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## Achievement of Literature Evangelists

Elder C. M. Willis, a resident of Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, and publishing department secretary of the Allegheny Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was the happy recipient of an achievement award

presented by the president of the conference, Elder W. L. Cheatham, for leading the world field in the delivery of denominational books.

It is the second consecutive year that the publishing department of

the conference has gone over the \$250,000 mark in deliveries. The actual figure for 1958 was \$256,450.23.

Of the 97 literature evangelists under the direction of Elder Willis,



Left to right, Lona Nell Lea, secretary at the Book and Bible House; Elder L. W. Brantley, manager; Elder W. L. Cheatham, president of the Allegheny Conference, presenting the trophy to Elder C. M. Willis, publishing department secretary. Mrs. Geraldine Handy, his secretary, smiles approval.

38 are working on a full-time basis.

His territory includes the States of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Delaware, and New Jersey, and is administered by four associates, A. A. Arrington in Dayton, George W. Anderson in Philadelphia, T. S. Barber in Cleveland, and George Murphy in Washington, D.C.

Orders and sales made by the individual literature evangelists are channeled to the Book and Bible House at Pine Forge and are handled by Elder L. W. Brantley, the manager.

Elder Willis said, "Leading the world field is an achievement of which we are all proud, but we rejoice more in the 123 souls baptized as the direct result of personal work done by our literature evangelists."

A goal of \$300,000 has been set in 1959 for the sale of denominational books, and we believe this figure will not only be reached but surpassed.

A. V. PINKNEY  
Public Relations Secretary

### A Call to Prayer

During February and March over 6,500 copies of *Patriarchs and Prophets* will find their way to rabbis and other Jewish leaders in North America. The approach is on the basis of a study of comparative religions, and this book is our contribution in this study.

Will you not join with us in prayer that God may bless this effort, and use this book not only to inform but also to save.

WILL YOU DO THIS?

### Spot News

E. E. Cleveland, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, left International Airport in New York City, February 9, at 4:30 P.M., for Africa. He will conduct six-week-long efforts in Monrovia, Liberia, and Accra, Ghana. Training schools for the national workers will be held

in connection with these evangelistic efforts.

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### ALLEGHENY

W. L. Cheatham, Pres.  
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### Messiah Presented at Cincinnati Church

An excellent rendition of the *Messiah*, under the direction of Mrs. Mae Justiss, was enjoyed by approximately three hundred Cincinnatians on Sunday evening, December 21, at the church. The soloists, Charlene Young, soprano; Peggy Harter, contralto; Charles Jenkins, tenor; and George Colin, bass, were products of the Conservatory of Music. The string quartet—Arnold Schatz, first violin; Stephen Elsaesser, second violin; Theodore Wadl, violin; Elizabeth Wilber, cello; and the piano, Linda Wellbaum—were from Columbus, Ohio.

The outstanding chorus was comprised of the three choirs of the church—Choraliers, Senior, and Gospel. The affair was given for

the benefit of the church school. Oscar Wells is the school board chairman and Marian Gresham is the principal.

Elder Jacob Justiss and his wife are untiring workers, and much good will has been built up by this rendition.

RUBY HOPSON  
Press Secretary

### Pine Forge Principal on Caribbean Itinerary

Elder E. I. Watson, principal and manager of the Pine Forge Institute, a coeducational boarding school at Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, recently flew to the Caribbean to visit Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and Jamaica.

He was on an educational and speaking tour sponsored by the Allegheny Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Principal Watson said, "The Institute is reaching out to the nearby islands for prospective students. Plans are now complete for the new girls' dormitory, which will broaden the facilities the school has to offer."

He left Idlewild Airport and flew



The Cincinnati SDA Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Mae Justiss.

directly to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and from there to Mayaguez on the same island. He spoke at the Colegio Adventista Puertorriqueno and spent two days there.

