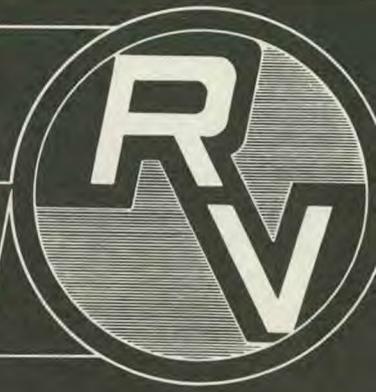


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COVER STORY

THE VOICE CELEBRATES ITS THIRD ANNIVERSARY

Once again we herald the anniversary of the *Regional Voice*, this year its third. For us, the editorial staff, it is indeed a blessing from God to continue publishing news for all the regional conferences and focus on our black Seventh-day Adventist heritage.

We are extremely honored to have the eminent author and world evangelist, Dr. E. E. Cleveland, as a columnist for the *Voice*. His monthly column, "Cleveland's Commentary," is thought-provoking and deals with substantial issues that are affecting black Seventh-day Adventists.

We are looking forward to the challenges and triumphs this year will bring for us. We hope the content of our magazine will continue to strengthen your intellect, ennoble your thoughts and challenge you to reach higher heights.

Once again we reaffirm our commitment to excellence to you, our readers.

A 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 our church lie with the importance we place on 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.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

COURAGE, STRENGTH AND LOVE EQUALS FATHER

by Stephanie D. Johnson

My heart is always stirred whenever I see the blue-gray smoke that bubbles from the iron pipes of U. S. Steel. This is where my father has diligently worked for almost 40 years. I remember that while we slept in the warmth and comfort of our home, father would faithfully rise every day a little after dawn, despite physical ailments, cold weather, torrential rain or blazing hot sun, to work in the smoldering bosom of the steel mill.

My father often went with a heavy heart because he was severely tested for his Sabbath beliefs, yet he refused to compromise his principles. He was ostracized, isolated, falsely condemned and finally lost his job.

You see, my father's stand for religious liberty in the deep south called for great personal valor and a strong faith in God because black men and women who stood uncompromisingly for their beliefs were often castrated, abused or lynched. Despite the consequences, my father chose to stand firm.

After what seemed like a long struggle, my father was reinstated and given the right to worship according to the dictates of his conscience.

Little did my brothers and sisters realize what my father suffered for the cause of God. As we began to mature, we began to better understand my father's struggle. Those stories we had heard in worship began to take on new meaning. Then we began to realize what a sacrifice my parents had to make to give us a Christian education and provide a home and quality life for us.

As I began to reflect upon the glorious experience God had given my father, I decided many years ago that I would stand firmly for what I believed and would gladly pay the price for my convictions.

I wonder if my father ever realized the far-reaching consequences he has had on his children's lives. God richly blessed my father for his faithfulness.

That is one of the reasons I love my father, because by his precept and example he has greatly enriched my life. He has not been content to remain faithful to God but has also commanded us to do likewise. He has instilled within the

core of my heart a firm and unwavering commitment to God.

The love I have for my father springs forth from the deepest well-springs of my heart. I treasure his opinions and ideas. I savor the times we share together. To have his approval is more valuable to me than riches and honor. I would rather have his love than the admiration of ten thousand kings.

I strive diligently to make my father proud of me. I seek new experiences and spend countless hours reading good books to broaden my horizons so that, when I return home, I can sit and exchange ideas with my father. I am amazed at his vast knowledge of the Bible, deep love for history and depth of understanding.

Often when I am confronted with a decision, I remember the words of my father. "It behooves us to be faithful. Your attitude determines your altitude. Character is the only thing you can take to heaven with you." Those words and the example of my father have always kept me.

My father has instilled within me a noble commitment to uplifting humanity. Often he reminds us that we should not seek great riches, but rather strive to work for a cause greater than ourselves.

He has taught us that because we have been given an education, we owe a debt to society. We must seek to help others.

In looking back over my life and the profound influence Washington Johnson, Sr., has made on my life, I must confess that a child with a father who loves and fears the Lord is greatly blessed. Let us remember to express our love and appreciation to our fathers, not just on Father's Day, but every day! Happy Father's Day, Daddy!!

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Some Seventh-day Adventists mistakenly believe that since there is no draft, few Adventists are in the armed forces. Actually, because of high unemployment and hard economic times, many of our youth are in uniform.

According to General Conference sources that offer conservative estimates, we have about as many Adventists in uniform today as we had when the draft was in place during the height of the Vietnam War. As funds for higher education dry up, this situation is expected to become even worse. Among

black Adventists, the numbers are higher still. Added to this scenario is the increasing hostility around the world.

The U.S. is stepping up its defenses because of a more confrontative posture with the Soviets. We also face extremely dangerous situations in our own hemisphere. Nuclear or biological warfare and hostilities conducted from outer space are becoming live options. Further, terrorism in the form of anarchic, sporadic violence that can rip any society apart is becoming a tactic sponsored by at least one superpower. One of the defenses of the U.S. is its manpower, and the country is moving to develop this especially.

Seventh-day Adventists cannot stand removed from today's economic hard times or the climate of increasing international hostility. The question for us is: "What can we do to continue fulfilling our commission?"

We have recognized our responsibility to our youth from the time of the first draft (by the Union armies in the North during the Civil War). In those days we routinely took up offerings to buy our young men's way out of service. Our church leaders felt we simply could not afford to abandon the announcing of the three angels' messages to go to war against others. The \$100 to \$300 substitute was both legal and ethical in the 1800's.

The church presently requests that an offering be received every other year. This year the offering will be taken on June 19. These funds are spent primarily for two objectives—to prepare our youth for service and hold them within the family of God. Adventist servicemen receive subscriptions to six church periodicals and the Sabbath school lesson quarterlies. Adventist chaplains are provided with literature for their missionary or outreach endeavors, and servicemen's centers are operated around the world, wherever our youth in uniform are likely to be gathered in large numbers.

Christ said His followers were to be like the salt of the earth. Our committed Adventist servicepeople can bring the grace of God into the anti-spiritual atmosphere that exists in much of the military life. Your offering helps provide the tools to keep them going.

Putting confidence in an unreliable man is like chewing with a sore tooth, or trying to run on a broken foot.

