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South Atlantic Holds Laymen's Congress

BY ELDER MAURICE T. BATTLE

ON the evening of June 10 nearly fifteen hundred believers from the four States of the South Atlantic Conference gathered under the big tent for the opening of the first conference-wide laymen's congress, which was a special feature of the annual camp meeting.

Elder Hiram S. Walters, president of the West Jamaica Conference, which leads the world in lay soul winning, stirred the audience with a message on consecration, and admonished those present to dedicate their lives to personal missionary work. He stressed the importance of having all members participate in some type of soul-winning work.

The next two days of the laymen's congress were devoted to workshops and to practical instructions on how laymen can effectively win souls for God. The departmental hours on Thursday and Friday were devoted to symposiums presenting laymen on the march. Laymen from the four States related their experiences in winning souls. Several brought persons with them whom they had won to the truth. Mrs. D. M. Thomas, of the Fort Lauderdale church, was present with two who were ready for baptism as a result of Bible studies that she had given.

Many others had souls ready for baptism, among them Brother and Sister Akers, of Fort Lauderdale; Sister Nixon, of Delray Beach; Sister Clark, of St. Petersburg; and other Bray of Gainesville, Georgia.

The congress closed on Friday night, June 12, with Elder Walters presenting a challenge outlining the layman's part in the finishing of the work of God. After the message, an appeal was made and hundreds signed commitments indicating their desire to work for God. Many pledged to give as many as four or five Bible studies a week; and others planned to dedicate at least two hours each week to the proclamation of the gospel. This message was followed by the regular commissioning service. Elder R. H. Wentland, our union home missionary secretary, was present at this service. Twenty-seven laymen who were eligible for commissioning were present. Each had shown his love for God by winning at least one soul for Him during the past year. These twenty-seven soul winners formed a circle around the speakers' platform, and those who had been commissioned in previous years formed an honor guard. Elder Wentland, in giving the charge, admonished each person receiving the "120" commission, the highest credential a layman can hold from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to remember the importance of being a member of this fellowship of soul winners for God.

After the charge, Elder H. D. Singleton extended the welcome. The presentation was made by Elder M. T. Battle, the conference home missionary secretary; and the prayer of dedication was offered by

Elder N. G. Simons, the conference secretary-treasurer.

The "torch of truth" ceremony was performed at the close of the commissioning service. Elder N. F. Brewer, field secretary of the General Conference, mounted the platform with a torch and passed a light to the conference president and the union home missionary secretary, the ministers on the platform, and the conference workers. The conference workers passed lights on to the commissioned laymen, and they in turn passed lights on to the huge audience of nearly two thousand.

In about two minutes the tent was glowing with the lighted candles; and the lighting of these candles showed that if the laymen would consecrate their all to God, the gospel would quickly go around the entire globe and Jesus could soon come. After all the candles had been lighted, a procession, with ministers and commissioned laymen leading, walked down to the beautiful thirteen-acre lake near the main pavilion, singing the spiritual, "Shine on Me." A semicircle was formed around the shore, and those in charge of the service went out on the lake in a boat, and from there Elder Brewer gave the benediction that ended the first conference-wide laymen's congress in South Atlantic.

Many blessings were gained at this congress. A new sense of responsibility for soul winning was



Participating in the candlelight service are Elders H. R. Wentland, H. S. Walters, H. D. Singleton, J. H. Wagner, and F. S. Keitts.

implanted in each layman's heart. Some who had never engaged in missionary work saw the need for doing something; and each layman recognized his place in finishing God's work. The last night of the congress, July 4, was set aside as a special day for fasting and prayer in behalf of lay activities. Around that date all who were to engage in lay activities, such as Bible studies, cottage meetings, lay efforts, systematic literature distribution, or correspondence school enrollments, were to begin working.

Since the laymen's congress more than twenty persons have been baptized as a result of lay activities.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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South Atlantic Camp Meeting

WE are happy to report that God was with us in a very special way at the annual encampment held at Hawthorne, Florida, from June 4 to 13. There were about a thousand people in constant attendance on week days, and on the last weekend, an estimated two thousand attended. The camp meeting was

held at the new 65-acre campsite, purchased about eighteen months ago. The main camp area is on a wooded isthmus, between two lakes; one entire lake is the property of the conference. About 240 family tents, two dormitory tents, and nine permanent cabins accommodated the campers.

