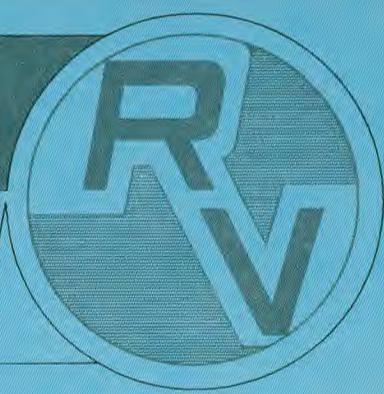


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“For unto us a child is born . . .”

Isaiah 9:6

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COVER STORY

“UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN”

by Stephanie D. Johnson

Since the fall of man, the world anxiously awaited the coming of the Redeemer. Adam and Eve thought the birth of their first son was the promised Messiah. The sacrificial system of the Mosaic law pointed to the Lamb that would take away the sin of the world. The prophets and the Scriptures all spoke of the coming of Emmanuel. The coming of the Promised One was a hope cherished in the heart of every Jew. They looked forward to a Deliverer who would set them free from Roman oppression.

The time that preceded the birth of Jesus was marked by great political and religious strife. The Jews were scattered among every nation. Their cherished traditions and customs seemed threatened by Hellenization. The oppressive yoke of the Roman Empire weighed heavily upon the Jews.

“Judaism was divided into several opposing sects, whose differences were often as much as political and social as they were religious. Thus the Pharisee stood for legal puritanism, the Sadducees represented the political and social aristocracy, the Essenes aloofly waited for the Messiah in Monastic, other-worldly colonies, while Herodians and Zealots occupied the extreme political poles of collaboration with the Romans and insurrection against them.” SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 5, p.44.

Their most vile contempt was held for Herod, whose legacy of murder and mayhem marked his reign. The Jews violently opposed the heavy taxation levied upon them; they despised his pagan activities, and fought vigorously his attempts to Hellenize them. He built a theatre in Jerusalem, *“a very great amphitheatre in the plains.”* Antiquities of the Jews, XV 8.1 (328).

He inaugurated games to be held every five years in honor of Caesar. These games were often the scene of frivolity, drunkenness, and dissipation. All regard for human life was cast aside. Herod prepared wild beasts *“to fight with one another, or with men who were condemned to death,”* Ibid.

The Jews extreme hatred was seen by their premature rejoicing over Herod’s death. *“When he fell ill and it was declared that he could not recover, wild rejoicing broke out in Jerusalem, and a mob tore down the golden eagle—hated emblem of the Roman overlords—that Herod had placed over the entrance to the temple. When he did recover, however, Herod wreaked His vengeance upon many of these disappointed celebrants.”* SDA Commentary, Vol. 5, p. 42.

Jewish nationalism had reached its heights. They hung tenaciously to their cherished customs and traditions. They feared the amalgamation of Judaism and Paganism. Therefore, intense study was given to the Torah and Sacred History. However, they did not seek truth, but, claims that would substantiate the coming of an earthly monarch who would crush the Roman Empire. It was this self-seeking attitude that led to the rejection of the Scriptures and Christ Himself.

Although, the Jews blindly misinterpreted the Scriptures, there were many Gentiles who anxiously looked forward to the coming of the Messiah, who would save the people from their sins. These people had grown weary of pageantry and fables—they longed for a heartfelt religion. *“The Spirit of Inspiration was imparted. One after another, like stars in the darkened heavens, such teachers had arisen. Their words of prophecy kindled hope in the hearts of thousands of the Gentile world.”* The Desire of Ages, pp. 32, 33. *“Among those whom the Jews styled heathen were men who had a better understanding of the Scripture prophecies concerning the Messiah than had the teachers in Israel.”* Ibid., pp. 33, 34.

The world waited in anxious anticipation for the Saviour. After four thousand years, *“the deception of sin had reached its heights The senses, the nerves, the passions, the organs of men, were worked by supernatural agencies in the vilest of lust. The very stamp of demons was impressed upon the countenances of men. Human faces reflected the expression of legions of evils with which they were possessed.”* Ibid., pp. 36, 37. It was under these conditions, that Infinite Purity came to uplift and elevate humanity.

“The fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman.” Galatians 4:4. There in

Bethlehem of Judea, the Son of God was wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

The news of the long-awaited Messiah reached the Jewish nation but pride and indifference caused them to reject Christ. The angels came to the expositors of the Sacred Oracles, but, they were blinded by worldly ambition. Only a few looked forward to His coming and to those the heavenly angels were sent.

The arrival of the Promised One, was proclaimed to the lowly shepherds of Bethlehem, who made haste to see the King. It was a bright star that led the wise men to seek Jesus. Thus, the very ones the rabbis looked upon with contempt were led by the angel to worship the Messiah. He came unto His own and they received Him not.

Nearly two thousand years have passed since Jesus left his heavenly kingdom to accept poverty, rejection, and finally death. *“Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which we had no share. He suffered the death that was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. With His stripes we are healed.”* Ibid., pp. 24, 25. Thank God for his priceless Christmas gift. *“Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.”* Revelation 15:3.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

—Romans 8:26, 27

In the end, we are all sum total of our actions. Character cannot be counterfeited, nor can it be put on and cast off as if it were a moment. Like the markings on wood which are ingrained in the very heart of the tree, character requires time and nurture for growth and development. Thus also, day by day, we write our own destiny; for inexorably we become what we do. This, I believe, is the supreme logic and law of life.

—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



Dr. C. B. Rock

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Many people (workers and laymen) are asking for a concise summary of the position of those of us who have spoken for the need of Black Unions. The enclosed statement adopted by an informal body of metropolitan pastors, seeks to answer these questions.

In order to more effectively proclaim the Saving Gospel of Christ through administrative, departmental, pastoral, evangelistic, and lay endeavors and in order to facilitate the continued growth of Adventism among black people, the regional workers stand together for the establishment of Black Unions.

I. Black Unions will provide more effective representation of the needs of the Black Work to the General Conference.

A. The General Conference is the only level of church government capable of the type of massive help urgently needed by the Black Churches for education, youth-recreation, and community oriented facilities. (Local and Union Conferences have little funds for appropriations).

B.S.D.A. structural procedures dictate that the Union President (officially and unofficially) negotiate appeals to the General Conference for Local Conference and Local church needs.

C. White leadership be it ever so sincere cannot accurately articulate Black needs.

II. Black Unions will provide greater mobility for Black departmental men within Black Local Conferences.

A. Movement across Union lines makes it difficult for Black departmental men to become known in other Local Conferences.

B. Black administrators will be able to meet together regularly to discuss workers' needs and exchanges.

III. Black Unions will allow Black Presidents to share their knowledge and experience with each other.

A. Black Presidents represent peculiar needs which cannot be felt or shared by White Presidents. They need to work together more closely.

B. At present, Black administrators are socially segregated from White society and structurally separated from each other.

IV. Black Unions will enhance effectiveness of Regional Conferences' departmental secretaries.

A. Various departmental men in Black Unions will be able to share their distinctly *Black problems*, i.e., Inner City, Education, M.V.

B. White departmental men do not comprehend our peculiar needs.

V. Black Unions will provide more knowledgeable leadership at Regional Conference constituency meetings.

A. White Union Presidents chair *all* Local Conference Nominating Committees.

B. In a crisis these men are ill-equipped to advise on Black personalities (they do not know our men any more than we know their men).

VI. Black Union leadership would program more specifically for Black Conferences and Black Churches and Black Communities; i.e., (1) Ghetto problems, (2) Evangelism.

VII. Black Unions will provide *natural* vertical mobility for Local Conference administrators and departmental men.

A. White prejudice will not allow Black Local Conference departmental men or administrators to be elected into a Union by regular processes.

B. The few Union men we do have are there because of several pressures from Black workers or protracted coercion upon White Union Presidents by General Conference Leaders.

C. Election of a Black Union worker when only Black names are allowed on the board admits to the unreadiness of our White brethren to do it right.

D. When a man is put in office by special arrangements, he usually works under special arrangements, and can be easily dismissed by special arrangements.

VIII. Black Unions is the only way to get Black Union Presidents. We need Black Union Presidents, because Union Presidents are the most *pivotal* men in our structure.

A. They chair Local Conference elections; thus, powerfully relate to Local Conference business.

B. They serve on General Conference Nominating Committee; thus, powerfully relate to Washington.

IX. Black Unions will eliminate all needs for special concession for office and committees.

A. Figuring out how many Blacks to put in a Union.

B. Eliminating the need at our General Conference Sessions to remove all Black Delegates from their respective Union to choose Black representation on various committees. This special all Black caucus at General Conference is an admittance that justice cannot come from the structure; and by granting the Black Delegates permission to meet and do business by themselves, the General Conference is affording them Union posture anyway.

