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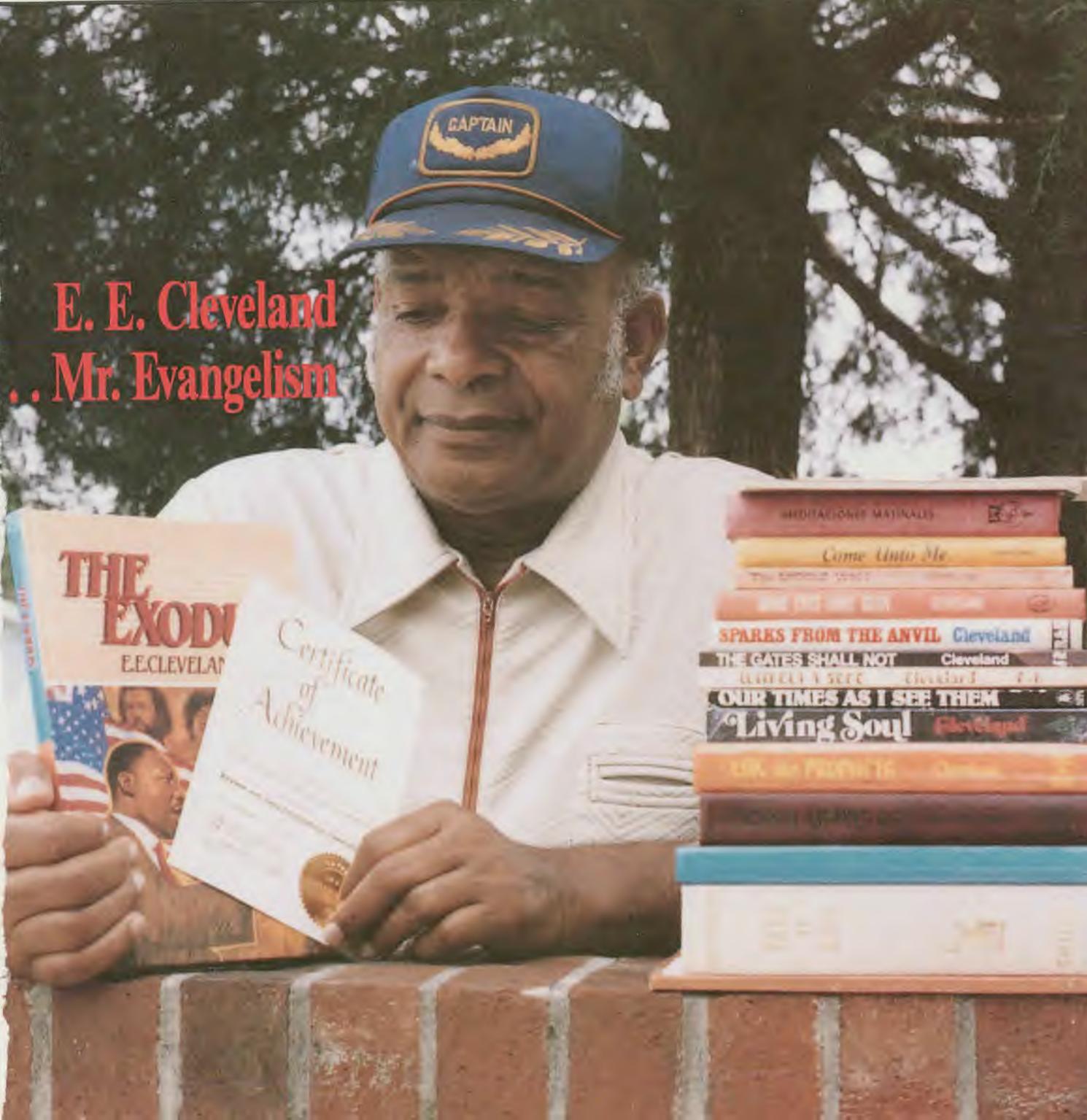
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Earl Cleveland and Celia Abney, students at Oakwood College.

DR. E. E. CLEVELAND, "MR. EVANGELISM" RETIRES

After spending 45 years of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ on all continents on planet earth for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, Dr. E. E. Cleveland and his wife, Celia, have sought to slow their pace. They can never be completely quiet because soulwinning has been their life.

Cleveland, a native of Alabama, grew up in the city of Chattanooga, Tennessee, the second of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Cleveland, Sr., who served as strong spiritual lay leaders for the work in that area during the early days of the work among Blacks. Father Cleveland a retired sargent in the U.S. Army, taught his sons, William, Earl, and Harold a sense of spiritual duty and dedication to service. All became ministers. William and Harold became conference presidents and Earl became a world leader in evangelism.

Earl's ministry began in 1941 after his graduation from Oakwood College where he received his ministerial training. He took unto himself a lovely bride, Celia M. Abney, the daughter of one of the first Black missionaries, and began his work in the Carolinas.

The early beginnings of ministry were slow and challenging, but under the hand of God these two dedicated youth finally hit a stride in soulwinning, which placed their ministry in the fore of the leaders of the church. From the Carolinas their ministries expanded to that of Conference wide evangelist for the South Atlantic Conference in 1946. He was preacher of the spoken word; she evangelist with

music and his chief Bible instructor. When the success of these two young people was seen by the leaders of the Southern Union Conference, under the leadership of Elder V. G. Anderson, of Swedish heritage, the Clevelands were invited to join the staff as union evangelists, the first Blacks to receive such an honor.

Not only had the Lord blessed them with personal successes in evangelism, but they put together a program for soulwinning that would help others meet with the same success. Among their trainees were E. C. Ward, W. S. Banfield, J. Malcolm Phipps, G. A. Rainey, C. R. Graham, N. G. Newton, Horace Barker, L. E. Daniels, C. E. Dudley, and many others.

In 1952 the General Conference session was held in San Francisco, California. The leaders of the World Church invited the Clevelands to Washington, D.C., where they served for 23 years, to share their gifts with people around the world. It was interesting to see people of all nationalities and cultures respond to the preaching of the gospel of God's saving grace.

During his years in the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, he trained over 900 ministers around the world, conducted full length evangelistic crusades on six continents, visited and served world leaders and their people in 67 countries, authored eleven books and two Sabbath School quarterlies. His most recent book, published in 1986, is entitled *THE EXODUS*. He served as the editor for the Ministry Magazine for 23 years.

An evangelist since 1942, Elder Cleveland baptized over 11,000 people which includes George Juko, the crown prince of Uganda. He conducted evangelistic crusades in Chicago, IL; New York; Detroit, MI; Los Angeles, CA; Houston, TX; Cincinnati and Columbus, OH; Birmingham, AL; St. Louis, MO; and Washington, D.C.; in the USA. Also his dedication and ministry led him to the Bahamas, Poland, Finland, India, the Phillipines, Uganda, Tanganyika, Australia, and South Africa.

Elder Cleveland was a visiting professor at Andrews University and Oakwood College; founder of the Academy of Adventist Ministers and of the Alabama seminar of the Academy; but due to health problems with his wife Celia, he left the General Conference to serve as director of Church Missions at Oakwood and from there he retired in the Spring of 1986.

During his lifetime he organized four congregations and trained hundreds of students and ministers to serve the world field. In his retirement he still continues to



share his blessings by writing books. An article by Calvin B. Rock, Vice President of the General Conference, appeared in the *Review and Herald* on SEPT. 4, 1986 which gives a good summary of the life of Dr. E. E. Cleveland.

"We have no great men among us". *Evangelism*, p. 134. The Seventh-day Adventist church is fashioned to exalt Christ, not humanity. In our movement there is no place for a cult of personality. The peaks that give definition to our history are the triumphs of our global cause and not the glories of our individual careers. Yet, it is undeniably true that some men and women do make a difference. We occasionally are blessed with the ministry of those whose careers are epochal, who make an impact upon established patterns of functioning in ways that are substantive and enduring. They are the few whose labors effect the expansion of our parameters, rare leaders who have been equipped by God for special service and who, under God, have contributed so as to make no small difference among us. Individuals of recent memory such as Fordyce Detamore, H. M. S. Richards, R. A. Anderson, Anna B. Knight, and F. L. Peterson all qualify for such description—and so does E. Earl Cleveland.

Cleveland has made a difference. It is not precisely quantifiable (The alterations of history never are), but his evangelistic methods, practiced and taught in Korea, England, Brazil, Finland, Indonesia, Trinidad, Poland, South Africa, Canada, Japan, Australia, India, and numerous other countries as well as in 35 cities of the United States, are a contribution of stellar proportions.



Cathedral quartet of E. Cleveland.

Cleveland has made a difference in tents, halls, auditoriums, and sanctuaries on every continent of the globe; in the pages of the 11 books he has written; in the two Sabbath School quarterlies he has authored; in the many articles he has produced for *Ministry*, *Message*, the *Adventist Review*, and other significant Adventist publications; in scores of workers meetings, where he has shared his techniques with an appreciative ministry; in the environs of the General Conference, where he served for 21 years; in the classrooms of Andrews University; and Oakwood College, where he taught religion and directed a highly successful student missionary program for the past eight years.

His retirement is an event that should not go unnoticed by the world church. His students, friends, and spiritual children throughout our world division would like to know that he and Celia, whose charm and talent have meant so much to his effectiveness, are formally withdrawing from full-time service and will now have much more time to enjoy each other and their Huntsville home.

