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Joint Youth Congress of Central States and Southwest Region Conferences Big Success!

A WONDROUS sight to behold on Friday, April 16, 1965, was the arrival of numerous chartered Greyhound buses with their cargoes of enthusiastic youth at the Municipal Auditorium in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the first joint youth congress of the Central States and Southwest Region conferences.

The opening program Friday night was off to a glorious start with five youth speakers presenting sermons from the Voice of Youth Kit entitled "The Second Coming of Christ."

Our Sabbath school program originated in Oklahoma on an Indian Reservation. As we traveled through Oklahoma, on the way to Sabbath school, we caught a glimpse of Oklahoma's industries and natural resources.

During the eleven o'clock hour Charles Joseph from Jackson, Mississippi, delivered a stirring message to the waiting throng assembled for worship. For the tenth anniversary observance of the youth congress, under L. A. Paschal's leadership, a huge artificial cake with ten electric candles was displayed and a summary was given of the past ten congresses.

For the Sabbath afternoon program, the auditorium was filled with the melodious blending of voices as trios, quartets, and soloists proclaimed the gospel in song. Directly following this program, "The Perfect Triangle" was presented. This triangle was compared to the Christian's harmonious development of three aspects of life—spiritual, mental, and physical.

The surprise of the evening (for Elder and Mrs. Paschal) came when

a plaque was presented by James Hicks on behalf of the youth federations, to L. A. Paschal for his loyal and devoted service throughout the ten years he has untiringly labored for God in the Southwest Region Conference. A corsage of orchids was given to Mrs. Paschal for being an inspiration to the youth of the church.

"Christ's Last Hours," a pageant depicting the agony Christ endured while on the cross, was the high light of the evening. This dramatization, so aptly narrated by the Omaha MV Society, with scenic lighting representing the darkness that engulfed the world while Christ hung on the cross, would have thrilled the most critical art critic.

Mrs. Wimbley, home economics instructor at Southwest Region Academy, and a group of her students showed what could be accomplished with dedicated hands, by modeling apparel made in the sewing class.

The Southwest Region Academy upheld the tradition and teachings of physical fitness with a demonstration of tumbling and weight lifting. This athletic exercise climaxed an eventful evening.

As Sunday morning dawned bright and beautiful, we gathered for the final program of the youth congress, to witness the annual choir contest. Six choirs participated in the songfest and supporters were present to cheer their choir to victory. Each choir sang two selections and the contest song, "He Never Said a Mumblin' Word." Everyone waited with bated breath as first-place honors were announced! The Ephesus Youth Choir, under the

direction of Alda Granderson, was awarded first place. To include small choirs, a trophy was available for groups in this category. The Grace Temple Youth Choir, under the direction of Charleste McNorton, received first-place trophy for the small choir. All other choirs received a token of appreciation for their exceptional decorum throughout the contest.

The combined efforts of the two conferences, Southwest Region and Central States, were a blessing to the youth of eleven States who eagerly await the youth congress next year.

MRS. BILLIE WASHINGTON

Religious Emphasis Week at Fort Bragg

RELIGIOUS Emphasis Week at Chapel Two, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was for me a memorable experience. As the guest of Chaplain Major J. T. Powell, it was my privilege to fellowship with Christian ministers who had themselves faced death on far-flung battlefields, and whose duty it was to counsel youth going into battle. My own concept of the chaplaincy was broadened as a result. I visited the vast Bible school complex and saw buses unload thousands of children and youth for prayer, singing, and Bible study. All modern methods are used in teaching, including visual aids.

A chaplain's counseling responsibilities are enough to consume his full day. But in addition, he conducts guidance courses, intercedes for soldiers with family problems, represents soldiers

with conscience conflicts relative to the service, besides his regular ministerial duties. Like all other ministers, the chaplain performs marriages, conducts funerals, and superintends the business affairs of the house of God, not to mention such courage-testing activities as parachute jumping.

Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Bell is in charge of the thirty-nine chaplains on this post. It is a well-organized team and each man knows his responsibilities.

I was able to visit among the soldiers and to catch a glimpse of their spiritual needs. These men need our prayers. Souls were converted, the congregation was revived. That is something that I would like to do again.

