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## Nationwide Oakwood Offering, Sabbath, August 27

### \$87,000 Sought for Equipment

"A CHURCH CALENDAR offering for Oakwood College will be held by all North American churches in the denomination, Sabbath, August 27," states A. L. Ham, General Conference vice-president and chairman of the Oakwood Board of Trustees. A total of \$87,000 is sought.

"Most of the funds we hope to receive from the offering will be used to purchase vocational equipment for the college's vocational education classes," commented Mr. Adel Warren, Oakwood

business manager. As evidence of the need, he cited the fact that the college has but 10 per cent of the facilities desired for the campus print shop and only 5 per cent of the equipment needed to teach woodworking.

Large portions of the August 27 offering will in like manner be used to purchase business machines for the college's commercial courses, new pianos for the music department, additional library books, and science hall equipment.

### A College Plea

By PRESIDENT GARLAND J. MILLET

ALTHOUGH not essentially competitive, all colleges must nevertheless maintain somewhat similar standards. Certain acceptable patterns of educational procedure

should obtain on every college campus, whether Adventist or non-Adventist. More than ever today there exist certain minimal *equipment* requirements for up-to-date teaching. Without comparable facilities, how could an institution possibly produce leaders on a par with alumni

of other fully equipped schools? It is to the praise of the Lord and to the credit of the faculties of the past half century that Oakwood College, by His help, has sent forth an army of leaders and workers who have made enviable records in many phases of the work of the Lord.



Sketch of Oakwood College's new, modern, \$280,000 men's dormitory on the west side of the campus, to be completed on or about August 15. Constructed to provide residence for nearly 200 students, the 250 foot "E"-shaped structure will contain 85 student rooms, a beautiful second-floor chapel, a general office, an infirmary, a 70 by 47 foot ground floor recreation hall, four guest rooms with private baths, a six-room dean's apartment, a four-room assistant dean's apartment, and, in the north wing, modern laundering facilities. On the second floor of the dormitory, directly overlooking the lobby, will be a lounge for the college young men. Initial furnishings for the dormitory will cost approximately \$40,000.



Ford Memorial Science Hall.

But the increasing importance of full four-year college accreditation has accentuated the need for reaching higher standards for our library, science laboratories, vocational education classes, buildings, faculty members' training, and for the general conduct of Oakwood's college program. What once seemed acceptable is no longer so! A teacher "at one end of a log" (to quote the familiar Mark Hopkins' story) would be absolutely unrecognized in 1955. Facilities that are outmoded must now be discarded. Buildings must be modernized or replaced and then fully equipped. Thousands of new books must be purchased.

Since accreditation requirements do not vary according to the funds each school has available, to operate successfully an accredited college always takes money in large amounts. This is the reason why big schools and small schools, old schools and young schools, public schools and private schools, constantly repeat the call for funds. It is an echo of the perennial call for competency in an advancing era. *This call*, when uttered by a college striving for full four-year accreditation, *must be swelled to an urgent cry*. Oakwood College is on the eve of an attempt for accreditation, but without an increase of funds, reaching this coveted position will be all but impossible. It is for this reason that a *general offering in all North American churches* has been authorized

by the General Conference for August 27, 1955, that *all of our believers* might have the opportunity to answer this most urgent call. Whether from offerings, appropriations, bequests, or major donations, the funds *must* come if today's standards are to be met. It will take much money, but it is our privilege to invest wisely large sums of money in this most important work, for our youth are worthy of every dollar it takes, and more.

The General Conference has made recent investments in new buildings—library, science, and dormitories; and more structures have been planned, for Oakwood's attractive campus. Additional funds have been expended in the advanced educational program for teachers. Oakwood College has only 55 per cent of the books that it currently needs.



Pres. Garland J. Millet.

