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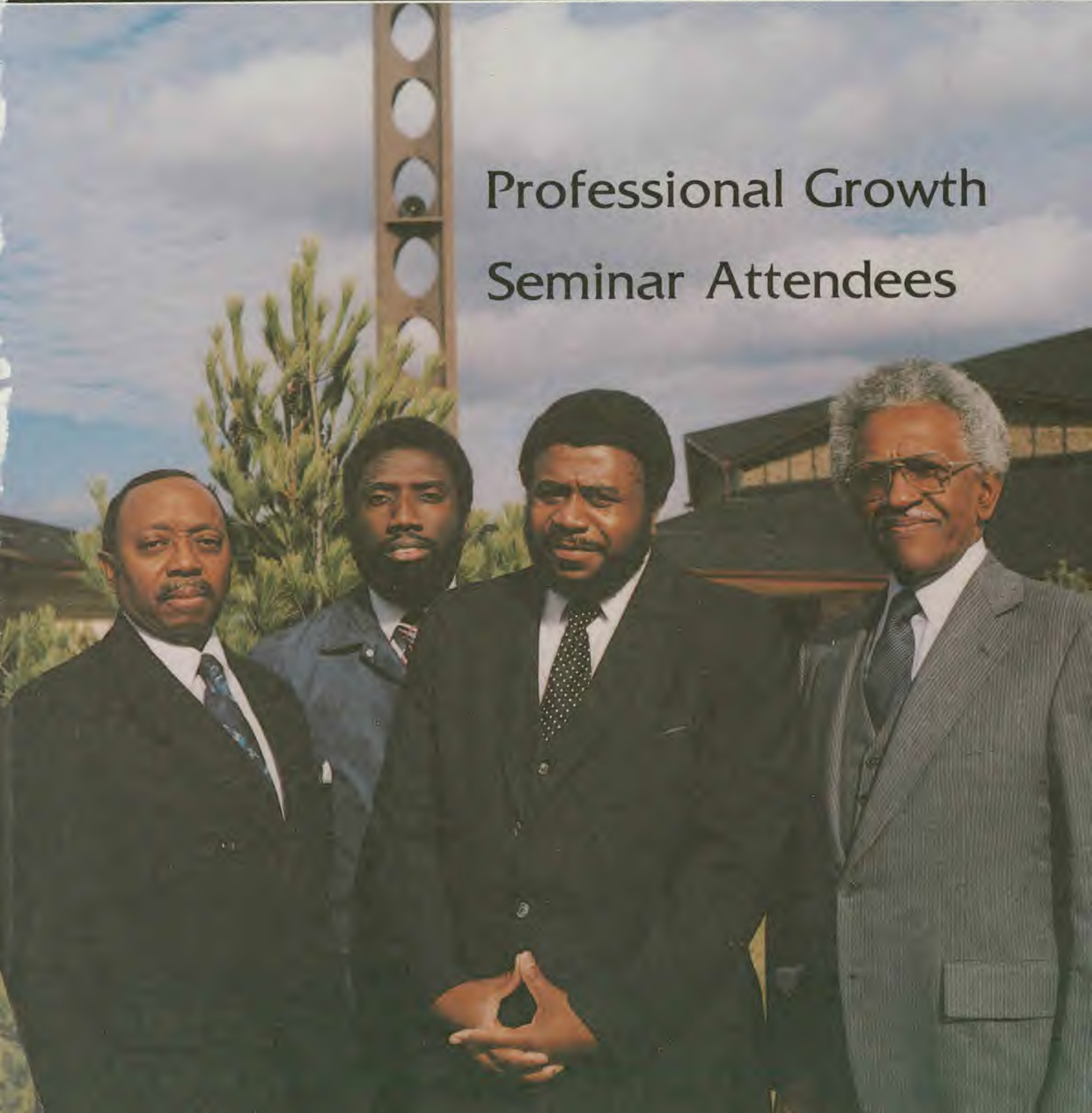
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## Professional Growth Seminar Attendees



## COVER STORY



### PROFESSIONAL GROWTH IN MINISTRY SEMINAR BIGGER AND BETTER

The Third Annual Professional Growth in Ministry Seminar was held on the campus of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, November 30-December 2, 1981. More than 600 ministers, Bible workers and local conference, union, and General Conference administrators gathered for the largest and most extensive council in the meeting's history.

More than three years ago, in a council of regional conference presidents, Dr. C. B. Rock, president of Oakwood College, and Dr. E. E. Cleveland, director of church missions at the school, the concept developed to meet what was perceived as a definite need for refining, improving and updating ministerial skills. The responsibility for planning and coordinating the council was delegated to a committee comprised of Dr. B. F. Reaves, chairperson of the department of religion at Oakwood College, E. C. Ward, pastor of the college church, and Dr. E. E. Cleveland.

Out of their planning emerged the initial council of 1979, which had as its thrust "the study of ways and means" to reach every black person in North America. A sense of urgency permeated the historic gathering of theologians, scholars, evangelists and conference administrators. Presentations focused on spiritual needs, pastoral skills, evangelistic techniques and unprecedented lay involvement.

Reaction to the meeting was unanimous and eloquently expressed by Pastor John Nixon of the Northeastern Conference: "To anticipate together the

coming of the new Pentecost, when a thousand will be baptized in a single day. To feel the warning trend of its approach and realize that the future can be as near as tomorrow. To hear the cry, 'Evangelize! Evangelize!' echoing through the corridors and have the hope of sharing in the latter rain experience revitalized. This was "Evangelism '80."

The tide of reaction over the experience was sufficient to lift the concept to a second annual session scheduled for December 1-3, 1980. The planning committee recognized the need to broaden the spectrum of issues presented and problems discussed. As a result, the plan of additional rotating workshops in conjunction with plenary sessions was introduced. This addition meant that every participant was intensively exposed to a blend of theory and practice in the component areas of ministerial skills: preaching, evangelism, pastoral ministry and church administration. With the expanded format came greater attendance featuring delegations from Bermuda and participation by French and Hispanic pastors. The response to the second PGM seminar was "Let's do it again." Before the end of the meeting plans were laid to "do it again" in December 1981.

On November 30, 1981, the third annual PGM seminar convened. The tone of the meeting was set by the devotional speakers for the session. Chaplain Barry Black of the U. S. Navy opened the meetings by challenging the assembled workers to "wrestle like Jacob til the victory comes." On Tuesday morning T. A. McNealey, pastor of the Maranatha church in Atlanta, incisively cut to the heart of the shared concern by developing a clear perspective of the Biblical concept of the laos.

On Wednesday morning Pastor Paul Monk, editor of *Message* magazine, gave a stirring message. Following the communion service was a solemnly moving homily by Melvin Hayden, pastor of the First S.D.A. Church in Washington, D.C. The closing services were highlighted by the inspirationally dynamic message of Pastor Raymond Saunders, evangelist for the Atlantic Union Conference.

