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## COVER STORY



*Pastor C. E. Bradford, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists and chairman of the board of trustees, was the speaker for the religion and theology forum.*

### OAKWOOD COLLEGE HOMECOMING '83

Homecoming activities at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, got off to a grand beginning on March 31, when the fifth annual U.N.C.F. banquet featured Willie Stargell, Muhammad Ali and John Stallworth. An overflow crowd of more than 1,900 people gathered in the Von Braun Civic Center to enjoy the festivities.

The high point in the evening came with the crowning of the U.N.C.F. queen, Debra Banks. An unprecedented total of \$21,000, raised by Debra with the assistance of her grandmother, Eva Bradford Rock, was followed by first runner-up Deidre Thomas with \$16,000.

"Precious Memories" was the theme chosen for this year's alumni gathering.



*Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Dudley receive a certificate from Muhammad Ali at the March 31st U.N.C.F. banquet.*

More than 10,000 people came from every section of the country to relive old memories, meet old friends and fellowship among the "Oaks."

This was the year of the threes and the class of '73 was represented with the largest number present. They enjoyed a round of activities among themselves and not only brought their spouses and children, but proudly showed off caps and T-shirts that displayed the class roster.

The Aeolians, celebrating the tenth anniversary of Alma Blackmon's service as director, closed out the Sabbath activities with a magnificent concert, which also featured individuals and groups from among them. It was a beautiful sight and fantastic sound as the voices of 174 past and present Aeolians sent such melodious sounds throughout the auditorium.

All who came to the homecoming agreed that it was the best ever, the largest crowd ever, and that there is still no place like the Oaks!



*Pastor and Mrs. Samuel Meyers at Homecoming '83.*



*Edna Lett Williamson, national secretary, at the awards program.*



*John Stallworth, a special guest at the U.N.C.F. banquet.*

### THE AEOLIANS COME HOME

From the north, west, east and south they came. By air, car and bus they came to acknowledge the tenth year that Alma Montgomery Blackmon has conducted the celebrated Aeolians of Oakwood College.

The Aeolians came: an attorney, several accountants and many secretaries, a physician, several nurses and other persons who are engaged in ancillary health services, many teachers and graduate students from universities throughout the country, six medical students, four doctoral candidates in other disciplines and educators galore, an NBC anchorwoman, many ministers and several graduate ministerial students from the seminary at Andrews University, professional musicians and employees of Oakwood College, including one assistant to the president.

The Aeolians came: some still single, others excitedly sharing the news of their forthcoming weddings, scores of them happily married and several presenting their beautiful children to their former schoolmates.

The Aeolians came: having practiced either alone or in small groups in their home towns, to experience the thrill of blending their voices under the direction of the woman who had conducted them in scores of concert performances



Willie Stargell was featured as a guest speaker at the U.N.C.F. banquet.

throughout the nation, Canada, Bermuda and Romania during their school days.

After participating in two rehearsals, the Aeolian Alumni Choir of 174 singers filed onstage at the Von Braun Civic Center Arena on Saturday night, April 2, to sing their commemorative concert of Negro spirituals arranged by a noted black composer, the late Hall Johnson. In addition to the ten choral selections performed by the large choir, several small ensembles that had sung on Aeolian concert tours through the years were also presented: the Step-up-to-Happiness Quartet, the Harmonettes, the Family Quartet and the New Birth Quartet. Professor Theodore Rivers, who is the first of the Aeolians to become a full-time instructor at Oakwood College, gave human interest anecdotes about these special groups.



The college choir provides music for the U.N.C.F. banquet.

The highlight of the concert occurred when three former accompanists, Adora Greene, Harrison Watkins and Brian Jones, played Andrae Crouch's "To God Be the Glory" as a piano trio. Their artistry evoked a standing ovation from the audience.

Singer Wintley Phipps serenaded Blackmon with a stirring performance of "How Rich I Am," for he knows that she particularly enjoys his singing of that song. The concert then climaxed with all Aeolians performing the great chorus, "Ye Shall Have a Song," from "The Peaceable Kingdom" by Randall Thompson. Soloists were Michelle Cleveland Ammons, William Dykes, Jacqueline Mosely, Pastor Wintley Phipps, Desmond Pierre-Louis, Pastor Claude Shaw, Cynthia McCall Walker and Brenda Blackmon Wood.

A large sterling-silver plaque was presented to Blackmon by Dr. Danny



Fred Pullins, center, enjoys the Sabbath service with Richard Norman, right, who is the national alumni treasurer, Festus Valentine, president of the Michiana chapter, David Brezzel, president of the Detroit chapter, and Danny Blanchard, national vice president.



The Aeolians at reunion '83.



Muhammad Ali speaks at the banquet.

Blanchard, all Aeolian past presidents and stage directors. A dozen pink roses were given by Karen Willis Britton, chairman of the Aeolian reunion. After Blackmon's godson, Dr. Keith Wood, summarized the elements that contribute to his godmother's success as a conductor, the Aeolians sang "Side by Side," the song with which they close all their concerts. For this rendition Blackmon invited all the Aeolians who had married within the choir to come to the front of the stage so the audience could enjoy this bit of human interest.

It is the intent of the Aeolian alumni to organize as a permanent organization within the national Oakwood alumni association so they can continue their pleasant relationships with each other and serve the college in tangible ways. This initial concert was recorded by Heartland America Productions, Incorporated, a new black Adventist recording company, and the proceeds from the sales of these recordings will be used to establish a scholarship fund for future Aeolians.

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When a man is gloomy, everything seems to go wrong; when he is cheerful, everything seems right!

Proverbs 15:15

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland

### CLEVELAND'S COMMENTARY: THE GOLDEN EGG

Money is not the root of all evil. It is the *love* of money that is "the root of all evil." Because of the peculiar power of money, it is difficult to have it and not love it, or indeed, depend on it. This makes wealth a dangerous blessing. Recognizing the tendency of man to worship wealth, God permitted the flood waters of Noah's day to bury much of this planet's treasure—removing much of it forever from human scrutiny. What remains has created problems enough. Men steal it and kill for it. Wars have even been fought over it.

The above notwithstanding, money has also proven to be a blessing. It has provided for man those life-support systems that are essential to human survival. But above all, it is a major factor in the spread of the gospel of Christ and undergirds its institutional base. While the miracle of missions may have been achieved without it, God has nevertheless ordained its use for this purpose. With our systematic and liberal giving we ensure the spread of the gospel to all men everywhere.

