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## Oakwood Hosts Minority Writers' Seminar

MORE than thirty black writers and potential writers from across America met at Oakwood College, September 2-6, for a minority writers' seminar, designed to provoke and stimulate the creative talents of black laymen and conference workers.

In view of a new demand for writings from black Adventists, college faculties submitted to the Department of Communication the names of students with talent. Seminar sponsors and certain conferences facilitated their attendance, along with laymen and workers.

The first of its kind to be held for these particular groups, the seminar was sponsored by the General Conference Department of Communication, the Regional Department, and the publishing houses in the North American Division.

Group lectures with workshops and clinics heightened the value of the course. The workshops allowed participants to receive individual attention for their particular needs and interests. The lectures provided technical and theoretical knowledge on the various aspects of writing articles, stories, and

books; on research and documentation; on finding source materials and using the tools of writing; on copyrighting and publishing; and other important areas of writing. Besides these techniques there was the challenge to put Christ and salvation in every article and story.

Participation from the community also helped make the meeting a success. An editor from Huntsville *Times* made an excellent presentation on the preparation of church news releases for local papers. Victor Brooks, public relations director for Oakwood, had



Oakwood College Vacation Bible School, July, 1974.

arranged for cameramen and reporters from a local television station to be present on the final day, and the evening news of TV Channel 31 featured the minority writers' seminar.

The four-day history-making conference featured a select group of lecturers and writing specialists. Mrs. Norma Youngberg, principal lecturer and author of more than twenty-five books, presented instruction on writing techniques from one of her textbooks. Other noted lecturers included Editors W. R. Robinson, Kenneth Holland, Richard Coffen, and Gerald Wheeler from Southern Publishing Association, and Book Editor R. F. Cottrell from Review and Herald. Also contributing were Leon Davis, communication director of Atlantic Union, Professors Irene Wakeham and James Dykes, both professors at Oakwood. General Conference participants included E. E. Cleveland, Louis B. Reynolds, and Garland J. Millet. The seminar was directed by Walter R. L. Scragg, head of the G. C. Department of Communication, and co-directed by H. D. Singleton, secretary of the Regional Department.

In addition to the helpful mimeographed materials presented, books given to the students were *Creative Techniques for Christian Writers*, by Norma Youngberg, *Writing for Adventist Magazines*, by Don Yost, and

"If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."

*Writing in Action*, by Robert C. Meredith.

The seminar ended with a roundtable discussion featuring the editors present, and the group of writers consecrated themselves to the promulgation of God's message through the printed page. The favorable response of the seminar offers the hope that the minority writers' seminar will become an annual event.

DEWITT WILLIAMS

G. C. Communication Department

### Vacation Bible School at Oakwood

AN EXCITING two-week Vacation Bible School was conducted at Oakwood College July 8-19 with more than 200 children attending. Dr. Rosa L. Hadley directed the VBS with outstanding ability and organization. More than seventy-five non-SDA children were transported from the community each day by the school bus. More than thirty staff members in addition to special storytellers helped to make this experience enjoyable and a grand success.

The first day more than 150 attended, and the enrollment grew each day until the building was overflowing beyond capacity with happy children and youth. It had been more than fifteen years since a VBS had been held at the college. Mrs. Ruth Warren directed the making of beautiful and useful crafts, and Mrs. Anne Galley served as the music leader.

The closing program was held on July 20 during the Sabbath school hour conducted by Jannith Lewis, general superintendent. That Sabbath after the

eleven o'clock sermon two VBS students joined the church. Church Pastor Eric Ward says that ten more have indicated a desire to have Bible studies. This was a beautiful climax to this most wonderful and worthwhile activity.

J. LEWIS

General Supt., Oakwood  
Sabbath School

### Oakwood College Academy

AS THE 1974-1975 school year opens, Oakwood College Academy has become a full day school, a separate division of the college in its thirty-year history. The academy will not house students in the college facilities, so students who live outside the Huntsville community are being encouraged to seek residen-

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tial housing from a list that the academy is preparing. For information contact Principal William R. Wright at the academy office.

