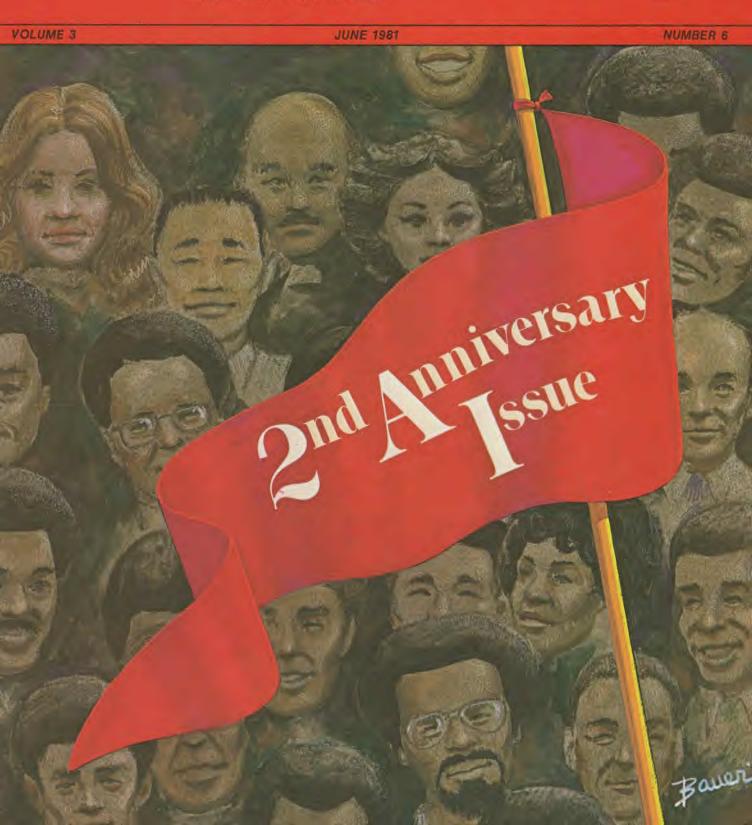
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COVER STORY

THE VOICE CELEBRATES ITS SECOND ANNIVERSARY

On the eve of our second anniversary we are glowing with joy over the tremendous way God has richly blessed the *Voice*.

During these two years, we have consistently endeavored to bring you the finest stories and articles that have dealt with black Adventists.

It has been our intention to use the Voice as an instrument to build character and inspire you to seek a higher standard of Christian excellence. One of our readers, Kevin G. Poole of Binghamton, New York, read an article, "Out of Defeat, Triumph!" written by our associate editor, Stephanie Johnson. He points to that article as being one of the factors that influenced him to return to school and persist in his dream of becoming a great attorney and ultimately president of his own law firm and even these United States!!

I could relate to you numerous experiences like that. Sam Williams of Bessemer, Alabama, a retired laborer, entered the literature ministry after having read the story of Pastor B. W. Abney.

In our Black Adventist Businesses-In Action, we have re-defined success. To us, success is not measured by capital gain, but rather is a principle, a commitment to Christian ideas in servicing others. Maybe we will never report on a SDA Rockefeller, Dupont, Rothschilds or Ludwig but we will certainly continue to present men and women who possess superior business acumen and a strong Christian character.

We have presented the lives of dedicated Christians whose steadfast commitment to an idea has had a positive influence on their fellow men. Consider the stories on C. A. Dent, O. W. Mackey, T. M. Fountain, B. W. Abney, etc.

More than any other Adventist publication we have kept you informed about events happening within the black SDA community. For us no church dedication is too small, no investment program too insignificant for the *Voice* to publish. Remember, the *Voice* is YOUR magazine. It is published for YOU!

We are growing by leaps and bounds! John Bauer and Michael Paschal have joined the *Voice* as staff artists. Allegheny West and Southeastern conferences have joined our fellowship of readers. We are optimistic about the future!

The phenomenal success of the *Voice* can only be attributed to God's rich blessing, the loyal support of conference administrators and YOU, our devoted readers. Thank you for your unwavering support.

In celebration of our second anniversary, once again we affirm our Declaration of Principles.

A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE

We acknowledge that all wisdom and knowledge comes from God. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to make Him the center of our editorial work.

We are entrusted with a sacred responsibility to educate, inform and uplift our readers to make them sense the urgency of the times. Therefore, we will continue to let the Holy Spirit lead us in presenting articles that are transforming, ennobling and elevating.

"We have nothing to fear for the future, except we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teachings in our past history." Therefore, in accordance with this belief we will continue to write and research our heritage. We know that the very forces of our church lies with the importance we place on our past.

We are committed to a greater vision. FOR WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH. We will continue to broaden our horizons and walk the path where no man has ever trod.

We, the staff of the North American Regional Voice, will not compromise when it comes to standards. We whole-heartedly pledge ourselves to maintain the highest standard of excellence.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

SURVIVAL

The most inspiring story of all literature is that of the Exodus. The Hebrew people, after more than 200 years of Egyptian bondage, began the long trek to freedom in the land of Canaan. The miracles attending their journey are now tales repeated again and again to children of all races. They are the foundational substances of Old Testament scripture. The Red Sea crossing, manna from heaven, water



Dr. E. E. Cleveland

from the rock, and triumph over their enemies are but a few illustrations of what we mean. Annually the Jews celebrated the Passover as a reminder to their children and their children's children of their remarkable deliverance. Their sermons and songs reflect a vivid memory of the Egyptian experience. Their slavery and deliverance is the cornerstone of Jewish culture and confidence.

There is a striking parallel between Israel's exodus and the black man's experience in America. Torn from the shores of the African continent, our fathers were made slaves on this continent for 250 years. Our deliverance. therefore, is no less miraculous. While ten plagues accomplished the freedom of Israel, one plague did it for us-The Civil War. Abraham Lincoln understood this, for he said: "He gives to both North and South this terrible war, as the woe due to those by whom the offense came. Fondly do we hope and fervently we pray that this mighty scourge of war will pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue, all the wealth piled up by the bondman's 250 years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn by the lash shall be paid for by another drawn by the sword, as was said 3000 years ago, 'The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." "

Ellen G. White recognized the same divine hand in our Exodus when she wrote: "God is punishing the North, that they have so long suffered the accursed sin of slavery to exist; ... God is not with the South, and He will punish them dreadfully in the end." Testimonies, vol. 1, page 359.

