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Adventist Pastor Publicly Honored

By C. E. MOSELEY, JR.

ELDER W. S. BANFIELD, of South Atlantic Conference and minister at Tampa, Florida, has been chosen as a member of the advisory board of the Clara Frye Memorial Hospital in that city for a term of three years. This appointment by the mayor of Tampa was made as a result of the outstanding civic record the pastor made while working with the city fathers in matters pertaining to the church and displaced persons, including members of his church.

When an expressway development involved properties of church members and others Elder Banfield, meeting with city planners and leaders, aided in a redevelopment program that is expected to provide for an entirely new and modern housing area for all citizens affected.

In his Ingathering contacts he encountered city fathers and businessmen who were concerned with local transportation problems in Tampa. In cooperation with these civic leaders of both racial groups, and without fanfare and undue publicity, this problem has been solved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Because of the success his quiet manners and Christian methods have produced for the citizenry of Tampa as a whole, the pastor was presented with a trophy and a public citation.

Mayor Nick Nuccio's notice of appointment to Elder Banfield appears in full in the next column.

Elder W. S. Banfield
2409 E. Cayuga Avenue
Tampa, Florida

Dear Elder Banfield:

Re: Appointment to Clara Frye Memorial Hospital Advisory Board.

In accordance with Ordinance 2471-A, it is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Clara Frye Memorial Hospital Advisory Board for a term of three years, which will begin October 1, 1958, and end October 1, 1961.

I greatly appreciate the public service you are rendering by serving as a member of this Board.

Please call at the office of the City Clerk, on the third floor of the City Hall, to be sworn in for this appointment.

Sincerely yours,
NICK NUCCIO
Mayor

"Mother Cunningham— Mother of Oakwood"

"In loving appreciation to one who served Oakwood, the youth of the college, and the cause of Christian education as matron, dean, teacher, counselor, manager of store and laundry, clerk of college post office; but best of all as our MOTHER. You will ever be a star of hope and your life will "Make Bright the Memories."

The New York Chapter of Oakwood College Alumni Association staged a most successful testimonial banquet in honor of Mrs. Eugenia Isabella Cunningham—veteran worker of Oakwood—lovingly known as Mother Cunningham. The banquet was held in the Crystal Room of New York's downtown Hotel Sheraton-McAlpin. Dr. Frank Hale represented the National Oakwood Alumni Chapter and was guest speaker. The association was host to more than 300 former faculty members, graduates, former students, and friends of Oakwood. During the evening Mother Cunningham was presented a scroll of achievement and a bouquet of American Beauty roses.

The success of the affair augmented the College Organ Fund, the Scholarship Fund of the National Chapter, and made it possible to send the officers of the New York Chapter to the Oakwood College Alumni Officers Workshop held at the college March 26-29. Our president, Elder Singleton, of the Northeastern Conference, was a guest speaker at the Workshop.

Commendation is due the banquet committee who labored so earnestly to make this occasion one of the most successful of its kind. Among those who helped to make it a noteworthy endeavor were: President A. Samuel Rashford, Mrs. Marjorie Hill, Edythe Sumpter, Mr. and

Mrs. Lester W. Williamson, Mrs. Sylvia Alexander, Mrs. Eva G. Strother, Barbara Peten, Mr. David Hearon, Mr. Emerton Whidbee, and Ruby Beamon.

LESTER W. WILLIAMSON
Reporter

ALLEGHENY

W. L. Cheatham, Pres.
M. S. Banfield, Sec.-Treas.
P.O. Box 21, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania
Pottstown 3785

Senior Class Visited Oakwood

The senior class of 24 prospective graduates of Pine Forge Institute left one Wednesday morning for a 1,100-mile trip in the school bus to Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama.

The class participated in the college orientation program as possible candidates of the school. They toured the entire plant, met the faculty members informally, and fraternized with the students.

Mr. Robert Handy, instructor of industrial arts at the Institute, was driving the bus and said they would stop off at Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, Tennessee, en route.

Class president Gus Cheatham said the members of the class would make their contribution in panel discussions and buzz sessions. "Of course," he added, "they will be heard musically."

The group remained on the college campus until Saturday evening and stopped at the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, Fisk University, and Meharry Medical College, all in Nashville, Tennessee, on the return.