Someday, if time lasts, a more conclusive statement regarding the life and ministry of E. Earl Cleveland will appear in the pages of the *Adventist Review*, but he will not be able to see or appreciate that. This one he can. Tributes of this kind are not given to every worker whose status changes from full-time to retiree. But then some lives are larger than tradition.

"There are no great men among us," but



there have been and are luminaries whose unique gifts and sacrificial dedication have permanently altered the landscapes of our dwellings. E. Earl Cleveland is such a person. We here at the General Conference would you to know that we recognize this, and we would like you to know that we have told him so."

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

Editors Note:

The following is in response to the article, "A New Denomination is the Outgrowth of 'Last Days Revival' meeting in Huntsville", printed in the Oct., 1986 issue of the *North American Regional Voice*.

DR. OSCAR R. LANE SQUASHES RUMORS

In the Oct., 1986 issue of the "*Regional Voice*", there appeared an article on page eighteen entitled, *A New Denomination is*

the Outgrowth of "Last Days Revival" Meeting in Huntsville.

Contained in this article were statements made concerning the ministry of Dr. Oscar Lane and Last Days Revival which apparently were reprinted from the *Hrambee News*, a publication of the South Central Conference. Those statements made concerning Dr. Lane were misleading and untrue. Specifically, it is stated in the first paragraph that Elder Patterson "... took, the newly baptized people who had joined the "Last Day's Revival" meeting and established a completely new denomination." (Emphasis supplied). This statement is totally false. First, Last Days Revival is a soul-winning organization that conducts evangelistic efforts. Second, "newly baptized people" do *not* join "the Last Days Revival" meetings. People who are baptized *during* the meetings join Seventh-day Adventist churches. Last Days Revival is not a church.

In paragraph four (4) of the article, Dr. Lane's statement to the Huntsville Times was misquoted by first taking his statement out of context and then rearranging the words in the statement.

In the fifth paragraph, the rumors that the new church in Huntsville is one of "20 such groups" which "are in the making" for which Dr. Lane would be "chief overseer," are totally untrue.

It is sad that such things were published without first contacting Dr. Lane and Last Days Revival to make sure that the information was factual. Dr. Lane may be contacted by writing to: Last Days Revival, Inc., P. O. Box 311278, Atlanta, Georgia 30331.

Valeria R. Lane, Secretary
Last Day Revival, Inc.

REGIONAL VOICE ENTERS EIGHTH YEAR

At the end of the Regional Union Conference discussions, the Office of Regional Affairs was closed and the *North American Informant* was disbanded. The *Informant* was a journal that was published quarterly by the department to help keep the Black membership of the church abreast of the progress of the work in North America.

When the *Informant* published its last issue, the leadership of the Regional Conference came together and set in motion the *North American Regional Voice*, a monthly publication that was to share with Blacks denominational news that would have a bearing upon them, issues of the

church, local conferences and church news from around the fields and from the institutions that have brought us to where we are presently, such as Oakwood College, Pine Forge Academy, Message Magazine, Northeastern Academy, Shiloh Academy, Riverside Hospital just to name a few.

The "Voice" has experienced its struggles to stay alive during these seven years but the Lord has blessed. Full participation by all of the conferences was a challenge, funding for the journal was and is a big hurdle, but we have made it thus far. Some felt that the paper would not be long lived and spoke words of discouragement, but it still keeps moving along by grace of God.

Today the circulation is nearing the 40,000 mark and is read in all parts of the globe. The original staff is still together. Elder R. C. Brown, the editor in chief, Elder L. A. Paschal, the managing editor, Miss Stephane Johnson, the assistant editor and reporters, Dr. C. E. Dudley, advisor and helper. The leaders of the conferences along with their communications directors have been a tower of strength in keeping the flame burning during the past seven years. Dr. E. E. Cleveland has been the feature contributor from month to month.

THEY STOLE IT BUT YOU MUST RETURN IT

By Richard Williams, Ed.D. 130 pages. HEMA Publishing. \$8.95.

Dr. Richard Williams has written an important book that should be read by every Black person. The author has examined two crucial subjects—the Black family and Black health—placed within a historical and sociology framework. The author offers concrete, positive solutions.

In the first section, dealing with the Black family, Dr. Williams discusses the value Africans placed on the family before the advent of slavery and how slavery affected this value.

"Most of the inhabitants on the sun-kissed land of Africa had strong family ties," he writes. "The family would collectively care for the appropriate needs of its members. A man, woman, and child could find comfort in their family . . ."

"Often grandparents, parents," he continues, "and grandchildren all lived together. The grandparents received the highest respect and honor from the family members. It was through the grandparents that the children learned family history, folklore and proverbs. The oldest male was usually the head of the family. The immediate and extended families cared for their

widows, their sick, and their orphans. Family ties were firm."

When the slaves arrived in America, they went through a "milling process." "To create an effective slave system, White America focused on destroying the positive self-image in Blacks, and destroying the Black family, White America forced inhumane conditions on the slaves. The Black family has not completely recovered because many factors and behaviors from the slavery experience continue to day . . ."

Dr. Williams cites, that, today half of the black babies born in America are out of wedlock, this being one of the demoralizing affects of slavery. The slave master deeply ingrained in the psyche of the black man that he was a "breeder" without responsibilities or family ties.

Williams offers a number of creative and practical ways of rebuilding the almost shattered black family. Using principles and E. G. White's counsel, adapted for the secular mind, he urges the Black man to assume "the leadership role in addressing his family's needs, their emotional needs, their social needs, and their spiritual needs."

He recommends a monthly family day to strengthen family ties. "At least once a month a specific day should be designated as family day. This is a time in which all family members get together to enjoy each other. Family members should have at least one meal together . . . The time around the table should be sacred to the family and very pleasant, a time in which all family members get together to enjoy each other, affections are shared, a time of relaxation, a time of comfort."

It is this kind of wise and uncomplicated counsel that makes the book so valuable. In the second section dealing with Black health, Williams explores the affects of slavery on the Black man's health. As a health consultant and educator, he is certainly well qualified to write on this subject. He received a doctorate degree in health education and health administration from the State University of New York in Buffalo. He attended Oakwood College and is a graduate of Pine Forge Academy.

He presents a number of startling statistics: 1) Black infants mortality is almost twice as high as white infant mortality. 2) Heart disease is 20 percent higher in Black males than in white males. In Black females, heart disease is 51% higher than in white females. 3) The percentage of Blacks in the United States that die of stroke is almost twice that of whites.

With these facts in mind, Williams suggests a blueprint for good health—sunshine, balanced diet, exercise, proper rest, etc. Maybe one of the notable strengths of this book is that Dr. Williams embodies the ideas that he articulates. He has been married for 25 years and has three children, serves as one of the local elders of the Jefferson Avenue Church, Rochester, N.Y. His lifestyle gives great credibility to the book.



E. E. Cleveland.

"DIMINISHING RETURNS"

by E. E. Cleveland

A recent study revealed that young Blacks were better educated under segregated schools than in the presently integrated ones. This of course, applies only to those who stay in school. One of the fruits of integration is the precipitous increase in the "Black drop-out" rate. Black students with less than high school diplomas are on the streets in increasing numbers. Others have settled for "low skill" jobs or none at all. Crime is the natural consequence of it all.

Reasons for this startling disclosure are not hard to find:

1—The Black student does not trust the White teacher. There is at the beginning of the relationship a presumption of prejudice. And unless the teacher has experienced intensive debriefing on racial matters, the student's presumption is correct. From that moment on, the power to motivate is gone. 2—When "integration" came, Blacks were made to pay the price. They were fired (first). The Black Principal "disappeared" and thousands of Black teachers lost their jobs. Young Blacks lost the motivational force of a "Father Figure". 3—Black teacher patience is greater with "slow learners". In the old days, if we didn't meet the assignment within the pre-

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scribed school time—we were kept in school until we did the work. The average White teacher knows little of the social factors affecting the learning process. One such teacher boasted to me, "I treat everybody alike." I remind him that, such a policy would prove disastrous to some White students.

Education that does not take into consideration the socio-economic status of the student can be most damaging. Hence the large drop-out rate and the lack of motivation among many who remain.

Add to this the distinct possibility that the Black student in the White school may indeed lose touch with his "Roots". This loss of orientation could have serious psychological consequences, in that one can lose his sense of identity. In America this could be tragic.

Upon closer examination, the study indication that Blacks were better educated under the segregated system does not mean that Blacks were getting the *best education!* The fact is, the Black teacher was making brick without straw. Facilities were inadequate or non-existent. There was little concern for the educational qualifications of the Black teacher at the power level. And the ultimate insult of segregation is that it denied all Blacks access to these better things. Segregation compounded the insult by denying the Black school equal facilities and educational aids. Why else would the University of Iowa boast of graduating George Washington Carver while denying access to a lot of other Carvers? We conclude therefore that the Black student was better educated under segregation because of the superior quality of the education received.

It is ironic that in this, the greatest nation on earth, racial bias would rear its ugly head at the fountain of all learning. Blacks and Hispanics are a growing force in this nation's future. Thousands of White teachers experience cultural shock when they face today's classrooms. There is little in their past to prepare them for intercultural encounters of this nature, and the student senses this bias. What the White teacher interprets as stupidity may in fact be lack of alertness based on poor nutrition or lack of previous exposure.

Meanwhile intelligence tests, that never did test intelligence, continue to bump Blacks and Hispanics into the streets where mediocrity is the rule rather than the exception. So, once again we are victims of the law of "diminishing returns".

