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Brenda D. Barnhart, Assistant Vice President Marketing, Public Relations & Development, newest member of the new Hadley's administrative team.

THE VISION BOLD

By Brenda D. Barnhart

It is often said that the masterful works of the world stem from a dream, a vision:

- The Eiffel Tower
- The paintings of Picasso
- The Mormon Temple
- Loma Linda University . . .

. . . and so it is with Hadley Memorial Hospital. Through the vision of one man, Dr. Henry G. Hadley, the Mission Hospital of Southeast Washington, D.C. became Hadley Memorial Hospital, an eighty-one bed, acute care facility staffed by over 150 physicians representing nearly every specialty available in medicine today.

Dr. Hadley's vision for stabilization of the medical missionary work in Southeast Washington led to his purchase of that same Mission Hospital, a small clinic, he and his wife had run since 1919. The tremendous drive of the doctor who worked night and day for years, without vacations, produced results. Dr. and Mrs. Hadley completely paid for their new hospital

within a few short years, and in 1934 they added a new wing to house offices, X-ray equipment, treatment rooms, a small operating room and laboratory.

Dr. Hadley's vision grew and after many years, the Mission Hospital became known as the Hadley Clinic. It's transformation from a small clinic into a very large medical practice drew patients from all over the Washington, Metropolitan area. Scores of patients were even obliged to stand in the halls and sit on stairsteps because the waiting room was filled to capacity.

As Dr. Hadley's practice grew, so did his vision for the hospital. In 1946 he began construction on the Hadley Memorial Hospital, named in honor of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Hadley. Completed in 1952, the three story brick structure was donated by Dr. Hadley to the Columbia Union Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. The hospital continued to thrive and during the late 1950's, yearly patient visits numbered between 75,000 and 80,000.

The seventies and the eighties have brought about tremendous change in the health care market place. Hospitals particularly, have experienced an industry in transition. We've seen the entry of Medicare, Medicaid, Cost Containment and most recently the federal government's new health care financing plan, Prospective Reimbursement and Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG's). However, through this transition, Hadley Memorial Hospital has kept its vision. These developments have meant both opportunity and challenge by recognizing that traditional formulas will not provide effective answers to current fiscal concerns.

Over the years, the Hadley Memorial Hospital staff took careful analysis and dedicated themselves to an aggressive cost containment plan, to marketing and to increased productivity. These efforts served as a pivotal point for the hospital's fiscal well-being.

Today the vision of Dr. Henry G. Hadley remains. The hospital has seen difficult fiscal times and the physical plant, in some areas, warrants repair and renovation. However, as stated by Womack H. Rucker, Jr., former President of Riverside Hospital, in the May, 1983 issue of REGIONAL VOICE, "The primary focus [of Riverside] through the years, of course, has been in keeping with the objectives and philosophies of the Adventist Health Ministry." Mrs. E.G. White, a founder of the SDA Church and a proponent of the health message states in Medical Ministry that "the highest aim of our medical institution is to provide spiritual help to the patients. Successful evangelistic work," she says, can be done "in connection with the medical missionary work."

Hadley Memorial, in the last couple of years, has held on to that focus and today the hospital is alive and well. We've completed construction on a new boiler plant and an expansion of the maintenance department. We've also constructed the Kresge Medical Center for outpatient services and expanded our Emergency Department. In the fall of 1984 Hadley was granted a Certificate of Need to build an eighty-one bed, twelve million dollar replacement hospital to service acute-care patients. God's plan for Hadley Hospital is further evidenced by the fact that these



strides have been made in spite of the attitude of some of the health planners that Washington, D.C. is an overcapitalized city. Strong and consistent support, through the years and during the hearing for our CON, has come from D.C. Councilwoman, Wilhelmina Rolark.

The new Hadley will open its doors in July of 1986 and already Sister White's counsel has been heeded.

In the past two years, the medical ministry of Hadley Memorial has seen the establishment of the Hadley SDA Church. Organized in May of 1982 with twelve members, the church is now comprised of 62 members with a tithe base of approximately \$50,000 per year. It has the highest per capita tithe base in the Allegheny East Conference. The Hospital Chaplain, Ebenezer Pedapudi, is the energetic and enthusiastic Pastor, winning souls week after week through his commitment and dedication both to God and to Hadley Memorial. This young church, on fire for Christ, has by far, the highest soul-winning record for any hospital in the Adventist Health System. "Our goal for 1985 is 50 more souls," says Pastor Pedapudi. "Ten of those plan to be baptized before the end of August."

In the area of patient census, Hadley's average daily census since January of 1985 has been 82%. Most recently during the month of April, there were many days when available beds were at capacity. We boast a medical staff of 150 physicians representing 30 specialties. All of the services offered by this hospital are directed by medical specialists. We provide jobs in

this Southeast Washington, D.C. community for over 300 full-time and part-time employees.

Licensed by the D.C. Department of Human Services and awarded a three year accreditation by the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Hospitals, last year Hadley serviced over 2100 patients and treated over 12,500 emergencies. Our Family Health Clinic serviced almost 16,000 patients and we provided approximately 127,000 laboratory tests and took over 20,000 X-rays. Relative to our community service commitment, we made 150 patient educator visits, 757 social referral contacts, and held 875 social service counselling sessions.

Mr. Rucker also stated, in the same Regional Voice article that, "Riverside must develop a unique strategy for its future success in areas where competition with



Johnny J. Mack, Vice President, Finance, member of the new Hadley's administrative team.

other local hospitals . . . will not be an on-going struggle." Again, the Hadley vision provides direction. The future strategies for Hadley are promising and exciting. This excitement and vision for the future begins with the administrative personnel comprising the hospital's management team. Each member feels led by God; each member has a commitment to the Lord's work and each member is endowed with a wealth of experience in his or her own field of expertise.

Albert L. Dudley, the new President and Chief Executive Officer, comes to Hadley from Kettering Medical Center where he

served as Vice President. A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Oakwood College, Mr. Dudley received his MBA from Ohio State University, with a concentration in Organizational Management, Marketing and Hospital Administration.

"Hadley Hospital is pregnant with potential," says Mr. Dudley. "We are committed to meeting the transitions of our industry. We are striving to improve our financial picture, upgrade our facilities and broaden the scope of our services to continue to meet the needs of our consumers in the market place. These efforts will assure the continued improvement of our positive bottom line and the delivery of quality medical care to our patients."

Mr. Johnny J. Mack, is the Hospital's new Vice President for Finance. Also a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Oakwood College, Mr. Mack's areas of concentration were Business Administration and Theology. Having most recently served as the Treasurer of the Allegheny West Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Mr. Mack brings to Hadley a rich financial background coupled with a genuine commitment to the Lord and to denominational work.



D.C. Councilwoman, Wilhelmina J. Rolark speaks at the dedication of Hadley Hospital's Kresge Center.



Albert L. Dudley, President & Chief Executive Officer, leader and part of the new Hadley's administrative team.



Hadley Memorial Hospital, 4601 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20032 — 1960's.



Hadley Memorial Hospital, The Hadley Home and the Hadley Administrator's white two-story home — early 1960's.

"Operating a hospital in today's complex regulatory environment presents numerous challenges," says Mr. Mack. "Through a process of supervised growth, expansion, and sound financial management, Hadley will not only continue its mission in this community, but will reinforce our philosophy of providing quality care at an affordable price."

Other members of the administrative, management team include Mr. Ben Lonto, Vice President and an employee of Hadley for 18 years; Mrs. Ana Dolojan, Assistant Vice President for Nursing and a Hadley employee for 14 years and Mrs. Brenda Harris-Barnhart, Assistant Vice President for Marketing, Public Relations and Development. Mrs. Barnhart is the newest member of the Hadley team and the former Public Relations Director for the Hospital Corporation of America Management Company with responsibility for the training and technical support of approximately 150 HCA hospital public relations directors.

Change *does* bring about opportunity and the philosophy of the new administrative team at Hadley Memorial is to seize and channel opportunities into innovative and creative systems aimed at the provision of quality health care services. As a member of the Adventist Health System's Eastern and Middle America Corporation we support the goals and objectives of the system regionally and nationwide: to make our way of caring, a way of life and to provide that care in such a way that we heal the body, mind and spirit of our patients and our employees.