Five thousand additional volumes should be purchased and cataloged this year. The new science building is two thirds equipped, but the music department has only 40 per cent of its actual needs. In the area of vocational education facilities, Oakwood must make its largest gains, for not more than 10 per cent of its needs are on hand. *Eighty-seven thousand dollars* could be spent tomorrow to supply the foregoing deficiencies. Christian educa-

tion on Oakwood College campus would be thus enhanced and the cause of His kingdom signally advanced. Please remember, the August 27 offering is more than a call for funds; it is the cry of Oakwood College for competency.

## Oakwood Seeks Accreditation by November, 1956

By MYLAS W. MARTIN, JR.

"OAKWOOD COLLEGE will apply for full four-year accreditation as a degree granting college by November, 1956," revealed President Garland J. Millet, July 1, to the college's constituency and the denomination's Regional membership.

This happy, long-awaited statement was issued jointly by the school administration and the chairman of the Oakwood College Board of Trustees, A. L. Ham, vice-president of the General Conference, who lauded "the sterling achievements of the college in the past five years."

"We're tremendously happy over the developments," smilingly commented President Millet. "It can mean but one thing—Oakwood, with a history of almost sixty years, more than ever before will be able to meet and solve, on a par with all other institutions, the educational needs of the young people of this denomination."

The full four-year accreditation expected in November, 1956, is that which is granted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The junior college division of Oakwood is already ac-

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credited by the State Department of Education of Alabama, the Seventh-day Adventist Board of Regents, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools itself.

#### Formerly Two Accreditation Standards

In making the announcement of the coming recognition, college academic officials revealed that the presently sought accreditation was almost within the college's grasp in 1951.

"Up to the year 1951," stated academic dean, Prof. O. B. Edwards, of the Oakwood staff, "there were two accreditation standards for Southern schools"—one for white colleges and universities, and another for Negro colleges and universities. In 1951, however, the administrators of Negro institutions in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools decided—Oakwood among them—that their schools wished to be judged by the same standards by which all other institutions of higher learning in the association were judged.

The double standards were accordingly done away with. And with few exceptions, nearly every Negro college in the South had new, more extensive academic standards to reach.

"It was then, in 1951," said another college official, "that Oakwood re-evaluated itself and inaugurated a new, five-year accreditation drive."

That drive will terminate in No-

vember, 1956. Many well known State-supported institutions, it was learned, will also come up for accreditation review at a nearly identical period in 1956. The group includes major universities as well as small colleges.

#### Not Result of Wishful Thinking

"Oakwood's decision to apply for full four-year accreditation rather than remain a junior college" (its two-year curriculums are everywhere recognized), "is not the result of wishful thinking, but rather the climax of years of careful planning," voiced Elder Ham, board chairman. "Both the College Board and the college's administration and teaching faculty have systematically been working toward our goal."

#### Twenty-eight Oakwood Instructors Hold at Least the M.A. or M.S. Degree

"In the past three years the erection of our new W. H. Greene Memorial Library (January, 1953), the H. E. Ford Memorial Science Hall (May, 1954), and the virtually completed \$280,000 new men's dormitory has largely completed our needs as far as the campus physical plant is concerned," added Elder Millet. "The reorganization and grouping of our teaching departments under six well-chaired divisions, the achievement of a professionally trained teaching staff in which twenty-eight out of the thirty-two regular teaching instructors hold at least the M.A. or the M.S. degree, and the addition of five new Ph.D. degrees to our faculty in 1955-56 alone will also aid concretely."

The Oakwood administrator gave much of the credit for Oakwood's present fine standing to former president F. L. Peterson, now an associate secretary of the General Conference, who headed the college from 1944 to 1954. "Without President Peterson's far-seeing, capable leadership, we would not be so close to realizing our goal as we are," stated Elder Millet.

