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The Fruits of Manassas Junction

COVER STORY

THE BATTLE OF MANASSAS JUNCTION: GOD'S HAND IN THE CIVIL WAR

By Stephanie D. Johnson

"But we must wait with patience the workings of an overruling Providence. . . . Nothing is more certainly written in the book of fate than that these people are to be free."—Thomas Jefferson.

"Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet I will not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me." Isaiah 49:15, 16.

God did not forget the despised, abused and degraded slaves. He heard their agonizing cries for liberty. Just as God has a plan of salvation to redeem sinful man, so He had ordained a plan to set free the Negro slave.

God looked down throughout the ages and saw the continent of Africa being raped of its most precious resource—people. He knew that forty million people would be dehumanized, castrated and become sojourners in a strange land.

God made provision for the children of Ham. He instilled within them strength, patience and faith to endure human bondage. The bondage that they faced was not the kind that would make Joseph prime minister of Egypt or Daniel second-in-command in Medo-Persia. It was the kind of slavery that gave no hope of a brighter day. Misery, ignorance and poverty perpetuated century after century.

In the midst of the darkest period in America, when the invention of the cotton gin, the Dred Scott Decision and the Kansas-Nebraska Act had insured that slavery would never die, God intervened and set at nought the councils of man. It took no less than a miracle to free the slaves.

On April 12, 1861, the Confederate army attacked Fort Sumpter, thus setting in motion one of the most bloody wars fought in America. From the very beginning, the North had underestimated the power of the Confederacy. To them the Southerners were disgruntled children in need of discipline.

"Certainly neither side was prepared for a long war or even for a hard one. Northerners could hardly believe that the South would actually fight; Southerners deluded themselves that Yankee

traders and working men were unwilling to fight. The North had a regular army of some 16,000, but with secession many of these resigned to go with their states"—Commanger, Henry Steele, ed. *The Blue and the Gray*. New York: 1950, p. 58.

The North made it known that they were fighting to save the union and not to free the slaves. President Lincoln adopted a "No-Negro" policy. Slaves who tried to enlist in the Union army were told it was a white man's disagreement.

At the mere mention of the word "slave," Lincoln became nervous. His conscience warred with him night and day, yet for almost two years he maintained that the Civil War "was a polite misunderstanding between white gentlemen, a war in no way related to the Negro and slavery."—Bennett, Lerone. *Before the Mayflower*. Chicago: 1964, p. 167.

"Lincoln believed slavery to be morally wrong and politically bad in a country founded on principles of the Declaration of Independence, but did not believe that Congress had any right under the Constitution to interfere with slavery where it existed. He recognized the right of slave holders to reclaim fugitive slaves under the law, and disapproved of the personal-liberty laws passed by some Northern states to thwart the fugitive slave law."—Basler, Roy P. *A Short History of the American Civil War*. New York: 1967, p. 21.

Black men were barred from the army and some Union commanders returned fugitive slaves to rebel masters. Some generals, in fact, said that if slaves rose behind enemy lines they would stop fighting the enemy and start fighting the slaves. They would, in the words of General George McClellan, put down slave insurrection with "an iron hand."—*Ibid*, p. 166.

With these dark sentiments being uttered by the leaders of America, only God could free the slaves. Urged on by popular opinion, the shouts of "Forward to Richmond! Forward to Richmond!" rang loudly in the ears of the Union army. They were determined to put down the rebellion with one single stroke on the battlefield on Manassas Junction.

The Battle Of Manassas Junction

On July 21, 1861, the North confidently but carelessly marched to battle. "Most of the soldiers would break rank as the mood took them—to wander

into a field to pick blackberries, to visit a well for drinking water, or simply to take a breather in the shade. . . . " Catton, Bruce. *The Civil War*. New York: 1960, p. 42.

The majority of the soldiers refused to take the battle seriously. They were undisciplined, lacked a sense of unity and were pre-occupied with thoughts of returning home in time for harvest. The soldiers were untrained; they were ninety-day minutemen who were not professionally trained soldiers. There was no uniformity among the troops. At best they were wholly unprepared.

"The militia regiments wore a variety of uniforms. Many of the contingents were dressed in gray. Others wore gaudy clothing patterned after the French Zouaves—baggy red breeches, short blue coats, yellow or scarlet sashes about the waist, turbans or fezzes for the head. There was a New York regiment which called itself the Highlanders, and it had kilts for dress parade, although on this campaign the men seem to have worn ordinary pants. Regimental flags were of varicolored silk, all new and unstained."—*Ibid*.

The polite society of Congressmen, genteel ladies, men of wealth and influence dressed in their Sunday best arrived in their gilded carriages with hampers filled with champagne and other delicacies to observe the battle at a comfortable distance. "There was to be a grand ball. Ladies had provided themselves with magnificent dresses, certainly expecting, after the battle was over and the rebels were wiped out, to proceed serenely on their way to the Confederate Capitol without meeting an obstacle."—Botkins, B. A. *A Civil War Treasury of Tales, Legends, and Folklore*. New York: 1960, pp. 28-29.

William Howard Russell, a British journalist, witnessed first-hand the giddiness of the crowd. "The spectators were all excited and a lady with an opera glass who was near me was quite beside herself when an unusually heavy discharge roused the current of her blood—'That is splendid. Oh, my! Is not that first-rate? I guess we will be in Richmond this time tomorrow.'"—Commager, Henry Steele, *The Blue and Gray*. New York: 1950, p. 108.

"Among these were Union officers who, having in one way or another got lost from their commands, elected to stay among the holiday-makers, offering portentous explanations of the goings-on

from which they had disengaged themselves."—Catton, Bruce. *The Coming Fury*. New York: 1961, p. 460.

A union officer rode gallantly toward the spectators to announce, "We've whipped them on all points . . . We have taken all their batteries. They are retreating as fast as they can, and we are after them . . . The Congressmen shook hands with each other and cried out: "Bully for us! Bravo! Didn't I tell you so?" —Commander, *The Blue and Gray*, pp. 108, 109.

The North claimed victory too soon, for suddenly shouts of victory turned into moans of despair and confusion. "People who were moving on foot began to run, and off to the rear frightened men were yelling that the Confederate Cavalry was coming up to kill and maim—and, all at once, utter panic descended on everybody in sight."—*Ibid.*, p. 462.

"The great drifting mass of fugitive soldiers, already out from under what little discipline they had ever known, moved faster and became a wild, frantic, scrambling mob which generated its own unendurable pressure. Teamsters cut their horses loose and scrambled onto their backs to ride to safety, leaving guns, caissons and military supplies for anyone who cared to pick them up. Ambulances carrying wounded men to hospitals were left by the roadsides . . . The pursuing Confederates, believed to be as ruthless as Cossacks, were all thought to be riding black horses and frightened men were forever shouting: Black Horse Cavalry! Black Horse Cavalry!"—Catton, *The Coming Fury*, p. 462.

A Prophetess Views Manassas Junction

The disaster at Manassas Junction stunned the world. No one could offer a reason for the confusion and sudden retreat of the Union army.

