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Celia Marie Cleveland: musician, Bible instructor and counselor.

CELIA MARIE CLEVELAND: THE GOOD SHEPHERDESS

by Lucille Jackson Hill

Adversity is often defined as the refiner's fire necessary to melt the dross and bring out the luster and beauty of pure gold. The world owes much to the men and women, faced with considerable odds, who have eternally enriched our lives.

Consider Antonio Lisboa, the Brazilian painter and sculptor. Few, if any, artists have suffered such severe handicaps. He had no teachers, never traveled, owned few books and received little help or encouragement from friends.

Yet he became a gifted painter and sculptor whose real talents did not shine forth until he was stricken with a terrible illness during the prime of his manhood. His toes and fingers were shriveled. They wore off and his teeth came out. By many he was called "The Little Cripple."

He couldn't walk and had to push himself on his knees or someone had to carry him. In order to paint and sculpt, slaves had to strap paint brushes and chisels to his wrist. His body was so deformed and twisted that he worked hidden behind a screen. He secluded himself and painted the faces of angels.

He did much for Brazil. He painted pictures on the walls of old cathedrals in his town, Ouro Preto or Black Gold. When he died, he left a priceless art treasure that has enriched the lives of millions.

Beethoven, the great composer, wrote the Ninth Symphony when he was

totally deaf. Before the loss of his hearing, he had primarily written compositions to display his dexterity on the keyboard. One of his biographers, Henry Thomas, said that "Beethoven's deafness was no tragedy. The sounds of earth were stilled for him that in silence he might catch the harmonies of heaven."

"Trials and obstacles are the Lord's chosen method of discipline and His appointed condition of success. . . . Often He permits the fires of affliction to assail them that they may be purified" (*Ministry of Health*, p. 470).

Celia Marie Abney Cleveland certainly belongs in this class of notables. She has been assailed by the fires of affliction, yet the flames have not consumed her. They have ennobled her.

Family Tree

Celia Abney Cleveland was born on July 14, 1921, in Raleigh, North Carolina, the second child of Benjamin W. Abney, Sr., and Celia Hart Abney. Her father, B. W. Abney, a Seventh-day Adventist minister, was (in 1931) the first black missionary to South Africa.

Pastor Abney's pioneering efforts required both courage and commitment to the cause of truth. Because of South Africa's stringent apartheid laws, it was one of the most difficult and undesirable places for black Americans to labor. Nevertheless, undaunted by circumstances the Abneys remained in South Africa for seven years.

Celia's grandfather, M. H. Abney, was also a minister, serving as an African Methodist Episcopal minister in Edgefield County, South Carolina. He married Delia Abney and they gave birth to seven children. His son, B. W. Abney, remembered him as a man of many talents: a minister, school teacher and social activist. "He (father) was quite an aggressive fellow for the race in those days. He was among the leaders in the colored race that held up for principles and spoke out against the injustices that colored people had to endure. He was always respected." Her grandfather's fight for social equality would be passed on to Celia, who is a strong advocate of human rights.

Her great-grandfather, Henry Abney, was born a slave. After the Emancipation Proclamation, he became a farmer. Henry Abney married Priscilla who, after the death of her husband, lived with her son, M. H. Abney, until she



The Clevelands working together in one of their many crusades. Here they worked in Los Angeles, California, in 1961.

died. Undoubtedly, a firm commitment to Christianity was passed from one generation to another that played a decisive role in the shaping of young Celia's character.

Her mother, Celia Hart of Muncie, Indiana, was a devout Methodist until she accepted Adventism. Estranged from her family in 1909 because of her strange beliefs, she came to Oakwood College where she met Benjamin, a theology student, the following year. Two years later they were married. From their union was born a son, Benjamin, Jr., and a daughter, Celia.

For many years Mrs. Abney worked as a Bible instructor with her husband. She has labored side-by-side with her husband, a pattern Celia would follow.

Days of Labor

Celia's childhood was happy and secure. She was blessed with educated Christian parents who sought to give her every spiritual, as well as scholastic and cultural, advantage. They instilled within Celia a love of music. She became an accomplished pianist.

At ten years of age she set sail for South Africa with the members of her family. For seven years she studied in the local public school and mastered Afrikaans, the indigenous tongue. These years played a pivotal role in preparing her for the work she would do alongside her husband, Dr. E. E. Cleveland, the world evangelist.

At the age of seventeen Celia returned to America, entered Oakwood Academy and continued through junior college. It was at Oakwood that she met the man who later became her husband.



The Abneys returning from South Africa in August of 1938. Left to right: Celia Abney, Pastor B. W. Abney and daughter Celia. Their son Benjamin had returned to America in 1935.

Actually, they first met in Chattanooga, Tennessee, when they were six years old.

During the summers she worked at various tent meetings. In 1940 she worked with Pastor Frank L. Bland for six dollars per week in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1941 she worked as a Bible instructor and pianist for Pastor Herman Murphy in South Boston, Virginia, for ten dollars per week and \$1.50 for rent allowance. In 1942 she again worked as pianist and Bible instructor for Pastor C. A. Lynes in Dayton, Tennessee, for nine dollars per week. She became most proficient in both areas of service.

The Good Shepherdess

On May 29, 1943, she married Edward Earl Cleveland. Together they embarked upon a career in evangelism that would make their names resound throughout the world.

By work and example she became the premier "good shepherdess." One remembers meeting the Clevelands in 1949 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, after the completion of their campaign there.

At that time they were living in a tiny house trailer which Celia quickly transformed into a beautiful home where ministers and their families would often come to enjoy Celia's hospitality. Her home has always been the house by the side of the road.

During an evangelistic crusade Celia seemed to summon forth an abundance of strength and energy. She would rise early in the morning to enter the field to study with interested persons. After completing her studies, Celia would hurriedly gather her materials and go to the tent.

Here she exhibited her skills as an integral part of the team—pianist, choir director, Bible instructor, bookkeeper and general manager. Her dedication to the cause of God has resulted in more than 3,000 souls joining the Adventist Church.

Not only has she garnered a harvest of souls but she also has trained some of the most fruitful Bible instructors to have graced the movement. Typical of some of the people with whom she worked is Bettie Bonner, a public school teacher who said that "I was drawn to the message by Mrs. Cleveland's prayers." Even now, though unable to do Bible instructor work as she once did, she carries religious literature with her wherever she goes and passes it out. "Something to read in your spare time," she states cheerfully (and is seldom refused).

Continuing her leadership qualities, Celia has always been active in bringing together during camp meeting a program that gives impetus to the role of the minister's wife.

Her circle of love reaches around the world. For many she set a powerful example of a child's responsibility to parents during their sunset years. When Pastor and Mrs. Abney reached their golden years, they began to experience failing health and were unable to properly care for themselves. Celia and her understanding husband took them in and lovingly cared for them until their sun was completely set. Their son, Earl, Jr., has also been a special benefactor of Celia's love.

Perhaps her best sermon has been preached during her suffering. In the prime of her life she was struck with an illness that made it impossible for her to

walk or stand without the aid of a walker or crutches. Repeated surgery has not dampened her buoyant spirits or infectious smiles. On the campus of Oakwood College, her ministry continues. Students seek her counsel and are uplifted. She has cast her bread upon life's broad waters. After many days she will be visited.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

NEWS NOTES

From *Spectrum* magazine, Volume 14, Number 4, comes the following news brief:

"By 1985, when the General Conference session is held in New Orleans, the denomination's structure will have received many critiques from study groups established by the church at various levels. The General Conference has already instituted a committee, chaired by a general vice president, to look at the structure of the world church, and current plans indicate that not only committees and commissions, but constituency meetings of conferences will study the topic as well.