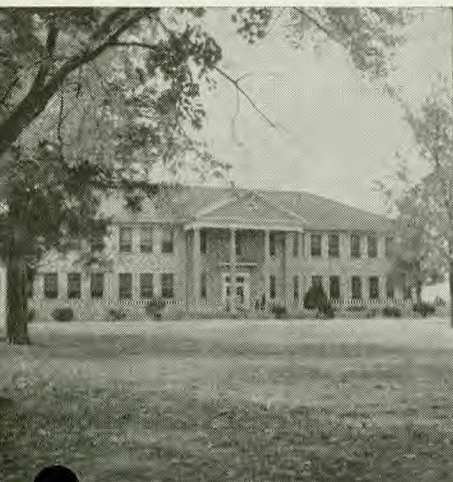
The only major institution in the denomination operated primarily for Seventh-day Adventism's colored constituency, Oakwood has, since its opening nearly sixty years

ago, trained thousands of leaders. Fully 92 per cent of the colored workers in the North American Regional conferences are Oakwood graduates or former Oakwood students. Among its alumni are General Conference representatives, all seven presidents of the North American Regional conferences, missionaries, and some members of the college faculty.

#### Millet Warns Oakwood Needs Continued Support of the Field

"We must not think that four-year accreditation is already won," cautioned Oakwood's president, "despite the heartening evidences surrounding us. We must continue to have the support and good will of the field. The actual achievement of accreditation in 1956 will demand and depend upon four things: (1) Increased financial stability for the college through steadily increased enrollments; (2) doubling the present holding of our college library (to a minimum of 12,000 selected volumes; (3) increased academic and professional stature of Oakwood's teaching faculty, through further training and more advanced degrees; (4) sufficient and up-to-date equipment for Oakwood's science laboratories, teaching departments, vocational training, etc.

"The General Conference, confident of Oakwood's future, has in the past several years invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in Oakwood's program—equipment, ad-



Academic building.



Cunningham Hall.

vanced study for teachers, buildings," continued President Millet. "We must have the continued moral support of the *Regional* membership of the denomination, not only in terms of finances, but also in terms of higher *student enrollments*. Oakwood will merit that support even more in 1955-56 and in the years to come."

Commenting on the needed books and materials for the college library and laboratories, Elder Millet stated that orders are "now pouring forth to accomplish this objective and will continue to pour forth until our remaining goals are reached." The *August 27* denominational *Oakwood offering* will go far toward furthering the efforts of the college, he strongly intimated.

Said one member of the College Board, in speaking of the meeting in which November, 1956, was set as a target date (April 20, 1955): "We came away from the meeting with the definite conviction that we're fully together. A vote was taken reaffirming Oakwood's expansion plans and decision to go forward toward full four-year accreditation with all possible dispatch."

### Frank Hale Receives Ph.D.

**Oakwood Speech Professor Awarded Doctorate at Ohio State University**

FRANK W. HALE, JR., Oakwood College assistant professor of speech, received his Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University, June 10, reported the college administration. Mr. Hale, on leave from the Oakwood staff since 1953, is expected to return to the Huntsville campus on or before July 15.

"We're highly gratified by Professor Hale's achievement," expressed Oakwood's president, Garland J. Millet. "The entire administration and faculty of the college join me in welcoming him on his return."

Mr. Hale, himself a former Oakwood student, wrote his doctoral dissertation on a rhetorical study of the life and speeches of Salmon Portland Chase, Secretary of the Treasury in Lincoln's Cabinet dur-

ing the Civil War. A previous Master's degree dissertation, written at the University of Nebraska, was entitled *A Critical Analysis of the Life and Speaking of Frederick Douglass*.

While completing his doctoral work, the youthful, twenty-eight-year-old Hale has for the past year taught at Ohio State as a staff member in the Speech Department. He was awarded a \$2,000 teaching fellowship by the university in 1954. In 1954 Hale was elected vice-president of the National Speech and Hearing Honorary, Sigma Alpha Eta.

A native of Kansas City, Missouri, the Oakwood teacher is married to the former Ruth Colleen Saddler, of St. Louis. They have one daughter, Ruth Colleen II, age 6, and a son, Frank III, age 2.