Several days later God revealed to His prophetess, E. G. White, the outworkings of His providence.

"At the conference at Roosevelt, New York, August 3, 1861, when the brethren and sisters were assembled on the day set apart for humiliation, fasting and prayer, the Spirit of the Lord rested upon us, and I was taken off in vision and shown the sin of slavery, which has so long been a curse to this nation."—*Testimonies*, V. 1, p. 264.

"The fugitive slave law was calculated to crush out of man every noble, generous feeling of sympathy that

should arise in his heart for the oppressed and suffering slave. It was in direct opposition to the teaching of Christ."—*Ibid.*

Ellen White was pointed to the bondage of the children of the Israelites and the measures God had to take to free them from the Satanic grip of Pharaoh. "This scene was presented before me to illustrate the selfish love of slavery, the desperate measures which the South would adopt to cherish the institution, and the dreadful lengths to which they would go before they would yield."—*Ibid.*, p. 266.

"The conscience of these masters have become seared and hardened, as was Pharaoh's, . . . It looked to me like an impossibility now for slavery to be done away. God alone can wrench the slave from the hand of his desperate, relentless oppressor."—*Ibid.*

"I had a view of the disastrous battle at Manassas, Virginia. It was a most exciting, distressing scene. The Southern army had everything in their favor and were prepared for a dreadful contest."

"The Northern army was moving on with triumph not doubting but that they would be victorious. Many were reckless and marched forward boastingly, as though victory were already theirs. As they neared the battlefield, many were almost fainting through weariness and want of refreshment."

"They did not expect so fierce an encounter. They rushed into battle and fought bravely, desperately. The dead and dying were on every side. Both the North and South suffered severely."

"The Southern men felt the battle, and in a little while would have been driven back still further. The Northern men were rushing on, although their destruction was very great. Just then an angel descended and waved his hand backward. Instantly there was confusion in the ranks. It appeared to the Northern men that their troops were retreating, when it was not so in reality, and a precipitated retreat commenced. This seemed wonderful to me."—*Ibid.*, pp. 266, 267.

The Outworking of Providence

"Then it was explained that God had this nation in His own hand and would not suffer victories to be gained faster than He ordained, and would permit no more losses to the Northern men than in His wisdom He saw fit to punish them for their sins."

"And had the Northern army at this

time pushed the battle still further in their fainting, exhausted condition, the far greater struggle and destruction which awaited them would have caused great triumph in the South. God would not permit this, and sent an angel to interfere. The sudden falling back of the Northern troops is a mystery to all. They know not that God's hand was in the matter."

"The destruction of the Southern army was so great that they had no heart to boast. The sight of the dead, the dying and the wounded gave them but little courage to triumph. This destruction, occurring when they had every advantage and the North great disadvantage, caused them much perplexity. They know that if the North has an equal chance with them, victory is certain for the North. Their only hope is to occupy positions difficult of approach and then have formidable arrangements to hurl destruction on every hand."

"The South have strengthened themselves greatly since their rebellion first commenced. If active measures had then been taken by the North, this rebellion would have been speedily crushed out. But that which was small at first has increased in strength and numbers until it has become powerful."—*Ibid.*, pp. 267, 268.

If God had not sent His angel to intervene, the South would have triumphed and it would have been next to impossible to end the rebellion and free the slaves.

God looked throughout the annals of His remnant church and saw E. E. Cleveland preaching in 67 countries and baptizing thousands. He knew Anna Knight would brave sickness, alienation and depravation to uplift mankind in India and the South. He saw B. W. Abney courageously sailing to South Africa to preach the gospel. He saw the triumphs of Riverside, Pine Forge Academy, FHES, Oakwood College and regional conferences.

Though millions would be liberated, He saw a special group of 120,000 sons and daughters of former slaves who would keep His Sabbath holy.

When God measured the excellence of the treasure hidden in the slave, He sent forth an angel to liberate His people that the gospel may be preached to all the world. Can a woman forget her sucking child? . . . ?

The Editor's Desk

MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY OFFERING

As we approach the new year, we also draw nearer to the Martin Luther King Birthday Offering for Breath of Life. Right now young people in our churches and schools are engaged in projects designed by them to raise funds for the support of the Breath of Life ministry. We are encouraging our fellow believers to support our youth in this most worthy project.

James L. Kyle, Jr.
Director of Field Services

STUDENT MISSIONARIES AT JAMAICA CHURCH

In the past two years the Jamaica Seventh-day Adventist Church has had the privilege of seeing two of its young

people being sent to serve in the mission field.

Sonia Buckner, a student at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, has served in Zaire, Africa, as an English teacher. This year Linette Shorey, a student at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, is serving in Palau as a teacher. May God continue to guide and direct their lives.

Phyllis Hinds
Communication Secretary

GUEST SPEAKER AT BROOKLYN TEMPLE

Pastor Robert Smith, a seminarian at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, was guest speaker for Lay Activities Day at Brooklyn Temple. He sent forth this profound thought: the devil is the originator of sin and God is the Lord of light.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Feb.	20	27	Mar. 6	13
Boston, Mass.		5:23	5:31	5:40	5:48
New York City		5:34	5:42	5:51	5:59
Buffalo, N.Y.		5:53	6:01	6:10	6:19
Atlanta, Ga.		6:26	6:32	6:38	6:44
Miami, Fla.		6:17	6:21	6:25	6:29
Charlotte, N.C.		6:11	6:17	6:23	6:29
Birmingham, Ala.		5:36	5:42	5:48	5:53
Jackson, Miss.		5:51	5:57	6:02	6:07
Memphis, Tenn.		5:47	5:54	6:00	6:06
Louisville, Ky.		6:27	6:34	6:41	6:48
Detroit, Mich.		6:12	6:21	6:29	6:37
Chicago, Ill.		5:30	5:38	5:47	5:55
South Bend, Indiana		6:25	6:33	6:41	6:49
Minneapolis, Minn.		5:48	5:58	6:07	6:16
St. Louis, Mo.		5:44	5:51	5:59	6:06
Kansas City, Mo.		6:01	6:08	6:16	6:23
Denver, Co.		5:42	5:50	5:57	6:04
Little Rock, Ark.		5:56	6:03	6:09	6:15
Dallas, Texas		6:17	6:23	6:28	6:34
New Orleans, La.		5:53	5:58	6:03	6:07
Albuquerque, N.M.		5:54	6:00	6:06	6:12
Oklahoma City, Okla.		6:17	6:24	6:30	6:36

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

THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

CENTRAL STATES



Mrs. Olga Hill, center, Sabbath school superintendent at the Philadelphia SDA Church, has received the Jasper Wayne Award for raising \$130 toward the Ingathering campaign. She has reached this goal each year since her baptism in 1963. Pictured with her are E. A. Pembleton, left, and E. F. Carter, right.

CHURCH MEMBER DONATES \$2,000 TO STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Mrs. Willetta Carter was rebaptized recently at the Philadelphia Church. She and her oldest daughter, Sherine, and youngest sons Kelly and Kirk, were baptized by Elder Pembleton.