The speakers during the meeting were greatly inspired by God as they delivered their messages. We were happy to have with us from the General Conference Elders G. E. Peters and N. F. Brewer, and from the Southern Union Conference, Elders H. S. Hanson, W. A. Higgins, A. O. Dart, and R. H. Wentland. Visiting speakers from other points included Elder H. S. Walters, president of the West Jamaica Conference; Elder W. W. Fordham, president of the Southwest Region Conference; Elder J. H. Wagner, president of the Allegheny Conference, and Elder W. R. Robinson, of that same conference; Elder E. I. Watson, principal of the Pine Forge Academy; Elder C. T. Richards, head of the department of religion at Oakwood College; Brother Davis, of the business department of Oakwood College; Brother F. L. Jones, of the Southern Publishing Association; Elder H. P. Evens, manager of the

Southern Publishing Association; Dr. C. A. Dent, medical director of the Riverside Sanitarium; and Miss Anna Knight, of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The large attendance during all the meetings and the ready response to the spiritual appeals made during the encampment were evidence of the spiritual tone of the camp meeting. Three baptismal services were held at different times during the session.

Donald L. Crowder, of the Miami, Florida, district; Joseph P. Winston, of the Savannah, Georgia, district; and Silas McClamb, publishing secretary of the conference, were ordained to the gospel ministry.

We trust that the spiritual atmosphere manifested at the camp meeting will permeate the entire South Atlantic Conference as those who attended the meeting return to their home churches, carrying the spirit and blessings received with them.

H. D. SINGLETON.

Evangelism

SEVERAL tent efforts were conducted during the spring and early summer. Most of these series of meetings have now progressed far enough for us to give a report of their success.

Elder Earl E. Cleveland, the Southern Union evangelist, with his corps of workers, has taken down the tent in Miami, Florida, and reports that to date sixty-four persons have been baptized and others are preparing for this rite. Elder Cleveland opened a meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, on August 16.

Elder Eric C. Ward, the South

NOTE: To keep the INFORMANT going there must be a continual supply of reports and news items from our leaders and workers. This periodical was originated to serve the field. *Please help us keep the INFORMANT alive.*—EDITOR.

Atlantic Conference evangelist, conducted his third meeting in Macon, Georgia, in an effort to glean the interested ones left from the other efforts conducted there. He reported twenty-five baptized, with others remaining to be baptized. About the first of August, Elder Ward opened a meeting in Columbus, Georgia, which was well attended.

Elder Joseph P. Winston conducted a meeting this spring in the town of Fitzgerald, Georgia. Thirty-six have been baptized, and there are others to follow.

Brother Horace M. Barker conducted spring meetings in the small town of Apopka, Florida, and thus far twenty-two have been baptized.

Eighteen were reported in the first baptism held for Pastor Harold L. Cleveland at Bainbridge, Georgia.

Already we have received reports that the meetings being conducted by Warren S. Banfield in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, I. J. Johnson in Durham, North Carolina, and Lucius E. Daniels in Spartanburg, South Carolina, are being well attended. Brother Calvin B. Rock opened a meeting in Columbia, South Carolina, on July 19. Elder D. E. Davis is conducting a meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. Both of these brethren have sent in good reports. Elder W. M. Starks opened a meeting the first of August in Rome, Georgia, and has a good interest. Very likely other efforts will be conducted later by Brethren Joseph P. Winston and Harold L. Cleveland.

We solicit the prayers of all as we engage in this large evangelistic campaign during 1953, that God will add many souls to His church.

H. D. SINGLETON.

A Three-Thousand-Dollar Camp Meeting Offering Given

The Sabbath school department was well represented at our camp meeting. More than seventy of the eighty-seven Sabbath schools in South Atlantic had representatives sent. Brother A. J. Bailey, of

Chuluota, Florida, local elder of the Orlando church, served as the camp meeting Sabbath school superintendent, and Mrs. D. E. Davis, the wife of the pastor of the Charlotte, North Carolina, district, served as secretary. Under their leadership an excellent program was presented on both Sabbaths. Mrs. I. J. Johnson, whose husband is pastor of the Greensboro, North Carolina church, served as superintendent of the children's division.