### Six Oakwood Staff Members Begin Doctorates

Six Oakwood staff members will begin Ph.D. studies at various universities over the country this summer. Two of them—Mr. Emerson Cooper and Mr. Charles E. Galley—have previously spent one summer in doctoral work at Michigan State University (Lansing) and the University of Pittsburgh, respectively. Mr. Cooper, chairman of Oakwood's Natural Sciences Division, received his M.S. degree from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, in New York. He is an Oakwood graduate (1949). Mr. Galley, since 1941 a member of Oakwood's faculty, holds a M.Ed. degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He is professor of business administration at the college.

Mrs. Ruth N. (Frazier) Stafford, former director of nursing at the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, will begin her Ph.D. work this summer in nursing education. She is to study at Columbia University.

"We hope that Oakwood's pre-nursing students who graduate as R.N.'s from the various sanitariums and hospitals will shortly be able to return to Oakwood College to receive a B.S. degree in nursing education, under Mrs. Stafford's direction," said academic head of

the college, Dean O. B. Edwards, in commenting on Mrs. Stafford's program. Mrs. Stafford received her R.N. from Hinsdale Sanitarium. For sixteen years she supervised the work of nurses at Riverside. She is a graduate of Pacific Union College, with a B.S. degree, and holds an M.A. from Fisk University.

Miss Ruth E. Mosby, instructor in journalism and dean of women, is currently pursuing work on the Ph.D. in English at the University of Pittsburgh. She is an Oakwood graduate of 1945.

One of Oakwood's newest instructors of 1954-55 is Mrs. Arthelia Alexander, whose husband, Mr. Herbert Alexander, teaches biology on the campus. Mrs. Alexander, secretarial science instructor and a Union College graduate of 1949, received her M.S. degree from Kansas State Teacher's College. She is studying this summer toward her Ph.D. at New York University.

Also a new instructor in 1954-55, Mr. Mylas W. Martin, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio, is currently meeting language requirements for his Ph.D. degree. Mr. Martin will be on leave from Oakwood in 1955-56 to devote his whole time to study. An EMC graduate of 1953, he holds the B.A. degree in English and the M.A. degree in history from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor).

### Oakwood to Add Five New Ph.D. Degrees in 1955-56

At least five new Ph.D. degrees are expected to be added to the teaching staff of Oakwood College in 1955-56, revealed Mylas W. Martin, Jr., Oakwood director of public relations, on July 1. Two of the degrees will be awarded to current staff members, while a third is held by a new faculty member whose name college officials have not yet disclosed.

Dean of the College, Otis B. Edwards, chairman of the Oakwood History Department, and an Oakwood teacher since 1926, expects to receive his doctorate early this fall. Dean Edwards holds the A.B. degree in education from Union C

lege, a B.Mus. from the University of Chicago Extension, and an M.A. in religion from the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary.

Miss Natelkka E. Burrell, EMC graduate and Oakwood professor of education, will receive a Ph.D. degree in educational psychology from Teacher's College, Columbia University, in New York City, also early this fall. Miss Burrell holds an M.S. from the University of Wisconsin (1947).

"Among our new faculty members for the coming year will be a Massachusetts Ph.D. in the field of business administration," added Mr. Martin. "He will mean much to the already high, professional quality of Oakwood's commercial courses." His invitation, extended by the Board, to join the Oakwood College family has already been accepted. The name of this new professor will be released within a few weeks. President Millet also indicated that a new biology instructor, holder of the doctorate from a large Western State university, is also considering acceptance of a position on the Oakwood faculty in 1955-56.

Miss Cordell Evans, presently pursuing Ph.D. studies in mathematics at the University of Pittsburgh, expects to complete most of her residence work in 1956.

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### Health and Welfare Center

THE Honorable G. Mennen Williams, popular governor of the great State of Michigan, was the distinguished guest in attendance at a large banquet held in the spacious banquet room of the New Light Baptist church of Detroit, and sponsored by the Detroit area Dorcas Federation of the Lake Region Conference on Saturday night, March 5, 1955, in Detroit, Michigan.

The occasion attracted an estimated four hundred guests. The purpose of the banquet was to initiate

a campaign to secure funds with which to erect a health and welfare center to serve the area.

