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The Church

By F. L. PETERSON

AND Jesus said, “. . . thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

The word *church* comes from the Greek *ekklesia* meaning “the called

ones” or a “calling out.” These called out ones constitute the church. They belong to Jesus. They are founded upon Himself, and for them His life has been given.

The church is a commissioned institution, and His people are a committed people. They are committed to follow Jesus humbly and in obedi-

ence to all His commands, and they are commissioned to make His faith known to all mankind.

“The church is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God’s plan that through His



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City Temple in Dallas, Texas.

church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to 'the principalities and powers in heavenly places,' the final and full display of the love of God."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 9.

God has always been interested in meeting with His people. He met face to face with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Under the direction of God, Moses led the children of Israel out from under the bondage of Egypt, that they might be privileged to serve Him. It was to Moses that God said: "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them" (Ex. 25:8).

God desires not only the presence of His people but a temple in which to meet with them. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). God has greatly blessed us, and many of our believers, like David, have said: "I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob" (Ps. 132:4, 5).

We are pleased to present in this issue of the INFORMANT photographs of a few of the houses of worship in the Regional Department.

SOUTHWEST REGION

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New Church Buildings

A very aggressive building program is being conducted throughout the Southwest Region Conference, and as a result, we have recently completed several very commodious buildings, with others in the construction stage at the present time.

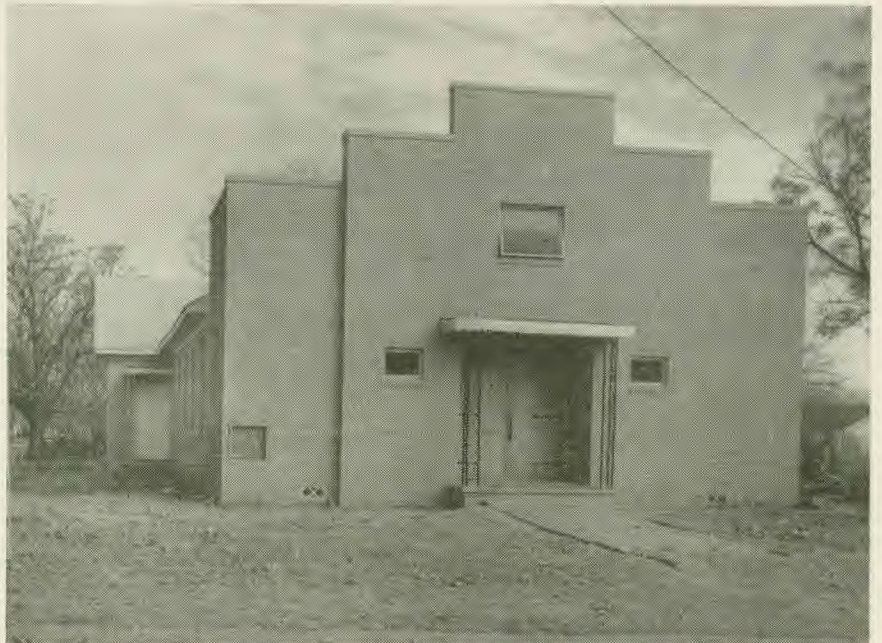
Since Elder J. C. Smith has been in the Shreveport, Louisiana, district,



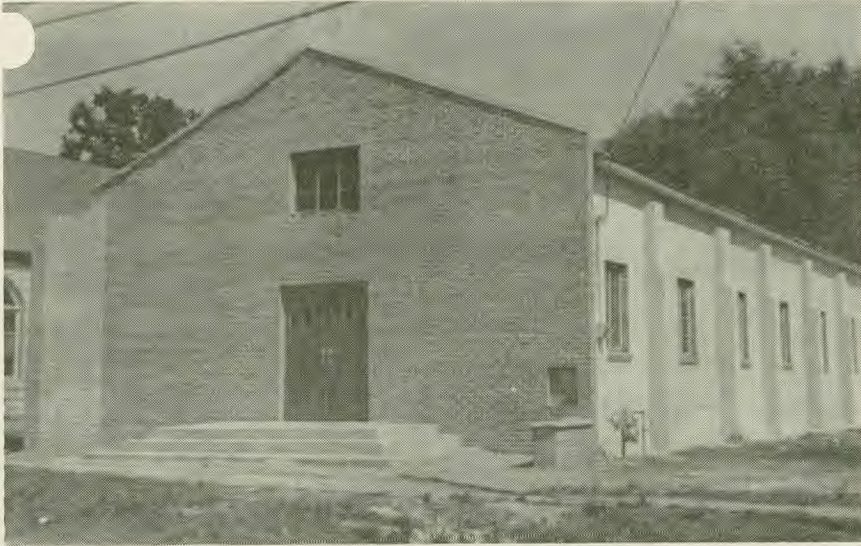
Philadelphia church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

we have seen a complete renovation of the Shreveport church. This is a very unique, well-planned church with indirect lighting in the main auditorium. An educational building has been constructed, which will care for a two-teacher school, dining room, kitchen, and rooms for the various auxiliaries of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Tate are caring for the educational phase of our work in Shreveport.

Our church building in Little Rock, Arkansas, has been brought within sight of completion, under the able leadership of Elder M. M. Young. This church will mean much to the community in which it is located, and those who attend the weekly services will be greatly inspired as they worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Provisions have been made for operating a church school with dining room



Sharon church, Tyler, Texas.



Emmanuel church, Hammond, Louisiana.

and up-to-date kitchen facilities.

Our church at Tyler, Texas, is our most recent church to be completed. Elder V. Runnels has done a magnificent job in carrying on this building program along with his outstanding evangelistic endeavors. This church is ideally situated on a corner lot and is one of which the members and the neighborhood can be justly proud.

