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“Cristo Viene Pronto”

COVER STORY

BLACKS AND HISPANICS TOGETHER FOR A FINISHED WORK

Less than twelve years have passed since the first Hispanic members of Jefferson Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church, Rochester, New York, decided to organize themselves into the first Hispanic company in Northeastern.

One of the moving forces behind this company was a layman, Francisco Fuentes, who had moved from New York City to Rochester, New York. While a member of the Jefferson Avenue Church he noticed that there were several other Hispanic members. Together they worked and formed a company. They wrote the conference officials of Northeastern and asked them to send a worker.

Responding to their need, Elder G. R. Earle went to the seminary and selected Ciro Sepulveda to become the first Hispanic minister in Northeastern Conference. In 1969, after only one year in existence, the Rochester Hispanic SDA Mission was organized with a membership of thirty-one. In March 8, 1972, they became the first Hispanic church in the Northeastern Conference. Today, Elder Irenio Martinez is the minister and they have seventy members.

Second Hispanic Mission Organized

In June 1969, Elder G. H. Rainey conducted an evangelistic crusade in the Bronx, New York. Among those working on the staff were three Hispanic seminarians who were studying at Andrews University. They were Pastors de la Pena, Menegusso and Rogriquez. They chose to work with Elder Rainey because he would better prepare them to reach people. Being a member of a minority group he would be more understanding and sensitive to their needs.

These young men did Bible work among the members of the community. While working in the community they noticed that there was a large number of Hispanics living within the area. They began to invite them to the crusade. They gathered all of the Hispanics together in a section of the tent and began to translate the sermon into Spanish. This stirred quite an interest among the people and, as a result, at the

end of the crusade among the many baptized were thirteen Hispanics. The Black converts were organized into Bronx Temple, but there was a question as to what to do with the Hispanic members. It was suggested that they become members of one of the Hispanic churches in Greater New York Conference but the Hispanic seminarians suggested that they become a part of Northeastern Conference.

The Hispanics were formed into a company that met every Sabbath in the basement of Bronx Temple. The services were conducted by a layman and they were strengthened in the message. On December 31, 1970, they were organized into a mission.

One of the seminarians who worked in the crusade was Carlos de la Pena. He was born and reared in Havana, Cuba, but came to America during his teens because of his anti-Castro activities. While in Cuba he was planning to be an architect. However, his ambition changed when in 1964 he became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Five months later he entered Antillian Union College, Puerto Rico, and studied theology. After completing his studies, he entered Andrews University, where he received his Master of Divinity. Presently, he is working on a Master of Public Health at Hunters College, New York City.

Elder Shorter, one of the ministers in Northeastern Conference, noticed Pastor de la Pena's dedication and asked if he would like to work with the Hispanics that were baptized in the meeting. He said "he would pray and see what the Lord had in store for him." So, he left New York and went to Boston to canvass until school started.

He had seriously thought of working in New York. He had read Mrs. White's counsel concerning the city and knew that there was a great work to be done. He cared deeply for the city "because this was where he met the Lord and he always wanted to return because he had many friends." His wife, Migdalia, wasn't that excited about the city. There was too much crime and it was not the place to raise a family. During the summer they were living in the city when the sanitation workers had gone on strike, the city was running over with filth and trash. At best, the prospects seemed dismal.

In the fall of 1969, the conference committee met and voted to sponsor

Pastor de la Pena during his last year in the seminary. After much prayer, Pastor de la Pena was convicted that this was where he must serve. So, together with his family, they returned to pioneer the work among the Hispanics in the Northeastern Conference.

In October, 1970, when he returned, the membership had dwindled from thirteen to six. Immediately, he went to work. By the end of the year there were twenty-five members. In December of that year they were organized into a church. In March 1971 they chose the name "Apocalipsis 14." In 1974 they became the second Hispanic church of Northeastern. Today they have a membership of 127 and Pastor Santiago Mejia is their minister.

Entering the Dark Counties

The majority of the Hispanic population lives in New York City. However, there are some who have moved to the outlying areas of New York and to cities in the Northeast. Pastor de la Pena, who lived in Yonkers, New York, decided that he would like to work in his community. He went to the Puerto Rico Community Center, and presented himself as a professor of health and offered to teach nutrition classes.

One night he was speaking on the harmful effects of cigarettes and after his lecture a young lady asked him if he was a Seventh-day Adventist. He immediately said, "Yes." She told him she was well acquainted with the message, for she had some relatives that were Seventh-day Adventists and her mother was looking for a Seventh-day Adventist church. He began studies with that family. A family from Santo Domingo was looking for an Adventist church in Yonkers. A couple from Puerto Rico came to help. Thus in 1974 the nucleus for Primera SDA church was born.

The church uses the health message as the entering wedge. For example, the members are being taught by Pastor de la Pena to give natural remedies to heal a person rather than drugs. They are concerned with the whole man—the physical, mental and spiritual. They are teaching the people how to eat, cook and live better. Today, Pastor de la Pena is the minister with a congregation of 45 members in the Yonkers church.

By 1974, there were two Hispanic churches in Northeastern Conference with a total membership of approximately 110 members.

Challenges of Working Among Hispanics

The work among Hispanics is steady but slow. There are many obstacles to meet, new challenges to conquer and great need to bring about a sense of cohesiveness and unity among the people. Although the people speak the same language, they have cultural differences. They come from different backgrounds, different countries and therefore they have different ideas, values and opinions. The members come from Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America, South America, Central America and the Caribbean. Some are educated while others are not, which creates factions within the church. The Hispanic minister must be able to deal effectively with the diversities of culture, yet maintain a cohesiveness among the people. They have found that prayer, hard work, preaching and actively involving their members creates love and unity among them.

A second challenge that the Hispanic work faces is the problem of transient members. The numbers of the Hispanic members in the conference is nearly twice the amount reported. However, because of the instability of its members, it seems that the membership remains the same when it is really increasing. Many of the members baptized go back and forth to their countries. For example, they will live six months in New York and then return to live in Puerto Rico for the next six. They repeat this cycle continually. So one quarter the Hispanic minister might see a gain in membership, then the next quarter there will be a significant decrease in membership, not because the members have apostasized, but because they decided to return home for a few months.

Many of the baptized members have come for a temporary stay to earn enough money to return to their home and build a house in the country, while others simply grow tired of living in the north and decide to move to Miami. The people have no real roots or ties like most black Americans. Therefore, they tend to move more frequently.

One of the biggest problems that causes a great fluctuation in their membership is immigration. Many of the people they baptize are here illegally, on visa, or some other temporary status. The Hispanic ministers are required to

work extra hard if their work is to progress.

Building Up the Work

In 1972, a group of Hispanic laymen in Boston asked Northeastern Conference to help them organize a company. Pastor de la Pena was to help them organize. Thus the work among the Hispanics in New England was born.

The work among the Hispanics has grown tremendously since its beginning in 1968 with only thirty-one members, one Hispanic pastor and a dream. Today, there are nine churches and three missions, seven pastors and seven hundred members. In 1978, the Northeastern Conference voted Pastor Carlos de la Pena to be co-ordinator of the Hispanic work because of his untiring diligence in building and strengthening the work among the Hispanic people for the last decade.

The work is divided into seven districts: Pastor Ireneo Martinez, Buffalo/Rochester, New York; Pastor Elizardo Mateo, Jamaica/Brooklyn, New York; Pastor Matias Solis, Salem/Laurence, Massachusetts; Pastor Jose A. Ayala, Providence, Rhode Island/Boston, Massachusetts; Pastor Arnaldo Gonzalez, Hartford/Springfield, Massachusetts; Pastor Santiago Mejia, Bronx, New York; and Pastor Carlos de la Pena, co-ordinator of Hispanic work and Yonkers, New York.

Pastor de la Pena has a vision for the Hispanic work. He would like to start a Hispanic radio program using health as the entering wedge, establish a bilingual school in the Bronx, purchase church properties and evangelize through personal witness, church meetings, crusades, health lectures, etc. His greatest concern is to solidify the work and bring cohesiveness and unity among its members.

Northeastern and Lake Region Conferences are the two regional conferences that are working with the Hispanics. Their concern and interest have done much to advance the work among Hispanics. Northeastern has paved the way for progress. They have forced the conferences in their region to show greater concern and commitment for the Hispanic work.

The Hispanics of the conference are not treated as an isolated minority, but rather they are an intricate part of a whole. The Black and Hispanic ministers

actively work side by side. The members are actively involved in conference-wide programs, yet their cultures and languages are respected. There is great unity in diversity.



Pastor Carlos de la Pena, coordinator of the hispanic work in Northeastern Conference, baptizing.

The Lake Region Conference gave birth to its first hispanic church in September of 1975. The church was named the Spanish West Seventh-day Adventist Church. Wilson Roberts served as the first pastor.



Caleb Rosado, third from left, pastor of the All Nations church, is pictured at a recent baptismal service.

Since that time two other Spanish churches have been established in this field, the Northwest Spanish Church and the Aurora Spanish Church. The membership now stands at 263 from the three congregations and Lake Region employs 4 hispanic pastors.

The Chicago area is a virtually untapped mission field for the Spanish-speaking people with a population of 400,000 to 425,000 in the city and 600,000 to 650,000 for the metropolitan area.

The road has been a difficult one to acquire suitable housing and leadership. However, the Northwest church which began with a membership of 19

TO STRENGTHEN THE BLACK WORK—LET US EDUCATE!

One of the goals and objectives of the church leaders when they met in 1977 and spoke of greater unity between the black and white membership of the North American Division and to strengthen the growing black work was: "to institute a continuing education program to promote full interaction." In coming to grips with some of the overwhelming challenges that constantly haunt the Black member is the area of a Christian education for his children. This type of education will help to get the child's soul ready to meet the Father. When Jacob's sons were told to return to the land of Canaan while Benjamin remained in Egypt, Judah's concern was—"How can I go to my father and the child not be with me?" This is our burning question today, 'How can we go to heaven and the children not be with us?' The church school will help to prepare them to meet the Father.