T. Milton Rowe, pastor of the Hartford Avenue S.D.A. church, opened the meeting with prayer and introduced the Detroit area Federation president, Mrs. Mary Brown, who greeted the gathering with warm words of welcome. Pastor Clinton Warren, of the Inkster church, made informative remarks relative to the nature of the meeting and the arrival of the governor. The toastmaster of the evening, D. B. Simons, former missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa, and now minister in charge of the Home Missionary Department of the Lake Region Conference was introduced.

About eight o'clock Governor and Mrs. G. Mennen Williams made their appearance and were greeted with a standing ovation and applause. They were duly ushered to a central position at the speakers' table behind the microphone, at which time the entire audience joined in singing the national anthem, with Mrs. Ruby Odom at the piano.

After all had been seated, Elder Simons presented the Governor and Mrs. Williams. In his cordial message Governor Williams lauded the objectives of the Federation and the project under consideration.

Other guests at the speakers' table who contributed to the success of the evening included the following: Mrs. Charles Diggs and son, family

of the Honorable Charles Diggs, United States Congressman; H. K. Halladay, home missionary secretary of the Lake Union Conference; D. B. Simons, home missionary secretary of the Lake Region Conference; Mrs. Orpah Williams, Lake Region Conference Dorcas Federation president; Pastor Clinton Warren, of the Inkster S.D.A. church; Pastor and Mrs. R. L. Boothby, of the Central Metropolitan S.D.A. church; Pastor and Mrs. T. M. Rowe, of the Hartford S.D.A. church; Pastor and Mrs. W. R. Archibald, of the Van Dyke S.D.A. church; Dr. H. C. Stephens, progressive Detroit physician; Mrs. Barbara Turner, secretary to Reverend A. M. Martin, pastor of the New Light Baptist church, whose church facilities were used; Jeremiah Florea, pastor of the Oakwood Avenue S.D.A. church; James E. Dykes, associate editor of the *Message Magazine*, and associate publishing department secretary of the Lake Region Conference; W. D. Forde, pastor of the Burns Avenue S.D.A. church; and John Wright, local elder of the Ypsilanti S.D.A. church.

During the course of the banquet, public recognition was given to letters from the following distinguished persons: The Honorable Charles C. Diggs, Jr., member of the Congress of the U.S.A., 13th District, Michigan; the Honorable Frank Fitzgerald, judge of the Circuit Court for Third Judicial Court of Michigan, Detroit; M. L. Rice, president of the Lake Union Conference; Henry Ford II;



Standing left to right: D. B. Simons, Governor and Mrs. G. Mennen Williams, Mrs. Mary Brown, and C. F. Warren.

H. W. Kibble, president of the Lake Region Conference; Oscar Webber, president of the J. L. Hudson Company, Detroit; Mrs. H. Kleist, president of the Illinois Conference Dorcas Welfare; Daniel J. Ryan, general superintendent, city of Detroit Department of Public Welfare.

Special musical contributions added to the delight of the evening. A contralto solo was rendered by Miss Frances Stephens, daughter of Dr. Homer Stephens. She is to be presented in concert jointly with her sister Jeannie Stephens by the area Federation in the near future. Miss Shirley Stephens, president of the Nightengale Unit of the Hartford Avenue Dorcas Society, sang a soprano solo. She, too, is to appear soon in recital sponsored by the Detroit area Dorcas Federation. Piano selections were contributed by Mrs. Dorothy Clark and Mrs. Ruby Odom. Elder James E. Dykes and young George Clark both responded to requests for vocal solos.

The Negro anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was sung by the group to climax an evening of inspiration and accomplishment. Pastor Warren offered the closing prayer.

DONALD B. SIMONS  
*Home Missionary Secretary*

## OBITUARY

**SKINNER:** Nellie Lou Garrett Skinner was born in Concord, Kentucky, on June 4, 1860; and fell asleep at Detroit, Michigan, on June 11, 1955, having attained the age of 95 years and 1 week to the day.