A visit through Mammoth Cave and the Lincoln Institute in Louisville, Kentucky, was also scheduled. The class sponsor, Mrs. Margaret Duncan, who is librarian and instructor in Spanish, believes this to be one of the largest senior classes from the Institute.

Elder E. I. Watson, principal and manager of the Institute, was on hand to check all details and Elder

W. L. Cheatham, president of the Allegheny Conference, which sponsors the Institute, was present and prayed for a safe and pleasant trip.

A. V. PINKNEY
Public Relations Secretary

Washington Union Academy

Principal J. L. Moran, former president of Oakwood College for thirteen years, moved the Washington Union Academy to its new location, 1385 Massachusetts Avenue, SE., Washington, D.C., a modern fire-proof structure with gymnasium.

The new school opened with 135 students, grades 1-10. The enrollment has increased to 141. The school is departmentalized into grades 1-6 and 7-10. Ernest Bradham teaches grades 7 and 8. Grades 1-6 are taught by Mrs. Amelia H. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Doris P. Butler, and Mrs. Hester K. Cantrell. Robert L. Dent, Kenneth W. Smith, and David Rand are seminary students who are giving part-time instruction



PHOTO BY PINKNEY

Standing—right to left: Elder W. L. Cheatham and Mr. Robert Handy in handshake beside Mrs. Margaret Duncan and Pine Forge Senior class.

in science and Bible. Principal Moran says these student teachers are an inspiration to the school.

An arrangement with the public transportation service brings the students to the school door each morning and returns them in the afternoon. Principal Moran reports that this bus service costs less than it does for city residents and public school students. The students pay 10c on one trip and 7½c on the return trip, while others pay 10c for each trip. On Sabbath mornings and afternoons this bus service is rendered to our members and friends.

The school is well equipped. Almost every classroom is furnished with new modern furniture that is debt free. The cafeteria equipment is being ordered, and a school bus that seats 37 adults has been secured without obligation to the church or school. The playground is being made ready for use.

MRS. WILLIE A. DODSON
Press Secretary
Ephesus Dupont Park Church

CENTRAL STATES

F. L. Bland, Pres.
H. T. Saulter, Sec.-Treas.
2528 Benton Blvd.
Kansas City, Missouri

Ingathering Co-Workers

AS THE conference Ingathering program for 1959 comes to a successful conclusion, and the thanks of appreciation are made known to each and every participant, we would take note of the splendid cooperation provided our churches this year by our church school children. As a training program for our youth in Christian service, the teachers of our three schools led their respective children in the best church school Ingathering program that we have ever experienced. Hats off to our teachers and our church school students for their labors in our 1959 campaign! The accompanying picture shows a group of students from our St. Louis Berean school as they went forth to gather



Students from the St. Louis Berean SDA school and their leaders—Mrs. Ophelia Roberts, Leola Stockdale, and Elder P. C. Winley—ready for Ingathering.

funds for the Ingathering drive. Directing their activities were Elder P. C. Winley, Mrs. Ophelia Roberts, Leola Stockdale, and Elder James H. Jones, Jr.

JAMES H. JONES, JR.
Educational Superintendent

Kansas City Sabbath School Council

The Sabbath school department of the conference was glad for the opportunity to have a Sabbath school council for the greater Kansas City area members of our constituency a few weeks ago. Assistance was provided by our union conference Sabbath school secretary, Elder

D. E. Reiner, and our local conference officials, Elders F. L. Bland and H. T. Saulter. Special messages of inspiration were provided in both our Kansas City churches by Elder Nash, of the General Conference, and representative officers from our Sabbath schools in the immediate area came in to meetings on Sabbath and Sunday to discuss together the problems of Sabbath school promotion. A summary of the group discussion entertained resulted in some very excellent points of leadership emphasized for consideration, and these high points are being mimeographed and forwarded to all our Sabbath school officers. A high level of interest and satisfaction was



Left to right: G. R. Nash, James H. Jones, Jr., and M. A. Burgess, leaders of the Sabbath School Council.

manifested by all those who were in attendance for the council.

JAMES H. JONES, JR.
Sabbath School Secretary

NORTHEASTERN

H. D. Singleton, Pres. F. L. Jones, Sec.-Treas.
560 W. 150th St., New York, N.Y.
AN 6-0233

Evangelistic Team Returns From Bermuda

WEDNESDAY, April 15, Elder and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, with Mrs. Rosalee Jones, returned from Bermuda where they had been holding a series of meetings in the Hamilton church and also in Hamilton Hall, which is the largest hall on the island. There were capacity crowds in attendance each Sunday afternoon and on the final evening there was an overflow crowd for the baptismal service. As a result of this effort 60 persons have already been baptized, and Mrs. Jessie Bentley, who was associated with the effort, is remaining there to work with additional individuals who are interested.