History

Church leaders in days past established church schools in many parts of the Southland and from these schools sought to evangelize this large minority group of people living on the North American continent. Silas Oswald's first group in 1880 at Louisville, Kentucky, began as a school. J. Edson White's company of workers sailed their *Morning Star* boat along the Mississippi, the Yazoo and the Cumberland Rivers and established many mission schools for the Black people of the Southland. At one time between forty and fifty schools for the education of these people had been opened just in the Southland.

Among some of those who attended these schools were the parents of C. E. Bradford, C. A. Dent, G. J. Millett, Richard Wright, Arna Bontemp, Malcolm X and Carl T. Rowan, just to mention a few.

Ellen G. White mentions Nashville, Tennessee, as being a place to which the Lord had led the brethren because of the favorable circumstances that existed there in affiliation with the educational institutions that were found and from this place the work could be carried to many other parts of the Southland.



Hispanic Pathfinder club marches in parade down Fifth Avenue in New York City.



Home of the Aurora Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church.

members in 1976 has a present membership of 100. The West church's membership stands at 115 and the Aurora church at 43. Both the Aurora and the Northwest churches own their places of worship and the West church is in the process of obtaining a church.

The churches, under the leadership of Julio Astacio, who pastored all 3 churches, experienced growth and stability. The churches are also blessed with strong laymen who love the Lord. Elder Astacio left Lake Region to become the coordinator of Spanish work in the South Atlantic Conference. Since his departure, Lake Region has engaged

the services of Rafael Colon to shepherd the Northwest congregation, Jose Gorbea pastors the Aurora church and Wilson Roberts leads the West church.

Growth has also been seen in the finances of the church. Tithes, stewardship and Sabbath School missions offerings have all increased substantially throughout the four years of the churches' existence.

The churches and their pastors are active in community service outreach programs and evangelistic crusades.

A real desire is expressed to spread the gospel in their mother tongue and hasten the return of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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A person shows what he is by what he does with what he has.

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At one time a large majority of Blacks who attended college became teachers. There were two reasons for this: (1) they carried a burden to help their fellow brothers and sisters to prepare themselves for life and (2) this was the only field (apart from the ministry) that was opened for the Black professional. As the trend of the nation went so went the Seventh-day Adventist school system in later years; thus, a separate system of education for the Black and white child existed from 1844 until 1971.

The Black school has experienced a struggle through the years, plant-wise and finance-wise, but the parent has still been mindful of the admonition given by God that all of the children shall be taught of the Lord to be at peace. We have sought to build character for the kingdom of heaven. It still remains a challenge and a struggle for the Black parent.

Today's Problem

Higher Education (Grades 13-16)

Of the 1,300 students who enroll at our college (Oakwood) in Huntsville, Alabama, 85% to 95% of them come from a non-church school system; thus they bring with them differences in concepts of today's life styles and religious beliefs. The campus becomes a different place from what it was in yesteryear. Oakwood College is the only predominantly Black school in the SDA system of 14 colleges that are found in the North American Division. A large number of the students who attend this college come from many of the third world countries. The rising tide of nationalism throughout these nations help to make this predominantly Black institution not only viable, but a present help in training future leaders to serve the church around the world. Of the 16,077 students who are enrolled in the 14 SDA colleges in North America, 1,300 (or 8%) are enrolled at Oakwood.

At one time the larger portion of the operating subsidies for this school were provided for by the General Conference. It is interesting to note that the major portion of the operating subsidies for the school come from the Black churches in North America. We have now surpassed the General Conference in operational support for Oakwood. Operational giving in 1980—GC \$695,000; Black churches—\$725,847.

The Regional Conferences not only contribute 3% of their income for the

operation of the college, but they also contribute another 2% of their income for the operating of the union schools in their local territory, which means that the Black member's dollar provides 5% for higher education as compared to only up to 3% of the sister conference's dollar that is given for higher education in the church.

The growing economic crunch makes Christian education on the college level a real challenge for the Seventh-day Adventist Black. And yet, where will the future leaders be trained if we do not provide this education for them?

Academy Education (Grades 9-12)

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in America operates 87 academies of which 5 (or 6%) are operated by the Black churches. Only one of these is a boarding school (Pine Forge Institute at Pottstown, Pennsylvania). Many of these children are too young to leave home.

Of the 22,301 students enrolled in these 87 academies only 700 (or 3%) attend the five regional academies. This means that when one Black child is blessed to attend our academies, 31 of his non-Black counterparts are educated at the academy level. The Black member and the church body must seek to establish more institutions of learning at this level where our youth can benefit from the blueprint of training the heart, the head and the hand.

Elementary Education (Grades K-8)

It is disheartening when we speak of the Christian educational opportunities for the Black child in the Seventh-day Adventist church at the elementary level. Today there are 1,132 elementary schools (grades K-8) in the North American Division of which 74 (or 7%) are found in the Regional Conferences. Of the 54,375 students who are enrolled, 7,530 (or 14%) are in the predominately Black school. A large portion of these are not children of church members.

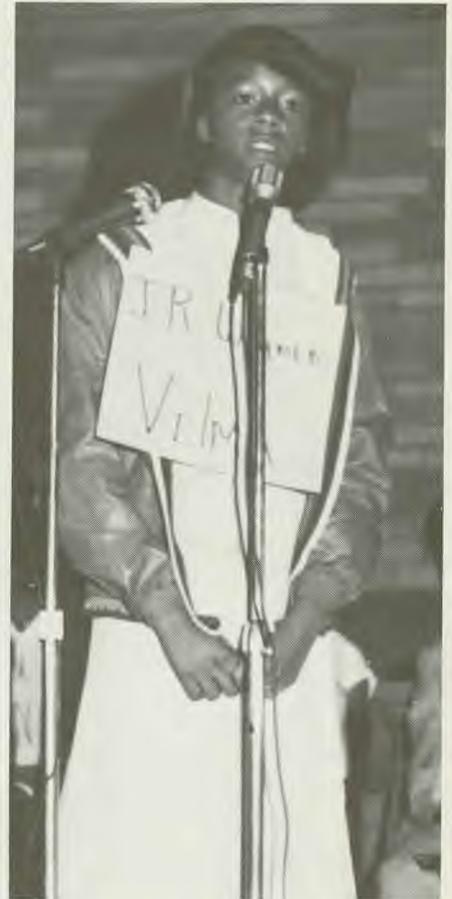
With the constant change in the economy of the nation where the unemployed figure among Blacks stands at 24% and where that Black who is employed only averages an income of 54 cents to the non-Black's \$1.00 of income, it is becoming increasingly difficult for the Black parent to provide a Christian education for his children. When his church is unable to provide a school in which to educate their children and these have to attend the sister church's school, he must struggle to pay

not only the tuition, but an additional 'non-constituent' tax for belonging to another conference. One approach to avoiding the tax is to become a member of the sponsoring conference, which brings a drain in leadership and finances for the Black organization. Everyone is losing.

Conclusion

If the work among Blacks in the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to be strengthened there must be carefully, concerned, Christian planning to help provide Christian educational opportunities and facilities and financial abilities for the Black member to see that all of his children are taught of the Lord and to help to prepare him for a place in the kingdom of God. This is a beginning to greater unity between the black and white membership of the North American Division and to strengthen the growing black work.

C. E. Dudley, President
South Central Conference



Church school student at the Peterson School in Detroit, Michigan, takes part in spelling bee.

The Editor's Desk

BREATH OF LIFE CLUBS, A DREAM COME TRUE

In 1978, Willie Warnick, a faithful member of the Berean S.D.A. Church in Los Angeles, was given a dream. Her dream was to see the Breath of Life telecast on the air throughout North America. As dorcas leader she began collecting loose change offerings at dorcas meetings and in the course of a year had collected \$190.00.

Sensing a greater burden she officially organized the first Breath of Life club on the west coast in January of 1980. Ms. Warnick is president; Carol Raphael, vice president; Dossett Spencer, secretary; and Zelda Barrosas, treasurer. In the first program that the 36-member club planned, \$987.90 was raised for the Breath of Life telecast.

As if by divine providence the first

club was organized in Washington, D.C. during the same year that Mrs. Warnick was first impressed with the idea. Elder Jones of the 54th Street Church organized the second Breath of Life club in Los Angeles after being invited to speak for a Breath of Life Rally conducted by Mrs. Warnick's club. Hellen Stevenson at the Miramonte Boulevard Church heard about the other club and organized a third club around the members of her Sabbath School class. In their first few weeks of existence they raised over \$200.00 for Breath of Life.

Willie Warnick's dream is slowly coming true. She is prayerful that others throughout this country will catch the vision and organize Breath of Life clubs in their churches.

James L. Kyle
Director of Field Services

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Oct. 24	31	Nov. 7	14
Boston, Mass	5:49	4:39	4:31	4:23
New York City	6:00	4:50	4:42	4:35
Buffalo, N.Y.	6:19	5:09	5:00	4:53
Atlanta, Ga.	6:54	5:47	5:41	5:36
Miami, Fla.	6:45	5:40	5:36	5:32
Charlotte, N.C.	6:38	5:30	5:24	5:19
Birmingham, Ala.	6:03	4:56	4:50	4:45
Jackson, Miss.	6:19	5:12	5:06	5:01
Memphis, Tenn.	6:15	5:07	5:01	4:55
Louisville, Ky.	6:54	5:45	5:38	5:32
Detroit, Mich.	6:38	5:29	5:20	5:13
Chicago, Ill.	5:56	4:47	4:38	4:31
South Bend, Indiana	5:51	5:41	5:33	5:26
Minneapolis, Minn.	6:14	5:03	4:54	4:46
St. Louis, Mo.	6:11	5:02	4:55	4:49
Kansas City, Mo.	6:28	5:19	5:11	5:05
Denver, Co.	6:09	5:00	4:52	4:45
Little Rock, Ark.	6:24	5:16	5:10	5:05
Dallas, Texas	6:45	5:38	5:32	5:27
New Orleans, La.	6:21	5:14	5:09	5:05
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:21	5:14	5:07	5:05
Oklahoma City, Okla.	6:45	5:37	5:30	5:25

Add one minute for each 13 miles west; subtract one minute for each 13 miles east.