Money donated to the church and the needy is given to God. The Bible states this. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house" (Malachi 3:10).

Few of the thousands of believers who tithe have the slightest idea of the good they do. Through the ministers they support, their good is multiplied. The

sick are healed, the distressed are comforted, and in a real sense, ministry to the "whole man" is carried forward. Without the liberal giving of thousands of believers, none of this would be possible. Seventh-day Adventists are the most liberal givers per capita of all Christian faiths. What are the secrets of this liberality?

(1) Tithing and liberal giving is taught in our church as Christian duty. It is an act of love, we say, and the Bible backs this up.

(2) Leadership has done a good job in teaching missions as the supreme mission of man. That no man liveth to himself or dieth to himself is a fact of life. The misery of selfishness is the supreme sickness. The strong must bear the infirmities of the weak. This vision is natural to those who believe in the advent.

In secular society, the economy is ailing. Businesses are going bankrupt at the rate of more than 200 per week. Unemployment for young blacks aged 18-28 stands at 51 percent. Among adult blacks generally, the figure stands at sixteen percent. Among whites, unemployment stands at six percent. The total picture is in essence a human tragedy. Unemployment is being used to bring down inflation and the misery spreads. Increasing numbers of people are homeless, hungry and destitute. Recently, 2,000 people stood in sub-freezing weather to apply for 35 jobs. This tells us something of the benumbing poverty that grows among us. Pictures of people sitting on sewer gratings to catch a little heat are commonplace. There was a time in America when cats and dogs sought such refuge. Now they fight with humans for the "high ground."

Mysteriously, financial giving has increased in the midst of depression. The people of God in moments of stress tend to remember His sanctuary. Their *faith* in Him, *love* for Him, and *respect* for Him will not allow them to do less, for Christians are trained to put God *first* in their lives. They tithe before they consider their own personal needs.

As one considers the structure and function of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, it could accurately be termed the miracle of the century. Its founders were, in the main, better prepared educationally than were the founders of the first Christian church. They were, however, like them conscientious practitioners of the faith. As their understanding grew, their obligations to God

multiplied. They did not stagger at the principle of an expanding "field" of obedience and service based on increased knowledge. Their early concepts of church financial support rapidly yielded to the Bible-based tithing system—which has been the "golden egg" of Adventist giving. Leaders of other faiths are amazed at the generosity of our people—and frankly puzzled at their depth of commitment.

There is, however, no mystery here. Three teachings first greet the inquirer who knocks at our door. They are: (1) God loves you. (2) Receive the character (love) of God in you. (3) We must share this with the world. This, of course, involves (1) time, (2) talent and (3) treasure.

Aside from the tithing principle, theirs is the privilege of voluntary giving in the form of offerings. These may cover such needs as church building, maintenance, or construction, utilities, office staff, foreign-missions giving and other special projects.

That God returns to the giver an hundredfold has been documented a thousand times over, but we do not teach that we give for this reason. Christ's own gift of Himself was at the risk of *no return*. Such is the nature of true love. It gives without expectation and is surprised when it receives. With such a rich, solid foundation, one need not wonder at our giving.

And further, we are *organized* for expansion. Every nation on Earth houses autonomous union, local conference and church entities functioning within the framework of world organization, each unit able to function without the whole should emergency dictate. During the war, when the work was managed by indigenes, things expanded and prospered. Returning missionaries learned that they had done their work well and were not indispensable to the overseas operation. Indeed, the grand object of missions is the training of nationals to do their own work—even to the point of supervision.

When Paul raised up churches, he trained nationals to take care of themselves. He did not bring Jews in to colonize or use the mission field for their children or their children's children's employment. The people were taught to stand on their own feet. The Holy Ghost endorsed this plan and the church prospered. The record shows that the work spreads faster when people work for

# The Editor's Desk

## RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL TO CHANGE HANDS

On Monday, April 4, the Sunbelt Hospital Corporation of Orlando, Florida, voted to cease its operation of Riverside Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Many of the 138 employees of the hospital were in tears when they learned that they would no longer have jobs. At the time of this meeting, they were told that Madison Hospital, a sister institution operated by the church, had voted in a hiring freeze, making it impossible for Riverside workers to transfer to employment at this facility operated by the Sunbelt Hospital Corporation.

Although another hospital group has made an offer to purchase the hospital, the South Central Conference is requesting that the church fathers grant them permission to continue the hospital, which is located in its "front

door." Not only would the conference be affected by the sale of the properties, but also the Riverside chapel, the F. H. Jenkins church school and the offices of Drs. C. A. Dent and G. L. Dixon. A detailed account of the story will follow in our next issue.

## 17th CONSTITUENCY HELD FOR LAKE REGION CONFERENCE

Delegates to the seventeenth Lake Region Conference session returned their leaders to office for another triennial period. Those elected were: C. D. Joseph, president; R. C. Brown, Sr., secretary; D. C. Keith, treasurer; Conrad Gill, A.Y.S. director; T. S. Barber, director of the publishing department; James C. Wray, personal ministries director; R. D. Barnes, superintendent of education; and Samuel Flagg, director of the department of stewardship.

their own. Look at the explosion in South America, Mexico, Africa and black America. To this high and holy purpose we dedicate "the golden egg." Oh, and God bless "the goose."

E. E. Cleveland

## ALLEGHENY EAST



Congressman William Gray, speaker for the dedication.

## P.F.A. DEDICATES RUTTER MANSION

As the melody of "America the Beautiful" echoed across the Pine Forge Academy campus on the warm afternoon of October 4, two students in colonial dress of the 18th century led the procession from Wagner Hall to the lawn of the Rutter mansion. After more than two decades, a pocket of neglected history was finally recognized by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The 260-year-old Rutter mansion became an official historical site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

More than 200 individuals were present to witness this momentous occasion. P.F.A. students enrolled in various social studies classes, along with several faculty members, were dressed in 18th century costumes. Representatives from local, county, state and federal government were present to acknowledge the role Thomas Rutter, a pioneer ironmaster and abolitionist, played in colonial history.