Thus, as we integrate our management philosophy, our goals and our objectives, keeping the Hadley vision in focus, we methodically and systematically follow a blue print for success . . . we plan for a future that holds great promise and we ensure that the significant and vital contribution of Hadley Memorial Hospital will be made not only in Southeast Washington, D.C., but to the Adventist Health System, nationally.

Specifically, what *does* the future hold for the *new* Hadley Memorial? As stated, we open the doors of our new facility in July of 1986. Simultaneously we intend to implement a host of new programs, services and systems. An expanded emphasis on preventive medicine and health maintenance will certainly be a goal of the *new* Hadley Memorial. Community education, including seminars and workshops, will be hosted by our medical team and hospital staff.

The purchase of new, state-of-the-art equipment such as the CAT Scanner or Computerized Axial Tomography will assist us in establishing this hospital as a technologically advanced Center, capable of meeting most of the acute-care needs of our surrounding community.

We expect to explore new employee benefits packages, new educational opportunities for our medical staff, a new data processing system, and innovative nursing, clinical and fiscal management systems designed to both increase efficiency and eliminate waste. An emphasis on productivity, management development and positive patient or *guest relations* is in progress and will be an ongoing management objective.

Hadley Memorial Hospital is on the move. This hospital has served the Southeast D.C. community for over sixty-six years and the opening of the *new* Hadley will undoubtedly bring new and unlimited services to the area. God's work is being done and he is blessing this hospital and those carrying on this important work. Area Churches have a golden opportunity to support and promote this unique institution. Adventist professionals, nationwide, should consider Hadley as they develop and/or rethink their career choices; and Adventist Church members must pray constantly and earnestly for the medical ministry of the *new* Hadley Memorial Hospital.

The Vision Bold . . . During the early 1900's Ellen G. White urged the Church, "to justify its existence; its members must achieve higher levels of godliness, enlarge their vision of a world task and enter into Christian ministry designed to show the divine love in unmistakably personal terms." For many years she had seen in the ministry of healing a unique method for advancing Christ's Kingdom on earth.

Hadley Memorial Hospital is here for a reason . . . we thrive and we survive for a purpose . . . As Elder Charles E. Dudley's words applied to Riverside in 1983, we believe those words to be even more positively appropriate for the *new* Hadley today: "It is here that we serve a community need . . . here we provide jobs and training. Here the needs of social fellowship are met. Strength and assurance are realized here as can be found in few other places." The Hadley vision lives on . . . The *new* Hadley Memorial Hospital has only just begun.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E.E. Cleveland

SOME CRUTCH

Regional Conferences were organized for the specific purpose of evangelizing the Black population of North America, and not, as some suggest, because of denominational non-acceptance. These organizational entities are not a "Crutch" to carry Blacks until White prejudice heals. Regional Conferences are not expedient until the coming of the "Utopia of unlimited fellowship with Whites." The raceless-faceless society must await the heavenly environment and the "even-handed" rulership of a just God. While on this earth we must deal with human preference, prejudice and prerogative.

There is more truth than poetry in Ellen White's observation that "Blacks must be trained to work for their own people." No one else can, and even fewer will. There are still 2 Americas economically, socially, and culturally. To deny this is to live with one's head in the sand "ostrich-like" until stripped of one's feathers. Since the Presidency of Richard Nixon relations (Race) have deteriorated to present peak polarization under Ronald Reagan. And the end is not yet. Faced with this fact, Blacks are driven to introspection and interval interaction. It is the key to survival. Consequently Black music is becoming less Anglo-oriented. Black Preaching in both style and content is different. Black Adventist preachers are preaching survival Theology. The tenants of Adventism are ideally suited to this mold.

Eighty-five percent of Black Christians belong to Black controlled denominations. Only fifteen percent still struggle with the Paternalism of White controlled religious bodies.

Regional Conferences are the "safety valve" of the Adventist Church. Without them, the present Black population within Adventism would not approximate the 150,000 now among us. Before Regional Conferences, the Church could manage only 19,000 converts in 60 years. With the organization of Regional Conferences the Black church's population exploded by 130,000. If this is a "Crutch" — it is "some Crutch."

Since the organization of these conferences many Whites and some Blacks have looked forward to the day when the conferences will no longer be necessary. They point to the one Black Union President, and the Black President for North America as signs of "On-coming Utopia." These sincere souls are sufferers (of sorts) of a disease called "unfounded optimism." Are they not aware that these are not designated Black positions. Therefore, with the passing on of 2 Black Brothers — reversion to White is likely to occur. Such positional appointments are cosmetic and hence of temporary duration. Far more meaningful would be the setting up of 2 or more Regional Unions to accommodate the exploding Black Church population.

To look forward to the demise of Regional Conferences is a form of blind arrogance. If, in the name of consolidation, some Conferences must disappear, why not dissolve some of the White controlled Conferences, and merge them with the Black. There are 61 of theirs and only 9 of ours. Functionally, Regional Conferences are a success, accounting for 25% of the World financial Budget for the Church. We have justified our own existence by our success. While ours is a World Vision, our specific portfolio is the 33,000,000 Blacks in North America. The organization of Regional Conferences multiplied that thrust.

Black controlled institutions of all kinds are under assault these days. The plan seems to be that Blacks shall control nothing. Black educational institutions are repeatedly having to justify their existence — with facts and philosophy. The truth is — Black Colleges graduate 90% of Black college graduates in the Nation. Other schools take them in — but do not graduate them. Institutional Racism is high on the list of reasons. By their performance — Black Colleges justify themselves. North-eastern Academy, Pine Forge Academy, and Oakwood College are no crutches. But if you insist that they are — I'd say "Some Crutches."

E.E. Cleveland

The Editor's Desk



Dr. and Mrs. Donald Blake.

WHERE IS DR. DONALD BLAKE?

Dr. Donald Blake now serves as one of the Vice-Presidents of Hartford, Connecticut. His duties include: the placement of new recruits and counseling instructor personnel. Dr. Blake has served as an instructor at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama and Walla Walls College, College Place, Washington.

Also he served as Dean of Students at Mississippi and Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky.

He is actively involved in church affairs. As a member of the Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church, Hartford, Connecticut, he serves as first elder.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	June 28	July 5	12	19
Boston, Mass.	8:25	8:24	8:21	8:17
New York City	8:34	8:33	8:30	8:26
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:58	8:57	8:54	8:49
Atlanta, Ga.	8:52	8:52	8:50	8:47
Miami, Fla.	8:16	8:16	8:15	8:13
Charlotte, N.C.	8:42	8:42	8:40	8:37
Birmingham, Ala.	8:01	8:01	7:59	7:56
Jackson, Miss.	8:12	8:11	8:10	8:07
Memphis, Tenn.	8:19	8:18	8:16	8:13
Louisville, Ky.	9:10	9:09	9:07	9:03
Detroit, Mich.	9:14	9:13	9:10	9:05
Chicago, Ill.	8:29	8:28	8:25	8:21
South Bend, Indiana	8:24	8:23	8:20	8:16
Minneapolis, Minn.	9:04	9:02	8:59	8:54
St. Louis, Mo.	8:29	8:29	8:26	8:22
Kansas City, Mo.	8:48	8:48	8:45	8:41
Denver, Co.	8:32	8:31	8:29	8:25
Little Rock, Ark.	8:26	8:26	8:24	8:21
Dallas, Texas	8:40	8:39	8:38	8:35
New Orleans, La.	8:05	8:05	8:04	8:01
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:25	8:24	8:22	8:19
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:49	8:49	8:47	8:44

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

ALLEGHENY EAST



The Coatesville, Pennsylvania First SDA Church VBS had 92 students. Shown above are a portion of the group and staff.



Some volunteers like Evelyn Winston, right, came from the Pine Forge Church to help in the Coatesville VBS.

CHILD EVANGELISM ENCOURAGED BY VBS

Vacation Bible Schools and tent evangelistic meetings generally bring summer activities to a close in the Allegheny East Conference. They are past of the after-camp meeting flurry of activities involving the church and its workers.

This is the first of a two-part report on the events and people involved in these activities.