Yes, God's hand was in the bloody business in America's history that set us free! Yet, no annual Passover celebration marks the occasion of our emancipation. In fact, "those who forget the past are destined to repeat it."

The fact is, our forefathers survived the rigors of slavery because they met and accepted Christ. Christ is a mind-fixer and a shock-absorber. He cushioned the force of slavery's seismic shock, and our fathers endured and survived. Our spirituals reveal the secret of our strength. "Steal Away to Jesus," "My Lord's a-Writing," "Go Down, Moses," "And the Walls Came Tumbling Down" are but a few. They gathered strength in clandestine prayer-meetings and round-robin "preach-outs," and the God of glory led them forth.

When I was a boy, we used to celebrate Emancipation Day. The great orators were invited to our school. I will never forget Roscoe Conklin Simmons firing my young blood on Emancipation Day. This has largely disappeared. The nearest thing to this is Martin Luther King's birthday. This seems to be growing in popularity. Like the Jews, we need a Passover, a Jubilee celebration to remind us and our children of our immediate exodus. It is impossible for us to correctly assess the present or plan meaningfully for the future without this knowledge of the past; and a people who forget the past are destined to repeat it.

Caught up with the heady promises of integration, there is the clear danger that our roots become so distended that we lose our identity and our sensitivity to the needs of our less fortunate brethren. Let's face it-the great majority of our people will never be absorbed by the prevailing culture. White prejudice, black distrust and the natural clannishness of people will preclude this for the foreseeable future. So, the Harlems, the Wattses, and the southside Chicagos are here to stay. This means that black churches and predominantly black schools will not suddenly disappear. Why should they? Separated from our tribal roots, blacks in America have developed a culture that is their own. Our musical tastes are our own. So is our athletic style. Some whites deliberately chose to live and work among us. They have always been welcome. They are now. May they ever be! And to be sure, small numbers of blacks are accepted in white circles-social and

organizational. But, when we come in numbers, whites disappear. Even now expensive churches are being sold to black congregations as whites flee their new black neighbors. These are the realities that must be addressed. Idealistic values applied to situational realities can strip a minority of its tools of survival. Hence, blacks who talk about "not wanting any special consideration" do us a grave disservice. A minority always needs "special consideration" and when you have been maimed as we have, special efforts are needed to catch us up. We can then compete in a situation of equality.

Until then—the great task of alerting the three-and-one-half million blacks in this country to the claims of the gospel falls on black shoulders. It is our mission field. Who else can? Who else will?

E. E. Cleveland

A TRIBUTE TO FATHER

Perhaps the hardest assignment I have ever encountered was to write a tribute to father. I have always reserved a sense of reverence and awe in my mind, coupled with bundles of indescribable emotions, for fathers. Since my days of infancy I have unabashedly loved and cherished my dear father.

I have savored every precious word of wisdom that fell from my father's lips. In my mind he has taken on superhuman attributes. I have beamed with excitement when I heard his footsteps as he returned home from a hard day of work. I cherish the years, the days, the minutes I have spent with my father. Often I have smiled to myself as I remember the joy, peace, stability and love father has brought to our home.

I cherish my father! Today I received a lovely card from Daddy. My heart fluttered when I received the envelope with my own father's signature. It is so rare that he writes my brothers and sisters that we treasure his signature far above gold. Words can never describe the joy that filled my heart because Daddy took time from his busy schedule to write me.

I am one of those persons who cherishes tokens of love—a thoughtful letter, a kind word, or a gentle smile. So now you can begin to understand just how much that card meant to me.

Can you imagine the world without fathers? Those strong, stable souls who

have made untold sacrifices so that we could enjoy a higher standard of living.

Who cannot forget the father who commands his household after him. Who insists that Christ be the center of a home. Who takes all his savings to make sure you have a Christian education.

No one can ever measure the depth of a father's love when he insists on knowing who your friends are, when he reminds you that modesty in dress is a virtue and forbids you to come in any time you please. He sets certain standards and principles and demands that you live by.

Maybe you've never witnessed the anguish of your father as he pleads secretly with God to direct your footsteps. Take time to listen to his prayers during family worship and you will be deeply touched by his earnest love for you.

Nothing can ever take the place of a God-fearing father. Our strength, our joy, our prosperity in life lies within the solid anchor of our father's soul. Let's celebrate Father's Day every day by showing our fathers just how much we love them through our prayers, our actions, our lives and our achievements. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, DADDY!!

Stephanie D. Johnson



WILLIAM A. THOMPSON RETIRES

After serving the denomination for nearly 42 years, William A. Thompson, executive secretary for the Columbia Union, has retired. He served as an officer of the union since 1970, and was the first black to be elected to a union

executive position in the North American Division.

At a farewell party given by the union office staff W. O. Coe, union president, voiced his sincere appreciation for Thompson's work. He has made "an outstanding contribution to the growth of the Columbia Union," Coe said, and added that the office staff and local conference leaders will "miss his wise counsel and leadership."

The Columbia Union territory has been home to Pastor Thompson for most of his life. Although born in Florida, he moved north and attended grade and high schools in Cape May Court House, New Jersey.

Upon completion of his high school work Thompson received both an athletic and academic scholarship and was looking toward a medical education. However, he had heard of the religious atmosphere at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and decided to spend just one semester there before beginning his medical studies. One week on the campus of this Christian school and Thompson changed his plans. He gave up his scholarship, deciding instead to continue at Oakwood. By working summers as a literature evangelist and in other various jobs, he was able to work his way through school.

Later, Thompson took additional work at the Adventist seminary, at Howard University, and was awarded an honorary LL.D. degree from Union Baptist Seminary, Birmingham, Alabama.

