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## Letters From the Mission Field

By F. L. PETERSON

The direct interest of every Seventh-day Adventist is in missions; therefore, we would like to share with the readers of the *INFORMANT* news notes that have been culled from letters received from the mission field. Elder Robinson, president of the Uganda Mission writes:

"I received the *Reviews* and *INFORMANTS*. I read them from cover to cover. They were a real morale booster. I have been on camp meeting safari. We have baptized 206 during camp meeting alone and raised more than 4,000 shillings in offerings. Scores out of darkness have joined the church during camp meetings. Our tithe income is over 8,600/ ahead of budget, with Ingathering nearing the 12,000 shilling mark as compared with 4,300 last year. The campgrounds were beautiful this year. Buildings were spotlessly white with appropriately painted trim. Grounds were well kept. This was true everywhere. The people are catching on quickly. We bought two tons of whitewash and the workers have learned to use it. The meetings were spiritual feasts. The people began services at 7:00 A.M. and continued until 8:00 P.M.; the last services were pictures, using filmstrips and a kerosene projector. I had very little help during camp meetings, but we got along fine.

"I conveyed your personal greetings to the campers, and you received a thunderous ovation everywhere. You are well loved in

Uganda. We'll even give you a piece of land so you can settle here.

"I just got out of the hospital Sabbath. I had my worst siege of sickness. I had nineteen injections the first twenty-four hours and was placed in an oxygen tent. Just a case of pushing myself too hard and too long. I'm convinced that one man can't do it all in a day. Of course, I realize what is at stake with my being here, and the needs are so great, and the people are so grateful, it is just hard to stay put.

"The speaker, Mr. Kyazze, came to see me. He had the *INFORMANT* and was full of smiles as he read your account of your Uganda visit. His Highness sends his greetings. All were so kind to me when I was in the hospital."

From Pastor Davy, president and treasurer of the East Congo Mission:

"Thank you so very much for your charming letter that arrived a week ago. And thank you and everyone who helped, for the money you sent over for our girls.

"Now here's a problem: All the girls have been able to pay for their schooling this year save one whom my mother has been supporting. Would you mind if we used the money for buying blankets? We will have twenty girls here this year, and we do not have enough sheets and blankets for them. You know how cold it is here, so how necessary these are for our girls. If, however, you think we should save the

money for next year in case some girls then need help, we can do so and I guess I could use some other money (which was sent us toward a boys' dormitory) for the blankets. If, however, it is O.K. to use the money, we'll get a picture of the girls outside their dormitory and send it to you—and you can see those whom your money is keeping warm at night.

"We've just finished an excellent camp meeting season. Gloria went out with Arthur and used Mrs. Johnson's accordion. Arthur took a picture, so we'll be sending it to our friends as soon as we can have it developed.

"On Sunday, Arthur is going to East Africa to help with the camp meeting there. I hope their meetings are as good as ours were.

"Our very kindest regards to you and another big thank-you for your help. Rashan, the young lady who gave you the tablecloth, is getting married in two weeks. I'm so happy her young husband has been asked to teach sixth year here, at Rwankeri—now she can continue to live here. She's such a nice friend for Gloria. God bless you."

From Gloria Mackson, headmistress of Ikizu Training School:

"Time seems to go by very fast. Now I have been here for almost ten months. This year will soon be gone never to return again. School is still in session and will close on November 10. We almost had to



Gloria Mackson, headmistress of Ikizu Training School.

close school early because of the water shortage. The lorry brings water from miles away, but many of us prayed, and the Lord most graciously sent us a very good shower.

"Oakwood College (Mrs. Partridge, sponsor) sent us several boxes last week and how happy everyone was to receive the clothes. They were very nice clothes and the students and teachers were made glad.

"There was just one problem and not knowing who will be sending clothes from now on, I would like to make an explanation and am asking if you could or would print it in the INFORMANT so that many could see. I had to pay 154 shillings or \$22.00, to get the things out. If when a person sends something, he would clearly state on the declaration tag the name of article, the

number of articles, and value in dollars, we would have no trouble. Example: If the box had 10 dresses, 4 blouses, 5 men's ties, and 6 shirts, et cetera:

Article	Number	Value
Dresses	10	\$3.50
Blouses	4	1.00
Men's ties	5	-----
Shirts	6	-----

"Then state 'Used clothing' if they are used, and if they are new, say only 'For the mission only. No commercial value.' It is very important to group the articles and place one set price on them. Just during the month of September alone, I have paid out more than 200 shillings for boxes. Thank you very much if you can make this known through the paper.

"Jessie Hawman is returning to the U.S.A. to stay and they want me to go to Kamagambo, but even though Ikizu is dry, I like it. Do pray for us here. Give my regards to all."

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### ALLEGHENY

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### Pine Forge Institute Has Capacity Enrollment

Elder E. I. Watson, principal and manager of Pine Forge Institute, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, speaking to the chairman of the board, Elder

W. L. Cheatham, said, "We have been forced to stop the enrollment because of inadequate accommodation."

Pine Forge is experiencing growing pains. It is expanding faster than the administration can keep up with buildings to house the influx of students.

