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COVER STORY



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THE HARVEST IS TRULY GREAT!

Seventy seven years have passed since Ellen White stated: "New York is ready to be worked." New York, the microcosm of the world, filled with millions of people from every race, nation, and class. The wealthy as well as the poor, the intellectual as well as the illiterate, the pious as well as the degenerate live here. In spite of their outward appearance, every non-believer needs the gospel of Christ. We must be awakened to the needs of millions around us that are dying from the lack of spiritual food. We must sense the urgency of the times. We must arouse out of our stupor and meet the challenge. In the book *Evangelism*, Ellen White set forth God's blueprint for reaching souls on the East coast.

A NEED FOR CONSECRATED WORKERS

"God calls for consecrated workers who will be true to Him—humble men who see the need of evangelistic work and do not draw back but do each day's work faithfully, relying upon God for help and strength in every emergency. The message is to be taken up by those who love and fear God. Lay not your burden upon any conference. Go forth, and, as evangelists, in a humble way present a "Thus saith the Scriptures." —p. 24.

"You must select as helpers men who carry the work forward solidly and thoroughly, laboring for the conversion of the whole being, body, and soul." —p. 386.

BEST WORKERS NEEDED IN NEW YORK

"Those who bear the burden of the work in Greater New York should have the help of the best workers that can be secured." —p. 384.

SLICK AND EXTRAVAGANT PRESENTATION OF GOD'S MESSAGE TO BE AVOIDED

"We are to present the truth in the love of Christ. No extravagance or display should attend the work. It is to be carried forward in humility, in the simplicity of the gospel. Let not the workers be intimidated by outward appearances, however forbidding. Teach the word, and the Lord by His Holy Spirit will send convictions to the hearers." —p. 385.

NEW YORK TO BE THE CENTER OF MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

"The Lord desires a center for the truth to be established in the great wicked city of New York . . . and lay plans for establishing a memorial for God in this city. It is to be a center of missionary effort, and in it a sanitarium is to be established . . . A determined effort must be made to unify our churches in New York and the surrounding cities. This can be done, and it must be if aggressive warfare in New York is successfully carried forward." —p. 388, 389.

"The medical missionary work is a door through which the truth is to find entrance to many homes in the cities. In every city will be found those who will appreciate the truths of the third angel's message. —p."391.

DO NOT NEGLECT THE WEALTHY

"We talk and write much of the neglected poor: should not some attention be given also to the neglected rich?" —p. 555.

"Plan to reach the best classes, and you will not fail to reach the lower classes." —p. 553.

GIVE THE CALL TO LEADERS IN BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT

"You should feel a decided responsibility for the working of New York City. The men in business houses of New York and other large cities, as verily as the heathen in foreign lands, must be reached with the message." —p. 388.

"Those who bear heavy responsibilities in public life, physicians and teachers, lawyers and judges, public officers and businessmen should be given a clear, distinct message." —p. 555.

SEEK OUT THE INFLUENTIAL

"Those who belong to the higher ranks of society are to be sought out in tender affection and brotherly regard. Men in business life, in high positions of trust, men with large inventive faculties and of genius, called to the special truths for this time—these should be the first to hear the call." —p. 555.

"Thousands of wealthy men have gone to their graves unwarned, because they have been judged by appearance, and passed by as hopeless subjects. But, indifferent as they may appear, I have been shown that most of this class are soul burdened. There are thousands of rich men who are starving for spiritual food. Many in official life feel their need of something which they have not." —p. 555.

BOTH WHITE AND "COLORED" MEN OF INFLUENCE WILL ACCEPT THE FAITH

"Men of learning and influence are to hear the message. Not only white men but colored men of ability are to accept the faith." —p. 559.

REGIONAL UNIONS

We the members of Committee No. 3 on Regional Unions are dependable Seventh-day Adventist leaders. We will be so till death or the coming of Christ. We love the Lord, the brethren, and the church. Our principal burden is to see the work of God finished in the earth. We believe that human relationships are essential to this work.

We do not wish to exclude whites or penalize blacks. Regional Unions mean black controlled Unions. The Oakwood College model is our case in point. It is open to all races, has interracial faculty but black administration. We would not labor for 50 years to eliminate white monopoly from our constitution and practice only to substitute black exclusivism 50 years later.

- I. Evangelism.
 - a. Conferences indicate jump in evangelism under ethnic leadership. (close supervision)
 - b. Facilitate use of public evangelists on a more extended basis.
 - c. Programs of evangelism might be shared on inter-conference level and would be more easily implemented within Regional Union boundaries.
 - d. Supervision, planning and financing of evangelism at the Union level would serve as an impetus to stimulate wider evangelistic endeavors and accomplishments.
- II. Growth.
 - a. Black conferences indicate phenomenal jump in membership under black leadership.

In 1880 there were 50 black SDA's
In 1945 there were 16,000 (65 years later. Black conferences organized)
In 1973 there were 81,000 (28 years later under Regional conferences)
In 1977 there are 104,000 (four years later)

Projected membership (at Regional Advisory 1977) for 1980: 164,000Regional Union leadership should inspire greater exploits for God in evangelism with

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- commensurate results in baptisms.
- b. The organization of Regional Unions would aid in the accommodation of the explosive evangelistic growth. This should include the organization of new Regional conferences within the existing union territories.
 - III. Provide a Natural Black Presence at Union Presidents' Councils (integrating this level)
 - IV. Provide a Natural Outlet for Developing Administrative Leadership.
 - V. Provide Machinery for Inter-conference Exchange of Workers. (a moral problem)
 - VI. To Provide White Workers the Opportunity of Working Under Black Leadership. (reverse integration)
 - VII. To Increase Meaningful Black Participation on Decision-Making Committees. (including finance)
 - VIII. To Provide Our Black Leadership With a Deeper Sense of Belonging.

Psychological Slavery

We feel that our white brethren should know that the majority of black leaders feel themselves victims of ancient white predispositions and prejudices. That white leadership is dealing with us from this background. And that, in this, you have not kept up with history. We feel ourselves administered as a colony, with our destiny dependent upon the goodwill of one or two people. In this, the system does not work for us. We call this psychological slavery. We want this changed.

- IX. To Provide Greater Union Departmental Services to the Black Work
- X. Problems Regional Unions May Resolve:
 - a. Problem of developing leadership
 - b. Problem of ministerial transfer
 - c. Integration of Union presidency
 - d. More jobs for more people (students, graduates)
 - e. The morale problem improved
 - f. Responsibility for ethnic elections solved
- XI. **Procedural:** We are concerned about a projected procedure mentioned to us of a questionnaire being circulated among black laymen as to their preferences for black unions. Concerns:
 1. No such procedure is followed in the establishment of white unions.
 2. We feel that this procedure assumes that black leadership has informed the laymen of all the problems which concern us. This is not the case. Therefore we feel that the circulation of a questionnaire among black laymen who are unfamiliar with the issues would be counter productive and dangerous.

Letters To The Editor

Gentlemen:

I have just finished reading the first edition of the NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL VOICE and commend your efforts.

Please find enclosed my check to cover a year's subscription.

Even though we're on the West Coast we have an active interest in the events involving the Black churches of the other local conferences.

Sincerely,
Dr. and Mrs. Furman Fordham
L.A., Cal.

OPINION

Dear Editor:

I am an SDA Navy Chaplain serving in North Carolina. I saw a copy of the new VOICE. I would like to be on the mailing list.

Should I have articles to be submitted involving my work as Chaplain would I send it directly to you or funnel it through the local conference in whose territory I may be stationed?

Please send the VOICE to me: LT Meretle H. Wilson, CHC, USNR, 119 White Oak Blvd, Jacksonville, North Carolina, 28540.

Sincerely yours,
Meretle H. Wilson
Jacksonville, N.C.

P.S. Enclosed is a check for \$5.00 for the subscription. Please send me the June issue also.

Dear Elder Paschal:

Richard Brown just stopped by my office and gave me a copy of your August issue of VOICE.

You and your staff have done an excellent job in publishing this beautiful journal. Your layout is fresh and crisp and flows very smoothly.

Also very impressive is the fine coverage of news events from throughout the churches of the regional conferences.

You have a journal of which you should be very proud. May God continue to bless and direct you in every effort.

Sincerely,
Jere Wallack
Editor—LAKE UNION HERALD

Dear Elder Paschal:

I would like to gratefully thank you for sending to our office the first copy of the REGIONAL VOICE MAGAZINE. It is a beautiful and interesting journal of black Adventism and represents a high quality of journalism.

The article entitled "Enter to learn; depart to serve" in the first issue was very informative and it surely revealed a steady upward growth of Oakwood College.