Two days were spent in Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, visiting Colegio Dominicano for lectures and viewing points of historical interest. Principal Watson lectured at the Seminaire Adventiste Franco-Haitian in Port-au-Prince and toured the voodoo haunts. He attended a workers' meeting of extreme interest at the Seminaire. One of the chief items of importance was the decision to divide the conference into North and South, an indication of the growth of the work.

Devil worship is an actual fetish in Haiti, Principal Watson declared. "I saw it, and it has a hold upon the masses that can only be broken by the power of the Lord."

"Monday is truly washday in Port-au-Prince, and it was my privilege to photograph about 1,000 women washing their clothes down by the river."

A baccalaureate sermon was preached at Mandeville, Jamaica, to a class of forty-one graduates. Elder W. A. Sowers, the headmaster of the West Indian Training College, said it was one of their largest classes. While in Jamaica Elder Watson was presented to the new government officials. He spent four days on the island.

The rebellion on the island of Cuba, especially at Santa Clara, prevented the school administrator from filling his appointments there. He flew back to Miami by Pan American, and to Philadelphia by Northeast Airlines.

Elder Watson said his knowledge of Spanish was very helpful, but his French was of little use as the natives of Haiti speak patois, or Creole, French.

The entire school family thanked the Lord for giving their principal a safe trip, and they are patiently awaiting the treat of seeing the motion films he took.

A. V. PINKNEY  
*Public Relations Secretary*

## Spot News

The Allegheny Conference sponsored ten Vacation Bible Schools last year, reported Elder D. B. Simons, Home Missionary secretary of the conference, with a total enrollment of 1,135 children, 671 receiving certificates.

Listed by churches: Jersey City; First church, Washington, D.C.; Berea Temple church, Baltimore; Camden, Roanoke, Springfield, Ohio; Dayton, Youngstown, North Philadelphia, and Ashtabula, Ohio.

Elder Simons commented that every effort is being made to conduct a larger number of Vacation Bible Schools this year, with the minimum of twenty-five expected.

A. V. PINKNEY  
*Public Relations Secretary*

## Pine Forge Institute

Final blueprints for the new girls' dormitory have been formally presented to the chairman of the board, Elder W. L. Cheatham, by Carl A. Eisenhower, registered architect of Reading, Pennsylvania.

In a subsequent workers' meeting the need was presented, and the assembled staff of ministers and Bible workers heartily pledged their support.

Armed with the outstanding potential, the conference committee launched a \$70,000 drive to be culminated by the time of the union session in March of 1959.

These long-awaited plans spell out in a tangible way the progress that is being made toward filling Pine Forge Institute's most urgent need. An overflow enrollment of almost 90 girls during the last school term laid bare the inadequacy of our present housing facilities and encouraged the leaders of our conference to move ahead courageously.

Still receiving praise for his planning of the present administration and classroom building, Mr. Eisenhower has presented another masterpiece of design and function. The girls' dormitory will maintain the same modern lines as the school building. It is to be constructed of

steel, concrete block, brick, and other fireproof materials.

The basement floor, which will be 50 per cent above the ground level in the front and completely above ground level in the rear, will feature a complete homemaking suite for our cooking, sewing, and homemaking classes. A chapel for worship, trunk-storage room, heating unit, and private laundry facilities complete the area.

The entrance on the first floor opens into a spacious lobby. The dean's office and 5-room apartment, girls' parlor, two guest rooms with private bath, and student rooms comprise the accommodations of this floor. The top floor provides additional student rooms to complete facilities for 100 girls. The halls will feature glazed tile, wainscoting high. A two-way intercommunication system will make available radio broadcasts and special music, and will serve to assist in the administration of the home.

The administrators of our conference feel confident that the spring of 1959 will see construction actually in progress. May God continue to bless our every effort in the direction of the salvation of our youth.