Vacation Bible Schools, or VBS for short, attract hundreds of youngsters from around the conference. This year they were held in Pottstown, Coatesville and

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and also in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland.

The largest VBS was held at the Coatesville First SDA Church, Coatesville, Pennsylvania, where 92 youngsters attended. This large group did not assemble by accident. Members of the Coatesville First Church recruited people from the neighborhood.

One young lady, Elaine Campbell, was so thrilled with the activities of the first day that she returned to her neighborhood and recruited 25 young people. Each day she phoned them to make sure they were in attendance.

The VBS was under the direction of Maybelle Fordham, wife of the pastor, W.W. Fordham.

At the closing service, it was stressed to the many parents present that the activities of the VBS would continue every Saturday morning at 9:30 at the church.

Three members from the Pine Forge church travelled the 70 miles round trip each day to assist Fordham and her staff. They were Evelyn Winston and Geneva Fordham, both retired school teachers, and Vivianne Jones, a teacher in the Pottstown, Pennsylvania, school district.

At the Berea Temple church in Baltimore, Maryland, 49 youngsters gathered each day for the two-week VBS, directed by Martha Moton. Nearly a third of those in attendance were non-Seventh-day Adventists.

In Philadelphia, the Ebenezer church Sabbath school department had a VBS in which nearly 60 children were present. This VBS was under the direction of Barbara Goodwin. She received lots of help from her staff of fourteen. A unique feature of this VBS was an adult VBS class taught by Ervin T. Glenn. This class was a Bible study group composed of parents of VBS children.

Other Vacation Bible Schools were held in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with reports of great success.

Robert L. Booker, Director
Sabbath School Department

DIVORCE RECOVERY SEMINAR

God and divorcees hate divorce. Divorcees can thank God that He does not hate them. It is the goal of the Divorce Recovery Seminar to assist divorcees in recovering from the sense of being hated or feeling hatred for themselves because they are in a divorced status in our society.

Today people give the name of leprosy to many conditions in our society. The greatest leprosy of society today is divorce. It destroys the foundation of the family like no other "diseases." The cure for this "disease" and the cure for all "diseases" that are maiming individuals in our society is a personal relationship with Christ.

Naaman was like "one dead" (Numbers 12:12) until he was cleansed. In a recent Sabbath school quarterly lesson, we were told that Naaman was not only healed, but converted. That is the aim of the Divorce Recovery Seminars; to heal the wound and re-convert the soul in the direction of

seeking a stronger personal relationship with Christ. When this healing process begins in the divorced individual, a renewed self-esteem emerges. Scars from the surgery of divorce remain but the inner-self is healed, and that is where growth begins, from within. Our Lord Jesus Christ knocks at the door, but from within the heart the door is opened.

Anything left exposed forms a hardened crust to protect its substance. The same is true for the heart of man. As divorcees shed the shell around their hearts incurred from "societal blows" of disdain, they are able to absorb the substance of God's love for them. The self of each person recovers and is able to walk with joy towards the co-partner of all human beings, Jesus, our Savior.

A pastor in the Allegheny East Conference "felt" the pain of divorced persons in the church and realized that the Christian family is the target of today. Divorced Christians are people too, and their needs must be ministered to. The Divorce Recovery Seminar, which is coordinated and directed by Pastor Alfred Jones, is performing this ministry. The last goal of the Divorce Recovery Seminar is to have participants continue the ministry in their various churches.

Separation in church today is no longer blacks from whites. Generally divorcees are edged out of the church by all but Christ. Why? Because of the fear that "My house may be exposed next." *Remember*, except for the grace of God none is exempt. Reach out and touch someone today. Love is the greatest healing balm we humans can give to one another.

Pastor Jones — via the Family Life Department of Allegheny East — reached out and many persons are growing again.

E. Joyce Royster

YOUTH CHURCH LEADS OUT

"From Birth to Eternal Life" was the theme of the Youth Week of Prayer that was held at Sharon Temple in Wilmington, Delaware recently. Throughout the week, timely and relevant topics were presented nightly. Speakers during the week included: Anthony Adams, Roland Carter, James Sherwood, Philip Simmons, Kenneth Thomas, Nathaniel White with Pastor Gene Donaldson of Franklin, Virginia, speaking on Sabbath.

The Youth Church is under the direction of Roland Carter, Youth Pastor. Once a month the Youth Church conducts their own church service in the Youth Chapel

with the young people planning and leading out in the same roles one would hold in a regular church. They also provide social activities as well as sponsor a tutorial program called "SKI" during the week to assist the young people in their studies.

Roland Carter is blessed with the talent to write. Several months ago, he wrote the script for an eight-act play entitled "Be Thou Faithful." Thus far the play has been performed not only in Wilmington, Delaware but also in Chester and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Newtonville, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. The theme of the play focuses on trials that the remnant church will face in the last days. It encourages a SDA family to remain faithful in spite of the fact that their children are removed from their home because of religious conflicts with the government.

Churches that would like to have the play brought to their respective AY Society may contact Mrs. Gertrena Hoxter at (302) 658-5142.

The Youth Church at Sharon Temple have many talents and plans that they will be sharing with the members and the community throughout the year.

Charles D. Battles
Communication Secretary

EDMONDSON HEIGHTS HOLDS SPECIAL SERVICES

The Edmondson Heights Church in Baltimore, Maryland held two special services during the month of March of attract visitors.

Community Guest Day on the ninth saw a capacity attendance for the sermon given by Elder Charles Cheatham, pastor of the Philadelphia, PA, Ebenezer Church and director of the Inner City Department for the Allegheny East Conference. A fellowship dinner was followed by an afternoon concert by the Choraliars, a singing group from the Pine Forge Academy.

Edmondson Heights' Mass Choir under the direction of David Parker celebrated its second anniversary on March 30. The ladies of the choir were strikingly attired in teal blue dresses. The gentlemen complemented them with black suits and teal blue shirts. The theme for the evening was "We are not Ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus". Special guests included the Inspirational Voices of the Liberty Heights Church.

The choir honored their director with a special tribute: "We respect and love you as a friend and director. May this friendship forever last as we travel down the

road of opportunity to the Master. One day we'll look back and say, 'David Parker and the Mass Choir are living examples of patience, determination and strength through all of the shifty, rootless times.'"

This program netted over \$800 for the Building Fund.

Jasper J. Johnson is the pastor at Edmondson Heights.

Debra D. Hamrick
Communication Secretary

SEXUALITY SEMINARS HELD AT SHARON ACADEMY

Two special seminars were conducted at the Sharon Temple Junior Academy in Wilmington, Delaware that enhanced the sex education curriculum of the academy recently. The first two-day seminar focused on Sexuality Awareness. Carol Cantu, Director of Education for the Allegheny East Conference led out. Grades 1-4 and 5-8 met separately and discussed the subject "Keep Out of Reach of Children." Two films were also shown that focused on the self-worth of the individual. To culminate the seminar on Sabbath afternoon during the AY program, Mrs. Cantu met with parents and students along with interested church members. The areas of discussion were: communication in the family, self-esteem, pre-marital sex and teen-age pregnancy.

Nancy and Harry Van Pelt of California, noted writers and lecturers, visited the academy several days later. They met with grades 6-8. Their presentation was on the subject of "Christian Dating for Teens."

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COMMUNITY SERVICE LEADER BUSY AT WORK

Community Service leader, Minnie Simmons for the Park Avenue Church, St. Louis, Missouri is seen as a modern day Dorcas.

She distributed clothing to the needy and makes pillows which she gives to hospital patients. Ms. Simmons is actively involved in soul winning. She asked God to help bring three souls into the faith, five have been baptized as a result of her ministry.

The former Community Service leader, Nina Brown for 1984 hosted a musical recital. Ms. Brown along with several guest artists were the featured performers. Proceeds from the recital were used to benefit the Community Service Department.

NEWS NOTES

Elder E.F. Carter, Sabbath School Director of the Central States Conference just recently conducted a Sabbath School Workshop for the churches in the St. Louis areas at the Northside Church. Sabbath School personnel from the Berean, Kinloch, Kirkwood, Park Avenue and Northside Churches were in attendance. The meetings convened from Friday at 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sabbath afternoon from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The Sabbath morning message was delivered by Elder Brooks.

