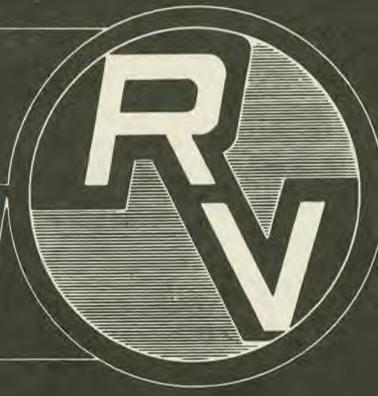


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James L. Kyle, director of field services for the *Breath of Life* telecast.

BREATH OF LIFE: A KEY TO THE HEARTS OF MILLIONS

For the 30 million sons and daughters of disenfranchised African slaves, the 1980's promise little relief from the social and economic dilemmas of the decade gone by. Black leaders in this country still continue the struggle to articulate a black agenda for the 80's. Unemployment is still at staggering levels in our community. Public education is on the verge of qualitative collapse within inner-city schools.

Black-on-black crime and drug abuse drain millions of dollars of badly needed revenue that never returns to the community. The leading cause of death among black males under 25 years of age is homicide, and some sociologists predict that only one out of every seventeen black men born in 1960 will live long enough to collect social security. For the black poor, housing costs may represent 40 to 50 percent of their annual income.

In the midst of these chaotic and fearful times, the church must sound a clear warning that the judgment is set, and time shall be no longer. Within the context of the three angels' messages we must attract and arrest the attention of men to the marvelous claims of God's word. We must offer hope to the hopeless and a better way to those who wander through the wilderness of moral and ethical banality. The *Breath of Live* telecast offers a valuable tool for the church to use in its mission to the world.

For the first time in its brief history, *Breath of Life* is now being televised on seventeen stations. Now over eight million potential viewers can watch the telecast at least once a week in their own homes.

Most recently *Breath of Life* went on the air in Los Angeles, where plans are underway for a massive evangelistic thrust that, prayerfully, will result in the formation of a new church.

Dedicated members in churches in both Washington, D. C. and Los Angeles are forming *Breath of Life* clubs and are raising funds to support the telecast and secure television time in those cities. They are prayerful that members in other cities will follow their example. Inhabitants of the small island of Palau in the southwest Pacific view the telecast twice a week, and even now Pastor Brooks and the crusade team are there in evangelism.

Many misunderstand the purpose of media evangelism in these last days. Its purpose is to change conscious and, more importantly, subconscious attitudes towards Christ in general and Seventh-day Adventist Christians in particular. Therefore, *Breath of Life* is first and foremost a personal evangelistic

tool aimed at the heart of the individual in the comfort of his own home. It is an opening wedge to reach homes that could be touched in no other way but mass media. After prejudice and suspicion are broken down, all other forms of evangelism are facilitated, public or personal.

Personal evangelism can be greatly benefited by media evangelism. Conservatively speaking, the vast majority of our church members have never been responsible for leading a soul to Christ. Greater still is the number who have never given a Bible study. But through the weekly ministry of *Breath of Life* our members can invite a friend to dinner, followed by a casual invitation to watch television together. After retiring to their living room, they would turn on *Breath of Life*. Pastor Brooks would do the teaching while they concentrated on being warm and supportive to their friend. Many who don't have televisions have called their friends who do, inviting them to watch the telecast and later inquiring of them what was discussed on the program.

However it is used, *Breath of Life* can become a valuable yet inexpensive visual aid in personal witnessing. Yes,



The *Breath of Life* Quartet with Pastor C. D. Brooks, center, and Shelton Kilby, organist, second from right.



The Adventist Media Center, Thousand Oaks, California.

inexpensive. For example, each of the five million plus potential viewers of KHJ-TV in the Los Angeles area could be reached for less than one penny a week. In the long run, a dollar spent in media evangelism is one of the most efficient uses of our evangelistic dollars. In many areas local pastors or lay members have been able to place the telecast on the air at minimal or no cost to the church. We have been greatly impressed with the response of viewers from areas where the telecast has been on long enough to build an audience. One such viewer from Park City, Florida, wrote to us and said:

"I'm writing to you on behalf of one of your Saturday morning programs called the Breath of Life, and it is very well conducted by one of your ministers by the name of Charles D. Brooks. He is a very inspiring and touching preacher . . . I thought it was my job and my duty to write and let you know how well I enjoyed it all . . . And I also can see right now that you people are following in Christ's footsteps as true religion was and is meant to be. And I also would like very much, indeed, to be a member of your marvelous congregation . . ."

Such is the attitude we pray will be engendered in the hearts of millions before Jesus comes.

If we are to fulfill our mission to black America and to the world, we cannot be satisfied until Breath of Life is viewed in every home. The Lord has already miraculously opened doors and will con-

tinue to do so. But until Breath of Life becomes central to the giving patterns of our constituents, this goal will only remain a dream.

Breath of Life is a soul-winning agency of proven effectiveness. It is perhaps the most cost-efficient television ministry of our church. But it still needs the prayers and financial support of our friends to continue proclaiming the gospel to millions.

God has given the church and Pastor Brooks a message for the world. With your help, Breath of Life will do its part in preparing the way for our soon-returning Saviour.

James L. Kyle
Director of Field Services
Breath of Life Telecast
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BREATH OF LIFE can be seen in the following areas: (Please see attached TV Log)

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| ABS-TV | | |
| Sunday | | 2:30 P.M. |
| St. John's, Antigua | | |
| West Indies | | |
| CHRISTIAN TELEVISION NETWORK | | |
| Tuesday | | 2:30 P.M. |
| Goldsboro, NC | | |
| CHANNEL 1 | | |
| Tuesday | | 7:00 P.M. |
| Thursday | | 7:00 P.M. |

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| Koror, Palau | | |
| Caroline Islands | | |
| KAPP and KVEW-TV | | |
| Sunday | | 10:30 A.M. |
| Yakima and Tri-Cities, WA | | |
| KHJ-TV | | |
| Sunday | | 9:30 P.M. |
| Los Angeles, CA | | |
| NATIONAL CHRISTIAN NETWORK | | |
| Monday | | 11:00 A.M. |
| Wednesday | | 6:00 P.M. |
| Friday | | 7:30 P.M. |
| 1150 West King St. | | |
| Cocoa, FL | | |
| STORER CABLE TV | | |
| Every other Sunday | | 1:30 P.M. |
| Thousand Oaks, CA | | |
| VIACAM | | |
| Thursday | | 5:30 P.M. |
| Nashville, TN | | |
| WOKR-TV | | |
| Saturday | | 7:00 A.M. |
| Rochester, NY | | |
| WPDE-TV | | |
| Sunday | | 8:00 A.M. |
| Florence, SC | | |
| WSVI-TV | | |
| Sunday | | 1:00 P.M. |
| St. Croix | | |
| U.S. Virgin Islands | | |
| WTJC-TV | | |
| Saturday | | 5:00 P.M. |
| Springfield, OH | | |
| WTVT-TV | | |
| Sunday | | 7:00 A.M. |
| Tampa, FL | | |
| WTWO-TV | | |
| Sunday | | 11:00 A.M. |
| Terre Haute, IN | | |
| ZFB-TV | | |
| Sunday | | 5:30 P.M. |
| Hamilton, Bermuda | | |
| ZIZ-TV | | |
| Sunday | | 6:00 P.M. |
| St. Kitts | | |
| West Indies | | |

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PUBLISHER'S PAGE

PASTOR O. W. MACKEY: PORTRAIT OF A LITERATURE EVANGELIST, PART 2

Hitler's dream of ruling the world had violently erupted into an international crisis—World War II. The first fruits of manhood left nations, families, and dreams to keep the free world alive.

In 1943 PFC Mackey was one of millions sent abroad to preserve freedom. But, unlike his comrades, he was assigned a greater mission—the spreading of the gospel throughout Europe.

Mackey arrived in France, a nation torn by strife and war. He was stationed in one of the most dangerous war zones. Bombs were constantly being dropped all around, but God protected His servant.

Here he met a young preacher and began to give him Bible studies. The young man was impressed and told the chaplain "he believed what Mackey was teaching and wanted to keep the Sabbath."

The chaplain was angered by the young man's profession and was determined to put an end to Mackey and his strange beliefs. He immediately wrote the company commander about Mackey, stating that "we have a man who is a fanatic. He refuses to do what we tell him."

The chaplain hoped this letter would end in Mackey being court-martialed for insubordination. The company commander replied, "We brought him overseas and we plan to take him back home."

The chaplain was aggravated by this answer and was determined to bring the case to a higher officer, but Providence intervened. The chaplain and Mackey were sent different directions and haven't seen each other since.

After a time, furlough came. Mackey and 7,000 men sailed to England for a rest.

Witnessing on High Seas

The ship Mackey was assigned to was a den of iniquity. The soldiers were gambling, swearing and drinking. It was a wretched sight! One young officer was alarmed at what he saw. He went to the colonel and asked, "are there any Christians on board?"

"Yes, of course," replied the colonel. "We have Mackey on board. Go down to the bottom of the ship and you'll find him." The officer found Mackey and asked, "are there any other Christians on board?" "If there's one on this ship," said Mackey, "I'll find him." True to his word, Mackey found a young English soldier, PFC Heath, who was a Christian.

The officer asked them to come to the chapel and ask God to protect the ship. PFC Heath played the piano as they sang, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." Mackey read from Psalm 91. The service was so moving that the officer began to cry. They adjourned after they prayed for God to protect the ship. PFC Mackey believes God protected the ship because they took time to recognize Him.

While leaving the chapel, Mackey asked PFC Heath, "by the way, what denomination are you?"

"I'm a Seventh-day Adventist," he replied. Mackey smiled because he knew Providence had brought them together.