Now serving grades 1 to 12, the academy combines the secondary and elementary levels. The new J. T. Stafford building houses grades 7-12, and the Anna Knight building, administered by Mrs. Alice Brantley, assistant principal, houses grades 1-6.

The academy staff totals 16, and the current enrollment is 227. Courses added for the 1974-1975 school year are: home economics, driver education, swimming, black studies, art I, general business, and journalism.

W. R. WRIGHT, *Principal*



## north eastern

### City Tabernacle Observes Family Day

REALIZING the decadence of the family unit in our modern society and the important role that the family structure plays in the church, the nation, and the world, the City Tabernacle Sabbath school recently sought to bring emphasis to the family unit by instituting a Family Day service.

Vernon Small, assistant Sabbath school superintendent, is director of the membership team that was responsible for the planning and successful execution of this program. Response to the call for church members to bring their families to worship with them on this day evidenced the reality that there is a deep awareness of the great need to strengthen family life.

The two families having the largest number in attendance, next to Elder J. P. Willis and Sabbath school superintendent Norel James, were the families of Benjamin Day and Mrs. Mozelle Smith. They, as representatives of their families, were presented with awards that will long serve as mementos of this special occasion.

A. N. Brogden, secretary of the Atlantic Union, was the guest speaker for divine worship. This spiritual leader brought a dynamic message captioned "Christ in Us and in Our Family Relationships." His sermon centered on

Christ as the answer to every facet of family relationships. "Sin," he declared, "has struck mankind on the head, resulting in a concussion of the brain. As a result man became deranged in his relationship with the Creator." He revealed sin as the root cause of the degeneration of family life, but assured the worshipers that there is hope in Christ, who has the remedy for all the ailments of sin. Elder Brogden brought into focus the Spirit of Prophecy statement that God sees in each human being infinite possibilities for good.

Prior to Elder Brogden's message, the youth choir sang "Christ the Upward Way," and the church choir described in song that "Great Day the Righteous Marching."

Elder Brogden's appeal was directed especially to mothers and fathers as the binding force of the family unit. In cooperation with Christ he urged them to restore the family altar, thereby strengthening family ties in a bond of Christian love and respect that will become a positive force for good in our present society.

Family Day at City Tabernacle was an eventful, inspirational, and happy occasion.

### Bronx Stewardship Revival

CHRISTIAN stewardship was given a magnificent thrust in the Washington Avenue Bronx church from July 17-21. The speaker for the revival series was Walter M. Starks, stewardship and development secretary of the General Conference. The speaker, drawing on his years of experience as a pastor, evangelist, and administrator, presented the series as "Life in Four Dimensions."

Beginning on Wednesday evening, the meetings gained momentum, and the zenith was reached on Sunday with a praise and thanksgiving service. The series was coordinated by George Murphy, church elder and stewardship secretary.

Elder Starks presented the following topics: "The Definition of Christian Stewardship," "God's Giving Guides," "Sacrifice or Destitution," and "Abraham, Man of Faith," which drew a packed house on Sabbath morning with several responding to the appeal to be more systematic in giving and to consecrate their lives to Christ.

Meetings were held Thursday through Sabbath with strong support from Pastor Jerome James, who since assuming the pastorate of the Bronx



W. M. Starks speaks during Bronx church stewardship revival.

church, has set a liberal example of Christian stewardship.

Apart from the rich musical renditions provided by the various artists, many hearts were blessed by the Sunday morning praise and thanksgiving service as many voices were lifted in gratitude to God. The stewardship revival series has ended, but the pledges made will not only create new thinking and a new financial approach, but will help each person to realize that stewardship entails much more than money. Elder Starks said, "It involves time, talent, life, and money."

The Bronx church is grateful for Christian stewardship.