CENTRAL STATES



Pastor Gil F. Webb during "Caught Between the Tub" sermon, Sabbath, April 5.

CLAREMONT YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD VICTORY CELEBRATION

The Adventist youth of the Claremont Church in Pueblo, Colorado, were responsible for a victory celebration culminating a recent spiritual emphasis week.

Gil Webb, pastor, was the speaker for the special emphasis. The keynote sermon was entitled, "Caught Between the Two." The theme was "Victory In Jesus."

During the week a "victory box" was displayed and young people placed their individual problems and requests for prayer on victory sheets of paper. Special prayer was held at the end of the week for victories gained. A fellowship dinner was given in honor of the young people who faithfully exercised their dedication to the youth program during the week.

A spirit of thanksgiving prevailed as a result of God's blessing.

Jan Taylor
Communication Secretary



Palace of Peace Choir singing during 11 o'clock service on April 12th.

THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WINS ORATORICAL CONTEST

James McClain, III, participated and won first place in the Annual Oratorical Contest held by the Elks Club of Wichita, Kansas.

Along with winning first place, James received a \$1,000 scholarship and is slated to represent the Elks Club in state-wide competition in St. Louis, Missouri.

Seven other contestants will compete in St. Louis. The winner from this level of competition will go to New Orleans for the national contest.

James, who was nominated in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, will enter a pre-medical program in college this fall.

We wish for James the blessings of God.

James McClain, II
Communication Secretary



Jimmy McClain, III, winner of oratorical contest sponsored by the Elks Club, Wichita, Kansas.

ANDERSON NAMED FATHER OF THE YEAR

Joseph Anderson, Sr., was named Father of the Year at the Adventist Youth Hour at Allon Chapel.

"Pop" Anderson, as he is affectionately called, is the father of eight children and the grandfather of 19. "Pop" is a native of Jacksonville, Florida. He and his wife, Annette, have been married for 47 years.

Anderson is a skilled craftsman and bricklayer. Now that he is retired, he enjoys gardening. He and Annette's spare time is devoted to systematic and deliberate "home grown" vegetables.

"Pop" Anderson has served the church faithfully in numerous positions, such as elder, deacon, Sabbath School teacher and building committee member. In fact, his present active participation in church and community affairs leads one to believe that retirement is just a state of mind.

Gerald Jones, pastor of Allon Chapel, has this to say concerning "Pop's" influence: "Brother Anderson is the biggest booster of the church program and his dedicated life is an inspiration to all."

"Pop" Anderson has been living in Lincoln, Nebraska, for the past seven years. We wish him God's continued blessings for a long and prosperous life.

Alma Foggo York
Communication Secretary

ALLON CHAPEL MEMBER WINS STATE POETRY AWARDS

Mrs. Alma Foggo-York, member of the Allon Chapel Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, recently won the Nebraska Mother's Committee top award for two poems entered in the state's annual contest. The poems were entitled "Black/Child Woman" and "This I Believe."

The Emerson Award was presented to Mrs. York at the state capitol at a ceremony attended by the governor, state senators and mothers from across the state of Nebraska. The poems will be submitted to the National Mother's Committee in Washington, D.C., for competition.

THIS I BELIEVE

I've stood upon a hundred hills,
Observed the starry skies,
Walked through amber fields of grain,
Crisscrossed vast oceans of blue black
waters,
Heard nightingales sing,
Felt a trembling embryo quicken

Within my womb,
Tasted the nectar of honeysuckle
flowers
That mysteriously grew
Spring after spring
In an unplowed field.

Each plant and shrub,
Each tree and vine,
On those rolling verdant hills
Has its own unique design.
Likewise
Each bird, its song and call,
Birds of every plumage
Made to accommodate survival.

Moon, sun, the stars and galaxies,
Crowded out by satellites and space
labs
That self-destruct
Over sparsely peopled continents.
The planets have remained unchanged,
Still charted in each course
By Him who put them there.
For His delight.
Rotating,
Punctuating,
Subdividing the seasons
Unencumbered by a clock or almanac.
Moving in unison,
Putting to rest once and for all
The cynical question:
"What came first—
The sun or the clock?"

Seas and oceans,
Lakes and streams
Tempestuous, raging, storming,
Destroying all in its path
Yet diverted by His voice command of
"Peace be still."
These same mysterious waters—
Mapped by
Those who go down to the sea in ships
Employing sophisticated gadgetry
And reaping the bountiful harvests of
the deep.

Animals—large and small—
The hunted and the hunter
Roam alike through woods and fields
Adapting to the constant change
Of a hostile environment.
Creatures untamed, who with the
tamed
Shall return to sitting down together
With the Lamb of God.

Theologians unceasingly pontificating,
Philosophising
"God is dead."
Who owe their very existence

To the principle that
God is love.

He left His imprint on
Every star, the moon, the sun,
On every flower, bird, animal and fish,
On seeds of grain.
Each molecule of water
Reflects His handiwork.
Yet He didn't stop there,
But made Him a man and a woman
In His own image.

He has not forgotten His promise
For as long as birds sing
Arias of praise,
Wheat fields yield their bread for life,
Leopards keep their spots,
Babies cry,
And mountains rise in majesty,
He who fashioned them all out of
The vast depths of infinite knowledge
Will restore once more in man
His new creation.
THIS I BELIEVE!

CENTRAL STATES CAMP MEETING 1980

T. M. Fountain, retired minister from Montgomery, Alabama, was the morning devotional speaker during the camp session. He vividly portrayed Biblical accounts of the significance of the number seven in the Bible. In addition to his stirring messages, his wealth of experience as an ordained minister, pastor and church administrator made his stay a benefit to conference workers and campers alike.

Other highlights of the 1980 Camp Meeting are displayed in the following pictures:



S. Haywood Cox, conference president, presents Pastor of the Year Award to James White, pastor of Bethel, Kansas City, Kansas.



Newly baptized member Paul Mobily attends his first camp meeting. Elder White and Cox make presentation.



J. A. Simons and S. Haywood Cox make presentation to ordination candidates W. R. Wright and Mark McCleary.



Ordination candidates L to R: Elder and Mrs. Mark McCleary and Elder and Mrs. William R. Wright, Jr.



Pastor and Mrs. Gerald Jones of Omaha-Lincoln district are commended for work in lay activities and Sabbath school. Elder E. F. Carter, conference director, holds microphone.



Elder W. S. Lee, Mid-America Union secretary, receives gift from the conference workers. President Cox makes presentation.



Elder C. D. Brooks, General Conference field secretary and director of Breath of Life, speaks to Friday evening campers. Ron Murphy stands at the left.



Platform guests for Sabbath morning are L to R: R. F. Warnick, T. M. Fountain, C. D. Henri, S. Haywood Cox, Charlene Davis and W. D. Felder, Jr.



Elder H. M. Wright, from Oakwood College, speaks at Youth Pavilion.



Young people from Shiloh Church, Leavenworth, Kansas, sing for youth Sabbath school.



Emmanuel Bullock, conference publishing director talks with Robert Smith, Review and Herald circulation manager.



Azael Colon speaks to the Northwest congregation.

USED OF GOD

Azael Colon, Sr., left Puerto Rico with the intention of attending school in the United States. However, upon his arrival, he began working and later married. He attended Chicago State University for two years but the responsibilities of family and job caused him to postpone his education.

Becoming disillusioned with his life, Azael began working at a radio station. He held the position of a disc jockey for a classical station. During this same time, he discovered that he had become a totally uninvolved church member. Under conviction, Azael gave up his job and rededicated his life to the Lord. He accepted the responsibility of the Youth Leader for his church and organized a Christian radio program entitled "The Voice of Youth."

When the Spanish Northwest church was formed within the Lake Region Conference, Azael organized group meetings in which the leaders led out. Holding three meetings a week in different homes for 24 weeks, he was responsible for leading 17 people to Christ.

Meetings were also held in the Colon home. A lady who attended these meetings decided to give her life to the Lord. This so infuriated her husband that he put her and their three young children out of the home. She moved into an apartment directly under her husband. For two years he refused to visit or support them. Azael began working with the

husband and during an evangelistic crusade, the husband joined his life with Christ and rejoined his family. He is now an elder in the church.

One Sabbath, Azael felt impressed to stop by and see a friend who had recently come to the United States from Puerto Rico. The wife of this friend recognized a magazine that Azael was carrying as Adventist literature. She told him that if he came to talk religion she would throw him out of the house. Azael changed his conversation and began to ask about their teenage son. He invited the son to come with him to the UMCA for a volleyball game. The son came and Azael began talking to him about the Lord. The conversation led to Bible studies. Three weeks later the mother called Azael weeping and asked what he had done to bring about such a great change in her son. He continued to study with the youth. Six months later the mother called and requested Bible studies for herself. At the completion of the studies, both husband and wife along with a cousin were baptized. Not too long after the son was also baptized.