Beginning work as an intern in 1939, Thompson served churches in New Jersey before moving to the West Virginia Conference to pastor the Charlestown church. He was the black evangelist for that field, and was ordained while serving there.

After regional conferences were established, Thompson became the first evangelist of a black conference to baptize more than 100 people in a year. He also organized a number of new churches, including those at Huntington, West Virginia; the Sharon church in Baltimore; the Beacon Light church of Annapolis, and the North Philadelphia church in Pennsylvania.

The call to administration came in 1960, when he was named secretary-treasurer and auditor of the Allegheny Conference. When that field was divided into Allegheny East and West he became the first president of Allegheny

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Area-wide School Board Workshop held March 28 and conducted by S. E. Gooden, director of education for South Atlantic Conference. It was for the school boards of Florence, Wilmington, and New Bern. A number from Winston-Salem attended also. Seated left to right are Phillip Florence, pastor of the Wilmington Church; D. K. Griffith, director of education of the Southern Union; Melvin Preston, pastor in New Bern and Fred Nealy, pastor in Florence.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	June	19	26	July 3	10
Boston, Mass		8:24	8:25	8:24	8:22
New York City		8:33	8:34	8:34	8:31
Buffalo, N.Y.		8:57	8:58	8:57	8:55
Atlanta, Ga.		8:51	8:52	8:52	8:50
Miami, Fla.		8:14	8:16	8:16	8:16
Charlotte, N.C.		8:41	8:42	8;42	8:41
Birmingham, Ala.		8:00	8:01	8:01	8:00
Jackson, Miss.		8:10	8:12	8:12	8:10
Memphis, Tenn.		8:17	8:18	8:18	8:17
Louisville, Ky.		9:09	9:10	9:10	9:08
Detroit, Mich.		9:13	9:14	9:13	9:11
Chicago, III.		8:28	8:29	8:29	8:26
South Bend, Indiana		8:23	8:24	8:23	8:21
Minneapolis, Minn.		9:03	9:04	9:03	9:00
St. Louis, Mo.		8:28	8:29	8:29	8:27
Kansas City, Mo.		8:47	8:48	8:48	8:46
Denver, Co.		8:31	8:32	8:32	8:30
Little Rock, Ark.		8:25	8:26	8:26	8:25
Dallas, Texas		8:38	8:39	8:39	8:38
New Orleans, La.		8:04	8:05	8:05	8:04
Albuquerque, N.M.		8:23	8:24	8:24	8:23
Oklahoma City, Okla.		8:48	8:49	8:49	8:48

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

HANDS IN SERVICE

"Hands in Service" was the theme for the conference-wide Deaf Day at the Southeast Cleveland SDA Church in Cleveland, Ohio, as Pastor D. W. Trusty graciously turned the entire day over to deaf activities.

The deaf work in Allegheny West was started in 1968 at the Glenville church by the father of one of the participants on the morning program, Sharon Cleveland Hall, whose father is Pastor Harold L. Cleveland, president of the conference. A nerve injury at birth is the projected cause for her deafness.

Thompson Kay, director for the deaf work for North America from Braille Services and speaker for the morning, was taught the deaf A-B-C's by Sharon Cleveland Hall in Atlanta, Georgia, where her father was then pastoring so Kay could communicate with her, according to the speaker. He told the conference-wide group this was his first commitment to the hearing-impaired ministry.

Kay signed with his hands the entire message as he portrayed vividly and beautifully the "Love of Jesus." He told how each person present could become involved in "Hands in Service" for Christ. The entire congregation responded to the call and committed themselves to the deaf work in Allegheny West Conference.

Kay feels close to the deaf work in Allegheny West, for it was in 1976 in Cincinnati, Ohio, that he served as Bible instructor for a Dr. E. E. Cleveland campaign. Approximately 240 souls were baptized, of whom 21 were deaf. He has also held many workshops at Allegheny West campmeetings and churches, at which time the deaf coordinators became interested in this service.

Some of the highlights of the morning were "He Touched Me," inspirationally sung and signed by Hazel Gilleylen. The children's story was told and signed by Yvette Bailey Cooper and the scripture was read by Beatrice Burks and signed by Sharon Cleveland Hall.

Elizabeth M. Cleveland Conference Correspondent

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



Conference deaf coordinators with speaker, president and church pastor.



Pastor Trusty welcomes conference-wide meeting to his church.



Lyniell Hammond, Pittsburgh coordinator and Sharon Cleveland Hall.



Conference deaf coordinators with speaker.



Portion of Cincinnati deaf group performing in deaf choir.



Yvette Bailey Cooper tells and signs children's story.



President Cleveland assures deaf workers and members of conference love and concern.



Pastor and Mrs. H. M. Mouzon and family

MOUZONS ACCEPT CALL TO BERMUDA

H. M. Mouzon has accepted a call to pastor the South Hampton, Bermuda, SDA Church. He will also carry the responsibility of lay activities director.

He and his family resumed service to the Bermuda Mission in April of 1981.

A graduate of Oakwood College in business administration, Pastor Mouzon began his denominational work as a literature evangelist in the Southwest Region Conference in Dallas, Texas. He later served as an accountant for the conference for two-and-one-half years.

The desire to serve the Lord in preaching the gospel of Christ became overwhelming. In answer to this desire, he was assigned to his first district in Louisiana. Mouzon pastored in the Southwest Region for seven years.

Mouzon's ministry was greatly enhanced when he accepted a call to the First SDA Church in Huntsville, Alabama, in 1971. His labors with the members there produced a beautiful edifice to the glory of God. Mouzon's influence was instrumental in erecting a church building in Decatur, Alabama, just 20 miles from Huntsville.

In 1975, Hector was called to the Central States Conference as pastor of the Linwood Boulevard SDA Temple in Kansas City, Missouri. During his tenure there the Beacon Light church was established, which now has a membership of 100 members.

Upon recovery from back surgery in 1980, Mouzon was assigned to the Atchison/Topeka, Kansas, district, where he served until his call to the Bermuda Mission.

