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EVANGELISM—THE CHALLENGE OF '84

By Fred Pullins

Since 1981, the Thanksgiving season has attracted a new significance among regional church leaders. It has now become traditional for them to enjoy a hasty holiday with family and friends, pack enough clothing to last a few days, and head by ground or air for the "Mecca" of black Adventism—Oakwood College. Here our pastors, Bible instructors and church administrators join approximately 500 co-workers in sharing strengths, struggles and aspirations as they relate to God's closing work.

These meetings have matured in three years from emotionally charged debates over the chronic inequities in the church structure which threaten to fragment the church racially to an intense fervor centered on creative and contemporary strategies for increasing conversions, conserving the converted and involving laymen meaningfully in the total evangelistic process. Time is too short and the task too great to be sidetracked from duty by fighting racial attitudes that are cherished by many who stubbornly resist change. However, this realignment of priorities is not to ignore or diminish the effort for total integration and involvement within the church.

Other concerns which are often overlooked have found their place on this year's agenda. Consideration is being given to the ministry as it touches the

handicapped, crosses cultural lines and utilizes all facets of the media to share the Three Angels' Messages.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is experiencing phenomenal growth, with the major influx coming from the non-white sector. Therefore, it is expedient that plans for future church programs and expansion consider the various peoples who constitute this growth. Our West Indian, African, American Indian, Haitian and Hispanic brothers and sisters must be made a totally integrated part of the church's program.

Another prime consideration is the health of the worker. It is the usual practice of black workers to rest from their labors only at death. However, the realization that good health and good religion are inseparable is finally being internalized and promoted. Seminars that reinforce proper nutrition, reasonable workloads and emotional temperance form a major part of this year's agenda. God's instruction to "Come aside and rest awhile" is growing increasingly more relevant as the world grows more complex, crowded and disturbed.

Prophecy, its interpretation and relevance in the church are other major considerations. Great stress is being given to the study of Revelation, the sanctuary truths according to the Bible and E. G. White, and a special emphasis reaffirming and reassuring the church's faith in her inspiration.

The three men who can be credited with the inspiration, planning and motivation for these professional growth seminars are pastors Earl Cleveland, Benjamin Reeves and Eric Ward. They represent a unique dichotomy that blends harmoniously to form a refreshing whole. The world perspective and academics are superbly resident in Cleveland and Reeves, respectively. The pastoral aspect is meritoriously represented by E. C. Ward. These three leaders bring a holistic flavor to these meetings. The heart, hand and head are adequately and effectively served.

Finally, the fellowship is most inspiring. Five hundred preachers singing, praying and sharing together is a strengthening spectacle. I'm sure the forces of darkness gaze in amazement and tremble at the sight of God's mighty army of professional soldiers meeting in the upper room. Maybe we are privileged to stand upon the threshold of another Pentecost.

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAID

This forum is very practical. The problems dealt with are those that are usually dealt with in the same manner and with the same set of texts from the Bible. Counseling is so much more, as was shown tonight.

Pastor Famous L. Murray,
Columbus, Mississippi,
South Central Conference

I was very encouraged by the messages and impressed with the enthusiasm.

Pastor Duane O'fill,
Canton-New
Philadelphia
District,
Ohio Conference



These workshops have been a great inspiration to me through the years. I'm anxiously awaiting the next session.

Pastor Carlyle Langhorn,
Springfield Gardens
SDA Church,
Northeastern
Conference

Words fail me to adequately describe my thoughts on the evangelism council. However, I felt that it is Heaven-inspired and Holy Spirit-filled.

Mrs. Silas McClamb,
Wife of Retired
Publishing Secretary Silas McClamb



The annual regional evangelistic council is a wonder medium to convey to the black worker the importance and seriousness of his place and part in the finishing of God's work in this generation. We attend these meetings and receive tools to accomplish this end.

Pastor Eugene F. Carter,
Central States Conference



I have found the exposure to the various methods used in conferences other than my own as a resource for inspiration and developing in soul-winning.
Samuel L. Green,
 Assistant Treasurer,
 Southwest Region
 Conference

Our evangelism council is highly informative, creative, deeply spiritual and positively motivating.

O. E. Rudley,
 Pastor New Heights Church,
 Jackson, Mississippi,
 South Central Conference

The inspiration and instruction received and experienced at these meetings provide the refreshings vital to managing the demands and stresses present when warring against the enemy in search of trophies for our God's kingdom.



James E. Merideth,
 Philadelphia SDA Church,
 Long Beach, California,
 Southern California Conference

The Oakwood College evangelism meeting is more than just one more meeting—to sum it up in one word, I must say "great."

Lawrence Hamilton,
 Central California Conference

Council on Evangelism '83 was most rewarding and yielded many blessings and encouragements. The council presented problems and solutions reflecting the heart of Adventism today. Thanks a million.

Pastor A. L. Sanders,
 Mobile, Alabama,
 South Central Conference

Educational, informational, inspirational. More than just men meeting to exchange positive ideas, it was men of like faith sharing knowledge and encouraging each other in the work.



Clement A. Murray,
 Northeastern Conference



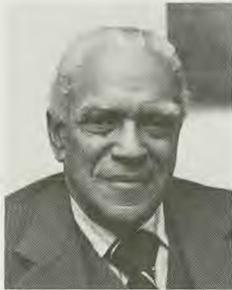
I am impressed that the evangelism council offers inspiration and information to the black minister which can be received only at a meeting of this nature. The representatives from across America and Ber-

muda are greatly benefitted by the shared experiences and exchange of ideas and information.

W. J. Lewis,
 Executive Secretary,
 Allegheny West Conference

These annual council meetings have been a great inspiration that carries its fervor throughout the year. In our church work, we utilize the techniques and ideas shared by the successful ones, and with good results.

Pastor Ollie Jackson,
 Beacon Light Church,
 Phoenix, Arizona,
 Arizona Conference



The evangelistic council is God's blessing to the black work in North America. As one views the growth of our working force, one can only exclaim, "What has God wrought." May God continue to bless us

until we triumph in His kingdom.

R. F. Warnick,
 Central States Conference

The united evangelism councils are very inspirational, informative, spiritual and helpful. They have many benefits to us in our work as Bible instructors. The seminars have current data that enhance our individual work in the cause of God. The fellowship is par-excellent. In short, they are a "delight."

