

CLEVELAND SPEAKS AT YOUTH CONGRESS

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

The long-looked-for day had arrived, the weekend of the conference-wide youth congress in New Orleans, Louisiana. From north, south, east, and west the youth of the Southwest Region Conference were coming. By bus, train, automobile, and airplane, young and old, youth and adults, all were en route to New Orleans.

From sundown Friday until noon Sunday, March 2-4, many good things were in store for those in attendance. On Friday night Elder H. R. Murphy, president of the Southwest Region Conference, was the speaker of the hour, and the challenge of his message inspired all to greater heights.

Elder E. E. Cleveland, associate secretary of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference, addressed the waiting audience during the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath morning, and his message will long be remembered.

The MV hour was rendered in a unique manner. "Around the Conference in Song" was composed of musical numbers from the various MV Societies. Also included was a street scene by the Baton Rouge young people, depicting the type of missionary work in which they engaged on the streets of their city.

To tune our ears toward an evening of music appreciation, a concert was given by Mrs. Sylvia D.



E. E. Cleveland, speaker of the morning service.

Ham-Ying, soprano, Washington, D.C. A social hour followed the concert.

The devotional message on Sunday morning was brought by Elder F. L. Jones, of the *Message Magazine*. From his message the youth were made to realize the seriousness of the times, and were encouraged to acquaint their friends and loved ones with the *Message Magazine* for the saving of souls.

Sunday morning found all the youth choirs eagerly waiting for the great choir contest to take place, and this occasion was one to be long remembered. Youth choirs from the following churches partic-

ipated in the contest: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Mrs. Mineola D. Williams, director; Dallas, Texas, Elder J. E. Cox, director; New Orleans, Louisiana, Mrs. R. L. Woodfork, director; Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Elder C. E. Dudley, director; Houston, Texas, Miss Roma Stevenson, director. Winning the musical trophy as the first prize in the contest was the choir from Houston, Texas.

The contest song was "Beautiful Saviour," by Wallingford; and in addition to this number, each group had prepared a spiritual and an anthem. A lovely sight to behold was the closing song of the day, in

which all the choirs were combined to sing the contest song as one massed choir.

Indeed, the Lord is richly blessing the work in this area, and we solicit your prayers that our youth may be lightened with power from on high, and that they might win other youth to this glorious message.

L. A. PASCHAL
MV Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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★ The ministers in the South Atlantic Conference baptized approximately eight hundred persons in 1955. At our recent workers' meeting it was voted to carry out the recommendations made at the presidents' council in Kansas City to the effect that every minister should try to baptize at least two souls a month during 1956. It was also voted to conduct revivals in every church of the South Atlantic Conference during the coming year.

A nice group was organized last year near Miami. Other evangelistic results have been the J. M. Phipps effort at Orangeburg, South Carolina, with 30 baptized; L. E. Daniels, 50 baptized; C. B. Rock, Orlando, 50 baptized; H. L. Cleveland, efforts at De Land and Ocala, with 140 baptized; E. C. Ward, 115 baptized at Wilmington, where he had previously baptized 300; C. S. Myles in Miami baptized 90, and 30 were baptized in Jacksonville.

We are of good courage and request your prayers in our behalf.
J. H. WAGNER, *President*

New Company Organized in Carver's Ranch, Florida

Just recently we received a splendid report from Brother F. Parker, who conducted a lay effort in the Fort Lauderdale area. Brother Parker began his self-supporting meeting in a small town—Carver's Ranch, Florida. These meetings

were conducted every night for eight weeks.

Brother Parker reports: "We had to travel twenty-four miles nightly for the entire time. God blessed our efforts, and on December 31, the last Sabbath of 1955, we baptized six new believers. There were other Adventist believers who lived twelve and fifteen miles from the nearest church so they decided to join with the new believers, and as a result a new group was formed after the baptism to let God's light shine.

"On January 14, 1956, Elder C. S. Myles, district pastor, officially organized a company of twenty-one members. We have a Sabbath school membership of thirty-four. On March 4, ground-breaking ceremonies were held for the erection of a new church building. This building will be built by free labor. We hope to be out of our rented quarters and into the church by the month of May. Pray that God will bless our feeble efforts, and that this new jet of light will help to hasten the coming of Christ.

"Those who assisted in the effort were: F. W. Parker, Mrs. M. Parker, L. Farrington, Brethren R. Butler and Wright."

