

## Some Facts Concerning Your Church History

By the Secretary, North American Colored Department

As we review the rise and progress of the Advent message among Negro Seventh-day Adventists, we can truly say that "we have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."—*Life Sketches*, p. 196.

It affords me much pleasure to submit to our readers a few facts regarding the history of our work in this country, where, as far as facts have been unearthed, the first seed was sown in Kentucky, in 1871, by Silas Osborne (white), himself a Kentuckian who had accepted the views of Seventh-day Adventists in Iowa. He was not a minister but had great ability to speak upon the prophecies of the Bible. He was frequently addressed by those not of the faith as the Reverend Osborne.

The first Seventh-day Adventist colored church in all the world was organized at Edgefield Junction, Tennessee, 1883. The donations secured through the Sabbath school on the first Sabbath amounted to twenty-five cents. The believers erected a building at the cost of \$300. The tithe paid in one year by its fifty members amounted to \$50.

A colored believer, A. Barry, who had received the message through reading the *Signs* and was later licensed to preach, brought out a company in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1889.

It was in the year 1895 that the



George Edward Peters

missionary boat *The Morning Star*, manned by Mrs. White's son, James Edson White, and W. O. Palmer, became known as the "Morning Star" in the lives of hundreds of colored people along the Mississippi River. This missionary venture was financed by the sale throughout our denominational ranks of the book *Gospel Primer*, familiar to every Seventh-day Adventist child of the day.

Mrs. White issued many testimonies concerning the need of work on behalf of the colored race. All her writings have been impartial con-

cerning the colored race. She was truly God's messenger, inspired from above—a great leader of the Advent body. Every member of the church should acquaint himself with the writings of her many books, especially the volumes known as *Testimonies to the Church*.

In the year 1895 a school was established near Huntsville, Alabama. It was known as Oakwood Industrial Institute, established by the General Conference. The purpose of this school was to train workers for the cause of God. It grew to a junior college, and in 1943 was recognized as a senior college, issuing the B. A. degree.

It was in the year 1909 that the colored believers, numbering one thousand, were organized by the General Conference with the title "The Negro Department of Seventh-day Adventists." In 1918 the late W. H. Green was elected the first Negro secretary of the department. After the sudden death of Elder Green in the spring of 1929, G. E. Peters was elected to fill his place. At the General Conference in 1930, G. E. Peters tendered his resignation, having expressed an earnest desire to continue his active evangelism. He was then appointed to the work in New York City. That same year F. L. Peterson was elected secretary of the Negro Department. In 1934 Elder Peterson published his book, *The Hope of the Race*. It has found its way into thousands of homes. In

1955 the *Message Magazine* was issued for circulation principally among the colored race. L. B. Reynolds became the first Negro editor of the *Message Magazine*. He was elected to that responsibility in the year 1945. For many years treatment rooms were operated on Youngs Lane, Nashville, Tennessee, by the late Mrs. Druillard. This was turned over to the General Conference in 1936 and operated on a larger scale. The new building, with its equipment, valued at more than half a million dollars, was dedicated in September, 1948. Dr. J. M. Cox is the present medical director.

The title of colored Seventh-day Adventists in North America for the past three years, 1946-1949 inclusive, amounted to \$3,489,025.25. The total missions offerings for the same period amounted to \$1,486,226.38.

During the last thirty-nine years the membership has grown from one thousand to twenty-four thousand. Of this number 6,689 were baptized during the last three years.

There are 178 ministers employed—ordained and licensed—beside forty lady workers known as Bible instructors. One hundred and thirty-two teachers are employed in our intermediate and high schools; 297 colporteurs are engaged in the distribution of our literature.

C. M. Kinney, the first Negro to be ordained to the Seventh-day Adventist ministry, is still alive at the age of 96.

At present there are five organized conferences and two organized missions fully staffed with officers and workers. Our work on the Pacific Coast still retains the department organization.

The present secretary of the Colored Department of the General Conference was elected in 1941. He is also editor of THE NORTH AMERICAN INFORMANT.

Through the years great and important events have followed one another in quick succession. There have been many innovations. We face changed conditions and new responsibilities. The task before us is great, and its accomplishment calls for men with wisdom and strength.

We need greater vision, undaunted courage, and boundless faith. Our ministry needs to be baptized anew with the spirit and power from on high for the winning of souls.

Our believers must be imbued with the spirit of sacrifice, of service, such as has never been witnessed since the day of Pentecost. The outlook before us is fraught with danger and difficulty, but it is bright with promise. The same mighty Captain who has led us on during past years is still our leader. Therefore, victory is sure.

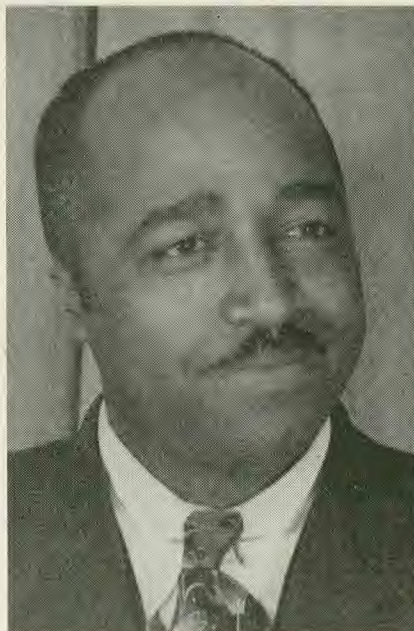
His admonition is, "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." G. E. P.