Proverbs 25:19

The Editor's Desk



On Sabbath, January 16, a district meeting was held in Mansfield, Louisiana, for the Coushatta district. Pastor W. E. Humphrey, Jr., had arranged for the meeting at a community center. The members from Coushatta and Natchitoches were on hand for a pleasant morning service. The conference president, W. C. Jones, was present to encourage the people to help with the gathering of funds for the new Mansfield church building. Over \$3,000 was pledged toward this worthy project. One of the special features at this meeting was the musical group from Coushatta. The harmony was excellent and the young people cheered the hearts of those who were present. Delores Humphrey directed this musical group.

HOLY LAND TOUR

The Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists presents its 1982 educational tour of Egypt, the Holy Land and Greece. Conducted by Pastor Harold Baptiste, the tour runs July 5-19, 1982, for \$1,499 per person.

CORRECTION

In the January, 1982, issue of the *Regional Voice*, the article on Ohio State University stated that Olivia Willis completed her M.A. degree in December of 1979, when she actually received it in December, 1978.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	June	25	July 2	9	16
Boston, Mass		8:25	8:25	8:23	8:19
New York City		8:34	8:34	8:31	8:28
Buffalo, N.Y.		8:58	8:57	8:55	8:51
Atlanta, Ga.		8:52	8:52	8:51	8:48
Miami, Fla.		8:16	8:16	8:16	8:14
Charlotte, N.C.		8:42	8:42	8:41	8:38
Birmingham, Ala.		8:01	8:01	8:00	7:57
Jackson, Miss.		8:11	8:12	8:11	8:08
Memphis, Tenn.		8:18	8:18	8:17	8:15
Louisville, Ky.		9:10	9:10	9:08	9:05
Detroit, Mich.		9:14	9:13	9:11	9:07
Chicago, Ill.		8:29	8:29	8:27	8:23
South Bend, Indiana		8:24	8:23	8:21	8:18
Minneapolis, Minn.		8:04	8:03	8:01	7:56
St. Louis, Mo.		8:29	8:29	8:27	8:24
Kansas City, Mo.		8:48	8:48	8:46	8:43
Denver, Co.		8:32	8:32	8:30	8:27
Little Rock, Ark.		8:26	8:26	8:25	8:22
Dallas, Texas		8:39	8:40	8:38	8:36
New Orleans, La.		8:05	8:05	8:04	8:02
Albuquerque, N.M.		8:24	8:24	8:23	8:21
Oklahoma City, Okla.		7:49	7:49	7:48	7:45

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

AGAPE LOVE FEAST

Although February is usually considered "love month," Adventists believe that love should *always* abound. Baltimore-Berea Temple church recently demonstrated this philosophy with a special agape love feast for their pastor, Edward L. Richardson, and his family.

The air in the lower auditorium of the church was pervaded with familial support. All the church choirs sang, including the Sanctuary Choir, the Gospel Choir, the New Believers Choir and the Lamplighters (children). A special dedicatory number was performed by an instrumental group called the Baltimore Adventist Youth Ensemble. Several dramatic recitations and personal testimonies were also given.

Pastor Richardson was born in Bermuda. His formal education includes a B.A. in sociology from McGill University in Canada, a B.A. in theology from Columbia Union College, a master of divinity from Andrews University and a doctor of ministry degree from the Eastern Theological Seminary.

Before entering the ministry, he taught at the St. George's Secondary School and served as principal of the Bermuda Institute of Seventh-day Adventists. He has pastored churches in Brinklow, Maryland, Bridgeton, Salem and Whitesboro, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C.

He organized and produced the "Voice of Youth" radio broadcast in Bermuda, "The Turning Point" in Bridgeton, New Jersey, and the telecast, "Concept," in Cape May, New Jersey.

He has served in the past as president of the Bridgeton ministerium, a member of the bicentennial commission in Philadelphia and director of two Breath of Life evangelistic crusades.

Richardson is married to the former Marjorie Guishard, head elementary teacher at the Dupont Park school in Washington, D.C. They have two sons: Paul, a student at Howard University Medical School, and Stephen, who attends the Andrews University seminary. There is also a "daughter" in the family since Paul recently married Sherral Ross.

L. C. R. Carson
Communication Secretary

Do you know a hard working man? He shall be successful and stand before kings!

FOUR



The Richardsons express their appreciation for their congregation's love.

MOUNT OLIVET CHOIR MARKS ANNIVERSARY

Mt. Olivet's Senior Choir in Camden, New Jersey, recently celebrated their 55th anniversary. The choir enjoys the reputation of being one of the best choirs in Allegheny East Conference. It is not uncommon for guests to come and worship with Mt. Olivet and comment on the music.

Diedra Williams, president of the choir, worked to present a weekend of celebration that began with a concert on Friday evening with other community choirs. On Sabbath, the Dupont Park Senior Choir of Washington, D.C., joined

in celebration by preparing hearts to receive the spoken word by Chaplain Barry Black and an afternoon of music following the morning service.

Mt. Olivet is extremely proud of its director, Vaughn Archie, who has given his time and talents to provide a variety of music for the worship of God for more than 20 years. His sister, Camille, skillfully handles both piano and organ for any song, in any key, to accompany any group or soloist.

Camden invites you to come any Sabbath of the year to enjoy their worship in song.

Nicceta Davis
Communication Secretary



Chaplain Barry Black speaks.

AKRON CHURCH HAS GOAL FOR SOULS

Pastor Edwin L. Thoms challenges the congregation with his Goal for Souls thermometer. The church takes up the challenge and involves itself in soul-winning. The personal ministries department of the conference is setting as its goal "the active involvement in 1982 of laymen and ministers actively engaged in soul-winning." Below are diverse ways evangelism is being utilized in the Akron Bethel church.



The health institute 5-day stop smoking plan: Pastor Thoms and directors Mr. and Mrs. Aurthur Torrey.



E. L. Thoms with the Goal for Souls thermometer.



Valerie Foster, personal ministries director, with the dukane projector.



"Suffer the little children." Children get ready to launch balloons with evangelistic messages on them.



Pastor Henry Hope of Beckley, West Virginia, flanked by his elders, baptizes record numbers in West Virginia.



Plays are given and the public is invited into the Bethel SDA Church. Once there they are encouraged to return. Above: Christina Burks, Andrienne Johnson, Lorraine Burks, Phillip Thompson, Bobby Thompson, Byron Wilson. Below: Donald Thoms, Steve Hollis with Charles Buck and Brian Hollis.



J. C. Palmer of the Melrose SDA Church in Roanoke, Virginia (now pastor of Cincinnati Shiloh), challenges his church to soul-winning and declares, "You can tell the temperature of a Christian by his soul-winning."



Pastor Warnick examines the candidates.