Azael can relate many experiences such as these. He has a special burden for young people and has organized a variety of sport activities. He is also responsible for organizing an evangelistic team which traveled through Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. He is presently organizing a Youth Federation. He has held counseling sessions in an effort to bridge the gap between parents and young people.

Azael ministers to his neighbors, the needy, anyone he comes in contact with. He supplies food and clothing for those in need or points them in the direction where they can get help and he always directs them to Christ. He even uses his citizen band radio to compel people to Christ. As of this writing, 15 persons have attended church because of his CB invitations.

He loves his church and has seen the hand of God do marvelous things for the Spanish Northwest Church. The church was in desperate need of a building. However, there was no money. After much prayer, the money was supplied. Then the church needed furniture and again had no means of obtaining it. Once again the Lord stepped in and the furniture was supplied.

Azael loves his wife Herminia, who has been his best supporter over the years. They have three children,

Madelyn, who is married and living in Florida, and Janice Lynette, age 15 and Azael Jr., age 8.

Crystal Drake
Correspondent

100 BAPTIZED AT EASTSIDE CHURCH

The year 1980 presented a challenge to the Indianapolis Eastside church.

Roy Bellinger, pastor, led the members into the community with a Bible lesson plan. Many people completed home Bible studies which were closely followed with an evangelistic crusade.

At the conclusion of the meetings, 100 persons has been baptized into the family of God. The crusade continues with on-going classes on doctrine and the Spirit of Prophecy.

Gertrude Jackson
Communication Secretary

WOMEN'S DAY AT EASTSIDE

The Eastside church in Indianapolis, Indiana, used the theme, "Women On The Move," during their recent women's day program. Iona Morgan of the Glendale Seventh-day Adventist Church was the featured speaker.

Music was provided by the Echoes of Faith from the Capitol City church.

Gertrude Jackson
Communication Secretary



Doris Flemons and Vivian Anderson deliver a duet for women's day.



Mildred Kirk, chairperson for the program.



Lois Odom, sponsor of the women's day program.

WOMEN'S DAY IN EAST ST. LOUIS

Mrs. Doris Bullock, a twenty-two year employee at the Homer G. Phillips Hospital as laboratory technician and zealous member and worker at the North Side Seventh-day Adventist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, was the recent guest speaker for the women's day program at the East St. Louis Reid Memorial Church.

Mrs. Bullock's talk was based on the book of Ruth and emphasized the sacredness and holiness of women's duties. Every woman present received a copy of "Thoughts of Springtime."

Certificates of special recognition were presented to Ruby Smith, Elizabeth McCray, Kay Frye, Sarah Hopson, Connie Booker and Sheryl Clayton for their selfless dedication to the work of God.

The evening guest speaker was Dr. Geraldine Jenkins, who is in charge of Project Speak for local school district #89.



Mr. Haney (left) and the four other candidates after his baptism.

Other participants who shared in planning for the success of the program were Lois Odom, Mildred Kirk, Karen Palmer and Mamie Davis.

Jayne Byrd
Communication Secretary

I HAVE A DREAM

Most people are familiar with the famous words of Dr. Martin Luther King, "I Have A Dream." Such was the case of Mazola Haney, who held fast to her dream for 33 years.

It all began when Mrs. Haney purchased a subscription to *Message* magazine. The salesperson seized this opportunity to engage Mrs. Haney in Bible studies. As a result of these studies, she was baptized into the Adventist Church.

Like most wives, Mrs. Haney wanted her entire family and especially her husband to join her in her newfound beliefs. Roger Haney always resisted, using the excuse that he couldn't get the Sabbath off from his job.

He attended church frequently with his family and promised the Lord that if he made it to retirement he would give his heart to Him and there would be no more excuses for not keeping the Sabbath.

It was after an evangelistic crusade conducted by Edward Avinger, pastor of the Bethel church that Mr. Haney decided to follow Christ all the way.

In November 1979, Mr. Haney retired from Inland Steel Harbor Plant after 33 years of service. He was baptized shortly thereafter.

Mrs. Haney says, "It was my constant prayer that Roger would accept the message. Thank God the day finally came!"

Magdalene McNair
Communication Secretary

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Independence ushers standing for dedication at their annual ushers' day program.

The Independence Boulevard Church in Chicago, Illinois recently held an Ushers' Day. Guest ushers came from the Sharon church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A certificate of dedication was presented to Isaac Daggs for his outstanding work with the usher board.

NEWS NOTES FROM AMITYVILLE



Joseph B. Thurman, president of the Long Island Queens Laymen Federation.

Joseph B. Thurman, president of the Long Island-Queens Laymens Federation, conducted a lay evangelistic crusade during the month of July. "Heavenly Sunshine" was the theme song of the crusade. His messages were centered around how one can experience peace and joy in Christ. Several souls were added to the church.



Group of Vacation Bible School students at the Amityville, New York, church.

The Sabbath School Department of the Amityville, New York, Church conducted its annual Vacation Bible School July 21-31. The theme for the ten-day period was "Jesus, Creator of our World." The average attendance was 125. Songs, Bible verses and crafts heightened the children's understanding of the theme. Mrs. Barbara Thurman and Mrs. Jeanette Jackson were the leaders of the Vacation Bible School for 1980.



Clothing on display that will be given to the needy by the Community Service Department of the Amityville, New York, church.

The Temperance Department of the Bethesda Church in Amityville, New York, sponsored a community health fair recently. Medical exams, immunizations, pre-school testing, vegetarian meals, religious literature and clothing were given to the many visitors. Moving pictures were shown to enhance the overall program. Mrs. Myrtle Janes, Mrs. Phada Grimsley and Mrs. S. Johnson were the coordinators of the program.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AT WORK

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." This is a direct quote from Matthew 9:37. Many Community Services leaders can attest to this fact. There is plenty of work everywhere, but they are finding that in some instances there appears to be insurmountable difficulties in getting God's Community Services program working. There are some leaders, however, who seem to continue to read the text and follow the counsel: pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

Christian Concern

As I visit among our churches, I am learning that our senior citizens and their problems are no longer being overlooked. Our leaders are checking to see that our senior citizens are getting all that they deserve, whether from discount stores, food stamps, or other government assistance programs, besides giving them due honor on Thanksgiving, Christmas and on other special occasions.

Ephesus, Bronx Temple, Spring Valley and White Plains, among other churches, are making this a special project. White Plains and Spring Valley, also leading out in sponsoring sewing classes for the making of school clothes for youngsters in the church and the community, is moving ahead. Most of our Community Services units meet once a month; some once a week, but the Spring Valley Community Services unit meets twice a week at the leader's home, where two or three other ladies from the community join them.

I understand that all of these ladies look forward to these sewing sessions. Mrs. Lillian Brown, the Spring Valley Community Services leader, recently

conducted a nutrition class in the Nyack Church. She also finds time to take four persons for treatment at a clinic every Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Neighborhood Evangelism

The Mt. Vernon organization, under the leadership of Ms. Ludie Hayes, is carrying on a strong program. Besides helping to keep the center and depot supplied with new and used clothing, this organization is assisting the Lay Activities Department in their project, "The Total You" outreach program. This program, which emphasizes healthful living, is seeking to reach those very unfortunate ones who have developed a negative life style, as far as healthful living is concerned. The program is seeking to "loose the bands of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, and let the oppressed go free" from alcoholism, smoking and drug addiction, which results in homelessness, hunger, nakedness and unemployment in families.

The Mt. Vernon Community Services organization has already assisted in the Five-Day Stop Smoking Plan. They have also assisted in taking blood pressures daily and in counseling those in need of this service. For some, this method of soul-winning may seem far out, but it is the method that Christ used to draw men and women to himself.

HOW SHALL THEY PREACH, EXCEPT THEY BE SENT?

This paraphrase, taken from Romans 10:15, clearly describes the responsibility that God has bestowed upon each Adventist minister once he has taken on the task of peaching the gospel into all the world.

Although it is with a sad heart that we oft times have to bid our pastors "so long" as they minister to another part of the vineyard, we realize that this parting is just for a season. This we can say with assurance, for we know that if we remain faithful in all things we will one day meet again where the Minister of all ministers will be our eternal shepherd.

It has come time for us to bid a temporary farewell to Pastor Van Runnels and his family as they leave the Linden Boulevard S.D.A. Church and take up their post in Houston, Texas, to carry on God's message.

Pastor Runnels, his wife Pearl, who makes the organ and piano sound like a

bit of heaven, and their sons will all be greatly missed.

We wish them all our sincere love and prayers as they settle in Texas to work till the master comes.

Carol Granderson
Joseph Granderson
Communication Secretaries

SHE HAS A DAUGHTER WHOSE NAME IS "GOSHEN"

The Hanson Place Church dates back to October 14, 1958, when a group of about 50 launched out in the rented quarters at 1393 Pacific Street, Brooklyn. Sustained growth during the next 17 months saw the group develop into a full-fledged church, which was taken into the sisterhood of churches on March 20, 1960. In 1963, this rapidly increasing congregation moved to 88 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, and has since then been known as Hanson Place Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Since 1963, this congregation has identified itself with the spiritual, physical, educational and economic life of the community through its gospel ministry, its Nursing Corps and sick visitation program, its Community Services Department and more recently through its prison evangelism at the Brooklyn House of Detention. This congregation, under God, was able to purchase a church building, which was recently refurbished and dedicated, in addition to a school building, a parsonage, a multi-purpose building, which houses among other offices the headquarters of Northeastern Conference Book Center, and several lots on South Portland Avenue for the operation of its



Northeastern Conference officials introducing the new members of the Goshen church.

program. With all these accomplishments, one thing was lacking. She never gave birth. She had no children.