Each year two Sabbath school banners are awarded. One goes to the church giving the largest Sabbath school offering, and the other goes to the church with the highest per capita offering. With more than seventy Sabbath schools represented, the interest ran high as the roll call was made during the taking of records and offerings by the conference Sabbath school secretary. The Lake City company, raised up by Brother B. Cobb, a layman of the Columbus, Georgia, church, received the per capita banner, with an offering of \$7.49 per member. As the roll call was made, it seemed at first that Atlanta would receive the banner; but in the end Miami reported just \$4.00 more than the Atlanta Sabbath school. The Miami Sabbath school gave an offering of \$421.97, and received the banner. Atlanta was second, with an offering of \$417.37; Orlando was third, with \$362.87. On the last Sabbath \$2,605.49 was given to missions. The total Sabbath school offering given during two Sabbaths of camp meeting was \$3,260.28. Surely God is to be praised!

M. T. BATTLE.

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Elder Moseley Touring Africa

ELDER CALVIN E. MOSELEY, JR., general field secretary for the General Conference, left the United States on August 27 and arrived a few days later in East Africa, where he will attend a series of councils and encampments and speak to

natives during a two-month tour.

His first stop on the scheduled tour was in Nairobi, Kenya, a place which has been prominent in the news lately as a result of the activities of a society known as the Mau Mau, which is composed of natives of the Kikuyu tribe.

Elder Moseley will also visit Tanganyika, Uganda, the Congo countries, and Ethiopia, where he plans to confer with Emperor Haile Selassie.

While abroad Elder Moseley will explore the possibility of sending more Americans to East Africa as teachers and as regular and medical missionaries. He will investigate and bring back a report on the problems confronting missionaries as a result of the nationalistic spirit prevailing throughout Africa.

Elder Moseley will return to the United States in time for Fall Council.

Riverside School of Practical Nursing Approved

THE Riverside Sanitarium School of Practical Nursing was recently notified by the Tennessee Board of Nursing that its program for nurse education had been approved by the State. The INFORMANT congratulates Dr. Carl A. Dent and the staff of Riverside Sanitarium for attaining recognition for the school in such a short time.

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Dorcas Society Sponsors Camp

A NEW way of sharing their faith was carried out by the members of the Dorcas Society of the Orient Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church in Jersey City, New Jersey, this summer under the leadership of Mrs. Willie Warnick. A group of seventy-three children between the ages of nine and fifteen were sent to Camp Manatawny, at Pine Forge, to spend a few weeks away from the crowded city. The children, from non-Adventist homes, were guests of the Jersey City Dorcas Society.

Although many of the youngsters were away from home for the first time, they relaxed and participated in all the camp activities with enthusiasm. They adjusted their appetites to the vegetarian diet, and some went back for second servings.

Spiritual adviser of the camp was Elder Roland Newman, the instructor of Bible at Pine Forge.

According to Brother Charles Miller, who carried the youngsters back home in the Pine Forge bus, the conversation on the return trip was about experiences which occurred at the camp. All seemed to regret that the visit had to close.

Pastor Cleveland Tivy, one of the counselors at the camp, remarked that such a program was an excellent way for any Dorcas Society to share their faith.

All of the equipment was loaned by the Allegheny Conference.

Two New Teachers at Pine Forge

Two new teachers joined the faculty at Pine Forge Institute this fall. They are Miss Esther Gill, of Penn Yan, New York, and Mr. Lloyd Watson, of Brooklyn, New York.

Miss Gill, who graduated from Oakwood College last May, will

teach shorthand and typing. Mr. Watson will serve as dean of boys and will teach English. He was graduated from Oakwood College in 1949.

Adventists Enter Medical School

FOUR Seventh-day Adventists were among those who entered the freshman class at the Howard University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., this fall.

The four are Calvin Graham, of Chicago, Illinois; Neville Ottley, of Trinidad; Wandyr J. Moore, of Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., and Leroy Bookhardt, of New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

All the young men have attended Seventh-day Adventist schools. Three, Mr. Graham, Mr. Ottley, and Mr. Moore, are graduates of Emmanuel Missionary College. Mr. Graham also attended Oakwood College and received a Master's degree in physiology last June from the University of Illinois. Mr. Bookhardt attended Oakwood and Union colleges and was graduated from the University of Nebraska.

Four other Seventh-day Adventists are students at the medical school. They are Edison Banfield, a senior, of Pine Forge, Pennsylvania; Leonard W. Johnson, a junior, of Elkhart, Indiana; Courtney Woods, of Jamaica and New York

City; and Ronald Van Arsdell, of La Grange, Illinois, both sophomores.