It seems that Mrs. Carter has determined that nothing will turn her away from God's church again. She has begun a personal campaign by the help of the Lord to actively support the progress of the church.

During the 1978 Ingathering Campaign, Mrs. Carter was asked to organize the annual solicitation program while the lay activities leader was in the hospital. She spent many hours preparing 1,000 letters to businesses for community support. She organized car pools and provided refreshments for Ingathering Campaigners. As a result, her sister, Olga Hill, and son Kirk became Ingathering queen and prince, respectively.

When the need of systematic giving was emphasized recently in a stewardship seminar conducted by Elder E. F.

Carter, conference director, Mrs. Carter donated over \$2,000 to the church building maintenance program. Her contribution was the largest single donation ever made to the church in Des Moines, Iowa.

We thank God for Mrs. Carter's dedication and support of God's church program.

E. A. Pembleton
Pastor, Philadelphia Church

ADVENTIST YOUTH FEDERATIONS REORGANIZED

The year 1980 saw the reorganization of Adventist youth programs in the Central States Conference. The first step was a meeting of the conference youth ministry council, which consists of five officers from each area youth federation. Its purpose is to give impetus to all conference-wide programs relating to youth, their spiritual, social and soul-winning efforts.

Through the council the following federations were reorganized: The Eastern Adventist Youth (EAY) in St. Louis; the Great Plains Adventist Youth (GPAY) in Omaha; and the Mexi-Colo Adventist Youth (MCAY) in Denver. The Central Adventist Youth (CAY) in Kansas City, Missouri, has been the only conference youth federation to maintain its operation without interruption.

With all four federations meeting in the fourth quarter of 1980, a new emphasis on youth leadership and planning will be evident in 1981.

The following youth personnel will serve their respective federations: EAY—Michael Wright, president; Benjamin Germany, first vice president; Lillian Silinzy, second vice president; Marva Thomas, secretary; Robin Penny, assistant secretary; Larry Burks, treasurer; Darlene Turner, assistant treasurer; Wendell Hassell, chaplain; and Paul Turner, assistant chaplain.

CAY—Derroughous Larry, president; Pearl Reed and Donald Taylor, first vice presidents; Lucille Griffey, second vice president; Deadra Harold, secretary; Brenda Mann, assistant secretary; Theresia Taylor, treasurer; Arvin Topps and Michelle Sawyer, assistant treasurers; Barbara Roby, public relations; James McClain and John Lucas, Pathfinder coordinators; and Radio Page and Maurice Valentine, Jr., chaplains.

GPAY—Brenda Jones, president; Theola Evans, first vice president; Alfred



Newly elected officers of the CAY stand with Pastor Joe McCoy, second from right.

Thomas, second vice president; Teresa Culliver, secretary; Georgette Terrill, public relations; Fred Washington, treasurer; James Willis, assistant treasurer; John Moseley, Pathfinder coordinator; and Gil Webb, chaplain.

MCAY—Sherman Wilkinson, president; Clinton Thompson, first vice president; Martha Allen, second vice president; Zenobia Williams, secretary; Sheila White, assistant secretary; Joan

Johnson, treasurer; Willie Dickerson, assistant treasurer; Margaret Hayes, public relations; and Larry Moore, Pathfinder coordinator.

Youth federations are a very important part of youth ministry activities for the Central States Conference. We are challenging the youth leaders of these federations to make 1981 a banner year for spiritual growth and personal evangelism.



Adventist Youth Federation Choir.

TALLADEGA M.V. VISITS SENIOR CITIZENS

"Pure religion is this, that you visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction. . ." James 1:27.

The Missionary Volunteer Society at the Mt. Zion SDA Church of Talladega, Alabama, wants that purity and is visiting afflicted ones with words of cheer.

Each third Sabbath, instead of holding an indoor program, the dozen or so children and adults of the church go out to-

gether (or break into bands) and go to the homes of lonely older ladies near the church. After a brief sing-in, one reads a scripture, another prays and another presents some printed encouragement. The best part, of course, is watching the reactions of delighted hostesses.

On one Sabbath, the group hand made get-well cards to be delivered to 70 patients at Talladega's Citizen's Hospital. Plans are being set to visit an orphanage and a senior citizens' home on future third Sabbaths.



Mrs. Cornelius Edwards (fourth from left) stands next to Horace Spain (center) whose life she saved.

CORNELIA EDWARDS SAVES MAN'S LIFE

Cornelia Edwards and her son, Charles R. Ewing, III, drove to a paper recycling station in Indianapolis, Indiana, to sell old newspapers. While waiting in the office for assistance, Cornelia heard someone screaming. Running from the office, she was confronted with Horace Spain. Part of his arm had been severed and he was bleeding profusely.

Her first inclination was to panic. She whispered a prayer and God calmed her sufficiently to administer first aid treatment by pulling an extension cord from the wall and using it as a tourniquet to bring the bleeding under control. Also, she placed cold compresses on Spain. Once this was done, she was able to summon the emergency squad.

Mrs. Edwards was interviewed by the Channel 6 evening news in Indianapolis and was awarded a plaque for her courageous act of heroism and a check by Spain's church as a token of their appreciation.

Cornelia is a member of the Eastside Seventh-day Adventist Church in Indianapolis, where she serves as Investment leader. She gives God the credit for helping her keep calm and giving her the knowledge to help Horace Spain.

STUDENTS ELECTED TO HONOR SOCIETY

The following students were elected as members of the Shiloh Excelsiors, a local chapter of the National Honor Society: Regina Barnes, Peter Burns, Carmen Bolden, Elise Dixon, Pamela Gill, David Graham, Shirlene Herbert, Kenworth Holness, Troy Price, Kim Stuart and Nena Williams.

President David Person and the sponsor, Dr. Zadock Reid, are fostering,

through the society, better study habits and academic stimulation for success in school.

Officers of the society are: David Person, president; Laura Morgan, vice president; Dellaverne Van Lange, secretary; and Miguel McKinney, treasurer.

Ivan Van Lange, Principal



David T. Person

DAVID PERSON NAMED SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALIST

More than one million students enrolled in nearly 18,000 high schools throughout the nation participate in the Merit Scholarship Program each year. Grants to National Merit Scholarship Corporation from company foundations, professional associations, colleges and universities, union corporations and trusts interested in the Merit Program underwrite nearly all Merit Scholarships.

This fall 15,000 semifinalists were named. They took the 1979 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT/NMSQT) when most of them were juniors in high school.

Students compete within the state in which they are regularly enrolled at the time they take the test. Those named as semifinalists scored highest in their respective states and represent less than half of one percent of each state's secondary school seniors.

Out of more than 70,000 black high school juniors across the nation who took the PSAT/NMSQT, 78 were from Illinois and seven were from northwest Indiana. More than 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to qualify as finalists and receive certificates of merit in February.

Shiloh Academy is proud to see David T. Person listed as a semifinalist. On the same test, Dellaverne Van Lange and Miguel McKinney scored high enough to be classified as commended students.

