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COVER STORY

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH SEMINAR AT OAKWOOD

The second annual professional growth in minority seminar was held at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, December 1-3, 1980. The main focus of the meeting was in these four areas: preaching, evangelism, pastoral ministry and church administration.

The presentations were given by a cross section of evangelists, administrators, and scholars who illuminated the participants in their areas of expertise. There were several noticeable changes in this year's program, namely, the inclusive and active participation of Bible instructors.

Dr. Mildred P. Johnson of South Central Conference and Vivian Boyce of the west coast presented the topic, "Over the Line," and Rosa Lee Jones, a retired Bible instructor from Northeastern Conference, spoke on "Holding New Members." Their presentations were illuminating, innovative and practical.

Secondly, there was a greater sensitivity to the French and Hispanic pastors. Dr. E. E. Cleveland assured them that they would not have to fight the battle blacks had to fight with our white brethren. He reiterated the black minister's commitment to the brotherhood of man.

Thirdly, Elder Ronald Graybill of the White Estate and Elder George Vandeman of the "It Is Written" telecast were among the participants who gave substance to the seminar. Elder Graybill's presentation on "Ellen White and Her Sources" was well-researched, pointed and forthright. The speaker took an uncompromising stand in the prophetic gift of Ellen White.

This was the first time that ministers from all over North America and Bermuda came together to participate, fellowship and grow.

The seminar was edifying and inspirational. Elder W. S. Lee, secretary of the Mid-American Union, gave the opening address. He challenged the audience to love in the truest sense of the word. His sermon was dynamic and inspiring.

Dr. Leon G. Cox of Ephesus Church in New York was the devotional speaker for Tuesday morning and Dr. W. J.

Cleveland, pastor of the South Park SDA Church, Birmingham, Alabama, gave the devotional message on Wednesday morning.

Pastor H. Thompson, evangelist for the Mid-American Union, was the speaker for the closing services on Wednesday night.

In an interview with the Planning Committee Dr. E. E. Cleveland of the evangelism and church missions department at Oakwood College; Elder E. C. Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College church, and Dr. Benjamin Reaves, chairman of the religion department at Oakwood, set forth their main objective of the Professional Growth in Ministry Seminar. Here is a portion of that interview.

Who conceived the idea of a professional growth in ministry?

Dr. E. E. Cleveland: At a presidential council we were mulling over some methods of refining the skills of our ministry. As we were discussing the idea, it just came out as a consensus of the presidential council that this would be a great place to start. In our presidential council and as well as our planning council we operate as equals. Once the ideas emerge they are the ideas of the council and never the ideas of the individual that suggested them . . . the burden of the idea was the refinement of the skill of our black ministers.

How do you answer the charge that it is a cover for black unions?

Elder Cleveland: It is a function of unions to refine the skills of its ministers and to promote programs that will be evangelistic and pastoral in nature as it relates to the refinement aspect. So, in that sense, you might say we are serving the general purpose of the denomination by providing seminars for our workers.

Dr. Reaves: In the sense that unions provide professional growth for ministers . . . we are functioning as a union. These seminars provide the vehicle for professional growth among our men. In the present union structure, workers are bound by geographical borders, while our seminar is trans-territorial.

Elder Ward: It's very important to us to get a composite picture of the heterogeneous thinking, the common problems and the successful solutions we have found in two basic areas: pastoral ministry in the areas of evangelism and church administration . . . there is no way for us to do this than the way we are doing it now, and that was the genius of

what the presidents recommended to be done. So when you look at us, we represent a spectrum. This man (Dr. Cleveland) represents a world vision that has travelled the globe. He has an input that few of us, if any, could give. This man (Dr. Reaves) has an educational background . . . that touches us into areas that keep it scholastic. My background has been pastoral and evangelistic with emphasis also on local administration. We in a sense would represent the concerns of the men who are actually serving the church.

Is there time for fellowship in a seminar such as this?

It should be pointed out that fellowship is a very big item in our annual gatherings. Black people ought to be able to get together and share both their needs and their skills. It has been a long-standing need . . . We felt we had come to such desperate times that we just had to get together. It is now with the approval of the parent body (the General Conference) that such a meeting is made possible.

Would you define the refinement of the skills of the minister?

Dr. Reaves: Yes, we're talking about professional growth in ministry. The movement of attitude toward ministry has broadened in terms of seeing the minister as a professional, a person who is competent in a cluster of skills and who has a commitment to a certain area of service. We feel that, just as doctors and educators have their meetings to keep up, stay in touch, stay on the cutting edge, it's true also in the ministry. As is true of anyone else, there's a tendency over a period of time to sometimes let down or forget some of the things that you once knew. You don't necessarily drive with the caution and thoughtfulness you started out driving with and a little refresher course helps to sharpen you.

The professional meeting is more than a series of great preaching or five easy steps to church organization and growth.

The professional growth seminar has had a definite impact on evangelism among the regional conferences. Evangelism has taken on a new meaning.

Only eternity will tell the impact that the professional growth in ministry seminar has had on the lives of others.

Stephanie D. Johnson

Pictorial Reflections of the Council on Evangelism

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Dr. Carl A. Dent, M.D.

DR. C. A. DENT: A CITADEL OF COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION, Part III

by Stephanie D. Johnson

In the latter part of the sixties, a civil war broke out in Nigeria. The Ibos of East Nigeria attempted to secede from the union and create the nation of Biafra. The war left its devastating mark on the Ibos. They were subjected to all the bloody atrocities of war—deprivation, famine, death and destruction. The sufferings of the Biafrans stirred the conscience of the world. Every religious and humanitarian organization reached out to help this destitute people.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church, under the Northern Europe-West Africa Division (NEWAD), worked in association with the Red Cross to aid the Biafrans. The Red Cross supplied food and medicine and NEWAD the medical personnel—nurses and doctors.

In 1969, Dr. Dent was among the Seventh-day Adventists who came to aid the suffering people. He worked with a medical team that ministered in one of the most dangerous war zones. Of the six men who made up the team, Dr. Dent was the only American. The others came from Scandinavia and England.

Their work was charged with toil and danger. On the first night they learned that the underground had tortured and killed a native Adventist minister and his wife because they were accused of withholding clothes that were given to them by the Red Cross to distribute.

The atmosphere was so tense, the suspicion so pronounced, that guards with wooden spears were placed outside their living quarters. The natives that worked with the medical team feared for their lives and were forced to sleep in an open field. For their services the natives received their payment in food—corn-meal, fish, etc.

The medical team put in long hours in an attempt to give everyone the medical treatment needed. In the mornings they would examine the people, in the evenings they would operate, and at night the nurses would package the medicine to give to the people the next morning. The needs of the people were so great that Dr. Dent examined 1,500 people in one day.

The people had contracted every kind of disease imaginable—tuberculosis, tetanus, liver fluke, malaria, anemia, guinea worms, elephantiasis, sleeping sickness and all kinds of parasitic infestations.

There were numerous cases of kwashiorkor, a sickness due to protein deficiency in the diet. Those natives who suffered with kwashiorkor showed symptoms in their hair, which was normally black and kinky, but had turned blonde and straight, and in appearance were weak and emaciated. They were very ashamed of their condition. It is interesting to note that the native Adventists in the village did not suffer from kwashiorkor because their pastor had taught them to eat greens to make up for the protein deficiency in their diet.

They remained in Uburu for two months until forced to leave because a military push was beginning in the area. In making arrangements to leave immediately, they did not forget the people in the village. They took all their medical supplies but left a storehouse filled with food so the people would not starve.

After leaving Uburu, Dr. Dent was exhausted and went to a cattle ranch in Obdu for a four-day rest and relaxation retreat. During this time he was running a high fever and realized he had malaria. Before the discovery of penicillin and sulphur drugs, malaria was a dreaded disease that took the lives of millions. Immediately, Dr. Dent began to treat himself and, after several days, was well enough to travel to Kalabar.

In Kalabar he was named chief surgeon. Here Dr. Dent, along with other members of the medical team, worked while lizards crawled all over the walls

and buzzards roosted on the top of the hospital waiting for the dead.

Despite these inconveniences, Dr. Dent worked hard, as usual, examining patients and performing operations. Here he remained until it was time to return to America.

In three months Dr. Dent became immortalized in the hearts of the African people for his diligence and untiring efforts in caring for thousands of forsaken people.



Elvira Finley, a medical technician, counsels with Dr. Dent on some of the lab procedures at Riverside Hospital.

A Changing Riverside

For three and a half decades, Dr. Dent watched Riverside grow from five white frame cabins to a modern 50-bed hospital. This transition has been costly, not only in terms of finances, but in reputation as well.

Riverside was once a premier health care institution that was frequented by Mary McLeod Bethune, Congressman Oscar DePriest and a host of others. The great and the near great of the time traveled to Riverside for hydrotherapy, rest, relaxation and the "vegetarian diet."

With the transition of Riverside from a sanitarium to a modern hospital, the basic Seventh-day Adventist philosophy and approach to health has been seriously compromised. With the acceptance of government assistance in an attempt to make Riverside a viable institution, the administrative powers had to abide by government rules and regulations that forced Riverside to compromise its unique qualities and become another general hospital.

The paperwork has grown and the number of employees has doubled, while patient care has seriously been hampered. History has taught us that

any time there is a marriage of a private institution and government, the results are pernicious. Government standards and Christian principles are diametrically opposed to each other. As Seventh-day Adventists we accept the divinely inspired counsel of Ellen G. White, who emphasized prevention over cure, along with water, sunshine, proper diet, exercise and trust in God rather than drugs as the key to recovery. The emphasis is placed upon healing the whole man—mental, physical and spiritual. The more support that can be given to Riverside without having to ask for government assistance for its salvation, the better will be the progress of the institution for its original purposes.