Mouzon is married to the former Inola Wright, who is a convert of his pastoral ministry. The Mouzons have twin boys, Derek and Damyon, both age 13.

Mouzon's ministry has been highlighted by his dedicated pastoral experience and the fact that he has added souls to the church wherever he has served.

We wish the Mouzons God's blessing. They shall be missed in the Central States Conference.

> William R. Wright Communication Director

DENVER YOUTH IS OUTSTANDING MUSICIAN

Valerie Johnson, a sophomore in high school and member of the Park Hill SDA Church, has distinguished herself in violin performance.

She has been playing the violin for four years and has played with the Aurora Youth Symphony and Pops Orchestra. Valerie, who also plays the piano, says she enjoys playing the violin. "It is easy to play and makes my left handedness useful instead of awkward," she exclaimed.

This Park Hill youth has won several awards, trophies and certificates for her performances. Valerie's talent has been used by the Metropolitan State College Symphony and the Brice Symphony. She is planning to graduate a year early and has been asked to teach fellow students who want violin lessons. Her immediate goal is to prepare for acceptance into Juilliard's School of Music in New York.

Valerie attributes her present abilities toward violin music to John Fodor, music teacher at the Aurora Hills middle school, who taught Valerie the psychological skill to the art of playing. This has helped her in performances with the various orchestras she is now involved with.

Valerie is practicing at present for a concert at the Cercone Music Center. Her most exciting experience thus far was playing at Currigan Hall.

Margaret Hayes Communication Secretary

NEWS NOTE

Maria Bullock and Emerson Jackson III were united in holy matrimony on January 25, 1981. Pastor B. T. Rice performed the ceremony. The couple will reside in St. Louis, Missouri.



Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Boykin

LITERATURE EVANGELIST TESTIFIES OF GOD'S GOODNESS

Ardella Boykin, a credentialed literature evangelist, has been serving the Lord in this capacity since 1960. She has known happiness and disappointment, but in all her service she has seen God work on her behalf.

One evening she went to the home of a minister whom she had canvassed earlier. Imagine her disappointment when he informed her that he had purchased the Bible Reference Library from someone else.

Sometime later her sorrow was turned to joy when she was inspired by the Holy Spirit to go back to his house. He had the names and addresses of seven other ministers. Upon talking about the books, the minister exclaimed, "I didn't know that Seventh-day Adventists put out such fine books as these!" Boykin's excitement was rewarded when the minister enrolled in the Bible study entitled "Daniel and the Revelation."

Another customer of Ardella Boykin has finished the Voice of Prophecy course and is now requesting more Bible studies. She is now completing the Amazing Facts Bible course.

Ardella and her husband Randolph have recently relocated in Omaha, Nebraska. They both love the literature ministry. We believe that God will continue to bless with souls and sales.

WITNESSING PROGRAM HELD AT BURNS

"There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God" (MH 159:4). This was the theme of the first No Limit Witnessing for Christ Training Program held in the Lake Region Conference.

This audio-visual layperson training program is new from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Lay Activities Department and was used together with the Witnessing for Christ manual by the Burns Avenue church in Detroit, Michigan, very effectively to train members who were interested in learning how to contact people and win them to Christ.

February 2, 1981, was a spiritual day at the Burns Avenue church as 40 men and women came forward to receive certificates of award from J. David Parker, pastor, for having successfully completed the first No Limit Training Program in this conference.

Many classes have been held to teach members how to give Bible studies, but somehow only a few ever get the courage to actually go out and give the studies. Whenever asked why, the standard reply seems to be they are afraid or they simply just don't know how. This training program is designed to help members overcome their fear of people and show just what to do. At the close of the twelve-week program, many expressed themselves as having overcome fear and feeling comfortable about approaching individuals concerning spiritual matters and one's need for a Savior.

The on-the-job-training provided by the program gave the students the opportunity to put into action what they were learning in the classroom. Bible studies were obtained by the class members.

The training program was sponsored by the lay activities department and James McGriff, leader. Joseph Cummings and Georgia McMillen served as instructors.

The No Limit Witnessing for Christ Training Program is now being made available to all the churches in the Lake Region Conference. Contact J. C. Wray, lay activities department director of the Lake Region Conference, for further information.



Georgia McMillian, Bible instructor and J. D. Parker, pastor, present certificates.

SENIOR CITIZENS REMEMBERED AT CAPITOL CITY

March 28, 1981, was a special day for Goldie Johnson, the 38th senior citizen to be honored by the Capitol City Church since the inception of their Senior Citizen's Committee.

Phyllis Murrell, chairperson of the committee, arranges a monthly program included in the morning worship service to give special recognition to senior citizens.

A brief biographical sketch is given and a corsage or boutonniere, along with a certificate, is persented to the special person. The honored senior citizen is then given the opportunity to share with the church their experiences of becoming a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Many interesting experiences have been shared in this manner.

Sick and shut-in members are not forgotten as special programs are arranged for them, also. They are remembered on special occasions as well with fruit baskets, cards and telephone calls. During the Christmas season, parties are planned for the senior citizens.

Charli Cartwright Communication Secretary

EVANGELISM RALLY HELD IN CHICAGO

The Chicagoland Minister's Association met to formulate plans for a citywide evangelism explosion for 1981. Choosing as their theme, "We're 1 to Win 1 in '81," they presented their plans to the laity during a rally at the Shiloh church on Sabbath afternoon, April 11. The objective of the rally was to encourage every layman to do his part in winning someone to Christ.

Charles D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, admonished the congregation to remember that it is by God's authority that we preach this gospel.

James Wray, lay activities director, charged the laity to join hands with the ministry to finish the task before us.

Charles Drake, pastor of the Straford Memorial church and chairman of the rally, called for baptismal commitments for each pastor. A goal of 1,001 persons joining their lives with Christ in 1981 was set.

Tyrone Boyd, pastor of the Beacon of Joy/Morgan Park district, interviewed several successful laymen whose witnessing had encouraged someone to become a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Many different situations and experiences were shared during this period proving that Christ can use us in sundry ways.