A BEAUTIFUL HARVEST IN ST. LOUIS

There was great rejoicing in the Berean church on Sabbath, March 27, as members of the Park Avenue, Kinloch, Kirkwood, Northside and Berean SDA churches in St. Louis, Missouri, gathered to witness the baptism of sixteen precious souls by G. W. Timpson, associate secretary of the Mid-America Union, and R. F. Warnick, pastor of the Berean church.

These souls were fruits of the EAY Spring Youth for Better Living Crusade conducted by Timpson. Smiling faces, tear-filled eyes and hands reaching out to clasp the hands of other believers reflected the joy of thankful hearts on the part of those who had prayed and labored to produce the white-robed line of baptismal candidates that stretched across the front of the sanctuary.

This thrilling experience began last fall when the Eastern Adventist Youth Federation (EAY) executive committee met to plan the spring week of prayer. The newly-elected president contacted area pastors R. F. Warnick, B. T. Rice and M. A. McCleary, encouraging them to adopt Project Recovery in their local churches. This was a plan to identify, contact and seek to recover through every means available young people who were no longer active in the church. Those youths who were active, espe-



Husband and wife, Vincent and Wannetta Mills, are baptized together.

cially those who had been participating in the Friday night Youth for Christ encounter group at Berean, were also interested in seeking to win other young people to Christ.

Timpson, who had conducted a workshop on evangelism in St. Louis, was chosen to be the week of prayer speaker. His acceptance letter indicated that the initial plans were approved of heaven. Without knowing the direction the local people were moving in, Timpson's letter requested that the week of prayer be used as a "reaping" meeting and that the youths seek to reclaim and evangelize!



Pastor Cox stirs up Philadelphia in sermon to win souls.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT VISITS DES MOINES

The Philadelphia SDA Church in Des Moines, Iowa, was honored by the presence of Pastor S. H. Cox, recently re-elected president of the Central States Conference, who preached a dynamic sermon on "Stirred-up Christians."

His text was Acts 17:16, in which Paul saw the idolatry in Athens and was stirred up against the city. Cox admonished the church to get stirred up and win souls for God.

Following the worship service, a lunch was held in his honor.

In the area of lay evangelism, Philadelphia has been giving Bible studies for the past eight Sabbaths at three p.m. in the sanctuary, where members are learning how to go out into the field and apply what they have learned to win many souls in 1982.

Sharon Tate
Correspondent

ANNUAL TEMPERANCE RALLY

The annual temperance rally for the Central States Conference was held March 6 in Denver, Colorado, at the Park Hill church. The program opened with the national negro anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Posters were presented by Garren Hollingsworth of the Linwood Boulevard church, Stewart Miller of the Kirkwood, Missouri, church, Bobby Anderson of Omaha, Beth Knight of Community in Denver, and Darren Allen of Park Hill. Third place was awarded to Stewart Miller, second place to Beth Knight and first place to Darren Allen.

Participants in the jingles contest were Emerson Ross of Wichita, Kansas, Lisa Anne Brown of Kirkwood, Missouri, Bryan Gillium of the Berean church in St. Louis, Missouri, Lisa York of Allon chapel in Lincoln, Nebraska, Eugene Anderson of Community and Russell Caston of Park Hill. Third place was awarded to Eugene Anderson, second place to Lisa Anne Brown and first place to Lisa York.

The winning essay was written and submitted by Annette McRoy of Leavenworth, Kansas, entitled "Drowning in a Sea of Drunkenness."

Finally, the audience was treated to the orations of three lovely young ladies. Third place was awarded to Tenitta L. Burnett of the Sharon church in Omaha, Nebraska, second place to Wanice Buford of the Linwood Boulevard church in Kansas City, Missouri, and first place to Regina Wilkinson of the Denver Park Hill church.

We at the Central States Conference congratulate each participant of the 1982 Temperance Rally. Our lives have been enriched and blessed by their presence and contributions. May this experience lead each of them to yet higher achievements.

Ivory Chalmers
Communication Secretary

NEWS FLASH!!!

Darren Allen was awarded second place for his poster and Lisa York was awarded first place for her jingle at the Mid-America Union Temperance Rally. Congratulations, Darren and Lisa.

S. Haywood Cox
Acting Communication Director



Lake Region's newly appointed treasurer, Dennis Keith, and wife Dorothy.

LAKE REGION'S NEW TREASURER

Dennis C. Keith, Sr., is now serving as treasurer of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. His wife, Dorothy, has also joined the conference staff as secretary to the executive secretary, Pastor R. C. Brown, Sr., and Religious Liberty Director Harold A. Lindsey. The Keiths have three children: Dennis, Jr., age 20; Denise, age 18, and Dawn, age 6.

Dennis Keith is a graduate of Columbia Union College with a B.A. in business administration and a master of business administration from Andrews University.

He has served as assistant treasurer and ABC manager of the Allegheny East Conference, an accountant at Riverside Hospital, treasurer of the Sierra Leone Mission in West Africa for nine years, treasurer of the Korean Union Mission in Seoul for 3½ years, and staff auditor of the General Conference auditing service for 2½ years.

The Lake Region Conference welcomes the Keith family and prays for the Lord's richest blessings as they give continued service in His work.

CHICAGOLAND AY FEDERATION: SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

For the first time in the history of the Chicagoland Youth Federation, the area pastors and AY leaders joined hands with federation officers to consolidate the spring week of prayer under the title of Youth Emphasis Week, which was held at the Hyde Park SDA Church.

The theme for the week was "Choice from the Chosen." Pastor Walter A.



Chapter One, a gospel choir from Andrews University.

Pearson from the Allegheny East Conference was the guest speaker.

Pearson thrilled our hearts from night to night with a series of stories from the experiences of Israel as God's chosen people. His topics were: "Their Rock is Not Our Rock," "A Sweet Tree," "Take Me to the Water," "Watermelons" and "A Piece of Cake." It was clear from the first sermon that this was to be a memorable series.

Each night as we sang the theme song, "I Will Serve Thee," young and old alike determined in their hearts to make the right choices as God's chosen today.

The sermons were not the only features of the week. On Monday and Wednesday evening before services, Pastors Tyrone A. Boyd and Jerome Davis led the youth in rap sessions on vital issues of the day. On Tuesday evening a mini-concert was the appetizer. The feature film, "Vengeance is Mine," was viewed before the nightly service.

Fellowship and participation among the pastors, AY leaders and youth were superb. Youth Emphasis Week ended on Thursday night with overwhelming success and blended beautifully into the tone of the spring federation meeting Friday with Pastor Pearson opening with the sermon topic, "Keys to the City."

