



Together for a Finished Work

For a finished work, the camp-meeting '77 at South Conference, was the plea of Elder R. L. Woodfork, conference president, at the opening meeting of the convocation on June 9. "Out of your seats and into the gospel streets" was his challenge to the church members as he concluded his message from the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.

Who said that ordination has to be dull and routine! Not so with the new challenges brought to it by Jean Woodfork, the president's wife, and Pauline Paul, president of the Shepherdess Club. They conducted a mini ordination of the ordainees' wives, short of the sermon and the laying on of hands.

Mrs. W. W. Fordham was the speaker of the Shepherdess Club hour on Sunday, and Mrs. Albert Teele was

the mistress of ceremonies at the party they had on Wednesday night for the ministers.

Elder Neal Wilson, vice-president of the General Conference, was the special guest on the first weekend. He preached on Sabbath for divine worship and gave the charge at the ordination service. Those ordained were Willie Taylor, Marvin Brown, and Robert Patterson.



The three men who were ordained June 11, standing left to right: W. Taylor, M. Brown, R. Patterson. Next in line are Elders R. L. Woodfork, L. R. Hastings, J. Hinson, E. Dorsey, R. B. Hairston, V. L. Roberts, H. D. Singleton, and Neal C. Wilson giving the charge.



Elder Neal Wilson was caught up in the spirit of camp meeting as he presented the eleven o'clock sermon on Sabbath, June 11.

An evangelism offering, which is now named Conference Development Offering, has become a tradition in South Atlantic. In 1976 the offering, including that which came in previously from the 10 plus 10 plan, was \$63,600.00. In 1977 the amount has leaped to \$79,100.00.

S. E. GOODEN



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Camp Meeting at a New Site

THE 31st annual camp meeting of the Southwest Region Conference met at a new site—Lone Star Youth MV Camp, Athens, Texas, which the constituency hopes to purchase. It consists of 265 acres of land and twenty-five acres of lake. There are fourteen cabins; a cafeteria; two staff cabins; three-bedroom ranger home, air-conditioned; a general-assembly hall; and facilities for a

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store. This camp is situated in an ideal setting for summer and winter activities.

J. M. Phipps, conference evangelist and ministerial secretary for Lake Region Conference, spoke every night in the big tent and counseled the ministers on evangelism during workers' meetings. Five believers were baptized during the session. The amount reported was \$35,000 for the evangelism offering to conduct seventeen tent meetings.



J. M. Phipps, evangelist and ministerial secretary of Lake Region Conference.



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Family Life Seminar at Riverside Chapel



W. L. DeShay

WILLIAM L. DeShay, pastor of the Normandie Avenue church in Los Angeles, conducted a Family Life and Healthful Living Seminar at Riverside Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee, where Isaac Lester is pastor.

This series was designed to have a greater impact on the community than the usual Week of Prayer. The sermon's theme was love, and defined each family member's responsibility in the building of a happy Christian home.

Informal sessions were held before the main service, giving participants an opportunity to ask questions and to respond to the speaker's ideas. As a special feature a different couple was honored at each service and was presented a book from the Conflict of the

Agnes Series. Those honored were people who are continuing to prove, by their example, that marriage can be a meaningful and lasting institution. Several honorees were members of various other denominations in the city, and their honoring brought an influx of visitors each night, because friends of those couples also attended.

The meetings received extensive media coverage during the week, and Elder DeShay appeared on one morning TV talk show as well as several radio programs, including one that was an hour long where listeners were able to talk back and telephone in questions about family problems. In addition, DeShay, a former chaplain of Oakwood College, spoke to students and faculty of Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College.

Community Center Dedicated

UNDER the able leadership of D. B. Reid, the First Seventh-day Adventist church of Huntsville, Alabama, realized a goal they had long worked and hoped for, the building and dedication



Elder D. B. Reid (left) and Elder M. E. Joiner (right) cutting the ribbon at the dedication.