While in England PFC Mackey was warmly received by the Seventh-day Adventists. Every Sabbath was a special occasion for him. The services were quiet and reverent. In the afternoon he would go to dinner with the pastor or one of the members. In the evening they would sing songs to end a blissful Sabbath day. After a month of rest, the furlough ended and PFC Mackey returned to France.

Spreading the Gospel in France

Mackey was stationed in a small village not far from Paris. Here he conducted Bible classes with the soldiers in his company.

After a period of time, he was transferred to Rouen. While serving as a medic, he met First Sergeant Hopkins, an administrative sergeant who was infected with syphilis. It was PFC Mackey's job to give him a monthly injection of Serum 606, since penicillin had not yet been discovered.

The monthly injection of Serum 606 did not help Hopkins, whose case seemed hopeless. One day PFC Mackey, seeing the distress of the sergeant, suggested that "If you accept the Lord as your Saviour, and keep the Sabbath holy, God will heal you."

Mackey suggested they pray. Together they prayed that God would heal the sergeant. After prayer, PFC Mackey



O. W. Mackey, retired associate publishing director of the Southern Union.

told the sergeant, "if it rains tomorrow, you know you are healed." When Mackey made this statement not a cloud was in the sky. The weather was perfect!

The next day the rain poured down from heaven! Hopkins went to the hospital for his examination and no trace of syphilis could be found. God had performed a miracle!

On Sabbath, Sgt. Hopkins went with Mackey to attend the Adventist church in Rouen. The members were few in number. They worshipped in a room inside a Catholic cathedral.

On this eventful day, Sgt. Hopkins decided to give his life completely to the Lord and wanted to be baptized. The minister examined Sgt. Hopkins with questions on the church doctrines, all of which the sergeant accepted. A big tin tub was used as the baptismal pool, warm water was secured from the hotel for the baptism and the French members gathered flowers and placed them around the tub. It was a most sacred and beautiful occasion.

On Sabbath Sgt. Hopkins and PFC Mackey would spend all day with the French believers. Food was scarce among the believers. Mackey and Hopkins would bring food from the company and share it with them. After lunch they would join hands, go into the mountains and sing until the setting of the sun.

After a time PFC Mackey was transferred to Le Havre, where he held Bible classes with the men in his company. One of the young soldiers he was study-

ing with received from his father the book, *Bible Readings for the Home*.

The soldier showed Mackey the book and he was quite excited. "This book has the Sabbath in it!" Mackey exclaimed. "It has everything in it!" Mackey had never seen any SDA literature because he was drafted into the army several days after his baptism. Mackey continued to study with the soldier, and when they returned to the states he was baptized.

Promotion:

From Private to Staff Sergeant

The routine of military life made the soldiers restless. They wanted to be off on Sunday. The soldiers rebelled and refused to obey orders until their request was granted.

Immediately, the company commander took strong measures to quell the rebellion. He lined up every soldier and asked them if they were refusing to obey the command.

Finally he came to Mackey and asked, "Are you going to obey the command?" "Yes sir, I'm going to take this command." Mackey didn't care about working on Sunday as long as he could keep the Sabbath holy. The other soldiers were court-martialed, Mackey was promoted.

Reaching German POWs

God had signally rewarded Staff Sgt. Mackey. He was now in charge of the entire medical complex and the top non-commissioned officer over a chateau. In his chateau there were German prisoners of war who would cook, clean and do various jobs.

Sgt. Mackey discovered that one of the prisoners had a German Bible and another could speak English, so he seized the opportunity to conduct Bible studies.

At night Mackey would go over and study the Bible with them. He would read from his Bible. The German POW would interpret the text in German while the other Germans shared the Bible. The POWs look a great interest in the studies. As a result, two accepted the advent message and would have been baptized if it were possible.

Missionary to the World

For three years Mackey remained in Europe. He steadfastly upheld the truth, despite obstacles, trials and ridicule. He

taught thousands of men the gospel and hundreds took their stand.

He held Bible classes in tents, buildings, on a one-to-one basis, or wherever he could get an audience. Only eternity will be able to tell the far-reaching influence of one man's consecrated commitment of God.

(To be concluded next month)



Roger A. L. Davis

WHAT IS YOUR ALIBI?

By Roger A. L. Davis

It has been said that you have two reasons for everything you do—the good reason you give other people and the real reason. We may call this concept rationalization. If you are a man and another man insults you, you can hit him if he is smaller and then rationalize your conduct by saying that your honor demanded it, or you may turn aside if he is bigger than you and then rationalize by saying that decent, honorable men should not stoop to the level of animals.

Here is a mechanism often described as "saving face." We rationalize our conduct to maintain our self-esteem. We are constantly motivated by pride, prestige values and fear of what other people might say. We try to pass off anything that is unpleasant by seeming indifferent. Every school psychologist has known at least one mother whose young son does not do well on intelligence tests, but who then rationalizes by say-

ing, "Well, of course. The tests are silly and worthless, and they don't really mean anything." This is sometimes called the "sour grapes" attitude. Did you ever want to go to a party to which you did not receive an invitation and then say, "I really didn't care very much about being asked?"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., heard many alibis in his short but eventful lifetime. There were times when his lips were parched for want of a drink and there were times when he was gripped by the pangs of hunger, only to be mercilessly turned away by a callous restaurant owner. Try to imagine your neighborhood delicatessen owner—a regular guy, well-liked in the community. What is his alibi? "Well, when my father owned this business, those people *knew* their place. I have nothing against them personally, but why can't they go to their own shops to eat? And besides, we want to keep our neighborhoods clean and quiet." That is his alibi. What is your alibi?

Dr. King raised four children and, like every ambitious parent, wanted to provide them with the best education possible. He was thwarted in his efforts to place his children in a school that offered quality education and instead was directed to send them to an inferior school many miles away from home. If you were to ask the Atlanta school board chancellor why he did this, he would probably say that children of the same cultural and ethnic background learn better and faster in an indigenous setting. This would be his alibi. What is your alibi?

Bull Conner, the notoriously brutal police commissioner of Birmingham, Alabama, ridiculed, spat upon and beat King relentlessly. He allowed his police dogs to attack him. He went berserk and threw tear gas at a helpless and non-violent group. He ordered his subordinates to open the fire hydrants in the direction of Dr. King and his supporters. He did all this and more in the name of the law. If you were to ask Conner to explain his actions, he would probably say, "I am merely enforcing the law of the land. We have to put these people in their place, or else they will try to take over our government." That would be his alibi. What is your alibi?

In the course of his travels as a civil rights leader, Dr. King stayed in many hotels and motels. However, he was not always accorded the privacy that is

guaranteed to each U. S. citizen by the constitution. His phones were constantly under surveillance because of the distasteful curiosity of J. Edgar Hoover, the founder and director of the F.B.I. One wonders whether all Hoover did was to collect files on the personal lives of prominent American citizens. He made it his business to probe into everyone's business. To use the common vernacular, he was nosy. But he was not only nosy, he was vindictive and experienced not a tinge of compunction in bringing a premature end to Dr. King's illustrious career. If you were to ask J. Edgar Hoover to explain his actions, he would probably have said, "I did it in the interest of national security. I did it for my country." That would be his alibi. What is your alibi?

Dr. King, who was a peaceful and non-violent man, suffered the indignity and harassment of a cross being burned on his lawn. The Ku Klux Klan did this dastardly act because they perceived Dr. King as a threat to their way of life, a menace to the concept of white supremacy. They try to justify their hatred by quoting from the Bible! What things we do in the name of religion! Maintaining the status quo is their alibi. What is your alibi?

Dr. King was a noble man who believed in the brotherhood of man, and in the sanctity of human life. He, therefore, was among the first to be offended by the glaring inconsistency of a supposedly Christian nation, namely America, using its might and power to devastate a tiny country, Vietnam, torn apart by civil strife. The government tolerated Dr. King in his quest for civil rights, but as soon as he broadened his base and became international in scope, President Lyndon Johnson and the powers-that-be questioned Dr. King's motives and his loyalty to his country. They felt that he had overstepped his bounds. Some people even accused him of being a communist. That was their alibi for rejecting Dr. King. But what is your alibi?

Dr. King tried so hard to unite his people. He sought to lead them from the depths of despair and degradation to the soaring heights of hope, fortitude and self-respect. He eloquently articulated these aspirations and was himself a fitting example, worthy of being emulated. He wanted people everywhere to love one another. He espoused the cause of non-violence and passive resistance. He dared to be outspoken and to stand

alone, and he fought to eradicate hatred and vindictiveness from the hearts of his black brothers and sisters. But they wanted "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." They wanted to fight the system. They wanted black power. That was their alibi. What is your alibi?

I want to tell you about a different power—not black power, nor white power, nor green power. It is a power which comes as a gift from God, and I speak of love, the greatest power on earth. Without it we are merely savage mortals, but with it there is no limit to our potential. When we have love one for the other, there appears within us a spark of the divine. If we have love, then we make no alibi.



Dr. E. E. Cleveland

CLEVELAND'S COMMENTARY BROTHERHOOD IN THE BLACK CHURCH

by Dr. E. E. Cleveland

The Bible teaches that all men are brethren by nature and in the spiritual sense. By nature we are the sons of God through Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:20). We all are one blood (Acts 17:26). We are bound by the moral law to love one another (John 13:35). This commandment embraces all races of men—even those who even now brutalize us.

The most striking thing about the freedom movement of the sixties was that it emphasized this again and again, love in the face of hate. This is no small

order. It is not natural to love a man with his heel in your face. To read the history of our people in America with its saga of brutality can produce a lingering hate that only God can erase. But love is an experience that we must have, a miracle we must experience. Fellowship with one's oppressor may offer certain advantages. But in the light of history, *it is no privilege*. Motivation to love must reach deeper into the heart of God for its source. And when we find it, we are one with Christ on the cross intoning, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Caucasians, Spanish, Indians and Asians have always been welcome in black churches. Having been oppressed so long ourselves, black Christians have had little inclination to afflict others with such treatment. We have tried to "overcome evil with good," though we have not always succeeded. Back in the days when blacks were being turned away from white churches, or being admitted and "frozen out," the doors of the black church remained open. May this forever be!