It is the desire of the manager to offer the students some industrial work in order that they might be able to learn and earn.

Nineteen States are represented on the campus this term. This is a rich cultural association that the students all enjoy.

Pennsylvania leads the list of States with an enrollment of 38 students, Ohio 16, New Jersey 14, New York 12, Washington, D.C. 9, Virginia 9, Delaware 7, Connecticut 4, Georgia 4, Maryland 3, North Carolina 3, Michigan 2, and Florida, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Indiana, Illinois, California, and Missouri 1 each, making a total of 129 pupils.

There are 78 former students who have returned, and the school welcomes 51 newcomers.

The spiritual tone, which is closely guarded, is increasingly high, an aim of the administration.

Temperance has already gotten off to an early start, thanks to the visit of Elder J. V. Scully, of the American Temperance Society. The sponsor, James E. Dykes, dean of boys, is more enthusiastic than ever. The outlook, he said, is the best.

One addition and one replacement have been made on the fac-



Literature evangelists in attendance at the quarterly training school, held at the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington, D.C.

ulty. Harold Anthony is registrar, Samuel E. Darby, science, is on scholarship leave, and Clarence Nembhard, B.S., Atlantic Union College, is instructing in that capacity. Edward E. Dorsey is Bible instructor, Mrs. M. Booker Duncan, who has just completed work on her Master's degree, librarian and Spanish; James E. Dykes, dean of boys and English; Esther N. L. Gill, secretarial science; Paul Jones, a graduate of Pine Forge, returns with a B.S. to teach mathematics; Robert Handy, vocational; Mrs. Ruth Gary McGrew, dean of girls; and Mrs. Hallie Hartie, director of foods.

A. V. PINKNEY



Administration building, Pine Forge Institute, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. Elder E. I. Watson is principal and manager.

## Advance in Allegheny

Tabulated reports of the evangelists at workers' meeting indicated the Allegheny Conference had baptized about one thousand souls, an all-time high in baptisms, at the close of the third quarter this year.

It is clear evidence of the workings of the Spirit of God, and we are humble in that He has stooped to use us in His work. Let us re-examine ourselves, and keep clean hands and hearts full of love that God may do a more complete work through us before the door of mercy closes.

Elder L. E. Lenheim, president of the Columbia Union Conference, was present and said, "It is thrilling what God will do if we let Him." He wants the Columbia Union to take the lead in evangelism as a means of hastening the return of the Saviour. He declared, "We have not seen what God can do with the hearts of men and women when we are endowed with power."

Evangelism in the Columbia Union was fired to new heights during the administration of Elder V. G. Anderson who became known as "the apostle of soul winning." His successor, Elder Lenheim, fully shares this enthusiasm, as the final figures for 1958 will attest.

To the close of August, Allegheny had baptized 484. The following is a detailed report of the baptisms for the month of September: Elder

W. M. Starks, Cleveland, 5; Elder Paul Cantrell, Washington, 5; Elder Milton Thomas, Camden, New Jersey, 20; Pastor Nelson Bliss, associate Elder J. J. Johnson, Dover, Delaware, 22; Elder L. R. Preston, associate Pastor Alfred Jones, Richmond, Virginia, 23; Elder W. M. Fordham, Philadelphia, 24; Elder D. L. Davis, associate Elder R. W. Newman, Trenton, 29; Elder U. S. Willis, associate Elder James Thomas, Dayton, Ohio, 33; Elder C. L. Brooks, North Philadelphia, 45; Elder C. D. Brooks, associate Pastor W. L. DeShay, Columbus, Ohio, 47; Elder W. A. Thompson, associate Elder F. D. Beatty, Baltimore, 96; Elder George Rainey, associates Elder J. H. Wagner and Pastor James Washington, Norfolk, Virginia, 135.

As the evangelists made their reports their Bible instructors, loyal and faithful, stood with them.

With bowed heads we praise God for His wondrous love to the children of men.

W. L. CHEATHAM, *President*  
*Allegheny Conference*

"If there are some who cannot give personal effort in missionary work, let them live economically, and give of their earnings. Thus they can contribute money to send papers and books to those who have not the light of truth. . . . Let every dollar that you can spare be invested in the bank of heaven."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, pp. 732, 733.

## Mrs. Nell Feted in Farewell Ceremony

Mrs. Ethel Nell, Bible instructor, literature evangelist, and fund raiser, was feted by members and friends of the First church, Washington, D.C., as a tribute to her loyal service.

Her life has been built around faith, bearing forth fruits of love, perseverance, sacrifice, charity, and loyalty.

Her life's story proved that she was most deserving of the homage that was given her. One author said, "We give of little when we give of our possessions. It is when we give of ourselves that we truly give." Of herself she has given, as well as of her possessions.

For more than twenty years Mrs. Ethel Nell has labored faithfully in the vineyard of the Lord. God has manifested His loving power in her life. On two occasions during her childhood she was severely stricken. The second time the doctors gave her only six months to live, but the Great Physician healed her, for He had a work for her to do. Mrs. Nell has worked as a church school teacher, a colporteur, and as a Bible instructor. After seeing the need for more adequate buildings for God's people to worship in, Mrs. Nell led out in securing representative houses of worship for God's people.