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### Allegheny Conference Progression

THE third annual camp meeting of the Allegheny Conference proved to be a meeting of great spiritual blessings. Especially noticeable was the good work accomplished in the

book display building by the Bible House.

Great improvements were made over the first two camp meetings, when a book tent was used; however, for the third annual session we were able to move into a newly constructed camp display building which provided display rooms for the Book and Bible House, the local office, and the Dorcas Federation.

The building is of concrete block construction and has an over-all length of seventy-five feet. It is thirty feet deep, and gives adequate space for each of the departments working in it. To aid the conference in its work of construction, one thousand dollars was appropriated by the Review and Herald and one thousand dollars was donated from the Dorcas Federation of the Allegheny Conference.

Those attending the meeting purchased three thousand dollars' worth of our truth-filled literature; also, hundreds of people visited, and made purchases from, the Dorcas Federation in their section of the building.

It was quite evident that the Lord was with us at our third annual camp meeting.

H. T. SAULTER, *Manager,*  
*Allegheny Book and Bible House.*

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### Junior Camp Successful

FOR the second year in succession the Allegheny and the Northeastern conferences joined hands in the sponsorship of a Junior camp. The camp was held on the Allegheny Conference campground among the

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Two Pictures of Junior Camp, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. J. E. Roache, Director, Department Secretary, Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society

beauties of the Manatawny Valley. Eighty-two boys and girls boarded busses from New York City on Tuesday morning, July 19, for Junior camp, where they joined with the Junior boys and girls from the Allegheny Conference for two weeks. It was most gratifying to see more than 130 boys and girls standing with heads reverently bowed around the prayer circle each morning as Professor Pinkney, codirector of the camp, lifted their minds heavenward to begin the day.

The Junior camp was well staffed

with the following counselors: Mrs. Henrietta Foster, director of girls, and Prof. N. E. Ashby, director of boys. They made outstanding contributions to the success of the camp. Some of the feature activities of the camp were swimming and boating, directed by Elder E. Watson; basketry, taught by Miss E. Giddings; sewing, by Mrs. Buchanan; leathercraft, by Edward Phipps; and horseback riding and nature study, by Prof. Reynolds. It was indeed a pleasure to have the union secretaries, Elders R. A. Nesmith and O. S.

Hershberger, of the Atlantic and Columbia unions respectively, visit the camp and spend a few days with us. It was with mixed feelings that both campers and counselors left camp on August 2, when the camping season came to an end. Elder J. H. Wagner, president of the Allegheny Conference, and his conference committee are to be thanked for opening up the facilities of their camp that the Juniors of the Northeastern Conference might join with their Juniors in a Junior camp.

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### Good News From the Central States

REPORTS from this field show that there have been fifty-one baptisms this year. From all indications there will be at least one hundred for the twelve-month period. We have much to praise God for when we realize that in all the years prior to the organization of the Central States Mission the highest figure for colored members in the Central Union reached approximately seven hundred. Since the organization this membership has grown to well over eleven hundred. This was due largely to the personal efforts of Elder Rowe during the time that he was superintendent of the mission. It is encouraging to note, however, that in less than three years' time the membership has been almost doubled.

The Omaha church, which was lost by fire during the winter of 1948, has been rebuilt, and services are now being held in it again. In fact, Elder B. R. Spears has just closed

a revival in this building and has already baptized thirteen. This shows progress—raising money, rebuilding a church, and holding an evangelistic meeting in it in less than six months' time. This was brought about largely by the cooperation of the general brethren, who gave liberally from the Emergency Fund.

A beautiful little building in Wellington, Kansas, has been raised up to the glory of God and dedicated to His service. In fact, we could mention place after place throughout the Central States Mission where the blessings of God are resting upon our work. We are thankful for His blessings, and hope that you will remember this field in your prayers.      F. L. BLAND, *President*.

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### Activities in Pittsburgh and Uniontown

THE work in Pittsburgh and Uniontown is progressing rapidly. During the past four years more than two hundred souls have been baptized into these two churches.

In the Pittsburgh church, plans are being laid to decorate the interior and exterior of the building. Approximately four hundred dollars has been spent on repairs. The Lord has richly blessed with a strong local leadership.

Uniontown, under the leadership of Brother Nelson Poole, the local elder, has bought lots, purchased an army chapel, and has made plans to build a church this fall. Pray that God will continue to bless the work in this area.

### Evangelistic Effort Reaches Richmond

It has been twenty years since a major effort has been conducted in Richmond, Virginia. Recently the conference committee voted that a company of workers be sent into this center to warn the city of the soon coming of Jesus. The company is composed of R. T. Hudson and Clara Saucier, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; R. L. Bradford, of Richmond, Virginia; W. I. McMillian, of

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T. M. Fountain

### A Trip to Lake Region

DURING the camp meeting and conference session at Cassopolis, Michigan, I was called to take the responsibility of the presidency of the Lake Region Conference to succeed Elder J. G. Dasent, who had carried the burden of the conference since its organization in 1945. Elder Dasent has given the conference strong and aggressive leadership, and outstanding progress was made in every department.