The daily pastoral ministry workshop featured presentations by Dr. C. B. Rock on "Christian Ethics" and Pastors Richard Barron of the General Conference and E. W. Shepperd, associate secretary of the Southwestern Union, on

the "Challenge of Youth Ministries in the 80's." In the preaching workshop participants listened as "The Pew Talks to the Pulpit," a presentation by Dr. Claude Thomas, director of counseling at Oakwood College, and took notes as Pastor LeCount Butler of Hadley Hospital in Washington spoke on "The Personality of the Preacher."

The workshop on pastoral evangelism included a "Problem Clinic on Evangelism" with resource persons from several areas of the country while the afternoon featured a panel discussion of "Lay Mobilization."

This was reinforced by plenary sessions at night that were highlighted by moving testimonials, dynamic preaching and inspirational singing.

Other well-received features were: the Breath of Life Evangelistic Team featuring Pastors C. D. Brooks and Walter Arties, Pastor Dan Matthews of Faith for Today and a focus on contemporary issues. Two outstanding presentations on Daniel 2 and 7, 8 and 11 given by Dr. William Shea, professor of Old Testament at the S.D.A. Theological Seminary. Pastor Paul Gordon of the Ellen G. White Estate provided a well-researched, stimulating presentation on the gift of prophecy.

A workshop for Bible instructors was a new addition to this year's PGM Seminar. Also, booths featured the Institute for Church Growth from Andrews University, the Review and Herald, Riverside Sanitarium and the White Estate.

It was evident from the reactions and comments of those attending this year's PGM Seminar that the move is to bigger and better things for "Professional Growth in Ministry."

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Being a former director of education, I am always extremely interested in the advancement of our youth. Recently, while attending a seminar in alumni affairs in Columbus, Ohio, I had the privilege of visiting Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr., vice provost of Ohio State University.

During the course of our conversation I suggested that he list the Adventist students he has helped since assuming his position in 1971. Why did I feel this was

important? It is my hope that Dr. Hale's commitment to the uplifting of his fellow men might inspire others to do likewise.

Dennis J. Alexander, M.A./June/1981, Psychology: Industrial Relations.

Linda Ammons, M.A./June/1980, Communication: Mass.

Michele Cleveland Ammons, M.M./December/1977, Music: Voice.

Edna Atkins, M.S./August/1975, Home Economics.

Emmanuel Ola Atolagbe, Ph.D./March/1975, Psychology.

Paula Barnes, M.A./August/1975, English.

Brenda Pearsall Black, M.A./June/1973, English.

Vanessa Blake, M.M./Expected August/1981 (Currently Enrolled), Music: Piano.

Robert Bradley, A.M.P./March/1976, Cert. of Nurs. Anest.

Paul Brantley, Ph.D./March/1975, Education.

Gloria Aileen Brown, M.S./August/1975, Chemistry.

Ronald L. Campbell, M.B.A./March/1976, Business Administration.

Jacqueline Carter, M.B.A./August/1980, Business Administration.

Joyce A. Cordell Richardson, Ph.D./August/1973, Communication.

Sterling Cox, Currently Enrolled, Education: Vocational Technology.

Leslie Crichlow, Currently Enrolled, Law/Business Administration.

Thomas A. Daniels, M.B.A./June/1980, Hospital Administration.

William L. DeShay, Ph.D./August/1975, Education: Counseling and Guidance.

Albert Dudley, M.B.A./March/1976, Business Administration.

Joyce Knight Evans, M.A./August/1977, Education: E & M.

Richard A. Ford, M.A./March/1981, Education: Counseling and Guidance.

Henry Fordham, M.A./December/1974, History.

Carleton J. Galley, M.A./August/1979, Physical Education.

Teni Garrett, M.A./Ph.D. Expected December/1981 (Currently Enrolled), Psychology.

Harold Akia Gore, M.A./August/1980 (Currently Enrolled), Black Studies.

Ephraim T. Gwebu, Ph.D./August/1978, Physiological Chemistry.

Allen Roger Hackley, M.D./June/1976, Medicine.

Ruth S. Hale, M.A./August/1973, Education: E & M.

Ester Harber, M.S./August/1973, Home Economics.

Crystal Hardy Adams, M.A./Expected August/1981 (Currently Enrolled), Education: E & M.

James E. Hawkins, Ph.D./August/1977, Communication.

Judith Hawkins, M.S./June/1977, Home Economics.

Constance Irving, M.S./June/1977, Education: Science/Mathematics.

Thompson Kay, M.A./August/1979, Education: Vocational Technology.

Geneva Simons Kitching, M.A./December/1975, Education: Vocational Technology.

Valerie Gray Lee, Ph.D./December/1976, English.

Ricky Little, M.M./Expected Summer/1981 (Currently Enrolled), Music: Voice.

Roy E. Malcolm, Ph.D./December/1974, Education: Counseling/Guidance.

Margaret Means, M.A./August/1979, Education: Counseling/Guidance.

Milton Matthews, M.A./August/1980, City and Regulation Planning.

Charles Miller, M.Acc./June/1976, Accounting.

Judy Montford, M.A./August/1980, Journalism.

Charlotte Osterman, M.A./August/1975, Social Work.

Yvonne Parker, M.A./August/1979, Education: E & M.

Sandy Robinson, J.D./June/1979, Law.

Gloria Samuel, M.A./August/1974, Education: C & F.

Patricia A. Scott, M.A./June/1976, City and Regulatory Planning, M.P.A./August/1976, Public Administration.

Devon Stokes, M.A./March/1980 (Currently Enrolled), Psychology.

Diedra Brooks Trammel, M.A./December/1977, Communication: Speech Pathology.

Beverly Vaughn Trent, Ph.D./Expected December/1981, M.M./June/1973 (Currently Enrolled), Music: Voice.

Delvius Wagner, M.A./December/1978, Communication: Speech and Hearing.

Joseph W. Warren, M.A./December/1973 (Currently Enrolled), English.

Karen Warren, M.S./December/1976, Nursing.

Karen Wells, M.S./December/1976, Home Economics.

Olivia Willis, M.A./December/1979, Communication: Speech Pathology.

#### Addendum

Lucile Lacy, Currently Enrolled, Music.

Juanita Lane, Currently Enrolled, Chemistry.

Anthony Sims, Currently Enrolled, Dentistry.

Deborah Webster, M.A./August/1979, Education: Guidance and Counseling.

Toni Young, Currently Enrolled, Dentistry.

#### ROYALTY AT EPHEBUS

Much ado has been made over the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana in London. Well, New York City's Ephesus SDA Church is very privileged to have its own royalty. Douglas Pitters and Tramel Brown were crowned king and queen respectively for 1981 at the spring Junior A.Y.S. banquet!

The runners-up for queen were Germaine Penn and Brenda Wilson. The runners-up for king were Joseph Wilson and Josiah Spellman.