E. I. WATSON  
*Principal-Manager*

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## Spot News

The holding of a church office is no new thing for Brother A. C. Humphrey, of Des Moines, Iowa. Four years ago the only men in the Des Moines church were Brother Day, age 89, and Brother Humphrey, age 11. Both were chosen as deacons of the church. Brother Day, now 93, has "retired" and young Humphrey is now ready to start his fifth year. He was recently ordained as a deacon at the age of 15.

Brother Humphrey is a sincere and earnest youth.



Members of the St. Joseph, Missouri, church "at work" during the practice session of a first-aid class. Elders J. H. Jones, Jr., and H. T. Sautler are instructors assisted by Elder P. C. Winley. Elder L. B. Mitchell, pastor of the church, and his wife are in the left background.

### LAKE REGION

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### Elder Peters Guest of Honor at Oakwood Alumni Banquet

Elder George Edward Peters, a former pastor-evangelist of the Shiloh SDA church of Chicago, and for several years a field secretary of the General Conference, was guest of honor at the Chicago chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association annual banquet at the Palmer House, Monroe Room, January 3, 1959, at 7 P.M.

Dr. Archibald J. Carey, Jr., chairman of the President's committee for employment policies, was guest speaker.

Elder Peters was born in Antigua, British West Indies. He is an alumnus of Oakwood College, and has served as an ordained minister of the SDA denomination for 47 years. He comes to us from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

H. W. KIBBLE, *President*

The secret of success is constancy to purpose.—DISRAELI

### Baptisms Reach Record High During 1958

The year 1958 was the best year for baptisms in the history of the Lake Region Conference. The Lord of the harvest has certainly blessed the evangelists, pastors, teachers, and laymen in their soul-winning endeavors.

A total of 609 precious souls were added to our conference membership by baptisms and profession of faith. The highest tabulated reports on baptisms were by the following eight ministers:

E. S. Dillett, Shiloh, Chicago	114
J. P. Winston, City Temple, Detroit	81
D. C. Batson, Gary District	66
T. M. Rowe, Calvin Center, Mich., and South Bend	65
C. F. Warren, Burns Ave., Detroit and London	63
M. C. Van Putten, Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis	40
S. Flagg, Benton Harbor	35
O. E. Gordon, Hyde Park and West Side, Chicago	24

In addition to the above tabulation we are happy to report that all our young ministers had a very good year in baptisms.

H. W. KIBBLE, *President*

### NORTHEASTERN

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### Regional Workers in Bermuda

On January 12, 1959, Elder and Mrs. Charles Bradford, Mrs. Jessie J. Bentley, and Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones left New York International Airport for the beautiful island of Bermuda, where they are presently conducting a series of evangelistic meetings. This is the first such effort held by regional workers in the islands.

Reports from the meetings state that there is a very good interest, and that Elder Bradford is speaking to overflow crowds every evening.

There are three churches in Bermuda, and each is almost filled. At present a church building is being built by the South Hampton church. The work under Elder Jenkins is progressing to the point where three workers are needed by the field where only two have been carrying on before.

Elder Bradford and company will return to the United States in April, to prepare to hold a large evangelistic effort in the city of New York.

OWEN TROY, JR.

### Laymen's Congress

More than 4,000 people attended the Northeastern Conference Laymen's Congress at Rockland Palace. A capacity crowd enjoyed a well-planned program, beginning with Sabbath school at 9:30 A.M. and ending with vespers in the evening.

Friday evening at the Ephesus church, the congress began with a sermon by Elder W. J. Hackett, president of Atlantic Union Conference.

The Sabbath school, under the direction of Brother Curtis Bennett, from Bridgeport, Conn., saw R. T. Wilson, pastor of the Buffalo church conducting the lesson study; W. J. Hackett giving first-hand experience

uring the mission story period, and a quartet from the Ephesus church singing "Bless This House." More than \$600 was raised for missions.