Let us continue to pray for Brother Parker and other faithful laymen, who are letting their lights shine to proclaim the gospel in their respective neighborhoods.

M. T. BATTLE

SOUTH CENTRAL

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District Changes

At a recent meeting of our conference committee the following changes in our district leadership were voted, and at this writing the men involved are in the midst of moving to their respective fields:

Pastor E. L. Howard, formerly of the Belzoni district, is being transferred to the Meridian district. Elder B. W. Abney, Sr., our veteran sustentation worker, formerly

of the Meridian district, is moving back to his home in Jackson, Mississippi. He will continue in pastoral work and will conduct a number of church revivals. Pastor J. P. Willis, who has been serving temporarily in Jackson, Tennessee, is moving to the Belzoni district.

Other changes have been voted, but will not take effect until early in the summer. We are asking for these men your prayers and your loyal support as they endeavor to carry out the program of God in their new areas of labor.

Pastor Charles Woods, our assistant Book and Bible House manager, has once again assumed the pastorate of the Jackson, Tennessee, church.

★ On February 7 the workers of South Central met at Oakwood College for a special workers' meeting, at which time plans were formulated to raise \$20,000 for the camp meeting pavilion. Plans were also presented for an accelerated program for evangelism, consisting of fifty church revivals that will run two weeks. These meetings will begin the first Sunday night in March. Every minister, pastor, teacher, and office worker will participate in these meetings.

We are asking the support and prayers of all our believers for the success of this gigantic evangelistic program.

High Lights of Elder F. L. Peterson's Recent Visit

F. L. Peterson, associate secretary of the General Conference, recently made a tour of the South Central Conference, contacting at least one church in every district. Without an exception the meetings were well attended. In smaller churches there was standing room only.

Elder Peterson related several thrilling experiences relative to his recent visit into the Inter-American Division. He also gave a strong appeal in behalf of the *Message Magazine* subscription campaign. His visit to our field brought a great blessing to our believers. It was my privilege to accompany Elder Peter-

son on his visit to most of the churches.

Before leaving our territory he conducted a revival in Montgomery, Alabama, and also in Birmingham. The Montgomery revival began March 3 and ended March 10, at which time there was a large gathering of youth in a federation meeting. The Birmingham revival began Sunday night, March 11, and ended March 18.

Seventh-day Adventists Win Great Victory in Compensation Case

We are happy to announce to the readers of the INFORMANT that for the first time in the State of Alabama the courts have upheld our position relative to the right to receive workers' compensation as the result of an employer's firing a Seventh-day Adventist owing to his refusal to work on Sabbath.

Benjamin W. Scott and James Burton, members of the Montgomery Seventh-day Adventist church, were fired because of their refusal to work on the Sabbath. These men recently accepted the truth as the result of a series of meetings conducted by Evangelist E. E. Cleveland.

An outstanding law firm—Cappell, Howard, and Cobbs—represented our brethren in the case. The General Conference Religious Liberty Department, the Southern Union, and the South Central Conference joined in giving financial support.

The case was first presented to the Compensation Board of Appeals of the Department of Industrial Relations, at which time the decision handed down was against us. We then appealed to Circuit Court of Montgomery County with Circuit Judge Eugene W. Carter presiding. We received the good news that Judge Carter has reversed the decision of the Board of Appeals in favor of our brethren. The following is a direct quotation from the judge's statement:

"IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, AND

ADJUDGED by the Court that the decision of the Board of Appeals of the Department of Industrial Relations be and the same is hereby, reversed, and Plaintiff's claim for unemployment compensation benefits is hereby allowed."

We feel that this news was too good and valuable not to share it with all the believers, and the readers of the INFORMANT.

W. W. FORDHAM
President

South Central Joins Oakwood College in the Erection of a Physical Education and Camp Meeting Pavilion

Construction has already begun, and if things move according to schedule, the pavilion will be ready for occupancy at camp meeting time, August 9-18.

A conference-wide offering was lifted in all of our churches, Sabbath, March 3. If every believer will donate at least \$5.00, the \$20,000, which is the portion which South Central is to raise, will be realized.

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Bay Area Evangelistic Meetings

R. W. Nelson, chairman of the Bay Area evangelistic committee, states that over a thousand people have been in attendance every Sunday evening.