To attain the crown was no easy task. Contestants had to excel in Junior A.Y.S. attendance, Morning Watch participation, Bible memory work, etc. In addition, finalists displayed a wide range of talent as they recited, sang and played the piano, flute and melodica at the banquet.

The banquet also featured a drama on the life of Queen Esther. Fellowship Hall really looked like a palace and Brenda Wilson made a beautiful queen. All of the participants were enthusiastic and convincing actors and actresses.

During the banquet, Vera Spellman, Junior A.Y.S. leader, reported that 711 pieces of literature have been distributed in 1981. It is very evident that the children are learning, enjoying and witnessing.

Ephesus Junior A.Y.S. officers are urging all parents to make Junior A.Y.S. a part of their children's schedules.

Caroline Jones  
Communications Leader

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Do not rejoice when your enemy meets trouble. Let there be no gladness when he falls—for the Lord may be displeased with you and stop punishing him!

*Proverbs 24:17, 18*

# The Editor's Desk



Pastor and Mrs. Roy Rugless, far right, stand with the new congregation raised up by Rugless and other Oakwood College students. The new congregation is to be officially organized soon. Rugless is the pastor of the Decatur/Florence/Trianna district.

## THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

### ALLEGHENY EAST

#### NEW BELIEVERS WED AT HAHNEMANN HOSPITAL

Haywood Montgomery and Veronica Bailey were married in a patient room at Hahnemann Hospital in the center of Philadelphia. They were among the 103 people baptized at the end of an evangelistic meeting conducted by the North Philadelphia SDA Church.

On the Wednesday after his baptism, Haywood was returning home from work on his motorcycle to prepare for mid-week prayer service. An automobile collided with his motorcycle, thrusting him off his cycle and into the air. Haywood says that in the seconds that ticked away between the collision and his shocking return to the pavement, he thanked God that he had already decided to follow the instruction of the Bible and be baptized. He was certain that, even if his life was lost, he would be included in the resurrection to eternal life in Jesus Christ. His life was spared.

Physicians wondered whether he would lose his leg as a result of his injuries. After undergoing surgery several times, he is recuperating successfully at Hahnemann.

Veronica came to the knowledge of the third angel's message in a unique manner. She was unable to attend the nightly meetings. Haywood attended each meeting and recorded the sermons on tape. He took the tapes to Veronica the following morning and made certain she listened to the tape during the day. Veronica was convicted by the truth from the Scriptures without ever meeting Evangelist Walter L. Pearson, Jr., in person. However, she felt that she already knew him as soon as she heard his voice.

Television Channel 6 featured this wedding on the evening news. The hospital public relations department helped arrange the ceremony in the room. The excitement that resulted from

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Jan. 29	Feb. 5	12	19
Boston, Mass	4:54	5:03	5:12	5:21
New York City	5:06	5:15	5:27	5:36
Buffalo, N.Y.	5:23	5:33	5:42	5:51
Atlanta, Ga.	6:06	6:13	6:19	6:26
Miami, Fla.	6:02	6:07	6:12	6:17
Charlotte, N.C.	5:49	5:56	6:03	6:10
Birmingham, Ala.	5:15	5:22	5:29	5:35
Jackson, Miss.	5:31	5:38	5:44	5:50
Memphis, Tenn.	5:25	5:33	5:40	5:46
Louisville, Ky.	6:02	6:10	6:18	6:26
Detroit, Mich.	5:44	5:53	6:02	6:11
Chicago, Ill.	5:02	5:11	5:20	5:29
South Bend, Indiana	5:57	6:06	6:15	6:23
Minneapolis, Minn.	5:17	5:27	5:37	5:46
St. Louis, Mo.	5:19	5:27	5:35	5:43
Kansas City, Mo.	5:36	5:44	5:52	6:00
Denver, Co.	5:16	5:24	5:32	5:41
Little Rock, Ark.	5:35	5:42	5:49	5:56
Dallas, Texas	5:57	6:04	6:10	6:16
New Orleans, La.	5:35	5:41	5:47	5:52
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:32	5:39	5:46	5:53
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:55	6:02	6:09	6:16

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

the event gave many opportunities for Haywood and Veronica to witness for Christ. The joy from their wedding is helping Haywood to recover even more quickly.

Jeffrey Coleman  
Communication Secretary

## MUSIC RECITAL NETS \$6,000

A musical recital for the benefit of Pine Forge Academy recently netted the school \$6,000.

Held at Queens College in Flushing, New York, the program featured a host of musical luminaries. Special guests Clifton Davis and Teresa Merritt of "That's My Mama" fame were joined by other artists, including Walter Arties, the Soul Seekers, Noelette Leader, Wintley Phipps, Edwina Humphrey and the Johnston Steel Orchestra. All were willing to perform free of charge in order that the school might receive a greater profit.

Jymie Charles, father of a Pine Forge student, conceived the idea for the concert. An actor and singer in his own right, Charles produced this musical extravaganza. Tickets for this affair were handled by both the Northeastern and Allegheny East conferences as well as the box office. Several churches came by the busload and patrons from as far away as Virginia were in attendance.

In addition to each performer's renditions, a seven-minute Pine Forge Academy multi-media public relations feature was presented by Real Life Communications. Bil Morgan, also from Real Life Communications, emceed the entire program.

By popular demand, this type of benefit may become an annual affair.



Corita Suggs, Lorraine Armstead and Janice Chandler are known as "The Triad," a popular singing group in the area.



Pastor Walter Pearson joins two new believers in matrimony in a hospital room as local elder Elliott Brooks witnesses the ceremony.

## PUBLIC EVANGELISM IN NORTH PHILADELPHIA

The North Philadelphia SDA Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, conducted its 1981 public evangelistic campaign under a tent on a strategically-located inner-city lot leased from the redevelopment authority of the city of Philadelphia.

City Councilman John F. Street facilitated this extraordinary arrangement just days before the opening date for the series of meetings. Negotiations for two other parcels of land had fallen through at the last minute. Pastor Pearson called on Street with a certain amount of confidence, since they had been roommates at Oakwood.

Plans for the evangelistic thrust had begun in January with a phased program that included prayer vigils, a sermon series and evangelistic training classes conducted by the pastor and selected lay persons that attracted more than 200 members over a six-week period.

William E. Hall and James Lewis, fellow ministers in the Allegheny East Conference, associated with Pearson in this project while continuing programs in their respective churches. Charles Jenkins, conference Bible instructor for the district, coordinated a dedicated group of lay Bible workers. Because the members of the North Philadelphia Mizpah district were so diligent and area literature evangelists very supportive,



The Soul Seekers are under the direction of Myron Ottley.

attendance by visitors was outstanding throughout the series.

At the culmination of the campaign, a motorcade led by three motorcoaches moved from the tent site to the North Philadelphia church for the first baptism. After three such baptisms, 103 people had been added to the remnant church.

