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Left to right: R. E. Tottress, assistant pastor, Oakwood church; F. W. Hale, speaker; E. C. Ward, college pastor; Lee Paschal, national alumni president; W. S. Banfield, associate director, Office of Regional Affairs; Esther Lowe, retired schoolteacher and present board member; C. E. Moseley at desk, retired field secretary of the General Conference.

## Oakwood Celebrates Alumni Homecoming



Homecoming 1976. A section of the large gathering in the Von Braun Center.

THE Oakwood College National Alumni Association celebrated its annual homecoming April 16-18 with the largest gathering of alumni and friends in the history of the college. The main services were held at the spacious Von Braun Civic Center in downtown Huntsville, and alumni officials estimated that more than 6,500 persons were in attendance. For the first time during a homecoming weekend it became necessary this year to hold the morning service off campus owing to the large numbers and lack of extra housing on campus.

Auldwin Humphrey, of Allegheny East Conference, spoke for the Friday night service. With impassioned pleas and persuasive power, he urged the need to buttress the college and encourage the students.

By 10:00 A.M. on Sabbath, the Von Braun Center, with a seating capacity of 10,000, was well over half filled, and worshipers were still coming, with the large company displaying a rich variety of color, filling the main floor of the auditorium and rising upward along the elevated sides.

Two preliminary aspects of the morning service presided by Lee Paschal, alumni president, sharpened the interest of the congregation: The first was the generous welcome extended by Mayor Davis, of Huntsville, to the visitors; the second was the introduction of some members of the family of Oakwood's first principal, S. M. Jacobs. It was most fitting that these persons whose history is linked with the founding of the school could be present at this historic homecoming.

Frank W. Hale, past president of Oakwood and now at Ohio State University, spoke for the divine service. His message, entitled "Sisera Won't Be Back," was a stirring challenge to avoid resting comfortably on past achievement and to keep on renewing and growing with the present and in anticipation of the future.

Another outstanding event on Sabbath afternoon was the historical pag-



ent, coordinated by Mrs. Mineola Williams and associates, depicting the entire history of Oakwood College. A well-attended banquet at the Civic Center Saturday night, golfing and basketball tournaments, the president's breakfast, and a business session on Sunday completed the unforgettable weekend.



## south west region



### W. C. Jones, President, Southwest Region Conference

W. C. JONES, a native of Detroit, Michigan, attended school in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Oak-

wood College in the year 1949. He began denominational work in the Southwest Region Conference in 1949. He served as district pastor for fourteen years, and as departmental secretary for nearly seven years, in Sabbath school and lay activities departments. He received a call to Northeastern Conference in 1970 and pastored Bronx Temple church. W. C. Jones was transferred to Bethel, the second largest church in the conference. While at Bethel he organized two churches, Flatbush and Shiloh. Records reveal that 490 persons were baptized during his short period of labor in the Northeastern Conference, and he was the top soul winner for two years and a member of the Century Club. He leaves Bethel of Brooklyn, New York, with a membership of approximately 1,400.

He is married to the former Doris Kimble, a graduate of Tennessee State, who has labored in the work for twenty-five years also. They are the parents of two children, William, a recent graduate of Southwestern Union College, and Cynthia, who is a nursing student of the same college.



## north eastern

### News Notes

► The 300-member congregation of the Bronx Temple paid off a \$25,000 tax assessment, added pews, pulpit furniture, and rostrum at a cost of \$16,000, and renovated their main auditorium—all within ten months. For freedom from the slavery of debt we praise God, with whom all things are possible.

► Since assuming the pastorate in December, 1974, Keith Dennis has baptized 65 persons, doubled the church building fund, and is working toward construction of a new sanctuary.

► The lay activities department of the Mount of Olives church recognized Alonzo Best as the leading soul winner for the past calendar year. He was instrumental in leading eight persons into church membership.

► The In and Out of Towners, a young adult group of Boston Berea church, recently contributed electronic classroom equipment to the Berea-Salem elementary school.