Organizationally, *brotherhood* has been fostered, not hindered, by the organization of black conferences. This is true from two aspects. You see, true brotherhood involves equality. Different races may be in the same organization, but if the conditions are unequal or repressive, there is no brotherhood, unity, or togetherness. Regional conferences provide that essential equality that makes togetherness possible. At the conference level, blacks and whites sit at the table of brotherhood as equals. But what of integration?

Our churches and conferences are open to all men. Whites hold membership in our congregations. The Lake Region Conference has three Spanish churches and one international church with a Spanish pastor. A predominantly white church joined the South Atlantic Conference. They also have a Korean church. The Northeastern Conference has the largest number of Spanish churches and pastors among black conferences. The Allegheny West Conference has many white members in its Ohio churches from Germantown to Cleveland. Genuine integration is not a one-way street. It is not just blacks joining white-controlled organizations, but is also whites joining black-controlled ones. Those who object to blacks controlling anything *for whites to join* are

whistling in the dark. It is not possible, in *this day and time*, for any organization that accepts financial support to deny equality to its supporting constituents. North American black Adventists are second only to the North American white man in financial support of the world church, contributing over \$26,000,000 to the cause in 1980.

J. L. McElhany, past president of the General Conference, will forever be remembered for having the foresight to organize blacks and give them conference status. G. E. Peters gave him just the encouragement he needed to persevere. Since organization, the ranks have swollen to over 120,000 with thousands on the way. This dramatic influx does and will continue to tax the wisdom of leadership to accommodate it.

With the "belt-tightening" policies of the present government administration and the negative effect on the poor to whom we minister, conditions could one day exist that will prove the worth of our present organization and a possible extension of the same.

It is heartening to note that black people are joining white churches throughout the South, and are being accepted! Brotherhood is a basic Christian attitude. It is a work that must be individually entered into. People who are mean to others mock God even in their *vain worship*. Clannish, cliquish saints are not heaven-bound, be they black or white.

Man's inhumanity to man is the greatest sin among us, and it is not all racial. We need to watch our behavior in board and business meetings. We must also remember that angels record our words at constituency meetings.

Bread cast upon the water returns. Yes, we will meet it again to the last "crumb."

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And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

The Editor's Desk

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

April is a time to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. It is a time to celebrate spring!

Also in this issue we take an in-depth look at the Breath of Life and the story of Pastor O. W. Mackey is continued. Hope you enjoy it!

The *Voice* welcomes the Victory Lake Nursing Home Center in Hyde Park, New York. It will be featured every month. It is one of the few institutions owned and operated by a regional conference.

FRENCH YOUTH HOLD CONCERT

On January 17, 1981, the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church, the French-speaking church of South Ozone Park, New York, presented a concert under the direction of Lynn St. Hillaire. The Sounds of Joy and the Heavenly Melody were the featured groups at this concert. Marc Franklin
Communication Secretary

NURSING HOME BRIGHTENED BY LOVE

The Lighthouse Youth Choir visited the Concord Baptist Nursing Home the day after Valentine's Day and found the senior citizens bubbling over with love. Under the direction of Janis Gamble, they sang their way into the hearts of the senior citizens. This was the second of two visits scheduled at the Concord in order to evangelize and lift the hearts of its inmates.

Pastor Lawrence Dorsey rendered a sermonette to the residents, the recreational director and attending nurses in an evening program. Several members of the youth choir were on hand. The young people greeted the seniors warmly and were thanked by one of the spokeswomen of the Concord group.

Valarie Blyden
Lighthouse Tabernacle
Communications Secretary

SUNSET CALENDAR

| | April | 17 | 24 | May 1 | 8 |
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| Boston, Mass | | 6:28 | 6:36 | 7:44 | 7:51 |
| New York City | | 6:38 | 6:45 | 7:53 | 8:01 |
| Buffalo, N.Y. | | 6:59 | 7:07 | 8:15 | 8:23 |
| Atlanta, Ga. | | 7:10 | 7:15 | 8:21 | 8:26 |
| Miami, Fla. | | 6:45 | 6:48 | 7:52 | 7:55 |
| Charlotte, N.C. | | 6:58 | 7:04 | 8:09 | 8:15 |
| Birmingham, Ala. | | 6:19 | 6:24 | 7:30 | 7:35 |
| Jackson, Miss. | | 6:32 | 6:37 | 7:42 | 7:47 |
| Memphis, Tenn. | | 6:34 | 6:40 | 7:46 | 7:52 |
| Louisville, Ky. | | 7:21 | 7:27 | 8:34 | 8:40 |
| Detroit, Mich. | | 7:17 | 7:25 | 8:32 | 8:40 |
| Chicago, Ill. | | 6:33 | 6:41 | 7:48 | 7:56 |
| South Bend, Indiana | | 7:28 | 7:35 | 7:43 | 7:51 |
| Minneapolis, Minn. | | 7:01 | 7:10 | 8:18 | 8:27 |
| St. Louis, Mo. | | 6:39 | 6:46 | 7:52 | 7:59 |
| Kansas City, Mo. | | 6:57 | 7:04 | 8:11 | 8:19 |
| Denver, Co. | | 6:40 | 6:47 | 7:54 | 8:01 |
| Little Rock, Ark. | | 6:42 | 6:48 | 7:54 | 7:59 |
| Dallas, Texas | | 6:59 | 7:04 | 8:09 | 8:14 |
| New Orleans, La. | | 6:28 | 6:33 | 7:37 | 7:42 |
| Albuquerque, N.M. | | 6:40 | 6:46 | 7:52 | 7:57 |
| Oklahoma City, Okla. | | 7:05 | 7:10 | 8:16 | 8:22 |

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THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION



Pastor of the Year Randolph P. Stafford with his wife.

STAFFORD ELECTED PASTOR OF THE YEAR

Pastor Randolph P. Stafford of Linwood Boulevard Temple, Kansas City, Missouri, was elected pastor of the year by his fellow ministers on February 3, 1981, at the Central States Conference workers meeting.

R. P. Stafford attended Oakwood College with a major in religion. He received a B.A. degree in behavior science from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He entered the gospel ministry in 1969 for the South Central Conference. From 1969-73, he pastored several churches in the south including Meridian, Laurel, SoSo and Hattiesburg. In 1971, Pastor Stafford was elected pastor of the year for South Central. He was pastor of twelve churches while in Mississippi. In many cases he pastored several districts of at least three churches.

In 1973 Stafford was called to be the Adventist Youth director for the Southwest Region Conference in Dallas, Texas. He served also as public relations director during this time. From Dallas, Stafford accepted a call to Lake Region Conference to pastor the Capitol City church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Pastor Stafford accepted one of the

greatest challenges of his ministry when he entered the pulpit of the large City Temple church of Detroit, Michigan. The church at that time had a membership of more than 1,500 members.

In September of 1979, Stafford accepted a call to pastor the Linwood Boulevard Temple in Kansas City, Missouri. Linwood has over 700 members and operates its own pre-school program with extended care.

Pastor Stafford is recognized as an outstanding preacher and administrator. He is married to the former Deborah Wright. Deborah works for the Kansas City office of the Social Security Administration. The Staffords have two children: Randy, 9; and April, 4.

Central States extends its congratulations to the Stafford family!



L. B. Hampton, newly elected treasurer of Central States.

NEW TREASURER INTRODUCED TO CENTRAL STATES WORKERS

L. B. Hampton, newly appointed secretary-treasurer for the Central States Conference, was introduced at the February workers' meeting by President S. Haywood Cox.

Hampton assumed his duties for the conference February 1. He is a graduate of Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a minor in business administration. He later received a master's degree in business administration from Alabama A & M University in Huntsville.

Following several months of training at an Internal Revenue agent school in Richmond, Virginia, Hampton became an IRS agent for the Lancaster, Pennsylvania, district. He left the Internal Revenue Service after two years to join the Allegheny

East Conference in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, as assistant treasurer.

Hampton was called to Oakwood College in 1973 to be director of student finance. He remained in that position until 1978, when he was asked to be assistant to the business manager. He is a member of the American Management Association and the National Association of Accountants. He was nominated to the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1979.

Hampton is married to the former Genoice Robinson of New Orleans, Louisiana. Genoice is presently a housewife, but has approximately 10 years of experience as an unemployment claims adjuster for the department of Public Social Services. The Hamptons have two children: Jayneen, 8; and Darryl Leroy, 5.



These Bible instructors were among the many attending the workers' meeting. Left to right: Jackie Dye, Kansas City area; Phyllis Meador, Omaha area; Verdía Tucker, St. Louis Area. Dorothy Brunson, Denver area, is not pictured.

DESHAYS COMBINE EFFORTS FOR WORKERS' MEETING

The 1981 winter workers' meeting for the Central States Conference was very inspirational, informative and practical. Doctors Samuel and William DeShay were guests of the conference administration. They combined their knowledge and experience to bring a seminar stressing the importance of the Seventh-day Adventist workers' healthful evangelistic lifestyle. One's spirituality and healthiness go hand in hand.

William DeShay, administrator for black affairs in the Southern California Conference, lectured in part on Massillon's theory the "hierarchy of needs." It is important, Dr. DeShay stated, that the Adventist worker understand the Bible text, "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love. . . ." Romans 12:10.

Workers who have been commissioned to carry the gospel must realize that the love relationship is "family rela-



Left to right: Haywood Cox, Samuel DeShay, L. B. Hampton and William DeShay.



