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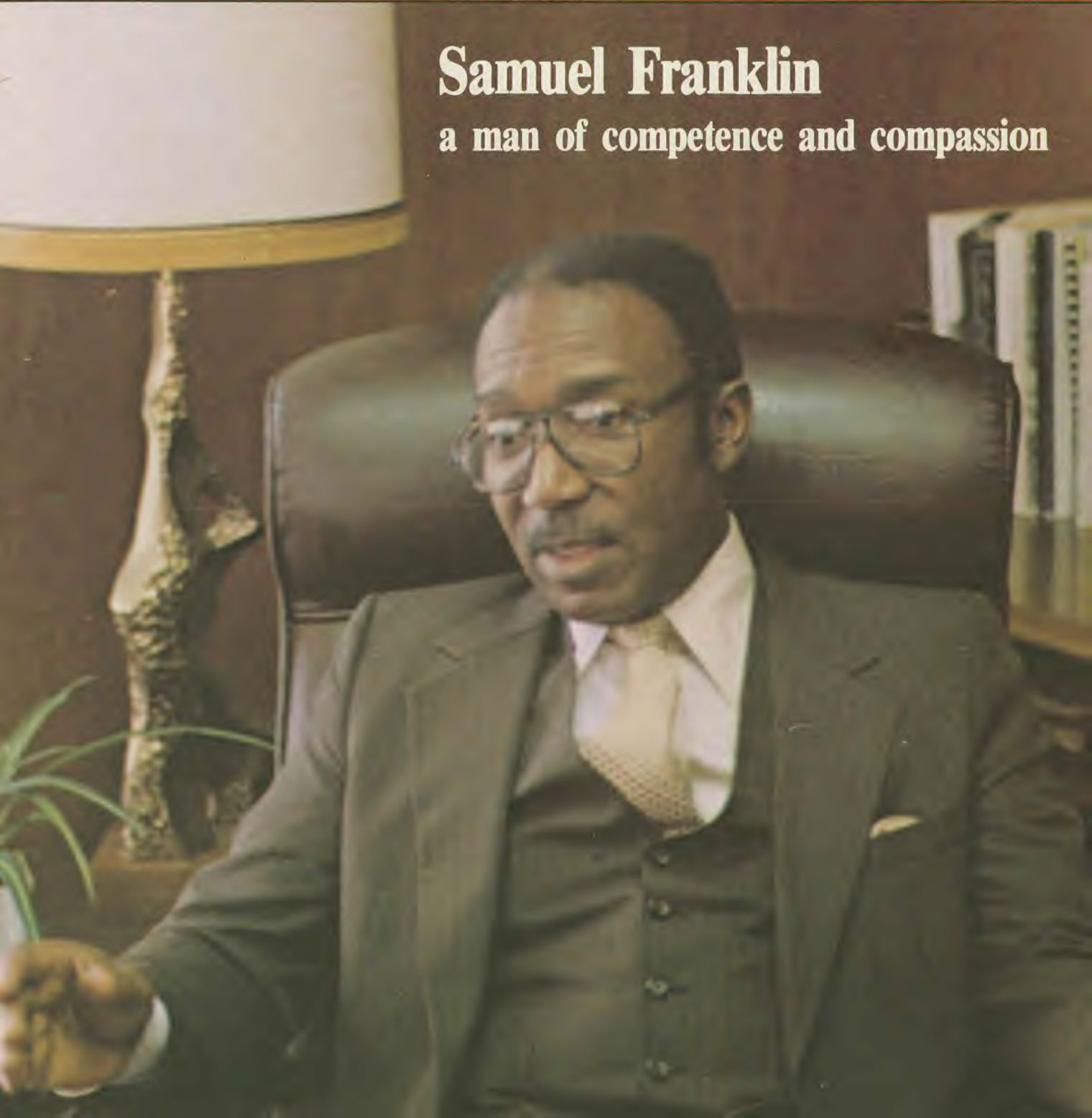
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## **Samuel Franklin**

**a man of competence and compassion**



## COVER STORY

### SAMUEL FRANKLIN: COMPASSION AND COMPETENCE AT THE TOP

By Stephanie Johnson

"The desire of power in excess caused angels to fall; The desire of knowledge in excess caused man to fall; But charity is no excess, neither can angel or man come in danger by it."  
—Francis Bacon.

We live in a time when it is no longer fashionable to champion the cause of those who have no might. Men are no longer their brother's keeper. The poor and disinherited are scorned by a generation of self-seekers.

Yet there remain noble men and women who are committed to the uplifting of humanity. One shining example of a caring person is Samuel Franklin, executive director of housing for New Haven, Connecticut.

Franklin is one of the most influential black men in Connecticut and the only black city administrator in New Haven. He is the biggest landlord in the city, with 18,000 tenants, 216 employees and a budget of more than \$35,000,000.

As executive director for housing, he is in charge of the total management of the city's public housing. With such a great responsibility it might be easy to immerse oneself in administration and forget about the people living in the public housing.

However, Samuel Franklin is no ordinary administrator. He is a man of firm and unwavering Christian principles. He is neither flattered by prestige nor swayed by power. He is genuinely concerned about the people in his care. Since he assumed the position, not one tenant has been evicted, even if unable to pay the rent. He wonders, "If I evict them, where will they go?"

He has received \$34,000,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to renovate several of the dilapidated housing units in the city so that the tenants can enjoy a finer quality of living.

It is because of his compassionate leadership that he has gained the respect of his tenants as well as his colleagues.

There has long been a classic struggle between the housing authority and its tenants. Samuel Franklin seems to have bridged that gap. He sees himself



as a public servant working in the interest of the people. "Without the tenants there can be no reason for a job such as mine. So I feel I must be responsible to their concerns and at least listen to them, even if I cannot immediately solve whatever problem they bring to me."

Who is this noble, compassionate soul that is sensitive to the needs of the less fortunate?

#### Roots

Samuel Franklin is one of six children born to Hugh and Eliza Franklin of Sumpter, South Carolina. His life was not colored by struggle. Neither was his family poor and destitute. He enjoyed a strong, stable background. Religion played an important part in their lives. The Franklins were members of a local Methodist church.

His father was a carpenter who ably provided for his family while his wife remained at home to rear the children.

Young Samuel completed high school and joined the Navy. Military duties took him to Europe and Japan for two years during World War II. This experience developed him into a strong and decisive young man.

In 1945 he was discharged and the following year, on April 16, he was married to his high school sweetheart, the former Amelia Sanders.

From their union a daughter, Beverly, was born. Presently, Beverly holds a position in Blue Cross-Blue Shield in New Haven and Mrs. Franklin is actively involved in charity work. For 35 years Mrs. Franklin has been a loving and supportive wife.

