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## A RADIO IN HEAVEN

*There's a radio in heaven; it has television too;  
It picks up every word we say and shows everything we do.  
It's a wonderful invention, God's own purpose to fulfill;  
There's no static to disrupt it; we may speak at our own will.  
But we must be very careful of how and where we speak,  
For we're on the air broadcasting every hour of every day of every week.  
Yes, there's a radio in heaven; it has television too,  
And we know who is our sponsor, One who's patient, kind, and true.  
Won't you speak through this great microphone and join His spiritual band?  
There's no need of being frightened, He will hold your trembling hand.  
Don't you think you'd like to broadcast not only coast to coast  
But worldwide and heavenward direct to the heavenly host?  
You can do it if you're faithful and all His laws obey;  
He will hear your prayers and answer. He will take your cares away.  
With this radio in heaven and the television too,  
Do you think we always speak and act as God would have us do?  
Do we love our neighbors as ourselves and for them often pray;  
Are we our brother's keepers; do we live it day by day?  
Do we love God with all our soul, with all our mind and heart?  
Do we keep all of His commandments or from some of them depart?  
No matter where we live, friends, God will always know.  
We cannot hide away from Him no matter where we go.  
He'll see us on the world's large screen  
And hear us on the heavenly radio.*

MRS. CORA PETREQUIN,  
From "Broadcasters' Exchange."



# Departmental Work of the Pacific Union Conference

By OWEN A. TROY, *Secretary*

As we take time now to look back over the past quadrennial period, we can see that God's hand of blessing has rested upon the work in the colored department in this union. In the year 1947 we had 17 churches with a membership of 2,115. At the end of 1950 the number of churches had grown to 24, with a combined membership of 3,100. This represents a gain of seven churches and a membership gain of 985.

The addition to the church of "such as should be saved" is the pleasant burden that has rested heavily upon the hearts of our ministers and Bible instructors during this period. They have succeeded in sharing their burden with the members of our churches, and have inspired and encouraged our laymen into active evangelism. Within the past four years, as the result of the united work of ministry and laymen, 1,375 persons were baptized.

The tithe for this four-year period amounted to \$787,887.56, a gain of \$310,609.63 over the previous four years. Combining the tithe and mission offerings for the years 1947-50 places the department for the first time in the million-dollar category. The mission offerings of \$276,418.58 added to the tithe make the substantial total of \$1,064,306.14 contributed by our faithful group of believers.

That the colored department is an integral and functioning part of the great Pacific Union Conference is indicated by the fact that the membership of 3,100 which represents 5.9 per cent of the membership, furnished 3.4 per cent of the tithe, 4 per cent of the mission offerings, and 10.7 per cent of the total baptisms.

Four of the conferences in our union have representatives from the department on their executive committees.



Owen A. Troy

## *New Church Buildings Utilized for Evangelism*

In addition to the organization of seven new churches, seven new buildings have been completed or are in the process of completion.

In San Diego a beautiful church building, evaluated at \$100,000, has been erected under the personal direction of the pastor, Elder D. T. Black. A large amount of the labor was donated by members and friends.

Right here in the raisin capital of the world, where Elder R. E. Berry is pastor, a representative church is being erected. And in Fresno, as was true in San Diego, many members and friends are contributing their services.

The members of the K Street church in San Bernardino expect to be able to worship in their completely remodeled and enlarged building in a few weeks.

The days of wandering from place to place will soon be over for the members of the Santa Monica Delaware Avenue church, for their new

structure is practically completed.

Completed earlier within this period is a neat and attractive building in Monrovia, known as the Ivy Avenue church.

In all these new buildings evangelistic efforts have been conducted or are contemplated.

A number of laymen have worked sacrificially in the erection of places of worship. Under the lay leadership of Brother C. C. Arburthnot, a chapel was constructed in Perris, California, as the first unit of two buildings to be erected on the church's property. Also, more recently, in Fontana, Brother Theodore Dawson, a layman, led in the construction of a little chapel on property donated by a new convert. This company was organized into a church in February. In this connection you will be interested to know that laymen in the Delano church conducted work in the little town of Allensworth, with the result that today we have an organized church there and a little building for worship.

The Market Street church of Oakland has purchased the former gymnasium and chapel of the Golden Gate Academy in Berkeley for a youth and evangelistic center.

## *Educational Work*

Through the years the importance of Christian education has been stressed, with the result that 87 stu-

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dents are attending our colleges and medical and nursing schools.