Mrs. Ruth Connors and Elder M. E. Joiner



Group picture of those present at the dedication of the Community Services building.

of a Community Services center. This building is a tribute to the men of the church who, under the direction of Onezean Otec, Sr., designed and erected it. The Community Services leader, Sister Ruth Connors, says many families will be blessed in time of need through the services and witnessing for the Lord that this project will afford. Numerous articles of clothing and canned foods, and two sewing machines were brought to the Center.

Among those on hand to share in the celebration were M. E. Joiner, Lay Activities Director for South Central Conference, who gave the dedication message; R. E. Tottress, co-pastor of the Oakwood College church, and Stanley Ware of the Oakwood Music Department.

N. H. WEBB
PR Secretary, First Church



Tent Evangelism Spreads Gospel

THIS is Blitz '77!

Evangelist G. L. Byars is sitting in a metal folding chair on the front row of the Big Bible Tent in Shaw, Mississippi. It is midafternoon and the tent is empty, except for a handful of people, mostly children. The next meeting is a full four hours away—and the summer heat inside the tent is intense.

"We call this Dark County Evangelism," said Byars, the pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Greenville. "We take the gospel and go out where there are no regular churches. We're going to give the message to the world—there's good news about

Christ—He's going to return to this earth soon." The evangelist reaches for a handbill that announces gospel singing, gifts, free Bibles, prayer for the sick, and pictures from the screen.

"We're giving the gospel to people as presented in the Bible," said Byars, "to acquaint mankind with how to live righteously in this world and how to prepare to live in the next world. . . . We're living at the end of this world. Certain things will happen—crime, wars, rumors of wars—these are signs of the last days. It's in the Bible—when Christ comes back the second time, He'll end all of this. . . . Come back to see us tonight," said Byars. "There'll be 140 people here, all ages—they come to hear the word of God and receive gifts."

Since the writing of the above-excerpted article twenty-four new believers were baptized in Shaw, the first fruits of Pastor Byars' summer campaign, while others are preparing for that rite. It is expected that a new church will be organized there. Pastor Byars also raised up a new church last summer in Rolling Fork after having baptized forty-four converts. The church building is near completion and opening services will take place in the near future.

JAMES DICKERSON
DD-T Staff Writer
Greenville Times



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Centenarian Youth Leader Still Active

HATTIE SCEALY of the East Market Street SDA church in Greensboro, North Carolina, is still raising her Ingathering goal by solicitation, even though she is 101 years old. She was born in Anderson, South Carolina, in 1876, and is the mother of eight children, two girls and six boys. Two of her sons are still living.

Since her baptism by Elder John Green in 1931, she has helped mold and develop the lives of many former youth who were members of the East Market Street church, several of whom are working in God's cause today. C. D. Brooks, of the General Conference, Ralph Peay, of the Southern Union, Mrs. Ruth Faye Davis, of Oakwood



Hattie Scealy—101 years old.

College, and Mrs. Glennie Ford, of Pine Forge Academy, are just a few who have been inspired by this courageous lady.

Last year the Widow's Circle, a vibrant auxiliary of the church, honored Mrs. Scealy on her 100th birthday with gifts and words of appreciation for her faithfulness in Ingathering and other activities for the church over a period of forty-five years.



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News Notes

A second church has been organized in Denver, Colorado, by W. D. Felder, Jr., pastor of the Paker Hill church. Another church was organized by P. L. Jennings, pastor of the Sharon church in Omaha. Last year Elder Jennings organized a second church in Kansas City, Kansas, before moving to Omaha.

Seventy-two campers enjoyed Friendship Camp this year, the largest ever. Several churches were responsible for sending these youth for a week's stay on Cam Shady Hill. Our program was both challenging and rewarding. The interest devoted to the youth of our communities paid off in bringing joy and cheer to many troubled hearts. Several of the youth have been invited to Sabbath school and church; pray that the end result of this camp will be youth won to God's kingdom.