Soon after Samuel and Amelia were married, they moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where they joined other members of their family in search of greater opportunities.

#### Accepting the Advent Message

One Sabbath morning Amelia told Samuel, "I'm going to church today." "Not today," he replied. "You mean tomorrow. Today is Saturday!" "No, I mean today." Then she explained that she was reared in a Seventh-day Adventist home but strayed from her childhood faith because she thought it too "strict." But that day she was greatly impressed to attend church.

He asked her, "How will you find a Seventh-day Adventist church?" "I'll catch the bus," she replied, "and when I get downtown, I'll look to see if anyone is carrying a Bible and when I find someone, I'll follow that person to church." That day she found an Adventist Christian going to church. She returned to the Adventist church and soon Samuel became interested. Bible studies were conducted in their homes by the late Mary Walker, sometimes with an attendance of more than twenty people. When the Franklins fully accepted all of the Adventist doctrines they were baptized together in 1949 by the late Pastor T. Wilson.

For 32 years the Franklins have been faithful members of Mount Zion Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hamden, Connecticut. Samuel has served in every capacity in the church. He is an active layman now serving on the Northeastern Conference Executive Committee and the Atlantic Union Executive Committee.

#### The Accident That Changed His Life

Samuel followed his father's footsteps and became a carpenter. He worked for six months in construction before he was accepted into the local carpentry union. On his first try for membership he was rejected because the quota of black carpenters was filled. Yet, he didn't give up! He applied for membership the second time and was accepted.

For the next twenty years he worked as a carpenter until he had an accident that changed his life. In 1963, while working on a construction site, he entered an elevator that fell four stories down. He sustained a serious neck and back injury but didn't realize it. He continued to work for two years until he could no longer endure the pain.

At the advice of his physician, he underwent exploratory surgery. This was the beginning of six operations that were performed on his back. His back and neck injuries were not the only health problems he encountered. He suffers

from glaucoma and is legally blind in one eye. Yet he is a towering strength of fortitude and faith.

For two years Franklin remained disabled. Yet even while resting he determined within himself that he would work again. He did not resign himself to a life of idleness and regret. As soon as he recovered a semblance of health, he enrolled at Southern Connecticut Teacher's College, where he studied history and sociology. Providence so ordained that he shared the same doctor as a former mayor, Richard Lee, who was so impressed by Samuel's steadfast determination that he asked him to work for the city.

### **The Public Servant**

He began his public service career as a rehabilitation specialist. Within a short time he became assistant director of the Newhallville office of the New Haven Redevelopment Agency. One of his projects was to construct the Vanguard Teen Center. In 1972 he was named man of the year by the Vanguard Teen Center for his outstanding work.

In that same year he accepted a position with the housing authority as equal opportunity officer. He was made director of personnel and safety director in 1977, a position he thought he would fill until retirement.

### **The Reluctant Executive**

In February, 1978, the executive director for housing was fired. The commissioners of the New Haven Housing Authority asked Franklin to assume the position.

Franklin was shocked! He had never aspired to be executive director. He had no interest whatsoever in the position. He was satisfied as personnel director.

By Franklin's standards he seemed the least likely candidate for the job. At the time he did not have a degree (later he completed a bachelor of science degree in business administration from New Hampshire College). There were other employees who held doctorates and master's degrees from Ivy League universities.

Yet the commissioners still insisted because they felt he was the only one who could do the job.

Reluctantly, on February 14, 1978, he became the acting executive director for housing and for the next three months

he battled with a debt-ridden housing authority, skeptical city officials and hostile tenants.

Yet he pressed forward undaunted by obstacles. Providence had prepared him to meet the challenge. He exercised good judgment as well as restraint and compassion.

After an extended legal battle in May, 1978, the former director returned. In less than a month he resigned.

The commissioners tried to persuade Franklin to accept the position. But he suggested they post the position and announce it at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Housing Officials.

Yet the commissioners firmly maintained that they wanted him for the position. On September 12, 1978, Samuel J. Franklin became executive director of the New Haven Housing Authority.

### **Competence and Compassion at the Top**

Franklin inherited a bureaucratic disaster. The former director had not paid the utility bill for more than ten years. The housing units were in a state of disrepair. Since the 1950's no attention had been given to them. The units were rodent-infested and crime-ridden. There was no heat in the winter or air conditioning in the summer.

The tenants distrusted the housing officials because of the inadequate facilities. While the tenants lived in shameful misery, the administration was housed comfortably in an ultra-modern building. The concern was for the officials rather than the tenants.

Franklin had his work cut out for him. With wisdom born from above and determination he immediately set out to mend the fences. He immediately began to pay off the authority's debts and build a trusting relationship with the tenants.

By putting in an eighteen-hour workday he began to see the rewards of his labor. At the fiscal year ending (FYE) of September 30, 1979, New Haven Housing Authority had been transformed.

Bernard N. Cameron, Housing and Urban Development official and deputy director of management, applauded Franklin publicly for a job well done. The New Haven Register (April 7, 1980) reports this dazzling triumph.

"The authority's net year-end performance has gone from a deficit in FYE (Fiscal Year Ending) 9/30/78 of \$248,494 to a positive figure of \$130,703."



*Sam  
Franklin  
and his  
wife  
Amelia,  
daughter  
Beverly,  
standing.*

Under Franklin's capable administration, there was a "marked increase in rental income over FYE . . . 9/30/78 from \$2,527,484 to an increase of \$255,031.

Administrative costs were decreased from \$862,509 to \$634,469. In maintenance "the authority spent \$2,136,059 in 1978, a figure that decreased to \$1,571,032 in 1979 for a net decrease of \$565,027." By next year New Haven will no longer be a troubled authority.

Since Franklin assumed leadership, blacks, Hispanics and women have been appointed to key positions. The Board of Commissions, the governing body of the authority, now has a black chairman, Willis Prichett. In addition to Prichett, two black contractors have received their fair share of government contracts.

Franklin is in the process of renovating the housing to provide a better quality of life for its tenants.

### **The Power Behind Franklin**

For more than 25 years the Housing Authority of New Haven had been the odd fellow in an ivy league society. The former administrators had been more concerned with image than its people. Consequently, leadership had been aloof and inadequate. The housing units had deteriorated and were often the breeding ground for crime. Why had Franklin been able to change the current events?

Christ is the center of his life. Every day he asks for the Lord's direction and guidance. Personal devotions are paramount as the secret to his success.