E. E. CLEVELAND

CENTRAL STATES

Items of Interest From Central States

Human Relations.—At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Central Union Conference, the recent action of the Spring Council of the General Conference relative to human relations was unanimously voted, with the recommendation that it be approved by all the conferences and institutions in the Central Union.

It was also voted that a permanent Human Relations Committee be appointed. This committee has now been chosen, and will serve to deal with problems in the field of human relations in the Central Union.

The readers of the INFORMANT will also be happy to learn that the Union College board has voted to call its first Negro teacher to be a member of the college staff. Victor Griffith, who now teaches at the Brooklyn Junior Academy in the Northeastern Conference, has been invited to teach in the English department. We now have at Union College, on a temporary basis, one of our young men, Richard Booker. He has been well received by both faculty and students.

Church Building, St. Louis, Missouri.—Last summer a very successful effort was conducted by E. E. Cleveland. As a result, we now have a second church of approximately 150 members. This fine congregation was meeting in temporary quarters. We are now pleased to announce that, due

to the liberality of the General, union, and local conferences, funds have been appropriated and a new church to house this fledgling congregation will be built this coming summer at an estimated cost of \$100,000. In addition, an elementary school building will also be constructed. This project is largely being financed by the Berean Seventh-day Adventist church. Both of these building projects will get under way in July.

Pueblo, Colorado.—We are happy to announce that a new church has been secured for our believers in Pueblo, Colorado.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Spring Workers' Meeting

THE South Atlantic workers' meeting was held April 12 at the Butler Street YMCA Camp, located on Alatoona Lake, near Ackworth, Georgia. This beautiful setting was ideal for the meeting, which was held for two days. The ministers gathered out in nature to relax and to hear reports of the past quarter's activities.

We were indeed lifted to the mountaintop for the early morning worship talk given by O. U. Holness, who recently came to South Atlantic from the Canal Zone. R. A. Anderson, General Conference Ministerial Department secretary, gave an outstanding lecture that was well received by all the workers. There was time for reports from each departmental secretary, the president, and the treasurer. Brethren Whitehead and Will of the Southern Union gave valuable help in making this meeting a success.

Our baptisms actually reached 190 for the first quarter. This is a new record for South Atlantic. Our ministers exchanged pulpits during the first quarter and the news of revival has been thrilling from each end of the field. We feel now that our people are ready to move forward, and with God's help during the next three quarters we hope to baptize no less than 1,000 new members, which will help us reach the goal of no less than 1,200 for the year 1965.

Our tithe gain was more than \$13,000 for the first quarter. With this gain for the first quarter and a constant push for tithe paying for the next three quarters, we should reach the goal of \$50,000 gain for the year 1965.



Left to right: Samuel Thomas, home missionary secretary, and W. S. Banfield, president, South Atlantic Conference; S. S. Will, home missionary secretary, and J. H. Whitehead, treasurer, Southern Union. W. S. Banfield is pointing to number of baptisms for the first quarter of 1965 and the number of *Message Magazine* subscriptions that have been reported.



Workers who excelled in the fields of evangelism, publishing, education, and Bible instruction. L. S. Follette (second row—4th from left) holds a large plaque presented by the conference and workers for thirty-two years of dedicated service to the South Atlantic and Southern Union territory. He has finished his work as conference secretary-treasurer and has been requested to remain as secretary to the conference association to seek legacies and wills from church members throughout the conference.

We are of good courage as we move into the second quarter, and we feel that God will do great things for us as we go forth in faith.

Plans were laid for at least twelve evangelistic tent efforts for the sum-

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mer. Some men who are unable to obtain tents are planning open-air meetings. We are determined more than ever before to join hands with the ministers and go out sharing our faith in cottage meetings, Bible schools, enrollments, and in every method possible to get the job done.

This workers' meeting will long be remembered as a wonderful fellowship as we came apart to rest a while and to map our strategy for an all-out effort to reach the goal set for 1965.

F. L. JONES, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Youth Federation in Savannah, Georgia

ON SABBATH, April 3, 1965, one thousand young people gathered in Savannah, Georgia, to attend the E. S. Portis Chapter of the Youth Federation of Georgia. The meeting was held in the new West Broad Street Seventh-day Adventist church.