Elder Carter, the Stewardship director, also conducted two Stewardship Seminars, one at the College Avenue Church in Topeka, Kansas, and the other at the Colorado Springs Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

SHARON CHAPEL CELEBRATES COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

The Sharon Chapel Church in Sedalia, Missouri, recently enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship with their guest as they celebrated Community Guest Day.

The special guest speaker for the divine worship service was Pastor Stephen Gibson, of the Bethesda SDA Temple in Omaha, Nebraska. Pastor Gibson commissioned the congregation to choose to either spend eternity with Jesus in heaven or join the devil in hell's fire. His message was entitled,

"Heads or Tails"

"Heaven of Hell"

"The Choice is Yours"

A musical selection was given by Mrs. JoAnn Coston, the wife of Pastor D.W. Coston, pastor of the Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church in Sedalia, Missouri. Following the service, dinner was served for the guest at the church.

Erma E. Curd
Communication Secretary

THIRTY-TWO BAPTIZED IN OMAHA

Mid-America Union Conference evangelist, W.G. Zima, conducted his Steps to Christ Crusade at the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church, Omaha, Nebraska, from March 9th through March 23rd.

Spiritual emphasis throughout the crusade was on salvation by faith alone. Elder Zima's ministry is based on love — the love of God through faith in Jesus Christ — not fear. Many souls, thirsting for a fuller knowledge of Christ were well watered by his simple, but insightful messages.

Elder W.S. Lee, pastor of Sharon, believes that the church is a training school. Under this guiding philosophy, a group of church members were already involved in evangelistic training with the John E. Collins program. Several of these members alternated with Elder Lee in assisting Elder Zima in the visitation evangelism, which is a vital facet of the Steps to Christ Crusade.

Visitation evangelism involves door-to-door soul winning. Its primary focus is directed to former Adventists and family members of Adventists. Individuals in this group have heard the Three Angels's Message, but for some reason have not fully committed themselves to it. Elder Zima's success with this form of evangelism lies in his deep abiding faith in, and love for, Jesus Christ.

"Searching for jewels for the Lord's kingdom," as Elder Zima refers to visitation evangelism, was an answer to prayer for Sister Robbie Bass, church Bible worker. Enthusiastic for the opportunity to work with Elder Zima, she witnessed firsthand his effective techniques for getting a commitment from an interest. Her only disappointment was in being called to jury duty which, for several days, took her from the first love of her life — working in the Lord's vineyard. Elder Zima expressed deep appreciation for Sister Bass' faithful assistance.

The crusade culminated in the baptism or re-baptism of 32 souls. Among those baptized was Edward Smith. You may wonder what is so unique about a man named "Ed" Smith. Well, Brother Smith has the distinction of being a keen minded, centenarian plus three. At 103 years of age, Brother Smith has the further distinction of being the oldest person baptized by Elder Zima. A special relationship developed between Elder Zima and Brother Smith, as with the other new-believers, during their almost daily studies together.



Stewardship program at the Palace of Peace Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Although the crusade ended on March 23rd, it is still bearing fruit. Other souls that were brought into the light of Christ's saving love have made a commitment for future baptism or further study leading to baptism.

CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE HOLDS SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Friday evening, April 19, was the beginning of the Central States Conference First Annual Music Festival, hosted by the Denver Park Hill SDA Church. Elder Fred Hatch, president of the Rocky Mountain Adventist Youth Federation, organized an outstanding programme for that weekend. Elder N. Miller, director, stressed the purpose of the music festival was "not to see who would take home the trophies, but to bring the attention to music and to address the music problem in our churches."

The speaker for the evening was Pastor Rodney Draggon of the Palace of Peach SDA Church in Colorado Springs. His message was "Don't Let Anyone Silence the Testimony." Pastor Draggon brought a highly spiritual message to the saints from Great Plains, Central, Eastern and Rocky Mountain AY Federations.

That evening, Elder Miller introduced our new conference president, Elder J. Paul Monk who gave us warm greetings. On Sabbath, his message was entitled "It Could Happen to Us" brought a powerful objective on how we must prepare now for the soon coming of Christ and to use our intelligence to win souls to Christ. He also emphasized on the famines in other countries and how America certainly is not immune to it with all its sin and world problems.

The day was followed by the Music Fest at the George Washington High School auditorium. The concert was divided into two age categories, ages 9-15 and ages 16-35. There were solos, duets, trios, quartets, small groups and choirs. From Denver, Robin Gellineau (solo) Echos of Sunshine (choir) and Karen and Karmen Taylor; Robin Gellineau, (trio) received the trophy in the age category 9-15. The Park Hill Youth Choir received the trophy in age category (16-35).

The program was followed by a sports tournament in the gymnasium where the saints had the opportunity to fellowship and enjoy refreshments. The weekend was a blessing and we all look forward to the next year's musical.

Gwendolyn Walker
Communication Secretary



Pictured from left are members of the Capitol City Church in Indianapolis who led out in the 5 Day Stop Smoking Plan. Thelma Simpson, counselor; Alms McRoberts, director of the program; Winonah Miller and Mattie Maxwell, counselors.

FIVE-DAY PLAN

The Five-Day Stop Smoking Plan was held at Winona Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis April 14 - April 18. More than 50 people registered; and on the first night 38 people attended. Winona Hospital provided super advertisement by publishing the announcement in their newsletter which has a wide circulation.

The classes were sponsored by the Capitol City Church. Alma McRoberts, a member of Capitol City, has been the director of these classes for a number of years and she is assisted by James Yates. Doctors James Brillhart, Melvin Lund and Donald Schmitt were lecturers.

HODGES GUEST SPEAKER

Clearance Hodges was guest speaker on Sabbath, April 13, for the divine worship service. The members of Capitol City church in Indianapolis were really happy to see Brother Hodges again. Hodges served the Capitol City Church in many capacities while residing in Indianapolis. He even served as interim pastor. Hodges is now residing in Washington, D.C. and is the Deputy Assistant Secretary to the State Department. The topic for his sermon was "Power". Brother Hodges asked for the prayers of the church body as he plans to visit Africa's troubled areas very soon. He desires to lend assistance in any the Lord leads.

SPRINGFIELD CHURCH HOLDS HOMECOMING

The Springfield, Illinois, churches celebrated their fifth annual homecoming service. It turned out to be a special Sabbath service that brought together about 250 members of the Illinois and Lake Region conferences. Many guests were members from several churches in the Springfield area.

In the eleven o'clock service, Dr. Norman Miles, associate pastor of theology at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, preached on the need for unity in the church. He reminded the congregants that this, after all, was God's wish for His people.

In a memorable sermon, Dr. Miles compared the human body to the body of the church. Just as the human body comprises different parts — all of equal importance to the body in the context of the functions they perform — so too is the body of the church made up of several integral parts. These are also of equal importance.

Dr. Miles, who based his sermon on I Corinthians, proceeded to divide the parts of the human body in three broad groups: There were the muscles, which he described as the main agents for movement and change. However, observed Dr. Miles, these movements and changes are not always positive.

Then there are the body's bones, which are often noted for their rigidity and reluctance to change.

The third part of the group consists of the organs. The organs play a vital role within the body structure. Without them, the body would be unable to function normally.

Applying this analogy to the body of the church, Dr. Miles compared the roles played by parts of the human body with those of the members within the body of the church. There are, therefore, "muscle Christians" within the church. These are members who derive great satisfaction from discharging the church's numerous programs.

However, like all smoothly run corporations, muscle Christians need "bone Christians" for support. In this sense, "bone Christians" provide "muscle Christians" with the structure around which they frame their programs of action.

The third group is the "organ Christians." These provide the muscle and bone Christians with coordination, direction and guidance. Even then, observed Dr. Miles with a chuckle, each of these three types of Christians have their weaknesses and negative points. Yet, God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen them as being of equal importance. It is He who ordains what role they play within the body of the church.

Earlier in his opening and introductory remarks, Charles D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, commended the Springfield churches for their pioneering role. He hoped that this would set a precedent which other churches would follow. It was also his hope that such homecomings would become more frequent events.