Last year, a young, vibrant worker for God, Louis Straker, was elected lay activities leader with Sidney Williams and Dennis Baptiste as assistants. Together with Pastor J. Glenn Roberts, the Lay Activities Department decided that its major project for the year would be a tent effort in Brooklyn. Careful planning through the months resulted in a one-week revival conducted June 9-16, 1979, by Elder Samuel Thomas. His messages on "The Clarion Call To A Finished Work" prepared the church for its evangelical thrust. A few weeks before the Crusade began, tracts and invitations were distributed in the vicinity of the tent, which was located at the corner of East 28th Street and Tilden Avenue.



Elder Walton, leader of the Goshen Temple SDA Church speaking to the congregation. Seated on the dais left to right: John G. Roberts, pastor of Hanson Place Church, Brooklyn, NY; Harold Baptiste, Secretary of Northeastern Conference; Stennett Brooks, Treasurer of Northeastern Conference.

The Crusade got off to a good start on Sunday, July 15, with a team comprised of: J. Glenn Roberts, pastor; Stephen Patterson, evangelist; Patricia Brathwaite, Bible instructor; Dian Patterson, associate Bible instructor; David Willis, pianist; Louis Straker, Sidney Williams, Dennis Baptiste, lay activities leaders; Linda Forbin, lay activities secretary; Albert Pierre, first elder; Howard English, head usher; Lynden Walton, associate worker.

Evangelist Stephen Patterson, accompanied by his wife, came with a burden for souls and heralded "Truth For These Times" for six weeks. Inspiring Sabbath services during the month of August were conducted at the tent and Peline Higgins served as superintendent of the Sabbath school.

As a result of this dedicated team's efforts, 76 were baptized during the third quarter and 59 as a direct result of the Crusade.

What shall we do with our new converts was the question. The answer came back forcefully: let's start a mission. The time was overdue for Hanson Place to have a daughter—she was then 21 years old. We searched for a place for the birth of this baby, and unable to find accommodation for this dramatic occasion, through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. David McDonald we were able to use their building situated at 1159 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn. We are grateful to the McDonalds for this fine gesture.



Church members standing in front of the newly organized Goshen Temple church in Brooklyn, NY.

At 9:30 a.m. on Sabbath, September 1, 1979, our baby was born, and her name is "Goshen." One hundred eighty-seven adults and 38 children witnessed the birth of this baby. Evangelist Patterson was the attending physician. The next Sabbath 127 adults and 50 children were present. The first prayer meeting was conducted on Wednesday evening, September 5, with 12 in attendance.

From then on the Mission has been operating with the assistance of Elder Lynden Walton, David McDonald, and others elected to serve in the various departments of the church. On February 1 of this year, the Mission moved to 426 Empire Blvd., Brooklyn, which gives it added space to carry on its program.

The time has come for our baby to step out on her own. Seventy-two from the mother church will be affiliating here today: twenty-two have come directly from the crusade at the tent, six were recently baptized through your own ministry here, five were recently transferred to the parent body from other churches; one, Bertrand Straker, has the distinction of being co-founder of the mother church and is one of her charter members, and of the remaining

38—some have been long-standing members at Hanson Place. The youngest member in this group is Stacy Willie, who is nine years old.

The officers of Northeastern Conference organized the Goshen Mission into a full-fledged church and to again lay upon your hearts the urgency of the Great Commission to preach the gospel and make disciples—this is the reason for our existence as a church.

The parent body salutes the Goshen Mission on this occasion, and congratulates you on being organized into a church today. We wish you God's speed—may you grow from strength to strength, from grace to grace, and from glory to glory. As a concerned parent, we will be watching your progress, and will rejoice at your achievements. You have gained your independence and are fully weaned. You are no longer under the "Wings" of your Mother; but may you always be:

"Under His wings, Oh, what precious enjoyment

There should you hide till life's trials are o'er,

Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm you,

Resting in Jesus, you are safe evermore."

Hanson Place is indeed proud to have a daughter, whose name is "Goshen."

Emelda John
Church Clerk

STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENT GOSHEN TEMPLE OF S.D.A.

"With God all things are possible." This axiom of the Christian faith has been tested, proven and reaffirmed by the Goshen experience, under the dynamic and inspired leadership of our volunteer minister, Pastor Lynden Walton, the moral and tangible support of our parent church, led by Pastor Glenn Roberts, and the diligent efforts, unstinting financial support and faithfulness of the congregation.

Our church has made, I daresay, unprecedented progress in its march toward a place in the sisterhood of churches in the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

I must say how delighted I am to share with you some of the major accomplishments of this congregation during the eleven months of its existence.

On the 9th of September, 1979, we began with a membership of 22 members gleaned from among those baptized as a result of the evangelistic crusade conducted by Pastor Steven Patterson in the summer of 1979. Today that number has tripled and if the present indicators are correct we will have a membership of over 100 before the end of the current quarter.

On June 28, 1980, we had our first baptism at which time 6 precious souls were baptized. Pastor Walton is currently conducting another Bible class, preparing souls for our next baptism.

Our Sabbath attendance is now hovering near the 300 mark, and we have a strong Sabbath School with 10 senior classes. The Cradle Roll class, Primary and Kindergarten divisions are growing fast. Our youth department is second to none and presents its program to standing room audiences only. It might be interesting to note that this mission (or church) is operating through all the recognized departments of the church, including the Pathfinder Club.

In regards to our financial standing, God is blessing us beyond our wildest dreams. It is gratifying to report that since our inception nearly \$60,000 has been received by our treasurer. Of this amount \$36,879 was earmarked as conference funds, including a tithe of \$32,199. In this context, one of our earliest exploits for the Lord was the setting and passing of our Ingathering goal. Pastor Walton, in consultation with our lay activities leader, Elder Bertram Straker, set for us a goal of \$3,000 two months after the mission began. We collected well over this amount. "To God be the glory."

Our combined budget fund is well in excess of \$20,603. From this fund we were able to purchase our pulpit furniture for \$4,100, utensils for the Ordinance of Humility, Cradle Roll furniture and at the same time meet all our recurring expenditures including rent and utilities.

Our statement of achievement would be incomplete if we did not take time to acknowledge and express our sincere appreciation to Pastor Roberts, the Hanson Place church board and membership for their support.

Lastly, the members of this congregation would like to publicly acknowledge that the accomplishments cited, the goals reached, the signal honor of being accepted into the sisterhood of

churches after such a relatively short existence as a mission is due in no small part to the inspired and dynamic leadership of our volunteer minister, Pastor Lynden Walton. We truly appreciate his leadership, and we thank Pastor Roberts, his lay activities department led by Elder Louis Straker, and the board for asking him to serve us in this capacity.

"Men and Brethren, what hath God wrought?"

David E. McDonald
First Elder 1980

WITH A VOICE OF SINGING . . .

If you have never heard them sing before, then you don't know what you're missing. If you've heard of them, but don't know much about them, then keep on reading. And, if you've heard them, then you love them and you're glad when they come to your part of town because you don't EVER want to miss them . . . because they are none other than the one and only LINDENNAIRES, from Linden Boulevard Church, Jamaica, N.Y.

Now for those of you who have never heard the Lindennaires before and can't understand why they're so special, and for those of you who have heard of them but don't know much about them, here is a special opportunity to get a short synopsis of this dynamic group.

The Lindennaires began their musical debut 10 years ago under the direction of Ms. Coletta Gordon. At that time they were a young choir with good voices, but they never imagined that they would achieve the status as the Number 1 choir in the Northeastern Conference that they hold today.

God has done many good things for this group. Some members have gone on to become ministers, ministerial students, music students, Pathfinder leaders and workers, Sabbath School teachers, etc.

The Lindennaires have been going long and hard for these ten years and they're going to keep on keeping on for the Lord. Praises go to the choir—but all praises go to the Creator of Christian music.

To God be the glory, great things He has done.

Carol Granderson
Joseph Granderson
Communication Secretaries

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OCALA OPENS NEW CHURCH

July 12, 1980 was a glorious day in the experience and history of Ocala-Shiloh Church. It was the opening of the newest church in the conference and the pastor, Ernest B. Young, pronounced it the prettiest and best. It certainly is not the largest, but considering the size of the congregation and the financial ability of the church, nothing can be said about this church that will be overstated.

No one seems to be able to pinpoint a specific date or year of the beginning of this congregation except that Elder J. G. Thomas, the pioneer pastor of the South Atlantic Conference, was its first pastor. A long list of pastors followed in succession, including O. S. White and John Green, Sr., who started the first church school for black children in Ocala, which had 20 children. Coincidentally, it is still a one-teacher school with 20 children enrolled for the 1980-81 school year. The first teacher was Mary Moore, and the teacher in 1980 is Mary Floyd.

Other pastors in the trail were A. B. Story, H. D. Singleton, M. C. Strachan, Elder Kirk, M. T. Battle, L. R. Hastings, who pastored the congregation on four different occasions, Elder Miles, Elder Stevens, H. L. Cleveland, J. L. Williams, who placed the church on the present site; I. L. Harrell, Elder Kitts, Matthew Green, T. Smith, D. M. Jones, who purchased more land on the same site to build the new church; F. R. Nealy, J. W. Warren and E. B. Young.

H. L. Cleveland, who in 1955 was the first to break the century barrier in baptisms, was the guest speaker for the opening exercise on Sabbath. He went deeply into the topic of "Love."

A number of community and conference officials were on hand for this occasion, including Councilman James Cunningham of the city of Ocala, Richard Lewis, assistant city manager, R. L. Woodfork, president of South Atlantic Conference, and R. B. Hairston, secretary of South Atlantic Conference.

Elder Matthew Green collected a love offering from the congregation at the opening ceremonies of just over \$2,300.