He is respected as a man of principle by city officials, colleagues and tenants because he keeps the fourth commandment. His office and its environment are filled with Bibles and tracts. Because of the tracts, every day someone has a personal encounter with Christ. He is a modern Daniel, a man of principle in the highest position whose counselor and creator is God.

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE



### THE DILEMMA OF THE MIDDLE CLASS

In the educational system of America the contribution of the black man to world culture was deleted from, or not included in, the working textbooks of the nation's schools. This exclusion was systematic, thorough, and not without purpose. By this act of mental cruelty, blacks could be more easily *managed*—and whites, given the knowledge of their own history—could more easily justify their right to rule. It was intended that black inferiority would be forever established by the silence of history. But the truth "will-out." The Master was right when He said that "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Now, we understand why laws were passed making it a crime to teach a black man to read or write. In South Carolina, one lawmaker exulted, "We have shut off the means by which light may come to him (the black man). By this act we have crippled his ability to perceive light."

But with emancipation light dawned gradually and we learned. We learned that 5 centuries before Christ, Herodotus described the Egyptians as being "black with wooly hair." Homer called them black. There were black pharaohs—Ra Naheci, Piankhi, Shabaka, and Taharka to name a few. We learned that Clitus, a black, was Alexander the Great's chief military strategist—and also served his father before him. We learned that Aesop—the Greek philosopher—was black, that Alexander Dumas—the great French general—and his famous novelist son were Negroes. We learned of black

African empires—Ghana, Mele, Songhay and others. We learned of black explorers who aided in the founding and establishment of this nation, of 5,000 blacks who fought in the Revolutionary War and more than 200,000 who fought in the Civil War to free themselves. Men who distinguished themselves at Vicksburg, Richmond, Chattanooga, and scores of other battlefields. We learned, we learned, we learned. And this awareness has brought a new sense of value and self appreciation. We no longer doubt ourselves based on the "former darkness." The trouble is that most American whites still live under the "old shadow." Their books still don't include us, and therefore we still deal with "white ignorance" in these matters.

To try to remedy this, most educational institutions instituted black studies as a separate course in their curricula. Whites show little interest in this. Hence the darkness persists. It should not surprise us then that politicians would arise speaking "strange things." To a people whose forefathers labored for more than 250 years for free, the words, "blacks must earn respect" are "strange words." To a people who have been systematically excluded from good jobs, good housing and quality education for over 100 years on the basis of color, such words as—"the Irish, Jew and Italian made it here. Why can't you?"—are "strange words." How can it be that enlightened men could advocate the dismantling of the program that provided the poor with a "public defender"? Can it be that men in high places are unaware of the inequities in the criminal justice system? Or is it that nobody cares?

Even more serious is the problem of the middle to upper income class black who adopts and espouses the insensitivities of uninformed whites. You can imagine my consternation at hearing an educated black sociologist on national television calling those who plead the cause of the poor "welfare pimps." This dramatizes the dilemma of the middle to upper income blacks: namely, how to keep in touch with the needs and aspirations of the black masses while enjoying the blessings of education and economic prosperity. This is a human problem. It is not easy. You see, it is so easy to assume that if some "make it," the rest should be able to. And that is a delusion.

First of all, in a "planned economy"

six to eight percent unemployment is considered "desirable." The nation has turned to technology and automation. This means less jobs, not more. And who do you think will be at the bottom of the "less jobs" situation? You guessed it—us. "The last hired and the first fired" is more truth than poetry. Now we know this. But to see blacks who are in a position to speak out, "going along" with the prevailing attitude, is a monstrous evil. Even worse is that black who adds to the pain—throwing verbal bricks at his less fortunate brethren. To all such the words of Mordecai to Esther are worth repeating, "Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house more than all the Jews. For it thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall their enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place." Esther 4:13, 14.

But the oppressed will survive. They always do, for God identifies with them. And those churches and institutions that adopt insensitive stances toward the oppressed are on a collision course with the Almighty. It may be good politics to condemn "social programs" and mask our selfishness with the theory that "they don't work," but it's not good religion! Read your Bible. Christ spent most of His life in social ministry. The church can do no less.

Concerning the nation, our prophet has said that "the American nation owes a debt of love to the colored race, and God has ordained that they shall make restitution for the wrong they have done them in the past. Those who have taken no active part in enforcing slavery on the colored people are not relieved of the responsibility of making special efforts to remove, as far as possible, the sure results of their enslavement." *Southern Work*, p. 74.

For years, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has acknowledged this debt to the neglected and needy in its annual budgetary allocations. While the sums voted could hardly make a dent in the wall of human need, they nevertheless say something important. They say that the church cannot live with its conscience and neglect the needy. Should the church follow the state in its abandonment of the needy, the afflicted, affected ones might well cry out—"Et tu, ecclesia?"

E. E. Cleveland

# The Editor's Desk



Robert T. Smith, new publishing secretary for the South Atlantic and Southeastern conferences.

## YOUNGEST PUBLISHING DIRECTOR HEADS TWO CONFERENCES

Pastor Robert Therone Smith, Jr., has accomplished another first. He was the youngest associate publishing director for a conference and the first black publishing intern for the North American Division. Recently he accepted the position of director of publishing and Family Health Education Service (FHES) for the South Atlantic and Southeastern confer-

ences, thus becoming the youngest publishing director in North America.

He has a special love for the publishing work, having been influenced by his father, Pastor Robert Smith, Sr., circulation manager for the Periodical Department of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and his uncle, Pastor Ted Smith, associate publishing director for the Southern Union.

Smith is a graduate of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, where he studied theology, business and sociology. He received an M.Div. from the Andrews University theological seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, with special emphasis in leadership, administration and pastoral counseling.

He brings to the directorship Christian commitment and professional savvy, having given distinguished service as a youth evangelist for Southeastern Conference, associate publishing director for Allegheny East, supervisor counselor for Link Crisis Intervention Center, and associate director of ethnic research for the Institute of Church Ministry at Andrews University.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Sept. 25	Oct. 2	9	16
Boston, Mass	6:37	6:25	6:13	6:01
New York City	6:47	6:35	6:29	6:12
Buffalo, N.Y.	7:07	6:55	6:43	6:31
Atlanta, Ga.	7:31	7:21	7:12	7:03
Miami, Fla.	7:14	7:07	6:59	6:52
Charlotte, N.C.	7:17	7:07	6:57	6:48
Birmingham, Ala.	6:40	6:30	6:21	6:12
Jackson, Miss.	6:54	6:45	6:36	6:27
Memphis, Tenn.	6:53	6:43	6:33	6:24
Louisville, Ky.	7:36	7:25	7:14	7:04
Detroit, Mich.	7:26	7:14	7:02	6:50
Chicago, Ill.	6:43	6:31	6:19	6:08
South Bend, Indiana	6:38	6:26	6:14	6:03
Minneapolis, Minn.	7:06	6:52	6:40	6:27
St. Louis, Mo.	6:54	6:43	6:32	6:22
Kansas City, Mo.	7:11	7:00	6:49	6:39
Denver, Co.	6:53	6:41	6:30	6:20
Little Rock, Ark.	7:02	6:52	6:42	6:33
Dallas, Texas	7:20	7:11	7:02	6:53
New Orleans, La.	6:53	6:45	6:37	6:29
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:59	6:50	6:40	6:31
Oklahoma City, Okla.	7:23	7:13	7:04	6:54