After the morning service, the congregants enjoyed Sabbath dinner before returning to the sanctuary for a musical program. Music was provided by local church and community talent. Pastor Joseph, who had led the church in a rousing song service, promised to attempt to sing at next year's annual homecoming. The service was attended by about 250 people.

Vivian Joseph
Communication Director

NEWS NOTES

Elder Jerome Davis, pastor, Capitol City Church in Indianapolis, baptized nine precious souls on Sabbath, March 16. Five candidates were students of the CAPITOL CITY CHURCH school.



SOUTHSIDE CHURCH VAN

The Southside Church family in Pontiac has purchased a sixteen passenger van which they will use to transport senior citizen members and visitors to their church services.

The pastor reports that members from the recently organized Mount Clemens Church also helped to raise funds to purchase this van.

The van is parked in front of the Southside Church. Standing beside the van are Royce Mentor, pastor, and his son Franz.

ALL NATIONS BREAKS GROUND

The true spirit of the All Nations church showed through with brilliant clarity on Sunday afternoon, October 7, when members gathered on the twenty-acre site, in spite of pouring rain, to break ground for the \$450,000 first phase of the multifunctional structure to be built there.

Warmth, humor and exuberant praise to God, so typical of this multi-ethnic congregation, characterized the ceremony. When members were invited by the assistant pastor, Solomon Lebesse, to return to the Methodist Church in Berrien Springs, their temporary meeting place for the past five years for the ceremony, members did not want to do so. They intended to see the groundbreaking, rain or shine!

Their courage and determination, despite the inconvenience of wet weather, put fire in their leaders, who joined them in thanksgiving. The ceremony became a special symbol of their confidence in God's leading and blessing.

Following the spontaneous singing of "Showers of Blessings," Sam Harris, chairperson of the building committee, welcomed and commended the group for the manifestation of faith their presence showed.

On behalf of the village of Berrien Springs, Elaine Chaudior of the village council wished the congregation God's blessings on their endeavors.

Representing the groups who make the rich international flavor of the church, Don Mead spoke for Caribbean members and Solomon Lebesse spoke for African members about the meaning of All Nations to them. Thesba Johnston, first local elder, then expressed her appreciation for the respect experienced by women as the congregation includes them in all facets of church ministry.

Caleb Rosado, pastor of All Nations, Thesba Johnston and Sam Harris were joined by Charles Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, Richard C. Brown, Sr., conference treasurer, as well as Wes Shram, representative of Denominational Building Services (who will be doing the construction) in turning over the first spadefuls of earth.

Their seven shovels bearing small plaques with the All Nations logo on them were donated for the occasion by Willson-Collier Hardware of Berrien Springs. The shovels were later auctioned off for \$200 each. A total of \$1400 was raised toward the new building.

Carlton Campbell shared his enthusiasm to help build the church by contributing from his new business venture of

cleaning upholstery and carpets. He also called for the freewill offering brought forward by the members.

Construction began about a month ago at the Snow Road site, one-half mile west of Berrien Springs. The initial phase contains a gymnasium complex with classrooms, a kitchen and fellowship facilities. It has barrier-free construction for easy access by the handicapped and elderly. Designed with both the congregation and the community in mind, the structure will serve worship and social needs of adults as well as children. It will seat approximately 600 and allows for future expansion.

Phase II will be the building of the sanctuary and Phase III will deal with an office complex, youth rooms, parking facilities and beautification of the grounds.

The building, with preliminary designs by Andrews architects Neville H. Clouten and Stanley Bell and working designs by architect Tom Gott of Denominational Building Services of Lincoln, Nebraska, will be constructed with the help of labor donated by members and friends of the congregation.

YOUTH DAY AT CAPITOL CITY

Sabbath, April 20 was designated as Youth Day at Capitol City Church in Indianapolis. Elder Jerome Davis is the pastor, and Harold Lumsey is director of youth activities. A full day was planned beginning with Sabbath School. It was beautiful to see the youth fill the platform at the eleven o'clock hour, presenting the morning welcome, opening hymn, scripture and prayer. Music was provided by the Capitol City Church School and the youth choir called JOY. Joy is directed by Bruce Seawood and Brian Chapman.

Elder Jerome Davis introduced the guest speaker, Tyrone Boyd, pastor of the Beacon of Joy Church in Chicago.

The thought provoking topic for the AY hour was "Sabbath Compromises". Questions raised were — Do we *Really* Keep The Sabbath Holy?, Do We Honor the Sabbath The Way Christ Would?, and Do We Rest On His Holy Day?

Harold Lumsey stated the old cliché "Church of Tomorrow" no longer holds true. But rather the youth are now the "Church of Today".

Lumsey is to be commended for his leadership in the youth department. It is evident that he feels the necessity of addressing vital issues.

Charlesetta Cartwright
Communication Secretary

NORTHEASTERN



Elder L.G. Newton, Director of Stewardship for Northeastern Conference.

LINDEN CHURCH TO BEGIN RENOVATION

"To God Be The Glory" was sung on Sabbath May 11, 1985 at the Linden Church, Laurelton, New York, when Pastor Benjamin Cummings informed the members that their renovation proposal had been approved by the Conference committee.

Since purchasing the complex in Laurelton, Queens, which also houses the Elementary School and Day Care Center, the members have been aware of the need for renovating the Sanctuary. In January, 1984, a Stewardship program, under the direction of Elder Leonard Newton was launched. Through prayer and sacrificial giving, claiming the promises of God, the members have committed themselves to making the Sanctuary of God beautiful that "He may dwell therein."

"One-time Gifts" totalling over \$130,000 have been contributed by the members.

Linden hopes to begin renovation in June. The faithfulness of the members in giving systematically to support the work of God is being rewarded.

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT HOPE CHURCH

On April 20, 1985, the Hope SDA Church of Hartford, CT, celebrated its first Community Guest Day. Three special honorees were recognized because of selfless contributions to the community.

Arthur C. Banks, Jr., Ph.D., born November 7, 1915 in Columbus, Ohio was the first honoree recognized. Dr. Banks is an outstanding political scientist, humanitar-



Elder William Vincent, left, pastor of the Hope SDA Church stands with Community Guest Day honorees. They are: William J. Brown, retired President of the Urban League for the City of Hartford; Evelyn B. Horn, Director of Community Service for the city of Hartford; Dr. Arthur C. Banks, president of the Hartford College and Dr. C.E. Dudley, guest speaker for the day.

ian and educator. It is well known that the lives of many of those in the community will be richer because of Dr. Banks' administration at the Greater Hartford Community College.

Evelyn B. Horn, the second honoree, was born and educated in Dansbury, Connecticut. She is recognized in the community for her volunteer services in alcohol treatment, sexual abuse of women and children, the homeless, crisis intervention and girl scouts. Currently, she serves as the warden for the Community Correctional Center of Hartford where she is responsible for the custody, treatment, security, and rehabilitation for some 550 residents.

The third tribute was paid to William J. Brown, born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Following a military career and a graduate degree from Northwestern University, Mr. Brown was appointed Dean of Men at Talladega College in Alabama. He served as Executive Secretary at the William A. Hunton YMCA in Roanoke, Virginia, Vocational Services Director, South Bend Urban League, South Bend, Indiana. The capstone of this life of unselfish service was the twenty-two years Mr. Brown served as the Executive Director of the Greater Hartford Urban League from which he retired in 1983.

REVELATION SEMINAR

City Tabernacle's *Revelation Seminar* program — an evangelic outreach effort ended successfully Friday May 3rd at the church.

For 8 weeks prior, meetings organized and directed by pastor Milton J. Thomas, were held at Frederick Douglas JHS in Manhattan. Approximately 190 participants joined and received instruction in Bible truths.

Topics covered included, *Revelation: An Open Book, Revelations 7 Last Plagues, and Mystic Babylon.*

For many of the reticent students, this experience awakened a true interest in the Gospel. Pastor Thomas, encouraged by their response, extended church instruction by forming an *Inquirers Class*.

"We're living in a world of strife and confusion," he said. "People are seeking spiritual and physical rest and it's my responsibility to tell them the truth. To share with them the grand story of salvation and direct them on how to be reconciled to God."