I noticed that this article will be continued in your next issue. It would be commendable in the continuation of your next article, in the second issue, that the inscription under the President's picture would read Dr. C. B. Rock instead of C. B. Rock, President of Oakwood College.

Kindly accept this correction in the spirit of brotherly love. The spirit in which this is meant.

I am wishing you much success in the editing of our paper.

Very truly yours,
Dr. J. Price Pearson
Birmingham, Alabama

P.S. This letter is typical and meaningful of my lifetime project of projecting noble characters, who under great strain have reached the zenith of human and spiritual success.

THE DEFENSE OF BLACK UNIONS

(The thoughts expressed below have been given in several places and before varied audiences. Many have asked me to put them in writing. What follows is not a complete, definitive statement, but simply "random jottings.")

Any developmental change or change in organizational structures is likely to bring about trauma. It was so in the early days of Adventism in our middle history (1901-1903) and is so today as evidenced by the furor over black unions.

Organizational structures have changed throughout the history of the church to meet felt needs. We may trace these historical developments from Acts 6 to the present day. The growth of the church with its attendant problems and the changing situation demand a change in the structures. The shape of organizational structures is configured by the real needs and challenges that face the church.

We know that the church is essentially a fellowship of the "called-out" ones. It is a creation of the Spirit. The real manifestation of the body of Christ on earth is in the congregation of saints who affirm that Jesus is Lord. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20, RSV)

The Difficulty With Present Structure.

It is the genius of Adventism to develop an experience and then share that experience with the field. Note the number of congresses, conventions, workshops, conferences, board and committee meetings this church finds necessary to keep its program unified, viable and relevant.

Regional conferences, whose black experience in Christ is peculiar to themselves, find it impossible under the present structures to share their experiences. Stated policy provides for two councils during a quadrennium.

Black presidents find themselves meeting constantly on "white folks" problems. (Union committees, college boards, hospital boards, union educational boards, presidents' councils, union departmental councils, etc.) There is no authorized organizational machinery that brings these black leaders together to discuss mutual problems. This is a terrible disservice to the black work.

No Clearing House for Black Workers.

It is well known that one of the important functions of a union is to effect the orderly and regular flow of workers among the local conferences in its jurisdiction so that the talents and capabilities of workers within the union can be utilized more efficiently. At present there are only two regional conferences that can effect intra-union calls. Intra-union calls for workers are exceedingly hard to bring about, especially on an exchange basis.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

—Jude 24, 25

WILLIAMS FAMILY RETURNS TO AFRICA



Dr. D. S. Williams

Dr. D. S. Williams, Associate Director of the General Conference Communication Department has been elected president of the Central African Union in the Trans-African Division.

Dr. Williams terminated his responsibilities with the General Conference July 1. En route to Africa, the family will spend three months in Europe for intensive French studies.

The Central African Union with headquarters in Bujumbura, Burundi, comprises the two French-speaking countries of Rwanda and Burundi and has an Adventist membership of nearly 130,000. The famous Watusis and Bahutus live in this area.

While at the General Conference Dr. Williams has served as the editor of *Tell* magazine and conducted communication workshops all over the United States, Europe, Africa, and South America. One of Dr. Williams' favorite responsibilities was promoting good writing. He was instrumental in organizing writing workshops that led to the establishment of the Minority Writer's Guild, a lay organization that encourages writing among blacks in the Adventist Church. His wife, Margaret Williams, was the vice-principal at the Dupont Park School in Washington, D.C. The Williams have two children, Deitrice 13, born in Oklahoma City, and Darnella 10, born in Lubumbashi, Zaire.

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

—Phillipians 4:19

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The next issue of the *North American Regional Voice* will begin a series on Black SDA pioneers.

We welcome your OPINIONS. Send them to the office of the editor each month.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	October	12	19	26	Nov. 2
Boston, Mass		6:08	5:56	5:46	4:37
New York City		6:18	6:07	5:57	4:48
Buffalo, N.Y.		6:38	6:26	6:16	5:06
Atlanta, Ga.		7:08	7:00	6:52	5:45
Miami, Fla.		6:56	6:50	6:44	5:39
Charlotte, N.C.		6:53	6:44	6:36	5:28
Birmingham, Ala.		6:17	6:09	6:01	4:54
Jackson, Miss.		6:32	6:24	6:17	5:10
Memphis, Tenn.		6:29	6:21	6:12	5:05
Louisville, Ky.		7:10	7:00	6:51	5:43
Detroit, Mich.		6:57	6:46	6:35	5:26
Chicago, Ill.		6:15	6:04	5:53	4:44
South Bend, Indiana		6:09	5:58	5:48	5:39
Minneapolis, Minn.		6:34	6:22	6:11	5:00
St. Louis, Mo.		6:27	6:17	6:08	5:00
Kansas City, Mo.		6:45	6:34	6:25	5:17
Denver, Co.		6:26	6:15	6:06	4:57
Little Rock, Ark.		6:39	6:30	6:22	5:14
Dallas, Texas		6:58	6:50	6:42	5:36
New Orleans, La.		6:33	6:26	6:19	5:13
Albuquerque, N.M.		6:36	6:27	6:19	5:12
Oklahoma City, Okla.		7:00	6:51	6:42	5:35

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

THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

CENTRAL STATES EVANGELISM

The year 1979 has been fruitful soul winning for pastors in the Central States Conference. Spiritual crusades have been held from Pueblo, Colorado in the west to St. Louis, Missouri in the east; from Davenport, Iowa in the north to Wichita, Kansas in the south. A total of 325 souls have been brought to the knowledge of the Lord thus far.

The conference administration has placed particular soul winning emphasis this summer in Davenport, Iowa; Kansas City, Missouri; Pueblo, Colorado and St. Louis, Missouri. Elder B. T. Rice and Pastor G. Webb, along with the Central Union Evangelist H. L. Thompson have conducted crusades under canopies. In Davenport a church has been started and organized from the nucleus of 37 baptized souls. The charter membership of the new church is 61.

Several spiritual revivals were held this summer in churches close to the conference headquarters. Churches in Kansas City, Kansas, Leavenworth, and St. Joseph were blessed with 46 souls from such church revivals.

I had the opportunity of visiting two of the campaigns this summer. In Kinloch, Missouri, a small community northwest of St. Louis, Missouri, B. T. Rice conducted a six week crusade from July 15 through August 18. Being a predominately black community, made Kinloch a prime area to increase the membership of the existing church serving this northwest section of St. Louis. By God's grace when the tent came down, Elder Rice had baptized 46 precious souls.

When the six weeks period ended in Kansas City, Missouri, it was evident that the spirit of the Lord had penetrated the hearts of many living in the community of Armour and Paseo. Evangelist H. L. Thompson's crusade was extended for another week under the tent. When the Canvas Cathedral finally came

down, H. L. Thompson announced that he would continue the Today's Answer Crusade at the Linwood SDA Temple. So far, 90 souls have entered the water for baptism. I praised God as my son, William, III, committed his life to the Lord and was baptized during this campaign.

Pastor G. F. Webb presented the Lord's message nightly to the people in the small town of Pueblo, Colorado. His meetings started July 15 at the corner of Mesa and Spruce. The Bible Pavilion stood for six weeks. Programs were offered giving the community information about proper health care, Christian education and power to live in these inflationary times.

According to the conference administration, it is the purpose of evangelism to present the total gospel message of Jesus Christ in the relevancy of these times. During the special crusades, vacation Bible schools were held, the conference medical van was used, local doctors and their staffs dispensed medical supplies, college students from Oakwood assisted the evangelists and Bible workers visited every home making God's message a personal one.

In talking with Elder J. A. Simons, Conference Secretary-Treasurer, he explained that a budget for evangelism is set each year by the Conference Committee. This summer approximately \$25,000 was spent to finance evangelism and before this year ends more than \$45,000 will be spent.

Evangelism in the Central States Conference is a year round adventure—an adventure with the Lord.

William R. Wright, Jr.
Director

DEDICATION SERVICES AT SHILOH

On Sabbath afternoon, July 21, Pastor Mark McCleary and the members of the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church in Leavenworth, Kansas dedicated their new church sign.

Elder V. Lindsay, who was instrumental in the purchasing of the sign, and also the former pastor of the church, performed the "Dedicatory Ceremony". Each member present played a small part in the unveiling of the sign.

The Lord spiritually blessed this occasion. The members of Shiloh have purposed in their hearts to take heed from the words printed on the sign, to "Go Ye Into All the World".



Evangelist H. L. Thompson.



Canvas Cathedral—Today's Answer Crusade 35th and Armour/Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri.



Davenport members with Evangelist Thompson standing in front to the right along with Elder J. A. Simons near center standing.



Facing group on left is Pastor M. A. McCleary, beside him is Elder V. Lindsay.



