

Obituaries

John G. Thomas

John G. Thomas was born in Cuthbert, Georgia, August 2, 1883, and died in Orlando, Florida, February 12, 1967. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas. In his early manhood he heard the message of the three angels preached under a tent in Miami, Florida, by J. S. Green. He immediately felt the burden to tell others the "good news" and became a lay preacher. In due time he was employed as a full-time worker and became an outstanding leader and evangelist among us. His work was largely in the Southern Union where thousands were baptized by him. He served as the Southern Union secretary and evangelist of the Regional department for a number of years. He pastored churches in several of the conferences. His life was an inspiration to all who knew him. He leaves to mourn his loss, his devoted wife, two daughters, one sister, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Caesar Sampson Myles

Caesar Sampson Myles was born to the parentage of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Myles in Moseley, Virginia. He died in Dallas, Texas, February 21, 1967. Elder Myles became a member of the Baptist Church in his youth. He lived in Moseley, Virginia, until he was 13 years old, and then moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to live with an uncle. Later he enrolled in the Virginia Union University School of Theology, Richmond, Virginia. Upon graduation he entered the ministry and pastored the Mount Edna Baptist church in Richmond, Virginia, for eight years. In 1933 he became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Later he met and married Miss Lillie White, and to this union one daughter, Barbara Jean, was born. He has served in the Northeastern, South Central, South Atlantic, Central States, and Southwest Region conferences. The testimony of all who knew Elder Myles was, "He lived his religion."

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News Notes

► DR. GEORGE N. BENSON has been re-elected president of the medical staff, and for the first time in Riverside's history, specialists have been appointed to lead major medical departments: Dr. Dorothy L. Brown in surgery, Dr. Ronald Weaver in internal medicine, and Dr. Elizabeth Backus in obstetrics.

► PAUL DAMAZO has redesigned and updated the culinary department to include an assembly line for patients' trays, hospital bakery, food carts with hot and cold compartments, a new larger dining area, new storage facilities with deepfreeze, and the latest innovations in food cookery, dishwashing, and management.

► EXPENDITURES of \$47,200 for capital improvements have been authorized in the hospital's 1967 budget. This outlay will be spent in refurbishing the culinary department, installation of a new emergency room on the basement floor, and purchase of an injector used in arteriograms.

► THE executive committee recently voted new salary levels for nurses. Registered nurses will be paid \$475 monthly beginning February 1, and licensed practical nurses, \$325.

► EMPLOYEES have raised funds with which to purchase a Bolex motion-picture camera. This will be used for production of a full-color hospital promotional film.

► RIVERSIDE is accredited by the U.S. Department of Health and Welfare as a medicare hospital.

► FOURTEEN students were accepted for admission in the February 6 class of the school of practical nursing.

► THE board has approved the formation of a Riverside "Committee of 100." This advisory committee will serve in special development projects designed to create in the field a new consciousness of Riverside as a medical center serving the Regional Depart-

ment, and to raise funds for projects that will continue Riverside's place in the vanguard of contemporary medical institutions. Dr. Garland Millet will serve as the interim chairman. If you are interested in this type of medical missionary service, write Dr. Millet or to the administrator of Riverside Hospital.

► God blessed in 1966. Riverside admitted 1,369 patients and for the first time exceeded one-half million dollars in business with \$513,835 reported through December 31.

N. G. SIMONS, *Administrator*
Riverside Hospital

Making Melody With Benevolence

YEARS ago the Lord's messenger wrote the following significant lines in *Testimonies*, volume 2, page 25:

"Every act of justice, mercy, and benevolence makes melody in heaven. The Father from His throne beholds those who do these acts of mercy, and numbers them with His most precious treasures."

We rejoice in the fact that prophetic foresight and divine instruction, many years ago, laid the foundations for the welfare organization of our church. This organization is ready to play its part in relieving suffering and hardship, which strike with rapidity in these last days of earth's history.

During the hurricanes and floods of 1966, a tremendous amount of relief and help was brought to those who were affected as a result of disaster. This help was provided because of the liberal financial support given by the members of our churches to the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering.

From those who received spiritual blessings, along with physical care, we heard reports of gratitude and thanksgiving. But we continue to urge that our liberality increase as we give to the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering on May 13, 1967.

May our hearts thrill to the melody of cooperative giving, thus relieving man's spiritual and physical needs.

F. L. BLAND