J. Paul Monk of the Macon, Georgia, district was the eleven o'clock speaker. The message was dynamic and the young people received inspiration to go forward and share their faith. The Pathfinders demonstrated their ability to share their faith by joining in a large Home Visitation program. The youth from all the churches in Georgia went from door to door signing up enrollees for the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course.

Every district in the State of Georgia was represented. All the district pastors and families were present. H. L. Cleveland, former pastor of the Savannah church and district, and builder of the Savannah church, brought the youth choir from the Atlanta church.

The theme of the federation was "Making Jesus Real." Every speaker dwelt on this theme in his talk, and we feel that Christ was lifted up and made real to the young people of Georgia who attended this federation.

MRS. MILDRED PARKER, *President*
E. S. Portis Chapter

The world is so filled with interesting things to do that the longest human life could not exhaust more than a small fraction of them.

—FRANK L. GAINES

PACIFIC UNION

News Notes

► Plans have been developed to employ at least two Regional representatives as associate publishing secretaries within Pacific Union territory. The union and the local conferences are working hand in hand to make this forward step possible. The Southern California Conference, along with its president, Cree Sandefur, and the publishing secretary, Milton T. Johnson, has moved ahead with this program. Joe Hutchinson of San Francisco, one of our experienced literature men, has been called by the Southern California Conference to assume the role of associate publishing secretary in that conference. Plans are also on the way and going forward that a similar placement will soon be made in the northern part of our State.

► Kenneth Smith, a new employee in the ministerial program, is serving in the Central California Conference and is associated with the Spears evangelistic group in San Francisco. We welcome him.

► Robert Dent, formerly of Arizona, is now employed in the publishing program of the Southern California Conference as collector of accounts for the literature evangelists. He is kept quite busy in his new assignment, in which he finds a new challenge.

ALLEGHENY

News Notes

► W. L. Cheatham reports that the Allegheny Conference committee has recently voted to sponsor Lorenzo Grant, a graduate of Columbia Union College, as a ministerial intern at Andrews University for the next school year.

► Dennis C. Keith, a graduate in business at Columbia Union College in Washington, D.C., is to be employed by the Allegheny Conference in the Book and Bible House.

► On Sunday, April 4, W. L. Cheatham motored to the Atwood Lake Lodge in New Philadelphia, Ohio, to make reservations for the fall workers' meeting and a joint workers' retreat in

which workers from the Northeastern, Lake Region, and Allegheny conferences are to participate.

► W. C. Scales, Jr., pastor of the Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News, Virginia, churches, has begun a new radio broadcast serving the Tidewater area of Virginia. The program "Your Bible Speaks," is heard every Sunday morning from 10:15 to 10:30 over Station WHIH. Music for the broadcast is provided by a quartet known as the "Chordsmen."

► The Allegheny Conference takes pleasure in saluting J. C. Smith, pastor-evangelist, whose 1964 soul-winning labors place him in the coveted "Century Club" promoted by the General Conference Ministerial Association. He served last year in the Toledo-Oberlin, Ohio, district and baptized over 100 souls for the year. He has since been called to pastor the North Philadelphia and the West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, church congregations.

► A. T. Westney, who for the past twelve years served as a missionary for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Caribbean Islands and British Guiana, South America, assumed responsibility as pastor of the Lynchburg-Gordonsville-Waynesboro, Virginia, district in January, 1965. He succeeds Donald Williams who was transferred to Los Angeles, California.

The new pastor is from Jamaica, West Indies, and attended schools there, also at Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Maryland, and at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he did graduate work. His first pastorate was in Montego Bay, Jamaica. His wife, Lizette Westney, is a graduate of Howard University, where she now teaches in the English Department. The Westneys have three children, Adrian, Jr., 10; Gloria Elaine 7; and Marcel George 2.

1964 a Year of Progress in Allegheny

THE Allegheny churches remitted more than \$1,025,000 in tithes during 1964. Allegheny is the second conference in the Columbia Union to exceed the 10,000 membership mark. This total was reached by the close of the second quarter of 1964, and was made possible by the aggressive public and private evangelism con-

ducted by faithful ministers and active laymen under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Because of the rapid growth of the conference (now nearly 11,000 members located in seventy-six congregations scattered in remote sections of seven States and the District of Columbia), the need for closer administrative contact by officers and departmental officials of the conference, and other factors, the Columbia Union is giving study to the advisability of the division of the present Allegheny Conference into two conferences—possibly an Eastern and a Western Allegheny. This proposal is still only in the study stage.