An academy building was started at an estimated cost of \$150,000 for the first unit. This unit is nearing completion, and there is enough money in hand to pay for the present contract; however, this does not include the heating system, water, septic tank, school equipment, and furniture. It will be necessary for the constituency to raise at least \$50,000 to complete this unit. This is a great responsibility as well as a great privilege, and we believe that under God the constituency of the Lake Region Conference will arise to the occasion and finish the job.

Already God is opening up avenues for His people. On my return from camp meeting I was sent for by a man who is not an Adventist who desired to will all his property to the Lake Region Conference. This property is valued at \$40,000. Before the will was completed he passed away; however, his wife is in perfect harmony with his desire. She is definitely planning to carry out her husband's wishes in this matter. This lady has been taken to the academy building, and its needs have been laid before her. The tithe for the years January, 1945, to June, 1949, inclusive, amounted to \$759,020.19, and missions offerings amounted to \$259,723.81. The future, as well as the possibilities of good increases in both tithe and missions offerings, is very bright, and we have reason to believe our workers will promote a strong program in their field along these lines.

For the second quarter of 1949 there were fifty baptisms. Six were taken in on profession of faith. The net gain for the quarter is 37 members, and the present membership is 2,911. The workers are by no means satisfied with these attainments, but we feel that this is a step in the right direction.

Brother L. B. Baker, formerly Book and Bible House manager, is taking the responsibility of the home missionary and Sabbath school departments. Brother Carty Laurence was elected assistant manager of the Book and Bible House. Elder L. H. Davis, formerly leader in the Illinois district, is now educational and young people's secretary. Mrs. Althea Davis, is serving as office secretary to her husband, L. H. Davis, and also to the president. Elder F. N. Crowe has been re-elected to serve as treasurer, and he is doing an outstanding work in this department. Brother J. F. Lee, publishing department secretary, has two assistants; namely, Brother Charles Moore, who is in charge of the Michigan district, and Brother Roosevelt Ruffin, who is in charge of the Indiana district. Elder E. S. Dilleat, formerly of the Allegheny Conference, has been called to connect

with the Lake Region Conference and is now located in Gary, Indiana.

We have a fine group of workers, and with divine Leadership we expect to succeed. Please remember this field in your prayers.

T. M. FOUNTAIN, *President.*

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### Youth's Congress at Buffalo

AMONG the memorable dates of 1949 that will live, are the dates of August 12 to 14. On Friday night, August 12, Pastor John S. Greene, of Springfield, Massachusetts, sounded the battle cry to the youth to join in the great battle for Christ and share their faith. He asked the youth to share their faith with their neighbors and friends. The blessings of God were felt throughout the Sabbath as Elder G. E. Peters brought us a message from Heaven at the eleven o'clock hour. It was a rare treat to have Elder Peters at the Youth's Congress, and his message of hope, advancement, and labor cheered the hearts of his listeners. He showed, through experiences, how God has led us as a people, and

proved that God is leading the youth of this denomination.

The afternoon service featured "Operations Doorbell" and Herman Kibble, the winner of the Northeastern Temperance Oratorical Contest. A number of young people paired themselves and went out ringing doorbells and distributing truth-filled literature—207 pieces of it. In one-half hour sixty-nine homes were visited, twenty-two prayers offered, and thirty-three people enrolled for the 20th Century Bible Correspondence Course. It was discovered that the Voice of Prophecy was already being heard in seventeen of the homes visited. The climax of the congress came on Sunday night when Pastor R. T. Wilson, of New Haven, Connecticut, presented to the youth, in a dramatic way, their responsibility in sharing their faith in this generation. It was a message that deeply moved the audience, and everyone left with the zeal to go forward proclaiming the message by sharing his faith.

We could not forget to thank the pastor of the Saint Stephens E. and R. church (Lutheran), Rev. C. R. Hammel, and his church board for graciously extending to us all the facilities at their command for this congress. This was an act of brotherly kindness and really illustrated the true meaning of the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man. It is hoped that the spirit generated at this youth's congress will permeate every young people's society and that during the fall and winter months all the societies will rise up and share their faith with their friends and neighbors.      J. E. ROACHE.

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### Summer Activities Concluded

THE summer activities for the youth of the Northeastern Conference came to a successful climax with several youth attending the first Atlantic Union Senior camp. This union-wide Senior camp was an experiment, and its success was heralded by all the campers from the five conferences in attendance.

J. E. ROACHE.



L. O. Irons  
Secretary-Treasurer, Northeastern Conference

### Recovery

THE INFORMANT takes pleasure in mentioning the recovery of Mr. L. O. Irons, secretary-treasurer of the Northeastern Conference. It will be remembered that for several months Brother Irons hovered between life and death. Most of this time he was a patient at the Medical Center Hospital, of New York City, receiving the very best of care; however, it is conceded by those close to him, and substantiated by his personal testimony, that he is a living monument to God's healing power.

During the time that physicians despaired for his life, Elder L. H. Bland, president of the Northeastern Conference, conducted an anointing service, in which I was invited to take part. God blessed and answered prayer; thus the life of our dear brother whose service is greatly valued, has been lengthened.

We rejoice with Brother Irons and his faithful companion over this manifestation of God's power to heal.

G. E. P.

"As my life today has been determined by the way I lived yesterday, so my tomorrow is being determined by the way I live my today."