Left: Mascot Pamela Peters with group and Counselors with trophies.

PATHFINDER CLUB WINS ELK CLUB AWARD

The Moyo Kwende Pathfinder Club of Grove Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church took part in the "Concert in the Sky" program sponsored by the Mid-western Conference of the Elks Club in Kansas. The program took place July 4 at WSU Cessna Stadium at 6:15 p.m.

Because of the Pathfinder Club's participation in the concert and its reception of first and second place trophies in the Military Division of the Elks parade, the club will represent the state of Kansas in Canada, June, 1980.

The "Concert in the Sky" has been organized for the last three years and attracts thousands of Kansans. An estimated crowd of 25,000 people watched the Grove Heights Club of Wichita, Kansas perform.

The Moyo Kwende Club consists of twenty-five young people, two mascots, six counselors and director, James McClain. Moyo Kwende means "Let's Go With Life, Well Being and Good Health".

The Grove Heights Pathfinder Club is to be commended for its outstanding accomplishments.

James McClain
Communication Secretary



Mr. and Mrs. David Bell cutting their fiftieth wedding anniversary cake.

PICTURE STORY

Mr. and Mrs. David Bell recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the City Temple S.D.A. Church in Detroit, Michigan.

R. P. Stafford, pastor, officiated at the candlelight ceremony.

The Bells received their guests in the fellowship hall immediately after the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell are faithful members of the church. Mr. Bell has served as an usher and deacon and Mrs. Bell has served as the treasurer for over 16 years.

Phenicie Thomas
Communication Secretary

SHARON CHURCH SERVES COMMUNITY

The Sharon Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in cooperation with the Health Department of the City of Milwaukee, Comprehensive Child Development Center and Community Social Services, is involved in an effort to make its facilities available to assist the surrounding community.

The Division of Maternal and Child Health of the Milwaukee Health Department is providing a medical clinic in the Sharon Church. The clinic is staffed by a licensed physician, registered nurses and other supportive personnel. This program offers, free of charge, comprehensive health examinations of infants and children which involves both the physical and developmental components of the child.

A most important function is the free immunization of the children to aid parents in meeting the requirements of the compulsory immunization law for entrance into the school system.

The clinic meets twice a week from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and alternate Thursdays.

The Sharon Church, in an effort to provide a recreational outlet to the youth of the community joined forces with Community Social Services. Nelson Boon, a member of the church and president of Community Social Services, coordinated this joint venture.

The gym in the Sharon school building is rented on Monday and Wednesday evenings during the school year to provide supervised recreation for inner city children. This program provides a service to the community and additional income for the church.

One of the best equipped Day Care Centers in the city of Milwaukee is conducted in the Sharon Church. This program is directed by the Comprehensive Child Development Center. The service provides low income families with a good, clean and comfortable environment for their children while they are working. Two hot, well-balanced meals are served each day. Classes are conducted to assist the children in developing their basic skills.

The best recreational equipment is available. Toys, educational television, books, games and other items are provided.

The goal of the Sharon Church is to direct persons to Christ through this outreach program.

B. P. Brown



One of the registered nurses examining a patient of the clinic.

TEACHER TRAINING COURSE HELD

A Teacher's Training Course was conducted June 8 and 9 at the Bethel S.D.A. Church of East Chicago, Indiana.

Elder Horace Jones conducted this training session and reminded the teachers of their sacred responsibility.

Teaching skills were sharpened and hearts lifted by the spirit of God as Elder Jones went through the course.

Frances Sharpley
Correspondent



Elder Horace Jones conducting teacher training course.

SHILOH HOSTS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

More than one hundred thirty-five eager boys and girls from the ages of four to fifteen assembled daily in the Blue Room at Shiloh Church. They had received invitations to attend the 1979 Vacation Bible School. Their broad smiles showed that they were not disappointed.

The children were instructed daily by a team of volunteers that assisted Roslyn Jones, Vacation Bible School Leader, with the music, stories, crafts and refreshments. Some of these volunteers have worked with Vacation Bible School every year for the past ten or more years. We are thankful for their dedication and faithful service in this soul-winning endeavor.

Special features this year included a visit from the pastor, Leon G. Cox. He told a story to the boys and girls that held their interest from beginning to end. The children also looked forward to the nature lessons given by Mr. Jemison.

Talents were earned during the ten day period for such things as bringing a friend, learning memory gems or showing reverence in the house of God. The children were especially happy for the gifts they received for their talents.

The closing program highlighted activities and songs from the theme of "Building Christian Character."

Tribute was also given to Mrs. Katherine L. Anderson, who served with the Vacation Bible School for 20 years. Her daughter, Mrs. Magdalene Dowdell, accepted a plaque in the absence of her mother, who is ill.

We are grateful for the support of Alvira Dillard, the Sabbath School Superintendent, the Pastor and membership of Shiloh.

Carolyn Palmer
Correspondent



Action song: "Father Abraham" Kindergarten.

DECISIONS WON IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Park Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Champaign, Illinois held a Vacation Bible School from August 6 through August 17 under the direction of Brenda J. Washington. With the aid of her capable staff the Vacation Bible School ministered to approximately 35 students each day. The two weeks ended with a Sabbath morning program where each child was given a certificate.

During the 11:00 o'clock workshop hour, seven of the children participating in the Vacation Bible School made decisions for Christ.

Henry Washington
Communication Secretary



Vacation Bible School Gospel Choir directed by Roslyn Jones, VBS Leader.



The Cougar Pathfinder Club.



Closing exercises for the Park Avenue Vacation Bible School.

COUGARS TAKE SECOND PLACE

The Cougars finished second in total club points for the past year making them the number two Pathfinder Club in the Lake Region Conference.

A Blue Ribbon was presented to Margaret Barber for her superb crocheting skill, an honor which her unit, the Jaguars, are working for.

The Cougars enjoyed the Pathfinder Fair and are planning for next year.

Rosie M. Ratliff
Communication Secretary

BABY DEDICATION

On August 25, 1979 at the Philadelphia S.D.A. Church in Niles, Michigan Jennifer Laine Alford was dedicated to the Lord. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Alford, along with godparents and loved ones, witnessed this event.

Elder R. C. Brown, Sr., Executive Secretary of the Lake Region Conference, performed the dedication with the assistance of Elder Conrad L. Gill, Adventist Youth Director for the conference.



Pictured are: (left to right) Elder R. C. Brown, Sr., Virginia Brown, Karen Alford and Frank Alford with baby Jennifer.

A THOUSAND IN ONE DAY

By Stephanie Johnson

The membership gains in Northeastern have been substantial, making it the largest regional conference. Elder Robert L. Lister, newly-elected Lay Activities and Inner-City director has put forth a bold, dynamic plan to baptize a thousand in one day, by actively engaging every member in soul-winning. Here now is a brief look at some of the evangelistic programs in Northeastern.

Evangelistic Crusade—During the summer, eighteen evangelistic crusades were held in either a church or tent. Four of the meetings were lay efforts. It was estimated that a thousand were baptized. Throughout the year various evangelistic campaigns will be held.

Street Preaching—Millions of people walk the streets daily who will never enter a church or enroll in a Bible correspondence course. Street preaching reaches the people where they are; it brings the church to them. Elder Lister describes the scene, "a street preacher stands at a busy intersection and begin to preach. The preacher usually preaches at that spot for a consecutive number of days, presenting doctrinal truths. After the preaching has ended literature and Bible enrollment cards are passed out to the listeners." On any given Sabbath at a crowded intersection you might hear the voice of Levon Maddox like John the Baptist crying to the urban masses to repent and be baptized.

Reach Everybody's Door (RED)—The purpose of this program is to establish a communication between the church and its community. The members of the church should be aware of its neighbors' spiritual and physical needs, and to supply them by providing food, clothing, and shelter, as well as Bible Studies.

Fireside Chats—This program came about by Helen Galloway and Herbert Allen who conduct Bible studies in the homes of interested persons.

Adventist Investment for Development—Elder Lister has asked "the Lay Federation to make a bold attack on dark counties." The goal is to reach one hundred and twenty-six counties where the gospel has never been preached.

Prison Ministry—Every Sabbath a group of devoted Seventh-day Adventists enter the prison to bring the message. "This is one of the most effec-



Evangelist Robert Lister.

tive areas of evangelism in Northeastern," according to Elder Lister. "This program does not stop at converting the prisoners, but members of the family also are helped with food and clothing." The prison ministry has continued to grow, in spite of the barriers that have been erected by various religious organizations.

Inner City Van—This van is placed at the disposal of every church in Northeastern Conference to use for medical and health fairs. Qualified medical personnel gives sickle cell anemia and hypertension tests. Plans are being made to expand services to include dental hygiene.

