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## When a Dream Comes Alive— F. H. Jenkins Elementary School



## COVER STORY

### MOMENTS IN HISTORY OF BLACK ADVENTISM

A DREAM COMES ALIVE - F. H. JENKINS SCHOOL - Nashville

It was Sabbath afternoon on New Year's Eve. Rains drizzled and showered as new, clean, black-topped driveways became muddy streams standing at the entrance of the new F. H. Jenkins School in Nashville, Tenn., Men, women and children, parents, friends and alumni saw the beginning of an unfolding dream.

With patient quietness we remembered easily: victories and defeats; desperation, duty and devotion; laughter and tears; fasting and prayers being offered to God for the reality of the dream to take place; painful, time-consuming commitments; emotional charges defying age and circumstances.

At times, all efforts seemed to be coalescing into groaning halts. "What's wrong?" we queried, audibly and of our inner selves. And yet, we did not lose the dream! An outline of it, less sharp at times, would not go away.

Initially, positive movement was almost imperceptible. Then the wheels of change began to "pick up speed." Practical, innovative ideas began to mesh and blend. Finally, expensive calls and journeys to other architects came to a halt. Now we were united on a firm choice. Soon we began to see a dream, deferred more than a decade, ascending "from a hole in the ground."

Historically, we recalled that Fitzgerald Huntington Jenkins had been invited to the South Central Conference to promote Youth Activities and to serve as educational superintendent of schools in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and northwest Florida. The year in which he began his work was 1955. In the promotion of this private school system, he was sensitive to the heavy teaching loads that all of the teachers carried and of the cost to pupils and teachers.

The Nashville situation, he thought, could be changed! "Why," he mused, "should this city have two eight-grade schools, each taught by one teacher, their dedication and efficiency notwithstanding? How much more effective the teaching and learning could be if teaching loads were lighter, cut in half?" He saw that this plan could become a reality in Units I and II.

In these early years, the present "old building" was constructed on the site of

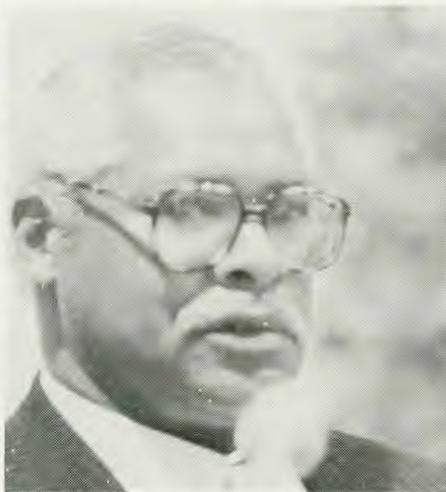
Riverside Hospital property, dedicated as a school for grades five through eight with two or more teachers, and began to function there.

Grades one to four were taught by two or more teachers at the Hillcrest Church site (the present Day Care Center adjoining). Immediately there was a surprising spurt in the enrollment, especially in grades one through four (Unit I). Each church met the needs of its own physical plant. The teachers' payroll and subsidies were divided equally between the churches. The present competent treasurer, Mrs. Sarita Coopwood, was elected by the school board and the tuition plan continued.

At a school board meeting, shortly after my husband's sudden death, Elder Charles D. Joseph, then pastor of the Hillcrest Church, announced that the Hillcrest and Riverside churches had voted to operate



*Mrs. Vernon H. Jenkins, wife of the late F. H. Jenkins, tells of the dream of a school.*



*Dr. Luther Adair, the "whip" that saw that the dream became a reality.*



*Mrs. Sallie Patton, church historian, tells of the beginning days back to 1914.*





The present teaching staff of F. H. Jenkins School. (Left to right) Mrs. L. Freeman, W. H. Brown, Mrs. Y. Parker Anderson, Edwin Davis, principal, Mrs. K. Black, Jerald Kibble and Mrs. Emyria Furman.



Former principals, Mrs. Nannie Joiner and Mr. Allen Johnston.



Elder and Dr. G. I. Pearson present a check for \$1,000 to Principal Davis for the school.



The old Hillcrest School Plant (Unit I).



Druillard Hall served as Unit II for the school before the new plant was opened.



Dr. Victor Griffith of the General Conference, Elder N. G. Higgs, superintendent of education for the South Central Conference, Dr. C. E. Dudley, conference president and Principal E. Davis at the ribbon-cutting services.



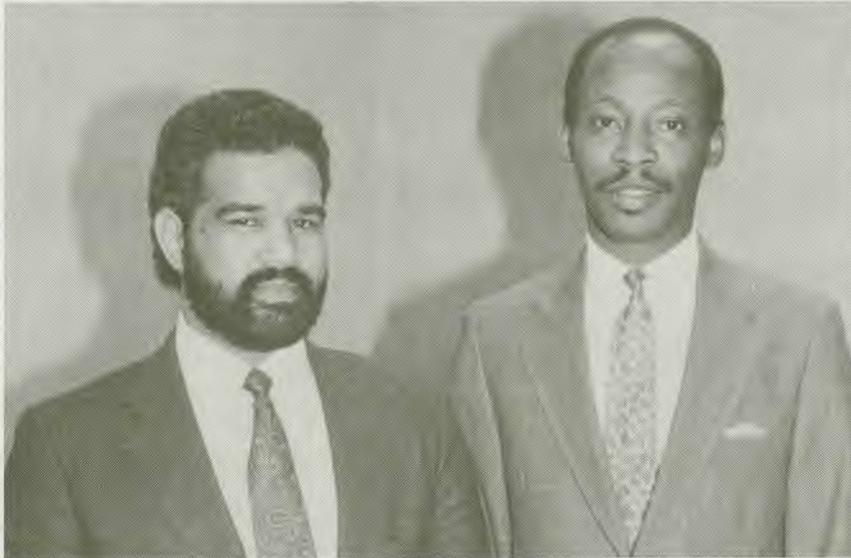
The earlier location of the school at 12th and Meharry Boulevard.

# The Editor's Desk

## INTERNS RETURN FROM THE SEMINARY

Pastors Edmund Julius and Michael Ross have completed their ninth quarter's training at Andrews University and are returning to serve in the South Central

Conference. Pastor Julius will serve in the Natchez/Fayette/Woodville, Miss., district, and Pastor Ross will serve in the Franklin/Columbia, Tenn., district. We feel that the Lord will bless their ministries as they return to serve the field.



*Pastors E. Julius and M. Ross, interns, return to the field.*

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Feb. 24	Mar. 3	10	17
Boston, Mass.	5:28	5:36	5:45	5:53
New York City	5:39	5:46	5:54	6:03
Buffalo, N.Y.	5:58	6:06	6:15	6:23
Atlanta, Ga.	6:30	6:36	6:41	6:47
Miami, Fla.	6:20	6:23	6:27	6:30
Charlotte, N.C.	6:15	6:21	6:27	6:33
Birmingham, Ala.	5:39	5:45	5:51	5:56
Jackson, Miss.	5:54	6:00	6:05	6:10
Memphis, Tenn.	5:51	5:57	6:03	6:09
Louisville, Ky.	6:31	6:38	6:45	6:52
Detroit, Mich.	6:17	6:25	6:34	6:42
Chicago, Ill.	5:35	5:43	5:51	5:59
South Bend, Indiana	6:29	6:38	6:46	6:54
Minneapolis, Minn.	5:53	6:03	6:12	6:21
St. Louis, Mo.	5:48	5:56	6:03	6:10
Kansas City, Mo.	6:05	6:13	6:20	6:27
Denver, Co.	5:46	5:54	6:01	6:09
Little Rock, Ark.	6:00	6:06	6:12	6:18
Dallas, Texas	6:20	6:26	6:31	6:37
New Orleans, La.	5:56	6:01	6:03	6:10
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:57	6:04	6:10	6:15
Oklahoma City, Okla.	6:21	6:27	6:33	6:39

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

one school together under the legal name of F. H. Jenkins Elementary School. Elder Lee Paschal was serving as the pastor of the Riverside Chapel.

It is noteworthy that these two churches (and in recent years, the New Life Church) have been able to work together continuously, diligently and harmoniously. The successful fruit selling programs headed by Miss M. Buckmon, are an excellent example of this cooperative endeavor. No setback, defeat nor disappointment has destroyed their commitment. Some individuals in these churches, now deceased, demonstrated their faith in the dream very early after its inception by making generous contributions to the building fund of the F. H. Jenkins School.

The South Central Conference Committee also has displayed its support with significant legal and financial assistance by subsidizing the program to the tune of more than \$125,000 and by supplying the conference of building programs, Elder W. O. Freeman, to supervise the construction of the new plant. The recent official ribbon-cutting and banquet were overwhelming successes. Together we face the future without fear, despite its challenges.