Jeffrey Coleman  
Communication Secretary



Pastor Walter Pearson baptizing a young man at the end of the North Philadelphia crusade.

## AN INTERVIEW WITH A TV PERSONALITY

**Question:** What is your name and how did you get interested in TV work?

**Answer:** My name is Barbara Jackson Hall. I enjoyed speaking before my church congregation as a youth and would receive encouragement and compliments when I gave the mission story or welcomed visitors. That's how my interest in broadcast journalism began. One of the greatest things a church member can do is keep young people encouraged. Because I enjoyed speaking and writing, I wanted a profession that would combine the two.

**Question:** How long have you been in the church?

**Answer:** I was baptized into the Glenville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, when I was twelve years old in 1967 by Pastor H. L. Cleveland along with my family in a church crusade. I now attend Columbus Hilltop church where my husband and I are faithful members.

**Question:** What is your educational background?

**Answer:** I didn't have the privilege of attending an SDA college, but I'm convinced the Lord led me in my college choice. I wanted to go to a small college with a strong journalism department in Ohio. The Lord led me to one—Ohio Wesleyan in Delaware, Ohio.

God had another reason for this choice. I met a nice young man there who became both a Seventh-day Adventist and my husband. One of our greatest joys is knowing we had a part in a college friend of ours and my husband's mother joining the SDA Church. I then continued my education at Indiana University, where I received my master's degree of science in telecommunications.

**Question:** What is a work day like?

**Answer:** My day starts with an early morning talk show with varied topics of interest. I sometimes anchor the noon-time news and I am also a roving reporter. A good day entails setting up interviews, going out with a photographer to shoot the interviews and back at the studio I write my story, line it up with pictures and audio tape, put it on the editing machine and have it ready for the 6 p.m. news, but good, smooth days are rare in TV.

A typical day is when I am handed a slip of paper with an assignment as I



*Barbara Jackson Hall, a roving reporter.*

enter the door in the morning along with a brief description of the story. I grab tapes, tape recorder and photographer (cameraman) and head right back out the door.

If our equipment breaks down, we go back to the station for more gear and head back out to finish the story. We may be radioed to go across town to do another story. We do that story and then go back to finish the first story.

On our way back to the station we are radioed to do yet another story or cover an accident because we are the closest crew to the location. Finished, we head in to get ready for the evening news.

While I am writing, my photographer is sent back out to cover another story, so I'm paired with a cameraman who knows nothing of what we have covered during the day. By the time I write the stories, match the pictures and edit the materials it is sometimes 5:59 p.m. You must agree that's trimming it close for a 6:00 broadcast. That's what is meant by working under pressure. I'm about the only one in the newsroom who doesn't smoke or drink coffee — *prayer* gets me through the day!



*Hall preparing stories for TV presentation.*

It was a pleasure covering Barbara Jackson Hall. Most impressive about her is the fact that even though she has been in broadcasting and an associate professor in telecommunications since 1978, her love for God's church and the finishing of His work in the earth has been strengthened with the years. Both she and her husband James Hall (a local elder and public school teacher) are faithful members of Hilltop church, according to S. G. Cole, their pastor. Their burning desire is to be witnesses to a dying world and reaffirm the fact that Jesus is the Answer and Hope for lost humanity.

Elizabeth M. Cleveland  
Conference Reporter



*Barbara Hall checks out stories on an editing machine.*



*Barbara Jackson Hall getting ready to anchor the noon news program on WCMH-TV, Channel 4 in Columbus.*

## KING'S DAUGHTERS PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS

In the beautiful Plums Room of the Livonia, Michigan, Holiday Inn, the newly organized Detroit chapter of the Federated King's Daughters presented its first Christian Elegance Scholarship Banquet.

The afternoon's activities began with prayer by Susan Maycock, chaplain, and a welcome by Julia Lewis. Club members then modeled apparel that is appropriate for the Christian lady while male guest models displayed attire for the Christian gentleman. The fashion review was narrated by Eric and Lois Morse of Auburn Heights, Michigan.

Iris McChristian-Allen, president, presented a \$500 scholarship to Renee Scruggs, a student at Oakwood College. The award was accepted on behalf of Renee by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Scruggs.

Shirley Hamilton gave the club history after which the president introduced the sixteen members, representing five of the Detroit area churches.

Joseph P. Lewis, pastor of the Inkster church, offered the blessing for the delicious meal.

This chapter of the King's Daughters was organized in August, 1980, by Charlotte Forde, president of the San Bernardino, California, Chapter II.

The Lord has already richly blessed this group and they have been able to do an outstanding work for the youth, senior citizens and needy families of the Detroit area.

Other officers of the King's Daughters are Veronica Farrell, secretary, Gayle Kimmey, treasurer, Lorraine Stewart, sergeant-at-arms, Gladys Jones, correspondence secretary, and Melvia Johnson, historian.

According to Iris McChristian-Allen, president, "the King's Daughters, Detroit chapter, is looking forward to doing even greater things for the Master."

## INGATHERING VICTORY BANQUET IN EVANSVILLE

This is the third year that the Metropolitan church in Evansville, Indiana, has successfully reached its Ingathering goal in a relatively short period.

To celebrate the occasion, a victory banquet was held at the senior citizen's center.



Ruth Martin receiving her certificate from Pastor Charles Willis.

Featured speaker was Pastor R. C. Brown, Sr., executive secretary of the Lake Region Conference and managing editor of the *Regional Voice*. In his message he admonished those present to become aware of the spiritual and physical needs of those in the community and endeavor to meet those needs. He said, "It is not always easy to care for the poor, neither is it a pleasant task, but God expects this of us."

Also appearing on the program were: David Pitt of Louisville, Kentucky, soloist; Eugene Hughes, local elder, playing musical spoons; Richard Barnes, soloist; and Ann Bauman, soloist.

In devising a plan to encourage members to reach their personal goal, it was decided to divide the membership into groups, with a personal goal for each member of the group. Fourteen members were given certificates of recognition for having reached their personal goal.

Eva Moon and Vicky Hickerson were given special recognition for their participation in Home Nursing Ministry and Witnessing for Christ.

To complete the theme of the banquet and to verbally express thanks to God for the strength and desire to finish the task, Anthoniea Jones recited Helen Steiner Rice's "Thank You, God."

## JUNIOR RECEIVES AWARD

As a means of encouraging the members of the City Temple SDA Church in Detroit to be loyal and faithful to God and the church, the leader of the Junior division of the Sabbath school presents an award each quarter to the most outstanding member during that period.

The recipient of the award for the third quarter of this year was Patrick White, son of John and Gwendolyn White.

Leader Naomi Rentie announced that Patrick always knows his Sabbath

school lesson and is well versed in the Holy Scriptures. She stated that he is very attentive and utilizes his time well.