## south central

### News Notes

► Fifty men and women from eight States in the South Atlantic and South Central conferences met at Southern Publishing Association, March 30 to April 1, to learn how to be successful colporteurs. Their competent instructors were: T. R. Smith and associates L. Fowler, H. Gaskins, and W. Sutton from South Atlantic, and J. Hutchinson with associates T. Stringer, B. Cone, and W. Sims of South Central. O. W. Mackey, associate publishing leader of the Southern Union, and Editor W. R. Robinson of *The Message Magazine* gave valuable aid. The goal for the two conferences is 1 million dollars in deliveries.

► A new church building has been completed in Natchez, Mississippi. Elder Dudley was guest speaker for the opening services, April 24. The mayor of the city also made remarks, along with Antoine Maycock, the pastor. The Natchez church is valued at \$100,000, but it was built at a cost of only \$45,000, owing to the building skills of W. R. Freeman, the conference building consultant, and Maycock. The conference now has seventy churches and three companies. A dark-county campaign is in progress, which may increase the number of churches to 76 in 1976.

► Sixteen radio programs are aired by ministers and laymen in South Central.

► South Central set a goal for *Message* missionary subscriptions a little higher than its membership. Under E. W. Moore's leadership the pastors reported 9,700 subscriptions at the *Message* meeting April 28. They have now passed the 10,000 subscription mark.

► The Breath of Life telecast received a free half-hour slot on channel 13 in Memphis, and will start its regular telecast on June 6. The evangelistic tent crusade will begin in Memphis June 13. TV stations in Nashville, Tennessee, Columbus, Mississippi, an Tuscaloosa, Alabama, will also televise this new program.

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Lay Advisory Board: Left to right: J. Jenkins, C. Young, C. Dudley, R. Barnes, I. J. Johnson. Back row: A. Montegue, F. Torrence, W. Sims, A. Sanders.

► A LAY ADVISORY COUNCIL, organized in February, had its board of directors meeting April 4, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. To demonstrate cooperation with the conference leadership, the council elected the conference president, C. E. Dudley, as chairman. Seven committees were set up and will report at the next meeting to be held during camp meeting.

► A new evangelistic tool, a drug van, which is fully equipped at a cost of \$34,000, was paraded with the Pathfinders and Community Services workers in Louisville, May 7-9. Henry Holt is youth director.

## Laymen's Congress

UNDER the direction of E. W. Moore, former lay activities director for the South Central Conference, about 2,000 persons gathered in Huntsville, Alabama, March 20, and witnessed C. L. Brooks, of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, conduct the ideal Sabbath school, and heard Russel Bates, of the lay activities department, preach. It was the largest and most enthusiastic lay-congress ever held in South Central.

All were inspired in the afternoon as laymen told experiences in soul winning and were presented trophies. Arthur Sanders, who won nineteen souls last year, was named Layman of the Year. Mrs. Willie M. Moore, who was sent to friendship camp as a child, later joined the church, and now thirty-two members of her family have joined. They were all there and marched down front at the invitation of Elders Moore and C. D. Joseph.

Samuel Thomas and Joe Hinson, lay activities leaders of Allegheny West and South Atlantic conferences, respectively, helped to bring inspiration and instruction. Approximately 3,000

tracts were distributed by the members, and prayers ascended asking for God's divine grace in winning souls this year.

## Former AME Pastor Accepts Challenge of Literature Evangelism

LITERATURE EVANGELIST ROBERT CARTER and G. L. Byars, pastor of the Greenville-Hollandale-Leland, Mississippi, district, held cottage meetings in Rolling Fork, Mississippi, which resulted in eight baptisms.

Great joy was experienced in the cottage meetings when George A. Sanders, an AME minister, was among the eight persons who were buried in baptism. After completing two years of training at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, Sanders pastored fifteen churches. Carter met him while selling literature. As Sanders manifested an interest in the things he read, Carter studied with him, and Sanders applied for membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in December, 1975. He was baptized in Hollandale at a literature rally after a rousing sermon by J. W. Hutchinson, the conference publishing director. The rally concluded with a "miracle hour" led by Benjamin Cone, publishing director for the Mississippi district. Truly a high day in Israel was enjoyed by all in the Greenville district.

