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Elders Peterson, Moseley, and Cleveland Elected to General Conference Posts

At the recent General Conference session held in San Francisco, Elder Frank L. Peterson, a veteran of thirty-eight years' service in the denomination, was elected as an associate secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and secretary to the Regional Department. Elder Calvin E. Moseley, Jr., who served out the unexpired term of Elder George E. Peters, was appointed associate secretary.

Elder Earl E. Cleveland, who worked successfully as an evangelist in the Southern Union, was appointed at the same meeting to serve as an associate in the Ministerial Association at the General Conference.

Three other men were elected members of the General Conference Committee. They were Dr. Carl A. Dent, the medical superintendent of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital in Nashville; President Garland Millet, of Oakwood College; and Elder George E. Peters, retired General Conference field secretary.

Elder Peterson, who recently retired from the presidency of Oakwood College, previously served for eleven years as General Department secretary of the General Conference. In other years he taught English and piano at Oakwood College and pastored the churches in Boston and Los Angeles.

In July, Elder Peterson will leave for Europe to attend a series of



Elders Moseley, Cleveland, and Peterson stand before the world globe after receiving their assignments in the worldwide mission program planned at San Francisco.

camp meetings and councils in the Scandinavian countries.

Elder Cleveland brings to the Ministerial Association valuable ex-

perience in progressive evangelism and guidance for interns. Under his leadership the members may look forward to an increasing number of

city-wide campaigns and field schools of evangelism.

While in the field Elder Cleveland, a young man himself, inspired and encouraged other young ministers to follow his example in soul-winning campaigns for God in the Southland.

Elder Moseley previously served as associate to Elder G. E. Peters. While serving as field secretary, the new church-wide "program of integration of all nationals into all institutions of education and health" was launched. Also plans were developed which resulted in the new associates now functioning in the general secretarial and ministerial departments.

The future of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its world-embracing program has never been brighter. Under the solicited and loving care of a beneficent Providence, the church is moving forward with firm faith and new hope.

Guests at Session

Among the invited guests to the forty-seventh General Conference session were Elder and Mrs. George E. Peters, recently retired departmental leader, and Elder J. Gershon Dasent, former president of Lake Region Conference, both of Philadelphia, Elder and Mrs. Benjamin W. Abney, of Jackson, Mississippi, former missionaries to South Africa; and Miss Anna Knight, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, a former missionary to India and departmental Y.P.M.V. and educational secretary of the Southern Union. It was an honor and a pleasure to have those stalwarts of other years at the session.

News From Liberia

Notice was brought to the General Conference session of the severe illness of Sister Jane Hughes, wife of Missionary David Hughes in Liberia, West Africa. In two sessions of the conference the believers bowed in prayer for our sister's restoration to health.

Lately a letter from Pastor C. Dunbar Henri, superintendent of

the mission, states that although it was once thought that the Hughes family might need to return to the States, "we are happy to report now that Mrs. Hughes is improving, but is still a sick young lady."

Recent communication also informs us of the serious illness of Prof. Phillip Giddings, the principal of the Konola school in Liberia. Physicians have advised immediate rest for him. The Giddings family is due to return to the States on furlough in late August. Let us pray earnestly for these missionary families.

By March of 1955 the Henri family will have completed about ten years of mission service in Liberia. The superintendent of the Liberia Mission, Elder C. Dunbar Henri, recently conducted a successful campaign of evangelism in the Centennial Auditorium in Monrovia. The building was made available by the Honorable Mr. William Tubman, president of the republic. Superintendent Henri states, "We are willing to remain for another term, if the Lord so will."

Home on their first furlough from Liberia, the secretary-treasurer of the mission and teacher in Konola school, Richard Simons and his family are enjoying a much-deserved rest in the United States. The Simonses were delegates to the General Conference session, and they appeared in several roles during the convocation. Their stories of missions were heart warming. The Simons family will return to Liberia in August, after itinerating among regional camp meetings.

S O S for Literature From South Africa

A call for help has come in from Brother Aaron A. Naham, the director of the Advent Sea Mission in Cape Province, South Africa. He is working among the seamen and sailors who dock at his port.

Brother Naham is asking for copies or club subscriptions of the *Message Magazine*, *Signs of the Times*, *Life and Health*, tracts, Bibles, and books to give to the men who spend many days and nights

away from home and ashore and who welcome something to read during the lonely hours.

Those who are willing to answer the call may send the literature to:

The Advent Sea Mission
P.O. Box 22
Somerset, West
Cape Province
South Africa

Oakwood College

Garland Millet, President
Huntsville, Ala.