W. M. Starks, formerly pastor of our large Washington, D.C., Dupont Park church, is now providing strong leadership as the new stewardship department secretary for Allegheny.

Discussion is being given to proposed needs such as a camp meeting pavilion, a new boys' dormitory, and a gymnasium at Pine Forge Institute, and other related projects.

The conference home missionary and Sabbath school secretary thanks the ministers and laymen for the outstanding \$145,000 Ingathering total raised in the recent campaign and Sabbath school offerings for 1964 totaling \$123,323, which is a fine gain over the \$117,572 given for 1963. 100,000 copies of the gripping tract "This May Startle You" is Allegheny's share of one million such tracts distributed in the Columbia Union.

The need is being stressed for a written history of each of the churches in the Allegheny Conference. It is urged that pastors, church clerks, and press secretaries search for early pictures of churches, congregations, and pastors who served each church and that this material be sent to the Public Relations Department of the conference as soon as possible.

The Allegheny workers and laity are aware of the rapid fulfillment of Bible prophecy and consequent shortness of probationary time and they gird themselves for a more aggressive work for God.

Columbus, Ohio

It was on October 26, 1963, that Elder and Mrs. J. A. Washington arrived at the Ephesus church in Columbus, Ohio. We had occupied our new building just one year prior to our



Elder and Mrs. J. A. Washington and their three daughters.

new pastor's arrival, and felt extremely proud of our church home, but we have occasion to feel even more grateful as we review briefly the record of what has been accomplished under our pastor's very able and spiritual leadership.

Early in 1964 the church inaugurated a mortgage liquidation drive. This drive was sparked by the leadership of Mrs. Sarah Washington, wife of the pastor, as chairman for the ladies and Mrs. Viola Boyer as co-chairman and project worker. Calvin Patterson, local elder, was chairman for the men and Charles Winkfield was co-chairman. The members were most faithful in paying pledges when due and many members paid their pledges in one lump sum of \$500, several paying \$100 to \$300—and one prospective member paid over \$2,500. This showed an excellent spirit and a willingness to give sacrificially. Never to be forgotten for their part well



Ephesus church, Columbus, Ohio, dedicated free of debt on April 3, 1965.

done were the handicapped and near-handicapped. Mrs. Virginia Williams in a wheel chair, and Mrs. Stella Meadows, an arthritic, were a challenge to everyone. They kept pace in financial giving with the most able-bodied member.

We concluded the first phase of our drive in the fall, having raised in this eight-month period \$15,500. We then turned our attention to Ingathering, again reaching our set goal of \$5,500 in four weeks.

Now for 1965—having cleared all old business—we were organized for the final phase of the liquidation drive, and again our faithful members rallied to the call. The dedication was April 3, 1965.

MRS. VIOLA BOYER

Ephesus Church Press Secretary

Adventist Administrator at Roanoke Hospital

CHARLES L. ANDERSON, genial administrator of the modern Burrell Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia, is a Seventh-day Adventist.

Brother Anderson came to Roanoke on October 1, 1964, to undertake his role as administrator of Burrell Memorial Hospital. The present attractive and commodious structure was opened on July 31, 1955, at a cost of \$1,863,206 with the aid of Hill Burton matching funds. The hospital's golden anniversary was celebrated in special services from March 14 to March 21, 1965, marking 50 years of community service from 1915 to 1965. The hospital was named to honor the memory of a devoted pharmacist and physician, Dr. I. D. Burrell, a cousin of Natelkka Burrell, who is now an instructor at Andrews University at Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Prior to his assignment at Burrell Memorial, Brother Anderson was administrator of the Community Hospital in Wilmington, North Carolina, for three years. He has been an Adventist since 1949.

Brother Anderson was born in Miami, Florida, and received a diploma from the Booker T. Washington High School in that city, and went on to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. He earned a biology major from the A and T College in Greensboro, North Carolina. Later his Master of Science and Hygiene (Hospital and Medical Administra-

tion) degree was obtained from the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Brother Anderson is also a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators.