Special music for the occasion was given by the Straford Memorial church choir. Dora Martin from the Independence Boulevard church, a quartet from the Spanish churches and Joella Gause from the Hyde Park church.

November 28, 1981, has been set as the victory day when the Chicagoland area will once again meet and give God the glory for the great things He hath done.

The rally ended with a vesper thought presented by Jerome Davis, pastor of the Hyde Park church.

Crystal R. Drake

WELCOMING GOOD NEIGHBORS

Margie Smith, lay activity leader of the City Temple SDA Church, in an effort to promote total membership involvement, scheduled a Good Neighbor Day.

Members were asked to invite friends whom they considered to be good neighbors to attend. Special invitations were extended to the neighbors in the community surrounding the church.

Seventy-six visitors were present during Sabbath school and divine worship. A copy of *Steps to Christ* and a "Good Neighbor Award" were presented to each visitor.

A tribute entitled "And Who Is My Neighbor" was delivered by Constance Topps.

The Lay Activities Department is looking forward to another Good Neighbor Day in the near future.

WEEK OF PRAYER AT CAPITAL CITY

On April 12-18, Dr. Patrick Vincent, pastor of the Ephesus SDA Church in Birmingham, Alabama, was guest speaker for Capital City SDA Church in Albany, New York, for Spring Week of Prayer.

Vincent is a native of Trinidad and the brother of Pastor William Vincent, pastor of Capital City.

Dr. Vincent presented an inspiring message each night. Visitors and guests present received a rich spiritual blessing.

> Ronald Husband Correspondent



Members of the LaBelle Society.

BYKOTA CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The BYKOTA (Be Ye Kind One To Another) Club held a beautiful ceremony to celebrate their 30th anniversary and invited many Adventist clubs in the metropolitan area to help them celebrate. Each club presented a history of accomplishments, projects and activities they were involved in.

A special candlelight ceremony was held to encourage clubs to become active participants in education projects. The La Belle Societe' of New York and New Jersey were recipients of BYKOTA's First Annual Achievement Award Cup for their outstanding work in education.

Over the years the La Belle Societe' sponsored many children through the R. T. Hudson Elementary School in the Bronx, New York; sent children to Northeastern Conference Victory Lake Camp in Hyde Park, New York; are actively involved with the Blind Institution in New York City and send care packages to college students.

In the absence of La Belle Societe's president, Mary Smalls, Shirley A. Price

and Dianna L. Robinson accepted the award from BYKOTA's president, Valerie Bennett who challenged each club to continue actively participating in educating black children.



Charles Lee Brooks

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT WHITE PLAINS

On Community Guest Day, April 4, 1981, the First White Plains SDA Church Sabbath School Department superintendent, Randolph White, welcomed members and neighbors.

The Sabbath School lesson, "Church Fallen and Redeemed" was taught by Leroy Lawrence, who emphasized the importance of faith in redeeming the church.

Pastor Charles Lee Brooks, associate director of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference of SDA in Washington, D.C., preached the sermon, "No Faith, No Church." Faith does not come through exortation; faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. That's why we come to study the word of God.

Faith may be mixed with doubt. Since faith and doubt are nourished by the same inner energy, only the man who doubts can believe and only the man who believes can doubt. Faith is always tied with life. It is only as life interrogates us that we know what we believe, and how deeply we believe, do we begin to search and believe how deeply imbedded the love of God is empowered by using our hearts.

Faith's chief source is Jesus. We believe Him, we also believe through Him and like Him.

John Calvin, the father of the Presbyterian church, said that "faith is a steady and certain knowledge of the Divine benevolence towards God which being founded on the truth of the gratuious promise in Christ is both revealed to our lives and converted to our hearts by the Holy Spirit."

Without faith, whatever else the church may have, it is nothing. "Where do they keep the faith?" What books are to the library, faith is to the church. If you have no books, you have no library. If you hve no faith, you have no church. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." "All things are possible to him who believes." "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Faith is man's participation in God.

A fellowship lunch was served after the service. The afternoon musical program included many talented musicians in the area. The day ended at sunset but the message will have an eternal influence.

> Dorothy M. Toppins Correspondent

EDUCATION DAY AT BETHESDA S.D.A. CHURCH

by Anita L. Mask

Surrounded by students of the Bethesda elementary and junior high schools in Amityville, New York, Pastor Adrian T. Westney, associate director of education for the Columbia Union Conference, pointed out several important aspects that support the need for attentive understanding and continued maintenance of Christian education.

His presentation called the Sabbath congregation, on Education Day, to search and recognize that each and every gift encountered is given through the catalyst of wisdom, knowledge and education, as defined by our Lord and Master. "There is no need to question these areas," he stated, "as their origin, nature and purpose are defined everywhere in the Bible. As sound Adventists we must learn to free ourselves from the fears of education, from the fear of those who have education and from education principles that are alien to the dogma of the Adventist principles. We must become aware that knowledge complemented by Christian awareness allows us the choice to select right over wrong. Furthermore, it applauds and

permits us to profit from the spiritual and perceptual powers that we encounter from doing right."

The congregation listened attentively as Dr. Westney made it crystal clear that the priority provision of Christian education is to fulfill the commission of God and carry out His plan for the restoration of His image in man. "We must morally and ethically awake the self into acknowledging that Christian education touches every facet of academics. This is the tool that leads others into admiring the quality of children that we present to this society—God fearing and upright citizens," he continued.

He recognized that all parents have problems coping with and rearing their children and answered the plight by encouraging them to seek knowledge from the Master's plan. "Total commitment and acceptance of God's knowledge will educate all parents and their offsprings in the methods and manners that will solve every encountered problem. This is the main tool given to set you, God's children, free."

In summary, he insisted that "there is no need to cry tears of woe. They suggest that our children will not make the grade. If you must cry, cry tears of praise as you watch our Adventist youth excel to unmeasureable heights. They who are guided by the blessed message of Christian education rarely fall by the wayside," he concluded.