Outstanding pastors, left to right: G. H. Taylor, Jr., James White, R. P. Stafford, Mark McCleary and B. T. Rice.

tionship" with fellow workers, local church members, the immediate family, and ultimately with God. Through these various relationships, there is a "transference of feelings." A complete understanding of the transfer is predicated on one's exercise of the love relationship.

Samuel DeShay, director of health for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, conveyed stimulating concepts of "managing your diet—the live longer now theory." There was tremendous interest when Dr. DeShay referred to the Spirit of Prophecy's theory of "vital force. . . the electrical potential of the body." *Education*, p. 197 by Ellen G.

White expresses clearly the "you can live longer" concept. DeShay then led the workers into a discussion of factors which are destroyers of vital force and factors which have positive reinforcement.

According to Gerald Jones, pastor from the Lincoln-Omaha district, the seminar presented by the DeShays was one of the most practical discourses presented to workers thus far. Pastor Jones' expression seemed to be the sentiment of every worker attending.

In addition to the seminar conducted by the DeShays, the conference administration received reports from all

ministers and departmental directors. As a result of the ministerial reports, the assemblage of pastors and workers choose the pastor of the year. The 1980 selection is R. P. Stafford of Linwood Boulevard Temple in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. S. Haywood Cox, conference president, reported 475 baptisms and almost a million dollars in tithe (\$993,082) for the conference in 1980. One hundred and seventy-five of the baptisms were from Pastor H. L. Thompson's Prophecy '80 Crusade. Cox exhorted the workers to plan with frugality their objectives for 1981.

BETHESDA CONDUCTS TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN

The Bethesda SDA Church of Omaha, Nebraska, recently conducted a temperance emphasis program in conjunction with Adventist World Temperance Day under the theme of "The Energy of the Eighties" and the National Great American Smokeout Program for the Omaha area.

Joan Herrington, church temperance secretary, challenged members on Sabbath morning with an appeal for adherence to the temperance principles outlined in the Bible and the writings of Ellen G. White. Remarks by an Omaha public school teacher, Patricia Frampton, and the Bethesda AY leader, Thomas Bennett, underscored the need for temperance work, particularly among the youth of Omaha.

Realizing the need to share in the work of letting others know about the "abundant life," Bethesda members sponsored *Listen* magazine subscriptions to ten junior and senior high schools in the community, a hospital, the Omaha SDA school, Bedford Elementary. These, together with personal subscriptions, brought the total number of *Listen* subscriptions to 30.

Pastor Gerald H. Jones presented a thought-provoking sermon on Sabbath afternoon by calling upon members to make a commitment to temperance principles in every phase of daily Christian living.

The day's activities ended with several members going to a shopping area in an effort to support the American Cancer Society and sign up people for the Great American Smokeout.

Joan Herrington

CONNORS NAMED FAMILY OF THE YEAR

The Fairhaven Seventh-day Adventist Church selected the Charles Connor family as the family of the year. The award was based on the following:

1. Family should contribute to church and community.
2. Family's moral standard should be pleasing to Christ.
3. Family household should be orderly.
4. Family should show politeness.
5. Family should be industrious.
6. Family should try to meet the needs of humanity.
7. Family should maintain a cooperative, loving Christian spirit.
8. Family should have a desire to work for and win others to Christ.
9. The family should attend church regularly, support the church and be respected in the community.
10. The family should be able to reach out to others beyond the sphere of the home.

The Connor family is very active in both church and community activities with goals of serving mankind.

Chuck is an active deacon of the Fairhaven church. In addition to his usual duties, he is never too busy to help collect food, clothing or other necessities for the needy, whether they be church members or total strangers. He even finds time to drive the church bus whenever the regularly assigned drivers are not available.

Helen Connor has served as Sabbath school superintendent for two consecutive years, as well as stepping into any spot where her services are needed. She is a true missionary volunteer, serving both her church and community and holding high the name of Jesus Christ in whatever task she lends herself to.

Charles and Helen have been blessed with four children. All are adults and remain faithful to the church. Charles, Jr., resides in Washington, D.C. Carmella is presently a student at Columbia Union College. Jo Ann is the manager of Ronnoc Educational Consulting Services in Lansing, Michigan. Carol is a teacher at Shiloh Academy in Chicago, Illinois.

Now that the Connor children are grown, Helen and Chuck have assumed the responsibility of parenting three foster children.

Many people have experienced the pleasure of arriving at the Connor home without previous warning and enjoying

the warm fellowship and hospitality there. The Lord has truly blessed them with boundless energy.

Although the Connor family is being recognized at this time, it is hoped that all Christian families around the world will recognize they are blessed to be a part of the family of God.

Lonnie Winston
Communication Secretary

NEWS NOTES

According to Joseph Richardson, communication secretary, the Conant Garden Seventh-day Adventist Church is pleased to have as their new pastor Zaddock Reid, along with his wife Ruth and daughter Faith. Pastor Reid will undertake the responsibility of building a new church home for Conant this spring.

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Laura Rasch reports the Calvin Center church is rejoicing over the seven persons who were recently baptized. The church members, organized and ready to work, have pledged to increase membership by at least 50 percent during 1981.

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The Reid Memorial Sabbath school in East St. Louis, Illinois, is singing praises to God for the wonderful way He has blessed the investment projects for 1980, according to Minnie Smith, Sabbath school superintendent. Under the capable leadership of Mary Bradley, God enabled the church to raise over \$1,100. Even though the economy is very tight and getting tighter every day, God blessed His children when they placed their trust in Him and invested for Him.

VICTORY BANQUET ENDS YEAR OF INGATHERING

A banquet was given to show gratitude for another successful year of Ingathering for the Evansville-Jeffersonville, Indiana, district.

Maria Person, acting lay activities leader, directed the banquet, while Alic Martin and the food committee served the meal.

Special guests for this festive occasion included Pastor and Mrs. Charles Willis, C. D. Joseph, president of the

Lake Region Conference, and Pastor and Mrs. Carrol Lawson.

Joseph addressed the audience with the topic, "Who Do Men Say I Am?" The Little Lambs Choir, directed by Alice Bolin, and the Metropolitan Choir, directed by Sarah Roach and Nancy Anderson, all provided musical selections. Anthoniea Jones interpreted inspirational verses written by Helen Steiner Rice.

Maria Person
Communication Secretary

OAKWOOD ALUMNI HOST BANQUET

Oakwood College supporters throughout the Metropolitan Detroit area came together to celebrate the first annual banquet given by the Detroit Chapter of the Oakwood Alumni Association. The banquet held at Barth Hall in St. Paul's Cathedral was filled to overflowing.

Charles E. Bradford, vice president of the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was the honored guest for the occasion.

The program began with prayer offered by Benjamin P. Browne, pastor of the Detroit City Temple Church. David Brezzell, president of the alumni association, introduced Robert Andrews, director of public relations and development at Oakwood. Pastor Andrews spoke of the improvements at Oakwood College. He shared with the audience the fact that Oakwood is one of five black southern colleges to operate a computer terminal connected to Princeton University, making a wide variety of information available to the school. He also related that the Aoelians recently became the first black choir to sing in the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah. A trip to Romania is in the making for the choir and will take place when the conditions of that country have stabilized.

Several presentations were made. Esther Lowe of the City Temple Church received a gift for many years of service to the church, school and the General Conference Executive Committee. Pastor Bradford was given a Thompson Bible. David Brezzell and Pastor Bradford were each presented a hand-painted Norman Rockwell dish. Hudie Davis, Attorney Frederick Risker and

Thomas Maycock were given lifetime memberships in the association.

The association is especially grateful to Attorney Risker, who obtained matching and tripled funds from Exxon Corporation in 1980.

Pastor Bradford, who was the keynote speaker, injected both seriousness and humor in his discourse as he challenged the audience to three directives: mission, priorities and goals and objectives. His address received a standing ovation.

Musicians who participated in the program were: Cedric Dent, pianist; Ronald Cantrell, saxophonist; and Joseph Wilkins and Veronica Farrell, vocal soloists.

Joyce Jones
Communication Secretary
Detroit Oakwood Alumni Chapter

BIBLE CHAPEL CELEBRATES HOMECOMING

"Come on Back Home" was the theme for the day at the Springfield Bible Chapel, the oldest regional church in the Lake Region Conference.

The Springfield church extended invitations to the churches in downstate Illinois. East St. Louis responded by sending 42, the largest number in attendance from a single church. Other churches present were Decatur, Peoria, Champaign and Galesburg. Pastor Harold Ashcraft of the Illinois Conference also accepted the invitation to attend.

Charles Gibson, pastor of the Springfield Bible Chapel, taught the Sabbath school lesson, Dr. Charles Joseph, president of Lake Region Conference, presented the message, "Jesus, The Christ," for the divine worship service. The day ended with a musical program provided by members of Springfield congregation.

A visitor responding to the day remarked: "All that I saw and heard was far beyond my greatest expectation. I shall be in attendance at your church services again soon."

Ruby Mounts
Communication Secretary

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Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:21, 22

NORTHEASTERN

A MESSAGE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TOUR DIRECTOR

The land of Israel, as I think of it, was awe-inspiring and beautiful to behold. Indeed, it was a pilgrimage as 69 travelers from the Northeastern Conference and several other areas visited that land of ageless splendor.

We were happy to join the faithful from all corners of the earth, to see it all with our own eyes, to be able to worship in the Holy City, Jerusalem, Traveling conditions were good, the people were friendly, and the climate was warm with brilliant sunshine.

We visited shrines, cultural centers, universities, a scientific institution, modern and ancient cities and a Kibbutz (a system of communal living).

The Northeastern Conference will again sponsor a Holy Land Pilgrimage on November 9-23, 1981. This year's trip will carry us to Jordan, the Holy Land and Egypt for \$1,299.