Sabbath celebrations were held at the Olivet Baptist Church, which began with an enlightening news team reporting during Sabbath school. News reports



Pastor Walter Pearson, guest speaker for the week of prayer.

made live on the site ranged from an up-to-the-minute report, a flash from the past and even news from the Air Force in Europe. Commercial breaks of special music were strategically placed.

Six area churches combined efforts to give daily reports from the week's lesson study ending with a roving-mike opinion poll in which the congregation cheerfully participated. Beacon of Joy and Morgan Park, the host churches, led out as the church at study came alive.

The divine worship service was a delight for the 1300 saints that met in the church sanctuary. This number does not include children from the ages of seven to twelve, because they were attending the special "children's church" prepared for them in a chapel room and led by Ellen Tolson.

Unbelievably, there was more good music, fellowship and learning of God's choice for the chosen. Pearson invited each of us to try on and wear "New Shoes." With twelve churches represented, everyone loved the look and feel of their new shoes. This was especially true for the two young people who gave their hearts to the Lord.

The afternoon programs began with an all-female Pathfinder color guard from Shiloh church. The close-scoring speech contest had all ears awaiting the announcement of the first place award winner, Lisa Roland.

Before we could get too relaxed, we had to "Go to the Mountain." Everyone was suddenly placed in a flight situation where they had to decide what to take to the mountains in the time of trouble, what their Scripture would be the first Sabbath in the mountains, and more.

The week had been so rewarding, so encouraging that to help us relax, an area university was the place to be. An Uno tournament, swimming, bowling, ping pong and fellowship were offered to all who attended. Those who could last through Sunday's basketball championship game witnessed South Bend's narrow escape with the first place trophy.

The Chicagoland Adventist Youth Federation is under the capable leadership of David A. Peay, president; Marquite Byrd, vice-president; Johnnie Vappi, secretary-treasurer; Pamela Wright, assistant secretary-treasurer; and Michael Beale, chaplain.

Wisdom is a fountain of life to those possessing it, but a fool's burden is his folly.



Pastors D. Smith and E. Herndon baptize Mrs. P. Wells.

MOUNT VERNON'S GROWTH

Pastors D. Smith and E. Herndon performed a beautiful baptismal service on January 9 at the Mount Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mt. Vernon, New York. Six precious souls decided to give their hearts to the Lord.

This was Herndon's first baptismal service since his ordination last summer at the Victory Lake Camp in New Hyde Park, New York.

Since Smith's arrival at the Mount Vernon church in September of 1980, the church has grown significantly. His messages have touched the hearts of many.

Pearl H. Wells, a person being baptized, declared that she would never refrain from being a baptist. She had believed in God all of her life and was positive that she was doing the Lord's will, but there was one thing that always bothered her: the Sabbath/Sunday controversy.

Her son, James Wells, has been an Adventist for over 25 years and the way he lived made a deep impression upon her. Pearl was a very active Baptist but became ill in December of 1980. Her illness gave her the opportunity to study and concentrate on the Sabbath/Sunday controversy.

Always hoping to improve her health, she asked Pastor Thaddeus Wilson to anoint her. This brought her even closer to the true understanding of the word of God. Under Pastor D. Smith, the inspiration of her son and the workings of the Holy Spirit, she decided to forsake all and follow Christ after 67 years of being a Baptist.

One of her grandsons, Keith Wells, is a local elder in the Yonkers Way to Life SDA Mission. Another, Bruce Wells, is an assistant dean at Oakwood College. The third grandson, Lawrence Wells, is a senior at Oakwood College.

Pastor Smith is a great source of encouragement to his church family and values the souls of all new members. May God continue to bless him and Pastor Herndon as they carry on the work of the Lord.

Henry Bowen and Sylvia West Thomas
Communication Secretaries

SOCIAL EVENTS AT MOUNT VERNON

On January 16, a banquet was held at the Eastwood Hall, Bronx, New York, honoring Pastor Edward Herndon and his wife Sandra for their many years of faithful service in the Mount Vernon SDA Church. Pastor Harold Baptist was among the honored guests (a former pastor of the Mt. Vernon SDA Church).

Herndon is an ordained minister who teaches at Northeastern Academy and Sandra Herndon is superintendent of schools for the Northeastern Conference.

Henry Bowen
Communication Secretary



Pastor D. Smith of the Mt. Vernon, New York, church addresses the banquet group at the Herndon testimonial.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY HONORS OLDEST MEMBER

The Ephesus Benevolent Society epitomizes the words of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love!" Organized nearly six decades ago, the aim is exactly what the name implies: benevolent, organized for the purpose of doing good.

Says President Preston Alexander, "The aim of the society is to help defray burial expenses. Membership is open to all members of the Ephesus church, young and old. There was a time when 75 percent of the membership belonged to the society. We are seeking 100 percent participation."

For a number of years, Henrietta Parks has held the honor of being the oldest member of the Ephesus Benevolent Society. Her birthday was January 5. She is now 102 years old. In honor of this occasion, Rosa Lee Jones placed a beautiful corsage on Henrietta. Pastor Cox gave brief remarks in honor of the occasion.

Other officers of the society include: Alice Jones, secretary; Gladys Miller, treasurer; Sylvia Alexander, financial secretary; Gladys Robinson, Dorothy McMahon, chaplains.



Preston Alexander holds the microphone for Henrietta Parks as Rosa Lee Jones looks on.

VISITOR'S DAY

Beautiful red and yellow flowers in front of the altar and a wondrous feeling of peace and serenity formed an altogether fitting backdrop as a large number of visitors swelled an overflow crowd gathered for Sabbath School Visitor's Day in the Ebenezer church, Freeport, New York, on March 6.

Assistant Superintendent John Horsham led out for the morning. Cynthia Bernard gave the mission report, which let us know that we should not give just to get favors from God, but because we love Him.

W. Blair gave the lesson study on the possibility of absolute honesty—can we have it? Yes, we can. Jerome Higgins closed with special music and later in the divine worship hour meditated that in times like these we need a Saviour, Jesus the Solid Rock.

Pastor P. Wesley of Zion Temple in New York City asked, "Why Is Heaven Silent?" It is silent when some big event is planned or going forward.

Andrew Smith was presented with a plaque in appreciation of his many years of service to the Sabbath school and church. He is helping out many Sabbaths now in a new mission in his hometown of Wyandanch.

The senior choir sang, "I Want to be Ready When Jesus Comes," and I. Robinson sang the solo part for their rendition of "Sign Me Up," two truly beautiful numbers.