H. M. SMITH

Discontent is the first step in the progress of a man and a nation.—OSCAR WILDE

As the fire fly only shines when on the wing, so it is with the human mind—when at rest, it darkens.—L. E. LANDON

A really great man is known by three signs—generosity in the design, humanity in the execution, moderation in success.—BISMARCK

Northeastern—Largest Conference In Atlantic Union

THE 614 believers added by baptism and profession of faith during 1958 to the Northeastern Conference made that conference the largest in the Atlantic Union. At the union session Elder Hackett, president, mentioned in his report that the baptisms of Northeastern per membership were the highest of any of the conferences in the union. With that incentive the ministers of Northeastern are preparing for several large evangelistic efforts this summer.

Elder Robert Carter, pastor of the New Rochelle church, is now planning for a series of meetings to be held in Albany. The Albany Capitol City church, which is at present under the leadership of Brother Judge Brummell, has been working quite diligently, and during the Christmas season, through their caroling campaign, they were able to raise their Ingathering goal and also work toward the purchase of a new building.

O. A. TROY, JR.

Evangelism in Jamaica, Long Island

AS A result of an effort held by Elder George Earle in Jamaica, Long Island, a company was organized called the New York Boulevard SDA Company. This group of 27 that was baptized during the meeting has now grown to over 40, and there are several other persons in the baptismal class being held every Sabbath afternoon.

The company was organized in February, and since that time has been assigned a goal for Ingathering by the conference. In three weeks the goal was raised. It was the first church to raise its goal during the Ingathering period. They are at present planning on campaigning for building funds. Pastor O. A. Troy, Jr. is assisting Elder Earle with the group.

H. M. SMITH

The Midsummer Offering

IN SOME countries missionaries are no longer permitted to enter. In others they are tolerated, but are expendable just as quickly as nationals have been trained to replace them. Do these conditions, plus the endless cry for national rule and native leadership, spell the end for foreign missions endeavor as we now know it?

Does it not all mean that the Spirit of the Lord is gradually departing from the earth, that the work of God is closing in parts of this badly sickened world, that time is running out, and that the work which remains must be done with all possible speed and with all our resources?

THE MIDSUMMER OFFERING for July 11, 1959, gives us all one more opportunity to work while there is yet time, to give another large lift to bring hope and to save life before the remaining open doors are closed to the saving gospel of Christ.

Make your plans now, and plan to give sacrificially and lovingly from the heart—as Jesus gave for us!



The group that has been working to establish the Westbury Mission, which was recently organized.



The newly organized New York Boulevard company, with Elder George Earle, pastor, and wife standing in the center at the rear.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

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**Progress Report—Seattle,
Washington**

PASTOR J. H. LAWRENCE, of Seattle, Washington, reports progress for the Spruce Street church, to which he ministers, and for his growing elementary school.

Now in its third year the school's enrollment is sixty pupils in grades one through eight. Grace Bushnell, of Pacific Union and Walla Walla colleges, teaches grades one through four, and John Hunter, an alumnus

of Oakwood and Emmanuel Missionary colleges, teaches grades five through eight. Mr. Hunter is doing effective service also as assistant to Elder Lawrence in the work of the church.

With the assistance of the church and interested patrons the young school is currently engaged in modernizing its equipment in the classrooms and enlarging its library facilities. The church Dorcas Society serves hot lunches daily to the children.

During his pastorate Elder Lawrence has been successful under the blessing of Heaven to raise the church membership from about 30 to nearly 200.

MRS. PORTIA E. MORROW
Press Secretary

PACIFIC UNION

W. S. Lee, Departmental Secretary
Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists
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News Notes—W. S. Lee

Elder W. C. Webb, pastor of the Philadelphian church at San Francisco, was elected to serve as president of the Ministerial Alliance, and recently was appointed by the mayor of San Francisco to serve on the Library Commission of the city.

Wadsworth—We trust that by the time you read this, negotiations for the purchase of a church edifice on Santa Barbara Boulevard at Budlong, in Los Angeles, will be completed.