There are approximately 90 students in our day and boarding academies, and nearly 350 pupils are in elementary schools.

The Los Angeles Academy, a union day academy operated by the churches in the Los Angeles area and the Southern California Conference, is in its new and beautiful plant. The administration building, classrooms, and auditorium on the 14-acre campus have an evaluation of \$305,060.72. The enrollment in the high school department averages 50, with an average of 250 in the elementary department. The school employs a staff of 19.

#### *Colporteur Ministry*

There are 20 colporteurs in the union, and one assistant publishing secretary is employed by the Southern California Conference. Inasmuch as the colporteur ministry has such great possibilities, it would be well for us to give careful study to increasing the participation in this important work.

#### *Unentered Fields*

At the last session the attention of the local conference was called to a number of unentered fields sufficiently large to support churches. The Northern California Conference arranged for an evangelistic campaign in Richmond with the result that today we have a church of 72 members with property purchased and plans drawn for a church building. Stockton, Sacramento, and Vallejo were also mentioned as fields that would support churches. Recently this same conference committee called Elder Byron Spears as a full-time evangelist. In less than a year a church of 97 has been raised up in Stockton. Preliminary work has started in Sacramento where an effort is planned for this spring.

The town of Blythe in southeast California was mentioned. An evangelistic team held an effort there, and today a church of 26 members meeting on its own property is a shining light in that community.

The Long Beach-Wilmington area in the Southern California Conference was listed as a center where a church could be started. With the encouragement and help of the home missionary department and other departments of the Southern California Conference, laymen under the leadership of Brother Charles Carter raised up a church in Long Beach, which has a current membership of 40.

In order to keep some definite goals before us, attention is called to the following cities and districts having sufficient population to support churches.

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.**—The flourishing San Mateo-Burlingame-Palo Alto area. Also Modesto, Merced, and San Jose.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.**—The East Los Angeles area and the Temple Street district in Los Angeles. Also Santa Barbara and Val Verde.

**NEVADA-UTAH.**—Las Vegas and Reno. For nearly twenty-five years the Liberty Park church in Salt Lake City has been an organized church. But during all these years no worker has been employed by the Nevada-Utah Conference to promote the work there or in the other cities within the conference.

#### *Conclusion*

The immediate objective before us is that of intensive every-member evangelism with the ultimate goal of doubling our membership.

We assure you that the ministers and workers in this department have, with courage and zeal, determined to do their part in doubling the membership of this union before the next General Conference, and they stand ready to cooperate in every way with the plans and program which God will lay upon our hearts.

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"THANK God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done, whether you like it or not."

## **Evangelistic Work in the Pacific Union Conference**

DURING the fall and winter the ministers of the Pacific Union Conference have been busily engaged in evangelistic and revival efforts. The following are holding or have held efforts during this period:

Elder D. T. Black, of San Diego, held a revival for several weeks in the Zion church of Perris. He was assisted by Brother C. C. Arburthnot. Elder J. E. Cox and Sister M. Warrington, Bible instructor, have been conducting a twelve weeks' effort in the Los Angeles Academy auditorium.

In the Sunset Avenue church in Pasadena, Elder H. A. Lindsey, assisted by Elder E. Wilkins, and Spaulding Mills, music director, have been conducting services three nights a week. At the Seventh-day Adventist youth's center in Berkeley, Elder R. W. Nelson is in the midst of an evangelistic series. Assisting him are Pastor David Hughes, Sisters V. Knox and E. Burnett, Bible instructors, and Brother J. W. Burnett. Elder W. G. Mills, of Phoenix, in addition to conducting Sunday evening services at his church, conducted a short effort for the Maricopa Indians at the Maricopa Indian school near Phoenix.

Elder J. E. Johnson, district leader, reports that Pastors Bernard Cayton and Warren Neal conducted open-air meetings on the church grounds in Blythe, California, baptizing eight thus far. Also Elder Johnson, assisted by Elder J. D. Haynes, held a ten-day revival-evangelistic series at the Emmanuel church at Riverside. Elder O. A. Troy conducted a revival series at the Liberty Park church in Salt Lake City in November, where Brother William Green is the local elder. Pastor Major White conducted a hall effort in Tucson, Arizona.