He is married to the former Thelma Katherine Lewis of East St. Louis, Illinois, who is an efficient and personable secretary in her own right, having served in several conference offices, including the Northeastern Conference, the South Atlantic Conference, and two years with the General Conference. The Andersons have five children—Charles, Gerald, David, Paula, and Christina, who range from three to fourteen years. They are active Ingatherers.

Pastor Isaac Lester of our Roanoke church is pleased with the loyal support the Anderson family renders in the work of the church. Brother Anderson, he reports, is doing a tremendous job directing an outstanding youth choir. Sister Anderson has a valuable capability for teaching the Sabbath school lessons and for encouraging a lively class discussion.

We wish for the Anderson family the continued blessings of God as they serve in the territory of the Allegheny Conference.

D. B. SIMONS
Public Relations Director

SOUTH CENTRAL

News Notes

Operation Splash.—If you are wondering what Operation Splash is, here is how it began. At our workers' meeting in January, we set quarterly goals for baptisms during 1965. The goal for the first quarter was 100 baptisms throughout the conference. March 27 was the date set for a telephone workers' meeting—that is, a conference call tying in every worker in the field. Each pastor related his outstanding experiences in soul winning and gave the number of baptisms for the quarter. Here are the results of the Operation Splash evangelism:

I. J. Johnson	35
E. T. Mimms	19
A. D. Shorter	18
T. M. Rowe	10
J. E. Cox	6
U. J. McKinney	6
N. A. Lindsay	4
M. E. Joiner	4

G. I. Pearson	3
E. W. Moore	3
C. R. Graham	2
R. P. Peay	2
E. L. Howard	1

This is a total of 113 precious souls, with I. J. Johnson of Mobile, Alabama, top soul winner for the first quarter. Operation Splash was a real success the first quarter.

Friendship Teams on the Bible School Trail.—Each Sabbath morning at the Oakwood College, some fifty students assemble for instruction before going to surrounding areas to pass out Bible school lessons. They are working in Decatur, Florence, Athens, Fayetteville, and Huntsville, Alabama. Under the leadership of their pastor, N. A. Lindsay, they are working for decisions and baptisms.

Farewell to J. E. Cox and Family.—For the past four and one-half years, J. E. Cox has served our conference as pastor of the Meharry Boulevard church in Nashville, Tennessee. He has baptized more than one hundred persons. His Ingathering goals were constantly reached. *Message Magazine* was supported in a marvelous way. A lot on which to erect a church was purchased for \$25,000. A welfare center was opened, a blood bank was established, and a number of Red Cross classes were completed. Elder Cox led the laymen into new frontiers in Franklin, Tennessee. Mrs. Cox served as one of the teachers in the Meharry Church School. We pray that the Lord's blessings will attend the Cox family as they take up new pastoral duties in Gary, Indiana, of the Lake Region Conference.

Conference President Addresses Class on Sociology and Religion.—C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, gave a lecture at Scarritt College to the class in sociology and religion. He spoke on the Adventist Church and ecumenism. After the lecture, questions were answered regarding the fundamental beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists.

Your Bible Speaks Radio Broadcast.—Your Bible Speaks radio program has been giving God's answers and showing God's way over the air continuously for twelve years. It began in 1952 on WUSN radio Charleston, South Carolina. Later it was the first religious broadcast on W DAR Darlington, South Carolina. When the speaker, R. E. Tottress, was transferred to Macon, Georgia, the program was introduced there. Again Elder

Tottress changed districts and the program was heard by remote broadcast from the Ephesus SDA Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. Since the speaker joined the Oakwood staff the broadcast has not stopped. Your Bible Speaks is now heard every Sunday from 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. on Radio Station WEUP in Huntsville, Alabama. R. E. Tottress is dean of academy men and director of youth activities at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama.

Workers in Transition.—J. E. Cox of Nashville has accepted a call to pastor the Gary, Indiana, church. D. C. Batson of the Indianapolis, Indiana, church is serving as pastor of the Nashville Meharry church. W. J. Mitchell leaves Knoxville to assume the Sylcauga, Alabama, district. S. H. Cox is the new Knoxville district pastor.

Pinpoint Evangelism.—At the April 27, 1965, workers' meeting, the South Central Conference pastors reported 113 baptisms for the first quarter—an increase of 50 per cent over last year. *Message Magazine* paid subscriptions totaled 3,402. This is 3,000 more than were reported at this same time last year. This is our initial reaction to Pinpoint Evangelism.