Elder Byars plans to conduct evangelistic meetings in Rolling Fork this summer and is looking forward to another organized church in the near future.

## Oakwood College Plans New Industry

### A Special Appeal

RECENT events make it clear that Oakwood College is experiencing a special time of divine favor and opportunity. The spiritual life, always a memorable experience at Oakwood, and the academic life, now claiming 1,000-plus enrollment and 160-plus graduating each year, satisfy well the first two dimensions of education for the well-rounded man—the training of the heart and the head. There is another major contribution needed at Oakwood—the development of a strong industrial program, the erecting and

placement of facilities necessary for the training of the hand.

We do have a number of work opportunities available at the college. Our students earn credit in the laundry, the dairy, the college store, the bakery, the cafeteria, the dormitories, in various administrative offices, and on maintenance detail. Our problem is, however, still critical. Why? First of all, these industries are much too small to care adequately for our exploding enrollment (up from 551 in 1970 to 1,030 in 1976). Therefore, we are forced to overload departments in an effort to guarantee each student work. Second, very little of the work described above is cash-producing for the school and consequently for the student. In other words, of the 800 students provided work during the school year, only 5 per cent are paid in cash and thus enabled to bring cash to the business office when paying their bills. All the rest are simply given a credit transaction. For blacks whose medium income is 58 per cent of that of the majority of Americans this is a crucial handicap. Furthermore, it presents a critical problem for the school management in that annually an unwieldy percentage of student charges are satisfied not with cash but with work credit, which cancels a large portion of the student debt. How do we propose to solve this problem? By adding a new campus industry, which will put our youth to work, paying them in cash while they learn so that they in turn can pay their bills in cash.

And the good news is that help is on the way. For years we have searched the country, hoping to attract a cash-paying industry. Other colleges have them, why not Oakwood? we asked. The answer seemed slow in coming, but recently word came from one of the most renowned manufacturers of furniture in the country that they will open an assembly plant in Huntsville, Alabama, which will employ our students. Construction of the plant facility is scheduled to begin in early 1977. The college's part in the project is to raise \$350,000 to erect a building. On August 14, 1976, in its annual offering request, the college is appealing to your generosity and benevolence by asking you to give a liberal offering to meet this great need. The Oakwood College offering goal for August 14, 1976, is \$200,000, the major portion of which will go toward this industrial expansion.



Thanks for helping us to obey God's counsel in educating the heart, the head, and the hand.

C. B. ROCK  
President Oakwood College



**allegheny west**



### Pastor of the Year Recognized by Congressman

PASTOR K. S. SMALLWOOD, who was named Pastor of the Year 1975 by the Allegheny West Conference, received a letter of congratulations from Representative Louis Stokes. Stokes serves the Twenty-first Congressional District of Ohio. He is a former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus. In one paragraph Stokes said, "It is fine young men such as yourself that gives all of us the assurance of a bright and productive future for our city and country." Smallwood also received commendation from Arnold R. Pinkney, president of the Cleveland school board. These letters came in response to an article in the Cleveland *Call and Post*.

### New Inner-City Emblem at Allegheny West

The inner-city department of Allegheny West Conference has developed a new emblem to distinguish the efforts of the church in the disadvantaged com-



Benjamin Reaves, of Andrews University; W. L. Pearson displays inner-city emblem; C. R. Rogers, church pastor.

munities. The emblem suggests the goal of revealing the love of Calvary to the universe, with special concern for the cities. Green, black, and red, on a gold background add to the eye-catching power of the emblem. It is utilized on "The Good Samaritan," a publication of the conference inner-city department.

### News Notes

► The new family Health Education Service, directed by Robert S. Smith, of the publishing department, has resulted in double sales totals and almost double the percentage of commission received by literature evangelists.

► The Bible-worker-training program under the direction of Ellen Anderson has involved fifteen new Bible Worker Guilds in Allegheny West Conference churches. As of the first quarter in 1976, 150 souls had been baptized since the inception of this innovative program.