Rentie said further, "Patrick's desire to learn more about his Lord and Saviour prompts him to ask many questions. He wants to be like Jesus and to serve as He served."



## NEW IDENTITY FOR J. R. WAGNER SCHOOL

J. R. Wagner Elementary School in Chicago Heights, Illinois, recently acquired a sign displaying to the entire community that they will remain a permanent structure.

Several parents and students mentioned their dissatisfaction with the absence of a permanent sign identifying their school, so church members rallied together to purchase the materials needed to complete the beautifully finished product.

Joan Bauer, Principal



Pictured here in her Pontiac, Michigan, home, Annie Mary Cobb Johnson, as Investment leader for the Southside church, has led out, despite her age of 82 3/4 years. God has continued to bless her in this phase of His program for the last five years, and as of October 10, 1981, she had already raised a total of \$575.

## 13TH ANNUAL LAYMEN'S FEDERATION

Hundreds of laymen gathered September 11-13 at Victory Lake Camp in Hyde Park, New York, for the 13th Annual Laymen's Convention. This laymen's federation is unique since it is the only one in North America to comprise a whole conference.

The laymen's federation was organized thirteen years ago by Pastor H. W. Kibble, then director of lay activities for Northeastern Conference. Since that time the organization has blossomed and is presently a powerful soul-winning organization with a membership of 700 dedicated laymen.

The federation is divided into seven districts: Hudson Valley, Western New York, Rockland/Westchester, New England/Staten Island and Long Island, which allows every church and its members to be involved in soul-winning activities.

Additional aims of the federation are to assist church members by presenting "effective and proven methods" of soul-winning, "developing proper organization and working in harmony with pastors in fostering evangelism."

God has richly rewarded their efforts. Thousands of souls have been won. Numerous churches have been started in Northeastern because of committed laymen.

The theme of this year's convention, "Revival For Survival," was well-chosen in light of the prophetic timetable.

The laymen were challenged by the motto, "With Christ we can, we will, we must make the difference."

With this theme and motto in mind, Pastor R. Lister, director of lay activities for Northeastern and the executive committee of the federation, planned a dynamic, edifying and spiritual convention. Leona Lewis, secretary to Pastor Lister, worked untiringly to make it a perfect convention.

The expertise of enlightened, proven Christian professionals were enlisted to better equip the laymen. Juliette Phillips, director of public relations and assistant professor of behavioral science at Oakwood College, taught effective ways of working with people in the inner cities and communication skills.

E. C. Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College church, was the guest speaker for the divine hour. He gave a timely message on Revelation 11, "God's True



Delegates spend overtime copying E. C. Ward's notes.



Robert Lister, conference personal ministries director, and Juliette Phillips, communication director at Oakwood College.



The Ellenville choir sings during the second worship service at the laymen's convention. A banner behind the rostrum proclaimed the federation's theme, "Revival for Survival."

Witness." In addition, he served as a seminar instructor, presenting ways and means to influence people and gain decisions.

William McNeil, pastor of the East New York church in Brooklyn, New York, dealt with organizational skills. He systematically taught how to organize the whole church to effectively work for souls.

Pastor Tom Ashlock, Sabbath school director for the North American Division, was the Friday speaker and seminar instructor. He introduced many laymen to "The Faith, Action and Advance" soul-winning program.

For the vesper hour Matias Solis, pastor of the Salem Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dorchester, Massachusetts, delivered an inspiring message in Spanish as Maximo Martinez served as translator.

On Sunday, the high point of the convention came when Pastor Ward presented the longest prophecy in the Bible—Genesis 3:15. He refers to this prophecy as the "Head and Heel Prop-

hecy" which covers 7000 years of prophetic time. It was very edifying, creating a deep thirst among the members to study the Bible carefully and consistently.

He also presented the shortest prophecy—Genesis 19:1-25, the twelve-hour prophetic time of Sodom and Gomorrah. The prophecy began at sunset and ended at sunrise.

The convention was concluded with a message by Pastor E. J. Parchment, director of lay activities for the Atlantic Union, who challenged the laymen to be "an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

## BEREA SCHOOL FIRE FUND

On November 4, the Berea church school in Boston, Massachusetts, suffered a devastating fire.

Fortunately, the school children had been well trained by many fire drills. They evacuated the building without





G. R. Earle, conference president, challenges delegates at the convention.



Pictured at left is Oliver Levine, secretary-treasurer for the Northeastern Conference Laymen's Federation. At right is Henry Wilson, federation president.



E. C. Ward inspires delegates during the preaching service.



Pastor William McNeil of the Brooklyn East New York church teaches delegates at the annual laymen's convention how to organize the territorial assignments for effective results.

injury. However, nine firemen were injured.

God has constantly been in our midst and this tragedy has drawn church members and the community closer together.

The church has set up a Berea Fire Fund at the Shawmut Bank, 1617 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, Massachusetts 02126. This fund has received attention on local radio and several students were interviewed for "Coming Together," a program aired on Thanksgiving on a local television station.

Those interested in contributing to the rebuilding of the school can send their checks to the above-mentioned address. Funds are urgently needed because the church is renting a community center so that the children may continue their

schooling.

Pray that God will grant His people the courage and strength to reach greater heights.

Helen Drumgo  
Communication Secretary

### FIRST ANNUAL SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

An estimated 125 Sabbath school teachers, secretaries and superintendents from all over Northeastern Conference convened for the first annual Sabbath School Convention held August 28-30 at Victory Lake Campground in Hyde Park, New York.

The central focus of the convention was making the Sabbath school an ac-

tive, dynamic, soul-winning organization.

The convention sought to develop and equip teachers to be active soul-winners. The architect of this convention was Pastor J. P. Willis, Sabbath school director for Northeastern Conference.

Several days prior to the convention Willis had an accident and was unable to attend, but due to his sound planning and organization, Pastor S. H. Brooks, treasurer of the Northeastern Conference, was able to carry on the convention.

He was supported by Willis' wife, Georgia; Meleen Parson, secretary to Pastor Willis; Pastor G. R. Earle, president of Northeastern; Pastor Harold Baptiste, secretary of Northeastern, who presided over the Sunday meeting; Ida Williams, assistant treasurer, who served as pianist during the convention; Irwin Jacobs, camp superintendent; Kellerman Brooks, assistant camp superintendent; and Violet Farrow, secretary, Victory Lake Camp.

Guest speaker for the Friday night and Sabbath morning services was Dr. C. D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference. His messages were timely and extremely relevant for Christian teachers working with urban dwellers.

Individual seminars were held for each Sabbath school division. Leila Brathwaite of the Crossroad church, New York City, was the instructor for the

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Quench not the spirit.