Rutter arrived in the area known today as Pine Forge in 1716 to establish the first iron forge in Pennsylvania. From this humble beginning, the iron-steel in-

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	May 27	June 3	10	17
Boston, Mass	8:10	8:16	8:20	8:23
New York City	8:19	8:25	8:29	8:32
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:43	8:48	8:53	8:56
Atlanta, Ga.	8:40	8:44	8:47	8:50
Miami, Fla.	8:05	8:09	8:12	8:14
Charlotte, N.C.	8:29	8:34	8:38	8:40
Birmingham, Ala.	7:49	7:53	7:56	7:59
Jackson, Miss.	8:00	8:04	8:07	8:10
Memphis, Tenn.	8:06	8:10	8:14	8:17
Louisville, Ky.	8:56	9:01	9:05	9:08
Detroit, Mich.	8:59	9:04	9:09	9:12
Chicago, Ill.	8:14	8:20	8:24	8:27
South Bend, Indiana	8:09	8:15	8:19	8:22
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:48	8:54	8:59	9:02
St. Louis, Mo.	8:16	8:21	8:25	8:28
Kansas City, Mo.	8:34	8:40	8:44	8:47
Denver, Co.	8:18	8:23	8:27	8:30
Little Rock, Ark.	8:13	8:18	8:22	8:24
Dallas, Texas	8:27	8:32	8:35	8:38
New Orleans, La.	7:54	7:57	8:01	8:03
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:12	8:16	8:20	8:23
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:37	8:41	8:45	8:48

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



Rutter family members who came from California, Massachusetts, Maryland and New Hampshire.

dustry mushroomed into a multi-million-dollar operation. Between 1720 and 1792, Rutter erected his stately Georgian brownstone mansion, which has stood for more than two centuries. Pine Forge later became a station on the famous underground railroad in the early 1800's.

Special music was provided by the Pine Forge Academy Choir and The Chosen Few, a campus musical organization. Several of Rutter's descendants came from California, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maryland to witness the dedication of their ancestral home. Congressman William H. Gray, III, a member of the United States House of Representatives and the Congressional Black Caucus, was the dedicatory speaker.

To culminate the dedication, the campus bell, which stands on the lawn of the mansion, was tolled 21 times in honor of Thomas Rutter while a group of P.F.A. colonial men stood at attention. A tour of the Rutter mansion was conducted by P.F.A. students, along with a reception in the lobby of Wagner Hall, where a pictorial display entitled "The Legacy of Thomas Rutter" was viewed.

Now that the mansion has obtained state recognition, the social studies department will be working to have the mansion placed on the National Registry of Historical Sites. Once this status is obtained, complete restoration of the mansion to its 18th century charm and beauty will follow.

Individuals who would like to purchase a video-cassette of the dedication program may contact Charles Battles at the academy by calling (215) 326-1485 or 369-1860.

Charles D. Battles  
Social Studies Instructor



Pine Forge colonial men stand at attention while the campus bell is tolled in honor of Thomas Rutter.

### "THIRTY MINUTES" COMES TO NORRISTOWN

The "30 Minutes" newsteam, co-hosted by Alfred Bass and Denise Dawson, brought their camera to Grace Tabernacle SDA Church in Norristown, Pennsylvania, to record how their youth deal with dating and the temptations of today's promiscuous society.

They found ladies carefully choosing who they would allow to take them out and being especially watchful for "fresh" or "unconverted" guys, as well as men pondering how soon they ought to try for a kiss or what to do if she asks him out. The "Troubled Couple" commiserated under the lens, she regretting her blind love that thought his unwillingness to come to Christ would soon change, and he that he ever allowed himself to think that her church-going didn't matter.

Cameraman Juan Dawson roamed about the room, occasionally catching the audience, more often the pensive singles and the hapless couple. The entire program was put together after the morning service when their earlier plans fell through with the inspiration of "Cornerstone Connections." Future A.Y. projects include showing films as a change from making them.

Mark Frog Harris  
Communication Secretary



### NEW WORKERS

New workers in the Allegheny East Conference are: Mildred Wilson, Bible instructor, Dennis Waters, pastor, Linda Walker, Bible instructor, John Anderson, Bible instructor, Carl Hinds, pastor, Devroux Paige, pastor, and Robert Lively, pastor.



Millsboro Ingatherers, left to right: William Jones, personal ministries leader, Algetha and Earl Street, Pastor Alvin LaCount, Reginald Street and Samuel Norwood.

### INGATHERING SPARKS MILLSBORO MEMBERS

As the 1982 Ingathering Campaign began to spark churches throughout the Allegheny East Conference, a wildfire of harvest was taking place in Millsboro, a small town nestled in the farming belt and beach resort area of southern Delaware.

In early October, members of the Millsboro church, who number approximately 100, were hard at work. However, Reginald Street, a quiet person, was diligently and zealously harvesting abundantly more than his fair share of the church's \$1,300 Ingathering goal. In a three-to-four-week period he had solicited over \$1,000 in contributions. This is the fourth year Street has topped the \$1,000 mark.

Street has been an inspiration to the church and his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Street, who usually solicit about \$500 each year. They also topped their usual contributions by soliciting more than \$700 this year.

Even though the Streets have themselves raised the conference goal for the church, the diligent work of all members will conclude the campaign with at least double the conference goal.

Martha Shockley  
Communication Secretary



*Pastor and Mrs. Carter.*

## **CAMPAIGN '82 AT PHILADELPHIA CHURCH**

The Philadelphia church in Des Moines, Iowa, has been blessed by having Pastor Edwin Hyatt as its minister. He began the year through the introduction of the campaign, "Everyone Win 2 in '82," by initiating Bible study classes for those who want to go out and help win souls.

Pastor Hyatt also promoted this campaign by inviting guest speakers from the Central States Conference. Among those invited was Pastor H. I. Thompson, whose crusade very successfully won many souls to the church. His 29 dynamic subjects brought many people out nightly.

Also during Campaign '82, the newly-elected director for the youth department of the Central States Conference, Pastor Nathaniel Miller, delivered a heart-warming message on Youth Day concerning the story of the Good Samaritan.

The Sabbath school, personal ministries and stewardship director of the Central States Conference, Pastor F. Carter, has also been on hand at Philadelphia. He delivered an inspiring message on the Spirit of Prophecy to erase many doubts on the authenticity of Ellen G. White. Shortly after this visit, Carter and his wife returned to Philadelphia for a stewardship campaign.

Pastor George Timpson's speech was another remarkable addition to Philadelphia during Campaign '82. Timpson is the associate secretary of the Mid-America Union Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. He presented a very thorough workshop on health and foods, using the word *death* to prove how we are eating ourselves into the grave.

During his visit, the church welcomed the Turner family, which was recently baptized into the church. The ordination of Hugh Boston as a local elder was held during the morning services.