Shirley Daniel,
 Bible Instructor,
 Lake Region Conference



A conclave of gifted men and minds, all of whom have been anointed by the Holy Spirit, is a rare occurrence. Yet the evangelism council was just such a gathering. I found myself both spiritually stim-

ulated and challenged by inspired messages and informative workshops. The sharing of the experiential wealth among God's chosen workers is not only something that must continue, but it is an inexpedient expedient that must be expanded.

Pastor Clifton D. Davis

As a regular attendee of the professional growth seminar, I found this year's conference to be intellectually stimulating and spiritually refreshing. The information imbibed here will forever be resident on the pages of my mind and will prove beneficial for my growth and benefit in the challenging arena of Christian ministry.

Lester R. Parkinson,
 Ypsilanti and London Churches,
 Lake Region Conference



The council is designed to feed the whole man. It began with standing room only. This is the counsel Jehovah is with us. We must be doing something right.

E. E. Cleveland



The black ministers' council on evangelism is the "upper room" meeting place for the apostles, prophets and priests of the cross. It is for us what the "burning bush" was for Moses, the "threshing floor" was for Gideon, and "Bethel" was for Jacob. It is the junction where inspiration, revelation and re-creation meet, where preacher, teacher and evangelist sharpen their swords for each year's battle.

Pastor Alvin Kibble,
 Trinity Temple Church,
 Newark, New Jersey,
 Allegheny East Conference



PUBLISHER'S PAGE

THE BREATH OF LIFE TELECAST: "OURS"

In this age of black awareness, leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are beginning to realize more of the God-given commission to tell the message of His saving grace and love to all nations, kindreds, tongues and peoples (Rev. 14:6). The gospel does not change as time moves along. However, change has brought about new concepts and images of one's self. One youthful observer puts it: "There are different strokes for different folks."

Through the years, the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast, the Faith for Today telecast and the It Is Written TV series of the church have caught the ears and eyes of their black listeners and viewers across the country. Winds of change present a different picture in today's world. The new generation seeks a role model with which it can relate, even in religious things.

My heart was made glad when I visited Memphis, Tennessee, last week and noticed Brenda Blackmon's picture (daughter of Alma Blackmon of Oakwood College) on the large billboards throughout the city representing a local television station as anchorwoman for the evening news each day.

In Huntsville, Alabama, Lynda Ammons served in the same capacity on a TV station there. (I baptized Lynda's mother a few years ago when she was a teenager.) Callie Yvonne Crossley was anchorwoman for the nightly news for one of the stations in Indianapolis, Indiana, when we were there a few years ago. She was our neighbor's child when we lived in Memphis. In fact, she and my son, Charles, were born just a few days apart and share fond childhood memories. These Oakwood graduates and neighbors' children make me so happy for my people that I sometimes shed tears of joy.

It is encouraging to see how the Lord has also placed some of our youth in His work. When Walter Arties was a lad who followed his "singing evangelist" father around from church to church, no one would have thought that in 1974 he would become the producer of the denominationally owned Breath of Life telecast which gives the truth for this

time to thousands of our people who would otherwise still be adrift in life. This program is being used by God to carry the message of hope to millions who live in the inner city. I call this the "bait" on the "hook" that wins souls to Christ.

This telecast came into being almost ten years ago and serves as a sequel to the Faith for Today and It Is Written series for the predominantly black population. The community readily accepts and listens to it every time it is aired.

Some queried as to the viability of this "black" telecast in these days of "integration?" Would it prove to be productive? Would it receive support from the black community? Would it serve a need that was not already being met by other church-sponsored programs?

The program *has* made its mark! Today thousands testify of heaven's blessings that they now enjoy after listening to Dr. Charles D. Brooks, director and speaker, bring messages of strength and help from week to week. Thousands have been baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith, and a number of new congregations have come into being.

When Dr. Brooks brought his crusade into Memphis during the 1970s, more than 300 people joined the church and the first Breath of Life congregation was organized.

A similar blessing came when he conducted his crusade in the nation's capital and a second Breath of Life church was established with more than 350 new converts among whom were doctors, teachers and other professionals.

Not only are many cities across this land enjoying the programs, but countless millions of people of other lands are also reaching out for this "Life."

During the year the telecast has been aired in Montgomery, Alabama, in preparation for an evangelistic thrust there during the spring of 1984, Pastor G. L. Byars reports that two new groups of believers in the area have already been established: Prattville and Union Springs, Alabama. The big crusade has not begun as yet! The story will never be completely told until Jesus comes, but we must conclude that the Breath of Life program is of the Lord!

By all means, give a sizable contribution when the offering is taken in your church. The monies will be used to reach many others and will also help to make this people ready to meet our Lord and Saviour in peace.

I have attended the evangelistic council from its inception. Each has been unique in its own way. This one so far has put all questions, fears and anxieties about myself, my feelings for the future in the SDA church, and my hope for our church, in perspective. I believe I understand my role in our church and, after the first day, the attitude among my fellow ministers is no longer anger but sympathy for our oppressors. I feel as though we have suddenly grown up; as though a new day has dawned. This I attribute mainly to the contribution of Dr. Joseph and Pastor Rossario. Personally, my confidence has been renewed.

**Samuel Sampson,
Pastor, Goshen Temple,
Northeastern Conference**



Inspirationally superb. Absent of enough time for practical presentation and questions. This meeting is a very necessary assembly informing and motivating black ministers in their unique responsibilities. To dis-

continue this evangelistic growth seminar would paste a dark blot on the fair page of black Adventist ministry. High commendations to those persons responsible for its organization.

**T. A. McNealy,
South Atlantic Conference**

Pen cannot convey the depth, the worth of these professional growth seminars. It's a highly principled, undiscouragable, unforgettable period with excellent fellowship and the best in singing. The word

of God becomes more precious to me. Oh, its blessings are boundless, an infinite store. I drink at the fountain, hoping to thirst nevermore. My heart aches for those in darkness and sin, with no Savior, no Bible, no lasting hope. I came anxious to learn, leaving every time with a greater determination to serve my Lord and God's children more effectively. May God help us to act as instructed to take God's light now to those who know Him not. Magnify the Lord with me. Let us exalt His name together.

**Patrecia C. P. Langley,
A servant of God,
a friend to man,
Northeastern Conference**



The Editor's Desk



BRADFORD PREACHES IN CANADA

Dr. C. E. Bradford, president of the North American Division of the General Conference, conducted a four-week evangelistic crusade for churches in Toronto, Canada, during October and November.

Shelton Kilby, minister of music for the South Central Conference, Mildred Johnson, Bible instructor for the South Central Conference, and Patricia Langley of the Northeastern Conference joined the Canadian team in the crusade.