T. M. Rowe, pastor of the Riverside chapel in Nashville, led his people with such enthusiasm that they have paid for 1,600 *Message Magazine* subscriptions.

R. P. PEAY
Public Relations Secretary

LAKE REGION

Conference Leaders in Council

THE ministers and Bible instructors of the Lake Region Conference met in their spring planning council March 29 at the conference office. Present were C. E. Moseley of the General Conference, R. J. Christian of the Southern Publishing Association, and W. S. Lee and G. N. Banks of the Pacific Union. Several churches reported having reached their *Message Magazine* goal. In the case of the Battle Creek-Kalamazoo-Jackson, Michigan, district the pastor, D. G. Rand, reported all churches over the goal of two subscriptions per member.

A report from the publishing department indicated that they expect a probable 75 students working for



Pastor Roy Bellinger, a midterm graduate of Andrews University, and wife. He joins the Lake Region Conference working staff as assistant pastor of the Chicago, Illinois, Shiloh church.



D. G. Rand (second from right), of the Battle Creek-Kalamazoo-Jackson, Michigan, district, receives congratulations from C. E. Bradford, Lake Region president, left; and from R. J. Christian, circulation manager of the *Message Magazine*, right, who presents him with a set of books in recognition of his district reporting their *Message* goal; Xavier Butler, extreme left, home missionary secretary, looks on.

The South Bend effort is the first full-scale public meeting in the Lake Region Conference for 1965. The conference committee has authorized ten campaigns. Our goal for baptisms is 1,000.

Veteran Church School Teacher Given Recognition

THE Home and School Association of the Shiloh church in Chicago, Illinois, recently staged a "This Is Your Life" program honoring one of their teachers, Mrs. Christine Walton Thompson, who has given faithful and dedicated service for the past thirty-five years. A large white book with gold lettering was presented to Mrs. Thompson containing the evening's program, messages, and pictures.

SOUTHWEST REGION

Southwest Region Emphasis Weekend at Oakwood

THE administration of Oakwood College extended an invitation to all Regional conferences of North America to participate in conference emphasis weekends on their campus. The weekend assigned to the Southwest was March 26 and 27. It was our privilege to accept this invitation and tell the progressive story of the great Southwest. There was a delegation of approximately 100 from the Southwest, including the office force, the academy choir, and a group from New Orleans.

Our academy young people entered into the project enthusiastically, and

scholarships in the conference this summer.

The reports from the ministers on baptisms for the first quarter revealed results ahead of the first quarter of 1964. The requests for tents for evangelistic meetings among the ministers is greater than the number of tents available.

The Missionary Volunteer department is projecting the lease for this year and possible purchase later of an excellent youth's camp in Michigan.

J. H. JONES, JR.

Public Relations Secretary

a recent graduate of Andrews University, and his wife have joined the Lake Region Conference working staff. He is serving as assistant pastor at the Shiloh church in Chicago, Illinois.

Evangelism in South Bend, Indiana

J. M. PHIPPS, evangelism secretary of the Lake Region Conference, and W. G. Mills launched a full-scale evangelistic campaign Sunday, April 11, in South Bend, Indiana. Devastating tornadoes struck very close to South Bend, and high winds threatened to blow over the Airatorium, but in spite of these adverse conditions the meeting continued. More than 300 persons were present for the service on the opening night.

The interest is very good and continues to mount. The tabernacle was filled to capacity for the second Sunday evening, April 18.

Lake Region Conference Changes in Workers

SEVERAL changes within the conference have been effected within recent months. Samuel Flagg, recently pastor of the Gary-East Chicago, Indiana, district, has been asked to take up leadership of the Indianapolis-Terre Haute, Indiana, district. D. C. Batson accepted a call to Nashville, Tennessee; John Wright to Trenton, New Jersey; and Robert L. Jones took up new duties at the Detroit, Michigan, City Temple church as assistant pastor April 10, 1965.

New workers who came to the field were Elder and Mrs. J. E. Cox. He has charge of the Gary-East Chicago district. He came to the Lake Region field from Nashville, Tennessee. Pastor and Mrs. Oliver E. Cheatham accepted a call to the Fort Wayne-Marion-Muncie, Indiana, district from the Allegheny Conference. Roy Bellinger,



Latin American music furnished by Burl Swan and Allen Reid.