At the culmination of a "great" youth congress or other signal successes, my husband, F. H. Jenkins, always threw out a challenge to his youth. One of his favorites was: "Hats off to the past! Coats off for the future!" It reminds me of one of President John F. Kennedy's oft-quoted demands: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country."

We rejoice greatly in this visible success, but enormous challenges loom large before us until the beautiful school building and gymnasium are free of debt; the surrounding grounds are neatly landscaped; music, vocational and computer labs are operative and adequately equipped; library shelves are stocked with sufficient current volumes and periodicals; physical education equipment is well supplied; until all that can be done is done to make F. H. Jenkins School a paragon of Christian Education. Then and only then will our task begin to appear complete.

Notwithstanding, we face the future with vision and determination. We truly "have nothing to fear for the future except that we shall forget how the Lord has led us in the past." Our coats are off for the task before us. Join us as our heavenly Father continues to make dreams come alive.

Mrs. Vernon H. Jenkins  
Nashville, Tenn.

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE



*E. E. Cleveland*

### ABORTION

"Pro-Life" people all over the nation are demonstrating against the abortion clinics, established by law to provide abortions on demand. It was an unfortunate act to legitimize child-killing. The rationale was to provide up-front sanitized conditions under which abortions can be performed. It is the same reasoning that put alcohol sales in the grocery store. "Boot-legging" often took place under conditions that were life-threatening. It was believed that "legalization" would make it safe. What actually happened is, the nation has an alcoholism problem that is growing worse daily. Thus that which was intended to sanitize and reduce the threat has become the promoter of alcoholism.

By legalizing abortions, we have legitimized promiscuity. One of the strongest deterrents to adultery and fornication has been the threat of unintended and premature pregnancy. Pregnancy out of wedlock has for centuries been stigmatized by society and condemned in scripture. But once it happens, why add sin to sin by violating the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill?" Where there is a fetus, there is a human being. The word "abortion" literally means to stop something that has already started. Contraception is preventing that which has not begun, and is therefore, not killing. Abortion is stopping that which has already begun and, therefore, is killing. The fetus has a right to live. Specious scientific reason notwithstanding, the fetus has a right to live.

The following reasons support his fact.

1. Men have in history blessed and cursed mankind. How many benefactors have been aborted? Heaven only knows.

2. The power over life and death rests with God. Men may take life only on divine

command. This is true because God is the original life-giver.

3. Killing turns man into a beast of sorts and awakens the lower passions to continued transgressions. Some women have aborted several times. It can become "a way of death."

4. It says something about our conscience. Respect for life separates men from lower animals. It is the sense in which we are "a cut above" the rest of the animal kingdom.

Of course, there is an exception to the "murder by abortion rule." Where the life or health of the mother is imperiled, the choice is clear. We must rule in favor of the mother. Abortion for the sake of one's reputation or marriageability is an unworthy motive. Also, the victims of incest, and/or rape should not be forced to bear the fruit of the crime visited upon them.

And, of course, there are babies born without brain-power which renders him or her mentally dysfunctional. Beyond this, the word "killing" applies to all abortions. And the Bible says, "Thou shalt not kill." Society may leave the choice to the mother. The church cannot, for the Bible does not.

The truth is, abortion like sex-related AIDS, is preventable. Moral chastity is the best friend a girl ever had.

Society is in the process of casting off all restraint. Public pornographic presentations have produced a mass preoccupation with sex that is epidemic. Condoms are being issued to young people in some schools on the assumption that nothing can stop youngsters from committing the immoral act. And, would you believe it, there was issued recently a "condom recall" similar to what happens in the automobile industry. Evidently the product did not perform.

The guilt-factor must be dealt with here. The woman who has an abortion is subject to unspeakable emotional trauma. I have listened to countless hours of testimony from unwed mothers who had abortions. Their guilt is a cloud that is never lifted. There is an emotional price to be paid. In moments of solitude, the silence is deafening. Legalized abortion on demand is a moral, legal, and tragic mistake. Alcohol, drugs and pills do not quiet the conscience. Nor can social verbal palliatives silence guilt.

It is a sign of the times that a leading newspaper would boldly trumpet these words: "Chastity is too much to expect at this late date. It is unrealistic." This, dear reader, represents a return to the decadent Greek ethic of "Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die." It smacks of Sodom and Gomorrah all over again. In all honesty,

moral decadence signals at the very least a decline of our civilization, and, at the most, the end of the world.

The time has come for the Church and the individual to turn again to the law of the Lord as a rule of faith. Jimmy Swaggart and Jim Baker are but the tip of the immorality iceberg. Large bodies of Christians do not believe in the Ten Commandments and have used the doctrine of free grace to negate them. This has led to a weakening of the Christian witness and lifestyle. Let us return deliberately and premeditatively to the "Ten Commandment lifestyle." Talk it, live it, and in every way actively promote it. In the presence of chastity, abortion becomes a non-issue.

## ALLEGHENY EAST



*Elder Alvin M. Kibble, newly elected president of Allegheny East Conference.*

### ALVIN M. KIBBLE ELECTED PRESIDENT

Alvin M. Kibble, former vice president for ministerial affairs of the Allegheny East Conference, commenced his new duties as conference president Jan. 1. He was elected by the Conference Executive Committee to fulfill the unexpired term of M. C. Van Putten who has accepted a call to a position at the World Headquarters of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C.

Kibble is a graduate of Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass.; Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.; and New York Theological Seminary in New York City. He has served in administration of the Allegheny East Conference since 1984.

Kibble, a third-generation Adventist minister, was ordained in 1973 and has spent his entire ministry in the Allegheny East Conference territory, pastoring churches in Newport News, Va., and Baltimore, Md., in addition to several congregations in North Jersey.

During his pastorate in the North Jersey area, he served as a vice president of the Englewood, N.J., Ministerial Association and is a recipient of the Newark Human Rights Commission Brotherhood Award as well as of a citation by the Newark Municipal Council for outstanding and distinguished service.

Having traveled extensively throughout Europe and the United States, Kibble recently completed his second evangelistic crusade in the city of Manchester, England.

Pastor Kibble aims "to enhance spiritual growth of all workers and members by modeling management principles of "Servant Leadership" and creating growth opportunities through worship study, sharing fellowship and prayer."

He is married to the former Jewel Peck, a nurse. The Kibbles have two sons, Santo and Jason.

## FROM ACCIDENT TO INVESTMENT

As she was rolled into her room from the OR, Jenni bemoaned her fate, "I'm here in this outrageous cast and in pain!" she cried. "How long will I be in this place?" "Six to 10 weeks," said the doctor. "Six to 10 weeks? I can't bear to be here that long!" "Perhaps a little shorter, but it will take some time for your legs to heal from the accident."

Jenni angrily resigned herself to an eon of misery and turned her back to the wall. As time went on, she learned of another patient down the hall who was knitting something. When her nurse found out about her interest, she wheeled Annie over one afternoon to meet Jenni.

Annie was an Adventist and explained that she was working on an Investment project. "What's an Investment project?" Jenni wanted to know. Annie explained that church members choose some individual means of fund-raising for world missions, frequently one that relies on God's blessings.

Annie could knit and had chosen to make a shawl. Soon she had taught Jenni how to do some basic patterns and Jenni was on her way to making a bedspread. Nurse Spencer noticed her beautiful work, and when she heard of a craft fair that was coming up, volunteered to take the spread



Members of West Philadelphia Church participate in Sabbath School skit.

there. Both were very surprised at the sum it brought.

No one seemed to mind that worship started a little late after this skit at the end of Sabbath School, Dec. 3, at West Philadelphia Church. And Jenni? "My first investment, a pair of broken legs!"

## PROJECTIONS FOR ALLEGHENY EAST CONFERENCE

**EVANGELISM:** To develop a Conference evangelistic strategy and system for financial support.

**ADMINISTRATION:** To proceed with the development of a systematic, ongoing planning process for the fostering of well-defined long-range, short-range and a "what if" action plan of process.

**FINANCIAL:** To strengthen the fiscal resources of the conference, setting priorities of budget reductions and giving careful study to the overall fiscal obligations and amortization schedules.

**TEAM BUILDING:** To create a winning team by fostering an interdependent team philosophy with a "Yes We Can" passion for excellence. To fortify the morale of all workers by modeling an open door, people policy approach to management, insuring each worker that administration is committed to their total development and success.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** To enhance spiri-

tual growth of all workers and members by modeling Christian management principles of "Servant Leadership" and creating growth opportunities through worship, study, sharing, fellowship and prayer.

**DEVELOPMENT (LONG RANGE):** To further develop the camp facilities to service year-round conference center-type ministries required by Health, Youth, Family Life and Ministerial Departments.

