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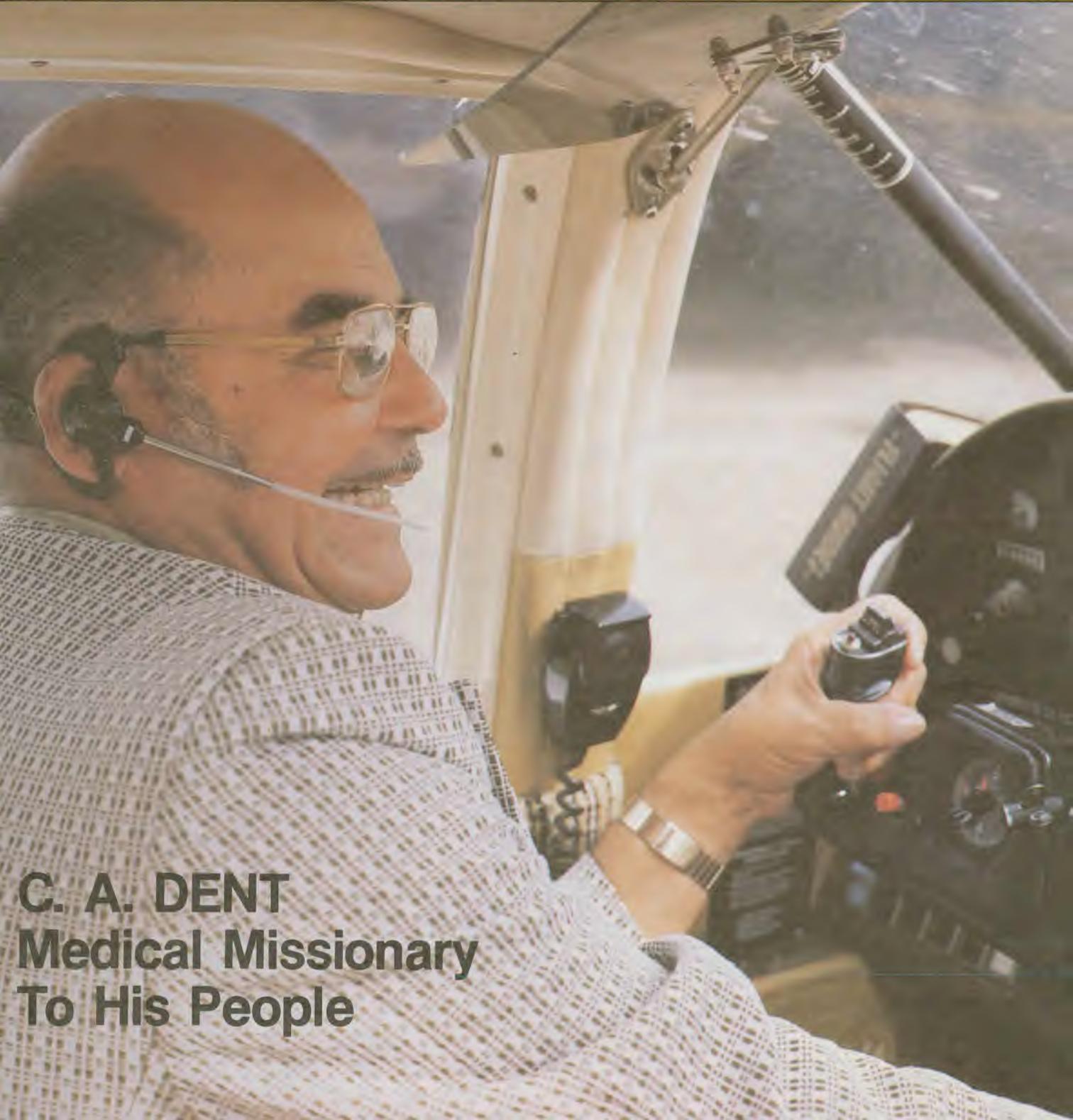


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Carl A. Dent, M.D.

DR. C. A. DENT: A CITADEL OF COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION

In 1902 Dr. Lottie Isbel made the first attempt to establish a "colored" sanitarium in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Isbel's sanitarium faced many seemingly unconquerable obstacles and it soon closed.

Five years later, in 1907, Drs. D. C. Blake and Lottie Isbel Blake worked diligently to start the Rock City Sanitarium in Nashville. Once again the sanitarium collapsed. There was a desperate need for a "colored" sanitarium because blacks were not given medical attention in white sanitariums.

In 1910 Oakwood Training School, capturing the vision of Drs. B. E. Blake and Lottie Isbel Blake and heeding the counsel of Ellen G. White, established a nurses' training center and a "colored" sanitarium.

The Oakwood Sanitarium was in operation until 1923. With the closing of the sanitarium, the nurses' training course was also ended. The prospects of ever establishing a colored sanitarium appeared highly unlikely.

God had seen the pitfalls, the discouragements and the failures, but ultimately He had seen the triumph of Riverside Sanitarium. As He would so will, Nellie H. Druillard, a Scottish Seventh-day Adventist who had made a fortune in real estate, was recovering from an accident when she vowed to the Lord if He would heal her, she would build Him a hospital.

While resting in the hospital she came across a statement by E. G. White challenging the members to work among "colored" people. After reading that statement, she accepted the challenge.

After recovering from her injury, she went to Nashville and purchased property to build a "colored" sanitarium. When her intentions were made known, she was forced to give up her property.

Undaunted by the racism, she purchased property on the banks of the Cumberland River and aptly called it Riverside Sanitarium. In 1927 Riverside opened its doors. It offered rest, hydrotherapy, exercise and vegetarian diet in a peaceful setting.

Mrs. Druillard worked hard to forge Riverside into a model sanitarium. Two years before her death in 1937, she turned Riverside over to the General Conference. After her death the sanitarium was maintained through the dedicated efforts of Dr. T. R. M. Howard and Dr. H. E. Ford.

During these years of sacrifice and struggle, God had kept a watchful eye over the sanitarium. He was preparing a young physician, Dr. Carl Ashley Dent, who would dedicate his life to the upbuilding of Riverside Sanitarium.

Dr. Carl Dent was born in May of 1914 in St. Simon Island, Georgia, to Ernest and Josephine Dent. His mother, the former Josephine Green, was born in Green Landing, Mississippi. With the death of her mother, their family moved to Natchez, Mississippi. At age twenty she attended school on the Morning Star and became a Seventh-day Adventist. Years later her father joined the church.

She was influenced by Elder F. W. Halladay, superintendent of education for the Southern Missionary Society, to attend Oakwood Training School, where she took the nurses' training course. It was in 1908 at Oakwood where she met her future husband, Ernest Alton Dent, who was also taking the nursing course. After completing Oakwood in 1910, they were married.

Ernest Alton Dent was born in St. Simon Island, Georgia. His father, Samuel G. Dent, was a Baptist minister who later became a Seventh-day Adventist. Later, he contracted tuberculosis and went to the Oakwood Sanitarium. Soon afterwards he died.

Ernest Dent had a love for knowledge. He attended Atlanta Baptist College and completed his nurses training at Oak-

wood. He had dreams of being a doctor but he never reached his goal because he died of tuberculosis while still a young man.

After his death, his wife, Josephine Dent, took their three children, Ernest Jr. (at the age of eighteen he died of tuberculosis), Thelma and Carl and moved to Redlands, California, in search of a warmer climate and better opportunities.



Josephine Dent, the mother of Carl A. Dent.

Life in California

In 1917 Redlands was a sunny, picturesque town filled with orange groves. It had a population of 15,000. The Dents numbered among the four or five Black families in the town. They attended the only SDA church in the town and were actively involved.

Life was filled with hard work, challenges and fun. Josephine Dent worked as a domestic to provide for the family. At an early age she instilled within her children a sense of pride and commitment to excellence that made a lasting impression upon her children's lives.

She would constantly remind them that they were "first class people from good stock." They didn't really understand the meaning of those words because they were the poorest kids on the block. Their playmates had fathers, bikes and toys. They had none of these things. They lived on the wrong side of the tracks. Yet, their mother's words left an indelible impression upon their young minds which made them strive for mastery.

Thrift, industry and detailed attention to their duties were some of the values instilled in them by their mother. As a

young boy, Carl would sell newspapers every Sunday. By the time he reached junior high school he was practically self-supporting.

He bought a bike and delivered milk rain or shine. Many times he would come in soaking wet, but the milk was delivered. By working he was able to buy his clothes, school supplies and meals at the school cafeteria for his sister and himself. This did much to lighten his mother's load.

Carl worked as a caddy for his mother's employer and soon became a caddy in demand because of his strict attention to detail and his diligence.

As a student young Carl possessed great intellectual ability. He was always an honor student. While in high school he became a life member of the California Scholarship Federation.

During his early teens he began to seriously consider his life's vocation. One teacher encouraged him to enter engineering because of his love for mathematics. After giving it serious thought and taking into consideration his religious beliefs, he decided to become a doctor.

He chose to enter medicine for two reasons: he could control his employment and not encounter Sabbath problems; and secondly, he lived near Loma Linda and on Sabbaths he would often listen to the doctors tell of their missionary experiences. After listening to their experiences, he knew he wanted to be a missionary doctor.



Carl Dent, at three years of age, sits on a horse with his sister.

College Days: Trials and Triumphs

The summer of Carl's junior and senior years in high school he pruned orange trees eight hours a day, five days a week, to earn money to enter college. When he entered Pacific Union College,

Angwin, California, in 1931 and until he graduated, Carl worked in the school cafeteria. He did all sorts of jobs in the kitchen—mopping the floors, cleaning table tops, carrying linens to the laundry, washing kettles and occasionally helping to cook.

During his freshman year Carl worked 40 to 50 hours a week for \$.25 a day. His hard work paid off. At the end of his freshman year his bill was paid in full. His work in no way affected his studies. He took eighteen hours each school term and still maintained a high academic standing. He was gifted with a photogenic mind. Carl could listen to his professor's lectures and on a test write verbatim what had been said. His intellectual prowess became the campus talk and soon he became recognized as a scholar on campus.

The summer after his freshman year he spent at Bluff Lake, California, as a cook boy. He helped prepare meals and wash clothes. Carl chopped weeds, swept floors and cleaned house. He lived in a tent and remembers "it being quite an exciting summer." On Sabbath he hitchhiked to San Bernardino and remained until the sun set.

In 1932 the Depression had affected the life of every American. Carl's sophomore year was accentuated with work, work and more work. He still maintained his job in the kitchen, but his wages were decreased from \$.25 to \$.22 an hour. Yet the expenses were the same. He took sixteen hours each term and maintained his high scholastic average.

During the summer after completing his sophomore year, Carl worked in an auto paint shop owned by Dennis Black, who later became a minister. By the end of the summer he had earned \$150, which enabled him to pay off his school bill and buy some clothes.

In his junior year Carl encountered a financial problem that changed the focus of his life and made him realize that God is able to work miracles. During this year he had to study less and work more. He was taking a three-year pre-medicine course, but had to drop back and take a two-year course. The business office took notice of his school bill and gave him less than a week's notice to pay his bill or leave school.

After receiving the notice, he put in a long distance call to his mother and explained his predicament. Mrs. Dent immediately enlisted the aid of her employ-

er. He sent a telegram asking that if he sent 50 dollars, would they let Carl graduate? During that same weekend Carl went down to Oakland, California, to see Mr. Ridgeway, who sent a note stating he would send 50 dollars toward Carl's bill.

The thing that really stood out in Carl's mind was a letter he received the Thursday night before the deadline. Carl realized that he was unable to meet this crisis without the Lord. During this time he did much weeping and praying. Although he did not know how he would get the money, he knew God would make a way.