After preaching nightly to more than 2000 people, approximately 150 new believers were added to the church by baptism.

Pictured with Pastor Bradford is Pastor Jacobs, a Jewish French-speaking pastor from Canada, as they discuss the blessings of the Lord that were manifested during this series.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Jan. 27	Feb. 3	10	17
Boston, Mass.	4:52	5:01	5:10	5:19
New York City	5:03	5:12	5:21	5:30
Buffalo, N.Y.	5:21	5:30	5:39	5:49
Atlanta, Ga.	6:04	6:11	6:17	6:24
Miami, Fla.	6:01	6:06	6:11	6:15
Charlotte, N.C.	5:47	5:54	6:01	6:08
Birmingham, Ala.	5:13	5:20	5:27	5:33
Jackson, Miss.	5:29	5:36	5:42	5:48
Memphis, Tenn.	5:23	5:31	5:38	5:44
Louisville, Ky.	6:00	6:08	6:16	6:23
Detroit, Mich.	5:41	5:50	5:59	6:08
Chicago, Ill.	4:59	5:08	5:17	5:26
South Bend, Indiana	5:54	6:03	6:12	6:21
Minneapolis, Minn.	5:14	5:24	5:34	5:44
St. Louis, Mo.	5:17	5:25	5:33	5:41
Kansas City, Mo.	5:33	5:41	5:49	5:57
Denver, Co.	5:13	5:22	5:30	5:38
Little Rock, Ark.	5:33	5:40	5:47	5:54
Dallas, Texas	5:55	6:02	6:08	6:14
New Orleans, La.	5:33	5:39	5:45	5:50
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:30	5:37	5:44	5:51
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:53	6:00	6:07	6:14

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

ALLEGHENY EAST

BALTIMORE CRUSADE YIELDS 205 SOULS

The Baltimore, Maryland, Real Truth Crusade, which featured Pastor W. C. Scales, Jr., evangelist, Pastor Donald G. King, health educator, and Marguerite Brown, summer camp director, baptized 205 souls during the summer of 1983.

In the fall of 1982, seven Baltimore area pastors received approval from Pastor M. C. Van Patten to plan for a major crusade in the summer.

E. L. Richardson, pastor of the Berea Temple SDA Church, was general director for the crusade. Other pastors who carried major responsibilities were: Larry Bass, Miracle Temple; Jasper J. Johnson, Edmondson Heights; James Lewis, Sharon; Alonzo Wagner, Beacon Light (Annapolis, Maryland); Arthur Ward, Cherry Hill and Maranatha. The Fairfield company, under the encour-



The Real Truth King, Queen and Runners-up receive gifts and recognition from pastors W. C. Scales, Jr. (extreme right), and Donald G. King (second from right) for bringing the largest number of guests on opening night of the Real Truth Crusade.

agement of Leonard Diggs, also gave tremendous cooperation and support to the meetings.

At the opening of the crusade on July 17, the honorable Donald Schaffer, mayor of Baltimore, was the special guest. He received a special commendation and the presentation of a family Bible and a special health journal. In his remarks, the mayor praised Seventh-day Adventists as "caring people."

The crusade emphasized a wholistic approach and included plain, practical Bible preaching by W. C. Scales, Jr., illustrated with color slides, and interesting, informative health presentations by Donald G. King, which were illustrated with visuals, slides and films. Physicians, nurses and other medical personnel answered health questions, conducted a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking and



The main and the overflow tents at Baltimore's Real Truth Crusade.

sponsored health screening programs in the Allegheny East Conference Medical Van.

Community Services personnel from area churches gave assistance to many families residing in Baltimore.

The summer camp, under the direction of Marguerite Brown, focused on planned activities, organized recreation, educational workshops, arts, crafts, Bible studies and many other activities and events.

There was a strong family emphasis, which was designed to meet the needs of each family. Under the direction of Shelton Stanley and Dr. Esther Ward, hundreds completed the Real Truth Bible, Health and Family Course.

In connection with the Real Truth Crusade, a special baptism was conducted at the Maryland State Penitentiary by E. L. Richardson, James Dailey and W. C. Scales, Jr. Seven precious souls were baptized as a result of the ministry of the Berea Temple. The prisoners who were baptized completed the Real Truth Bible Course, along with personal Bible studies, prior to their baptism.

Only eternity can measure the true results of the Baltimore Real Truth Crusade. Other persons are now being visited and prepared for baptism. One thing is certain. As a result of the mighty workings of the Holy Spirit, Baltimore will never be the same again!

W. C. Scales, Jr.
Ministerial/Stewardship Department
General Conference of SDA

P.F.A. BREAKS GROUND FOR INDUSTRIAL ARTS BUILDING

October 2 was a warm autumn afternoon. Students, faculty and staff, along with community residents and visitors, met in the L. R. Palmer Pavilion for the

first phase of the program for the ground-breaking of the new industrial arts building that will be erected on the campus of Pine Forge Academy.

Ruth M. Greene, English instructor, read for the occasion. "P.F.A.'s Progressive Endeavors" was presented by Principal W. Augustus Cheatham, followed by "P.F.A.'s Building Expansion," that was presented by Pastor Meade Van Putten, chairman of the academy board and president of the Allegheny East Conference.

Special guests on hand for the ceremony were: Dr. R. Timothy McDonald, director of education for the Columbia Union Conference; Eugene Reinheimer, chairman of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors; and James Levengood of the W. Hollenbach Construction Company.

The academy choir sang two selections. The second phase of the ceremony took place at the site of the new industrial arts building that will be constructed in the north field beyond the academy farm building on Douglass Drive. P.F.A.'s Pathfinders led the procession. Principal Cheatham, along with Pastor Van Putten and other platform guests, turned the soil to mark the official ground-breaking.

The building will have an area of 5,000 square feet. It will be column-free and have an insulated metal structure. It will also have concrete floors, two loading docks and work-study centers for students.

Principal Cheatham states that "The industrial arts building will broaden the scope of the Pine Forge Academy work experience program. To supply the need for the campus industries, to increase opportunities and benefits provided by the student work-study program which assists students in earning funds to help cover the cost of their education. It will also aid in the growth and development of the Pine Forge and Pottstown area community."



Left to right: Dr. Timothy McDonald, Principal Augustus Cheatham, Eugene Reinheimer, and Pastor Meade Van Putten.

EPHESUS CHURCH HOLDS FAMILY LIFE WEEKEND

Family Life Weekend was held October 28-30 at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Richmond, Virginia, featuring Dr. James M. Hammond, chairman of the department of social service at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland.