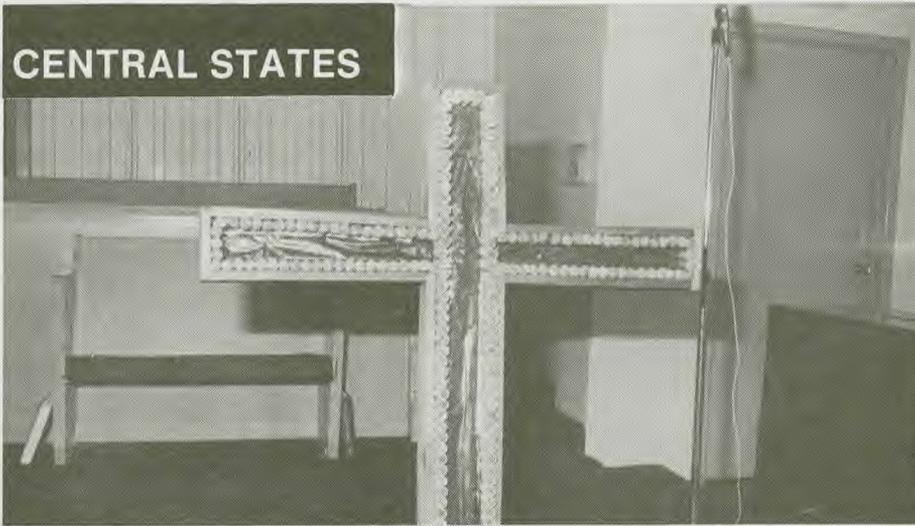
### CLASSIFIED AD

SDA elementary school principal positions available in August; Philadelphia and Washington DC areas rich in cultural, denominational, higher education attractions; school administration experience and training sought. Send resume and inquiries to Joe Dent, Education Superintendent, Allegheny East Conference, P.O. Box 266, Pine Forge, PA 19548. (215) 326-4610

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## CENTRAL STATES



*The investment cross containing 10,000 pennies.*

### INVESTMENT AT PARK HILL

Investment Day was extra special at the Park Hill SDA Church, Denver, Colo. The Investment project, the saving of pennies, was promoted by the Investment Sabbath School superintendent Delores Martin.

Approximately \$200 was raised on Investment Sabbath. An interesting feature was the Investment Cross containing 10,000 pennies.

Ivory Chalmers  
Communication Secretary

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**Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his.**

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### EVANGELISM AT SHARON

The Sharon SDA Church of Omaha, Neb., hosted the Bible Answer Crusade, which was a four-week evangelistic meeting. Pastor Emmitt Slocumb, Jr., was the speaker, with Millard Taylor serving as associate evangelist.

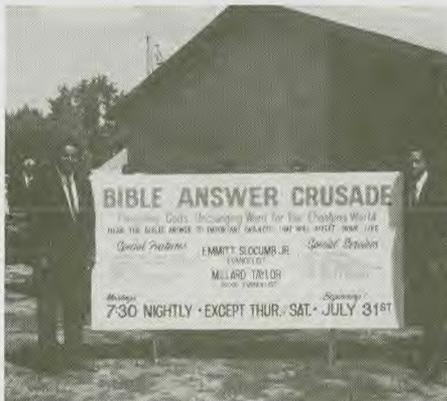
Other members of the crusade team included: Robbie Bass, Julie Butler, Latanya Hunt, Joan Slocumb, Raymond Davis, Adora Greene, Joann Herrington, Charlene Davis, and Robert Patterson. Sharon's own Charles Poitier, Traci Sims and the Hub of Harmony served as crusade soloists and musicians. Local guest artists were Jean Reliford-Wilson, Inzez Fitz and Anthony Briley of Rising Star Baptist Church.

Thirteen individuals were baptized during the crusade.

Gordon B. Sims, Sr.  
Communication Secretary



*Pastor Emmitt Slocumb Jr. (left) stand with newly-baptized members of the Sharon SDA church.*



*(Left to right) Pastor Emmitt Slocumb Jr., Local Elder Millard Taylor.*

### PALACE OF PEACE HAPPENING

The Palace of Peace SDA Church of Colorado Springs, Colo., recently celebrated Women's Day. The theme was "Women on the Move for Christ." The Claremont Women's Choir was on hand with a few selections and a poem was presented by Ms. Washington. Ms. Sarah Mann was the speaker of the morning and gave a message about "Women's Mission for Christ." Palace of Peace Women's Choir also performed on the program. The worship service was followed by a fellowship dinner prepared and served by the men of Palace of Peace.

The youth of Palace of Peace are active with the Adventist Youth Association. They presented a play at the Rocky Mountain

Youth Federation in Denver, and also participated in Claremont Church's chilly hayride after Sabbath. There are more plans in the making.

Bible studies are up as the literature band of Palace continues to make contact in the Colorado Springs community.

Pastor Valentine urges the church to keep their sights high.

Bob Campbell  
Communication Secretary

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**Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.**

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*A poem is presented by Ms. Washington.*



*Palace of peace choir.*



*Ms. Brenda L. Woodard, Omaha Sharon Church.*

### **BRENDA L. WOODARD GRADUATES FROM LAW SCHOOL**

The Sharon SDA Church of Omaha, Neb., wishes to congratulate its newest attorney, Ms. Brenda L. Woodard, daughter of Luther and Odelcie Woodard.

Ms. Woodard is a recent graduate of Creighton University School of Law. She was one of over 150 graduated to receive a Juris Doctor (Doctor of Laws) degree. She also held a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Creighton University, and while in law school was awarded the Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship.

During law school, Ms. Woodard was active in a number of organizations. She served as secretary of the Black Law Student Association and on the Minority Admissions Committee. Recently, she received a monetary award for being a finalist in the First Tier Bank Estate Planning contest. Brenda is listed in "Who's Who of American Law Students," seventh edition, for her outstanding achievements in the study of law for 1987 and 1988.

Ms. Woodard desires to return to school in the future and obtain a master's degree in law.

Gordon B. Sims, Sr.  
Communication Secretary



*Student shaking the hands of the staff after receiving the graduation certificate.*



*Pastor Hyatt conducting the seminar class.*

### **PARK HILL HOSTS REVELATION SEMINAR**

There were two Revelation Seminars held at the Denver, Co. Park Hill SDA Church. Attendance varied from 30 persons to 50 or more. The seminars, conducted by Pastor E. A. Hyatt, were inspirational and informative, and the students were enthusiastic during class periods.

Graduation for the seminar students took place Sabbath morning Nov. 5 in a ceremony that began with the students marching into the main auditorium. It was a beautiful picture that represented souls that had been reached, some of whom joined the church.

## NORTHEASTERN

### LAYMEN'S FEDERATION OBSERVES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The Northeastern Conference Laymen's Federation celebrated its 20th anniversary the latter part of 1988.

It was a spirit-filled weekend which began Friday evening at sunset and ended on Sunday afternoon. Hearts were made glad as the laymen became reunited with former Federation officers and Personal Ministries directors.

Pastor Edgar Lockett, a former Personal Ministries director of the Northeastern Conference, and one of the pioneers of the Federation, was among the first persons to arrive at Victory Lake, traveling all the way from Florida to join the laymen in their celebration. He congratulated the laymen for their accomplishments over the past 20 years and encouraged them to continue to work hand-in-hand with the clergy to finish the work.

The welcome was given to all by Elder Leslie Phillips and the keynote speaker for the Friday night service was Pastor John F. Guy, former Personal Ministries Director and presently pastor of the Bronx-Washington Ave. Church. In his sermon Pastor Guy made reference to the woman of Samaria who left her water pot when she met the seventh man (Jesus). His question to the laymen was "What have you left behind since you met the seventh Man?"

The laymen's rally continued on Sabbath with an early morning devotion, followed by the Divine Worship Hour. Pastor Charles Drakes was the guest speaker. The theme of his sermon was "Noah Found Grace in the Eyes of the Lord." He reminded the congregation that if Noah could remain faithful amid temptations and trials, then laymen should strive to live a consistent life dedicated to God.

The weekend celebration was interspersed with soul-stirring music from artists like Orion, Tabernacle Singers, Julie Moore, Gwen and Rich Shorter and the New Rochelle Male Chorale.

Special certificates of recognition for services rendered were presented by Pastor Snipes and Elder Wilson to former Federation and District leaders and Personal Ministries directors. Among the recipients were Elder Byron Best, the first Northeastern Conference Federation President; Pastors Edgar Lockett, George Sampson,

Arthur Morgan, John Guy and the former Northeastern Conference President, Elder George Earle, for facilitating the formation of the Laymen's Federation.