LAKE REGION HOLDS INSTITUTE DAY AT SHILOH ACADEMY

Forty-two Lake Region Conference teachers from Milwaukee, Gary, Indianapolis, Cassopolis and Chicago assembled at Shiloh Academy on December 5, 1980, to discuss the evaluative system existing in our schools, possible interpretations of grades and areas of improvement.

Guest speakers included Kathy Lawrence, testing consultant from the Riverside Publishing Company Testing Center, Werner Lightner, Shiloh Academy board chairman, Pastor Fred White of the Shiloh Church, C. D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, and Reginald Barnes, superintendent of education.

The topic of discussion embraced the entire area of testing, including test procedures and various interpretations.

Kathy Lawrence, the principal guest speaker, stressed the importance of teachers' attitudes toward the testing system as well as the necessity to inform students on the purpose of the test.

According to Mrs. Lawrence, the school nucleus, comprising teachers, parents and students, must be entirely involved in order to make the testing experience a valid and profitable one. The results must be used as a guide to help eliminate the deficiencies of the student as well as to build on his strengths.

After much enlightenment on the key topic, the teachers were served an appetizing lunch prepared by the Shiloh Academy home economics department.

Superintendent R. D. Barnes brought the meeting to a close by challenging each teacher to make this school year one of achievement.

The next in-service meeting was held at the Peterson-Warren Academy on January 16, 1981.



Seated left to right: Michael Campbell, Superintendent Reginald Barnes; Pastor Fred White, standing.

"NO MORE GOODBYES"

Pastor and Mrs. John S. Nixon and family said farewell to the Ephesus SDA Church on the weekend of September 6, 1980. "No More Goodbyes" was the sermon for divine worship that Sabbath.

Through the word of God Pastor Nixon vividly brought to reality what it means to be an overcomer and a part of God's kingdom in the earth made new. He explained the divine power and authority that all may attain through Jesus Christ. He stressed the importance of total submission to God, the trials we must endure and the part that is ours in striving to be an overcomer so that we may enter the Kingdom without "spot or wrinkle."

As the appeal song was given by his wife and sister, some took their stand to accept Jesus for the first time, or to request special prayer, with the determination to continue serving the Master.

Pastor Nixon gave closing remarks, giving thanks to seven people. One of those who received the most thanks was his wife, Januwoina, to whom he presented a dozen long-stemmed roses and made the statement, "I'd like to apologize to all you bachelors for bringing my wife to Ephesus already married . . . I said I'd like to apologize, but I won't!" The greatest praise and thanks went to God for seeing him through, especially during the months that he served as interim pastor.



Pastor Nixon baptizes Marie Brewster.

On Sunday, September 7, the Ephesians said their farewells to the Nixons with a lovely program and reception. The occasion was sponsored by the Agape

Society, chairperson, Grace Phipps. The program was coordinated by Lois Wesley with Caroline Jones as the mistress of ceremonies.

Pastor Nixon and his wife Januwoina entered the church and were escorted to their seats on the rostrum, where they watched and sometimes participated in the program honoring them.

What better way to start the program than with the Children's Chorale, directed by Sylvia Williams, singing, "We are Soldiers in the Army." Among the many presentations given, one of the highlights was "Reflections" coordinated by Richard Bryant. With the help of his parents, wife, friends and co-workers, a lot of things were discovered about John Nixon. The most important was the love he has always had for God.

The youth church showed their expressions of love with a tribute given by Lorraine Hill, "To God be the Glory," for the things he hath done through John Nixon, and the youth choir sang beautifully, "Lord, Give Us Time."



Pastor Nixon makes an appeal to the congregation.

A most appropriate tribute was given by Pastor G. R. Earle, president of the Northeastern Conference. He compared Nixon to the apostle Paul, for, like Paul, he is a young man dedicated to preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. He noted that Pastor Nixon would be preaching in one of our greatest cities, just as Paul evangelized the great city of Athens. In closing, he assured the audience that because of this man's ministry, "Boston will never be the same."

The Nixon family was showered with gifts of love as each department of the church made presentations. The Nixons

gave closing remarks with humble and grateful hearts, followed by a poetic expression of love and devotion by Pastor Cox.

A reception followed the program in the fellowship hall. The occasion was a great success through the efforts of the members of the Agape Society and all who participated in the affair.



Catherine Summer (left) stands with Pastor and Mrs. John Nixon during a farewell service that was held for them when they left Ephesus—New York City.

The ministry of John Nixon and the support of his wife was truly a blessing to the Ephesus Church. The love that they showed for each other and for the church will never be forgotten.

It seems that farewells are oftentimes sad, but Pastor Nixon left the Ephesus Church hopeful and encouraged, looking beyond the fact that they must say farewell and forward to a brighter day when there will no longer be the pain of separation and "No More Goodbyes."

Patricia Reape, Reporter



Pictured from left to right are K. Lai Hing, E. Cyrus, E. Bell and O. Lawrence.

INGATHERING AWARDS GIVEN TO BETHEL MEMBERS

Oswald Lawrence, lay activities leader of Bethel SDA Church, presented plaques and certificates of merit to four members on November 15, 1980.

The awards were presented in recognition of the members' efforts in soliciting funds for the Ingathering campaign of 1979. Awards were given in two differ-

ent categories, adults and young adults who made the highest contribution to Ingathering.

Honored were Edna Cyrus and Earl Bell in the adult category and young adults Audrey Williams and Kenneth Lai Hing. Pastor Edgar T. Mimms, Cornell Miller and the Bethel Church are proud of these members.

Kenneth Lai Hing
Communication Secretary



Detective Julius Pearse of Freeport, New York, police department.

COMMUNICATIONS DAY PRESENTED AT EBENEZER

The public relations department of the Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist Church in Freeport presented the first of what it is hoped will be many annual Communications Day programs on December 6, 1980.

To communicate means to deliver a message. The members feel that it is the duty of religious communications people to impart to the world the secret of happiness.

The speaker for the divine hour was Pastor W. Starks, general field secretary for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C. Starks has responsibility for the inner-city and stewardship work of the Adventist church. He told the audience that God wants to communicate to man that He is love and that we can be victorious in all the conflicts of our present daily lives.

In the afternoon, Mayor William White of Freeport told the audience what Freeport offers to senior citizens in many areas, including housing, recreation, tax relief and generally good living conditions.

The members presented Mayor White with a plaque for many years of faithful service to the people of Freeport.



Mayor William White of Freeport, New York.

The second speaker was Detective Julius Pearse of the Freeport Police Department. Pearse is the community relations officer for the department, with one of his many responsibilities being to set up various neighborhood programs to help the citizens help themselves and the police to reduce crime in the community.

He gave a wealth of information with emphasis on practical, common-sense things that everyone can do to thwart the efforts of rapists, purse-snatchers and criminals who prey on older people. The church presented a plaque to Detective Pearse for his years of dedicated service to the community.

