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ADVENTISTS WITNESS TO THOUSANDS

Seventh-day Adventists in the Chicago area witnessed to more than 9,000 visitors to the 18th annual convocation of O.I.C.'s of America. This convention, the first of three black conventions where *Message* magazine will be an exhibitor, was sponsored by the Lake Region Conference.

The display itself portrayed in a professional manner the social, spiritual, political, physical and human interest aspects of *Message* as a Christian magazine that deals with current issues. The display was augmented by the distribution of more than 6,000 free *Message* magazines with insert cards for ordering subscriptions. In addition, 252 persons took the hourly Bible quiz, and those with correct answers received a free "Basic Bible." Each person who took the quiz also received a free subscription to *Message*, courtesy of the Chicago area churches.

Pastor James Wray, personal ministries director of the Lake Region Conference, provided the booth with volunteers who professionally represented Adventism to more than 6,000 persons who came. These gracious, smiling hostesses distributed magazines, answered questions about Adventists and their work, passed out Bible awards to quiz winners and distributed good will to all who came.

The exhibitors from RCA, Kentucky Fried Chicken and the U.S. Census Bureau made remarks such as "We're giving away valuable material things, but you Adventists are giving away the most valuable gift of the convention, the Bible and *Message* magazines." "That's right," another said, "your gifts last forever." A matronly lady who is a county commissioner of education in New Jersey made it a point to come by our booth twice to tell us that we had the most meaningful exhibit in the convention, and that our Bible quiz was the most attractive offer. She said, "I'm glad you Adventists are here!"

The Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America Incorporated, or O.I.C., is managed principally by Baptist and Methodist ministers. There were hundreds of these ministers there, both men and women who took the quiz as well as copies of *Message*, and they



Earl Moore presents a Bible to a fellow exhibitor at the O.I.C. convention in Chicago, Illinois.

were as delighted as laymen when they won a Bible. Some of their comments were, "You definitely have a professional display," and "You Adventists ought to be proud of this presentation." The fact that we were the only church with an exhibit in the entire convocation enhanced the uniqueness of our presence.

It was satisfying to watch black professionals, business persons and thought leaders come by and offer extensive congratulations as they viewed the exhibit and browsed through *Message* magazine. Coincidentally, Congressman Parron Mitchell, the recipient of the A. Phillip Randolph Award at the convocation, was featured on the cover of an issue we were giving away. The Clifton Davis issue was snapped up by young and old alike, and surprisingly, the June '81 issues with a wedding couple on the cover were eagerly taken.

Jesse Jackson, director of Operation PUSH, Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of SCLC, and Mayor Andrew Young of Atlanta were among the special speakers at the convocation who toured the exhibit hall and commended the Seventh-day Adventists on their participation and exhibit.

The question may arise, "Why was *Message* there?"

Message was there because *Evangelism*, pp. 122-3, says, "We must study, plan, devise methods to reach people where they are."

Message was there because it wanted to give local church members an

opportunity to bring their friends to see how current their church is.

Message was there because it was an opportunity for Seventh-day Adventists to share the "message" with thousands.

Message was there to reach black thought leaders where they otherwise could not have been reached.

Message was there because we seek a wider circulation of our missionary journal to the unsaved and unreached.

Message was there because *T.M.*, p. 251, says "Different methods of labor are really essential in sowing seeds of truth and gathering in the harvest."

Message was there because no other church was there.

These are the various reasons *Message* was there, and this is why *Message* was at the NAACP convention sponsored by the Northeastern Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, at the Boston Sheraton June 26-July 2. This is why *Message* will be at the National Urban League convention sponsored by the Pacific Union Conference August 1-4 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. And this is why you must come to these free meetings and bring your friends and relatives to this new method of witnessing and harvesting when the convention is in your area.

With the *Message* campaign we feel that "A mind is a terrible thing to waste, but a soul is an awesome thing to lose."