Four reasons for having the Israel-Egypt tour in the month of November are:

1. An ideal climate with temperature at above 80° F.

2. It is the end of the tourist and pilgrimage season, therefore visitors receive more attention and entertainment.

3. Hotels are less crowded and there are no long lines at various tourist attractions.

4. It is more economical to travel at that time. . . . One receives a fourteen-day tour for what would normally be the price of a ten-day tour.

For information or any questions regarding this trip, please contact S. H. Brooks, tour director, 115-50 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, N.Y. 11434.

S. H. Brooks
Treasurer, Northeastern Conference

As seen through the eyes of an elementary teacher

To visit Israel and Egypt is to get a first hand view of desert people, places and things that before were only words and pictures on a page.

Enriching the background knowledge of the teacher is a great attention-getter. The children can visualize through the



Pastor S. H. Brooks, treasurer of Northeastern Conference and Mideast Tour director.

eyes of their teacher scenes from a once-in-a-lifetime happening.

They can share vicariously the sights, sounds and smells of desert living. They can be helped to appreciate the importance of water used to make the desert fertile.

They learn the meaning of contrasts: old and new, past and present existing side by side.

The teacher can be the best resource person, enabling third grade pupils to develop insights into the culture of desert people.

Henrietta Jackson



Henrietta Jackson

HOLY LAND AS SEEN BY THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY

Our recent tour of the Holy Land and Egypt must be listed as one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences of my life. It was awe-inspiring to stand in the places where some of the most momentous events of history had taken place, the effects of which are still evident in our world.

It was thrilling to walk the streets of Old Jerusalem, which has in some ways become the "City of Mankind" and a type of the city that is to come. It was humbling to see and sense how very human Jesus became to identify with us. It was encouraging to see the vitality of life in Israel and heartwarming to experience the friendliness of the people in Egypt.

So much of what has been important to civilization has taken place in this region and the evidences are still so vivid and impressive that anyone who could should make this trip. It is an inspiration and an education beyond your greatest expectations.

H. W. Baptiste
Secretary, Northeastern Conference

Through the eyes of a Bible instructor

A dream fulfilled. Since I was a teenager one of my most ardent desires was to visit the place where Jesus lived.

Arriving in Tel Aviv, one marvels at the ingenuity, resourcefulness and energy of a people who have transformed a burned and ruined city into one of the most modern cities in the Middle East in a span of 30 short years. Not only has Tel Aviv been rebuilt, but also such cities as Ashdod, Jaffa and Bethlehem. The countryside also shows the ingenuity of these resourceful people. There everything from oranges to grapefruit and cabbage to cotton are grown by the populace.

It was with a sense of awe that I visited the place where Christ was born, saw the river where Jesus was baptized, sat upon the knoll where He gave the Sermon on the Mount, traveled the rugged road that led Him to Calvary, and gazed upon the tomb where He was buried and ultimately rose again to be your surety and mine.

In places such as Cairo, Memphis, Bethlehem and Nazareth the heart is deeply stirred and faith is renewed. Your hearts will burn within you too if you travel with me to the Holy Land, Jordan,

Egypt and Greece from November 2 through 16.

The trip, sponsored by the new believers of the Ephesus church, is open to all and the price of \$1,200 per person includes all expenses. For further information, please call M. Myrtle Smith at (201) 487-8437, home, or (212) 662-5536 at work.



Pastor Lawrence Dorsey baptizing his mother.

PASTOR BAPTIZES HIS MOTHER!!

Valentine's Day is noted for being a day of love. But what greater love is there than that of a parent for a child, or a child toward his parent?

Lighthouse is known for its Christian fellowship and love. What better day to hold baptisms than on St. Valentine's Day? Nine candidates went down into their watery graves and came up resplendent with joy. A full congregation was on hand to lend their support.

The most joy-filled expression of love on this particular day was that when Pastor Lawrence S. Dorsey baptized his mother. There wasn't a dry eye in the sanctuary as the pastor tenderly assisted his mother into the pool. Silence was golden as all those years of child-rearing and prayer were united in a warm embrace and tears from both of them as he raised his hand and connected to the gospel commission.

Fellowship was sweet as all the newly-baptized members enjoyed a lunch prepared especially for them and visiting friends.

Valarie Blyden
Lighthouse Tabernacle
Communications Secretary

STALWART SUPPORTER OF NORTHEASTERN ACADEMY HONORED

Dollie and Clarence Johnson, who were dubbed by Arna Bontemps as "The Sinless Pair," came to New York in the mid-1920's. Both enrolled in Harlem Academy as full-time day students.

Dollie graduated in the class of 1930. Clarence went out to make a living for them—an almost impossible undertaking for a black Seventh-day Adventist male at that time. Anybody who was working at all worked six full days, including Saturday.

They persevered and never compromised their beliefs or denied their services to the church. Dollie was treasurer of the church without compensation for more than 25 years and aided her husband in the maintenance of the church both inside and out for an even longer period. Since they resided in the apartment over the church, she was always available for emergencies of all kinds and never refused service.

She was treasurer and kept the records of "The Hand"—a private loan organization maintained by small weekly contributions from members. On many a snowy, inclement Sabbath evening, she collected and distributed funds in this endeavor. At the same time, from about 1950, Dollie was one of the organizers and founders of the Harlem Academy Alumni Club. She serves as treasurer of this organization and has functioned in this capacity since its inception. Never has there been a more diligent and protective treasurer of any organization.

Even if she approves a withdrawal for a worthy cause (and she gives each item close scrutiny), she will wait or give her personal check until the interest is posted on the club's savings account. This organization, under her protective care, has made many worthwhile, substantial contributions to the successor of Harlem Academy, Northeastern. Additionally, she and her husband have made valuable personal donations to the library and other areas of Northeastern.

Despite her many involvements, she found time to adopt her niece's two children and provide them with guidance and a Christian education. She also reared another niece who is now a graduate nurse.

On November 30, 1980, the Harlem Academy Alumni Club honored Dollie for her long, devoted and unsurpassed service to the club, womanhood, her church and Christian education. She was the recipient of a plaque to commemorate her unstinting and ungrudging service as well as many gifts and speeches.

Dollie, mother, treasurer par excellence, teacher and friend, we salute you.



Pastor Arthur Morgan standing with lay soul winners. Left to right: Pastor Morgan, Herman Dayes, Barbara Sealey, Harold McKenzie, I. James, Cynthia Miller, Peter Remy, Joyce Brown, Warrand Anderson and Doris Walker.

JAMAICA CHURCH HONORS LAYMEN

Nearly 200 people gathered at the Jamaica SDA Church in Jamaica, New York, on Saturday night, January 24, 1981, for a banquet to honor their fellow members for outstanding work in the areas of soul-winning and Ingathering.

Arthur Morgan, pastor of the church, stressed that it is important that "credit be given to the laymen." He has actively involved his church in evangelism. To him the strength of the church lies with the laymen.

For 1981 Morgan and the lay activities department, under the leadership of Doris Walker, have combined forces to encourage every member "to make a friend for Christ."

Once they have established strong friendships with people at work or in their community, the next step is to invite them to church. The final step is to have Bible studies, thus preparing them for the summer evangelistic crusade. Once the seed has been planted, nourished and cultivated, it will bring forth abundant fruit.

This personalized one-to-one evangelism has resulted in 50 souls being baptized by the laymen in 1980. This year promises an even greater harvest. Every member from the pew to the pulpit has a mission to bring at least one soul to Christ.

Plans are being made to start evening classes that will educate, refine and teach those in the community a better way of life.

The family unit is the target of Morgan and his members, since a strong family means a strong church. At a recent baptism Morgan had the privilege of baptizing thirteen people in the same family.

In light of Morgan's unique approach to evangelism, it was quite fitting that a banquet be held in honor of the laymen.

Certificates of merit were presented to Bernice Bucknor, Emma Bowden, Ethel Ramlall, LaSalle Gordon, Cyril Nembhard and Barbara Sealy for the highest Ingathering goals.

The soul winners were presented with *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*. They were Cynthia Miller, Barbara Sealy, Peter Remy, Harold McKenzie, Sarah Jones, Joy Brown, Warrand Anderson and Herman Dayes.

The gala affair was accented by the royal decor of blue and white, appropriately symbolizing a victorious church. The music was regally orchestrated by Henry Brooks, minister of music for the church. A vegetarian dinner was prepared by the ladies of the church. The evening was a foretaste of heaven.

Harold J. Callender
Correspondent



FOOD BANK DEDICATED

On February 14, 1981, the community services department of the Calvary SDA Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut, under the leadership of James Tramel, community services leader, dedicated its food bank. Pastor S. W. Stovall, Northeastern's ministerial director, was the guest speaker.

The food bank was established to provide food for emergency cases in the community. Food and cash donations are supplied by members of the church on a weekly or monthly basis.

All applicants are screened in order to reach the people who are truly in need. In the process, other services have been rendered: home economy, nursing ser-

vice, etc. Also, a home management workshop is being scheduled.

God has richly blessed their endeavors. Every day at 12 noon, members pray to find those who are truly in need. Calvary's food bank is an effective ministry to the less fortunate.

Pauline Tramel
Communication Secretary



The Brooklyn Temple Pathfinders.

A MIGHTY ARMY OF YOUTH

From the cry "March" to the closing tribute of "taps," Lighthouse Tabernacle's Pathfinder Day celebration was a rousing success.

Headed up by its youthful director, Paul Williams, the Lighthouse Pathfinder Flames are on the move.

Pathfinders from the Brooklyn Temple and Hebron Seventh-day Adventist Churches all marched into our sanctuary at the direction of Drill Instructor Leroy White. The speaker for the day, Pastor L. S. Dorsey of Lighthouse Tabernacle, Brooklyn, New York, addressed the youth (Friends, Companions, Explorers, Guides and Master Guides) in his sermon, "Are You a True Pathfinder?"