The purpose of the *Seminar* was this and more. First to convey information to the public on the Book of Revelation and then to endeavor to have them join the church.

"I'm concerned," emphasized Dr. Thomas, "About that lost boy, girl, mother, or father."

His spirit-blessed sermons delivered just that message unveiling many answers about mankind, the prophetic events rapidly unfolding world-wide and the soon return of Jesus Christ. These studies ended for many, the common fear that, "I'll never be able to understand the Bible," and "my life's too messed up anyway."

Not everyone was spiritually converted to foresake their current lifestyle to follow

Christ but several participants decided to be baptized May 18th at City Tabernacle.

Elder Reed, pastor of the New Hope Mission assisted in the pool.

On Sunday May 19th a catered banquet, attended by Northeastern Conference President George Earle, elders Lester, Newton, and their wives was provided for the 50 graduates who completed the course. Tabernacle's ladies and mens chorale completed the fete with song.

Even though the *Revelation Seminar* ended that night, its evangelical thrust will continue through a highly motivated corps of church Bible instructors coached by Pastor Thomas.

LaMarr Renee

EX-CUBAN PRISONER SPEAKS AT LE RALLY

By Stephanie Johnson

Humberto Alexander Noble, A Seventh-day Adventist who spent twenty years in a Cuban prison because he refused to compromise his religious principles, was the guest speaker at a literature evangelist rally held at the Brooklyn Temple church in Brooklyn, New York.

Noble was one of 48 prisoners freed in June of 1984 when Jesse Jackson made his historic mission to Cuba. Noble now resides in Salem, Massachusetts, with his mother and sister. He is still a committed Seventh-day Adventist.

Noble, who was an ordained local elder and a literature evangelist in Cuba, held the audience spellbound as he related his story. During his years in prison he was the organizer and leader of the underground church. He did not focus on his sufferings and hardships, but instead presented a message of hope and triumph.

The rally was sponsored by the Northeastern Conference Publishing Department under C.A. Richardson, who worked in concert with Hugh Lee, coordinator of the Brooklyn district, to educate and recruit members to join the literature ministry.

The speaker for the rally during the divine worship hour was a former colporteur, noted author and world evangelist, Dr. E.E. Cleveland. The Sabbath school program was presented by literature evangelist Louise Lee, the conference's top colporteur serving as the superintendent.

The rally made a tremendous impact upon the hundreds in attendance. As a result, 50 made a commitment to enter the work.

There are presently eight literature evangelists in that area. The task set before them is a most challenging one. Brooklyn, with a population of 2,230,956 (1980), is the most heavily populated borough in New York City. It is a microcosm of the world with enclaves of Jews, Soviets, Africans, East Europeans, West Indians, and Asians. Almost every nation on the face of the earth is represented in Brooklyn.

Hugh Lee and his wife, Louise, have been called to serve in this area for such a time as this. The Lees bring to the field spiritual commitment, business acumen and eighteen years of experience as literature evangelists in Jamaica of the West Indies.

The story of how the Lees returned to the ministry after a long absence helps us to better understand the workings of the Holy Spirit. The Lees were prosperous businesspeople, the owners of Lomar Enterprises, but deep down inside there was a yearning to return to the literature ministry.

One day Louise called her husband and daughter, Kay, asking the Lord to open a way to re-enter the work. She could not rest because she "felt a burden for souls." So the Lees decided to give up their business despite the counsels of their friends and return to literature evangelism.

In 1983 they became a part of the conference's colporteurs. They have worked hard. When Mr. Lee was appointed to his present position in January of 1984, the family decided to sell their home in Long Island and move to Brooklyn to be close to the work.

God has tremendously blessed their efforts. The field has grown from two workers to eight workers. The sales have increased from \$24,000 to an estimated \$100,000. Mrs. Lee has delivered nearly \$30,000 (sales figures ending in October) of books, which makes her the conference's top colporteur.

When asked the secret of their success, the Lees replied: "prayer and hard work."

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NATIVE SON RETURNS FOR YOUTH WEEK

"Valley of Decision" was the title of the sermon presented by Pastor Walton Rose, a "son" of the Bronx S.D.A. Church, Bronx, New York, as he ended the Week of Prayer on Sabbath, March 23, 1985. Many young people who attended the church with Pastor Rose during their childhood days responded to the appeal with a request for baptism.

Earlena Pickett, one of the young Sabbath School superintendents, chaired the Sabbath School program. Other young persons served in the Sabbath School as teachers and program participants. The entire day's program was performed by the young people of the church. The Chosen Few, the youth choir, provided the music for the Divine Hour; with other youth serving as deacons, deaconesses, ushers and platform guests.

The afternoon program planned by the Assistant AY Leader, Beverly Johnson, was entitled "Teenage Pregnancy". The four group leaders that addressed the topic were professionals in their respective fields, namely: Dr. Wesley Campbell, psychologist; Dr. Gloria Campbell, OB/GYN; Ann Ford, RN, Community Mental Health Nurse; and Pastor Trevor Baker, Director of Youth Ministries, Northeastern Conference.

The Youth Day program was planned and coordinated by Deta Lightbourn, AY Leader.

Myrtle Pickett
Communications Secretary

CHILDRENS DAY SERVICE

Proud mothers celebrating Mothers Day sat tall and smiled often as their sibling recited poems, sang, and dramatized City Tabernacles Childrens Day theme: Spring-time with Jesus Christ.

Everyone from the cradle roll, dressed in white with red sages to juniors, wearing white and blue took part in the afternoon program.

Thoughts of fresh crisp days, bright blooming plants, pastel colored flowers and God's great love for us were recurrent.

Resounding "amens" applauded every selection confirming each parent's joy when their little one stepped into the spotlight.

A generous \$300 dollar offering was collected.

LaMarr Renee

SOUTH CENTRAL



Joseph F. Milner, Lay Pastor in Cleveland, Tennessee.

MILNER TO SERVE AS PASTOR

Joseph Milner has been appointed to serve as lay pastor in Cleveland, Tennessee by the Executive Committee of the South Central Conference, January 1985.

President C.E. Dudley's letter to Milner said, "The Executive Committee of the Conference has taken note of the good leadership that you have given in helping to establish the work in Cleveland, Tennessee."

Milner played a pivotal role in establishing the seven year old church. In November 1984, the church moved from its rented property to a new edifice.

He received a B.A. and M.A. degree from the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga. He was certified by the Tennessee System of Agriculture as a Pest Control Technician.

Milner is listed as member of the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Colleges and Universities, as well as a member of the Chancellor's Minority Advisory Committee at the University of Tennessee.

He serves as faculty member for the Physical Plant Building Services Training Program. He recently published articles in the Clean Management Professional Journal, The Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges newsletter.

Milner is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1982; Men of Achievement from Cambridge, England, 1982 and Personalities of the South, 1983.

He is President of the Lay Advisory Council of South Central Conference.



Centurian Ab Milsap of Bay Springs, Mississippi.

CENTURIAN LOOKS FOR JESUS TO COME

Ab Milsap of Bay Springs, Mississippi celebrated his 100th birthday, November 18, 1984. Milsap recalled how he became a Sabbath keeper 83 years ago.

On a Sunday afternoon in 1911 people from the Nazareth Community near Bay Springs came to hear Anna Knight, the first Black SDA missionary to India.

Seventeen year old Ab Milsap, was among those who heard Miss Knight say, "Saturday is the Sabbath and God wants us to keep it holy."

Struck with conviction he went home and talked it over with his father who was a Baptist minister. His father confirmed that Saturday indeed was the Sabbath. He relieved his son of his chores on Sabbath and told him not to play ball.

For decades, Milsap attended Sabbath School in Soso, Mississippi but did not join the Church. In 1975 Ab Milsap was baptized into the Soso Church. He is now an active member of the newly organized church in Sylvarene, Mississippi. He works with the hope of remaining alive until Jesus comes.

R.S. Norman

REGIONAL CONFERENCES HOLD L.E. TRAINING SCHOOL

Upwards of fifty or sixty new recruits gathered at the Cohutta Springs youth camp in Georgia during the month of April to receive training to serve as literature evangelists in the South Atlantic, South Central and Southeastern Conferences in the Southern Union. The instructors for this week's preparation were Dr. T.W.