The officers of the communications department, A. Smith, J. McClain, A. Goldwire, G. Joseph and Pastor E. Flowers, Jr., were pleased to present this program and look forward to serving both the church and community in the year ahead.

Andrew Smith
Communication Secretary

LAY ACTIVITIES RALLY DAY HELD AT NORWALK CHURCH

Lay Activities Rally Day, sponsored by the Norwalk SDA Church in Norwalk, Connecticut, was presented on Sabbath, November 8, 1980, by the New England Lay Activities Federation.

The program was directed by Pastor William Golson, secretary-treasurer of the federation and a local elder of the Calvary SDA Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Special guests included Pastor Vashni Davis, federation president, and the Carringtons, instrumental musicians (a father and five sons), of Springfield, Massachusetts.

The Carringtons presented special music for the lay activities period prior to the divine worship service, in which Davis challenged the congregation to "take the good news of Christ's plan of salvation for all mankind to all the world" and warned of "the imminent return of our Lord to receive those who love Him and have shown they love Him by the fruits (souls) they are able to present."

Following a spirit-filled service, the guests and members enjoyed a fellowship dinner at the church.

The afternoon activity consisted of outreach into the community. Approximately 35 persons went into assigned neighborhood areas to enroll persons for Bible studies. Approximately 85 persons were signed up in about 90 minutes. Members returned to the church with their enrollment cards and gave testimony of their experiences as they talked with the people in the community.

The Carrington family and Joseph Scott, Sr., of the Norwalk SDA Church rendered special music for the vespers service, closing the Sabbath on a sweet note.

Lay Activities Rally Day was a great spiritual input for the community of Norwalk and the members of the Norwalk SDA Church. Praise be to our Lord and Savior!

Peggy DeLaney
Correspondent

MEMORIAL CONCERT HELD

On December 6, 1980, the Ecstatics held a concert in memory of Mervin T. Lewis, a former member of the group. The concert was held at Northeastern Academy, where Lewis attended before his untimely death.

Other guest artists included the Northeastern Academy Choir, the Ephesus Youth Choir, the Lewis singers, the Holmes Family, the M. J. L. Choir, Gene Andrews, Jr., Satira and Madison Wisdom.

The concert was a sellout with people coming from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut as well as metropolitan New York. Proceeds from this concert will go to set up the Mervin T. Lewis Scholarship Fund to help worthy students attend Northeastern Academy.

Brethren, pray for us.

1 Thessalonians 5:25

SHILOH CHURCH HOSTS WEEK OF PRAYER

On November 9 through 15, a week of prayer was held at Shiloh SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York. Pastor D. McCotrey from Teaneck, New Jersey, was the guest speaker.

Throughout the week, members and their friends came out in great numbers as their hearts were touched by the wonderful messages. Many prayers have been answered and there was something in each sermon to fill the needs of everyone.

The Holy Spirit was certainly there working in the hearts of each individual. As Pastor McCotrey expounded upon the word of God, listeners were able to reflect on those things which glorify God and strengthen the Christian experience.

The week of prayer climaxed on Sabbath, which was also "Youth Day," and hearts were again lifted as our very own youth speaker, Owen George, brought the message of the hour.

Young people took over the Sabbath school and taught classes. We also had youth deacons and elders. Everything was well-organized and went forth in order.

We were very thankful for special music presented throughout the week. It was certainly a week of revival, one that helped to restore strength in a time of need. The youth demonstrated both their willingness and ability to lead. We pray that this kind of zeal will go forward triumphant. We expect great things at Shiloh, Brooklyn, and God's name will be glorified.

We will always remember to: "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." I Timothy 4:16.

We will continue to concentrate on ourselves. We will not complain. We will be examples.

Leonard Fraser
Communication Secretary

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY INSPIRES SYRACUSE CHURCH

They came from far and near, east and west, north and south.

The event was Community Guest Day at the Mount Carmel SDA Church, promoted by the Sabbath school depart-



C. E. Bradford

ment under the inspirational leadership of Florence Carridice.

The speaker was Charles E. Bradford, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, who spoke on the subject, "What is the Question?" His moving and stirring message, which was based on Revelation 5, was received with gladness by the overflowing convocation of guests, many of whom said they will visit Mount Carmel again.

Following the spiritual feast was a tasty vegetarian meal.

Among those attending the service was Scott Rodman, circulation manager of the *Imperial Citizen*, the city's black newspaper. Rodman has done an article on Bradford and the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

MOUNT CARMEL REACHES OUT

Two new avenues of witnessing have been opened to the Mount Carmel SDA Church.

In October, Pastor William Morris went on the air preaching two ten-minute sermonettes a week. These have now been expanded to fifteen-minute sermons.

The pastor also has a column in the local black newspaper entitled, "Bible Answers to Man's Questions."

Readers are invited to send in any Bible questions that they would like answered.

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And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

—Romans 8:28

BREWER HOLDS WEEK OF PRAYER AT LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse Tabernacle ran its Fall Week of Prayer November 6-15. Serving as speaker for the week was Pastor Harold Brewer from Cleveland, Ohio.

Pastor Brewer, "The Quiet Storm," struck Lighthouse from the first evening of the series. The place was never to be the same again. From the opening soloist, Edwina Humphrey, to the closing soloist, Gene Andrews, Jr., the sanctuary was filled with the convicting power of the Holy Ghost.

"How Shall Thou Do in the Swelling of the Jordan?" was a sermon on upcoming persecution and the Adventist believer's faithfulness during that time, based on Jeremiah 12:5. Discussed were the inability of Christians in the face of governmental decrees and the forbidding of the buying and selling of goods by law.

"The Wonderful Numberer" on Tuesday was almost the top of the pinnacle, in which the numerology of God was displayed in the setting up of rulers who tried to take over the world with their respective governments. A demonstration was given which illustrated that Christ is the next universal power: Churchill, Hitler, Roosevelt, Il Duce, Stalin, Tojo.

By each respective leader's contribution to world dominance and subsequent downfall, God's symbolism through numbers in the Bible, such as five foolish virgins, seven trumpets, etc., showed that each number stands for something symbolic in prophecy.

It is impossible to give a thorough explanation of how the Holy Spirit spoke all throughout "The Faithfulness of God," "Star Wars/The Empire Strikes Back," "Things That Cannot Be Shaken," and "Broken Things." We were brought in direct contact with the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

Visitors during the Week of Prayer included Pastor Humphrey, former minister of the Ephesus Church in Manhattan, Pastor Jones, who is presently pastoring the flock at Brooklyn Faith Church, Pastor William Vincent from Albany, New York, Pastor Newton, stewardship director for Northeastern Conference, Cornell Miller, associate pastor of the Bethel Church in Brooklyn, and Elder Perry and his wife.



SOUTH ATLANTIC, SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE SAY ADIEU

When the amoeba outgrows itself and divides, each portion as an autonomous entity goes its own way and never meets the other again. The South Atlantic Conference has outgrown itself in territory, churches and membership. However, the division seems to be bringing the conferences closer together. The name of the new conference is *Southeastern*.