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# THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

## ALLEGHENY WEST

### CONFERENCE PREACH-OUT HELD AT EPHESUS

Four prospective theology majors from Oakwood College were invited to a "preach-out" held at the Ephesus SDA Church in Columbus, Ohio, on May 30.

The preach-out was conceived by H. L. Cleveland, president of Allegheny West, who for many years has had a burning concern over the limited opportunities open to theology graduates from Oakwood College. Cleveland presented an internship plan that the conference could work into the budget which the conference committee approved.

A registered letter was sent to all Allegheny West graduating seniors who had expressed interest in the conference internship plan to help finish the work. These young people were brought in for the preach-out.

This plan allowed the conference committee an opportunity to evaluate prospective interns fairly. One of the prerequisites for being interviewed by the committee was that each prospective intern *must* participate in a trial preaching service, which would give the committee the advantage of hearing the speaking ability and seeing the pulpit manner of the young men. Participants were given 40 minutes each. This time included the special music, sermon and appeal.

Four men responded: Kenneth Washington of Columbus, Ohio, Freddie Russell of Cincinnati, Ohio, Leighton Palmer of Roanoke, Virginia, and Leslie Critchlow, a graduate student from Columbus, Ohio.

Each sermon was interspersed with spirit-filled special music arranged by Beverly Vaughn Trent, Ephesus' minister of music. Ernestine Simpson, office secretary; Gift of Love, a Hilltop Columbus musical group; Shirley Clayborne; the Bethea Sisters of Ephesus; Sterling



*Earnestine Simpson, a conference office worker, lifts her voice in song.*



*Participating in the music was "The Gift of Love," a group from Columbus, consisting of Denise Coleman Fluence, Brenda and Cordell Newton, Parker Fluence, pianist for the group and assistant treasurer for the Allegheny West Conference, and others not pictured here.*



*Shirley Clayborne gives her musical offering.*



*The Bethea sisters giving of their talent in music.*



*Preach-out participants, left to right: Pastor K. S. Smallwood, secretary; L. Critchlow, H. L. Cleveland, president; K. Washington, F. Russell, and W. C. McDonald, treasurer. L. Palmer is not pictured.*

Stephenny of Ephesus and Denise Fluence were guest musicians during this event.

S. T. Lewis, pastor of the church, graciously turned the church over to the conference president. Cleveland's message for the morning, "Who is Thy Neighbor?" set the tone for the afternoon meeting.

The committeemen came from Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia and interviewed the seniors on Saturday night. All four men were hired. What a gratifying day it was!

Everyone present left the preach-out with the same conclusion. Our God was in this place! The church enjoyed the "preach-out" so much that by vote the members asked to make it an annual affair and bring it back to the Ephesus church in Columbus next year.

Elizabeth M. Cleveland  
Conference Reporter



## CENTRAL STATES YOUTH RECEIVES TOP HONORS

Glynis L. Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jarret Webb of Omaha, Nebraska, is the recipient of \$33,000 in scholarships for four years of university education.

Glynis was given the opportunity to attend three different universities: Fisk University of Nashville, Tennessee, the University of Minnesota and the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Her decision now made, Glynis will attend the University of Minnesota and major in pre-law. With this decision comes \$8,600 in scholarships for the next four years. Upon completion of her undergraduate training, Glynis will enter Howard University Law School.

Glynis's achievements include being named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for 1980-81, *Who's Who in Music* for 1981, County Government Day student attorney, representative of Fort Calhoun High School as top government student for Youth Government Day in Lincoln, and International Youth of Achievement from the Biographical Center at Cambridge, England.

Glynis is the second of seven children, five sisters and one brother. Her father is a heavy-equipment operator for OPPD in North Omaha. She is a member of the Sharon SDA Church in Omaha and has served the church in the Sabbath school department for the past two years.

Glynis graduated eighth in a class of 57 students and was elected to the National Honor Society. She served as an active volunteer for the community mentally retarded citizens, played baritone

saxophone for the school band, and was active in the stage band, marching band, concert band and saxophone quartet. She was president of the band during 1980-81.

On graduation day, May 19, Glynis' scholarships were awarded by the Omaha Chapter of Links, Inc., and the Bertha Neale Scholarship program.

William R. Wright, Jr.  
Communication Director



Members of "God's Gang"—Becky Sharpe and Keith Lawrence—chat with a resident of the Good Shepherd's Nursing Home.

## NORTHSIDE YOUTH ORGANIZES MUSICAL GROUP

Jean Ross became quite concerned about the apparent lack of participation by many young people in the Northside church of St. Louis, Missouri. Recently, on her return home from school, she felt compelled to direct this idleness into usefulness for the Lord. The young people were organized into a musical group now known as the Strings of Harmony. The group has grown so fast that now it has become an official choir of Northside.

Strings of Harmony not only gives its musical talents to God, but recently, 4,000 canned goods were solicited from the St. Louis community to be distributed to the needy. Several hundred canned goods were given to the church's welfare society.

The Good Shepherd's Nursing Home anticipates a visit from the musical group each month. Some visits are highlighted with special treats for those living at the nursing home.

Under the direction of Jean Ross, Strings of Harmony has begun a mission of service to the church and outreach to its immediate community.

Ross is a graduate of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. She has a degree in biology and religion and is a former student missionary. She is presently attending St. Louis University,

participating in an accelerated nursing program. Her co-director is Benjamin Germany.

Jayne Byrd  
Communication Secretary  
Northside Church

## BETHESDA HOSTS SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

The Bethesda SDA Church of Omaha, Nebraska, was the site for one of several Sabbath school workshops held in the Central States Conference territory.

Pastor E. F. Carter, conference director, discussed the evangelistic approaches of Sabbath school. Special emphasis was placed upon branch Sabbath schools and Vacation Bible School. Pastor G. White, conference director for Nebraska, took charge of workshop materials for primary and junior departments. Brenda Jones, wife of Bethesda's pastor, handled the cradle roll and kindergarten sections. Pastor W. E. Peeke, Mid-America Union director, concentrated on materials for youth and adults.