### Bronx Church Sponsors Health Expo

IN A brilliant display of skill, the nurses corps of the Washington Avenue Bronx church recently presented a most successful Health Expo. It was under the direction of Mrs. Myrtle Pickett, medical secretary of the church, and was cosponsored by Mor-



At Health Expo: Nurse Pickett gives directions to visitors.



Blood is drawn for testing.

risania Hospital, Hostos Community College, Martin Luther King, Jr., Health Center, and Prospect General Hospital.

All of the recorded 525 visitors to the Expo had their blood pressure checked, as well as tests for sickle cell anemia, diabetes, dental hygiene, glaucoma, tuberculosis, and cancer of the cervix.

Expo also provided vital information on the preventive aspects of respiratory diseases commonly associated with smoking. A steady flow of dignitaries from church and state, headed by Elder G. R. Earle, president of Northeastern Conference, underwent the various medical examinations and partook of the delicious treats prepared by Miss Elizabeth McCalls, nutritionist of the Northeastern Conference.

Under the efficient direction of Pastor Jerome James, 1,200 pieces of clothing were distributed to the needy. During the examinations many cases of previously undetected diseases were discovered and referred to the various centers for follow-up care previously arranged by the planners of the Expo.



G. R. Earle, conference president, cooperates with dental hygienist.



Voter registration.

Health Expo 1974 is now history, but it is the hope that the health education obtained will result in a more abundant life because of the various educational devices used as well as the early detection of the diseases. The many persons who were enrolled in various Bible courses reflect the all-purpose nature of the Expo, which has as its theme "Free Health Care From Those Who Care!"

J. BROWN  
PR Secretary



## lake region

### Senior Citizen Attends 60 Meetings

THE number of meetings held throughout the ten-day period of camp meeting in the main pavilion was 60. Mrs. Mozelle Williams, 86, of Inkster, Michigan, attended all 60 meetings. Mrs. Williams, who is unable to walk without the aid of a walker, was furnished transportation to the early morning meeting and to the dormitory after the last meeting by her pastor, Elder E. S. Dillett. Meals were brought to her at the pavilion by various members of her home church.

The theme for the 1974 camp meeting was "God, Manifest Thy Presence." Sermons for the early morning services were prepared with this theme in mind. Some of the sermon titles were: "God, Manifest Thy Presence Through Healthful Living" and "... Through Stewardship.

In addition to the regular morning services at six-thirty and eleven o'clock, the class "Preparation for the Final Crisis" was conducted by President J. R. Wagner. Guest speakers were Edythe Cottrell from the Loma Linda

School of Health, Roy Wightman of Hinsdale Sanitarium, who also gave free diabetic tests to all who wanted them, and A. C. Fearing of the General Conference Ministerial Department, whose lectures were entitled "Your Life in a New Dimension."

Meetings in the youth tent were different this year. Instead of the same person speaking each evening, various young ministers of the conference spoke nightly. The theme for the youth was "God and You."

### SDA Pastor Appointed Charity and Solicitation Commissioner

MAYOR RICHARD G. LUGAR of Indianapolis has appointed Lawrence Shepherd, pastor of the Capitol Avenue SDA church and area leader in Lake Region Conference, to membership on the Indianapolis Board of Charity and Solicitation Commissioners. This board



Lt. R. Clarence Hodges, assistant to the mayor of Indianapolis, who directs the city's Department of Human Resources; Mayor Lugar, center; and Pastor Shepherd.

decides which charitable organizations can have public fund-raising drives such as Ingathering. This is the first time a Seventh-day Adventist has been appointed to this small but influential body. Mayor Lugar, in making the appointment, confirmed his high regard for the convictions and charitable work of Seventh-day Adventists. The mayor, an avid reader of religious materials and a lay minister, is familiar with several Adventist publications. He was praised by Pastor Shepherd for the high moral standards he has brought to public office and for his commitment to religious freedom and racial equality.