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Northeastern Meets for Camp Near Hudson River

By MRS. ESTHER E. MALLORY

FOR the second year camp meeting for the Northeastern Conference was held near the little town of Milton, New York, which borders the west side of the Hudson River. The meeting was held from July 24 to August 2.

The first service was held on Friday night at the beginning of the Sabbath hours. Elder Willie S. Lee, pastor of the Ephesus church in New York City, gave the welcoming address and preached the initial sermon.

Sabbath morning, July 25, was beautiful and serene, and everyone came to Sabbath school on time—even the drivers of the out-of-town busses. Mrs. Esme Husbands, of the Bethel church in Brooklyn, acted as superintendent. She was assisted by Elder J. J. North and others.

Prof. Nathaniel E. Ashby, hidden from the audience, gave the mission



A few of the 73 youngsters from Jersey City pose for the camera at Camp Manatawny. On back row at left are Elder William R. Robinson, conference Dorcas secretary, and Mrs. W. Warnick, president of the Jersey City Dorcas Society.

story. He told of the work being done in Africa, and as he spoke, the rhythmic beating of tom-toms could be heard in the distance. The mission story, with the sound effects, resulted in a large Sabbath school offering.

Elder Frank L. Bland, president of the Central States Conference, was the speaker for the first Sabbath morning. Assurance was gained from his text: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

During the afternoon Elder L. E. Lenheim, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, spoke, and later Prof. Jonathan Roache, educational secretary of Northeastern, sponsored a playlet depicting the results of Christian education.

On the second Sabbath Brother N. Drayton, from the church at New Haven, conducted Sabbath school and gave the mission story. Elder T. R. Gardner, the Union treasurer, taught the lesson, and explained that only through the blood of Jesus can sins be forgiven and sinful men be saved.

Elder Frank L. Peterson, president of Oakwood College, was the speaker for the second Sabbath morning. Those present were inspired by his message on inheritance with Christ by adoption into the royal family of God.

Temperance was the theme of the afternoon meeting. Several young people gave orations on the evils of alcohol.

Guest speakers this year included presidents from five conferences, speakers from the General Conference, representatives from schools and publishing houses, and church pastors.

Many improvements could be seen on the campgrounds this year. The roads were covered with gravel, and drinking fountains have been installed about the grounds. Two large pits have been constructed for outdoor cooking. Housing facilities have been expanded.

The theme of the meeting this year, "Christ Above All," was very appropriate. Those who attended



When is a Seventh-day Adventist too old to attend camp meeting? These members do not have the answer. They were present for the Allegheny camp meeting. From left to right are: Mr. I. H. Hughes, 86, local elder of his church; Mrs. Mary Harvey, 84; and Mr. Richard Spencer, 92.

received a blessing and then left

"Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame
My glory all the cross."

News Notes From Northeastern

At Riverside.—Elder Louis H. Bland, president of the Northeastern Conference, is at Riverside Sanitarium at Nashville for treatment and a three months' rest. He is greatly missed by the officers and members of the conference. The prayers of every believer are solicited in Elder Bland's behalf, that God's will be done. With God all things are possible.

Changes in the Field.—Elder John S. Greene, former pastor of the church at Springfield, Massachusetts, is now leading the church at Mount Vernon, New York.

Pastor Judge Brummell, who formerly led the church at Syracuse, New York, is now the pastor of the church in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Elder George R. Earle has been transferred from the New Rochelle, New York, church to the one at Jamaica, New York.

Pastor Samuel Stovall, a graduate of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Washington, D.C., is now pastor of the New Rochelle, New York, church.

Miss Zilda Forde, a Bible instructor, has been transferred from Rochester, New York, to Mount Vernon, New York.

Changes in the Office.—Miss Ida Coleman, formerly a secretary in the Book and Bible House, has been transferred to the treasury department, to assist Elder V. L. Roberts.

Miss Ruby Jones, formerly a secretary with the treasury department of the South Central Conference, is now working with Brother Mayne in the Book and Bible House here at Northeastern.

Recent Weddings.—Miss Jessie Mary Godley, a teacher at the Northeastern Academy, was married to Mr. Charles Bradley, of Connecticut.

Miss Carol Jones was married to Mr. Claude Thomas. Both are from New York City.