"One of the most detailed proposals for change emerged from Mid-America Union. At the request of the union officers, a document was prepared by Dean Hubbard, president of Union College. His study listed publishing, trust services and education as the areas with the most inefficiency. Hubbard said that the supervision of publishing and education could best be handled at the union level."

It is interesting to note that Hubbard's first proposal for the restructuring process stated that "only the Central States Conference would be discontinued, with a vice president for black affairs appointed at the union level." All other conferences would continue to function as they now exist.

It appears that the brethren are determined to turn the clock back and dissolve the black conference, black institutions (Riverside Hospital has already been sold, as well as the Lake Region Hospital in Chicago), black church leaders, black schools and the black church. Earlier during 1983, Pastor Earl Amundson, president of the Atlantic Union, proposed dissolving the Northeastern Conference and placing its

membership in the smaller conferences of that union. Positions that blacks held during the 1970s are fast disappearing. It is in the air that the president for the North American Division might be changed at the coming G.C. session in 1985. This would be shameful.

NAD BLACKS PAY MORE THAN WORLD DIVISIONS

Although they are the group at the bottom of the ladder when it comes to income and jobs, black members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the North American Division paid more tithe into the church than any other division around the entire world during 1983.

The total amount that was paid came to \$41,146,092. This does not include the income from those who have not brought themselves to where they are paying their tithe at all, and those blacks who hold membership in our sister churches and pay their funds there.

The tithe-paying record of the North American black is especially commendable when one considers that his income is about half of that of his counterpart, but the interesting thing is that the black in sister churches' schools becomes a nonconstituent member and must therefore pay an additional amount of his small income to educate his child there.

Of the total tithe dollar, the black member gives five percent for higher education whereas his sister conference only gives three percent. The black receives approximately .0005 percent from the retirement fund and pays fourteen percent into that fund annually. This increases as the tithe income increases.

Of the 36,508 baptisms in the North American Division during 1983, 11,629 took place in black churches. Of the \$291,388,631 in tithe paid into the church during 1983 in the N.A.D., \$41,146,092 came from regional conferences. Of the 4,143 pastors in the N.A.D., only 494 are in the black sector. Of the 660,253 members in the North American Division at the close of 1983, 150,166 were in the black church.

It seems that the talk and planning for the restructuring of the organization only directs its theme toward how money can be saved and not how many souls can be invited to get ready to meet the Lord. If the regional conferences and churches could be disbanded, there would be a greater control over more

funds and the work in that sector of the church would be set back 100 years. I remember an old sister saying a number of years ago: "Everybody stops to listen when the money talks!" The black member in the church is not so large a burden after all, it seems.

INNER-CITY AND PRISON MINISTRIES WORKSHOP

Inner-city and prison ministries directors representing seven of the nine unions of the North American Division met at the General Conference headquarters on May 16 for a one-day workshop.

The meeting was attended by union inner-city directors and directors of prison ministries organizations. Several local directors were invited by the union directors to make special presentations to workshop attendees.

The purpose of the meeting was to point out the increasing unemployment among blacks and other minorities in the inner cities and how this has impacted upon prisons and other penal institutions. Also, demographics indicate that most major cities of America are becoming a vast, complex mission field, requiring a multiple variety of resources which constitute an unprecedented challenge to the Seventh-day Adventist Church to exhaust every effort possible to alleviate the need.

Dr. Norman K. Miles, associate professor of urban ministries at Andrews University, was guest speaker for the workshop. He presented three enlightening discourses: "Lazarus and the Rich Man," "Issues in City Ministry and Discipleship" and "Improving Self Concepts—A Strategy for Prison Ministry."

Union inner-city directors with large minority populations and directors from several very successful prison ministries organizations made encouraging reports of how their organizations are addressing the needs of people in their areas.

The group was challenged to accept the commission of Jesus Christ to respond to the distressing needs of the poor, visit those in prison and carry the gospel to every creature.

Pastor C. E. Bradford is chairman of inner-city and prison ministries. Pastor R. W. Bates and the writer were acting co-chairmen of the workshop.

R. L. Woodfork
General Field Secretary

GRAYBILL'S EXIT

After thirteen years of service as a church historian at the Ellen G. White Estate, Ron Graybill, under pressure from the estate board, agreed to request reassignment. The move came as a result of his preparation of his doctoral dissertation.

Graybill is the author of "Church Race Relations" and "Mission to Black America," which deals with the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in relationship to the black race in the country after the Civil War.



Lawrence Hamilton and the Central California workers at their annual convocation.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA BLACK CONVOCATION HELD

One of the South Central Conference's "sons," Pastor Lawrence Hamilton, was elected to be coordinator for black affairs in the Central California Conference. This is a post that is used to strengthen the work among black members of the conferences on the West Coast inasmuch as there are no regional conferences in that part of the country.

One of the programs that Hamilton has instituted to bring pastors and members together each year is a "black convocation" where religious experiences, fellowship and good preaching are enjoyed by members as well as ministers. Guest speakers for this meeting were Dr. William DeShay, coordinator for the Southern California Conference, and Dr. C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference. Also in attendance, along with ministers of local churches, were pastors Earl A. Canson, Joseph Hutchinson and Major White of the Pacific Union Conference.

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Kind words are like honey—enjoyable and healthful.

Proverbs 16:26

The Editor's Desk

1984 MISSION EXTENSION OFFERING APPEAL

Eleven years after the 1863 organization of this church, our first overseas missionary was commissioned. Today, over a century later, hundreds of families are still venturing to new lands and new territories to share the good news of this special message to souls hungering and thirsting for the truth for these times. Young people of college age extend their years of study by taking time to serve humanity's needs at home as well as abroad. *Humanitas* still carries on the tradition of the student missionary and taskforce volunteers.

From Oakwood College some 168 students have gone as student missionaries, and each year a growing number raise funds to go to places with strange names and different customs to share their love and concern for lost souls.

This year in the North American Divi-

sion we are raising funds for projects that probably affect us blacks more than any other major urban group. The funds collected will go, in part, to help fund major evangelistic efforts in Detroit, Indianapolis and Milwaukee. In addition, a percentage will help to fund prison ministries ("Jesus Behind Bars") in the Pacific Union.

On September 8, remember our families and your opportunity to give a helping hand to those who have volunteered to lay their lives and service on the line.

Your liberal contributions will help us realize our portion of the goal of \$750,000 and provide assurance to those who look to us for support, that the vision of missions and finishing "the work" is still dynamically central to the church's program.

Victor S. Griffiths
Associate Director of Education
General Conference

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Aug. 24	31	Sept. 7	14
Boston, Mass.	7:32	7:20	7:08	6:56
New York City	7:42	7:30	7:19	7:06
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:03	7:52	7:40	7:27
Atlanta, Ga.	8:14	8:05	7:56	7:46
Miami, Fla.	7:48	7:41	7:34	7:26
Charlotte, N.C.	8:02	7:52	7:43	7:33
Birmingham, Ala.	7:23	7:14	7:05	6:55
Jackson, Miss.	7:35	7:27	7:18	7:09
Memphis, Tenn.	7:38	7:29	7:19	7:09
Louisville, Ky.	8:25	8:15	8:04	7:53
Detroit, Mich.	8:21	8:09	7:58	7:45
Chicago, Ill.	7:37	7:26	7:14	7:06
South Bend, Indiana	7:32	7:21	7:09	6:57
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:05	7:53	7:40	7:27
St. Louis, Mo.	7:43	7:33	7:22	7:11
Kansas City, Mo.	8:01	7:51	7:40	7:29
Denver, Co.	7:44	7:33	7:22	7:11
Little Rock, Ark.	7:46	7:37	7:28	7:18
Dallas, Texas	8:03	7:54	7:45	7:35
New Orleans, La.	7:32	7:24	7:16	7:07
Albuquerque, N.M.	7:44	7:35	7:25	7:15
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:09	7:59	7:49	7:39

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

ALLEGHENY EAST



Members of Food for Life receive the President's Award for 1984 Volunteer of the Year.