Day Care Centers/Story Hour—These programs have proven to be effective witnessing tools not only to reach the children by preaching practical Christian piety by precept and example, but it has also been instrumental in reaching their parents.

Although the goal set seems impossible, Elder Lister is confident that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

LAY-WORK IN CONEY ISLAND

Coney Island Seventh-day Adventist Church is a small but a dedicated church. Small in number, but big in hope, dedicated to witness in one of Brooklyn's worse decayed neighborhoods.

As you walk through Mermeid Ave. or Neptune Ave. you can see hundreds of dilapidated buildings some abandoned by their owners. These streets are usually

full with young and old, unemployed persons walking the streets looking for something to do. It may be drinking, smoking, stealing, playing dices or dominoes, but hardly interested in the One that could change their lives, Jesus.

Using burned out buildings as social clubs and old boxes and old T. V. frames for furnitures a beer can or a bottle of wine in their hands, listening to music playing loudly, they are a challenge to the Coney Island Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In the midst of all that, we look every day for one soul, maybe two, maybe more

We knock on doors, we have street-meetings. As you can see in the pictures we hold Adventist Youth meetings in the park singing praises to God, hoping for a soul to hear, a heart to be touched and to surrender to Christ.

As long as we have Lay Activities Leaders like Mr. Russel Fields and Mr. Rock our Youth Leader under the Power of the Holy Ghost, be assured that the Three Angels Message will continue to be preached in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn.

D. W. Stephenson
Communication Secretary



Elder Fields addressing the public M.V. Coney Island Church.

TWENTY-SIX ADDED TO THE HISPANIC CHURCH

Pastor Jose A. Ayala of the Lawrence and Salem Hispanic churches baptized twenty-four souls during a summer evangelistic crusade held in Boston. By November, Pastor Ayala plans to baptize twenty more souls with God's help.

The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example.



Salem and Lawrence Spanish church. Pastor Jose A. Ayala. Number of baptized 24.



Pastor Ayala baptizes a new convert.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR BAPTIZED IN HARTFORD TENT CRUSADE

Pastor Raymond Saunders, of the Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hartford, Connecticut, conducted The Reach Out For Better Living Crusade which resulted in one hundred and fifty-four people being baptized.

The crusade was launched with a gigantic parade along the main street of Hartford. The parade was led by the "Golden Eagle" Pathfinder Club and Drum Corp, debutantes of the 1979 Rose Coronation, uniformed groups of the church, visiting Pathfinder Clubs, and other youth groups from the city of Hartford. By the end of the parade six hundred people had gathered and taken almost every available seat.

Nightly features included a "Life Style for Better Living" half hour seminar conducted by Ruth Saunders, wife of the pastor. Visiting physicians, dentists, marriage counselors contributed to the Seminar topics in weight awareness, arts and crafts, cooking demonstrations, and the Five Day Stop Smoking Plan.

People from all walks of life came nightly to hear Pastor Saunders speak. The Mayor of Hartford visited the crusade and lauded the work of the Adventist Church in the city of Hartford. Maxine Logan and Wintley Phipps sang to nearly eight hundred people who came to hear them in sacred concert.

Elder Saunders was assisted by Patricia Langley, head Bible Instructor. Members of the Faith Church: Beryl Jackson, Carmen Walsh, Elizabeth Sutton, Helen Little, Edmarie Stewart,

Arleen Kirton, and Melwyn Mounter. Ministerial students from Oakwood College: Charles Seawright, Jim Zeismer, George Daly, Timothy Nixon, and Douglas Kerr. Sharon Pyburn, a religion major at Oakwood College.

The crusade concluded with a candlelight ceremony. Each newly baptized member accepted a candle symbolic of the light they will take into all the world. The work has just begun, the fields are ripe for harvest. The members of the Faith Church hope to bring in over two hundred and fifty souls before the year has ended.

Daniel E. Fider
Communications Secretary



Evangelist Saunders.



Portion of a Sabbath audience under the tent.

S.W.A.T. GOES TO THE PARK

Heavy clouds hung in the sky Sabbath morning, July 21, 1979. What a day to have a witnessing program in the park! Why today of all days? Oh . . . don't worry, God will work things out, since this is His program. Do you know something? Slowly but surely, those heavy clouds disappeared and S.W.A.T. (Soul Winning Adventist Team), a group of fourteen young people of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church had a successful evangelistic out-reach program in Marcus Garvey Park, formerly Mt. Morris Park in Harlem, New York.

Everyone was welcomed to the Sabbath School after which the Calvary Quartet and the Sons of the King sang. Although the Sabbath School lesson, which was presented by John Campbell, was based on the "shaking", he assured us that there's still time for each of us to accept Jesus Christ. For members, it was a reinforcement to "put on the whole armour of God." Our youth pastor, John S. Nixon, brought us the message for the 11 o'clock segment which was preceded by soul-stirring music by the Ephesus Children's Chorale. They admonished us all to "quit our wicked ways and try to do something good." While the appeal was being made, the Holy Spirit entered into the hearts of many visitors who decided that they needed special prayer, had an interest in Bible-study classes, and planned to attend our upcoming Youth Crusade.

Wait . . . There's More to Come!

Later in the afternoon, our special guests were Drinking Al and Smoking Sam of the Temperance Department. Besides drawing the attention of the large crowd, especially the children, their messages came across loud and clear and members of S.W.A.T. told of the dangers of drinking and smoking, and urged all to be free of these enslavers. They stressed the fact that much more was involved in the usage of these drugs than just causing cancer eventually. Team members enlightened everyone regarding the many poisons the body receives and maintains from alcohol and cigarettes. In addition, a lecture on hypertension plus blood count and high blood pressure testing was provided by the Ephesus Medical Corp. Between the lectures and demonstrations, music was rendered by various



Pictured: "Christ Our Only Hope" Speakers. Left to right, 1st row: Gail Norman, Patricia Stewart, Sharon Hill; 2nd row: John Campbell, Anthony Patterson, Sherwin Callwood. Not pictured: Jake Nixon, Jr.

groups from Ephesus and sister churches from Brooklyn, New York.

It was 6:30 p.m. and the program was over. The sun had been out all day and not a drop of rain had fallen! God had blessed us, and it was a day to rejoice in the Lord for letting some souls be touched and reached through the ministry of a united Ephesian Effort!

Lenora V. Cannegieter
S.W.A.T. Member



Bro. John Tillman gives Smoking Sam demonstration at Marcus Garvey Park.

CHRIST OUR ONLY HOPE

"What's in Your Hand" young man, young woman? This was the theme of a sermon by the late Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., in a documentary film which was shown on Sunday, July 22, 1979 the first night of the Ephesus Youth Crusade . . . "Christ Our Only Hope." For 25 evenings young men and women held in

"their hands" the Holy Bible as they proclaimed the gospel of Jesus!

Sherwin Callwood, Jake Nixon, Jr., Anthony Patterson, John Campbell, Patricia Stewart, Gail Norman and Sharon Hill were the Crusade speakers. They presented Bible truths regarding: Spiritualism, The State of the Dead, Marriage and Sex, Prophecy and the Church, Stress, The Sabbath, The Unpardonable Sin and many other topics.

Ms. Hill, who spoke on temperance, gave a visible display contrasting the Lord's Table with the Devil's Table! The Devil's Table was filled with pork chops, neck bones, Rheingold beer, Seagram 7, Camel cigarettes, etc. The Lord's Table was loaded with delicious fruits, vegetables and nuts. She urged all to do away with Satan's Table and come and feast at the Lord's Table!

The purpose of the "Crusade" was not just to preach but to teach. During the first week "The Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking" was given by Ms. Jean Norris and Dr. Mack Bonner. One young man, Mr. George Merritp, who came because of an ad in the *Amsterdam News* received his certificate for completing the course. He stopped smoking and is also interested in learning more about the church!

On Sabbath, August 25th twelve people were baptized into the Ephesus SDA Church. Ten more are planning to be a part of the next baptism which would be a total of 22 souls from the "Christ Our Only Hope Crusade"!

Caroline Jones
Communications Secretary

IT IS A MIRACLE TO BE ALIVE!

The 1979 camp meeting session for the South Atlantic Conference was over. Ten wonderful days filled with rejoicing and fellowship with the saints of God had come to an end. My wife Leotine, our friend Carmelita Fleming and I were on our way back home to Atlanta to share some of our camp meeting blessings with others.