Since closing his meetings in the civic auditorium in Stockton, Elder Byron Spears has been conducting cottage meetings and a personal evangelism campaign with outstanding

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## Progress of Our Work in the Liberian Mission, West Africa

By G. NATHANIEL BANKS, *President*

GOD has richly blessed our work in the past year, and is miraculously helping in the finishing of the work here. One intelligent well-trained African brother came into the truth by reading *The Great Controversy* and a few others of our books. He reformed from his old faith and taught the people in the vicinity all about the truth. An evangelist was sent to investigate, and he found a new group of earnest Christians who had put away tobacco, coffee, swine's flesh, strong drink, and jewelry, and who were living up to their new-found light and were strict Sabbath-keepers. We gave them every encouragement as they built a clean village and a new chapel for all who wished to join their group. Families were impressed, and joined the group to accept the Bible faith. Finally Brother C. D. Henri and I went up to join in the great day of triumph when Brother Dean and his fifty-four other converts were all baptized into this wonderful truth. Just an instance of God's working! The baptism of some of the finest people in Liberia will easily pass the hundred mark for 1950.

One young woman whose husband is a government employee here in Monrovia found the truth by attending the pavilion meetings the first of last year, along with a number of others. Her husband, who is quite a socialite from one of the big families, did not encourage her interest. When she joined the baptismal class he asked her to think seriously of what she was doing; and when she took off her jewelry and talked of not going to certain social functions and not dancing and drinking, it was too much for the husband, so he let his full feelings be known. He threatened to stop her and the children from coming to Sabbath school, but she kept on coming to the baptismal class, and was determined to accept the truth at any cost. Finally when the day

of baptism came it was a test, and her husband and others waited to see what she would do. She acted as one whose mind had been made up a long time, and when the converts lined up by the sea inlet for their baptism she was in the midst. Her husband left his office and came to see whether she would have the courage to dare do such a thing, and he was surprised to see such determined faith. Such a step was the evidence of the deepest conversion on the part of this sister, for out here the husband says the last word in everything, and for defiance a woman may be thrown out of her home, separated from her children, deserted, and disgraced. Since her baptism she has been defied by her husband to attend church or permit the children to come, but she has shown her devotion by sending her faithful Sabbath school offering, tithe, and Ingathering offerings. Pray for her and the many others like her whose faith means so much.

You cannot imagine what it means out here when an intelligent, civilized community leader takes his stand for the truth. The country is small, and the news goes from one end to the other. He is accused of turning his back on his people, on his mother church, and on his parents' religion. The hardest thing to give up is the high social life, for that is the life of this small but interesting country. Many times his job and livelihood depend upon his keeping up these contacts. The other day over in Lower Buchanan, Liberia's second largest city center, where Pastor Henri has been preaching for many months, the Spirit of the Lord worked a mighty event. Several of the town's leaders had been attending the meetings, and were deeply moved. They were ridiculed and threatened as their interest grew. Since they were strong church workers in other leading churches, the leading ministers took a hand to turn them, all to no avail. They had been attending the meetings and the training classes for a long time, but to the whole city's amazement they took their stand in a recent Sabbath service to be baptized. This

has left the countryside talking. Among those ready for baptism are the following three personages: the leading principal of the government school; a kindergarten specialist, recently trained in America and now heading the government kindergarten work in Bassa; and the wife of the government educational supervisor for that country. The husband of the latter protested strongly but to no avail. These people will be faced with serious criticism and many objections. Think of what these people will mean to our educational and church work here in Liberia. Yes, this has been a wonderful year for us of great reward for service rendered, and to God be all the glory.

Rejoice with us, and may we always find an interest in your prayers as God finishes up His work in the earth. Our best regards to our many friends around the field.

## An Inspiring Workers' Meeting in South Atlantic

A VERY profitable workers' meeting was recently held in Atlanta. At that time a very definite appeal was made for reconsecration among the workers, a surrendering of all sinful habits, and preparation for the reception of the Holy Spirit.

Strong plans were made for a great Ingathering campaign for 1951. It is our hope that there will be a great increase in Ingathering receipts for the year 1951.

A high point of the meeting was the report of ministers concerning their evangelism. The total reported baptized up to that time in the South Atlantic Conference during 1950 was 607. More than 100 are in the baptismal classes, and should be baptized before long. We are happy to report that now over 3,000 persons have been baptized in the South Atlantic Conference since its organization five years ago.

H. D. SINGLETON, *President*  
South Atlantic Conference

He who boasts of his ancestor confesses that his family is better dead than alive.