X. Black Unions will be the only way to insure bona fide Black presence at those very important sessions of Union administration and departmental men.

XI. Black Unions will provide better rapport with Local churches.

A. White Union brethren seldom visit colored churches.

B. Colored believers do not usually relish sermons preached by a White brother.

XII. It is impossible for well-meaning White people to provide a climate of equality and offer fellowship in our church in which social and political integration is possible.

A. It is not the way of America.

B. White laity is against it.

C. White leadership is not educating the White membership.

Dr. C. B. Rock

The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

—Matthew 9:37, 38

BLACK UNION PRESIDENTS ATTEND COUNCIL

MEET THESE MEN

Meet D. K. Bazarra, president of the East African Union, with headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. He is married to Pereska and has two children, John 23, and Ruth 21.

Within the borders of the East African Union are five missions. Their size gives an idea as to the scope of the challenge that Elder Bazarra faces in coordinating the work there. The Kenya Lake Mission has 22,000 members, the South Kenya Mission has 51,000 members, the Central Kenya Mission has 15,000 members, the Uganda Mission has 13,000 members and the Ranen Mission has 211,000 members.

Elder Bazarra points to the fact that the East African Union also has within its jurisdiction two beautiful and well staffed hospitals. The Kendu Mission Hospital with 140 beds and the Ishaka Mission Hospital with ninety beds both serve to say to the communities involved that Adventists are concerned about the health of the people of the world. The Bugema Adventist College with an enrollment of over 350 students and the Kamagambo High School and teachers training college with an enrollment of 500 students serve to emphasize the commitment of this Union to the ideals of Christian Education. The Union also

has 80 other church sponsored high schools and 120 church sponsored elementary schools.

As he boarded his flight to return to his responsibilities in the East African Union, Elder Bazarra said, "I see you in Dallas in April." To this we responded, "Our prayers will ever be to see you there. In the meantime if we never see one another again on this planet, there is a promised home for us all where we will never have to separate again." Even so come Lord Jesus.

Meet Noel S. Fraser, M.B.A., president of the West Indies Union Conference, with headquarters on the Island of Jamaica in the beautiful city of Mandeville. This office building is the working place of our friend Elder Noel S. Fraser who directs the work of several conferences from his position. His territory is made up of the Island of Jamaica, the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, the Turks and the Caicos Islands.

In the country of Jamaica, there are three large conferences under his direction. The East Jamaica Conference with headquarters in Kingston has a membership of 32,281. The Central Jamaica Conference with headquarters in Spanish Town has a membership of 30,866 and the West Jamaica Conference with headquarters in Montego

Bay has a membership of 36,391. Moving farther away from the home base, Elder Fraser's responsibilities are broadened with the challenge of Cayman Islands with 689 members organized into a mission. The Turks and Caicos Islands also present a tremendous challenge to Elder Fraser with many small islands and only 100 members. The Bahamas have a membership of 6,000 and is growing at a rapid pace.

There is a college in the West Indies Union that has a student body representing twenty-nine different countries. The total enrollment of this college is 2,555 and growing. The city of Kingston offers a unique challenge to the president in that it contains the only hospital in the union that is under Seventh-day Adventist leadership. This hospital is the only one in Jamaica that offers a B.S. Degree in nursing. It contains 50 beds and is well respected by all members of the community.

With over 3,000,000 people in the territory of the union and 464 churches reaching out to pass the word of present truth, you can see why a man with this challenge is a man to meet. Meet Noel Fraser, president of the West Indies Union, father of two girls, Kay and Valena and husband of Mrs. Venice Fraser.



C. D. Joseph, President of Lake Region Conference, interviews D. K. Bazarra, Noel S. Fraser, and Bekele Heye, as L. R. Palmer, President of Allegheny East Conference looks on.



Left to right: Noel S. Fraser, President of West Indies Union Conference, C. D. Joseph, Bekele Heye, President of the Ethiopian Union, L. R. Palmer, D. K. Bazarra, President of the East African Union.

THE EDITOR'S DESK

GENERAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL MOVES TO CLOSE SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

The recent decision by the Annual Council to close the Southern Publishing Association because of financial losses of the missionary journals: MESSAGE MAGAZINE—\$50,000 and THESE TIMES—\$126,000 (on the West Coast, SIGNS OF THE TIMES—\$360,000), is in direct contradiction of the counsel given by Ellen White to our leaders.

When the Southern Publishing Association was established it was plagued with financial losses. The first three years (1901-1904) the publishing house had an indebtedness of \$36,000. The General Conference sent an investigating team who suggested the closing of the publishing house and making it a depository of the Review and Herald.

A. G. Daniells, then president of the General Conference carried the proposal to Ellen White, she was "deeply perplexed and sorely grieved," but she agreed. God intervened before the action could be taken, and Ellen White told the leaders that their plans were wrong; God desired a publishing house in the South, and He would prosper this venture if they would preserve it. The leaders accepted the counsel of God and the financial outlook was changed. Oh, if men would heed God's unchanging word, rather than trusting in their own wisdom. God's word is immutable! God cannot lie! Heaven and earth might pass away, but His word will never change.

We shudder to think of the grave consequence such an action would have on millions of people who have yet to hear the message. We lament the fact that such a decision would be entertained. We know that God will intervene. We have nothing to fear for the future, except we forget how God has led us in the past.

We, therefore, applaud the SPA Board of Directors who met on October 22, and "voted to pursue every conceivable route to help the house stabilize its operation and continue to exist to serve the purpose for which it was first established."

We are confident that God will bless His publishing houses and that the financial losses will be reversed. This we believe! "God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him."

NOTES ON ANNUAL COUNCIL

At the recent G. C. Annual Council held in October 1979 in Washington, D.C., two important actions were voted that would be of interest to regional constituents, they are: reorganization of African Affairs and the closing of the Southern Publishing Association.

REORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS—In the first half of the decade of the 1970s, continued correspondence was sent to the General Conference from African fields. It expressed the viewpoint that our present division

organization was not viewed favorably by many SDA Africans, nor by some African governments since it gives the appearance of colonialism.

Some of the African leaders and constituents felt the location of division headquarters in Europe and Middle East prevented adequate opportunity for Africans to participate in leadership roles.

With this viewpoint in mind the Annual Council of 1979 recommended a reorganization of the Seventh-day Adventist work in Africa.

The new division will extend from Central Africa through West Africa. The Trans-African Division will include the countries of Angola, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, and the nations to the southern part of the continent. The Afro-Mideast Division will include Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, and Ethiopia, Sudan Egypt, and Libya. The Euro-African will still retain Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

December	7	14	21	28	December	7	14	21	28
Chicago, Ill.	4:20	4:21	4:23	4:27	Boston, Mass	4:12	4:12	4:15	4:19
South Bend, Indiana	5:15	5:15	5:18	5:22	New York City	4:19	4:20	4:23	4:27
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:32	4:32	4:34	4:39	Buffalo, N.Y.	4:40	4:41	4:43	4:48
St. Louis, Mo.	4:39	4:40	4:43	4:47	Atlanta, Ga.	5:29	5:31	5:33	5:37
Kansas City, Mo.	4:56	4:56	4:59	5:03	Miami, Fla.	5:30	5:32	5:35	5:39
Denver, Co.	4:35	4:36	4:39	4:43	Charlotte, N.C.	5:11	5:13	5:15	5:19
Little Rock, Ark.	4:58	4:59	5:02	5:06	Birmingham, Ala.	4:39	4:40	4:43	4:47
Dallas, Texas	5:21	5:22	5:25	5:29	Jackson, Miss.	4:56	4:57	5:00	5:04
New Orleans, La.	5:00	5:02	5:05	5:09	Memphis, Tenn.	4:48	4:49	4:52	4:56
Albuquerque, N.M.	4:55	4:56	4:58	5:03	Louisville, Ky.	5:23	5:24	5:26	5:30
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:18	5:19	5:21	5:26	Detroit, Mich.	5:01	5:02	5:04	5:09

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

THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

Central States

SEVEN BAPTIZED IN SEDALIA, MISSOURI

The evangelistic crusade conducted by Elder H. L. Thompson this year in Sedalia, Missouri was very uplifting for the community, a town often described as another Sodom and Gomorrah.

Many are still taking Bible lessons and others have asked when will there be an other crusade in Sedalia. Seven new members were baptized and are now taking an active part in the church.