Timely information was given to all present in regards to the total Sabbath school concept.

According to E. F. Carter, attendance and participation in the workshop was outstanding.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES FEDERATIONS ARE STILL ALIVE

Sunday, May 24, at the Emmanuel church in St. Joseph, Missouri, was the date set aside for the Central Community Services Federation meeting.

Eighty members and guests listened to Pastor C. L. Brooks, associate director for the General Conference Sabbath school department, challenge those present with his music and a stirring message: "do what you can, be it ever so small or large, but with love to help humanity."

Pastor Hilliard Pettway and Cora J. Taylor gave opening remarks to the planning session held after the devotional period. Pastor E. F. Carter, personal ministries director, conducted the session.

A fellowship dinner was held to conclude the day's activities. All present felt especially grateful for this effort to keep the "Community Services activities alive."

Cora J. Taylor  
Communication Secretary



Adlon Turner, Community Services coordinator, examines some of the clothing to be distributed from the center.

## TWO SOULS RECOVERED AT BETTER LIVING CENTER OPEN HOUSE IN DETROIT

Despite cool temperatures and a chilling rain, the Better Living Center enjoyed a very successful open house on Sunday afternoon, May 10.

Guests from the community and area churches began to arrive well before the appointed hour of two o'clock and were welcomed into the center's atmosphere of warmth and hospitality. Music and the aroma of vegetarian cooking wafted throughout the building as guests toured the center escorted by "guides" from the City Temple Youth Usher Board.

Dr. Walter Darby, center dentist, and Dr. Bernard Miller, optometrist, performed free oral and visual examinations for guests while Yvonne Bemby, optician, was on hand to make adjustments on their visual aids.

In the Multi-Purpose Room, Chlora Jones and dorcas workers prepared an eye-appealing, savory "taste and see" —canapes to acquaint guests with vegetarian food.

The Community Services area displayed neat, see-through packages of color-coordinated and sized clothing for men, women, boys and girls.

Literature evangelists Maurice and Karole Berry, in the East Multi-Purpose Room, answered inquiries about their book display featuring the *Black Heritage Bible*, *You and Your Health*, reference volumes and a two-foot replica of the image spoken of in Daniel 2.

Open house attractions were rounded out with a "Kiddie Korner" where pre-school teacher Lynn Pinder directed the activities of the children present with film, paint and drawing.

An unusual amount of interest and coverage was engendered by the local media in response to the announcements sent out. *The Detroit Free Press* and radio stations WJZZ, WEXL, WXYZ and WLQV were all helpful in placing the center's name and program before the public. Segments of film shot at the center were telecast by WXYZ-TV on that channel's six o'clock news program.

Arletta Douglas, representative from Mayor Coleman Young's office, also attended and was especially impressed with the facility, its scope and the organization she found among the center staff and workers.

The most impressive news gained during the day, however, was the commitment of two former Adventists to return to the church. The center is engaged in a follow-up program for these persons.

The staff and volunteers solicit your prayers for these two individuals and for the progress of the Better Living Center ministry.

Joyce Jones  
Communication Secretary



Joyce Jones, communication secretary, invites a guest in.

## PROGRESS MADE IN IDLEWILD

Idlewild, a beautiful, scenic township in Michigan with many souls to be gathered for the soon-coming Saviour, is experiencing outstanding professional growth as a direct result of member-community involvement and distribution of the Amazing Facts Bible lessons. Ten persons have already joined the Bible and baptismal class.

We are fortunate to have Attorney Elwood S. Berry, Jr., practicing in this area on minority and public affairs, lend his services in promoting Christian education. A church school can be visualized in the near future as our expansion plans become a reality.

Artelia Washington  
Communication Secretary

## CHANCEL CHOIR PRESENTS CANTATA

The 50-voice chancel choir of the Detroit City Temple SDA Church, under the direction of Columbus McChristian, presented a cantata, John S. Witty's "Gethsemane to Calvary," on Saturday, May 2.

The cantata is based on the Bible text dealing with the crucifixion of Christ in the 27th chapter of Matthew.

The narrator was Constance Topps. Featured soloists were Veronica Farrell, soprano, Ester J. Lowe, contralto, William Range, tenor, and Donald Allen, bass.

Immediately after the program, a reception was held in the church's fellowship hall.



Dr. Walter E. Darby examines a patient in the modern, fully-equipped dental department.





Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz of Albany.

### ALBANY COUPLE CELEBRATES FORTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz of Albany, New York, celebrated their forty-ninth wedding anniversary in August.

From their union were born ten children, 55 grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Schultz are members of the Capital City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Albany, New York.



Left to right are the following team members holding trophies: Jimmy Downer, Junior Jones, Donna-mae Gibson, Lydia Ramsey, Doris Harris, Arline Charles, Esther Harris, coach; and Merna James, Adventist Youth Society leader, holding plaque and check.

### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP'S BIBLE BOWL TEAMS ARE NORTHEASTERN'S FINEST

Christian Fellowship's Bible Bowl teams from Brooklyn, New York, are Northeastern's finest. During the United Youth Congress held May 13-16 in Detroit, Michigan, they placed third in the national Bible Bowl contest.

Bible Bowl teams are made up of selected youth from the church who have an extensive knowledge of the Bible. There are two teams. Esther Harris coaches the seniors and Esther Leddell the junior team.

Senior team members include Jimmy Downer, Donna Mae Gibson, Doris Harris and Junior Jones. The alternatives are Arline Charles and Lydia Ramsey.

The junior team members are David Leddell, Shelly Mortley, Andy Paul, Chevron Paul and Renee Paul.



Mr. and Mrs. James Furlow on their 40th wedding anniversary in February.

### FURLOWS CELEBRATE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

On February 23, 1941, Hilda Wilson and James Furlow were united in marriage by Pastor M. Rowe, now deceased.

The Furlows celebrated, with their friends, a fortieth wedding anniversary party with 80 or more people given for them by their daughter, Gail (Furlow) Beale, at the Community Action Center in New Rochelle last February.

The couple have three daughters: Jacqueline, wife of Evangelist R. C. Connor, residing in the Andrews University area; Delores, wife of Herman Davis, pastor of an Adventist church in Tampa, Florida; Gail, married to Robert Beale on June 6, 1981; and one son, James, Jr., who resides with his family in New Rochelle. The Connor and Davis grandchildren, along with their families, were not able to attend the anniversary celebration. However, Veronica, Gail's daughter, was present.