Members of Southwest Region Academy in Sabbath school lesson scene.

raised enough funds to charter a Greyhound Cruiser to make the trip. Planning, preparation, hustle, and rehearsal were the order of each day as Dallas and New Orleans got ready to give a good impression of the Southwest Region Conference on the college campus.

The vesper message Friday evening was given by a recent graduate of Oakwood, DeWitt Williams, pastor of the Oklahoma City district. L. A. Paschal taped a program with colored slides depicting the five States of our conference, stressing the growth of the Adventist message among the 3 million Negroes in this field. Each officer of the conference recorded a brief report of his department to round out the evening's service.

Mrs. H. L. Turner planned well for the Sabbath school. The lesson was presented by the youth of the academy dressed in Western garb. The setting for the lesson study was a ranch "somewhere in Texas." The stage was decorated with appropriate Western scenery. To exemplify the spirit of the West the office force was appropriately attired in Western apparel for the Sabbath school hour.

During the 10-minute Home Missionary period, a few facts about men who began their ministry in the Southwest and their achievements were presented. It was pointed out that five Regional conference presidents, of the seven now in office, either started their ministry in the Southwest or served in this field. One home missionary secretary and three of the seven secretary-treasurers have also known the joy of laboring as young men in this field. Down through the years the Lord has blessed the Southwest in cultivating the talents of young men who occupy positions of leadership and trust throughout North America today.

W. J. Cleveland, pastor of the Ephesus church in New Orleans, gave the sermon during divine worship. We can all testify that God's man delivered God's message with eloquence and great authority.

Our MV Society of New Orleans, under the direction of Cheryl Tyler and her associates, held the entire student body in awe with their presentation of "The Challenge of the Cross," recounting individuals and their excuses for selecting the type of cross they were willing to bear. This presentation was a credit to the youth of New Orleans, and we are grateful for



L. A. Paschal, Jr., speaker at youth congress Friday night, April 16, 1965. (See page 1.)

the fine caliber of young people developing in our conference.

As a grand finale of a day crowded with activities the student body was entertained with a narrative skit of the people, customs, and activities typical of the Southwest.

The Southwest Region is moving ahead under the capable leadership of V. L. Roberts and L. D. Henderson. Our Missionary Volunteer secretary, L. A. Paschal, was richly rewarded by the outcome of our brief stay at Oakwood. Under his supervision proper emphasis was given to the great Southwest.

W. C. JONES
Sabbath School Secretary

Change of Workers

THE conference committee voted to transfer L. G. Newton of Fort Worth, Texas, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, when the former pastor, Van Runnels, accepted a call to serve as pastor of the Phoenix, Arizona, church.

The following changes were made also:

L. D. Henderson, the conference secretary-treasurer, is to serve as pastor temporarily of the Forth Worth district assisted by C. McNorton, who is now pastor-teacher in the Fort Worth district.

G. J. Chissell of San Antonio has been transferred to the Muskogee district to replace Rawdon Brown, who is now studying at Andrews University.

A. R. Carethers of Houston took charge of the San Antonio district May 1; and L. B. Baker of Dallas replaced him in the Houston district.

W. C. Jones, the conference home missionary and Sabbath school secre-

The Midsummer Offering

One of the privileges of being a part of God's last-day message is the opportunity to respond to calls that are made for funds for the advancement of the work of God in other parts of the world. Another such opportunity will be ours on July 10 when the annual Midsummer Offering is taken in all the churches. May God impress you to give liberally on that date.

H. D. SINGLETON

tary will serve as temporary pastor of Dallas until further arrangements can be made.

We are confident that these recent moves will strengthen the work in our conference. We solicit the prayers of the constituency that the work will continue to grow in the Southwest Region Conference.

Parents cannot commit a greater sin than by allowing their children to have nothing to do.—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 349.

NORTHEASTERN



Some of the 69 students at Oakwood who are from the Northeastern Conference waiting in line to be served in Oakwood's cafeteria at the time of the Northeastern Conference Week, March 12-14, set aside by the college administration for conference officials to address the student body and visit their students. L. H. Davis delivered the Friday evening vesper sermon, R. T. Hudson preached on Sabbath, and Emerson Whidbee was in charge of the Missionary Volunteer meeting.