His topic on Friday night was "Building Self-esteem." The film, "Johnny Lingo," was shown.

The Sabbath morning worship service was centered around "Repairing the Family." He gave ten commandments for both wife and husband.

On Sabbath evening at 3:30 p.m., he discussed "Communication," the so-called culprit which destroys many marriages. Attendees were divided into groups of singles, youths and couples.

Private consultations were offered on Sunday morning. With the divorce rate among Seventh-day Adventists almost as high as the world, this weekend gave couples and singles the desire and determination to make their marriages and intent to marry work with Christ at the helm.

Sheila R. Bell
Communication Secretary

EPHESUS CHURCH CELEBRATES GUEST DAY

The theme, "Sabbath School Outreach—Serving its Neighbors," brought 75 guests on Sabbath, October 8, as the Ephesus church in Richmond, Virginia, celebrated Community Guest Day.

Pastor Charles L. Cheatham of the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and brother of O. E. Cheatham, pastor of the Ephesus church, was the keynote speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service. He also showed a film during the Sabbath school period which gave visitors an overview of the kinds of activities Seventh-day Adventists are currently engaged.

The program was spearheaded by the Sabbath school department. To climax the Sabbath, Pastor George Timpson conducted a program on Sabbath evening to show how we are to care for our bodies by the things we eat, drink and use.

Sheila R. Bell
Communication Secretary



Pastor Glenward A. Bryant and wife, Desiree Bryant, of the Community SDA Church in Denver, Colorado.

NEW PASTOR FOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor and Mrs. Glenward A. Bryant were welcomed recently to the Community church in Denver, Colorado.

Central States Conference President S. H. Cox introduced them and ordained Pastor Bryant.

Bryant is a graduate of Oakwood College and the former pastor of three churches in the Kansas and Springfield, Missouri, areas.

Desiree Bryant, who is also a graduate of Oakwood, is an elementary school teacher.

Etta Collins
Communication Secretary

honor students who had completed the first and second levels of these Bible study lessons.

The graduates were from a group of 100 persons taking Bible studies. So far, invitations for a free Bible course have been given to 5,000 people in the area.

The graduation program was presented by the Real Truth staff: Sidney King, Sr., Edward Collins, Robert Lewis, Rudolph Mathis, Ernest Williams and Zenobia Williams.

A certificate and gift were given to each graduate. The senior choir rendered special music.

In Pastor G. A. Bryant's sermon, entitled "What Is Truth," he told the graduates how to recognize truth in a world of confusion.

Etta R. Collins
Communication Secretary

CENTRAL STATES FALL FEDERATIONS

Three area federations held their annual fall meetings during the month of October. These have been high spiritual feasting days for the youth of Central States.

The Eastern federation was held on October 29 at the Berean SDA Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Churches in the federation area participated in the session. Sabbath school was conducted by the youth of St. Louis. The youth

speaker was Johnathan Ward, a senior theology student at Oakwood. The A.Y. program was presented by the Youth for Better Living. The youth sponsored a concert featuring various young musicians. The theme was "Doing God's Will."

The Chosen Four, a group from Leavenworth, Kansas, was the guest quartet, and the youth choir from the Northside SDA Church was the featured choir.

The federation proved to be a blessing to all. Myron Jenkins, federation president, presided over the meeting.

NEWS FROM BETHEL CHURCH

Pastor Daniel Stewart and family were given a strong sendoff to Omaha, Nebraska. Stewart plans to continue his literature ministry there.

Bethel's 62-voice youth choir, under the direction of Daniel Conwell, celebrated its fourth anniversary with a heart-warming concert, with several gospel artists from the area performing. Director Conwell was honored for his dedicated service.

Pathfinders, with Paul Mobiley as leader, also experienced a very successful day. After dinner, the Pathfinders took a three-mile nature hike at Lake Shawnee in Shawnee, Kansas. Bobby Robinson and Donna Duncan were honored as Pathfinders of the Year.



Front row (left to right): Floyd Wesley, Betty Wesley, Steve Perry, Janice Benjamin, Frank Hamilton, Ida McWilliams, Zenobia Williams and Robert Lewis. Back row: Edward Collins, Rudolph Mathis, Sidney King and Pastor G. A. Bryant.

TWENTY GRADUATE FROM REAL TRUTH PROGRAM

The Real Truth Pilot Program reaped twenty souls in its first graduation.

The Community SDA Church in Denver, Colorado, held a graduation to



Pastor James White gives a special award to Daniel Stewart and his family for dedicated service at the Bethel church.

CALVIN CENTER CHURCH MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Calvin Center church, along with their pastor, Emanuel Foxworth, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their church with a week of thanksgiving and praise.

Dr. Leroy Hemingway from the South Central Conference started the celebration as guest speaker on the first Sabbath. Calvin E. Moseley, a retired minister from Oakwood College, presented the divine worship message on the last Sabbath.

Guests from the Lake Region Conference office included Charles Joseph, president, and Dennis C. Keith, Sr., treasurer. Keith conducted the final celebration ceremony, a candlelight dedicatory service.

The history of the Calvin Center church began in 1933, when ten Seventh-day Adventist believers living in the Cassopolis-Vandalia, Michigan area were organized into a church. This church was named the Calvin Center church by J. H. Lawrence who was then pastoring in South Bend, Indiana.

Since this new church's finances were as small as its membership, services were held in the American Legion Hall in Calvin Center for three years. Because of the member's dedication, hard work, personal sacrifice, much prayer and God's blessings, they were soon able to acquire their own modest church building.

The Calvin Center church is presently located on the Lake Region Conference campground in Cassopolis, Michigan.

Beatrice Hampton
Retired Bible Worker

DOCTORS DONATE TIME TO BEREAN CHURCH

Doctors can be quite inaccessible at times, but for a special Temperance Day program held in the Berean church in South Bend, Indiana, two doctors donated their services during the divine worship hour and at the Adventist Youth program.

Dr. Lynn Gray, who is originally from the City Temple church in Detroit, was the guest speaker during the Sabbath worship service. He is a family practice physician and has an office in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Gray stressed pre-

vention of poor health and the importance of adhering to the laws of good health.

The second doctor, Roland Chamblee, is also a family practice physician. His practice is located in South Bend. Though he is not a member of the Adventist Church, his advice for good health principles was closely related to the Seventh-day Adventist health message.

The Adventist Youth Department presented Dr. Chamblee with books published by the SDA Church.

Dr. Gray and Dr. Chamblee presented information that should help the members of the Berean church to live temperate lives.