The month of January signals a new year, a new beginning. I'm sure you made a number of resolutions. I hope you keep them all. During this year, we will present a number of cover stories on Black pioneers: Dr. Lottie Isbell Blake, Mother Cunningham, Elder F. L. Peterson, Elder N. B. Smith and others. It promises to be an exceptional year for the Voice.

I hope that in the coming year, you will watch, study and pray. Once again we affirm our Declaration of Principle.

Declaration of Principle

We, acknowledge that all wisdom and knowledge comes from God. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to make Him the center of our editorial work.

We, are entrusted with a sacred responsibility to educate, inform and uplift our readers, to make them sense the urgency of the times. Therefore, we will continue to let the Holy Spirit lead

us in presenting articles that are transforming, ennobling and elevating.

We, have nothing to fear for the future, except we shall forget the way the Lord has led us and His teaching in our past history. Therefore, in accordance with this belief, we will continue to write and research our heritage. We know that the very life forces of the Church lies within the importance we place in the past.

We, are committed to a greater vision. For where there is no vision, the people perish. We will continue to broaden our horizons and take the path where no man has ever trodden.

We, the staff of the North American Regional Voice, will not compromise when it comes to principles and standards.

We, wholeheartedly pledge ourselves to maintain the highest standard of excellence.

We wish you our readers a happy and prosperous New Year. IT COMES TO PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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Boston, Mass.	4:56	5:10	5:14	5:23
New York City	5:07	5:16	5:25	5:34
Buffalo, N.Y.	5:25	5:34	5:43	5:53
Atlanta, Ga.	6:07	6:13	6:20	6:26
Miami, Fla.	6:03	6:08	6:13	6:17
Charlotte, N.C.	5:50	5:57	6:04	6:11
Birmingham, Ala.	5:16	5:23	5:29	5:36
Jackson, Miss.	5:32	5:39	5:45	5:51
Memphis, Tenn.	5:26	5:34	5:41	5:47
Louisville, Ky.	6:03	6:11	6:19	6:27
Detroit, Mich.	5:45	5:54	6:03	6:12
Chicago, Ill.	5:03	5:12	5:21	5:30
South Bend, Indiana	5:58	6:07	6:16	6:25
Minneapolis, Minn.	5:18	5:28	5:38	5:48
St. Louis, Mo.	5:20	5:28	5:36	5:44
Kansas City, Mo.	5:37	5:45	5:53	6:01
Denver, Co.	5:17	5:25	5:34	5:42
Little Rock, Ark.	5:36	5:43	5:50	5:56
Dallas, Texas	5:58	6:04	6:11	6:17
New Orleans, La.	5:36	5:42	5:47	5:53
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:33	5:40	5:47	5:54
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:56	6:03	6:10	6:17

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

J. K. HUMPHREY AND UTOPIA PARK

From its very inception, Black people have always been a part of the Adventist church. In years prior to the Civil War, White Seventh-day Adventists were active participants in abolitionary movements. Sadly, following the war, only fifty Black Adventist churches existed, and they were all located in the south. Work among northern Blacks was scanty and carried on mostly by Black Laymen.

In 1902, J. H. Carroll, a former Catholic, began holding meetings in his home in New York City, inviting Baptist and Methodist persons. As a result, Elder J. K. Humphrey, an ordained Baptist minister was one of the many who joined the Adventist church. The souls won during this effort were formed into a church and J. K. Humphrey was chosen to be the pastor. The company was known as the First Harlem Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Humphrey's work at this church blossomed and by 1920, it boasted a membership of 600. In 1924, the Second Harlem Church was formed. But even in the midst of his successful ministry, Humphrey was troubled. He was deeply concerned about the role of Blacks in the Adventist church. He was to preach love and equality in Jesus, yet in his own church Blacks were not treated as equals. They were not permitted to enter the established educational facilities or sanitariums, even as a worker.

At the Spring Council of 1929 held in Washington, D.C., a number of Black leaders proposed the idea of Black conferences. They explained that these conferences would enable the Black constituency to promote the work among themselves as well as handle their own finances, and employ their own workers. These conferences would have equal importance in the General Conference as the White conferences.

The General Conference Committee appointed a Negro Commission, of which Humphrey was a member, to study the idea. The commission was made up of 11 White members and 5 Black members. They were to make a recommendation to the Fall Council. Humphrey felt the General Conference had already rejected the proposal and failed to appear at the Fall Council, sending word that he was ill. He had concluded that the only way the Blacks would achieve autonomy, would be that they take it upon themselves to do.

With this in mind, he began planning, without conference consent, what was to

become known as the Utopia Health Benevolent Association. Humphrey, along with his congregation, set about to acquire the Hosford Estate located in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. On it was to be recreation and health-care facilities for Blacks. In order to finance this venture, the property would have to be divided and sold in lots. By November of 1929, Humphrey and his members had raised \$8,000.00.

Elder Louis K. Dickson, president of the Greater New York Conference had not yet been officially notified of the plans of the First Harlem church. When inquiring about an Ingathering permit from the Commissioner of Public Welfare, an employee of the conference was asked if he knew J. K. Humphrey or of his proposed plans. The employee could not answer and made an appointment for Elder Dickson to meet with the commissioner. After being shown pamphlets distributed by Humphrey and his congregation Dickson was thoroughly embarrassed and decided to confront Humphrey. On Aug. 13, a letter was sent to Humphrey asking him the details of the project. This was Humphrey's reply:

"It is true that some of us are interested in this effort to help the colored people realize these institutions which we so sorely need.

It is not a denominational effort, inasmuch as our people are unable to maintain one. I thank you very much for your expressions of kindly interest and your desire to cooperate in this good work, but it is absolutely a problem for the colored people."¹

Obviously, Elder Dickson was infuriated by this reply and immediately replied

"I cannot think that you are ignorant or unmindful of your obligations as an employee of the conference to counsel upon such important projects as planning for institutions for our people before such plans are launched in the church of which you are appointed pastor.

I think it is obvious to you from the foregoing that your answer to my letter was entirely unsatisfactory and disappointing. I am, therefore, now repeating my request to you for an explanation of this project which you are launching, as you say, in behalf of the colored people."²

Humphrey did not reply.

On Oct. 27, 1929, the Atlantic Union Committee, of which Humphrey was a member, voted unanimously to recommend that the Greater New York Conference revoke Humphrey's credentials until he straightened out the situation.

Four days later, the Greater New York conference appealed to Humphrey to discontinue this project, but he refused. His credentials were then taken.

A meeting was scheduled to explain the decision to the First Harlem church. Present were Elders J. K. Humphrey; W. A. Spicer, General Conference President; C. K. Meyers, General Conference Secretary; E. K. Slade, Atlantic Union President; and L. K. Dickson. As Elder Dickson recounted activities that led the conference committee to its decision, the church showed its support of Elder Humphrey and his plans. The meeting was extremely tense, and Humphrey himself had to act quickly to prevent a riot.

Conference officials, seeing this, realized that action would need to be taken on the entire church.

On Jan. 14, 1930, the Greater New York Executive Committee decided to drop the First Harlem church from the conference. Elder George E. Peters, secretary of the Negro Department of the General Conference, was sent to the Second Harlem church to help stabilize it. The First Harlem church became known as the United Sabbath-day Adventist church.

The dismissal of J. K. Humphrey drew attention to the problems faced by Black Adventists in the north. It was a "catalyst that sparked demands for the regional conference system."³ Work among Blacks could no longer be thought of as being solely southern.

In 1944, Joseph Dodson and Addison Pinkney printed a pamphlet listing grievances, many of which were some of Humphrey's original concerns. The idea of Black conferences was again debated. But this time, the influence of Elder J. L. McElhany, General Conference President, the man who had drawn up the church's defense against Humphrey, helped to resolve the issue. Later on, in that same year, the first Black conferences were formed. Blacks in the Atlantic Union were organized into the Northeastern Conference. An attempt was made to unite the Sabbath-day Adventist congregation with the conference, but was rejected by the membership. It was felt that the conferences were not as independent as Humphrey had hoped. Another basic reason the Sabbath-day Adventist did not accept the conference officials invitation was, during the years they had rejected Ellen G. White as the Spirit of Prophecy.

Even though He was not a part of the actual realization of Black conferences, Elder J. K. Humphrey must have felt some

sort of vindication on the event of their formation.**

Debbie Wilson

¹Joe Mesar and Tom Dybdahl, *The Utopia Park Affair and the Rise of Northern Black Adventists*, *Adventist Heritage*, Jan. 4, 1974, Volume 1, No. 1, p.36.

²Ibid.

³Ibid., p. 53

**The writer is heavily indebted to Joe Mesar and Tom Dybdahl and *Adventist Heritage* for much of the material in this article.

CHARLES M. KINNY, FATHER OF BLACK ADVENTISM

Charles M. Kinny, the first ordained minister in the Seventh-day Adventist church, was born a slave in Richmond, Virginia in 1855. At the age of 10 years, he worked his way west to Reno, Nevada after the Civil War. Here in 1878, Kinny was first introduced to Adventism through lectures by J. N. Loughborough. He accepted the truths and was baptized.

Being one of the seven charter members of the Reno church, he was asked to be the clerk, and secretary of the Nevada Tract and Missionary Society. Kinny was a meticulous statistician and sent quarterly reports to the *Review and Herald*.

Kinny did such excellent work that he was sent to Healdsburg College in 1883 by his local church and the California Conference. Ellen G. White was living in Healdsburg during this time and it is probable that he was afforded many opportunities to hear her speak.