The rally concluded on Sunday afternoon with reflections of the accomplishments of the past 20 years and projections for the next 20 years. The officers for the next three years were introduced to the body while the outgoing officers bade fond farewell to the laymen.

Elder Wilson thanked the laymen for the opportunity of serving in the capacity as president for the past 13 years, and he congratulated Elder Leslie Phillips for being chosen as the new Federation president and wished him God's continued blessings as he directs the laymen onward, forward and upward.

President Stennett Brooks addressed the laymen during their closing session and pledged to give them his unswerving support as they continue to labor with the clergy to finish the work.

Earl Pickett Sr.  
Public Relations Director  
Laymen's Federation



*Pastor Charles Drakes, Sabbath morning speaker, during the Laymen's Federation 20th anniversary celebration.*



*(Left to right) Elder Norman Snipes, conference Personal Ministries director; Leslie Philip, Lay Federation president; Franklin Roberts, vice president; Millicent Huff, secretary; Samuel Alford, treasurer.*

### JAMAICA CHURCH MEMBER DONATES GRAND PIANO

Mrs. Veta Anderson, a member of the Jamaica SDA Church, Jamaica, N.Y., donated a new grand piano to the church in memory of her late husband, Osworth V. Anderson.

The piano was dedicated to the Lord's service on Dec. 10, 1988. Pastor Arthur E. Morgan, Sabbath School Secretary for the Northeastern Conference and former pastor of the church, officiated.

A musical program, hosted by Mrs. Gloria Robertson, followed the dedicatory service. This program featured vocal and instrumental renditions of classical and religious pieces. The performers included the Jamaica Church Temple Choir; Veta Anderson, soloist; Trevor Byfield, soloist/director; Henry Brooks, organist; Merle Thompson-Adams, violinist; Kaestner Robertson, pianist; Spirit of Love Chorale of Lebanon SDA Church, Laurelton, N.Y.; Shelia Mahoney, director; Albert Rahming, pianist; Nerva and Robinson Altino, pianists; Gloria Perkins, violinist; Lara Crete, pianist; Carolyn Val-Schmidt, soloist; Jay Tandlich, clarinetist, and Milton Hanes, M.D., organist/pianist.

Ms. Merle Thompson-Adams  
Communication Secretary

### JAMAICA CHURCH CELEBRATES MEDICAL DAY

Milton Haynes, M.D., OB/GYN, at the Lennox Hill Hospital in New York City and a member of the Hanson Place SDA Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., was the guest speaker on Medical Day, Dec. 10, 1988, at the Jamaica SDA Church, Jamaica, N.Y.

In his message entitled "Living Love and Thinking Truth," which was based on the parable of the Good Samaritan, Dr. Haynes encouraged SDA churches to expand their

outreach programs to drug addicts, pregnant teens, AIDS victims and the homeless within their inner-city communities. The churches were also urged to speak out against racism, sexism, apartheid and other social injustices that are practiced around the world causing suffering for millions of people

In addressing good health practices, Dr. Haynes cautioned each individual to be careful to investigate and treat every sign and symptom of illness. He noted the importance of laughter which strengthens muscles, aids digestion, keeps one alert and causes all the vital organs to vibrate, making it an important key to good health.

Ms. Merle Thompson-Adams  
Communication Secretary

## COMMUNITY GUEST DAY CELEBRATED AT THE BRONX CHURCH

The 60 visitors who attended the Bronx Washington Avenue Church on Community Guest Day were the recipients of the gracious hospitality of the church members.

Upon arrival at the church they were greeted with a warm handshake by Idine Gayle and Ruccill Tyson, as they pinned on their visitors' badges and invited them to sign the guest register.

A visit to the Bronx Church is always a special occasion for visitors. The keynote speaker for the day was Pastor T. Marshall Kelly, singing evangelist and presently a teacher at Oakwood College Academy in Huntsville, Ala. Pastor Kelly uplifted the spirits of those present with the Word and with music as he ministered to the congregation during the Divine Hour as well as in an afternoon concert.

Pastor Kelly's repertoire of songs was very carefully chosen. Woven between songs were reminiscences of personal early experiences with the Lord and the blessings derived over the years in ministering to others through his music. The audience was challenged to draw closer to God and to re-dedicate time and talents in service to others.

Elder Kelly's songs were not only meaningful to him but they inspired many who made their way to the altar with tears in their eyes and a deep longing in their souls to get right with God. At the conclusion of the afternoon concert an appeal was made, and three persons requested special prayer and three requested baptism.

Another special feature of the day was the formal welcome given by the hostess during the Divine Worship service. Ten recently baptized members participated in making



*Pastor Marshall T. Kelly presents Community Guest Day message at the Bronx Church.*

visitors feel welcome by giving them a carnation, a copy of "Steps to Christ" or "Happiness Is," and sharing words of welcome with them. The hostess interviewed two persons, Marjorie McKenna and Myrtle Johnson, who attended the church once as visitors and had continued their association with the congregation until they became members. Both of these former visitors explained that the warmth and friendliness of the church members toward them on their first visit, encouraged them to continue to attend the church until they committed themselves to join the body of believers through transfer of membership and baptism.

Of the 60 visitors who attended the morning service, two requested transfer of membership, 10 requested pastoral visits and eight requested Bible studies.

A "Thank You for Coming" card will be sent to all first-time visitors and a follow-up telephone call was made to all those with special requests.

Myrtle Pickett,  
Communications Director

## MT. VERNON CHURCH HOSTS PIANO RECITAL

Eleven young black students of the Minnie P. Mellon Piano School in the Bronx were the featured performers at a piano recital at the Mt. Vernon, N.Y., SDA Church on Dec. 10. It was sponsored by the church's Communications Department, and its purpose was to heighten cultural awareness.

The works performed were Schumann's

"A Little Study"; Mozart's "March Alla Turco"; Schumann's "Northern Song"; Mozart's "Sonata in C Minor, K.545"; Chopin's "Waltz in E. Minor" and his "Prelude in D Major"; Bach's "Invention No. 13"; Debussy's "Dr. Gradus Ad Parnassum"; Brahms' "Rhapsody in B Minor, Opus 79"; Bach's "Prelude No. 3" and Scriabin's "Etude Opus 8, No. 12 in D Sharp Minor."

The works were played with much expression and feeling, and were well received by the listeners, as indicated by their enthusiastic applause. The youngsters conducted themselves professionally.

In his brief remarks, Elder Lee Paschal, Communications Director of the Northeastern Conference and Editor of the North American Regional voice, commended the artists on the excellent job they did. "These young people have their eyes on a goal, and they are striving towards it. Let us strive to reach the goal that we have our eyes on," he said. Elder Paschal said it is important to support each other as a people, no matter where one comes from.

Each performer was presented with a certificate by Mrs. Masie Francis, wife of the pastor.

## A DAY OF GIVING THANKS AT PIONEER MEMORIAL

Thanksgiving Day was a day of thanks to God and giving to those in need for Pioneer Memorial SDA Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

A full-course traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings was prepared

for over 100 people. The widely publicized dinner was sponsored by the Soup Kitchen headed by Ms. Earline Jones, Community Service leader.

At the onset of the meal, all of the guests and members were asked to join hands and sing "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Pioneer's Pastor J. Kendall Guy then offered the dinner guests words of encouragement and hope for a better tomorrow through Jesus Christ. He also reiterated the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

The visitors expressed thanks and gratitude. They were overwhelmed by the love and kindness extended towards them. In sponsoring such a dinner, many needy individuals and entire families were present who may have otherwise spent Thanksgiving Day alone and hungry.

Through the Community Service work at Pioneer Memorial, many individuals are expressing a desire to learn more about Christ. Many others are beginning to attend services.

Though small in number, the church will not be discouraged; they will continue to serve the Lord through community service.

Ramona M. Sims  
Community Secretary

## CONEY ISLAND NEWS NOTES

The youth of the Coney Island Church have been very active, making an appreciable contribution toward soul-winning. Their theme for '88 was "Youth in Action for Christ." Some of the many activities in which they participated were: Youth Week of Prayer with Pastor William Vincent as speaker; a Good Nutrition program with Dr. Marcia Harris as guest speaker; Grandparents' Day in which they prepared and served lunch following divine worship; Fall Week of Prayer with Elder Trevor Baker, conference youth director as the Sabbath speaker; and a special program presented in the form of a radio station along with a short character play explaining obstacles encountered by youth in daily living and how they are handled.

An appreciation program was given for Elder Alphonso Williams in honor of his loyalty to the church. The Personal Ministries department expanded its program so as to be more accessible to disabled, hospitalized and shut-in persons.

The Community Services department of the church provided 163 needy individuals with Thanksgiving dinner and gave a total of 90 hours of community service.