Among the seven new members are: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hayden who were once leaders of a spiritual church in the community. Mr. Hayden is in charge of the services when the pastor is not present. Mrs. Hayden has turned in over one hundred dollars in Ingathering. The Haydens have also donated an organ to the church which was dedicated this summer by the pastor, Elder M. E. Taylor.

Erma Curd,
Communication Secretary

ADVENTIST RECEIVES VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Mrs. Flora Douglas has received the Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding volunteer service for helping to improve the quality of life in a St. Louis, Missouri community.

The award given earlier this year, was in recognition of service to the Tower Village, offers varied services to men, women and couples regardless of race, creed, or religious persuasion. Mrs. Douglas has been providing assistance to the Tower Village residents for the past five years. She spends approximately three hours a day in community service.

According to the director of volunteers, Betty Baumann, Mrs. Douglas' activities involve giving assistance wherever needed. Along with talking and wheeling patients from place to place,

hostessing parties and luncheons, Mrs. Douglas keeps the institution well supplied with Seventh-day Adventist literature. Tower Village is a geriatric community, where she helps in their clinical programs. She also enjoys the Senior Citizen activities which include trips, meals on wheels, recreation, and religious instructions. Her latest venture was to the camp at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Mrs. Douglas knows it is these activities which keep the "Seniors young and happy." Seeing those happy faces inspires Mrs. Douglas to continue her volunteering efforts.



Elder James White

ELDER WHITE ASSUMES PASTORATE OF BETHEL SDA CHURCH

Elder James White and family have been welcomed at Bethel SDA Church in Kansas City, Kansas. A special fellowship dinner was planned, and many members and friends attended.

Elder White and family have come with great enthusiasm and already a three-week effort was held, with a number of new members being added. Plans have been made to beautify the church. The sanctuary will be painted and carpeted. Elder White has made plans to help the church purchase a new van.

The members are grateful for the dynamic leadership of Elder White and look forward each week to the spirited services. "Who knows why Elder White was sent to Bethel—but for such a time as this."

Mazie Mitchell,
Communication Secretary

ELDER AND MRS. LINDSAY CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Elder and Mrs. Vongoethe Lindsay celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, August 26, 1979 in the fellowship hall of Bethel SDA Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

They were joined in holy wedlock in Bristow, Oklahoma in her parent's home August 25, 1929. Friends, family members, and well-wishers were there to witness this sacred occasion.

Special tribute was given to Elder and Mrs. Lindsay for the forty-one years of dedicated service in the ministry in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference. He served as secretary of the Negro Department in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference and Secretary-Treasurer of the South Central Conference. Elder Lindsay pastored the Riverside Church and was chaplain of the Riverside Sanitarium, and the Oakwood College Church where he was awarded "Pastor of the Year" in 1963, baptizing ninety-two souls.

Mrs. Lindsay holds degrees in Elementary Education and Nursing. She has taught in both the public school system and church school and has practiced nursing in various hospitals.

Elder Lindsay holds Degrees in Theology, Music, and Tailoring. He taught 12 years in the public school system and was licensed to preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church before he accepted the SDA Message. Upon his acceptance of the truth, he became a minister and baptized more than six hundred and fifty souls.

For fifty years they have dedicated their services to God and He has richly blessed them.



Elder and Mrs. V. Lindsay celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

YOUTH CONGRESS 1979

The site was the Indianapolis, Indiana Convention-Exposition Center and the date was October 4 through 6, 1979. Delegates came from north, south, east and west, coming from four of the five states which make up the Lake Region Conference to participate in the Lake Region Adventists Youth Congress 1979. The format for the congress was designed to inspire and motivate the total person, mind, body and soul. This was musically highlighted by the theme song, "He Touched Me."

Youth Congress 1979 began on Thursday evening with orientation and reconvened Friday morning with Elder Roy Bellinger conducting the devotional period. The total person in training was introduced with a series of seminars given by Dr. Trevor Gardner, senior research associate from the University of Michigan. Elder Helvius Thompson, evangelist for the Central Union, discussed "Keeping and Reclaiming Adventist Youth." Mr. Festus Valentine, professor of counseling at Lake Michigan College, explored vocational opportunities and Dr. Joseph Warren, professor of English at Andrews University, offered vital information on youth programming in the local church.

There were two general seminar sessions entitled "Succeeding as Minority Youth" and "Availability of Scholarships and Grants." These sessions were conducted by Clarence E. Hodges, Assistant State Coordinator for Senator Richard Lugar and Mrs. Josephine Taylor, President of Motor Cities Federation with the assistance of her daughter Pamela Meadows. Virginia Starks, editor of A.S.K. for Christ, Monthly Newsbrief, gave a synopsis of Adventist Singles Klub.

The special event of Friday was a noon luncheon in honor of the delegates. The keynote address was given by Honorable William Hudnutt, III, Mayor of Indianapolis. Mayor Hudnutt, a former Presbyterian minister, gave the youth much to reflect on. This event was covered by the Indianapolis Recorder, Station WTHR TV, Channel 13 and WTLC FM Radio.

On Friday night the youth were led to a better understanding of their bodies by Colonel Leonard Johnson, Jr. M.D. Colonel Johnson graphically explained the relationship of health, mind and soul. At the conclusion of his message, over 100

young people came down the aisle to the altar as they sang "He Touched Me".

Elder Helvius Thompson presented the Sabbath morning sermon on the topic "Getting Me Together." In his sermon, Elder Thompson pointed out that it isn't always the obvious sins we must watch for but the subliminal ones, the things that are existing or functioning outside the area of conscious awareness. As the close of the service was nearing, we were admonished to let God have His way with our lives. Millicent Ocletree sang the appeal, "Have Thine Own Way" while many came to the altar to rededicate their lives.



William H. Hudnutt, III, Mayor of Indianapolis, IN addresses the delegates at Friday noon luncheon.

Sabbath afternoon the delegates went to the downtown area of Indianapolis and distributed tracts. Because a festival was being held, it was possible to put literature into the hands of people from all over the state of Indiana.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent refining the total person. Virginia Starks and Spencer Carter presented their original poetry. Musical selections were presented by several groups from various churches.

The total person growing was the vesper thought presented by Elder C. D. Joseph. He challenged the congregation to go and sin no more just as Christ had said to the woman at the well many years ago.

The total person recreating was coordinated by Pastor Phillip Willis of the Champaign/Peoria district.

All programs were chaired and organized by the Federation presidents under the direction of Conrad L. Gill, Conference Youth Director.

To add to the success of the Congress, the Governor and Mayor sent a proclamation to the Youth Congress declaring October 6, 1979 as Lake Region Conference Youth Congress Day in the City of Indianapolis.



Elder Helvius Thompson, Evangelist for Central Union Conference, delivering the 11 a.m. sermon on Sabbath.



Col. Leonard Johnson, Jr., M.D., Medical Administrator, USAF Langley AFB, addressing the Congress at large on Friday night.



Elder C. D. Joseph, President of LRC; Clarence E. Hodges, Sr., Assistant State Coordinator for Senator Richard Lugar; Elder Conrad L. Gill, Director of Youth and Temperance LRC; posing with proclamations from city and state.



Lake Region Conference Federation Presidents: Josephine Taylor, Motor City; David Peay, Chicagoland; Diane Reed, Illiana; Myrna Hunt, Michiana.



Straford Memorial Choir as they gave special music at the 11 a.m. service.

BIBLE PALACE SERVES GARY, INDIANA

A day of days in Gary, Indiana began on Sunday, July 22. This was the beginning of a six weeks series of the Bible Palace located on 9th and Broadway. The tent could be seen by the flow of traffic on the main street as shoppers traveled to and from the business district and as steelworkers approached the steelmill.

The blessings of the Lord attended the efforts of the pastor and members throughout the meetings. Elder C. R. Graham preached Christ nightly with associate, Famous Murray, a ministerial student at Oakwood College. The members participated in all phases including being present regularly, extending invitations, bringing visitors and passing out handbills. An organized police force was on duty faithfully every night and lay members led the song services and presented special music. Mrs. Martha Graham was the musician for the crusade. A deluxe trailer was loaned for living quarters for the entire meeting by a member of the church. Dependable ushers and assistant tentmaster worked faithfully. Lay Bible workers and other members worked visiting while others prepared foods for the associate worker.

Of course, the evil one was not happy with this state of affairs. Prior to the Sabbath presentation, early on Wednesday morning, a sudden and ominous dark cloud came up accompanied by a strong wind and blew the tent down. By noon, the sun was shining and the day appeared to be calm and peaceful. One would not believe that such a storm had passed through had it not been for the scurry of activity repairing the tent for

the evening meeting. With the Lord's help the meeting began on time that same evening.