### Brooklyn Effort

THE long-hoped-for Brooklyn effort is going forward successfully. The shipment of the canvas tabernacle purchased by the Northeastern Conference experienced a month's delay while the beautiful summer weather was rapidly passing. Members of the Bethel church, of Brooklyn, who had been anxiously and prayerfully awaiting its coming, were made glad at its arrival.

Several of the members helped in the erecting of the modern, metal-framed canvas tabernacle on Fulton Street between Grand Avenue and Saint James Place. The work was carried on with such faith and rapidity that the meetings were started in one week's time.

We began our program with an overwhelming crowd; in fact, many were standing on the outside. The tabernacle has been filled nightly during the week. The second Sunday night crowd was larger than the opening night, and another Sunday night a record crowd, the largest yet, gathered to hear the lecture, "Where Are the Dead?"

Elder Harvey W. Kibble, recent pastor of the Bethel church, is conducting the meetings. To date 127 persons have signed cards indicating their desire to keep all of God's commandments. We solicit the prayers of the field for a rich harvest of souls.

HERMAN KIBBLE.

Promotion comes to him who sticks  
Unto his work and never kicks,  
Who watches neither clock nor sun  
To tell him when his task is done,  
Who toils not by a stated chart  
Defining to a dot his part,  
But gladly does a little more  
Than he's remunerated for.

—EDGAR A. GUEST.

If we would have God to hear  
what we say to Him by prayer,  
we must be ready to hear what He saith  
to us by His word.—MATTHEW  
HENRY.

### Filling Appointments

#### NEW YORK-CHICAGO

IN response to an invitation of the Northeastern Conference it was my privilege Sabbath, September 10, at the eleven o'clock hour, to speak to the Ephesus New York church to an audience of more than one thousand. The pastor, Elder A. E. Webb, and his faithful membership are doing things in a big way. Several months ago a new organ had been installed at the cost of \$17,000. This amount has been fully paid.

Sunday evening, September 11, at eight o'clock, I spoke to an organization of this church known as the King's Daughters. This noble group of women is raising means to put in a new public address system that will relay the entire program of the church services to every quarter of the building, especially accommodating young mothers with their babies, who must sometimes remain in the ante-rooms. Earphones will also be installed for those hard of hearing. In the belfry will be placed chimes, which will carry a message in song at least six blocks away. The membership continues to grow and, on the whole, Ephesus is moving forward. Last year more than \$75,000 was paid in tithe, and \$8,000 was raised in Ingathering for the third consecutive year.

Monday evening, September 12, I visited the evangelistic meetings of H. W. Kibble in Brooklyn. These services are conducted in a modern tabernacle. I was greatly impressed with the splendid attendance, good music, and order. From the interest manifested by those who attend, it is apparent that a large number of souls will be baptized into the faith.

Other evangelistic meetings visited by the writer were the tent efforts in Chicago and Morgan Park; the former conducted by A. W. Clark, pastor of the Shiloh church, and latter by T. M. Fountain, president of the Lake Region Conference.

In both of these meetings there were splendid audiences, and several have taken their stand to accept the whole truth.

G. E. P.

## Oakwood College

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



F. L. Peterson

### Banner Year for Oakwood College

OAKWOOD COLLEGE held its fifty-second commencement May 22, 1949. This marked the end of a very eventful year for the college. Sixty-one students received the Baccalaureate degree. This was the largest class of college graduates since the school was raised to a four-year, degree-granting college in 1943. More than half the sixty-one graduates majored in religion, and there were thirty to complete the theological course.

We are pleased to state that practically all our ministerial graduates are now in conference employ. We have greatly appreciated the fine way in which our conference executives have sought to find a place in their respective fields for so large a number of graduates.

There were forty-eight other students who graduated from junior college and academy courses.

The summer session closed August 12. Mr. Hugh Crarey and Miss Henrietta Granderson completed the requirements for the Bachelor

of Arts degree. We are glad to have these young people join the alumni of Oakwood College.

Already a month of the 1949-1950 school year has gone by, and we need your prayers that the Lord will help us to plan aright.

Because of the desire to work all or the major portion of their way through school, we were compelled to turn away a large number of students, since opportunities for work at Oakwood are limited.

Don't forget to pray for the work at Oakwood.

F. L. PETERSON,  
President.

### Evangelistic Effort Reaches Richmond

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Youngstown, Ohio; Velma Beeman, of Springfield, Mass.; L. R. Preston, of Newport News, Virginia; Ethel Nell, of Washington, D.C.; and Mary Hicks, of New York City.

Placards and billboards have been placed throughout the city, and thousands of handbills have been distributed.

Pray for us, as we endeavor to win as many as possible of the one hundred thousand Negro residents in and around Richmond, that God will bless this city with an abundant harvest.

R. T. HUDSON.

### The House by the Side of the Road

THERE are hermit souls that live withdrawn  
In the peace of their self-content;  
There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart,  
In a fellowless firmament;

There are pioneer souls that blaze their  
paths

Where highways never ran;  
But let me live by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the  
road,

Where the race of men go by—  
The men who are good and the men who  
are bad,

As good and as bad as I.

I would not sit in the scorners' seat,  
Or hurl the cynic's ban;

Let me live in a house by the side of the  
road

And be a friend to man.

—SAM. WALTER FOSS.

