



## PACIFIC UNION

### Community Health Week High Light in Pacific Union Conference

COMMUNITY HEALTH WEEK, an annual event, has come to have great significance here in the West. It was founded by Dr. Ruth J. Temple some years ago when she was serving in the health services for the city of Los Angeles. Dr. Temple is now serving as director of health services for Southern California Conference.

Community Health Week was celebrated this year from March 12 to 18, with the theme "Using Total Resources Toward Total Health." This theme states very clearly the goal and aim of the Community Health Week project.

The week was highlighted by an all-day special emphasis event that took place on Wednesday, March 8, 1967. The outstanding program and events on this day were the official introduction to Community Health Week for 1967. The all-day event was identified as the leadership conference and luncheon, launching 1967 Community Week Program and Operation Total Health. Dr. Ruth J. Temple was the general chairman.

The program featured prominent health and medical authorities as well as other community and religious leaders. To mention a few of them: during the morning session, J. Albert Torribio, chief of Central Preventive Services, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health; Dr. Walter H. Smartt, Los Angeles County Health Department; Dr. Ellsworth E. Wareham, Loma Linda School of Medicine; and Melvin Jacobsen who demonstrated with a life-sized manikin, called Smoking Sam, the dangers of cigarette smoking.

We give a standing ovation to Dr. Ruth J. Temple and those who worked with her to bring the health message to the forefront in such a graphic manner.

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## Obituaries

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### James Roy Davis, Sr.

James Roy Davis, Sr., the father of Leon H. Davis, MV secretary of the Northeastern Conference and Mrs. Lorraine Henri, wife of C. D. Henri, pastor in Atlanta, Georgia, passed away February 19. The news medium wrote of him that he "headed a family that is composed of highly stable and respected members." In addition to the widow, Mrs. Viola Davis, and the two children who are denominational employees mentioned above, he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Doris L. Joyner, Chicago; Mrs. Lovey R. Verdun of Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Grace M. Phipps, Bronx, New York; sons, James Roy Davis, Jr., New York; Frank R. Davis, Chicago; Silas E. Davis, East St. Louis; and Charles B. Davis, Harvey, Illinois.

### Mercedes Aguirre Moran

Mercedes Aguirre Moran, daughter of the late Jose and Victoria Aguirre, was born February 8, 1904, in Havana, Cuba. On March 4, 1922, she was married to James L. Moran. To this union were born four children, all of whom survive. From 1932 to 1945 she was first lady of Oakwood College during her husband's tenure as president. Here she not only taught Spanish and typing but also served faithfully as Sabbath school secretary, teacher, superintendent, and MV leader. On Wednesday, February 15, 1967, she quietly fell asleep. Funeral services were held at Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist church of Washington, D.C.



## CENTRAL STATES

### First Health and Welfare Center Opens in the Central States Conference

ON SUNDAY, February 19, 1967, the Central States Conference made history. They officially opened their first



Left to right: Mayor George Whitmer and D. J. Dixon, pastor of the Des Moines, Iowa, church, at the official opening of the first health and welfare center in the conference.

health and welfare center in the conference. It is in Des Moines, Iowa.

D. J. Dixon, pastor of the Des Moines church, led out in the proceedings. He introduced to those present George Whitmer, mayor of the city, and E. E. Hagen, health and welfare director for the Central Union Conference. The mayor congratulated the church on their efforts to alleviate suffering among the poor, and Elder Hagen emphasized the necessity of reaching out to help "your neighbor."

W. A. Darby, Jr., health and welfare director of the Central States Conference, made some brief remarks and offered the prayer of dedication. Elder Kinsey, of the Iowa Conference, and Elder J. Blahovich, of the sister church in Des Moines, also participated.

The program was conducted in the church, and the pastor and officers marched down to the center, where Mayor Whitmer cut the ribbon.

The Dorcas ladies were hostesses and conducted the visitors on a tour of the center. They also provided refreshments for all who attended. Many of the business people, upon learning of the church's intention to open the center, donated furniture, racks, and free cleaning for the clothing to be distributed.

We commend Sister Harper for her diligent effort to have things ready, the men for their fine cooperation, the entire church for being "THE FIRST" in the conference.

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