*1 Thessalonians 5:19*



Participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony were two flag-bearing Pathfinders on the far right and left. Pictured up front, left to right, are: James Wray, a veteran local elder of Gethsemane; Pastor J. A. Simons, treasurer of the South Atlantic Conference; Calvin Preston, pastor of Gethsemane; Judy Taylor, chief executive officer of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of North Carolina, who spearheaded the loan for the church; Pastor R. B. Hairston, president of South Atlantic Conference (Immediately behind Hairston is retired pastor L. R. Hastings, the only surviving member of the original church group 65 years ago.); Avery Upchurch, Raleigh city councilman; Harold Webb, director of personnel for the state of North Carolina, representing Governor Hunt; J. J. Sanson, president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank; Pastor O. J. McKinney, associate ministerial secretary of the Southern Union; and P. Anderson, a guest of honor.

## SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE OPENS TWO NEW CHURCHES

### Spartanburg-Shiloh

That spring morning in 1979, when that small congregation of less than 100 broke ground to build a 250-seat church, was a day of great rejoicing. Their spirits went down when, for almost a year, the project remained dormant. On its revival they went to work on the building with great enthusiasm.

To the mortification and disappointment of all concerned, on the night of January 24 an arsonist (it is believed) deprived them of this pleasure as they witnessed their \$200,000 structure destroyed. This did not discourage them. Within a couple of months the financial hurdles were removed and they cleared the rubble to rebuild on the same foundation. On October 3 they celebrated in style the long-awaited grand opening.

The Advent message reached the black community of about 15,000 in 1950. Only six people accepted it and the original Drummond family from that time is still the leading force there. The pastor is Harold Gaskins. President Hairston was the featured speaker of the day.



Left to right at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Spartanburg-Shiloh SDA Church are Pastor Joe Hinson, director of personal ministries for South Atlantic Conference; O. S. White, former pastor of Shiloh (now retired); Lewis Miller, Spartanburg city councilman; Pastor R. B. Hairston, president of the South Atlantic Conference; Harold Gaskins, pastor of Shiloh; William Simms, first local elder of Shiloh; Ron Brown, contractor and builder of Shiloh; and Edmond Drummond, a local elder at Shiloh.

### Raleigh-Gethsemane

Raleigh, the capital city of North Carolina, was unable to exhibit a representative place of worship for black Seventh-day Adventists for a long time. The nucleus of the black church in Raleigh dates back to four persons in 1913. By 1920 the membership had grown to 85. They built a little church which was dedicated in 1936.

On October 24, 1981, with a membership of 224 on the books, they completed a 450-seat modern sanctuary at a cost of \$350,000. However, because of the amount of gifts in the forms of materials and donated labor of all kinds, it is estimated and appraised for more than half a million dollars.

The energetic young pastor who spearheaded this 68-year-old church of 224 members, using both brain and brawn, is Calvin Preston. The opening day was full and charged with a great deal of emotion when the members thought of the great sacrifice and saw such positive results.



The Spartanburg-Shiloh SDA Church on opening day, October 3, 1981.



The new Gethsemane church in the capital city of Raleigh, North Carolina, opened October 24, 1981, and seats 450.

## SPANISH CHURCH ORGANIZED IN ATLANTA

It might have seemed like a horrible fate to 70 Cuban refugees when they were transferred to the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. Little did they realize that they were destined to be exposed to the best experience of their lives.

An enthusiastic company of Spanish believers in Atlanta saw these people as a challenge to their commitment as Seventh-day Adventists and accepted it. Under the leadership of Reuben Castillo, a respected physician in the city, they set to the task of cutting red tape and finally contacted these hundreds of refugees.

During five months of intensive Bible studies with 60 to 70 of them using the Voice of Prophecy lessons, many received their certificates and 22 accepted Christ as their Lord, requesting baptism.

Meanwhile, the group of believers who were meeting at different locations approached Pastor R. B. Hairston, president of the South Atlantic Conference, and requested to be organized into a church. After a careful study of the membership and their eligibility for organization, and a few months under the direction of the College Park church, a satellite of the Atlanta-Berean church, they were organized on September 12, 1981. They have a membership of 40 with 60 attending each Sabbath.

With the financial assistance of the Seventh-day Adventist churches in metro Atlanta, this small group of believers, prior to their formal organization, distributed approximately 900 Spanish Bibles to refugees at the penitentiary.

After cutting all the red tape which would naturally accompany such a venture, the group and their pastor, Ralph Franklin of Atlanta-Berean, took in a portable baptistry and celebrated the rites of baptism on October 4 to these 22 inmates. It should be noted here that a number of these new believers are eligible and ready to be released from their incarceration, but have to wait until somebody will be willing to sponsor them out of the penitentiary and help them get a job.

There are many others who are still seriously studying this new-found doctrine, and it is believed that in due time they will accept the truth.



● John H. Wagner, Jr., pastor of the Magazine Street SDA Church for the past seven years, has retired because of illness to try to regain his health. Pray for his recovery. Dr. E. E. Rogers, former pastor of the Berean SDA Church of Jackson, Mississippi, has been asked to serve as minister for the church.



● There was great rejoicing in Franklin, Tennessee, on Sabbath, October 31, when the New Life SDA Church had its official opening in a new building. This project represents many years of faithful, dedicated Christian labor by some of the members of the Hillcrest church of Nashville, Tennessee. In their outreach programs during the 1960's and 1970's Mr. and Mrs. A. Beaton, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and J. Holder chose Franklin, Tennessee, as a place to carry the message. Vacation Bible Schools were conducted. Radio broadcasts were made and later two evangelistic crusades were held under a tent by John Brown as Pastor Roland Hill encouraged them along. A company of believers was established and two years ago a new congregation came into being. The members built the building themselves from week to week.



● The J. T. Stafford chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association held a testimonial banquet on November 1 in honor of Dr. Eva B. Dykes, C. E. Moseley and Eva Stroughter. Dr. Dykes, the first black woman in the United States to receive a Ph.D. degree, gave up her teaching post at Howard University during the 1940's and moved to Oakwood College to give her services in the training of Adventist youth for service. Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Moseley also gave of themselves through many dedicated years in the training of ministers and teachers to serve the church in soul-winning around the world. Eva Stroughter has worked with the youth of the denomination for more than half a century as Pathfinder director and coordinator. Susey Shurney is the chapter president.



● Dr. and Mrs. Harry Y. C. Wong have been a blessing to Adventist medical and dental students who have attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. He not only serves on the admissions committee, but has been the coordinator for placement and funding programs to help these students get established for over 30 years. Most of the black medical and dental students of the church attend Howard University in Washington, D.C., or the Meharry Medical/Dental schools in Nashville, Tennessee.



● Have you ever wondered what has happened to Dean Charles A. Gray? He and his wife Ruth are now retired in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is still active in working for the church and in winning souls for the Lord. Gray served as the dean of men at Oakwood for more than twenty years. The Gray family has a page in the history of the SDA church which dates back to 1906 when the first church was organized in Memphis, Tennessee, in his grandparents' home. He has given many years of service to the church, having worked in New Orleans, La., Chicago, Illinois, and Huntsville, Alabama.