Church school pupils of the Spruce Street Seventh-day Adventist church pose with their pastor and teachers.

Bakersfield—Elder Earl Canson and his associate, Ted Jones, with Sister Canson and others helping, are carrying on a live and interesting evangelistic meeting in their newly acquired church home. My visit to the meetings was most inspiring and enjoyable.

Wedding Bells—Elder and Mrs. Willie Samuel Lee announce the marriage of their daughter, Althea Grayce to Mr. Henry Arthur Kennedy on Wednesday, the eighteenth of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, Altadena, California.

Branch Sabbath School Pays

The Scriptures tell us not to despise the day of small beginnings. Many of our branch Sabbath schools are conducted in the homes of our members or in small church rooms.

The accompanying picture shows a group of young people baptized as a result of a branch Sabbath school conducted by Sister Austel Melendez in the heart of Los Angeles.

On Sabbath, January 24, the Pacoima Seventh-day Adventist church was organized. It was started



Young people baptized as a result of a branch Sabbath school conducted by Sister Austel Melendez, of Los Angeles.

by Sister Berry of the San Fernando church with a few other folks helping her. Over a period of about four or five years the group kept growing slowly and steadily. An evangelistic campaign was conducted by Elder Nelson and a tremendous community spirit and attitude was built up for an enlarged program there, which resulted in this new church with 65 charter members. The work of God is onward.

CLARENCE C. KOTT
Sabbath School Department
Secretary
Southern California



Checking the list of charter members of the Pacoima church immediately preceding the organization ceremonies are (left to right): R. R. Bietz, W. S. Lee, Alvin G. Munson, and R. Wendell Nelson.

Home-coming

BY THE time this issue of the INFORMANT reaches you Elder and Mrs. William Robinson and their two children will have returned to America from East Africa where he has served as president of the Uganda Mission with headquarters in Kampala.

From a letter just received from Mrs. Robinson, I quote: "We will leave here on May 7 by air, going to Egypt and to the Holy Land. We will leave London, after a visit in Europe of two weeks, on May 28, on the S.S. *United States*."

In a letter received from Elder Pierson, president of the Southern African Division, he states: "From reports Brother Hanson has given me, he [Brother Robinson] has been a tower of strength and a real help in the program. . . . Brother Robinson is a good promoter and he has worked hard to build up the program in Uganda. The rise in tithe and Ingathering and other things stand as testimony to the work that he has done. Personally, I am very, very sorry to have Brother Robinson leave us. He has filled a gap there in Uganda that needed to be filled. He has taken hold of a very difficult situation and done an exceptionally good job. I certainly wish that he could remain on with us."

While we regret that Elder Robinson must come home because of an asthmatic condition, we are happy for the very real contribution he has made to the progress of our work in Africa.

On my visit to Uganda I saw him in action. He was a real leader for his people, and all who knew him loved him. To the Robinsons we say, "Welcome home."

F. L. PETERSON

NOTE:—Because of an acute asthmatic attack, Elder William Robinson and family were flown to New York. Dr. S. A. Kotz, of the Kendu Mission Hospital, accompanied them. For a week Brother Robinson was in the Washington Sanitarium for medical care. Since leaving Uganda he has not suffered from this malady. We hope that he will be in attendance at some of the camp-meetings.—Eds.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

J. H. Wagner, Pres. N. G. Simons, Sec.-Treas.
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In Fruitful South Atlantic

By C. E. MOSELEY, JR.

SINCE the turn of the year the great South Atlantic Conference has claimed my services through January and February. Two most profitable weeks were spent in Saint Petersburg and Tampa, Florida, in services to stimulate these churches to more conscientious Christian witnessing. Accessions of new believers were made in both churches, and many delinquents and fallen believers returned to the Lord in faithfulness. The following testimony bears eloquent witness to the measure of God's power manifested in those meetings:

"You might be interested to know that a Brother K—— has been healed of a painful heart condition from which he had been suffering for a long period of time. A Brother McC—— has been healed of a skin ailment for which more than one doctor had not been able to give relief. A Mrs. W—— told me to tell you that she had been healed by prayer. There are a number of delinquents who have taken a new lease on life as a result of the revival. It was a richly rewarding week."