Publishing Work

This department—the advance guard of the church—continues at a higher crescendo than ever. Deliveries through October were \$245,554.18, and souls baptized numbered 115.

Evangelism

The largest evangelism budget in the 35-year history of the South Atlantic Conference produced the largest baptismal record in its history. There were 24 tent meetings and the reports coming from these meetings are evidence that God is blessing His people. There were 1,908 baptisms through October. The

following is a brief report of several of the meetings.

Pastor Roy R. Brown of the 700-member Miami-Northside district was the speaker, assisted by Pastor J. A. Edgecombe, of the 1,170-member Miami-Bethany district. A total of 137 baptisms has been reported. A new congregation was organized on September 6, 1980, by Elder Brown in the Roman Catholic Church adjacent to the tent site.

Pastor T. A. McNealy of the 1,500-member Atlanta-Maranatha church in Southeast Atlantic, was assisted by Pastors Odis Smith and R. E. Tottress with the total cooperation of his church and baptized 350 souls. McNealy's "The Big Tent" attracted a number of important personalities, including evangelist Richard Penniman, well known as "Little Richard."

Pastor Ward Sumpter, associate ministerial secretary of the Southern Union, conducted a tent effort assisted by Pastors F. W. Parker, F. S. Hill and Harry Williams. The tent was erected across the street from the Boulevard Drive church and they were successful in baptizing 140 precious souls.

Pastor O. J. McKinney, the conference ministerial secretary, erected a tent in the small town of Sumter, South Carolina. It had been years since a meeting of this nature was held in Sumter. However, Satan tried to frustrate the plan.

Three nights before the scheduled presentation of the Sabbath, a 50-mile-per-hour wind whipped sand and dust mixed with driving rain, uprooted trees, downed electric lines and ripped the tent in several places. The meeting was discontinued for three nights, then began again for one week as an "open-air meeting" with beautiful weather until the tent repairs were made and the tent reconstructed. Seventy-one people were baptized.

Pastor Joseph Hinson's tent meeting in Orlando was very successful and produced 77 baptisms.

Education and Youth

The education department, under the directorship of S. E. Gooden, reported a loss of fifteen in grades 9 and 10, and an increase of 201 in grades K-8, making a total gain of 186. This is the largest gain of any conference in the Southern Union.



Pictured left to right at Community Award Day are Brenda McLain, AYS leader; Josephine Plummer, community service leader; Harry Rodenhizer, mayor of Durham; Gloria Moore, communication secretary; Winston Smith, Jr., the honoree, director of John Avery Boys Club; George Neal, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, and R. A. Sloan, pastor of Durham S.D.A. Church.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DAY HELD AT DURHAM CHURCH

Lee Smith received the Community Service Award during the Fourth Annual Community Relations Day program by Harry Rodenhizer, mayor of the city of Durham, North Carolina. The presentation was made to the Immanuel Temple SDA Church in Durham during the morning service on October 25.

Smith was chosen by the communication committee because of his dedication to the John Avery Boy's Club for 40 years. He has served as its director for the past 37 years.

Speaker for the occasion was Pastor George Neal of the Covenant Presbyterian church. The theme of the day was, "I Am Somebody." Also celebrating the occasion was Smith's family.

Coordinating the program was Gloria Moore, communication secretary for the Immanuel Temple Church.



J. A. Simons, treasurer of South Atlantic Conference.

IN TRANSIT

Elder J. A. Simons, former treasurer of Central States Conference in the Central Union, is the new treasurer of South Atlantic Conference. He replaces Robert Patterson, who has accepted a call to the Central African Union as treasurer. Simons served as a pastor, ABC manager and assistant treasurer in South Atlantic sometime ago. His wife is the former Nettie Hall of Batavia, Ohio. They have three children: Douglass, a pastor in the Lake Region Conference; Judi, an administrative secretary in Central States Conference; and William, an accountant at Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tennessee.

Donald Walker, treasurer of the new Southeastern Conference, was the former treasurer of South Central Conference. He was, prior to that, an auditor of the Columbia Union. His wife is the former Maureen Adams of Washington, D.C. They have two daughters, Ellyne and Donna.

YOUTH ATTEND CAMP

The youth department, under the direction of G. W. Timpson, reported the largest attendance of a senior youth camp since its introduction into the conference in 1969 by S. E. Gooden, the former youth director. The federations in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida are attracting the young as well as senior members more than ever.



Senior youth campers, 1980, in their T-shirts.

The Florida Federation convened at Fort Pierce on November 29, 1980, and introduced a new idea of securing the services of small children to assist in the divine worship service, performing roles formerly performed by adults.

Pastor Gerald Wells of Dallas, Texas, led the packed auditorium into his message, "The Future is Now," from Joel 2:28-32. Some thoughts brought were that "you have to lose your mind to be a Christian. You cannot start a fire in a fireplace stacked with ashes. The reason some are not receiving the latter rain is because God will not pour out the rain into dirty vessels."

In the afternoon meeting, a number of persons were presented with plaques and trophies for their diligent work in the federation. Among those were former youth director S. E. Gooden, former sponsor O. J. McKinney and Bobby Wells, current president.

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5:28

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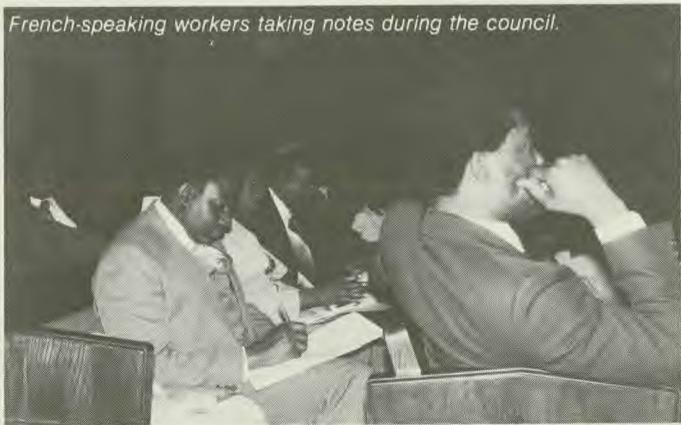


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GREENVILLE RIBBON CUTTING

The Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Greenville, Mississippi, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony during sub-freezing weather on December 20, 1980, with Dr. C. E. Dudley, South Central Conference president, others from the conference office, Mayor William C. Burnley of Greenville and others of Greenville joining Pastor A. L. Sanders for the first meeting in the new church building.

The history of the church covers some eighteen pages in the dedicatory souvenir book showing its beginning on March 26, 1906. It seems that the Southern Missionary Society Committee received word that a brother and his daughter in Healdsburg, California, were prepared to furnish \$170 of the \$350 required to erect and furnish a school room which could be used for Sabbath meetings also. The school was started in 1906. The church was organized in 1909. Some 70 years later, after having schools in three buildings and church in two other buildings, the old building was destroyed and a new building started.