Since Pastor Thompson's crusade, Hyatt has kept the church busy doing the Lord's work, even in the social department. There was a "Track Hike" in which many pieces of literature were given out. Refreshments were also served. This event followed the painting of the church building by members.

Finally, Daniel Stewart and his family paid Philadelphia a visit with an elegant speech on Jesus and the disciples and how Christ helped many people. Among his texts was Matthew 14:13-21.

Sharon Tate  
Communication Secretary



*Pastor James White.*

## **PASTOR OF THE YEAR**

The heart of Pastor James White, Jr., was filled with happiness as his peers voted him the "Pastor of the Year" award for the second time in three years.

White is a native of Bessemer, Alabama. One year prior to entering Oakwood College, he married Barbara A. Hawkins, who was his high school sweetheart.

Upon finishing college in the spring of 1972, he was called to the Central States Conference under the leadership of President D. L. Crowder and Pastor S. T. Lewis. His first assignment was the Kinloch-Kirkwood district of St. Louis, Missouri.

One year later he moved to the Andrews University theological seminary, where he continued his ministerial training.

Since that time he has pastored in various districts throughout the Mid-America region, such as Pueblo, Colorado, Wichita, Kansas, and presently the Bethel church of Kansas City, Kansas. The Lord has tremendously blessed their ministry and given them two children, La-Vita Jamelle and James, III.

Pastor White attributes his blessings to God, his dedicated wife, Barbara, and a host of wonderfully cooperative members he has pastored. One of the highlights for 1982 was a three-week church meeting at which 50 precious souls were baptized. White's prayer and ambition in life is to become a great soul-winner for Jesus Christ.

Mazie Mitchell  
Communication Secretary

## **THOMPSON SPEAKS AT DES MOINES CHURCH**

Pastor H. L. Thompson, Mid-America Union evangelist, determined to keep an engagement to speak at the Philadelphia church in Des Moines, Iowa, drove through a snowstorm and, on February 5, delivered a most dynamic sermon to an anxious congregation. Thompson, who presented a successful crusade in July of 1982, returned to Philadelphia to find that most new converts were still there and are getting involved in church activities.

His sermon, entitled "No Oil at Midnight," discussed the five wise and foolish virgins. We all know that the five wise virgins had oil in their lamps and were ready when the bridegroom arrived for the wedding ceremony, as described in Matthew 25:1-6.

Pastor Thompson told how necessary oil is (a lamp cannot shine unless it has oil). He took oil of the olive and pointed out how man should not live by spiritual food alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. God has given us spiritual food that was prepared for our consumption by the greatest cook of all time, the Holy Spirit.

He also pointed out how oil is used for medicinal purposes, which represents the healing of the Holy Spirit. Later that afternoon, Thompson returned and addressed the church on various ways to witness.



An exterior view of the new Reid Memorial church in East St. Louis. The church has a beautiful sanctuary and educational wing.

## REID MEMORIAL MOVES INTO NEW CHURCH

The Reid Memorial church in East St. Louis held its church-opening and ribbon-cutting ceremonies a few weeks ago. The theme for the week of celebration was "The Year of Jubilee."

This memorable occasion was preceded by hard work, unmatched dedication and consistency with virtually every member doing his share by raising \$15 per week for one month. This manifestation of unity and togetherness resulted in the church surpassing its \$5,000 goal and instead raising \$7,000. In addition, they made pledges totalling \$10,000.

It was soon after Henry S. Holt, pastor, was introduced to his new parish that a friend who had "spied out the land" of East St. Louis showed Holt a facility that would both provide space for expansion and appropriately represent God's ideal for His work in the city of East St. Louis. The report Pastor Holt returned to the church with was so impressive that the members unanimously voted to "move forward and possess the land."

Reid Memorial's new church home was formerly owned by a Presbyterian congregation that merged with a sister church. Their old building had a spacious and uninhabited edifice containing a beautiful sanctuary, an educational wing with a huge fellowship hall, an executive suite, five bathrooms and a commercially equipped kitchen. The church came with two pipe organs (one in the sanctuary and one in the fellowship hall), classroom tables and chairs, contemporary furniture in the lobby, new carpeting, draperies, security systems and a number of other furnishings.

Though this building was appraised at one million dollars, Pastor Holt, with God's guidance, was able to negotiate with the owners, who brought the price



Richard C. Brown, Sr., secretary for the Lake Region Conference, introduces Fred Cornell, pastor of the former congregation that sold the church to members of Reid Memorial.

down to \$150,000. "A real blessing," according to Pastor C. D. Joseph and R. C. Brown, Sr.

The church, ideally located on the corner of a main artery in the city, will provide good visibility and be easily accessible for members of the community.

Highlighting the week-long activities and services was a caravan-like drive from the old church to the new church home with police escort. This drive was followed by the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which was led by conference officials and the pastor. Charles D. Joseph, president, delivered a heart-warming and soul-stirring sermon for the divine worship service.

The momentum started on Sabbath continued throughout the week. Pastors B. T. Rice and Mark McCleary from the Central States Conference and other very prominent first-day ministers from the community brought provocative and spirit-filled messages to the congregation nightly. They challenged members and guests to move forward in faith and take the city for Christ.

On the second Sabbath in the new church, the guest speaker was Clifton Davis, a former television personality who is now preparing for the ministry at Oakwood College. He delivered a message entitled "Living Stones."

Saturday evening's activities brought to a close a full week of celebration. Wanda Lott, originally from Springfield and now a student at Oakwood College, was presented in concert. She seemed to thrill the audience with her testimony and music.

The culminating activity was a banquet at which Clifton Davis shared his testimony of personal conversion with the audience.

The members of Reid Memorial are still rejoicing over God's abundant blessings to them and because their year of jubilee has arrived. They are now

preparing to do battle for the city of East St. Louis, for God has so commissioned that they go into the highways and byways and invite people to come.

## SHILOH HONOR STUDENTS VISIT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Eight students from Shiloh Academy, along with honor students from other academies throughout the Lake Union, were guests of the Society of Andrews Scholars recently for two days. The visiting students were seniors who presently maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.25.

Dr. Merlene Ogden, director of the Andrews scholars program, along with her associates and student members of the honors program, introduced the academy students to the advantages gained when honor students become members of this society. Each academy senior was given a personal invitation to apply for membership in the scholars program if enrolling at Andrews University.

The aim of the Society of Andrews Scholars is to encourage superior scholarship without having the students lose sight of the crucial role of Christ in their lives. According to Dr. Ogden, the main service of this society is to "encourage students to develop the potential God has given them for service in this world and the world to come."