Sabbath, November 9, is a day long to be remembered by the pastor and members of the Tyler church. This was a day of thanksgiving and celebration in seeing the results of their prayers and hard work. With a membership of less than thirty, including only one man besides the pastor, the Lord has blessed this congregation by enabling their new church building to reach a successful completion.

The estimated value of this building is between \$30,000 and \$35,000, but because of careful planning and concerted efforts, the building and the furnishings cost less than \$17,000. The building is of pink brick, with an open ceiling and prefabricated arc trusses. The church is complete in that provisions were made to accommodate all departments of the church, including classrooms, kitchen, nursery, four rest rooms, Dorcas Welfare room, choir assembly room, two utility closets, and the pastor's study.

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LAKE REGION

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Jeffersonville Church Dedication

DEDICATION services for the Jeffersonville 14th Street church were held October 19, 1957. When the hour arrived for Sabbath school there were visitors in the audience from places as far away as Milwaukee, Chicago, Indianapolis, Marion, and Tennessee. Our hearts were touched as Elder E. T. Mimms, pas-

tor of the Louisville, Kentucky, church, made practical applications in the teaching of the Sabbath school lesson.

Elder H. W. Kibble, president of the Lake Region Conference, preached the dedication sermon during the morning worship hour. In his message he emphasized the important place the church occupies in the world, and the believer's relationship to God's church.

Brother Herbert Mays, local elder of the church, related many of the experiences and sacrifices that the members made during the erecting of the building.

The Act of Dedication was read by Elder Samuel Flagg, the district pastor, after which Elder F. N. Crowe offered the dedicatory prayer. We all sang heartily "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath done."

At the afternoon service at 3:30 o'clock, the guest speaker was Elder F. N. Crowe, secretary-treasurer of the Lake Region Conference. In his message he stressed the finishing of the work in all the world in this generation, and he called upon everyone to awake, arise, and finish the work.

This church was organized a little more than two years ago, and is debt free.

SAMUEL FLAGG, Pastor

"Spin carefully, spin prayerfully, but leave the thread with God."



Jeffersonville, Indiana, church.

A New Church for Milwaukee

IN JUNE of 1955 we arrived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and officially assumed the responsibility of the leadership of the church here.

I immediately became burdened for the progress of the work here and discovered right away the immediate needs of the church. The first step was to paint the church building, but this step only made it more urgent that a new church building in a different location be acquired.

The plans for purchasing a new church home were put before the church members, and they rallied in a very strong way toward raising the much-needed funds. The Lake Region Conference officials were standing by, ready and waiting to help us in every way possible. Their financial aid, good counsel, and help with the sale of the old church building were of great inspiration to us.

The Lord enabled us to find a beautiful church building situated in a fine residential area and with a seating capacity of more than three hundred. This church, with all of the space and equipment to meet our needs, was purchased for the sum of \$30,000. We expect to dedi-



Mizpah church and school building under construction in Gary, Indiana.

cate our church free of debt this spring.

An evangelistic effort was held in Milwaukee this past summer. With the baptism conducted on Sabbath, December 14, 1957, the number of souls baptized for the year is 31.

The Lord has richly blessed our work here, and we are very thankful for a new church home and also for the success of our evangelistic effort.

W. G. MILLS
Pastor

Change of Workers

At a recent meeting of the Lake Region Conference Committee the following changes of district pastors were voted:

In harmony with Elder T. M. Rowe's request for lighter responsibilities, he was asked to take over the South Bend-Calvin Center district. Elder J. P. Winston was asked to take over City Temple church, Detroit, Michigan.

Soon Elder W. D. Forde will be retiring from the Burns Avenue church in Detroit, and consequently, Elder C. E. Warren was asked to take over the Burns Avenue church district.

Elder R. C. Smith has assumed leadership of the Inkster and Ypsilanti, Michigan, churches.

Elder M. C. Van Putten is now the pastor of the Capitol Avenue church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

H. W. KIBBLE, *President*
Lake Region Conference

Workers' Meeting at Oakwood

APPROXIMATELY 270 workers and their wives along with church school teachers, office personnel, and departmental staff leaders met in a joint Workers' Meeting and Teachers' Institute at Oakwood College, January 13-15.

This was the second annual meeting in which employees of South Central and South Atlantic conferences collaborated and reported on the year's achievements for the respective fields. South Atlantic was host for the groups, in Atlanta, last year, and South Central sponsored the meeting at Oakwood this January past.

High lights of this joint gathering of the conferences this year included the individual laborers' reports of



Sharon church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

baptisms and Ingathering, the Vicary Banquet on Tuesday evening, at which time Miss Anna Knight was honored in a testimonial, and the evening of games and skating in the college gym after the session closed on Wednesday evening, in which members of the college staff joined the visitors.

Baptisms for the two conferences totaled 1,287—South Atlantic led with 750 and South Central closed the year with 537. Highest soul-winning achievements occurred at Savannah, Georgia, in South Atlantic, where under the inspired ministry of the Harold Cleveland company 145 new accessions were reported; and at Birmingham, Alabama, in South Central, where through the labors of Southern Union Evangelist E. C. Ward and his assistants 127 were added to the church.

Ingathering receipts for South Atlantic showed \$85,257 raised in 1957, and for South Central, \$50,000, totaling \$135,257 for the Regional believers in the Southern Union.

Considering the tensions and stresses of this area of the North American field at this time, nothing but a miracle of divine grace produced the results here given, as many of the ministers testified.

Guest speakers at this historic session included Vice-President H. L. Rudy, F. L. Peterson, and C. E. Moseley of the General Conference, Editor L. B. Reynolds and I. H. Ihrig of *The Message Magazine*. Assisting Elders J. H. Wagner and W. W. Fordham, presidents of the South Atlantic and South Central conferences respectively, were Elder D. R. Rees, president of the Southern Union Conference, and other members of the Southern Union staff.