New Treasurer for Northeastern Conference

WE ARE pleased to present to the readers of the INFORMANT the new treasurer of the Northeastern Conference, Stennett H. Brooks. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks and their one-year-old daughter, Andrea, are no strangers to the constituents of the Northeastern Conference, having served in our field for the past several years in a most efficient and effective manner.

Brother Brooks is a graduate of the West Indies Training College, Jamaica, West Indies, of the class of 1957. For thirteen months he served in the treasury department of the West Jamaica Conference and in the Book and Bible House. He was called to the Northeastern Conference in 1959, where he has served as assistant treasurer, bookkeeper, and Book and Bible House manager. Mrs. Brooks is one of our most efficient office stenographers. For several years she has served as secretary to L. H. Davis, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the conference.

Mr. Brooks is a quiet, sincere, dignified Christian gentleman with a radiant personality. His high Christian ideals have doubtless been handed down from both his father and grandfather, who pioneered the work among the Mosquito Indians in Nicaragua, and as a result of their work among these primitive people, today almost a thousand of them are rejoicing in the hope of a soon-coming Saviour.

The Brooks family is loved, honored, and respected by the members of our office staff and by the constituents throughout the field. We are sure that as they put their shoulders to the wheel in an effort to help finish the work that they will add much strength to the Northeastern Conference working force.

We solicit your prayers that as they unite their efforts with ours great things will be accomplished in our field.

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News Notes

► The alumni are showing increased interest in the college. It is the dream of those close to the administration that the united effort of the alumni constructively guided may make a con-



Stennett H. Brooks, Northeastern Conference treasurer.

tribution to the college worthy of their name. Oakwood has an operational budget of over one million dollars. The college is officially the thirty-third institution of learning in the United Negro College Fund, an aid association that is making it possible to give such financial assistance to colleges in the South, predominantly Negro, that thousands of young people are receiving a college education who otherwise would not have this opportunity.

► The Career Conference, sponsored by the secretarial science department with professors Esther Gill, Charles Galley, and Dr. Z. N. Coberly, all working in close association with Dr. Frank Albert of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, representing Equal Employment Opportunity, drew to Oakwood campus the finest choice of interesting job openings available in the area.

► The Spring Week of Prayer was conducted by Theodore Lucas, General Conference MV secretary, who made his first trip to the college. Spirit filled, he captured and held the attention of the students. It was a great manifestation of the Spirit of God working with man upon the hearts of the youth. Elder Lucas will never be forgotten at Oakwood College.

► The annual colporteur institute led by Eric Ristau of the Southern Union Conference will again attract many students to the literature work this summer. Associated with Brother Ristau were M. G. Cato, Southern Union; Bruce Wickwire, Columbia Un-

ion; C. M. Willis, Review and Herald Publishing Association; H. D. Warner, Northeastern Conference; Odell McKay, South Central Conference; and Silas McClamb, South Atlantic Conference.

► On May 9, Mother's Day, the Oakwood College choir, sponsored by the United Negro College Fund, presented a full concert at the World's Fair in New York. Mrs. Johnny Mae Pierre Louis, associate professor of music, directed.

► In 1965 the United Negro College Fund will seek \$5,174,000 for 33 member colleges. Our own Oakwood College will stand to benefit from the national fund drive conducted by UNCF. The Huntsville Community was asked to participate for the first time in this campaign by pledging \$10,000—in return, Oakwood College will receive many times more than this pledge from allocations made each year by UNCF. The fund campaign, which began May 12 and ran through June 4, was opened with a luncheon. Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Milton Cummings, president of Brown Engineering Company and honorary drive chairman.

► President A. V. Pinkney of Oakwood College took an oral examination at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education and received the M.S. degree in Administration and Supervision. He begins his third year at Oakwood in July.

August 14—An Important Day

Sabbath, August 14, is the day on which the annual Oakwood College Offering is to be taken. Great progress is being made in the physical plant at Oakwood. The new fine arts building is now in use. The construction on the new girls' dormitory is soon to start. The cost of education and the cost of construction continues to go up and up, hence the needs at the college increase constantly. This is your opportunity to do your bit by giving at least \$2.00 to Oakwood on August 14.