DILLETT SPEAKS FOR SHILOH ANNIVERSARY

Eric Dillett, former pastor of the Shiloh church in Chicago, was guest speaker during a divine worship service to help the members celebrate their 75th anniversary.

Dillett is the first former pastor who has been able to make an appearance. Other ministers who pastored before Dillett are all deceased.

Though Dillett is retired, he still finds pleasure in pastoring the Detroit Center church.

COMMUNITY SERVICES WORKS AT SHILOH

The Shiloh community services department in Chicago is fulfilling the Lord's command to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bring in the poor who are cast out, visit the sick and shut-ins, help the widows and orphans and relieve

the oppressed. Members of this group, under the direction of Jackie Bonner, are glad that God has given them a share in this work.

The community services department at Shiloh is one of 500 organizations that participate in the city's food distribution program through the Food Depository.

The Red Cross refers fire victims to this organization when they are in need of food, bedding, or other household essentials.

The department is active in sending clothing to the Children's Haven Home, located in Harvey, Illinois. They also participate in preparing food for the jail program.

The most recent report for this church organization states that 3,610 bags of food were distributed this year. A total of 385 food baskets was sent to sick and shut-in senior citizens. The soup kitchen registered 200 people who had been fed delicious and nutritious meals.

The members of the community service organization also report that: 18,985 pieces of clothing were given away during the year, as well as four quilts; 4,000 pieces of literature were distributed; 151 Bible studies were held; and one person was baptized through the efforts of this group. This is just a partial report of the missionary activities performed by Bonner and her co-workers.

They report that there is still a lot to do. They invite others in the Chicago area to donate food, clothing, bedding, bath and dish towels, dishes, good furniture and electrical appliances.

There are still the poor and needy, the sick and shut-ins who need your help. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

WORKSHOP HELD AT CALVIN CENTER

The Calvin Center SDA Church in Cassopolis, Michigan, hosted Otis and Teresa Rodgers and Robert and Doris Jackson, members from the Detroit area, when they conducted an instructional workshop.

This workshop covered a broad spectrum of child evangelism. The consultants gave interesting demonstrations as they showed how songs, nature and games can be used to teach children.

LEBANON'S VISITOR'S DAY SALUTES DIPLOMATS

This year has been filled with a number of international crises—the bombing of the Marine headquarters in Lebanon, the civil war in Chad and the United States' invasion of Grenada. In light of these events, the Sabbath school department of the Lebanon SDA Church in Laurelton (Queens), New York, decided to salute the diplomatic community at the United Nations during Visitor's Day on October 29.

The reason for this honors ceremony was twofold: first and foremost, to acquaint these diplomats with the beliefs of the church in the hope that they will accept Christ as their personal Saviour; and secondly, to create a warm friendship with them so that when they return to their countries they will welcome the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church because of the friendship they enjoy with the church in New York.

These men and women constitute the best their country has to offer. The U.N. post is considered the plum of diplomatic assignments because it provides the arena for diplomats to emerge as international statesmen. Often these diplomats, after serving at the U.N., return home, where they serve as foreign minister of their countries or heads of state.

Members of the Lebanon church are confident that God has placed their church in New York City to serve as a refuge for those men and women who must make decisions that affect the world.

For Visitor's Day, a number of invitations were extended to members of the diplomatic community. Accepting the invitations were his excellency Monsieur Ramadane Barma, Chad's ambassador to the U.N.

An adherent of Islam, Barma had never heard of Adventism until Adventists assisted his mission during its crisis. Chad is a country torn by civil war and faced with a severe drought. It appears that if the country is not destroyed by civil war, its people will inevitably die of famine. It is an African nation where Islam, animism and Catholicism are the primary religions. The SDA Church has yet to establish a strong work in that country.

His excellency's awareness of the SDA Church has been greatly enhanced. During his speech to the church, he

thanked the church for the "solidarity" it has shown during its nation's crisis.

Other special guests include Dennis Inemo Daniels of the Nigerian consulate, Hyacinth Bloomfield of the Jamaican consulate, and Franklin Dollard, former Grenadian Ambassador to the U.N., who is now a member of the SDA Church. During the service Desmond Mahoney, Sabbath school superintendent, expressed Lebanon's concern for the Grenadian people during this most critical time in the nation's history.

Dr. N. O. Matthews, associate director of public affairs and religious liberty whose many responsibilities include serving as the SDA liaison to the U.N., and Dr. Stephen Ochieng, an Adventist who works at the U.N., Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Earle, president and first lady of the Northeastern Conference, were present in the afternoon to welcome the many visitors and friends.

Phillip Wesley, pastor of the Lebanon church, preached a powerful sermon and examined the beliefs of the church. Hopefully, those who attended this Visitor's Day found Adventists to be kind, caring, compassionate and concerned about people and the world in which they live.

Stephanie Johnson
Correspondent



Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Bradford (center) and Arthur Morgan (first on the left), pastor of the Jamaica church, stand with the local elders responsible for bringing a number of souls into the church.

DOOR-TO-DOOR EVANGELISM YIELDS 147 SOULS

Door-to-door evangelism has been the main thrust of the Jamaica church, Jamaica, New York, witnessing program for the last three years, resulting in approximately 147 baptisms.

The church's personal ministries department has conducted many "on-the-job training" sessions illustrating Bible



Pastor C. E. Bradford stresses to the Jamaica church personal ministries council the importance of door-to-door evangelism.

study techniques and door-to-door canvassing methods. The plan is based on assigning territories to specific bands. Each band has a captain and consists of eight people who work in groups of two.

When team members visit the neighborhood, they take much more than tracts. They bring their Bible study plan, correspondence study cards and a special invitation to fellowship with the members.

Another area of the evangelistic program is the visiting of nursing homes by the youth. As a result, the church has received many commendations and has stimulated a great interest among non-believers about the beliefs of the SDA Church.

110 ATTEND "RAGS TO RICHES" CAMP

One hundred and ten young adults attended the annual Labor Day Weekend Camp conducted by the Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries September 2-5 at Camp Victory Lake. The theme for this year's camp was "Rags to Riches."

Trevor H. C. Baker, the conference youth director, assisted by Russell Thomas, Jasmin Hoyt, John Brooks, Rebecca Riley, Garoy Williams and Doris Davies, led out in this weekend of activities.

The weekend, which began Friday evening with a very special vespers, took the campers from rags to riches. On Saturday night they were seen at their ragged worst at the Hobo Festival, while on Sunday evening they turned out in their sophisticated best at the gala banquet held in the camp's new dining room.