The Strength of Riverside

The strength of Riverside lies in returning to the divine blueprint. Along with that, there is a need for dedicated men and women who will have the vision and courage of conviction to forge a new direction for Riverside.

Through the medium of medical ministry, Riverside has the opportunity to reach a class of people that will never attend an Adventist church, or evangelistic crusade, or accept a tract, but those same people might travel thousands of miles to take advantage of the specialized and unique quality health care given by this hospital. What a beacon of light Riverside might prove to be to the intellectual, wealthy and the star performer. Quality service attracts quality patrons.



Dr. C. A. Dent visits with one of his patients at Riverside Hospital.

Many see integration as attributing to Riverside's lean year. One must remember that during segregation that every major city or town provided some health care for blacks. The quality might be questioned, but nevertheless, it was available. People flocked to Riverside



Dr. C. A. Dent with members of the medical team for Riverside Hospital.

because it was the only black hospital where vegetarian meals were served (no meat, fish, or poultry was served), no smoking was allowed, hydrotherapy was used for treatment and rest and relaxation were paramount. It was this unique approach to health that earned Riverside its excellent reputation.

If now Riverside would return to its original health care philosophy, thousands would come. Conditioning centers and health retreats are in demand as never before. Those who operate these centers have only a fraction of the knowledge that Seventh-day Adventists have, yet they have become successful ventures. With the increase of health-conscious Americans, there are many who would be willing to invest in their health. Riverside could once again become the haunt of the great and the near great.

The future of Riverside will shine brightly, for it was God who ordained its establishment. Since its beginning in 1927, He has kept it. 'We have nothing to fear for the future except we shall forget the way the Lord has led us and His teaching in our past history.'

God raised up Dr. Dent at a time when the future of the institution was in question. Shall He do no less in the coming years? Until that time when God lays the mantle upon another, Dr. Dent will continue to be the moving force behind Riverside—a citadel of commitment and dedication. If not for Dr. Dent's commitment, Riverside would have been among the other institutions that were started to minister to blacks but died because no one could endure the hardship, the deprivation and the uncertainty. Not Dr. Dent! Although faced with many trials and tribulations, he never gave up!

More than ever there is a great need for men and women who see obstacles



Mrs. Lauetta Dent, R.N.

as blessings in disguise, who have the moral strength to stand for principle, who are willing to make sacrifices without murmur and complaint, who are imbued with missionary zeal and striving for the mastery in relieving suffering humanity. The requirements may seem unattainable, but only the best will do for Riverside.

In the future Dr. Dent looks forward to the growth of Riverside and its return to its original philosophy. Upon retirement he looks forward to working as a relief physician wherever his services may be needed. Be it in the jungles of Africa, castles in Europe, or a ghetto in Watts, he will work diligently to provide the best care. He will always keep a watchful eye on the advancement of Riverside. He loves Riverside. It is his life.

Many have made contributions and left impressions on the lives of those who have followed in their footsteps, painting pictures with their lives which have inspired many to aspire to great heights and realize their visions and dreams. In spite of this, none have made such a lasting contribution or painted such a vivid picture to live on in the hearts and minds of the many as Dr. Carl Ashley Dent—A CITADEL OF COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION.

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PUBLISHER'S PAGE



C. E. Dudley

TO STRENGTHEN THE BLACK WORK—WALK TOGETHER, CHILDREN

Since the genesis of God's church on earth, the devil has sought to destroy it and to prevent mankind from living eternally with his Maker. Centuries have come and gone; yet the struggle continues to the end of time. Ephesians 6: 10-12. The subtleties of Satan are ever with us: distrust in God's word and the spirit of prophecy, Revelation 12:17; coming to deliberate sin, I John 3:4; bigotry and racism in the ranks, James 2:9. These things place doubt in some minds as to the certainty of our belief and the sureness of our church—"Is this it, or do we look for another?" Matthew 11:3. Make no mistake, this *is* God's church. This *is* the truth. Let us walk together, children, and don't get weary.

Through the years the church has had to deal with persons and groups who have presented their "new light" concept, which has drawn away some of the members of the flock. Attacks on the authority and authenticity of the word and the testimony of Jesus have always brought out the ire of God. Recent charges that have appeared in newspapers across the country are no exception. The "new lighters" come and go, but our faith in the church and God must not shrink, though pressed by many a few.

To strengthen our work, we must ever hold to God's unchanging hand. Our successes, our growth, our blessings in the midst of trial, have come as we have held to His hand and maintained a spirit

of togetherness. "Say ye every man to his neighbor, be strong and of good courage." E. G. White states that "the unity of the church is the convincing evidence that God sent Jesus into the world as its Redeemer. This is an argument which worldlings cannot controvert. Therefore Satan is constantly working to prevent this union and harmony, that believers, by witnessing backsliding, dissention, and strife among professed Christians, may become disgruntled with religion and be confirmed in their impenitence. God is dishonored by those who profess the truth while they are at variance and enmity with one another." 5T 620. Let's walk together, children!

The devil seeks to bring disunity into the church by presenting controversies on (a) church doctrine, (b) church organization, and (c) race relations. These things must not divide us. Four basic Biblical teachings have always been steadfast in my mind—(1) God is love. I John 3:4. (2) The seventh day is the Sabbath. Exodus 20:8-11. (3) Jesus will come again. John 14:3. (4) My Lord pleads for my sins in Glory and they are all forgiven. I John 2:1. And like a tree that is planted by the waters, I shall not be moved.

Since the Seventh-day Adventist Church came into being, the hand of God has been on the helm. We have witnessed some problems, but this is still God's church. To strengthen not only the Black work, but to strengthen the church as a whole, we must strive for togetherness within the ranks. The church must ever realize that strong work among the Blacks, the Spanish, or whatever the group of people, brings blessings to us all. For a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. The church should therefore seek to lay plans and give support to help strengthen the Black work.

There are times when the Black members needs to come together to sing, to pray, to encourage each other, to plan for a finished work in his community, and to help make ready a people to meet the Lord. Oftimes when this is done, fear of revolution and insurrection arise in the minds of some of our brethren. This is not the motive at all! It is togetherness for a finished work. Let us plan together to build a stronger Oakwood College, a stronger educational system for all our children where they can be taught to be pillars in the kingdom. Let us work together to strengthen the *North American*

Regional Voice in order to build stronger lines of communication and better understanding in our ranks and among the brethren. The Black work will be strengthened when the regional conferences are made stronger through confidence and cooperation among leaders and members in this segment of the work. Some have felt that the regional conference is a perpetuation of segregation, which is far from reality. The work has been bountifully blessed since Black leaders and members have been given the responsibility of reaching every soul in their communities. Membership growth, evangelism, better houses of worship, better church schools, better prepared leaders, have been the results of this organization, to name just a few. A stronger financial support for the parent bodies has been experienced since the conferences have been brought into being.

There are some Blacks who have felt a burden to leave the church of their childhood and to seek worship in another environment. This brings a talent drain, a brain drain and a financial strain to the Black church. There is still something about the fellowship, the music, the spirit of worship in the Black church that lifts one's soul to God at worship time, and that blessing carries him all through the week. This strengthens our ties with the Almighty and strengthens the work in our community. "Ninety percent of all Black Christians in all denominations still attend the predominantly Black church, and of the 10 percent of those who join another organization, very little evangelism is done for others of their group except by babies that are born or others who move in." So states W. S. Lee.

If the work among Blacks is to be strong, the Black member should seek to remember his church when he makes his will. He should strive to give stronger financial backing to Oakwood College and the educational program in his community. He should seek to make greater sacrifices for a stronger evangelistic thrust to get the message of salvation to his brothers and sisters. He should pay his tithe where it is needed most—in his church. He/she should be supportive of his/her leaders. Let's walk together, children. Don't get weary. There is a great campmeeting in the promised land. Soon, and very soon, we are going to see the King. May God bless us with faith and strength in the Black work.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The year 1980 was filled with uncertainty—the hostage crisis, the Iraq/Iran war, the death of the Shah, America's drastic shift to the right and the overwhelming victory of Ronald Reagan and his Republican colleagues.

With interest I have watched the rising influence of Moral Majority and Christian Voice. They played a crucial role in the election of Reagan.

Their goal is to make America a Christian republic. Jerry Falwell of Moral Majority set forth their goal: "We're fighting a holy war. The wicked bear rule in America. We must bring the nations back to old morals." This group strongly endorses Sunday laws, creation and prayers in the public schools, while they strongly oppose abortion, ERA and homosexuality.

Their intentions might seem laudable. The idea of a Christian republic where righteous men enact righteous law to govern a righteous people, where Christian morals and principles are the foundation of America, sounds like heaven on earth, but America was never a Christian republic. During the time of the Revolutionary War, only five percent of the American people were Christians. The majority were deists or secular humanists, as they are called today. Special safeguards were placed within our constitution to guard against such ideas. America is a land where Jew, Moslem, Catholic, or atheist are free to worship or not to worship as they please.

As early as 1644, Roger Williams, the father of religious liberty in America, warned that "God requireth not uniformity of religion to be enacted and enforced uniformity (sooner or later) is the great occasion of civil war, ravishing of conscience, persecution of Jesus Christ in His servants and the hypocrisy and destruction of millions of souls."

Menno Simon posed this question. "Say, beloved, where do the Holy Scriptures teach that in Christ's kingdom and church, conscience and faith, which stand under the authority of God alone, are to be regulated and ruled by the violence, tyranny and the sword of the magistrate? In what instance have Christ and the apostles ever done, advised or commanded this?"