YOUTHS STAND FOR CHRIST

In an era when young people are turning to drugs, sex and other destructive devices in a desperate effort to fill the vacuum in their lives, there are still young people who love God and want to give their young lives to him. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he shall not depart from it." This is exactly what the parents of Christian Fellowship did. They watched with tears of joy as the precious young lives God had entrusted in their care gave their lives back to him.

This happened on March 15 when 25 youths and two adults were buried with their Lord in baptism. This is the first time in Christian Fellowship's history that so many youth took their stand for Christ and decided to give up the pleasures of this world to look forward to the new earth.



Dr. A. Westney, addressing the congregation.



Newly baptized youth converts.

Baptisms always produce an emotional reaction in those being baptized and those who observe. This baptism was no different in that sense, but there was an added element—the congregation was also emotionally involved with what was taking place. Perhaps the fact

that they watched these children grow up in the church accounted for the overwhelming joy and gladness that the congregation experienced.

> Paula B. Reid Communication Secretary

MEDICAL UNIT SPONSORS HEALTH FAIR

The medical unit of the Abney Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina, recently sponsored a health fair at the church.

O. L. Sherrod, pastor of the church, started the week off with a Sabbath service centered on the spiritual heart.

On Sunday evening Dr. Garfield Grimmett, a cardiologist stationed at Fort Bragg, spoke on the physical heart, giving ample time for questions. Edith Chance, a registered nurse and active member of the cancer society, spoke and gave a film on breast cancer for the Monday night program.

On Tuesday, Cpt. Phil Ross, RN, from Fort Bragg, discussed hypertension and opened the floor for questions. Alice Whitley, a nutrition expert, spoke on diet and nutrition, giving some interesting facts on the concept that "you are what you eat."

Thursday's meeting was given to Bessie M. Campbell, a local mortician, who spoke on death and dying. On Friday, Dr. Jesse Williams, director of the Cumberland County Health Department, gave some insight on services available to the public that are offered by the health department.

Dr. Robert Holt, an Adventist doctor from the district, climaxed the fair with the Sabbath message. The theme of the fair was "that thou mayest prosper and be in health," The fair seemed to create a new awareness to health problems in the church and the community. The president of the medical unit is Bessie M. Campbell.

Bessie M. Campbell Medical Unit President



Ceola Hagan Jones, the charming little school teacher of 41 years.

DEDICATED TEACHER HONORED

Ceola Hagan Jones announced her retirement effective December 31, 1980. This came as a surprise to a number of people particularly because it was in the middle of the school year, though this did not disturb the school program.

Two big events attested to the deep appreciation of the Atlanta community for Jones' 41 years of service in the classrooms of the Seventh-day Adventist church school pointing boys and girls to Christ. The Home and School Fellowship, under the leadership of Loretta Palmer, accompanied by the board, staff and students of the Atlanta-Berean Junior Academy, on February 1, 1981, paid tribute. The J. G. Thomas Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association, under the leadership of Katie Settle, sponsored a gala testimonial at the American Hotel in Atlanta on March 1, 1981.

Both events were moving and inspirational. The Home and School Fellowship took advantage of the opportunity to kick off the drive for funds to update the school from the 10th to the 12th grade.

Many spoke of Jones' outstanding contributions. Pastor C. D. Henri, recently retired vice president of the General Conference, who up to 1970 was Ceola's pastor, characterized her as an "institution" leaving the scene. Each of the 10 classes presented her with a large star decorated with quarters.

Twyla Laurette Hall, a 10th grader whom she taught in the first grade, wrote this poem entitled "To Mrs. Ceola H. Jones":

To Mrs. Ceola H. Jones

You gave us time, over half of your life, You gave others your love and concern, A teacher by day and even at night, Devoted to helping us learn.

For 41 years you've helped us to grow, You've always done more than your part,

To try to instill knowledge in our minds, And a love for God in our hearts.

You've always been there, needed or not,

To help us through trials and pain, And year after year, time after time, You've returned to serve yet again.

So we thank you today for all that you've done,



The retirement banquet of the Atlanta Chapter of Oakwood College Alumni Association for Ceola Jones (center) was spearheaded by Katie Settle, the president (left) and Beverly Gilbert, secretary (right). Settle was herself honored at the National Alumni Homecoming Banquet at Oakwood College on April 18. This award is for dedicated service and outstanding achievements as a regional vice president of the National Chapter in the South Atlantic Conference area.

For standing with faith strong and true, And last but not least, remember always,

That forever, Mrs. Jones, we'll love you.

The testimonial luncheon at the Atlanta American Hotel by the association was well attended. The executive committee left no stone unturned to inform Ceola that she was greatly appreciated for her faithful service. A number of people from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she had taught, came to participate in this very special occasion.

The Southern Union Conference Board of Education voted to honor her at the Teachers' Convention in August with the coveted "Certification of Recognition" from the General Conference.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Campmeeting—
June 4-13—Hawthorne, Florida

Oratorical Contest—
June 12—Hawthorne, Florida

Conference Development Offering—
June 13

Summer Camp (Juniors)—

June 22-July 19
Summer Evangelism—

July 1-September 30 Christian Record Braille Foundation Offering—June 12

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Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

LIMA DRIVE HOSTS GUEST CHOIR

The Lima Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church's youth choir, "Family" recently hosted the Indianapolis, Indiana, choir, "Echos of Faith."

A mood of anticipation had pervaded the church for weeks and, upon their arrival, the "Echos" lived up to their reputation.

The evening's concert was climaxed with two selections led by William Johnson, new youth choir director at Lima Drive as well as founder and former choir director of the "Echos of Faith" choir. Pastor Johnson also gave a rendition that reached everyone. Pastor Bill Monk gave an appeal to the crowded congregation.



Community Relations Day guests chatting after dinner. Pictured left to right are Ms. Taylor, daughter of honored guest, Joan Taylor; Dr. Robert Jefferson, chairman, human rights commission of Lexington, honored guest; John McFadden, Lexington police chief, special guest; and Dr. Bill Turner, pastor, Central Baptist Church.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DAY HELD AT LIMA DRIVE

The Lima Drive SDA Church celebrated Community Relations Day by honoring leaders of the Lexington, Kentucky, community. Lexington Mayor James Amato issued a proclamation calling the day "Lima Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church's Community Relations Day."