► The youth department held its first conference-wide youth congress since Walter Pearson, Jr., assumed its directorship. The event in Dayton, Ohio, featured the Oakwood College choir, the Pine Forge Academy band, the Melodies of Love, of Washington, D.C., and a list of guest speakers including J. Justiss, of Washington, D.C., R. L. Willis, of South Central, Helvius Thompson, of South Atlantic, and Daniel Davis, Columbia Union youth director.

► Conference President H. L. Cleveland predicts the membership will exceed the 7,000 by camp meeting time. It now stands at 6,847, and the workers are enthusiastically working toward this goal.



**central states**

### Annual Temperance Rally

THE Temperance Rally was held at Bethel SDA church, Kansas City, Kansas, February 27, 28, 1976. Elder A. V. Pinkney, associate director of the Temperance Department of the General Conference, was the principal speaker at the rally. The rally was climaxed with a contest involving orations, posters, jingles, and essays. Patsy Bookhart, of Denver, and Bobby Waters, of Wichita, tied for first place in the orations. Michael Chapman, of St. Louis, won first place in the poster contest, and Yvette Jardine, of Leavenworth, won first place in the essays.



Left to right: Bobby Waters, Patsy Bookhart, and Calvin Ross.

Youth who attended the rally learned that temperance can be a fun thing and is a vital part of the church's overall program.

S. H. Cox  
Better Living Director

### Central States Triennial Session

DELEGATES from the six-State territory of the Central States Conference met on Sunday, March 21, at the Linwood Boulevard Temple in Kansas City, Missouri, and re-elected S. D. Meyers as president and J. A. Simons as secretary-treasurer. All the departmental directors were also re-elected. W. W. Fordham, director of the Office





Central States Conference officers and departmental directors.

of Regional Affairs of the General Conference, was among the invited guests to this second triennial session.

The conference membership is now 4,402, which is a 20 per cent gain over the last triennium. Total tithe for the past three-year period amounted to \$1,576,548. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were given for mission and local church work in addition to the tithe. God has truly blessed His church in Central States Conference.

Elder Meyers presented the greatest challenge for the next three years that Central States has ever had.



## south atlantic

### Organization of Korean Church

MARCH 6, 1976, was a bleak and overcast day, with an intermittent drizzle, but there was no sign of dampness inside 1824 Piedmont Avenue NE., Atlanta, Georgia. The reason being that this was the happy Sabbath day when 33 joyous, cheerful, and glowing baptized members from South Korea were organized as the 105th church congregation of the South Atlantic Conference.

This was the grand climax of a Sabbath in September, 1974, when a small group of Korean believers met in Grants Park in Atlanta for Sabbath worship. Elder H. B. Lee, pastor of one of the large churches in Seoul, Korea, was their spiritual leader. Not long after this the pastor and the board of trustees of the Rock Spring Presbyterian church on Piedmont Avenue opened the doors of their church to

Lee for Sabbath worship. More remarkable still, the church will not collect any rent from our believers.

South Atlantic Conference did not even know that there was a Korean in the city of Atlanta, let alone that many Seventh-day Adventists, until earlier this year when a small group of South Koreans, led by Elder Lee, appeared at the conference to see the president, Elder R. L. Woodfork. Their request for organization came after they had prayed and fasted for several days. Elder Woodfork subsequently followed up their request by thorough investigation from Korea and elsewhere. Finally the conference committee voted to organize the church.

A number of workers from the conference office and surrounding churches accompanied Elders Woodfork, Hairston, and Pastor R. Patterson—the officers—on this special day to be with our brothers and sisters in this strange land of their adopted home. The visitors, most of whom for the first time tasted the exotic Korean food, will long remember that Sabbath feast.

There are 66 in attendance at Sabbath school every Sabbath and 20 prospective members. Elder Lee reported that not only is there 100 per cent of the membership, who are all adults, in attendance each Sabbath but also they are 100 per cent tithepayers.