## Recognition of Leadership by Ephesus Church, Washington, D.C.

SATURDAY evening, January 20, 8:00 P.M., Pastor W. A. Thompson and congregation of the Ephesus church of Washington, D.C., gave a testimonial in honor of Elder G. E. Peters, pastor, evangelist, secretary of the Colored Department of Seventh-day Adventists, and now General field secretary.

Mrs. Willie A. Dodson, vice-principal of one of the largest public schools of Washington, D.C., presided over a well-prepared program.

The occasion was graced with the presence of Elder W. H. Branson, president of the General Conference, and Mrs. Branson; Elder J. H. Wagner, president of the Allegheny Conference, and daughter; and Elder R. T. Hudson, pastor of the First church of Washington.

In an address made by Elder Branson he expressed his appreciation for the many accomplishments of Elder Peters during his many years of labor, and stated that his recent visit to Jamaica, B.W.I., was but the beginning of his overseas appointments. The General Conference president stated that "shortly Elder Peters will be visiting camp meetings and mission stations in both Europe and Africa."

Solos were sung by Hugh Crarey and Mrs. Alma Blackmon. Appropriate music was furnished by the choir, and readings were rendered by Mrs. G. McDonald and Mrs. E. Butler.

The presentation of a gift in behalf of the church was made by Mrs. Helen R. Surland.

Elder Peters in his response said that "in every capacity we are thankful for the continued and increased gains. Looking back," he said, "I can remember when the entire work among Seventh-day Adventists, including membership and finance, was not as large as shown in last year's report from our colored conferences."

Elder Peters was honored for his successful evangelism, Christian dig-

nity, progressive leadership, and his unflinching fidelity to the principles of this truth we love.

Corsages were presented Mesdames Branson, Peters, Wagner, and Thompson.

At the conclusion of the program a reception was held at the home of the Dodsons.

A. V. PINKNEY,  
*Allegheny Conference Reporter.*

## General Conference Commission Recommends Accreditation

A SPECIAL survey committee appointed by the General Conference, consisting of Dr. Keld J. Reynolds, chairman; F. L. Peterson, president of Oakwood College; Elder G. E. Peters, of the General Conference; Dr. Floyd Rittenhouse, dean of Southern Missionary College; and Dr. Alvin W. Johnson, met at Oakwood College, March 5 and 6, 1951.

This commission made a careful and detailed visit of educational buildings and facilities, dormitories, dining hall, industrial and other departments, and presented their findings to the college board. The full board convened March 6 and 7. On recommendation of the General Conference the educational secretary of each colored conference and L. B. Reynolds, editor of the *Message Magazine*, were present to sit with the board and were invited to take part in the discussions.

Careful study was given to the needs of the college and the standards of the Southern Association Board of Accreditation. Among other actions taken the following recommendations were voted:

That Oakwood College undertake immediately a program of development leading to a full four-year senior college accreditation.

That the college begin immediately the erection of a library building, which, with equipment, books, and services, will meet the needs of the college and the demands of the Southern Association. The library building should be designed to harmonize with the architectural style

of Cunningham Hall and the administration building.

That a program be mapped out for a science hall.

That the college board appropriate annually for five years an adequate sum for new books, rebinding old books, and periodicals for the college library.

A final action was taken by the board that the General Conference be requested to appropriate the sum necessary to develop the college in all its various aspects.

With the improvement of the college as an institution of higher learning, there is no reason why a much larger number of our young people of the North American Division and more from foreign countries should not find their way to Oakwood College.

It must be remembered that Oakwood has been established by counsel from the messenger of the Lord for the extension of the Advent faith and a Christian education, which is indispensable.

"Upon fathers and mothers develops the responsibility of giving a Christian education to the children intrusted to them. In no case are they to let any line of business so absorb mind and time and talents that their children are allowed to drift until they are separated far from God. They are not to allow their children to slip out of their grasp into the hands of unbelievers. They are to do all in their power to keep them from imbibing the spirit of the world. They are to train them to become workers together with God. They are to be God's human hand, fitting themselves and their children for an endless life."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 545.

It is my hope and prayer that many more of our Seventh-day Adventist youth will enroll at Oakwood, and come forth from that institution equipped to lead well-rounded lives and to help extend the Advent message around the world.

G. E. P.

There is always something to laugh about every day.