The academy students were taken on tours of the campus to acquaint them with Andrews' facilities and the number of programs available to students who enroll in this university. The students were also given an opportunity to visit the classes of their choice.

A beautiful banquet was given in honor of the 120 academy students.

The honor students from Shiloh Academy who took part in the program were, front row, left to right: Darlene Silas, Regina Barnes, Kimberly Stuart and Shirlene Herbert, along with Dr. Merlene Ogden, director of the Society of Andrews Scholars; back row, left to right: Michael McHenry, David Graham, Vivian Joseph, sponsor of the honor society at Shiloh, Elise Dixon and Peter Burns.

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If you must choose, take a good name rather than great riches; for to be held in loving esteem is better than silver and gold.

Proverbs 22:1





Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Anderson with the Shiloh church pastor, John Guy, far right.

## A SHILOH FAREWELL

On February 27, the Shiloh SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, saluted two very dedicated workers in the vineyard for Christ. They were Orville and Ellis Anderson.

Their years of service go back to 1920, when Ellis Anderson was baptized at the tender age of eleven in Charleston, South Carolina. She moved to Brooklyn, New York, after her formative years and later joined the Bethel SDA Church in Brooklyn. She worked for twelve years as M.V. leader, providing dynamic leadership for young people.

It was during this time that Orville Anderson, through the guidance and inspiration of his mother and Pastor Carlyle B. Haynes, came to hear the advent truth. Subsequently, he was baptized.

In 1945, after being discharged from the Army as a non-combatant officer, Anderson moved to Brooklyn and later joined the Bethel church. It was here that he met and married Ellis. Married for 37 blissful years, they have worked faithfully, hand in hand.

Orville Anderson served as a deacon for 27 years and a treasurer for seven years. When the call for a new mission was made, the Andersons responded quickly to be part of what is now the Shiloh SDA Church.

As dedicated members, they took great pride in Shiloh and worked diligently and faithfully to build Shiloh to its present status. For example, Ellis Ander-

son promoted the study of the Word of God and encouraged the reading of the Spirit of Prophecy as superintendent of the Sabbath school. As a deacon, Orville worked untiringly to maintain the church's property, whether it meant spending his own means or not.

In 1982 Orville Anderson was honored as senior citizen of the year. How fitting!

The time has come for them to depart from Shiloh. They must go on to where the mission zeal leads as they relocate to tend an ailing relative.

The members of Shiloh will long remember the Andersons and the genuine Christian example they have left behind as they always testified, praying that others see Jesus in them.

Daisy Fraser  
Public Relations Secretary

## A TRIBUTE TO R. W. ASHMEADE AND FAMILY

A farewell tribute was recently held in honor of Pastor Roy W. Ashmeade for his six outstanding years of service to the City Tabernacle SDA Church in New York City, New York.

Seated with the choir were the honored guests, the Roy Ashmeade family.

Then came the entrance of leaders of church departments. Elders wore dark gray suits, Pastor Ashmeade's favorite color. Both elders and deacons wore carnations on their lapels. Deaconesses wore beautiful black dresses adorned with lovely corsages.

Next came representatives of the Sabbath school, education, clerks, personal ministries and youth departments. The ladies wore beautiful formal gowns, which added elegance to the occasion.

The program consisted of an organ prelude by Elder Bryan, an invocation by Jephtha Nwakanu and a very gracious welcome extended by the hostess, Elizabeth Martin. Lloyd Chung conducted a beautiful selection by the sanctuary choir.

Tributes were given by leaders or someone designated to represent the departments.

A beautiful musical selection was presented by Jeniffer Huie. Others who rendered lovely vocal numbers were Arnold Burton, Mr. Huie, Joe Foster and Hugh Logan. A group song was performed by youth of the church.

Roy Ashmeade, Jr., surprised everyone when he announced that he and his brother, John, would give a tribute in song. As Roy sang, all hearts were greatly moved and Pastor Ashmeade could scarcely restrain the tears.

In climax to this part of the program, a fervent prayer was offered by Dr. Nagile, a biologist from California who was the special guest speaker for the Temperance Day program.

This part of the celebration was held in the sanctuary. A reception followed in the beautifully decorated youth auditorium of the church.

A delicious dinner was served, thanks to Ada Foster and the lovely ladies and gentlemen, waitresses and waiters. Gifts too numerous to mention were presented from members of the church and the New Hope and Yonkers missions. Many cards and letters from the gifts containing love tokens were read.

A beautiful plaque from the church was presented to Pastor Ashmeade by Elizabeth Martin, while Vincent Goffe, Sabbath school superintendent, held it up so all could get a good view. A lovely plaque was also presented to Edna Ashmeade by Norel James from the education department, along with a "gift of love" envelope.

Lamar Howard presided over this part of the farewell celebration, which was concluded with a response of thanks and appreciation by Pastor Ashmeade.

This was a joyous occasion, one of the most magnificent of its kind held in Tabernacle.

Elizabeth V. Martin  
Communications Secretary



*Evangelism council attendees, left to right, included: Fred Pullins, coordinator of alumni affairs at Oakwood College; Paul Monk, editor of Message magazine; Womack Rucker, president of Riverside Adventist Hospital; C. D. Brooks, speaker for Breath of Life; and Gus Cheatham, principal of Pine Forge Academy.*

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVANGELISM COUNCIL

Pastor Oscar Lane, a former Pentecostal preacher/evangelist for a quarter of a century, is now a soul-winner for the Lord in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. More than 200 persons have been added to the church during the past few months. Ronald Perry, an actor in the "SWAT" television series who also is a member of the church, joins Lane in many crusades on the west coast and cities across the nation. They recently were blessed to see another minister of the Methodist faith take a stand for truth. In a recent meeting held in the Watts area of Los Angeles, more than 1,900 people came to observe the Sabbath.

Pastor O. Patterson of the South Atlantic Conference shares with the ministers the blessings he has experienced through the program, "Jesus Behind Bars," which is a ministry to help those who are incarcerated in accepting Jesus as their Friend. The program also helps prisoners rehabilitate when they are released.

Dr. E. C. Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College church, reviews with Dr. Patrick E. Vincent of Birmingham, Alabama, and Pastor M. E. Joiner, director of personal ministries in the South Central Conference, the new witnessing program

that is being carried on through-out the conference by laymen sharing their faith. More than 100 persons were baptized in Birmingham during 1982.