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### Evangelism

A STRONG evangelistic program is now in progress in the South Atlantic Conference. Recent reports from the field are very encouraging.

IN Atlanta, Georgia, Elder J. E. Cox opened his tent meetings with more than 500 present. Associated with him are Prof. Charles Gray, of Oakwood College, Mrs. J. J. Bentley, Mrs. W. L. Brooks, and Mrs. F. H. Jenkins, pianist.

ELDER E. E. CLEVELAND opened his second tent effort in the city of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. His tent was packed and persons were standing all around. Associated with him are Samuel Thomas, ministerial graduate from Oakwood College, Vivian Perry, Mrs. O. M. Harris, Mrs. Elizabeth Coleman, and Mrs. E. E. Cleveland.

EFFORTS were begun in the Carolinas by Brethren L. E. Daniels in Greenville, South Carolina, J. B. E. Williams in Florence, and E. C. Ward in Charlotte. In Georgia efforts were begun by C. M. Bailey in Augusta and O. S. White in Macon.

FROM Jacksonville, Florida, good reports come from Elder F. S. Keitts and Brother J. S. Wise as they continue in their tent effort. Elder W. M. Starks has been conducting a tent meeting in the city of Tampa, Florida, for several weeks and reports 125 names of interested people already. More detailed reports concerning these efforts will appear later in the INFORMANT.

RESULTS of the spring effort show that 20 were baptized from Daytona Beach for Brethren Ward and Battle, and 25 from Pompano Beach for D. L. Crowder. From these efforts others will be baptized later.

To date 81 persons have been baptized in Saint Petersburg, Florida, as the result of the spring effort conducted by E. E. Cleveland.

### News Notes

JOSEPH WINSTON, a 1948 ministerial graduate from Oakwood College, has joined the staff of the South Atlantic Conference as an intern. He is presently working in a tent effort in Charlotte, North Carolina, with Brother E. C. Ward. Also working in this effort is Miss Estella Gully, a recent Bible instructor graduate of Oakwood.

BROTHER W. S. BANFIELD, of the Greensboro-High Point district, has left our field for a few months to study at the Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., working on his Master's degree. We hope that he is having a pleasant school year.

THERE have been a few changes in districts in the South Atlantic Conference within the last few months. Brother E. C. Ward has been transferred to the Charlotte-Salisbury-Rock Hill district formerly pastored by Bro. L. E. Daniels, and Bro. Daniels now has charge of the Asheville-Greenville district. Bro. F. S. Hill has been moved to the Greensboro-High Point district formerly pastored by W. S. Banfield.

MISS LAURA SAVAGE, a graduate of Oakwood College, has recently come to work in the South Atlantic Conference office. She is replacing Mrs. R. P. Robinson as secretary in

the Publishing and Missionary Volunteer departments.

RECENTLY there was a big young people's rally in Raleigh, North Carolina. A number of young people from several of the churches in North Carolina were present. The program was under the direction of Mrs. P. H. Morgan, wife of the pastor of the church in Raleigh. The meetings were held in the Manly Street Christian church, and the principal speakers were Elders Singleton, Simons, and W. A. Thompson, pastor of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church in Washington, D.C.

A VERY enthusiastic student colporteur rally was held in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The conference is blessed with a fine group of student colporteurs this summer, and with God's help they are doing a great work.

WE extend hearty congratulations to Brother and Sister D. L. Crowder on the birth of a baby girl, and to Brother and Sister F. S. Hill, whose baby boy was born in July.

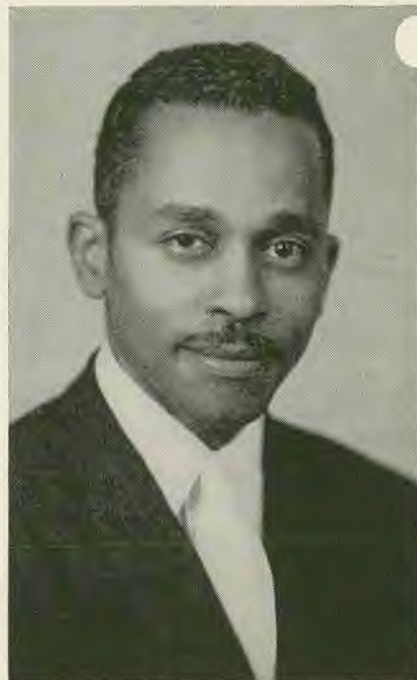
A COMMODIOUS and well-planned church building is now in the process of erection in Fayetteville, North Carolina, under the direction of the pastor, Elder P. H. Morgan. The basement has been built, and work is being done on the walls of the main auditorium. When completed this building will seat 250 persons and will have all necessary facilities. The members of the Fayetteville church, along with the pastor, are to be commended for rallying so strongly to the carrying forward of this program.

H. D. SINGLETON, *President.*

The ladder is Christ. Every man must do his own climbing. It cannot be delegated to others, or done by proxy. If others do the climbing, others will receive the reward. In the parable the angels carried Lazarus to Abraham's bosom. But no angel is ever commissioned to carry any man up life's ladder to his reward. So climb, if you expect to win.—C. G. BELLAH.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

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### Evangelism in South Central

GOOD reports are coming to our office every week from the various evangelistic campaigns around the field. Eleven tent efforts were launched in our territory this summer. Recently it was my privilege to visit three of the meetings in Jackson, Tennessee. Pastor C. E. Dudley is carrying on a wonderful work, and in spite of the many difficulties, his meetings are progressing.