College Holds 58th Annual Commencement

The fifty-eighth annual commencement exercise was held at Oakwood College, May 16, 1954, at 10 A.M. in the college auditorium, with Dr. J. Mark Cox, surgeon of the Freedmen's and Hadley hospitals, Washington, D.C., as speaker. Dr. Cox addressed the candidates for Bachelor of Arts and Science degrees, the academy seniors, faculty, and several hundred out-of-town and local guests in attendance at the exercise.

Dr. Cox, a native of Washington, and a noted surgeon, gave a calm, impressive address, the theme of which was built around the motto and aim of the class of '54, "Look Up, Lift Up, Conquer!" "To Live, to Laud, and to Love Christ." His challenging message to the seniors was designed to spur them on to self-denial and to live a life of service for God and man.

President Frank L. Peterson conferred the degrees upon the thirty-three candidates, nine of which

July 10 Is Passed !!

But did you give to the Mid-summer Offering? If you did, you gave a *much-needed* boost to a very *needy* cause at a time of great *need* in the cause of missions; and God be praised for your gift! If you did not give on July 10, do it next Sabbath! Your help is needed greatly, *now!*

bers of the church and the community.

The church at Lincoln is blessed by having the Union College and University of Nebraska students attend its services and support its programs. Five of the students were graduated this year. At the present time the church is being renovated, and in order to finance the project, the students gave a program entitled "Musical Panorama." The participants on the program were Herbert Harris and Samuel DeShay, who gave piano selections; Andrew Sainten, who presented an instrumental selection; and Miss Loma Batth, who sang.

Others on the program were Ted Jones, who read, and the Hub of Harmony chorus and quartet.

The Allon Chapel church is a valuable training center for the college youth who are preparing themselves for tomorrow's leadership.

—J. H. JONES, JR.

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Southwest Region Holds Biennial Session

Almost two hundred delegates and constituents to the second biennial session of the Southwest Region Conference met at the Oakland Avenue church in Dallas, Texas, from June 18 to 20, and elected the officials to serve them for the next two years.

Elder Herman R. Murphy, who was formerly the leader of the



Members of Pine Forge's eighth graduating class are from left to right, on front row: Alberta Berrien, Elnora Costen, Elma Costen, JoAnn Holmes, Beverly Clark, Delores Cobb, Lois Fordham, and Esther Gill, sponsor. Second row: Robert Ivory, Robert Johnson, Wilson Holland, Raymond Montgomery, Charles Cheatham, and Lawrence Washington.

South Central Conference, was elected president and also leader of religious liberty work. Elder A. R. Carethers will serve as secretary-treasurer and supervise the self-supporting institutions.

The home missionary and Sabbath school work will be carried out under the leadership of Elder L. B. Baker. Elder Charles C. Cunningham will be in charge of educational, Missionary Volunteer, temperance, press, and war service work.

On Friday night the meeting was held with Elder W. E. Read, field secretary of the General Conference, preaching the sermon. Sabbath-day speakers were Elder J. H. Williams, of Houston, Elder Read, and Elder Raphael F. Warnick, pastor of the New Orleans church.

One of the most interesting meetings of the session was the soul-

winners' testimony meeting. Laymen told of their experiences in leading others to Christ, and some had their converts with them. The light of joy and happiness upon their faces made it clear that the most satisfying experience possible to the human heart comes from working for Christ.

—C. C. CUNNINGHAM

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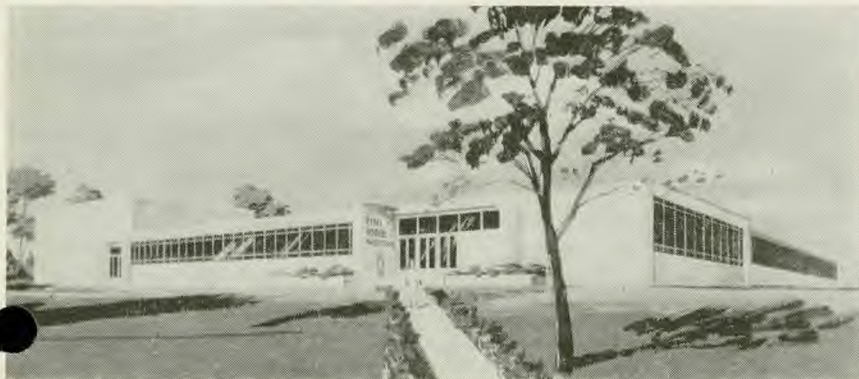
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Fourteen Graduate—Building Started

On Sunday, May 16, fourteen students were graduated at the close of Pine Forge Institute's eighth school year. Elder Jacob J. Justiss, pastor of the Ephesus church in Washington, D.C., and a former member of the faculty, gave the commencement address.