Leaders of black institutions presented a united program of the work being done by their institutions to help get the gospel to those who have never heard it. Participants included Fred Pullens of Oakwood College, Pastor J.

Paul Monk, editor of *Message* magazine, M. Womack Rucker, president of Riverside Adventist Hospital, Dr. C. D. Brooks, speaker for the "Breath of Life" telecast, and Professor W. Cheatham, principal of Pine Forge Academy.

Joseph F. Dent, superintendent of education for the South Central Conference, tells the delegates who attended the council on evangelism that education is an evangelistic tool to be used to help save children for the kingdom and to direct them to be future workers for the cause of God. Christian education is evangelism of the highest order!

Ron Halverson of the Mid-America Union was the keynote speaker for the fourth annual council on evangelism, which brought more than 600 church leaders from many parts of North America to lay plans for a finished work in soul-winning for the Lord.



*Pastor Craig Dossman, left, with Rod Perry, Oscar Lane and a newly converted Baptist minister, front left.*



*Evangelism council coordinators with Ron Halverson. Left to right: E. C. Ward, E. E. Cleveland, Ron Halverson and B. F. Reeves.*



Patricia Jackson Allen, new accountant for the Southeastern Conference.

## SOUTHEASTERN HAS NEW ACCOUNTANT

Patricia Jackson-Allen of Birmingham, Alabama, is the new accountant in the Southeastern Conference Treasury Department. Pat has served the Central States Conference for the past thirteen years as an administrative secretary, accounting clerk and cashier.

In her home church, Lynwood Boulevard Seventh-day Adventist, the duties of assistant Sabbath school superintendent and assistant clerk were her most recent posts of duty.

Allen and her ten-year-old daughter, Tricia, will leave Kansas City, Missouri, to reside in the Orlando, Florida, area.

## NEWS NOTE

Pastor W. C. Byrd of the Elim SDA Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, was recently installed as the board chairman for the retired senior citizens' volunteer program of Pinellas County. The program is better known as R.S.V.P.

The functions of this program are to place senior citizens in various facilities around the county and aid in doing special duties that hired employees are

unable to do. There are more than 700 volunteers.

## MASTER GUIDE INVESTITURE

On December 11, during the annual Southeastern youth federation held in Tifton, Georgia, 31 persons were invested as master guides.

These candidates came primarily from the south Florida area. Their instructors were: Keith Dennis, youth director; Darrel Palmes, president, South Florida Youth Federation; and Pastor Eugene Armstead.

The award for highest achievement was presented to Georgian Farrington of Bethany, Miami. Other achievement awards went to Billie Lewis of West Palm Beach, Janice Stevenson of Bethany, Miami, and Leonora Ruff of Florida City.

On January 30 these graduates will form their official master guide club. Plans are also underway for continued instruction and planned activities. It is also hoped that each master guide will start a Pathfinder club in his district during 1983.

Keith Dennis  
Correspondent



Southeastern Conference centurions for 1982, left to right, were Treavor Fraser, Dennis Ross, Jr., Roy R. Brown, R. C. Connor of the Lake Union Conference and President J. A. Edgecombe.



Pastor Keith Dennis, youth director responsible for the organization of the St. Petersburg Spanish church, with church members, Pastor Astacio, W. Byrd and H. Davis.



I. L. Harrell, personal ministries director, Vernell D. Barton, Janet Oston, secretary to Harrell, and W. C. Byrd, pastor of Elim in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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## BEREAN CHURCH ENTERS COMPUTER AGE

The Berean church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is the first church in the Southwest Region to be on the computer. The following is an interview conducted with Pastor M. V. Singleton and Paul Adams, Jr., church treasurer.

### What prompted adoption of your computer program?

The conference strongly advocated the use of the computer to bring the church's method of bookkeeping into the technological age.

### How long have you had your computer and from where did you acquire it?

We have had the computer for eight weeks. We got it from a Radio Shack center arranged through the conference in Dallas.

### Is there anyone in particular who deserves some recognition with respect to your program?

The conference administration, Tim Gardner and his wife Sherry, who tailored the program to upgrade the church treasurer's work by making it less time-consuming and more accurate.

### How does your program work?

Beautifully! Of course, you have to learn the procedures and operation. Then you can do a weekly report in a matter of an hour and a few minutes.

### What does the program require of the membership?

The church membership writes their numbers on the tithe envelopes. Each number and amount given is fed into the computer and the proper account is credited in a matter of seconds.

### What kind of reception has the program met with?

Tremendous, because it has reduced a lot of the frustration associated with accounting.

### Have you any advice for other churches who may be considering such a program?

I think it would be well worth their while to get such a program. Because the computer is so multifunctional, our future plans include placing the school's, as well as day care's, accounts and records on the same program. Pastors can utilize the computer for evangelism and maintaining records of various members because one disc can handle the records of 500 members. Pastors, if you don't have a computer program, get one. If you don't get such a



Pastor M. V. Singleton and Paul Adams, Jr., treasurer.

program, you'll regret it!

### For treasurers: How has this program affected you?

The program has done the following: reduced paperwork and mathematical adjustments; reduced ledger book and manual posting; prepares receipts; and prepares the departmental budget—and percentages, church monies on stewardship. Treasury work that normally required 10-12 hours now can be accomplished accurately in 2½ hours.

Evelyn M. Edwards  
Reporter

## SIXTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED AT EPHESUS

The sixty-first anniversary celebration of the Ephesus church in San Antonio, Texas, was held on Sabbath, February 26.

The plans committee, which was directed by Bernice Mitchell, put on an interesting program for the day. Records revealed that Harry Fosdick came to San Antonio with a group of workers in 1922 proclaiming the last message for this generation. Pastor M. G. Nunez from Trinidad in the West Indies arrived on the scene with an evangelistic tent. These new members erected a church on Hackberry Street to serve a fellowship of 230 souls.

In 1967, Pastor A. R. Carethers saw the need for a more modern structure. He led the membership into building a new edifice and relocated on Martin Luther King Avenue. W. C. Jones, conference president and one of the former pastors of Ephesus, was the speaker for this special occasion. Music was supplied by the youth choir, directed by Dianne McNeil.

Captain T. Waters, who is stationed at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, serves as Pathfinder director for the church. He and his Rangers, uni-

formly dressed in a procession with flags, began the divine worship hour.