"In 1979, Pastor A. L. Sanders envisioned an edifice worthy to be called the House of Worship. The members of the church then voted to build a beautiful church and educational facility. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held with the South Central Conference president, C. E. Dudley and wife, Mayor W. C. Burnley, Jr., and a host of well-wishers. Construction on the church began immediately with Pastor William Freeman (from Hattiesburg) and his crew as contractors. The building program was richly

blessed in having this fine Christian man as contractor.

"Through the hard work and untiring efforts of the pastor—and with the unselfish support of fellow brothers and sisters and the community—the Lord has enabled the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church to build a beautiful edifice which includes the sanctuary, balcony, library, four classrooms, a cafeteria and two offices."

At the ribbon-cutting, brief remarks were made by the pastor, mayor and president. Prayer was offered and the officers and congregation marched in as they sang, "Shall Be Gather At The River."

After the Sabbath school lesson was taught by M. Joiner, conference Sabbath school secretary, the choir, with its new robes, marched to the choir stand and the worship service was opened. Frances Savage, director of the community service center, gave flowers to members and friends who helped get the church constructed.

Then Pastor Sanders gave plaques to special helpers. Those receiving flowers and plaques included Mayor W. C. Burnley, Salem Smith, Jr., Murray Akers, Sarah Johnson, Willian Griffin, the

Seards and others, including Frances Savage, who gave money and helped demolish the old church.

The president preached, the act of dedication was led by Richard Bell, the dedicatory prayer was offered by John Hollins and the congregation sang, "To God be the Glory."

After dinner was over, Pastor Joseph McCoy, youth leader of the conference, preached during the youth meeting. The whole week was spent celebrating God's blessings in the new building. To God be the glory.

DR. JAMES BROWN BAPTIZED



James Brown, M.D. of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, received the rite of baptism from X. Butler, pastor of Riverside Chapel, on the last Sabbath of 1980. Brown is married to the former Joy Hannum of Knoxville, Tennessee. Through her witness and through words of encouragement from Dr. C. A. Dent, the Holy Spirit moved upon Dr. Brown's heart to make a complete decision for Christ. J. Gaines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gaines, formerly of Humbolt, Tennessee, also received the rite of baptism during the service.





Pathfinders Debbie Smith, her brothers S. T. Smith and Johnny, and friend Kimberly Gee.

MESSIAH AND PATHFINDERS AT HILLCREST IN NASHVILLE

Pathfinder Day at Hillcrest in Nashville was unusual when members of five local Adventist churches and Pathfinders from Chattanooga and Huntsville joined together to march, report and rededicate themselves to God and the Pathfinder program. The union youth leader, R. Peay, was guest speaker.

Pathfinder Day started with a rear view screen projection of a "Fireside Story" showing the value of the *Adventist Review* and encouraging all families to subscribe to the *Review*.

The day ended with a 60-voice choir

presenting the seasonal oratorio, "The Messiah," under the direction of Dr. Gardner Luke Dixon. This special choir, in its formal attire, had three guest soloists and a guest for the organ and the piano.

Eva Strother, who organized the Pathfinders in the new church, Mt. Calvary of Huntsville, Alabama, was a guest of honor. She is reported to have been a Pathfinder leader longer than any known person. She still leads the Pathfinders in camping, personal ministries and a study of nature on the earth and in the skies. She helped in the Sabbath school, divine worship and the afternoon meeting.

The Hillcrest Pathfinder leader, Isa Apella, spent some time in the afternoon recalling the personal ministries and other activities of the Pathfinder club. They visited sick in the hospitals, nursing homes and houses, collected canned goods during Halloween and delivered 26 baskets of food during Thanksgiving, experienced outdoor living, nature exploration, study of the heavenly bodies, and crafts. Dr. L. Broomes was given special thanks for the Pathfinder bus.

The Pathfinder club has a membership of 65 youngsters, but some of them are too young for the club. However, they have learned the memory gems and many of the crafts. Mrs. Apella honored them, saying that "I can't award them at this time."

The Pathfinders stood. Union Pathfinder Leader R. P. Peay stood before them. After mentioning the honors received and the good accomplishments, Peay laid down a challenge: "By the grace of God, I will maintain right attitudes, acquire the right knowledge and develop the necessary skills" in order to grow in grace and Christian service.

There was a young man behind it all, the conference Adventist Youth director, Pastor Joseph McCoy. He gave the challenge for the coming year and the benediction.

TRANSITION OF WORKERS

William McKinsey has come to South Central to serve as assistant treasurer and auditor.

Thomas Collins has been promoted to serve as the cashier-office keeper.

J. W. McCoy has been invited to serve as the temperance and health ministries director, as well as youth director.

J. F. Dent has been invited to serve as the religious liberty director, along with serving as educational director.

H. L. Kibble has been transferred to the Dothan/Ozark/Panama City district.

Lawrence Hamilton, former pastor of the Dothan district, has accepted a call to California.

Patrick Vincent, presently pastor of Orchard Knob church in Chattanooga, has been invited to take over the pastorate of the Ephesus church in Birmingham, Alabama.

D. B. Reid, former pastor of Huntsville, Alabama, first church for five years even though he was retired, has been invited to pastor Orchard Knob in Chattanooga, Tennessee.



The Pathfinder leader of Hillcrest Church, Isa Apella, with some of her assistants. Flenoill Acklin, Sr., recently offered his support.

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YOUTH-PATHFINDER DAY OBSERVED IN KENNER

Sabbath, November 22, was observed as Youth-Pathfinder Day at the Kenner SDA Church in Kenner, Louisiana.

Sabbath school was conducted by Jeannette DuBoise, associate Sabbath school leader. Mellisa Keller shared a part on the program presenting an interesting mission appeal. Each participant played his part very well, making the church at study a good beginning for the day's program.

Pathfinder Director West and her staff worked diligently to get the club uniformed and the club paraded into the sanctuary for the divine worship hour. B. E. Wright, conference youth director, administered the spoken word while Keith Robinson provided special music.

The afternoon was reserved for a leadership seminar conducted by B. E. Wright. The Caffin Avenue Pathfinders, along with their leader, Jeraldine Bernard, joined the Kenner Pathfinders for the leadership seminar. They exchanged ideas to help the program for the new year.

Doris Jones, Reporter



Part of the Kenner Pathfinder Club with Director West, observed Pathfinder Day, Sabbath, November 22.

WELCOME TO THE LONE STAR RANGER

Willard D. Lewis and his family are not strangers to Southwest, for he worked in this field in the Arkansas area for a number of years and even served as a public school administrator for fifteen years. He returns as a retired educator with a wide range of experience in building, also.

Lewis is a graduate of Arkansas State College of Pine Bluff. Upon completion of his undergraduate work, he and his wife embraced the Three Angels' Message under Pastor C. T. Richards in East St. Louis, Missouri. To acquaint himself with his newfound faith, he journeyed to



Camille Lewis with Professor and Mrs. W. D. Lewis, camp ranger for Lone Star.

Oakwood College and prepared for work in church schools after serving his country honorably in Europe.