The following is an itinerary of efforts in Bible work and church building programs in which Mrs. Nell has had a tangible part: Alexandria, Virginia; Newport News, Virginia; Richmond, Virginia; Roanoke, Virginia; Portsmouth, Virginia; Danville, Virginia; and Washington, D.C.

"Only believe, only believe, all things are possible, only believe"—these words of the old hymn have been Mrs. Nell's creed for every undertaking, and with such a motto her great faith has led her to make outstanding contributions in the previously named places.

Tributes were given by Elder W. L. Cheatham, president of Allegheny Conference; Elder E. E. Cleveland, of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; and Elder Paul Cantrell, pastor of the First church.

Music was rendered by Laertes Gillis, Jr., Dr. John Hamilton, Mrs. Lottie Horne, the Dynamic Four quartet, Miss Harriet Moseley, Mrs. Betty Gillis, Mrs. Valerie Bullock, Miss Martha Widemen, Miss Joyce Bryant, and Dr. Westervelt V. Romaine, superintendent of music, Fairfax County, Virginia. Narrating the program was Mr. Paul Bridgeforth.

Presentations were made by Miss Dolly Ingram, Mrs. Hester Cantrell, Mr. Alexander Best, and Mrs. Margaret Smith.

A filmstrip of some of the events in Mrs. Nell's life was prepared by Mr. Laertes Gillis, Sr., and letters were read by his wife, Mrs. Beulah O. Gillis.

Mrs. Nell has exemplified the words of the philosopher, R. F. Horton, who said, "Success lies not in achieving what you aim at, but in aiming at what you ought to achieve and pressing forward, sure of achievement here, or if not, hereafter."

DAVID WRICE, *Church Press Secretary, First Church, Washington, D.C.*



Left to right: Mrs. Hester Cantrell presenting bouquet to Mrs. Ethel Nell.

### Elder Troy Welcomed as New Pastor to Ephesus Church

Elder W. L. Cheatham, president of the Allegheny Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, has just announced the acceptance of Dr. Owen A. Troy, California religious educator and authority on Christian stewardship, to serve as pastor of the new half-million-dollar Ephesus church and educational building, nearing completion in the Dupont Park district of the nation's capital.

Dr. Troy has just completed serving as visiting professor of religious education for the summer session at Pacific Union College in California, a coeducational liberal arts college. Prior to this he taught Bible at the Hawaiian Mission Academy.

Dr. Troy's official responsibility has been that of associate secretary of the Sabbath school department of the Pacific Union Conference.

His pastorates have included the cities of Chicago, San Francisco, Oakland and Pasadena, California. He also served as business manager of the Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

In Pasadena, he directed the pop-

ular Sweet Chariot Hour radio program. For eight years Dr. Troy was secretary of the Regional department of Pacific Union Conference and is credited with many advancements affecting the group he represented.

A graduate of Pacific Union College, Dr. Troy has an M.S. degree from the University of Chicago and the degree of Doctor of Theology from the University of Southern California.

His wife, the former Ruby Bon Temps, is sister of the noted author and librarian of Fisk University. She has taught school and until recently was registrar of the Pacific Union Conference department of education. She has been active in religious and civic affairs, and was recently called to serve her second term as president of the Pasadena Women's Interracial Club of 350 members. This organization has received national recognition because of putting into action the principles of intercultural brotherhood. About three-fourths of the membership is Caucasian, the other fourth including members from the various ethnic and cultural groups. Her illustrated presentations on her trips to Europe, the Caribbean, and Hawaii are informative and entertaining.

The Troys have one son, Pastor . A. Troy, Jr., of New York City, manager of the Northeastern Book and Bible House and public relations secretary for the Northeastern Conference.

While the new Ephesus church is under construction the services are being held in the Shiloh Baptist church, 9th and P streets NW., Washington, D.C.

MRS. WILLIE DODSON, *Church Press Secretary, Ephesus Church, Washington, D.C.*

### New MV Bumper Strip Produced

The leaders in the Missionary Volunteer department of the Allegheny Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in their desire to present Christ to the community, struck upon the widespread irreverence to God, and came up with the challenging bumper sticker "Don't curse God! The devil is causing all the trouble."

When the idea was presented at the recent workers' meeting by the MV secretary it was seized with enthusiasm. The sticker is regulation size, 4 by 18 inches, reflectorized in red and black.

The name of God is too commonly used, while we apparently hold the name of the devil in respect. The name of God is sometimes used thoughtlessly and repeatedly in a way that makes chills run up and down the spine of those who have been awakened to hold in awe the name of the Father of love, the ruler of the universe.

Young people who have no habits of vile language to break are hurling the challenge to stop to those who have allowed Satan to deceive them by profaning the name of God.

The department believes this to be the only such sticker of its kind, at least seen in the East. More and more cars are exhibiting it, and the young people are happy, for it is one of the many ways they have selected in presenting Christ to the community.