We have not heard the last of this evangelical group. Soon we will see the amalgamation of church and state, the passing of Sunday blue laws, the perse-

cution of God's believers and the return of Christ to deliver His children. Pray that we might be in that number. I hope in the coming year that you will watch, study and pray.

- In this issue "Dr. C. A. Dent: A Citadel of Dedication and Commitment" is concluded. Stephanie said it was one of her most enjoyable assignments. Dr. Dent took her for an afternoon flight and later she took a trip around the world via his movie projector. He confided in her that he would like to have been an astronaut. She was amazed at his spirit of exploration.

- On January 15 we will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, birthday. We would do well if we, like Martin Luther King, Jr., could find a noble purpose in life that we would be willing to give our lives for.

- In November, 1980, I visited the Holy Land. In the upcoming issue I will reflect upon my trip.

- Elder O. W. Mackey retired in December of 1980. In the February issue we will present a portrait of his life. I'm sure you will find it inspiring.

- February is Black History Month and in light of this we are working on a special issue that promises to be illuminating.

- Mrs. Majorie CapdeVille of Boston, the daughter of the late Elder H. D. Green, has graciously given us access to her father's diary. In his diary he emerges as an articulate, strong, compassionate leader. You won't want to miss his story.

Since this is the time for resolutions, our staff has resolved to maintain a higher standard of excellence. Once again we reaffirm our Declaration of Principles.

Declaration of Principles

We acknowledge that all wisdom and knowledge comes from God. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to make Him the center of our editorial work.

We are entrusted with a sacred responsibility to educate, inform and uplift our readers, to make them sense the urgency of the times. Therefore, we will continue to let the Holy Spirit lead us in presenting articles that are transforming, ennobling and elevating.

We have nothing to fear for the future, except we shall forget the way the Lord has led us and His teaching in our past history. Therefore, in accordance with this belief, we will continue to write and

research our heritage. We know that the very life forces of the church lie with the importance we place in the past.

We are committed to a greater vision. For where there is NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH. We will continue to broaden our horizons and take the path where no man has ever trodden.

We, the staff of the NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL VOICE, will not compromise when it comes to principles and standards.

We wholeheartedly pledge ourselves to maintain the highest standard of excellence.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

TELECAST ADVANCES TO NEW FIELDS

Would like to see Breath of Life in your city? Through the efforts of dedicated pastors and laymen throughout this country, this wish is becoming a reality in the cities where they live.

Through the efforts of a layman, Carlos Medley, the telecast was aired for thirteen weeks in South Bend, Indiana. Not far away, Chaplain W. Horton placed the Breath of Life telecast on closed circuit television at the Michigan Reformatory in Ionia, Michigan. Through his leadership 26 souls were baptized in that correctional facility.

Pastor Alphonso McCarthy contacted his local station in Yakima, Washington, and now for the second time he is extending his ministry through the Breath of Life telecast in Yakima and Pasco.

Albert Dudley, another dedicated layman, used his prayerful influence and now Breath of Life is seen in Springfield, Ohio. Pastors P. J. Jones and F. R. Nealy took the initiative in their area and now the telecast is being seen in Florence, South Carolina.

This story is being repeated in other areas of this country and may be a reality in your city. If your city has its own broadcasting facility, it may be possible for you to secure either free public service time or an affordable time slot for the broadcast. If you are interested in this idea, please write to Walter Arties, Breath of Life, P. O. Box 744, Newbury Park, California 91320 or call 805-498-3633. We will be happy to provide you with the necessary information.

James L. Kyle, Jr.
Director of Field Services

The Editor's Desk



The National Alumni Committee for Oakwood met in Kansas City, Missouri, October 16-18. Left to right (front row): R. Norman, K. Settle, A. Middleton, C. Mayfield, M. Murphy, W. Williamson, L. Paschal. Left to right (back row): A. Timpson, M. Martin, D. Blanchard, C. Jones, S. Rashford, P. Burns.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Jan. 16	23	30	Feb. 6	13
Boston, Mass.	4:38	4:47	4:56	5:05	5:14
New York City	4:50	4:58	5:07	5:16	5:25
Buffalo, N.Y.	5:09	5:16	5:23	5:34	5:43
Atlanta, Ga.	5:53	6:00	6:07	6:13	6:20
Miami, Fla.	5:52	5:58	6:03	6:08	6:13
Charlotte, N.C.	5:36	5:43	5:50	5:37	6:04
Birmingham, Ala.	5:03	5:09	5:16	5:23	5:29
Jackson, Miss.	5:19	5:26	5:32	5:39	5:45
Memphis, Tenn.	5:12	5:19	5:26	5:34	5:41
Louisville, Ky.	5:48	5:55	6:03	6:11	6:19
Detroit, Mich.	5:27	5:36	5:45	5:54	6:03
Chicago, Ill.	4:46	4:54	5:03	5:12	5:21
South Bend, Indiana	5:41	5:49	5:58	6:07	6:16
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:59	5:08	5:18	5:28	5:38
St. Louis, Mo.	5:04	5:12	5:20	5:28	5:36
Kansas City, Mo.	5:21	5:29	5:37	5:45	5:53
Denver, Co.	5:01	5:09	5:17	5:25	5:34
Little Rock, Ark.	5:22	5:29	5:36	5:43	5:50
Dallas, Texas	5:45	5:51	5:58	6:04	6:11
New Orleans, La.	5:24	5:30	5:36	5:42	5:47
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:19	5:26	5:33	5:40	5:47
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:42	5:49	5:56	6:03	6:10

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

CENTRAL STATES

LADIES DAY HELD AT PARK AVENUE

The First Annual Ladies Day Program was held recently at the Park Avenue SDA Church in St. Louis, Missouri. The theme was, "Today's Women."

According to Mrs. Ann King, chairperson, the entire Sabbath day's services were conducted by women of the church. Women were featured teaching Sabbath school classes, conducting the morning worship service and participating in AY afternoon activities.

B. Austin, G. Taylor, E. Bosman and M. Pettway were in charge of Sabbath school. During the eleven o'clock worship service, the choir, composed only of ladies, rendered special music. The elders were replaced by D. Fisher, D. Copels, C. Johnson and H. T. M. Williams, who faithfully and flawlessly carried out the service.

The speaker, introduced by Purette Bethea, was Lucille Mitchell, an educator, church servant and chairperson of the St. Louis Junior Academy operating committee. She delivered a stirring challenge to women of all ages.

The evening service featured ensembles of singers from all St. Louis area churches. Speaker for the service was Eileen Nelson, who presented an inspiring tribute to modern women as well as their historical counterparts. The entire day was pronounced successful in every aspect. It is hoped that this day can become an annual affair.

Anita Clay
Communication Secretary

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THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION



First elder (1981) John Napue, superintendent for the day, also coordinated the day's activities.

ALLON CHAPEL HOSTS COMMUNITY RELATIONS DAY

The Allon Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, hosted its first Community Relations Day on November 1.

Churches in the community, city and state officials and friends of church members were invited to participate in the Sabbath school service.

Gerald Jones, Allon Chapel pastor, stated that this "annual event will be an excellent way for church members to share their faith."

Under the leadership of John Napue, Alma Foggo York and Barbara Harriott, invitations were sent to the Lincoln community to share in this grand occasion. Participants came from the Grace Lutheran, Mt. Zion Baptist, Newman United Methodist, St. John's Baptist, College View SDA and Piedmont Park SDA churches. Lincoln's mayor, Helen Boosals, and Senator Shirley Marsh brought special greetings to those in attendance. Donna Frohardt, a city council member, and *Religious World* newspaper gave the event media coverage.

According to Alma York, communication secretary, the Community Relations



Pastor Gerald Jones preaching at the worship hour. Platform participants, left to right, are Joe Anderson and Jay Winston (Union College students). Deacons, seated left to right are David Ferguson and Ramon Cuaresna.

Day was aired on radio and television and printed as a feature in the *Lincoln Star Journal*.

John Napue, coordinator for the day's activities, graciously expressed his appreciation for the reception of the many friends of Allon Chapel who made the day a success. JoAnn Maxey, Lincoln school board member and former state senator, put it this way . . . "I would not have missed this program for anything. Allon Chapel should be very proud of the influence it plays in the Lincoln community. This program has got to be the best Christian event of the year."

Alma Foggo York
Communication Secretary



Five-year-old Michelle Carriger playing her violin for Sabbath school.

BETHEL PURCHASES DODGE VAN

A new van was purchased recently for the Bethel Church of Kansas City, Kansas. Earl Mayberry was appointed chairman of the van purchasing committee.

He worked long hours very conscientiously to help the church members achieve this goal.

Eagerly, anxiously and proudly, members and friends gathered as James White, pastor, P. C. White, first elder, and Earl Mayberry dedicated the van to the Lord.

Each Sabbath morning and on Wednesday nights, Gardon Thomas or another designated driver uses the van to transport members to and from the various meetings of the church. The van has been a tremendous blessing. It is with thanks to God that we say, "another first for Bethel. Truly, God is good."

Mazie Mitchell
Communication Secretary

BEREAN CHURCH OBSERVES COMMUNITY RELATIONS DAY

The Berean Church in St. Louis observed its first Community Relations Day on Sabbath, October 25, conferring the 1980 Community Service Award and the 1980 Good Neighbor Award upon two local residents.

Pastor R. F. Warnick explained to the congregation that "Community Relations Day is a program sponsored by the Sabbath school department of the General Conference in Washington, D.C. The primary goals of the observance are to create an increased awareness among church members of the church's relationship with the community and reaffirm to the community the church's desire to be involved and responsive to community needs."