The Answer Crusade Team and students of Field School of Evangelism. 1st row—D. Tobias, Mrs. H. L. Thompson, Elder Thompson, Mrs. P. Meador, Bible instructor, E. Osterman, organist; 2nd row—G. Jones, V. Mendenhall, G. Murray, pastor of Des Moines church; 3rd row—G. Nozia, E. Mendenhall, Mrs. G. Warren, Bible instructor.

Seven evangelistic campaigns were held in Central States Conference this summer: W. D. Felder in Denver, P. L. Jennings in Omaha, E. A. Pembleton in Hayti, Missouri, G. D. Penick in St. Louis, B. T. Rice in Atchison, Kansas, H. L. Thompson in Des Moines, and Gil F. Webb in Colorado Springs. Elder Thompson, conference evangelist, also conducted a field school of evangelism under the auspices of Andrews University in connection with the effort in Des Moines. Five ministerial students were under his supervision. More than 250 baptisms have resulted from the summer efforts thus far. At year end we hope to surpass our total baptisms of last year.

The Temperance and Inner City departments of the General Conference and Central State Conference had an exhibit at the annual NAACP Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri's new convention center, June 27 through July 1. A. V. Pinkney of the General Conference Temperance Department planned and operated the exhibit, which was viewed daily by more than 10,000 persons. They also saw Smoking Sam in action, and the movie "One in Twenty Thousand." Nurses from the St. Louis area assisted in screening for hypertension and also distributed literature on better living. S. H. Cox, temperance director, represented the conference at this convention.

E. F. CARTER



north pacific union

Stewardship Revival

PRAYER, commitment, consecration, and the making of covenants were part of the Elijah message presented to the Spruce Street church, Seattle, Washington, by Leonard G. Newton, stewardship secretary of the Northeastern Conference. During the stewardship revival, held July 9-16, the members enjoyed a spiritual feast and committed to God their time, talents, bodies, and finances. The entire week's activities

were based upon many of Elder Newton's personal experiences and counsel from the Spirit of Prophecy. Stresse throughout the revival was the significance of the time in which we live and also how we in this time, through personal commitment, might finish the work and hasten Christ's coming. An added feature was the series of seminars and group counsel, where members shared spiritual experiences.

The Spruce Street church, under the leadership of Elder Emerson G. Miller, is endeavoring to build a new church. The present facility is overcrowded. It is felt that the time Elder Newton spent with us will help us make this, along with our other endeavors, a reality.

A. L. STIGALL
PR Secretary



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Black Evangelism Opens in Reno

JULY 1 marked the opening of an evangelistic series held by Evangelist Earl Canson, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Williams, and Pastor Gerald Schulze.

This special evangelistic series, aimed to reach the black community in Reno, was held on the Washoe County Fairgrounds.

Never before had there been an Adventist evangelistic series held in this city with its primary outreach toward the minority group. Even though the initial emphasis had been toward the black community, the meetings were



Elder Miller (left) and Elder Newton standing before covenant table at stewardship revival.

enthusiastically attended by other groups as well.

Another unique feature of this series was the total support given by the black ministers of the other faiths in Reno. Meetings have been supported by their prayers, finances, and attendance. As many as five or six ministers of other faiths have been there on different nights. One of these ministers has already made his commitment to keep the Sabbath, and another is studying toward this same decision.

Much local support is the result of Evangelist Harvey Williams meeting with pastors of the black Sundaykeeping churches, and he is being invited to speak at their congregations.

We have experienced the blessings of God in this evangelistic series and are praying for a good baptismal harvest, which could result in the beginning of a second Seventh-day Adventist church in Reno.

GERALD SCHULZE



Miss Z. Forde, Bible instructor, receiving a plaque as Rosa Lee Jones looks on.

Bible instructor; Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones, a Bible instructor and director of the New Believers Choir; and Elder and Mrs. Edgar Lockett, a former pastor and conference departmental director. All were honored for the forty years or more service rendered in good faith and efforts. Second, the program was structured to give special tribute to the senior citizens who have contributed to the church throughout the years. Many well-wishers, friends, and relatives, along with Atlantic Union and Northeastern Conference officials, came to give gifts, tokens, and plaques to these faithful workers.