Elder Frank L. Peterson, associate secretary of the General Conference

of Seventh-day Adventists, who was present at the workers' meeting, was the first car owner to have a sticker placed on his bumper. Said the secretary, "I want to represent Christ, and direct others to His love. He has done so much for me." The sticker is a unique way of arresting habits of sinful practice.

Backing up the young people in this project, Elder W. L. Cheatham, conference president, and Elder M. S. Banfield, secretary-treasurer, were next to have stickers placed on their car bumpers.

A. V. PINKNEY

### Spot News

We feel greatly encouraged as we note the progress of the educational work in the Southwest Region Conference this school year. We opened new schools in Tyler, Texas, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Our staff has increased, and our enrollment stands at 653, an increase of

149 over the enrollment last year.

Several new teachers joined our ranks this year: Mr. James Edgcomb, teaching in New Orleans, Louisiana; Mrs. J. H. Williams, in Houston, Texas; Mrs. Maude Tyrone, in Wichita Falls, Texas, and Mrs. W. C. Jones, in Tyler, Texas. Mrs. K. M. Randle rejoined us this year after having taught in the Central States Conference for a year.

One of our teachers, Miss Ruthlyn Goldson, has married Mr. Warren Jasmine since the opening of school.

Our annual teachers' convention was held in New Orleans, October 1-4. We were privileged to have the services of Prof. Robert Wagner, head of teacher training at Southwestern Junior College. Valuable help also was rendered by several of the teachers, and Elder R. A. Nesmith, our educational secretary.

It is our desire to see our enrollment reach 1,000 during the next two years.

L. A. PASCHAL



PHOTO BY PINKNEY

Left to right: Elder F. L. Peterson, associate secretary of the General Conference, and Elder W. L. Cheatham, president of the Allegheny Conference, look at the new bumper sticker.

## Spot News

The conference committee of the Central States Conference has formed two new districts to include cities that do not have organized churches or companies as yet. Harold Brewer will pastor the Pueblo-Colorado Springs-Walsenburg district in Colorado. The Sedalia-Columbia-Boonville area is the new district in Missouri. W. C. Scales, Jr., will labor there.

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### CENTRAL STATES

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## Kansas Senior Camp

A by-product of the recent Kansas Senior Camp was the wide news coverage given to our featured guests, Princess Alice Siwundhla and her husband, Hulme. Mrs. Henry Deapen, of Wichita, through some personal contacts, alerted the officials of the various communication media of the presence of our distinguished guests, and a very wide coverage by TV, radio, and newspaper was the result.

KAKE, a major TV station for the Wichita area, canceled a por-

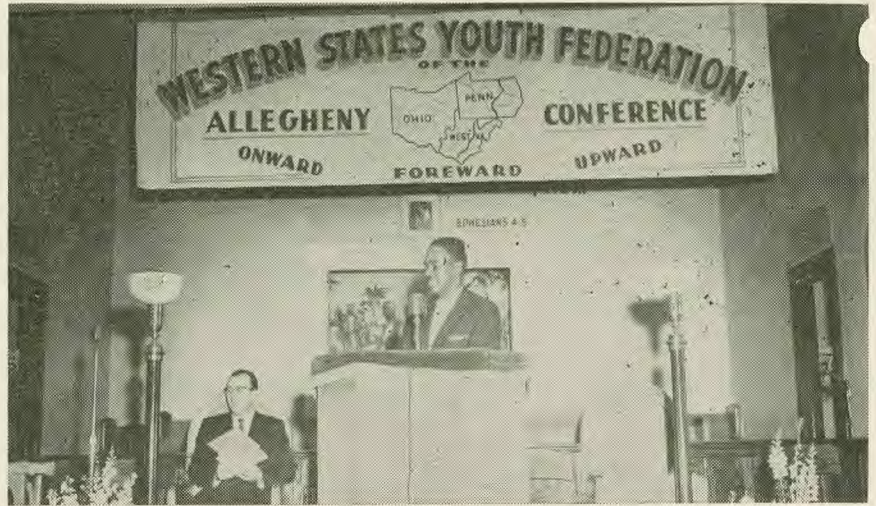
tion of their scheduled program in order to be able to bring to their large viewing audience an interview with these interesting people. This interview lasted about twenty minutes, and just by way of personal comment I would like to say the Siwundhlas certainly knew how to build up the value of the Seventh-day Adventist mission program. When they were being taken to the airport for their return home the first person they met said, "I saw you on television."

The local radio station also seemed

glad to give considerable time to a question-and-answer interview, during which time these people were again permitted to extol the great work done by the Seventh-day Adventists. Adding to all this the picture and write-up that were published in the Wichita newspaper, we feel much favorable publicity was gained, and many new friends made for Seventh-day Adventists in Wichita and the surrounding area.

The Siwundhlas, who are from the well-known Malamulo Mission station in Africa, were featured on the national television program "This Is Your Life." At the Kansas Senior Camp a near-capacity crowd listened with keen interest to this thrilling life story as told in person by Princess Alice and her devoted husband. Saturday night the film of the TV program, just as it came over the air originally, was shown. This was followed by a picture of the gripping story of Stanley's search for Livingstone in Africa.