Martha M. Capps,  
Communication Secretary

## LADIES' DAY AT JAMAICA CHURCH

"The Love That Never Fails" was the theme of the Ladies' Day program held at the Jamaica SDA Church, Jamaica, N.Y., recently. This program was coordinated by the church's Sabbath School superintendent, Mrs. Joyce Morgan.

Guest participants in the Sabbath School program included D. E. Simmonds, acting superintendent, V. Shoenfeld, B. Holness, B. Isensee, M. Brown and L. Wesley.

During the 11:00 A.M. worship service, musical selections were rendered by violinist Oween Davis, soloist Linda Elliot, vocal duet by D. E. Simmonds and A. Wilson. A ladies' choir was conducted by Ms. Tribbett of the Linden SDA Church, Laurelton, N.Y. Ms. A. Green of Omaha, Neb., and Ms. Shelia Mahoney of the Lebanon SDA Church, Laurelton, N.Y., were the organist and pianist, respectively.

Dr. Sylvia Barnes of Oakwood College, Huntsville, Ala., was the guest speaker. Her message was entitled "Women—God's Agents in Crisis."

Dr. Barnes spoke of female Bible characters, Abigail, Jacobed, Miriam, Pharaoh's daughter and the woman at the well, all of whom possessed strength of character, compassion for others and a willingness to do God's bidding. She challenged today's Christian women to develop these qualities so that God can entrust them with the responsibility of preparing the world for His soon return.

Ms. Merle Thompson-Adams  
Communication Secretary

## N.E.A. ACADEMIC MERCURY RISES: '87-'88

Northeastern Academy is at its finest hour. To quote from Ron Scott, Superintendent of Education of the Southern New England Conference in his accreditation report of April '86, "Never before has one seen so many qualified and credentialed people in any one spot," and the corollary is also true—never before in the history of the academy have we seen such a tremendous surge of intellectual gusto.

RECRUITING: In the fall and spring of '87-'88, the academy's recruiting team, Mrs. Bell, Mr. Chase and a group of high school representatives, visited the elementary schools within the metropolitan area and presented the program of the academy to these prospective students. Mrs. Bell further spoke at the main pavilion and youth tent during camp meeting during the summer of 1988. As a result of their efforts, 81



Mrs. Pearl Bell, instructor.

freshmen, the highest number ever enrolled, were admitted as graduates of the class of 1992.

HIGHLIGHTS: While Mrs. Bell was at the Education Tent recruiting and conducting interviews, a young lady who had done very well in public school came and stated that she wanted to graduate from an SDA academy. Her parents gave her a conditional assent: she must pay her own tuition. She accepted the challenge, secured a job and will realize her childhood dreams on June 19, 1989.

NATIONAL SCORES UP: Northeastern Academy, nestled in the heart of the city, has been the recipient of God's continued watch care. In the spring of 1988 Stanley Kaplan, of Kaplan Educational Center, who conducts a nationwide educational program, selected N.E.A. to administer a diagnostic SAT to the juniors, who are now seniors. Following the results, the students were given free tuition for a six-week period in preparation for the SAT. This course cost \$500 per student. Contiguous with this, intensive course revision was held for the seniors.

As a result of this thrust, the senior class of 65 members has done extremely well in the recent SAT testing. Never before in the history of N.E.A.'s national exams have we had such positive results.

More than 55 percent of the class scored above the mean of 800. Six students scored 1010-1100, and two students scored 1130 and 1190 respectively. Mildred Coombs, who scored the highest has been selected as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship (NMSQT).



*Mildred Coombs*



*Michael Cato*



*Amalia Brooks*



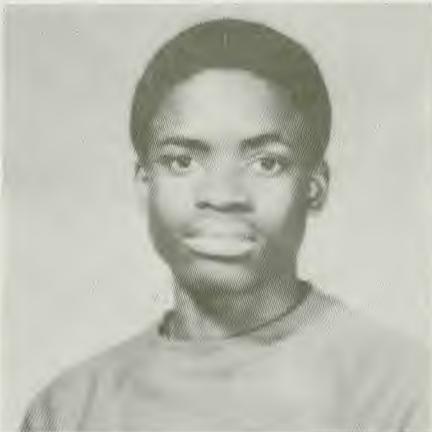
*Corwin Shakes*



*Ruel Forbes*



*Thomas Felder*



*Avery Nora*

The ACT tests, a series of curriculum-based tests, taken by these students at the end of their 11th year corroborate the SAT results. Kaplan also returned in the summer of 1988 and conducted six weeks of intensive training for the junior in preparation for the PSAT. As a result of the test taken in October, two juniors, Michael Cato and Amalia Brooks, distinguished themselves



*Omar Bell*

by scoring 1130 and 1100 respectively.

In an effort to develop greater academic consciousness, the College Board has introduced a new pre-achievement test called P-ACT which was administered for the first time this fall to sophomores nationwide. In this test our youngsters also showed great promise. Richard Streeter scored a composite of 23 which places him in the 95th percentile nationally.

Congratulations to these budding intellectual giants!

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PROVIDES TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE:** Columbia University through its Double Discovery program has invited our 10th- through 12th-year students to participate in and take advantage of either the Talent Search or Upward Bound programs. As a result of this, our students may register (and many have) and obtain free tutoring and counselling in any area of academic difficulty. The students are issued an official Columbia University I.D., which gives them access to all university facilities.

Northeastern Academy is on the move. God's spirit is impressing people everywhere to send their youth to our institution where they can be "rightly trained."

The principal, Ms. Bovell, the administration, faculty and staff request your fervent prayers as they continue "in times like these" to render unstinting, dedicated and committed Christian service.

Pearl Morgan-Bell  
Guidance Counselor, MS. Ed.M.SCC

## COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY AT EMMANUEL TEMPLE

Members of the Emmanuel Temple SDA Church in Buffalo, N.Y., welcomed friends of the community on Sept. 17, 1988. Nannie Lanier, community service leader, and Izetta Barnes, program coordinator, let the congregation know the real meaning of their theme — "Reach Out and Touch Someone."

Elder Richard Calhoun, guest speaker for the morning service, challenged the church to do as Jesus did. He emphasized the fact that Jesus was the greatest community service worker that this world has ever known — noting that Jesus reached out to all mankind.

The Community Service Choir, directed by Irma Riles, and accompanied by Winnifred Hames, sang "Reach Out and Touch Someone."

Among those who received recognition were: Dorothy Durhan, Director of Citizens Community Development Corporation Human Services, and Al Cooper, Director of the Food Pantry for the Buffalo area of western New York. Both received plaques for their outstanding service to the community. Many church members received certificates for their active participation in the Community Service Department; in addition, Marion Garroway, Oscar Hall and Anlo

Lovet received plaques for their continuity in service to others.

After the service, visitors were served a vegetarian meal. Many had never tasted vegetarian "meat" before and wanted to know how they could prepare it or where they could buy it.

Special guests for the afternoon program were Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve and Don Allen. Eve represents the 141st Assembly District (Erie County), a position he has held since 1966, and Allen represents Radio Station WBLK.

During the 1979 legislative session, Eve was appointed Deputy Speaker of the Assembly. By virtue of this position, he now holds the highest position of any minority in the state's elective government. Due to his diligent efforts in the areas of human services and urban development, he was appointed to the National Conference of State Legislatures' Committees on Human Resources (1978-80) and Urban Development (1981). In 1986, he was responsible for sponsoring statewide hearings to focus attention on the minority dropout rate, which resulted in the commission of the report, "Dropping Out of School in New York State: The Invisible People of Color," by the New York State African-American Institute.

Eve encouraged parents to get involved with the schools and insist that their children strive for excellence.

Pastor Willis Reed presented Assemblyman Eve, "Daniel and the Revelation," and Don Allen received a plaque for his many years of helping others through his radio ministry.

The program ended with the ladies' report of raising over \$4,000 to assist in the building of a community service center.

## MT. VERNON CHURCH CELEBRATES EDUCATION DAY

The Mt. Vernon, N.Y., SDA Church celebrated its second Education Day for 1988 on Nov. 19. The day began with Sabbath School conducted by the Home and School leader, Ms. Evangeline Myrie, acting as superintendent. The day's theme was "How Can Christian Education Withstand the Test of our Times?"

The speaker for the Divine Worship hour was Dr. Norma Nelson Dwyer, of the N.Y. State Education Department, and her subject was "Education for Christ-centered Performance." A Seventh-day Adventist, Dr. Dwyer said that everyone should use their God-given talents to the best of their ability. She said all should become more aware of the broad scope of education, and should let Christ be seen in everything done.

Music for the Divine Hour was provided by the Westchester Area SDA School Bell Choir, directed by Mrs. Jean Turnbull, and the school's 50-voice choir, jointly directed by Mrs. Turnbull and Mrs. Veronica Armstrong.