B. R. Spears is presenting a most interesting series of lectures. More than twenty-five persons had taken their stand for Christ after only two weeks, the majority of these taking their stand to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

These meetings have featured outstanding music, thanks to Major C. White, chairman of the music committee. Featured Sunday night, March 4, was Georgia Laster. Elder

White has also obtained the San Francisco Philadelphian Choir, under the direction of Elder J. E. Cox; Geraldine Farmer; the Keton Chorus; and the Northern California ministerial quartet.

Kindly remember these meetings in your prayers and by your presence. If you have names of interested persons, kindly send them to the Bible instructors, Mrs. J. N. Porter, Mrs. W. J. Gully, or Veva Knox, 900-34th Street, Oakland, California.

With the Pima Indians

A visit to the Pima Indian reservation at Sacaton, Arizona, was most stimulating. The occasion for this visit was an appointment to present the travelogue with color slides on East Africa, in which the work of Seventh-day Adventist missionaries was brought before the teachers and the hundreds of Pima Indian students at the school.

The students gave good attention to the pictures and lecture, and both teachers and students expressed appreciation for what some called one of the most informative and clarifying presentations ever witnessed at the reservation, on African life and culture. Unstinting praises were expressed for the work of the Adventist missionaries.

Miss Jimmie L. Arrington, teacher at the reservation school, and member of the Beacon Light church at Phoenix, Arizona, arranged for the presentation. Miss Arrington, who is the only Regional representative, if not the only Seventh-day Adventist on the reservation, is held in high esteem by her pupils and fellow teachers, and bears magnificent witness to her faith in more ways than one. Aside from taking teachers and students to church services in Phoenix, she seeks actively to inform all inquirers on the blessings of the Christian way of life.

Elder Clarence Howell, pastor of Beacon Light at Phoenix, and Pastor James Middleton and family of Tucson, accompanied your Regional associate on the unforgettable visit to the Pimas.

C. E. MOSELEY, JR.



Mortgage-burning ceremony of Berea Temple church, Baltimore, Maryland, January 28, 1956.

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Baltimore Berea

Berea Temple, the largest church in the Allegheny Conference, recently paid off the mortgage on its Baltimore, Maryland, church building.

Title was taken on the property on November 9, 1951, at a cost of \$79,500. Elder W. L. Cheatham, now president of the Allegheny Conference, was the pastor. At that time he took the congregation to the present site, one of Baltimore's most beautiful Jewish synagogues, and said, "If we are faithful, God will help us buy this building." Now, four years later, his objective has been accomplished through the methodical, aggressive, and dynamic efforts of the pastor, Elder W. R. Robinson.

This singular accomplishment is five years ahead of the maturity of the mortgage, establishing the pastor not only as an outstanding evangelist but as an equally proficient financier. Elder Robinson

and his good wife give God the praise for what has been done in Baltimore during their twenty-one months of service there. Two In-gathering drives were conducted, during which \$26,000 was raised for missions, setting a record during one month, in which \$7,600 in nickels, dimes, and pennies was turned over to the church treasurer.

The Sabbath school has grown to such an extent that it now meets in the main auditorium, and the youth division occupies the room in the basement.

A Vacation Bible School was conducted by the Sabbath school superintendent, Mrs. Clara Thomas, and her associates, drawing 110 boys and girls, 90 per cent of whom came from non-Adventist families. During the graduation exercises of this school, many parents expressed their appreciation for the type of work done to mold Christian character.

Berea is a working church. The laymen's soul-winning program has been pushing continually forward. The missionary leader, Hassie Harris, the Bible instructor, Julia Z. Cooper, and the pastor served as instructors for the Light Bearers Training Course. Theory and practice were coupled in the classes. At

one period we were conducting seventy-eight studies weekly. The results have been a real source of encouragement. One hundred and fifty new members have been added to the church in less than two years without a public evangelistic effort by the pastor.

A mission has been opened in East Baltimore. Mrs. Leona Best, George Hall, and LeRoy Williams have taken the lead in this project. A branch Sabbath school has been put into operation there which gives much promise.

The young people have also been organized for service. A complete church organization among the youth has been established. Periodically the youth take complete charge of the Sabbath services. The pastor of the youth church is Oliver Cheatham. He conducted a successful program of evangelism for eight weeks in an outdoor effort in the churchyard last summer. These trail blazers for Christ have strengthened the spirituality of the entire church, noticeably among the youth.

The Dorcas Welfare service has been a blessing to many hundreds of needy families who have been given assistance. A three-story building was purchased recently, and the ground floor was completely renovated for Dorcas use. This gives the Dorcas workers a permanent site near the church. The plan is to house the aged believers near the church as soon as vacancies in the apartments occur.