LARGEST ORDINATION IN WEST BROAD'S HISTORY

On Sabbath, January 16, Pastor V. L. Mendinghall ordained the following young men at the Savannah-West Broad Street church: local elder—Demetrius Jones, the district assistant pastor; as deacons—Robert Harris, Zethro Turner, Jossie Ching, Reginald Owens, Dwellie Parris, Johnny Houston and Erik Brown.

The pastor, in his remarks, impressed upon the church the solemnity of the occasion. The ordainees, along with the other young people and older members of the church, were caught up in the exuberance of the Spirit's working during that hour, renewed their consecration and pledged to support the young men who were thus ordained as well as the programs of the church.

BOULEVARD SABBATH SCHOOL HONORS ATLANTAN

Rochelle White was honored at Boulevard's Community Awards Day on May 20. She was chosen because of her selfless contribution to the aged, poor and children in the Atlanta community far beyond the call of duty.

Mrs. White's training is essentially in the area of physical education and allied fields. Because of her employment with the city of Atlanta in its cultural arts department, she was able to gain insight into areas where she should use her talent for the uplifting of the needy citizenry.

She is the physical fitness instructor at Mozley Park, Southeast Community Center, Dunbar Community Center, Southside Day Care Children's Home,



Charlye Mae Hawk accepts a plaque from Pastor Lee Paschal, national president of the Oakwood alumni association.

M. A. Jones Elementary School, Grady Mental Out-Patients at Bass Community Center, Senior Citizens Club at University John Hope Homes and the mentally retarded at Bethune Elementary School on Northside Drive in Atlanta.

Rochelle says she treasures this recognition from the Seventh-day Adventist church very highly.

THIRTY COUPLES RENEW MARRIAGE VOWS AT WEST BROAD STREET

Thirty couples under the leadership of their pastor, V. L. Mendinghall, renewed their marriage vows at the West Broad Street SDA Church in Savannah, Georgia, on Sabbath, February 13.

This service ended a week-long marriage enrichment workshop held at the church for the entire membership. The pastor and his wife Ruth participated in the ceremony, along with 29 other couples.

From the demonstration and comments which came from the couples at the reception which followed in the F. W.

Parker Fellowship Hall, it was quite evident that these couples caught a new sense of the importance of maintaining a fresh and determined devotion to each other as it relates to their marriage vow. One couple—Robert and Alfreda Golden—were so inspired that they went on a second honeymoon for three days. All the couples reported the extra special attention they have been receiving from their spouses since this remarkable experience.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HONORS CHARLYE MAE HAWK

Charlye Mae Hawk, cashier-secretary at South Atlantic Conference, was honored by the Oakwood College National Alumni Association on April 10.

The former Charlye Mae Porter of Atlanta, Georgia, graduated from Oakwood in 1948 and has worked at South Atlantic Conference continuously since then.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 21	Last day of school
May 21-23	Graduation days
June 7-10	Campmeeting preparation, Hawthorne, FL
June 9	Conference committee meeting, Hawthorne, FL
June 9	Workers' meeting, Hawthorne, FL
June 10-19	Campmeeting, Hawthorne, FL
June 17	Annual conference-wide temperance oratorical contest (campground)
June 19	Conference-wide development offering
June 26-27	School board workshop (Charlotte, Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem), Winston-Salem, NC



Rochelle White, left, accepting a plaque from Lorraine Henri, wife of C. D. Henri, pastor of Atlanta-Boulevard Drive church, which honored Mrs. White.



Pastor C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, with conference committee members, guests and their wives, among whom were Berean's former pastors D. Reid, R. Bell and E. Rogers, along with present pastor Roland Hill and his wife. Very special guests were Pastor Walter Fordham, former president of South Central Conference, Pastor Louis Reynolds, past editor of Message magazine, and Pastor Ward, a former evangelist for the Southern Union Conference.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SURVEYS CONFERENCE

The executive committee of the South Central Conference took a twelve-day trip throughout the five-state conference, visiting every district, viewing historical sites, greeting members, inspecting buildings, schools and housing projects.

The trip began in Nashville on Friday, March 26, and ended after 3,500 miles on April 6 at the starting point. The group traveled in a chartered bus and was greeted by each pastor and his members, who gave a brief history of their church, a brief outline of the work in progress, the needs of the church and future goals. After the presentation they gave the committee a delicious meal.

Pastor Dudley, the president, gave the history of the cities and churches as they neared the towns. He explained, "The trip was not for the purpose of grading. It was to give growth to the committee in decision-making and planning—for a finished work."

The committee visited Edgefield Junction, where the first black church was organized. They visited Vicksburg and Natchez, Mississippi, where the "Morning Star" boat made its first landings and organized the first black schools in Mississippi. That boat was the missionary project of James Edson White, who helped get the Adventist work established in Nashville.

The committee visited black institutions like Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee, and Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama. They visited sites

that made headlines during the civil rights movements during the 1960s, like the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, where Dr. Martin Luther King was pastor when the Rosa Parks bus incident sparked that history-making bus boycott and started King on the civil rights road. They visited the Edmond Pettis bridge that crosses the Alabama river where Ralph Abernathy started that famous 50-mile march from Selma to Montgomery.

The committee rode in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains as they visited the church in Morristown, Tennessee. They traveled across the gently rolling plains of northern Alabama and through the amazingly flat lands of the Mississippi Delta. They visited the semi-tropical Pensacola, Florida, and the more northern city of Louisville, Kentucky, on the southern banks of the Ohio River.

While they were impressed with the beautiful places, they were more impressed with the beautiful people who had sacrificed to build churches and schools in five states. All of the nearly 100 buildings visited were clean and most in good repair. All but three had identification signs.

At some stops church school teachers and students gave impressive programs. At other stops the committee visited the whole congregation. Pastors W. W. Fordham and D. Reid preached in Memphis, while W. J. Cleveland insisted that the president preach at South Park in Birmingham, Alabama.

The president, Dr. C. E. Dudley, had longed for the committee to see what

they were voting on. Now he feels that the committee will take actions with more assurance, now that they have seen the conference with their own eyes and heard with their own ears.

Two new churches are under construction, the Mount Calvary in Huntsville, Alabama, E. C. Ward, pastor, and the College Hill church in Knoxville, Tennessee, F. S. Hill, pastor.

Guests who toured with the committee were Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Reid, retired minister; Pastor and Mrs. W. W. Fordham, former president of South Central; Pastor L. B. Reynolds, former editor of Message magazine; and the president's sister-in-law.



NEW HEIGHTS TV MINISTRY

The New Heights SDA Church in Jackson, Mississippi, is the only black church whose worship services are televised weekly.