On June 20, 1879, she was united in wedlock to Maxwell F. Skinner, who at that time was a Baptist minister and who remained so until the year 1920, when they both embraced the third angel's message in Saskatchewan, Canada, under the guidance of four of their children who had accepted the message under the efficient teaching of J. L. Tucker, the present pastor of Emmanuel Missionary College church. Ninety-one years of her life were given to the service of the Lord and

were ever characterized by loyalty, sacrifice, and beautiful ministry for others. However, her greatest contribution was that of rearing a God-fearing family of children. She was laid to rest in the beautiful Northview cemetery.

Sister Skinner, or Mother Skinner as she was commonly called, is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Darius Hibler, of Jackson, Michigan; Mrs. Esther J. Lowe and Mrs. Phenicle M. Thomas, both of Detroit, Michigan; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends. She fell peacefully asleep with the belief that she will soon hear the call of the Life-giver. T. M. Rowe, pastor of the Hartford Avenue SDA church, officiated.—DOROTHY C. SMITH.

## Chaplain With 529th Unique in USAREUR

**KARLSRUHE.**—One of the few Seventh-day Adventist chaplains to serve in the Korean war is now serving as the sole chaplain of his denomination in the European Command.

"Holding the unusual distinction is Chaplain (Lt.) Joseph T. Powell of V Corps' 529th FA Bn (Obsr).

"The 31-year-old chaplain, who volunteered for Army duty in June, 1952, because he felt that in Korea he could do 'the most valid work' to which he had pledged his life, arrived there in December, 1952, and remained until July, 1953.

### Only Adventist

"For the first four months of his tour in Korea he was the only Seventh-day Adventist chaplain among the military forces there.

"Assigned to the 618th Medical Clearing Company in Korea, Chaplain Powell discovered 'my church might be the jeep I drove' and 'my congregation a hitch-hiking soldier who had a problem.'

"Born in Baltimore, Maryland, he graduated from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Takoma Park, D.C., with a Master's degree in 1951.

"Following graduation he was employed by the Pine Forge Academy,

an Adventist boarding school in Pennsylvania, as dean of boys, Bible instructor, and later pastor. Learning that there 'often was grave misunderstanding of the Seventh-day Adventists in the service,' he decided to volunteer for the Army.

"Chaplain Powell said, 'Their refusal, not of participation in the personal physical dangers, but of the carrying of arms or anything that was part of killing, was not always seen by non-Adventists to be as it was, unquestionably and sincerely, founded in religious faith.'

"In Korea, the clearing company was organized into three platoons, with one at the front in Sintanni, another just above the 38th parallel, and a third in the rear for air evacuation.

"Daily the chaplain moved from one platoon to another, offering spiritual and materialistic support to weary and troubled troops.

"A holder of a college degree in Biblical languages, he came in contact with Turkish, Greek, French, English, and Chinese PW troops.

### Visited Front Lines

"He found men anxious to have a listener for their thoughts and observations. He recalled 'numberless calls back from the front of missing, and forgotten personal items' and his constant efforts to supply troops with comforts of candy, gum, and reading material.

"Throughout his participation in the Korean action, Chaplain Powell held regular offices of the chaplaincy.

"He made weekly trips to the forward first platoon for two Sunday services, and visits to the front-line troops.

"On Saturdays he conducted services for Seventh-day Adventists throughout the I and IX Corps, in addition to holding conferences, visits, and giving administrative assistance.

"Prior to arriving in Germany last January, he was assigned to the 749th AAA Bn in New York."

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## Public Meeting at Spokane

EIGHTEEN to twenty persons surrendered to Christ in the two weeks of meetings conducted at Spokane, Washington, in April.

This campaign took on the nature of an experiment in which public meetings were held in a rented school auditorium for the first week and transferred to the spacious Spokane Central church for the second week, and operated on a purely integrated program.

The coveted spirit of Christian cordiality characterized every session in which American, Oriental, Canadian, and Ukrainian Christians shared in giving the gospel to an audience of about three hundred on the opening night to upwards of eight hundred on the closing Sabbath.