In Paducah, Kentucky, I visited Elder S. C. Myles, who, with his group of evangelistic workers, is carrying on a fine work. Many of the prominent citizens have been interested in the message as a result of the meetings in this locality. There has not been an effort in Paducah for a number of years, and the people seem to be thirsty for the truth.

Evangelist E. T. Mimms is carrying on good work in Louisville, Kentucky. He has marshaled the church members into a mighty campaign for souls. He has a chorus of about



thirty young people singing for the evangelistic services. The tent company is now studying in the homes of more than one hundred families.

On returning to Nashville, Tennessee, I visited the effort being held by Elder E. F. Carter. This particular night was one week after the Sabbath had been presented. Instead of the usual let-down in the attendance after this doctrinal point is presented, the people came in throngs to hear the Sunday night subject, which was "What and Where Is Hell?"

Word has been received from Evangelists C. R. Graham and H. L. Jones, who are holding an effort on virgin soil in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, an all-colored town, that eighteen people are now attending Sabbath school each week. Evangelist R. C. Brown reports that he is having good success in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Evangelist Brown is the first to raise his entire budget which was allotted him by the conference. Within nine weeks he had raised 108 per cent of his budget.

Other tent efforts in our field include the following: E. J. Humphrey in Chattanooga, Tennessee; L. A. Paschal in Bowling Green, Kentucky; D. B. Reid in Birmingham, Alabama; J. N. Richardson in Lexington, Kentucky; and A. D. Shorter in Pensacola, Florida. Pastor Shorter is the only one who is now binding off his work. Because of the severe restrictions of the city authorities on public meetings, his time is limited by the city officials.

A great deal of finance has been involved in such a heavy evangelistic program, but the Lord is blessing our efforts. Thus far the total results of this program are not in sight, but all evidence points to a successful ending.

To date we have received more than 61 per cent of the budget we set aside for public evangelism this year. Last year we were able by the help of the Lord to raise the entire budget, and we are expecting with God's blessing to do no less this year.

H. R. MURPHY, *President*.

## SOUTHWESTERN MISSION

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W. W. Fordham

### Dallas Effort

FOR several months the official staff of the mission has been busily engaged in a city-wide effort in Dallas. Elder W. W. Fordham and his brother, Prof. F. F. Fordham, noted choral director and lyric baritone of New York City, have been heartily received by the citizens of Dallas as a result of their earnest and faithful methods of touching the hearts of the people by music as well as by God's Holy Word. The *Dallas Express* and the *Applause*, a magazine of the Southwest, are examples of the courtesy being extended by the city. Each week the *Dallas Express* features an article concerning the meetings, and in the August edition of the *Applause* there appeared an article in which Mrs. E. I. Cunningham, of Oakwood College, was featured as Woman of the Month.

Because music goes hand in hand with evangelism, Prof. F. F. Fordham has been invited to take complete charge of the music, and he has

made an unusual musical record in Dallas. Evangelist Fordham, as he speaks from night to night, holds his audience spellbound, and as a result the audience has exceeded the one-thousand mark on several occasions. On a recent Sunday night it was estimated that the audience reached twelve hundred. On this same night beautiful Bibles were given to Sister W. M. Delley for being responsible for forty-seven visitors, to Sister M. E. Bosh for bringing seventeen, and to Mrs. E. A. Lewis for bringing eleven. Similar Bibles were given the next Sunday night to Roberta Johnson, Elizabeth Jackson, and Frances Whitner.

At the present, eight evangelistic efforts are in progress. It is hoped that from these efforts the mission will witness the greatest influx of souls in its history. The prayers of all members and well-wishers are gratefully solicited.

### Around the Way

AFTER several weeks of hard work Pastor C. E. Bradford, assisted by Elder W. W. Fordham, conducted a baptismal service in which 14 went into the watery grave in Hammond, Louisiana. More baptisms are expected later.

MRS. GERTRUDE YANCEY, of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Nettie L. Murphy are spending some time in Corpus Christi, Texas, where they are assisting Elder J. H. Williams in an effort.

DALLAS is happy to have Pastors S. D. Myers and R. E. Tottress, to help make the effort in Dallas a success.

PROF. C. C. CUNNINGHAM, young people's and educational secretary, has been sponsoring a group of young men, "The Oriolions," in music at several of our larger churches in the field.

MISS MARVENE E. JONES, outstanding dietitian, of Chicago, Illinois, spent ten days in Dallas recently, lecturing and giving demonstrations in healthful food preparation. Her lectures were greatly appreciated by all.

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### News Notes

PROF. GARLAND MILLET is now employed by the Southern California Conference for evangelistic-pastoral work. In recent years Prof. Millet has been the English teacher at Los Angeles Academy. He will have the oversight of the Santa Monica Ephesus church and the Los Angeles Berean church.

BROTHER AND SISTER BERNARD CAYTON, recent graduates of Oakwood College, have been employed by the Southeastern California Conference. They are associated with Brother Earl Canson in an evangelistic effort which they are holding in Blythe, California.