The Community Service Award was presented to Elizabeth W. Garlington in ceremonies at 11 a.m. It was another in a long line of honors received by her for labor on behalf of humanity, including being listed in *Who's Who Among American Women 1972-1973* and the *Globe Democrat's* Woman of Achievement for Good Neighbor in 1974.

Recently retired from her 35-year career with Family and Children's Service of Greater St. Louis, Elizabeth Garlington is an acknowledged expert on the Black family and was chosen to receive this award because of her deep commitment to youth and the strengthening of the family.

In her introduction of the honoree, Lucille B. Mitchell, director of Resource Services for Vocational Planning at St.



Left to right: Lucille Mitchell, Elizabeth W. Garlington, Pastor Warnick and Marie G. Thomas.

Louis Community College in Forest Park, noted that Ms. Garlington is continuing her community service through involvement with NAACP National Youth Work Committee and St. James AME Church.

Ms. Garlington, in responding to the presentation, stated, "I have received many awards, but I treasure this one above all others. I sincerely mean this because I have always felt that the survival and progress of our people lie with the church and the family. This is a wonderful thing you have done."

An inscribed copy of *The Desire of Ages* was presented to her by the youth and communication department of the church. A delicious meal was served to guests and visiting friends immediately after the services.

The 1980 Good Neighbor Award ceremonies were held at 4:30 p.m. The recipient, Tyrus A. McGhee, is director of Archway Funeral Home, which is located across the street from the church. For the past twelve years he has graciously allowed the church to use his parking facilities at no cost. Pastor Warnick pointed out that this generosity is indicative of the character of the man and has been greatly appreciated by the Berean church family.

"I and all my employees are Christians and I was only trying to do the Christian thing. I didn't expect such an award, but I feel very honored," said McGhee.

McGhee's "Good Neighbor" attitude is not restricted to the Berean Church. He is actively working for the preservation of the neighborhood through in-

volvement with the local block units surrounding his business. He is also the first and only Black member of the traffic commission of the city of Florissant, where he, his wife Shirley and their six children reside.



Ann Edwards, assistant Sabbath school superintendent, stands with Minnie Smith, her special guest, who is seated.

HANDICAPPED GUEST THRILLS BEREAN SABBATH SCHOOL

Ann Edwards, assistant Sabbath school superintendent of the Berean Church in St. Louis, believes in practicing what she preaches.

In a recent Sabbath school program, she featured Minnie Smith, a resident patient of the Truman Restorative Center in southern St. Louis. Her guest thrilled all hearts with a beautiful soprano rendition of "In the Garden."

For nine years, Minnie was announcer/producer of a gospel hour on one of the local radio stations. Even though she is now confined to a wheelchair, she remains actively involved in church work, radiating joyous vitality and a contented spirit.

Ann not only invited Minnie Smith, but she also brought her to the church. She set a perfect example for other Sabbath school members to follow.

Marie G. Thomas
Communication Secretary

TOPEKA CHURCH SETS UP BOOTH AT MID-AMERICA FAIR

The College Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church of Topeka, Kansas, operated a religious booth at the recent Mid-America Fair held in Topeka. The theme for the booth was, "Adventist Living," accenting the health message and study of God's Word (The Holy Bible).

Countless tracts and magazines were given away. Many contacts were made from the drawing for a gift family Bible given by the Topeka Adventist Youth Society.

Zephyr Williams, assistant health and welfare leader, with the help of Mayo Mitchell, lay activities leader, and the entire church body working together made the fair booth venture a great success.

Dorothy Woodson
Communication Secretary



According to Elder E. F. Carter, right, conference lay activities director, these Philadelphia Church members are actively involved in regularly-scheduled Bible studies with newly-purchased Dukane machines: from left, G. Ryles, E. Roberts and L. Robinson.



Young people participating on Education Day in Flint.



The cast of "Everyone Calls Him Sir" gathers outside the Lake Region Conference camp-ground pavilion.



The "Let's Read" program holds everyone's attention.



The Little Lambs Choir under the direction of Toni Simons from the Capitol City Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

SHALEM S.D.A. CHURCH ASSISTS ACADEMY STUDENT

On August 16, 1980, the Shalem Adventist Youth Association of Waukegan, Illinois, gave a going-away social for one of its young people. Rochelle Reese, who is in the eleventh grade, will be attending Broadview Academy in LaFox, Illinois.

The members presented her with various school supplies and money. The AYA also presented Rochelle with a check.

The Shalem SDA Church believes in Christian education and endeavors to assist its young people who are interested in attending one of our schools.

M. Hanna Wright
Communication Secretary

NORTHEASTERN

GOING, SOWING AND GROWING—7,000 STRONG

During October the lay activities department of the Lighthouse Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church informed the congregation of an upcoming lay evangelism day. Under the leadership of Elder John Brooks, Lighthouse's entire congregation of Sabbath attendees and visitors alike marched out into the community. The plan—each Sabbath school class, along with their teachers, were to take certain streets and go door-to-door passing out literature.

The worship service was abbreviated by Pastor Lawrence S. Dorsey ("The Bearded Fireball") in cooperation with the effort. More than 7,000 pieces of literature were distributed and the participants were aglow with experiences and testimonies to be shared.

Plans are being made that once a month the church will witness door-to-door.

Valarie Blyden
Communications Secretary

CORRECTION

In Volume 2, October, 1980, page 7, under "Anderson Named Father of the Year," it is stated that he had eight children and twenty grandchildren. It should have been nine children and twenty grandchildren.

POP HARDY CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

He comes from the land of Abyssinia, Ethiopia. He is tall, black, strong, witty, friendly, bilingual (speaks English and German) and . . . he is 100 years old! He was born on October 1, 1880, and his name is Norman Hardy. However, his friends and neighbors call him "Pop" Hardy.

Visiting with Pop Hardy in his Harlem apartment is almost like a fairy tale because all the characters and scenes from history books come alive. Suddenly you are transported to 1898 and 1915. Harlem is no longer the black capital of the U.S., but a vast farmland where jack-rabbits run freely, "els" fill the sky and trolley cars run on the streets. Blacks live downtown and only come uptown to work for "Miss Ann." President Wilson is once again assuring Americans that no one will die on foreign soil.

Pop takes you to Germany, where he lived from 1887 to 1898 with his adopted parents, who were German and Irish. There he received his education to be a "chemist" and knew nothing about segregation. When he came to America, he couldn't understand the race problem and often asked, "What do you mean 'bout white?" In New York City in 1899 blacks "had to tow the line." Work was given to the colored man only after the "other people got their work."

Pop Hardy married his first wife in 1899 in Savannah, Georgia, where they lived and worked and parented six children. Pop says that he and his wife got along "like this" and held up one finger. In 1915 he decided that he'd "better go to that army." He tells the story of his return from the war. He thought he had no money, but his wife had saved it all for him and he says that he "loved her all the more."

His first wife died in 1927. In 1947 he met a lady who was looking "all beautiful" coming out of her church. He invited her to dinner and that was it! Soon after that, they were married!

In 1980 he met another lady on her way to church and advised her to be careful about churches because they will "take your money and then kill you." He was remembering the Jonestown tragedy. The lady, L. Pegram, assured him that her church would not do such a thing. Soon after this brief meeting, he was hospitalized and the lady went to



Dr. Leon Cox, pastor of Ephesus Church in Harlem, New York, introducing Norman Hardy to the congregation. He is 100 years old.

visit him. Day after day she studied the Bible with him. Finally, he visited her church and liked it because "people seemed like they knew something." He decided to be baptized into the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, making this the first church that he ever joined!

In his lifetime Pop has lived and worked in Germany, Alaska, Georgia, Africa and New York City. He has been a part of the rapidly changing world. He stopped working just nine years ago because one of his greatest joys in life was to "work and get paid." Consequently, his message to the leaders of today is . . . "good places to live and good work, that's what we want."

On his birthday he received a letter of congratulations from President Jimmy Carter and a special tribute from the Ephesus Church, which made him very happy. There's only one thing that disturbs him and that is that he just "can't get used to this old aged business!"

Caroline Jones
Communications Secretary

GUEST SPEAKER AT BROOKLYN TEMPLE

Pastor Robert Smith, a seminarian at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, was guest speaker for Lay Activities Day at Brooklyn Temple. He sent forth this profound thought: the devil is the originator of sin and God is the Lord of light.

Brethren, pray for us.

1 Thessalonians 5:25

CLOTHING GIVEN AWAY AT LIGHTHOUSE

Sundays are good days for doing the laundry, taking the children to the park or even defrosting that too-cold refrigerator, but somehow the people at the Lighthouse Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church love to hold clothing give-away days on Sundays.

For the second time this year, the community services department of the church gave away more than 1,000 pieces of clothing to community residents. The amazing thing was that it was done without circulating any flyers.

Under the leadership of Barbara Daley and Mary Andrews, clothing was gathered in earlier weeks and prepared for the event. Dozens of satisfied neighbors contributed large sums to the church without even being solicited.

Valarie Blyden
Communications Secretary



Sister Barbara Daley, head of community services, and Errol Blyden, deacon, hang clothes outside the church.

DR. V. S. GRIFFITH SPEAKS AT HANSON PLACE

Dr. Victor S. Griffith, associate director of the department of education for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in addressing a packed Hanson Place Church audience on Education Day, Saturday, September 10, 1980, warned against the danger inherent in the tendency to see secular institutions of learning as good as or better than private ones."