Sponsored by the Upper Columbia Conference staff and its president, Lester Bond, the campaign drew together the services of J. H. Laurence and song leader John Hunter of Seattle, Melvin Lukens and George Knowles of Spokane, and conference singing evangelist, Sunny Liu. Singer William McCrary of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada, joined the company for the second week. Speaker for the series was Associate Regional Secretary C. E. Moseley, Jr.

The service of decision and consecration on Sabbath morning was followed by an hour of moving sacred songs by the London contralto, Kathleen Joyce.

## Workers Change Fields

IN recent weeks a number of changes in worker personnel have been effected in the Regional fields. A threeway switch in MV and educational leadership in the Southern and Southwestern unions places Charles Cunningham, of Southwest Region Conference in South Atlantic; F. H. Jenkins of South Atlantic in South Central; and Lee Paschal of South Central in Southwest Region.

Elders C. Sampson Miles, pastor the Birmingham, Alabama, church and Donald Crowder, pastor

of Miami, Florida, exchanged posts just prior to the camp meeting session, as did also Elders William Mills of Phoenix and Clarence Howell of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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## Glenville Avenue Church Dedicated

It was a high day at the Glenville Seventh-day Adventist church Sabbath, April 2, when hundreds of members and friends were gathered at 11:00 A. M., to dedicate the church to God.

The congregation was indeed lifted heavenward as a result of the stirring message presented by F. L. Peterson, former president of Oakwood College, and now associate secretary of the General Conference. In his message, Elder Peterson referred to the church as a "divine organism," because it has in it at all times the presence of God. It is permanent and indestructible, for it has survived all evil influences that have come against it. It will stand forever. God has said, "And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The members of the true church are necessarily members of God's family, and so they must reflect His character. There must be harmony in all of their endeavors and they must allow God to lead out always. He will lead out if the people will let Him, for He has promised, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Other church dignitaries who assisted in the memorable service were C. H. Kelly, treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference, who presented the Scripture reading; E. A. Robertson, who offered the morning prayer; and M. S. Banfield, secretary-treasurer of the Allegheny Conference, made the offertory prayer.

Theodore Slaughter, one of the four charter members, presented the church history. He showed how, de-

spite many handicaps, the church has grown from a small dwelling at East 46th Street, in 1918, to a larger structure at East 71st Street and Cedar Avenue, in 1923, and finally to its present location at East 105th Street and Elgin Avenue, in 1952. All who have served the church as ministers in the past have been God-fearing men and hard, diligent workers.

W. L. Cheatham, our conference president, led out in the act of dedication as the congregation responded "to Thee we dedicate this house." After the act of dedication, D. A. Ochs, president of the Columbia Union Conference, offered the dedicatory prayer. It was then that the choir sang, "I Will Give Thanks to Thee."

As the massive throng left the sacred church auditorium there was one thought in their minds and hearts, "It was good to have been here."

### Mortgage Burning

There have been many wonderful events to which the members of the Glenville Seventh-day Adventist church have looked forward with eager anticipation, but none was more anxiously awaited than the mortgage burning ceremony. This took place at 5:30 P.M. on Sabbath, April 2.

The service was a very colorful one. One of the most praiseworthy features was the masterful presentation of Gaul's "Great and Marvelous" by the vested young people's choir, under the direction of James Hill. The audience was thrilled as the thirty-voice choir responded to the baton of Mr. Hill. Their harmony evidenced the fact that they too were overwhelmed with joy because of the occasion which had brought them together.

D. A. Ochs, president of the Columbia Union Conference, gave the address. He expressed his personal delight that the church had met to burn the last mortgage on its building. He pointed out that the blessings the church has received are manifold, and the people must love it and give to it all their devotion and service.

The church must follow the pattern which God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son have set. He pointed out that Christ is the head of the church and loved it. God loved the world so much that He "gave his only begotten Son." Surely at a time like this, the church members must join themselves together in a stronger bond of love and fellowship, concentrate their efforts on carrying the gospel to the world.