BROTHER AND SISTER NEAL, also from Oakwood College, have been invited to labor in the Southeastern California Conference. He is employed under the special ministerial colporteur plan inaugurated in this union to provide work for ministerial graduates. Brother and Sister Neal

are associated with Elder D. T. Black in San Diego.

THE Long Beach company was recently organized into a church of 25 members. For several months laymen under the direction of Brother Charles Carter and Sister C. Finlayson conducted meetings in Long Beach. When the Southern California Conference officials organized the church, Elder W. C. Webb, pastor of the Compton Avenue church, was appointed pastor of this new church, and Brother Carter was elected local elder. The church meets at 1305 West 15th Street, Long Beach.

CAMP MEETINGS in the union have been well attended. The gatherings have been of great blessing to the field. Elder Troy attended the Southern and Central California camp meetings and also the Arizona camp meeting, speaking at each of these gatherings.

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### Baptisms

THE year 1949 promises to be a banner year for baptisms. We do not have a report from all the fields, because many of the efforts are just getting under way, but this report received from the Oakland-Richmond area of the Northern California Conference should be of encouragement. For the first six months 50 were baptized into the memberships of the Market Street and Richmond Beacon Light churches—32 for Market Street and 18 for Richmond.

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### Evangelism

A COMPANY under the direction of Elder R. W. Nelson and Brother G. L. Byrd was organized recently in Stockton, California. The Northern California Conference has already placed a call for an evangelist to work the area of Stockton, Sacramento, Pittsburg, and Vallejo.

AN all-out evangelistic campaign is to be launched by all the workers in the Southern California Conference. Elders Robertson, Lindsay, and Webb will lead out in efforts in their districts.

### Ordinations

PROF. J. F. DENT AND BROTHER W. GALBRETH were ordained to the gospel ministry during the summer. Prof. Dent, who is principal of the Los Angeles Academy, and who has worked with the youth of our denomination for many years, was ordained in June at the Southern California camp meeting held in Lynwood, California. Brother Galbreth has been engaged in evangelistic work in the Southeastern California Conference and is pastor of the Emmanuel church in Riverside, California. He was ordained at the regional meeting held at La Sierra College on July 2.

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### Elections

AT recent conference sessions the following brethren were elected as representatives on the local conference executive committees: Elders R. W. Nelson, of the Northern California Conference; J. E. Cox, of the Central California Conference; D. T. Black, of the Southeastern California Conference; and J. F. Dent, of the Southern California Conference.

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### By the Way

ELDER J. E. COX and his prize-winning choir gave an evening of music at the Santa Cruz camp meeting. Elder R. E. Berry and the Fresno church are preparing to build a new church. They have sold their old one, which they outgrew. Elder J. E. Johnson and the San Bernardino church are planning to enlarge or build a new church.

ELDER JOSEPH has been giving help to the church at Allensworth. Elder W. G. Mills and Pastor M. White held a church effort in Phoenix, Arizona. The Zion church, under the direction of Brother C. Arbuthnot, is worshiping in its new chapel in Perris, California.

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God never sends His people to work but He accompanies them, and gives them wisdom and strength to do it.—Selected.

## Mission Stations in Mexico and Cuba

(The following letter was written by Mrs. Harvey A. Mackey, of the Shiloh church, in Chicago, Illinois. Because of the many interesting things contained in this letter, we desire to share it with our readers.—G. E. P.)

MR. MACKEY and I have just completed a twenty-two-day, six-thousand-mile tour of Mexico and Cuba. This experience we shall never forget.

One point I do wish to emphasize is that no Adventist believer need ever concern himself one bit about how the money that he gives to missions is spent; for if what we saw in Mexico and Cuba is any index to the worldwide mission field, then we need only say, "Give more!" for your contributions are really paying dividends in souls gained for the kingdom.

In Mexico City we visited the largest church of five in that area. Templo Adventista, as it is called, has a membership of some four hundred. Two of the other churches have memberships of one hundred each; one has two hundred, and the other has twenty-five.

The church building is a neat white stucco structure, with comfortable benches and tile floor. The law of God is on the wall back of the pulpit. We were impressed with the uniformity of the Sabbath school service. Other than the difference in language one would think that he was worshiping in his own congregation in the homeland. We noticed that many members wore little red-ribbon crosses, and we were told that these were pinned on those who came on time to Sabbath school.

The congregation was a very reverent group, and there was hardly a whisper heard in the church during the entire Sabbath school and morning service. We noted that many bowed their heads in prayer as soon as they entered and seated themselves. There was a predominance of the natives themselves leading out in both services. We were fortunate to hear Brother Taylor, a young teacher recently from the college in Santa Clara, Cuba, preach the morning service. He was on furlough prior to taking

up his new duties as educational secretary of the Inter-American Division, with headquarters at Miami, Florida. We also met Sister Robinson and her two children, who were on their way to the States on furlough. Brother Robinson is secretary-treasurer of the mission in Guatemala. Because of the difficulty of foreigners working in Latin America, nationals are being trained as quickly as possible to fill the important positions of directing the mission work. The work is progressing rapidly in Mexico in spite of the attempts to suppress the church, and the people seem more eager than ever to listen to the Word of God.