However, as stated in Revelation 12:17, the devil is angry with God's people, and would destroy all of His children if he could. In our case, he really tried. We had traveled north more than two hundred miles, and had almost reached Macon, Georgia when it happened. I had fallen asleep, and Leotine was driving. Suddenly I awoke to her screams, and discovered that the car had gone out of control. I grabbed the wheel in an attempt to steer, but with no success. In her panic, Leotine jammed the gas pedal to the floor, and our car shot across the highway to the median. The car spun completely around, then off the median to the other side. We were right in the path of the on-coming traffic—and would meet it head on.

There was nothing to do but pray. As I cried out for God's mercy, I could hear Miss Fleming praying in the back seat. In an instant the car was turned around again, in the middle of the highway, but this time *with* the flow of southbound traffic. The car was maneuvered over to the shoulder of the road, and I screamed for my wife to put her foot on the brake. She did, and the car came to a complete stop. Then we saw that the car was in neutral gear. God had placed us away from the traffic, faced in the right direction!

People stopped to offer help, but we only needed to remove the clumps of grass from the median that were packed under the car. We decided to change drivers, then drove to the nearest exit to turn around and travel north again. We know that God performed a miracle for us, and feel that He wants us to share it with the church. We want to be living witnesses that He can and does deliver His people. He saved us to serve Him, and this is our prayer and intention. By His grace, we will carry His message of love to others.



John Howard and family were in the car with Carmelita Fleming extreme right.

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE—
"With such an army . . ." These were really inspired words. The young people of South Atlantic are leading the way on the firing line for Jesus.

The consecrated youth is a well balanced mixture in perfect equilibrium with spiritual, intellectual, and fun-loving or physical recreational components. It takes more than a notion to cultivate such young people.

Earlier this year the Gainesville, Florida *Daily Sun* carried almost a full page of the community activities into which one of their reporters stumbled. The Bethel-Gainesville young people, inspired by their youthful pastor Louis Edwards, started a program to lift people out of the ghetto off the welfare roll and onto a productive payroll. This was not solely with the view of baptizing people, but to help them to live useful lives.

Rosa Gaffney is a sociology major at Sante Fe College. She is also Community Service directress at the Bethel-Gainesville Church. That was not enough work for her, so she gathered the persons with certain skills—sewing, teaching, physical fitness, nursing, and any others who could do something, and put them to work for the community. The individuals who head the various parts of the program are people who are well qualified: Alberta Edwards, a home economics major and an expert seamstress, directs Home Economics; Dorothy Hickmon directs the clinic; Betty Stewart is Reading Instructor and Ruthell Smith is Health Coordinator. Rosa keeps adding more facets to the project as often as she finds the skilled personnel.

Zethro Turner left his home in Daytona Beach—a victim of drugs, depression, anxiety and fear. He was just wandering aimlessly. He came to Gainesville and heard of the Action Center—Social Service venture, operated by the city. He went there, and met Sharon, the receptionist. She referred him to her pastor at the Baptist Church. Zethro went there, but did not find the pastor. He went back to the center and met Rosa this time who works there.

Rosa referred him to the community center which she directs. However, she did not tell him that she had anything to do with the project. It was weeks later before he found out that she was the directress. The Center gave him the help he needed both spiritually and physically. He was sent to a Bible study group and finally he found himself in church on the Sabbath. Within a few months Zethro was a baptized member with a new life, a job, and planning to get married to one of the young ladies in the church in December 1979.

Working for the welfare of others is not the only thing that consumes the life and energies of the youth of the Conference. Every Labor Day Weekend they gather from all over the four states which comprise the Conference—North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida—for fun, fellowship, and inspiration. This is all done in a well controlled Christian environment at the campground in Hawthorne, Florida.

Some of the guests who came to share information and inspiration this year were Dr. Warren Harrison, B.S., M.S., M.D., Ph.D., specialist in nutrition

and preventative medicine. He is a graduate of Loma Linda University. After spending 15 years of devoted service in Kenya, East Africa as well as service in a number of the large cities in the U.S.A., he has settled down as a family practitioner and surgeon in Washington, D.C. Dr. Harrison led the youth deeply into the knowledge of natural foods and a natural way of life for a young Christian.

Reger C. Smith, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., a fourth generation Seventh-day Adventist, is at present the chairman of the Department of Social Work at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Dr. Smith is a licensed marriage and family counselor in the state of Michigan, along with his wife Catherine who, in her own rights, is at present a medical social worker at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Dr. Smith led the young people through the deep waters of love, courtship and marriage for keeps. The question and answer period on Sunday morning was a most profitable session. Coupled with the personal counseling which many took advantage of, the young people received an experience which would cost them hundreds of dollars to get elsewhere. These, however, are some of the extras that one receives on the side for being an Adventist youth.

The dean of Adventist Senior Camps, Elder Leon H. Davis and his wife Althea were special guests of the camp. Elder Davis is now the director of the office of Public Relations of Atlantic Union in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. There are very few places left in the world to which Elder and Mrs. Davis have not yet traveled. From such rich experiences they were well qualified to share some gems of thought with the senior campers.

It is traditional from the very inception of senior camp activities in South Atlantic for the youth to honor a senior retired pastor at the annual fiesta banquet. This year they honored Elder and Mrs. O. S. White and for the first time two outstanding lay persons, Brother and Sister Henry Jones of Atlanta-Berean. The record shows that Elder White has pastored 28 churches during 35 years of service in the South Atlantic territory.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.



Education Day in Mt. Calvary SDA Church, Tampa, Florida. On Sabbath, July 28, Dr. Norwida Marshall was the guest speaker of Mt. Calvary for the Divine Worship Service. The afternoon was equally as thrilling as Dr. Marshall rapped with the parents on the subject of Christian Education for youth of today.

SOUTH CENTRAL

THIRTY-FIVE SDA'S ATTEND MEHARRY

Fifteen members of the freshman class at Meharry Medical/Dental schools in Nashville, Tennessee are Seventh-day Adventists. This represents the largest number of members from our church who have been accepted at the school in a single year. The total number of SDA students presently enrolled exceed fifty. Some of this growth has come about because of the witnessing that these students have done among their fellow classmates. Joy extended across many states when Robert Anderson of Baton Rouge, La. was baptized into the faith when it was learned that his father Dr. Dupree Anderson was baptized on the same day in the home town.

NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS IN SOUTH CENTRAL

New church buildings have been erected, purchased or are under construction in the following places in the conference: West Point, Soso, Columbia, and Jackson, all in Mississippi, Franklin, Chattanooga in Tennessee, and Talladega, Alabama. A new school building has been purchased in Louisville, Kentucky.

FOUR NEW SCHOOLS ARE OPENED

Professor Joseph F. Dent, educational superintendent for the South Central Conference announces that four new schools have been opened in the conference this year. Meridian and Hattiesburg, Mississippi and Mobile and Huntsville, Alabama. One of the greatest means of strengthening the work among our people is to establish many more church schools across the land where our precious children can be taught of the Lord.



New church purchased in Memphis.

EVANGELISM MOVES IN SOUTH CENTRAL

Although the summer has brought many inclement days to the territory, evangelism has witnessed the blessings of heaven again this year. Over forty evangelistic crusades were launched. Seven of these were conducted by laymen. Everyone seems to be anxious for a finished work. E. E. Cleveland and W. J. Cleveland pitched a 60 X 120 tent in Birmingham, Alabama for a second time at the same location. Approximately 130 additional souls have been baptized this year thus far. More than two hundred were baptized on the same location last year. E. C. Ward along with a team from the Oakwood College and D. B. Reid with the members of the First S.D.A. Church-Huntsville, pitched their 60 X 120 tent in the downtown Huntsville Mall. This meeting was the talk of Huntsville. People of all nationalities attended. In addition to the spoken word from night to night there were health lectures given by physicians and dentists, there were instruction classes for the children. One interesting feature—the theater owner who objected to the people's parking their automobiles in front of his theater permitted the group to use his theater for the children's Sabbath School classes on Sabbath. Miss Alma Blackmon directed a 150 voice choir from night to night during the meeting. 130 persons were baptized in the first baptism.



E. C. Ward under the Big Top.

SOUTH CENTRAL PUSHES TOWARD 13,000

Before the year ends, the South Central Conference will probably pass the 13,000 mark in membership. Ministers and laymen alike share the burden of a finished work and they are seeking to move in all areas to tell of the love of Jesus Christ. When the work began in this area in 1890 only fifty black people were members of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. Today the number moves toward 13,000. These are blessings from heaven, but many more must be told before the end comes.

NEW WORK IN TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

William Frazier and a number of lovely young people have moved to the city of



Miss Alma Blackmon, minister of music for Huntsville Crusade.