We solicit the prayers and good will of everyone for this new fellowship of Koreans in Atlanta, Georgia.

## News Notes

► On Sabbath, February 14, the beautiful Mt. Calvary church in Tampa, Florida, was dedicated after much hard work and sacrificial giving by the faithful members. Former pastors, including R. A. Sloan, J. L. Follette, and W. S. Banfield, contributed to the inspiration of the services. Conference President R. L. Woodfork delivered the spirit-filled message for divine worship.

► The Bethany church of Macon, Georgia, was privileged on Sabbath, April 17, to witness six persons baptized by Calvin Robinson, pastor. Mrs. Margie Wells, 91 years old, was one of the six. She moved from Michigan to Macon in 1973 to be near her daughter. There she became interested in the beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists, and the pastor was invited to study with her.

► Two weeks of revival meetings in Delray Beach, Florida, by the pastor, Edward Dorsey; Evangelist Rudolph Hinton from Jacksonville; Merville King, local church elder; and other lay workers resulted in twenty-four baptisms, one re-baptism, and one profession of faith.



The pastor is in the center flanked on either side by President R. L. Woodfork and Secretary R. B. Hairston.





## allegheny east

### Constituents Vote to Approve Conference-wide Development

SOMEHOW the pen becomes infinitely inadequate when this correspondent seeks to express the complete workings of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of God's people to unite them into one working force who are determined, with His help, to finish the work given to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. However, you must be permitted to experience, at least in part, the wonderful joy and thrills experienced by those of us who were fortunate to be delegates to the April 4, 1976, Allegheny East Conference constituency meeting.

Elder W. W. Fordham, director of the Office of Regional Affairs of the



Constituents show total involvement in the events transpiring at the April 4 meeting.



L. R. Palmer explains the miniature model to interested constituents.

General Conference, presented a spiritual challenge to the hundreds of delegates present. After that challenge was presented, there was no doubt that there was a "sweet, sweet Spirit" moving throughout the congregation.

The members sat astounded by the genius of Elder Meade C. Van Putten, Allegheny East Conference treasurer, as he thoroughly outlined the conference financial status. At the conclusion of that report it was evident that the Spirit had moved just a little deeper.

Elder Luther R. Palmer, president of Allegheny East Conference, was next to take the podium. It was evident that he was fully excited over what he saw, what he had heard, and what he could feel was about to happen.

What did he see? He saw a display, the likes of which had never before

been seen in any meeting presented by the Allegheny East Conference. There were display cabinets showing in words and pictures every phase of the work of Allegheny East Conference. There was a scale model of Pine Forge, showing all existing buildings and future construction projects. There was a large colorful sign introducing the constituents, for the first time, to the Real Life Associates, the multimedia arm of Allegheny East Conference. Elder Palmer could also see that the delegates were excited and pleased.

When Elder Palmer finally called for a vote there was one dramatic display of unity, and the delegates voted to accept the challenge of the Conference-wide Development Program.

Conference - wide Development (CWD) organizes and coordinates

### The National Alumni Association of Pine Forge Academy Announces 1976 PINE FORGE ALUMNI WEEKEND

September 3-5

Pine Forge, Pennsylvania

*NOTE: Those who wish to preregister or place their names on the mailing list should contact:*

Geneva Simons Kitching  
10 Pheasant Run Drive  
Export, Pennsylvania 15632



Constituents viewing display cases showing plans for the Conference-wide Development program.



spiritual and financial resources so the inference, the sisterhood of churches, may accomplish what local churches cannot achieve separately. This plan of CWD reaches beyond the geographical area and/or spiritual and financial resources of individual churches.

CWD serves as a vehicle for expressing and channeling gifts of time, talent, and treasury. It helps reduce the number of souls lost, in and out of the church, when the membership falls short of its potential. CWD is a definite and necessary part of the educational and soul-winning projects of the local church and conference. CWD aids in development of positive principles for living—such as systematic and disinterested benevolence—with God first, then personal self-denial and sacrifice, which helps eliminate negative attributes of character such as selfishness.