VOLUNTEER GROUP RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The prestigious President's Award for 1984 Volunteer of the Year for the District of Columbia was presented to the Seventh-day Adventist group Food for Life. Its founder and executive director, Jerri McLean, a member of the Breath of Life SDA Church, received several standing ovations amid thunderous applause as she accepted the coveted award and the departmental award from the Department of Human Services. A certificate of appreciation from the District of Columbia government and a letter of congratulations from D.C. Mayor Marion Barry were also presented.

In her acceptance speech, McLean said that "One of the most gratifying experiences of my life occurred when I began serving persons in need of help. . . . It is my prayer that every American, whether red, yellow, black or white, will put his shoulder to the wheel. Let neighbor turn to neighbor instead of neighbor against neighbor. With God's help we can win the war against poverty in this generation. Today, with mixed emotions and deep humility, I am happy to accept these awards on behalf of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. These awards will be among our most prized possessions."

President Ronald Reagan said that "Because they are so important, this Administration seeks to elevate voluntary action and private initiative to the recognition they deserve."

Marion Barry said: "As mayor of the District of Columbia, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and . . . your group has unselfishly provided food, counseling and other social service needs to persons seeking these services. I commend you for all your efforts

and am delighted to present you this token of our esteem."

NBC News, on its 6 o'clock telecast for May 23, hailed the Seventh-day Adventist group as "outstanding . . . the volunteers gave from their pockets." An-tonette Gardner, chief of volunteer ser-vice (DHS), said that "they not only preach the gospel, they practice it."

This volunteer group is composed of members from the Breath of Life, Capitol Hill, Dupont Park and Hadley Community Seventh-day Adventist churches.

The volunteers are Creswell Brath-waite, Alice and Luther Bruner, Felicia Clay, Mildred Dorsey, Denis Grennidge, Gladys James, Brenda and Ralph Jones, Romaine and John Littles, Hollis and Elizabeth McDade, Catherine and Milton McIver, Jerri McLean, Madeline Palmer and Tonsa Warner. Their backgrounds are as varied as the ages of the mem-bers. They range from attorney, police-man, government executive and Bible worker to retiree. Agewise, they range from 36 to in their 70s.

What makes this volunteer group so unique is that it receives no funding. Members contribute from their own pockets. They feed the needy at eight centers each week. Many of the clients are homeless and jobless welfare or food stamp recipients waiting to have applications processed. Sometimes the wait is long, especially if they are already hungry and without funds. More than 10,000 people have been fed through the sacrificial efforts of this Seventh-day Adventist group.

When McLean, the executive director, was asked by a reporter to tell some-thing about herself, he asked the ques-tion—"Are you a businesswoman, retiree, housewife?" McLean quietly said, "I am a born-again Christian."



Paul Sutherland, 2½ years old, recited all the memory verses and topics for thirteen Sab-baths.

A CHILD IS KNOWN BY HIS DEEDS

Proverbs 22:6 advises: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Wisdom suggests that all parents should bring up their children in the admiration and fear of God.

On a recent thirteenth Sabbath in the First church of Teaneck, New Jersey, 2½-year-old Paul Sutherland recited each topic of the Sabbath with its ac-companying memory verse as a special feature during the 11 o'clock service. Paul's mother rises with her little Cradle Roll member every day for morning wor-ship and teaches him from the word of God.

Gloria J. Dorsey
Communication Secretary

YOUTHS ORGANIZE CLUB TO HELP SENIOR CITIZENS

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, young people who were con-cerned about the social and political direction in which the world was headed banded together in "love groups." They had a great effect on society and in some ways society will never be the same. History has never fully evaluated the changes that took place. Now there is another love group.

Shortly after the launching of the 1,000 Days of Reaping program, a group of school-aged children from the Pine Forge Elementary School formed a very unique love group—the W.L.S.C. The W.L.S.C. is unique because it stands for We Love Senior Citizens.

The group was formed after Connie Smith, an eighth grader, conceived the idea and called her best friend, Cheryl Lewis (another eighth grader), and told her about the idea. The two girls met with three other schoolmates. After listening to the plans, this group of five, Connie Smith, Cheryl Lewis, Samuel Clark (8th grade), Raymond Harvey (7th grade) and Lolita Norwood (6th grade), decided that they would start the We Love Senior Citizens (W.L.S.C.) Club.

The objective of the club is to show senior citizens that they are loved and appreciated.

W.L.S.C. members are required to pay weekly dues of 50 cents per member. The dues are used to finance W.L.S.C. activities, which have included Thanks-

giving fruit baskets, greeting cards (Thinking of You, Mother's Day, etc.), a Valentine dinner in honor of senior citizens, Easter baskets and Mother's Day flowers.

W.L.S.C. members also make house calls to senior citizens where they engage in having prayer, singing songs, telling stories and reading Scripture. They also involve themselves in giving a helping hand wherever possible to senior citizens.

When the W.L.S.C. first began it was geared to senior citizens of the Walnut Street SDA Church in Pottstown, Penn-sylvania. However, the activities soon spread to the senior citizens in the Pine Forge church. The W.L.S.C. recently made an attempt to involve the Walnut Street church in a senior citizen ministry.

Seventh-day Adventists have been made aware of the spiritual virtues of Christian education. The W.L.S.C. por-trays a very vivid picture of a group of Seventh-day Adventist young people who have learned the real meaning of love and brotherhood. They have been taught by a Christian teacher and parents the true meaning of the gospel commission.

To date the W.L.S.C. group has not baptized any senior citizens, but they have made many a heart glad. They have filled many lonely hours with joy and have turned some frowns into smiles.

The membership of W.L.S.C. is pre-dicted to grow by leaps and bounds, not only from other schoolmates but from older persons as well. It seems that the W.L.S.C. has found a way to say "I love you" that few persons would have dreamed of.

Perhaps a good slogan for all Seventh-day Adventists would be: "Have you told a senior citizen 'I love you'?" W.L.S.C. members have and they love it.



The W.L.S.C. Club pays a visit to retired teacher Evelyn Winston. Left to right: Cheryl Lewis, Connie Smith, Lolita Norwood, Ray-mond Harvey and Samuel Clark.

THE OLE' CAMP MEETIN'

Camp meetin's over.
 Say friend, were you there?
 Why, the presence of God
 Just permeated the air!
 To the old auditorium
 The people just poured.
 They filled up the place
 Clear back to the door.
 Now camp meetin's always fun
 With acquaintances to renew
 But this year was the best
 "'Cause our auditorium was cool!"

The saints were all there
 As the rafters just rang,
 "Footprints of Jesus,"
 The theme song was sung.
 God's people were blessed
 As they honored the Lord,
 His praises were sung
 And we heard from His Word.
 Camp meetin's over.
 Now, my friend, do your part.
 Keep camp meetin' alive
 All year in your heart.