In the transition from rags to riches, there were several special features that contributed to the enjoyment and fellowship that made this year's Labor Day camp memorable.



Pastor R. B. Hairston, during his keynote addresses, gave God the glory for His leading to River Oaks and also His guidance in finding the needed equipment so the opening deadline could be met.

NEW CAMPGROUND FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC

The disciples of Jesus were always awed at the strange and dramatic things their Master did. Once they were hungry (as Jesus had often been). They saw a healthy, flourishing fig tree and stopped to get some figs, but there were none. Jesus talked to the tree. He told the tree that henceforth she would never produce a fig. The following morning Jesus and His team passed by the tree and saw it wilted and dying. The disciples questioned Jesus to find out how He did that. Jesus gave them a simple answer, recorded in Matthew 21:22: "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer" (New International Version).

As one views and listens to the sequence of events which led to the acquisition and occupancy of the new campgrounds in Orangeburg, South Carolina, as it is told by the president, Pastor R. B. Hairston, one cannot escape the reality of the words of Jesus that prayer in faith will do anything God wills.

It was indeed heart-rending for the brothers and sister of both Southeastern and South Atlantic to face the fact that the local elders, for the first time since the inception of that wonderful convocation in the fall, would be meeting separately. The breaking of the ties of senior youth on Labor Day weekend was just as emotional. However, as mature adults, everyone reconciled themselves and bowed to the inevitable.

History must record September 2, 1983, as the date for the first formal convocation at the campground at Orangeburg. It was for the senior youth of the conference under the direction of Pastor V. J. Mendinghall, director of youth activities.

Appropriately, President Hairston, delivered the keynote devotional, at which time he acquainted the young people with the miraculous answer to the prayers of the conference administration. This was not only in finding of the place, but also in providing equipment for the culinary department.

He pointed out that they were down to a week before the meeting and there was nothing in the kitchen and make-shift cafeteria. They could not afford the prices for the new equipment. As they kept praying to the Lord to show them a way out, Brother W. H. Winborne, a local leader in the community as well as the church, who was instrumental in finding the property in the first place, called the president. He informed him that a large cafeteria was going out of business, and was looking for a buyer for all of the equipment. They flew to Orangeburg immediately and negotiated a price with the owners of the business and were able to get our kitchen and cafeteria set up in time for the camp. In this we recognize the Lord answering the prayer of faith before the end of the prayer.

The local elders and head deacons' retreat followed the youth on September 16-18, and the regular fall workers' meeting came on September 18-21. Thus, everybody was able to learn about the way God demonstrated His guidance in the "new beginning."

The president also gave the opening message on September 16 at the local elders' retreat. Pastor Ward Sumpter preached for the seven o'clock morning devotion, and again at the eleven o'clock morning worship.

During the afternoon session a number of workshops were conducted for local elders and head deacons. On Sunday morning, Pastors Starks and Hairston unveiled the physical and financial plans for development of the camp.

The workers' meeting followed on the evening of September 18, with Sumpter as the speaker. Doctor J. M. Hammond of Columbia Union College and Pastor W. M. Starks were also guest speakers at the workers' meeting.

The workers reported 1,546 new baptisms by the end of August. This included 800 from the Oscar Lane crusade in Atlanta, Georgia, 219 from T. A. McNealy in Charleston, South Carolina, and 120 from Calvin Watkins in New Bern, North Carolina.

The River Oaks Campground, with its 106 acres, is located at 2928 Neeses

Road, N. W. (Highway 4) in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and has much potential.

According to the projection from the workers' meeting, the plan was to increase the evangelism offering by 25 percent each month starting November 5. Thus, the first new building—the cafetorium and kitchen—began construction on November 15, with the projection of having it ready for the first camp meeting there on June 7-16, 1984,

S. E. Gooden
Communication Director

KING'S DAUGHTERS IN ATLANTA

"Through Christ, In Unity Our Light Shines" was the theme of the eastern division of the National Federated King's Daughters, which the Atlanta chapter hosted October 27-29. Marian Quisenberry of Miami, president of the eastern division, which extends from Maine to Florida, estimated that nearly 300 attended this convocation.

Pastor R. B. Hairston, president of the South Atlantic Conference, and Peggy Smith, president of the Atlanta chapter, welcomed the group on Thursday night at the Downtown Days Inn, which was their headquarters.

Under an impressive candlelight seating at the Cascade SDA Church with A. R. Klein, pastor of the church, presiding and assisted by Pastor M. W. Warfield of the Maranatha church, the Federated King's Daughters rededicated themselves to the cause to which they are committed.

The entire Sabbath, October 29, at the Atlanta-Berean church, was given over to the King's Daughters with Pastor Ralph Franklin delivering the message at divine worship. Missionary activities were reported by the conferees from as far away as California. Modester E. George of San Diego, president of the western division of the organization, gave an encouraging report of the division.

The enterprising weekend was highlighted by a banquet at the Diplomat on Saturday night. At that time, the awarding of college scholarships, which is their educational objective, was done. The highest scholarship, according to their guidelines, was \$1000. It went to LaTonya Scurry, a nursing student at Southern College.

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Sallie Coopwood and her family.

SALLIE COOPWOOD CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

"I believe that the Lord is going to help me to make it." These were words of assurance that Sallie Coopwood spoke to her son, Dr. William E. Coopwood, and his wife just 30 days before her one-hundredth birthday. The widow of the late Pastor W. Coopwood, she joyously reflected upon the many years spent by her husband's side in ministering to people of God throughout the Southwest, Lake Region and Southern fields. This dutiful mother of ten children reflected on the many events and changes in history she has seen since 1883. "Jesus has led us all of the way."

The board of directors of the Haynes Gardens Apartments complex in Nashville, Tennessee, joined in the celebration of the birthday of this beloved saint by presenting her with a plaque during a fellowship dinner held in her honor by her children. They also named the fellowship hall in the complex after "Mother Coopwood."



Raymond Carter, pastor in Sylacagua, Alabama.

NEW PASTORS NAMED

Raymond Carter was recently welcomed to the Sylacagua community by the city's alderman and a representative of the local chamber of commerce. He was also well received by the members

of his new congregation in Pell City, Taladega and Sylacagua, Alabama. The work has already begun to grow under his leadership.

Jessie Wilson has returned from the seminary to shepherd flocks in Franklin, Columbia and Lewisburg, Tennessee. His dynamic leadership brings added strength to the work there.