The session closed with a unanimous vote to continue the joint gatherings annually.

C. E. MOSELEY, JR.

ASSURANCE

"Even in earth's blackest hour
God sets His lamps
In heaven's window
To let men know
Someone is home."

—C. A. (BILL) OLIPHANT

NORTHEASTERN

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Soul-winning Goal Reached

SURELY God has worked mightily through His Holy Spirit to bring a new era of soul winning to Northeastern Conference.

January 1 was a day of quiet resolve by each worker that, God willing, a goal of 500 souls could be won for heaven in 1957. When the third quarter closed, only 264 of the goal had been reached. An alarm was sounded throughout the conference, and every worker and layman was asked to stretch every nerve, so that when December 31 came the goal would be reached.

On November 12 and 13 the workers of Northeastern met in the beautiful New York Center of Seventh-day Adventists, a few blocks from Times Square. What a season of blessedness and fellowship was experienced! When the report of baptisms for 1957 was given, approximately 402 baptisms were reported and 146 were still in baptismal classes. We sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Yes, God is at work in Northeastern, reclaiming lost men and women through His servants.

Sabbath, November 16, was a high day in City Tabernacle church, when Elder J. J. North, pastor of Brownsville church, baptized 11 candidates; and Elder C. E. Bradford baptized 5 from his Bible school, a follow-up of the summer's crusade in Manhattan. On the same date, Elder R. T. Hudson baptized 27 persons from the major effort he had been conducting nightly at Ephesus church.

These baptisms brought the total for 1957 to 445. At least six other baptisms were scheduled for November 30 and during the month of December. Under God we have gone over the top!

At the close of the third quarter our baptized membership was 4,918, but now we have passed the 5,000

mark and are already at work on the 6,000 goal. To God be the glory; great things He hath done.

F. L. JONES
Secretary-Treasurer

Baptisms at Ephesus

AN OVERFLOW crowd estimated at 2,000 persons, including scores of visitors, witnessed a special baptism at the Ephesus church in New York City on Sabbath morning, November 16, 1957. Twenty-seven converts were buried with their Lord as a climax to 42 consecutive nights of revival services at Ephesus. A total of 55 had been prepared for this rite, Elder R. T. Hudson announced.

The Ephesus "Bible and Health Crusade," which lasted from October 2 through November 17, featured the preaching of Elder Hudson and the singing of Misses Joyce Bryant and Shirley Carter, supported by a massed choir of 200 voices. A large staff of ushers and baby sitters also assisted. Motion pictures and lectures by outstanding physicians were added attractions.

Among those baptized on November 16 were a prominent Long Island attorney, Mr. Reginald Matthews; young Benson and Clanton Craig, sons of the well-known Manhattan dentist, Dr. Santon H. Craig; and Mrs. Minnie Ransom and Miss Nancy Curtis, daughters of the late Elder Charles Curtis. A number of the candidates, Elder Hudson said, had received their first introduction to the third angel's message through the Voice of Prophecy radio program.

The Ephesus crusade was the last in a record-setting series of evangelistic efforts sponsored by the Northeastern Conference in the New York area during the summer and fall of 1957.

WESLEY CURTWRIGHT
Ephesus Press Secretary

Emmanuel Temple

SABBATH, April 14, 1956, the members of the Buffalo Emmanuel Temple entered their newly purchased church building. Although the price was \$75,000, it is understood that the value is actually over



Emmanuel Temple, Buffalo, New York.

several hundred thousand dollars.

Emmanuel Temple originally began in 1925 with the help of Brethren John Maddox, Henry Harlem, Elliott Cox, Mason Jackson, and Sisters Ardell, Hickman, and Eddy—church officers. The membership in 1925 was 17. The first minister sent by the New York Conference was Elder Edgehill. He was succeeded by Elders G. H. Johnson and F. H. Jenkins who is now a departmental secretary of the South Central Conference.

In 1941 Brother Norman S. McLeod became the pastor and remained until 1943, when he exchanged pulpits with Elder T. D. Wilson who pastored the Buffalo church for eleven and one-half years. Under his leadership another church building was purchased in 1951. In 1955 he was succeeded by his son, Elder R. T. Wilson, who is the present pastor. The phenomenal growth in membership through the

years made necessary the purchase of the present building in 1956.

According to Elder R. T. Wilson, this church includes a ten-room parsonage, a joint school building containing an auditorium that seats 250, church offices, classrooms, a kitchen, and dining facilities.

"A review of these formative years of the church's history," states the pastor, "can but serve to deepen our appreciation for the love, devotion, and spirit of sacrifice this group of ministers and members exercised in endeavoring to advance the cause they believed in. It isn't very difficult to 'follow the crowd'; one has to have a vision to be a pioneer. We salute the early pioneers of Emmanuel Temple."

"Never let man imagine that he can pursue a good end by evil means, without sinning against his own soul! Any other issue is doubtful: the evil effect on himself is certain."—SOUTHEY.

ALLEGHENY

W. L. Cheatham, Pres.
M. S. Banfield, Sec.-Treas.

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911 Baptisms in Allegheny

THE Lord has blessed in a marvelous way with an intensive evangelistic campaign under the leadership of Elder W. L. Cheatham, president of the Allegheny Conference. The goal for souls in 1957 was 1,000, the highest in its history. The total number actually baptized during the year was 911—only 89 short of the goal.

Two workers in the conference are credited with 100 or more baptisms—Elder G. H. Rainey, conference evangelist, who baptized 120 in Richmond, Virginia, and Elder C. D. Brooks, 100 in Columbus, Ohio. Elder Rainey has baptized a total of 250 persons in the past sixteen months as a result of two consecutive efforts in Richmond.