CWD assists in providing capital-improvement funds for conference-wide needs such as:

- \* Camp-meeting facilities
- \* Youth camp
- \* Conference academy expansion
- \* Elementary schools and church-building subsidies
- \* Conference office

I am sorry that each of you could not be present at the meeting. However, I am certain that every member of Allegheny East Conference will "catch the Spirit" of CWD and help to finish the work within the conference and in his own heart.

ROBERT L. BOOKER

*Associate Communication Director*

## News Notes

► The Breath of Life television program is being shown in the Washington, D.C., area each Sunday on WMAL-TV, channel 7, at 9:30 A.M. The Allegheny East Conference has plans to continue this for at least twenty-six weeks. The showing began on June 6.

► James R. Winston, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Winston, Sr., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. Prior to entering medical school he studied at Oakwood College and Cheyney State College, Philadelphia. Dr. Winston is interning at Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital. He is the grandson of Mrs. Ella E. Mitchell, of Jacksonville, Florida, and is married to the former Jacqueline Brooks, daughter of Elder and Mrs. C. L. Brooks, of Wash-

ington, D.C. They have two children, James R. Winston III and Jennifer.



James R. Winston, graduate of medical school.



## G. N. Banks Retires

G. N. Banks has retired after 42 years of service—mostly in the Pacific Union. He began denominational employment in Central California after graduation from Pacific Union College. Then he went to the Southeastern California Conference. He served as president of the Liberian Mission in West Africa. Upon his return he pastored from 1952 to 1964 in Northern California. For the past twelve years he was director of the Regional department of the Pacific Union. Elder and Mrs. Banks have a son, Gilbert, and a daughter, Janet; both married.

Replacing Elder Banks is Earl Canson, also a graduate of Pacific Union College. He has spent his entire ministry in the Pacific Union, an experience that acquaints him with the



challenges of the work in that area. Elder and Mrs. Canson have five children: Earl, Linda, Jeannie, Roland, and Reginald.

## Black Students, Loma Linda University

IN ACCORDANCE with national emphasis for medical schools to increase their black enrollment, and recognizing the critical need for blacks in all medical, dental, and health-related professions, Loma Linda University has exercised distinctive efforts to meet these demands. As a result of these continuous efforts, the black-student enrollment at Loma Linda University has steadily increased over the past five years.

More than 114 blacks, mostly of North American origin, are included in the enrollment of the six schools on the Loma Linda campus. Significantly noted is the fact that the School of Medicine may boast of having 30 black medical students enrolled throughout its six classes. The breakdown of blacks enrolled in the various schools is as follows:

School of Health .....	33
School of Medicine .....	30
School of Allied Health .....	18
Graduate School .....	15
School of Nursing .....	12
School of Dentistry .....	6

These students have played a special role in the acculturation process of the Loma Linda University environment.

Students who may have been limited in their understanding of minority people and/or black people have been assisted in making better value judgments of their fellow men, preparing them more adequately in their orientation and respect for the multitude of differences existing in groups of people—differences they must meet and work with upon completing their training.

The black student on this campus recognizes that in order to survive the rigors of study, little time can be allowed for social activities. Nevertheless, he does cull out short spaces of time,





Medical students at Loma Linda University. Left to right, back row: Grady Mixon, Byron Conner. Front row: Joseph Fluence, Merry Waters, Melva Brown, Gregory Valentine, and Charles Mitchell.

which he uses for minor social events and for sharing his faith through organized witnessing groups.

Many activities of black students are shared by both the Loma Linda campus and the La Sierra campus. Black Emphasis Week, a yearly scheduled event by the University, is jointly planned. Prominent black civic and church leaders such as Ralph Abernathy, of Southern Christian Leadership; Lerone Bennett, of *Ebony* Magazine; Julian Bond, Georgia legislator and civic rights leader; Robert Williams, educator and philosopher at Vanderbilt University; Garland Millet, Education Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; Mervyn Warren, religion department of Oakwood College; DeWitt Williams, General Conference Communication Department, and others have come to signify these occasions.