He received a letter from the General Conference and was quite surprised because he couldn't figure out who knew him there. When he opened the letter he found a check for \$10. It seems that a wealthy Chinese had read a story he wrote in the *Youth's Instructor* about the hardships he faced in school. The man was so impressed that he sent him a check for 100 Chinese dollars. When this total was converted to American currency, the sum came to \$10. Carl knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that God had heard and answered his prayers. When Monday came Carl had enough money to complete his education and the assurance that God is able to do more than he could ask or think. Carl completed his pre-medicine course and set his sights on medical school.

A Dream Realized

With bated breath Carl waited for acceptance into Loma Linda Medical School. To his surprise, he was one of the first students to be accepted in his class. He was excited by the prospects of realizing his dream, but silenced by the thought that he didn't have any money.

Carl immediately went to work as a call boy at Loma Linda Sanitarium. He ran errands, delivered messages and did whatever his supervisor instructed him to do. He worked for two months during the summer and earned enough to pay off his college debt.

With great fear and anticipation the day came to enter medical school, but he didn't have any money. Once again he prayed to the Lord and asked Him to open up the doors of heaven and pour him out a blessing.

School was scheduled to begin Sunday morning. On Saturday night he went to ask for the assistance of a wealthy

couple, Mr. and Mrs. James Finley. At about 8 p.m. that evening he met with the Finleys and told them of his great desire to become a doctor, his acceptance into medical school and his lack of finances. He asked if they could help him or if they knew of someone who could.

After Carl presented his case, he produced his report card with all A's. Mrs. Finley exclaimed, "Such nice grades!" She told him to return the next morning at ten o'clock. Sunday morning at the appointed time Carl came to the Finleys' home. After a brief conversation Mrs. Finley wrote him a check for \$350.

What an answer to prayer! He immediately went to Loma Linda University and registered as a medical student. Then he went to the student loan office and borrowed \$175. The money Mrs. Finley gave him, from the student loan office and working in the hospital lasted throughout his sophomore year.

At the end of his second year in medical school, he had a debt of \$100. He borrowed from every friend and relative he knew. The man that employed him to deliver milk gave him \$100 and he gathered \$35 from friends and relatives. He hitchhiked back to school and registered for the session. The session had ended and the regular school session was about to begin and he needed \$500. Once again he found himself penniless and as in times past he got on his knees and prayed for a miracle.

School was to begin Monday morning. Already it was Sunday, yet there he was without a cent. When his friend heard of his dire financial needs, it was suggested he apply for a job in the paint factory. Monday morning he talked to the owner of the factory. When he found out that he was a medical student, the owner suggested that Carl get a job in the hospital rather than the factory. He thanked the man for the advice and left discouraged and heartbroken.

One of the clerks in the registrar's office suggested he go see the chaplain, Dr. Worth, who might know of someone who could help him. Carl went to Dr. Worth and asked him to point him to someone who could help. He replied, "I don't know a soul. Half a dozen students are faced with the same problem. But don't be discouraged. The Lord isn't dead yet. Let's get down on our knees and pray." Carl got up and thanked him with tears in his eyes. He remembers,



Young Carl as he begins his medical profession.

"It was pretty hard to keep from crying because I was sure I was out of school."

He hitchhiked to Redlands and went to see Mrs. Wagner, a black SDA who had always taken a special interest in him. She had always wanted to help him in school, but she had lost all her money in the Depression. So Carl went back to see her and explained his situation to her. He borrowed her car and went to several wealthy people to see if they could help him, but even the wealthy were affected by the Depression.

He remembered as a boy he delivered papers to a Mrs. Shirk, a wealthy woman whom Mrs. Wagner worked for. So with fear and trembling he knocked on the door. The maid answered, and Carl asked to see Mrs. Shirk.

"Is she expecting you?" she asked.

"No, she's not expecting me, but I would like to see her."

The maid invited him in and lead him to the library. Mrs. Shirk, a portly woman, greeted Carl. He immediately began to introduce himself.

"I'm Carl Dent. I've just finished two years of medical training at Loma Linda University. It is time for me to start my third year but I don't have any money. I was wondering if possibly you could help me through medical school."

She looked at him and asked, "What kind of student are you?"

"A fairly good one," he responded.

"Who do you know that could give you a reference?"

"I know Mrs. Wagner, who works for you. Mr. Clement, my high school principal, and the dean of the medical school at Loma Linda."

Mrs. Shirk immediately sat down and began to call these people. She received a glowing report.

"My, those were some tremendous recommendations you received from them. I'll help you out." She loaned him \$550.

Once again God had performed another miracle for Carl! He immediately caught the bus back to school. The next day he was back in school with the rest of his class. During the next two years he faced financial difficulties, but he knew he could depend upon the Lord to make a way for him.

In 1938, after four years of intense study and financial problems, Carl Dent graduated from Loma Linda University. A dream realized!

Stephanie D. Johnson

Next month—Dr. C. A. Dent: A Citadel of Commitment and Dedication, Part 2.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

TO STRENGTHEN THE BLACK WORK—EVANGELIZE

The Seventh-day Adventist Church came to the fore after the bitter disappointment of 1844 when people in many parts of the earth had looked for the physical, visible, literal return of Jesus Christ for His church. He did not come. After re-searching the Scriptures, many of the 'adventist' believers became deeply convinced that Jesus will still return for His church and only a message of preparation was sent to mankind at the 1844 expectation challenges. They strongly preached the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12. Judgment is going on; Babylon is fallen; do not worship the beast; these were the burdens.

To help make ready a people to meet the Lord, the commission of Matthew 28:19 and 20 was also pursued. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." The Adventist people did just that. In 1868 missionaries were sent to Europe to carry the messages of hope. In 1885 Australia was given the gospel. Missionaries also entered South Africa and Rhodesia during this year. By 1887 the 'truth' had reached the Scandinavian countries and then onward to the

South American nations by 1889. In 1890 the members gave funds to help build a ship to carry the missionaries to the Pitcarin Islands and to India. The gospel was going, in fact, to all of the world as our Lord had commissioned.

But Revelation 14:6 has stated that the gospel was to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Did this include the Colored People of North America who had been freed from hundreds of years of enslavement in this land? The gospel was being carried to all of the world by the church, but no one had considered this group of people for whom Jesus had shed His blood. Was the message of salvation to include this people also?

Ellen White wrote in the *Review and Herald* on April 6, 1895: "We should take into consideration that efforts are being made at great expense to send the gospel to the darkened regions of the world to enlighten the savage inhabitants of the islands of the sea, to bring instruction to the ignorant and idolatrous, and yet, in the very midst of us, there are millions of people who are practically heathen who have souls to save or lose and yet they are set aside and passed by as the wounded man by the priest and Levite. Professed Christian people are leaving them to perish in their sins.

"Some time ago, it seemed to be during the night season, in a meeting in which the work of the Southern Field was being discussed, these questions were asked by a company of intelligent colored people: 'Has God no message for the colored people of the South? Have they no souls to save? Does not the new covenant include them? If the Lord is soon to come, is it not time for something to be done for the Southern Field? We do not question the needs of the missions in foreign lands, but we do question the right of those who claim to have present truth to pass by millions of human beings in their own country many of whom are as ignorant as the heathen.

"Why is it there is so little done for the colored people of the South, many of whom are ignorant and destitute and need to be taught that Christ is their Creator and Redeemer? How can they believe in Him whom they have not heard? How can one preach except he be sent? We lay this matter before those who profess to know the truth for this time. What are you doing for the unenlightened colored race? Why have you

not a deeper sense of the necessities of the Southern Field? Does it not rest upon the ministers of the gospel the responsibility of setting in operation plans whereby this people can be educated? Does not the commission of the Saviour teach this? Is it right for professed Christians to hold themselves aloof from this work, allowing a few to carry the burden? . . . much more work should be done in the South. There should be a hundred workers (Black) where there is now but one."

In January 1895, James Edson, Ellen and James White's son, had sailed his Morning Star boat down the Mississippi and Yazoo rivers to Vicksburg, Natchez, Yazoo City and Columbus, Mississippi, and began to bring the message of hope to the Black people of the Southland. Etta Littejohn, the mother of Charles E. Bradford of the General Conference, was a student aboard the boat, as was also the mother of Garland Millett.

By 1896 the General Conference had sent G. A. Irwin, O. A. Olsen and H. Lindsay to Huntsville, Alabama, to select a site for a school for Negro youth. These were the youth who in time would be blessed by God to help evangelize their own people. The Huntsville Training School opened its doors for its first students in 1896. Those who attended that year were Frank Brice, George Graham, Etta Grimes, Robert Hancock, Etta Littlejohn, Mary McBee, Nannie McNeal, Charles Morford, Mary Morford, Thomas Murphy, Lela Peck, Daisy Pollard, Harry Pollard, Grant Royston, Samuel J. Thompson and Frances Worthington.

When Ellen White visited the school in 1904 she spoke these words to the student body: "We need, O so much, colored workers to labor for their own people in places where it would not be safe for white people to labor. White workers can labor in places where the prejudice is not so strong. This is why we have established our printing office in Nashville (SPA). You can labor where we can not in places where the existing prejudice forbids us to labor. God wants the colored students in many places where white workers cannot labor." *Manuscript No. 60*. Edson, her son, had had quite a frightening experience earlier at Yazoo City, Mississippi, which resulted in his mother's sending a letter of caution about the work in this particular place. 97:213-224.

These students accepted the challenge and by 1906 many had begun to

teach and to preach, to carry the gospel all over the Southland.*Evangelism was their watchword. "Go tell it on the mountain" became their song. Some of those who began serving were J. H. Lawrence, F. S. Keiths, B. W. Abney, G. E. Peters, J. K. Humphrey, Sidnay Scott, Thomas Murphy and C. Bradford, to name a few.

The Black worker has never lost the spirit of evangelism. Each new generation picked up the torch and moved onward with the battle of truth. The membership really began to climb. Let us reflect on God's blessings for a moment.

Black Workers Brought More Members

In 1863, just nineteen years after the Advent movement began, the church was an officially recognized religious organization whose membership numbered over 3,500 with very few Blacks, if any, who were recognized members. However, one Black person who is spoken of as being a member of the Sabbath-keeping group was the famous Sojourner Truth, who had asked Frederick Douglas, the great abolitionist, "Fred, is God dead?" She sleeps in the same cemetery in Battle Creek, Michigan, where James and Ellen White and their families await the return of our Lord.

By 1880 ten Blacks were baptized into the faith in Louisville, Kentucky, by a man named Silas Osbourne. There were no Black preachers at this date. The church membership numbered 15,570 worldwide.

When the world membership of the church reached 75,767 there were only 50 Blacks in America who were members. This was in 1900, but after Mrs. White's plea to the students at the Huntsville School in 1906, others began receiving the teachings of the Adventists and by the year 1909 there were 900 Blacks who had joined the church through listening to the preaching of the word by their fellow men. During that year the General Conference expressed a concern for the rapidly growing work among the Blacks in America and voted to organize the Negro Department for North America. A. J. Haysmer and C. B. Stephenson were the first secretaries to serve in this office.

Black evangelism had brought its membership to 2,414 by 1914 with the world membership standing at over 110,000.

When Haysmer and Stephenson reported to the General Conference that

evangelism among the 'Colored' brethren had brought their membership to the 3,500 level (the number of the entire membership around the world in 1863 when the church was organized), the Black leaders were asked to suggest a leader from their own group to head up the Negro Department. Elder W. H. Greene, an attorney from Philadelphia, was chosen to serve. Under God he directed the work from 1918 until 1928, when he died from exhaustion.