Those with 50 or more baptisms are: Elders W. M. Fordham, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 91; W. M. Starks, Cleveland, Ohio, 80; J. Milton Thomas, Camden, New Jersey, 75; and L. G. Cox, Newark, New Jersey, 64.

Those with 25 or more are: Elders Jacob Justiss, Washington, D.C., 36; J. H. Wagner, Jr., Portsmouth, Virginia, 32; R. W. Newman, Cincinnati, Ohio, 31; W. A. Thompson, Baltimore, Maryland, 31; Pastor Nelson Bliss, Salisbury, Maryland, 30; Pastor C. L. Brooks, North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 27; and Elder J. H. Lester, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 26. Less than 25 were recorded by other ministers in the employ of the conference.

During the summer there were twelve efforts conducted and one open-air meeting. The efforts were in Richmond, Virginia; Columbus, Ohio; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Cleveland, Ohio; Camden and Newark, New Jersey; Portsmouth, Virginia; Salisbury, Maryland; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Youngstown, Ohio; Trenton and Jersey City, New



Part of the group of more than 250 persons who have been baptized in Richmond, Virginia.

Jersey. The open-air series was held in Annapolis, Maryland.

As the year 1957 came to a close, it found all the Regional conferences totaling their baptisms and thanking God for pouring out His blessings upon the efforts of each worker. We rejoice with each one of them.

F. L. PETERSON

Ephesus Church Nears Completion

ON JUNE 6, 1958, the tentative date when the Ephesus church opens its new evangelistic center in the beautiful Dupont Hills section of Washington overlooking the national Capitol, well might we say: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Space in a later edition of the INFORMANT will be required to name the loyal church members who have contributed more than \$100,000 in faith for the erection of this monument in which the General, union, and local conferences have so obligingly cooperated with the pastor, Elder Jacob Justiss; the Allegheny Conference builder, George MacKenzie; and conference-appointed comptroller, Joseph T. Dodson.

The one-half-million-dollar colonial brick and limestone structure will feature a 1300-seating-capacity sanctuary with balcony, downstairs ladies lounge and hat-check room, upstairs teen-age lounge, mothers' room with soundproof one-way plate glass and audio system, choir room, treasurer's room with walk-in safe, clerk's room, and pastor's study, all completely air conditioned.

The adjoining school provides eleven class rooms (with rooms for manual arts, cooking, and library), principal's office, first-aid room, kitchen and cafeteria, rest rooms, and gymnasium-auditorium that will seat 2500 persons.

The church asks the united prayers of all believers, not alone for the successful completion of this project, but for the success of the forthcoming evangelistic effort by Elder E. E. Cleveland in the spring of the year.

MRS. W. A. DODSON
Press Secretary

Tekoa Congregation Acquires New Church Home

ELDER F. L. PETERSON, associate secretary of the General Conference, held a series of evangelistic meetings in the South Fountain Avenue Temple, the edifice recently acquired by the Tekoa Temple congregation of Springfield, Ohio.

Elder C. B. Tivy, pastor of the church, announced that the building had been acquired for \$40,100, and their former church home had been sold to the Methodist Episcopal Zion congregation.

The new church home was formerly owned by a Jewish congregation, and the rabbi and his officers gave special consideration to the purchasing group because the worship services would still be held on the Sabbath, it was learned from Frank W. Hale, Sr., home missionary leader and business executive who conducts trade relations on down-

town Main Street in Springfield.

Situated in a very desirable neighborhood, the main auditorium seats 250, with a gallery that will accommodate 90. There is a beautiful full-manual pipe organ, and the stained-glass windows give a cathedral-like aspect to the building. The structure is fired by a gas furnace with special fan arrangements for cooling in summer.

There is a fully equipped kitchen and a number of rooms of various sizes in the basement, which, although called the basement, is actually on the ground level. It provides ample space for the children's division.

Conference president, Elder W. L. Cheatham, with Elder M. S. Banfield, secretary-treasurer, and the conference committee were thanked by the pastor and officials for their support.

Special mention was made of the splendid work done by the pastor, Elder Tivy, in negotiating the purchase and by local elder Guy Henry in handling many of the details. The members cannot be forgotten—their work has been untiring and sacrificial. For sixteen weeks their contributions to the building fund averaged \$142.00 per week—a record for Springfield.

Elder Peterson performed a dual role in that he was the guest speaker at the eleven o'clock service on the opening Sabbath, and on the following Sunday evening began the ten-day evangelistic series.

Given special honors on the open-

ing day was Mrs. Margaret Porties, the oldest church member with charter classification. She has been active in the church since 1898 and serves now as assistant church treasurer.

A. V. PINKNEY
Public Relations Secretary

New Church in Portsmouth

A NEW church opened in Portsmouth, Virginia, as the result of ten weeks of evangelistic meetings conducted by Elder J. H. Wagner, Jr. It is known as the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church.

With no place to meet, and aware of the fact that a new congregation generally begins in a home or store front, this company of new believers set themselves to fasting and praying that the Lord would open the way for them to have a church building of their own in which to worship. God answered their prayers of faith. What seemed like an impossibility for a congregation so small and only two months old, became a reality on November 9, 1957. On this date the Portsmouth believers celebrated their first Sabbath in their own church building, singing "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

The Norfolk and Newport News churches met with them on this high day. Sister Evelyn Outlaw, head deaconess of the Newport News church, presented to Sister Ella Mayfield, head deaconess of the new church, a communion set. Some Sabbath school songbooks were also given.

Elder J. H. Wagner, Jr. gave high praise for the outstanding work of his Bible worker, Sister Willie Wright, of Germantown, Ohio, whose untiring efforts never flagged during his entire series of meetings. Elder A. S. Wagner, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, also gave his able support in this effort.