Two weeks of vacationing were spent by Mrs. Moseley and me following the above meetings. The Florida sun was not as genial as usual, for some frost and near freezing weather threatened to ruin much of the State's citrus fruits and truck gardens, to say nothing of hampering some of our more ambitious outdoor plans. The much-needed rest was wonderful and our friends in Florida were friends indeed. While vacationing we were happy to worship with the believers in the Clearwater church, and to visit friends in Lakeland and Haines City. Elders Banfield and Keitts, in the Tampa district, and Elder Matthew Green, of the Saint Petersburg

district, are not only warmhearted hosts but also able leaders in their prosperous fields.

A heart-warming week was spent with the church family in Charleston, South Carolina, February 21-28. The congregation, though not very large, gave most excellent cooperation at the services even through rather inclement weather, and our Lord richly rewarded this faithfulness. Eight accessions were made to the membership at the week's end.

The services were terminated with one of the most ardently spiritual consecrations ever witnessed,

in which the believers mingled tears and praises with songs of joy. This service was akin to Pentecost in tone, spirit, and results. Pastor and Mrs. Joseph Hinson shepherd the flock in this area, and they were assisted in the evening services by Elders Tot-tress and O. S. White, who visited during this period. Believers from several of the district churches joined in the last Sabbath service, which was terminated with a travelogue of missions on East Africa in pictures and a social gathering at the community center in the evening.



Sophomore B nursing students at Madison College received their caps and insignia at a ceremony recently. Several are looking forward to overseas mission service.



L. M. Nelson presents check for \$100 to Olivia Eilum, of Oakwood College Academy, for winning first prize in the oratorical contest at SMC. Looking on are Pierce Haley, Mount Pisgah Academy, third place winner, \$50; Rebecca Culpepper, Madison College Academy, second place winner, \$75; and Collegedale sponsor J. M. Ackerman.

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SOUTH CENTRAL

W. W. Fordham, Pres. L. E. Ford, Sec.-Treas.
Box 936, Nashville, Tennessee

THE president of the South Central Conference, Elder W. W. Fordham, reports that Operation Dixie "has set in motion a spiritual chain reaction throughout the conference." The conference has accepted one seventh of the Southern Union goal of 1,500 baptisms by the end of March.

Recently the office staff met to finalize on plans for church revivals and to report on progress made in coordinated evangelism, Operation Fireside, and related methods for developing interest. The picture on this page depicts the spirit of that meeting.



The office staff unites in prayer for victory in Operation Dixie.

"Prayer is heaven's ordained means of success in the conflict with sin and the development of Christian character."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 564.

Dreams Become Reality in Liberia

ON NOVEMBER 20, 1958, a dream long planned, prayed for, and worked for became a reality. The Konola Academy administration building was dedicated to the glory of God, the training of Liberia's youth for Christian leadership, and the finishing of God's work in West Africa.

The work of Seventh-day Adventists in Liberia has the admiration, respect, and cooperation of the people of Liberia. This was exemplified again when, at the request of Professor T. W. Cantrell, President W. V. S. Tubman accepted the invitation to be the speaker at the dedication of this building. At the appointed hour an extended visit by a foreign dignitary prevented the President from attending, but his written message was read to the large audience by General F. N. Brewer, his senior aid-de-camp.

President Tubman's message spoke highly of the work of Seventh-day

Adventists in evangelistic and educational endeavor. He praised the work of missionaries and laymen alike, who contribute to what he termed "the highest type of education—Christian education." He also said that our contribution to the spiritual, moral, and educational improvement of Liberia would always command the cooperation and assistance of the government.

The Act of Dedication was led by Pastor M. T. Battle, president of the Liberian Mission and C. D. Henri offered the dedicatory prayer. Special music was rendered by the choir of the Monrovia church and the Konola Academy Chorus. A delicious luncheon was served after the ceremonies.

The new administration building has accommodations for offices for the principal and business manager, library, science laboratory, bookstore, typing room, and six classrooms. It is a modern, one-story concrete wing-type building, fully utilizing the beauty of Liberian architecture. With the completion of this building the Liberian Mission has the basic physical plant to operate a first-class secondary school.

The Liberian Mission and the people of Liberia are grateful to the West African Union, the Northern

European Division, and the General Conference for their generous contribution of the funds that have made it possible to erect this greatly needed building.