Urging the young ones to stand for the principles of Jesus Christ in an age when youth are disrespectful to parents, unthankful and unholy, youth surrendered to the Pathfinder Club's principles are to be that supreme example of Christian youth to a dying society. Present for this occasion were the Brooklyn-Staten Island area Pathfinders.

In the afternoon trophies were given to outstanding Pathfinder participants and a social was held after the Adventist Youth Society meeting.

Valarie Blyden
Lighthouse Tabernacle
Communications Secretary



The quinquadrinarians, left to right, flanked on the left by President Hairston and on the right by President Edgecombe are Dennis Ross, Joe Follette, Ralph Franklin, Trevor Fraser, David Jones, Earl Lewis, Gerard Nozea, William Byrd, Joe Harris, Ira Harrell and O. J. McKinney, who was the ministerial secretary of the conference but is now the stewardship secretary and associate ministerial secretary of the Southern Union.

USHERS CELEBRATE 31ST ANNIVERSARY

The Charlotte, North Carolina, Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church Usher Board #1 celebrated its 31st anniversary in April, 1980. This 47-member board, the first in the history of the church, was founded by Pastor E. C. Ward in 1949 with a membership of eight. The one remaining member from the original board is Doris Holmes.

According to the president, Lillian Carter, funds raised in the project assist in the purchasing of a public address system for the church choir and a church bus. They have raised \$2,047.

The program featured a nine-year-old boy preacher, Errol Doran Dunson of Atlanta. He is a fourth grader at Atlanta-Berean Junior Academy who has been preaching since the age of four. His topic was, "The Prodigal Son."

The mistress of ceremonies was Nola Franklin, wife of the church pastor, Ralph Franklin.

BERNARD-NORMAN WEDDING

Margaret Allyson Bernard and Vernon Eugene Norman were united in marriage on November 27, 1980, at the Oakwood College church in Huntsville, Alabama.

The bride is the daughter of William Bernard and the late Pearlina Bernard of Sangre Grande, Trinidad. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Norman, Jr., of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

The ceremony was performed by the bridegroom's brother, Pastor R. S. Norman, III, Pastor E. C. Ward of the Oakwood College church, and Dr. E. E. Cleveland, chairman of the department of church missions at Oakwood College.

The couple is residing in Rural Hall, North Carolina.

SOUTH ATLANTIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oakwood College Alumni Weekend
April 17-19, 1981
- Community Service Federation
Columbia, SC—April 19, 1981
- Education Day and Offering for Elementary Schools—April 25, 1981
- Message Magazine Victory Day
April 25, 1981
- Disaster and Famine Relief Offering
May 9, 1981
- Literature Evangelists Rally
Augustus, GA—May 16, 1981



The Usher Board. Seated on the front row from left is Earl Dunson, Errol's father, and fifth and sixth from right are Errol and Joyce Dunson, his mother. At center is Lillian Carter, president. In the center of the back row are Pastor and Mrs. Ralph Franklin.

DORCAS SOCIETY BEGINS

The Community Services Federation made its appearance at the four-year-old Mt. Zion SDA Church of Talladega, Alabama, during an open house program and tea held March 1, 1981, at the church.

With painting, re-arranging and other hard work, a corner of the church basement has been made habitable as a display area, and some canned goods and clothing have been collected.

Under the leadership of Jeanette Jenkins, who handles Community Services and deaconess duties, assistants Gloria Moore, Ellen Collins and Rosa Allen will man the distribution center twice a week until this community outreach operation requires more time.

E. E. CLEVELAND DISTRICT DAY SPEAKER

Dr. E. E. Cleveland was the guest speaker during Sylacauga-Talladega-Pell City (Alabama) District Day services on January 31, 1981. To accommodate the anticipated crowd, Pastor G. Russell Seay made arrangements with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church for the use of their facilities.

Following Dr. Cleveland's message on the law as presented at Sinai, the Sermon on the Mount and Golgotha, he offered prayer for the personal needs of the dozens who chose to stay by.

Oakwood College sent a treat for the afternoon program, a troupe of students who led a lively song service and performed two skits, one on waiting for Jesus and the other on judgement day.

At the morning service, Publishing Secretary Fred Whitlow displayed books, including some written by Dr. Cleveland. Three of Dr. Cleveland's books were given as gifts to visitors in the congregation. Whitlow also emphasized the need for colporteurs through a spirited demonstration of a mock sale by his sons. The four boys showed they have musical as well as verbal talents by blending their voices in some favorite spiritual songs.

Cooperating under the power of that "district day spirit," the Sylacauga church provided ushers, Sabbath school teachers, a number by the choir and a hot meal, while the Talladega church made its contributions at the piano, in the pulpit and by printing the programs.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DAY PROGRAMS CONDUCTED

During one month two outstanding Community Relations Day programs were conducted. One was held in Lexington, Kentucky, with the Louisville, Kentucky, Magazine Street Church choir furnishing music and Dr. E. E. Cleveland of Oakwood College bringing the message. Under the public relations leadership of Pastor William Monk, the media gave the event full coverage.

The other program honoring community leaders was held in Huntsville, Alabama, at the Oakwood College church with Dr. C. E. Dudley as speaker. The worship service of the college church is broadcast each Sabbath at 1 p.m. over the college broadcasting station, WOCG, and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. over WEUP under the title of "The Spoken Word."

Gladys Carter, chairman of the school board for the Magazine Street church in Louisville, Kentucky, and Jessie Wagner, principal of the school, anticipate a record crowd attending the annual spring cantata of the Emma L. Minnis School on April 25.

Two musicals are given by the church yearly, one near Christmas and another near Easter. The spring presentation sponsored by the school usually features the children and youth of the church. Pastor J. H. Wagner, son of the principal, says the school was organized in 1915 and the church is the oldest black congregation of Seventh-day Adventists in the world.

IN ACTION FOR GOD

The South Central Conference Publishing Department is on the move upward and onward to greater heights for God. The three districts of South Central have moved to increase the sales and soul-winning program for Family Health Education Service and make 1981 the greatest year yet. In the past three weeks, strong emphasis has been placed on recruiting and training literature evangelists to proficiency. All three districts held rallies in the month of February to reach the desired goal.

On February 14, Mississippi literature evangelists gathered in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. E. E. Rogers, pastor of the Berean church, stood with open arms as they arrived. Dr. T. L. Hemingway, pas-

tor of the Natchez district, stirred the hearts of the congregation with a message challenging everyone—"You Can Take This Mountain." The literature evangelists shared inspiring experiences of what God is doing for them as they labor for Him in an evening service led by Pastor Benjamin Cone, associate director for the state of Mississippi.

On February 21, 1981, literature evangelists from Tennessee met in Memphis, Tennessee, at the Overton Park church. Pastor Stephen P. Ruff, publishing director for the conference, gave the message, extolling members of their responsibility of pulling men and women out of the fires of sin.

A witnessing seminar was held and members learned that the result of witnessing and canvassing are the responsibility of God when they have done their part in faithfulness. Early morning messages and an evening training seminar were given by the pastor of the Overton Park church, Sargent Simms, and Pastor Lyndon Rowan, associate publishing director for the state of Tennessee.

Pastor Charles M. Willis, associate publishing director for the General Conference, met with Alabama literature evangelists in Birmingham, Alabama, on February 28, encouraging them in their God-given responsibilities as Seventh-day Adventist Christians to a dying world.

We thank God for all the new literature evangelists in each district and look forward to seeing what God will do to bless the hearts of hundreds of men and women through these dedicated literature evangelists.

Stephen P. Ruff

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 9 Housing Board
- 10 Office Staff Meeting
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting
- 16 Board of Education
- 30 Housing Board

APRIL

- 13 Executive Committee Meeting
- 22 Office Staff Meeting
- 23 Housing Board
- 25 Christian Education Day
- 26 South Central Conference Session
—Nashville, Tennessee

CAMPUS CONTACT RESULTS IN BAPTISM

Wanda Fay Draper became the first Talladega College student to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church in Talladega, Alabama. It was the result of the personal witness of a fellow student who attends the Mt. Zion SDA Church, located one block from the campus.

During a casual conversation at the beginning of the 1980 fall term, Samuel Harden, a senior, shared personal experiences and literature with Wanda Draper, a freshman, and another friend. Her curiosity peaked about the Sabbath, she was invited to study her Bible with Mr. Harden and later with another church member. She began attending Sabbath services and the daily "power hour" open to the college's students and other friends.

She was baptized on February 7, 1981, by Pastor G. Russell Seay and George Carter, first elder of the Pine Hill SDA Church in Sylacauga, Alabama, where the service was held. During the service, Jeanette Jenkins, who recently transferred her membership from Dayton, Ohio, was re-baptized.

One aspect of the campus ministry currently involves weekly Bible studies given in the boy's dorm by a young colporteur who works with the Joe Crews' evangelical team.

SEAY-WILSON UNITED IN MARRIAGE

George Russell Seay, Jr., and Tara Wilson were united in holy matrimony on Sunday, November 23, 1980, in the Longview Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church of Memphis, Tennessee.

Seay has pastored the Sylacauga-Talladega-Pell City District in southern Alabama since his graduation from Oakwood College in 1981 with a bachelor of arts in theology. Mrs. Seay graduated from Oakwood in 1981 with an associate of science in nursing. She is currently working at Talladega's Citizen's Hospital as a registered nurse.

At the wedding, Dr. B. F. Reaves gave the homily. Pastor V. L. Brooks proclaimed the vows and Pastor R. L. Willis gave a short charge and presented the couple.

The Seays are living in Talladega, Alabama.

NEWS BITS

The Hillcrest church in Nashville is humming. There were six baptisms in the first two months of 1981 with eight more in the baptismal class. Another baptism is scheduled for March 28. The Five-Day Smoking Class will end March 6 and in a few weeks the Personal Ministries will come to Hillcrest. Our baptismal goal for 1981 at Hillcrest is 50. G. I. Pearson is the pastor.