As a surprise to everyone, Mr. Gilbert Cox, the school's principal, honored three teachers for excellence in teaching and for their long years of service. They were Mrs. Migdalia De La Pena, the vice principal; Mrs. Georgia Oakes, and Mrs. Veronica Armstrong. Gifts were presented to each teacher by Mr. Cox.

## SOUTH BRONX MISSION CLOSSES YEAR WITH PRAYER

Mrs. Lillian Dawson, Personal Ministries leader for the South Bronx Mission in New York City, coordinated a seven-hour-long session of prayer and fasting at the Mission recently. Elder Daniel Martin of Zion Temple SDA Church in Manhattan and Elder Franklin Roberts were the speakers for the program. The members prayed for strength to make 1989 a good year in Christ.

The afternoon session consisted of a film entitled "Blood, Sweat and Tears." Closing thoughts were then given by Elder Cuthbert Josiah, Sr., of the Mission.



*Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve*



*Elder Richard Calhoun addresses the Emmanuel Temple congregation.*

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### "THE MIRACLE CORNER" REACHES OUT (A SELF SUPPORTING MINISTRY)

Has Christ made a difference in your life? Mrs. Alta Holder in Huntsville, Ala., says the Lord has worked miracle upon miracle, and as a living witness she needed to show some type of appreciation for the goodness the Lord had bestowed on her.

In 1983, Miracle Evangelistic Association was the answer for this desire. Giving Bible studies to the community; counseling, advising and sharing Christ with runaways and victims of rape, incest and abuse; working with alcoholics, drug addicts, unwanted pregnancies and other social problems, are incorporated in this ministry. Souls were captured and in turn baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Having a desire to do more community outreach, in February 1984 Mrs. Holder broadened her programs to the radio airwaves. More people were being blessed on a wider scope. Impressed with the positive correspondence and telephone calls, it was decided that in order to continue the ministry on the air, funds beyond her ability were needed.

Determined, Mrs. Holder went out to the various stores in the malls and other shopping centers asking for donations to help maintain her radio broadcast. The majority of stores were not able to give monetary contributions, but offered to donate pieces of clothing and other merchandise.

Convinced that her work was not in vain, Mrs. Holder believed the Lord was telling her that she could also use non-monetary donations to support her ministry. The Miracle Corner discount center was the product of this endeavor. Also being an experienced seamstress, knitter and crocheter, Mrs. Holder used her talents along with the help of local stores to bring high-quality merchandise to the Huntsville community at a surprising or "miraculous" price. The Miracle corner was the perfect name to express the needs that she wanted to share.

The clothing ministry that was started in her home in 1985 has boomed to such a success that larger accommodations were necessary. In October of 1988, the Lord worked another miracle and provided the larger accommodation for the ministry.

Being a new Adventist establishment in the Huntsville area, Mrs. Holder solicits your

prayers, donations and your business when visiting the Huntsville community. Bible study

and counseling still remain a vibrant part of this ministry. The monetary assets gained are used to sponsor various programs, one of which is, for example, the Feed the Hungry ministry that (through funds attained at the Miracle Corner and donations by customers and community) the Miracle Corner was able to give 10 individuals and needy families from \$150 to \$250 worth of groceries for Christmas in 1987. With God's help, this program was expected to be even more bountiful in 1988. Help a Child is another program that purchases toys for needy children at Christmas. Clothing from the Miracle Corner has also been donated to help families suffering from fires and natural disasters. And there's more! The Miracle Corner radio broadcast aired weekly is also being sponsored by funds from Miracle Corner sales.

Along with the director, Mrs. Alta Holder, the staff includes Roy Leon Heard (son and manager), who is an experienced fashion designer; Josette Paschal (daughter and assistant manager); and Tanya Bowman (assistant manager). Yes, God can be praised through the clothing industry! The Miracle Corner needs your prayers, suggestions and donations. Help this ministry to continue spreading the message and helping those less fortunate persons in the community. Be a part of a miracle in somebody's life!

### REGIONAL EDUCATORS MEET AT OAKWOOD

They represented over 600 congregations, over 80 church schools with enrollments of more than 10,000 students in the North American Division. These were the Black educators of the church from across the division who meet each year to discuss plans and programs for building a stronger program for the children and youth in the various communities that they represent. Quality education, excellence, and funding for the programs were their agenda items. With the per capita dollar income in the Black churches standing at approximately \$254 as compared with the \$640 per capita income in sister schools, the challenges proliferate. But the program still moves along and the enrollment continues to climb from year to year.

The teaching staff in the Regional conferences' church schools is one of the best-prepared groups to be found throughout the world field. All of the instructors have completed the B.A. or B.S. degrees in their fields, a goodly number hold the masters' degree and others are blessed with having completed the Ph.D. or Ed.D. in their various disciplines.

New school facilities are being constructed, which helps not only the teachers but also the students to feel good about themselves. Dollars are needed to build a stronger and better program for the training of the children and youth. "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."



*Regional educators meet at Oakwood.*



Mrs. Mallie Tompkins, Senior Citizens' Day program coordinator for Overton Park.

## SENIOR CITIZENS HONORED AT OVERTON PARK

"Moments of Grace, Years of Stepping Stones" was the theme of the Senior Citizens Day Program that was coordinated by Mallie Tompkins at the Overton Park SDA Church in Memphis, Tenn.

This special day was set aside in honor of the senior citizens of the church. Special guests included the Excelsior Choir from the Longview Heights Church, Janyce Fullwood and Pastor Marcus Taylor also from Longview. Other participants included Audrey Sanders, Lucille Woods and Queen Tate. Although it was Senior Citizens Day, the offering was designated to go to Alcy SDA Junior Academy, the church school. Overton Park is one of the five churches that compose the constituency for the school.

Senior citizens are a valuable asset and resource to churches. Their advice should be cherished, as well as knowledge and wisdom that they possess, in helping finish the work.

Charles D. Battles  
Communication Secretary



Pathfinders of New Covenant, (left to right) Terrynce Dandridge, Sonia Hill, Melondie McGhee, Myla McGhee and Mian Hill. Mr. Ron Mitchell, leader.

## PATHFINDER DAY AT NEW COVENANT

The future of the church is its youth! Mr. Ron Mitchell, Pathfinder leader of the New Covenant SDA Church in Memphis, Tenn., believes in the youth of his church. His commitment and dedication was once again demonstrated during the first Pathfinder Day held recently. All of the Pathfinders were in complete uniform on that special Sabbath.

Pastor Roland Hill delivered the morning sermon. A Pathfinder in his own right, he reemphasized the role of pathfinding in the 1980s. Special music was presented by the Children's Choir of New Covenant.

Other special guests included the Pathfinder leaders from the Breath of Life, Longview Heights and Word of Life SDA churches in Memphis. Some of the Pathfinders from the Breath of Life Church served as ushers for the day.

Although the Pathfinder club at New Covenant is in its infancy it is very active. The club meets each Sunday and engages in various arts and crafts and regular outings along with the traditional Pathfinder Honor requirements.

With the continued dedication of Ron Mitchell, the Pathfinder club at New Covenant will become a leading club in the South Central Conference.

Charles D. Battles  
Communication Secretary

## ALCY STUDENTS FEED COMMUNITY

More than 500 non-perishable food items were collected in one day by the students of the Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tenn. Each year the students collect food for their annual Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution Community Project. Nineteen families benefited from this year's project. Mrs. Delores Jones, one of the Alcy parents, contacted Harding Sysco Food Company in Memphis, which donated turkeys that were placed in each box.

An appeal letter along with a shopping bag was distributed by the Alcy students one week prior to the collection date. The letter informed the community as to the purpose of the project. The students and teachers then returned to the homes the following week to collect the food items. The items were sorted and placed in the boxes according to the size of the various families.

Charles D. Battles

**I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. II Timothy 4:7,8**



Alcy students with food items that were collected.



Fifth and sixth grade students place collected items in the principal's van.

## DRUG EDUCATION AT ALCY

"Take a bite out of crime!" was nationally known crime dog Mr. McGruff's theme during a recent visit to Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tenn. As a part of the "Say No To Drugs" program in the school system, McGruff visited each of the seven classrooms and answered questions for the students and teachers on drug awareness.

Alcy students were winners once again at the Mississippi/Tennessee Federation that was held in Columbus, Miss. The Alcy students won first place in each category for the poster contest. The posters were very creative and illustrated various aspects of substance abuse. The winners were: Ages 6-8, first place, Blair Woodard; second place, Rodney Royston. Ages 9-11, first place, Michael Tompkins, Jr. Ages 12-14, first place, Chris Thomas; second place, Yvette Hendree; third place, Tamekia Simon.

Alcy is proud of its students.