The show is recorded on Sabbath and broadcast on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on Channel 3, WLBT.

The television ministry is really making an impact on its viewers. City officials have expressed their appreciation for the fine television ministry.

SACRED CHORAL CONCERT

On Tuesday, March 23, the Kingsway College Symphonic Choir from Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, under the direction of Carl W. Anderson, presented a sacred choral concert at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The choir is the chapel choir of Kingsway College, an SDA school in Canada. The fame of the choir has spread rapidly as it has striven for choral excellence in the realms of music. It has become the official choral body of the Oshawa Symphony Orchestra, performing the large choral masterpieces from all periods of music.

This was the choir's third Florida tour in recent years. During this performance the choir featured familiar anthems, works by master composers and hymn arrangements.

The special appeal of the choir has been its demonstration that young people can sing, learn, appreciate and perform the inspired music of the great masters. Although hymns are found in their repertoire, it has been the music of the masters that has challenged the choir to praise their Creator.

HOMESTEAD GIRL HONORED

Teresa Washington, a resident of Homestead, Florida, has been named to the list of Outstanding Young Women in America. She attended Homestead Junior High, then left her family and friends to attend private school at Forest Lake Academy in Orlando.

After graduation in 1975, she entered Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. It wasn't until recently that Teresa learned that friends Tom Smith and Nora Dervin from the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Florida City secretly paid her tuition while she studied there.

While at Oakwood, Teresa was a resident assistant, student dean assistant, pre-alumni president, and public relations director for her senior class. She represented Oakwood as Miss United Negro College Fund Queen 1980-81.

As part of her studies, she spent 1977-78 as a student missionary in Korea, where she taught conversational English and Bible.

Teresa has had poems published by the American Collegiate Poets and the College Poetry Review. In addition, she

recently placed third in a poetry contest sponsored by the Dade County Public Library System.

Teresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Washington of Homestead. She is presently teaching at the Seventh-day Adventist Miami Union Academy. She is also attending real estate school in the evening.

STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR

A stewardship seminar was held February 6 through 13 at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

Theus Young, pastor, invited Samuel D. Meyers, associate director for stewardship and development secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C., to conduct the seminar.

Meyers is a graduate of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He was ordained a Seventh-day Adventist minister at Hawkins, Texas, in 1952, and has pastored churches in New Orleans, Dallas, Baton Rouge, Kansas City, Omaha, Chicago and Los Angeles. He served as president of the Central States Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, from 1974 to 1979.

Meyers is married to Gloria Lee Vaughn of Chicago. They have five children: Anthony Lloyd, Pamela Marie, Charles Welden, Donna Louise and Sibyl Diane.

HEALTH LECTURE HELD

The Better Living Department of the Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church in Miami, Florida, invited the community to attend its program on February 27.

Dr. Medilton from the Dade County medical examiner's office presented information and slides to enlighten those present on deaths caused by drug abuse. Films showed the damaging effects of marijuana, heroin, cocaine, etc., on the brain, liver and other major organs of the body.

Dr. Joseph Evans addressed the issue of how commonplace and widespread the use of drugs has become. Drugs have reached epidemic proportions in our society. Other facts presented—44 million drug abusers in America, sixteen million of these are regular users of these detrimental substances; and four million are between the ages of twelve and seventeen.

This terrible habit is no longer a street problem, but is invading our homes, schools and churches. Now is the time for every interested parent to do something about this alarming news. All interested persons who recognize the problem should be prepared to identify the symptoms and characteristics of drug abusers.

COMMUNITY DAY

The Sabbath school department of the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Gainesville, Florida, observed its annual Sabbath School Community Guest Day on Sabbath, March 20.

The day started at a good pace with the enthusiastic presentation of the Sabbath school lesson, "Natural Law and Moral Law." During the worship hour, Pastor James Edgecombe, president of the Southeastern Conference, presented the message. The topic was, "Don't Give Up The Fight." A soul-thrilling, captivating, tactful, smooth delivery was in evidence.

Among the 180 persons in attendance were Mrs. G. Edgecombe and two children, David and Monique. All present were welcome to enjoy the delicious, nutritious meal that had been prepared for the guests.

The evening program was a musical extravaganza. The numerous choirs performing, as well as soloists, delighted the audience.

The conclusion of the day's program was the vesper thought presented by Dr. Lewis W. Edwards, pastor of the Bethel church. All were richly blessed and our souls were watered for the day.

NEWS NOTE

Angela Rose Lewis, a member of the Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church, was honored on February 20, during a banquet at the Omni Hotel.

Angela was chosen from many nominees throughout the community as Dr. Castell Bryant of the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce bestowed Angela's scholarship award to attend the college of her choice.

Angela, the daughter of proud parents Mr. and Mrs. Shadrach Lewis, plans to attend Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and aspires to a career in computer technology.

Congratulations and best wishes to Angela in her endeavors.



Enter to learn;

depart to serve.



Albert Dudley of Kettering Medical Center, left, stands with Janet Ross of Oakwood College and Clarence Hodges, commissioner of youth activities in the Reagan administration, during Oakwood's career days.



Frank Jackson of IBM confers with a student at Oakwood's career clinic.

SPECIAL YOUTH MOTIVATION TASK FORCE AT OAKWOOD

For the fifth consecutive year, leaders of the black business community have made a special visit to Oakwood College. These individuals are participants in a program sponsored jointly by the National Alliance of Business and the President's Task Force on Youth Motivation. The program has as its aims: 1) motivating black youth for service in the private business sector; and 2) establishing contacts with corporate leadership, and is available to all historically black colleges and universities.

The size of the visiting team has grown from twelve in 1978 to 38 in 1982. It is interesting to note that all 38 of the visitors this year (April 6-8) were Seventh-day Adventists. Being Seventh-day Adventist business persons, our guests were able to relate to the social and religious concerns of our many students who are preparing for professions in the business world.

The team accomplished its purposes by visiting the classrooms, engaging in private conversations with students, consultations with faculty and administration and concluding their efforts with an exit evaluation with the officers of the college.