S. Haywood Cox



At the reception from left to right: E. F. Carter; Zelema Harris, Kansas City branch president and convention chairperson; Dr. Hosea Thomas-Richards, lifetime member of the N.A.A.C.P.; Velma E. Woodson, convention co-chairperson; and Dr. S. Haywood Cox.

NEWSNOTE

The Kansas City branch of the N.A.A.C.P. hosted the national convention for this organization July 1-6 in Kansas City, Missouri.

In anticipation and preparation for the convention, the Kansas City organization opened a suite of offices for the convention headquarters in Kansas City at the N.A.A.C.P. offices. The opening of these offices was highlighted by a reception.

The principal speaker for the occasion was Pastor Julius Holt, director of religious affairs from the national headquarters in Detroit, Michigan.

The reception was well attended by members of the Kansas City branch

chapter, along with many outstanding citizens of the community.

E. F. Carter

SPRING WEEK OF PRAYER AT BETHEL CHURCH

Pastor Nathaniel Miller, A.Y. director for the Central States Conference and an elder at the Bethel church in Kansas City, Kansas, was guest speaker for the spring week of prayer.

Each night Pastor Miller challenged members and visitors to set their sights on things above and to make sure of living a devout Christian life each day. The theme song for each service, "Learning to Lean on Jesus" was led by Shirley Platt.

On Sabbath morning Miller preached on "The Power of God." Two new members were added for membership and several expressed the desire to be baptized.

Community Guest Day for the Bethel Sabbath school was also a climax for the week of prayer. Melba Reece, superintendent, had as special guest Mayor Jack Reardon of Kansas City, Kansas. Reardon congratulated the superintendent for a lovely Sabbath school and gave words of wisdom and encouragement. Reece presented a trophy to Mayor Reardon for his interest and help in the community.

Mazie Mitchell
 Communication Secretary



Left to right: Melba Reece, Pastor James White, Mayor Jack Reardon and Pastor Savage offering prayer during Community Guest Day at the Bethel church.

PARK AVENUE CHURCH HOLDS YOUTH DAY

The Park Avenue SDA Church in St. Louis, Missouri, hosted its annual Youth Day during the month of May. Adventist youth from all area churches were represented. The church invited one of its former members, Pastor Jay Winston, to be the speaker.

Pastor Winston spent his early childhood at Park Avenue, serving as a dedicated member. He graduated with honors from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he met and later married Crystal Bodie, also a Union College graduate. Crystal and Jay were joined in holy matrimony on November 28, 1983. Pastor B. T. Rice of the Northside SDA Church officiated.

The happily married couple are presently living in Springfield, Missouri, where Winston is pastor of the Independence and Coffeyville, Kansas, and Springfield, Missouri, churches.

Clydie Johnson
 Communication Secretary



Pastor G. H. Taylor was guest speaker for week of prayer at the Palace of Peace church.

WEEK OF PRAYER IN PUEBLO

The Claremont church in Pueblo, Colorado, held its annual week of prayer April 15-21. The guest speaker was Pastor G. H. Taylor of the Park Hill SDA Church in Denver, Colorado. Each night was a blessing, providing an opportunity for re-dedication and consecration to God.

Sabbath, April 21, was the final day. It not only included two powerful messages by the speaker—during the divine worship hour and the A.Y.S. period—but also a musical program featuring talent from the Palace of Peace church in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the Taylor Family, featuring the "Four K's," and the Claremont church.

Jan Taylor
 Communication Secretary

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And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30



POSITIVE THINKING IN INDIANAPOLIS

Judy M. Crawford, a Bible worker for the Lake Region Conference, recently conducted a positive thinking workshop at the Marriott Inn in Indianapolis. The name of the workshop is "Creative Method of Positive Thinking" (CMPT Workshop). Crawford has also conducted these workshops in Michigan and Kansas City.

What kinds of thoughts have you been carrying around in your mind? Negative thoughts can shape your entire body and life-style in a negative way. According to Judy Crawford, her workshops are designed to help you diminish negative thoughts and help you succeed in any area for the rest of your life. "In the workshop," says Crawford, "we give you the principles to maintain positive thoughts and positive goals."

Crawford says further that she has always been interested in psychology. She quotes Ellen G. White as saying, "In order to lead souls to Jesus there must be a study of the human mind" (4T, p. 67).

"He who seeks to transform humanity must himself understand humanity." (Ed., p. 78).

As a result of working with members of the church who are afraid to witness, she has become interested in positive thinking and visualization technique (forming mental pictures). She emphasizes that her workshop not only helps to eliminate this fear of witnessing and getting decisions from people, but it also helps in every other area of your life: spiritual, mental, physical and material.

The last workshop Crawford directed was held at the Marriott Inn in Indi-

anapolis. At the end of the workshop, twenty people signed up requesting Bible studies.

As a result of the workshop Judy conducted at the laymen's institute in Detroit sponsored by the Lake Region Conference, she received a number of calls and letters requesting that she conduct workshops in various cities across the Lake Region territory.

For further information, contact Judy Crawford at this telephone number: (317) 923-2837.



Members of the Chapter One choir from Andrews University join Ken McBride at the piano. He originated the group in 1977.

CHAPTER ONE SINGS AT HINSDALE ALL-NATIONS

The Chapter One Choir appeared at the All-Nations church as guest choir for the worship service. In the afternoon they were featured in a concert. Chapter One is under the direction of Karen Britton.

This 33-member group was originally organized in 1977 under the direction of Kenneth McBride.

Karen Britton, an Andrews University graduate in the class of 1977, now a registered nurse in the obstetrical division of Berrien General Hospital, took over direction of the choir in September of 1983.

The All-Nations church, in its second year as an organized body, is presently using the Spinning Wheel facility of the Hinsdale Hospital. It began with a membership of sixteen and has grown to its present membership of 55.

Claude Shaw, formerly assistant pastor of the Shiloh church, was recently assigned to pastor the Hinsdale All-Nations church.

Robert Savage
Reporter

ALUMNI DAY AT CAPITOL CITY

Capitol City's Oakwood College Alumni Day featured Calvin Rock, presi-

dent of Oakwood, as guest speaker. A full day of activities was planned. Pastor Rock used as his topic "This Kingdom Business."

Beautiful music was performed by a young ladies' trio called "Three In His Name." They were accompanied by Eurydice Osterman, director of the Oakwood College Choir. Rodney Ware, an Oakwood student, sang the hymn of meditation.

All central Indiana churches convened at Capitol City for the afternoon meetings. A reception was held for the Oakwood guests and supporters of Oakwood College Saturday evening. Thomasine Wright, president of the Indianapolis alumni chapter, stated that there were about 25 representatives from Oakwood who participated in the Capitol City Oakwood Alumni Day. Wright, a former instructor at Oakwood, planned the alumni day activities.

Charli Cartwright
Communication Secretary

BETHEL CELEBRATES PERSONAL MINISTRY DAY

The first Sabbath in each month has been designated as Personal Ministry Day at the Bethel church in East Chicago, Indiana.

On these Sabbaths the personal ministries leader, Francis Sharply, invites a special guest speaker to offer encouraging words to members as they strive to spread the gospel to neighbors and friends throughout the community by way of the Real Truth Bible Course.

The personal ministries secretary, Ruth Davis, was happy to report that to date over 430 people have been enrolled in the Real Truth Bible Course and one person has been baptized.