Twenty-six pastors served this congregation before V. Runnels, the present pastor, arrived. Runnels, a second-generation charter member who is also the son of charter member Marion Runnels, is undertaking great programs for God. The pastor honored the only chartered members left: T. Dimery, S. J. Stinson, H. Evans and M. Runnels.

A tasty fellowship dinner was served and Director Waters and his Rangers presented a program in the afternoon.

Doris Jones  
Reporter



Captain T. Waters, stationed at the Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, is serving as Pathfinder director for the Rangers, who presented a program for the afternoon.



The Okmulgee Community Service Center held its launching of "Meals on Wheels" on January 19. Two meals, breakfast and lunch, were served to 51 persons on opening day.



Four classmates reminisce and enjoy the 61st anniversary in San Antonio. Left to right: pastors W. C. Jones, V. Runnels, C. R. Pritchett and Dr. J. Smith.

# OAKWOOD COLLEGE

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

## STUDENT MISSIONARIES AT OAKWOOD

Interview with: Dr. E. E. Cleveland, Department of Church Mission, Oakwood College.

Conducted by: Dr. D. S. Williams, associate director, Health and Temperance Department, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

*Dr. Williams:* Pastor Cleveland, could you tell me a little bit about the history of this department and what you do in it?

*E. E. Cleveland:* This department was first organized at Andrews University. Its purpose was to form an orientation link between the missionary on this side of the world and the missionary going overseas, to acquaint him with some of the problems he'll face and give him solutions.

When it became evident that my wife's health would not improve, I received a call from Oakwood College. They organized this department for me. I was put in administration and given responsibilities to teach evangelism, the gift of prophecy, and Christian beliefs, which I have been doing for six years. Two of those are four-hour courses, and one a two-hour course. It's almost a full teaching load along with running this office.

We've organized an NAACP chapter on campus that operates out of my office. We have a prison ministry that operates in three cities, a narcotics education unit, and there is the General Conference.

*Williams:* When you say the General Conference, what do you mean?

*Cleveland:* We have organized a mini-General Conference on campus. We have a G.C. president, secretariat and treasurer (with no money), but it is organized right in line with the G.C. and these offices function in various areas of our work on campus.

Now the secretary of the student mis-

sionary program is the secretary of the campus General Conference, so he is responsible for overseas. That is Gilbert Williams.

*Williams:* When did you come?

*Cleveland:* I actually started working in 1977. I need my wife on that; it could have been the fall of 1976. But it was somewhere in there. We have been pretty busy ever since and enjoying ourselves.

Since I've been here, we've sent out more than 140 missionaries to about thirteen countries. And we've sent remarkably few problems out. Ninety-nine percent of our people come back with good reviews. We ascribe that glory to God, number one, and secondly, to the quality of people that we send out.

*Williams:* How do you screen them?

*Cleveland:* They have to pass an interview with me that has to do with motives for wanting to go abroad, and making adjustments and adaptations to changed conditions that we are certain will exist wherever the missionary is going. In our meetings I usually have an orientation period of about ten minutes every Tuesday night, at which I talk to them about attitudes and the necessity of cooperating with people in charge and proper attitudes of respect and humility. Our students that have been out teach other missionaries where they are going wrong.

We have a pretty strong orientation situation here. Our campus ministries program is different from any other set up on any college. Everything on every other college works out of the chaplain's office, but that isn't true here. The chaplain is the coordinator of religious affairs for our campus, but the A.Y.S. operates from the church, and the pastor runs that. As I've stated, five organizations operate out of my office. I deal with that and the chaplain is the overall coordinator of all these activities.

Traditionally and historically, our

church has sent black people to Africa almost exclusively. Only in recent years has enlightenment come to us and the realization that we've got something to offer the world. To be sure, there is a bit of that in there psychologically.

*Williams:* It's not, as someone mentioned, that they're seeking easier and more glamorous posts, trying to escape the difficulties of the life in third world countries?

*Cleveland:* Well, that has little to do with it, because when they go to Korea, life isn't any easier. And by the way, dealing with people with the kind of religious background that these people have in Asia could hardly be termed an easier assignment.

As to the glamor side, no, it has little or nothing to do with it. Africa should come up with some money to help on these fares. We recognize that Africa needs the most. Somewhere at the General Conference level this question could be addressed constructively and some sort of cooperative arrangement could be worked out between the General Conference and the concerned division and union where a stipend could be offered as an inducement.

*Williams:* How often do you have Mission Emphasis Week?

*Cleveland:* Well, that comes once a year. We find you brethren so busy up there that it would be hard to get you down here twice a year, so we feel fortunate to get you once a year. By the way, your visit to this campus, you and Don Christman, was of special help. I checked around among both faculty and students, just with an objective question ("How did it impact on them?") and without hesitation they stated that they appreciated the long hours you put in on Friday in interviews. You had enough people to keep you down there until sundown. When I dropped in there, you were going so strong that I could only

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## **GOD'S INVINCIBLE WARRIOR, PART II**

*by Stephanie D. Johnson*

In loneliness and solitude Mathieu Bermingham entered his life's work, which would expand to cover half a century. In 1930 he became a literature evangelist, going to the deepest and darkest parts of Haiti, the very stronghold of voodoo and Catholicism.

The path he had chosen was not an easy one. He would be persecuted and vilified. He would know hunger and thirst. Oftentimes he would find no place to lay his head. He would suffer from disease and sickness that would shatter his very life forces. He would come face-to-face with death and triumph. God would take his darkest hours and transform them into great victories.

He first entered the towns of St. Raphael, Pignon, Petit Goaves, Mira-goane and Port-au-Prince as a literature evangelist. Later that same year, he teamed up with three youthful companions: Occilius St. Ilmont, Edner Pierre-Louise and Gilbert Gilles. Together they traveled all over Haiti by foot spreading the light.

Their first missionary journey led them to Cayes, Cavillion and St. Louis du Sud. At the request of Pastor Apollon, publishing director for the North Haiti mission, Occilius and Mathieu went to Azila to find a young man who had accepted Adventism while working in Cuba.

### **Out of the Darkness, Into the Light**

Mathieu and Occilius set out on foot to find this young man. They began their journey at 10 a.m., carrying no food or personal belongings but confident that if they carefully followed the telephone lines that led to Azila, they would reach there before sunset.

Twelve hours later they were still walking, having yet to reach the halfway mark toward their destination. By now they were weary and exhausted. Their once-anxious stride gave way to slow, studied steps. In the midst of the darkness they saw a man on horseback galloping toward them. When the rider approached, he looked at them with great concern and pity. "Yesterday," he said, "you came to offer me your books and now you are walking the street at such a time? Let me stop to ask one of my friends to accept you to spend the night."