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And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

— Acts 5:41



The ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Ocala-Shiloh church on July 12, 1980 consisted of left to right: Leroy Scott, head deacon; Ernest Young, pastor of the church; Richard Lewis, assistant city manager; R. L. Woodfork, S.A.C. president; R. B. Hairston, S.A.C. secretary; D. M. Jones, former pastor whose foresight acquired the property on which the church is built; and James Cunningham, councilman of the city of Ocala.



Elder H. L. Cleveland, president of Allegheny West, who pastored Ocala-Shiloh, Florida, church in the mid-fifties, the first centurian in the area, was the featured speaker at the opening ceremonies on July 12, 1980.



The new Ocala-Shiloh church, which was opened July 12, 1980, cost upwards of \$200,000.

JOINT SOUTH ATLANTIC/ SOUTH CENTRAL TEACHERS' CONVENTION HELD

On August 3-6, 130 elementary and secondary teachers of the South Atlantic and South Central Conferences brought their summer vacations to a pleasant close with four full days of professional meetings, workshops, inspiring worship services at the Joint South Atlantic/South Central Teachers' Convention. The convention was held in the beautiful Religion Complex and Chapel of Oakwood College. The meeting was jointly planned by the offices of education of the two conferences, headed by Elder Joseph Dent of the South Central Conference and Elder Sam Gooden of the South Atlantic Conference.

Dr. Victor Griffiths of the General Conference Education Department gave the opening address on Sunday evening as the convention began with the theme, "The Integration of Faith, Learning and Practice." Dr. Robert Moon, director of institutional research at Andrews University, spoke to the teachers on this theme each morning as the daily worship speaker.



Over the three-day period there were 17 different workshops and seminars covering a variety of areas in the field of Adventist Christian education. Teachers learned how to coordinate the ministries of conference youth and education programs in the classrooms in an Adventist Youth Society workshop conducted by three conference youth directors, Elders Joseph McCoy of South Central, George Timpson of South Atlantic and Ralph



Peay of the Southern Union Youth Ministries Department.

Elder Joe Engelkemier, noted Adventist writer, author and teacher at Andrews University, conducted a workshop on "balanced Adventist education" in which he explored the Spirit of Prophecy and Bible counsels to the church on God's plan of true education through well-regulated physical labor, mental development through academic training and spiritual development through guided Bible study and witnessing experiences. Elder Engelkemier illustrated his presentation with beautiful slide pictures of the successful campus beautification and soil cultivation programs by the students of Andrews University and Academy.

Also appearing on the convention program from Andrews University was Dr. Minerva Straman, whose "Practical Christianity" workshop gave the teachers useful and practical ideas on how to conduct exciting, character-building Christian witnessing projects with church school children. Examples of such church school witnessing activities are helping and doing things for other people, helping elderly neighbors in the school neighborhood, visiting various individuals who need encouragement, making and sending get-well cards of encouragement to people in the neighborhood and community who might benefit from such interest.

Professor Frances Bliss of the Oakwood College Education Department conducted a most interesting and

informative workshop in the vital area of reading instruction. In addition to a discussion on the fundamentals of reading instruction, there was discussion of the various ways the successful teacher can arouse interest and motivation in teaching children to read. Dr. Jasmine Jacobs, an instructional supervisor from Berrien Springs, Mich., conducted a workshop on individualizing instruction for maximum growth and development of the individual child.



Mrs. Rosetta Baldwin of the South Atlantic Conference and Mrs. Jesse Wagner of the South Central Conference, have given over one hundred years in teaching service to the church.

Other workshops were held by Principal Vernon Norman of the Winston-Salem, N.C., church school, in a workshop designed to assist teachers with ways to make and acquire inexpensive instructional materials; Nathaniel Miller, principal of the Atlanta Berean Academy, conducting a workshop in successful methods and techniques in

effective school discipline and behavior management; Dr. Norwida Marshall, associate director of education for the Southern Union, conducting a workshop on kindergarten instruction and orientation to the new Southern Union curriculum guide, entitled Minimum Adventist Performance Standards (MAPS); Dr. Victor Griffiths, conducting a workshop in effective writing instruction; Sylvakumar Newton of Atlanta Berean Academy conducting a school math workshop; Dr. Arnett Montague, Oakwood's director of student finance, conducting a workshop in testing; Principal Milton Brown of the Birmingham Ephesus Jr. Academy, in a workshop on physical education with an emphasis on the importance of manual labor programs in the schools as a more practical and beneficial alternative to the traditional play and competitive sports programs in the schools. Principal Robert Woodard of the Memphis Alcy Jr. Academy conducted a workshop for school principals on proven techniques for successful church school organization and administration. School Principals Vernon Norman and Geraldine Ogburn led out in a workshop on multi-grade schools' organization and administration.



Mrs. Sylvia Barnes speaks to the teachers during their banquet.

The convention workshop schedule was organized on a rotating basis so teachers could design an individual workshop attendance schedule which would permit them to select those areas which were of particular interest to them.

On Tuesday evening in the college dining room, the teachers enjoyed a superbly planned banquet by Judy Dean

of Oakwood Academy and Mr. Robert Hines of Oakwood's Food Service. The banquet audience of over 200 sat in rapt attention to the eloquence of Professor Sylvia Barnes of the Oakwood College English Department as she gave a stirring address on intergrating faith, learning and practice for excellence in Adventist education. Awards were presented to the teachers of the two conferences in a number of categories.

At the close of the banquet, a surprise honors and appreciation service was held for Mrs. Jessie Wagner of the South Central Conference and Mrs. Rosetta Baldwin of the South Atlantic Conference. Biographical sketches of the lives of these two dedicated Christian educators were read by their superintendents as they were presented with flowers, special awards and a beautiful vocal tribute by Miss Diane Medley. Mrs. Wagner was joined by members of her family.

At the close of this school year, these two ladies will have a combined total of 100 years of service to the ministry of education and the Seventh-day Adventist Church!

The convention ended on a high spiritual note as the teachers and their guests participated in an agape love feast and sacred communion service under the direction of Elder Marshall Kelley and Principal Nathaniel Higgs of Oakwood Academy. During the love feast teachers enjoyed a meal consisting of fresh fruit, juice and bread while they socialized in Christian fellowship around a table in the form of a cross. The sacred ordinances of humility and communion were held which ended with testimonies by the teachers of God's goodness and love.

There are 17 schools in the South Atlantic Conference and 15 schools in the South Central Conference with a combined enrollment of 2,500 students.



South Central and South Atlantic teachers receive awards for services in teaching.

Jackson, Mississippi, New Heights Church, which has been struggling with the cost of its new building, has enrolled 81 children in its unique Child Development Center. Happy parents and happy children are not only good public relations for the church, but also help to bear the expense of the building. Pastor Richard Bell says that with the waiting list and a facility that will care for 100 children, he expects to increase the enrollment.

Louisville, Kentucky, went on the TEN PLUS TEN + program the end of August. The pastor, Dr. J. H. Wagner, says he believes that the new attitude of the church will help win souls and enhance the accredited school. The school is in a newly-acquired building bought from the public school system.

The auditor, F. N. Crowe, reported that the Hillcrest church in Nashville is in a sound financial condition. The church is planning to join with Riverside Church in building a \$500,000 school. The interim pastor, G. I. Pearson, met with the president, C. E. Dudley, and the church-appointed special board to study the building proposal on Sunday, August 31. The Riverside pastor called his special building group together the same day to meet with the conference president. X. Butler, the pastor, reports that the church has raised some \$30,000 of its \$150,000 goal. He feels that the Nashville new school bells are about to ring.

GOSPEL TO EVERY DOOR

by Stephen P. Ruff

The South Central Conference Publishing Department held a conference-wide Literature Evangelist Rally Retreat on the sunny coast of Gulfport, Mississippi, August 16-18, 1980, at the Gaston Point Community Center managed by Tom Manning.

Literature evangelists came from the four conference states—Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee. Guests included Nathaniel Jackson, associate publishing director for the Southwest Region Conference, literature evangelists from the New Orleans, Louisiana, area, and Mrs. Earlene Madison, cashier-accountant for the South Central Conference. Mrs. Madison served as guest pianist and music coordinator for the retreat.



Mrs. Virginia Reid of Talledega, Alabama, explains her successes and blessings in the literature work as director S. P. Ruff looks on.

The theme, "The Gospel to Every Door," drew the attention of the audience to an angel accompanying the literature evangelist as he knocked on an endless row of doors. A colorful backdrop was designed and painted by John Brown, an artist from Nashville, Tennessee.

The retreat opened at 9 a.m. on Sabbath morning with a message by Paul Monk, newly elected editor of the *Message* magazine. Dr. E. E. Rogers, pastor of the Berean SDA Church in Jackson, Mississippi, and a former professor of biblical languages at Oakwood College, presented the message for the divine worship hour underlining the theme, "The Gospel to Every Door." Presentations were made by the publishing director, Stephen Ruff, to President C. E. Dudley, Secretary-Treasurer D. A. Walker and HES Bookkeeper F. N. Crowe. Stephen Ruff was then surprised by a presentation of a plaque on behalf of the literature evangelists of Mississippi by Benjamin Cone, associate publishing director for South Central.



Dr. E. E. Rogers of Jackson, Mississippi, speaks to the literature evangelists during convention.

The Miracle Hour was a testimony service of thrilling experiences of sorrow and joy by the literature evangelists.

A sunset vesper message came alive as the audience placed themselves on the white sands of the beach lapped by

the blue waters of the Gulf of Mexico. President Dudley, the speaker, painted a verbal picture of God at work in the heavens.

Sunday morning was filled with instruction from President Dudley on family relations, F. N. Crowe on finance, and Dr. Norwida Marshall, associate director of the Department of Education for the Southern Union Conference, on the supporting role of the woman.