Mrs. Vernell Earle, who directed the program, gave new meaning and purpose to the service and activities of our senior citizens. It is planned for this to be an annual affair. R. L. Lister was the master of ceremonies, and approximately 1,000 persons attended.

Millet Addresses Rally on Adventist Education

GARLAND J. MILLET, associate director of Education of the General Conference and guest speaker at a community-wide education day at the Bronx Seventh-day Adventist church, delivered a stirring sermon on "The Christian's Package Plan." Drawing on his career as pastor, teacher, Oakwood College president, and *Message Magazine* editor, Millet used frequent analogies and illustrations to show that the reformatory work of Seventh-day Adventists includes and requires the educational system, which circles the world with more than 4,300 schools and colleges.

A galaxy of educators augmented Elder C. D. Batson's Washington Ave-



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Ordinations



Elder and Mrs. E. Lockett receiving gifts and congratulations.

Senior Citizens Recognized

MAY 15 marked the date for the senior citizens of Northeastern Conference to be recognized and honored at the Springfield Gardens High School. The purpose of such a program was to bid farewell to several workers of Northeastern: Miss Zeldia Forde, a former



Ordination in Northeastern: 1. Pastor and Mrs. J. LaMar, of Norwalk and Stamford churches; 2. Pastor R. Williams, of Springfield, Massachusetts; 3. Pastor and Mrs. A. Morgan and daughter, of the Albany, Capitol City, church, all ordained during the camp-meeting Sabbath at Northeastern.



nue congregation for the entire day. Mrs. Audrey Nichols, the Bronx church's capable education secretary, had expertly arranged, in addition to the Sabbath morning services, a stimulating educational workshop in the afternoon. Among the guests and participants were Principal Edna Williamson, of Northeastern Academy; Principal Ruth Paschal, of the Manhattan



Dr. G. J. Millet speaks during divine worship at the Washington Avenue church in the Bronx, New York.

School; L. A. Paschal, communication director of Northeastern; Emerton Whidbee, education superintendent; Principal Lewis Matthews; Edward Herndon, academy Bible teacher; and other teachers in the conference.

Two special guests were Colonel Hale of the Salvation Army Foster Home Service of New York City, and Dr. Thomas Hamlin, director of the Bureau of Non-Public Schools of New York State. Dr. Hamlin complimented Adventists, stating that his experience in visiting our schools has convinced him that we offer not only the three R's but three additional ones: *respect, responsibility, and religion*. Colonel Hale, after relating her personal observations of Seventh-day Adventist education at work in influencing children, introduced one young man formerly



Dr. Hamlin brings greetings to the worshipers on Education Rally Day.

cared for by the Salvation Army service, who is being sponsored this year at Oakwood College.

Much of the workshop dealt with the machinery of operating and financing Seventh-day Adventist schools. Our chairman for the day, Mrs. Nichols, presented complimentary copies of *The Journal of Adventist Education* to Hamlin, Hale, and other educators present. Many members and guests who shared the Education Day expressed hope that its information and inspiration will be as seeds sown in the hearts of the congregates to bring forth rich dividends for the church. Indeed it was a mighty thrust for Christian education.

DeShay Featured at Bronx Medical Day

DR. SAMUEL DESHAY, director of the Health Department of the General Conference, gave a mighty thrust for the cause of health reform as he spoke on Medical Day at the Bronx church recently. His theme was that the functions of the human body are governed by immutable laws.

DeShay, both an eminent physician and an experienced missionary, told the congregation of the necessity of preparing our bodies for the prolonging of health and longevity. It was pointed out that Americans have much higher cholesterol levels than Africans, a circumstance which stems directly from the dietary habits involved. He gave an account of some of the problems faced in the mission field and how God has helped to surmount difficulties. Perhaps the most gripping story was that of the youth in Africa who was afflicted with a congenital heart defect and could not be helped by other hospitals, but was eventually helped by her visit to the Seventh-day Adventist hospital, which led to a visa being granted to the family allowing her to visit the United States to gain expert medical services at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, where she received open-heart surgery. The visit made a favorable impression on the minds of the people in that part of Africa, not only creating new avenues for the expansion of the work but yielding rich dividends as many international governments responded with donations that helped the mission to better fulfill its obligations.