E. W. Moore
Associate Circulation Manager
Message magazine

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



"THE MILK"

The milk of human kindness is in very short supply. We live in an age of violence and it is infectious. Advertised on radio and television, violence has become a way of life. Christians are not unaffected. Increasingly, board and business meetings reflect the intemperance of the times. And constituency sessions provide a ready outlet for the tirades of the frustrated. People who are ordinarily kind and Christian change personalities on election day. On one such occasion, I found myself the object of the "hostile stare," and I wasn't even a candidate for office. One would suspect that the saints really believe that "God doesn't come to business meetings."

Oh, but He does! Angels record the harsh words and attitudes. Honest differences of opinion are legitimate, but hostility has no place in a Christian gathering. My father told me when I was a little boy, "An angry man is intoxicated. He speaks and acts out of control." "If as a boy you get into a fight, keep cool," he said. We have an offer of help under extreme provocation. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee."

Christ was at His best when dealing in this area. To Judas he said, "Friend, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss." The insults of Annas and Caiphas were met with silence or a tactful reply. The Roman soldiers who abused Him were met with a plea to the Father for pardon, for "they know not what they do."

In our family situations, there is ever the need of milk and more of the milk of

human kindness. Why is it that one may be at his tactful best in public and the moment he crosses the threshold of his or her own home, he reverts to bestial behavior. The members of your family are the best friends you have on earth. Why then should the acid be reserved for them? The scandalous divorce rate that plagues today's marriages would be greatly reduced if married partners deliberately practiced and ingested the milk of human kindness.

And, of course, there are the needy poor. In Phoenix, Arizona, the black Seventh-day Adventist church serves a warm meal every Sunday to the needy poor. The city has given them a permit to use the park. The Dorcas sisters prepare food and serve it. More than 300 people were served the day I was there. These were drifters, transients headed from somewhere to somewhere, or nowhere. Each recipient received a meal and a tract. This human waste pains the heart to see. I studied their faces. Some were of noble bearing and keen intellect. What stories of tragic circumstances lay behind those sad, sad eyes. But there was gratitude. Somebody cared. In Phoenix, Arizona, the milk of human kindness flows outward and reaches needy men.

But what about church fellowship? Does the milk flow freely there? Most Adventist backsliders blame "atmosphere" for their defection. The people are so "cold" and uncaring.

I was flying to a large gathering of the saints near Grand Island, Nebraska, and seated next to me was a young lady about 23 years old. "Nice book you have there," she said. "Thanks, but what do you know about it?" I asked. "Oh, I was raised a Seventh-day Adventist," she replied. Observing the heavy make-up and jewelry, I asked, "What did we do to you?" Raising her glass of Coca-Cola, she replied, "You were too concerned with keeping me from drinking this but cared so little for me as a person. Understand?" I did and do understand. Someone had treated her with large doses of Laodicean cold.

By contrast, a young, skilled basketball player sat in my office telling his story. As a member of the church he had played high school basketball on Friday nights. When he would go to church on Sabbath, no one would mention his Friday nights, even though everybody knew. The older sisters of the church would love and encourage him. "You're

going to Oakwood, young man, and God has a work for you to do!" Upon graduation he had two basketball scholarships, but the love of his church members prevailed, and so to Oakwood he came. A warm, loving church changed his young life forever. Genuine Adventism is never cold and heartless. It is one thing to complain of the "cold atmosphere" of the church, but the real question is, how do you personally contribute to the warmth of the body? Our young basketballer got a large dose of Philadelphian warmth! The milk of human kindness still flows, not from the cow, but from the boundless resource of divine love. This, after all, is the real milk.

Dr. E. E. Cleveland

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



WILL HE FIND FAITH?

It seems a bit strange that we no longer have a quartet singing with the Voice of Prophecy team. This quartet ("Lift up the Trumpet and Loud Let it Ring") and Dr. H. M. S. Richards ("Have Faith in God") that we have heard from week to week for almost half a century helped to give assurance to the heart of every listener and church member.