The chairperson for this year's program was Albert Dudley, vice president of Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio. We are indebted to him and those who assisted for the practical advice and valuable insights they provided for

our youth who will soon be business leaders in our churches, conferences, schools, hospitals and society in general. Participating in the 1982 program were:

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 Dickerson, Donna Willis, Wright State University
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 Hearon, David, Western Electric Co.
 Hodges, Clarence E., U.S. Administration for Children, Youth and Families
 Hodges, Leonard, Library of Congress
 Holmes, Leroy, Duracell International, Inc.
 Hucks, W. E., Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center
 Hutchinson, Joseph, Gencon Risk Management Service
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 Johnson, Col. Leonard W., M.D., Uniformed Services Univ.
 Lloyd, Barbara A., Harris Home for Children
 McGlory, Joyce, Wallpaper-to-Go
 McMillan, W. G., General Motors Acceptance Corp.
 Mackey, Emma, Continental Telephone Service
 Mosby, Geneva Gl., Dr., U.S. Department of Defense
 Peterson, Joycelyn M., MPH, Montgomery County Health Dept.
 Randolph, Sandra, Riverside Adventist Hospital
 Reid, Ralph, United Telecommunications
 Roberts, Terrence, Dr., St. Helena Hospital and Health Center
 Edward E. Robinson, Adventist Health Systems-North
 Rogers, Sherman, EEOC
 Settle, Katie G., First National Bank of Atlanta
 Turner, Samuel H., Aluminum Co. of America
 White, Edward, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
 Wright, Beverly, Kettering College of Medical Arts

VICTORY LAKE



Arthur Bolling, R.P.T., physical therapy department.

DOORWAYS TO HEALTH . . . THROUGH EXCELLENT PHYSICAL THERAPY

1981 was a very good year for the physical therapy department. We endeavored to offer the best physical therapy treatments to our patients.

Our staff increased with the addition of an occupational therapist to our rehabilitation team. We trained two new physical therapists through intensive in-service to replace two aides who took a leave of absence. As a result, the quality of patient care was maintained.

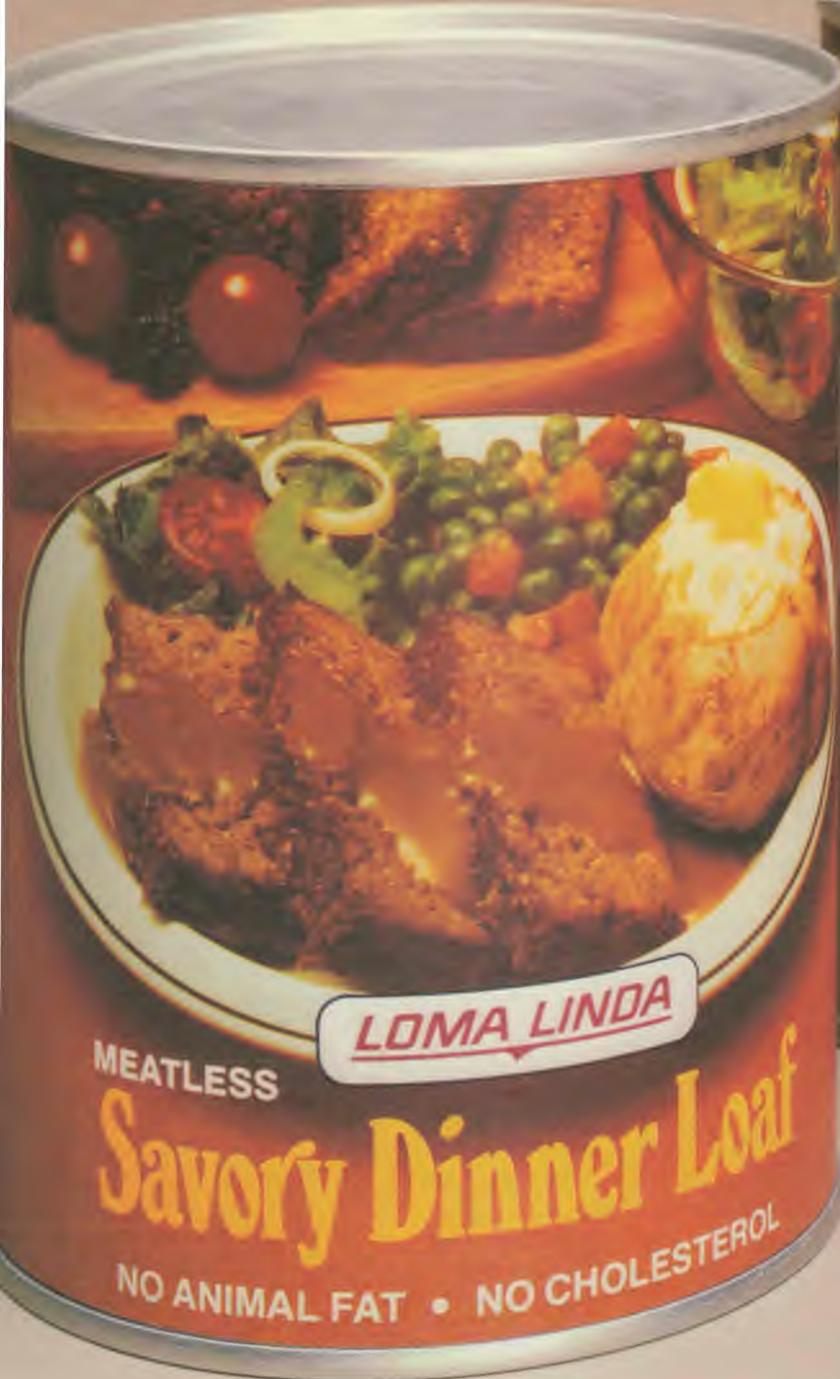
An occupational therapist has joined our rehabilitation team. We have been working closely together to set up a program to include all 120 residents. The program will monitor their functional capabilities and indicate what types of therapy are needed to maintain each resident at his/her highest functional level.

With the coordination of the rehabilitation unit, some of our residents were able to return home after a short period of convalescence and intensive rehabilitation.

Some projected goals include:

1. A closer working relationship with the occupational therapist to enhance the effectiveness of our rehabilitation program.
2. Extending the hours that the department is open in order to give more comprehensive care to all our residents.
3. Obtaining two items of equipment: an arm-hand whirlpool, which is needed to treat numerous problems involving the upper extremities; and an overhead pulley, needed for treating conditions restricting range of motion in the upper extremities.

1981 has been another banner year in growth and development for the physical therapy department. We do not expect 1982 to be any different as we strive together to serve the needs of our residents and the facility.



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Odea Sigh, formerly Christian Record Braille Foundation's district representative from Louisiana, was appointed area director of the Lake Area effective immediately, announced B. E. Jacobs, general manager. He succeeds James Boddie, who will serve as a representative in Indiana beginning in June.

Sigh, a native Texan, has been with Christian Record since 1979, having first completed his bachelor's degree in theology with a minor in psychology from Oakwood College the previous year.