Charles D. Battles  
Principal

## GADSDEN, ALABAMA, BUILDING IS BEING RENOVATED

When Washington Johnson, Jr. came to pastor the Anniston/Gadsden, Ala., district, many challenges lay before this youthful leader. Anniston had no building in which to worship, and moved from place to place on a periodic basis.

A new building has been purchased in Anniston for the congregation there. There are still many challenges to be found there, but the work moves onward in a signal way. At Gadsden, he was ordered by the city officials to either renovate the structure or raze it. The roof was leaking, windows were broken, people from the streets used the building as a lodging place at night, bats were in the building, snakes were also found in the basement.

The challenge was overwhelming, but the pastor gathered his flock around him and with the assistance of his dear mother, Dr.



McGruff visiting one of the classrooms at Alcy.



Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Dudley, Dr. M. P. Johnson, Pastor Washington Johnson Jr. in Gadsden.

M. P. Johnson, and family members and nearby pastors such as G. L. Byars of Birmingham, things began to move. The work has not been completed, but in the not-too-distant future, when the work is done, it will look like a newly built structure. Hats off to a hard-working young pastor.

## HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI ON THE MOVE

"The Hattiesburg congregation feels that the goal for souls that has been set for them during 1989 is too low!" Thus stated Elder Marion Johnson when the president visited his district during the month of January. The conference has asked that each congregation throughout the conference accept a baptismal goal of a 15 percent increase in membership during the year of 1989.



Bible School students receive certificates from Pastor M. Johnson, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Hattiesburg feels that the Lord will help them to double and almost triple the goal that has been set for them. Already souls are being added to the church through baptism on a monthly basis.

When the Hattiesburg, Columbia and Laurel congregations came together for a district day, Brother Ben Moody accepted the responsibility of serving as the lay pastor for the Laurel congregation. Sister Harris of the Hattiesburg congregation, a member of long standing in the community, was elected to serve as one of the elders for the church with the full support of the congregation. Brother McCoy has accepted a leadership in the Columbia church.

It appears that one of the secrets in Pastor Johnson's leadership is loving and leading the people in his district. He and his wife and family have completely surrendered themselves to be used by God in the finishing of the work in south Mississippi.



*Seven are baptized at Hattiesburg, Miss.*



*South Central lay pastors: J. Gudger, A. C. Jenkins, Willie E. Moore, Charles Brooks.*

## **SOUTH CENTRAL SETS LAY PASTOR PROGRAMS**

The work of the Lord will never be finished in the earth until the laymen and the clergy join hands to get the job done. In the South Central field, 50 lay pastors are being sought to help get the job completed. Already the challenge is being accepted.

Pictured with this article are four such leaders. Seated, J. L. Gudger of Morristown, Tenn., and A. C. Jenkins, founder of the Jasper and McCalla, Ala., congregations. Standing with the president, Dr. C. E. Dudley, are Willie Moore, who was blessed to help establish the churches in Alton and Leeds, Ala., and Charles E. Brooks, who serves as the lay pastor for the Eads, Tenn., congregation. He is a graduate of Andrews

University. The Lord is using these brethren to help get the job done.

When a layman is asked to serve as a lay pastor in the conference, it is with the understanding and agreement that the minister of the district who is on the official payroll of the conference will serve in the capacity of district leader who is held responsible for helping to guide and oversee the general work of the church. It makes for a stronger tie between the church where the lay pastor serves and the conference organization. Some of the requirements for the lay pastor are: to thoroughly understand and adhere to the teachings of the church; must be a consistent "soul-winner" and is expected to open up new work and to help to establish new congregations.

## **NEW BUILDING TO BE PURCHASED IN TUNICA**

Elder Alfred Hill and the members of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Tunica, Miss., are negotiating to buy a new church facility from the Church of God in Tunica. This comes as a blessing from the Lord.

The congregation was organized five years ago when Elder Roy L. Patterson, then pastor of the Breath of Life Church in Memphis, Tenn., conducted a follow-up tent crusade from interest that had been created by lay outreach programs. Elder Hill served as his assistant during the meeting and later remained to serve as the pastor of the new group.

Under his leadership, another congregation was born in Batesville, Miss. The Batesville congregation has built and paid for a new building there. The purchase of the facility in Tunica will greatly strengthen the work there.



*Future home of First SDA Church, Tunica, Miss.*



Present First SDA Church, Tunica, Miss.

## IN THE NEWS

### CLASSIFIED AD

Hadley Memorial Hospital needs a registered physical therapist to manage its rehab program. Hadley is a community hospital serving residents of the nation's capital. Send resume to Ted Lewis, Hadley Memorial Hospital, 4601 M. L. King, Jr., Ave., S.W., Washington DC 20032 or phone (202) 574-5772.

## GLADYS FLETCHER PASSES

Mrs. Gladys Fletcher was born May 13, 1905, in Texas and died June 2, 1988, in Phoenix, Ariz. She is survived by two daughters, Beverly and Carol; and a son, Foster. Her husband resides in Perris, Calif.

Mrs. Fletcher spent most of her life in devotion to Christian education, having taught in the school systems in Gary, Ind.; at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala.; and ended her career in Wickenburg, Ariz.

## OBITUARY OF MILDRED V. KNIGHT

"Head Waters" To a Dedicated Life in Service: The most important waterway in the United States, the mighty Mississippi ("Big River"), named by the native Americans, has its origin or "head waters" near Lake Itaska in Minnesota. What a humble beginning for "Ole Miss," with a stream about 10 feet wide and less than two feet deep, as it flows southward for 2,348 miles through nine of our most fertile states. Receiving as it goes an abundance of wealth from its many tributaries, it widens to a breadth of nearly one mile as it is joined by the Ohio River. As the Mississippi has received through the centuries, it has gained

an enviable reputation for "giving," giving to the soil both moisture and life and to the traveler transportation and nourishment. As it flows to the termination point of its long journey, it carries into the Gulf of Mexico 600,000 cubic feet of water every second. What a gift of life!

**Mildred V. Knight's** life was a miniature parallel to that of the Mississippi River. She was born into a very humble setting on the 18th day of May, 1908, on the balmy Caribbean Island called Anegada in the British West Indies.

Millie, as she was fondly called, a professional seamstress and milliner, was reared in a family of nine children, three girls and six boys. Her career of service to mankind formerly began at the tender age of 17 when she migrated to New York City, immediately following her dad, John Christopher Varlack.

According to her teacher (a cousin) and her mother, Mauristine Phelia Wheatley Varlack, Mildred V., between the ages of 10 to 12 was one of the sharpest students in her class—far above average in mathematical skills with the ability to quickly calculate figures and solve difficult problems mentally.

Mildred committed herself in partnership to Harold Y. Knight on Dec. 18, 1930, at the New York City Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Upon her baptism on June 22, 1935, into Adventism, the "head waters" of Mildred's compassionate service-life commenced to flow toward mankind. First, as the superintendent of the Sabbath School Cradle Roll and Primary Divisions at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, then as a summer camp and campmeeting cook for many years at the historic Hyde Park in New York. Her service waters greatly expanded as a result of God's many tributaries into her own personal life. These blessings were gladly passed on in loving services to the Sabbath School as a teacher, to the Senior Citizen's Club, as it's president, a Community Service worker and an arts and crafts instructor for the Senior Citizen's Club. Mildred's river of loving service emptied itself into the reservoir of the Deaconess Board. First, as a faithful member, and then for a number of years, as the organization's chairperson. The church was her life, and the human heart her parish. Mildred Varlack Knight could refuse no one whom she could help. Her deeds of charity are known far and wide for those whom she has aided, relative and friends alike. When migrating to the states, many found a "river" of love and an extension of hope in her home, even though many

of whom she so selflessly aided failed to return to give thanks as did the nine lepers in Luke 17:17. Nevertheless, "Mother Knight" refused to allow the thoughtlessness on the Part of a few to abate her benevolent spirit for the good of the many.

The "ebb and flow" of Mildred's life's current commenced to diminish shortly before Easter Sunday of this year. On Thursday, April 21, 1988, at 4:50 A.M., her ebbing current emptied itself into the "gulf" of time and is awaiting soon to flow into the Gulf of Eternity. Truly Mildred Knight's life of love and service to her fellow man will in some measure cause many recipients of her charity to emulate her life as she did of the the charitable life of Dorcas of Joppa.

Mildred leaves to rendezvous with her in the "better land" her three children: Cynthia Timpson of Lincoln, Neb., Kenneth Knight of Bronx, N.Y., Eileen White of Fresno, Calif.; three brothers: Gustavus and Roy Varlack of New York, Lawrence of Anegada, BWI; two sisters: Emmie of Trinidad and Elfreda of Anegada, BWI; two sons-in-law: Elder George Timpson of Lincoln and O. C. White Jr. of Fresno, Calif; one daughter-in-law: Adrena of New York City; two grandsons, four granddaughters and many relatives and friends.