On Sabbath, November 16, a family of six were baptized by Elder Wagner as a direct result of the work being done by Brother Clifton Powell in Bells Mill, Virginia. Brother Powell holds weekly Bible studies in his home and has created



South Fountain Temple, recently purchased by the congregation of Tekoa Temple, Springfield, Ohio.

a good interest in his community.

Another meeting is planned for Portsmouth to strengthen the infant church, and a running evangelistic campaign will be conducted in Norfolk, Virginia.

LUCILLE L. WAGNER
*Portsmouth Church
Press Secretary*

1958 Ingathering Campaign

HOME missionary secretary, Elder D. B. Simons, in an interview, revealed high hopes for the 1958 Ingathering goal for the Allegheny Conference. Indications to date, declared the secretary, point to the earliest and largest sum for Ingathering in the history of the conference.

The goal this year was pointed out to be \$105,000. Allegheny aims to make yearly increases in its attainment, always looking ahead to Minute Man accomplishment.

A fine spirit of teamwork is demonstrated in the Ingathering; even the children and young people play an important part. We have learned to depend upon the participation of the church schools and the academy young people. Each year the schools are assigned a special goal, and it is heartening in many instances to see the young people's early victory sparking the campaign in the local church. Teachers and students alike

have manifested most loyal support. A strong example of the loyalty of our youth was demonstrated in the fact that in our last campaign, Pine Forge Institute was a Minute Man church. In addition to the youth in our schools, I would like to pay tribute to another important segment of our work—our crusading literature evangelists are practically always found in the Minute Man classification.

When asked what reports had been received to the close of December, Elder Simons replied, "Official reports from the churches are still incomplete, but partial reports show that at least five churches have already realized their basic victory. They are: New Brunswick, Elder Davis, pastor; Germantown, with Elder Newman; Cleveland with Elder Starks, pastor; Harrisburg with Elder A. S. Wagner; and Chester with Elder U. S. Willis. Harrisburg is the first Minute Man church that has come to my attention."

May I take this opportunity to give high tribute to every church that has reached basic victory, and a respectful salute to Harrisburg on its outstanding Minute Man achievement. It seems clear that because of its size and early achievement the Cleveland church must be mentioned as the "most stirring" report so far.

Elder Cheatham returned from visit to Cleveland on December 26 with a glowing report: "I saw a

miracle in Cleveland," he declared. Then he went on to detail the Sabbath financial proceedings—

\$5,095.76 in cash, which included \$1800 for Ingathering, completing the church's 1958 goal of \$11,672.50. "And you know," Elder Cheatham added, "there was such a good spirit among the members of the church. No one seemed to begrudge what had been given. Everybody was happy." This represents a total of \$22,263.50 raised by this congregation for Ingathering during 1957, as \$10,591.00 was raised in March.

"Frankly and finally," said the home missionary leader, "we feel God has been very good to Allegheny in its Ingathering efforts. We have a loyal and efficient corps of workers, and we believe the Lord is with us for another great year."

A. V. PINKNEY
Public Relations Secretary



Group of Jasper Waynes in Glenville church. Left to right: Mrs. Georgia Harris, Mrs. Hattie Watson, and Mrs. Adelaide Stokes receiving congratulations from Elder Starks as Brother Scales looks on.

"Constant use will wear out anything—especially friends."—WARREN HULL, "Strike It Rich," CBS.



Group of Minute Men of the Glenville church fill the center aisle. Slogan at rear of church spurred group to unprecedented victory. At extreme left is W. C. Scales, church home missionary secretary, and on the far right is Elder W. M. Starks, pastor of the church.



Eleventh annual Allegheny Conference publishing convention. Left to right, seated: Oscar Dunn, Mrs. Margaret Dunn, Mrs. Hazel Horton, Mrs. Mabel Barber, T. S. Barber, Mrs. Luttrell Willis, C. M. Willis, J. F. Kent, D. A. Bailey, George Anderson, George Murphy, Mrs. Louise Washington, A. A. Arrington, Mrs. Dolly Morris, C. D. Morris, and Delmar Davis.

Publishing Convention in Cleveland

THE literature evangelists of the Allegheny Conference held their annual institute in Cleveland, Ohio, December 28, 1957 to January 2, 1958, with Elder J. F. Kent, Columbia Union publishing department secretary, in charge of instruction.

The institute drew 80 full and part-time evangelists to the seven-day session held in the Glenville SDA church.

Heard during the sessions were Elder Kent; R. J. Christian and D. A. Bailey from the Review and Herald Publishing Association; I. H. Ihrig, manager of the Southern Publishing Association; Elder W. L. Cheatham, president of the conference; and Elder W. M. Starks, pastor of the host church.

President Cheatham opened the convention with a challenging spiritual message, "Prepare to Meet Thy God, O Israel."

Technical instructions were handled by Elder Kent, who gave unstinted credit to the literature evangelists of the conference and their departmental secretary, Elder C. M.

Willis, and his corps of associates.

The literature evangelists reported a total of \$273,817.13 in deliveries, a gain of \$54,860.89 over the previous year, which was thought to have been an all-time high.

C. D. Morris led the field with deliveries totaling \$11,563. Mrs. Helen Handy was outstanding in soul winning; ten were baptized through her efforts. Mrs. Dolly Morris, magazine leader of district three, led the field in circulation of two fine journals, *Message* and *Life and Health*. Her team sold 149,931 magazines. Every district leader reached his respective goal.

Associates A. A. Arrington and T. S. Barber both lead their district over the \$90,000 mark, with Brother Barber getting a slight lead in a tight race.

Elder Willis and his good wife, who stands close by his side, drew high praise for the unprecedented achievement made by the Allegheny Conference in the sale of subscription books and magazines.