Smith, Elders, S.P. Ruff, R. Smith, Jr. and Elder Sandy Robinson. This growing 'army' of literature evangelists is meaningful to help carry the message of hope to every person's door in these crucial times. "As the preaching of Noah warned, tested, and proved the inhabitants of the world before the flood of waters destroyed them from off the face of the earth, so the truth of God for these last days is doing a similar work of warning, testing, and proving the world. The publications which go forth . . . bear the signet of the Eternal. They are being scattered all through the land, and are deciding the destiny of souls."

The Literature Evangelists of the South Central Conference have set a goal of \$300,000.00 in literature sales for the year 1985. The month of May was designated as "Big Month" for sales.



Elder George Byars, left stands with Elder Dudley after being named "Pastor of the Year."

BYARS NAMED PASTOR OF THE YEAR

Pastor George L. Byars, Minister of First Church, Bessemer, Alabama was chosen "Pastor of the Year" for South Central Conference.

Byars, a former Baptist minister has served in the conference for more than ten years. A number of new congregations have been organized under his leadership and hundreds of souls have been added to the church.

MINISTER REFLECTS ON PRISON MINISTRY

It was the joy of my heart to baptize five young men who gave wonderful testimonies of what God had done for them through the teaching of Leo Tate and Wallace and the prison ministries team of Longview Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

I was asked to serve as interim pastor for the church after Pastor Victor Brooks resigned to go into the Youthville Ministries full time (Youthville is a special ministry for young people designed and directed by Brooks). I found Tate and Wallace with their workers actively engaged in visiting the State Prison every week, taking the message of truth to those who were behind bars. The men and their team were well thought of and courteously treated by the prison authorities.

It was my privilege to make two visits to the Fort Pillow State Prison and to examine candidates who were requesting baptism into the church. I spoke for one and a half hours, but the men behind bars (prisoners) asked me to give them more food from the WORD OF GOD.

After the baptism, while still in the pool, I made an appeal and 14 surrendered to Christ requesting to be in the next baptism. I certainly appreciate the sacrifice our prison team is making. They drive 70 miles one way from Memphis to the prison weekly.

D.B. Reid

Retired Worker and Interim Pastor



Enid Kathan, center, concert artist, talks with guests.

CONCERT ARTIST GIVES RECITAL AT RIVERSIDE CHAPEL

Enid Kathahn, concert artist from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, presented a spring recital at the Riverside Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee. Miss Eva Jenkins, lifelong friend of Mrs. Kathahn secured her services for the church. Mrs. Bonita Davis is the Minister of Music.



Ronald Reid and his staff are slated to manage South Central Housing.

A.D.A.M. TO MANAGE S.C. HOUSING

ADAM, a housing management firm, has been appointed to manage five of the housing complexes owned by South Central Conference. Ronald Reid and his staff will oversee the properties in Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi.



Richard Fulton, left, Mayor of Nashville talks with Dr. C.E. Dudley, President of South Central Conference during Workers' Meeting.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS VISIT WORKERS MEETING

When the workers of the South Central Conference came together for their annual workers' meeting at the beginning of 1985, they were honored to receive visits from a number of government officials who were meeting in the same building. Some of those who addressed the group were: Mayor Richard Fulton of Nashville, U.S. Senator Harold Sasser from the State of Tennessee; Governor Lamar Alexander of the State of Tennessee and Mrs. Ida Harper, councilwoman for the fifth district in Nashville. After being introduced by the conference president, C.E. Dudley, each of these officials spoke of the blessings of the work that was being done by Seventh-day Adventists in the communities.



THE WORK PROGRESSES IN SOUTHEAST ALABAMA

Since entering the gospel ministry in South central Conference, Pastor James Young has worked to strengthen the church in Southeast Alabama. His district includes: Ozark, Dothan, Alabama and Panama City, Florida.

Since coming to the district, the church of Ozark has been renovated. The church at Dothan is being completed. A new building is planned for Panama City. A new work is being started in Marietta, Florida.

Last summer Young conducted an evangelistic crusade, approximately more than 30 were baptized. A Bishop from the Holiness Church was baptized. He had the responsibility of directing 60 ministers.



Columbus, Mississippi, mortgage burning.

MORTGAGE BURNING IN COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

When Edson White brought his Morning Star boat to Mississippi at the turn of the century, one of the places where the gospel was established was in Columbus, Mississippi. He built a building that served as a house of worship until it literally fell down.

Elder L.W. Williams served as pastor of this congregation 20 years ago. His challenge was to build a new house of worship. This was accomplished, however, the people labored for almost that same period of time to pay for this edifice.

Finally, this mortgage was paid in its entirety by Pastor Famous Murray during March of this year. Several of the older members of the church were present at the ceremonies.

O.C. SCHOLARSHIP VOTED

South Central will grant another full scholarship to one of its members to attend Oakwood College in the fall. The purpose of this program is to assist one student from the conference to obtain a Christian education.

In addition to the full scholarship, the Conference gives between fifty and sixty

matching scholarships each year to conference members attending Oakwood. At their completion, each conference graduate is given a \$100 stipend. The conference also subsidizes the college academy and elementary school each year.



Members of the South Park Church who played a key role in its establishment. Dr. W.J. Cleveland, far right, is the pastor. Dr. C.E. Dudley, President of the Conference is standing in the back.

SOUTH PARK CHURCH CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Dr. W.J. Cleveland and members of the South Park Church, Birmingham, Alabama, celebrated their fifth anniversary.

After Dr. E.E. Cleveland conducted several evangelistic crusades in the city, Dr. W.J. Cleveland, then pastor of the Ephesus Church, realized that the church could not accommodate all its new members. Thus the South Park Church was formed.

John Willis located the church property. Dr. J.P. Price Pearson arranged for the financing. Mrs. Ida Evans and Dr. Grace Brown served on the committee to secure the building. Dr. Mildred P. Johnson, Conference Bible Instructor, worked with the members to strengthen and build up the church.

After five years, the membership stands at 350, it has nearly outgrown its new facility.



INFILTRATION EVANGELISM REACHES BRENT, ALABAMA

More than a year has passed since Pastor Melvin Johnson graduated from Oakwood College. Although he did not receive

employment from a conference, he set out on his own to establish a church. He went to Brent, Alabama, a little town in central Alabama. He got a job in the local lumber company. Johnson passed out tracts and began to give Bible studies. Before long a company of new believers were established in Brent, Alabama. This is the home of Ellen Anderson, instructor at Oakwood College.

IN TRANSITION

1. G.I. Pearson from the ABC Manager to New Life Church, Nashville, Tennessee.
2. M.E. Patterson from New Life Church, Nashville, Tennessee to New Life Church, Huntsville, Alabama.
3. S. Jackson from New Life Church, Huntsville, Alabama to Mt. Sinai Church, Orlando, Florida.
4. W.O. Freeman from Hattiesburg, Mississippi to Nashville, Tennessee to supervise the construction of a church/school building.
5. R.S. Norman from Meridian, Mississippi to Hattiesburg, Mississippi.
6. Jessie Green from Selma, Alabama to Meridian, Mississippi.
7. Garfield Powell from Brookhaven, Mississippi to Selma, Alabama.
8. W.A. Bsey from Cleveland, Mississippi to Hazelhurst/Brookhaven, Mississippi.
9. R.E. Gaiter from Adamsville/Sterrett,

Alabama to Cleveland, Mississippi.
10. George Byars to add Adamsville/Sterrett, Alabama to his present pastorate in Bessemer, Alabama.

FIRST QUARTER MEMBERSHIP ESTABLISHED

During the first months of 1985, South Central added 302 members to its roll. One hundred and ninety five were baptisms; three were profession of faith; 104 were transfer of membership.

On the other end of the spectrum, 152 members were dropped from the church rolls — 23 deaths, 26 apostasies, 3 missing and 100 transfers of membership.

The membership at the end of the first quarter stood at 17,385 but a number of church clerks' report had not been received when the final tally was made.