Visitors to Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, this summer will see the long-awaited administration building which has been worked for and prayed for, going up on the campus. The excavation has been completed, and the building of the foundation is in progress.

The \$150,000 building will house the administrative offices, class-



An architect's drawing of the Pine Forge administration building.

education. Prof. Charles E. Galley is the head of the division of applied science, which includes agriculture, business administration, home economics, mechanical, and secretarial sciences.

The division of humanities is headed by Dr. Eva B. Dykes. It comprises English, art, literature, speech, modern languages, and music. Biology, physics, chemistry, and mathematics are listed in the division of natural sciences and mathematics. Prof. Emerson Cooper is in charge of that department.

Dean Otis B. Edwards is the chairman of the social science division, which includes geography, history, and sociology. Elder Clarence B. Richards's division of religion and theology embraces Bible and applied religion, applied theology, Biblical languages, and the Bible instructor's curriculum.

Four of the division chairmen, Dean Edwards, Elder Richards, and Professors Galley and Cooper, are alumni of the school.

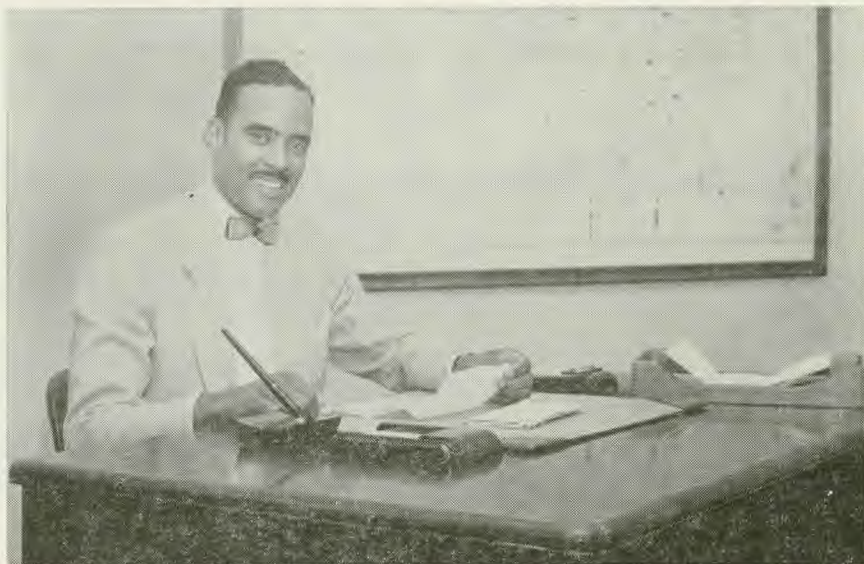
—C. E. GALLEY

Oakwood Students Study at Seminary

Seven former Oakwoodites are matriculated at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in Washington during the summer quarter. They are James Melancon, S. A. Hutchins, Douglas Tate, Malcolm Dean, Lafayette Smittick, Roland Newman, and Elder Robert Woodfork, the dean of men at Oakwood College. Samuel Gadsby and Samuel Limbo from Inter-America and Dessa Kassahun from Ethiopia are also studying here during the present session.

Ralph Peay and Leslie Crawford were awarded Master's degrees in the May commencement exercises. Melancon, Hutchins, and Smittick are expected to complete their requirements by November.

Applying for entry in the fall quarter are Boyer Purnell, Eugene Williams, Robert Palmer, and Charles Brooks, a former Oakwood College student who was recently graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Howard University.



To increase the subscription of the *Message Magazine* to 300,000 homes is the goal of Pastor Frank L. Jones, the circulation manager.

Message Magazine Published Twenty Years

A banquet was held in San Francisco during the recent General Conference session to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of *The Message Magazine*. In Nashville a special forty-four-page edition was printed for July to honor the event.

It was during the dark days of the depression in 1934 that the first copy of *The Message*, an undated trial number, made its appearance. It was edited by Robert B. Thurber. Two articles which appeared in that issue, "This Age of Marvels" and "Perilous Times," seem more appropriate for 1954. Despite widespread unemployment in those days, enough people paid ten cents a copy for the publication to get it on its feet.

In the war year of 1944 Elder Louis B. Reynolds became the editor of the journal. War ended, the Atom Age was ushered in, and the United Nations was born, but the world has steadily grown worse. However, *The Message* has improved in size, in circulation, and in the implementation of the founders' aim—"giving the glorious news that Jesus saves men from sin, and that He is soon to return."