### Ordination Services

ORDINATION services were held July 6 at the Lake Region camp meeting for the following ministers: Edward Avinger of East St. Louis and Spring-

field districts; Vern Joyner of Muncie-Marion-Fort Wayne district; Herman Davis of Morgan Park-Maywood district; David Jones of Benton Harbor-Dowagiac-Niles district; and Morris Wren of Chicago Heights and Pembroke district. Two beautiful color coordinated Bible-hymnal sets were presented by the conference to each pastor and his wife.

**New Church Homes in 1974**

THE conference officers and executive committee of the Lake Region Conference addressed themselves to the mammoth problem of housing its churches that needed new buildings.

During 1974 seven churches were either built or purchased to house already-established memberships. One church was established as a result of an evangelistic meeting conducted by C. D. Brooks in the city of Chicago. After renting for several months, a new church home was recently purchased to house this congregation. The new churches have been established so that the name of God might be glorified.



New church homes in Lake Region: 1—Niles, Michigan; 2—Grand Rapids, Michigan; 3—Jackson, Michigan; 4—Fort Wayne, Indiana; 5—Chicago, Illinois; 6—East St. Louis, Missouri; 7—Evansville, Indiana.



**allegheny east**

**MISSION '74 in Baltimore**

AT THE beginning of 1974 the Berea Temple and Liberty Heights churches in Baltimore, Maryland, united their efforts in the launching of MISSION '74. The two pastors, W. C. Scales, Jr., and William Linthicum, joined hands in giving direction to the over-all program.

Target areas were selected, a special joint prayer meeting was held, and MISSION '74 commitment cards were distributed and collected. Evangelistic workshops were conducted for several weeks under the direction of local talented personnel from the two churches.

Coordinating these meetings in various areas were Artemus Tucker and Mrs. Arnedia Brown in the field of Bible studies; Marguerite Brown and Mrs. Thelma Reid in child evangelism; James Dailey and Rudolph Cush in counseling; Noah Beasley in literature evangelism and distribution; Mrs. Bernice Ross and Mrs. Bernet Watkins in health; and Mrs. Ruth Exum and Mrs. Daisy Rodgers in Community Service.

The first target area chosen was the Cherry Hill section of Baltimore. The "Tribesmen" Pathfinders, under the direction of Shelton Stanley and other volunteer workers, saturated the area with the Real Truth Bible Course cards. Literature evangelists then canvassed the area. As a result of this intensive visitation program, 14 homes, including some church members' homes, were opened to Neighborhood Bible Story hours. Seven story-hour teams carried out this one-hour-per-week program for a period of four weeks during a two-month period, moving from one set of homes to another at the end of the four-week period. The weekly attendance at the homes ranged from 75-100 children.

At the conclusion of the story hours a branch Sunday school, under the direction of Mrs. Elvira Ennis, Mrs. Clara Thomas, and Mrs. Rebecca James, was begun at a Community Service building with children attending from the 14 Bible Story homes. This

lasted nine weeks. Attendance was good, with more than 75 attending weekly. One 10-year-old girl enjoyed the first meeting so much that the second week she came and brought eight others with her.

Visitation of parents by the story-hour teams resulted in several good openings for Bible studies. Then the Bible study teams went into action. A brief series of studies was given in the homes, resulting in several good interests. Then it was time for camp meeting.

After camp meeting a Real Truth Crusade reaping meeting was launched in a Methodist church in the area. These meetings are now in progress. The meetings are unique in that there are 19 preachers speaking at the nightly evangelistic services, a different speaker at each meeting. This team is composed of the two pastors and their 17 local elders.

The faithfulness and dedication of these untiring laymen is truly amazing. More church members are actively involved in personal witnessing than ever before, including many young people.