Preceding the dedicatory service, another dream became reality when three young men dressed in academic caps and gowns stepped up to the platform to be presented high school diplomas—the first ever given in the history of our mission work in Liberia. It was a great and momentous occasion. The Honourable Dr. Jones, United States Ambassador to Liberia, gave an eloquent and inspiring commencement address.

The guests included the Chief of Police of the Liberian Government, Hon. Thomas Bernard, the Chaplain of the Liberian Armed Forces, Dr. Steady, a former Secretary of War, the Commissioner and Chief of the Kakafa District, and many other distinguished visitors.

Konola Academy now takes its place among the other training centers for the training of Adventist youth in West Africa and is dedicated to the task of educating our young people for the finishing of God's work in West Africa in this generation.

C. D. HENRI, *Pastor*

SOUTHWEST REGION

V. L. Roberts, Pres. J. E. Merideth, Sec.-Treas.
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A Kindergarten in Tyler

THE Sharon Seventh-day Adventist church in Tyler, Texas, opened their first kindergarten school in September, 1958. Thirty students were enrolled the first day, and from that time it has steadily increased from thirty to sixty-two. Out of the sixty-two enrolled in this school only eight are from Adventist homes.

Since the school opened in September the children have given several programs. Two of their most outstanding were a thirty-minute program on our local television station and a program given Thanksgiving morning, when twenty-six baskets of food were distributed to the needy.

This group of boys and girls are able to repeat their memory verses each quarter and take a very definite part on all of the Thirteenth Sabbath programs presented.

The church is filling a real need for our boys and girls of this busy age when so many of the parents are working and the spiritual, physical, and mental needs of the children are being neglected. We are endeavoring to meet these needs and to train the children in the right direction, thus using this method as a soul-winning agency.

The community is grateful for what we are doing, and we praise God for this achievement. We seek the continued blessing of God as we move forward to do greater exploits for Him.

MRS. W. C. JONES

Ingathering Victory

THE Ephesus church in New Orleans, Louisiana, has held its 1959 Ingathering victory celebration. This was a significant occasion for the members of the church. A new page in the history of their Ingathering was written when \$11,915.00 was raised, and \$10,000 of this amount was raised in eleven weeks.

Elder A. R. Carethers, conference home missionary secretary, was the guest speaker at the eleven o'clock hour for that day.

Saturday evening, a well-planned banquet was held at the gymnasium of the YMCA. Elder V. L. Roberts, president of the Southwest Region Conference, commended the church members for their outstanding achievement.

L. D. Croker, professor of education at Dillard University in New Orleans, was also present. He praised the Seventh-day Adventists for the noble work they are doing to help humanity.

Special honor was bestowed upon the following persons for their accomplishment in helping to make the Ingathering crusade victorious. Joseph Charles, the Ingathering King, raised \$500, the largest amount raised by anyone in the church. Mrs. Birdie McCluster, Ingathering Queen, raised the largest amount among the women. Mrs. Della Davis raised the third largest amount. She served as queen for the program in the absence of Mrs.



Sharon Seventh-day Adventist kindergarten school, Tyler, Texas.

McCluster. Henry Watson and Olivia Green were the Junior King and Queen. They raised the highest amounts among the youth.

Awards were given by the pastor, Elder Woodfork, to those who participated in the Ingathering crusade. The conference officials present were V. L. Roberts, conference president, J. E. Merideth, treasurer, and A. R. Carethers, home missionary secretary.

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The Century Club Special

THIS issue of the Century Club Special is being penned in sunny Africa. Monrovia, Liberia, lies like a crested jewel on the shores of the turbulent Atlantic Ocean. Africans now head the powerful Ghana and West Nigerian missions. D. Hughes is principal of the Voice of Prophecy school in West Africa and J. D. Johnson heads the school of advanced training in Liberia.

Last year was a banner year in evangelism for the Regional conferences of America. Led by the Allegheny and South Atlantic conferences, both of which had baptisms of over 1,100 souls, our conferences invested record sums in soul winning and reaped a corresponding harvest. Administrators are now concerned with their most pressing problem—that of housing adequately the new converts. Let us all pray that in the year 1959 the harvest will be so abundant that the accommodation problem will defy solution.

Every man shared in the victories in 1958 from the front line evangelist to the unsung secretaries who pound the typewriters. In this we can rejoice, for like Ezekiel's proverbial wheel within a wheel, we are interdependent, though varying in gifts, functioning as a single unit.