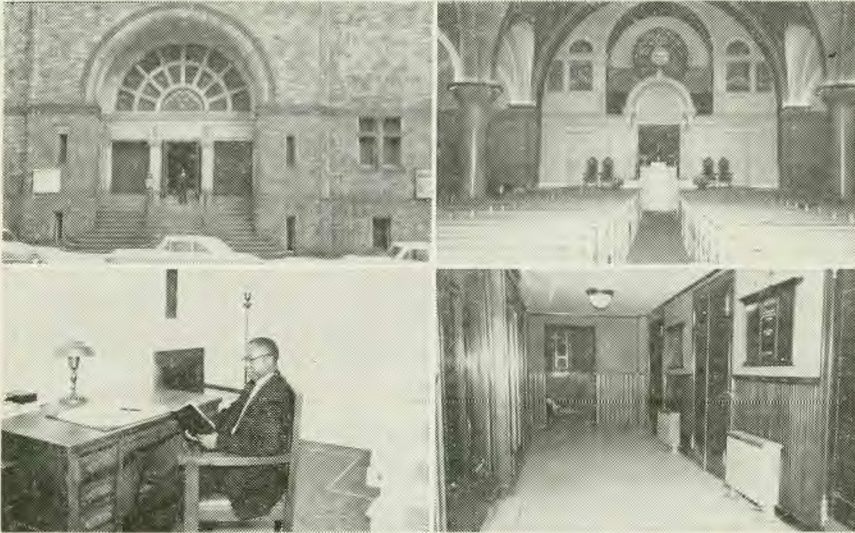
The financial picture has been most heartening. Two outstanding financial drives were conducted.

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Baltimore Berea Temple church scenes. Upper left: front steps of the church. Upper right: the main sanctuary, which seats 1,250 persons. Lower left: Elder Robinson in his study. Lower right: the main hallway of the church.

The women, under the leadership of Mrs. Hortense Robinson, Julia Cooper, and Mrs. Anna Nash, broke all former records in fund raising. James Scribner led the men to a successful finale. Because of the glowing success of these two financial projects, the entire indebtedness of the church has been wiped out. A total of \$32,500 has been liquidated within this biennium. The last payment was made November 28, 1955, a full five years and one month ahead of schedule. The final payment did not fall due until December 31, 1960.

The entire interior of the church is being repainted and redecorated. A beautiful carpet has been laid.

Efforts are being made to make Berea Temple one of the most beautiful edifices in the city of Baltimore. The membership, which has grown to more than eight hundred, is to be commended for devotion to the cause of God.

A. V. PINKNEY

Cincinnati Shiloh Church Dedicated

The newly decorated Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist church recently was the scene of a three-day dedicatory service. It was a time of great rejoicing, and included the burning of the mortgage and an inspiring evangelistic sermon,



Dedication of Cincinnati Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist church.

bert Lievers, gospel singer; Charles Jenkins, Jr., tenor, and choral music by the Shiloh Chorales. The church history was written and read by Mrs. Jeanette Wilson.

The Sabbath-afternoon speaker was Elder Milton Thomas of Columbus, Ohio. The program included testimonials from the various church departments, a solo by Mrs. Juanita Jenkins, and a congratulatory and thanks speech to Elder and Mrs. Cantrell by Mrs. Ethel M. Phipps, a song from a group of junior girls, and choral music from the Shiloh Chorales.

Sunday night, February 5, closed the wonderful three days of rejoicing with a stirring sermon from Evangelist J. G. Thomas of Atlanta, Georgia. One could easily fill a book on the vastness of the topic discussed. One outstanding statement was, "You've got to give an answer to the Lord for your department down here (on earth)." The windows of heaven opened, and for three days there were showers of the richest possible blessings.

MRS. ROBY K. HOPSON
Church Press Secretary

New Churches

Toledo, Ohio.—A new church edifice, erected at a cost of about \$60,000, in Toledo, Ohio, was formally opened for services of worship on January 7. The ribbon was cut by one of the oldest members of the Toledo church, Mrs. C. A.

Wilson, who led the believers into the building for its service of worship.

Work on the new structure was brought to completion by Pastor James W. Thomas. Pastors who contributed to the fund raising included M. S. Banfield and Paul Cantrell, each of whom preceded Pastor Thomas.