Hilda, as she is fondly known, is the daughter of Pastor Thaddeus Wilson and the late Charlotte Wilson. She attended Oakwood College during 1939 and 1940. She has been the church's faithful pianist for years, working with each pastor and his evangelistic rallies, young people's groups, the senior choir and many individuals needing musical accompaniment.

James, with his rich tenor voice, has labored for Christ for years, singing with the senior choir. He is presently a deacon and member of the finance department.

May God continue to bless this union.

### EVENTS AT EBENEZER

Throughout the year Ebenezer church in Freeport, New York, has sponsored a wide array of programs that have been edifying.

The Adventist Youth Society, under the leadership of Carlyle Richards, has presented interesting subjects that have dealt with the family, Christian dress and health.

An excellent example was the Black History Week program given by Betty Cambridge on February 21. The lives of great black men and women were explored in this illuminating program. Robin Gates and Carl Murphy provided the background music for the program.

March was a month filled with activity. Each week there was a special program. On March 14, Yvonne Flowers, the first lady of Ebenezer, presented an evening of black culture featuring the Push ensemble of Hartford, Connecticut.

The following Sabbath, March 21, was Community Guest Day, sponsored by the Sabbath school department. Guest speaker for the occasion was Pastor Bevell of Northeastern Academy.

Youth Week of Prayer, March 21-28, was conducted by Pastor Larry Dorsey of the Lighthouse Tabernacle in Brooklyn, New York. God richly blessed his labors. Five souls were baptized.

April 25 was Youth Day. The church of today was entirely in charge of the services for the whole day.

The Pathfinder Club of Ebenezer, under the guidance of A. Goldwire and Pastor E. Flowers, marched in the Freeport Memorial Day Parade on May 25.

Under the auspices of J. Champen, director of the senior choir, a choir festival was held at Faith Tabernacle on May 30. Choirs from all over participated in this glorious event.

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### SHILOH AT WORK

A total of 156 souls have been baptized at the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York, for the 1980-1981 year as a result of combined effort by Pastor James Lamar and the members of the church.

Shiloh has also begun an extensive renovation program. The vestibule, the lobby and the bathrooms have been renovated. Carpeting has been placed in the lobby.

## PROMINENT ADVENTIST HONORED BY PUBLIC

The story appeared in the Albany, Georgia, Sunday *Herald* on April 12 by staff reporter Amelia Barksdale, "Media Center Named For Educator." It was the story of John Harris, local elder of the Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church in Blakely, Georgia.

Harris, who just completed a five-year term as member of the executive committee for the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, had also served for more than a decade on the executive committee of the South Atlantic Conference.

Other local civic and religious activities include the bus ministry of the church, the outreach ministry of the local regional youth development center, and the local nursing home. He and his family donated the site on which the present Calvary church is located.

John R. Harris and his wife, Heodisene, are career public school educators—he a principal for many years and she a counselor. This has never diminished their commitment, dedication and strong support of Adventist education. The young people of the Blakely church can always depend on Calvary or the State Youth Federation where she has been the treasurer for years, to see that they get a three-way scholarship at Oakwood College, Andrews University or wherever they are in an Adventist school. All three of their own children have graduated from an Adventist academy and colleges. Michael, who has accepted a ministerial internship in the Central California Conference, is completing his master of divinity degree at Andrews. Cheryl is a nurse practitioner, specialist as a family nurse clinician on the staff of Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Wayne is a sophomore medical student at Loma Linda University.

In the words of Amelia Barksdale, "what more can a school, faculty and a board of education do to honor a person who has been a teacher and principal for 30 years, than to name a media center for him?" John R. Harris was joined by Early County School Board Chairman John R. Brown and Superintendent of Schools Lonnie Chester, Harris' pastor, Raymond Baker of the Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church, and others in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Assistant Principal David Rivenbark presented a portrait of Harris which will be placed in the



*John Harris, who bucked the tide of the Biblical statement that a "prophet is not without honor saving in his own country," and succeeded.*

media center as monument to posterity.

This media center is an appendage to the renovated Early County Middle school library at a cost of more than \$300,000.

If anyone had an excuse or alibi for mediocrity or nonentity in life, Harris was a full-fledged candidate. He was second in a family of twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Harris in a rural community. There were about 30 schools available to black children and they were, in the main, one- or two-teacher schools housed in churches. Having no other mode of transportation, he rode his bicycle 22 miles round-trip to Washington High in Blakely, Georgia every day. This was all in addition to his daily farm chores which were the inheritance of the older farm boys. John never shirked his duties.

Upon completion of his bachelor of science degree at Albany State College in 1949, he returned to Early County and started his teaching career in a one-room school housed in a church with 40 students, grades one through eight. By then a most diminutive busing program was being started for black children, so he drove the little bus for his dad, dropped the students at Washington High, and continued to his little Zion Hope one-room school. At the end of the day, he repeated the cycle.

He continued to upgrade his professional skills at Atlanta University, where he obtained his master of arts degree in administration and did further studies at Florida A & M in Tallahassee, the University of Chicago and the University of Kentucky.

## A MARCH TO ZION IN HIGH POINT—PART II

Pastor J. Williams first voiced the need for a newer and larger church. His efforts were considered by those who followed. Pastor L. R. Hastings added a second classroom to the rear of the church. In 1975 Pastor D. M. Jones held ground-breaking services for the new sanctuary on the property purchased under his ministry. However, it was Pastor J. L. Follette who God allowed to see the saints of High Point to march over into Zion.

Beginning with Friday evening vespers by Pastor D. M. Jones, the course was charted for exuberant enthusiasm, praise and spiritual blessings as the men of God preached. Pastor Hairston presented the Sabbath school lesson. Pastor J. Hinson, lay activities director for South Atlantic Conference, instructed in personal ministry. Pastor F. W. Parker, youth director for South Atlantic Conference, called for dedication in the consecration service, and N. B. Smith, retired minister of the South Atlantic Conference now serving as associate pastor of Baldwin's Chapel, closed out the opening day with a lovely Sabbath day's vesper.

Speaker for the divine hour was Pastor R. L. Woodfork, former president of the South Atlantic Conference. He challenged the congregation to live so that the beauty of their lives might compare with the beauty of the new church.

Rosetta Baldwin, a long-time member, was honored with a trophy for 67 years of dedicated service to the church and the church school of Baldwin's Chapel. Baldwin and her father, Pastor John Baldwin, joined the church nearly a year after her mother, Mary, joined in 1914 as a result of the first meeting in High Point by Pastor Peters. Rosetta began the school in 1942 in the living room of her father's home.