Honorees were Harold Greene, administrative assistant to Kentucky Governor J. Y. Brown, Jr.; George Wilson, Kentucky commissioner of corrections; Dr. Robert Jefferson, chairman, Human Rights Commission; Jack Birch, director, Community Action; Joan Taylor, Manpower executive; and Dr. Bill Turner, pastor, Central Baptist Church.

As guest speaker, Dr. E. E. Cleveland electrified the overflowing congregation,

which was covered by all three local television stations. Music was provided by the Magazine Street Youth Choir of Louisville, Kentucky, the Royal Sons of Sound from Oakwood College; and Councilman Edgar Wallace.

Invited guests included: Police Chief John McFadden; Kentucky Central Insurance Company Assistant Vice President of Claims Sherman Chaudoin; and Dr. and Mrs. Donald Blake, Kentucky State University vice president. A letter was read by Pastor Bill Monk from Governor J. Y. Brown, Jr., apologizing for having to be out of town and missing the occasion. The morning service was followed by a fellowship dinner enjoyed by all.

FRIENDSHIP DAY AT RIVERSIDE

Richard Lewis, president of Citizen's Saving and Trust Company in Nashville, Tennessee, the second oldest minority bank in the United States, was honored by the Riverside SDA Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee, as "Citizen of the Year" on March 21 at its Annual Community Friendship Day.

Lewis has an understanding of Adventism that dates back to his birth at Riverside Sanitarium. His son was born at Riverside and his children attend an Adventist school. He is the recipient of an appreciation award from South Central Conference.

Pam Simon presented a sketch of Lewis's life, then pronounced him "Citizen of the Year." Xavier Butler, pastor of Riverside Chapel, presented the plaque and B. Thompson presented a gift edition of *Desire of Ages*.

According to Butler, "Community Friendship Day was held to show Riverside Chapel's appreciation for and support of the outstanding contributions made by leading citizens to the development and betterment of the community." He further added that "we also wanted to share our spiritual strength and moral fiber with the city."

Music was rendered by Duane Hamilton and Dr. J. Bradley, director of music education for the Sunday School Publishing Board of Nashville. Also present was W. A. Reed, religious editor of the *Tennessean*, the city's leading newspaper.

The day's service was covered by the local newspaper with a circulation of 142,000. The story was featured in the paper's regular column, "A Reporter

Goes to Church." More than fifty visitors attended Community Friendship Day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Evangelistic crusades begin
conference-wide
Staff meeting
Housing board meeting
35th CAMPMEETING
CONFERENCE COMMIT-
TEE MEETING
Lay Advisory Council
Meeting
Pathfinder Camporee—
Huntsville, AL
Friendship Camp for Ken-
tucky and Tennessee
Housing Board meeting
Friendship Camp for
Alabama and Mississippi
Literature Evangelists Rally
Day-Nashville, TN
Youth Camp
Adventist Youth Camp
Retreat for Ministers of
other faiths
BOARD OF EDUCATION

LIMA DRIVE PARTICIPATES IN LAY PREACHING SEMINAR

MEETING

Local elders and deacons around Kentucky gathered at the London, Kentucky, SDA Church recently for a lay preaching seminar tailored to develop their homiletic skills.

The Kentucky-Tennessee conference president attended and gave his endorsement to such lay seminars in his opening remarks.

Guest speaker Douglas Bennett, chairman of the religious division, Southern Missionary College, inspired the laymen to accept the challenge to join hands with the ministers in evangelizing to finish the work.

Bill Monk, pastor of the Lima Drive SDA Church in Lexington, Kentucky, met with several local elders and deacons to expose his church officers to this training

A lavish luncheon was served by the ladies of the London church. This seminar was co-sponsored by Pastors Will Harden, London, Kentucky, and Denver Cavins, Somerset, Kentucky.

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9,500 ENJOY HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Approximately 9,500 alumni and friends of Oakwood College met on the campus and at the Von Braun Civic Center to participate in the 14th National Alumni Homecoming Weekend, April 16-

On Friday evening Dr. E. E. Cleveland launched the weekend with the sermon, "My God, My God, Why?" The Sabbath school program was conducted by the class of 1971 with Dr. Keith Wood, a member of that class, serving as superintendent for the morning.

We were blessed with the message of the hour by Pastor C. D. Brooks, speaker and director of the Breath of Life television program. Clifton Davis served as master of ceremonies for a musical variety vesper hour program followed by the "Brothers," a vocal ensemble from Washington, D.C.

Saturday evening was filled with activities such as the alumni banquet, a fashion show, a basketball game and a variety of other alumni-sponsored events.

The National Alumni Association wishes to thank all participants and

speakers who were with us this weekend and invite all to attend the 15th National Alumni Association Homecoming on April 8-11, 1982, on the Oakwood College campus.

Dr. Danny Blanchard Vice-President of National Alumni Association/Homecoming Coordinator



C. D. Brooks during the 11 a.m service.



Alice Follette, class of 1921.



E. E. Cleveland and Dr. Benjamin Reaves during Friday evening vespers.



Clifton Davis, Sabbath evening vespers.



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VICTORY LAKE NURSING HOME CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY



Dr. G. R. Earle, left, chairman of Victory Lake Nursing Home board, presenting a plaque to George Pelote, administrator.



Chairman of the Nursing Home board, Dr. G. R. Earle, left, gives a plaque to Robert Farrow, assistant administrator.



S. W. Stovall, right, receives a plaque for 10 years of service as secretary of the Nursing Home board.



Lee Paschal, left, communication director for Victory Lake Nursing Home, presenting a plaque to Dr. George Earle, chairman of the Nursing Home board for 10 years.



Nurse Marlene Doswell, left, presents a service pin to Joyce Riddick, activities department director.



Courtney Wood, M.D., right, accepts a plaque from the chairman of the Nursing Home board for 10 years of service to the home.