"Nations are angry, by this we do know—Jesus is coming again."

There has been conflict somewhere on this planet for the past 200 years. In our day it has accelerated with daily blood baths in the Falklands, Ireland, Lebanon and even the cities of America. Unheard-of crime is on the upswing. The cries of the poor and needy go unheeded and challenge us to brace ourselves for another long, hot summer—people are angry.

Why do men fight? War is within their members. Sin is on the rampage. The

devil is staging the conflict. Jesus Christ is soon to become Lord of all. The King is coming.

"Knowledge increases. Men run to and fro—Jesus is coming again."

In this computerized age we must all accept the fact that daily knowledge is on the upswing. Technology has become a way of life. Trains, airplanes, instruments of destruction, space machines, office machines, surgical equipment and scores of other inventions of mankind display his increased knowledge in this age of technology. Even our children's games have been computerized. Spiritual knowledge also increases with each new generation. My wife spoke to our three-year-old grandson these words of endearment: "You are just an angel." He responded, "Mimi, I am not an angel. Angels are in heaven." Knowledge increases.

In spite of inflation and a fight for survival, the economic crunch, men somehow still run to and fro. Jesus is coming.

"Tempests and whirlwinds the anthem prolong—Jesus is coming again."

The granite plates found in the earth are gradually shifting. Mountains are moving. Even the continent on which we live floated about two inches from where it was a year ago. Earthquakes are breaking forth in unheard-of places. Volcanos that have been asleep for centuries are coming alive and destroying all that lies in their path. Jesus is coming again.

The coming of our Lord is a blessed thought, but above all else, we must trust God to help us make the necessary preparation to live with Him eternally. Some have given up hope because of the delay. Some have broken under the storms of life. Others have fallen in love with the present world. Some have feigned to question the faith that was once delivered to the saints. May none of these things move us. Have faith in God!

Black people of America have experienced many trials in life for hundreds of years. The road has been rough and rocky all of the way, but this is no time to give up on God. Have faith in God!

One dear saint, in reflecting on the danger and snare through which she had passed, the disappointments she had experienced, the heartaches and grief she had encountered, broke forth with this testimony during a prayer service. "I don't feel no ways tired. I've come a long way from where I started.

The Editor's Desk

TRAVEL! TRAVEL! TRAVEL!

Come with the members of the Northeastern Conference staff to West Africa and the Holy Land.

Nov. 2-16—Holy Land—Myrtle Smith.

Nov. 6-23—West Africa—R. L. Lister.

Nov. 8-22—Holy Land—S. H. Brooks.

Dec. 5-12—Marriage/Single Life—

Robert Lister; Enrichment Seminar Cruise—Jamaica, Mexico and the Cayman Islands.

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OMISSION

In the June issue of the *Voice*, containing the obituary of B. W. Abney,

Sr., the name of his daughter-in-law, Celeste Joy Abney, was omitted. We regret the oversight.

EDITOR'S DESK

The editors welcome manuscripts, poems, photographs and artwork, but assume no responsibility for their return. All manuscripts, poems, photographs and artwork become the property of *The North American Regional Voice*.

MOTHERS OF THE YEAR

On May 22, Teresa Alcock and Era Spark were selected as mothers of the year by the community service department of the Calvary SDA Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut. These women were selected because of their many years of outstanding service in the training and caring of foster children.