Pastor R. L. Patterson reported 20 baptisms at the Breath of Life church in Memphis, Tennessee, so far this year. The evangelistic attitude of the church is encouraging to the pastor, who is an evangelist himself. With the lovely, working spirit of members, the hope is to baptize 100 this year.

The pastor of the Mobile church reports that the honor of being featured in a mission story came true to them. He said that when we see the beautiful roses and azaleas in full bloom, then we may know that the mission setting is in Mobile.

The new treasurer, F. N. Crowe, said "Praise the Lord" when he finished the January tithes and mission statement. "This shows a gain in membership over last year of more than 400 and a gain in tithes of nearly \$70,000. At this rate of growth we will have a membership of 14,000 shortly after campmeeting."



C. Williams, pastor, Lubbock-Amarillo district, conducts ordination service and baptism at district meeting, Sabbath, December 13, 1980.

DISTRICT DAY IN AMARILLO, TEXAS

Sabbath, December 13, was District Day in Amarillo. Pastor A. Booker from Oklahoma City administered the spoken word to a capacity crowd, including 30 visitors. Worshippers witnessed the ordination service of two deacons. Two persons were baptized and a fellowship dinner was held afterwards.

C. Williams III, Pastor and Reporter



The Brothers from Washington, D.C. in concert in New Orleans. W. C. Jones, president, gave remarks during the intermission.

EPHESUS CHURCH HOSTS FALL REVIVAL AND MUSICAL PROGRAM

The Ephesus church in New Orleans was blessed to have Pastor W. D. Sumpter for its fall revival. Sumpter is the associate secretary of the Southern Union and has had a fruitful ministry. The revival was well attended, and the members were spiritually fed.

On the last Sabbath afternoon Pastor Sumpter conducted a marriage enrichment seminar. Marrieds and singles received helpful suggestions from our guest speaker. The entire church family was edified by Sumpter's dynamic ministry.

Ephesus also had the pleasure of listening to acappella music at its best on Saturday evening, November 1, from thirteen young men known as the "Brothers" from Washington, D. C. The musical was sponsored to aid in the establishment of the Riverbend church on the west bank. The songs chosen by the Brothers told the story of God's love for mankind, our purpose as Christians and gave a slight glimpse of the heavenly kingdom.

These young men are not only active in their churches in Washington, but travel extensively giving religious programs in the interest of humanity. They have recorded three albums. A generous offering was received following the program by Purnell Lewis. R. E. Brown, pastor, and W. C. Jones, conference president, gave remarks and wished the group well as they continue their travel to Bermuda for their next engagement.

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Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

1 Corinthians 13:1

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FIVE NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED

The recent census by the Federal Government made us all aware of some interesting trends in population growth and the migratory patterns of people in America. Texas has become the third largest state of the Union, surpassing Pennsylvania in population. People from the frigid north are discovering temperate climates in the Sunbelt, which encompasses the Southwest Region.

The swelling citizenry of metropolitan cities present an ideal climate to expand the work of the church. Wise planning of conference administration has extended our boundaries to envelop five new areas with the three angels' messages. Five churches have been organized in the following cities:

Houston-Berean-Third Ward: After an absence of ten years, we have returned to the third ward in Houston and re-established the work in the most densely populated black area of the city. The old Berean church property was not sold after the re-location of the congregation to the Belfort Street complex. Many weeks of hard work by LaFane Battles, conference builder, has given Berean a complete renovation. Thirty members of Belfort have returned to the third ward to form the nucleus of a new congregation. W. E. Cox, who recently finished studies at Andrews University, is serving as pastor, and the prospects for continued growth are exciting.

Sheffield Avenue-Houston: During the closing weeks of 1980 a new group of 80 members of Sheffield Avenue was organized four blocks east of Interstate 10. This group consists mainly of persons who have settled in Houston from the Inter-American Division. E. W. Weithers, a graduate of Andrews University, ministers to the needs of this developing church, and work is underway to acquire the lovely sanctuary where the church is meeting.

Thanks to the missionary efforts of the Cleburne church, deep inroads have been made in Waxahachie, Texas. In December, 1980, under the watchful eye of Pastor C. M. Bailey, the Waxahachie, Texas, congregation was organized with a membership of 31. They are proud of the modest building they have purchased and remodeled. God is blessing their earnest efforts to evangelize the city.

Cedar Grove-Shreveport: The Philadelphia church in Shreveport held a summer tent effort under the direction of Pastor J. M. Phipps and E. L. Howard on Line Avenue, a good distance from the established work in this expanding city. God blessed the motives of the brethren in fostering the gospel in another location, and there is now an organized church of 51 chartered members comprising the Cedar Grove church body.

Riverbend-New Orleans: A church was organized on the west bank in the Crescent City. Pastors R. E. Brown and C. McNorton labored together to bring this dream to fruition. An evangelistic meeting was held during the summer, and thanks be to God for a zealous group of 53 who became the Riverbend church of Gretna. They are meeting in temporary quarters with an eye fixed on the possibility of building a permanent structure to care for the needs of a blossoming congregation.

Sometime during 1981 we have five additional groups operating as missions which will develop into church organizations. Pray for the growing work, the wide-awake pastors and the energetic zeal of the missionary-minded laity who are laboring together for a finished work.

W. C. Jones, Reporter

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And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.

—Acts 17:30



Sheffield (Houston) church organized, E. W. Weithers, pastor.



Waxahachie, Texas, a newly organized church, 30 miles out of Dallas, C. M. Bailey, pastor.



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WEEKEND AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE

By John A. Blake,
Associate Professor of Mathematics

Since the reorganization of the International Students Organization (ISO) in 1972 after a year of inactivity, Oakwood College has enjoyed what has now become known as International Weekend. Until recently, International Weekend had been held annually. Thanks to our president, Dr. C. B. Rock, and his genuine concerns and interest, International Weekend has become a regular part of the calendar of events.

The Organization has seen some struggles and met with some disfavor from those who viewed it as a segregationist organization. It has, however, dispelled this belief by living up to the preamble of its constitution—"to foster better social relations among the students originating from outside the North American mainland, and to share the benefits of the cultural differences of all the students of the college."

International Weekend provides the Oakwood community with an opportunity to hear and interact with speakers from other countries. This sort of interchange and interaction with international personalities adds to the richness of the institution.

Since 1972, the organization has had such speakers as: Dr. Patrick Vincent (Trinidad), Pastor Adrian Westney (Jamaica), Pastor George Brown (Dominican Republic), Pastor Roy Brown (Jamaica), Pastor G. Ralph Thompson (Barbados), and Pastor Baraka Muganda (Tanzania).

International Students Weekend, January 30-31, 1981, began with Friday evening vespers by President Calvin B. Rock, who, in his characteristic way, skillfully developed the topic, "Koinania Today, Maranatha Tomorrow." The theme focused on the need for unity,

brotherhood and fellowship now as antecedents to life in the hereafter.

All regularly scheduled services on Sabbath morning featured international students performing in their various languages and native costumes. At 10:45 worshippers in the Oakwood College sanctuary gazed with a feeling of patriotism as 25 students paraded their nations' flags to the organ tune of "God of Our Fathers Whose Almighty Hand." Nostalgia filled the sanctuary and a feeling of brotherhood and unity pervaded the congregation even amidst cultural diversity.

Pastor Baraka Muganda, the first African native to speak at the Oakwood College church, was born in Tanzania, East Africa. He graduated from Solusi College with a B.A. in religion and earned a master's degree at Andrews University, where he is a doctoral student in education. He has served as an associate union evangelist and a conference youth director. "The Draft is On" was the title of his sermon, which was eloquently delivered. He portrayed the forces of Satan as an army to which many youths of today are being drafted, and warned of the danger of exposing oneself to the adversary, thus subjecting oneself to the draft.

The services were graced by invited guests from the Madison County Council for International Visitors. These individuals look forward to this annual event. In 1979, as a result of the impressive programming, the Huntsville city schools were saturated at the request of the superintendent with Oakwood's international students for an entire day fostering international relations.

Some 400 international persons, including administrators, faculty and staff, students, community members and special guests, feasted in the church's dining room at the conclusion of the midday service.

After a short musical by the members of the organization and a brief vesper



International students attending Oakwood College parade with their nations' flags.

message by its president, the evening's activities were climaxed with a typical international social—marches, games and refreshments.

Oakwood College stands tall among institutions of repute when one considers that its international student population consists of twelve percent of the entire student body (not including students from foreign lands on permanent visas). The following is a list of countries from which international students come as of fall 1980, and the number of students from each nation. The numbers do not include those on resident visas:

Anguilla—2, Antigua—2, Bahamas—19, Barbados—1, Bermuda—31, Botswana—1, Canada—4, England—10, Ethiopia—1, Ghana—1, Grenada—1, Guyana—3, Jamaica—7, Liberia—1, Nigeria—1, Panama—1, St. Vincent—1, Trinidad—3, Uganda—1, and Zimbabwe—2.

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HONESTY AND INTEGRITY THE HALLMARK OF SIMEON DEGUZMAN

The dream to establish a cleaning service took shape in Simeon DeGuzman's mind as a teenager while working for a cleaning service.

As the years went by, he completed high school, studied business, economics and other related subjects at New York University and Queensborough College in Queens, New York.

He entered the working world and landed a job on Wall Street with Stone and Webber Securities and A. G. Becker and Company. The training he received on Wall Street prepared him to effectively establish his own business.

The opportunity of realizing his cherished dream came in 1972 when his brother-in-law, Frank Goldwire, offered him a partnership in his cleaning service.

The decision to leave Wall Street and its securities led DeGuzman to do some soul-searching. Many questions loomed in his mind. Was the time ripe for him to establish his own business? When would he begin to see the fruits of his labors? Should he remain longer on Wall Street to gain more experience? Would his family suffer because of his dream?