● During the South Central Teachers Training Meeting in October, Dr. J. F. Dent reported that school enrollment peaked at over 1,500 for the current school year.

● Pastor Antoine Maycock's family mourns the death of his sister, Maryland, her husband, Albert Johnson, and their son, who were killed in an automobile mishap in Michigan on Sunday, November 15th.

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

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING MAKES A DREAM COME TRUE**

Pastor T. H. Coopwood came to Texarkana in the 1930's and pitched his tent on North and Buchanan avenues. For four summers he preached the third angel's message and thus a new company was born.

These believers purchased the corner lot at Industrial and Willis, worshipping in a humble building and calling themselves the Berean SDA Church. During these formative years they had several pastors: Dillette, Crystal, Miller, Bryant, Batson, Brock, Warnick and Young, each strengthening the believers.

In 1958, Pastor J. C. Smith became the minister. He recognized the need for a new building. The existing building was torn down and a small tile block structure was constructed.

In the sixties a new church was built and the name was changed to Bethel. The pastors were: J. A. James, L. D. Henderson, C. M. Bailey and J. Harris. Pastor E. Miller came in with the 70's, making his contribution by obtaining new instruments. Pastor L. W. Draggon was assigned to the Bethel church. He contributed by raising funds for another new building.

In 1979, Pastor J. W. Cox, Jr., arrived with a vision. He wanted to build a new sanctuary. Pastor Cox pitched a new tent in the summer of 1980 and many accepted the Advent message. The congregation purchased five acres of land costing \$22,500 for a new building.

It was a lovely sight and a day to remember with scores of believers, visitors and guests standing in front of this new edifice participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

What a joy to worship in the spacious new construction. The sanctuary has a seating capacity to accommodate 450, a vestibule, baptismal dressing rooms, pastor's study, secretary's office, adequate Sabbath school rooms, social hall, dining area, central cooling and heating, plus carpeting throughout. The value of the building is approximately \$225,000.

Among the 500 persons present for this occasion were: W. C. Jones, conference president, who delivered the spoken word, and Pastor Cox, followed with a baptismal service; M. L. Baez, conference treasurer; Wes Schram, building contractor; Attorney Smiley Watkins, land purchaser; B. Harkness; Ann Wright, representative from the Red



*The Bethel church in Texarkana, Texas, was opened on Sabbath, October 24, 1981. The new edifice was situated on five acres of land at a cost of more than \$200,000.*



*M. L. Baez, conference treasurer, J. W. Cox, pastor, and Ann Wright, representative of the Red River Savings and Loan, rejoice together over the opening of the new church building.*

River Credit Union; Pastor Albert Cox, Macedonia Baptist Church; Pastor Bruster, New Hope Baptist Church; Pastors M. A. Jemison, Little Rock, Arkansas, L. W. Draggon, Tyler, Texas, C. M. Bailey, Waxahachie, Texas, C. L. Wright, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and W. T. Cox, Houston, Texas.

The Texarkana Choir presented special music along with the Ephesus Youth Choir from New Orleans, Louisiana. The visitors and members fellowshiped together over dinner, and an afternoon service with Pastor C. M. Bailey as speaker followed. The Ephesus youth choir presented an afternoon of sacred music.

The Southwest Region family rejoices with Pastor Cox and the dedicated membership of the Bethel church for an outstanding accomplishment for the Master.

Doris Jones  
Reporter

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*depart to serve.*



W. L. Pearson, Jr.

### **"NO LONGER THE SAME AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE"**

"Shackled by a heavy burden.

'Neath the load of guilt and shame.

Then the hand of Jesus touched me.

And now I am no longer the same."

"He Touched Me" was the theme of our fall week of prayer at Oakwood College, November 1-7, 1981. Students, faculty, staff and visitors all felt the "touch" of Jesus as Pastor Walter Pearson skillfully and dramatically brought us in touch with the Master.

Pearson is the pastor of the North Philadelphia SDA Church and attended Oakwood College. His choice of sermons, so practically applied, held us spellbound as the growing congregation crowded tighter each night into the beautiful Oakwood College church.

The spirit of revival was felt immediately all over campus and continued as the messages unfolded. Sunday night Pearson introduced us to "The Calming Touch" of Jesus, which stilled the tempest of Lake Galilee and can calm our stormy lives today. We felt "The Convicting Touch" as we witnessed the drama at Pilate's judgment hall, heard the accusations of the crowd and the verdict of Pilate, "I find no fault in Him."

"The Healing Touch" was the reward of a suffering woman's touch of faith as she struggled against great socio-economic

odds to finally touch the hem of Christ's garment.

Wednesday morning in chapel, students were held to their seats by "The Forgiving Touch" of the Master of every situation as Mary Magdalene received not stones but salvation, not rocks but righteousness, not pebbles but peace.

The evenings to follow brought more drama directly from the life of Christ as "The Enabling Touch" raised the man at the pool of Bethesda; as "The Quickening Touch" brought life back to the widow's son; and as "The Accepting Touch" received the gift from an outcast at Simon's feast.

The series closed Sabbath morning with the last of Pastor Pearson's well-balanced sermons—"The Saving Touch," the touch with all the power of Heavenly dynamos available to give us the right voltage to overcome sin, any sin, every sin, and to live victoriously through Jesus Christ.

Pearson gave a special appeal and 80 persons took their stand for baptism or rededication. Even children from the Cherub Choir spontaneously came down front in their robes. It was electrifying as we felt the presence of God in our midst.

Some of the student reactions were as follows:

Playdell Gooding: "... it made me realize forcefully that Christ is the person I need to touch me like He touched those people in Biblical times... and how Jesus as the center of my life can be an active power in helping me to overcome and strive towards perfection."

Michael B. Harris: "The week of prayer on the 'Touch of Jesus' really touched me in a way I have never been touched before. If we never receive the touch of Jesus we will be like a ship without a captain to guide us through the storms of life. Jesus has a touch for each of us no matter what our weakness may be. I thank God for the touch of Jesus."

Weldrena C. Jones: "The week of prayer conducted by Pastor Walter Pearson was one of the most spiritually enriched and fulfilling programs I have ever" experienced. With God working through him as he preached soul-stirring sermons each night, I realized that without the touch of Christ in my life, I am like a ship without a sail. We all, in diverse ways, need the touch of Christ. I have been richly blessed and enlightened by this fall week of prayer."

G. Jean Kelly: "Elder Pearson has the unique gift of keeping the attention of old and young alike; at the same time giving them the spiritual nutrition needed for sober thinking."

"The Master's Touch" was experienced by many through the subjects presented each night and on Sabbath. One thought permeated the entire week: 'Once a human being has been touched by the Master, he is never the same again.'"