According to Dr. Griffith, those conditioned to see things in those terms fail to realize that "society's progress is based on selfish appeals which make us more susceptible to greed and self-centeredness, rather than responsive to the appeals to self-denying love."

Commenting on the ills which pervade

today's society, Griffith said that "education rises no higher than the morals of the society." He asked rhetorically, "Are you going to trust you children to such a system?" He then advised parents "to place their children under the guidance of dedicated and qualified Christian teachers."

The speaker quoted Psalm 127:1 (first part): "Except the Lord build the house; they labor in vain that build it." Paraphrasing this, he said that "except God build the education of your children and your children's life, your labor will be in vain." He emphasized the importance of a Christian education by quoting Ellen G. White's immortal words: "There is no work more important than the education of our youth." And he expressed delight that there are Adventist schools where our children could be protected against the corrupting influences of the schools of the present day.

Quoting the secretary of health and education, Griffith said that government schools are in trouble and that more is spent on the security of students and teachers than on improvement of teaching. He held up the pervasive violence in New York City's schools as an example.

Griffith echoed Ellen White's conviction relating to the funding of church school education by calling for the congregation to make generous contributions for the establishment of schools for the advancement of our educational work.

Following Dr. Griffith's message, parents and guests were treated to a sumptuous vegetarian lunch by the principal and staff of the Hanson Place School in the church's dining room.

During the afternoon the film, "The Long Furrow," was shown, highlighting the virtues of a Christian education. Following this, a panel discussion was held on the topic of Christian education. The panelists were Sandra Herndon, supervisor of Northeastern Conference schools, Albert Pierre, first elder of Hanson Place Church, Laurent Servius, principal of Hanson Place Elementary School, Emerton Whidbee, superintendent of the Northeastern Conference schools, and Dr. Griffith.

Drawing on her wide experience and training, Herndon informed the congregation of the ways in which the home can serve as a support system for the school. This, however, calls for greater involvement of parents in the work of the school.

Pierre, speaking on "The Scope of Education," said that "the scope of education is wide, but our vision is too narrow." He called for the church to make provision for every child to receive a Christian education.

Servius, addressing the topic of "Sacred Versus Profane," stressed the necessity for teaching the children about the Bible, church history and how to pray.

Drawing on his own experience as a boy in New York City, Whidbee articulated the "Spiritual Needs of the Inner City Child." He called upon the home, church and school to fill those needs. He reinforced his comments by quoting Isaiah 54:13.

In wrapping up the discussion, Griffith spent some time on the question of financing church school programs. Quoting from Mrs. White's writings, he drove home the fact that it is parents' responsibility to make sacrifices so that our children may receive a Christian education. He said that "we must keep producing godly children" and added that he would rather have his children brainwashed by Christian teachers than by the devil.

After each panelist had made a presentation, a lively question-and-answer session ensued, in which the speakers were called upon to defend the positions they had taken.

Lloyd G. S. Goodridge
Communication Secretary

TENT MEETINGS CONDUCTED IN NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

"Voice of Hope Resounds in South Norwalk" was the caption of a well-written article in the *Norwalk Hour* that appeared during the six-week Voice of Hope crusade conducted by evangelist Carlyle G. Langhorn, pastor of the Norwalk Seventh-day Adventist Church in Norwalk, Connecticut. Six other articles regarding the crusade were reported in the same newspaper and one large article was published in the *Fairfield Press*, an area weekly newspaper.

Assisting evangelist Langhorn were: David Coleman, pastor of the Bronx Temple of Seventh-day Adventists, who served as an associate evangelist; Leroy Foster, a theology major from Oakwood College, who was the tentmaster; Clive Baker, Mt. Vernon Seventh-day Adven-



Pastor Carlyle Langhorn presents an evangelistic sermon.

tist Church, associate evangelist and song leader; Lillie Jackson, lay Bible instructor; Peggy Delaney, music coordinator; Evelyn Clark, organist; John DeLaney, associate evangelist and quiz man; Joseph Scott, Sr., singing evangelist and gift man; Josephine Hargrett, Vacation Bible School director; and Laura Edwards, head usher, all of the Norwalk Seventh-day Adventist Church. Many members rendered faithful and untiring service during the effort.

Securing the lot located on Meadow Street, South Norwalk, was not an easy task, nor was continuing the nightly meetings. At the outset the parks and recreation commission was against the idea of leasing the vacant lot for the services. However, they eventually agreed to lease it for two weeks and three Sundays.

The Lord had a better idea for his work. After the first one and one-half weeks, Councilman Sylvester Maultsby, Councilwoman Doris Ross and a concerned citizen, Mrs. Naomi Steeley (who gathered more than 100 names for a petition to continue the tent services from neighborhood residents), drafted a resolution to extend the crusade another four weeks, which passed in the common council after a second attempt.

Persistence paid off. In a series of baptisms following the close of the crusade, fourteen precious souls were baptized. To God be the glory.

Norwalk will never be the same again since the Voice of Hope resounded the

three angels' messages throughout its streets.

Evangelist Langhorn will never be the same, either. He now plans to conduct an effort in the city next summer.

Evangelist Langhorn, in his fifth year of ministry, is married to the former Neida Rene Young. They are the proud parents of Carlyle George, Jr., and Crystalle Rene. Evangelist Langhorn earned his B.A. degree in theology from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and his M.A. degree in religion from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Mrs. Langhorn, a 1977 graduate of Pacific Union College, Angwin, California, holds a B.S. degree in office administration.

BACK TO EDEN— SECOND ANNUAL DEACONS AND DEACONESSES DAY

Pastor Augustus Bhola was the guest speaker during the divine hour of worship at Lighthouse Tabernacle's second annual Deacons and Deaconesses Day.

He spoke on the divinity of Christ, His mission and the manner of the first advent.

"Back to Eden" was the theme of the day's activities. Under the leadership of Violet Barrington and Victor Williams, a lavish lunch was prepared for members and visiting guests with emphasis on a healthful diet.

In the afternoon Elder V. McEachrane centered his message on God's dwelling in us, even unto our genes. Words can not describe the exhilaration and excitement that radiated in that afternoon service. Music and poetry accompanied the program.

Valarie Blyden
Communications Secretary

BRONX CHURCH SPONSORS HEALTH OUTREACH

On Thursday, September 11, 1980, the Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church held its third health outreach program on the streets of Fordham Road and the Grand Concourse.

Community response was great. The church received two invitations: one from the United Committee of University Heights and the other from the Soundview Health Center. They requested the

van, the blood pressure set-up and, of course, "Smoking Sam." A reply was sent to both groups acknowledging their requests, but, due to the church's Sabbath beliefs, they could not be filled.

Mavis Blair and Ms. Jackson prepared delicious tuna salad and snacks, which were heartily enjoyed by the mobile health staff.

The health outreach program was structured in this manner: while the people were waiting for blood pressure screening, a talk on smoking was given. Health-related literature was passed out to the public. At the corner, religious tracts were given out. On a nearby table were nutritional posters, charts and literature. Finally, a talk was given on alcohol. It was a five-way thrust. There was a continuous flow for "better living." All signed cards with names were given to the pastor of the church, Willis Reed.

The first health outreach program was held at Morris High School in April, 1980, and was coordinated by the community relations director for the Bronx Church, James Brown. Approximately 1,000 students, teachers and school personnel were serviced. "Smoking Sam" stole the show. He was ably serviced by Sam Lightbourn, Cyril Boynes and H. Williams and accompanied with demonstrations and talks.

Blood pressure screenings were given by nurses Mary McNeil and Joyce Williams, Elder Brown and Audrey Nichols. Doreen Samuels, a home health aide, and Pastor Reed serviced weight and vision testing. Elder Stoval, health secretary of the Northeastern Conference, was in the classrooms with a projector and slides on health. They were greatly aided by the Sickle Cell Foundation. Nurses Corp Director, Ms. McNeil and Ms. Green assisted with sickle cell screenings.

The second health outreach program was a health fair given at the Bronx Church at 1695 Washington Avenue in June, 1980. All departments of the church were invited to help. Community services distributed clothing. The art of quilt-making was demonstrated by Ivory Montgomery. E. Marshall gave out "Nutritional Tidbits" and a lecture on healthful living, eating and cooking. The Pathfinders had an art and crafts display on the sidewalk under the direction of leader Francilla Horsford. Community health education was discussed by Joan Parson, a student missionary to Japan. Bedside nursing arts and skills were

demonstrated by three home health aides, Sandra Reid, Denise McNear and Doreen Samuels. One health aide posed as a patient while the others demonstrated how to lift and turn a patient in bed, along with how to make a bed with a patient on it.

Dr. Carlyle Miller, a recent fellow recipient on gastroenterology of New York Hospital, was medical consultant. Participating in blood pressure screenings were nurses McNeil, Williams, Burnett, Nicholas, McFarlane, Ward, Mungin and Palmer. Community service workers were Blair, Roberts, Montgomery, Smith, Jackson, Carver, Greene, Graham and Young. Young health workers were Sharon, Yvette, Lesbia, M.V. leader, Ms. Lightbourn and Elaine Watts. "Smoking Sam" demonstrations were given by Elder Boynes and Mr. Lightbourn. Alcohol and narcotics were discussed by Mr. Roberts. Posters and booths were designed by Dennis Shelton, an art instructor. The health program began at 8 a.m. and ended at 6 p.m.

Audrey Nichols
Health Leader



Pastor Arthur Morgan (front row, left) and Mrs. Phyllis Hines, communication secretary of the Jamaica church (extreme right), stand with recently baptized candidates.