Comments from members of the audience heard were, "This has been a wonderful day," and, "It has been good to be here." We trust that Kansas youth will always put forth a real effort to be present at all youth functions, knowing that a real blessing is in store for all who attend.



Burel Scot, president of the Western States Youth Federation, stands before a microphone, addressing the young people. Elder A. J. Patzer, president of the West Virginia Conference, is seated on the rostrum.



The Siwundhlas being interviewed on one of Wichita's TV programs.

HAROLD E. HAAS

## Food Service Directors Meet at Blue Mountain Academy

Fifty food service directors, representing Seventh-day Adventist medical and educational institutions east of the Mississippi, convened at Blue Mountain Academy, Hamburg, Pennsylvania, the week of July 27. This workshop, the second in a series of three held in the North American Division this past summer, was directed by Mr. Clinton Wall, of Walla Walla College. Beautiful Blue Mountain Academy, with its rural setting and a new cafeteria unit for practice sessions, provided an ideal atmosphere for study.

The workshop sessions were of a very practical nature. Such areas as cost control, management of student labor, necessary equipment and facilities, nutritional needs of teenagers—all came in for their share of attention in lecture and discussion. Afternoon sessions saw the group equally divided between laboratory practice (and what tasty dishes they prepared!) and nutritional evaluation studies of a week's sample menu. For each item prepared, the food directors had to know, and be able to compute accurately, the nutritional value as well as the cost per serving. All this was geared to the provision of better nutrition for less money, an objective that is dear to the hearts of

parents, teachers, and patients alike.

Throughout the entire workshop the counsel found in the Bible and in the Spirit of prophecy served as a guide. Special emphasis was placed on the greater use of fresh fruits and vegetables, and the reduction in the number of sugar-laden "empty calorie" deserts.

Wall told the food directors, "Seventh-day Adventist institutions should have the best food service in the nation. We have no excuse for being satisfied with anything less. Soon our food service will be in the spotlight, and we must be prepared to give reasons for following the practices which we emphasize."

Plans for the workshop had been carried out under the direction of Elder E. A. Robertson, secretary of the department of education, Columbia Union Conference. Guest lecturers and consultants included the writer; Mrs. Alice Marsh, chairman of the department of home economics at Emmanuel Missionary College; and Miss Beulah Heidinger, of the General Conference Medical Department.

Elder L. R. Rasmussen, of the General Conference Department of Education, stressed the important place of food service in our institutions, and pointed out that it is one of the most urgent needs in the denomination today. "We have many calls for qualified food service di-



Two Union College students working as literature evangelists in Kansas City, Missouri, have earned substantial amounts toward their school expenses for the current school year. Lloyd Thompson, left, and Noel Fraser, working under the direction of Elder P. C. Winley, conference publishing secretary, paved the way for what they hope to be a better season next year. Both students are from the British West Indies.

## New Workers in Colorado

On Sabbath, September 27, Pastor and Mrs. Harold Brewer were presented to the Pueblo, Colorado, church.

Brother Brewer has recently completed his work in the Potomac University and has come to begin his ministry in the Central States Conference. The members of the Pueblo church have given to Brother Brewer their pledge of cooperation toward the accomplishing of a good work for God in that city.

It was my privilege also during my visit to Pueblo to visit with Dr. and Mrs. Harold Washington. Dr. Washington has just recently opened his dental office in Pueblo. He has installed in his office the most modern equipment to care for the dental needs of his patients.

F. L. BLAND  
President

## Spot News

The Manatwny summer camp, sponsored by the Allegheny Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, had the largest enrollment in its history, the director said. One hundred sixty boys and girls were enrolled.



Food directors at Blue Mountain Academy.

rectors," he said, "and we don't know where to turn to fill them."

All present at the workshop felt that this type of educational venture was long overdue, and they voted unanimously to request that these workshops become a regular and continuing feature in this area.

JOYCE WILSON HOPP

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### PACIFIC UNION

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### Evangelistic Meetings Close in Pacoima

Elder R. W. Nelson, pastor of the Sunset Avenue church in Pasadena, reports that the Lord has blessed the evangelistic team holding meetings in Pacoima with 27 baptisms and a number of others preparing for this sacred rite.

Working with Elder Nelson has been Brother Clayton Pritchett, pastor of the Ivy Avenue church of Monrovia, lay evangelist Charles Carter, and Bible instructors Ardenia Bevenue and Edith Calhoun.

A branch Sabbath school has been meeting in Pacoima for a number of years, and when this series of meetings closed on October 12 it was hoped that a church might be organized.

VERNA WILKINS,  
Public Relations Department

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### LAKE REGION

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### Growth of Ingathering in Lake Region

The Ingathering campaign is largely responsible for a goodly portion of the mission funds reported annually by the Lake Region Conference. Various methods are used in raising these funds for missions, such as business solicitation, street solicitation, house-to-house solicitation, and pre-Christmas caroling in

the evenings between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The latter is one of our most effective methods. Some of our members, who feel that their busy program will not allow them to go out and solicit Ingathering funds, pay their Ingathering goal from their personal funds.