Near the end of the meetings, one young wife and mother who attended related that she had seen the tent when she came downtown to shop. The following night she and her six-year-old daughter walked eighteen blocks to the meeting and back home. This young woman is now taking the Amazing Fact Lessons.

At this writing, there are forty-two persons baptized as a result of the Bible Palace of Gary, Indiana.

Christine Kennedy
Communication Secretary



Bible Palace

CONANT GARDENS BUILDS CHARACTER

Conant Gardens hosted a Vacation Bible School. The children enjoyed watching a high-rise character building go up. During the construction, they learned how to be cheerful, honest, obedient and dependable while building their lives.

Refreshments were served each day by Essie Ollis and her staff.

The children created their own designs while making colorful felt and burlap wall hangings, multi-colored

pillows, colorful rugs, honeycomb placemats and other crafts which were directed by Ocie Johnston.

Vivian Risker
Correspondent



MEET OUR PASTOR

Pastor José A. Gorbea recently left his position as instructor of sociology and social work at Pacific Union College to join the Lake Region Conference family at the Spanish Aurora Church in Aurora, Illinois.

He brings with him his wife, Terri, and daughter, Kimberly Elena, age 4.

Pastor Gorbea has already become very active in community work and presently serves on four community service boards in the areas of mental health and welfare.

Crystal R. Drake
Correspondent

CITY TABERNACLE NEW EDIFICE IS DEDICATED

The lovely autumn weekend of September 28-30, will always be remembered by members and friends of the City Tabernacle Church in New York City.

On this sacred occasion the new church edifice was dedicated to God. The celebration was reminiscent of the joy experienced by Solomon. Many trials and triumphs were encountered by the members as they worked to make their dream a reality.

The City Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized in the year 1945, under the leadership of Elder L. H. Bland, first president of Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Shortly before its organization, around 1944, there was a merger of the Sharon Mission under the leadership of Elder J. P. Cluff, assisted by Elder Atkinson; with the East Side Mission, which was led by Elder James North. This group took the name of the Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church, as it was the intention of the brethren to locate a church in the Bronx. It was placed under the leadership of Elders Samuel Hooper and J. P. Cluff. It was temporarily located at the old Harlem Academy building at 108 West 127th Street.

After the acquisition of the property at 560-562 West 150th Street 560 was used as the home of the newly formed conference, and the other, at 562, which was the former home of the Manhattan Temple was voted by the Northeastern Conference Committee to be the home of a new church, the nucleus of which was to be then Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church.

With the assistance of this group, Elder Bland launched a tent effort at 148th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue and brought in many precious souls, some of whom included: Lillybelle Charlton, Willette Mills, Louise Williams, Laura Williams, Ida Brown, and others.

In 1946, Elder F. E. Roy Jeffries was chosen to be the first pastor. Under his dynamic leadership, the church grew and prospered, the mortgage was burned, a church school was established, and the membership increased.

Helen Horton served as Bible Instructor during this period and was followed by Elizabeth Martin, who is still there today.



City Tabernacle Church—New York City, overflow crowd at dedication service.



Elder Roy Ashmeade—City Tabernacle Pastor.



Audience at dedicatory services.

The next pastor was Elder E. A. Lockett who stabilized and strengthened the flock. He was followed by Elder C. E. Bradford, who initiated plans for the renewal of the church building, but his stay was short as he accepted a call to be president of the Lake Region Conference.

Elder H. R. Murphy was the next pastor; he too, drew up elaborate plans for the renovation of the church building, and made a start, but he was called to be the Sabbath School Secretary of the Northeastern Conference. Elder G. R. Earle was the next pastor but with the sudden death of Elder R. T. Hudson, then president of the Northeastern Conference he was called to the presidency.

He was succeeded by Elder R. T. Wilson, who unified the various factions in the church, and once again began plans to renovate the church. He was called to the Linden Boulevard church to pastor. Elder J. P. Willis became the minister and served for the next five years and was succeeded by Elder R. W. Ashmeade, the present minister.

After many long years of working, giving, and praying for the restoration of the tabernacle, things began to happen. Elder Ashmeade led the church into the program that has resulted in the renovation of City Tabernacle. "To God be the glory, great things he hath done."

SINGING GROUP RECEIVES CITATION FROM NEW YORK STATE

The Estabatics, one of New York City's outstanding gospel recording artists, recently received a letter of commendation from the Department of Corrections Office of Program Services. The commendation was for their faithful service to the Ricker's Island Correctional Institution over the past seven years.

This group of dedicated Seventh-day Adventist young men are active members of the Northeastern Conference's Laymen's Prison Council, and hold monthly services at various Houses of Detention on Riker's Island. Many inmates have accepted Christ through the work of the Layman's Prison Ministry.

This group of young men have become one of the popular groups in the area, and have performed with many of the country's outstanding gospel artists including James Cleveland.

Still true to their original purpose of spreading the gospel in song, they still take time from their busy schedule to visit the hospitals, prisons, and nursing homes as commissioned by the Scriptures.

The group under the direction of James Beaman and Alice Lewis includes: Leon Lewis, Steve Dalmida, Laurence Watkins, Loren Mulrairie, Charles Henderson Jr., Philip Crichlow, and Louis and Junius Martin. May God continue to bless their ministry.



LINDEN BOULEVARD CHURCH SPONSORS HEALTH FAIR

The Medical Corps of the Linden Boulevard Seventh-day Adventist Church of St. Albans, Queens, sponsored a Health Fair on October 14, in conjunction with the Fall Community Guest Day.

The Corps emphasized the need of preventive medicine and the importance of good mental and Physical health. Doctors, Nurses and other assistants performed screenings for Hypertension, Vision, Breast Examinations and Sickle Cell Anemia. Health Food demonstrations and a Book Display were also available to the community. Visitors were especially interested in healthful living and the doctrines of the church.

The Health Fair would not have been successful were it not for the dedicated staff of the Medical Corps of the church and the services of Dr. Milton Haynes and Dr. Lorna Spence who gave unreservedly of their time.

Ira E. Harrell
Communication Secretary



Health Fair participants: Delores Smith, R.N., Milton O. C. Haynes, M.D.



LINDEN BOULEVARD CHURCH HOLDS COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

The Linden Boulevard Seventh-day Adventist Church in St. Albans, New York held its Fall Community Guest Day on October 13, 1979. The speaker was the church pastor, Elder Van Runnels and the guest soloist was Ms. Edwina Humphrey.

The church was filled to capacity from the invitations extended by the members. After the services a Fellowship luncheon was served to all visitors in the lower auditorium of the church. This Guest Day proved to be a blessed event at the Linden Boulevard Church.

Iva E. Harrell
Communication Secretary



Front row, left to right: Nurses Corps—Iva Harrell, Delores Smith, Marion Sanson, Vilma Barley. Second row, left to right: Beauty Harrison, Inez Richo, Ivaletta Jackson, Marjori Austin, Edna Thompson, Iola Bonair.



Lisa Clark, student, Northeastern Academy.

IN PRAISE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Public education has seriously deteriorated in recent years. The schools are virtually combat zones rather than an oasis of knowledge and religious training. This rapid decline signals the end of quality education and the rise of a generation of future leaders devoid of moral integrity, high intellectual attainment, and Christian principles. We shudder to think of the consequences it will have on our society.

God in His infinite wisdom saw this demise and pre-ordained Christian Education. The wisdom of establishing centers of Christian education can be seen by the eternal rewards our children have received. Sensing the vital importance of Christian Education, Lisa Clarke, a student at Northeastern Academy in New York City, wrote this in praise of Christian Education.

"Has it ever occurred to any of you who you really are? Man, in his ignorance, is constantly selling himself short; but I have been blessed with the advantage of attending a Christian school and receiving a Christian education, where I not only learn of the tremendous power of my mind, but also of the spirit which dwells within me and each and every one of us.

The newspapers today are full of stories of schools which are turning into dens of iniquity. Instead of learning about reading, writing, and arithmetic, kids are learning about drugs, alcohol, and sex.

At Northeastern Academy besides being taught our regular day-to-day education, we also learn discipline, self-control, and respect for our teachers

and ourselves. But most of all, we learn of the love God has for all of us.

Of course, I'm not saying that we are perfect, or there are not times when we are tempted to lose our integrity, but starting each day off with worship has a degree of having "the situation in hand" when it comes to such things as smoking pot, using profanity, or become worldly. In Northeastern Academy we restrain ourselves because we are constantly aware of God's presence.