E. E. Cleveland was the principal speaker for the morning service, and in the afternoon G. A. Coon conducted two lectures on soul-winning evangelism. A choir consisting of members from many churches provided music for the eleven o'clock service under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Daly, choir director at Ephesus, and Mrs. Doris Burton, director at City Tabernacle. Several choirs of the conference provided special music during the afternoon session.

In the evening Elder Bradford, who was in charge of the Congress, showed pictures of lay evangelism in the Northeastern Conference, and to climax the day, F. L. Peterson challenged the audience to "Go Ye."

This was one of the largest attended and most enjoyable laymen's congresses ever held in Northeastern.

H. M. SMITH, *Press Secretary*

### Brownsville Purchases Church

Approximately twenty-four years ago six persons started the Brownsville church in Brooklyn, New York. One of the original members is still with them, Sister Marie Armstrong. The first church was held on Gates Avenue. They worshiped there for a short while, then moved to Stone Avenue in Brownsville, and stayed there for a number of years. They have since moved many times.

Their present pastor, Elder James J. North, has been with this group for twelve years, and with them has struggled to make the church what it should be. On January 22, 1959, the Lord opened the way for a beautiful edifice to be purchased by the Brownsville church. It is large and spacious, with many furnishings that will not only be a credit to its members but also to the Northeastern Conference. The prayers of the members of this



Sabbath attendance at the Laymen's Congress—more than 4,000 were present.

church are that many souls may be won to the kingdom of God.

ADAH G. MONTELL  
*Press Secretary*

### Progress Report of the Northeastern Conference

Another great year has been experienced in the Northeastern Conference. During 1958, 614 persons were added by baptism and profession of faith. This is the largest year in baptisms for any conference in the history of the Atlantic Union. We likewise became the largest conference in our union, with a net gain in membership of 567, bringing our total membership to 5,745. In the year 1954 our membership stood at 3,966. These figures show the large increase during the last four years. Our ministers, Bible workers, and laymen have worked hard to make this record possible.

Six tent efforts were held in 1958, and plans are being made for several additional efforts in 1959.

God likewise blessed us financially last year, with a tithe of \$535,328.24. This was a gain of \$38,978.21 over the previous year.

During the last few months purchases were made to care for our rapid expansion. A commodious school building in the Bronx, housing the Northeastern Academy, and

the Manhattan Elementary school was purchased and remodeled at a cost of \$120,000. The Bridgeport, Connecticut, church, where Brother S. A. Hutchins is pastoring, purchased a spacious church building and parsonage for the sum of \$40,000. The New Haven, Connecticut, church, under the leadership of Brother E. Alexander, purchased a large tract of land in their city, where they plan to erect their church. Elsewhere in this magazine is an article concerning our latest purchase that was made by the Brownsville congregation of Brooklyn, New York, with Elder J. J. North as pastor.

Sabbath, January 31, at the Ephesus church in New York City, 21 persons were baptized. The eleventh candidate of those baptized brought the membership of this church to 2,000 persons, according to Elder R. T. Hudson, the pastor.

Truly we see evidences of the mighty working of God's Spirit upon the hearts of men in this territory. We pray that God will make us equal to the task.

H. D. SINGLETON, *President*  
*Northeastern Conference*

Whether you be man or woman you will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor.

—JAMES L. ALLEN

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### South Atlantic Conference Workers' Meeting

By E. E. CLEVELAND

*Associate Secretary, General  
Conference Ministerial Association*

THE South Atlantic Conference workers' meeting was held in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, January 12 and 13. Marvelous were the reports of advance in every phase of the work of God. Evangelism, church building, and mission finance gave ample evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in this field and of the able administration of conference affairs by the president, J. H. Wagner, and his conference committee.

A grand total of 1,105 new believers was baptized in the South Atlantic Conference during the year 1958. Four men in that field exceeded 100 souls for the year. They were E. C. Ward—221, H. L. Cleveland—162, J. M. Phipps—124, and C. B. Rock—103 souls. Nine ministers baptized 25 or more persons. This was truly a year of abundance in the field of evangelism.