As area director, Sigh will supervise the work of thirteen Christian Record workers in the Lake Area, including Iowa and Missouri. He accepts his new position with bold determination to carry forth the urgent mission of the Foundation.

"I'm very proud to be associated with this ministry to the blind," he states. "Had I not become affiliated with Christian Record, I would have totally neglected the handicapped population altogether."

One of his primary goals for the Lake Area is to recruit qualified workers to fill vacant territories served by Christian Record. Anyone interested in working for the blind with full denominational benefits can contact Sigh at P. O. Box 117, Berrien Springs, MI 49103, (616) 473-1366.

He and his wife, Janet, have a five-year-old son, Odea III.

SDA WORLD'S FAIR HOUSING IN KNOXVILLE

On a beautiful hill overlooking the city of Knoxville and the 1982 World's Fair site, the College Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church of Knoxville built a new church and school complex.

The air-conditioned educational wing will be used to house church and school groups of 47 to 100 each day. You may contact Dr. Franklin S. Hill, pastor of the Knoxville church, about group and family rates.

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OBITUARY

Celestine Elousie Hames was born October 8, 1928, to David and Augusta Gallagher of Key West, Florida. She was the seventh of thirteen children.

A faithful member of the local Seventh-day Adventist church in Key West, Florida, she completed high school in Tampa, Florida, and attended Oakwood College as an elementary education major.

She worked in Hemmingway, South Carolina, as a teacher for the South Atlantic Conference and taught special education to the mentally and physically handicapped in Columbus, Ohio.

Celestine served faithfully for over 25 years in Christian education in Wilmington and then Charlotte, North Carolina, as principal of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist church school.

In addition to her husband, Marion Hames of Charlotte, North Carolina, she is survived by: three children, Sylvia Denise Sumpter Hawk, Christopher Maurice Hames and Lemuel Eugene Hames; four grandchildren: Walter Hawk, III, Shawna D. Hawk, Wesley D. Hawk and Warren E. Hawk; four sisters, Lydia Williams, Ruby Portier, Evon Gallagher and Daphne Gallagher; a brother, Clarence Gallagher; an aunt, Ruby C. Smith, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

OBITUARY

Pastor Benjamin William Abney, Sr., was one of five children born to Milledge Henry and Delia Moore Abney of Saluda County, South Carolina. His deceased

brothers and sisters were John, Richard, Annie and Elizabeth, all of Saluda County, South Carolina.

He was a Christian in the African Methodist Episcopal Church when as a young university student he heard the claims of the everlasting gospel and accepted these under the preaching of Sidney Scott in the summer of 1910 in Columbia, South Carolina. He transferred from Allen University and in the fall of 1910 entered Oakwood College, where he completed his academic training and met his life's companion, the late Celia Jane Hart of Chicago, Illinois.

Upon entering the gospel ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, his pastoral evangelism was concentrated in Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Missouri.

Upon invitation by the world body of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he was invited into foreign mission service, and in 1931 he and his family became the first black North American missionaries to the African continent. He pastored, evangelized, administrated and raised up churches in Johannesburg, Cape Town and other South African cities during his seven years of mission service.

He returned to America and served as a Southern Union Conference executive director for four years and, after training many young men for the gospel ministry and being remembered by them and his constituents for his sound theology, kind treatment and godly demeanor, officially retired from the active ministry while concluding his long, productive service from 1912-1956. He was best remembered for raising up churches in Lumberton, North Carolina, Fayetteville, North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina, and South Africa.

He and his late companion resided and enjoyed over two decades of their sunset years in the home of their devoted, loyal and caring son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Earl Edward Cleveland of Washington, D.C., and Huntsville, Alabama.

Pastor Abney, until the day of his demise, was a loyal, supporting and active member of the Oakwood College church, the board of elders and the Tuesday morning prayer band. He was loved, respected and "looked out for" by his immediate neighbors as he would take his extended health walks in the

community while yet in his mid-nineties.

He quietly passed away in Jesus early Friday morning, April 9, 1982, in Riverside Adventist Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, and is awaiting the call of the Great Lifegiver.

He is survived by two children, Benjamin William Abney, Jr., and Celia Marie Cleveland, a son-in-law, grandson, granddaughter, several cousins and a host of loving friends and members.

OBITUARY

Dr. Joseph Adolphus Rhyne, III, quietly passed from this life on Monday, September 14, 1981, at 4902 Alburta Road NW, Huntsville, Alabama, in the family residence.

He was born, reared and received his early education in Columbus, Ohio. He attended Capital University in Columbus; Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama; Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska; Loma Linda University Medical School in Loma Linda, California; and Harvard University School of Public Health in Boston, Massachusetts.

He practiced general and family medicine for seventeen years in Washington, D.C., Nashville, Tennessee, Louisville, Kentucky, and Huntsville, Alabama.

He was a member of the Oakwood College church. In 1975 he gave three months of volunteer service for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as a missionary physician in Guyana, South America.

Rhyne was one of the founders of the Black Adventist Medical-Dental Association (BAMDA), and a former vice president of the Northwest Huntsville Civic Association.

He and his family have been in the Huntsville community since August, 1973, when he opened a private practice of medicine.

He is survived by: his wife, Muriel Phipps Rhyne; his children, Teye, Joseph IV and Tina of Huntsville; his father and step-mother of Columbus, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rhyne, II; his brother, Donald Walker of San Francisco, California; his sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Ellis of Los Angeles; two aunts, Verdell Rhyne and Amanda Broadus; uncles and aunts, Mr. and Mrs. T. Matthis and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Broadus; cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scott, all of Columbus, Ohio; and another cousin, Betty Jean Weaver of New York City.

OFFICIAL NOTICE NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The seventeenth regular constituency meeting (fourth triennial) of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Victory Lake Camp in Hyde Park, New York, on June 20, 1982. The first meeting is scheduled to convene at 9 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, directors of departments and various committees for the coming triennium, as well as transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

Each organized church in the conference is entitled to be represented by duly appointed delegates on the basis of one for the organization, regardless of size of membership, and one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof.

The members of the Executive Committee of the Northeastern Conference are all accredited workers holding credentials and licenses from the conference. Members of the General Conference or Atlantic Union Conference committees who may be present are delegates at large.

G. R. Earle, President
H. W. Baptiste, Secretary

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Notice is hereby given that the regular triennial session of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the seventeenth regular session (fourth triennial) of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the Victory Lake Camp in Hyde Park, New York, on June 20, 1982. The first meeting of the Corporation will convene at 3 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and trustees for the coming triennial term as well as transact such other business as may properly come before the session. Delegates to the conference session are delegates to the Corporation meeting.

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