On Sabbath, August 6, the speaker was Roscoe Brown, a layman from the Robbins, Illinois, church. His sermon, "To Dream the Impossible Dream," impressed upon the hearts of members and visitors that "our impossible dreams can be reached through Christ."

Brown has the ability to captivate his audience with stories and poetry while he delivers the word of God. His personal testimony (of how happy he was to have his wife recently join the Adventist faith after 28 years) was also proof that dreams do come true, especially those that are in Christ.



Pastor and Mrs. Hector M. Mouzon of the Mount Zion SDA Church.

MOUNT ZION CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

Pastor Hector M. Mouzon, Jr., was the first of seven children born to Pastor Hector and Thelma Mouzon, Sr., in the historic city of Charleston, South Carolina. There he completed his elementary education. He started his ministry at the early age of fourteen and assisted his parents in defraying the cost of his Christian education at Oakwood Academy in Huntsville, Alabama.

After graduating from the academy, he spent two years in the United States Army, serving his country in the distant land of Korea. Returning to Oakwood, he successfully completed his college education in the year 1959, receiving a B.S. degree in business administration and minoring in religion.

He began serving his church as an accountant for the Southwest Region Conference in Dallas, Texas. While serving in this capacity, he was asked to act as pastor of the Waco SDA Church in Waco, Texas. In 1964 he was given the opportunity to serve as full-time pastor of the Alexandria, Louisiana, district. This marked the answer to his mother's prayer that he would dedicate himself to the ministry. Since that time God has blessed his ministry immensely. Since his first assignment in Alexandria, Louisiana, he has pastored in Little Rock, Arkansas, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Huntsville, Alabama, Kansas City, Missouri, overseas in the Bermuda mission and has recently come to the New Haven area to serve as pastor of the Mount Zion SDA Church in Hamden, Connecticut.

Some of his accomplishments are the building of two lovely churches—the First SDA Church in Huntsville and the Alpha SDA Church in Decatur, Alabama, the establishment of a new church, the Beacon Light SDA Church in Kansas City, Missouri, and most of all the hundreds of people baptized by him during his 24 years as a minister of the Gospel.

Pastor Mouzon is married to the former Inola Wright. They have twin sons, Derek and Damyon, who will be joining them here when school closes in Bermuda. He and his family are happy to be in our community and look forward with expectancy to serving the New Haven-Hamden area.



Edna L. Williamson, guest speaker for Women's Day at the Emmanuel Temple church.

WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM AT EMMANUEL TEMPLE

On May 11 the Emmanuel Temple SDA Church in Buffalo, New York, held a special Women's Day program.

Edna Lett Williamson, retired principal of Northeastern Academy, was the guest speaker. Her topic was "Women of the Bible: Ladies of Emmanuel Temple, Art Thou Come to the Kingdom for Such a Time as This?" Several women were mentioned from Eve to the present. Our first lady of Emmanuel Temple, Mackeria Washington, was also honored.

That afternoon, during the Adventist Youth meeting, the theme continued with emphasis on "Women through the Ages." The ladies of Emmanuel Temple had a mother's march. Several tributes were made to deceased mothers, women as companions, trainers of children, homemakers and workers in the church and outside the home. The

program ended with the musical group, Real Joy, and Bible instructor Eva Jeltz offering the closing prayer.

Elizabeth Newsom
Communication Secretary

16 CONGREGATIONS WORSHIP WITH SOUTH OZONE

Usually the gathering of representatives from sixteen churches in metropolitan New York and Connecticut are reserved for special meetings or workshops, but this was not the case on Sabbath, May 19, when members from sixteen congregations gathered at the South Ozone Park church in South Ozone Park, New York.

This special worship day was conceived by Harriet Morgan of the Mt. Zion church in New Haven, Connecticut, whose idea was embraced by the South Ozone church.

Members of the Mt. Zion SDA Church were in charge of the morning program. Joan Stinson served as Sabbath school superintendent. The Sabbath school lesson was taught by Pastor Samuel Stinson, Jr. Derrick Hall of the Christian Fellowship church in Brooklyn, New York, presented special music.

"The Other Side of the Coin," the mission story presented by Bernice Bailey, became a stirring appeal those present found it difficult to forget. The personal ministries period was led by Lola Nathan. Music for the divine worship hour was furnished by The Sounds of Joy, an appropriately named a cappella male chorus.

Lionel Arthur, pastor of the church, was the speaker for the divine hour. He spoke on "Three Forgotten Graces," encouraging all present to cultivate the Christian graces of kindness, tenderness and forgiveness.

In the evening the Mt. Zion A.Y.S., under the direction of Tanya Taylor, presented the evening program.

The vesper service was presented by Hector Mouzon, pastor of the Mt. Zion SDA Church. He and his wife spent the afternoon at the South Ozone church.

The perfect ending to the perfect day! Everyone present joined hands, encircled the sanctuary and sang "Side by Side." It was a poignant moment when everyone promised to stand side-by-side, holding hands and singing at Jesus' feet in the earth made new.

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT BUCKSPORT

Carrie Bellamy, a reporter in the Bucksport area for the *Fields & Herald* newspaper, reported the following: "May 19, 1984, was a great day at the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bucksport, South Carolina. They had a special program which included honoring various citizens who have made outstanding contributions to this community and elsewhere."

Communication Secretary Deborah Salim stated that Sabbath School Superintendent Margaret Sumpter planned the program around the theme, "Knowing God Better." Following that theme, Jusuf Salim emphasized "Knowing God Better Through His Law" as he taught the Sabbath school lesson to the 180 persons present.

Radio pastor/evangelist T. A. McNealy of Charleston, South Carolina, who was the guest speaker, presented a stirring message from Isaiah 9:6. Included in the audience were the honorees of the day: County Councilman James R. Frazier; Fire Chief R. J. Bell of the Bucksport Fire Department (the staff was also present); and Mary S. Gause, the oldest person in the community. The sermon was so overwhelming that everyone responded by committing themselves to begin doing all that God leads them to do in preparing to meet Jesus when He returns.

Music for the occasion was provided by Robert Sarvis, Yusuf Salim, the Bethel adult choir and the Mount Olive of Hemingway adult choir.

The traditional fellowship dinner followed the morning service. Some of the special guests who seemed to have enjoyed the vegetarian meal were the firefighters of Bucksport, along with the chief and his family, Councilman Frazier, Laurie McCloud, other businessmen and women of the community, Pastor and Mrs. McNealy and family, Pastor and Mrs. Ward Sumpter, Jr., representatives from the Jerusalem and Salem churches of Bucksport, as well as the Seventh-day Adventist churches of Aikens, Andrews, Charleston, Darlington, Florence, Hemingway and Summerville.

The A.Y.S. department concluded the day (characterized by local elder Keller Sumpter, Jr., as "a day that will go down in history in Bucksport") with a television newsroom reporting world events that point out how near the second coming of Jesus is.

OBITUARY

Mary Crawford Bridges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crawford, was born in LaGrange, Georgia, on February 4, 1900, and passed away on May 29, 1984. Her marriages produced five sons and four daughters.

She accepted the Adventist message in Atlanta in 1960 through the evangelistic effort of Pastor H. L. Cleveland, who preached the eulogy at her funeral. The report is that on the first night she went to Cleveland's meeting at Washington High School on Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, she remarked at the end of the meeting that "This is what I was looking for."

She went home and gathered all of her family, who were all grown, and told them to come and listen to a man who was saying something they all needed to hear. They came, and eight of them were baptized with her.