Stephen Ruff conducted a workshop on the mechanics of salesmanship, which included instruction on the pre-approach, approach, introduction, pre-canvass, canvass, and close. Demonstrations were made by literature evangelists Virginia Reid of Tuskegee, Alabama, and Robert Carter of Hollandale, Mississippi. Analyzation of demonstrations were made by the literature evangelists, which demonstrated their sharpness.

William Freeman, pastor of the Gulfport district, was the host pastor. Benjamin Cone, Fred Whitlow and Lyndon Rowan, associate publishing directors for South Central, and Art Isom, sponsor, were the program coordinators.

The forty-eight literature evangelists and their families returned to the field with greater zeal and determination to carry the gospel to every door.

CHATTANOOGA'S COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Orchard Park Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, held its annual Community Service Day August 2nd under the leadership of Karen W. Anderson. The uniformed members greeting the many guests made a beautiful setting for the day.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Carl A. Dent, conference medical director. The audience response indicated that they were pleased and benefited. Dr. P. E. Vincent, church pastor, gave the official response and gratitude.

At the afternoon question and answer session a plaque was presented to Dr. Dent for his many years of philanthropic service. After vespers, Dr. Dent turned the educational wing into a clinic, where he examined many members and friends of Orchard Park.

Marion Bradford
Communication Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

1	Housing Board Meeting
3-5	Youth Ministries Convention, Asheville, N.C.
4	Doctor's Program for Medical Missionary Day
4-11	Health Emphasis Week
11	Community Relations Day
11	Sabbath Visitors Day
11	Temperance Offering to be lifted
24-26	Senior Youth Retreat
25-Nov. 1	Fall Week of Prayer
28	Staff Meeting
29	Housing Meeting
31	So. Union Medical Dental Congress—Gatlinburg, TN

NOVEMBER

1	Week of Sacrifice Offering
3-12	So. Union Departmental Council
8-9	Literature Evangelist Rally, East Tennessee
27	Special Thanksgiving Service
29	Ingathering Victory Day

SOUTHERN BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Southern Bible Institute, a growing radio program in Yazoo City, Mississippi, celebrated its first anniversary during September. The program is aired on Sunday over WYAZ at 10:15 a.m. with D. C. Hatcher, church pastor, as director and speaker.

The format allows for music, questions and answers, with time to promote church programs and invite listeners to enroll in a Bible course and come to the worship service each Sabbath. Some 10 guests recently indicated that they were attending the church because of the radio program invitation.

The historic Yazoo City church building is the same building which Edson White, son of Ellen G. White, constructed shortly after his famous trip down the Mississippi River on the Morning Star Boat. The church served as a school house and the little house in which the teachers lived is still standing beside the white church building.

The station rates this program as number three in popularity and is now broadcasting the actual worship service weekly with plans to air the worship service once again during the week.

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Linda L. Webb, director of Inner College Educational Opportunity Center.

OAKWOOD'S INNER COLLEGE-EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

"A Hand Reaching Out to Help"

by Linda Webb, Director

"Human variability demands alternatives." It is quite evident that these academic variabilities are being met when noting the availability of supportive services readily accessible to assist in meeting varied students' needs on Oakwood's campus.

Oakwood has long held to the unique interpretation of identifying with deficiencies students may have prior to entering college. In spite of these deficiencies, however, students are able to achieve to a high standard of excellence due to careful guidance and direction. Because students are "accepted where they are" academically and because the College realizes the need to resolve deficiencies, various avenues have been instituted to provide aid for the students.

One such avenue is the Inner College Educational Opportunity Center.

The core component of this center is a basic skill development program, which provides assistance to each student striving to improve in areas of deficiencies that might have been a direct result of inadequate preparation at an early stage of academic development. Services offered by the Center include: peer-tutoring, academic counseling, supplemental materials, workshops and lab sessions.

The students' long road to excellence begins at registration, where counseling as to academic needs and endeavors are provided. These admonitions are then followed with on-going counseling sessions during the quarter. Follow-up sessions include individualized as well as group counseling in the residence halls twice per quarter and a minimum of one session per week with the counselor in the Center's office. During these sessions, each student's academic load and work load are carefully evaluated, after which renewed emphasis is given where needed.

Other areas cooperate with Inner College in providing programs to assist students academically. A good example of this is the Greek Lab which offers audio-visual aid assistance. This component was instituted by Professor James Melacon with the center providing the tutors. After one quarter it was observed that students' grades had improved drastically as a result of this supportive program.

A number of our students come with limited knowledge in basic grammar, word usage and reading skills. To enhance these areas, a weekly English workshop is required of most students enrolled in the Freshman Composition class to supplement their regular classroom work load. The center provides the tutors for this component as well.

There is no reason for a student to fail or do poorly in any discipline; tutoring

facilities and programs are located all over the campus. "Living Learning Centers" are set up in the residence halls providing tutors and supplemental materials. Also, each quarter the center conducts workshops, seminars, etc., to give instruction on: (1) How to study. (2) Test-taking skills, including how to study for exams and predict test questions, etc. (3) Note-taking and outlining. (4) Vocabulary building. These sessions are sponsored through the center with consultants having specific skills in the identified discipline.

A new facet of the program is computer-assisted instruction. One area of concentration is assisting students in developing effective test-taking skills. Hopefully, retired standardized tests will be programmed into the computer and afford students the opportunity to take sample computer examinations. The thrust of this program will be to improve the standardized test-taking capabilities of our students (GRE, DAT, MCAT, LSAT, NTE, etc.). Statistics show that administration of full-length practice standardized examinations aid students in successfully passing these examinations.

Inner College utilizes approximately 30 tutors each quarter in the following areas: English, Precalculus I and II, Survey of Calculus, Chemistry, History, Biology, Spanish, French, and Accounting. The staff consists of Linda Webb, director, Michele Brown, secretary; Wilson Miles, counselor-coordinator, and James Hutchinson, night supervisor. The center is open 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on Friday.

The Inner College project has been supported by Title III funds since 1976. These funds have enabled the program to expand and serve, during school year 1979-1980, over 800 students out of a total enrollment of 1300 students.

The success of Inner College is evident when students make comments such as the following: "If we didn't have Inner College, I don't know how else I'd make it through math." "I only wish I had known about this tutoring program during my freshman year." "Because of the help from my tutor, my grades have gone from a 'C' to an 'A' average."

The Inner College Staff is eager to assist any student who will "Enter to Learn" that they may "Depart to Serve."

BLACK ADVENTISTS BUSINESS IN THE NEWS



Preston Alexander examines an item for a customer before selling it.

ALEXANDER'S ORTHOPEDIC AND SURGICAL SUPPLIES, INC. OFFERS BOTH PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL COMFORT

The noblest of men are motivated to soar to great standards because they see a need and fulfill it. History has recorded the deeds of great men who have unselfishly given of themselves because they wanted to help others.

It is this same principle that inspired Preston and Sylvia Alexander, owners of Alexander's Orthopedic and Surgical Supplies, Inc., Bronx, New York. It seems that Mr. Alexander, a registered physical therapist, felt the need of providing blacks and hispanics with the proper medical equipment and attention they need. He would see a person with a cane that needed adjusting and he would tell his wife, Sylvia, "wait until I start my business."

In 1974, their dream became a reality. Alexander's Orthopedic and Surgical Supplies, Inc., became one of the few surgical supply companies owned and operated by blacks. This area of business has always been closed to blacks. It is predominated by Jews and Italians who hire blacks for minimal positions, but they are never offered the opportunity to learn the technical knowledge of the business. Consequently, it is almost impossible for a black person to find someone to train him to operate a surgical business.

Fortunately, Mr. Alexander is a registered physical therapist who possesses both credentials and competency to establish a surgical business. He is a graduate of Massachusetts School of Physical Therapy, Boston, Massachusetts, and has been a physical therapist on the staff at the Lincoln Hospital, Bronx, New York, since 1954. In addition he received training at TruForm Surgical School, Boston, Massachusetts, and CAMP Surgical Supply Institute, New York City. It is here that he studied anatomy and physiology and was taught to properly fit orthopedic garments.

He was born and reared in New Orleans, Louisiana, the son of the late Pastor Preston Alexander, a Baptist minister, and Ida Walker Alexander, a Seventh-day Adventist who influenced him to become a baptized member of the church. He attended the local school in that city. After completing high school he entered the service, where he served in the medical unit. It was during that time that he decided to become a physical therapist. He journeyed thousands of miles away from home to attend a school that would accept blacks.

After completing his training in 1949, he accepted a job as physical therapist for the Riverside Sanitarium, Nashville, Tennessee. While enroute from Boston he decided to stop in New York City to see what it was like. He was so impressed with the city that he never left.

He is an active member of Ephesus SDA Church in New York, where he serves as president of the Benevolent Society, on the Deacon Board, and as assistant AYS leader. He serves as a member of the Athletic Trainer's Association, which trains the top conference athletes of football, basketball, track and field. He is a member of the New York Pioneer Club and has worked on the staff of the Staten Island Community Athletic Department. He is an avid lover of football and one of his greatest joys is training young athletes.

Mr. Alexander, an active participant in civic affairs, is a member of the NAACP and has served as president of the South-Westside Civic Organization in Mount Vernon, New York.

His wife, Sylvia, the co-owner, was born and reared in South Bend, Indiana. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Kee. She is a graduate of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, where she majored in elementary education. She taught church school in the Southwest and Northeast.

While teaching school in Boston and studying business at Boston University, she met her future husband, Preston Alexander. In 1948 they were married and together they have built a loving and lasting relationship. Mrs. Alexander attributes their love and family unity to the establishing of a family altar, which has sustained them for 31 years.

The Alexanders have two children: Ida, manager of the company and a graduate of Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Maryland, and Paul, a graduate of Fairleigh-Dickinson University, Teaneck, New Jersey, who works in a managerial capacity at Citibank, New York City.