Marion Johnson is the new leader for the Fayetteville, Pulaski and Decherd, Tennessee, congregations. Already he has begun to lay plans to house two of these congregations in Pulaski and Decherd. The Lord is blessing his labors.

W. R. Robinson and his wife have been asked to serve as interim pastor for the Hillcrest church in Nashville until the first of the year.

His services to the denomination as pastor, missionary, departmental director, administrator and editor qualify him to fill the post and already a stabilization has come to the congregation after many trying spiritual challenges overtook the flock earlier this year. With the help of Dr. E. E. Cleveland and Dr. W. R. Robinson, the Lord has turned the tide of events.

Hillcrest is the conference's oldest congregation, with its roots extending back to the original body established at Edgefield Junction, Tennessee, in 1873.



Buddy Edmond, a layman for God.

A LAYMAN ON FIRE FOR GOD!

Buddy Edmond of Huntsville, Alabama, retired from the postal service in Cleveland, Ohio, a few years ago and moved his family to this Southern town to educate his children. Many in Ohio knew of his reputation as a soul-winner for the Lord. He brought this fervor with

him to the South Central Conference.

Buddy and his wife, Marcell, continued witnessing by giving Bible studies in a nearby community, Harvest, Alabama. A new congregation of more than 40 members now worships each week at Harvest.

During this summer he joined with his son, Dana Edmonds, minister of the Covington, Kentucky, church, in a crusade at Frankfort, Kentucky. A new congregation has been organized in this capital city of Kentucky.

We praise the Lord for these dedicated laymen who serve as soldiers of the cross.

NEWS NOTES

Morris Patterson held a unique crusade in a big store building with a fence around a spacious parking lot. The big, blinking lighted sign brought hundreds of young people to the meeting to see plays and movies, as well as to hear the word of God. Patterson says that the series continued for four weeks and a baptism was held in the second week of December.

Jessie Wilson called a district meeting in Franklin, Tennessee, on October 29, in which he called for members and friends to pay for pews for the new church. The pews were \$300 each. The pews, plus other furniture, came to a total of \$18,000. The small church was happy to report that the furniture drive was a success.

In September, the Cleveland, Tennessee, church held a special day to pay for the landsite for the new church building. They report that, on the Monday after the program, they were happy to take \$12,000 to pay the balance due on the land and received a lien-free deed. Pastor Ben Jones reports that they are planning to be in a completely furnished new building by this time next year.

W. R. Robinson, former editor of *Message* magazine and now retired, has accepted an invitation to pastor the Hillcrest church in Nashville, Tennessee. At the recent worker's meeting held in Joe Wheeler Park in Alabama, he reported, "The Sabbath school attendance was below 50. It is now above 200. The Lord is blessing the work of our superintendent, Bertha Blanche." Robinson also reported that he and the Sabbath school team visited missing members and the Lord has made a change.



Eve and Eric Haynes and their daughter. He is a former Baptist minister baptized at the Dallas Fellowship church in Dallas, Texas.

BAPTIST MINISTER ACCEPTS ADVENTIST MESSAGE

Eric and Eve Haynes lived in Wichita Falls, Texas, where Providence led them to a Revelation Seminar conducted by Pastor Dan Gleason of the city. Regular attendance at the seminar was a mere tactic of Pastor Haynes to set the Adventists straight. However, the Spirit of truth led to conviction that could not be shaken.

He resigned from ministering to the Providence Baptist Church in Wichita Falls and moved to Dallas. His cousin, who also pastored a Baptist church, asked him to conduct a revival in Dallas. Dan Gleason journeyed from Wichita Falls to visit the revival and also contacted Pastor John McFarlane of the P.R.E.A.C.H. program in the Southwestern Union and Pastor J. R. Ellis of Dallas Fellowship.

Pastor Ellis invited them to his home for lunch and they discussed the Scriptures. Ellis also took them to various Adventist churches in the Dallas area.

Eric is a draftsman. Eve is a teacher. They have two children. The kindness of their new friends, along with the study of the Scriptures, influenced these young people to be baptized on Sabbath, September 17, at the Dallas Fellowship church by Pastor J. R. Ellis.

In his excitement over his newfound faith, he contacted his sister on the west coast and she has since been baptized.

He shared his faith with his mother in California as well, and she too was baptized recently. We can only exclaim that the Lord is gathering His own in these last days.

Doris Jones
Reporter

CORRECTION

In the November, 1983, issue of the *Voice* we mistakenly placed Delores Walker and Yvonne Branham Trusty of the Allegheny East Conference on the Central States pages. We apologize for the error.



Pastor and Mrs. J. Marshall and his four converts with friends and well-wishers.

PUBLISHING SECRETARY CONDUCTS REAPING

Pastor James Marshall recently visited Malakoff, Texas, a small town six miles from the campground in Athens. He was impressed to conduct an evangelistic series in that city for three weeks during his vacation. The Lord blessed with four souls, and a number of in-

terested ones are still studying. This is the kind of spirit that we can relate to in the Southwest. We look forward to the day when others will take precious time and witness for the Lord.

Doris Jones—Reporter

REVIEW AND HERALD OPENS NEW PLANT

The Review and Herald Publishing Association was established in 1849 in Middletown, Connecticut, by James E. and Ellen G. White. The plant was later moved to Battle Creek, Michigan, where it suffered great losses at the time of the great fire which completely destroyed the facility.

During the following years the plant was located in Washington, D.C., next to the headquarters of the General Conference. During the past three years, the Southern Publishing Association was merged with the Review and Herald and now the two merged organizations have erected a new plant in Hagerstown, Maryland.

After a flag-raising ceremony, Pastor N. C. Wilson, president of the General Conference, gave challenging remarks

to workers and leaders of the organization not to forget its mission and purpose as a church organization.

NEW SCHOOL NAMED FOR MINISTER

On September 4th a dream became a reality, for the birth of a union school was no longer just a concept, but a fact. The A. R. Carethers School was named after Pastor Carethers, who has labored very faithfully in the Houston area.

He is one of the few retired black ministers working in the Southwest Region Conference. For such a special occasion as this, Dr. C. D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, was invited to give the address.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MEETS CHALLENGES OF TOMORROW

The Environmental Services Department manages, supervises and renders various disciplines of service. It gives me a degree of pride and pleasure to share a brief report of some of the activity that we are focusing our attention on yesterday, today and tomorrow.

As you enter the facility from Quaker Lane, you immediately recognize the face-lift that is in progress.