"Allegheny led North America in the sale of *Message* and *Life and Health*. The conference aims to lead the world field in the sale of all

truth-filled literature," declared Elder Willis.

A. V. PINKNEY
Public Relations Secretary

News From the Robinsons

C. E. MOSELEY, JR.

A heartening note from Elder William Robinson, president of the Uganda Mission in East Africa, included the following, which we are happy to share with readers of the INFORMANT:

"My program is packed so full of activity that I have no time for homesickness. I received many words of sympathy from friends who heard of the passing of my dad. I know that he preferred my being on the front lines for the Lord rather than at his bedside."

Among many other things the elder reported, "90,750 shillings in tithe for the year, 5,100 shillings in special offering for school equipment, more than 500 baptisms in Uganda in 1957, and 1,100 new members for the church. Building new dispensary at Ankole Hospital, to be supervised by an American Negro nurse, Miss Gretel Graham. Bugema Missionary College to be



Elder and Mrs. Robinson with their two youngest children.

come coeducational; first girls will enroll this year. Have Voice of Prophecy Bible School for Uganda. Built five new schools. Will have selections from *Testimonies* translated into Luganda for Uganda. And will send delegates to the General Conference session.

"We have been guests of His Highness, the Kabaka, king of Buganda, on many occasions. The queen had a special gathering a few days ago, and Hortense (Mrs. Robinson) had a special seat next to Her Highness. Then to our surprise Her Highness, the queen, visited us yesterday! We had a very pleasant visit together. She remained for vesper services and knelt with us in prayer."

Health Educator Serves Hospital

By JOYCE WILSON, M.P.H.
General Conference Medical
Department

"IN ALL our health institutions, it should be made a special feature of the work to give instruction in regard to the laws of health."—*Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 449. Porter Sanitarium and Hospital (Denver, Colorado), seeking to follow this divine counsel, employs a full-time health educator to direct a program of education in health principles. The young lady directing this important work at present is Miss Jeanne Goins, R.N. I wish it were possible for each of you to meet her in person, but since it is not, a word picture will have to suffice.

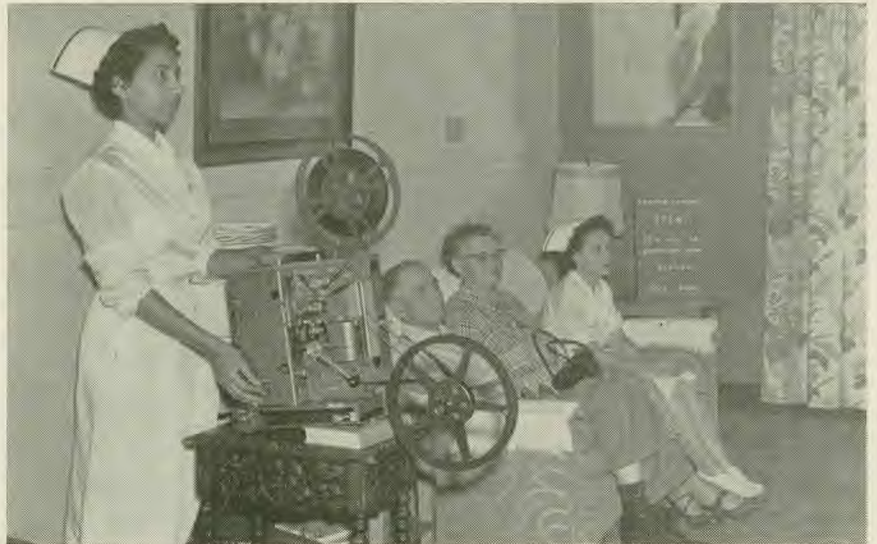
Jeanne is ambitious, alert, inter-

ested in trying new ideas. She is one busy person—directing volunteer workers, assisting nursing students, preparing bulletin boards, writing programs, showing films, conducting classes. Anywhere health education is carried on in Porter Hospital, there you will find Jeanne, or evidence that she has been there. Health-education programs in hospitals are just now beginning to take shape. Few employ full-time health educators. Therefore, there is no pattern to follow. It is "pioneering," and such a task is never easy.

A graduate of the Union College School of Nursing (1956), Jeanne uses her nursing background effectively in the profession of health education. Nor is she satisfied with

A lending library of health volumes, a series of pamphlets on various health subjects, several regular health bulletin boards, plus weekly film showings on health—these name but a few of the varied activities that are carried out by the health-education department under her direction.

It is a real pleasure to report this outstanding work by Miss Jeanne Goins at the Porter Hospital. We appreciate her fine work. We are sure that there are many who are proud of the work she is building, not the least of whom are her parents in Pocatello, Idaho. May the Lord continue to bless her efforts as she labors for Him in the field of health education.



Miss Jeanne Goins showing the color film "All in Knowing How," which discusses proper habits of eating, to ambulatory patients and a nurse.

this preparation, but is planning now to seek a master's degree in education at the College of Medical Evangelists under their newly developed graduate program in nursing. Specialized work is available there in health education, and Jeanne will be among the first students to enter such a course there.

Under her careful guidance, the health education program at the Porter Hospital, both for patients and for their families, has grown considerably. The first volunteer service inaugurated at the hospital was a direct result of the work of the health-education committee at the institution, chaired by Miss Goins.

Spot News

★ On December 20, 1957, Elder and Mrs. Herman L. Kibble became the proud parents of a son, Kevin Herman Kibble. Elder Kibble is pastor of the Philadelphia church in Long Beach, California.

★ Since the arrival of the new pastor of the St. Louis, Mo., church, C. Sampson Myles, an extensive financial program has been under way. Heating plant renovation, parish hall redecoration, and the completion of the payments on the school building have all been accomplished.