Perhaps our readers would be interested in the annual growth or increase in the amount of the Ingathering received in the Lake Region Conference. On January 1, 1945, the newly organized Lake Region Conference began functioning. From that date the annual Ingathering reports have increased from \$11,750.59 in 1945 to \$50,299.19 in 1958.

H. W. KIBBLE  
President

### MV Activities in Lake Region Conference

The 1958 camping season was one of the most successful of the Lake Region Conference. The camping program was arranged for preteen-agers, 8-12 years of age; teen-agers, 12-16 years of age, and senior youth 16 years old and above.

The Spirit of God was evident at each camping season, which resulted in a number of preteen-agers and teen-agers giving their hearts to God. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all the directors and counselors without whose help our camping season could not have been successful. Every camper left looking forward to another camping season.

Sabbath, August 30, will long be remembered in the history of the conference MV activities. On this day the four MV Federations of the conference met in their first annual convocation. Elder E. E. Cleveland, of the General Conference Ministerial Department, was the guest speaker. He took his text from Daniel 12:6, "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?" The speaker amplified the text to the spiritual application of the audience of more than 1,000 from various sections of the conference.

Scholarships were offered by the four Federations as follows: Chicago

area—Charles McClellan, \$210 to Oakwood College; Mid-Indiana area.—Vivian Holland, \$100 to Oakwood College; Detroit area—Larry Lacy, \$100 to Oakwood College; and Carolyn Woodard, \$100 to Emmanuel Missionary College, from Michigan area.

We are looking forward to great achievements under God in the 1958-1959 school year.

J. E. ROACHE  
Educational Superintendent

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### SOUTH ATLANTIC

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### Hospital Open House Marks Dedication

Open house and dedication of the new Dr. P. Phillips Memorial Hospital in Orlando on Sunday, August 31, saw an estimated 7,000 persons in attendance. Program participants included guests from the community as well as the hospital board.

Orlando's Mayor Robert S. Carr expressed his appreciation of the planning of the institution and wielded the scissors that severed the ceremonial ribbon across the entrance to the hospital, and the major address of the occasion was given by V. G. Anderson, vice-president of the General Conference and former chairman of the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital Board.

Music for the program was furnished by the Jones High School band and choir. Invocation was by Cubell Johnson, pastor of the Ebenezer Methodist church; and remarks were made by Leighton T. Hall, administrator of the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital, and Z. I. Riley, executive director of the Negro Chamber of Commerce. Don R. Rees, chairman of the sanitarium board and president of the Southern Union Conference, paid special tribute to those who through their gift had made the new hospital possible.

Conducted tours through the





Standing by the plaque of the newly opened Dr. P. Phillips Memorial Hospital are chairman of the board, Don R. Rees; Mrs. P. Phillips, who represented the Phillips family and foundation, principal supporters of the institution; V. G. Anderson, vice-president of the General Conference.

hospital saw hundreds viewing the plant's facilities under the guidance of department heads, the hospital auxiliary, and others. Robert E. Trimble, house manager, who was in charge of the tours reports, "The open house program was a success from the standpoint of public opinion, and certainly the planning and work that was contributed by the employees of the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital was a real assistance in having this new facility available for public viewing."

Letters of invitation were sent to all Negro businessmen as well as all professional people. The invitation was also included in an advertisement in the *Orlando Sentinel*. Programs were sent in advance to the churches of the area. Announcements and advance releases went to the press with some fine results, including two full-page-width features in the *Orlando Evening Star*, Central Florida Negro edition.

### Bible Schools

There were 22 Vacation Bible Schools conducted throughout the conference this past summer. We are grateful to our workers and local leaders for their strong support given this worthy program.

### First Dentist

Dr. E. Earl Richards the first dentist to practice in the conference, held open house in his modern office at 9½ Ashby St., NW., Atlanta, on September 14.

Dr. Richards is a product of the denomination's educational system, having graduated from Greater New York Academy, Atlantic Union College, and the College of Medical Evangelists School of Dentistry.

Dr. Richards is a native of New York. His father is an Adventist minister.

Already he has been employed as a staff dentist by the Fulton County Health Department.

Dr. Richards' arrival brings to South Atlantic both competent medical skill and devoted spiritual leadership.

### Medical Secretary

J. Mark Cox, M.D., now serving as interim head of the department of surgery at the Tuskegee Veterans' Hospital, has been elected medical secretary of the South Atlantic Conference.

Dr. Cox is a graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists. He has taught at both Meharry Medical College and Howard University.

In his years of service he has been medical director of Riverside Sanitarium and served two years as a major in the Air Force and as chief of surgery. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and Fellow of the International College of Surgeons.