As the years rolled onward to 1930 the world membership reached the 314,253 mark and the North American Black membership numbered 8,000. Some of the Black churches were larger than some of the state conferences at that time. Evangelism was still in the fore in the thinking and working of the Black worker—the pastor, the teacher, the evangelist, the layman in the pew—everyone gave the message to his neighbor.

When the Regional Conferences were organized and the Black leader was granted an opportunity to plan and to execute his own approaches to evangelizing his people, the total membership in this segment of the church stood at 19,008 (17,396 were found in the newly-organized Regional Conferences and 1,612 were in the Pacific Union. The leadership in this part of the division sought for the ideal, total integration into the total structure of the church. The total membership in the Regional churches was now 8.1% of the North American Division membership and the North American Division membership was 36.88% of that around the world. The year was 1945.

With the spirit of the Buffalo soldier during the days of this country, these leaders took their Christian soldiers and out-dated equipment and went to meet the enemy and many blessings came to the church. Tents were pitched, cottage meetings were held in many communities and the doors of the Seventh-day Adventist churches in their neighborhoods became evangelistic centers every Sunday night. The people accepted the message by the hundreds and the thousands. Evangelism became meaningful for a finished work. By 1950 the membership had soared to 26,341 (or) 10.4% of North America and the division was 32.2% of the world membership.

When the restless sixties arrived, evangelism among our people was still moving at a very rapid pace. The membership had reached 43,139 (or) 12.97% of the NAD membership. The division membership was 26.69% of the world field at that time numbering 332,364. This was in 1960.

1970 found our leaders with the same burden as that of their forefathers: evangelize, get the message to the millions of precious souls for whom Jesus had given His life. The continuous theme was 'evangelism.' Each pastor was encouraged to become a pastor/evangelist. Each lay member was urged to become a part of the priesthood and to win souls for the Lord. The membership at the beginning of the last decade had reached 73,054 (or) 16.6% of that of the North American Division and that of the NAD stood at 439,726 (or) 22.5% of the world field.

It is now 1980 and one hundred years have come and gone since the first ten Black members were baptized into the Adventist faith at Louisville, Kentucky. The last person of that 1880 group fell asleep in Jesus about five years ago. She still held to that blessed hope that Jesus will come for His church some day. But until then, with joy we must carry on. At the close of 1979 the report showed 119,950 persons who were members of the Black segment of the church from the east to the west coast. This does not include those of our brethren and sisters who hold memberships in the predominantly White segment of the church. The Black membership is now 22% of the NAD and the NAD is 582,050 (or) 18% of the world membership which was 3,308,191.

Eighty-five years ago, Ellen G. White was shown in vision a group of intelligent Colored People of the South who asked: "Has God no message for the Colored People of the South? Have they no souls to save? Does not the message of the new covenant include them?" God is still mindful of His people. His message of salvation still reaches to the ends of the earth. Watchmen on the walls of Zion still proclaim that the day is at hand and honest hearts are still surrendering their wills to the will of God. The work of the gospel will soon be finished. In the North American Division there still live 30,000,000 Black people—our commission is to open to them the words of hope and life. Evangelism must ever be

at the top of the list if the Black work is to be strengthened in America. Let us continue as administrators, as pastors, as evangelists, as teachers, as literature evangelists, as laymen to ask the Lord to use us in every way to carry the message of God's love to every man's door.

C. E. Dudley, President
South Central Conference

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

The quality of the *Regional Voice* has been better and better, and I can sense what a loss we have had over the years by not having a paper of our own where we could publish exactly what we wanted to publish for the black Seventh-day Adventists of North America. It is very inspirational; it is unique; it is timely; it fills a great need among black Seventh-day Adventists in bringing us closer together in fellowship and service. It shows also what we can do when we work together; and the quicker we are structured in such a way that we can lead our own people, the greater will be the progress, the better will be the relationship between the races, the closer will be our fellowship and the more effective will be our work in reaching the millions of black people in North America.

In simple words, it's news, it's information, it's instruction and it's by my people, for my people. Again, it's a classic example of what black leadership can do for the people we lead.

I never stop from the time I receive it until I read it all the way through, and it is the first periodical that I read when it comes to my desk. The same thing happens when I take it home—my wife stops everything to read about what is happening among black people in North America. I hope the day will come when it will cover the entire black constituency of the North American Division. I highly commend you for your efficient managing of the paper, and Paschal for his efficient work, and that it comes on time.

Every honest white leader is glad to say that it's a great paper, it's well laid out and I haven't found anybody that could really give adverse criticism of the paper. I talk about it all the time, everywhere. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely your friend,
W. S. Lee, Secretary

The Editor's Desk



W. Timothy Beckett, II

TIMOTHY BECKETT RECEIVES HIS D.D.S.

W. Timothy Beckett, II, has just completed work at Meharry Medical College for his doctor of dental surgery degree.

Timothy has also used his Christian influence to win three souls to the Third Angel's Message. One of the three is attending medical school at Meharry and plans to become a surgeon. The other two are students at Fisk University in Nashville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy and Helen Beckett of Dallas, Texas. Timothy plans to bring his ministry of healing and medical evangelism to his home town, Dallas, Texas.

Doris Jones, Reporter

BLACK MEMBERSHIP GROWTH CITED

It should be observed that in 1945, when the Regional Conferences were organized, the North American Division membership totaled 212,514 (this included the Regional churches, which totaled 19,008 or 8.1%). Since the organization of Regional Conferences in 1945, the Regional church membership has grown to 119,950 or 22% of the total membership of the North American Division, which stands at 585,050.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Nov. 21	28	Dec. 5	12
Boston, Mass	4:18	4:14	4:12	4:12
New York City	4:29	4:26	4:24	4:24
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:47	4:43	4:41	4:41
Atlanta, Ga.	5:32	5:30	5:29	5:30
Miami, Fla.	5:30	5:29	5:30	5:31
Charlotte, N.C.	5:15	5:12	5:11	5:12
Birmingham, Ala.	4:41	4:39	4:39	4:40
Jackson, Miss.	4:58	4:56	4:55	4:56
Memphis, Tenn.	4:51	4:49	4:48	4:49
Louisville, Ky.	5:27	5:24	5:23	5:23
Detroit, Mich.	5:07	5:03	5:01	5:01
Chicago, Ill.	4:26	4:22	4:20	4:20
South Bend, Indiana	5:21	5:17	5:15	5:15
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:39	4:35	4:32	4:32
St. Louis, Mo.	4:44	4:41	4:39	4:40
Kansas City, Mo.	5:00	4:57	4:56	4:56
Denver, Co.	4:40	4:37	4:35	4:36
Little Rock, Ark.	5:01	4:59	4:58	4:59
Dallas, Texas	5:23	5:21	5:21	5:22
New Orleans, La.	5:02	5:00	5:00	5:01
Albuquerque, N.M.	4:58	4:55	4:55	4:55
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:21	5:18	5:18	5:18

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

CENTRAL STATES

CENTRAL STATES EVANGELISM 1980

Evangelism is the watchword in 1980 for the Central States Conference. It was given first priority in President S. Haywood Cox's keynote address to the workers in January of this year. At that time the president stated that the conference will commit itself to a ten percent increase in the total conference membership in baptisms for the next three years. This means that 1980 will see a total of at least 500 baptisms.

With this in mind, the conference administration authorized evangelistic crusades in Denver, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Omaha and St. Louis. Two of these crusades were summer tent evangelism.



Aunt and nephew being baptized by H. L. Thompson (left) and G. H. Taylor, Jr. (right).

Elder W. D. Felder and George Murray conducted campaigns under the canopy in Denver, Colorado, and Wichita, Kansas, respectively. Early reports from these efforts bring at total of 100 additional souls to the knowledge of God.

Elder H. L. Thompson, Mid-America union evangelist, brought his dynamic multi-media concept of evangelism to three conference territories. Working with Elder Thompson in Leavenworth was Elder Mark McCleary; in St. Louis it was Elder R. F. Warnick, and in Omaha it was Elder G. H. Taylor, Jr., and Pastor Gerald Jones. These campaigns resulted in 163 precious souls for baptism.

Kansas City, Missouri, was the place for a very unusual but successful lay evangelistic effort. One of the newest churches in the conference, Beacon Light, has just completed a campaign conducted by four laymen sharing the preaching responsibilities. Frank Jack-

THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

Central States

son, Daniel Stewart, Eugene Dyson and William Kanion praised the Lord when seven individuals were baptized on August 23.

The success of evangelism in Central States would not be possible without the local laymen and conference Bible workers. Hundreds of hours of visitation were spent among these Bible workers: Dorothy Brunson, Denver; Phyllis Meador, Omaha; Verdia Tucker, St. Louis; Jackie Dye, Kansas City; and Rosa Pugh, now retired and living in Birmingham, Alabama.

Because of the dedicated efforts of pastors, Bible workers, lay preachers and church members, the Central States Conference is reporting a total of 465 souls baptized resulting from church evangelism as of August 30.



Candidates awaiting baptism at the Prophecy 80 Crusade in Omaha.



H. L. Thompson with workers in Leavenworth Prophecy 80 campaign.

ST. LOUIS PATHFINDERS ATTEND 1980 CAMPOREE

Pathfinder clubs from the St. Louis, Berean and Park Avenue churches



Sabbath morning worship.

represented the Central States Conference at the 1980 Mid-America Union Pathfinder Camporee.

The camporee was held in the beautiful setting of Tuttle Creek Lake near Olsbury, Kansas. The Berean and Park Avenue clubs had a journey of almost 400 miles one way, but despite hot and humid weather the Pathfinders made a tremendous impact at the camporee.

For three days the Pathfinders participated in such activities as: swimming, boating, horseback riding, marching skills, soap box derby, hiking, nature walks and group fellowship. Sabbath was set aside as a special time for clubs to receive spiritual rejuvenation.



Berean Trailblazers ready for inspection.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Ophelia Roberts, Berean Trailblazers and Winston Williams of the Park Avenue Club, the Pathfinders took top honors in swimming, marching skills, field events and club inspections. During the three days spent at Broken Arrow Ranch, the temperatures were one hundred or above. Heat exhaustion was the result for many individual participants who were accumulating points for their clubs. More than 25 Pathfinder clubs were present.

The camporee was highlighted by special presentations from ventriloquist

Dennis Crabbe, Floyd Murdoch, wildlife historian and Steve Varro, a Christian magician.

ARDELLA K. BARRETT HONORED AT BANQUET

More than 200 friends, fellow professionals, former students and local Seventh-day Adventists gathered to pay tribute to Mrs. Ardeella K. Barrett, who has been a Christian educator for 35 years. The banquet was held on Sunday, July 27, at the Henry VIII inn and lodge in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Barrett, principal and teacher at St. Louis Junior Academy for several years, was honored for her personal accomplishments and contributions in the Christian education field. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in school administration from the University of Maryland in Baltimore. Additional studies were completed at Union College, the University of Southern California and Western Maryland University.

The banquet-testimonial was sponsored by the St. Louis Junior Academy Home and School Association.



Left to right: W. R. Wright, Jr., Dr. Benjamin F. Reaves, Mrs. Ardeella K. Barrett, Dr. S. Haywood Cox, M. E. Northrup, G. Herfflin Taylor.