The coordination of the week of prayer also attributed to its success. We are indebted to Chaplain Joseph Powell; Darryl Howard, student general conference president; Abraham Jules, religion and theology forum president; and Kevin Jenkins, student movement religious vice president.

Elfred Lee  
Publications Director

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Cradle Roll division. She emphasized the weighty responsibility of a teacher in the Cradle Roll division, for this is the most important time of a child's life. She introduced creative techniques of instilling a knowledge of God within the child.

Linda Murphy of the City Tabernacle church in New York City conducted the Kindergarten seminar. She too emphasized the importance of training the child at a young age to have reverence for God. She also pointed out ways to reach parents by effectively preparing the child to witness at home. Visual aids, songs and crafts were primary tools she thought necessary to reach children.

Mary Chinnery of the Mount Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mount Vernon, New York, taught the Primary teachers the importance of being spiritually fit to minister to the needs of their students. She also reminded the teachers of their duty to help the child by example and teaching to make a firm decision to follow God.

## IN THE NEWS

Doris Shorey of the Jamaica Seventh-day Adventist Church, Jamaica, New York, presented to the Junior and Earliest divisions the idea of using their students as witnessing tools to reach others. The blessing will be twofold: it will stabilize them in their beliefs and help take an interest in winning others to Christ.

Pastor Samuels Thomas, Sabbath school director for the Atlantic Union Conference, conducted the Youth division. He pointed out new methods being implemented by the church to reach young people during this critical age.

Pastor Mack Wilson, Sabbath school director for the Bermuda Mission, emphasized to the Adult division teachers not only the importance of careful and in-depth study, but also the vital necessity of reclaiming missing members and souls lost in sin.

On Sunday morning Pastor Earle gave the devotional message. He succinctly described the role of Sabbath school, "a simple tool which God uses to redevelop human life for God's service."

The importance of the various Sabbath school offerings—birthday thank offerings, expense offerings, Investment plans, 13th Sabbath offerings, mission offerings and weekly offerings—were explained so the conventioners might realize how far-reaching are their financial gifts.

The final message was given by Pastor E. J. Parchment, Sabbath school director, Atlantic Union Conference, who put the finishing touches on the convention by reminding the audience of their noble responsibility for saving souls.



Earl Parchment, of the Atlantic Union Conference personal ministries and Sabbath school departments, makes a strong point.

FOURTEEN



Pastor and Mrs. E. F. Carter

### WEDDING

Willa Mae Burgess and Eugene F. Carter were married September 5, 1981, in the home of his daughter, Toni Carter, in St. Louis, Missouri. The ceremony was performed by Pastor R. C. Brown, Sr., executive secretary of the Lake Region Conference and managing editor of the *North American Regional Voice*.

The couple are making their home in Kansas City, where Pastor Carter is director of the Sabbath school, inner city, lay activities, trust services and stewardship departments of the Central States Conference. Willa Mae works for the Internal Revenue Service in Kansas City.

### OBITUARIES

• Deaths in South Central this year: Elizabeth F. Thomas of Montgomery; Magnolia Jones of Clarksdale, Mississippi; Wallace Whitehead of Greenville, Mississippi; James Ashworth of Brownsville, Tennessee; M. Robinson of Cleveland, Mississippi; and Hattie Young of Birmingham, Alabama.



Phylis Marie Foster

• Phylis Marie Foster was born in New Bern, North Carolina, on February 9, 1900, to Nathaniel and Alice Foster. She was the oldest of nine children, attending the local schools in Craven County, North Carolina.

After coming to New York at the age of sixteen, she worked hard to help her mother support her brothers and sisters after their father's death.

Among the offices she held in her church were head deaconess, usher, lay activities secretary and community services leader. She opened a community services center on church property to take care of the needs of those in her community. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

Phylis served her country in the W.A.C.S. (Women's Army Corps) from 1942 to 1944, in Fort Devans, Massachusetts, at a camp in Des Moines, Iowa, and Fort Riley, Kansas.

She leaves to mourn: three brothers, three sisters, seven nephews, four nieces, five grandnephews, three grandnieces, cousins, in-laws, a host of relatives and many, many friends.

We feel that Phylis made her peace with God and with that blessed assurance we hope to meet her one day soon when God comes to call His own.

Lovingly submitted  
by the family

• The Maycock family mourns the death of their loved ones, Albert and Maryland Johnson and their son, who were killed in an automobile mishap in Michigan on Sunday, November 15th.

### WITNESSING AT MT. ZION

The Mt. Zion church of Florence, Alabama, recently reported that they had two Bible school graduations. Twenty-two completed the E. C. Ward (Go Tell Series) lessons at the first graduation. Fourteen finished in the second graduation, two of whom were baptized.

One of the students in the second graduation was incarcerated. Special arrangements were made for him to be baptized by C. D. Houser, pastor of the Mt. Zion church and Harvey Staplefoote, personal ministries leader. Staplefoote worked to bring this man to God. His efforts were greatly rewarded.

Erskin E. Grier  
Correspondent



*Bible Story Hour students show presents made during the arts and crafts hour for Mother's Day at the Mount Zion SDA Church in Florence, Alabama.*

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### CHILDREN EVANGELISM IN ALABAMA

Two Bible story hours are now being held in Alabama. One is underway in Sheffield with 26 attending every Thursday evening. Jereline Warren, Alexander Coman, Remona Warren, Mattie Hines, Barbara Petty, Eva Gray and Charlotte and Monique Gadd are working diligently to instill a love of Jesus in the children's hearts.

The second Bible story hour is being held at Mt. Zion in Florence every Tuesday. The program format is song service, Scripture and prayer, memory verse recital, a film, a Bible story, arts and crafts, followed by light refreshment. Harvey Staplefoote, Laura Beckwith, Mable Raney, Barbara Grier, Yolanda and Raji Blocker are making the difference in the hearts of the children of Florence.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY AT SPRINGFIELD

On September 26 the First Seventh-day Adventist Church in Springfield, Tennessee, held Community Guest Day, designed to familiarize the community

with the doctrines and work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The speaker for the day was Dr. C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference. No doubt guests received a rich spiritual blessing, as Dr. Dudley spoke on John 3:1-17.

In the afternoon the church was involved in several witnessing activities. They visited a jail and sang hymns of praise at a nursing home. Following the witnessing experience, Dr. Dudley spoke on the origins of the black SDA church.

Angela D. Traugber  
Correspondent

### VOICE OF HOPE CRUSADE

"What You Should Know About the UFO's." "Bible Facts About People who Talk to Themselves." These were two titles of highly interesting messages delivered during the evangelistic effort held at Ephesus church. Pastor Leon Cox, assisted by Pastor Leacroft Green, headed a dynamic team that conducted the "Voice of Hope Bible Crusade" for four nights each week from July 12 through August 9.

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Whoever fears to submit any question to the test of free discussion, values his own opinion more than the truth.

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