The St. Louis church was dedicated on Sabbath, February 8, 1958.



Sharon church, Omaha, Nebraska.

Southwest Region News

(Continued from page 3)

Elder F. L. Peterson, of the General Conference, was the guest speaker for this occasion with all of the officials from the local conference in attendance.

Elder Runnels and members of the Tyler church were commended for a job well done, but at the same time the congregation was made sad over the fact that Elder Runnels would be moving on to another district. He is now pastor of the Oklahoma City district, where we are planning to begin a gigantic church-building program in the very near future.

CENTRAL STATES

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Four Churches to Be Dedicated in 1958

Elder F. L. Bland, president of the Central States Conference, writes that four church buildings will be dedicated in his conference, having a combined value of \$250,000. They are situated in St. Louis and St. Joseph in Missouri, Omaha and Lincoln in Nebraska.

In the past nine years, ten new church buildings have been built without incurring any church debt.



Berean church, St. Louis, Missouri, purchased in 1954 and dedicated in January, 1958.



Emmanuel church, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Elder W. C. Jones is now pastor of the Tyler district, and Elder D. J. Dixon, formerly of the Oklahoma City district, is now manning our work in the Fort Worth district.

We feel confident that the Lord will richly bless the work of these men in their new fields, and we solicit your earnest prayers that the work in this area will continue to prosper and grow as we endeavor to finish the work in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Pastor L. D. Henderson is in the midst of a large building program in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and from all indications, this is going to be one of the most beautiful churches in the



Allon Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska.

conference. We look forward to the opening of this new building in the near future.

Certainly the Lord is blessing in this phase of His work in our field, and we can truly say "To God be the glory."

V. L. ROBERTS

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New Church Homes

By N. G. SIMONS

Secretary-Treasurer

South Atlantic Conference

IN THE wake of his initial visits to the field Elder Wagner, the president of the South Atlantic Conference, became imbued with a desire to transform the physical plants where change was needed in the conference.

The program of church extension, although demanding bold faith and movement forward when there seemed to be no way, has been a remarkable success. A new church was built in Wilmington, North Carolina, that is valued at \$100,000 and is among the nicest churches in the city.

The Winston-Salem, North Carolina, church has been completed. It occupies a prominent lot in the city and is a real source of pride to its members.

In Durham, North Carolina, where the believers worshiped for a number of years in a barnlike structure that was distressingly unrepresentative, a fine new house of worship has been constructed.

Elder C. B. Rock initiated the building program in Orlando, Florida, to house a congregation that had outgrown its old home. Today there is nearing completion a fine new

church building that will have the value of approximately \$60,000.

New church buildings are also nearing completion at Apopka and Winter Park, Florida.

A new building begun several years ago by Elder P. H. Morgan in Fayetteville, North Carolina, has been completed by Elder I. J. Johnson and will be dedicated sometime early this spring.

The construction of these new church homes has greatly bolstered the church morale, and it has been little short of amazing to note the upsurge in church attendance, in tithe, and missionary activity.

In addition to this major church-building program, new schools have been completed in Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia, and a new office building in Atlanta. The believers in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, under the leadership of Elder C. Sampson Myles and Brother Leon Carroll, have built a commodious church school building, which is the pride of the community.

Yet much remains to be accomplished. In Clinton, North Carolina, as the result of an evangelistic campaign this past year, we have 62 new members without a church home. Similar circumstances exist in Milledgeville, Georgia, where we have 38 new members. In Athens there are 45 new believers, and in Dublin, Georgia, there are 20 new rejoicing



Wilmington, North Carolina, church.

Adventists. Many other critical spots exist where churches that were built or purchased in bad condition long years ago are today at the point of complete decay.

It is our firm conviction that as we are able, under God and with the vigorous support of the ministers and laity of this field, we shall replace these archaic and dilapidated church homes with new and representative structures, that the work of God will be strengthened in this field, and new impetus will be given to both evangelism and the support of our great missions program.

With all of the undesirable tensions developing in the Southland as the result of racial antagonisms, the South yet remains the great frontier of opportunity for evangelism and church construction. The great bulk of America's tenth man still resides in this area, and will very likely be here when Jesus comes. We ask your prayers that God will give us wisdom and funds to provide these people with the shining beacons of the third angel's message, which they sorely need in these last hours.

A courageous foe is better than a cowardly friend.—English Proverb.



Durham, North Carolina, church.



New school building in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.



Winston-Salem, North Carolina, church.

"The bravest thing you can do when you are not brave is to profess courage and act accordingly."—CORRA HARRIS.

"The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed."—LLOYD JONES.

PACIFIC UNION

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News Notes

★ Brother J. M. DOGGETTE, the new pastor of the Delaware Avenue church in Santa Monica, arrived in the field recently and has assumed the responsibility of leadership.

Brother Doggette comes from the Southwest Region Conference, having labored in Wichita Falls, Texas.

We welcome Brother and Sister Doggette and their two children, Jack Michael and Linda Marthel.

★ A welcome is also extended to Brother and Sister Robert T. Andrews. He is the assistant pastor of the Wadsworth church in Los Angeles.

Ministerial Institutes in the Far Eastern Division

By E. E. CLEVELAND

On August 27, 1958, it was my privilege to begin a visit to the Far Eastern Division at the invitation of the president of the division, Elder F. A. Mote. With J. R. Spangler, associate secretary of the division, I visited ten countries, holding evangelistic institutes in each of them. Countries in which institutes were held are the Philippines (North and South), Okinawa, Korea, Japan, Formosa, Singapore, Viet-Nam, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Thailand.

A total of 242 lectures were delivered on this itinerary, but the work was a real pleasure.