G. Herfflin Taylor, former pastor of Berean in St. Louis and now associate director of stewardship for the South Atlantic Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, was the master of ceremonies. Others honoring Mrs. Barrett were: M. E. Northrup, associate education director, Mid-America Union; W. R. Wright, Jr., education superintendent, Central States Conference; S. Haywood Cox, president, Central States Conference, E. F. Carter, lay activities/Sabbath school director for Central States; and church pastors B. T. Rice, H. Pettway, R. G. Warnick, P. Turner and E. Slocumb. Mrs. Magnolia Harris, a fellow teacher, former students and several others made special presentations.

In keeping with the theme of the evening, Dr. Benjamin F. Reaves, chairman of the religion and theology department and professor of preaching and urban ministry at Oakwood College, gave an electrifying keynote address. He warned the attendees against the new trend toward "abolition of the absolute" and an anything-goes society, then challenged them to a total commitment to quality Christian education.

There is no way to calculate how many people, particularly youth across North America, have been blessed through the life of Ardella K. Barrett. However, the Home and School Association hopes that hundreds will stand up and say "I am one" by sending their contributions to Mrs. Verdina M. Tucker, chairperson of the Ardella K. Barrett Library Committee, helping build this library in her name at St. Louis Jr. Academy.

Marie G. Thomas
Home and School President

BEREAN CHURCH HOSTS LITERATURE EVANGELIST RALLY

More than 150 literature evangelists and local church members attended the 1980 Literature Evangelist Rally held at the Berean Church in July. Elder R. F. Warnick, Berean pastor, welcomed literature evangelists from every section of the conference territory at the Sabbath morning worship service.

Emanuel Bullock, conference publishing director, was the coordinator of the rally. He was assisted by Elder C. M.



Left to right: Otto Kirkland, Daniel Stewart, and C. M. Willis instruct new recruits.

Willis, associate publishing director for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Others working to make the rally a success were S. Haywood Cox,

conference president, and Otto Kirkland, newly-elected associate publishing director for the St. Louis area.

Activities began with a Sabbath afternoon symposium of literature evangelists' experiences, testimonies and recruitment of new literature evangelists. On Sunday morning Elder Willis conducted a workshop for all attendees.

The workshop was the highlight of the weekend. After a delicious breakfast, a devotional was presented by Elder Cox. Elder B. T. Rice, pastor of the Northside Church in St. Louis, provided special music. When the workshop presentations by Elder Willis were concluded, the film, "The Bettgen Story," was shown.

Emanuel Bullock
Publishing Director

MORE THAN 80 STUDENTS ATTEND VBS

August 4-16 was a great time for the more than 80 students in attendance at Linwood Boulevard Temple Church in Kansas City, Missouri. According to the church pastor, Elder R. P. Stafford, the Vacation Bible School provided a tremendous outlet for many young people



Elder R. P. Stafford, church pastor.

of Linwood and others from the immediate community.

The Vacation Bible School was held under the auspices of the church's Sabbath School department. The Sabbath School leader, Mrs. Iris Bright, and her assistant, Mrs. Harriet Wallace, con-

ducted the daily program.

Activities were provided for all age groups. Bible stories, arts and crafts, games, field trips and delicious food made the three-hour period each day exciting. One impressive project was the construction of a heart of love with many special trinkets given by the students in love. These trinkets were painstakingly placed on bulletin board material to create a collage symbolizing the heart of love.

Mrs. Wallace was very successful in maintaining an organized program because of her family members, who dedicated their time to the VBS program.



Elder and Mrs. H. Mouzon and family.

ELDER MOUZON ASSIGNED TO ATCHISON-TOPEKA DISTRICT

Elder H. M. Mouzon, Jr., is the new pastor in the Atchison-Topeka district. After only two months in the area, he has just finished a two-week revival, baptizing six souls.

The Lord has richly blessed Elder Mouzon during his twenty years of pastoral ministry in the Southwest Region Conference, the South Central Conference and currently the Central States Conference. He is a successful evangelist and church builder, having built the First Church in Huntsville, Alabama, and the Alpha Church in Decatur, Alabama.

Elder Mouzon is married to the former Thelma Wright of Dallas, Texas. They have twelve-year-old twin boys, Derek and Damyon. We are happy to have the Mouzons strengthen our church program.

Dorothy Woodson
Communication Secretary

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Beauty, unaccompanied by virtue, was a flower without perfume.

DEAD BY 30—ALIVE AT 31

"Young man, at the rate you're going, I don't think you will see your 30th birthday." These were the solemn words spoken to Terry James by his physician, who further counseled him that he had the worst possible form of cirrhosis of the liver.

Terry knew he was a heavy drinker and that was the reason his liver was in such a bad state. However, Terry, like many others, thought you've got to die from something, so why not alcohol? He continued to drink and smoke as before past his 30th birthday. Terry was headed down a path of certain destruction.

On Sunday morning he woke up early and turned on the television. On the screen appeared the broadcast, "The Breath of Life." The speaker was talking about last-day events and how this world is soon to be destroyed. Terry believed the Lord was speaking directly to him. He contacted a friend, Larry Johnson, who he knew to be a Christian, and asked for Bible studies. He wanted to know what he could do to get ready for the final destruction. Larry explained that he couldn't give him studies that week because campmeeting had started but invited Terry to attend with him.

Terry did attend that Friday evening and returned to South Bend the same night with Larry's brother, Ron.

Ron invited Terry to join him in the morning, when he would return to the campgrounds. Terry did not bother to get Ron's phone number, he simply said okay.

That Sabbath morning he thought of every possible excuse for not going to camp. First, he didn't know Ron's telephone number. However, he was able to find it with the operator's assistance. His second excuse, maybe Ron has already gone, vanished when Ron answered the phone and said, "I'll be right over." Terry then thought he just didn't have enough money to make a trip out of the city, but a friend handed him some money as he walked toward the door to greet Ron.

Terry went back to campmeeting and listened attentively throughout the morning service. The speaker made his appeal and no one moved. Terry said, "I couldn't be still, the Lord was calling me, but no one told me what I had to do. The

next thing I knew I was standing in front of the minister. What a day of rejoicing for me!"

Terry was instructed in the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church by Pastor Jerome L. Davis of the South Bend church.

Terry has since been baptized into the church. He ends his story with the statement, "I'm sure the Lord has preserved my life to be a source of help to someone else. He will keep me until I'm 31, maybe until 41, however long He decides. I'm going to do my best to serve Him fully until He shall come."

Dorothy Davis
Communication Secretary



Pastor Philip Willis.

GOD PERFORMS MIRACLES IN PEORIA

The pastor's life was threatened. The summer sun warred against the workers as they went door to door. It was said the tent would never go up. Then it was said that it's up, but it will never open.

On July 19, 1980, under the leadership of Philip C. Willis, Sr., pastor of the Peoria Seventh-day Adventist Church, Peoria, Illinois, the Pavilion of Hope opened its doors. It was a joyous but solemn time as the faithful workers waited for individuals to enter the tent.

One day during workers' meeting, a group of people gathered around the tent and waited until the workers left. After exchanging a few words they came into the tent and carried the piano away. The pastor and his wife, Edith, went to the platform and prayed for help. They felt assured that God would not allow this incident to hamper His work.

They were thanking God for answer-

ing their prayer when Elder Higgins, a faithful volunteer worker from another local Adventist church, came into the tent. He had left earlier but felt impressed to return to the tent because something had gone wrong. He encouraged the Willises and offered his truck to carry the piano that he was sure the Lord would provide.

Not only did the Lord provide a piano, but He also provided an organ. Members of the Knoxville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Peoria donated these instruments.

Many of the Knoxville members supported the Pavilion of Hope both financially and with their presence.

A lady beaten because of her conviction courageously stated, "I believe this message, and after 30 years of being fooled by the devil, no matter who gets in the way, I must follow Jesus." She had to fight her way out of the house to attend the meetings. She removed her jewelry the moment she heard what the Lord had to say about it. She said it wasn't worth losing heaven over.

One young teenager loved the meetings so much that she would come hours before they began. It was so new to her and she was filled with Bible questions. She was often harrassed and her absence from the meetings were soon noticed. On going to her neighborhood it was found that her family had moved across town.

Within a few days she returned to the tent. She was eager to know how to find the ten commandments and other scriptures. She questioned if the devil sometimes works through parents. She also wanted to know about the protection of angels and if it was a sin to run away from home. This young lady was almost in tears as a worker told her of miracles happening every day, not just in the past. At that moment a car pulled up in front of the tent. Several people rushed in and took her away and she was never seen at the tent again.

Another lady said that at the age of 12 the Lord showed her the seventh-day Sabbath. She questioned her father, who was a religious man, and he could not respond satisfactorily. When she saw the tent go up, she felt it was just for her. She accepted the message and is now praying for her children.

Storms raged during the crusade, especially on nights when key subjects were presented. On the evening baptism was preached, the storm was fierce until

Pastor Willis stopped his message and asked God to bring about calm. Shortly thereafter the storm subsided.

On another occasion lightning struck and completely destroyed a nearby tree. Through it all God did not allow any harm to come to the actual tent site.

Thirteen changed people buried their sins in baptism as a result of God's blessings through the Pavilion of Hope in Peoria, Illinois.

Edith Willis
Communication Secretary

114 BAPTIZED IN INKSTER, MICHIGAN

P. W. Jenkins, pastor of the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church in Inkster, Michigan, gave up his pulpit for four weeks to allow the "Christ Is The Answer" evangelistic team to work for Christ.

R. C. Connor taught the Holy Scriptures with power from God and the Holy Spirit impressed hearts nightly.

Leroy Logan, music director, added to the messages by his talented use of the organ. His musicianship served to give a special quality to this crusade.



Leroy Logan, minister of music for the Christ Is The Answer Crusade, leads the Inkster youth choir.

Beatrice Morgan from Belleville, Michigan, sang with expressive conviction nightly. Her messages in song received hearty amens as the beautiful, hopeful words pierced many hearts.

Shirley Smith and Catherine Bland, Bible workers for the team, answered questions and studied with those searching for truth. Sharon was blessed by the presence of the Lord in them.

Sharon members are to be commended for their support of this crusade. Youth and adults alike brought relatives and friends to the meetings and passed out invitations to the community. Church members aided in the work by praying for its success, ushering, serving as

parking lot attendants and giving their time to bring about a well-balanced work for the Lord.

Baptisms were held on three separate occasions during the crusade. The Word of God was unfolded and souls were set free, resulting in the baptism of 114.

Surely the Lord is with the Sharon church, Evangelist Connor and the Christ Is The Answer team.

Mignon G. Waller
Communication Secretary

ECORSE OPENS DOORS TO NEW CHURCH

The Sabbath School hour on August 30, 1980, began a grand and glorious day at the Ecorse church in Ecorse, Michigan, with the singing of "We've Come This Far By Faith."

The Sabbath School lesson was taught by George Crumley, treasurer of the Lake Union Conference.

The morning worship service attracted an overflow crowd. Seating was made available in the lower levels where the program was viewed by closed circuit television.



The Inkster congregation opens the crusade by singing, "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit."

Special music was given by Ethel Hill, who sang "Open the Gates of the Temple."

Expressions of praise to God and those who have worked so diligently, were given by R. C. Brown, Sr., secretary of the Lake Region Conference, Isaac Palmer, treasurer of the Lake Region, and Dr. Norman K. Miles, a professor from Andrews University.

The message for the day was presented by Robert H. Carter, president of the Lake Union Conference, and was entitled, "Six Reasons to Go to Heaven."

The 4:30 p.m. hour of inspiration brought together all persons that had

contributed musically to the church during the building fund campaign.

Charles Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, closed the day's programs as he spoke on "Blessed are the poor, for they shall inherit."