President W. L. Cheatham, of the Allegheny Conference, presented the message and, assisted by Elder Cantrell and Pastor Thomas, led the believers in a service of praise, adoration, and thanksgiving for the nicely appointed, new edifice.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.—The North Philadelphia church has been added to the Allegheny Conference and to the great body of Regional churches in North America. It begins its career with more than one hundred members. This new church, which presently is housed in the Emmanuel Institute Baptist church building, grew out of the very successful campaign of evangelism that Elder W. Albert Thompson waged last summer. Members of the Ebenezer church living on the North Side of the city of "Brotherly Love" were united with the sixty-odd new believers to form the new body.

Officiating in the organizational procedures were W. L. Cheatham, president; M. S. Banfield, secretary-treasurer; Elder G. E. Peters, General Conference committeeman, and C. H. Kelly, secretary-treasurer from the union.

The INFORMANT welcomes this new church into the sisterhood of Regional churches, and salutes the Allegheny Conference for this farsighted move. The greater the number of lighthouses for God in our major cities, the more nearly we conform to the pattern offered in the divine blueprint. Watch Allegheny add a church per year!

Transfer of Workers

Elder W. R. Robinson, Mrs. Robinson, and their four children have moved from Baltimore and are

comfortably located, having begun their work in Cleveland, Ohio.

Elder and Mrs. W. A. Thompson and their two children have left Philadelphia to begin laboring at Berea Temple in Baltimore, Maryland.

On Sabbath, March 3, Elder W. M. Fordham of the First church, Washington, D.C., was introduced in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as pastor of the Ebenezer and North Philadelphia churches. Mrs. Fordham and their daughter were also present.

Elder Paul Cantrell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is being transferred to the First church of Washington, D.C. Elder and Mrs. Cantrell and their sons will be relocated soon.

From Youngstown, Ohio, Elder and Mrs. Newman and their son will move to Cincinnati. Pastor and Mrs. Aaron Brogden will extend their labors to include Youngstown with Akron and Canton, Ohio.

The full cooperation of our church memberships with the above changes is sincerely appreciated. May God bless them all with increasing success.

WILLIAM L. CHEATHAM
President

Spot News

★ Elder Leon Cox, pastor of Ethan Temple in Pittsburgh, conducted the special Week of Prayer at the Pine Forge Institute. The students and faculty were drawn close to the Saviour. The message, spiritual appeals, and heart-to-heart counseling have lifted the student body to a new plateau of Christian living. Pittsburgh has reason to be proud of its pastor.

★ The Washington area held an impressive Investiture at First church, during which time twenty-five Friends, two Guides, and one Master Guide were brought into the ever-increasing ranks of youth training for God. Brother Laretos Gillis is the acting director of the Triad Pathfinder Club. The Investiture was performed by Elder A. V. Pinkney, conference young people's secretary.

★ The Eastern States Federation met in Wilmington, Delaware, on Sabbath, March 17, 1956, at the Bethel A.M.E. church. Pastor Nelson Bliss was the speaker.

★ The schools of the Allegheny Conference were determined to make the spring Week of Prayer their best spiritual experience.

★ Pine Forge Institute will celebrate academy weekend May 4-6, 1956.

★ The following persons appreciated prayers for their recovery: Helen George, surgery, Riverside Hospital; Jeffie Suttles, surgery, Newark Hospital; Mrs. Helen Jackson, conference office secretary, surgery, Pottstown Memorial Hospital.

★ Elder C. M. Willis, publishing department secretary, is lining the juniors up to sell *Message and Life and Health* magazines to earn their summer camp fees.

★ Six schools in the conference now offer hot lunches. They are Baltimore, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Millsboro, and Newark.

★ Ingathering and the part our schools will play in it is being discussed by our conference-wide Home and School associations. Every year our church schools take an important part in this activity. Ingathering is already taking shape for 1956 in the churches of the conference. The Lord is getting His people ready.

★ Summer training camp this year offers ponies, riding horses, pony carts, and a new swimming pool, in addition to the usual good things. Yes, you must be there. Total expense for two weeks is \$21.25. Sell magazines and earn your own way.

★ Elder C. M. Willis, publishing department secretary, has launched into the work in a strong way. Declared one of his associates, "The workers like him and we will keep Allegheny in the forefront."

★ Walter W. Fordham, Jr., has done it again! The youthful orator from the Pine Forge Institute at

Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, took first place in the National Oratorical Contest held in Kansas City, Missouri, March 21 and 22.