After their children completed college, they made arrangements to open their business. The first steps in realizing their dream was to apply for a bank loan at Chase-Manhattan Bank. Mr. Alexander asked for \$10,000 to start the business but was immediately turned down. The loan officer felt he didn't know the business, because if he had, he would have asked at least for \$50,000. So, Mr. Alexander asked for \$50,000. Before the loan could be processed he was told to find five or more physicians who would patronize his business.



Ida Alexander, manager, seated at rear desk and Tywanda Wilkerson, salesperson.

Mr. Alexander got the support of several physicians: Dr. A. Anderson, director of rehabilitation medicare, Harlem Hospital; Dr. Edmond Good, general practitioner/gerontology; Dr. Kenneth Simpson, general practitioner; Dr. Murray Benson, Lincoln Memorial Hospital and Dr. Valdermar Rollins.

After Mr. Alexander returned with the list, the loan was approved. Next, a building was rented near the new site of the Lincoln Memorial Hospital. With the aid of Mr. Irwin Jacobs, the building was renovated to meet the state specifications.

In May of 1974, Alexander's Orthopedic and Surgical Supplies, Inc., offering a complete stock of wheel chairs, hospital beds, elastic stockings, corsets, braces, colostomy appliances, trusses, oxygen units and home health aids opened its doors to the public.

They faced many obstacles, but with the power of God and perseverance they ultimately triumphed. Their first obstacle was presented by the surgical suppliers who did not want to extend them credit because they were new in the business and did not have Medicaid. Within months they received Medicaid and were able to get the approval of the city and state. Soon they were able to establish credit. Thus, one barrier was banished. Now they are suppliers for several leading surgical companies.



When business first opened one or two people would come and ask questions but would never purchase anything. Several of the merchants suggested that they open on the Sabbath because that was the biggest day for shopping. The Alexanders told the mer-



Preston and Sylvia Alexander standing in front of the Ephesus church in Harlem where they are faithful members.

chants they were Seventh-day Adventists and they did rest on God's holy day. It is because they refused to violate God's day for gain that He blessed their efforts tremendously. Within five years they moved to larger quarters and purchased a new building. Their customers now wait in line on Monday morning for them to open and crowd the store on Friday afternoon before closing time. God gave them extra because of their faithfulness. Their loss was really a gain.

When the blackout in 1977 occurred all the stores in that area were looted but theirs remained untouched. They know it was God's protecting care and even the merchants were amazed.

One of the main ingredients of their success has been their commitment to God. Mrs. Alexander feels "that through God's power we are making progress." She points out that . . . "in all our work in dealing with others we never forget to point them to the Master." They distribute tracts in their store and many people have returned to ask for literature.

When asked to sum up the key to success, they pointed out, "seeking the direction and counsel of God." Being competent, compassionate and committed to helping others would ensure an eternal satisfaction. Alexander's Orthopedic and Surgical Supplies, Inc., offers its customers both a physical and spiritual comfort.

Stephanie D. Johnson

USHER'S WEEKEND AT BEREA

"I will rise again, rise again.

Ain't no power on earth can tie me down . . ."

This theme permeated the three-day Usher's Weekend held at Berea SDA Church, Boston, Mass., May 1-3 with "Little Richard," now Pastor Penniman, as the guest speaker.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30, services were held at the Boston Technical High School in Roxbury with large numbers of the people living in the surrounding communities in attendance. A rousing song service by the musical director, Arnold Willis, a co-worker with Little Richard, brought out the enthusiasm of those gathered and the Spirit of the Lord was felt nightly as they lifted their voices in singing. As Little Richard brought his message revealing his former life of sin and how Christ had saved him from a life of drug abuse, rock and roll, and perversion, he admonished the audience to look to Christ for cleansing and salvation—to Him and Him only.

On Sabbath at the eleven o'clock service at the Berea Church, the Ushers Choir sang two selections—"That's What He's Done for Me" and "Oh, To Be Kept For Jesus." Also there was a beautiful selection rendered by the musical director.

During the Sabbath sermon, Little Richard stated that, "seemingly people have gone mad over material things, thus causing themselves to lose out spiritually." We were urged to confess our sins regardless of what people think—for as Christ has shed His blood for us—it behooves us to get ready, get ready, for the time is far spent. The appeal was made and a large number took their stand for the Master, having been impressed by the Spirit at the plain truths that had been spoken.

On Sabbath afternoon, a musical program was held followed by the closing service in the evening at the high school. Its attendance was the largest audience of all the evenings.

We thank God for the beautiful spirit that was shown in these meetings.

Helen Drumgo
Communication Secretary

IN THE NEWS



A plaque is presented to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rupright by Dr. C. E. Dudley, president of South Central Conference, in appreciation for their help in sharing the gospel in the Southland. These lovely people have donated church buildings to the conference in Amory, Natchez, Fayette, Mississippi. Plans are underway for several other facilities in the conference.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY HOSTS B.S.C.F.

The Black Student Christian Forum Alumni held its first annual reunion on the campus of Andrews University from August 1-3.

The B.S.C.F. was organized in 1971 to fulfill the spiritual and social needs of black students attending A.U. The black alumni of Andrews have kept in close contact with one another and have recognized the need to organize a means to reunite and fellowship.

More than 500 B.S.C.F. alumni and friends reunited under the theme "Are You Ready For Jesus To Come?" Highlights of the weekend were a Friday evening vespers sermon by Elder Ricardo Graham, Sabbath School, Elder Mark McCleary providing the message for



Mr. and Mrs. Booker T. Watts, Sr., of Louisville, Ky., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 29, 1980, in Stouffer's Louisville Inn, 120 W. Broadway, in Louisville.

Mr. Watts retired in 1973 as a production engineer of the Flinkote Company. Mrs. Watts, the former Alma Miller, retired in 1974 as a private-duty nurse.

The couple, married June 28, 1930, have eight children: Mrs. Imogene Churchill, Radcliff, Ky., Mr. Booker T. Watts, Jr., Mrs. Gayle Hurd, Mrs. Barbara Luckett, Mrs. Edna Lynum and Mrs. Joyce Downs, all of Louisville, Mr. Norman Watts, Ekron, Ky., and Mrs. Alice Lyons, Lexington, Ky.; 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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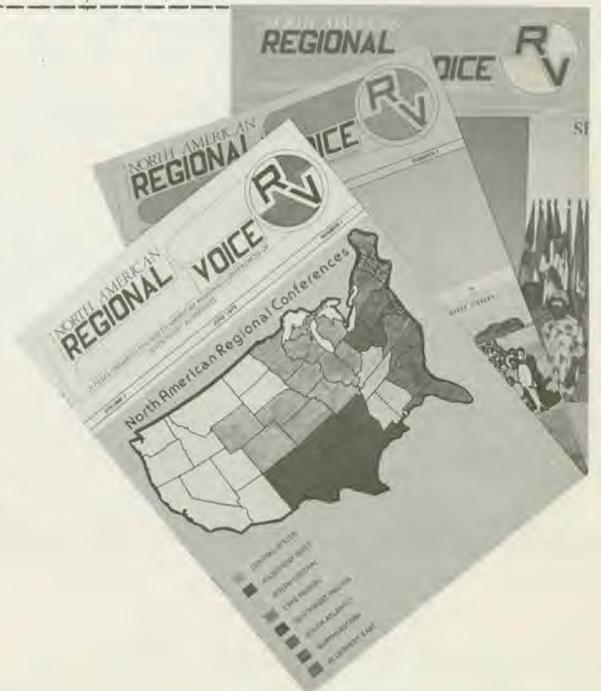
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Sabbath morning, and a musical review coordinated by Jeanne Potter, program director, and Gerard A. Brathwaite, music coordinator. The Sabbath was closed with a sermonette by Pastor Robert Smith, Jr.

Saturday night the Chicago Sonics defeated the former A.U. Barons in a basketball game. Everyone particularly enjoyed seeing memories in the form of a slide presentation after the game.

The weekend was concluded by prayer and the singing of "If We Never Pass This Way Again" on the lawn of Lamson Hall. If you wish to be included on the B.S.C.F. Alumni mailing list, please contact Jeanne Potter, 8201 Houston Court #1, Takoma Park, Maryland 20012.

GENTLE SHEPHERD GROUP WITNESSES THROUGH MUSIC

City Temple Church is privileged to have among its membership a singing group known as the Gentle Shepherd, composed of Willie Robinson, the director, and seventeen other musicians.

The group is unique in that it spreads good will among the churches not of our faith. They recently gave a program to foster Christian education in Dallas. Their offering came to \$1,000—which they divided with the principal, Dr. Brown, for City Temple Academy.

We thank the Lord for the Gentle Shepherd. This group provides an avenue of service for eighteen musical people. Pictured are Willie Robinson and other members of the group.



Oh, to be young and conducting the first tent meeting of my ministry as Pastor W. E. Humphrey delights in sharing the light of the Third Angel's Message in Coushatta, La.



B. E. Wright reports a very successful six-week camp program at Lone Star guiding and instructing juniors, teens, handicapped and others. They had to care for 12 horses and conduct classes in archery, photography, sailing, swimming, skiing, canoeing, table games and others. All of these and more kept the camp buzzing all summer. Pictured are B. E. Wright and daughter Candace riding over the campground as they check to see that things are left in order.



Ambassador Mohammed M. Turay from Sierra Leone in West Africa became a friend of Victor Books when Edith Adkins went to Sierra Leone as a missionary to the Adventist school, Yele. The ambassador came to Oakwood College to witness the ordination of Victor Books. Victor invited Turay to Memphis to meet Edith, worship at the church, and visit with other local, state and national political persons. The Governor proclaimed April 7, 1979 as Mohammed Turay Day.

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