After leaving the college in 1885, the conference sent him to Topeka, Kansas to work among the Black populace. Kinny worked so vigorously canvassing and giving Bible studies that along with stimulating the curiosity of the Black people, he also succeeded in provoking the wrath of a Black Baptist minister, who immediately preached a sermon refuting the Sabbath, Kinny attended and asked for an opportunity to review the sermon. He was refused and held a meeting the following Sunday in the park destroying the Baptist minister's argument.

Early in 1889, Kinny began work in St. Louis, Missouri. It was here that he experienced, for the first time, prejudice among White Adventists, of which he wrote about to Elder D. T. Jones, General Conference Secretary. In the spring, Kinny was sent to Louisville, Kentucky. On Oct. 5, 1889 he became the first ordained Black Seventh-day Adventist minister. In February of 1890, he organized the Louisville, Kentucky Seventh-day Adventist

church. November of 1890, he was in Nebo, Kentucky, and a local Methodist minister allowed him to use his church. The former pastor disapproved greatly and set out to destroy the reputation of Adventists in the area.

Kinny's work was very lonely and certainly discouraging. Often he would see only a small response to his efforts. He would not be deterred. Even in the face of seemingly neglect from the General Conference he was optimistic that someone would eventually see the need for assistance, both financially and physically, among the Black work.

At the 1891 General Conference Session, Kinny made an appeal outlining suggestions for successful work among the Blacks. One was that a White worker be sent to give his total attention to this work.

Charles M. Kinny lived to the age of 96, dying Aug. 3, 1951 at the Riverside Sanitarium in Nashville, Tennessee. Black Seventh-day Adventists will forever be indebted to him for his work as the Father of Black Adventism.**

Debbie Wilson

**The writer credits Ron Graybill, Charles M. Kinny (founder of *Black Adventism*), *Review and Herald*, Jan. 13, 1977 for much of the information in this article.

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COUNCIL ON EVANGELISM STILL ALIVE AND WELL AFTER EIGHT YEARS

As it entered its eighth year, the Regional Council on Evangelism under the direction of the conference presidents, E. E. Cleveland, E. C. Ward, and B. F. Reaves remains a source of inspiration for the growth and development of the work among the Regional Churches and members across the North American Division.

The meeting was held on Dec. 1-3 at Oakwood College. The preaching was inspiring, the lectures informative, the fellowship exciting, the instruction impressionable and the experiences in soul-winning challenging. Since its beginning days, the membership of the Black churches in the division has soared to approximately \$50,000,000.00. The Black workers baptize approximately one third of the new members in the division each year and the annual membership increase for the division is approximately 60%.

The thrust for the days that lie ahead is once again "total evangelism" in North America, Inter-America, Africa and

throughout the world. Representatives from other divisions and nations are beginning to attend this council each year. To God be the glory!

THE REVIEW AND HERALD SEEKS TO MAKE INSTITUTION A MODEL

Elder Harold Otis, the manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association of Hagerstown, Maryland brought together a number of Black leaders of the church on Dec. 9, 1986 and shared with them his plans to make the Review and Herald Publishing Association a model for the denomination in "race relations". Those in attendance for this meeting were, Herbert Doggette, deputy director for the Social Security Services, W. S. Banfield, director of the Human Relations Department of the General Conference, Mrs. Joyclyn Thomas, director of the office of Placement for Oakwood College, S. P. Ruff, Publishing director for the South Central Conference, Delber Baker, editor of the Message Magazine, Sandy Robinson, Circulation director for the Message Magazine, C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference and the officers of the Publishing House.

Some of the goals and objectives that were set are (1) to hire at least 20 blacks by the end of the year 1987, to develop a training program for Black Youth to serve the church not just at the House but around the world, to seek qualified persons of color to serve in any area of the organization with encouragement for future growth and advancement in all levels of the organization. Presently the Review and Herald employes eleven Blacks where as the Pacific Press employes none.

We salute Mr. Otis for the proposal and plan.

N. C. WILSON SPEAKS AT HADLEY HOSPITAL

Elder N. C. Wilson, the president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, spoke to the members of the community church during the worship services in November. Wilson spoke of the challenges that the church faces around the world, but also of how the Lord is helping the work to flourish and to grow inspite of the challenges. Elder Pedapoude, the pastor of this 100-member congregation told of the membership growth and of the plans to erect a new church plant on the hospital campus in the near future. Mr. Albert L. Dudley is the president of the hospital.

ALLEGHENY EAST



Pastor Gaylord Brown conducts a Triumphant Truth Seminar.



Joseph Powell (standing left) receives "Church of the Year Award" for the Harrisburg Church from Pastor Gaylord Brown.

BROWN NAMED PASTOR OF YEAR FOR SECOND TIME

R. Gaylord Brown, pastor of the Hillside Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania received the Pastor of the Year Award for the second year in a row. The presentation was made by Allegheny East President, M. C. Van Putten at the Fall Workers Retreat Banquet held in the Poconos.

"Pastor Gaylord", as he is affectionately called, is a graduate of Oakwood College and the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews and has been serving in the Allegheny East Conference since September of 1983.

He states, "I am overwhelmed to have received such an outstanding award in each of my first two full years in the ministry. I credit a lot of people for having taught me pastoral skills, but most of all Elder E. C. Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College Church under whom I served as a student intern, and Elder W. C. Scales, Jr., Associate Ministerial Secretary of the General Conference, under whom I served as a local elder of the Berea Temple in Baltimore."

As a gesture of appreciation to the members and officers who assist him in the Harrisburg church, Brown presented plaques to his church clerk, Alta Farrow and to his church treasurer, Clayton Washington. He also presented a plaque to his first elder, Joseph Powell, for the entire church naming them the "Church of the Year" for 1984 and 1985.

Louis Jackson
Communication Sec., Harrisburg, PA



Volunteers stand with Conrad Gill, Principal after dinner displaying plaques presented by USM officers. Left to right: Melvin Seard, Raymond Baynard, Sr., Conrad Gill, Wilbur Daniels, Alvin Singleton.



Volunteers and student leaders pose for picture in the lobby of Kimbrough Hall, which houses the dining room.



Kim Barrett, Pine Forge Academy USM President delivers expressions of "Thank you" on behalf of students.

PINE FORGE ACADEMY PAYS TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

The Pine Forge Academy dining room was the scene of a banquet given in appreciation to Alvin Singleton, Melvin Seard, Frederick Patterson, Wilbur Daniels and Raymond Baynard, Sr.

No, these men are not and have never been students at the academy. They are a group of volunteers whose contributions, labor, diligence and just plain handiwork, have transformed the Pine Forge Academy dining room into a thing of beauty with a new facelift.

During recognition ceremonies each was honored with a plaque presented by the principal and United Student Movement officers.

"Pine Forge Academy says 'Thank you'" said Principal Conrad Gill in his remarks. "You came with wrenches, mops, buckets, wires and paint brushes."

He then told the students. "It was not beyond their dignity to roll up their sleeves . . . and make things better and more comfortable for you."

These men were impressed by God and their great deed will remain with the students and staff for a long time.

One student leader stated that "This is an example to all on the campus of Christian love and generosity."

The dining room renovation occurred during the summer and the students were surprised and elated over what they found upon their return to school.

The men were accompanied by their wives who were also contributors because of the time they had to spend alone while their husbands drove the 150 miles to Pine Forge from the Washington, D. C. area.

Each man is a full-time professional who wanted to do something special for the students of Pine Forge Academy.

Kim Barrett, President of the United Student Movement and a senior said in her remarks, "The good was made much better because these men gave their very best. We, the students of the Pine Forge Academy wish to say 'Thank you and to God be the glory.'"

The recognition dinner was prepared by Viola Thomas.

Kim Barrett
President PFA Student Movement



Flanked by their children and grandchildren, Edna and Sylvester Keith leave the auditorium of the Pine Forge Academy Church after exchanging vows on their 50th anniversary.

LIBERTY HEIGHTS HONORS GOLDEN AGERS

Recognition was given to the Golden Agers (60+ years old) during a full-day celebration recently at the Liberty Heights Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

During Sabbath School a reminder was given of the day's focus to "Adopt A Senior" by being especially attentive to them as well as giving them notes of appreciation and admiration. A mailbox was provided for this purpose at the rear of the church.

The Divine Hour Guest Speaker, Pastor Rudyard Lord of Coatesville, Pennsylvania was a delightful surprise to the Golden Agers. It was under his pastorate that this recognition day was instituted some years ago.

Hosts for the day were Richard Gamble and Patricia Konyeaso. Gamble and Arnedia Davis were responsible for organizing an annual day to honor the seniors at Liberty Heights.

Following the Hymn of Meditation *We are Free to Love Each Other*, the Sanctuary Choir moved out into the audience, greeted

the Golden Agers and joined hands in a circle around them.

Pastor Lord's message was considered very timely. His texts were *Isaiah 46: 4 and Daniel 6:10*. His theme was that if we are faithful, God will be our Guide and Protector. He reminded the audience to care for the aging ones and not to abdicate this responsibility to disinterested third parties.

Pastor William Taliaferro with his family, Linda and Aubrey joined in the adoptee activities. He forecasts that this annual day will remain on the church's agenda. A Luncheon was served at the Baltimore Jr. Academy. A panel discussion by the Golden Agers closed out the day's events.