JAMAICA CHURCH HOLDS JUNE BAPTISM

In June, 1980, the Jamaica SDA Church had the privilege of seeing several people surrender their lives to the Lord. Among those baptized was a former Baptist minister. God will always reveal His truth to those who diligently seek Him.

Baptismal candidates requested their favorite hymns be sung while they were being baptized. This was their testimony in song.

Phyllis Hinds
Communication Secretary

SUMMER EVANGELISM IN GREENSBORO

Elder Dennis Ross thought he was pitching a tent for a seven-week campaign but discovered that he could only run for two and one-half weeks.

First of all, the tent was leveled to the ground twice by violent winds, but he and his members restored it both times without missing a night. In the midst of the third week, however, just after Elder Ross had presented the Sabbath and the interest was still very high, a woman presented herself to the tent as if she was coming from the very depth of hell and with fire in her eyes informed Elder Ross that the tent was on her property and said he must take it down immediately or she would have him arrested and sued. It turned out that the people who rented him the property did not consult this woman, since it was an heir property.

Elder Ross invited the people to follow him to the church as he took down the tent. He said it seemed as if he did not lose any of his congregation and at the time of this report he has baptized 60 persons from that meeting at the church.

While he was fighting the devil in Greensboro, North Carolina, one of his local elders, William Winston, along with a team of members from the Greensboro church, joined the little company of believers in Burlington to hold a tent meeting. Winston had attended the local elders' and head deacons' retreat in Florida last September and was inspired by the challenge of President Woodfork and the others who conducted the retreat. The purpose in his heart was that he would conduct a meeting. He pitched a tent in Burlington. The tent was so bad that the wind ripped it in several places with gashes as long as 24 feet. It could not be repaired, so Winston continued to preach under that ripped tent. The greatest holes were right over the podium. During the last two weeks, when the tent was at its worst, not one drop of rain fell.

Among the four persons whom he baptized on that last Sabbath was Rosalind Lea, who went to her place of employment that Sabbath morning. Of course, her boss thought she was there for work, but she told him that she had come to inform him that she was quitting her job if he would not give her the Sab-

bath off. The boss said, "no, you are not leaving," and rearranged her work schedule on the spot so she could have the Sabbath off.

Winston was a member of the South Atlantic Conference division commission.

During the tent meeting in Burlington, members from Greensboro, who assisted Evangelist Winston, conducted a community Vacation Bible School with 52 children in attendance every day for two weeks.



Ribbon cutting by Pastor W. C. Byrd and Franseco Mitchell as William Morgan, Elder Russell W. Bates and James Perkins look on.

ELIM CHURCH DEDICATES BAPTISMAL POOL

The installation of a baptismal pool has been a dream of the Elim Seventh-day Adventist Church congregation since purchasing the 1,000-plus seating complex in 1976.

By God's grace and the energies and talents of its members, this dream came true on April 12, 1980, when Elim held its first baptism at 801 Sixth Avenue South.

The pool arrived on February 6, 1980, from Weidmann Industries, Inc., of Iowa. A week later the city building permit was granted and reconstruction of the rostrum began, directed by Franseco Mitchell, architect, contractor and member of the Elim congregation. The choir stand was moved from beside the rostrum to directly behind the pulpit. In addition to installing the pool, dressing rooms were built adjacent to each side of the rostrum.

Funds for this project were raised during the Dual Day Celebration in September of 1979. According to Mrs. Mitchell, "due to donation of labor, the cost was kept at a low \$4,000." To hire an outside contractor would easily have cost between \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Guest speaker for this occasion was Elder Russell Bates, associate director of the lay activities department of the

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. During that weekend he conducted a witness workshop.

During that weekend, nineteen precious souls were baptized. Among these were several couples, including three sisters who renewed their vows with their newly-baptized husbands. Elder Russell W. Bates gave the dedication prayer.

Pastor W. C. Byrd
Correspondent



Mr. and Mrs. Preston Oliver Bradley wedding. She is the former Miss Cathlene Woodfork.

WEDDING

Kathleen Ann Woodfork, daughter of President and Mrs. Robert L. Woodfork of South Atlantic Conference, became the bride of Preston Oliver Bradley of San Diego, California.

They exchanged wedding vows in an unusually beautiful ceremony at the Atlanta-Berean SDA Church on Sunday, August 24, at 4:30 p.m. The bride's father, along with Elder W. M. Starks, officiated at the wedding.

The bride is a registered nurse, having graduated from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, and in March completed her master's degree in public health at Loma Linda University in California.

The groom, proficient in the arts as an actor and playwright, completed a degree in communications at Southern Missionary College in Collegedale, Tennessee, and will complete his master's in business administration next year.

Following their honeymoon, the couple will reside in San Diego, where he will continue his career in communications as well as complete his studies.



R. B. Hairston

R. B. HAIRSTON NAMED NEW SOUTH ATLANTIC PRESIDENT

The South Atlantic Conference Executive Committee convened in Atlanta, Georgia, on Monday, November 24, at which time R. L. Woodfork, conference president since 1971, submitted his resignation to accept the position of general field secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Southern Union President A. R. McClure reported that the South Atlantic Conference virtually doubled its membership during the administration of Elder Woodfork. A vote of appreciation was recorded by the committee for his services.

Woodfork will assume his new responsibilities with the General Conference after January 1, 1981.

That day the conference committee elected R. B. Hairston president of the South Atlantic Conference. Elder Hairston was conference secretary prior to his election as president.

On November 25 the Southern Union Conference Committee convened and elected Ward Sumpter associate secretary of the Southern Union. He replaced T. W. Cantrell, who was called as union treasurer in Kenya, East Africa.

Elder O. J. McKinney, stewardship director of the South Atlantic Conference, was elected associate ministerial and stewardship director of the Southern Union.

Both the South Atlantic and Southern Conference workers will convene in Orlando, Florida, for a worker's meeting on January 5-7, 1981. A farewell banquet will be given by the two conferences in honor of Elder and Mrs. R. L. Woodfork.

RIVER BAPTISM CLIMAXES EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

The Kinston, North Carolina, district with Dr. J. F. Parham as pastor climaxed a successful evangelistic crusade in Kinston with a beautiful baptismal service at the cliff of the Neuse River in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

The meetings were held in the church for four weeks after pressure from local ministers persuaded the city council to deny the church a tent permit. The Lord still blessed as 27 precious souls were baptized.

In the picture are three young converts, the Davis brothers of Kinston, North Carolina. Assisting Dr. Parham, far right, in the baptism are Raymond Hucks and Barry Bonner.

Joan M. Parham
Communication Secretary



Assisting Pastor Parham, far right, are Raymond Hucks and Barry Bonner.

CHURCH DEDICATED AT MILLEDGEVILLE

The celebration started on Friday night, October 17, with Pastor Phillip Jones, who was a little boy in 1957 when the Advent message came to Milledgeville. His message was entitled, "What Meaneth These Stones."

It is interesting to note that this church of less than 30 members has produced a pastor within its 23-year existence. Phillip is the son of Rosa Jones, who accompanied Mary Arnold to that first Seventh-day Adventist tent in the summer of 1957. Today he pastors the Laurinburg, North Carolina, district.

Elder R. B. Hairston, secretary of the South Atlantic Conference, conducted the tent meeting in 1957. Eddie Belle Shuford was the Bible worker who had helped him start the church in that little town.

The momentum of that weekend con-



Dedication of a church is for the purpose of adding souls. This was demonstrated at the Milledgeville dedication, when five precious souls were baptized by two local elders under the direction of the pastor and the president.

tinued with Elder Henry Holt of South Central Conference, a former pastor of the congregation. He presented a very stirring message at the 11 o'clock hour.

It was through the strong leadership of Mary Arnold, the first charter member and treasurer of the little group, through the years that enabled Elder Holt to procure the property at Liberty and Habersham. John Battle, a contractor from Bethany Church in Macon, built the church, and on October 7, 1972, the congregation moved into the building.

Most of the time attendance at the church stood at only about 8 persons, but with great sacrifice they paid the notes until they were able to burn the mortgage on October 18, 1980.

Elder R. L. Woodfork, the president of the conference, noted in his dedication message that this was the first church for which he approached the conference committee for building assistance in his coming to the presidency, and coincidentally, it was the last dedication he participated in as president of the conference. He has accepted a call to be a field secretary of the General Conference. During his nine years as president, Woodfork dedicated 38 churches.

Milledgeville Church.



NEW BUILDING FOR GREENVILLE

The work among the Black people of Greenville, Mississippi, began in 1906, when the Robert Seard, Sr., family became members after listening to a literature evangelist open to them the words of life.

A church building was erected. A school was established and the work was placed on a very solid footing in this Mississippi delta town on the Mississippi River. The work has grown and today more than 200 members are rejoicing in the truth for this time. Other churches have come into being through the efforts of these members.

A new building is presently under construction in Greenville to house the worship services and the school plant. The new structure is valued at more than \$300,000. Elder Arthur L. Sanders is the minister.

Pictured at the construction site are, left to right: W. O. Freeman, pastor of the Hattiesburg, Miss., district, who is doing the construction, Robert Seard, one of the pioneer members of the church, and C. E. Dudley, conference president.



The new Greenville, Mississippi, church under construction.



Dr. Donald Bedney with his wife and family pose beside the Riverside, California, church along with Pastor E. Dew and Elder J. W. McCoy.

DR. DONALD BEDNEY RETURNS HOME

After serving Oakwood College and the Huntsville, Alabama, community for almost eight years, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Bedney and family returned to their original home town of Monrovia, California, to set up a practice with his brother, Reginald, who is a dentist in the area.