COMING EVENTS

JULY

July 11-13 Senior Youth Retreat
July 16 Housing Board Meeting
July 14-20 Friendship Camps

AUGUST - THE MONTH FOR ENTERING INTO UNENTERED TERRITORY

August 1-10 Literature Evangelists Training Seminar
August 13 K-12 Board Meeting
August 14 Housing Board Meeting
August 17 Communication Workshop
Louisville, Kentucky
August 30-31 Young Adults Retreat



Graduates of the LE Training School. The Instructors, are kneeling on the first row.

SOUTHWEST REGION



Yolanda Davis was one of 25 youth selected for all around excellence at the Youth Award Banquet.



Leslie Franklin was chosen as one of the honorees at the Youth Award Banquet in Dallas.

BANQUET HONORS YOUTH

The Southwest Region Conference held its first Annual Youth Award Banquet at the Loews Anatole Hotel, Dallas, Saturday Evening, March 16, 1985. Honorees were represented from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. The churches selected young people according to academic excellence, outstanding community accomplishments, special creative achievements and involvement in the total church program.

Twenty-five young people received an "Emmy". A critique of each young person was given by the Federation Presidents as he/she graced the podium to receive their corsage/boutonniere.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Dr. Barbara Jones, Prof. of Chemistry, Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, Tx. Dr. Jones challenged our youth to keep reaching toward the sky in academic excellence and goal setting. More than 300 guests were in attendance. The youth director, B.E. Wright, his secretary Nancy Jones and their associates worked untiringly to make this affair successful.

Plans are now underway to host a "Rosebud Coronation for 1986. This is to provide a scholarship fund to help our young people further their educational pursuits on the college level.

Doris Jones
Reporter



Sophie Mickens was selected as one of the outstanding youth at the Award Banquet.



Pamela Dugano received an "Emmy" at the First Annual Youth Award Banquet.

CITY TEMPLE OBSERVES YOUTH DAY

A Conference-wide Youth Day was observed at City Temple in Dallas, March 16. The theme for the day was "Lay hold on to Eternal Life". Nathaniel Lee served as superintendent of the Sabbath school. B.E. Wright, youth director delivered the Word for the morning hour. Music was provided by the youth choir, "Rejoice" directed by Lenora Coopwood.

Afternoon activities included Pathfinder Investiture Service, seven were invested and one Master Guide, Roger Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas. Thirty (30) teen agers were engaged in a Bible Spelling Bee. Orville Brown won first place. Sunday ended the weekend at Dunbar High School in Fort Worth with approximately two-hundred (200) participating in olympics.

Doris Jones
Reporter



Pastor J.A. Morris welcomes worshippers to Youth Day at City Temple.



Nathaniel Lee conducts the Sabbath School program during Youth Day at City Temple.



"Rejoice", a youth ensemble, sang during Youth Day at City Temple. The ensemble is directed by Lenora Coopwood.



Elder J.A. Morris, pastor of the City Temple Church reads baptismal vows to 13 candidates. The converts were the fruits of an 8 week Revelation Seminar and Jr. Bible Class. The seminar was held in the waiting room of Dr. Timothy Beckett. The Jr. Bible Class was held in the Church. Ms. Verdina Tucker, Conference Bible Instructor, conducted both classes.

IN THE NEWS

DR. EVA B. DYKES BOOK RELEASED

A new book entitled, "She Fulfilled the Impossible Dream" by Dr. Dewitt Williams of the General Conference, is a biography of the life of Dr. Eva B. Dykes who helped to shape the lives of many students who attended Howard University in Washington and in later years the lives of the students who attended Oakwood College.

The book tells of the life of this little lady who dedicated her entire being to the service of God and her fellow man. She was born at the turn of the century, reared and educated in Washington, D.C. and later became the first Black woman in the world to receive the Ph.D. degree from Radcliffe University. Although having been blessed by God to accomplish this goal in life she maintained a conviction for excellence in all things and a burden to help souls to be saved in the kingdom of God. Her devotion to Christian service led her to resign her post as an instructor at Howard University to teach at a little rural college operated by the Seventh-day Adventists for its Black students. She served at this school helping to train the minds of its youth until she retired. She still lives at the Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

THE CLASS OF '45' RETURNS TO OAKWOOD

Forty years have come and gone and the members of the first graduating 'senior' class returned to celebrate this milestone



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that was reached by the college in 1945. The membership of the class stood at nine.

Oakwood College began as a training school for 'colored' youth in 1896 when the General Conference committee instructed Elders Irwin, Olson and Butler to journey into the Southland to find a suitable location to train the youth in this segment of the church. Most of the other schools for Blacks had already been established. These brethren found a 300 acre site in Huntsville, Alabama that had served as a large plantation before the Civil War; they purchased the site and began the training of the youth to give the message to the world.

Ellen G. White visited the school in 1904 and stated that this was the very spot that the Lord had shown to her while she was in vision and that not one acre was to be

sold. Today the school has over eleven hundred acres of land. The enrollment stands at over thirteen hundred and this year's graduating class will number over two hundred. The number has grown since the nine graduates of the class of '45' received the first degrees to be issued from this senior college.

However, Oakwood is also numbered among the predominately Black colleges across the land that need financial lifts for their operations. The alumni and friends and lovers of Oakwood are urged to give substantial amounts to the school from year to year. Place the school in your 'Will'. The college today serves the world church. Students are in attendance from over 48 different countries and nations. These will be blessed of the Lord to carry the message to the ends of the earth during these challenging times.

DENISE KEITH RECEIVES DEGREE

Denise Glenda Keith was graduated on May 5 from Southern College in Collegedale, Tennessee. She received a bachelor of science degree in behavioral science and will be employed by the Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Denise is the daughter of Dennis and Dorothy Keith. Dennis Keith has recently accepted a call to serve in the Allegheny West Conference as the treasurer. Dorothy will terminate her job as a secretary for Lake Region Conference in June.

NEWS NOTE

On Saturday evening, April 23, the Bronx Church Senior Choir and the Huie family presented, "Glorious Victory," a pageant in song and drama at the Bronx Church, Bronx, New York. The musical pageant was originally written and directed by members of the Huie family. "Glorious Victory" depicts Christ's triumphant entry into the City of Jerusalem as the crowd sang hosanna.

Rupert Soyer served as narrator; Roy Jennings, pianist; Lloyd Chung, organist. Dr. Jennifer Huie is the director of the choir.

Samuel Lightbourn
Reporter

NEWS NOTE

Recently the Philadelphia Church in Muncie, Indiana, pastored by Hosie Hatchett, welcomed Samuel Flagg and his wife, Helen Flagg, director of the stewardship department for Lake Region Conference presented a seminar on the management of God's financial affairs. He stated that God is not only interested in the 10 percent set aside for tithe, but He is also concerned about what is done with the 90 percent that is left. Elder Flagg also emphasized the importance of God's people making out a will. He stated that a will drawn up to God's church would be quite appropriate.

NEWS NOTES

The youth choir at the Capitol City Church in Indianapolis called Joy celebrated their second anniversary in concert on Sabbath afternoon, April 13. Their theme was "Haven't You Heard? . ." The concert was presented in two parts consisting of songs such as "Distance Means Nothing to Him", "Power In The Blood", "Trust and Obey". There were many other beautiful musical renditions, some of which were arranged by Bruce Seawood, the dynamic director and organizer of this

youth group. Brian Chapman is co-director of the group which consists of more than 30 members. We commend Bruce for his dedication and leadership in the music department. Special recognition was given to several members for their support.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Northeastern Conference Corporation
of Seventh-Day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the regular triennial session of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-Day Adventists will be held in connection with the eighteenth regular session (fifth triennial) of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists at Victory Lake Camp, Hyde Park, New York, on Sunday, July 21, 1985. The first meeting of the Corporation will convene at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and trustees for the coming triennial term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session. Delegates of the Conference session are delegates to the Corporation meeting.

G.R. Earle, President
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The eighteenth regular constituency meeting (fifth triennial) of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists will be held at Victory Lake Camp, Hyde Park, New York, Sunday, July 21, 1985. The first meeting is scheduled to convene at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, directors of departments, and various committees for the coming triennial term, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

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

The members of the Executive Committee of the Conference, all accredited workers receiving credentials and licenses from the Conference and any member of the General or Atlantic Union Conference committees who may be present are delegates at large.

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