But the end is not yet! At the conclusion of the evangelistic meetings a new church will soon be established. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

## Ninety-One-Year-Old Member Honored

NONAGENARIAN Henry Joseph Gordon is the oldest person in the Beacon Light church of Annapolis, Maryland. At 91 years, his spry walk and congenial manner illuminate many homes in the Annapolis area. His mission in life is to serve others in any capacity he can. This includes visiting the sick and elderly, running errands for friends.

What makes him happiest, however, is his acceptance of the Adventist message in his old age, and he never fails to give God the glory for the opportunity to serve Him.

W. D. LEWIS  
*Communications Secretary*



Henry Joseph Gordon, at 91 years. Oldest member of Annapolis church.



Five generations at camp meeting.

## Five Generations Attend Camp Meeting

CAMP meeting in the Allegheny East Conference is indeed a family affair. Represented at our recent camp meeting were five generations of one family who spent the entire ten days.

Mrs. Dora Christian of Richmond, Virginia, the matriarch of the family, says, "I'm mighty proud to be here at camp meeting. I've felt better physically since I've been here." The other generations are Mrs. Ollie Dandridge of Philadelphia; Mrs. S. Jackson, Richmond; Mrs. C. Jefferson and her son, Kevin, Richmond.

## Emmanuel Church Plans for Community Health Care

A BANQUET honoring Community Health Care was held recently in the lower auditorium of the Emmanuel SDA church of Brinklow, Maryland. More than one hundred guests attended the well-planned occasion.

The banquet theme, "Community Health Care," was ably outlined by guest speakers Dr. D. Warren Harrison, medical missionary from Africa, and Elman J. Folkenberg, originator of the famed Five-Day Plan. Other distinguished guests included James Farmer, executive director of the Montgomery County Action Committee; Winona Lodmell, R.N., from a northern Maryland Health Clinic; and members of the professional community.

Dr. Robert Dunn, director of Preventive Medicine for the Washington Adventist Hospital, joins Dr. Harrison and Mr. Folkenberg as they lead our church in meeting the health needs of the community.

L. A. HERRON  
*Acting PR Secretary*  
*Brinklow, Maryland*

## "I Was in Prison and Ye Visited Me"

THE Laymen's Prison Counselors (Dupont Park church lay activities department in Washington, D.C.), was organized by William Elliott. Their mission was to evangelize in the prisons.

Overcoming many obstacles, this group was able to meet on a regular basis with the inmates of Lorton Prison. The church members began praying and the devil began working, but as always, God's truth went marching on.

Because of the steadfast, dedicated workers, interested in lifting sin-wrecked souls to a new beginning in Christ, Bible studies and Sabbath services were held, even in the maximum security area. As a result of their faithfulness, 16 precious souls were baptized by the church pastor, J. C. Smith. The baptism took place in the prison chapel. A portable pool was erected and a regular service was held with many curious onlookers.

But the story does not end there. Satan could not stand being defeated, so as usual, he pulled out one of his old tricks, and one of our members was stabbed and hospitalized. This young man continued his testimony and kept his faith in Jesus. This was not enough, so Satan got loose again and gained a victory. Another member was stabbed several times during the night and was found dead. We know this victory is only temporary, for our member awaits the call from the Life-Giver.

Before the baptismal rites were administered, Joseph Davidson, Bible worker, examined each candidate. Many of the relatives and friends of these inmates have begun studies and have become interested in the way to eternal life through the efforts of this dedicated group.

M. SEARD  
*PR Secretary*



J. C. Smith, left, baptizes prisoner.



## south central



Visitors seeking health services offered in the medical van.

### Flood Victims Aided by SDA Community Services

THE Community Services center of the two SDA churches in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, came to the aid of approximately 1,500 victims of the flood, which was the most recent natural disaster to hit the southern Mississippi area. Furniture, food, and clothing were destroyed and many were left homeless.