### Summer Evangelism

Early reports on South Atlantic's summer evangelism are good. The



The new Dr. P. Phillips Memorial Hospital for Negroes in Orlando, Florida.

following reports of baptisms are in:

H. L. Cleveland, Savannah	95
Fred Parker, Pompano	25
J. M. Phipps, Cocoa	31
E. C. Ward and W. S. Banfield, Tampa	219
O. S. White, Columbia	8

The recent baptisms make the Savannah church by far the largest in the conference with a membership of 591. Concurrently with the evangelistic effort, Elder H. L. Cleveland and the Savannah congregation are conducting a building program. The new church, designed on contemporary lines, is expected to be completed in November.

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### South Central Workers' Meeting

October 1-3 the officers and workers of the South Central Conference gathered at the Riverside Sanitarium chapel for their final workers' meeting for the year 1958.

Reports of evangelistic advance in this field were most heartening. Especially encouraging was the large percentage of conference-sponsored efforts held in previously unentered territory. This is a tribute to the faith and planning of W. W. Fordham, his executive committee, and the persevering zeal of the evangelists who ventured forth. R. C. Brown, Edwin Humphrey, N. Lindsey, and R. P. Peay conducted efforts in small Tennessee, Alabama, and Kentucky towns. This type of pioneering had been done previously by B. W. Abney, Jr., who raised up new churches in Canton and McComb, Mississippi. Jesse Wagner, assisted by two laymen, held a very successful effort in Huntsville, Alabama, with more than fifty baptisms resulting.

The working force was eager in its acceptance of the union sponsored plan "Operation Southland." This plan is unique in that it harnesses the latent energy of the lay-



E. E. Cleveland delivering the address at the dedication.

man with the work of the ministry in soul winning. This is according to the divine blueprint. The brethren in the conference have implicit faith in the soundness of the program and in their ability under God to execute it.

October 1 the new conference office building was dedicated. It is a beautiful building, completely functional in every respect. The Honorable Ben West, mayor of Nashville, addressed the assembly and highly praised the work of Seventh-day Adventists. Also present were Don R. Rees, president of the Southern Union; Dr. M. P. Turner, president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, and others.

The building is a credit to the denomination and will prove a definite asset to the speedy finishing of God's work.

E. E. CLEVELAND  
*Associate Secretary, Ministerial Association*

### District Changes in South Central

Recently our conference committee gave prayerful study to our districts, and as a result of this study a number of changes were voted.

These changes became effective during the month of September. This will necessitate the changing of locations for a number of our ministers.

Elder Edgar Mimms has served as pastor of the Louisville church for more than nine years, during which time a beautiful air-conditioned church with a seating capacity of 700 was erected. He is being transferred to Birmingham as pastor of our Birmingham district.

Elder Donald Crowder, who has labored very successfully as pastor of the Birmingham district for the past four years, is being transferred to the Louisville church.

Elder W. J. Mitchell, of the Greenville, Mississippi, district, is being transferred to the Dothan district. Elder Mitchell has been very successful in having a number of baptisms in the Delta churches as a result of the follow-up work of the Bible school interests. He is laying definite plans to enter the Florida section of our conference.

Pastor R. P. Peay, who has served in the Lexington district of Kentucky, and whose over-all program of strengthening all areas of the work in that district has been very commendable, is being transferred



New office building of the South Central Conference.

to the Chattanooga district.

Elder B. W. Abney, Jr., of the Dothan district, is being transferred to the Lexington district. Since being in the Dothan district for a little more than a year, Elder Abney has endeavored to strengthen the work in a number of areas.

Elder E. I. Howard, of the Tuscaloosa district, is being transferred to the Hattiesburg district. Elder Howard, through his program of evangelism, particularly in Columbus, has greatly strengthened the work in that district.

Pastor J. P. Willis, of the Hattiesburg district, is being transferred to Meridian, which becomes the headquarters for the Tuscaloosa district. Brother Willis is making a specialty of the follow-up of the Bible school interests. He will continue to follow that program, which has proved to be very successful.

Elder Lafayette Williams, one of our pastor-teachers who lives in Greenville, Mississippi, has been asked to be the leader of that district. Elder Williams is doing an outstanding job in Leland, especially in connection with the building program.

A number of our churches have been reassigned to other districts, thus enabling us, geographically, to bring our churches closer together, which will make for better pastoral supervision.

These changes and district adjustments have been made in the interest of strengthening our work as a whole. We are asking for your cooperation and prayers as these

leaders assume their new assignments.

W. W. FORDHAM, *President*

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Part of group that attended Vacation Bible School in New Orleans, Louisiana.

### Vacation Bible School —Great Success

The Vacation Bible School conducted at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church in New Orleans, Louisiana, was again a huge success.

Pictured above are a part of the 114 students that attended the school August 18-25, 1958.

The Vacation Bible School was held rather late in the summer this year, because so many of our boys and girls attended JMV Summer Camp.

The school, held in the classrooms of the Ephesus Junior Academy building, was efficiently directed by Mrs. Birdie McCluster, conference Bible instructor and director of the Sabbath school department of the

Ephesus church. Twelve teachers were appointed to take charge of the instructional phase of the school. Most of those that were appointed were young women of the church. They gave unstinted service in the spiritual development of the boys and girls who came.