Spiritual and emotional growth does not happen overnight. Year after year, day after day, and grade after grade, is necessary to raise youth for Christ. Our teachers and our principal are models in helping us as young people to:

1. Understand ourselves and the role of God's will.
2. Make the best of our interests, capabilities, and other characteristics.
3. Help us to adjust to various situations and our environment.
4. Develop the ability to make wise decisions and constantly remind us of God's presence.
5. Help each one of us, with God's help, make his own unique contribution to society.

Christian education _____ hand, and heart to prepare us for this life and the life to come. "All God's children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children."

Lisa Clarke

A NEW KIND OF EVANGELISM

And Jesus said, "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat;" The Ephesus Feeders was organized in 1957 by Sr. Medleo Farquharson. Their purpose was to feed the men in the Veterans Hospitals located in the Bronx and Manhattan. Every Sabbath, whether the sun is shining or torrents of rain are falling, this group goes to 'feed the hungry'!

In addition to feeding the veterans, they also give tracts and books to visitors and staff members. At Christmas, a personal gift is given to each patient making a total of more than 50 gifts per year.

Funds raised from various projects and outings are used to purchase books, gifts, add to the Ephesus Building Fund and contribute to R. T. Hudson Elementary School. This year the Feeders are sponsoring one child to R. T. Hudson. They also plan to give to Northeastern Academy.

Caroline Jones
Communications Secretary

TWO ANNIVERSARIES

On a recent Sunday Willie and Janetta Bagby celebrated their first anniversary of marriage together at a beautiful reception in the Ephesus Fellowship Hall. Several friends and relatives gathered with them to enjoy and reflect on their "year of happiness together."

Willie and Janetta are also happy about another anniversary . . . a year of walking with God as members of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church. Although Janetta was raised an Adventist, Willie accepted the message just a year ago. At that time, they were baptized together. Perhaps their year of happiness could be attributed in part to the fact that they have determined to tell everyone about Christ's love for man and the Advent truth. Consequently, they are very active in Lay Evangelism, distributing literature, giving Bible studies, singing and just overall sharing of the good news.

Caroline Jones
Communications Secretary



Willie and Janetta Bagby cutting anniversary cake.

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE TOPS 20,000 MEMBERSHIP

According to the third quarter's statistical reports, South Atlantic Conference has topped 20,000 in membership—20,135.

At the recent Fall Workers' Meeting held at Beautiful Nosoca Pines Ranch in South Carolina, the South Atlantic workers reported 1,362 baptisms for the first nine months of the year. While this figure falls short of the total reported for the same period last year, the workers pledged that, under God, every effort will be made to surpass last year's total baptisms of 2,033.

South Atlantic has always been blessed with workers and members who love winning souls. In 1946, just one year after organization, there were 24 energetic pastors and 3,964 enthusiastic members. In 1956, their combined efforts resulted in a total membership increase of 2,548.

Ten years later, 1966, another 2,569 precious souls were added to the conference membership. Each succeeding year, with the addition of pastors and Bible workers, souls multiplied until now we are 20,135 strong. To God be the glory, great things He hath done.

South Atlantic workers recognize that the task is yet ahead. Teaming millions must still be warned and won. E. E. Cleveland, Director of Missions at Oakwood College, inspired each worker with spirit-filled devotions.

Counseling workshops were conducted by Dr. William DeShay, clinical psychologist and Director of Regional Affairs of the Southern California Conference.

Special thanks to the Carolina Conference for making its facilities available for the 1979 Fall Workers' Meeting.

MRS. MELVYN WARFIELD JOINS CONFERENCE STAFF

Mrs. Melvyn Warfield was recently elected to serve as the Director of the Bible Guild program for the Allegheny West Conference. Her responsibilities will involve traveling throughout the field to assist in organizing and training lay persons in the art of soul-winning. Eunice is a Floridian and is a product of their public school system. She is a graduate of Oakwood College as a Bible

Counselor, with a Bachelor degree in Theology. While attending Oakwood, she served as a student missionary to Japan for one year. Her experience includes extensive travel throughout North America as she worked in numerous evangelistic crusades with some of the most outstanding Regional evangelists. Upon graduation from Oakwood, she was called by the South Atlantic Conference to serve as a Bible Counselor. Through her devoted labors, many souls have been won to Christ. She is married to Elder Melvyn Warfield, a minister in the Conference. They have been blessed of God with two children, Addriene and Melvyn Junior.

ELDERS' AND HEAD DEACONS' RETREAT

September 28-30 were the dates for the Annual Conference Retreat for Local Church Elders and Head Deacons at the Conference Campgrounds in Hawthorne, Florida. This has become a traditional event for these two key church officers. This year the attendance reached an all-time high of over 700 persons.

Dr. Benjamin Reaves, Chairman of the Department of Theology of Oakwood College, and Elder William Scales, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, were the guest speakers for the weekend gathering.

The emphasis this year was directed to more effective sermon preparation and delivery. South Atlantic is blessed with a large number of competent, dedicated, church leaders who work

cooperatively with the ministry in the great work of soul-saving.

Elder William Scales and Dr. Benjamin Reaves, guest speakers, are seated in the center on the front row. They are flanked on either side by the Conference officers, staff, and their wives.



MT. CALVARY HONORS COMMUNITY LEADER

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Mattocks were guests of honor at the worship hour at Calvary SDA Church in Jacksonville, North Carolina on August 18, 1979. Samuel E. Gooden, the Conference Director of Education and Public Relations was the guest speaker, and made the presentation of a plaque to the couple.

They were cited jointly because in their own rights they have made significant contributions to the public welfare. Their concern and giving of themselves were not only for the blacks, the poor, and oppressed, but also for all others. Currently, Adam Mattocks is the deputy director of the office of Equal Employment Opportunity at Marine Corps Base Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. Annie Mattocks heads the department of Fine Arts at Jacksonville Senior High School.

Upon graduation from A & T University in Greensboro in 1957, Mattocks entered the Air Force and emerged as a fighter pilot. Later he served as a pilot in the Strategic Air Command flying the B-52-G Aircrafts.

Upon leaving the Military service he sought employment with several of the major airlines, but found that a black minority could not get a job as a pilot in any of them. For a man of his dynamic personality and drive, this was a challenge. He returned to Jacksonville, North Carolina in 1964 and joined the battle for social change.

It was largely through the joint leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Mattocks that self-help and self-development programs for the economically, socially and educationally deprived members of the community were developed. One of the first of such organizations in Oslow County was the Community Action Agency chartered as EDUCO, Inc. Later, Oslow County funded this effort and he became the associate Executive Director. Two years later he became the director. He was the first black person to hold any such position in Oslow County.

Under his leadership the Agency expanded to include other counties and was re-named "Region P" Human Development Agency, Inc.

The upshot of Adam and Annie's involvement, blacks were hired in jobs and institutions which were formerly reserved for "whites only." Blacks could patronize public facilities, and limitations

to housing were changed. In fact, Annie was the first black teacher to "break through" as a teacher in the formerly all white Northwood Elementary School. She organized the art program for civilian Elementary students and was very active in voter education and registration.

In all of these efforts to help those whose hope of intellectual achievements and economic freedom were crucified on the cross of privation on one side, and greed, avarice, and pride on the other side, their lives were constantly in danger. However, God who is above all and in all saw them through it all.

Among the many citations and awards they have received, they were also listed in the 1971 edition of "Who's Who in Personalities of the South." She is the former Annie E. Washington of Jacksonville. They have four children.

POLICE CHIEF ATTENDS SABBATH SERVICE

October 6, 1979 was a special Sabbath for the Atlanta-Boulevard Church. It was special enough to have Dr. C. B. Rock, the President of Oakwood College as the guest speaker, but more than that to have Dr. George Napper, the Chief of Police for the City of Atlanta in attendance.

Following the sermon on Righteousness by Faith which was delivered by Elder Rock, Dr. Napper also used his Bible as he spoke to the congregation about crime in general and specifically in Atlanta. The Chief said that many black people have labored with a syndrome that the world owes them a living. This may be true but how to get it is another story. His short message was well received by the members of Boulevard Church.

Chief Napper did not seem to know a great deal about Seventh-day Adventists, but one of his police officers who had accepted the "Truth" as told by the Bible through this Church stood firm. Arthur Lawrence, the police officer, and Elder Sam Gooden, the Conference Religious Liberty Director, accompanied by Elder Ralph Hairston, the Conference Secretary, fulfilled an appointment with the Chief in his office a few weeks before. We had a very cordial reception by the Chief. We answered many questions and explained the position of the Church on the matter of Sabbath Work.

He promised to do what he could to help. This promise he fulfilled. Brother Lawrence was transferred to another department where he could continue being a police officer without being scheduled to work on the Sabbath.