On my return trip I visited Karachi, Pakistan, the Holy Land, and also made short stops at Cairo, Athens, Zurich, Paris, and Newfoundland. I found in every country visited efficiently staffed medical and educational institutions and a spirit of Christian brotherhood throughout the area. I was greeted and treated as a brother in every country by both missionaries and nationals.

So numerous were the inspiring experiences related to me by the brethren there that time and space will permit me to recount but a few.

On Okinawa, Pastor E. E. Jensen, who could not speak the language of the people, visited the university in search of an interpreter. A young man volunteered for service. After ten weeks of spirited preaching and



Elder Cleveland and translator addressing an audience in Bandung, Indonesia.

interpretation, the interpreter was baptized. It appears that some of what the young man was translating remained with him.

In the South Philippine Union I met an Adventist minister who had preached the gospel for six weeks to an empty house and added twenty souls to the church. The minister and a song leader had gone to this area to begin the work. The community had been warned against our brother. In their fear they did not attend the meetings. The song leader would lead the singing before empty benches. The sermon would be preached before the same. This occurred night after night for six weeks. On the last evening the minister was overpowered by the Spirit of God. He cried out,

"Why don't you people break with your heathenism and worship the living God!" Twenty people came out of the bushes surrounding the meeting place and joined the church.

While visiting the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital, I had prayer with a very sick young boy. He was facing death because of cancer. Since I returned to the States, Dr. Rue has confirmed the fact that the little boy is healed. He is now attending school and playing normally with his playmates.

The mission program of the church is a sound one. The installations are there. They must be supported. The people of the area regard our hospitals as among the best in the East. Equipment is good. Mil-



Ministers, wives, and Bible instructors of the South Philippine Union in attendance at institute.

lions are being served by them; we cannot let them down.

In many of the countries visited it was my privilege to hold public meetings. The response to these meetings was most enthusiastic. Hundreds attended from Indonesia in the south to Japan in the north; from Okinawa in the east to Bangkok in the west.

Most Eastern countries visited afforded scenes of indescribable beauty. Beautiful Mount Fuji in Japan, the rugged mountain landscape in Korea, beautiful tropical Singapore, Indonesia, and the friendly Philippines—all combined to make this trip an unforgettable experience.

Precious Time

(An original poem by TED T. JONES II)

Sixty seconds every minute
Come and pass away;
Fourteen hundred forty minutes
Constitute a day.
Scores of souls around us sinking,
Sin does hold them fast;
We refuse to show them Jesus,
Soon the hour is past.
Time, the precious talent given,
Someday loud will speak,
Judging those who were too lazy
One poor soul to seek.
Christ the righteous King is coming;
Then will cease to be
Time, the precious talent given
NOW to you and me!

Words of Wisdom

ALBERT SCHWEITZER in *Memoirs of Childhood and Youth*:

All ordinary violence produces its own limitations, for it calls forth an answering violence which sooner or later becomes its equal or its superior. But kindness works simply and perseveringly; it produces no strained relations which prejudice its working; strained relations which already exist it relaxes. Mistrust and misunderstanding it puts to flight, and it strengthens itself by calling forth answering kindness. Hence it is the furthest-reaching and the most effective of all forces.—Quoted by GERALD KENNEDY in *A Reader's Notebook* (Harper).

TOM SIMS:

I wonder if the mirror isn't the world's worst invention. The optimist looks into a mirror and becomes too optimistic, the pessimist too pessimistic. Thus mirrors increase conceit or destroy confidence. Far better is seeing ourselves as reflected in the expressions on the faces of people we meet during the day. The way you look to others is apt to be nearer the truth than the way you may look to yourself.—KING FEATURES.

We Thank You

IT DOES not matter who the person may be, he is just naturally happy when folks appreciate what he is endeavoring to do and let him know it. We here in the department are anxious to render a service to the field, through the pages of the *INFORMANT*, that will be informative and encouraging. We shall continue to cull news from the union papers, but will appreciate getting news items from our conference public relations secretaries.

A worker sat across from me at my desk today and said: "The last *INFORMANT* was tops." Today I received in the mail a letter that said: "The current issue of the newsy *NORTH AMERICAN INFORMANT* arrived today. Its local, national, and international news will be read with a great deal of interest by everyone on your mailing list, I am sure. Also the pictures are excellent. . . .

"Well, I just wanted to let you know that my wife and I stopped work when the paper arrived, and didn't get back to work until the last line on the last page had been read. That is a custom that is also true of our laymen. So keep up the good work with the *INFORMANT*."

Mrs. Anderson, the office secretary, works very hard to get the paper together; Elder Moseley makes a wonderful contribution toward its success. Infrequently I am around, so I say, "Me too."

We thank you for your cooperation in helping to make the *INFORMANT* more serviceable in 1958.

F. L. PETERSON

Notice to Our Subscribers

WE ARE constantly striving to keep the *INFORMANT* mailing list up-to-date; however, it is sometimes a difficult task, as our subscribers do not always notify us when they move.

Recently each Regional conference was asked to revise their part of the mailing list, making whatever corrections were necessary and adding names of believers who were not on the list. As a result of the response thus far, this issue of the *INFORMANT* will be delivered to many subscribers at current addresses, and many will receive it for the first time. Although the new mailing list has not been completed, it is evident that this revision will assure delivery to hundreds of subscribers who have not received it for some time.

Please keep in mind that, when you move, if you will notify us of your change of address, there will be no interruption in your service.

Also, it has come to our attention that if the names and home addresses of the pastors are dropped from our list and the *INFORMANT* is mailed instead to them at the churches, the pastors can always be sure of receiving it even when they move to a new church or district. We have adopted this procedure, and beginning with this issue, the paper will be sent in this manner.

Those pastors who are in charge of districts may receive the paper at more than one of their churches.

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