IN THE NEWS

CORRECTION

The March issue carried an incorrect picture credit for the cover. The proper name should have read Wilbur Young.

NEW DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS ALLEGHENY WEST

News Notes

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LEE-JACKSON WEDDING

Frances Lee and Albert Lee Jackson were united in marriage on January 24 in the Temple Gate Seventh-day Adventist Church in Selma, Alabama. Pastor R. S. Norman, III, performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lee. The groom's mother is Mrs. Annie L. Jackson. The couple is residing in Selma.

NEWS NOTES

The Jordan Avenue SDA Church in Pensacola, Florida, under the pastorate of Morris Patterson, recently held its annual Sabbath School Visitors Day. I. J. Johnson, director of communication for South Central Conference, was guest speaker.

The J. L. Gudgers of Greenville, Tennessee, celebrated their eighth anniversary at Brainard Church on Henry Street. The anniversary lasted for a week. It was a combination of singspiration and preaching by Pastor Ceasar Monroe. This event brought many of the city's music lovers to the Adventist church.

The evaluation committee of South Central's Education Department, under the direction of J. Dent, is making visits to all the conference schools for accreditation.

Joseph F. Milner, local elder of the East Cleveland SDA Church in Cleveland, Tennessee, was honored by the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga for being named to Who's Who's in the South and Southwest.

Milner has been a member of the university staff since 1976 and a continuing education instructor at Chattanooga State Technical Community College. He holds degrees in sociology, anthropology, psychology and social welfare from UTC and a master's degree in education.

The honor produced quite a media event. Milner's picture and a brief blographical sketch appeared in the Chattanooga Times and two other local newspapers. Among his many accomplishments listed was his active involvement with the SDA church as founder and local elder of the East Cleveland congregation. He was interviewed on seven radio stations. "The interview," according to one announcer, "brought more calls of appreciation than I have received from any prior program."

James Spraggins and Georgia Lasley were awarded a certificate of merit for being outstanding literature evangelists in the Emmanuel SDA Church in Mobile, Alabama. Spraggins, who started only ten months ago, has delivered \$10,000 and Lasley, who works so perseveringly, said, "I can't quit!"

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Lee Davis of the Emmanuel SDA Church in Mobile, Alabama, dedicated their son, Sammy, Jr., to the Lord. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marion Yates, and the Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Murphy.

WORTHINGTON PRODUCES NEW PRODUCT

Allan R. Buller, executive vice president of Worthington Foods, announced today that the company will be introducing a line of canned vegetarian soups to its market during the second quarter of the year. Among the new soups to be introduced will be a non-meat chicken noodle and a non-meat beef vegetable soup. The addition of soups to the company's product line will increase to 55 the number of different products produced and marketed by Worthington Foods.

Worthington Foods is located in Worthington and was the only industry in the city during its early years. The company was founded in 1939 under the name Special Foods—a name later changed to Worthington Foods when the company was incorporated in 1945. In 1960 the company acquired manufacturing and marketing rights to the line of Battle Creek Food Company products. In 1970 Worthington Foods merged with Miles Laboratories, Inc. and has since been a part of the Miles corporation which has its home office in Elkhart, Indiana.

From the very beginning, research and development efforts at Worthington Foods have been directed toward the production of vegetable protein products. The company has pioneered in the development of a market for meat analogs and is presently the world's largest producer of meat analog products. Mr. Buller stated further that a growing consumer interest in vegetarian cooking adds significance to what the company has been doing since it was founded.

The company employs over 200 people and continues to show growth in sales and in the extent of its market. Foreign sales today account for about 10% of the total business done by Worthington Foods.

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The Raiders-Pathfinders of Winston-Salem-Ephesus invested 10 Pathfinders and seven guides to bring their club to 45 members. At this candlelight service they distributed over 100 cans of food which they had collected. Leaders in the club, at left, are Rose Wesley, leader for the past three years, flanked on her left by Ruth Dunlap, community service director, and on the right by Caroline Wilson, a counselor. On the right are Molene Johnson, the master guide with counselor Carter on her left and junior counselor Roy Hall on her right.

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR AT CAPITOL CITY

Capitol City was the site for the Lake Region Conference departmental seminar for the Indiana area. Samual Flagg and James Wray served as directors.

Ivan Warden of Andrews University spoke at the Friday evening meeting. J. Hinson, director of Sabbath school and lay activities for South Atlantic Conference, delivered the message for the Sabbath morning worship service.

Areas of concentration for the various seminars were: stewardship, superintendents, secretaries, teachers, children's division, juniors/earliteens, lay activities and community services. Facilitators were: Pastor S. Flagg, Muriel Wray, D. Mayo, Robert L. Jones, Jean Warden, Pastor and Mrs. Robert Tolson, G. McMillen and E. Sampson.

Pastor C. D. Joseph, president, spoke for the general session on Sunday challenging all in attendance to renewed dedication for total effort for effective leadership.

> Charli Cartwright Communication Secretary

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East. Then, in 1970, he was asked to serve as executive secretary for the union.

Thompson also served on the committee that selected the site for Pine Forge Academy and initiated and developed the Ushers Federation for the Baltimore Berean church. This became a model for other successful groups within the black conferences. Since joining the union staff, he also served as director for the inner-city work.

While at Oakwood, William Thompson met Mary J. Martin, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and in 1941 they were married. Upon graduation she began a career of teaching, which has continued through the years. She too will retire at the end of the current school year. The Thompsons have two daughters, Cheryl Marie (Cartwright) and Renee Patrice, R.N.

Retirement is not a term that ties in easily with men like Pastor Thompson. Soon after word of his retirement was announced he was asked to serve as pastor of the Edmondson Avenue church in Baltimore. This he was pleased to accept, for through his experience as an administrator he has developed some ideas for church growth. He plans to show how a church can witness and grow by inaugurating one of his ideas, a special reclamation program that he calls the "90 and 9 Fellowship."

In the words of Pastor Coe, "God bless you, Pastor Thompson, for all you have done to advance God's cause" in the past and for what you will continue to do in the local church in the years ahead.

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