Talladega, Alabama to witness for the Lord. His witness includes working on the staff at the college as an instructor and counsellor for students. He and his wife have opened a vegetarian restaurant adjacent to the college where their faith sharing has been meaningful. The group of over twenty persons have opened a school to train the children and youth in that community. The school has been named 'James Edson White College' after the famous Adventist pioneer who worked for the black people of the South at the turn of the century. One of the most recent ventures of this group has been to purchase a church building across the street from the college. This meeting place has made favorable impressions on the college community as well as upon the city fathers.



Large crowd attend E. C. Ward Crusade.



150-Voice Choir sings for the Huntsville Crusade.

TEN NEW CONGREGATIONS TO BE ORGANIZED IN SOUTH CENTRAL

The soul winning programs that are being held in the South Central territory have sparked ten new congregations that will be organized here this year. Two have already been organized at Grenada, Mississippi under the leadership of Elder R. L. Patterson and another (which makes the fifth in the city) in Memphis, Tennessee by Pastor Victor L. Brooks. Places where new congregations will be organized before the end of the year are: Panama City, Florida—Pastor Lawrence Hamilton; Dechard and Pulaski, Tennessee—Pastor Roland Hill; Elder E. C. Ward and D. B. Reid—Huntsville, Alabama (the 3rd church); Elders E. E. and W. J. Cleveland—Birmingham, Alabama (the 2nd church); East Knoxville, Tennessee—Elder F. S. Hill (2nd church in Knoxville); Woodville, Mississippi—Elder P. N. Smith, Hopkinsville, Kentucky—Pastor William Gilliard.

The membership for the conference should pass the 13,000 mark this summer.

PATHFINDER ORGANIZATIONS GROWING

Joseph W. McCoy, Youth Director for the conference, announces that the Pathfinder Clubs in the conference are

on the upswing. Clubs have now been established in Huntsville, Oakwood, Chattanooga, Jackson, Mississippi, Nashville, Tennessee, Greenville, Mississippi, Meridian, Mississippi, Louisville, Kentucky, Birmingham, Alabama, Jackson, Tennessee, Lexington, Kentucky and Bessemer, Alabama.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES HANDS

When Joseph W. Hutchinson accepted the call to serve as associate director of the publishing work in the Pacific Union Conference, Steven Ruff, Oakwood College graduate, was invited by the conference committee to serve as director for the Publishing Work in the South Central Conference. Literature Sales for the current year are reaching toward the \$200,000 mark. In addition to Mr. Ruff, Fred Whitlos, Robert Rowan and William Ison have been added to the staff.



Youth For Better Living Mobile Theater.

YOUTH FOR BETTER LIVING CRUSADE STIRS CHATTANOOGA

For the past few years Pastor Henry S. Holt has engaged the youth of the South Central Conference in a new kind of evangelism in the cities across the conference. The program is called 'Youth for Better Living'. These young people have a mobile theater that they use to give plays related to the gospel of Jesus Christ as it relates to present day problems. The program has worked wonders in the inner cities of a number of cities in the conference such as Louisville, Tuscaloosa, Nashville and this year Chattanooga.

Drug addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes, thieves and many who have been scarred by the enemy of mankind's soul have testified of victories won and have given their hearts to the Lord. This summer the group worked in the city of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The city fathers were greatly impressed with the change that it brought to that community among many who have been law offenders. One person who told of his conversion brought tears to the eyes of one of the arresting officers who had busted him seventeen times, as he spoke of the goodness of God that had brought hope to his life. More than sixty persons were baptized. It is a new kind of ministry for the cities which challenges the church anew that 'everybody will know who Jesus is.'



Oakwood/Huntsville Pathfinders.



New congregation organized in Granada, Miss.

OPPORTUNITY CAMP

Amid all the anxiety about juniors and teenagers today, B. E. Wright, Conference youth director, planned an aggressive program at Lone Star Camp. With age groups meeting at different times it made an interesting summer for the youth of the Southwest.

J. C. Hicks, Inner City Director, worked closely with the MV director in conducting the Opportunity Camp. While boys and girls who were strangers got acquainted with their cabin mates and staff members, it didn't take them long to find the various paths that led to the different buildings and the beautiful lake. Some were even a bit homesick on the first day, but after a couple of days the picture changed and they wanted the week to extend indefinitely.

Our sister church in Sulphur Springs, where we have no church, sponsored eight boys who were excited over the idea of attending a sleep-away camp. Brothers Bauer and Moore, two young men who carry on the services in Waxahachie where we have a mission, solicited five boys and girls from the community to sponsor at the camp.

When they arrived at the homes of the juniors, they decided not to go. These young men were disappointed that a change of decision had taken place, but they did not give up, they found other youngsters in the community to take their places. The additional juniors that came from Sapulpa, Tyler and Hillsboro totalled more than 35 with the staff at the first Opportunity Camp conducted at our new campground.

Activities consisted of devotion, crafts, water sports, table games, nature walks, archery, Indian Art, good food and fellowship.



Who said that the blind couldn't ski?

BLIND CAMP

August 12-19 was an extra special camp session. The Christian Record Braille Foundation worked in harmony with the Youth and Lay Activities Departments to conduct an Adult Blind Camp. They came by chartered bus, car and plane from as far away as El Paso and New Orleans.

When the registration was finished,

there were more than 101 visually impaired and helpers who became campers. It was unusual to watch these handicapped ones engage in horseback riding, water sports, table games, and crafts.

Another unique feature was the "Go Carts" that were used for transportation. The week passed ever so quickly because every camper was busily engaged throughout the days' activities.



Opportunity Camp youngsters from Sapulpa, Okla.



The blind enjoy good refreshments at Camp Lone Star.



President W. C. Jones and family enjoy a cart ride.



There is nothing like a horseback ride for the blind.

BLACK ADVENTIST BUSINESSES—IN ACTION

BAMDA MEETS IN DETROIT

The fourth annual National BAMDA Convention was held in Detroit, Michigan July 27-29, with black physicians and dentists in attendance across the country. BAMDA means Black Adventists Medical Dental Association. The idea was conceived by Drs. J. Mark Cox, C. A. Dent, W. M. Coopwood and C. E. Dudley. These brethren sensed a need for the black physicians and dentists who are members of the SDA church to be able to meet together from time to time and encourage each other in the faith, to work to help black youth to find their places in the professions and to be of a greater service as a part of the ministerial/medical team in joining hands for a finished work among our people.

The group met for three days in Detroit and discussed subjects regarding "Medical and Dental School Performance of Graduates of Oakwood College at Loma Linda University", "Graduate Students Religious Awakening in Nashville, Tennessee", and the "Responsibility of BAMDA to Scientific Development at Oakwood College". An action was also taken to request that a representative group of BAMDA and administrative leaders of the church pay a visit to the Loma Linda University campus in the interest of helping the black student who attends this school. Another action was also to encourage a spiritual witness among our students who attend the various medical/dental institutions of learning across the land.

The National Officers of BAMDA are: L. Rudy Broomes, M.D., president; C. Campbell, D.D.S., president elect; Ted Watkins, M.D., secretary; L.S. Follette, M.D., treasurer; J. Mark Cox, editor of BAMDA news; J. F. Bookhart, M.D., Resource/Development; and P. Pierre-Louis, vice-president for student affairs. The Ladies Auxiliary officers are Elaine B. Cox, Ph.D., president; Claire Hosten, vice-president; Rhonda Herry, secretary; Yvonne Roberts, treasurer and Phyllis Campbell, publicity director.

There are more than 150 black SDA physicians and dentists who are following their practices across the United States.



J. Mark Cox, founder awarded by BAMDA President L. R. Broomes.



Dr. Harry Wong receives award for work at Howard University helping SDA students.



Dr. C. D. Joseph addresses BAMDA group.



Prof. J. F. Dent tells of Meharry Student Witness.



Dr. A. Prince offers solution to student needs.



Dr. E. Thomas expresses concern for LLU students.