At the end of these reports the workers pledged themselves to a goal of 1,800 souls for 1959. From

the enthusiasm evident on this occasion, it is the writer's opinion that, under God, they will reach their goal.

Corresponding with the growth in membership is the construction of new churches. A beautiful structure stands in Durham, North Carolina. A modern building stands on a prominent street in Savannah, Georgia. New school buildings have been built in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and Atlanta. Three churches are also being built in South Carolina.

The Ingathering program for the year 1958 was an outstanding success. Led by the home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the conference, Samuel Thomas, the faithful ministers and laymen gathered in more than \$87,000. Churches of the conference paid in \$71,724.63 in tithe during the same year. As worker after worker testified, one theme dominated each message: "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

The colporteur program is being vigorously promoted. Silas McClamb promises new records to be set in 1959. Of particular interest is the success of the Florida bookmen. This formerly difficult field is now the garden spot of the conference.

Leading out at the workers' meeting were Don Rees, president of the Southern Union; E. C. Ward, union evangelist; E. Ristau, publishing department secretary of the Southern Union; and the writer.

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## SOUTHWEST REGION

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### Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church

The Ephesus church in New Orleans, Louisiana, reported \$10,001.18 at the recent Southwest Region Conference Workers' Meeting held in Dallas, Texas, December 16, 17. This amount was one fifth of the total Ingathering reported by the entire conference. The church raised the \$10,000 in eleven weeks. R. L. Woodfork is the pastor.

The church also gave \$6,704.48 to missions through the Sabbath school during 1958.

Mrs. Birdie McCluster is the general superintendent of the Sabbath school.

### Southwest Region Conference Workers' Meeting

By E. E. CLEVELAND

*Associate Secretary, General  
Conference Ministerial Association*

THE workers of the Southwest Region Conference gathered in Dallas, Texas, for their final workers' meeting of the year 1958. President V. L. Roberts opened the meeting with a challenge to evangelize, and the



South Atlantic Conference Workers' Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, January, 1959.

workers' response was immediate and enthusiastic. Listening in, the writer sensed that the year 1959 would be bigger and better.

During 1958, 331 persons were baptized in this conference. Every man on the staff worked to contribute to this splendid total. Most of the men did not have evangelistic equipment. This, however, did not deter them from winning souls. L. B. Baker raised up a new church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, adding 63 souls to the faith there.

The Ingathering campaign of the Southwest Region Conference was a real achievement under God. The conference was a Minute Man conference, raising no less than \$24 per member. Outstanding work was done in this campaign by R. L. Woodfork who raised over \$10,000; W. J. Cleveland, who with a membership of only 200, raised over \$5,000; and C. E. Dudley who raised more than \$5,000. Much credit goes to the hard-working home missionary and Sabbath school secretary who planned this program. Dollars for God make possible the more rapid expansion of the gospel. And in this the Southwest Region Conference has excelled, having the highest per capita in the Southwest Union Conference and in the regional conferences.

Also noteworthy are the efforts of E. D. Rudley in the field of church building. He was sent to Hammond, Louisiana, to teach school. In the strength of God this brother erected a beautiful building with his own hands, raised most of the money among non-Adventists, and taught classes. He is now in Wichita, Oklahoma. Already the church and school building there have the "new look" as a result of his personal labors. For five years J. Williams has conducted a radio program that is most popular in the Houston area. He has run a Bible school in connection with the program and more than 1,300 enrollees are taking the course.

We salute these fine workers for a job well done in 1958, and wish for them every success in 1959.



Laodicea SDA church in Wichita Falls, Texas.

### "God Moves in a Mysterious Way, His Wonders to Perform"

The Lord will perform miracles for all who will give Him a chance to work for them. The small group of Laodicean SDA church members in Wichita Falls, Texas, can readily testify to that.