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## ALLEGHENY

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### Pine Forge Mourns Tragedy

NEWS of the fatal accident that came to two of our boys attending the Pine Forge Academy brought sorrow to every member of our staff at the General Conference. We take this opportunity to offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents and relatives, to the principal and faculty of the Pine Forge Academy, and to the personnel of the Allegheny Conference.

We are living in times of uncertainty and danger. Sudden death befalls both old and young alike. To those who have reached the years of accountability it pays to be prepared to meet God, for we know not what awaits us.

Whatever happens, the children of God must maintain their trust and confidence in Him, knowing that "our Father's hand will never cause His child a needless tear." We must maintain the faith and confidence of Job, who in his dire affliction said, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."

We would like to share with our readers excerpts from a letter that came to us, concerning this painful occurrence, from Elder J. H. Wagner, president of the Allegheny Conference.

"A serious tragedy has struck our school family. The night of March 12, while all were asleep, by some means the main flue leading from the furnace in the boys' dormitory became disconnected, causing coal gas to escape upstairs into some of the rooms. Unfortunately some of the boys did not have their windows open at the time the condition was discovered. A number of boys were very ill. Some teachers, conference workers, and students rendered first aid, thus saving the lives of several who were very much affected. However, two of the boys could not be revived in spite of the doctors and

two ambulance crews who employed the use of resuscitation and oxygen tanks on the scene.

"These boys were pronounced dead after they failed to respond to further treatment by three doctors and the nursing staff of the Pottstown Hospital. We know you will join with us in sympathizing with the parents of James Arter, of 2337 East 63 Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and William Watson, of 314 West 142 Street, New York 30, New York.

"We know that you will continue to pray for God's work here at Pine Forge. We are sincerely regretful and deeply mourn the tragedy. But this must not retard our going forward in God's name, for we must plan to build a bigger and better institution. It is our firm belief that God has led in the beginning of this school. Satan has tried from its inception to hinder and discourage, but we should be determined to carry on to triumphant victory."

The Pine Forge Academy is a "vine of God's planting," and we know that in spite of obstructions planned by the enemy that it will go forward in its good work of fostering Christian education, preparing our young people not only for time but for eternity.

G. E. P.

### Industry Added at Pine Forge

A REAL American and philanthropist, who prefers to have his name withheld, has given twelve hundred dollars to equip a laundry at the Pine Forge Academy. This sum is being increased to eighteen hundred by donations from our churches. "Industries are a must to any boarding school that attempts to assist its students by a work program," Principal F. L. Reynolds said. The laundry is expected to be in operation by April 1, 1951.

A vocational program is in the master plan for the school, which will offer carpentry, painting, auto

mechanics, bricklaying, plastering, and cement finishing.

A. V. PINKNEY,  
*Allegheny Conference Reporter.*

### Testimonial Service First Church of Washington, D.C.

THE First church of Washington, D.C., was filled to its capacity with members and friends of Elder and Mrs. G. E. Peters on Saturday evening, February 24. This was a testimonial in recognition of the many outstanding achievements of Elder Peters over a long period of years.

The occasion brought friends from all parts of the nearby States, cities, and towns.

The committee on arrangements, with Mrs. Alma J. Scott, chairwoman, was eager to make this one of the memorable events in the life of Elder Peters. In order that he might have tangible evidence, he was presented with a large bronze plaque and a book of letters from his many friends. Hundreds of letters were sent to colored ministers throughout the world, and replies came from the far continent of Africa, the islands of the sea, and many States of the Union. The book is now being bound in a beautiful morocco limp leather cover.

Elders H. T. Elliott, of the General Conference; J. H. Wagner, of the Allegheny Conference; and J. E. Roache were the principal speakers. Greetings from the Ephesus church, D.C., were brought by Elder W. A. Thompson, and Mrs. Willie A. Dodson.

Also present on the rostrum were Elder F. E. Roy Jeffries, of City Tabernacle, New York, and Elder M. S. Banfield, secretary-treasurer, Allegheny Conference.

Tributes and presentations from the First church were given by Mrs. Nelene Blagburn, Mrs. Odel Oliver, and Miss Juanita Wilson.

The wives of the guests were presented with bouquets of flowers.

Mrs. Scott presided in her usual charming manner and expressed her thanks to the committee, church pastor, and choirs.



## Those Who Rest From Their Labors

It is with deep sorrow that we mention the death of Elder Victor Joseph, who passed away on December 18, 1950, at Bakersfield, California.