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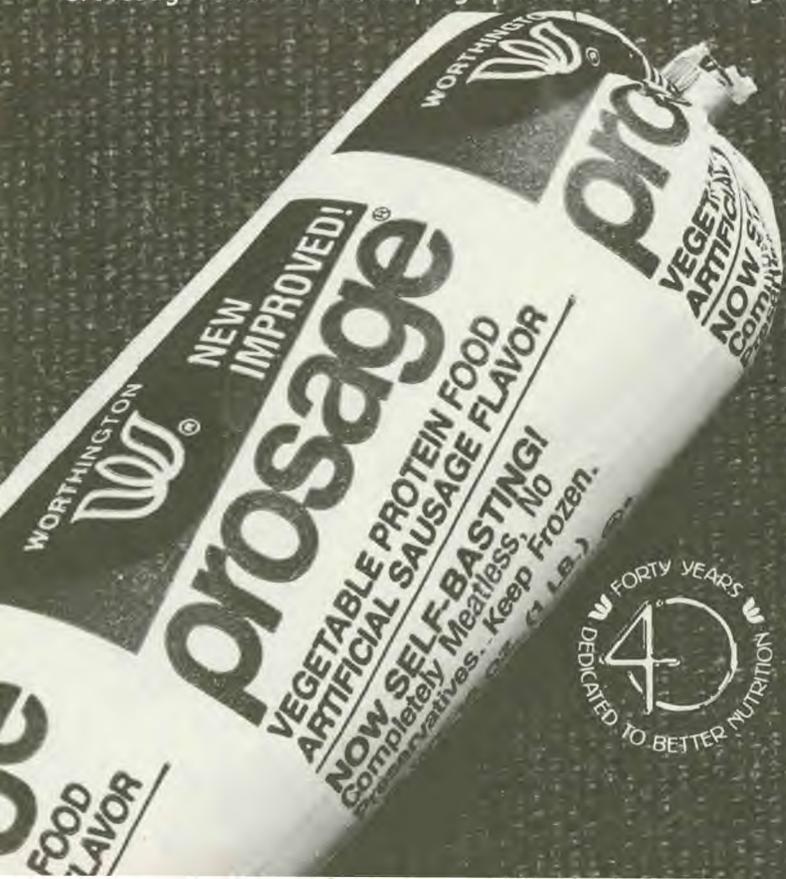
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NEWS FROM INSTITUTIONS

A REPORT OF VICTORY LAKE NURSING HOME

I am happy to report to you the progress of Victory Lake Nursing Center of the Northeastern Conference Nursing Home, Inc.

Seventh-day Adventists believe that Christ is soon to come and we want to do our best in aiding others to be ready to meet their Maker in peace. We believe that Christians are concerned with the total man; physical, mental, spiritual and social need of all people.

The objectives of the Victory Lake Nursing Center are as follows:

1. To treat the sick, regardless of race, color, or creed, by supplying quality medical care through the use of scientific, compassionate and proven contemporary methods.
2. To promote the teaching of healthful living by establishing and maintaining an environment where the laws dealing with the physical, mental, spiritual, and social needs of man can best be understood and practiced.
3. To provide the best possible facilities and equipment necessary to fulfill the medical needs of the community commensurate with sound financial management.
4. To establish and maintain educational programs in the health sciences in order to qualify people to serve scientifically and motivate them to serve compassionately.
5. To research, test, verify, apply and advocate new truths which may result in the better treatment of disease and a better understanding of the laws of health.
6. To establish and use acceptable measures throughout the Center operation that are in harmony with Christian principles of unselfish service to mankind.

The treatment of the sick is our first objective at Victory Lake Nursing Center. During the past three (3) years we have provided just under one hundred thirty thousand (130,000) patient days of compassionate loving care. Our dedicated staff which numbers on the average of one hundred forty (140)

strong, worked tirelessly on a 24-hour-a-day basis. The Victory Lake Nursing Center strives to maintain an adequate and fully qualified staff. Personnel selections are based on the applicant's experience, education, training and skills. Selection is determined by a non-biased interview.

We have strived to promote a fair treatment to our employees without regard to age, sex, religion, ethnic background or color. No qualified handicapped person shall, on the basis of handicap, be denied employment. Our personnel ratio is 48%/52% minority/majority.

We use the Comprehensive Education Training Act (C.E.T.A.) and have provided employment to the socially disadvantaged members of our Church and Community.

Victory Lake Nursing Center has been rated as one of the best job sites of those participating in the C.E.T.A. program in Dutchess County and this is how it should be.

Promoting and teaching the art of healthful living is our "Second to None" objective. The newspapers and magazines herald the effects of intemperant lives. The warfare of God's people against intemperance is to be more vigorous. "The great subject of reform is to be agitated, and the public mind is to be stirred." . . . *Temperance*, 238. We have had temperance lectures, and vegetarian food demonstrations, all aimed at making the community a better place to live in keeping with the counsel.

Thirdly, all the love in the world is worthless if we do not have the proper

equipment to carry out the needed procedures in time of emergency or illness. Through the leadership of our Board of Directors, chaired by Elder George R. Earle, we are well equipped within fiscal restraints to do the job and carry out the procedures ordered by the attending physicians, under the direction of Dr. Edmund E. Good, Medical Director; however, we are always looking for better ways to upgrade our services. The fourth and fifth objectives of the Nursing Center are Education and Research. We read in Daniel 12:4 "But Thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

Our doctors, nurses, nursing assistants and other supportive staff are proud of their accomplishments at Victory Lake Nursing Center and they have made it their business to tell others of the quality care that can be found at Victory Lake Nursing Center. We are blessed to have on our staff Dr. Karl Sandbank, from the area. He has lectured to the public on two (2) occasions concerning the quality of care we provide.

As we look to the challenges of the future, we are planning to provide a better service than ever before. We can only be successful with God's help, the Board's continued support, your prayers and our continued committed work until Christ comes to take us home to that land where we will never grow old.

GEORGE H. PELOTE
Administrator



Victory Lake Nursing Home, Hyde Park, N.Y.



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HERE'S TO A BALANCED OAKWOOD COLLEGE!

by C. B. Rock

One of the primary reasons Oakwood College is enjoying more students, more highly-qualified faculty, more foundation support, and stellar acceptance to the academic community is our ever-increasing posture as a well-rounded academic institution. In times of not too distant memory, Oakwood was known primarily as a school for the training of preachers and teachers. Students were advised to go elsewhere if they wanted to be lawyers, doctors, social workers, psychologists, etc. Of course, it is true that the vast majority of the ministers and educators who serve black Adventism spent some if not all of their college days at O.C. (and this is a record of which we are justly proud). However, quietly and effectively we have expanded into a curriculum of fourteen different degree-granting departments, producing from 170 to 200 graduates each year. In fact, we are happy to announce that during the seventies O.C. has graduated a total of 1,246 individuals in our B.A., B.S., B.G.S. and A.A. programs.

E. A. Cooper, Chairman of the Natural Sciences Division, (biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics and nursing) recently made a study which helps demonstrate the versatility of the O.C. program. His study of O.C. graduates details: a) graduates who have attained medical degrees, b) graduates now studying in university medical programs, c) graduates accepted into medical institutions who will be in study programs as of the fall of 1979. The following lists compiled by Dr. Cooper clearly demonstrate the above and show that Oakwood College is fast producing men and women who are finding success in programs other than the traditional preacher-teacher concept for which we have so long been known.

Close study of the lists above reveal that Oakwood College has produced 44 graduates in the physician-dentistry category and has 35 students presently enrolled or preparing to enter medical schools this fall.* Please notice that these lists include graduates only. There are, of course, dozens of other physicians and dentists who spent time at O.C. but who did not graduate there. These are not included in the Cooper report.

The success of our graduates is a tremendous tribute to the faculty and staff of this institution, and we hope that this brief report not only brings a good

deal of pride to the alumnus and friends of Oakwood College around the field, but that it will further stimulate both parents and prospective students to consider and take advantage of the wide variety of academic offerings that Oakwood College, circa de 1979-80, is able to offer. Hats off to a balanced Oakwood College!

*Since the Cooper report, the following have been accepted to Meharry from O.C.:

Adedokun, Muyiwa
Hall, Frances
Mugemancuro, Benson
Summers, Diane

**TABLE 1
THE ATTAINMENT OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL DEGREES BY OAKWOOD ALUMNI**

NAME	DEGREE	O.C. CLASS	MEDICAL OR DENTAL SCHOOL
Awoniyi, Moses	M.D.	1972	Loma Linda University
Awoniyi, Wilatra	D.D.S.	1972	Loma Linda University
Bailey, Gordon A.	M.D.	1966	Meharry Medical College
Bedney, Reginald	D.D.S.	1974	Loma Linda University
Berkel, Boyce	M.D.	1969	Jefferson Medical College
Blackburn, Raymond	M.D.	1971	Loma Linda University
Bovell, Philip	M.D.	1969	Howard University
Boyce, Alfred	D.O.	1957	Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine
Brooks, Dennis	M.D.	1973	Loma Linda University
Broomes, Lloyd Rudy	M.D.	1961	Loma Linda University
Brown, Melva	M.D.	1970	Loma Linda University
Brown, Richard C.	M.D.	1972	Loma Linda University
Campbell, Charles	D.D.S.	1959	Meharry Medical College
Cartwright, Edward D.	M.D.	1968	Yale University
Crawford, Gene O.	M.D.	1965	University of Maryland
Dickerson, Donna (Willis)	M.D.	1974	Loma Linda University
Duncan, Victor A.	M.D.	1964	Loma Linda University
Folette, Lyle	M.D.	1953	Howard University
Griffith, Carvason E.	M.D.	1969	Howard University
Hackley, Allan	M.D.	1972	Ohio State University
Honablue, Valrie Biggs	M.D.	1973	Meharry Medical College
Howell, Halstead D.	M.D.	1967	Howard University
Jenkins, Jr., Fitzgerald	M.D.	1963	Loma Linda University
Kanion, Zavon	D.D.S.		Meharry Medical College
Kelsick, Merlin	M.D.	1972	University of Chicago
Lester, Michael	M.D.		University of Florida
Lewis, Anthony	M.D.		Meharry Medical College
Lewis, Nathan	M.D.	1974	Loma Linda University
Lewis, Nigel	D.D.S.	1971	Loma Linda University
McKenzie, Thermutus	M.D.	1969	Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Msumba, Cameron A.	M.D.	1961	Universidad Autonoma of Guadalajara (Mexico)