In 1953 Pastor Frank L. Jones, the publishing department secretary of the Southwest Region Conference, came to the Southern Publishing

Association as full-time circulation manager of the magazine.

During the past months Pastor Jones, a ministerial graduate of Oakwood College and a naval veteran of World War II, has been visiting a large number of the churches in the United States in an effort to increase the circulation of the magazine to three hundred thousand in 1954. At present more than one hundred thousand families read *The Message* each month.

The large circulation of the magazine in the past was the result of the work of faithful colporteurs and students who went from house to house, city to city, and stood on street corners to get the magazine into the homes of the people. Thousands of subscriptions have been sold, and *The Message* has established its place in American life.

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College Students Support Lincoln Church Programs

During the early part of May, Elder G. Herfin Taylor, the district pastor, held a week of revival meetings in the Allon Chapel church, Lincoln, Nebraska, and many spiritual blessings were imparted to mem-

were in the field of elementary education, two in secondary education, two in English, one in mathematics, one in home economics, fourteen in theology, and three in secretarial science. For President Peterson the occasion was one of mixed emotions as he remarked that it was the ninth and last time that as president of Oakwood College he would enjoy the privilege of conferring the honors on graduates.

Prof. Joseph T. Stafford presented diplomas to the academy graduates of '54, who were small in number but bouyant in spirit, and gratified by their attainment.

Music for the occasion was provided by the College choir, which won much applause this year for meritorious performances in out-of-town concerts and local appearances under the direction of Prof. Samuel C. Jackson, head of the music department. Mrs. Inez Booth played the organ for the exercises.

Oakwood Teachers Plan Advanced Education for Summer

In an effort to improve the quality of their instruction and improve the rating of the college for accreditation, the summer of 1954 finds the Oakwood College faculty still making forward strides in the direction of academic achievement. Sixteen teachers are attending universities of their choice in various States, completing or beginning work on doctoral and Master's degrees.

Among those who are on the finishing stretch of the doctoral degrees are Dean Otis B. Edwards, University of Nebraska; Miss Natelka E. Burrell, Columbia University; and Mr. Frank W. Hale, University of Ohio. Mr. Hale received national publicity in a recent issue of *Jet* magazine. He was awarded a teaching fellowship at Ohio State's department of speech.

Miss Cordell Evans is also making progress toward a doctorate in mathematics. She is doing her third summer's work at the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Conklin B. Gentry returned for a second summer's

work on his doctorate at the University of Southern California.

Three teachers are beginning doctoral studies: Prof. Charles E. Galley returned to the University of Pittsburgh; and Mr. Emerson A. Cooper returned to the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. Miss Mae E. Laurence is beginning her doctorate at the University of Chicago.

Those nearing and planning the completion of work on Master's degrees this summer are Mrs. Inez Booth at Columbia University, Mr. Samuel C. Jackson at New York University, Mr. M. J. Harvey at the University of Pittsburgh, Miss Violet Wiles at Boston University, Miss M. D. Valentine at the University of Nebraska. Miss Dolores A. Henderson is studying at New York University.

Other instructors who are working on their Master's degree are Miss Katrina Nesbitt, Columbia University; Miss Jannith Lewis, Indiana University; and Elder R. L. Woodfork, S.D.A. Theological Seminary.

Business Education Week Proves Most Outstanding

The Oakwood College Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, under the direction of Miss Henderson, Mrs. Murphy, and Professor Galley, conducted Commercial Education Week from March 29 to April 2. On Monday the theme centered on consumer education. Among the interesting discussions on correct principles of buying was an illustrated style exhibit entitled "Your Clothes Are Showing." Fifteen students from the department served as models and narrators.

"Personality and Your Job" was the topic of the skit presented by the secretarial students in the Wednesday chapel exercise. On Thursday afternoon the business show and exhibit caught the attention of the entire campus. Several manufacturers of business equipment demonstrated their wares. The three business class rooms were decorated beautifully with work of the students in many areas, such as

artistic typing, duplicating, mimeographing, bookkeeping, shorthand, office practice, good grooming, and job opportunities.

Two outstanding events were initiated on Friday. A workshop was conducted for business and secretarial students. It was the first time that an event of this nature was conducted in one of our American Adventist colleges. The personnel of the workshop consisted of Dr. M. R. Eppse of Tennessee State University, Miss Theresa Brickman, of Southern Missionary College; and Elder H. R. Murphy, Southwest Region Conference. Oakwood College personnel consisted of Miss L. T. Longware, department of home economics; Miss K. Walker, cashier; A. Warren, business manager; J. E. Merideth, accountant. A fitting climax to the week's events was a dynamic lecture in the Friday chapel period by Dr. Eppse entitled "Get Good! Get Known! Get Going!"