The awards were presented by John Harris, pastor of the church.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Aug. 27	Sept. 3	10	17
Boston, Mass	7:27	7:15	7:03	6:51
New York City	7:37	7:25	7:13	7:01
Buffalo, N.Y.	7:59	7:47	7:34	7:22
Atlanta, Ga.	8:10	8:04	7:51	7:42
Miami, Fla.	7:45	7:38	7:31	7:23
Charlotte, N.C.	7:58	7:48	7:38	7:28
Birmingham, Ala.	7:19	7:10	7:01	6:51
Jackson, Miss.	7:32	7:23	7:14	7:05
Memphis, Tenn.	7:34	7:25	7:15	7:05
Louisville, Ky.	8:20	8:10	7:59	7:48
Detroit, Mich.	8:16	8:04	7:52	7:40
Chicago, Ill.	7:33	7:21	7:09	6:57
South Bend, Indiana	7:27	7:15	7:04	6:52
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:00	7:47	7:34	7:21
St. Louis, Mo.	7:39	7:28	7:17	7:06
Kansas City, Mo.	7:57	7:46	7:35	7:24
Denver, Co.	7:39	7:29	7:17	7:06
Little Rock, Ark.	7:42	7:33	7:23	7:13
Dallas, Texas	7:59	7:50	7:41	7:31
New Orleans, La.	7:29	7:21	7:12	7:03
Albuquerque, N.M.	7:40	7:31	7:21	7:11
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:05	7:55	7:45	7:35

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

Nobody told me that the road would be easy, but I just can't believe that He's brought me this far to leave me."

Have faith in God, fast fades the dying day.

Have faith in God, when clouds hang over your way.

Have faith in God, Oh, Christian, watch and pray.

Have faith, dear friend, in God.

Cast not away your confidence. He that shall come, will come!!

Have faith in God, fast fades the setting sun.

Have faith in God, the race is almost run.

Have faith in God, the kingdom soon will come.

Have faith, my child, in God.

C. E. Dudley, President
South Central Conference

be led by the Holy Ghost, becoming vessels to be used by God in the finishing of His work.

Walter L. Pearson, Jr., pastor of the North Philadelphia church, and John Trusty, pastor of the Harrisburg-Hillside church, received special awards for outstanding leadership in evangelism.

Meade C. Van Putten, Allegheny East Conference president, expressed his gratitude to the team of workers for their part in making this conference the leader in evangelism in the Columbia Union.

Other guests included J. Paul Monk, Jr., *Message* magazine editor, Earl Moore, Review and Herald Publishing Association, Ira Thompson, vice president of the American Bank in Reading, and representatives of General Conference Risk Management and Real Life Communications.

Robert L. Booker, Director
Communication Department

THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

ALLEGHENY EAST

ALLEGHENY EAST HOLDS LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The ministers and Bible workers of the Allegheny East Conference met at the Walnut Street Community SDA Church in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, in February for a leadership seminar that exposed them to some of the dynamics of Christian leadership.

The seminar was conducted by Pastor Frank Jones, General Conference assistant treasurer. According to Jones, good leadership consists of "plordicoco," planning, organizing, directing, coordinating and controlling.

Jones was able to involve the workers into the full experience of "plordicoco" through discussions, role-playing and other forms of group dynamics.

Other aspects of the leadership seminar included North American Division President C. E. Bradford's charisma. Bradford spoke on the importance of the Christian leaders allowing themselves to



Seminar leader Frank Jones displays his poster on PLORDICOCO. Jones is assistant treasurer of the General Conference.



John Trusty, right, receives a plaque from Pastor Van Putten in recognition of outstanding work in evangelism. Trusty is pastor of the Harrisburg-Hillside church.



Gwen Foster, health and temperance director, acts as a group leader.



The winning team: left to right, Walter Pearson, Jr., William Hall, Charles Jenkins, James Lewis and M. C. Van Putten. A plaque was awarded for the highest number of baptisms during 1981 (126).



R. L. Willis, pastor of the Dupont Park church in Washington, D.C., shares ideas about church organization.



C. E. Bradford, president of the North American Division, delivers a lecture on the methods of becoming a truly "good pastor."



Youth congress participants.



Youth Director C. R. Rogers presenting an award to Euliss and Zelda Bailey at the youth congress.



Pastor Richard Barron, youth congress speaker for Allegheny West Conference.



Beverly McDonald, new education director for Allegheny West Conference.

McDONALD NAMED EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Allegheny West Conference elected Beverly McDonald to direct the education department of the conference.