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." Rev. 22:1.

Mildred V. Knight was a "Pure river of water" in the life of many who were in need of refreshment.

Life's race well run,  
Life's work well done  
Life's victory won  
Now cometh rest

Dr. Edward H. Parker  
Sleep on dear mother and REST.  
—In loving memory, the family.

## OBITUARY

"When the long day is ended, the journey is o'er, I shall enter that blessed abode, for the Savior I love will be waiting for me when I come to the end of the road."

**Fred Douglas Willis**, the first of five children born to Sadie Cannon Willis and William Ranzer Willis, began his journey in Winston-Salem, N.C., April 15, 1918. There he attended Columbia Heights Elementary School and went on to Atkins High School. His lifelong association with and love for music was nurtured in those early years by his father in their home, as well as in the community through organizations such as the Brotherhood Choral Society, a male chorus under the direction of Fred's father. It was also during his high school years that

he encountered Mildred Esterline Cureton who would eventually become a most significant part of Fred's life.

Fred felt the need to help support his brothers and sisters during his high school years. He began working at the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. as a teenager, in order to do this, and he continued throughout his life to serve as big brother, mentor and counselor to them.

July 29, 1939, Fred married Mildred, whom he had become reacquainted with during her years at Winston-Salem Teachers College. Through Mildred and Fred's union came seven children: Mildred E. (Willis) Gill, Ruth E. Willis, Fred D. Jr., Cleo V., Linda C. (Willis) Edgecombe, Karen A. (Willis) Britton and Ava M. (Willis) Rivers.

In 1943, Fred brought his wife and his two young daughters from Winston-Salem to Buffalo, N.Y., where the other five children were born. Shortly after their arrival in Buffalo, Fred and Mildred became members of the East Side Seventh-day Adventist Church. Fred and Mildred remained active throughout their lives in the church and through the evolution of the church from the small East Side church to what it is today, known as Emmanuel Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church. As an active member and supporter of the church, Fred served as treasurer, Sabbath School superintendent, senior choir director, founder and director of the Emmanuel Temple Chorale and also a local elder.

Fred's earthly journey came to an end Dec. 7, 1988. In addition to his mother, Mrs. Sadie C. Willis and his seven children, he now leaves his wife, Alice, and her daughter, Rosalind, whom he especially loved. He also leaves his brothers and sisters, William R. Willis, Jr., Elder James P. Willis, Sr., Rosa E. Small and Mary C. Fulton, 21 grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives, friends and associates.

As music was his life, so now at this final earthly moment he would leave us a song ...

Does Jesus care when I've said goodbye

To the dearest on earth to me,  
When my sad heart aches 'til it nearly breaks

Is it aught to Him, does He see?  
Oh yes He cares! I know He cares!  
His heart is touched with my grief.

When the days are weary the long nights dreary  
I know my Savior cares.

To most people who knew him, Fred was synonymous with music. The list of his accomplishments and involvements in music

includes the Carl Ditton Choral Society of Atkins High School, the Acme Septet and the Acme Quartet of Winston-Salem. In Buffalo he continued his musical career with Cavaliers Quartet the Royal Serenaders Male Glee Club, the Carolina Four Quartet and Director of the Twin Coach Choir to name just a few. He was recognized as a soloist, a director, arranger and musical consultant by many people in the local community and literally throughout the music world. One of the high points of his career was his collaboration with Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington in a concert of sacred music in Buffalo at Kleinhans Music Hall. In addition to this, Fred developed a television series entitled "Portraits of My People" in cooperation with Malcolm Erni, which featured the Emmanuel Temple Chorale and the pastor of Emmanuel Temple, Elder Russell T. Wilson. He also developed a special Christmas Program for television which also featured the Chorale and Elder Wilson.

Fred was equally active in community affairs. He was a lifelong Democrat and numbered among his associates were many of the prominent local and state political figures. Through these associations Fred became active as a community leader. He wrote a proposal for the Drug Abuse Rehabilitation and Treatment Program (DART), which was to bring him into association with the Buffalo General Hospital where he was last employed.

At the Buffalo General Hospital, Fred's association grew from director of DART to member of the Board of Trustees, to his position as special assistant to the president of the hospital. He took special pride in his service at the hospital and was of all people most grateful to God for the blessings which enabled him to become involved with the many projects and issues to which he devoted much time and energy.

Mildred Esterline (Cureton) Willis, Fred's beloved first wife, preceded him into the final passage of this life Sept. 11, 1981. A few years later Fred married Alice McPheters who, along with her daughter, Rosalind, was added to the intimate circle of those to whom his love and devotion were given in a most special way. It was in their presence that Fred ended his earthly journey and slipped into his final rest.

To the end he remained active in the church as an elder, choir director, teacher of his own Spirit of Prophecy class and many other activities too numerous to mention. His love for God was evident in all of his associations and activities.

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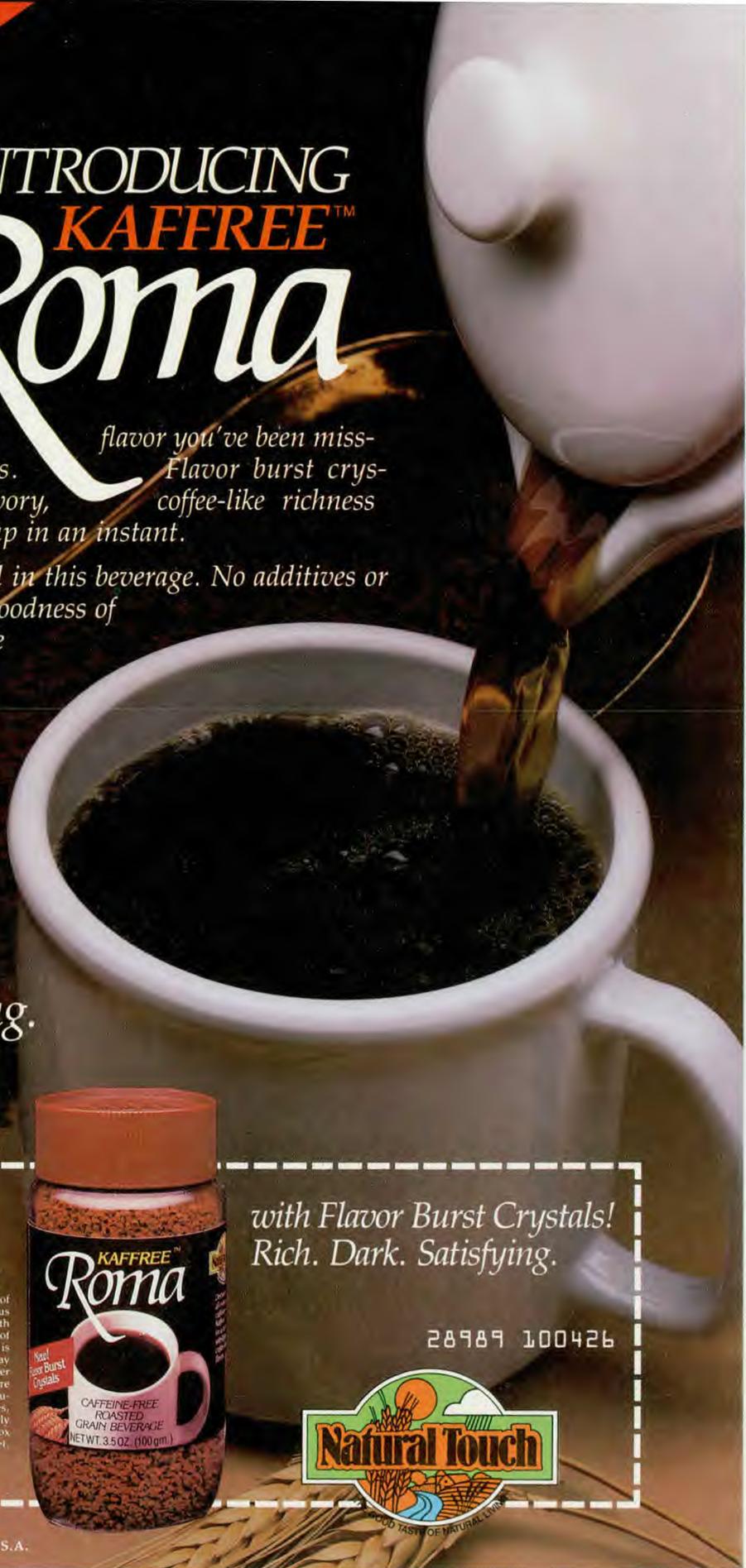
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