Pictured above left to right are Hector Ellis, the head local elder; Elder C. B. Rock, Chief Napper holding a large copy of Bible Readings presented to him by S. E. Gooden, who was also present and Elder F. S. Hill, III, the Pastor of Boulevard Church.

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UNIVERSITY AVENUE CHURCH BREAKS GROUND FOR CHURCH/SCHOOL COMPLEX

On Sunday, September 30, 1979 the members of the University Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church held an impressive groundbreaking ceremony for a new church and school complex.

For the past fifty five years, the University Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church has been located at 1300 University Avenue at Wallace Street in Mechanicsville. The church purchased the Old Beck Children's Home Property for a new church site in January of this year. This property is northwest of Knoxville College on Western Avenue.

The principal speakers for the groundbreaking ceremonies were: The Honorable Randy Tyree, Mayor; Dr. C. E. Dudley, President of South Central Conference; and Dr. Rutherford B. Atkins, President of Knoxville College. Some of the programs scheduled for the new church are: A Day Care Center, Senior Citizen Program, Drug Alert Program, Health Classes, Youth Program, Welfare Services, An Elementary School, Family Counseling Better Living Seminars, 24 Hour Listening Post Service. Dr. Franklin S. Hill of the church stated, "We will be better able to serve our God, the local community, and the city in our new church plant."

The grand opening of the new church is May, 1980. College Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church will be the name of the new church.

SDA OPENS RESTAURANT ON COLLEGE CAMPUS

A vegetarian restaurant has opened in Talladega, Alabama. The proprietors are Mr. and Mrs. William Frazier, faculty members of the newly-established church school, James Edson White College. This restaurant not only serves nutritional meals but is a means of witnessing to non-believers. The Fraziers are descendants of the first Seventh-day Adventists to accept the message in Alabama.

The Seventh-day Adventists of Talladega, Alabama have purchased a church building adjacent to the campus. A church school, has been established to serve the people of Talladega. The school is a spirit-filled institution where



Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Hill, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Dudley, with the president of Knoxville College, Dr. Rutherford B. Atkins at the ground breaking ceremony for the College Hill Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.



Mr. William Frazier in front of the vegetarian restaurant in Talladega, Ala.

students have been known to gather for all night prayer sessions.

Talladega is one town that is using every outlet to bring souls to Christ.

DR. AND MRS. E. E. ROGERS ON TOUR

Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Rogers are touring around the world which will extend to the end of the year. They will visit many of the church outposts in their travels.

DEDICATION SERVICES HELD FOR CHATTANOOGA'S NEW CHURCH AND SCHOOL

On October 20, Dr. Patrick Vincent and members of the Orchard Knob congregation of Chattanooga, Tennessee dedicated their newly-constructed school and church building.

The school facility has been paid for and plans are under way to end the indebtedness of the church over a five year period. Both buildings are located

on Orchard Knob Street in Chattanooga. At the close of the ribbon cutting ceremonies, Dr. Vincent presented the congregation with a new bus which had been donated to the church. May the Lord continue to bless the work in East Tennessee.

CONFERENCE WIDE EXPANSION

Several new church buildings are being constructed throughout the conference:

- Jackson, Mississippi—Elder R. Bell, minister
- Fayette, Mississippi—Elder P. M. Smith, minister
- Gulfport, Mississippi—Elder W. O. Freeman, minister
- Greenville, Mississippi—Elder Arthur Sanders, minister
- Franklin, Tennessee—Elder Roland Hill, minister
- Knoxville, Tennessee—Elder F. S. Hill, minister

A new school is being purchased in Louisville, Kentucky and a new church is being purchased in Memphis, Tennessee.

SOUTH CENTRAL TO CONSTRUCT TWO HOUSING FACILITIES

Since 1970, South Central has ventured into a different phase of evangelism—the construction and operation of public housing. The housing project has brought both the gospel and shelter to hundreds of families. Many of the residents attend church regularly.

There are three housing facilities owned and operated by the conference in Paducah, Kentucky; Bowling Green, Kentucky; and Nashville, Tennessee.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has extended an offer of \$4,091,000 for a one hundred and thirty four housing unit on Clarksville, Tennessee, another project is soon to be constructed in Cleveland, Mississippi.

The housing project has been a two-fold blessing to the conference; it has reached hundreds of souls and has proven a successful financial venture.

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.
—Psalm 119:172



"Happy 88th Birthday, Mom Dudley."

MOTHER DUDLEY CELEBRATES EIGHTY-EIGHTH BIRTHDAY

A birthday luncheon was held for Mrs. Julia Dudley, mother of Dr. C. E. Dudley, President of the South Central Conference.

Mrs. Dudley shared her eighty-eighth birthday with her children, grandchildren, relatives and friends from the Senior Citizens home in South Bend, Indiana in the month of October.

She is the oldest member of the South Bend Church, and served faithfully in the 1940's as the first Dorcas Society leader. Mrs. Dudley anxiously looks forward to the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Public housing in South Central Conference.

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Meet Bekele Heye, M.A., president of the Ethiopian Union, with headquarters in Addis Ababa. He is married to Haregewine Behele and is the father of four children, Yared 17, Aser 16, Sophia 15, and Yafet 13.

Elder Heye is responsible for directing the work of five missions: the South Ethiopian Mission with a membership of 14,500; the Central Ethiopian Mission with 2,300 members; the West Ethiopian Mission with 14,000 members; the Northwest Ethiopian Mission with 750 members and the North Ethiopian Mission with 250 members.

The Gimbie, 75 bed hospital, is also a part of the vast territory of the Ethiopian Mission. Elder Heye has several schools within the lines of his territory including the Ethiopian Adventist College which has an enrollment of 650 students. The Ethiopian school system is made up of separate elementary and secondary schools and Elder Heye is a believer in the work of Christian Education and sees it as being the foundation on which the future of our church is built. When asked what to say to you on his behalf, he said, "Greetings to my beloved brothers and sisters in the United States."



Conference officers welcome new treasurer: H. L. Cleveland, president; William G. McDonald, treasurer elected; and King S. Smallwood, secretary.



Elder Carl R. Rogers

NEW TREASURER APPOINTED

Mr. William G. McDonald was unanimously elected treasurer to replace Elder James A. Washington, who accepted a call to the Northern California Conference. Mr. McDonald is eminently qualified to discharge the responsibilities of this office. He is a native of Jamaica, West Indies, where he received an associate Business Administration degree from West Indies College; he received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Atlantic Union College, and holds a Master of Science degree in accounting from the University of Massachusetts; he is one school year away from completing his Ph.D. in accounting and finance at Kent State University, where he is presently enrolled.

He is married to the former Pat Lashley of Bermuda, and they have been blessed of God with one son, Kelvin McDonald, who is seven years old.

The McDonalds are faithful and active

members of the Glenville Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. James Harris, an accountant of twenty years' experience, was also appointed as assistant treasurer to McDonald.

CARL ROGERS ASSUMES NEW ROLE

Elder Carl R. Rogers was recently elected as the new youth director for the Allegheny West Conference. He is a native South Carolinian, where he received his early education in the public school system; he received his Bachelor degree from Oakwood College, and the Master of Divinity from Andrews Theological Seminary.

In 1969, Pastor Rogers began his ministry in Allegheny West Conference; since that time, he has pastored a number of districts throughout the conference, and has been a very successful pastor-evangelist. In 1978, he was awarded the honor of pastor-of-the-year.

He is married to the former Miss Tecora Bowman of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Carla, a daughter who is twelve years old and a son, Kevin, who is two years old. Mrs. Rogers has worked closely and faithfully with her husband through the years, and together they constitute a magnificent youth team.

CONGREGATION CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF NEW CHURCH

Sabbath, July 21, will be an unforgettable date for the members of the Southeast Cleveland congregation. It marks the grand opening of their new church home located in the Southeast section of Metropolitan Cleveland, Ohio.

The structure is an ultra-modern architectural design and fully air-conditioned throughout. The auditorium's seating capacity is nine hundred whereas the lower fellowship hall is five hundred. It was designed and constructed with adequate facilities to meet

the needs of a congregation of the full seating capacity.

In May of 1974 the church was organized with 150 chartered members and Elder King S. Smallwood, who was called from the South Atlantic Conference was installed as pastor. Under his administration, the building plans were made and became a reality.

Elder Smallwood led the congregation in raising over \$200,000.00 for the project which total cost amounted to \$600,000.00. Elder Gerald Penick, the present pastor, is responsible for the magnificent job of furnishing and decorating the building.

ANOTHER FIRST FOR ALLEGHENY WEST

One of the many visions our president has had for his field has been to have an evangelistic team.