McDonald comes well qualified with two masters' degrees and experience in prestigious institutions of learning around the country.

She leaves her job as director of the special services program at Ohio State to join our staff.

We are enthusiastic with the projections she has set forth for the updating of our educational program in Allegheny West Conference.

Her conference duties include serving as director of education, director of deaf programs, liaison for constituent children who attend sister conference schools in our territory, and home education director.

MACK JOINS CONFERENCE TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Allegheny West Conference has hired Johnny J. Mack to the treasury department of the conference as of May 15.

Mack is a native of Vallejo, California, and a magna cum laude graduate of Oakwood College with a B.A. degree in business administration and theology.

He served three years with distinction in the U.S. Army and was awarded the Army's commendation medal upon his discharge.

He worked four years in the mortgage banking industry and held the position of assistant vice president and controller of a bank in Washington, D.C. He also served as assistant to the business manager of Oakwood College for one year, his graduation year.



Lyndon Elliott, assistant pastor of the City Temple church in Detroit, Michigan.

ASSISTANT PASTOR CONDUCTS WEEK OF PRAYER AT CITY TEMPLE

Pastor Lyndon A. Elliott was the speaker during the spring week of prayer held at the City Temple church in Detroit, where he serves as assistant pastor.

Elliott, a native of Bridgeton, New Jersey, grew up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was very active in his father's church, the Jehovah's Witnesses, although he was greatly influenced by the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church where his mother held her membership.

Before his conversion, Elliott participated in many street gangs. He had many "brushes" with the law. This included a term served in a Pennsylvania prison.

After high school, Lyndon was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. Periods of uncertainty followed his discharge from the Army. He felt that the Holy Spirit was directing him to his Lord and Saviour.

He became a member of the Ebenezer SDA Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he served as youth elder, M.V. leader, Pathfinder drill instructor, chairman of the youth usher board and choir member. He was eager and willing to serve wherever and whenever needed. "To be used of God" is his sincere desire.

In 1979 Pastor Elliott received a call to the Lake Region Conference as pastor of the Voice of Hope church in Michigan City, Indiana. He earned his master of divinity degree from Andrews University in December of 1981, just prior to his assignment at City Temple as assistant pastor. He is married to the former Jewell Reaves and has one son, Lyndon III.

BIBLE STUDIES LEAD TO BAPTISM

Local elder Jasper Cockrane spent many weeks in concentrated Bible study with a group of people in the Ypsilanti area. At the end of a series of studies, seven people were baptized into the Ypsilanti church. Among the seven people was a young couple, Stanley and Gail Mattingly.



Pictured in the baptismal pool are: Jasper Cockrane, left; Gail and Stanley Mattingly; and Pastor Lester Parkinson, right.

CLARENCE HODGES RECEIVES APPOINTMENT FROM REAGAN

Clarence Eugene Hodges, former local elder at the Capital City church in Indianapolis, Indiana, was originally appointed by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed by the United States Senate as the assistant director of the Community Services Administration and director of the Office of Community Action. In this job Hodges was responsible for the administration of all social service and human service grants and contracts for national, regional and local programs.

He supervised the national headquarters staff and ten regional offices serving the 50 states and U.S. territories. Other duties assigned by the White House included a special assignment with the U.S. Department of Commerce, where he would be in charge of developing and further refining the Business Development Center concept, cost-sharing options and management systems for the agency and contractors/grantees served by the agency.

Clarence Hodges has more recently been appointed commissioner/director for the United States Administration for Children, Youth and Families. Prior to the appointment in Washington, D.C., Hodges served as assistant to U.S. Sen-



Clarence Eugene Hodges, second from right, is pictured with Dave Swope, under-secretary of health and human services, left; Charles D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, second from left; and Richard Schweiker, secretary of human services, right, on the day Hodges was sworn into office. Photo credit: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Photo by Norman J. Tavan.

ators Richard G. Lugar and Dan Quayle in Indiana.