College Courses Divided Into Six Divisions

Among the changes effected at the last meeting of the Oakwood College board was the reorganization of the various instructional departments into six divisions. The action was taken in order to speed up the program of accreditation for the school.

Miss Natelka E. Burrell was appointed the chairman of the division of education and psychology. Studies in that division are elementary, secondary, health and physical

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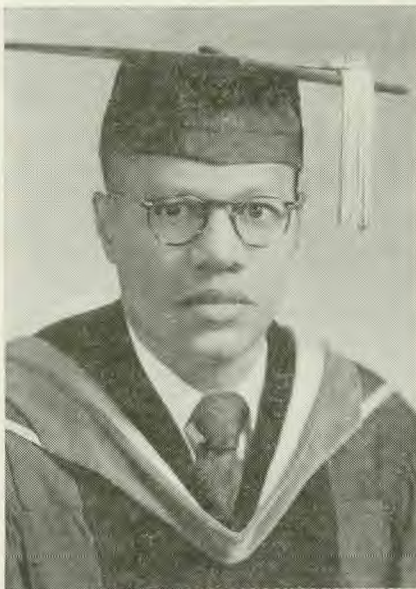
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rooms, library, health and commercial rooms, faculty conference room, and science lecture laboratory. When completed later this year, the building constructed of bricks and concrete blocks will be completely fireproof.

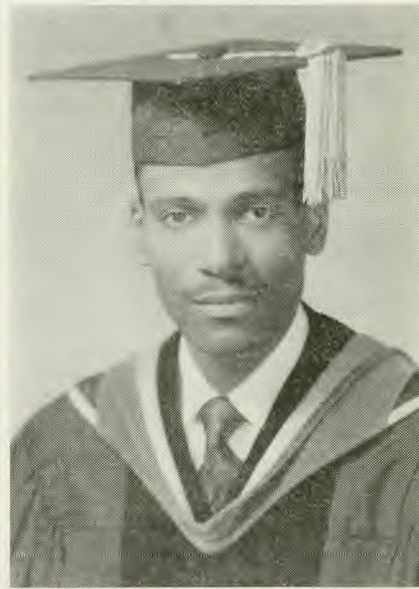
Pine Forge Institute, now headed by Elder Ercell I. Watson, was founded by the Allegheny Conference in 1946 and is accredited by the denomination and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Students from many sections of the country attend the school.

PACIFIC UNION

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Dr. Frank Lovelace



Dr. Matthew F. Kates

Church Built by Members

On Sabbath, April 24, the K Street Seventh-day Adventist church in San Bernardino, California, was formally dedicated to the service of the Lord. The members and their pastor, Elder William Galbreth, were especially pleased, for the building represented the work of their own hands.

The foundation for the church was begun in September, 1950. As the building took shape, nearly every member donated labor to the project.

After a date was set for the dedication, pensioners, housewives, widows, and salaried workers made extreme sacrifices to buy material for the building. During the final weeks the members turned in a second tithe and sold health food and cookies in a successful effort to

furnish the church with the last necessary items.

Elder Owen A. Troy, secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, preached the dedicatory sermon. In 1930, Elders J. E. Johnson and Troy came to San Bernardino and held evangelistic meetings in a tent. At the end of the meetings forty adults and youth were organized into the Valley View church. Elder Johnson became the first pastor of the church.

Medical Students Graduate From Howard and C.M.E.

Three former Oakwood College students graduated from medical schools in recent weeks and have joined the ranks of Seventh-day Adventist medical men, who, following in the steps of the Master Physician, are giving spiritual hope

as well as physical aid to suffering humanity. They are Drs. Frank Lovelace, Matthew Kates, and Edison Banfield.

Drs. Lovelace and Kates were among the 177 persons to receive degrees from the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, California, on June 6. Dr. Banfield was graduated from Howard University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., where he was elected to Kappa Pi, medical honor society, with honorable mention in pediatrics.

A native of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Dr. Lovelace became a Seventh-day Adventist after having read *The Great Controversy* while recovering from injuries suffered in an accident. He dedicated himself to God, entered Oakwood College, and finished his premedical studies at Emmanuel Missionary College before entering C.M.E. He is interning at the Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Kates, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, studied at Oakwood, and finished his premedical studies at Pacific Union College. He is now an intern at the Veterans Administration hospital in Long Beach, California.

Dr. Banfield is the second son of Elder and Mrs. Banfield to finish the Howard University medical school.



Nearly all the members helped and sacrificed personally to erect the church in San Bernadino.