Miss Angela Steward, of Baltimore, Maryland, a teacher at the Northeastern Academy, was married to Mr. Lloyd Wilson of New York.

Miss Lucy Cummings was married to Mr. Alvin Goulbourne. Both are graduates of Oakwood College and are teachers.

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New Cornerstone Laid in Shiloh

A NEW cornerstone was placed in the church at 70th Street and Michigan Avenue in Chicago on Sunday, July 12. The stone bore the

name "Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church."

The ceremony, sponsored by the progressive Guild of Shiloh, was one of the final steps in moving the church, under the leadership of Elder Thomas M. Rowe, from its former location on 46th Street and St. Lawrence Avenue into more spacious quarters.

Elder Calvin E. Moseley, Jr., of the General Conference, was the guest speaker, and he spoke of Jesus Christ, the Chief Cornerstone of the church.

Other guests on the program were Alderman A. J. Carey, Jr., the pastor of Quinn Chapel A.M.E. church; Elder H. W. Kibble, president of the Lake Region Conference and former pastor of Shiloh; and Elder F. N. Crowe, secretary-treasurer of the Lake Region Conference.

Mrs. Alyne Dumas Lee and Mrs. Rosietta Crowe rendered vocal solos during the program. As Elder Rowe and the contractor completed the exercise of placing the cornerstone, Mrs. Lee led the congregation in singing, "To God Be the Glory."

A dinner was served as the second part of the ceremony, and the diners were entertained by vocal and musical soloists and a dramatic reader.

SOUTH CENTRAL

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South Central Meets at Nashville

ON June 4, camp meeting for the South Central Conference opened near the campus of a business college located two miles from Nashville on Highway 70. Believers from the entire conference area and visitors from the city and surrounding communities were present for the opening night.

There were more speakers present this year than ever before. More than twenty, including presidents from four conferences, field secretaries from the General Conference, home missionary secretaries, college

and academy teachers, publishing house representatives, church pastors, laymen, and retired workers, gave timely and inspiring messages through talks and sermons.

The importance of Christian education was stressed throughout the camp session by speakers from Oakwood College.

Music for the meetings was furnished by two choirs. An adult choir under the direction of Elder Edgar E. Mimms, and a youth's choir, under the direction of Miss Eva B. Dykes of Oakwood College, sang for most of the night services. Two pianos and an electric organ were loaned to the conference by the Roy S. Warden Piano Company of Nashville.

Many non-Adventists were present this year and showed a deep interest in the meetings. Some talented musicians rendered selections during the service. Special music was presented by the Estrellita Chorus of Nashville; Pastor Jerome Wright, of Friendship Baptist Church; Miss Helen Work; Miss Celestine Flood, a graduate of music from Fisk University; and Mr. J. Franklin Taylor, a well-known radio star.

At the end of the meetings some members commented that it was the best encampment ever held. In past years the campus of Oakwood College has been used for meetings, but Nashville appears to be more centrally located.

The South Central Conference thanks those who prayed and labored that the camp meeting would be a spiritual success, and trusts that the blessings received by those who attended will be felt in their lives for a long time.

H.R.M.

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Oakwood Graduates Enroll at Seminary

FOUR members of the Oakwood College class of 1953 have enrolled at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Takoma Park, and are studying for Master of Arts degrees in religion.

The four ministerial graduates are S. A. Hutchins, of Longview, Texas; James Melancon, of New Orleans, Louisiana; Lafayette Smit-ticks, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; and Eugene Williams, of Corona, New York. The students represent the largest number of Oakwoodites from a single class to enroll at the Seminary.

Mr. Hutchins, a veteran of World War II, is the author of the article "I Found Christ Through Crisis," which appeared in the August edition of the *Message Magazine*.

Two members of Oakwood College class of 1952, Ralph Peay and Leslie Crawford, are advanced students at the Seminary.

Chaplain Powell Back in States

CHAPLAIN JOSEPH T. POWELL, United States Army, former instructor of Bible at Pine Forge Institute, has returned to the United States after having served for nine months in Korea with a medical unit.

While overseas, Elder Powell was able to travel and meet with Seventh-day Adventist enlisted men, and to help solve problems dealing with Sabbath observance. His regular duty, however, was to minister to United Nations soldiers of all races and religions that were evacuated by his unit.