Elder Joseph retired on December 1, 1949, because of failing health. During the last few months of his life he suffered a slight stroke and later was stricken with pneumonia, which resulted in his death at Bakersfield Hospital, where he had been a patient for several weeks.

Elder Joseph was a very hard and earnest worker. His last years of labor were spent in Fresno and Bakersfield, and many souls embraced the truth through his ministry.

We extend to the bereaved wife and children our sincere sympathy in their irreparable loss.

ELDER CHARLES S. LIGHTNER, another valiant soldier, departed this life after serving faithfully in the ministry for nearly thirty years. Although superannuated for several years, he actively and willingly responded to the call of duty, cheerfully assisting in the work whenever requested to do so. For ten years his health has been failing quite noticeably; and on January 22, 1951, he passed away quietly at Omaha, Nebraska, where he had spent nearly all the years of his retirement. Elder Lightner fought a good fight and finished his course.

To the sorrowing family we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

## New Secretary

WE are glad to welcome Miss Daphne Nebblett to the office family of the General Conference as secretary to Elder G. E. Peters, and as editorial secretary to THE INFORMANT.

Miss Nebblett succeeds Mrs. Geraldine Banfield, nee Poole, who has joined her husband, Pastor Banfield, in his ministerial responsibilities of the Atlanta church.

## Paris Youth's Congress

It is a pleasure to congratulate Miss Zeola Belle Germany, Mr. Calvin Rock, and Mr. William Deshay who have been chosen to represent the colored constituency of Seventh-day Adventists at the Paris Youth's Congress from July 24 to 29.

Action of the 1950 Autumn Council authorized the selection of three delegates by the colored leaders in attendance at the Oakwood College board meeting, which convened March 7.

Very high qualifications are possessed by these young people, and their unanimous selection is a real honor. They will join 23 other Adventist youth in representing the 250,939 members of North America at this significant European youth's conference.

*MV Department, General Conference, Seventh-day Adventists.*

## Proud Parents

DR. AND MRS. RAYFIELD LEWIS are elated over a recent addition to their home—Rayfield, Jr.

Dr. Lewis is well known to all Riverside patients and clientele, having served as full-time staff physician during the past five years.

PASTOR AND MRS. WARREN S. BANFIELD report the arrival of a baby boy, Warren, Jr., born February 4. Pastor Banfield, who recently completed work on his Masters Degree at the Theological Seminary in Washington, is now pastor of the Atlanta church. His wife, the former Geraldine Poole, served as secretary to Elder G. E. Peters at the General Conference until recent months. Pastor Banfield and his wife are very proud parents.

MRS. MERCEDES MORAN MUNDAY, wife of Mr. Albert Munday, is now the happy mother of a baby girl, Camille Irene, born February 15. The former Miss Moran served for two years as secretary to Elder Peters, predecessor to Mrs. Banfield. The father and mother are very happy over their new arrival.

THE INFORMANT offers congratulations to these proud parents.

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ing results. The church is less than a year old and has a membership of ninety-six. Associated with him are Brother and Sister W. Gulley and Pastor Owen A. Troy, Jr.

Elder William E. Penick, formerly of Omaha, Nebraska, is now pastor of the Bakersfield church. He preached his initial sermon Sabbath, December 30.

Elder R. Hope Robertson has been appointed pastor of the West Long Beach church, which was organized over a year ago under the leadership of Brother Charles Carter, local elder, and Elder W. C. Webb, district minister. Elder Robertson plans to conduct an evangelistic effort there in the near future.

The company in north Fontana, which has been under the leadership of Brother Theodore Dawson, lay worker, and Elder William Galbreth, was organized into a church Sabbath, February 10.

Elder R. E. Berry, pastor of the Fresno West Side church, states that the church members will soon be worshipping in their new building. The members and their many friends are assisting in the building of this new church.

The construction of the Shiloh church, which is now the K Street church, of San Bernardino, has progressed to the extent that the members are now able to meet in their completely remodeled structure. Elder William Galbreth reports that members and well-wishers of this church have donated their services to help in the construction.

The Santa Monica church, according to Pastor Garland Millet, is ready for use. The members of this church along with the members of the Shiloh church of San Bernardino voted to get away from "type" names. The Ephesus Santa Monica church is now the Delaware Avenue church.

The Los Angeles Academy chorus, under the direction of Principal J. F. Dent, presented its third annual performance of Handel's Mes-



siah in the academy auditorium in December. The outstanding soloists for the occasion were Georgia Laster, soprano; Margaret Vollmer Richards, contralto; William Kim, tenor; and William de Valentine, bass.