A most stimulating afternoon session gave opportunity for questions and answers regarding health. DeShay, who has headed the work in Nigeria and

Sierra Leone, was accompanied by Mrs. DeShay and their children. She, like her husband, has seen the expansion of the work at the Masanga Leprosarium in Sierra Leone, and the Adventist hospital in Ile-Ife in Nigeria.

This successful Medical Day was sponsored by the Bronx Nurses' Corps of the church, which brings together many nurses, led by Nurse Joyce Nibbs, R.N. The corps demonstrates the high qualities of the nursing profession.



Dr. S. L. DeShay presents a discourse on health and religion at the Bronx SDA church.

In his introductory remarks the pastor of the church, Elder D. C. Batson, reminded the congregation that the appointment of Dr. DeShay was another milestone in the history of the denomination in that this was a first for a black to head the vital Health Department around the world. He stated that he was full of optimism as he could see the work moving forward with increasing momentum.

J. B. BROWN



lake region

Summer Camp '77

"HELLO, Mom. May I stay another week at camp?" This question comes as a surprise to some mothers who saw their junior-age boy or girl reluctantly leave home, waving a hesitant goodbye as the bus headed for Camp Val-kyrie. How different they feel after the initial period of getting to know cabin-mates and becoming acquainted with the camp routine. Three weeks on the Lake Region Conference campsite at Cassopolis, Michigan, enabled 300



Inner-city youth enjoying swimming at Friendship Camp.

campers to enjoy a variety of activities.

With the hot and humid weather as a prompter, the swimming pool became the favorite place. Nature study, which allowed the youth to better know of God's care for them, heightened their appreciation for the out-of-doors. Classes in arts and crafts, athletics, first-aid and hygiene, campcraft, archery, and photography kept the campers on the move. Spiritual lessons from God's first book began the day as the early-morning line call greeted them. Evening devotions followed by evening activities concluded the busy day. Canoeing, nature walks, bonfires where marshmallows and Veja-Links were roasted, and corn roasted Indian style brought real pleasure.

With some sadness camp ends. New friends have been made, and there is a promise to meet again next summer. A tired staff bids their charges good-bye.

Lake Region Camp Meeting

CAMP MEETING '77 would be different. The familiar warmth and welcome of Lake Region's beloved president, J. R. Wagner, would be missed. No one could welcome the hundreds of people who had come for the Thursday evening meeting like he could.

Everyone worked hard to get the campground in readiness. Special attention had been given by H. L. Jones and F. A. Williams for Youth Village, the area used by the cradle roll through junior-age groups. The rains came and the wind blew, dismantling the beautiful Youth Village sign and ripping the primary craft tent.

Several new features were added to the camp program. Instructional classes were offered in Home and Family Life, and in auto mechanics—in

which the women outnumbered the men. The Pathfinder Fair was held the first Sunday. Sixteen clubs set up colorful booths displaying craft items and paintings made since the last fair. The theme was "The Hands of Pathfinders," and several floats in the grand parade depicted the theme. The club-of-the-year trophy was awarded to the Burns Avenue Falcons, directed by William Harris and Rose Handy. The Community Services department demonstrated how to mass feed in emergencies. For the second year the children sent hundreds of helium-filled balloons soaring through the air with a Bible enrollment card in them. Last year a request for a Bible course was received from as far away as Canada.

Youth Slain at Bible Cathedral

ON JULY 21, tragedy struck the Bible cathedral where J. P. Lewis was conducting an evangelistic crusade on the northeast side of Detroit. Frank James Moore, serving as tentmaster, was bludgeoned to death sometime between midnight and daybreak while he slept near the pulpit. He never regained consciousness. Moore, 22 years of age, baptized last December, was a Vacation Bible School instructor, a question and answer man, and a Bible instructor for the tent meetings. He was also one of the main speakers at a recent voice of youth evangelistic meeting at the Detroit Center church.