He took them to a friend's house, where they spent the night. The next day at 5 a.m. they arose to continue their journey. Before long the sun woke up and began to shine its burning rays in the young men's path. This greatly aggravated their hunger and thirst.

Oh, if they could only get a crust of bread or a drink of water to satisfy their hunger and thirst. They asked the people in the village if they would sell them some food, but there was none to sell. By 1 p.m. they were so weak that every staggering step required great effort and energy.

They were not to despair, for just as God had fed Elijah by a raven in the wilderness, so He would provide for Mathieu and Occilius. Suddenly they saw a young boy crossing the road and going up the mountain with a basket in his hand.

"Boy, boy," Mathieu called, "where did you come from?"

"I came from my uncle's garden to see if I could get some food to feed the pork."

"OK, put down your basket and let me see what kind of food you have."

Mathieu discovered that the young boy had a basket of avocados. "Can you give us some of them?"

"Oh, yes! It's only for the pork."

Mathieu and Occilius betrayed their hunger by quickly devouring the avocados. "Oh, my friends," said the boy, "it would have been a sin to refuse you these avocados! You were really hungry. Look at the way you ate them. I'm glad I gave them to you."

With their strength revived, they finally reached Azila at 3 p.m. When they inquired about the whereabouts of Silas, they were directed to follow the telephone line to the next village. By this time torrential rains were pouring down, which made it necessary for them to remain with villagers until the rain stopped.

By 7 p.m. the rain had ended and the young men started out into a dark, tangled forest without a flashlight or compass. Before long they discovered that they were lost. Immediately, they prayed for God to direct them. After completing their prayer, they saw a small, flicking light which they followed until they reached a village. They were met by a group of men.

"Who are you?" demanded the spokesman.

"We are missionaries," replied Mathieu.

"Where are you going at such a time?"

"We are looking for our brother, Silas."

To their surprise the spokesman answered, "I am the father of that man."

Mathieu and Occilius asked to meet Silas. His father offered to take them to the lonely, isolated mountain retreat where his son lived, cut off from all human association. The father explained that his son was forced to leave their village because they practiced voodoo and could not live with Christians.

When they reached the mountain retreat, they were greeted by a young man who answered the door.

"Are you Silas?" Mathieu asked.

"Yes."

"We are Seventh-day Adventists."

He stared in amazement. "I believed I was the only Seventh-day Adventist in Haiti."

"No! No! You made a mistake! You are the only Seventh-day Adventist in the south area of Haiti."

With tears in his eyes and outstretched arms he cried, "Brothers, come! Come! My mother, my father, my brothers and my sisters don't want to see me. You see how many animals they have in the village. They were going to invite the voodoo priest to have a service against me to change my mind. They don't want to have a Protestant in the region. God sent you in time to help me!"

They entered his humble abode and rested while he fixed them some hot soup. After they finished eating, they sang Adventist hymns. Those joyful songs of salvation echoed throughout the dark village. Soon, members of the village came to the cottage and they began to preach. They preached all night. The Holy Spirit was present to illuminate the people's minds. Later, missionaries were sent to teach the people. Today the Azila Seventh-day Adventist Church stands as a beacon of light in a village that was once a stronghold of voodoo.

### **A Brush With Death**

From Azila they travelled to Port Salut. It was here that Mathieu was stricken with paralysis and malaria. For twenty days he hovered between life and death. He was subject to hot and cold chills, as well as vomiting. He was weak, delirious and unable to eat any solid foods. There were no hospitals or doctors, only folk

medicine that consisted of a bitter tea. However, folk medicine was no match for malaria. In Haiti, malaria meant certain death! Only God could raise Mathieu from his bed of affliction.

True to His promises, God restored Mathieu to health. When Mathieu's physical constitution was strengthened, Pastor Apollon hired a fishing boat that took them to Chardonniere. Here they remained for two days before they were forced to leave because they were selling *The Great Controversy*. According to a priest, this was heresy because the book spoke against the Catholic church.

### Marriage and Family

In 1933, Mathieu married Junon Beauvais, the well-educated daughter of a wealthy merchant, Joseph and Jeamou Beauvais of Baintet. She was heiress to her family fortune but gave up her inheritance so she could accept the Advent message. From this union were born six daughters and one son: Louise, Ketsia, Junette, Ruth, Jean-Helois, Denise and Mareille. Mathieu proved to be a loving Christian father and husband. He recognized the importance of providing quality education for his children. He was able to educate his son in Mexico and his daughters in America. Today his daughters serve as nurses, health care administrators and a psychologist. His son, Jean-Helois, is a doctor.

For the next 27 years Mathieu and Junon would remain sweethearts until her untimely death in 1960. During this time Mathieu would serve as a literature evangelist, publishing and personal ministries director for the Haitian Mission, and pastor in northwest Haiti and Port-au-Prince. In October of 1947, he became an ordained minister.

He would work in northwest Haiti for seven years, from 1950 to 1957, establishing a school and building churches. He baptized 250 souls a year, no small feat considering his predecessor averaged 40 souls a year. When he left the northwest, there were sixteen churches where there had only been five.

### Coming to America

In 1968 Bermingham and his family accepted a call to New York to continue the work established by the late Rene Adrien. When Pastor Bermingham arrived, there were 175 Haitian believers in Brooklyn.

Through his untiring efforts, the Haitian work has grown by leaps and bounds.

No doubt his life is a testimony of what God can do with a man who sets himself aside and fully surrenders to Him. "Not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit."

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come in to shake your hand and leave. They were delighted with the sermon.

*Williams:* Who did you have the last time?

*Cleveland:* Well, they've sent us consistently quality people. We've had Pastors Maurice Battle, Ralph Thompson and Warren Banfield. It seems that as you continue to come, there is no lessening in the quality of people they send us. We appreciate that.

*Williams:* Is there anything else that you would like to include?

*Cleveland:* Yes. If anything would kill us, it would be a dull preacher. Keep the good, lively preachers coming. So far they have done all right, but please tell them, because they decide who comes here. Tell them: don't backslide. Keep the good preachers coming.

The Adventist church has indeed gone to "pieces." Soon Jesus Christ will return. The righteous from every nation, kindred, tongue and people will look up and say, "Lo, this is our God. He will save us."

Among those students who participated in the program were:

Wanda Baily—Korea  
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