Young Fordham won first honors in the union-wide contest of academy students at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on December 9, and in the Kansas City fete before the assembly of the National Temperance delegates he went on to top all the North American academy contestants.

The Regional Department and the INFORMANT salute the contestant on this splendid achievement, and wish for him and Onnie Jackson of Oakwood Academy, who placed third in the national contest, rich futures as leaders in the cause of temperance.

★ All schools in the Allegheny Conference are participating in In-gathering. Shiloh's record last year stands as a challenge. Alfred Forney led the conference school pupils with \$150. Watch the Shiloh school.

★ Elder G. E. Peters, evangelist, former secretary to the Regional Department, pastor, and current member of the General Conference Committee keeps a strong program going at Elmwood in Philadelphia. A concert recently conducted for the benefit of the church school at Ebenezer, in which Elmwood has a part, was a grand success.

★ Pine Forge Institute has acquired a new thirty-passenger, reclining-seat bus with motor in the rear. It will be formally christened on the trip to Oakwood on college weekend.

★ The Christian Benefit Association, with offices at 1432 Hildreth Avenue, Columbus 3, Ohio, announces through its president, Mrs. Estelle Barnett, a special membership drive.

Applicants

Age 16-45—\$ 9.00 a year.

Age 45-55—\$12.00 a year.

Persons over fifty-five years of age must join with a younger applicant. Act now and become a member of

the CBA, which now offers hospitalization.

A. V. PINKNEY

Public Relations Secretary

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Northeastern's Baptisms for 1955, Largest in History

We are happy to report that the Lord remarkably blessed us during 1955 with 337 persons baptized, making this by far the largest total in the history of Northeastern Conference.

Further, 1955 marked the year when the membership of this conference doubled—from a little more than 2,000 to 4,000. We rejoice in the fact that every church shared in making this increase possible. Below are the churches and the number baptized.

Boston	3
Bridgeport	6
Bronx	9
Brooklyn	
Bethel	33
Christian Fellowship	7
Mount of Olives	28
Brownsville	7
Buffalo	17
Ellenville	3
Gordon Heights	18
Hartford	13
Mount Vernon	6
New Haven	4
New Rochelle	6
New York	
City Tabernacle	24
Ephesus	111
Nyack	7
Rochester	11
St. Albans	6
Syracuse	10
Springfield	1
White Plains	7
TOTAL	337

We are trusting that the aim of every church is to increase the membership by 25 per cent during 1956 as the all-out program for evangelism is launched. Let us pray earnestly and work hard.

H. D. SINGLETON

Missionary Volunteer Conference-Wide Convention

The Missionary Volunteer Society of Northeastern Conference conducted its first conference-wide MV convention, February 17 and 18, at the City Tabernacle church. A consecration service was conducted Friday evening at eight o'clock.

At the Sabbath morning meeting Elder Vernon W. Becker, Atlantic Union MV secretary, spoke. He also spoke in the afternoon. Special music and stage displays of missionary endeavors were presented to inspire not only the officers but also the members and visitors.

L. H. DAVIS

News Notes

★ The theme for the services at New Rochelle on Sabbath, February 4, was "A Place and a Purpose." This day was designated as Youth Day, and Harry Blackman of the Ephesus Youth church, was guest speaker. Ephesus Youth church is a model church in this area. It has a membership of four hundred young people.

★ Elder and Mrs. E. E. Cleveland conducted a weekend evangelistic meeting January 13 through 15. At the Friday evening meeting Elder Cleveland gave a lecture and showed slides of his trip to England, Italy, Egypt, and Uganda, Africa. At each session the church was filled to capacity, and a true and determined spirit was aroused to do more work for God. The New Rochelle choir furnished the music.

★ On Thursday night, February 2, 13 persons completed the first-aid course under the instruction of Mitchell Brunson, member of the New Rochelle church. There were eight adults and five juniors who completed the standard course. This is the first class of the year that has completed this important course. The class began with 20 persons in attendance.

★ Elder N. E. Ashby, former pastor of the Bronx church and in-

structor of the Training Light Bearers Course, had charge of this course on January 28. There were many persons who completed the course, and plans are being made whereby systematic Bible studies will be conducted.

★ The executive committee of the MV Society, under the leadership of Mrs. Anna Brooks, met Sabbath afternoon, January 28, to formulate plans whereby a teen-age club will be organized. This club will consist of those persons who have completed the Master Guide and first-aid classes.