Beth Ann Krier, a reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*, writes: "At 14, he had not yet learned to read. At 25, he received his high school diploma. And at 42, while supporting seven children, Don Bedney received his M.D. from Stanford University Medical School—eighteen years after he began trying to become a doctor.

"The journey was strange, circuitous and finally victorious, on a path that was sometimes lost but never forgotten. It took Bedney through several high schools, the Army, many colleges, eventually a degree in physical therapy and five and one-half years of studying medicine in Mexico. . . . Bedney is in the process of establishing a comprehensive medical care facility with 24-hour emergency facilities in his home town."

We are happy that the Bedneys could spend time in the South Central field.

NEWS BRIEFS

Several elections have taken place in the Southern Union recently. Ward Sumpter has accepted the post as associate secretary for the union.

O. J. McKinney has been invited to serve as the associate director for the union ministerial department. Robert Taylor has been elected head of the department of religion at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California.

Ralph Hairston is the new president for South Atlantic Conference and John Simons is its treasurer. R. L. Woodfork has accepted the post of general field secretary for the General Conference.

PHYSICIAN/DENTIST CENSUS GROWING

J. W. McCoy, C. A. Dent and C. E. Dudley joined the recruitment team from the Southern Union recently in visiting the Howard University and Loma Linda University campuses.

Paramedical personnel were encouraged to join the minister-doctor team in the South Central Conference and help finish the work in that area.

These visits from year to year have proved to be a blessing to the conference and to the communities where the physicians, dentists and paramedics have chosen to work. To date the number has climbed to almost 30 and others are planning to join the staff for a finished work.

NEWS NOTES

SOUTH ATLANTIC

The men of the Hillcrest church in Nashville, Tennessee, celebrated an annual Men's Day program on October 4 with James Brown in charge. The guest speaker was Evangelist H. Thompson of the Lake Union. The afternoon piano and organ recital brought talent from neighboring churches and schools to Hillcrest. Some were surprised to hear their pastor, G. I. Pearson, give two numbers on the organ. Men's Day is no longer a money-raising gimmick, but a talent parade to the glory of God.

Community Relations Day in Florence, Alabama, brought not only the outstanding civic leaders of the city to the church, but also the flashing cameras of news media to capture the occasion. Pastor Cleveland Houser was captured in five pictures as he gave the plaque to a local teacher. The picture story appeared in the local *Sunday News*.

In Yazoo City, Mississippi, where Edson White docked his boat, the Morning Star, as he taught Blacks to read and write while he taught them about Jesus and the Adventist faith, Elder D. C. Hatcher was featured in a five-column-spread picture story in the November 15 *Yazoo Herald*. Hatcher was planning a "family seminar" for November 16-22. Special guests included the mayor, the chief of police, county officials and local doctors. Hatcher said that the basis of the seminar was to have "a closer family relationship in our community today."

Judy McCoy, the wife of Joseph McCoy, the A.Y.S. leader of the conference, is still receiving compliments on the sermon she delivered on November 22 at the Riverside Chapel Women's Day program. Moving, dramatic, gripping, informative are words smilingly given on her message.

William Murrain of Jackson, Mississippi, president of the newly-organized Black Attorney's Association of South Central, was recently appointed to Ronald Reagan's transition team.

Elder W. H. Kibble, former pastor of the Hillcrest church in Nashville, Tennessee, was given a formal farewell by

the church as he preached his farewell sermon and was honored at a special social on November 22. The Hillcrest church grew in membership during his four-year pastorate by more than 200 members.

SOUTH CENTRAL

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

By Michael Mercer

Antoine Maycock tries just as hard to get his message across when he builds something as when he's preaching.

For instance, take the three wooden angels he made that grace the front of the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church, 501 S. Royal Street in Jackson, Tennessee, where he's pastor.

"They represent the message of the three angels found in Revelation 14 (specifically verses 6-13)," Maycock said, seated in his office at Maranatha, equipped mostly with furniture and shelves he also built.

"I never had any training in artistry, but I've always tried to make things that represent spiritual matters," he said. Maycock, 31, was assigned here in 1977 by the South Central Conference to use his talents for the spiritual and physical building of the church.

As far as the Maranatha facility was concerned, the building was just a shell,

Maycock said, when he was sent here. He also was to serve as pastor of First SDA Church in Brownsville and another church in Paducah, Kentucky.

Seven months after he came to Jackson, the Maranatha congregation (formerly the Lake Avenue SDA Church) began worshipping in the new church. They had been renting the New Oak Avenue Missionary Baptist Church's facility on Fowler Alley after a 1975 tornado destroyed the Lake Avenue sanctuary, he pointed out.

Maycock estimates he's saved Maranatha about \$20,000 in construction costs by doing most of the finishing work himself. After Freeman departed, Maycock was left to construct the lighting fixtures in the auditorium, varnish, paint, pour concrete sidewalks, put up partitions and do other tasks alone.

He recently built a marquee for about \$300, which he estimates would have cost more than \$1,000 otherwise. He's erected a fence to delineate the property line with floor boards from the old church. He used lumber from the old church to build two storage sheds—one of which he's sold and put the proceeds in the church treasury. The other shed, loaded on a trailer, is also for sale.

With concrete left over from pouring sidewalks, he constructed a "Ten Commandments" tablet (numerals only) and fashioned seven blocks set up in the rear of the church to represent the seven days of the week. Friday is denoted on the stones as "Preparation Day" for the Sabbath.

As for the building work he does, he said that "I do this for my health instead of playing golf. And this way I can help my church, also."





Elder G. I. Pearson presents a gift to Elder Donald Walker as they prepare to leave Nashville for Orlando.

MY FRIEND!

By I. J. Johnson

"My friend!" He'd say that with an electrical lift in his voice and a broad smile on his face as he'd extend his long, lean arm and hand. He was usually around the South Central Conference office and his usual greeting was, "My friend!"

"My friend" was one of the three phrases left with the South Central Conference by Donald A. Walker as he accepted his duties as secretary-treasurer of the newly-organized South Eastern Conference, with headquarters in Orlando, Florida. He left for Florida the first of November, but South Central will still hear him saying, "My friend," "The Lord is good" and "Let us pray."

We discovered a life packed with intrigue and adventure when Dr. W. Coopwood sat Walker and his wife down with their daughter Donna at a specially prepared table and began to unfold a "This Is Your Life" program in Walker's honor at the Hillcrest church where Walker held his membership.

The day after he graduated from Howard University he was married and enlisted in the United States Army. He liked the army and was promoted. He stood a good chance of becoming a general. But while stationed in Georgia with his wife and two girls, his mother and sister were in Washington, D.C., with G. I. Pearson in a prayer band praying for Donald to accept the Adventist message. Someone enrolled him in the Voice of Prophecy Bible course. His name was given to Charles Cunningham, who visited him on the Georgia army base. Donald was ready to resist, but Cunningham did not push. Donald was impressed. Late in 1960 he accepted the Adventist faith

and immediately had problems with his job.

His position demanded that he work on the Sabbath. Donald decided to ask to be discharged from the army, not knowing what the future held for him and his family. At first his wife did not understand, but after studying she was also ready to accept the Adventist faith. They were moving by faith that God would care for their earthly needs.

It was March 31, 1961, when Donald was discharged from the army. The next day, April 1, 1961, the Pine Forge Institute employed him to serve in their business office. He served well. His wife, who had a degree in education, was invited to teach at Pine Forge. And Walker said, "the Lord is good."

After Pine Forge, he was invited to serve as secretary/treasurer of the Allegheny East Conference. From there he went to the Columbia Union to serve as an auditor. Seven years ago South Central Conference invited him to serve as secretary/treasurer of this four-state conference.



Seated left to right: Dawn Polite, the Walkers' daughter, Mrs. Walker, Elder Walker and his son-in-law, Eddie Polite.

At the farewell for Walker on the fourth of October, remarks were made by students, members, senior citizens, workers and the president of the conference, Dr. C. E. Dudley. A quartet made up of office workers Fred Crowe, Murray Joiner, George I. Pearson and Earlene Madison sang, "I Will Serve Thee." R. Graham played "Memories" on his electric guitar. Dr. R. L. Broomes and Mrs. Martha Harding sang a duet.

Elder Walker was given time for remarks. He began by saying, "the Lord is good," and after parting prayers were offered, Walker stood with his wife, his daughter Donna and her husband, shaking hand after hand with his long, thin hand extended, his face aglow with his

broad smile and saying repeatedly, "MY FRIEND!"



Dr. Lou Pearson pins flower on Mrs. Maureen Walker at the farewell given in honor of Elder and Mrs. M. Walker.

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Literature Evangelists Institute
Orlando, Florida

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SOUTH CENTRAL WORKERS MEETING
Nashville, Tennessee

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South Central Committee Meeting

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Birmingham, Alabama

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Nashville, Tennessee

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Birmingham Ephesus

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BREATH OF LIFE OFFERING

31

Literature Evangelists Rally

Jackson, Mississippi

NEW WORKER JOINS SOUTHWEST REGION

At a recent executive committee meeting, a call was extended to Pastor Franklin S. Hill, III, of the South Atlantic Conference, to serve as pastor of Caffin Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Hill is a graduate of Oakwood College and a candidate for the master of divinity degree at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. For the past two years he has labored in the Lake Region and South Atlantic conferences, with his latest assignment being the Boulevard church in Atlanta, Georgia. His exploits in evangelism are noteworthy, with 65 baptisms in 1979 and 100 souls won to Christ this past summer.

It is interesting to note that he comes from a family of Adventist ministers. His father and two youngest brothers served with distinction across North America. The Southwest Region Conference welcomes Elder F. Hill, his lovely wife, Delores, and their two children.