According to the commissioner, he has served simultaneously in approximately 25 organizations as an officer, board member or volunteer assistant. However, he rates at the top of this list his affiliation in church activities. Before leaving Indianapolis he was chairman of the board for the Capital City Elementary School, a corporate member for the Adventist Health Systems North, member of the Citizens Forum in Indianapolis, and first elder at the Capital City Seventh-day Adventist Church. He presently serves as a member of the Oakwood College board.

Hodges has received a number of awards and honors from both civic and religious organizations. Some of the more recent honors presented to him were: "Who's Who Among Black Americans, 1980"; key to the city of Indianapolis for Service, 1980; Community Action Against Poverty Leadership Award, 1981; Indianapolis 5th Ward Republican Community Service Award, 1981; and King's Daughters Leadership Award, Indianapolis, 1980. In 1980 he was a U.S. Congressional candidate from the 11th Congressional District of Indiana.

Clarence and Yvonne Hodges have four children: Clarence, Jr., Casandra, Courtney and Cathy.

Vivian Joseph
Communication Correspondent



G. R. EARLE RE-ELECTED CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

by Stephanie D. Johnson

Pastor G. R. Earle was re-elected conference president at the fourth triennial session, seventeenth regular meeting, of the Northeastern Conference held at Victory Lake Camp in Hyde Park, New York, on June 20.

His re-election was greeted with several standing ovations by the delegates. God has richly blessed Pastor Earle's leadership. For fifteen years he has been the chief architect of Northeastern's development. Membership has doubled under his administration from 10,691 in 1966 to 24,042 and 78 congregations in 1982.

The conference has experienced unprecedented growth. The Northeastern Conference headquarters, Victory Lake Nursing Center, Northeastern Community Service Center, Northeastern Academy, numerous churches, schools and parsonages have either been purchased, renovated or constructed under Earle's leadership. Victory Lake Camp has been extensively developed and renovated. A palatial motel has been constructed, an improved water and sewer system has been established and recently a new dining room has been built to meet the needs of the people. Within several months Northeastern will open its new senior citizen home.

He has aided in developing and equipping men and women for leadership in the church. Myriads of students have received funds from the conference to further their education. Pastor Earle has been one of the foremost leaders who have diligently worked to bring about greater participation of blacks in the church's administrative hierarchy. Most

important of all, he has earned the love and respect of his constituents, fellow workers and administrators.

Earle presides over the largest black conference and the fifth largest conference in the North American Division. The conference territory comprises: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and New York. He has served in Northeastern since 1948, assuming the presidency in 1966.

Pastor S. H. Brooks was re-elected treasurer of Northeastern Conference. He came to the conference in 1958 as the accountant. Later, he was promoted to assistant treasurer, then secretary-treasurer and in 1969 appointed treasurer.

Pastor H. W. Baptiste was re-elected for a second term as secretary. Baptiste has served as a minister in Northeastern Conference since 1967. In 1981 he was elected secretary.

The departmental directors re-elected were: L. A. Paschal, communications; S. A. Herndon, education; S. W. Stovall, ministerial; R. L. Lister, personal ministries; J. P. Willis, Sabbath school; L. G. Newton, stewardship; T. H. C. Baker, youth; A. R. Greene, auditor, and C. A. Richardson, replacing S. McClamb, who is retiring as publishing director.

Members elected to the conference executive committee are: G. R. Earle, chairman, H. W. Baptiste, S. H. Brooks, Roy Ashmeade, Trevor Baker, Matthieu Birmingham, Jessie Bradley, Maureen Burke, Leon Cox, Benjamin Cummings, Carlos de la Pena, Lawrence Dorsey, Gilbert Foster, Jack Houston, Beverly Lee, Skipworth McDonald, Arthur Morgan, E. T. Mimms, John Nixon, Ronald Oden, Edward Phipps, George Sampson, Jonathan Thompson and Reginal Washington.