Chaplain Powell was privileged to observe the work of the Seventh-day Adventist mission in Korea, which, despite the hardships of war, is progressing. He brought back color pictures of Adventist soldiers and civilians meeting for Sabbath service, and views of other scenes, including the exchange of sick prisoners of war.

Elder Powell has two more years of his present enlistment to serve with the Army.

Glenville Church Marches Forward

By EVA FAY GARLAND

THE Glenville church in Cleveland, Ohio, raised the largest Ingart^h-ering goal in the history of

church this year. The goal of more than \$8,100 was raised in six weeks.

Six members attained a high goal, which qualified them for Jasper Wayne membership. They were Elder R. T. Hudson, Sisters Adaline Stokes, Willie Hudson, Tracilla Oglesby, Rosa Jones, and Brother Luther Saulsbury.

Sister Adaline Stokes was an inspiration to other members during the campaign. She has raised more than one hundred dollars for each Ingathering for the past ten years.

After Ingathering, Elder Hudson opened a tent effort at the Community Bible Center at East 130th Street and Abel Avenue, and continued eight weeks. The tent was crowded to capacity, and many stood outside to hear Elder Hudson speak. One of his sermons, "Where Is Heaven?" was especially appealing to the crowd.

Two choirs, the junior and senior, which included more than sixty voices, did a great deal in making the effort successful. Mrs. Dorothy Hudson directed the junior choir, and the senior group was directed by Mrs. Tracilla Oglesby.

Soloists for the meetings were Mrs. Myra Scales, Mrs. William C. Scales, Mrs. Dorothy Hudson, and Mrs. Samuel Pierre Louis. Mrs. Betty Jackson and Mrs. Elinora Stewart were the pianists.

People came from far and near to hear Elder Hudson expound from the Scriptures.

The Glenville church is working hard to prepare the citizens of Cleveland to meet the Lord in peace when He shall appear.

Ministers Transfer in Allegheny

At a recent session of the Allegheny Conference committee a decision was reached that will result in the transfer of seven ministers. Another minister's duties will be reduced because of failing health.

Elder J. Gershom Dasent, pastor of the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia, will become a revivalist and conduct services in various churches throughout the conference. Elder

Dasent was former president of the Lake Region Conference, and has been actively engaged in the gospel ministry for more than forty-nine years. Ill-health in recent weeks has forced him to assume lighter responsibilities.

Elder William A. Thompson, pastor of the Ephesus church in Washington, D.C., will succeed Elder Dasent as pastor of the church in Philadelphia.

Elder Jacob Justiss will be transferred from the church in Columbus, Ohio, to Ephesus in Washington, D.C. Elder Justiss, a former teacher, has served on the faculties of Union and Pine Forge academies and Oakwood College.

Pastor Milton Thomas, who has

A Minute

Two or three minutes—two or three hours—
What do they mean in this life of ours?
Not very much if but counted as time,
But minutes of gold and hours sublime
If we will use them once in a while
To make someone happy, someone smile.

A minute may dry a little lad's tears;
An hour sweep aside the troubles of years.
Minutes of my time may bring to an end
Hopelessness, somewhere, and give me a friend!

—Author Unknown.

been the district pastor in the Huntington, West Virginia, area, will assume the pastorate of the Columbus, Ohio, church.

Pastor Daniel L. Davis will be transferred to the Huntington, West Virginia, area. He has been serving as district pastor in the area of Kimball and Eckman, West Virginia.

Pastor Charles D. Brooks will be transferred from the Chester and Elmwood, Pennsylvania, area to the Camden, New Jersey, district.

Elder Louis R. Preston will be transferred from the Camden, New Jersey, district to Jersey City, New Jersey.

Pastor Ulysses S. Willis, Jr., will take charge of the churches in the Chester and Elmwood, Pennsyl-

vania, area. He has been serving in the Jersey City, New Jersey, district. Pastor Willis is the son of Elder U. S. Willis, Sr., who retired from the ministry last February after many years of faithful service.

Youth Congress

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audience was moved by their presentation.

One of the "firsts" at the Pan-American Youth Congress was the live television telecast. The Faith for Today group, under the direction of Elder W. A. Fagal, provided the settings and the actual performance of a televised program. It was exciting to watch the television cameras play upon those who were taking part and to listen with interest to the wonderful story of salvation as told by the participants.