After a most beautiful service, in which Elder Hudson held the silver tray upon which the mortgage papers were ignited with lighted candles by local elders, John Robinson, Felix Battle, E. D. Brantley, and Mrs. Lola Stewart, chairman of the finance committee, a peaceful silence came over the congregation. Then they were led in singing "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Everyone left the edifice with one common purpose—greater zeal, greater effort, more prayer, deeper consecration, and harder work in the cause of the Lord.

### Groundbreaking Ceremony

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Glenville Elementary School on Lee Road, was held April 3, with Ralph Locker, director of law of Cleveland, presiding as a representative of Mayor Anthony J. Clebreeze. This was a historic moment for the members, friends, and guests of the Glenville Seventh-day Adventist church.

Among those who officiated at the services were C. H. Kelly, secretary-treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference, who conducted the responsive Scripture reading; M. S. Banfield, secretary-treasurer of the Allegheny Conference, who directed the dedicatory responsive reading; E. A. Robertson, educational secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, who delivered the dedicatory address.

Elder Robertson pointed out the fact that the school to be established will be another in a long line of approximately 5,000 Seventh-day Adventist schools around the world, with an enrollment of about a quar-

ter of a million pupils. The basic difference between this school and the very excellent public schools is that it goes a step further in its training to include another set of three R's, religion, righteousness, and reverence, along with the basic "reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic." These additional R's are recognized as being of vital import to boys and girls, and will lead them ultimately to be good citizens in this world and prepare them for citizenship in the world to come.

Mr. Locker, director of law, was the first to break the ground, and before severing the sod with the shovel, he commended the church for its efforts to build a school dedicated to the purpose of saving the souls of boys and girls who attend. He pointed out that if more schools could assume this responsibility, it would greatly lessen the social problems that are now disturbing our nation. Mr. Locker was introduced by Mr. Alonzo Wright, a Cleveland businessman and cherished friend of the Glenville church.

W. L. Cheatham, president of the Allegheny Conference, gave an expression of gratitude for the good wishes and support of the project given by the city officials, and for the hospitality extended to the visitors and guests.

The Glenville church is happy that its goals are being met.

### Oakwood College Needs Your Help

At this time of the real and pressing needs of Oakwood College I find myself lacking in words to put the urgency of the immediate needs of the college impressively before you.

The continued usefulness of Oakwood to the denomination is dependent upon the immediate financial support that you will give the institution. This college has been a real blessing to the cause of God, and we need only to point to the work accomplished by those who are the product of the institution to indicate its usefulness over the past years.

Heroic efforts have been put forth by those serving in the institution to build a Christian college, and they are still fighting with conspicuous bravery to uphold the standards of Christian education.

The college is blessed with men and women of superior training and Christian culture to serve on the teaching staff. They are hard working, conscientious and capable. You may safely trust your academy and college young people into their hands. *The college needs your financial and moral support. Every member will be privileged to make a contribution on Sabbath, August 27,* for the improvement of this very fine and worthy institution.

The General Conference has made it possible for *all our people* to share the blessing of giving to it. Make your gift as liberal as possible.

F. L. PETERSON

### News Notes

\*\* Oakwood College announces a new scholarship plan. Every \$50 granted to a worthy student by a conference the college will match with an equal amount to that student.

\*\* Persons wishing to get a last look at Irwin Hall should visit Oakwood before the end of June, since demolition of the old building will take place soon. The roof is now on the beautiful new men's dormitory; the plaster is now being applied.

\*\* About 400 visitors taxed our facilities during the College Days weekend, April 15-17. Six beautiful banners were issued to schools and conferences which participated in the music festival. A brief career conference was held. Students, teachers, educational superintendents, conference presidents, ministers, and friends came from all parts of the country.

\*\* Graduation week end was May 20-22. Elder Dunbar Henri brought the consecration message; Elder F. E. Jeffries, of New York, delivered the baccalaureate sermon; Dr. O. A. Troy, of California, gave the commencement address.