Guests for the evening included: Benjamin Browne, pastor of City Temple church in Detroit, Michigan; J. D. Parker, pastor of the Burns Avenue church in Detroit; Philip Jenkins, pastor of the Sharon, Inkster, Michigan, church, and Warner Rice, director of the Detroit Better Living Center.

The day concluded with the singing of "Side By Side," led by Elder Joseph.

Vera Whitehead
Communication Secretary



Elder T. A. Boyd baptizes Maurice Hall with the assistance of local elder Juan Leon, Jr.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS BIBLE CRUSADE

"The Health and Happiness Bible Crusade" was the name of the Beacon of Joy Church's evangelism program this summer.

The members passed out literature in a six-block area around the church in preparation for the series of meetings.

For three weeks, Pastor Tyrone A. Boyd preached, offered prayers for the sick and ministered to the needs of the people.

As a result of this crusade, God blessed Beacon of Joy with twenty new believers.

At a fellowship dinner following the baptism, Pastor Boyd presented the baptismal certificates, Bibles and books written by E. G. White to the newly-baptized members. The service concluded with a testimonial service that brought tears to many eyes.

Clora B. Warren
Communication Secretary

THE NEW HAVEN CRUSADE

Fifty precious souls were baptized as a result of the "Jesus For Better Living Crusade" at the Big Tent, which was held at the corner of Orchard Street and Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut.

Evangelist Norman E. Snipes, pastor of the Mount Zion Seventh-day Adventist Church, Hamden, Connecticut, and the Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, New Haven, Connecticut, assisted by Associate Evangelist, John Campbell; Youth Evangelist, Tony Taylor; and Bible Instructors, Magnolia Mapp McKensie, Bertha Davis, and Darlene Jones, successfully conducted six weeks of spiritual ingathering.

Other crusade staff members who served included: Vashni T. Davis, Sr., crusade coordinator; Ricardo Diaz, Spanish coordinator; Jesse Blackmon, organist; Lola Nathan, pianist; Margo Wilson, music coordinator; and V'Ester Snipes and Bette J. Walker, financial consultants.

In the crusade's fifth week and near its conclusion, Evangelist Snipes, assisted by Associate Evangelist John Campbell, baptized 29 precious souls at the Big Tent on Saturday, August 16. On hand to witness this inspirational occasion were Elder George R. Earle, president of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with his wife Vernell, and Elder Samuel O. James, director of community services for the Northeastern Conference, with his wife Rhoda.

The crusade began Sunday evening, July 13, and commenced each night of the week (except Thursdays) at 7:30 p.m. Its advertisements included such announcements as: "Hear God's Man with God's Message;" "Beautiful Gifts and Prizes;" "Food and Clothes for the Needy;" "Health Lectures;" "Blood Pressure Checked;" "Five-day Stop Smoking Plan;" "Prayer for the Sick and the Troubled;" and "Your Questions Answered." Also, Helen K. Dear conducted a successful Vacation Bible School at the Big Tent. A newly baptized convert of the crusade, Timothy Collier, assisted, along with several other instructors.

New Haven, a community thirsting for the truth, was presented with such outstanding topics as:

- 1) Is the Bible God's Word and the Book for the World Today?

- 2) Are There Three Gods, or One, or Three in One?
- 3) Happiness in 10 Simple Steps.
- 4) How to Have a Happy Home in an Unhappy World.
- 5) What is the Sin Against the Holy Ghost?
- 6) What are the Four Major Crisis Periods of the Modern Family?
- 7) Christian Standards—How Am I Supposed to Know?
- 8) Three Ways to Postpone Your Funeral.

Other outstanding subjects included How to Stretch Your Dollars During Inflation, Baby Buggy Religion, What Happened in Heaven in 1844, and the Question that God Cannot Answer. These subjects and more were fed to a dying community in need of the 'nutrits' necessary for its successful spiritual and physical well-being.

Evangelist Snipes, in his second year in the New Haven community, is married to the former V'Ester Alice Marshall, and they are the proud parents of two lovely children, Tracey Elaine Snipes and Nelson Earl Snipes. They come from San Bernardino, California, where he received a master of science degree in public health from Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California. Mrs. Snipes graduated in 1965 from Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital as a registered nurse and is now pursuing a B.S. degree in social work at Southern Connecticut State College in New Haven, Connecticut.



Left to right: John Campbell, Timothy Collier and Evangelist Norman E. Snipes.

Evangelist Snipes, a multi-talented minister, has let the Holy Spirit lead him all the way in this monumental endeavor. It was quite inspirational to see and hear this evangelist "unfurl" these truths substantiated by passages from God's "Holy Inspired Words." With prayer and much dedication, Evangelist Snipes is letting God use him in a supreme way.



The "Jesus for Better Living Crusade" tent.

He is a student of the Bible and has a message for a community in a complex era.

In all, this has been a happy crusade—happy to start and happy to end—because on Saturday, August 23, the "Jesus For Better Living Crusade" at the Big Tent baptized another fifteen precious souls. The total number of souls won to Christ by way of this crusade was 50, and three are standing "in the Valley of Decision." The crusade has ended, but the dedication of Evangelist Snipes has not.

Evangelist and Mrs. Norman E. Snipes, along with the generously supportive staff and members of the New Haven and Hamden communities, are soliciting your prayers and spiritual support that God will further use them in His work.

Aubrey E. Thompkins
Assistant Press Secretary
Mount Zion Seventh-day
Adventist Church

HARVEST OF SOULS IN ALBANY, TROY, NEW YORK

"If the Bible said it, I'll believe it; if God commands it, I'll do it; if it's good enough for Jesus, it's good enough for me."

This has been the motto through the six big weeks of "The Way of Life Crusade" headed by Pastor William Vincent of the Capital City S.D.A. Church in Albany, New York. Pastor Vincent, a native of Trinidad and a graduate of Oakwood College, was touched by the Holy Spirit from the beginning of the crusade until the end. Ten souls were baptized from Albany, twenty from Troy, and an additional two were baptized a week after the crusade.



The Way of Life Crusade ends with a big baptism.

Many received a blessing from these meetings. Souls came nightly to listen to the Word of God and realized that the time is now to let God lead them. During the six weeks there were clothes given away, Vacation Bible School, health lectures and a concert given by the Gospel Volunteers from Shiloh SDA Church in Springfield, Massachusetts.

These last days are becoming like the days of Noah after he preached for 120 years for preparation. It was too late for those who did not listen because God had sealed the doors with Noah and his family in the ark of safety.

For six weeks Pastor Vincent preached the present Saviour; he preached what He had done, what He will do and what He is doing for us now.

John 8:32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." This was one of Pastor Vincent's favorite texts of the crusade, and there were souls who were disturbed by this phrase, because they really enjoy the things of this world instead of following Jesus all the way.

Capital City Church would like to give thanks for those who participated in the crusade. A special thanks to Mario Brown for the work he did. He is a young man dedicated to the Lord's work and richly, fully blessed in spreading the gospel. May God bless his endeavors.

Ron Husband
Capital City S.D.A. Church

SUPER SUPERVISOR AWARD

The United States Department of Labor recognized Robert C. Farrow, assistant administrator at the Victory Lake Nursing Center, as "super supervisor" of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act Summer Youth Employment Program in Dutchess County.

Nominations for this award were made on the strength of individual qualifications. The selection was made by 45 supervisors who attended three training sessions. Eight were elected as candidates out of 120 supervisors in the county. Of major importance in the consideration was a competency to create in their young charges a motivating force plus an ability to strike a rapport with them. Out of the eight very gifted, highly trained counsellor-supervisors picked as candidates, Farrow was elected for the "Super Supervisor Award."

At Brooklyn College he earned his bachelor of arts and at New York University his master of arts. He joined the staff of Victory Lake Nursing Center as assistant administrator in July of 1971. For several years the nursing center has been engaged in this summer youth program and over the past three-year period under Farrow's supervision, the center has been established as a top-notch worksite bringing recognition from the United States Labor Department.

During ceremonies at the county building in Poughkeepsie, New York, Dutchess County Executive Lucille P. Patterson presented Farrow with a plaque sent from the United States Department of Labor and signed by Roy Marshall, secretary of labor. Mrs. Patterson said, "Farrow and his team of supervisors at the Victory Lake Nursing Center have consistently for over three years offered excellent worksite opportunities and experiences for CETA youth workers."

As a result of this recognition, a 30-minute 16mm movie in technicolor covering activities in various departments at the Victory Lake Nursing Cen-

ter was produced by CETA. It is narrated by Farrow and is now being shown throughout the country at institutes and seminars in conjunction with CETA and the Training and Orientation Program for Summer Youth Worksite Supervisors.

Francis Moore, Clerk
Trinity Temple SDA Church



Willie Dowdell, a police officer with the city of Hartford, gave this testimony. "I met an acquaintance and went to the park to eat. . . . I had clams and asked if he wanted some. When he refused, I asked why. A discussion began on diet, man changing God's laws, dress code, etc., and I soon found myself attending church meetings under the tent.

"Up to this time I was not a member of any church. As Evangelist Saunders preached from night to night, everything became very clear to me. I noticed that he could support everything that he said with the Old and New Testaments. My eyes became open and I wanted to do what was right. After the Sabbath was presented I wrote a letter to my employer requesting the Sabbath off. I also stated that I would have to resign if this wasn't possible. I am presently on probation with the police department, for they haven't come to any decision as yet regarding my having the Sabbath off, . . . but I was baptized on Sabbath, August 2, 1980, under the "Reach Out for Better Living" tent.

"To young people I say, 'Seek the truth and let go of the worldly things that will cause you to lose out on heaven.' To the police officer fearing job loss, I would like to say, 'Don't be afraid of not having a job. Dedicate yourself to God first. Man's law is secondary. Always be truthful in whatever you do. I'm happy about my new life.'"

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And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.

—Acts 17:30

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT EBENEZER

Vacation Bible School at Ebenezer was well attended this year. Sixty to 65 children came every day for two weeks to learn Bible creation instead of evolution and to learn by doing that Christ said, "let not the least fragments be thrown away." The crafts made from the things we discard every day were a thing of beauty to behold and all were useful. Recycling can begin at home.

The closing program was held on Sabbath afternoon, August 23, 1980. The primary and kindergarten classes recited verses on creation telling what was made on each of seven days and sang, "I Like Vacation Bible School." The juniors recited the poem, "Creation," and sang, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

Elder Bernard in his closing remarks reinforced the central theme of creation and the children responded gladly. Many thanks are due to Roberta James and her fine staff for such a wonderful school this year.

Andrew Smith
Communications Secretary



David R. Willis, Sr., associate evangelist and soloist; Helen Little of Hartford, Connecticut, Bible worker; Pamela Hayes of White Plains, New York, Bible worker; Kitson Richardson of Hartford, Connecticut, music coordinator; Douglas Mapp; Charles Seawright of White Plains, New York, theology major at Oakwood College; Patricia Langley of Long Island, New York, Bible worker, coordinator; Moses Edwards.



The Reach Out for Better Living tent, located on the corner of Barbour and Charlotte streets in Hartford, Connecticut.



Front row, left to right: Thelma Kelly, Bible worker; Leola Washington, head usher; Janet Kerr, Bible worker, also a student at Oakwood College; Ednid Thorington, Bible worker; Pauline Turner, Bible worker. Back row, left to right: Clifford Sharp, usher coordinator; Daniel Fider, first elder and crusade coordinator; Griffin Defoe, Bible worker. All are from Hartford, Connecticut.



Patricia Langley and Carmen Richardson share in the happiness of these two sisters who were baptized together under the Reach Out for Better Living tent. The pastor of their former church came down to the tent to talk these sisters into returning with him to their former church, but nothing could persuade these sisters to go, for they had made their decision to follow God all the way.