### Evangelistic Effort in Portland, Oregon

EVANGELIST J. H. LAURENCE, of Cleveland, Ohio, was invited by the Oregon Conference to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings at the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist church.

Elder P. W. McDaniels, then pastor of the Sharon church, but now laboring in the Northeastern Conference, introduced Elder Laurence on the opening night by telling of his years of experience in the field of evangelism. His meetings opened under the caption "Revelation for Our Times." Special music was rendered by the church choir, under the direction of Norman Emanuel. Mrs. Ruth McDaniels was at the piano, with Miss Justine Reed as soloist.

The church was prepared for these public meetings by much fasting and prayer, which was greatly stressed and encouraged by the evangelist.

As Elder Laurence came forward the Spirit of the Lord seemed to have been upon him as he opened his series of lectures. He used as his theme, "The Seven Words That Blasted the Hopes of Nebuchadnezzar—Will Stalin Overcome Them?" The crowd sat in rapt attention as they listened and watched the servant of God unfold and make plain the prophecies.

It was the hour of decision for many. There were those within the fold who experienced a great spiritual consecration. As a result of these meetings, fourteen were baptized, and a goodly number are now awaiting that ordinance.

His unique manner of presenting his message captivated many of the youth of Portland; thus he was kept busy speaking to a number of Missionary Volunteer Societies, and conducting the Bible Question

Hour, which usually followed these meetings. The Ministerial Association of Portland and the congregation at the Sunnyside church, with a membership of almost nine hundred, were greatly benefited by his lecture on "Righteousness by Faith."

Elder Laurence has now resumed pastoral duties of his church in Cleveland, but his spiritual influence will long be felt in Portland. His help has been greatly appreciated, not only by the church members, but by all who came in contact with him. May the Lord continue to richly bless him in the harvesting of souls.

### A New Pastor for Sharon

ELDER A. WELLINGTON CLARKE, former pastor of Shiloh, Chicago, is now pastor of the Sharon church, Portland, Oregon. He entered into an evangelistic campaign early in February. Evangelist Clarke has chosen for Sharon the slogan "Each One Win One in '51."

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### Dillett and Warren Effort Gary, Indiana

THE readers of THE INFORMANT would be interested to learn a few facts concerning the work in Gary, Indiana. A tent effort was begun last June on a rainy Sunday evening. I was ably assisted by Brother Clinton Warren; however, there were some handicaps, for during the first few weeks of the effort we were without a regular Bible instructor and pianist. Later Mrs. Susie Kelly was borrowed from Indianapolis, Indiana, to serve as Bible instructor, and Mrs. Fern Noble served as pianist.

Before the effort a revival was held in the church, and a Bible instructors' class was organized for the members. Our instruction class is still functioning, and some of the members of this class—both new

and old—are successfully leading others to Christ. Sabbath, January 13, five people applied for membership as a result of their faithful work.

A Bible school was begun in the church January 31 on Sunday evenings for those not of the faith. The attendance was exceptionally good notwithstanding cold weather, and the interest continues to increase from week to week.

As a result of our Gary effort, we baptized thirty-seven, and we plan to baptize another twenty-six soon. Some months before the Gary effort the writer had the oversight of the Shiloh church, Chicago, Illinois. During that period eighteen souls were baptized.

Among those recently baptized were three from Chicago Heights, Illinois, where Brother and Sister Robert White are doing a fine work.

We are glad to report that offerings from the Gary effort repaid the amount advanced by the conference. Tithe received from the Gary believers in 1949 amounted to \$8,027.86; and in 1950, \$10,154.68. They also gave to foreign missions in 1949 the amount of \$3,726.89; and in 1950, \$4,286.33. We can only say, "To God be the glory."  
E. S. DILLETT.

### New Rochelle Church, New York

THE Lord has greatly blessed the efforts of the church members of the New Rochelle, New York, church to improve and beautify His house. During the past three years a Wurlitzer electric organ and stained glass windows have been installed.

The Sunday evenings' evangelistic effort has been quite successful. Several have taken their stand for the message. Some have been baptized, and others are in baptismal classes.

We solicit the prayers of God's people on behalf of our pastor Elder G. R. Earle, as he goes forward with the support of the church officers and members to gather lively stones for the eternal building.

CONSTANCE W. GRAYSON.