We visited the Mexican Union Conference headquarters, which are located in a beautiful Spanish home purchased by the union and converted into an office. It is located in one of the new sections of Mexico City, and we would consider it one of the finest buildings owned by the denomination anywhere. We met Brother Westphal, the conference president; Brother Thomann, the home missionary and Sabbath school leader; and Brother Emmerson, the conference treasurer. They were most eager to tell us about the mission field and their earnest desire for liberal offerings the next thirteenth Sabbath, because the Inter-American Division will be directly benefited. We had dinner at the home of Brother and Sister Thomann and met their three children, who speak fluently both Spanish and English. We really enjoyed our dinner, for we knew that we need have no fear in regard to the food, which is a real problem to those who travel outside the States, in countries where the sanitation laws are not so rigid as we have them.

We had the privilege of meeting Brother Williams from the treasurer's department of the General Conference, and Elder Hackman, president of the Inter-American Division, who had come to a committee meeting of the Mexican Union Conference. It was a real treat to see Elder Hackman, because he baptized me in 1934. We were permitted to sit

in on one meeting, and I found that my study of Spanish paid dividends, for I was able to understand about 75 per cent of all the reports without the benefit of an interpreter. It was obvious that there are fields still untouched in Mexico, and the people are crying for someone to come to teach them. This cannot be done unless more funds are forthcoming. We must remember that the majority of the people in the church in Mexico are poor, and their giving is insufficient to meet their own needs. We did not have the opportunity to visit the school and sanitarium in Montemorelos, but we heard that they are going forward in a strong way.

We noticed a real enthusiasm on the part of all the workers. Each seemed happy and uncomplaining. Their only concern seemed to be that they do their utmost to carry the message to every corner of their field. They need our help, and we must not fail them.

From Mexico City we journeyed by air one thousand miles to the Yucatan Peninsula, to Merida, a town of 140,000 inhabitants. We did not have the address of the church there, but we had been told by Brother Thomann to ask for a taxi driver called Samuel the Sabbatista, and he would direct us to the church.

On our arrival in Merida we wondered how we could get in touch with Samuel the Sabbatista. Would we find someone who could direct us to one particular Adventist in a town of 140,000 inhabitants? Would we be left stranded in this strange city?

(Continued next month)

Give your heart to the Friend and Lover of men, who died on the cross to redeem us from eternal woe, and you will find such peace and sweetness as you have never known.—A. JUDSON.

A college education never hurt anyone willing to learn something afterwards.

The only thing that isn't hard to get these days is confused.



Church Members, Daytona Beach, Florida. Seated, Pastor and Mrs. E. C. Ward

## Wedding Bells

ON August 21 wedding bells rang softly for Miss Ruth Bracy, associate English instructor of Oakwood College. Miss Bracy became the wife of Mr. Frank Stokes, of Atlanta, Georgia. The wedding took place at Oakwood College. We sincerely wish them a brilliant and prosperous future.

AUGUST 21 also marked the date that Miss Anna B. Cheatham, daughter of Elder W. Cheatham, became the bride of Mr. James Timpson. The newlyweds have returned to Oakwood College, where Mrs. Timpson will be employed in the laboratory school and Mr. Timpson will pursue the ministerial course. May they find peace and contentment as they labor together for the cause of God.

MISS FRANCES HUDSON, of Chicago, Illinois, niece of Elder R. T. Hudson, former pastor of the Pittsburgh church, was united in holy matrimony with Mr. Nelson Bliss, of Penn Yan, New York, on August 28, in the Shiloh church, Chicago, Illinois. As they unite to do the Lord's work in the Southwestern Mission, we trust that God will richly bless them in their endeavors. Both bride and groom are graduates of Oakwood College.

ON a perfect summer evening, July 31, 1949, amid a beautiful set-

ting of stately trees, velvety lawn, baskets of regal lilies and gladioli, Mr. Adell Warren, acting business manager of Riverside Sanitarium, and Miss Ruth Ann Jones, who is on the nursing staff at Riverside, were bound together in holy matrimony by Elder H. R. Murphy, president of South Central Conference. This ceremony was held on the lawn of one of the residents at the sanitarium.

We wish for them joy and happiness as they journey together in life.



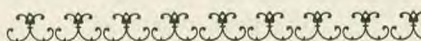
## I Didn't Have Time

I didn't have time—  
What a hackneyed phrase!  
I didn't take time from my pleasure  
To give some thought  
That would sure have bought  
Great wealth in the moral treasure.  
I didn't have time!

Oh, I didn't take time  
For worth-while things that need doing,  
For I spent my time,  
Like a shining dime,  
On trash I'm forever rueing.

I didn't take time—  
When I finally come  
To the moment when I must pause  
And give account,  
Without any doubt  
I'll have had all the time there was!

—MARCELLA HOOE ALEXANDER.



## A Report From Lubbock and Roswell

God has blessed and is blessing the work here in Lubbock and Roswell. In Roswell we have just completed a new church building which cost six thousand dollars including labor donated by the citizens, church members, and friends in the city. As a result of the Light Bearers Class, which was organized in March, three souls are awaiting baptism.

In Lubbock we are making plans to purchase a church building completely equipped. Already many of the leading citizens of the city have been baptized. Plans have been made for a two-teacher school for grades one through eight.

Prof. Richard Norman, Jr., a recent graduate of Oakwood College, will have charge of the school, teaching grades five through eight. Mrs. Sweet will teach grades one through four.

Please pray that God will continue to bless the work in these two cities.

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