When I was called to labor in the Wichita Falls-Ardmore district, it was evident that much work and a great deal of funds were needed to complete the church building.

This small group of believers and the pastor prayed and worked with the determination to finish the church building. The funds were soon exhausted.

God performed a miracle for this little group. He permitted the church roof to be blown off by a storm. It seemed to be a tragedy at the time, but we quickly recognized in it the miracle for which we had prayed.

We were able to get enough remuneration so that by doing the work ourselves, the church building was completed. We humbly rejoice in giving God the praise.

We cannot overlook another miracle that God performed for us while we were yet looking. The previous year we had only 30 students in our church school. We are happy to say that we now have 93 enrolled. We can truly say,

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

We solicit your prayers, for it is our sincere purpose to use these wedges effectively to turn many hearts to Christ.

E. D. RUDLEY, *Pastor*

### Was It Worth It?

'Twas only a book that found its way  
Into a home on a summer day,  
Put on the shelf, unopened there,  
It lay for years, with none to care.

The message was there, inside in the book,  
Waiting for someone just to look.  
The message of God, from heaven above,  
Telling that home of His special love!

The covers faded, the pages seared,  
The angels must have sometimes feared  
That book would never be opened wide;  
No one would ever look inside.

Then trouble came, and none could help—  
The book was lifted from the shelf,  
Oh! how it filled the urgent need.  
Its words were comfort and strength indeed.

Someone read right through the night,  
And a soul was illumined with glorious  
light,  
And the Saviour entered that home at last,  
Because of a book that was sold in the past!

MRS. C. L. KELLY

## Oakwood College Accredited

Oakwood College has been granted full accreditation status by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Announcement of the accreditation was received by the college from Garland Millet, president, who had attended the annual meeting of the association in Louisville, Kentucky.

Elder F. L. Peterson, former president of Oakwood College and now Associate Secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, launched a program in 1951 to bring the college up to the association standards. In 1954 Mr. Millet took over the direction of the college, laid his plans, and carried them out thoughtfully and carefully, to develop a college that has matured from junior to senior college status.

Special credit also goes to the General Conference, the College Board, the 22 full-time teachers, the nonteaching staff of 28, the constituency of the Regional Conference, and the students—all of whom have been active in the educational arena and made definite contributions to this crowning act in Oakwood's academic history.

Accreditation was the result of a multimillion-dollar investment that included the improvement of the school's educational facilities, a \$300,000 endowment, advanced training for teachers, thousands of books for the library, special teaching aids for every department, and a number of additional buildings to meet the needs of the institution.

The recent achievement reflects a high quality of statesmanship and helpful cooperation among the administration, the members of the staff, and the student body.

—Lake Union Herald

The hearts of small children are delicate organs. A cruel beginning in this world can twist them into curious shapes . . . hard and pitted as the seed of a peach. . . . Or again, the heart . . . may fester and swell until it is . . . easily chafed and hurt by the most ordinary things.

—CARSON McCULLERS



V. G. Anderson, vice-president of the General Conference, presenting new books to His Excellency, Dr. W. V. S. Tubman, president of Liberia. Looking on is M. T. Battle, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the West African Union.

## Presentation of Books to Liberian President

Monrovia, Liberia.—M. T. Battle, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the West African Union, is well known throughout his territory not only by Adventists but also by members of other churches.

Pastor Battle has shown himself friendly and has identified his church as an integral part of the community through his good relations with those not of his faith. Proof of this program was brought to light recently when V. G. Anderson, vice-president of the General Conference, visited his mission.

Battle arranged for Anderson to meet in person the president of Liberia, the occasion involving the presentation of two recently published books by the Stanborough Press.

Further proof came at the Lisbon, Portugal, airport when Anderson met some traveling officials of Liberia who were acquainted with Pastor Battle. In the course of conversation Anderson learned that

Battle had recently preached in 10 different churches of other denominations in Liberia.—*Tell*, February, 1959.