All divisions were fully manned, including the cradle roll where many of the little tots were taught to sing of Jesus. Some of them had not known very much about Him heretofore. In the craft classes many were taught how to make useful articles, which were put on display the night of the closing exercises.

At 8:45 each morning Monday through Friday, the entire group assembled in the lower auditorium of the church for the devotional exercises. After fifteen minutes of devotion they separated to different classrooms for instruction.

At 11:30 each day the entire group was served refreshments. Mrs. Bessie Jennings, chairman of the food committee, had charge of this important phase of the school.

On Monday night, August 25, the parents assembled to see their boys and girls in action, and to witness what they had learned about Jesus. This was the program, the climax, of a successful Vacation Bible School.

The Vacation Bible School is in the regular program of the Ephesus church in New Orleans, for we are convinced that it is an effective medium of evangelism.

R. L. WOODFORK

### Evangelism in Albuquerque, New Mexico

As the sun hid its face behind the beautiful mountains in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Sunday evening, June 22, 1958, a big steel-ribbed canvas tent stood in view on the corner of Arno and Kathryn Streets, lighted and decorated very attractively. The words "HERALDS OF BIBLE PROPHECY" could be easily read.

This Sunday evening marked an unforgettable scene in Albuquerque. At seven-thirty the song service be-

gan. By the time the first hymn was sung, the tent was filled to capacity. Most of the persons present were students of the Voice of Prophecy. They were enrolled by our faithful Bible workers during the months of April and June.

It was thrilling to see how the interest grew with those who were taking the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course. They attended the meetings nightly. This proved in a very definite way that the field was ripe, and that there were many who were longing and waiting to hear the truth.

September 20 was the day the Heralds of Bible Prophecy Evangelistic team had been waiting for. At one o'clock Sabbath afternoon, there were thirty-five cars gathered in front of the Heralds of Bible Prophecy tabernacle to form a caravan carrying the candidates and visitors over to the Spanish SDA church to hold the first baptisms of the Bible crusade. The police department gave wonderful cooperation in escorting the cars across town. This was quite a scene. Thirty-two candidates were baptized.

We can truly say that the Lord has blessed our meetings in a marked way. We will soon organize a church of fifty or more members in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

L. B. BAKER  
*Conference Evangelist*

### Progress in the Hammond District

Mrs. J. L. Follette and I arrived in Hammond, Louisiana, the early part of this year to take up our new duties as pastor-teacher for the Hammond district.

The work in the Hammond district has been progressing steadily. We are very happy to announce that a new educational building is under construction for the Hammond church school. The foundation for the building has been completed. The building will serve a threefold purpose—as an educational building, a health and welfare center, and a recreational center.

The school has increased its enrollment, making the new educational building a must. The church members have seen the necessity for this building and are working untiringly to complete it by the next school year. We hope to double the enrollment next school year. The church members have raised more than \$1,000 toward the new educational building.

The Ingathering phase of the work in the Hammond district is moving along with rapid speed. We are hoping to make this our banner year, by reporting our Minute Man Ingathering goal by November 20. The Hammond district reported more than \$500 for their Ingathering report. The membership has been increased in both the Hammond and Covington churches this year as a result of a church effort conducted this summer.

From all indications we can say that the Lord is blessing the work in the Hammond district. We solicit your prayers as we move forward to do the Lord's biddings.

J. L. FOLLETTE

There is an unseen battlefield  
In every human breast,  
Where two opposing forces meet,  
And where they seldom rest.  
That field is veiled from mortal sight,  
'Tis only seen by One  
Who knows alone where victory lies  
When each day's work is done.

—Unknown

### Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Lett Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Lett, members of the Battle Creek Berean Seventh-day Adventist church, were honored with a reception given October 5, 1958, celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Lett was the first colored student to attend the Battle Creek Academy in the early 1900's. All eleven of their children, assisted by their families and friends, served as hosts for the occasion. The children included: Mrs. Elizabeth Rudd, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lett, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lett, Mrs. Clara Belle Taylor, Mr.

and Mrs. Lester W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lett, Mr. and Mr. Samuel Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lett, and Mr. Robert Lett. Three of the children attended Adventist schools: Edna and Charles, Emmanuel Missionary College; and Jean, Oakwood College. Edna, Charles, and Barbara are teachers in New York City, Battle Creek, and Detroit respectively. Jean is a registered nurse in Detroit. Four other children attended college also.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lett, of Battle Creek, were in charge of the affair, which was held at the American Legion Clubhouse. The youngest son, Robert, a student at Western Michigan College, was master of ceremonies. Participating on the program were Mr. Elliot Saunders, who was present at the wedding fifty years ago, Attorney James Golden, and Mr. James Seenev, who offered tributes to Mr. and Mrs. Lett for their contributions to the community and to the church. The clubhouse decor carried out the theme of a golden anniversary with gold bows and yellow flowers throughout. The wedding cake was topped with a bridal arch with "50" in gold. Ice cream bricks, centered with a large "50," were served along with other refreshments to the 250 guests who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Lett received many gifts, telegrams, and cards from their large circle of friends.

The family extends its thanks to all who helped to make this celebration one to be long remembered.

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