He was faced with a tough decision. His future was weighed in the balance. He sat down and counseled with his wife Gladys. She encouraged him to go forward. During the lean years she worked and subsidized their income.

Mrs. DeGuzman has given succor and stability to her husband and their business by serving as vice president, secretary-treasurer and bookkeeper. The late Pastor T. Wilson also gave him counsel and direction during the initial stages of his business. Later, Pastor S. H. Brooks assumed the role as friend, counselor and mentor.

So with all the preparations made and the proper foundation laid, DeGuzman worked diligently with Goldwire, and the business grew and prospered until it became necessary to divide the business. They agreed to divide the clients serviced on a regular basis. Thus, in 1975, Spic and Span Cleaning Service was born.

Spic and Span is a consolidated cleaning service, unlike most cleaning services that specialize in one area—floors, walls or windows. Spic and Span does it all.

Spic and Span cleans office buildings, travel agencies, beauty salons and private homes. Among its clients are Northeastern Conference Headquarters and Northeastern Academy.

Honesty, integrity and thoroughness are paramount principles in guiding Simeon DeGuzman and his Spic and Span Cleaning Service. These principles have paid off in great dividends. He believes that living according to the principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has given his work an added quality.

DeGuzman is respected by his clients for his religious beliefs. He has acquainted his clients with the beliefs of the church. They never call him on Sabbath. If they forget, they immediately apologize.

His clients trust him explicitly. He has the keys to ten millionaires' homes that are cleaned on a regular basis. DeGuzman and one of his five full-time or three part-time employees enter these exclusive residences where costly paintings, jewelry, antiques and money are left in the open! No one stands over them or watches them suspiciously. However, nothing has ever been taken. He accredits this to God's protection.

Simeon DeGuzman is one of six children born to Louise Hill DeGuzman of Savannah, Georgia, and Domingo Coba DeGuzman of Venezuela. Both are

deceased. He was born and reared in Newark, New Jersey.

DeGuzman is a product of Christian education. He is a graduate of the local church school, Trinity Temple Elementary School. His secondary education was received at Pine Forge Academy, Greater New York Academy and Westside High School.

He is married to the former Gladys Goldsmith of Savannah, Georgia. From this union were born two children, Gina and Simeon, Jr. The DeGuzmans have been foster parents to five children, whom they have sent to church school and provided a Christian home environment, making a lasting impression on them.

The DeGuzmans are members of the Linden Boulevard SDA Church in St. Albans, New York. He serves as a deacon, chairman of the hospitality committee and an usher. Wherever he sees a need, he fulfills it. He loves one-to-one ministry. He visits the sick and helps those who are in need.

DeGuzman serves as president of the Association of Adventist Services Industries (AASI), a professional organization of Seventh-day Adventist businessmen in the Northeastern Conference.

DeGuzman anxiously looks forward to the future. He dreams of the day when the Linden Boulevard church can acquire a larger church and school. As for his dreams, they are infinite. However, whatever goals or dreams he realizes will be laced with integrity and honesty, the bedrock of his character.

Stephanie D. Johnson



Mr. and Mrs. DeGuzman with their two children, Simeon, Jr., and Gina.

IN THE NEWS



Pastor H. R. Murphy retires as the Atlantic Union Sabbath school director.

H. R. MURPHY RETIRES

Herman R. Murphy, Atlantic Union Conference Sabbath school director, has retired after 47 years of distinguished service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Murphy's retirement was submitted and approved at the October 15 union conference executive committee meeting.

A farewell dinner was given at the Old Mill, Westminister, Massachusetts, on Sunday evening, November 23. An inspirational program followed the traditionally delicious buffet dinner. The Atlantic Union Conference officers, departmental directors, secretaries, General Conference auditors and their companions were in attendance. Also invited was the Murphys' only child, Sylvia, and her husband and two sons.

The evening's program was introduced by Leon H. Davis, who also showed, following the dinner, a fifteen-minute slide show. This program featured the birth, early education, and aims and objectives accomplished by Murphy as a departmental director on the Atlantic Union Conference staff.

Pastor Murphy's career was divided into five decades beginning with the 30's. Each decade was introduced with an appropriate song released during that decade and played by Star Starnes at the piano.

In 1976, Murphy joined the Atlantic Union Conference staff, and states that the greatest objective and burden he stressed was "that people be taught and helped to really dig down deep in the study of the Scriptures." Murphy has had a burden for the absentee problem in Sabbath school. He instituted the revolutionary Sabbath School Audit program.

Pastor Earl Amundson, Atlantic Union Conference president, presented tributory remarks, commending and congratulating Murphy for his accomplishments and cooperation. A song of laudation was read and played by Earl Bryant, the son-in-law of the Murphys. A prayer of celebration was offered by Aaron Brogden. Presentations and remarks were made by Luther Crooker, Gaylah Cantrell, and Kathy McIntyre, Murphy's secretary. The spotlight then focused on Herman R. Murphy, who rose to the occasion with many quips, potent stories, and serious observations of his work and appreciation of the Atlantic Union Conference officers and other associates.

The Murphys have enjoyed a long career, characterized by faithfulness, loyalty, and sacrifice. They have instituted innovations to make the work easier, more economical, and representative. Their dedication to God's work has spanned most of five decades, innumerable places, and people have been left better because of them. They can look back on their labors and be satisfied, for they have done well. More importantly, may the heavenly Father say, "Well done, faithful servants."

Leon Davis
Communications Director
Atlantic Union Conference

THE GATES SHALL NOT

E. E. Cleveland, director of the department of church missions at Oakwood College, is the author of the second quarter Sabbath school lessons in 1981. They are entitled, "The Church—Home at Last."

In connection with the Sabbath school lessons, he has written a book entitled, "The Gates Shall Not." This book is available at any Adventist Book Center.

This is the second time that he has authored a Sabbath school quarterly. Those who have enjoyed his other published works will find these lessons interesting and stimulating.

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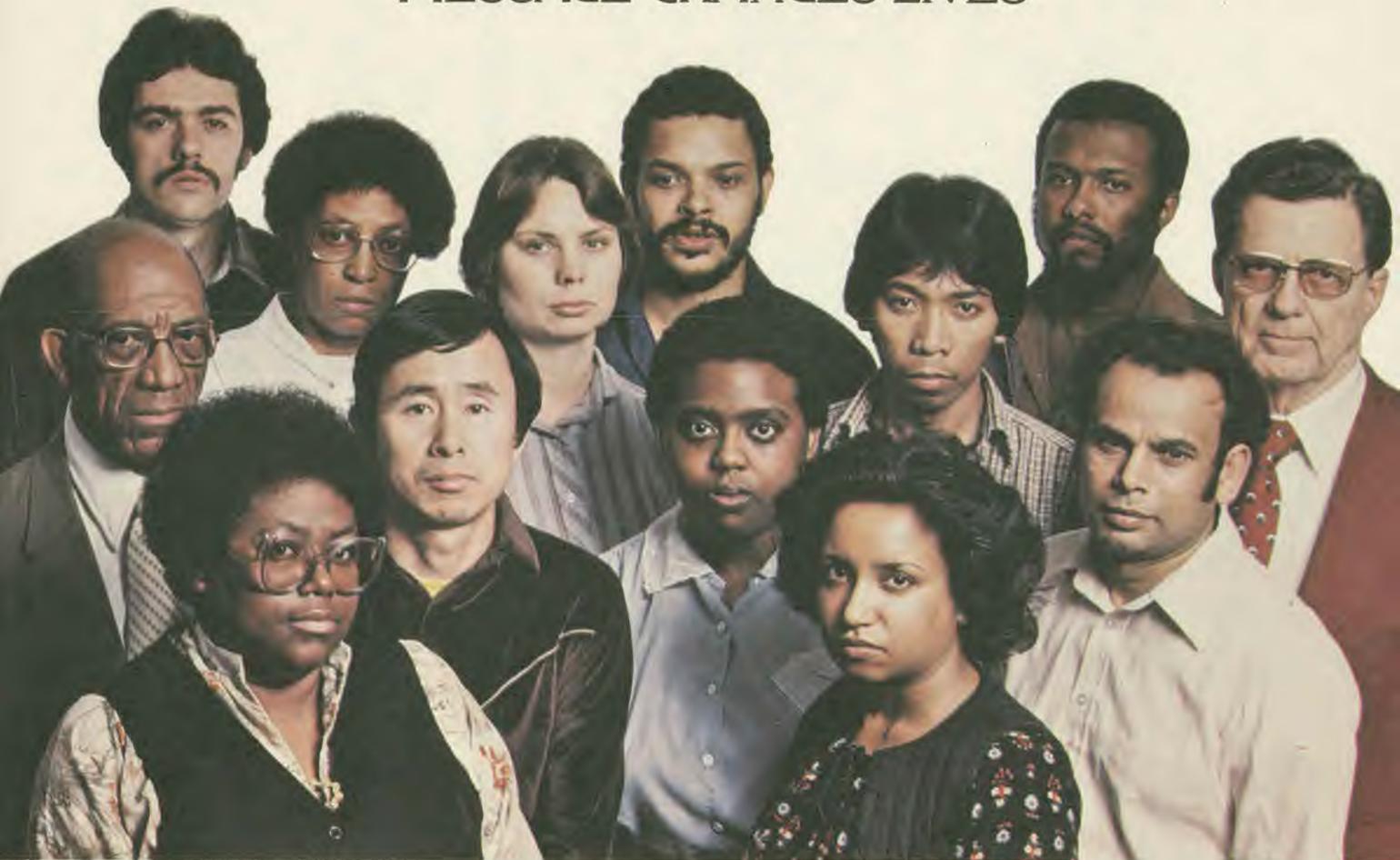
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