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## Cynthia Jo Dent Married to Monroe A. Burgess III

Cynthia Jo Dent, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carl A. Dent, of Nashville, Tennessee, became the bride of A/3c Monroe A. Burgess III on Saturday, December 27. The ceremony took place at the Riverside Sanitarium chapel on Young's Lane north of Nashville, Elder Monroe A. Burgess, Jr., pastor of the Beacon Light Seventh-day Adventist church of Kansas City, Missouri, officiating.

Preceding the ceremony, Mr. Garnett Lester Carter sang "I Love Thee Dear." The bride wore white lace and net over white satin. She carried a white orchid. Mrs. Shirley Christian, of Chicago, Illinois, was matron of honor and Mr. Donald Monk was best man. Patricia Dent and Terri Piper were junior bridesmaids.

A reception followed immediately





Mr. and Mrs. Monroe A. Burgess III pose for picture following ceremony at the Riverside Sanitarium Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee, which was an event of the holiday season.

at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dent, 617 Nocturne Drive. Assisting as hostess was Mrs. Marye Carter.

Mrs. Burgess was born in Los Angeles, California, and has lived most of her life in Nashville, Tennessee. She graduated from the Oakwood College Academy in Huntsville, Alabama, and attended Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Mr. Burgess, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was graduated also from

the Oakwood College Academy. He is at the U.S. Air Force base near Amarillo, Texas.

### Spot News

On January 8, 1959, M. T. Battle was elected home missionary, publicity and temperance secretary for the West African Union. L. E. Daniels was made president of the Liberian Mission, and T. W. Cantrell was elected secretary-treasurer.

An African worker, C. B. Mensah, was elected president of the Ghana Mission.

The recognition of sin is the beginning of salvation.—Luther

CAMPBELL.—Elder J. Marion Campbell passed to his rest September 14, 1958, at the Azusa Valley Sanitarium in Azusa, California. He served the Seventh-day Adventist denomination as a faithful servant of his Lord. He was married to Beulah Henry of Pocomoke City, Maryland. To this union were born three children. He pastored churches in the following cities: Kansas City, Mo., Washington, D.C., Louisville, Ky., Indianapolis and Marion, Ind., Detroit, Mich., New Haven, Conn., Boston, Mass., and Pasadena, Calif.

A few years prior to his death his doctors advised him to establish residence in a warmer, drier climate. Following the advice, he moved to Southern California, where he spent the golden years of his life.

Funeral services for Elder Campbell were held at the Wadsworth Seventh-day Adventist church, where he served as elder for a number of years. The writer, who spoke words of comfort to the family and friends, was assisted in the services by Elders W. S. Lee, T. M. Fountain, H. W. Kibble, Jr., and Pastor Robert Andrews.

He leaves to mourn his passing two children—Mrs. Elsie Moten, of Washington, D.C., and Mr. Robert M. Campbell, of New York City; three nephews, George Gentry, of Pomona, Calif., Carroll and Conklin Gentry, of Los Angeles, Calif., and a host of friends.

He was tenderly laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver in the beautiful Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles, California.

—J. W. ALLISON, JR.