Allegheny West does not boast as many large urban areas nor as many concentrated pockets of blacks as some of our sister conferences. We do, have many medium and smaller cities with substantial populations. The 1979 schedule for our first evangelistic team, headed by Elder Jerry D. Lee, includes (1) one major summer long campaign, and (2) four Spring and Fall short campaigns.

Our team consists of the following persons: Elder J. D. Lee, evangelist, Gloria Todd, Bible Instructor and Pastor Leighton Palmer, associate.

Campaigns were held in the following cities and towns in 1979: Canton, and Ashtabula, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Roanoke, Danville and Lynchburg, Virginia. We are thankful to have Elder Lee on our conference staff and from the inception, the Lord has used his talents mightily to glorify His name. More than 100 souls have already been baptized by J. D. Lee's team each year, and hundreds have experienced spiritual revival.



Evangelist Jerry Lee.



Rear view of Southeast Church.

ORDINATION IN 1979

Wilmore Green was born in Columbus, Ohio and educated in the Cleveland Public School system. He graduated from John Adams High School in Cleveland, Ohio, and entered Oakwood College. In 1975 he graduated from Oakwood College and accepted a call to Allegheny West Conference. In September of 1978, he was transferred out of West Virginia to Dayton, Ohio for training with Elder S. T. Lewis at Ethan Temple Church. While in Dayton, the Lord used Pastor Green and Elder Lewis to organize a second church in Dayton. In May the conference officials organized the new Dayton View Church, and installed Pastor Green as pastor where he continues to serve in that capacity.

David William Trusty was born on May 3, 1950 in Brooklyn, New York. He is a product of Christian education. In 1975, he graduated from Oakwood with a Bachelor in Theology, and holds a Master's degree in Religion from Andrews University. He served for three years as the pastor of the Oberlin-Lorain District. Presently he is the pastor of the Cleveland Bethel congregation.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

—Psalm 91:15, 16



Elder and Mrs. David Trusty and Andrea.



Elder and Mrs. Wilmore Green and two daughters.

PASTOR S. L. GREEN RETURNS TO THE SOUTHWEST

Pastor and Mrs. S. L. Green have returned to the Southwest after having done advanced studies at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

He has been assigned to Muskogee, Oklahoma, and is now laying plans for an evangelistic crusade.

ELDER YOUNG ACCEPTS CALL TO OKLAHOMA

Elder M. M. Young, formerly of the Central States Conference, has accepted a call to the Southwest Region to minister in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Elder Young has pastored throughout the South and Southwest.

He has served as the Missionary Volunteer and Educational secretary for the South Central Conference. Elder Young is a gifted musician and evangelist. With his wife by his side his ministry has touched many lives.

WITNESSING DURING THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK HOUR

Elder G. N. Wells, and the Lay Activities staff led the members of City Temple in Dallas, Texas into an unforgettable experience. The members were instructed to accomplish three things: 1) Knock on every door, 2) Invite people to enroll in the Bible Course, and 3) Secure at least three favorable responses. Over 250 participants engaged in this evangelistic thrust.

Since this initial evangelism thrust many of the members have been returning each Sabbath doing follow-up work and Bible studies with their interested contacts. This is the beginning of an effort to establish a second congregation in the metropolitan area of Dallas.

Beverly Wells
Communication Secretary



Pastor G. N. Wells and members board the city bus.



Pastor and Mrs. S. L. Green and Shelton.



Elders of the Tulsa Church welcome their new pastor, Pastor and Mrs. M. M. Young.



City Temple members return from the missionary literature distribution.



Enter to learn;

depart to serve.



BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WON BY OAKWOOD COLLEGE

The 1979 Special Awards Plaque was given to Oakwood College by the city of Huntsville Beautification Board, in recognition of "exceptional contribution in community improvement."

The 1979 Awards Luncheon was held on September 20, at the Huntsville Hilton. Mr. Artis Sydney, grounds supervisor for Oakwood College, received the award for the college. Since Mr. Sydney is the person most directly responsible for Oakwood's on-going program of campus beautification, he represented the college at the Awards Luncheon. Mr. Sydney has a degree in soil science and botany. He has had intensive training with Oriental gardeners, and also at several nurseries in California.

More than a hundred organizations were in the awards competition, but only sixteen businesses and organizations received the Special Awards Plaque.

Mayor Joe Davis of Huntsville, Alabama was among the notables present for the occasion. Elder C. T. Richards was a platform guest, and Oakwood students present included Fred Greene, editor of the "Spreading Oak," Willie Posey, photographer, and Renee Powell.

The beautification award will serve as

a reminder that Oakwood College is, indeed, "the place where loveliness keeps house!"

J. E. Dykes

FACULTY AND STAFF AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE

C. B. Rock
President

Oakwood College today is very much like all other growing schools of higher education—a complex and highly organized machinery of intricate parts and programs. Our success in producing over 1300 graduates during the seventies is directly attributable to the dedication and expertise of dozens of capable men and women who are utilizing their talents in the battle for truth.

Of course the college officers, who are: the Dean of the college, Dr. M. A. Warren; the Business Manager, Mr. A. Warren; and the president, have primary responsibilities in the affairs of the school; but our tasks are made possible by the leadership of a number of associates and assistants in administration—they are:

President's Office

Rosa Banks, Ed.—Assistant to the President

Ellen Anderson, M.A.—Title III and Institutional Advancement Planning Director

Joseph Powell, M.A.—College Chaplain

Winton Forde, M.S.—Fund Raiser

Cleveland Tivy, M.A.T.—Coordinator of Alumni Affairs

Robert Andrews, Ph.D., Ed.D.—Director of Institutional Research

Charles Miller, Jr., M.A.—Director of Computer Center and Assistant to Institutional Research

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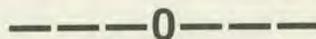
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A LOOK AT OUR PIONEERS



Elder T. M. Fountain.

PORTRAIT OF A PIONEER: ELDER THOMAS MOSES FOUNTAIN

by Stephanie D. Johnson

In every generation God has those who faithfully serve Him. It is upon those persons that He bestows great spiritual gifts. One family who received this gift was the Fountain family of Montgomery, Alabama. It was from this family that Thomas Moses Fountain would arise. He would prove to be a herald of the gospel and a crusader for the rights of his people. His commitment to God would lead him to minister in almost every conference in the United States. He would willingly serve in many capacities of the work—as a teacher, minister, evangelist, conference president, and a medical missionary. Here is the story of this remarkable man.

Elder Thomas M. Fountain traced his ancestry back to "a little girl who was picked up during the days the slave boats came over from Africa. The boat landed in Charleston, South Carolina about the early part of the 1800s. While there she gave birth to a little girl named Sarah. Sarah was living during the days of slavery. She finally was united to a man by the name of Harvey Woods. To this union was born the first girl named Hagar. When Hagar grew to her late teens she changed hands. The people that owned Sarah Woods had a daughter that married a man they didn't approve of. They told their daughter they would not will her any property but that they

would make a present of Hagar. And they told their daughter she could take Hagar wherever she wanted."

Their daughter's husband was a businessman and they moved to Montgomery, Alabama from Charleston, South Carolina. "While living there the mistress became seriously ill and she recognized she was going to die. So one day she said to Hagar, 'I am going to die and I am not a Christian. I have implicit confidence in your Christianity even though you are a slave girl. So please tell me how to be a Christian.' Hagar told her mistress how to be a Christian. She said, 'All you have to do is to confess your sins to Jesus, and He will forgive you of your past and present sins.' After Hagar had talked with her for a few minutes she said, 'Hagar, pray for me.' My great grandmother laid hands on this white mistress and prayed for her. On her death bed she accepted Christ."

When Hagar's mistress passed on, the master of the house came to Hagar and said, "Hagar your mistress is gone I do not need your services anymore. So I am going to sell you again." So Hagar exchanged hands to another white family.

Hagar was sold to a family living in Montgomery. One day Hagar was working around the house, when her white mistress asked her, "Hagar, where did you come from?" Hagar replied, "I came from South Carolina." Her mistress said, "Oh, you did, who owned your people? We just came from

Charleston, South Carolina." So Hagar told her. The lady said, "Why, I know those people. I not only know those people but I know some of their slaves. She asked, "Who is your mother?" Hagar told her her mother's name. "Why, your mother is still living!" she exclaimed.

This was an answer to Hagar's prayer. Since her separation of nearly two years from her mother, she had often prayed this prayer, "Lord, help me before I die to live under my own vine and fig tree and to have my own home."

During this time the freedom was coming and the slaves were beginning to get a little money for their services. So Hagar sent for her mother from South Carolina. Together they lived in a little house on Herron Street. "My great, great grandmother and my mother saw her great grandmother. So my great, great grandmother, Sarah, died in my great grandmother's (Hagar) house."