Fellow members of the Conant Gardens church described Moore as a dedicated, well-liked Christian gentleman. A police investigation failed to identify the assailants.

The Bible cathedral is a joint effort of the Detroit Center and Conant Gardens churches.

F. A. WILLIAMS

Honor Students

TONI CARTER was elected president of the 1977 graduating class of Oakwood Academy, where she completed her junior and senior years after transferring from Sunnysdale Academy in Centralia, Missouri. Not only was Toni on the honor roll several times during her school terms at Oakwood Academy but she was listed in *Who's Who in the High School Students of America* in 1975-1976. Although Toni, the daughter of Elder E. F. Carter, departmental director of Central States Conference, has received several scholarship offers to attend other outstanding colleges,

she has decided to pursue her degree in Business Administration and Accounting at Oakwood College.

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In examining the program of the graduating class of 1977 at Takoma Academy, we proudly read "Salutatorian, Melvin Leon Seard II." In his early elementary years Melvin, son of Melvin L. and Maria Hoyle Seard, of Washington, D.C., discovered the joy of self-improvement. His teachers characterized him as one who had an insatiable desire to achieve. Melvin is a faithful member of the Dupont Park church, the National Honor Society, the basketball team at Takoma Academy, the Dupont Park male chorus, and the youth choir. He is also a summer member of the District of Columbia Youth Orchestra. Not only did Melvin qualify as a semi-finalist of the National Achievement Awards for Blacks but he is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship to Oakwood College where he plans to major in theology. Melvin has maintained a 4.00 (A) average throughout his high school years. He is from a family who strongly believes in and supports Christian education, and is a product of Christian education from kindergarten to the 12th grade.

A Love Gift to God

THE Lord has been good to us as His people. Another year has gone by in which we have seen the blessings of the Lord in our personal lives. The blessings of another Week of Prayer will be ours. God has spared our lives to see it. Since last we met in this capacity in our churches around the world many are no longer with us. But you and I are privileged to be alive to enjoy the blessings and to meet the challenges that life offers.

I am sure as time goes by we sense more and more the nearness of the coming of the Lord. The signs of the times tell us in unmistakable tones that this long-awaited event cannot long be delayed. Christ must come soon. It is said that some time ago Mrs. Billy Graham, speaking to a group of people concerning the signs of the times, said: "If Jesus doesn't come soon He will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah." The wickedness in the world is growing greater and greater. Man's inhumanity to man is on the increase.

The problem the world faces is not an economic problem, great as that may be in some areas; it is not an

educational problem, even though parents have to grapple with the education of their children and the finances involved. The overriding problem of this age is a spiritual problem, both in the world and in the church. So the thing that is going to change the picture is a tremendous spiritual outreach on the part of God's people—an outreach to bring the glorious third angel's message within reach of all our neighbors. We are aware of the sweeping action taken by the 1976 Annual Council concerning evangelism and finishing the work. I am happy to know that our leaders around the world have responded to this challenge, and our members have gotten the message and are responding. With the outreach, of course, goes the great call for the in-reach—our own personal relationship to the Saviour.

Friend of mine, we must possess what we profess. If we are going to get the claims of the gospel out to the world, then those same claims must possess our lives. There must be on the part of all a rededication and recommitment to the principles for which this church stands and to which God calls us in these final days. The spirit of sacrifice that characterized the lives of our early pioneers must once again characterize ours. We live in a world of material things. There is a "rat race" on. Everybody wants to get whatever he can get, and he wants to get it now.

The Lord is calling His people to make a commitment of time, talent, life, and resources. I believe that as we go through another Week of Prayer with its challenge to our lives to these great principles of giving our time in the service of the Master and of using our talents, whatever they may be, in His service, our total lives must be rededicated to holiness and clean living. And then we will rededicate our resources, our treasures, to God. We give out of our heart of love. As a matter of fact, a person who is stingy or grudging and who gives with this kind of spirit, his gift is not acceptable to God and he is not blessed. When we consider the fact that Christ loves us with an everlasting love, that He is our own personal Saviour, it leaves us no choice but to give ourselves in total response to the imperious claims of the gospel. How much we love the Lord, our gifts and offering will show.