Pastor Raymond Saunders.



This is the testimony of the Small family as told by Mrs. Small. "We thought that Adventists were cold people."

"Many years ago while still in Jamaica I had a vision of the Adventist Church. I saw all the denominations coming down out of heaven. All of the denominations were on one side and then on the other side, separate, alone, by itself was the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. I was told in the vision that the SDA Church was the true church and that I should worship on the 7th day, which was the Sabbath.

I soon forgot all about the vision and went on to live my life as I wanted to . . . until one day a few weeks back Pastor Edward Moses and Bible Worker Pamela Hayes came to visit me and invited me to the tent. I told them, 'Not tonight,' for I had planned to cut the grass. The three of us talked a long time, and the afternoon passed into the evening . . . too late to cut the grass. I ended up going to the tent and continued to go every night.

Contrary to what I thought, the people were very warm—and my family and I were soon baptized. The voice of God came to me that if I love God then I must keep His commandments. I should have been a part of God's army a long time ago. . . . He that hungers and thirsts after righteousness shall be filled."



This is the prayer group that met under the leadership of Elder P. Pearle, who is pictured on the far right, every night for seven weeks. Each night as the pastor began his message, this group would go out in the back of the tent and pray that God's presence, the Holy Spirit's presence and Jesus' presence would encircle the tent for its duration and that many precious souls would be won.

LITERATURE EVANGELIST DONATES LARGEST NUMBER OF MESSAGE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Matthew Dennis of DeLand, Florida, contributed two thousand dollars for 617 *Message* magazine subscriptions to go to prisons all across America. He feels the need to invest in the salvation of prison inmates.

Dennis, who was a young man back in the 1930's, got into trouble with the law and was sent to prison. While he was in prison, a church member involved in prison ministry distributed the *Message* to the inmates and prayed with them. Dennis was so impressed by the visit, the prayer and the *Message* that he read every issue she brought and became converted to Christ through reading *Message*. He determined that if he ever got out he would remember how he met the Lord.

Upon his release, Dennis was baptized in the SDA Church in 1951 and went directly into the literature ministry, where he remained until his retirement in 1974 from the Northeastern Conference as an associate publishing secretary.



E. W. Moore, associate circulation manager for Message magazine, receiving a check to cover the cost of 617 subscriptions from Matthew Dennis.

"I know what *Message* can do for others that are in prison. I feel that *Message* can be the best help for men who have made their mistake in life to find Christ and the spiritual help they need to transform their lives. In fact, for many it will be their only hope. So I consider this gift not a sacrifice, but an investment in souls who otherwise may never be reached."

And with this commitment, though retired and living on a fixed income, Dennis did not forget his covenant made 50 years ago. In Sumter, South Carolina, where he was assisting in the evangelistic meeting held there, Dennis presented Elder E. W. Moore, associate circulation manager for *Message*, with a check for \$2,000 and said, "I hope this will inspire others of our people to make

this kind of investment in our people, whomever they may be, especially those in prison. I feel that I can't do enough for my Lord for what He has done for me."

If each member of the remnant church had this same sense of gratitude to God for His salvation, this 1980 *Message* magazine campaign would have reached one million copies, and who can tell how that would have translated into souls saved? Elder E. W. Moore



James A. Edgecombe, president-elect of the newly-organized Southeastern Conference, at the opening-dedication of the Archie Hamlin Multi-purpose Center in Tampa.

ARCHIE HAMLIN MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER DEDICATED

Three years ago, Archie Hamlin challenged the South Atlantic Conference to contribute \$50,000 over a five-year period and he and his family would match it with \$100,000 toward an educational facility for the Mt. Calvary SDA Church of Tampa, Florida.

The conference committee could not afford to pass up such an offer. Hamlin, a loyal Seventh-day Adventist, though not a member of the Mt. Calvary Church, not only fulfilled his promise but contributed more than \$140,000 toward the \$200,000 multi-purpose center, which was dedicated free of debt and named in his honor.

In addition to this tremendous gift, reported Principal Fred Pullins, Archie has contributed generously to the financial operation of the school on a monthly basis.

Archie did not accept all the credit for his philanthropic deeds. His wife Pearl, along with his two daughters, Carol and Jackie, and their husbands, High Gramlin and Edie Vandenberg respectively, also contributed liberally to the project. For years to come, the Archie Hamlin Multi-purpose Center will stand as a memorial to a beneficent man of God and his family.

The entire weekend of August 16th was devoted to the opening and dedicat-



Ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Archie Hamlin Multi-purpose Center. Left to right: Sam Maggiacomo, contractor; Fred A. Pullins, principal; Rosa Hamilton, hostess; Archie Hamlin, benefactor; Verna Williams, hostess; R. L. Woodfork, conference president; H. L. Davis, pastor of Mt. Calvary Church; A. L. Lowery, minister of a local church; Samuel E. Gooden, superintendent of schools; Opal Henry, hostess.

ing of the debt-free center. The early Sabbath morning prayer and praise service was conducted by the pastor, Herman Davis. The teachers of Mt. Calvary Junior Academy participated in the teaching of the Sabbath school lesson. Elder R. L. Woodfork, conference president, delivered the worship hour message.

Immediately after the divine worship service, the cutting of the ribbon to officially open the center took place. More than 500 persons, led by Pearl and Archie Hamlin, marched into the building, where dinner was served in the cafeteria.

The momentum of the day continued as Elder S. E. Gooden, superintendent of education, delivered the afternoon dedicatory message preceding the prayer of dedication by Elder James A. Edgecombe, president-elect of the new South Conference. Elder O. H. Paul, the former pastor, under whose pastorate Archie Hamlin became acquainted with the Mt. Calvary Church, concluded the spiritual phase of the activities with a vesper message.

According to Principal Fred Pullins, the Archie Hamlin Multi-purpose Center will house the school library, audiovisual center, meeting rooms, kindergarten and a regulation size gymnasium and will also be used as an auditorium and cafeteria with ultra-modern kitchen facilities.

The skills of many church members, including the pastor and principal, were employed in erecting the multi-purpose building. However, the artisan credit goes to the able contractor, Samuel Maggiacomo, who, because of his skillful performance, was able to produce a first-rate building at a very minimal cost.

Dorothy Boger

NEW CONFERENCE OFFICE OPENS IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

Sunday, September 21, 1980, is a day that will long be remembered by the officers and staff of South Atlantic Conference. It was the day that ended the movements of the office from one location to another in Atlanta.

During the 34-year history of the conference, the rapid growth of membership from 3,600 to 21,000 necessitated moving the conference office four times in the interest of space. It is said that this fourth move to 294 Hightower Road N.W. will be the last before the coming of our Lord.

The new office is located in a suburb of Atlanta among three churches—the large Union Baptist Church, Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church and Radcliffe Presbyterian Church next door to the office. The fact that it is also surrounded by residential homes, tall pine and oak trees (an earmark of this city) and one of Atlanta's most modern high schools—Fredrick Douglas—does not preclude the reality that it is located in the heart of a black middle class neighborhood.

A number of community leaders had serious trepidation about a church administrative office building being placed propinquity. Therefore, it was a difficult task to get them to relent on their objections to the point where they would agree with the Zoning Board of the City of Atlanta to give a special use permit for the building. A number of restrictions were demanded by the zoning board in such areas as shrubbery, lighting and drainage to protect the real value and image of the environs. The conference agreed to whatever was necessary to be added for protection and make the permit possible. Now that it is all over, the speeches reveal that everyone feels that this structure has brought more value and status to the vicinity than anything else could.

May 21, 1979, was the ground-breaking. A number of political, religious and community leaders of the city were invited and took the time to attend. Within a few days after all the other hurdles—legal and otherwise—were removed, the footing was dug, the solid foundation was laid and the building started up. Seventeen months later some of these same leaders, along with others, came back to celebrate. There was no champagne and caviar, but the guests were satisfied with fruit juice, peanuts and cake.

Among the special guests who attended the open house were Marvin Arrington, Atlanta City Council President, who was also at the ground-breaking, and Yvonne Bankston, a community leader and member of the Zoning Board of the City of Atlanta and the Radcliffe Presbyterian Church.

Also present was Reginald Eaves, former safety commissioner for the city of Atlanta, now Fulton County Commissioner. After Dr. Eaves' speech, it was remarked that from the facility with which he wielded the sword of Bible passages, the conference should give him a credential and send him out to preach. Also present was Georgia House Representative for the district, Billy McKinney.

From the General Conference, union and other conferences were C. D. Henri, W. S. Banfield (representing C. E. Bradford), M. T. Battle, R. W. Bates, Southern Union President A. C. McClure, H. F. Roll, T. W. Cantrell, Earle Moore, Ralph Peay, Dennis Keith, George Powell, M. D. Gordon, C. E. Dudley, G. Patterson, now president of Georgia-Cumberland Conference, Tina Pebbles, representing the National Bank of Georgia, Stephanie Johnson, representing the *North American Regional Voice*, and Linda Page, a correspondent for the *Atlanta Daily World*.

It was not long after the building started to take shape before people came to find out who was the contractor. Johnathan Walker, a member of the Berean S.D.A. Church, was not only the contractor as a businessman, but also was there on the job like other workers. He would start on other jobs which were offered to him until he handed over the keys to this building to R. Patterson, treasurer of the conference. This half-million-dollar project was the biggest single undertaking of his career. He intended it to be his showcase. Therefore, he left nothing to chance in the hands of any supervisor or foreman. He saw to every detail of the construction until the last paint brush was drawn in that building by Clifton Mouzon.

What is more, Treasurer Robert Patterson said that the building worked out on schedule both in time and in finance. Any portion of it that went over cost was compensated by that which Walker kept under cost.

In Johnathan Walker's speech on the opening day to that packed reception hall (the rain drove the group inside from the spacious parking lot), he said, "The

greatest need of the black community is the need of artisans-tradesmen who are capable carpenters, plumbers, electricians, bricklayers and the like. A host of young people came along asking for work," he commented, "but their only skill was unskilled labor."

The entire west wing of the building houses the large Adventist Book and Health Food Center. This is the only one of its kind for many miles around. The manager, Ollice Brown, seems to be a professional from the attractive manner in which he lays out the stock.

This meeting was historic in more ways than one. South Atlantic Conference has had four presidents during its entire history and the three which are alive shared the stage. H. D. Singleton was the first president. President number two, J. Wagner, is deceased. W. S. Banfield was the third and R. L. Woodfork is the fourth.

A 31" by 41" portrait of Elder Woodfork for the foyer of the conference office and a smaller one for his home, both the work of Joe Hadley of Boulevard Drive Church, were presented respectively to Elder and Mrs. Woodfork by the church.

This building will remain as an undying monument to the administration of Elder R. L. Woodfork and his building committee "To the Glory of God," as Elder C. D. Henri so aptly stated in his remarks and consecration prayer.

S. E. Gooden

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Conventions:

Church Officers—

Georgia in Atlanta, November 15

North and South Carolina in Charlotte,
November 22

Youth Federations:

Florida in Ft. Pierce, November 29

Georgia in Macon, November 29

Ingathering Victory, November 22

Sabbath School Workshop, December
5-6, in Miami, Florida

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**Rejoice in the Lord always: and
again I say, Rejoice.**

Philippians 4:4

THE BIG TENT

The Big Tent in Birmingham, Alabama, came down after nine weeks of gospel proclamation and the Cleveland brothers, Dr. E. E. Cleveland, professor of evangelism at Oakwood College, and Dr. William Cleveland, pastor of South Park, Birmingham, Alabama, have baptized more than 100 souls and expect more than 150 to be baptized by the end of the year.