Okrah, Amos	M.D.	1970	University of Pennsylvania
Paul, Finster L.	M.D.	1961	Loma Linda University
Robinson, Harrell	M.D.	1974	Loma Linda University
Ruff, Lloyd Eugene	M.D.	1970	Loma Linda University
Sampson, Reginald	M.D.	1974	Loma Linda University
Sealey, Lemuel R. V.	M.D.	1957	University of Saarlandes (Hamburg, Germany)
Wagner, III, John	M.D.	1971	University of South Alabama
Warren, Linda	M.D.	1972	Meharry Medical College
Watkins, Theodore	M.D.	1969	Howard University
Weekes, Laurence J. S.	M.D.	1969	Loma Linda University
White, III, James	M.D.	1968	Loma Linda University
White, Jeffeory	M.D.	1974	Loma Linda University
Williams, Cleveland	M.D.	1971	University of Florida

**TABLE 2
OAKWOOD ALUMNI CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN
MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOLS**

NAME	AREA	O.C. CLASS	MEDICAL OR DENTAL SCHOOL
Artis, Keith	Med.	1976	Meharry Medical College
Burns, Patricia	Med.	1979	Meharry Medical College
Coopwood, Diane	Dent.	1979	Meharry Medical College
Daniyan, Samuel	Med.	1976	Loma Linda University
Grandison, David	Med.		Michigan State University
Greene, Synthia E.	Med.	1978	Loma Linda University
Ham-Ying, J. Michael K.	Med.	1977	Meharry Medical College
Ibokwe, Daniel	Med.	1976	Loma Linda University
Jones, Brian	Med.	1978	Meharry Medical College
Kelly, P. Judson	Dent.		Loma Linda University
McCowan, Ronald	Med.	1976	Loma Linda University
McGriff, James T.	Med.	1977	Wayne State University
Morris, Rodney K.	Med.	1977	University of Kentucky
Musson, Celia	Dent.	1975	Meharry Medical College
Musson, Paul	Med.	1978	Meharry Medical College
Prince, Christopher	Med.	1978	Wayne State University
Rahming, Wayne	Med.	1975	Loma Linda University
Rahming, Wilcott	Med.	1978	Loma Linda University
Sampson, Allan	Med.		Iowa State University
Sheldon, Corliss	Med.	1975	Loma Linda University
Smith, Solomon	Med.	1978	Meharry Medical College
Thomas, Robert	Dent.		Meharry Medical College
Valentine, Gregory	Med.	1976	Loma Linda University

**TABLE 3
OAKWOOD ALUMNI RECENTLY ACCEPTED INTO
MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOLS (1979)**

NAME	AREA	O.C. CLASS	MEDICAL OR DENTAL SCHOOL
Campbell, Earl B.	Med.	1979	University of the West Indies, Jamaica, West Indies
Carrington, Selwyn A. B.	Med.	1979	State Univ. of N.Y., Syracuse
Doram, Keith	Med.	1978	University of Indiana
Forde, Ronald	Dent.	1979	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Harrison, Duane E.	Med.	1979	Meharry Medical College
Minisee, D. Leonard	Med.	1980	Loma Linda University
Moore, Jr., Hezekiah N.	Med.	1980	Loma Linda University
Pelote, Edward W.	Med.	1979	Meharry Medical College
Richardson, Paul E.	Med.	1979	Howard University
Sampson, Vernetta H.	Med.	1978	Meharry Medical College
Shelton, Charlesetta	Med.	1978	Meharry Medical College
Hamblin, Hugh	Dent.	1978	Howard University

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

ON THIS DAY . . .

Mend a quarrel; search out a forgotten friend;
dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust; write a love letter; share some treasure; give a soft answer;
encourage youth; manifest your loyalty in a word or deed.

Keep a promise; find the time; forgo a grudge;
forgive an enemy; listen . . . ; apologize if you were
wrong; try to understand; flout envy;
examine your demands on others; think first of someone else;
appreciate; be kind; be gentle; laugh a little more.

Deserve confidence; take up arms against malice;
decry complacency; express your gratitude; worship your God; gladden the heart of a child; take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth; speak your love; speak it again; speak it still again; speak it still once again . . . that's what Jesus did!

MY PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

Realizing that God is my Creator and Saviour, I know that I can do nothing of myself, but that all that I have and will accomplish in this life, I owe to His power.

Knowing that the hour of Christ's coming is very near, it is my desire to be ready to meet Him in peace, and to do all I can to inform others of this fact, and lead them to the joy of His salvation.

It is my purpose to represent Christ in all that I do—in day to day actions, and interactions with those about me. To do all that I can to help others to rise up to higher, loftier heights in their life's experience—not looking for recognition of any kind, just feeling the surging joy, and happiness that is radiated from the person helped. Following the example of the Master, I want to live to bless others.

Lillie Johnson,
Office Secretary

IN THE NEWS

OBITUARY

DAVIS, EDDIE JR.—born to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Davis, senior of Tallahassee, Florida, January 9, 1900 and departed this life August 17, 1979.

He received all his schooling in Hillsborough County where he accepted the Advent Message in 1923 under Elder G. E. Peters. He remained with the Tampa congregation where he served as choir member, choir director (both youth and adult), member of the finance committee, usher and sexton. He had been a longshoreman for 50 years and continued as chaplain up to the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife Rose; 5 sons, Elmo, Albert, Hollis and wife of Tampa, Florida; Herbert and wife Irma of Greensboro, North Carolina; Oliver and wife Faye of Oakwood College; 2 daughters, Inez Bergans and husband Willie Earl of Houston, Texas; Mildred Parker and husband Elder F. W. Parker of Atlanta, Georgia. There are 18 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

NEWS NOTES—

- The Northeastern Conference's Fall Workers' Meeting was held at Camp Victory in Hyde Park, N.Y. September 17-20.
- Hundreds of South Central Youth attended a Counselling Youth Congress at Biloxi, Mississippi September 6 to 9. It was new and different. Joseph W. McCoy is the Youth director.
- The South Central Conference has been awarded a four million dollar offer to build another housing project in Clarksville, Tennessee.
- The Lake Region Conference held its Youth Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 4 to 6. Delegates came from all five states within the conference.
- The college enrollment at Oakwood College is moving toward the fourteen hundred mark again this year.
- The Southwest Region Workers' Meeting was held September 16-19 in Oklahoma.

● WEDDING BELLS

Alva Lorraine Jones was married to Wallace D. Arlington in Chicago, Illinois on September 16 at 3:00 p.m. They will reside in Chicago, Illinois.

● WORKERS IN TRANSITION—

- Elder H. W. Baptiste from Mt. Vernon, N.Y. to Conference Secretary, Northeastern Conference.
- Elder W. S. Lee, Jr. from Corona to Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
- Elder D. Frances from Westbury to Corona, N.Y.
- Elder R. Williams from Springfield, Mass. to Westbury, N.Y.
- Elder E. J. Humphrey from (Ephesus) New York City to Springfield, Mass.
- Elder R. Lister from Jamaica, N.Y. to Conference Lay Activities Director.
- Elder A. Morgan from Albany, N.Y. to Jamaica, N.Y.
- Elder W. Vincent—Ministerial graduate to Albany, N.Y.
- Elder R. Smith—Ministerial graduate to (Bethel Church), Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Elder C. Langhorn—Seminarman to Stamford and South Norwalk.
- Elder M. Benjamin—Seminarman to Rockway, Hempstead, N.Y.
- Elder M. Birmingham from Brooklyn to South Ozone Tk., N.Y.
- Elder L. Honore from Boston, Mass. to Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Elder S. W. Stovall from Conference Secretary to Ministerial Director.
- Elder Willard Hall from Hempstead to Central Islip.
- Elder Aldwin Humphrey from Pine Forge, Pa. to Milwaukee, Wis.

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in vines, the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the god of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

—Habakkuk 3:17-19

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