She still works in the church school, and has built a kindergarten building, with an inheritance left to her by her brother, to the availability of Adventist education in High Point. She has waited a long time to see the members of Baldwin's Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church march from the old building, and her prayer is as the prayer of all saints around the world. That prayer is that we may all march together to that heavenly Zion, that beautiful City of God.

Donald Belton  
Communication Secretary



Couples attending the marriage seminar conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Pelt at campmeeting 1981.

## CAMPMEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Van Pelts Conduct Marriage Seminar

Pastor and Mrs. Henry Van Pelt of Lodi, California, a marriage and the family specialist team, conducted a workshop during campmeeting with more than 100 couples in attendance. The participants expressed feelings of closeness and better understanding of their mates after the sessions.

### Baptisms at Campmeeting

Nearly 50 persons were baptized during campmeeting. The number of baptisms reported to date stands at 577. Ministers and laymen are participating in summer evangelism. Seventeen tent meetings were being held throughout the conference this summer. Four cities are being entered for the first time and three laymen are conducting tent meetings.

### Trophy Hour Reveals Many Soul Winners

Dr. E. E. Cleveland conducts a Trophy Hour every year during the first Sabbath of campmeeting. During this hour, laymen bring souls that they have won to the truth. A beautiful story was shared by a member from Memphis, Tennessee, who won a soul in jail. Their friendship developed into love and they were married. Their union resulted in fifteen souls being won to Christ.

### JASPER BURNS MORTGAGE

In 1968, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jenkins of Birmingham, Alabama, accepted Dr. C. E. Dudley's challenge to enter a dark county and raise up a church.

Throughout the years God has richly blessed their work. Today they have almost 50 members and during the month of May the church mortgage was paid in full.



Dr. T. L. Hemingway baptizes during campmeeting. There have been 577 baptisms to date in South Central.



Mt. Zion SDA Church of Jasper, Alabama.

We salute Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jenkins and members of the Jasper, Alabama, church. P. N. Smith is the minister officiating there.

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## CONFERENCE OFFICIALS SIGN FOR HOUSING PROJECT

After many months of untiring labors, Pastor I. J. Johnson, housing co-ordinator for the South Central Conference, and Washington Butler, vice president of Riverside Hospital, informed conference officials that it was now time to sign the final papers for South Central Village Apartments, a 134-unit project for senior citizens in Clarksville, Tennessee.

On June 17, Dr. C. E. Dudley, president, and Pastor F. N. Crowe, secretary-treasurer, along with Washington Butler, Attorney A. Mason and John Preston, Jr., architect, met with officials from the



Witnessing in prison brought marriage and fifteen new converts to the Lord.



Dr. C. E. Dudley, president, and Pastor F. N. Crowe, secretary/treasurer, sign papers for housing project in Clarksville, Tennessee. A total of \$4,092,000 was received for the construction of the project.

United States Housing and Urban Development Department to receive a total of \$4,092,000 for construction of the projects. This is the fifth complex that the conference has served as sponsor for HUD.

## IN TRANSITION

Roy Rugless, a recent graduate of Oakwood College, has been appointed pastor of the Decatur-Florence, Alabama, district.

Benjamin Jones of Mobile, Alabama, has been appointed pastor of the Chattanooga, Tennessee, district.

Arthur Saunders of Greenville, Mississippi, has been appointed pastor of the Mobile, Alabama, district.

J. W. Wagner of Louisville, Kentucky, is incapacitated and is being assisted in his pastoral duties by Pastor W. Tompkins.



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## FISCAL AFFAIRS

The single most determinative event for fiscal affairs during the past quinquennium was the changing of the guard in the Office of Fiscal Management. Adell Warren, whose vision, dedication and business skills—exercised over a period of 28 years—were largely responsible for the great leap forward Oakwood has experienced, resigned as of June 1980 to continue his labors in another phase of God's cause.

While the search for his successor (understandably not an easy one) took longer than we had hoped and while, as in most cases where an administrator of long standing changes responsibilities, his leaving produced a quivering of uncertainty in our fiscal portfolio, Oakwood has, in typical fashion (with the help of its sustaining bodies), been able to function in a financially credible manner. In fact, I am happy to report that by hard management and a good enrollment we have set aside enough funds to avoid borrowing (a pattern now seen in all of our schools) during the coming summer. All bills are paid through April 1981, and we have in hand, to date, a balanced budget for school year 1981-82. Other positive financial indices are:

1. Increasing support from our black constituency. When we began the quinquennium, regional conference support via tithe percentage totalled \$478,450. These local constituent conferences and churches were at that time a distant second to the parent body (the General Conference) in funding for operations. As this five-year period ends, however, regional conference support for school year 1980-81 has expanded to \$828,550 and now supersedes even that of the world field (see Chart I). Notice is here made that the single most determinative factor for all of Oakwood's financial planning (tuition charges, cash flow, etc.) is that General Conference appropriation to budget, which was fourteen percent in 1970, is now seven percent (see Chart II).

Of course, it should be noted that the world church continues to make annual appropriations of capital funds (three to four hundred thousand dollars per annum—see Chart II) for facility expansion and has always been responsible to special projects such as the religion complex, the science complex, etc. We recognize that Oakwood College has been greatly blessed in terms of parental and constituent support and we are deeply grateful to our present and past General Conference and North American Division, union and local conference leadership.

2. Acquisition through a special endowment plan coordinated by UNCF of a \$750,000 endowment fund. This sum consists of a \$350,000 UNCF grant and a \$400,000 Chase Manhattan loan and is scheduled to yield over two million dollars in endowment funds by the year 2004. The \$25,000 per year Rock Quarry lease money will continue as an annual endowment fund entry, but should time

last (and we must occupy as long as it does), Oakwood's 110th birthday will find us millionaires in this important category.

At least two other concerns deserve special mention regarding the 1976-1981 fiscal report: 1) the creation of five industries (roughly one per year) during this period. These industries—Harris Pine Mill, College Press, the Mechanic Shop, the Campus Produce Farm, the Green House—are all operating in a healthy fashion. 2) The acquisition of 124 acres of land that now extend our south borders very close to University Drive.

But of course, it isn't all simplistically well in the fiscal area. Cash flow (having in hand, not in budget, the funds necessary for day-to-day operation) continues to be a struggle. The overload of labor credit, which we of necessity provide our students, means that approximately 30 percent of student accounts at Oakwood College are paid in credit, not cash, and since the vast majority of this work is non-profit-making, the burden assumed by the college (roughly \$800,000 in school year 1980-81) is significant. When we compare what we do in this area to what our sister schools are doing, we have a case of "good news" and "bad news"—good news that our young people can find so much labor at Oakwood, but bad news in that pay in labor credit strains cash flow severely.