SOUTHWEST REGION DISTRICT CHANGES

The Southwest Region Conference Committee recommended several district changes:

O. A. Jackson to Shreveport, Louisiana
E. L. Howard to El Paso, Texas
H. M. Crider to Austin, Texas
M. A. Jemison to Little Rock, Arkansas

All of these men have been introduced to their new fields of labor and were warmly embraced by the churches involved. Pictured: Pastor Jackson chats with Ms. Lister, who is 94 years young, in Shreveport after his introduction.

W. C. Jones
Reporter



Pastor O. A. Jackson stands with C. Lister, who is 94 years young.



Dennis Dunkins, local elder of Fort Worth, receives his new appointment in the public school system.

DENNIS DUNKINS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF MAGNET SCHOOLS

Dennis Dunkins, a faithful local elder in Grace Temple, Fort Worth, Texas, has received an appointment in the city's public school system. Superintendent Carl Candoli of the board of education named Dunkins to develop acceptance in the community for the professional Arts Magnet programs, that will be initiated in three Fort Worth schools.

Along with Dunkins' appointment, a steering committee of 21 persons, including administrators, teachers, parents and businessmen, was named to design and implement the magnet programs. Three high schools are involved with 80 teachers under Dunkins' direction.

We believe our brother's faithful service in the Lord's vineyard prepared him to enter more fully into community service and recognition by the city fathers, who voiced their approval of granting Dunkins this weighty responsibility. The entire conference family will pray for the success of his undertaking.

SOUTHWEST BAPTIZED 568

Now that the final reports are in for the third quarter, 568 baptisms are reported in the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The projected figure for the fourth quarter is 232. If this goal is reached, it will be the first time that the conference has baptized 800 in one year. Pictured: Pastor Brown conducted a tent meeting on the West Bank in New Orleans. His total for the year is 63.

HONOR SERVICE HELD FOR MR. AND MRS. ELBERT DOMINO

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Domino were honored recently at the Cleburne Seventh-day Adventist Church. Elbert was born in Overton, Texas, and Parlene in Tyler, Texas.

The couple lived in eastern Texas and were married on September 29, 1950. To this union were born six children.

Parlene's brother, Lafane Battles, accepted the message in Omaha, Nebraska, and was so elated over his new-found faith that he decided to move back home and share his faith with his family.

After he studied with his sister and brother-in-law, they accepted the message and wanted their children to have a Christian education. They moved to Dallas in 1965, then to Keene in 1969. Elbert worked and farmed while his wife found work elsewhere. They sacrificed to give their six children a Christian education—five of whom married in the church. The sixth is unmarried. They have five grandchildren.

Domino has been faithful in the church, serving as deacon, lay activities leader, stewardship leader and prayer band leader. Pauline has served as treasurer, assistant clerk, deaconess, investment leader and Sabbath school leader. Recently they moved back to Tyler—still helping and encouraging the work of the Lord.

In honoring the Dominos, the Cleburne church had a "This Is Your Life" program with Eunice Bailey serving as moderator. The members gave them accolades and a quilt with a picture of the church at the center. Pastor Bailey and the members appreciate the Dominos for their sterling example.

Jackie Ruley
Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Domino receiving gifts during their honor service in Cleburne, Texas.



Enter to learn;

depart to serve.

THE CHAPLAIN AT OAKWOOD

Oakwood College is blessed to have as chaplain Joseph T. Powell, a man who, because of his love for God, vitality and sincere manner, is respected by all.

Chaplain Powell finds his responsibilities at Oakwood similar to those as chaplain for the United States Armed Forces, where he served for 23 years as religious advisor and coordinator for hundreds of young men and women. As army chaplain he had the commission to bring God to man and man to God. As college chaplain he also has this objective, but goes one step further and seeks to have God's image restored in the hearts and lives of the students.

On Seventh-day Adventist college campuses, chaplains have the responsibility of coordinating activities that are not a part of the church pastor's duties. He finds himself in a unique position because he must be able to join hands with the college administration and the college church administration in an effort to coordinate various activities involving these two institutions.

The chaplain spends many hours counseling with students who find the vicissitudes of life difficult to cope with on their own. He is also called upon very often to assist students in search of financial aid, pointing out ways in which they can solve their problems by contacting various individuals when the registration time is short. Visiting sick students who are hospitalized is also one of his many responsibilities.

The military veterans at Oakwood receive spiritual guidance and are assisted by the chaplain in the coordination of their special activities. Some of the speakers for the veterans activities have been chaplains Yates, Black, Palmer and North. These men have given inspiration and encouragement to students and the entire Oakwood community.

Even though he is in an environment where there are many qualified and respectable ordained ministers, the col-

lege chaplain is tremendously challenged knowing that, though his counseling and guidance to the students and community will not necessarily bring him credit for baptisms, he is able to lead souls to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

The chaplain's office is centrally located on the college campus. This is synonymous with the middleman position in which he sometimes finds himself. He is able to reach out in both directions and offer assistance.

The campus organizations sponsored by the chaplain are the Missionary Volunteer Society, the Collegiate Adventist for Better Living organization, the married students club, night prayer services and the student week of prayer. As these organizations meet, the chaplain walks side-by-side and supports each chairperson and leader. Recently he has joined the recruiters and fund-raising teams in helping the college achieve its goals financially and enrollment-wise.

Through his many contacts with the students, Proverbs 3:5-6 has been his motto. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."

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WEEK OF PRAYER— A HIGH SUCCESS!

Oakwood's Fall Week of Prayer 1980 was by all standards an unusual experience. Evangelist Ron Halverson, ministerial secretary of the Mid-American Union, captivated the hearts and minds of our campus family with what even "old-timers" here agree was one of the most arresting weeks of spiritual emphasis the college has ever experienced. Elder Halverson's messages, filled with references to his own marvelous conversion and centered upon the beauty of the life of Christ, attracted enthusiastic audiences each night.

The speaker's personality shone through as being warm, positive and brotherly. In fact, from the first night (October 23, 1980) it was clear that this was to be a special experience. That this proved true was demonstrated by the fact that 150 persons surrendered in rebaptism on the final day of the week, Sabbath, November 1. True, most of these were students who decided to renew their covenant by rebaptism, but a number were, in fact, joining the church.

Incidentally, a few weeks prior to our fall week of prayer a young ministerial student, Kenneth Washington, reported 24 baptisms from Peterson Hall, where he and several other ministerial students conducted a special week of spiritual revival. This means that from these two efforts 174 persons surrendered to the ultimate public experience of spiritual commitment.

Oakwood is pleased to have had Elder Halverson with us for several days and grateful for the spiritual insight God used him to share.

Also, special thanks goes to our chaplain, Col. Joseph Powell, our pastor, E. C. Ward, and to our student body leaders Marcelous Howard (pres.) and George Daily (religious vice pres.) for assistance and coordination in making not only the recent week of prayer but the entire quarter (Sept.-Nov. 1980) memorable for its dynamic spiritual overtones.

C. B. Rock
President

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UNITED YOUTH CONGRESS PLANNED FOR DETROIT

The youth directors of the regional conferences of North America, sensing a need to help strengthen the development and spiritual growth of the youth in their fields, have planned a United Youth Congress for all of the youth in their fields to be held May 13-16, 1981, in Detroit, Michigan.

Plan now to attend. For further information, contact your conference youth director.

NORMAN/McLARTY WEDDING

Audrey LaVerne Norman and Olney McLarty were united in holy matrimony on June 1, 1980, at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. The brother of the bride, Pastor R. S. Norman, III, performed the ceremony. Audrey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Norman of Oakwood College. Olney is the son of Howard McLarty and the late Anne McLarty of Manchester, Jamaica, WI. The couple is presently at Andrews University, where Olney is pursuing a graduate degree in religion.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN SHREVEPORT

The year 1980 was an unusual year in church history. It was the year the General Conference was held in Dallas, the year the Southwest Region hosted a national single's camp at Lone Star, and the time of a glorious campmeeting, which served as a catalyst for summer evangelism.

Pastors joined with laity in soul winning. Several younger workers engaged in their first tent meetings and caught the spirit of public evangelism.

Elder J. M. Phipps, conference evangelist, teamed up with Elder E. L. Howard, pastor of the Shreveport district. Their meeting was conducted on Line Avenue in an area where the Advent message had never been proclaimed.

Pastor and Mrs. Rodney Draggon, Mrs. E. L. Howard and Mrs. Mary Graves formed the evangelistic team. The series of meetings continued for eight weeks

and the Lord blessed with 32 precious souls and the reviving of many stray sheep.

Now that the gospel has penetrated a new section of the city, the need has become increasingly apparent for the organizing of a second church in Shreveport. Thus, the Cedar Grove church was born with a charter membership of 46. There is great joy because of the forward progress of the work of God in Shreveport and the achievement of the ministerial brethren.

W. C. Jones

PATHFINDER DAY

The Houston Constellations Pathfinder Club of Belfort Seventh-day Adventist Church had a successful Pathfinder Day on October 11, 1980. The San Antonio Pathfinders, led by Billy Rhodes, along with the Hebron Pathfinders of Houston, were guest participants.

The membership was inspired as the Pathfinders paraded in the sanctuary dressed in uniform with drums and flags.

Glenn Wallace, a local elder, administered the spoken word. The young people enjoyed the fellowship luncheon prepared by their parents for the club and visitors.

A special candlelight service investing seven Pathfinders/staff for achievements was held in the evening.

Director Curtis Eakens and his staff received a rich Sabbath blessing.

Rosenda Gregory
Pathfinder Officer and Reporter

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