She remained a faithful, strong and supportive member as a literature evangelist, deaconess and other offices in the Atlanta-Berean church until the day of her death.

She left to cherish her memories: her sons Jessie Hayes, Tommie White and their families; Eddie, John, Cecil Bridges and their families; her daughters Farrow Watson and Hendley and their families; two sisters, Odessa Boykin and Marie Howell; two brothers, Eddie and Forest Crawford; 25 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; one brother-in-law, Pierce Howell; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

EBENEZER HOSTS MARCH OF ACTIVITIES

Margaret Bryant, communication secretary for the Ebenezer church in Augusta, Georgia, reported that March was a banner month.

It started out on the tenth with Varnard J. Mendinghall, education and youth director of the South Atlantic Conference, who came to attend the final runoff of the conference-wide oratorical contest to select the representative to meet winners from the other eight conferences at the United Youth Congress in Georgia on March 31. The contestants were Monya Frazier of Florence, South Carolina, and Karla Phipps of Atlanta, Georgia.

Pastor Mendinghall woke the church with a dynamic sermon entitled, "The Ten Virgins." The central theme was: "Wake Up, Clean Up and Look Up." Parents were challenged to set good examples through righteous living for their children to emulate. Signs were pointed out which clearly spelled out the fact that the end of time is at hand, and would be consummated already were it not for the unlimited love of God which causes Him to delay by putting a hold on His return.

The sanctuary choir sponsored the tenth anniversary of their entry into this church in March. "Because of the many struggles and hardships we had getting a decent church home," Bryant said, former pastor Matthew Green, who resides in St. Petersburg, Florida, and was the guest speaker for the day, entitled his message "This Far by Faith." "He said we have to recognize that a lot of our people don't know from whence we came or where they are going, but one thing they do know is that we have come this far by faith.

"Besides many guests from the community, we had President R. B. Hairston and Pastor Joseph Hinson from the conference, and from other churches of the district, Johnson and Wrens. After the spiritual feast, we were led to the table for a satisfying physical feast.

"We recently finished a week of prayer from February 26 to March 3. Our speaker was Pastor Drake Barber of Greenwood, South Carolina. His title for the week was 'Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So' (Psalm 102:7). It was soul-stirring for members and visitors. Some wish to continue further studies," Bryant said.

CLASSIFIED AD

Clinical psychologist wanted:

Ph.D., fully licensed or eligible. Battle Creek Adventist Hospital in Battle Creek is a 155-bed specialty mental health care facility. Individual should have three to five years' experience in areas of individual and group inpatient services, psychological assessment and administrative abilities. Leadership abilities required. Must have a high level of competence and personal integrity. Send curriculum vitae to: Ingrid Baum, Director of Medical Staff Development, Adventist Health System/North, 15 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521.



Meharry graduates and SDA medical students.

MEHARRY MEDICAL SCHOOL PRODUCES SDA PHYSICIANS

For over 108 years the Meharry Medical School has been training leaders to serve mankind's physical needs. The graduation exercises this year brought another four physicians into service from the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In the class were Benson Mugemancuro, Vernetta Sampson and A. Sandford.

Significantly, it should be noted that during the past five or six years more than 40 physicians and dentists who are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church have graduated from this school. Drs. W. E. Coopwood and L. R. Brooms are members of the staff at the school, which has proved to be a blessing to those students who have attended. The school is also blessed inasmuch as it produces a good product. Dr. Hastens Banda, president of Malawa, Africa, graduated from this school a few years back.

Because of the limited number of students accepted at the Loma Linda University medical school operated by the church, many students enroll in Meharry. (It was noted that only seven blacks graduated from L.L.U. over a period of 28 years.) Some of those who attended Meharry in days gone by entered, were trained and graduated without leaving their "mark" religiously on the school.

When Dr. Mark Beale and Dr. Anthony Lewis (graduates from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama) came to the school, they decided that they were going to stand up for the Christian principles and teachings of their church. Their witness caused others to become interested in the Word of God. Some 50 persons were baptized into the faith. Examinations were arranged by the school so that Sabbath observation would not be a factor. God has been glorified.

There will always be a need for the predominantly black institution that has brought this underprivileged people through the days of separation and segregation. In fact, a good number of all ethnic groups are rising up and calling the school a blessing, for they too are being trained here to serve their fellow man.

When Dr. C. E. Dudley spoke to this year's graduates on the Sabbath before graduation, he stated that "this school was established by God for a purpose and may it live long to help make ready a people to meet the Lord. Let us all rise up and support the Meharry Medical/Dental Schools. Meharry is a blessing to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. For the black sector, it is 'our Loma Linda University.'"



Dr. Benson Mugemancuro and his father from Rwanda.

BENSON GRADUATES

Benson Mugemancuro is a native of Rwanda, Central Africa, who was adopted by the South Central Conference and sent through Oakwood College to be trained to serve his people.

After completing his studies there, he entered medical school at the Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, to train to become a physician. After seven years of studies, he has successfully completed his training and has received his degree in medicine. He now enters the Martin Luther King Medical Center in Los Angeles, California, to take an internship and residency.

His goal is to serve his people on the African continent. With the changes taking place in governments nearby, the church would do well to place the reins of leadership into the hands of its "national" churchmen. A stronger and lasting work will be the result.

Pastor Mathais Mugemancuro, Benson's father, came from Rwanda to witness the ceremonies. Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Dudley, his parents in America, also joined in the rejoicing for this milestone that had been reached. This was another South Central Conference "mission story" that paid off.



Veronica Bass joins the South Central staff.



John Brown III joins the South Central staff.

SOUTH CENTRAL HIRES OAKWOOD STUDENTS

Through the years, the South Central Conference has sought to place students who graduate from our schools to work in the conference. This year two Oakwood graduates will join the staff: Veronica Bass, who will serve as assistant accountant in the business office, and John M. Brown, III, who will become one of the ministers of the conference.

Seven ministerial graduates who could not be hired by conferences have been placed in the South Central Conference on an "infiltration" ministerial program. The object is to challenge these workers to "preach out" churches in dark counties across the conference. It is paying off in a number of areas. When the recent constituency meeting was held, seventeen new congregations were voted into the conference, some of which were the results of this program. The students are not placed on a full salary, but are given a stipend to assist them with lodging and food. They seek to get jobs in the cities where they are working.

Phillip Palmer and Seth Bardu, junior students from Oakwood College, have been hired to serve as auditors for the conference during the summer.

MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Nearly 500 people gathered in St. Petersburg, Florida, to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A keynote address was delivered by Helvus L. Thompson, former pastor of the Elim SDA Church in St. Petersburg, who is now an evangelist in Kansas City, Missouri. Thompson followed King's crusades as a young man in Louisiana and Michigan.

The service was sponsored by the St. Petersburg chapters of the N.A.A.C.P. Operation P.U.S.H. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the civil rights organization King founded in Alabama during the late 1950s.

The two-hour service included speeches by church leaders and government officials. St. Petersburg City Council member David Welch read a passage from the 24th Psalm. Pinellas County Commissioner Gabe Cazares and St. Petersburg Mayor Corinne Freeman also offered tributes to King.

"His achievement and his spirit will live on forever," Freeman said. "His faith has been transmitted to whoever heard his powerful and resounding words, 'I have a dream'."

King's birthday will become the nation's tenth federal holiday in 1985. The Senate vote last fall to create the holiday gave overdue recognition to the ideals King worked for, Thompson said.

"It is a miracle that under a conservative Republican administration, this has come to pass," he said. "Many malignant and misguided minds tried to stop it, but it happened. America needs this holiday because America needs his dream."