**Chart I**  
**Oakwood College Denominational Support Base 1970-1980**

	Regional Conferences	G.C. Operating Appro.	G.C. Capital Appro.
1970	\$236,265	\$420,500	\$700,000
1971	\$289,624	\$447,000	\$325,000
1972	\$322,552	\$459,400	\$325,000
1973	\$371,986	\$472,130	\$325,000
1974	\$412,569	\$509,900	\$375,000
1975	\$478,450	\$540,200	\$475,000
1976	\$520,740	\$578,010	\$325,000
1977	\$579,590	\$606,910	\$375,000
1978	\$605,115	\$668,000	\$375,000
1979	\$725,850	\$695,000	\$325,000
1980	\$828,550	\$765,000	\$400,000

**Chart II**  
**G. C. Percentage of Appropriation to Budget**

	1970	1980
G. C. Operating	\$420,500	\$765,000
Percent of Total Budget	14%	7%
G. C. Capital Appros.	\$250,000	\$400,000
Percent of Total Budget	8%	4%
Regional Conference	\$236,265	\$828,550
Percent of Total Budget	8%	7%
Total Denominational Support	\$996,765	\$1,993,550
Percent of Total Budget	34%	18%

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## ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT—1980

### Accomplishments—1980

1. Received training and completed the Medicare Cost Report and Medicaid Report (usually completed by Urbach, Kahn and Werlin).

2. Entered the Medicaid Management Information System with a minimum of problems.

3. Accounts Receivable have been kept current since January 1, 1980, and have slowly worked on clearing up old balances.

4. Account Department has worked with data processing helping to establish master files and determine exactly what information is needed.

### Goals—1981

1. Smooth transition from the mail computer service to our in-house system.

2. Produce a procedure manual for the new computer accounting system.

3. Training of personnel in the operation of the computer and the procedures described in the manual.

4. Completion of the first yearly uniform reporting report.

5. Clear up credit balances that have been written off the accounts receivable aging.

6. Set Part B billing on a monthly cycle for cash flow purposes.

7. Run department in a more professional manner using generally accepted accounting practices.

8. Audit the department on a monthly basis through the general ledger and spot checking to make sure everything

on the cycle is being completed properly.

### Summary

1981 looks like a bright year for the Accounting Department. With the further implementation of Medicaid Management Information System and the new Medicare system both going into effect this spring, cash flow should not be a problem.

As a result of the in-house computer turn-around, time should be cut to one-quarter of actual time, allowing paper work to flow smoothly and efficiently.

The monthly audits will assess the office via the general ledger. Any deficiencies could therefore be corrected before they turn into problems.

We look forward to a productive year.

Elizabeth Kraayenbrink  
Accountant

## DIETARY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT—1980

The Victory Lake Nursing Center's Dietary Department served 134,289 meals with 21,503 staffed hours. The Dietary Department is in service seven days a week and open thirteen hours a day.

1980 proved to be a challenging but rewarding year. We were faced with rising prices in the economy, droughts in California, a freeze in Florida and, last but not least, an election year. To keep the department on their toes and much to the delight of residents and staff, we provided such diversions as family style dinners, pizza and root beer parties, pic-

nic and holiday promotions. A new progressive feeding program was started in late 1980, to provide a new service to our residents who can function in a home-style atmosphere. This program will be expanded more in 1981.

### Accomplishments in 1980:

1. Implementation of a new insulated tray system.

2. Yearly intake studies analysis with the assistance of a computer brought by the consultant dietitian. This helped to utilize better time and efforts of the dietary technician.

3. Cost containment has shown to be effective with programs of cooperative buying groups through Service Systems Corporation and Mid-Hudson Shared Services.

### Goals for 1981:

1. Continuance of vending and staff dining room merchandising. Possible expansion of equipment and conveniences for staff and visitors dining pleasure.

2. Review ventilation and new cooling ideas for the Dietary Department.

3. Expand the progressive feeding program.

4. Cost containment through cooperative buying, utilization of government surplus food, seasonal pricing, menu alterations, etc.

Many goals and accomplishments for 1980 will be carried into 1981 for more productive service.

I would like to thank the Northeastern Conference Board of Directors, all departments of the Nursing Center and Service Systems Corporation for their support, courtesy and cooperation shown through 1980.



Renee Earl Greene and Garth Arlington Greene after the wedding ceremony.

## EARLE-GREENE WEDDING

Felice Renee Earle and Garth Greene were united in holy matrimony on Sunday, June 14, 1981, in the New Rochelle Seventh-day Adventist Church, New Rochelle, New York. Pastor J. P. Willis performed the ceremony with J. Milton Thomas, pastor of the New Rochelle church, and Clifford R. Jones, pastor of the South Ozone Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jamaica, Queens, assisting.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Earle and a graduate of Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Greene. Yvonne Earle, sister of the bride, was maid of honor with Dennis Hall of California as best man.

The radiant bride, wearing a Juliet cap and a white chiffon gown with embroidered lace bodice and scalloped train, had a bridal bouquet of white orchids with babies' breath.

Her husband, resplendent in formal attire, received and entertained more than 200 guests at the Elks B. P. O. No. 756 Hall on the Boulevard in New Rochelle, New York. The Irving Simpson Band performed.

The couple are residing in Corona, New York. May God's richest blessings take care of this young couple.

Martha J. Dawson  
Communications Assistant

## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP HOLDS SECOND BAPTISM

On June 13 thirteen souls were buried with Christ in baptism. Of this number nine were young people. Since the beginning of the year 31 youths have given their lives to Christ.

We live in a time when young people who have grown up in the Adventist faith are turning from the truth and seeking self-gratification elsewhere. It's good to know that there are still people, young and old, who are willing to serve their Lord.

God bless you, dear new converts, as you embark on the road to eternity.

Paula B. Reid  
Communication Secretary

## NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On July 9, Dr. E. T. Mimms of the Northeastern Conference was elected as a member of the General Conference Executive Committee.

He has pastored many larger regional churches, such as Mobile, Alabama; Louisville, Kentucky (the present structure—the first completely air-conditioned church built in the regional conferences—was constructed under his leadership); Epehus, Birmingham, Alabama; Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where after the church was destroyed by fire, he purchased a new church home, school, and parsonage. These were all dedicated debt-free during his pastorate.

In Cleveland, Ohio, he succeeded in carrying on a strong program in church administration, church finances and public evangelism. Presently he is pastoring the Bethel SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, where he is involved in a refurbishing program that is costing nearly a quarter of a million dollars. It is to be completed in the very near future.

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