Connie North
Communication Sec., Liberty Heights

TRUTH TRIUMPHANT IN HARRISBURG

For the past two and one-half years, Pastor R. Gaylord Brown has been evangelizing the city of Harrisburg by using the *Triumphant Truth Bible Seminar*. This seminar, created by Pastor Brown, consists of 24 Bible-based, fact-filled, easy-to-understand lessons.

Upon completion of the course, which includes nightly quizzes and a take-home open-book mid-term examination, students are presented their diplomas at the annual Triumphant Truth Bible Seminar graduation/banquet. Trophies are also given to students who graduate at the top of their class, based upon their quiz and test scores.

In addition to presenting diplomas and trophies and serving a vegetarian gourmet meal, the graduation features a half-hour concert by outstanding artists. In 1984, Denise Jones, Keith Sims and Amos Mackall of Baltimore, Maryland were featured, while Kirk and Tammy Thompson of Willow Grove gave the concert in 1985. Margaret Richardson, wife of Jersey City, NJ, Pastor Stephen Richardson, was featured in 1986.

The Triumphant Truth Bible Seminar has been used effectively by Pastor Brown as well as by his local elders. In the spring of 1984, four local elders taught the seminar on a rotating basis and five persons were baptized as a result. The seminar has also been used by other church members in their homes. This, too, has resulted in baptisms. Thus far, 136 non-Adventists have graduated from the seminar with over 50 baptisms.

R. Louis Jackson
Communication Sec., Harrisburg, PA

CENTRAL STATES



Elder J. Paul Monk, Jr., Central States Conference president, delivering the divine worship message to the Sharon congregation.



Elder Billy Wright, Youth Director for Southwest Region Conference, during one of the seminar presentations at Sharon church.

WEEK OF PRAYER AT PALACE OF PEACE CHURCH

On Nov 1-8, 1986, the Palace of Peace church in Denver, Colorado celebrated their Week of Prayer. The guest speaker was Pastor Harvey Williams of Reno, Nevada, brother of head elder Willie Williams. He is presently pastoring two churches, and has been an Adventist minister for over 30 years. Pastor Williams was accompanied by his wife Margie, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond and Eda Rowe of California. Mrs. Rowe rendered the appeal song nightly as well as music for other areas of the service.

The week's theme was, "Receiving and Loving the Truth", and some of the message titles were; The Theme of the Bible, The Power of the Gospel, Everybody that Talks about Heaven Ain't Going There, and Marantha.

Palace of Peace's Week of Prayer came to a close on Sabbath, entitled "Sacrifice Day". Members were asked to sacrifice in the areas of money and food. As a result of the nightly services, two individuals gave their lives to Christ and were baptized.

Roy Morgan
Communications Secretary

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT SHARON CHURCH

Sabbath November 8, was a high day at the Sharon SDA church in Omaha, NE. The church, which is under the pastorate of Elder E. L. Slocumb, Jr., celebrated Community Guest Day. Each year the church selects an outstanding member of the community to honor. This year's honoree was Herbert L. Davis, a retired



Pastor E. L. Slocumb presenting the Community Guest Award to Chief H. L. Davis. Mrs. B. Davis (left), and Sabbath School Supt. Fayette Sims (right), look on.

city employee. Mr. Davis was the first Black to reach the rank of Battallion Chief in the state of Nebraska. He has a list of accomplishments too numerous to mention.

Guests present for the Community Guest Day included: the president of the Central States Conference, Elder J. Paul Monk, Jr.; Dr. Nathaniel Miller; Elder E. F. Carter; Elder G. H. Taylor; and Elder L. B. Hampton. Also present was Mr. Eddie Staton, director of the Human Relations Department of the city of Omaha, NE. Mr. Staton read a letter of commendation from the Mayor's office and presented it to Chief Davis. Mr. Davis is a member of the Salem Baptist Church. Mr. Deryl Barnett, also a guest, presented a musical selection.

The divine worship message was given by Elder J. Paul Monk, Jr.

All visitors were given a special gift pack and a copy of Steps to Christ. The day ended with a dinner, sponsored by the hostesses of Sharon church, in tribute to Mr. Davis.

Gordon B. Sims, Sr.
Communications Secretary

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM AT BETHESDA

Elder E. F. Carter, Stewardship Director for the Central States Conference, presented an informative Stewardship program at the Bethesda church in Omaha, Nebraska. Elder Carter helped the congregation to re-discover the meaning of stewardship. He explained that it involves our time, talents, temple and treasure, all of which God will hold each man accountable.

The meetings were well attended. Elder Carter was ably assisted by Pastor Rodney Draggon and first elder Daniel Stewart.

W. R. Bath
Communications Secretary

SLADES AT WORK AGAIN

The St. Louis Area Disaster Emergency Service (SLADES) of Missouri performed their greatest amount of outreach activity for the year during the month of October. Parts of the greater metropolitan area of St. Louis experienced destructive flooding. Particularly struck were St. Charles and Lemay countries in Missouri and East St. Louis and Alton, both in Illinois.

The SLADES members, in conjunction with American Red Cross Volunteers, assisted in the distribution of clothing, supervision of disaster shelters, the giving out of supplies and food, assessment of damage in several cities, and the handing out of first-aid and cleanup kits to flood victims.

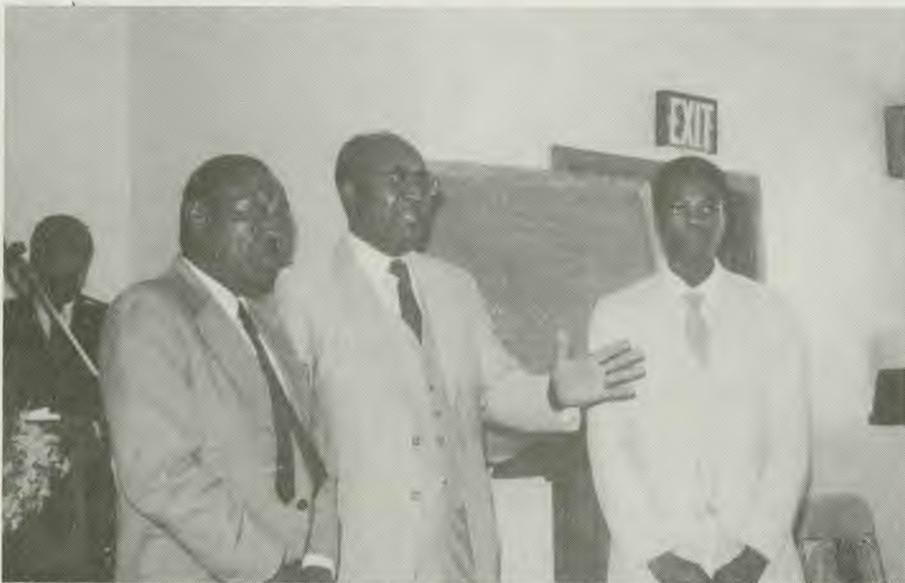
Barbara Fox, Volunteer Coordinator for the Red Cross, commended the SLADES members for their timely assistance. Ms. Fox pointed out that active individuals such as those of the SLADES group are the type of people who make up the Red Cross.

Lee Carrell, chairperson of SLADES, praised all the faithful members who came out to help others in time of desperation. It was noted by the chairperson that "no amount of help was small."

Lee Carrell
Chairperson/SLADES

NEWS NOTE

The Palace of Peace Youth Choir, Denver, Co., performed at the Perfect Peace Church on Nov. 22, 1986. This was the first time they performed away from their church home.



Elder Harvey Willams, flanked by two individuals baptized following the Week of Prayer. A. B. Jackson (left), Deonye Rucker (right).



(left to right), Elders D. Stewart, E. F. Carter, and R. Draggon.

FAMILY ENRICHMENT SEMINAR AT SHARON CHURCH

"I Am Somebody" was the theme of an inspirational family enrichment seminar presented by Elder Billy Wright, Youth Director for the Southwest Region Conference.

On October 17, at the Sharon SDA church in Omaha, NE, Elder Wright began an informative series of discussions on the marriage relationship and keys to its success from a strongly biblical concept. Audience participation was actively encouraged.

The seminar concluded the following Sabbath with a focus on the family type format.

Gordon Sims, Sr.



Mr. Deryl Barnett presenting a musical selection to the Sharon church, Omaha, Nebraska.



Elder E. F. Carter, Stewardship director for Central States Conference, presenting one of the Stewardship lessons at Bethesda church, Omaha, Nebraska.

NORTHEASTERN



Andrew and Joyce Hospedales, flanked by their two sons Russell (left), and Ray (right).

THE CORONA/EAST ELMHURST BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOL

In January of 1984, Andrew Hospedales, a recent Theology graduate of Oakwood College, was invited to serve as a worker at the Northeastern Conference Community Services Center located in Corona, New York. Having been involved in outreach work in Scottsboro, Alabama, Mr. Hospedales had a desire to see souls won to Christ.

In a conversation with Elder S. Brooks, conference treasurer, regarding his job description, Elder Brooks suggested that since he (Mr. Hospedales) had pastoral training, possibly persons being helped by the Community Services Center could be given Bible studies and, a mission would come into existence. Hospedales accepted the challenge. Using the names of persons interested in Bible studies, he proceeded to make personal contacts and a class was organized.

Using personally designed Bible lessons Andrew conducted Bible classes three nights a week at the center. Interested persons attended the classes regularly: including drug addicts, alcoholics, and a family of devil worshippers. After three weeks, several people kept the Sabbath for the first time.