★ Brother Harold Williams, Sabbath school superintendent, has appointed the first Sabbath of each month as Visitors' Day. The church has been quite enthusiastic over the various programs and projects. On Sabbath, February 4, a social gathering was held. At the afternoon MV meetings, 75 per cent of the members support this important phase of church activity. Not only is the *MV Program Kit* featured weekly, but the Junior Standard of Attainment and Bible doctrinal subjects are also emphasized. The members have been divided into various bands, and as a result, the MV offering and missionary activities have taken an upward trend.

★ On January 21 a joint musical program was presented by the Ellenville and Bronx churches under the direction of Mrs. Clifford Hazell. The purpose of this program was to raise funds for a church. The presentations from both of these churches were good.

★ On Sabbath, January 21, an inspiring home missionary convention was held at the New Rochelle, New York, church for the churches in the Westchester area.

During the afternoon representatives from Mount Vernon and White Plains were present. Elders H. D. Singleton and F. E. R. Jeffries, assisted by the local pastors, led out. Everyone was enthusiastic about the challenge to "Arise and Evangelize in 1956" and rejoiced over the report of 337 souls bap-

tized during 1955. A similar home missionary convention was held February 4 at Ellenville; Elder Jeffries also led out during this meeting.

★ The Bethel Home and School Association sponsored its annual banquet Tuesday, February 21, at the First A.M.E. church, 480 Tompkins, Brooklyn. The proceeds of this affair were used for educational facilities at the school.

★ We are happy to announce the birth of a son to Pastor and Mrs. Alvin Goulbourne. Alvin Goulbourne, Jr., arrived Monday night, January 9.

L. H. DAVIS

Public Relations Secretary

Oakwood College will celebrate its 60th anniversary, May 16-20. The celebration will feature the annual College Day, a national alumni "600—\$60" drive, the 60th anniversary convocation, and a good-fellowship get-together of students, graduates, and friends of the institution from across the nation, in the greatest meeting ever held on Oakwood College campus in the history of the college.

Plan now—to be there and to share—

MAYNOR: William Henry Maynor was born March 1, 1875, in Cairo, Georgia. More than 56 years ago he embraced the hope of a soon-coming Saviour and became affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He entered Oakwood College at Huntsville, Alabama, in 1905. At Oakwood he became acquainted with Helen Washington, whom he married on July 28, 1908. That same year they left Oakwood to begin their life of service in the cause of God. To this union was born a daughter, Louise.

Elder Maynor faithfully attended services at the church until he became ill on February 11, at which time he was admitted to Orange Memorial Hospital. He passed to his rest at 10:00 a.m. on March 6. Elder F. H. Stevens delivered the eulogy. Surviving Elder Maynor are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Louise Walker, of California; a foster daughter, Mrs. E. Martin, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and other relatives and a host of friends.

STEVENS: Elder F. H. Stevens, another of our veteran ministers, has passed to his rest. He was loving, lovable, and faithful to his God.

F. L. P.

News Notes

Evangelistic Center.—An evangelistic center, the first in the great Southwest Region Conference, is in the making, owing to the acquisition of a large church at Dallas, Texas, in February. The new building, which is air-conditioned throughout, seats seven hundred in the main auditorium and four hundred in each of its two smaller rooms. Space for almost every need is provided in the twenty classrooms of the structure, which was purchased at a cost of \$130,000.

New Church Organized.—A branch Sabbath school begun by laymen has evolved into an organized church at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Elders H. W. Kibble and F. N. Crowe, president and secretary-treasurer of the Lake Region Conference, effected the new church organization in December. Laymen responsible for creating and developing the interest in Grand Rapids were Brother and Sister C. J. Caine. The Regional office welcomes this new church into the body of churches, and wishes for the Lake Region Conference one or more new churches per season at least.

Tornado at Marion, Indiana

During the time of the recent tornado at Marion, Indiana, our little Ephesus church at 12th and Nebraska streets opened its doors as an emergency Welfare Center. Blankets and clothing were distributed to the homes destroyed by the tornado. This group of Dorcas women worked in close collaboration with the American Red Cross of Marion. The Red Cross has paid high tribute to our Dorcas workers for the much-needed help given during this disaster. Mrs. Violet Rhinehardt is the leader of this Dorcas Society.

By this incident we can see that every Dorcas Society in every church should be prepared to help out in a definite way when emergencies arise in their city.