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W.S. BANFIELD	22	500	3,568.00	3,568.00	J.M. PHIPPS	124	100	4,556.00	4,556.00
H.M. BARKER	21	65	4,594.00	4,594.00	J.T. POWELL	31	500	2,840.00	2,843.00
H. L. CLEVELAND	162	100	4,400.00	4,400.00	C.B. ROCK	103	100	6,272.00	6,272.00
W.A. DARBY	53	200	4,326.00	4,326.00	J.A. SIMONS	40	50	2,925.00	2,925.00
D.E. DAVIS	28	50	2,592.00	2,592.00	N.B. SMITH	24	25	3,968.00	3,968.00
B.H. HEWING	2	25	200.00	200.00	J.F. STREET	24	50	6,196.00	6,196.00
M. GREEN	15	25	2,850.00	2,850.00	F.A. STOKES	27	100	2,584.00	2,584.00
R.B. HAIRSTON	10	50	3,150.00	3,150.00	E. SUMPTER	1	5	979.00	979.00
I.L. HARRELL	47	100	4,006.00	4,006.00	R.E. TOTTRESS	9	100	1,750.00	1,750.00
L.R. HASTINGS	4	25	480.00	480.00	J.H. WAGNER			500.00	500.00
F.S. HILL	41	101	900.00	900.00	O.S. WHITE	26	75	3,232.00	3,232.00
J. HINSON	40	100	00	00	J.B. WILLIAMS	13	50	2,029.00	2,029.00
I.J. JOHNSON	16	100	00	00	J.L. WILLIAMS	25	50	2,428.00	2,428.00
J.W. JONES	3	25	00	00	F. NEALY		10		
F.S. KEITTS		25			CONFERENCE	1105			870

Elder Don Rees and Elder J. H. Wagner observe the total figure for baptisms in South Atlantic during 1958. The first column of figures is the number of baptisms for each district, the second represents the goal for souls for 1959, the next column is the 1959 district Ingathering goal, and the final figure is the total Ingathering raised in the district for 1959.

### News From South Atlantic

The South Atlantic Conference Committee voted the following district changes at their workers' meeting held at the conference office in Atlanta: R. B. Hairston to Greensboro, North Carolina; R. E. Tottress to Macon, Georgia; F. A. Stokes to West Palm Beach, Florida; D. E. Davis to Tallahassee, Florida; O. S. White to Greenville, South Carolina. These transfers were effective March 1, 1959.

Three of the conference's veteran workers laid down pastoral leadership March 1. They were Elders J. W. Jones, N. B. Smith, and J. B. E. Williams. Each of these men has made notable contributions to the progress of South Atlantic, and they have spent most of the years of their ministry in this southern field. They have the best wishes of their brethren as they enter a less arduous phase of their ministry.

The conference committee also extended calls to two new workers. Ralph Franklin, a recent graduate of Potomac University, is assigned to the Florence, South Carolina, district, and Fred Parker, who conducted a successful evangelistic effort in Pompano last summer, will locate in the Columbia, South Carolina, district.

N. G. SIMONS



Winners in the temperance contest are, from left to right: Ralph Dockman, Fred Allison, Jonanna Rudas, and Jack James.—Pacific Union Recorder.

### A Web

Sitting alone at dusk one day  
I watched the twilight shadows play  
On land and sky.  
A spider just above my head  
Swooped down upon a silver thread—  
No longer shy.

Entranced, I sat serene and still  
And watched her weave with magic skill  
Her dainty lace.  
Across, around, then up and down  
She danced from tree-limbs to the ground,  
With charming grace.

I'm sure she had a feast that night  
For by the gleams of morning light  
I saw the dead.  
A dozen creatures—bugs and flies—  
Were victims of her wanton eyes.  
Too bad, I said.

O tempted youth, Satan is far  
More cunning than the spiders are.  
His web is spun  
With tinsel threads of tainted breath,  
And pleasures which must end in death.  
Be careful, son!

WELDON TAYLOR HAMMOND



North American Division conference presidents.



Officers of the General Conference. Front row, left to right: M. V. Campbell, H. L. Rudy, W. R. Beach, R. R. Figuhr, C. L. Torrey, W. E. Murray, V. G. Anderson, W. B. Ochs. Second row: E. W. Dunbar, E. E. Roenfelt, O. A. Blake, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Adair, F. L. Peterson, F. B. Knight. Third row: R. S. Watts, F. A. Mote, G. E. Vandeman, F. R. Millard, W. P. Bradley. Absent: C W. Bozarth, N. W. Dunn.