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Gentlemen of the Century, the Ministerial Association salutes you, and may the year 1959 prove doubly fruitful for you in the Master's name. Let us never adopt the one-soul complex, for we are preaching at a time when God will do bigger and better things for men of bigger and better vision.

E. E. CLEVELAND



Oakwood College Faculty and Staff Members

NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL DEPARTMENT
1958 STATISTICAL REPORT

UNION	Churches & companies	Members	Baptisms	Tithe	Sabbath school and other mission offerings	Ingathering	Total mission offerings	Weekly per capita	Total local church funds
ATLANTIC									
Northeastern	27	5,745	595	\$ 535,828.24	\$ 79,331.34	\$ 57,053.86	\$ 136,385.20	\$.456	\$254,138.26
CENTRAL									
Central States	19	1,900	148	133,181.68	23,618.62	16,508.83	40,127.45	.406	33,992.58
COLUMBIA									
Allegheny	66	7,919	1,046	613,958.04	96,906.02	112,009.59	208,915.61	.507	237,500.00
LAKE									
Lake Region	40	5,014	597	345,615.19	66,892.93	51,634.43	118,527.36	.454	103,471.70
NORTHERN									
Minnesota (Minneapolis)	1	77	4	8,349.34	2,478.30	-----	2,478.30	.618	-----
NORTH PACIFIC									
Oregon (Portland)	1	156	5	6,802.90	1,291.36	605.69	1,897.05	.233	1,596.72
Washington (Seattle)	1	192	28	16,515.68	3,128.28	811.20	3,939.48	.394	5,983.16
	2	348	33	23,318.58	4,419.64	1,416.89	5,836.53	.322	7,579.88
PACIFIC									
Arizona	2	116	17	10,575.67	2,790.33	1,705.53	4,495.86	.745	4,590.27
Central California	6	592	52	53,503.16	13,991.23	6,305.32	20,296.55	.659	14,800.00
Nevada-Utah	1	28	-----	2,438.77	908.66	749.47	1,658.13	1.138	981.40
Northern California	6	996	126	87,166.51	17,303.50	7,913.22	25,216.72	.486	59,369.13
Southeastern California	5	790	63	93,405.69	16,338.26	3,032.41	19,370.67	.471	27,712.59
Southern California	10	2,297	96	446,078.42	50,886.20	22,724.68	73,610.88	.616	69,525.84
	30	4,819	354	693,168.22	102,218.18	42,430.63	144,648.81	.577	176,979.23
SOUTHERN									
South Atlantic	96	7,324	1,086	358,623.18	61,088.40	85,762.77	146,851.17	.385	35,813.76
South Central	53	4,289	341	218,988.08	41,906.31	53,977.57	95,883.88	.430	-----
	149	11,613	1,427	577,611.26	102,994.71	139,740.34	242,735.05	.401	35,813.76
SOUTHWESTERN									
Southwest Region	49	2,551	192	149,327.36	83,548.21	52,751.79	136,300.00	1.207	48,582.28
GRAND TOTALS	383	39,986	4,396	\$3,080,357.91	\$562,407.95	\$473,546.36	\$1,035,954.31	.498	\$898,057.69

NOTE: Membership reported to December 31, 1958.

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	1955	1956	1957	1958	Increase of 1958 over 1957
Tithe	\$2,259,229.59	\$2,483,281.68	\$2,716,439.31	\$ 3,080,357.91	\$ 363,918.60
Sabbath school and other mission offerings	461,458.89	520,649.93	506,284.56	562,407.95	56,123.39
Ingathering	393,261.68	389,322.41	436,433.88	473,546.36	37,112.48
Total offerings to missions	855,920.64	909,972.39	942,718.44	1,035,954.31	93,235.87
Total offerings to local church funds	389,091.96	465,569.45	675,396.47	898,057.69	222,661.22
Churches and companies	359	357	379	383	4
Membership	33,922	34,981	36,958	39,986	3,028
Baptisms	2,755	2,943	3,584	4,396	812
Ordained ministers	125	148	169	177	8
Licensed ministers	63	48	48	52	4
Interns	13	14	10	7	3*
Bible instructors	22	27	29	28	1*
Teachers: church school	142	161	152	175	23
Colporteurs	189	177	202	226	24
Approximate value church buildings and other conference properties		\$7,311,700.00	\$9,003,625.00	\$10,420,223.67	\$1,416,598.67

* Decrease

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