MEDICAL FACILITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Southeastern Conference is in the midst of preparing a new medical facility to serve its constituents at camp-meeting, junior and senior camp and all other such gatherings.

The building is constructed with doctor's and nurse's quarters, two rooms for patients that may have to be isolated, two treatment rooms, a waiting room and a nurse's station. Pastor L. Hastings is supervising the construction.

R. R. Brown

REVIVAL IN FORT PIERCE

An excited and ignited church of 125 members rallied around Pastor T. H. Fraser and evangelist R. Raymond Brown to see a miracle occur again in Fort Pierce, Florida.

For two months before the meetings, the church had begun to sow seeds. Even before that the Lord had sent colporteurs into Fort Pierce to leave books that eventually resulted in a harvest of souls.

In the two months before the meetings, church members delivered E. C. Ward's tracts and other literature in the neighborhood. Four weeks before the meetings began, Real Truth Bible Lessons were delivered in these same homes. At that time, members alerted the community that a big evangelistic meeting was coming and that, at the completion of the Real Truth Bible Lessons, a graduation was to be held. This graduation was held during the opening night of the series, and in all successive Sunday evenings.

Pastor Brown brought the message nightly in a powerful way. The audience came out faithfully for four weeks to the church. Many were convicted, and every Sunday night at least 200 were present in the sanctuary.

At the close of the meetings, God gave the church the richest harvest ever received in one meeting in Fort Pierce—38 baptisms. Studies are still being conducted.

Also serving during these meetings were Bible instructor Johnnie Christine Thomas and June Mack. The meetings were blessed each night with the talents of Willis McPhee.

Church members continue to give Bible studies and they look forward to Pastor Brown coming back to run a reaping meeting.

T. H. Fraser

HEROIN HABITUAL HONORS CHRIST

A staunch heroin addict professed Christ as her Savior after ten years of constant usage of this harmful drug.

The personal ministries department, under the leadership of Lucille Croumel, selected laymen within their ranks to share the experience of the goal, "To every man's door in 84."

Bible worker Naomi Johnson and dedicated church members have been duly credited with numerous souls for Christ, and the fruits of their labor sounded out during a recent divine worship hour when Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Palmer related their story with tearful regrets. The wife revealed her habit of drug usage, which obscured her physical appearance and mental health. This hindered her from being a real mother to her six children as well as a fit wife.

The husband testified that he too was driven to drugs and alcohol after his wife damaged her life and his pride. This caused him to actually hate her and himself. A neglect of family finally hit him first and prayer and patience led him to seek Christ.

Meanwhile, the wife's toll to heroin had reached \$100 per day and household bills were in jeopardy. However, God was working. This couple was invited to the Bethany SDA Church by Nathaniel Washington, where a new life began for the family.

God spoke to this dear sister. He opened her eyes to the beauty of love for God and revealed a new peace of mind that transcended any other. The desire for drugs quickly vanished and Christ became first.

This couple was recently baptized by Pastor Dennis Ross, Jr., and now the Palmers are on a new "high" for Christ. They are conducting Bible studies and bringing other souls to this Third Angel's Message.

The witnessing service was climaxed by Pastor Ross with a challenge to laymen through the "ten principles" designed to open each door in 1984.

Eugene J. Webb



President J. A. Edgecombe



Lola Ard and Dorothy Robertson of Hammond, Louisiana, have been named nurses of the year.

SDA NURSE HONORED

Lola Ard and Dorothy Robertson were named registered and licensed practical nurses of the year, respectively, at Lallie Kemp Charity Hospital in Hammond, Louisiana.

Nurses throughout the hospital elected the pair nurses of the year. Criteria for the awards included integrity, attitude, clinical expertise and performance, dedication, attendance, professional appearance and communication skills with both patients and co-workers, according to the ballot.

Ard, an L.P.N., has worked at the hospital for sixteen years. She is currently working in the outpatient clinic, although she has worked in several other departments.

Both nurses received plaques at a banquet as part of National Nurses Week.

Lola Ard is not only faithful at the hospital, but has also been a loyal and dedicated worker at the Emmanuel church in Hammond for 34 years. She has held offices in the following departments: treasurer, fifteen years; Sabbath school superintendent, three years; and presently is a member of the church and school boards.

She is the mother of eight children, 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Doris Jones
Correspondent



Dr. Harold Eugene Johnson.

SDA STUDENT GETS SPECIAL GRADUATION

Harold Eugene Johnson attended the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, Texas, which is under the direction of the North Texas State University Board of Regents. Graduation was scheduled for Sabbath, May 19. Johnson had a difficult time in securing his degree, since the school does not allow individuals to graduate in absentia.

The president of the college held a ceremony in his office the following Monday, since Johnson would not yield and violate God's Sabbath. Besides attending a private graduation ceremony Monday morning, Providence led the president to grant Johnson a scholarship and an internship in an area hospital.

Johnson is from Houston, Texas. He presently lives in Fort Worth and is a member of the Grace Temple church. He is also a local elder and Sabbath school teacher. He is married to the former Vivian Aldridge and they have one son: Eugene, who is four years old.

Johnson will do his internship at the Osteopathic Medical Center in Fort Worth. Dr. Harold Johnson will always remember that "God honors those who honor Him."

Doris Jones
Correspondent



The Real Truth Bible Lessons graduation with H. C. Brewer, pastor.

BIBLE LESSONS RESULT IN BAPTISMS

The command of Heaven to evangelize can be accomplished in many ways. One of the avenues to explain truth was used recently by the Tulsa (Oklahoma) church.

Real Truth Bible Lessons were distributed in the community, especially among those who attended the tent meeting conducted by Pastor Brewer last summer. As a result, graduation was held and the first fruits are beginning to

develop. Two persons who graduated from the course have joined the church.

Two other graduation ceremonies were held and church prospects are promising. The same program is being conducted in Hominy, Oklahoma, and favorable results are in the making.

Gloria Juanita Williams
Correspondent



Justice of the Peace Alfonso Logan, center.

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT SHARON CHURCH

The Sharon church in Hot Springs, Arkansas, recently observed Community Guest Day, in which outstanding citizens of the community were recognized for their achievements. Among those honored were Justice of the Peace Alfonso Logan, Pearl Williams, Cuba Cheatam and J. Ruffin. A record number of 100 responded to the invitation to attend divine worship.

Alfred Jones, a local elder, delivered the message for the hour, entitled "Power to Serve." Never in the history of the church have so many attended services on Sabbath. The district pastor, W. T. Cox, and the membership were thrilled over the eventful day at Sharon.

Dorothy Logan
Communication Secretary



If you search for good you will find God's favor; if you search for evil you will find His curse.

Proverbs 11:27

Godly men are growing a tree that bears lifegiving fruit, and all who win souls are wise.

Proverbs 11:30

Telling the truth gives a man great satisfaction, and hard work returns many blessings to him.

Proverbs 12:14

IN THE NEWS



E. E. Cleveland.

CLEVELAND'S COMMENTARY: RUN, JESSE! RUN!

Minister Jesse Jackson, the first black to seriously run for the Presidency of the United States, appealed for support from a racial cross-section called a "rainbow coalition." In South Carolina, Louisiana and the District of Columbia, he won surprising victories with just this kind of support.

In the main, however, he has been kept in the race by massive black bloc-voting. In this, Jesse has shocked the nation by averaging twenty percent of the vote consistently, thus qualifying for government funding and, as of this writing, gathering close to 500 delegates to the Democratic convention this summer.