Elder Fountain recalled an incident that occurred regarding his great grandmother, Hagar. "About twenty-five years ago a white lady wrote to the Montgomery Advertiser inquiring about my great grandmother, Hagar." The ad stated: "If anyone knows the whereabouts of Aunt Hagar, please get me in touch with them." Finally, the Fountains contacted her. This is the story she told. "Your great grandmother was a Christian woman. Many of us poor white kids during recess would go to her house and she would feed us greens, peas, fatback, corn pone and tell us Bible stories. That is how I knew your great grandmother."

Hagar was a woman of strong faith, who never ceased praising God for His goodness. A year before she died, she went to her burial vault and prayed: "Lord, You have delivered me from the shackles of slavery. I have always wanted my own home; I have always wanted to die under my own vine and fig tree; and I have always wanted to choose my place of burial. You have answered all three prayers." She thanked God and continued her devotion to Him until her death.

"Hagar married a man by the name of George Brown who built barracks for the Southern Army. Hagar's first child was named Susan, that's my grandmother.

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Mother, Mrs. Rosa Fountain; sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas; sister, Miss Frances Fountain; son, Thomas Milton Fountain, 10; F. M. Fountain.

BLACK ADVENTIST BUSINESSES—IN ACTION

CONTRACTOR'S FAITH IN GOD IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS

The tall stately figure deliberately putting the finishing touches on a modern residential structure in the Swope Park area of Kansas City, Missouri is Cecil Washington. His ready smile captivates you as you proceed to tour the spacious dwelling, a \$75,000 tri-level mid-western structure. His manner is unassuming and his wealth of knowledge eloquent. It was on this occasion, I had the pleasure of visiting with Mr. Washington, who, for the past forty years has been in commercial and residential construction. He is the general manager of R. C. Washington and Sons, Inc., Land Developers and General Contractors.

R. C. Washington is a native of Kansas City, Kansas. After graduating from Sumner High School, he entered the Air Force where he became a Civil Service Instructor at Lowery Field, Colorado. Mr. Washington began his collegiate career at the University of Denver and completed his Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education at LeMoyné College in Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Washington's post-graduate education was completed in the following areas: Adult Education, Fire Officers Training, and Political Science. He attended the following graduate institutions respectively: Tennessee A & I, University of Kansas, University of Oklahoma, and back to the University of Kansas.

Mr. Washington has held a variety of positions maintaining his close ties with the construction business. He was Dean of Instruction for the Alonzo Locke Memorial Institute in Memphis from 1946-50. In 1950 Cecil's father had a heart attack and he returned to Kansas City to take over Washington & Sons Construction. After his father's death in 1952, Mr. Washington became general manager and chief officer of the family business; he still maintains that position. In that same year he became Fire Captain for the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department. From 1966 to 1968, he was co-director of the Human Engineering Facility for Manpower Development in Kansas City, Missouri.

Some of Mr. Washington's construction landmarks in the Midwest are: Washington Estates Subdivision,

Heather Heights Subdivision, Meeks Mortuary, The Central States Conference Headquarters, and the Philadelphia SDA Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Washington has been involved in local and federal government projects. He was Veterans Administration Analyst for Construction in Kansas City, Missouri Regional Office. He was contractor for the local housing authority repair and renovation division. In 1975 he gained local prominence, becoming the only state approved highway construction manager completing the federal training course in Washington, D.C.



Cecil Washington inspects his latest construction project.

Mr. Washington is a member of several professional associations such as: Home Builders of Kansas City, National Home Builders, Mo-Kan Contractors of Greater Kansas City, and the National Association of Minority Contractors. He holds membership on the Advisory Board of the Shawnee Mission Hospital and the American Society of Training and Development.

His experience is respected as an appraiser, purchaser and plotter of lots for residential and commercial building. His responsibilities entail the training of workmen, the supervision of construction crews, the inspection of construction phases, and the evaluation of the quality and quantity of work under his supervision. His credits go on and on.

Mr. Washington attributes his total success to his complete faith in God. He is very involved in every aspect of the Maranatha SDA Church. He is Sabbath School Superintendent. In talking with Mr. Washington, one of his major concerns is the ability of young people, Black young men especially, to be prepared to meet the job qualifications and the financial responsibilities of an in-



President S. H. Cox and Cecil Washington discuss future conference development plans.

flationary society. He says it has been very difficult to "interest young Black men in construction work" as a business. He feels, that more and more training should be given to young people in the art of manual labor. Mr. Washington's experience would be very beneficial to a young person seeking training in business prudence. Mr. Washington started out as a carpenter in 1939. By the grace of God, today he owns and manages a profitable business in land developing and general contracting.

Mr. Washington is happily married to the former Barbara Williams. They have two sons and a daughter.

Seeing the success of Mr. Washington, one is reminded of God's promise, "I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy Father."

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So Susan grew into womanhood and married a man named Isom Wade, my grandfather. Their first child was named Rosa. Rosa, their eldest daughter, married a man by the name of Thomas Fountain, that's my father. So Rosa was my mother; Susan was my mother's mother; Hagar was my mother's mother's, mother; Sarah was my mother's mother's, mother's mother; and the little girl on the slave boat from Africa was my mother's mother's, mother's, mother's, mother."

Thomas Moses Fountain was born to Rosa and Thomas Fountain on October 30, 1899 in Montgomery, Alabama. Also, three daughters, Carrie, Elizabeth, and Francis Rosebud were born to this union. The Fountains lived a peaceful and simple life until Elder T. B. Buckner came and changed the course of their lives.

IN THE NEWS



Silas E. Davis

OBITUARY

Silas Edward Davis was the fourth child born to the late James Roy Davis, Sr. and Viola Reid Davis, of East St. Louis, Illinois.

He was educated in the public schools of East St. Louis, Illinois and attended Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and the University of Illinois Extension. He served in the United States Army for three years and was honorably discharged.

On February 6, 1949, Silas married his high school sweetheart, Mamie Hudson. God blessed this union with a son, Ronald Edwin.

Silas professed his faith in Christ at an early age and became an active member of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church, St. Louis, Missouri. His interest was shown in such areas as quartets and choral singing. In recent years he was a pillar and guiding light of the Reid Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church, East St. Louis, where he served officially as Lay Minister until his illness prevented him from serving. He served the church with loyalty and dedication.

He was employed by the United Postal Service, St. Louis, Missouri until his initial illness of August 8, 1978, which necessitated his untimely retirement.

"Boss," as he was affectionately called, displayed an effervescent personality and ready humor to all who were touched by his life. He always had a cheerful gesture for all who came to cheer him up. During his illness of 14 months and 7 days he displayed perseverance, courage, and above all faith in God.

Silas was a devoted son, husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, uncle, and nephew. He was especially proud of his son. This pride carried over to Brandon, his only grandchild. On Thursday, October 17, 1979 at 9:30 P.M., at St. Louis University Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri, God intervened and took him away to await His return.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife, Mamie; his son, Ronald; his daughter-in-law, Alice, who he adored; his grandson, Brandon; his mother, Viola, the matriarch of the Davis family; four sisters, Lorraine Henri, Lovey Verdun, Doris Joyner, and Grace Phipps; four brothers, J. Roy, Leon, Charles, and Frank; two aunts, Theresa Reid and Louis Reid; seven brothers-in-law; five sisters-in-law; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

OBITUARY

CURD, ANNIE—Mrs. Annie Curd, 93, died August 24, 1979 at the Hawthorne Nursing Home in Sedalia, Missouri. She lived all her life in Sedalia, Missouri. She attended school in Georgetown, Missouri and the School for the Blind in Pettis County, Missouri. She was blind for 73 years.

Mrs. Curd was an active member of the Sharon Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church, until her health failed, and she was no longer able to attend her church.

Funeral services were held at the Sharon Chapel, August 28, with Pastor M. E. Taylor officiating.

She leaves two sons, Wilson of Sedalia and Delbert of Detroit, Michigan; five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews who await her resurrection at the call of the Life-giver.

Erma Curd

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Northern California holds its second annual Black Convocation in the Richmond Civic Auditorium October 19 and 20, 1979, with emphasis on home and family.

The convocation was coordinated by Elder Kenneth Smith, Coordinator of Black Affairs, Northern California Conference.

Elder Charles L. Brooks represented the General Conference and gave the keynote address in a sermon Friday

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night and continued the spiritual emphasis in the sermon for the Sabbath worship hour.

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Elder Charles Brooks provided the spiritual appeal for all of the services and was deeply appreciated by all who shared the fellowship of this great convocation.

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