Black Emphasis Week is generally climaxed with a colorful banquet, which is eagerly attended by students, faculty, and administrators of the University.

Twice each year black students enjoy weekend retreats usually held at Camp Cedar Falls, situated in the San Bernardino Mountains. These affairs allow for closer fellowship among students in a beautiful and natural setting, where spiritual rejuvenation may occur and refreshment of spirits may enhance their abilities to carry on successfully in a highly academic environment.

One of the most enjoyable and meaningful moments anticipated and experienced by students at Loma Linda University is the program known as

"Soul Church." These are monthly religious programs held by and directed by students, sponsored by the black Student Association of Loma Linda University-La Sierra campus. These services allow students to express freely their deep love for God in singing, which comes out of rich personal experiences of joy and sadness. Personal heart-rending testimonies are also a part of this experience.

In a recent article appearing in the *Criterion* (Loma Linda University-La Sierra campus newspaper), Soul Church was given credit for attracting the largest attendance of any nonrequired worship service the University offers.

It may mean that "the better feeling experience," in the words of a sophomore student at La Sierra, expresses what happens to most students who have the privilege of attending Soul Church each month at Loma Linda University.

The University maintains services whereby the black student may balance his finances commensurate to his ability. Unstructured tutorial and study-aid services are available to assist him in completing his program.

Student Affairs plays a significant role in offering these students help in making their stay pleasant and successful while on the Loma Linda Campus.

### Conference and Union Conference Personnel Changes

#### ATLANTIC UNION:

H. R. Murphy—Director, Sabbath School—Union

L. G. Newton—Director, Stewardship—Northeastern Conference

W. H. Kibble—Director, Sabbath School—Northeastern Conference

#### COLUMBIA UNION:

Samuel Thomas—Director, Sabbath School—Union

A. T. Westney—Associate Director Education—Union

T. R. Smith—Associate Publishing Director—Union

#### LAKE UNION:

E. W. Shepperd—Youth Director—Union

#### PACIFIC UNION:

E. A. Canson—Director, Regional Affairs—Union

L. W. Paytee—Associate Secretary—Southern California Conference

#### SOUTHERN UNION:

G. H. Taylor—Sabbath School and Stewardship—South Atlantic Conference

T. W. Cantrell—Associate Secretary—Union

R. P. Peay—Associate Youth Director—Union

E. W. Moore—Director, Inner-City Services and Community Services

R. L. Willis—Associate Ministerial Secretary—Union

Norwida Marshall—Associate Director of Education—Union

#### SOUTHWESTERN UNION:

D. J. Williams—Ministerial Secretary—Union

W. C. Jones—President—Southwest Region Conference

O. A. Jackson—Secretary-Treasurer—Southwest Region Conference

Helen Turner—Associate Treasurer—Southwest Region Conference

### OBITUARY

**Dent, Nancy Louise James**, beloved daughter of Eleanor and Franklyn James, born April 15, 1943, in New Haven, Connecticut, fell asleep Friday, April 23, 1976, to await the second coming of our Lord.

At an early age Nancy demonstrated a talent to communicate musically, which was influenced by her grandfather, the late Curtis M. Saulsbury. Through the guidance of her mother, Nancy and her two sisters were developed into the James Sisters Trio. Their inspirational music was felt throughout the Northeastern Conference.

Parental dedication to Christian education led Nancy through church school, academy, and college. In her youth she accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour and was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She graduated from Atlantic Union College in 1964, with a Bachelor's degree in education. Her professional background included teaching in Massachusetts, California, and the Island of Samoa. She served as a principal in the State of New Jersey.

On June 28, 1970, Nancy became the wife of Joseph Francis Dent. The union was blessed with two sets of twins, Joseph Jr. and Alicia, ages 4, and Franklyn and Eleanor, ages 2. Although bearing the full responsibility of a home, Nancy continued to give unselfish service to God and the church.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; four children; her parents, Franklyn and Eleanor James; a brother, Franklyn, Jr.; sisters, Frances Hunter and Eleanor Brown; and many relatives and friends.