He has done denominational work in the following places: Oakwood Academy, teacher; Allegheny East Conference, taught in Cleveland, Ohio and Newark, New Jersey, and was conference director of education; and Central States Conference, as principal of St. Louis Junior Academy.

Lewis is married to Mildred Staten, who is also a retired school teacher from Carlisle, Arkansas. They have six children, all of whom attended church schools and have finished college.

Willard Lewis, Jr., is a micro-biologist in Norman, Oklahoma. Gloria E. Meyers is a medical technician living in Berrien Springs, Michigan, while Susan M. Meyers, R.N., lives in Baltimore, Maryland. Myra L. Jeffrey, a teacher, resides in Hyattsville, Maryland. Nathan L. Lewis M.D., lives in Los Angeles, California, and Camille E. Lewis, R.N., resides in Adelphi, Maryland.

We are blessed to have this dedicated couple serving as camp ranger, for coupled with his many duties at the camp, he serves as elder of the Corsicana church on weekends. His wife assists with the food service for the various groups that have activities at the camp.

Doris Jones, Reporter

TESTIMONIAL HELD FOR THE KIMBLES

Floyd and Barbara Jones are a blessing to Southwest and an asset to the Hillsboro church. They live in Keene, Texas, and Floyd drives eighteen miles daily to Fort Worth, Texas, serving as patient business manager at Hugley Hospital, and Barbara, who holds a Ph.D. degree, is a professor at Southwestern Adventist College in the chemis-

try department and keeps her students busy with assignments and experiments. The couple also drives 35 miles to Hillsboro for mid-week prayer service and services on the weekends.

Hillsboro has a small church that has only been organized a short time and is badly in need of a church building.

Barbara planned a district banquet honoring one of the elderly couples, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kimble. This faithful couple was baptized 33 years ago by Pastor W. W. Fordham.

Pastor C. M. Bailey introduced Elder Fordham to the guest and he gave the after-dinner address. This gala affair consisted of music, delicious food and accolades to the honorees. Mrs. E. L. Ward served as chairlady and Mrs. E. Bailey as moderator. The funds given were to assist in the erection of a sanctuary for the Hillsboro believers.

Pastor Bailey and the conference officials are grateful to have dedicated laymen with such a zeal to serve.

Doris Jones, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kimble and Pastor W. W. Fordham.

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Dr. Gwebu presenting research findings at ACS in New Orleans.



The captive audience at ACS, including Oakwoodites from left to right, Dean M. A. Warren, Patricia Holness and Reginald Coopwood.



Oakwood professor, students and dean at ACS. From left to right, Dr. Gwebu, Reginald Coopwood, Patricia Holness and Dr. M. A. Warren.

BLACK ADVENTISTS BUSINESS IN THE NEWS

CLEMENT, LILLIAN WILLIAMS PARTNERS IN BUSINESS

It all began 32 years ago when Clement and Lillian Williams lived in the Magnolia Housing Project in New Orleans, Louisiana. Clement worked for Armour Company as a meat cutter and luggar to support his family of five children. Lillian, his wife, always loved to make dainties on Sunday for her family's dessert. She began to make small pies with her mother-in-law, Louise Williams. They started to sell them at the city elementary school during lunch hours. This little project was the beginning of a business enterprise that enabled them to move from the project into their \$30,000 home in 1958.

Lillian decided one day that she would take her pies on the streets of New Orleans. She and Clement began to sell them on the riverfront to the longshoremen and truck drivers. Moving from one wharf to another, Clement soon began to be known as the "Hey Pie Man" of the

city. After educating his daughters, he retired at the age of 55 when Armour closed its doors. They decided that they would make a living from their pies and his pension.

Eight years ago, the city of New Orleans opened a flea market in the French Market and rented stalls to persons who had handmade items. They applied for a booth to sell their wares on Sunday only. What has happened since is best told in a monthly magazine called *New Orleans*.

Clement and Lillian start baking after sundown Saturday night and work until 3 a.m. Sunday. They bake five types of pies: coconut, pecan, sweet potato, lemon meringue and apple. With this delicious flaky crust, she turns over nearly 200 pies a weekend and also makes batches of gigantic pralines.

Lillian and Clement enjoy their business and Clement has composed and sings this "Hey Pie Man Song" while he sells his pies:

They are full of ginger, full of spice.



Clement Williams—Ephesus church in New Orleans.

They've got everything that's really nice. You can eat them once, eat them twice. Take them home to your lovely wife.

This couple is a strong supporter of the Ephesus church, where Clement serves as the church's communication secretary.



Clement Williams selling pies at the French market, Southwest Region Conference.

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IN THE NEWS



Mrs. L. J. Egleston (80 years young), Investment leader for City Temple in Dallas, Joe Booth, Sabbath school superintendent and Christina Jackson, her daughter, looks on.

INVESTMENT NETS \$3,000

Remembering the many times her life has been spared from death and how God has used her as a dynamic soul winner and church school sponsor, L. J. Egleston (80 years young) of City Temple in Dallas gratefully presented \$80, a dollar for each year of her life, to the Sabbath school.

Mrs. Egleston also sparked an outstanding Investment project at City Temple this year. Several large plants were brought to the church as proof of a miracle wrought by God. These plants had been revived from a dying state and grown to stature with a multiplicity of leaves after being prayed over and dedicated to God for an Investment offering. God was promised an offering for each leaf. It was lovely listening to the various Investment projects that the classes reported—totaling \$3,000, the highest in the history of City Temple.

Beverly Wells, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Domino, Southwest Region Conference.

HONOR SERVICE HELD FOR MR. AND MRS. ELBERT DOMINO

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Domino were honored recently at the Cleburne Seventh-day Adventist Church. Elbert was born in Overton, Texas, and Parlene in Tyler, Texas.

The couple lived in eastern Texas and

were married on September 29, 1950. To this union were born six children.

Parlene's brother, Lafane Battles, accepted the message in Omaha, Nebraska, and was so elated over his newfound faith that he decided to move back home and share his faith with his family.

After he studied with his sister and brother-in-law, they accepted the message and wanted their children to have a Christian education. They moved to Dallas in 1965, then to Keene in 1969. Elbert worked and farmed while his wife found work elsewhere. They sacrificed to give their six children a Christian education—five of whom married in the church.

Domino has been faithful in the church, serving as deacon, lay activities leader, stewardship leader and prayer band leader. Pauline has served as treasurer, assistant clerk, deaconess, investment leader and Sabbath school leader. Recently they moved back to Tyler—still helping and encouraging the work of the Lord.

In honoring the Dominos, the Cleburne church had a "This Is Your Life" program with Eunice Bailey serving as moderator. The members gave them accolades and a quilt with a picture of the church at the center. Pastor Bailey and the members appreciate the Dominos for their sterling example.

Jackie Ruley
Reporter



Lake Union Conference President Robert H. Carter recently received a plaque from the Bykotas organization of New York City, a group of Seventh-day Adventist women who raise funds to help young people obtain a Christian education. Every two years, at a formal banquet, the Bykotas honor distinguished leaders in religion and education.

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