Sabbath was a glorious day indeed, with Elder H. M. S. Richards giving the Sabbath morning service and taking part in a live Voice of Prophecy broadcast. Sabbath afternoon with the missionaries was climaxed with the story of Dr. Hoehn, who had gone to Africa as a missionary and who was returned in an iron lung because of polio. What a thrill as we heard Dr. Hoehn testify that he wanted more than anything else to return to Africa.

The closing meeting was a thrilling one, with Elder M. E. Kern, the first Missionary Volunteer secretary, speaking to the capacity audience. Afterward came Elder Peterson and Elder Bond and many of the other leaders who have held the banner of youth leadership so high. At the close the union MV secretaries came to the platform with their youth representatives and each took a banner representing his willingness to go into all of the world and to find his outpost. The inspiration, the glorious fellowship, and all that goes along with a meeting came to a close too soon. How wonderful it will be to go to the greatest congress of all and to present to our Saviour those with whom we have shared our faith!

Youth From All America at Pan-American Congress

BY ELDER THEODORE LUCAS

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS from the Western Hemisphere journeyed to the cosmopolitan city of San Francisco for the Pan-American Youth Congress, June 16 to 20, 1953. Through the Golden Gate and over the Pacific Ocean they came by automobiles, planes, ships, and even bicycles to the city of the Far West. From South America, Inter-America, Canada, Hawaii, and North America the youth of the Advent Movement arrived to become a part of the greatest meeting ever held for Seventh-day Adventist youth.

When the curtain rose on the first meeting the great auditorium of the Civic Center was packed. One's eye could reach to the farthest corner and every look testified to the great crowds that had come. More than a century ago men arrived in California looking for gold, but the Adventist youth were looking for greater treasure.

A beautiful picture of Jesus, painted 18 feet wide and 20 feet high, faced the audience. Underneath were the words, "Christ Above All," the theme of the Pan-American Youth Congress.

The first night was bright in its anticipation. On the platform were Elder E. W. Dunbar, the leader of world youth, and the president of the General Conference, the vice-president of the North American Division, the president of the Inter-American Division, and other outstanding men of the remnant church. At the very beginning there was a great ovation given to the two "bicycle boys" who had traveled from New Hampshire on bicycles. Their spirit was typical of the determination and stalwart make-up of Missionary Volunteers from around the world, who had come from far and near to be lifted up by putting "Christ Above All."

The early morning meetings of the PAYC were gems set like jewels in the over-all program. Some recall one of the glorious texts used

by Elder C. E. Moseley as a challenge to the young people. It was Philippians 2:13, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." He spoke of the double urge—the urge to sin and the urge to resist sin. He counseled the young people to let the Holy Spirit influence their decisions.

The morning workshops introduced Outpost Evangelism. This is a new look at Share Your Faith. Young people were encouraged to return to their homes from the Pan-American Youth Congress and find places where they can share their faith. They were told how to make "L-bombs," and how to participate in Operation TV. Some testified to the SYF activities of which they are a part. One young man had won 132 souls since the first North American Youth Congress in 1947.

One of the unique presentations of the PAYC was the career clinic, designed to give young people employed outside denominational work an opportunity to tell how they shared their faith. There were radio announcers and young people who rode tractors and managed large farms; there were young people who worked in offices, and one young man who was employed in a multi-million-dollar research project with the Navy Department. At the close of career clinic thirteen couples on

their honeymoons were presented the book *The Adventist Home*.

The Pathfinder afternoon was a shining one indeed. Here our boys and girls came uniformed to march and to drill, to demonstrate their training in life saving and many other projects. These are the youth of tomorrow and the meeting was for the purpose of demonstrating what can be done with our Pathfinder Clubs.

The night meetings were perhaps the most colorful of all. On Wednesday night the Inter-American and South American divisions presented their youth dressed in colorful costumes. They sang and played their guitars and told thrilling stories of salvation.

The third evening of the PAYC was North American night. The Hawaiians were there with their leis and the wonderful story of the hotel manager who turned down profitable offers for advancement so that he could share his faith. Ray Hausted, who had won two murderers to the Saviour, testified and pointed all persons to the spotlighted picture of the Christ that adorned the silver curtain in front.

One of the most thrilling features of that evening was the choir under the direction of R. Wendell Nelson, pastor of the Market Street Church in Oakland, California. The entire

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Elder R. Wendell Nelson, of the Market Street church in Oakland, directing a choir at Pan-American Youth Congress in San Francisco.