Exterior Surroundings:

1. The re-landscaping of the slopes and banks of lawn that was difficult to maintain has now been converted to a beautiful, maintenance-free ground

cover of spreading hews and peat moss.

Additional attractive greenery and flowering planters are planned for installation this spring.

2. Black-top surfacing and re-dress processing have been completed on our driveways and parking areas.

3. Modern, high-pressure sodium, low-energy, high-efficiency lighting is replacing the conventional mercury vapor type that is presently providing security and safety lighting on the grounds and parking area.

A comprehensive redecorating project is in progress on the interior of the facility.

Interior Surroundings:

1. Special emphasis is being placed on maintenance of the finished product,



Miss Jackson, Environmental Services aide.

along with appearance. To achieve this effect, newly developed acrylic epoxy finishes are being applied to "high maintenance area" walls in lieu of conventional paints.

2. As you enter the building, you notice the new decor that embraces the administration offices and chapel areas completed last year.

3. An ongoing project to convert from conventional incandescent lighting to controlled, low-energy fluorescent lighting throughout the interior of the facility is in progress.

4. A systematic plan to replace all room-size air-conditioning units in the patient's rooms, dining rooms, day rooms and administration offices is in progress.

This has become necessary due to the fact that these systems have been in service for approximately thirteen years and some will continue to remain in service for an additional three years during the replacement period. This is appreciably longer than the projected useful life of this type of equipment.

When a piece of equipment ages to a point past its projected useful life, it can prove to be more costly and unreliable to maintain and keep in service than the cost of a new replacement. We will acquire the replacements for a cost equal

to approximately what it would cost to overhaul the old ones.

5. A new and improved plan is in progress to complement the present activity plan of scheduling, implementing and recording corrective, preventive, special project work, work in progress, daily occurrences, short-range and long-range activity in and around the physical plant.

6. High technology and cost-efficient chemicals are being introduced at various levels of facility maintenance in Environmental Services. One typical example of this is a de-icing liquid that will eliminate the need for snow removal of up to six inches of snow, when applied to the surface up to 36 hours prior to the snow. The man-hours and material savings and the extended life of the equipment as a result of less use all add up to a savings of approximately 150 percent.

Finally, the Environmental Services Department shares a long list of items of responsibility charged against the facility, including, but not limited to:

1. Patient, employee, visitor and property safety and security.

2. Maintenance of equipment, systems, building features, furnishings, etc.

3. Managing and supervising a staff of 15 employees.

We continue to meet the awesome challenge, but will resist most vigorously any obstacle that prevents us from becoming "better" and ultimately, "the best."

Coleman Powell
Director

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Other area presidents who were in attendance were: Bobbie Hunter of Los Angeles, California; Iris McChristan Allen of Detroit, Michigan; Carrie Johnson of Springfield, Ohio; Thelma Simpson of Indianapolis, Indiana; Susie Watts of Cincinnati, Ohio; Gloria Wilson of Los Angeles, California; Ethel Lasley of Cincinnati, Ohio; Marie Crockett of Miami, Florida; Madelyn Seymour of San Bernardino, California; Marguerite Helts of Oakland, California; Lillie Graves of Cleveland, Ohio; Maggie James of Miami, Florida; Joyce Woods of Los Angeles, California; and Gladys DeGuzman of St. Albans, New York.

IN THE NEWS

SOUTHEASTERN NEWS NOTE

Mrs. C. T. Brown, widow of the late Clanzel Brown, executive director of the Jacksonville Urban League, was honored recently on Community Guest Day at the Ephesus SDA Church in Jacksonville, Florida. She received the plaque for her late husband, whose outstanding leadership in the community was noted by all.

Pastor C. L. Brooks, associate director of the Sabbath school department of the General Conference, was the guest speaker. Pastor Theus Young presented the award.



This young pastor of the Ephesus SDA Church in Jacksonville, Florida, presented a plaque on Community Guest Day, October 1, 1983, to Mrs. C. T. Brown, widow of the late Clanzel Brown, executive director of the Jacksonville Urban League.

CHURCH ORGANIZES NEW DIVISION

When leaders from around the world gathered in Washington, D.C., for the 1983 Annual Council, quite a bit of time was spent in debating a new proposal to reorganize the work in parts of the African continent.

The proposal was finally passed to move with the following outlined plan: "To reorganize the East Africa, Ethiopian and Tanzania unions now administered by the Eastern African Divisions, and the South East Africa, Zambesi, Zambia unions and the Botswana Field, now administered by the Trans-Africa Division, into a new division of the General Conference.

"To designate Eastern Africa Division as the name of the new division.

"To attach the Southern Union Mission and the South African Union Conference directly to the General Conference with the provision that both unions are to continue as distinct union organizations. The relationship to the General Conference as attached union



Pastor Bekele Biri, president of the East Africa Division.



Pastor K. J. Mittleider, president of the Trans-Africa Division.

organizations is to continue only until such time as it becomes possible to reincorporate the two unions into a division of the General Conference."

Neither the blacks nor the whites of Africa were in favor of the proposal when it was introduced on the opening days of the council. The blacks thought that South Africa was to be part of the new division, which would have made it impossible for the blacks of the countries of the North to relate freely with the segregation practices that still exist in that country. It would present a burden for the church.

The white leaders of the church in South Africa were saddened to learn that their country and church, which had already experienced isolation from the nations of the world, was now to have the same thing done by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

After considerable time was spent debating the proposal, the action was taken to move forward with the reorganization. South Africa was not to be part of the new division, but was to continue as two union organizations under the leadership of the General Conference. Pastor K. Mittleider was elected vice president of the General Conference for this group, and Pastor B. Beklehe was elected president of the new division.

One of the interesting features is that the Southern Union Mission of South Africa is an all-black organization of the

church, and the South African Union Conference is an all-white organization of the church. The disparity comes into focus when it is pointed out that the majority of the South African population and membership of the church is black. In 1975 the Anglican Church of South Africa elected Bishop Tutu, a black, to serve as the leader for all of the members of that church.



A. Crawford of Pensacola, Florida, at 92 years of age, still drives her car, raising half of the church's Ingathering goal. Ava has enrolled in a computer class at a local city college.

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For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from law and sin and death.
Romans 8:2



Pastor Brizzara of Kenya and associates from Africa attending Annual Council.



Donald L. McPhaul, director and general manager for FM radio station WOCG in Huntsville, Alabama, greets a newly baptized member into the Seventh-day Adventist faith during the Oscar Lane crusade earlier this year. Pastor J. Jackson and Mildred Johnson, Bible instructor, also give expressions of pleasure at this greeting.

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