A temporary disaster relief center was set up in a vacant building donated by a local realty company. Pastors of the two local churches, G. L. Byars and A. E. Schleis, with the help of South Central's lay activities leader, Earl Moore, and members of the two churches, volunteered long hours aiding the victims and handing out more than 34,000 pieces of clothing and bedding.

As soon as the center was closed down, Pastor Byars and members of the church loaded the Health and Welfare van with clothes and food donated by various churches in the South Central Conference, and went throughout the affected neighborhoods and continued to hand out these much-needed items.

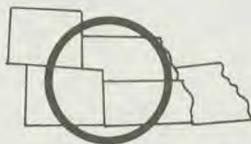
### Health Services Offered

THE Community Services Health and Welfare van was put to use on May 19-26 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, by the Ephesus SDA church. Mrs. Carol Byars, R.N.; Lois McGhee, a nursing student; and Cheryl Roberts, a medical technician student (church members); ministered to approximately 225 people on both Sundays by taking blood



Lois McGhee, nurse Carol Byars, and Cheryl Roberts ministered to approximately 225 people who visited the van.

pressures and urinalysis tests. All seemed to be very grateful for this service and enlightened on this phase of their physical condition. Hundreds of pieces of literature were also distributed to all who came to the van for help.



## central states

### Camp Meeting

"YE ARE MY WITNESSES" was the theme for the 1974 Central States camp meeting at Shady Hill. The Spirit of God moved upon the hearts of those who listened to the messages from God during the ten-day encampment. Many spiritual blessings were showered upon those who attended with a desire to be God's witnesses. Some of the high lights were as follows:

1. Good old-fashioned early-morning devotion at the main pavilion with C. E. Moseley.

2. Free health services.

3. The Walter Arties group.

4. The ordination of Theus Young, conference lay activities secretary. S. D. Meyers, conference president, was assisted by the union president, R. H. Nightingale, and C. D. Henri, a vice-president of the General Conference.

5. Other guest speakers included James Parker of Gary, Indiana; Xavier Butler, Bible teacher at Oakwood College; Calvin Rock, president of Oakwood College; Sandy Robinson, director of publishing industries at Oakwood; W. W. Fordham, coordinator, inner city services, General Conference; M. Manley, president of Union College; and the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today teams.

### 1974 Youth Congress

A CONFERENCE-WIDE youth congress was held in Wichita, Kansas, recently. Meetings convened in our Grove Heights church and the Broadway Christian church.

The congress theme was "Pass It On." More than 1,000 attended from the churches in the conference area. Visitors and guests from other parts of the United States also attended.

High lights included dynamic sermons by two of our young ministers, Booker Rice, a recent graduate of Oakwood College, who spoke Friday night, and George Murray, who spoke to a capacity crowd on Sabbath morning during the eleven o'clock hour. He is the pastor of the Des Moines, Iowa, church. James Melancon, Bible instructor at Union College, taught the Sabbath school lesson.

An unusual feature of the congress was a witness team known as "The Soul Squad." This group, composed of youth of the Northside church in St. Louis, Missouri, thrilled hearts as they gave their testimonies in word and song during the lay activities period. Youth groups and choirs provided special music throughout the congress.

The spirit of MISSION '74 permeated the congress activities. A high point was when hundreds of youth marched into the streets of Wichita to "pass it on" through the printed page.

The youth of the Central States Conference were awakened to the call of Christ in their own hearts and the needs of their fellow men about them when they were challenged by the conference youth director, S. H. Cox, to take the spiritual influence and enthusiasm of this congress home with them and "pass it on."



Pastor George Murray as he challenges the youth of Central States Conference.



Adina Stevenson, accomplished musician.

## Musical Accomplishments of SDA Youth

ADINA STEVENSON, a member of Kansas Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church in Riverside, California, is a part of the Universal Academy Choir of Princeton, New Jersey, which departed from New York on July 10 for a four-week concert tour of Europe.