Dr. E. E. Cleveland, formerly of the ministerial department of the General Conference and now teaching evangelism techniques to ministerial students at Oakwood, held the evangelistic effort under the tent in Birmingham as a field school and a chance to be with his brother, Dr. William Cleveland, as well as, to warn the citizens of Birmingham of the coming Christ.

As a result of the three tent meetings held by Dr. E. E. Cleveland in Birmingham in the past three years, a new congregation of 500 members has been organized in South Park section. A church is to be purchased with total facilities costing some \$300,000 to house the new South Park church in Birmingham. To build such a structure would cost close to a million dollars. This contract was signed on October 3. It is expected that other churches will be raised up in this growing industrial city.



E. E. Cleveland preaches to hundreds of people during his latest crusade held in Birmingham, Alabama.

NEWS NOTES



Elder G. I. Pearson now serves as the new pastor of the Hillcrest Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nashville, Tennessee.



Elder D. A. Walker will be leaving South Central Conference to take up his duties as treasurer of the new Southeastern Conference in Orlando, Florida.



Elder Fred Crowe replaces Elder D. A. Walker as conference treasurer at South Central.



Mrs. Irene Williams, who for years managed the Bible House, is now assistant manager to G. I. Pearson. She smiles as she serves people at campmeeting.

Elder James R. Bell of Montgomery/Alabama District uses both the printing and broadcasting media to proclaim the gospel. He writes a weekly column in the local newspaper and conducts a weekly radio program in Tuskegee entitled, "Love Notes from God" on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

UNIVERSITY'S ANNIVERSARY

On February 6, 1902, twelve Black members of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, met at their hall on Gay Street and were organized into a church. Elder Smith Shark opened the meeting with prayer. The founding members were Ocas McKinney, J. C. Clemmens, Lula Jones, Fanny Fine, Annie Lillard, Fanny Grant, Jone Fine, Frank Fine, Maggie Fine, Pearl McKinney, Jane Carter and Nancy Gammon. On August 30 the church celebrated its 78th anniversary.

In 1918 the first delegates were sent to campmeeting in Chattanooga. The rooming was \$3.00 and the food was \$.10 per meal. In 1920 the church moved to Rosedale Avenue. During that period Elder B. W. Abney held a tent meeting on the corner of University Avenue and Wallace Street. Later Elder P. M. Boyd bought the land and built the church which became the University Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church. The name change was made in December of 1944. This new building was refinished in 1964, with new pews, carpet, organ and piano.

Former pastors included P. M. Boyd, J. F. Crichlow, R. L. Bradford, D. B. Reid, N. Lindsay, E. J. Humphrey, H. Jones, R. C. Brown, M. M. Young, W. J. Mitchell, S. H. Cox, G. I. Pearson, M. Bernard, B. Jones and C. Houser. Former teachers included Millei Row, Frances Campbell, Delilag Custard, Jessie Haynes, Henrietta Emmanuel, Lucille Haywood, W. S. Jackson and wife, Inez Brown, Idabeth Maupin and V. Harris.

Elder F. S. Hill, the present pastor, followed through on the proposal made by the building committee and voted by the church in 1962 that the congregation, then with 137 members, would work toward building a new church.

On the anniversary booklet was the message, "We have sold our old church building and purchased a new sit northwest of Knoxville College.

"We must raise additional funds to meet our building schedule. . ."

According to Hill, the name will be changed to "College Hill" and the 80th anniversary will be celebrated in their new building in 1982.

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Courage consists not so much in avoiding danger as in conquering it.



Samuel Harden, Talladega, Alabama.

TALLADEGA SCIENCE STUDENT AIDS CANCER RESEARCHERS

When Talladega College student Samuel Harden walked in to meet his new supervisor at the prestigious research center where he'd been invited to assist this summer, the doctor was surprised and impressed with Samuel's poised, mannerly introduction of himself. The doctor even teased him that when they told him he was getting a helper from Alabama, he half imagined him to come sauntering in wearing overalls.

Their encounter began an eight-week learning experience for Samuel and opened opportunities for this 21-year-old biology major to show himself one of science's and God's best.

Called to New York to assist in special cancer research, he impressed many with his inquiring mind and the sincere interest he took in the outcome of his experiments. He worked into August at Memorial Sloane-Kettering Cancer Institute in Manhattan in a career-opportunities program designed to expose minorities to science specialities.

One of four from Talladega College to win a Minority Access Careers assignment, his slot was in the Molecular Virology Lab, monitoring effects of different drugs on the growth of cells producing life and cancer defense. Sometimes long hours were required—from eight in the morning until nearly midnight. But when Samuel explains his work assignment, his love for science

becomes obvious; the whole experience was totally enjoyable.

While in New York he stayed at International House, a dorm residence for graduate students, primarily foreigners from all over the world. This opened opportunities for Bible studies and witnessing, and the winning of friends, including African musician Olantunji. For those eight weeks he worshipped at the Bronx SDA Church.

As of September 1980, Samuel has resumed classes at Talladega College and is again attending the Mt. Zion SDA Church of Talladega, located a block off campus. His membership is in Mobile's Emmanuel Church.

BIBLE STUDIES WIN FRIENDS AT TALLADEGA COLLEGE

God has opened the door for Bible studies twice on the campus of Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama.

In February, Mike Faison, currently in graduate studies at Andrews University, preached a "Week of Religious Emphasis" at the college's invitation. He took advantage of every moment, counseling, befriending and conducting nightly studies for new Christians during that week.

Before returning to his Mississippi church duties, Pastor Faison asked the Mt. Zion SDA Church in Talladega to continue the contacts made. When the church prayed, "How, Lord?" a group of students inspired by Faison's sermons started a Bible study group and picked an Adventist student, Samuel Harden, to be their teacher. He and Elinor Harvin, a staff member at the college, gave studies once and twice a week during the spring term.

The young people began visiting the homes of Mt. Zion's members, attending noon prayer services at the church and just dropping by the office for friendly conversation. At least two faculty members also attended the weekly Bible studies.

God providentially opened the doors for contacts again during the summer when a counselor in charge of designing student activities for that term picked Ms. Harvin to head studies in the dormitory once a week. The counselor defended her choice by affirming that freedom of religion includes the right to choose a Bible study leader, regardless of the denomination of the leader.

Elinor Harvin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 1 Fall Week of Prayer ends
- 8-9 Literature Evangelist Rally—East Tennessee
- 24 Staff Meeting
- 26 Housing Board Meeting
- 27 SPECIAL THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE
- 29 INGATHERING VICTORY DAY

DECEMBER—SQUARE UP WITH GOD MONTH

- 6 Lay Activities Day
- 7 Church Officers Meeting, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 9 Staff Meeting
- 10 Housing Meeting
- 13 STEWARDSHIP DAY
- 14 Church Officers Meeting, Montgomery, Alabama
- 21 Church Officers Meeting, Jackson, Mississippi
- 27 CONFERENCE-WIDE BAPTISMAL DAY
- 28-31 N. A. Regional Publishing Institute, Orlando, Florida

ALPINE GRADUATES FIRST STUDENT

Batons raised, two marshalls formed an arch as robed schoolmates preceded their star for the day, eighth-grader Anthonosis Jennings. Then followed songs by classmates and a solo by "Noicey" pledging herself to be a good Christian soldier. Along with special speakers, this program topped a weekend of celebrations honoring the first graduate of three-year-old Alpine Adventist Academy, situated outside Talladega, Alabama.

At the Friday night consecration program, her former Anniston pastor, Garfield Powell, addressed community guests, family and friends attending. Preaching the Sabbath baccalaureate service was Noicey's favorite, Elder G. I. Pearson, manager of South Central's Adventist Book Center. And on Sunday the commencement speaker was Robert James, who until recently pastored the Mt. Zion SDA Church of Talladega, where all the exercises were held.

Though teachers Linda Tynes and Ellen G. Frazier will miss Anthonosis' assistance in teaching the lower grades, the 14-year-old all-A student will be attending the SDA Academy at Savannah, Tennessee.

BLIND CAMP AT LONE STAR

The Christian Record Braille Foundation, with headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska, sponsored an Adult Blind Camp at Lone Star for the second year in succession. J. C. Hicks, conference lay activities director, coordinated the week of activities, July 6-13.

Sixty-six campers came from all directions of the southwest, including: Carlsbad, N.M.; Oklahoma City and Pryor, Okla.; Shreveport and Alexandria, La.; Corpus Christi, Cleveland, Houston and Tyler, Texas.

All of the blind people were non-Adventists receiving their first impression of our church at camp. They are members of the Lighthouse for the Blind in their respective cities. They were invited to Lone Star with all expenses paid by the Christian Record Braille Foundation.

In order to accommodate these persons, a well-rounded program was scheduled from early morning hours to bedrest with a variety of activities suited for these handicapped individuals. One of the special features this year was the 5-Day Stop Smoking Plan, in which three were victorious over the tobacco habit. A spirit of love prevailed, and we were overjoyed when one person decided to become a member of the church upon returning home.

What a challenge it was for thirty staff workers at Lone Star to share love and to witness for Christ by extending a helping hand to the visually impaired during this eventful week.



DALLAS HOSTS 15,000 BLACKS FROM THE NATIONAL BAR AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL

Dentists, physicians, lawyers and nurses jammed the hotels in Dallas the first weekend of August. Included in this host of conventioners was the Bamda Association, which held its Fifth Annual

National Convention August 1-3. Bamda means the Black Adventist Medical Dental Association. What a terrific idea these doctors had in organizing Black medical personnel, who are members of the SDA churches, to be able to meet together encouraging each other in the faith and assisting Black youth in finding their place with various professions, with the goal of helping to finish the work.

This Bamda Association met three days prior to their national meeting. G. N. Wells, pastor of City Temple, hosted this Association. On Sabbath, August 2, W. S. Bansfield, director of human relations of the General Conference, administered the Spoken Word.



Dr. Leroy Bookhardt commends Elder W. S. Bansfield on his delivery of the Spoken Word during the worship hour.

The afternoon activities consisted of luncheon and forum presentations with resolutions on topics such as: "The Black SDA Professional Family," "Social Perspectives," by Elaine Cox, Ph.D., "Psychological Perspectives," W. E. Coopwood, M.D., with L. Rudy Broomes, M.D., president, serving as moderator.



J. Mark Cox, M.D., news editor for BAMDA; Elaine Cox, Ph.D., outgoing president of the Ladies Auxiliary, who lectured on "Social Perspectives" at City Temple Sabbath afternoon; Colonel Leonard Johnson, M.D., who delivered the banquet address.

On Saturday night the annual banquet was held at the Sheraton with dinner speaker Colonel Leonard Johnson, Jr., M.D., U.S.A.F., M.C. Sunday was reserved for business and a tour of a new Adventist hospital (Huguley) located in Fort Worth, Texas.

The new national officers of Bamda are:

President	C. Campbell, D.D.S.
President-elect	Col. Leonard Johnson, Jr., M.D., U.S.A.F., M.C.
Secretary	Leroy Bookhardt, M.D.
Treasurer	L. S. Folette, M.D.
News Editor	J. Mark Cox, M.D.

LADIES AUXILIARY

President	Phyllis Campbell, R.N.
Vice-President	Evelyn Johnson
Secretary-Treas.	Yvonne Roberts
Publicity	Sarita Coopwood



C. Campbell, D.D.S., newly elected president of BAMDA; L. Rudy Broomes, M.D., outgoing president. Mrs. P. Campbell, R.N., is the newly elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary. Pictured are Dr. and Mrs. C. Campbell and Dr. and Mrs. L. Rudy Broomes.