Various motives have been assigned to his running. "He's on an ego trip." "He's out to polarize blacks." "He's looking for a power base." These are but a few of the allegations, some of which have been made on national television. The trauma of a black man in America running for the highest office in the land caught many whites by surprise and drew heavy criticism from many blacks. "Don't waste your vote," "A vote for Jackson is a vote against Mondale," and "That's no way to treat our friends" were often-heard comments among blacks, but you would have to know Jesse to understand his drive for the Presidency.

First and foremost, Jesse Jackson is a dedicated civil rights activist. It is an issue moral in nature to him. He is not playing games. You must remember that he put his life on the line again and again

during the 1960s while living in another man's shadow. With the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesse's dedication was undiminished.

It was at the Resurrection City demonstrations that I got a "close-up" view of the man. His was the difficult task of motivating the daily marches to and from the Agriculture Building in Washington, D.C. On cold days the marchers were often few and morale low, but after a sermon from Jesse and a few rousing songs the daily trek would begin. Not even Jackson could foresee then that he would become the foremost exponent of black aspirations and—in his own way—the successor to Dr. M. L. King without even trying.

Jesse Jackson has taken a path never before trodden by a black in the history of the nation and he has shocked the nation with his resounding success. It matters not that he will never become President. The truth is that he never expected to. What he has achieved may be far more significant.

1. He has caused millions of blacks to enter the political process who had no confidence in the system. He has also spurred voter registration among whites who would like to keep him out of office.

2. He has access to the media where his every pronouncement is reported. The nation now knows our needs and desires, for they have never been better stated.

3. The mental health of the nation is improved, for it now knows that it can accommodate a black at this level in its political process. The painful adjustment of the media to this new reality was amusingly refreshing.

4. His success in securing the release of Lieutenant Robert Goodman and the clear implication that blacks can function successfully on the international scene. In this he joined Andrew Young and Thurgood Marshall—the latter wrote the constitutions that became the mode for black African independent nations.

5. His success in getting contracts with business firms that were advantageous to black people in general and businesses in particular.

6. He has achieved the impossible in that, after King, it seemed that so single leader could or would emerge as a spokesman for the great majority of blacks. Well, Jesse is there—center stage—and clearly the *front-runner* of the black leadership pack.

7. Give him credit. He alone saw the possibilities for civil rights advancement in a run for the Presidency. The dismay of large numbers of blacks would have discouraged an ordinary man. In fact, the risks of running threatened his life. There have been arrests in this connection and ranged even to the point of possibility of discreditation. He could have become a "man without a country." However, it is true that "great men are sons of risk." Thus, we witness his rise from the obscurity of a black neighborhood in a small South Carolina town to the covers of *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines and the daily media monitoring his every movement. Will his run for the Presidency succeed? It already has! Who can measure its ultimate impact on the race, the nation or the world?

It was about 2 a.m. and a misty rain was falling. Pastor Earl Moore and I stood under a lone light bulb beside the medical van of the South Central Conference in Resurrection City. Ralph Abernathy, Jesse Jackson and other burdened leaders trudged through the mud and mist to their waiting cars. It had been a long day. Earl Moore stepped up to Ralph Abernathy and said, "I want you to meet someone," and he introduced us. "We thank you for all you Adventists are doing to help us," he said, referring to the food, clothing, blankets and medical care provided by the church. At his side in the shadows was the young man whose ears would one day hear the chant, "Run, Jesse! Run!"

On another day, a sunny day, backstage at Oakwood College, Jesse waited to go on, and while waiting greeted the clergy. As I shook his hand I wondered if in his quieter moments he remembered the mist, the mud and the medical van? Does he remember that in this same gymnasium his mentor, Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke? King had been shut out of every large auditorium in town by the officials. It was at Oakwood that he found a place to speak and ears to listen. Did Jesse remember?

Perhaps so, for on a crowded day he had ordered his campaign manager to schedule him a brief stop at Oakwood College, and what a stop it was! With little advance notice the gymnasium was packed with community people and students. They came to pay tribute to a man who had paid his dues. His photogenic features and charismatic speak-

ing style had little to do with the crowd that jammed the gymnasium. We were there to say "Thank you for your years of running in the shadow of other giants," "Thank you for your years of running against poverty with Operation P.U.S.H.," and "Thank you for the run you now make for human dignity and civil rights."

"Run, Jesse! Run."

E. E. Cleveland

OAKWOOD COLLEGE NEWS NOTES

Marla Gibb of "The Jeffersons" TV series was the guest speaker at the United Negro College Fund Banquet in Huntsville during alumni weekend. Among the other special guests were the male chorus from Morehouse University in Atlanta. Gibb challenged the students and audience, stating that "blessings come to any person or persons whose aim is to take pride in any job that they are called upon to do."

While in attendance at the meeting, Pastor L. A. Paschal, editor of the *North American Voice*, and Dr. C. E. Dudley, one of the staff members, presented Gibb with a copy of the *Voice*.

Inez Booth was honored by members of her staff in the music department of the college, along with thousands of well-wishers, during alumni weekend for having given more than 40 years of dedicated service to teaching and directing in the music department of Oakwood College. Students from more than four decades spoke of her love, devotion and kindness that they received while students at the college. The presentation was made by Alma Blackmon and Michelle Ammons of Huntsville.

The United Negro College Fund program has become a real blessing in helping Oakwood with its financial operations from year to year. In connection with this fund-raising program, the black colleges, with help from the community, sponsor a U.N.C.F. King/Queen Banquet. The person who raises the largest amount of money for this project is crowned and reigns in this position of honor for one year. More than \$40,000 was raised this year by students of Oakwood.

Each year the General Conference is giving less for the operation of the college and regional conferences and the United Negro College Fund is contributing more and more. Oakwood is a

member of this 42-member private black organization that helps these institutions to keep training the minds of youth to serve their fellow man. Its motto is: "A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste." All *Regional Voice* readers are encouraged to support the U.N.C.F. with a liberal contribution each year.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

On Sunday, April 22, friends and relatives of Ernest and Evelyn Williams gathered at the New Life SDA Church in Huntsville, Alabama, to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Pastors S. J. Jackson and DeWitt S. Williams conducted the rededication ceremony.

The Williamses were united in marriage on March 27, 1934, in Baltimore, Maryland, by Pastor J. E. Cox, Sr. Ernest Williams devoted himself to his work as a literature evangelist, postal worker, builder and rest home proprietor, while Evelyn devoted her energies to being a mother to the seven children that entered the home.

Mrs. Williams later became a nurse and, with their talents, together developed the Williams Rest Home in Williamstown, New Jersey.

Today they have: six living children—Sophie Calhoun, Morgan Williams, DeWitt Williams (who is a pastor and presently associate director of the health and temperance department at the General Conference), Clinton Williams, Richard Williams and Alisha Williams; sixteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. At the wedding ceremony Evelyn's 90-year-old mother, Sophie Robinson, was present, making it a gala occasion of five generations.

"We're going to try for our second fifty," the Williams family said with love in their eyes.

ROCK RECEIVES DOCTORATE IN RELIGIOUS ETHICS

On May 11 Dr. Calvin B. Rock, president of Oakwood College, received a doctor of philosophy degree in religious ethics from Vanderbilt University. This is Dr. Rock's second doctoral degree. He also holds a doctor of ministry degree in religious ethics.

Dr. Rock has faithfully served Oakwood College for the past thirteen years.

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