Adina is the daughter of Mabel and Samuel Stevenson. She is a June graduate of La Sierra Academy, where she was a member of the Delta Mu Chorale. She is a soprano in the concert choir of the touring group. Two students were chosen from each State of the U.S. She was chosen as one of two students from the State of California.

## Andrews University First to Offer Professional Social Work Degree

A NEW curriculum leading to the professional degree of Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) will begin at Andrews University this fall, according to Reger Smith, A.C.S.W., coordinator of the program and assistant professor of behavioral science.

He noted that in the past, many positions in social service were open to "just about anyone interested in people, regardless of his major. But in today's tightening job market, the graduate with the B.S.W. degree will have the advantage of this professional training."

The new program offers social work courses beginning with the freshman

year and continuing through the senior year, when 360 hours of field work are required with community social work agencies near Andrews. "This field education will be that of an 'intern' social worker whose eight-hour day will be under the supervision of professional social service personnel," said Robert Kistler, chairman of the behavioral science department.

Andrews has previously offered social work courses and was one of 200 colleges nationwide with a social welfare concentration approved by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the national organization of social workers that sets up accreditation procedures and standards.

"However," said Kistler, "the new curriculum is much more specialized to provide a young worker with the job skills he'll need in a competitive job market. In addition, students holding a B.S.W. degree from a CSWE-approved college can often complete work for the Master of Social Work degree in one year instead of taking the usual two-year course."

## The NAACP Convention

"THE NAACP convention exhibit was not complete without the Seventh-day Adventists' display." At least that was said in New Orleans when the Southwestern Union and Southwest Region Conference Community Health Service van arrived at the Rivergate Convention Center recently.

It was the sixty-fifth annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which drew persons of all races to its historical assembly over the long Independence Day weekend.

Copies of *The Message Magazine* were distributed by associate circulation manager C. M. Willis, of Southern Publishing Association. Southern Publishing had a special gift Bible on display, and persons passing by were asked to give their names for the draw-

NAACP Convention Exhibit at the Rivergate Convention Center in New Orleans, July 4 weekend, 1974.



ing. Thousands visited the booth, and 1,200 persons signed, giving their names and addresses.

Loma Linda vegetarian foods, with Sales Manager Westphal and his wife, had tasty mouth-sized bits of many samples from the meatless lines prepared by Mrs. Sterling of Baton Rouge, a public school home economics teacher.

When the medical van opened its doors, tests for sickle cell anemia, blood pressure, and cancer were given. Doctors, Red Cross workers, volunteers, and denominational workers including Elders Dombrosky, James Hicks, Warren Banfield, and G. M. Schram, were present.

The General Conference Temperance Department was represented by A. V. Pinkney and wife.

Those in charge said, "The most thrilling experience we have had at this convention is the testimonies of so many that stopped by and almost tearfully confessed, 'Seventh-day Adventists—I used to be one with you,' to which the reply was always given, 'The door is open, come back before it is too late.'"

## OBITUARY

**CHARLES C. CUNNINGHAM**, was born January 3, 1919, and died August 29, 1974, in Nashville, Tennessee, at Vanderbilt Hospital. His parents were Louis and Isabella Cunningham. Sister Cunningham, who passed away several years ago, was known as "Mother Cunningham" on the Oakwood campus and helped many youth to higher goals in life. Louis Cunningham died while his son was very young. Charles was reared on the Oakwood campus and graduated from junior college in 1939. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in education from Pacific Union College in 1941. He entered the church's program for training the youth, giving service in the South Atlantic, Southwest Region, and South Central and Lake Region conferences.

The funeral services were held at Oakwood College, with R. E. Tottress officiating. He was buried beside his mother, a short distance from the school's campus.

Surviving him are his wife, Tereasa; daughter Tina; aunts Lenora McClean and Sadie Gould; cousins Mabel and Carol Lewis, Thelma Jordon, Mildred Britton, Dorothy Ham-Ying, Joseph Lewis, Mrs. Malcolm Phipps.