President L. Rudy Broomes, the outgoing president, and his staff planned well for this meeting at City Temple.

Since we have reached an unprecedented time in the history of the church, when the medical profession will be faced with important decisions, plans are underway to recruit Black and other minority physicians and dentists who are not active participants in Bamda.

Doris Jones
Reporter



Colonel Leonard Johnson, Jr., M.D., U.S.A.F., M.C., president-elect of BAMDA; Evelyn Johnson, vice president of the Ladies Auxiliary; Sarita Coopwood, publicity chairman for the Ladies Auxiliary; and W. E. Coopwood, M.D., who lectured on "Psychological Perspectives" Sabbath afternoon at City Temple.



Enter to learn;

depart to serve.

TOTAL EDUCATION

Total education—how is it defined? Obviously, one would obtain varying responses from different individuals. Total education at Oakwood means educating the total person—the hand, the head and the heart. When attempting to elucidate on this concept, however, it could be fruitful to ask other questions. Total education for whom? Total education for what? Total education when?

In harmony with the philosophy of developing the whole or total person, the administration of Oakwood College has established the Office of Career Planning, Placement and Cooperative Education that comes under the direction of the Counseling Center, which houses several other developmental programs such as freshmen studies, testing, personal and academic advisement.

In our attempt to develop the total student, it has been proven that career awareness is very important and practical exposure a must. Following are some of the ways we try to give our students both.

During the fall quarter of each school year we hold an annual career fair which brings representatives from the world of work who can communicate career information, exposing students and faculty to job information from a broad spectrum of employees. This program is especially helpful for the student who has not decided on a career choice but may have skills and interests in more than one area.

During the winter quarter we run several career awareness seminars on the techniques of letter, resume and interviewing skills. These seminars are generally geared for the freshman and sophomore students. We also begin our campaign of soliciting many agencies and organizations for summer internships and summer employment programs. Each year we are successful in placing several students in federal agencies around the U.S. For the past five years



Carol Lynn Follette, business administration/marketing and finance.



Lorna Faye Jones, chemistry/biology.

we have sent students to the Bahama Islands to work for R.C.A. in an internship program that was begun by the National Urban League and dropped after two years. However, the Oakwood students made such positive impressions

on the personnel manager that we are the only school still participating in the program.

Our spring career emphasis is our Annual Youth Motivation Task Force Team program sponsored by the National Alliance of Business. This program brings alumni and friends from all sectors of the business world around the U.S. They come on campus for two-and-one-half days to share information with us about their careers and accomplishments in the world of work. These role models (as they are described by the NAB organization) really inspire our students, faculty and administration. We would like to encourage and invite all professionals who are committed to our total education concept to join us in this particular endeavor.

It must be noted that throughout the school term one-to-one interviews are going on between business, private industry, government, graduate schools and church organizations. During the past school year 64 different organizations held 806 interviews with our students. As our recruitment visits increase, so do the opportunities for job and/or graduate school acceptance.



Carole Yvette Wagner, chemistry/biology.

One program that has recently been added is cooperative education, which is an academic program combining professional experience with academic study, thus integrating theory plus practice. The experience is directly related to the student's academic major while working in industry, business, government or service agencies. They are the U.S. Army

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BLACK ADVENTISTS BUSINESS IN THE NEWS

A CHRISTIAN PHYSICIAN, DR. JOSE THOMAS-RICHARDS: PRACTICING WHAT HE LIVES

It was a dream come true when Dr. Jose Thomas-Richards entered the modern, spacious Metro-Medic Professional Building in southeast Kansas City, Missouri.

The three-million dollar enterprise, of which he is a part owner with seven other physicians, has been serving the black community more than a year. The business endeavor shares a common interest with the City of Kansas City, the Small Business Administration, the Office of Housing and Urban Development, and the Economic Development Administration. The Metro-Medic Professional Building is unique as the only one of its kind in the Midwest—a facility made possible by many people enabling physicians like Dr. Thomas-Richards to best serve the patients and the community with dedication and dignity.

Although a native of Venezuela, South America, Dr. Thomas-Richards spent his early childhood on the tropical island of Trinidad, West Indies. His dream of service to mankind began when he accepted Jesus Christ and was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church at age thirteen by Elder Percy Manuel, who was then president of Caribbean Union College.

Impressed by a recruitment speech of Dr. Floyd Rittenhouse, former president of Andrews University, Jose attended Andrews, where he received his bachelor's degree. After graduating from Andrews, he began his medical training at the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine. He was the recipient of the Mead Johnson Award for Academic Achievement and Research. During this same time, Jose Thomas-Richards was married to Lynette, a young lady he met in Trinidad.

He subsequently began an orthopaedic residency under the supervision of the Dickson-Dively Clinic, an orthopaedic group who treat the Kansas City Royals baseball team and the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Medicine. Upon completion of his orthopaedic residency, he was the recipient



Dr. Jose Thomas-Richards outside Metro-Medic Professional Building.



Dr. Jose Thomas-Richards' office.

of a hand surgery fellowship at the St. Vincent Hospital and Indiana School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

His practice of orthopaedic surgery and surgery of the hand is located at 6025 Prospect Avenue. He is one of eight physicians ranging from a broad professional and cultural background, including such countries as Spain, Cuba and Columbia, South America. The med-

ical specialties represented consist of pediatrics, obstetrics-gynecology, general surgery, neurology and psychiatry, family practice and internal medicine.

The business enterprise also houses Phar-Med, Inc., which boasts a well-equipped pharmacy, laboratory and radiology group. Since Dr. Thomas-Richards is a contracted physician of the state for disability determinations, he provides

services for the State of Mission and the Veterans Administration Hospital of Kansas City.

Dr. Thomas-Richards' activities are not limited to specialized medicine. Along with the many hours he spends in surgery, he still finds time to write for several medical journals. He holds membership in the American Medical Association, Missouri State Medical Association and the Jackson County Medical Association. He is also a member of the National Medical Association and Kansas City Medical Association.

As a Seventh-day Adventist, Dr. Thomas-Richards believes in community involvement. He is a life member of the NAACP and holds the Golden Heritage Life Membership of that organization. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Operation Push, and the founder of Excel-Health, the medical arm of Push. He was listed in Who's Who Among Black Americans in its 1977-78 edition and has been selected for inclusion in Men of Achievement for 1980-81. He is deputy sheriff of Wyandotte County, Kansas, and physician of the Wyandotte County Jail.

He also serves on the Board of Directors of Martin Luther King Hospital and the Executive Committee of its medical staff. He heads that hospital's departments of emergency medicine and phys-

ical medicine. He is a member of the College of Emergency Physicians.

As a physician for the Wyandotte County Jail, he is able to treat ailments ranging from a simple cold to drug withdrawal syndromes and trauma. More importantly, he has involvement with the inmates' social and physical needs, and shares the Christian beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists with them.

In looking back, Dr. Thomas-Richards attributes his present success to his humble beginning—to a little Seventh-day Adventist college located in Maracas Valley on the island of Trinidad, where he accepted the call of the Master to work in His vineyard. . . wherever He may lead. He is the father of two sons—Jose Romero and Raoul Rodolfo, ages ten and four years respectively.

William R. Wright, Jr.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

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Audit Agency, Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration, Fort Rucker Army Base, Redstone Arsenal, U.S. National Bureau of Standards, NASA and United Tele-Communications.

Twenty-six students have participated in this program as accountants, engineers, computer operators and programmers, service representatives, revenue

agents, procurement clerks, lab technicians and in many other positions. A student is able to earn up to \$10,000 a year in this program. Three Co-op students are pictured herein "on-the-job" at NASA in Huntsville.

We are very proud to say that as a result of these activities, Oakwood can boast of graduates going to work with such organizations as South Central Bell, AT&T, I.B.M., Gulf Oil, Conoco Oil, Arthur Anderson Accounting Firms, Northwest Banco, Cargil Industry, State Farm and Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance companies, just to name a few. This does not include, of course, our fellowship entries on such prestigious campuses as Harvard and all of the "Big Ten"—Ohio State to name one. This past June we graduated 171 young men and women. During graduation over 35 percent of them had accepted one of several job offers or were going on to graduate and professional schools.

Career planning and placement at Oakwood College is a vital link between our students and the real world of occupations and professions. We ask for your prayers as well as contacts and suggestions in behalf of our talented and dedicated students.

Janice Ross, Coordinator
Career Planning and Placement

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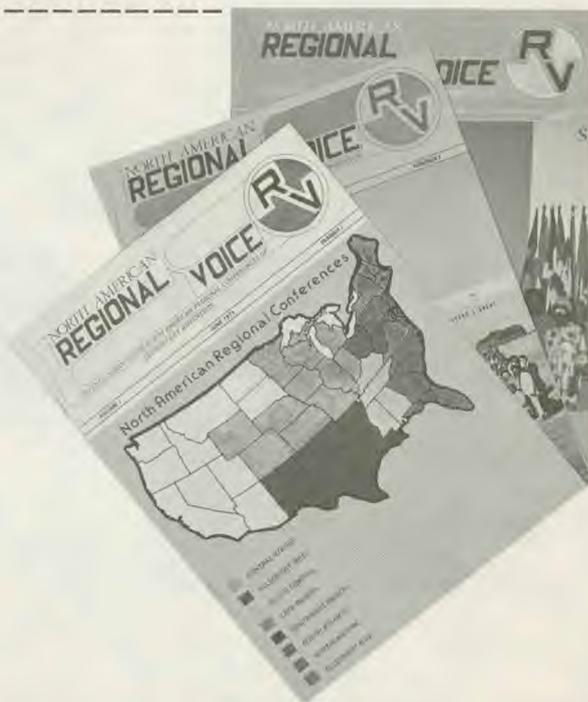
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IN THE NEWS



Mrs. Laura Hubbard, 82 years young.

MRS. LAURA HUBBARD CELEBRATES 82 YEARS OF LIVING

Mrs. Laura Hubbard accepted the Message in 1936 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and is a chartered member of the first organized church there. She has always been an active soul-winner through the years. She worked with her friends, Mrs. Marie Kimble and Nellie Henderson, who won their families and also became faithful Bible workers. Twenty-five years ago she moved to New Orleans and was still working for souls. She introduced her son-in-law, James Cox, who followed up with Bible studies. Her home has been known as the house by the side of the road for many ministers during the beginning of the work in southern Louisiana. She is the mother of eight children, most of whom are still in the Message, twenty-nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

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OBITUARY

Mervin Todd Lewis was born on January 15, 1964, in Bronx, New York. He attended and graduated from R. T. Hudson Elementary School in June of 1978. He served as vice president of his class. He continued his education at Northeastern Academy and would have begun his junior year in September.

As a result of Pastor Connor's tent effort, Mervin was baptized at an early age and became an active member of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church. As a youthful Christian, Mervin was loved by everyone he met and displayed his willingness to help those who needed his services. He was especially helpful in the home.



Marvin Lewis

Mervin loved his family, his church, and his school. At Northeastern Academy he was active in all phases of his school life and was a member of the basketball team, the choir, and the Student Association. He was elected sergeant-at-arms of the Student Association for the 1980-81 school year.

Mervin displayed this same loyalty to his church. He attended church and Sabbath School regularly, was active in the Pathfinders and sang in the Ephesus Youth Choir. His love of music was expressed also by his participation with the Harlem Boys Choir and the Gospel Specials.

He leaves to mourn his passing a devoted mother, Alice, a loving father, Leon Sr., a brother and pal, Leon Jr., numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, a host of friends, and a concerned and heartbroken godmother, Mrs. Marie Bowman. Submitted in Sorrow,
The Family

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