I believe this Annual Week of Sacrifice Offering on the closing Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, should be a time when we give a love offering to the Lord for all of His benefits to us.

When this offering was first begun, the equivalent of a week's salary was suggested, but today there are some who would probably want to give even more than this, when we think of our daily blessings that are impossible to count. Let's make this annual sacrifice offering the best we have ever given, for the love of Christ leaves us no choice.

G. RALPH THOMPSON
Vice-President
General Conference

Jesus' Concept of Stewardship

A NUMBER of Christ's parables seem to be so appropriate and relevant to the people who await His return. Our Saviour knew that the watching, waiting period would be an age of extreme danger. He points out the pitfalls and snares. He exhorts His waiting servants to keep awake, to watch. One of these vital parables, the parable of the pounds, Luke 19, impresses on us Jesus' concept of the stewardship of life. Gifts, talents, abilities, and opportunities are given to test the quality of our stewardship. It is not enough to wrap it in a napkin and keep it safely hid. Every opportunity, every gift of God, must be increased. God demands interest on His investment.

Jesus' concept of the stewardship of life must be ours. I am happy that the Department of Stewardship and Development, through vigorous dialog and graphic presentations, has interacted with every church department and organizational entity, thus bringing this emphasis to the total church. Stewardship is not some new gimmick or high-powered program geared to raise more money. It is what we do with whatever, by God's grace, we have and are. It is not only the improvement of talents but also the development of character.

Let us take time, therefore, on World Stewardship Day, December 10, to reflect on the counsel that Jesus left to the waiting servants—this challenge to spiritual growth and development and preparation for His coming. Let us make this watching, waiting time the great preparation time, so that we shall hear words of commendation from the Keeper of the vineyard as He sees His image reproduced in the lives of His self-sacrificing people.

C. E. BRADFORD
Associate Secretary
General Conference

OBITUARIES

Jones, Eli, was born August 19, 1892, in Ferriday, Louisiana, the third of five children of Sarah and Alfred Jones. He was married to Helen Dixon, of Helena, Arkansas, and they were the parents of nine children. Early in life he was a member of the Baptist Church. In 1929 he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a result of a tent effort conducted by A. E. Webb in Flint, Michigan. For forty-eight years he served the church in various capacities. He was a strong supporter of Christian education, and seven of his nine children were educated in the local church school, Oakwood College, and Andrews University. Five children have been or are currently engaged in denominational work in the United States or overseas, contributing more than 60 years of service to the church. Seven of the surviving children are active members of the church. On February 25, 1977, Eli Jones passed away, leaving to mourn: Mrs. Helen Jones, his wife, of Otisville, Michigan; children, Mrs. Helen Friend and Alexander Jones, of Flint, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Smith, of Chicago, Ruby L. Jones, of Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. C. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. E. Harris, of Otisville, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jones of Detroit, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mattox, of Landover, Maryland; fourteen grandchildren; a brother, Wiley Jones, of Louisiana; many nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Phipps, Ann L., passed away July 29, in Akron, Ohio. Mrs. Phipps taught school for seventeen years, for the past three years she was director of the Head Start Program in Summit County. She was a member of the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist church in Akron, Ohio, and served as vice-president of the ladies' club, was pianist and organist and church receptionist. She received her B.S. degree from Oakwood College and her M.A. degree from the University of Cincinnati. She is survived by her husband, Elder St. Clare Phipps, former pastor of Akron, Ohio; daughters, Mrs. G. Richardson, and Julie Phipps, of Akron; and son, St. Clare, of Huntsville; her parents, Elder and Mrs. V. Lindsay, of Kansas City, Kansas; two sisters; one brother; and many other relatives and friends.