The growing company worshipped in the Community Services Center for a number of weeks. Hospedales then began to look for a church building in which to hold Sabbath Services. The first call made on a Thursday evening, was to the Alpha Missionary Baptist Church. The Lord opened the heart of Dr. Theodore Lee, the pastor, and made their facilities available to the group for the coming Sabbath. Because of a shortage of funds, the rent was paid for three months by Andrew Hospedales.

During the summer of 1986, the Corona/East Elmhurst Branch Sabbath School undertook an evangelistic effort. Hundreds of leaflets were distributed in the surrounding neighborhood, inviting people to the nightly services. Dr. Alvinus Bhola, a graduate of Andrews University, was invited to be the speaker. The crusade, originally scheduled to last three weeks, was held over another week because of the positive community response.

Mrs. June Lee, a member of the Pentecostal church, had volunteered her talents to the branch Sabbath School as a pianist, and as a direct result of the summer effort, was baptized. Since the inception of the Branch Sabbath School, seven precious souls have experienced baptism.

As with any mission venture, the company encounters difficulties, but Hospedales and his faithful band of workers persevere. The company is motivated by the following sentiment; though sometimes wounded, we'll lay down and bleed awhile, then get up and fight again. Because of the untiring efforts of four people: Andrew and Joyce Hospedales, Adlin Brown, and Mari Henri, the Branch Sabbath School has mushroomed to 50 members.

The future looks bright for the Corona/East Elmhurst Branch Sabbath School. Along with meeting their physical needs at the center, Mr. Hospedales is also offering the community Jesus.



Students from Faith SDA Elementary School who presented the tokens of appreciation to guests.

celebrated its annual Community Guest Day. Dr. Donald Blake, chairman of the Community Guest Day program, invited three prominent community leaders to be honored on this program.

Mayor Thurman L. Milner, of Hartford, CT, was one of the special guests. Mayor Milner was elected in 1981. His civic involvement includes membership in the NAACP, Operation PUSH, and State of Connecticut Job Training Coordinating Council. He serves as a board member in the National Conference of Black Mayors, National Conference of Democratic Mayors, and Community Renewal Team of Greater Hartford. The members of the Hope church presented Mayor Milner a beautiful plaque in honor of his achievements and involvement in the community.

Mrs. Thelma E. Dickerson, who has been a community activist from her high school days to the present, also received a plaque



Members of the Corona/East Elmhurst Branch Sabbath School.

HOPE CHURCH CELEBRATES COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

On Oct. 25, the Hope Seventh-day Adventist church, Hartford, Connecticut,

from the Hope church. She has devoted much of her time to the teaching profession, working in the classroom as well as in administration. Her current community activity includes, President of the Hartford



Mrs. June Lee, originally she volunteered her services as a pianist. She is now a member of the Adventist church through the efforts of the Branch Sabbath School.



Mayor Thirman L. Milner of Hartford, CT addresses Hope congregation.

Board of Education, Board of Directors, and Capital Region Education Council. Mrs. Dickerson was recently awarded the YWCA Woman of the Year award for her contributions to education.

Dr. Alvan E. Johnson, pastor of the Bethel A.M.E. Church of Hartford, was also a guest for Community Guest Day. Dr. Johnson is a renown orator and community activist. He is President of the Board of Directors for the Capitol Region Conference of Churches, and a technician for the Connecticut Interfaith Housing and Human Services Corporation. The Hope church has a special affiliation with the Bethel A.M.E. church; they have opened their doors so that we may worship until a permanent place of worship can be secured. Dr. Johnson also received a plaque commending him for working to make the community a better place to live.

The Sabbath morning message was delivered by the Honorable Clarence E. Hodges, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, and Director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights. Mr. Hodges highlighted how each honoree used their power and influence to enrich

lives, but the Most Powerful One, the Omnipotent, enters lives, changes them and saves them from degradation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Faniel from the Alfred E. White Chorale of the Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion church, ministered to the congregation in song. Mrs. Faniel is the chorale's directress.

Six students from the Faith SDA Elementary school, Phaidra C. Wright, Norman Minott, Natasha Moore, Andre Minott, Kalilah Hightower, and Lauren Gallon, assisted in presenting plaques and a copy of *The Desire of Ages* to each honoree. Mrs. Gladys Sharp, Mrs. Margaret H. Wright, and Mrs. Vicki Gallon-Clark read each honoree's biographical sketch.

Following Divine Worship, a fellowship dinner was served. Community Guest Day concluded with a briefing on the worldwide church by Mr. C. Hodges.

LEBANON CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL CHOIR DAY

In Oct., 1986, the choirs—sanctuary, gospel, youth and children—of the Lebanon SDA Church, Laurelton, Queens, NY held its annual Choir Day. The special guest choir for the Day was the Camden Choir, Camden, NJ. The divine message was delivered by pastor Alvin Kibble, Executive Secretary of the Allegheny East Conference.

Following a fellowship luncheon in the church's banquet hall, a festival of music was held featuring a number of choirs from the New York area and the Brass Ensemble. Mr. Peter Thompson of the Hempstead SDA Church, Hempstead, Long Island, NY, was the master of ceremonies. The grand finale culminated with every featured choir, the Brass Ensemble, and Albert Rahming on the organ singing a majestic anthem of praise. The team effort of the Lebanon choir members, Mr. Desmond Mahoney, music coordinator, Albert Rahming, director of the sanctuary choir and Elder Philip Wesley made it a memorable day.

Ena Richards
Communication Secretary



The Lebanon Children's Choir.



Master Everton Hudson presenting the message for divine worship.

CHILDREN'S DAY HELD AT LEBANON CHURCH

Children's Day was recently held at the Lebanon SDA Church, Laurelton, Queens, NY presented by the children's choir and Mrs. Rita Parker, director. The entire Sabbath program, both morning and evening, was conducted by the children. For divine worship Everton Hudson, 12, a member of Lebanon Church, brought a timely message on the second coming of Christ. Music for the divine hour was presented by the Brooklyn Temple Children Choir, Brooklyn, NY.

In the afternoon, following a Sabbath luncheon, the children dressed in pink and white, presented a majestic program.

Ena Richards
Communication Secretary

CLASSIFIED AD

REGISTERED NURSES NEEDED for our Mission Hospital in Monument Valley, Utah. Experienced, versatile nurses to care for Navaho and Hopi Indians. Prayerfully consider the need. Call Betty Van der Vigt, Adventist Health System/West, (916) 781-AHS/W for further information.

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SOUTH CENTRAL

MESSAGE MAGAZINE REACHES THE 100,000 MARK

Elder Delber Baker and Elder Sandy Robinson have announced that the subscriptions for the Message Magazine reached an all time high during 1986 when it passed the 100,000 mark. Pastors, congregations and conferences across the division have rallied to the challenge in seeing to it that the journal is placed in the homes of thousands of people across America. Since its establishment in 1932 hundreds of persons have been added to the church by the use of this printed journal. There have been some times when the leadership of the church felt that another direction needed to be sought if the magazine was to be worth the while to be published. A new day has dawned. We thank the Lord. Elder Baker also announced that over 20,000 message magazines are being sent to the continent of Africa each month. Expressions gratitude for their support was given to leaders of the church at the recent Council on Evangelism.

and were invited to give the same performance at the Sheraton Hotel Dec. 23 for various groups who were meeting there. This presentation is an annual contribution that is made to the community each year by the chapel singers.



Message Magazine.



F. H. Jenkins school ground breaking.

GROUND BROKEN FOR F. H. JENKINS SCHOOL IN NASHVILLE

On Thanksgiving morning, church leaders and members along with friends from the community met to break ground for the construction of the new F. H. Jenkins school facility. For a number of years the school board and church boards of the city have been working for this project which will be in addition to the old buildings that have been used for more than twenty-five or thirty years. During the ceremonies on the ten-acre plot of land, speeches were made, donations were given and soil was turned. The Adventist Educational Development Corporation organization under the directions of Mrs. Doris Hill and Elder G. I. Pearson presented a check for \$10,000.00 to help with the vision; Elders. C. E. Dudley, president and F. N. Crowe presented, in behalf of the conference a check for \$100,000.00. A goodly number of former graduates who are now parents with children in the school were on hand to reminisce and rejoice. W. O. Freeman is to construct the buildings. The area pastors are X. Butler—Riverside Chapel, G. R. Seay—Hillcrest and G. I. Pearson—New Life Churches.



Attorney joins church.

THE ATTORNEY JOINS CHURCH

Among those who listened to Elder N. C. Wilson, the president of the General Conference, when he spoke for the worship service at the Hadley Chapel worship service on Sabbath, November 8, 1986 was Attorney Robert Howard and his wife who is also an attorney in the city of Washington, D. C. Significantly enough is that Attorney Howard attended church in Knoxville, Tennessee before he attended school—he was just an infant. A goodly number of the members of his family have their roots in Adventist History from the beginning days. Some of his grandparents were numbered with the original sixteen students that attended the Huntsville training school in 1896. When the family

PERSONAL MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT, SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Feb. 7: Northern Alabama Community Services Federation, Huntsville, Alabama. Feb. 14: Kentucky Community Services Federation, Lexington, Kentucky. Feb. 21: West Tennessee Community Services Federation, Memphis New Covenant. Feb. 28: East Tennessee and Middle Tennessee Community Services Federation, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mar. 7: Kentucky Lay Evangelism Federation and Soul Winning Training Rally, Louisville, Kentucky. Mar. 14: West Tennessee Lay Evangelism Federation and Soul Winning Training Rally, Memphis, Tennessee. Mar. 21: Alabama Lay Evangelism Federation and Soul Winning Training Rally, Birmingham, Alabama. Mar. 28: Mississippi Lay Evangelism Federation and Soul Winning Rally, Jackson, Mississippi.

Apr. 1: Message Magazine Campaign Launched—Conference Wide. Apr. 4: East Tennessee and Middle Tennessee Lay Evangelism Federation and Soul Winning Training Rally, Knoxville, Tennessee.



Mrs. Buckman honored.



Soloists for Messiah Riverside Chapel.

RIVERSIDE CHOIR PRESENTS THE MESSIAH

Mrs. Bonita Davis, the minister of Music for the Riverside Chapel in Nashville states that the Chapel choir presented the Messiah at the church during the holiday

moved from Knoxville, he no longer was able to visit the church, but his mother and sisters finally became baptised members. Recently during some evangelistic meetings that were held in the chapel, Attorney Howard and his wife united with the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Dr. James M. Hammond of Beltsville, Maryland, missionary, author, publisher, lecturer, preacher is married to Attorney Howard's sister, Carol, a member of long standing in the church. Dr. Hammond presented a book on "The African Family Life", one of his recent works to Elders, N. C. Wilson, C. E. Dudley, Pedapuda and Mr. Albert Dudley at the time of the November meeting.



Dr. Mark Beale.

DOCTORS SERVE EFFECTIVELY THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE

Dr. Mark Beale and family are just one example of physicians and dentists that are helping to finish the work in the earth. Mark Beale while attending Meharry Medical School along with his classmate, Anthony Lewis, determined to let their lights shine for the Lord and not to compromise their beliefs and duties to the Lord. These brave men met with many trying circumstances as they sought to prepare for their careers in medicine but they achieved without compromise. Because of their witness approximately 50 or 60 of their classmates became members of the Seventh-day Adventist church and are serving in many areas across the land and over seas. Dr. Beale is presently a psychiatrist in the city of Knoxville.

Over 50 doctors are located in the South Central Conference territory and others are coming to join with them in their medical ministries. During the month of December another physician was baptised by Elder Xavier Butler, pastor of the Riverside Chapel in Nashville.



Scottsboro, Alabama.



Pulasky, Tennessee building.

BUILDING PROGRAMS CONTINUE IN SOUTH CENTRAL

More than ninety new building facilities have been erected or purchased since C. E. Dudley became the president of the South Central Conference. The program continues. New facilities are under construction or are being planned for in Scottsboro and Stevenson, Alabama, Pulaski, Tennessee, Wetumpka, Alabama, Shaw, Mississippi and Memphis, Tennessee (new Covenant). A new conference office is to be built during 1987. A church home has been found for the members in Kingsport, Tenn.

SOUTH CENTRAL PRODUCT EVANGELIZES AFRICA

More than 15,000 people attended meetings at the Bulawayo Centenary Park Amphitheater in Malawa, Africa to witness Pastor Randolph Stafford preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to later baptize about 900 people.

Stafford, a former worker of the South Central where he began his ministry over a decade and a half ago, went to Africa two years ago to serve as the director of ministries for the East African Division of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. While in this African country, he organized another crusade which is to begin in January in the city of Zvishavane. The local churches will assist him in this meeting. During the past year some 2,000 persons were baptized into the church by him.

Of the five million Seventh-day Adventist members who are tenants of the church around the world, over one million are

found on the continent of Africa. It is projected by the church leaders that by the year 1990, its membership will reach the nine million mark and that of this number some four million will be found on the continent of Africa.

It is also interesting to note that the bulk of the church membership world-wide is among people of color. Over a million is in Africa, almost a million is found in Inter-America and almost 200,000 are found in the North American Division.



R. Stafford.

HARRIS PINE MILLS CLOSES PLANTS ACROSS THE NATION

When Clyde Harris, a successful business man of the Seventh-day Adventist church gave a multimillion dollar operation to his church in 1953 many leaders in the business world viewed the action in wonderment, but the operation under church leadership seemed to move along quite well. New plants were opened on the campuses at academies across the country and even at Oakwood College in Huntsville. These plants provided assistance to students who would work their way through school.

But an article carried by the East Oregon Daily on December 3, 1986 revealed that the operation had fallen on hard times and some 1,700 employees were locked out of their jobs when it was learned that the company had filed for chapter eleven in the bankruptcy court. It later filed for chapter thirteen which places it in a little better posture. Pray that all will turn out alright.

During the past few days, 27,770 employees of AT&T were dismissed; 10,000 employees of IBM were laid off. The times are challenging.

SOUTHEASTERN

TWENTY-SIX SOULS THROUGH REVELATION SEMINAR

Dennis George, pastor of the Margaret Leah SDA Church, Ft. Myers, Florida, recently baptized 26 persons as a result of the Revelation Seminar held in the Franklin Park Kindergarten School, Ft. Myers, Florida. The average nightly attendance was 30 persons. Among those baptized were three individuals who had been members of other prominent churches for over 50 years each.

Beatrice Lewis, a Sociologist, is now one of the happiest and most enthusiastic members in Ft. Myers. She is the daughter of one of the pioneer ministers. Ms. Lewis related her experience as having received a flyer for the meetings in the mail, throwing it away, subsequently retrieving it from the waste basket, calling one of the listed telephone numbers and finally registering

for the Seminar. Under the impression of the Holy Spirit, she was baptized.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Southeastern Conference Central Florida Community Service Federation meeting held at the Campground in Hawthorne, Florida, brought many faithful workers together to reevaluate and redirect their services for another year.

Under the capable leadership of Elder I. L. Harrell, Personal Ministries/Sabbath School and Community Services Director, these scores of leaders planned and executed a program which showed deep concerns for the church members and community persons. The records reflected that the Caring Church is having great success.

Elder Joseph Hinson, Personal Ministries Director, South Atlantic Conference delivered the Sabbath sermon and participated in various workshops.

Mrs. Magnolia Carter, Federation President and her corps of workers are getting the attention of the communities they serve.



Looking left to right: Tony Oliver, S. S. Supt., Mrs. Bailey, Honoree Annette Banks, Personal Ministries Director and Mrs. Bailey's niece, and Pastor Hubert Morel.



Pastor Dennis George (Oakwood graduate, class of 1984) plus members baptized in recent Revelation Seminar. He is standing at the far right.

SENIOR CITIZEN HONORED

The Sabbath school Department of Trinity Temple Church in Fitzgerald, Georgia under the leadership of Tony Oliver sponsored Senior Citizen's day and honored Elvira York Bailey. Mrs. Bailey has been an ordained minister of the Church of the Living God since 1937. She built a church in 1969 in Fitzgerald, Georgia, and while pastoring for ten years in the newly constructed building graduated from Bryant Theological Seminary.

She was honored on Senior Citizen Day for some of her accomplishments. Mrs. Bailey was one of the first workers for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Fitzgerald and served as the organization's secretary. Prior to integration in the south, she was the first to sign a petition to allow Blacks to check out books from the Carnegie Library. She is a member of both the Democratic Party and Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Having received training she has registered voters in Macon and Savannah, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Mrs. Bailey has devoted time, energy, and her personal financial resources to further the cause of Christ and civil rights. Trinity Temple was not hesitant to recognize this senior citizen for major past accomplishments.

HAITIAN CONVOCATION HELD IN SOUTHEASTERN

Over 3,000 Haitians, all members and friends of the French churches in Southeastern Conference crowded the hallways of a rented church facility on Sabbath, Dec. 13, to hear Pastor Isaac J. Baptiste, Church Ministries Director of the Franco-Haitian Union. His message was titled "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

The Annual Convocation began on Friday, Dec. 12 and ended Sunday, Dec. 14. Throughout the Congress, the music presented by choirs, amle groups, soloists and instrumentalists was of the highest calibre. Mrs. Nicole Brise, Music Coordinator diversified the music to satisfy every taste. The Miami Union School band and choir, under the direction of Mr. Loren Frost, were featured artists. Youth Ministries Director, K. A. Dennis invested 17 Pathfinders from the Miami-Jerusalem Church.

This fourth congress used as its theme, Harvest 90. In order to bring inspiration, over 100 persons baptized between the months of October and December

marched around the church auditorium to be greeted by pastors and conference officials.

The occasion drew hundreds who were blessed by the weekend's activities. Present were President, J. A. Edgecombe, Executive Secretary, R. R. Brown, Departmental Directors I. L. Harrell, Personal Ministries and Sabbath School; O. H. Paul, Superintendent of Education and Religious Liberty and K. A. Dennis, Youth Ministries. Senior French pastor Nathanael Myrtill guided the affairs of the convocation, supported by all the pastors.

Pastor Gerard Nozea was chief coordinator and Pastor David McCalla, Counselor.

IN TRANSITION

Tyrone Boyd comes to the Southeastern Conference from the Lake Region Conference. He has assumed pastoral responsibilities for the Tallahassee, Quincy, and Bainbridge district. His wife Yvonne and children Kamala and Myron will share these duties.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

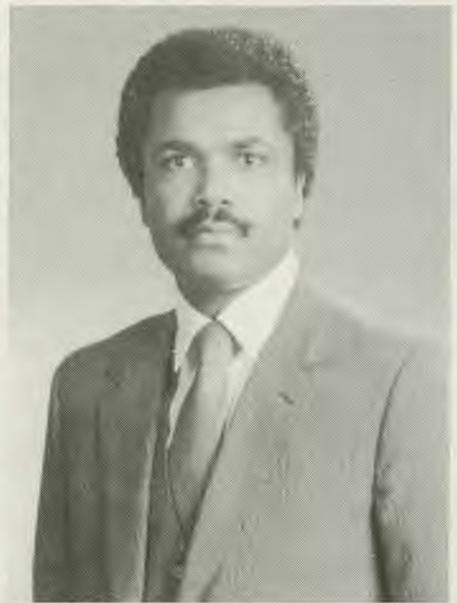
OAKWOOD COLLEGE RECEIVES INCENTIVE FUNDS

Oakwood College received a grant of \$20,500 from the Business Executives' Challenge to Alumni (BECA) for raising \$112,323 in unrestricted gifts and student aid/endowment from 33.6 percent of the alumni during the 1985-86 fiscal year.

Oakwood College President Benjamin Reaves received the check from George Crumley, North American Division Treasurer, during the Tenth Annual Dinner for Philanthropy held November 6 in Washington, D.C. A total of \$201,800 from BECA was awarded to qualifying colleges and universities.

The eight-year, \$3.25 million annual fund incentive program was started in 1979 by a group of Adventist business people who wanted to see alumni support of the Adventist higher educational system increase from its then 6.5 percent and \$413,000. After the first six years, 27 percent of the alumni supported the 11 colleges and universities in North America with \$1.7 million. The collective goal for 1988 is 32 percent participation and \$2 million annually.

The 1987 dollar and donor goals for Oakwood College are to raise \$122,000 from 1,585 alumni.



Dr. Danny Blanchard.

THREE APPOINTED TO NEW POSTS

The Division of Development and Enrollment Services of Oakwood College is pleased to announce the appointment of two former employees to administrative posts effective Monday, Dec. 8, 1986.

Dr. Danny Blanchard—Director of Financial Development

Dr. Blanchard's assignment covers the areas of corporation foundation, government, wills, trusts, legacies, proposal writing coordination, as well as the development of new sources of income.

Dr. Blanchard, formerly served as an associate professor of Behavioral Sciences and for the past five years has been the coordinator of Educational Services with the Huntsville Alabama Mental Health Association. Dr. Blanchard replaces Mr. Wayne Humphrey who formerly served the College as Director of Corporate Development.

Elder Jonathan Roache—Director of Recruitment (temporary assignment through June 30, 1987).

Elder Roache has served the Adventist educational field for 40 years as a principal, teacher, conference official, and a college administrator. During the ten years prior to his retirement he served as director of Admissions and director of Recruitment while also serving as professor of education.

Elder Gary Wimbish, former director of Recruitment, has joined the administrative staff of the Division of Financial Affairs. Effective Dec. 16 he will serve as director of Financial Aid.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE SPONSORS HEALTH FAIR

Oakwood College's Better Health for Better Living health fair was held in Blake Center Mall, Nov. 4 and 5, 1986.

The fair featured demonstrations by community agencies and departments of the college.

The American Red Cross demonstrated safety services; the Diabetes Association provided educational materials on diabetes; Humana Huntsville Hospital provided diabetic screening; the American Heart Association provided hypertension education and blood pressure screening; the American Cancer Society demonstrated breast and testicular self examination; the Sickle Cell screening; Alabama A&M University Speech and Hearing Clinic provided speech, voice, language screening and hearing testing; the American Lung Association provided computerized printouts on respiratory health.

Local dentists provided information on dental health. There was a film on sexually transmitted diseases. The annual blood donor drive was also conducted.

Oakwood College Counseling Center provided information on stress management. The Home Economics Department and Food Service provided information on drug abuse. Health Service provided information on weight reduction, weight, and height. CABLE presented information on temperance.

The Oakwood College Church made available computerized profiles on stress and health age. Young people from the community and the Oakwood Academy presented a self-defense karate demonstration.

The fair, sponsored by Health Service and the Student Government, met a long felt need. It will be an annual event.



Dr. Rosa Banks.

DR. BANKS HONORED

Dr. Rosa T. Banks, Vice President for Development and Enrollment Services at Oakwood College was selected by the Association of Adventist Women to receive the work/professional life award presented at the 1986 Association of Adventist Women Conference, Nov. 28-30 in Loma Linda California.

Dr. Banks is a graduate of Oakwood College. She received a doctoral degree from the University of Pittsburg and is responsible for the Financial Development, Public Relations, Recruitment and Admissions aspects of Oakwood College's Administration.

OAKWOOD BUSINESS STUDENTS RUN PROFITABLE RESATURANT ON CAMPUS

At a recent conference of the International association of Black Business Educators held in Nashville, TN, Oakwood College's Department of Business & Information Systems was recognized as having a model entrepreneurship project, the school's snackbar. The students, under the direction of Dr. Leon Higgs, department head, and Dr. Stafford Cargill, instructor, were able to make a profit of \$16,657.17 giving students first hand practical experience on how to operate a successful business. The venture has already led to the establishment of the Oakwood College Bread & Bakery Products, located in The Mall near the parkway.

For over 90 years, Oakwood College has been sending talented individuals into the working world. From its beginning in 1896, Oakwood has believed in meshing practical experience with theory. One key factor in this development has been the high quality of educators employed. Oakwood's faculty represents over 45 leading universities and colleges around the world, and approximately 48 percent of these instructors hold earned doctorates. Dr. Leon Higgs, and Dr. Stafford Cargill, have devoted their lives to producing top graduates in the field of Business here at Oakwood College. They feel that if students are given proper role models they will be encouraged to be the best that they can be.

In 1985, this fact was brought more forcefully to them at an IABBE conference in Atlanta, GA. Upon their return, Drs. Higgs and Cargill felt a need to develop a project that would create more interaction

among students, teachers, and the local community.

After some research and brainstorming, it was decided that a fast food restaurant would be an ideal business venture. Two of the main reasons why this option was chosen were: (1) it was a very low cost venture, since the school had the facility and the students had limited funds; (2) it filled a need for the students, faculty and the community since many students don't have transportation off campus. It was also decided that the restaurant would have an all vegetarian menu. One reason for this was because an important part of the target market, Oakwood College, espouses a vegetarian philosophy.

Once the decision was made on the kind of business, it was then time to develop a detailed business plan. Approximately 20 students with five teachers as supervisors were divided into three teams to develop a plan. The teams were given the following responsibilities.

Team I: Budget, funding, operations plan, equipment need analysis, and personnel.

Team II: Advertising, promotion, survey and analysis of activities in dorms, efficiency analysis and survey of area schools snack bars.

Team III: Menu and recipe development and analysis, pricing strategy, sourcing and materials, health requirements, maintenance, and legal and tax implications.

Once the business plan was completed, the department and the students approached the college to rent the old snackbar facilities that were presently out of operation. The college agreed to let the department have the facilities for \$1.00 per year.

It took approximately three months to get the building ready for operations. Through creative financing, the department was able to purchase on credit a \$1,200 yogurt machine, arrange a ten day line of credit with local suppliers and merchants, and purchase on long term credit a sprinkler system.

On March 31, 1986, once all the preparations were made and the necessary permits obtained, the snackbar was ready for operation. The venture was profitable from the outset. For the first five months, April 1 through September 31, the snackbar sales totaled \$23,795.90. The cost of goods sold was \$7,138.77, Gross profit was \$16,657.13. Wages paid to students were \$9,666.65. And net profit was \$6,451.77.



Helen Tompkins, U. S. Willis, Gwen Norwood.

**POTTSTOWN HONORS
COMMUNITY LEADERS**

At its annual Community Guest Day Program, the Pottstown Church, Pottstown, PA, presented plaques to two civic leaders. The presentations were made by Mrs. Gwendolyn Norwood, Sabbath School Superintendent, who initiated the idea.

During the Sabbath School hour, in place of the regular mission story, the first recipient, Mrs. Helen Tompkins introduced the audience to Africa through her ten years of experience living on that continent. She is Associate Director of Fellowship Farm located in Sanatoga, PA. This educational center in human relations, which has been in existence since 1930, works to overcome prejudices among all people. In her role as Ambassador at Large, Mrs. Tompkins arranges conferences in human relations, and works with refugees from Haiti and El Salvador.

Fellowship Farm also carries a program for children called Adventures in Harmony. For this program, children come for 24 hours and are taught how people of other ethnic groups live. They are trained to hold these programs in their own schools to broaden the base of understanding.

The second recipient of a plaque was Reginald Brooks, the owner/operator of Reggie Brooks Automotive Repair Shop. Mr. Brooks is highly respected in the Pottstown community, having worked his way from gas station attendant, through service managerships with such companies as Sears Roebuck and local car dealerships to his present status. In addition to his practical experience, Mr. Brooks has the academic background for his work,

having excelled scholastically at Penn State University and Montgomery Community College. He was cited as an example of the dividends to be received from diligence and hard work. Mr. Brooks is a member of the Pottstown Optimists, Montco VoTech Advisory Board, Pottstown High School Advisory Board and the Pottstown Republican Party.

Climax of the day's service was a fellowship dinner hosted by the Sabbath School Department.

Elder U. S. Willis is the church's pastor.



Mrs. Helen Tompkins uses mission spot to introduce Sabbath School members to the continent of Africa, where she spent 10 years.



Reginald Brooks of Reggie's Automotive Service receives plaque recognizing his value to the Pottstown community presented by Mrs. Gwendolyn Norwood and Pastor U. S. Willis.

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