Dr. Milton Haynes emphasizes a point during his mid-day message to the Hanson Place congregation in commemoration of "World Health and Temperance Day."

TEMPERANCE DAY AT HANSON PLACE

Dr. Milton Haynes, in an address delivered during the divine worship hour at the Hanson Place SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, sought to establish the importance and necessity for Christians to possess strong bodies and sound minds.

The occasion was the celebration of "World Health and Temperance Day" and Haynes had been invited to speak because of his demonstrated interest in the health of the Hanson Place community over the years.

By taking as his topic "Mindless Minds," Haynes eschewed the traditional approach of hurling strictures against the use of tobacco, alcohol and narcotics, which have come to be identified with sermons delivered on "Temperance Day." Accordingly, he turned his attention to what he called "a wider dimension of better living to an intangible facet of human existence."

Lloyd Goodridge
Communication Secretary

GOD'S TRUTH IS MARCHING ON

In light of the recent controversy concerning the gifts of prophecy, Pastor Roy Ashmeade of City Tabernacle church in New York City presented on May 16 the message, "Ellen G. White and her Relationship to the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

He spoke regarding the controversy surrounding her work in the past as well as the present. To broaden his subject, Ashmeade compared Ellen White with the minor prophets of the Bible, whose prophecies were uniquely for the children of Israel yet nonetheless were inspired by God.

Because of the serious nature of the Spirit of Prophecy, Ashmeade allowed questions and observations during his presentation.

The audience was awakened, questions were answered and the man of God stood firm upholding the doctrine of the Spirit of Prophecy.

Rhonda Polite
Bible Instructor, Correspondent



Wisdom is a fountain of life to those possessing it, but a fool's burden is his folly.



Attendees at the South Carolina Community Service Federation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FEDERATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Under the banner of the theme "Go and Do," 300 delegates from fourteen of the eighteen churches that comprise the Community Service Federation of South Carolina met in the Greenville-Antioch church on March 28.

Pastor Joe Hinson, personal ministries director of South Atlantic Conference, and Dante Tobias, district pastor, were present. The president, Lula Felts of Greenwood, South Carolina, and the secretary, Deborah Salim of Bucksport, South Carolina, also attended the meeting.

Pastor W. C. Scales of the General Conference was the guest speaker. In his message he pointed out three things that made Dorcas's life beautiful: She had (1) a beautiful heart, (2) beautiful hands, and (3) a beautiful spirit. Pastor Hinson pointed out three reasons to "Go and Do": (1) the urgency of the hour, (2) this is the last message, and (3) to

strengthen yourself.

Audrey Drenious, RN, of Greenville General Hospital, after showing the film, "The New Breath of Life," gave a lecture and practical demonstration of saving lives by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, opening air passages and other first aid techniques.

Two very appropriate songs by Wilhelmena Waldon of Manning, who provided music for the day, were "To Be Used of God" and "I Will Go Where You Want Me To Go."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Religious liberty rally for the state of South Carolina: July 31—Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Publishing rally: August 28—Greenville, South Carolina.

National Oakwood College offering—August 14.

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OBITUARY

HUNTER, Annie Parker, was born to the late Henry and Alice Parker in Harris County, Georgia, on May 8, 1892, and departed this life on May 23, 1982. Her life reflected a very stable, unassuming individual.

During her 90 years she changed churches once. The first portion of her life was in the AME church until she learned of the advent message, when she was baptized into the Shepherd Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbus, Georgia, where she remained a faithful, supportive member until her passing. She was the oldest and a highly respected member of the Shepherd Drive church.

She left to mourn her loss: three daughters—Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. Eddie Mae Anthony and Mrs. C. D. Blanchard; one son—J. A. Hunter; three sisters-in-law, 22 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

CAMPMEETING NEWS

Barry Black, a chaplain in the U.S. Navy at Annapolis, Maryland, was the wrap-up speaker for the 36th annual campmeeting of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists June 18-26 at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

Special features for this year's campmeeting included several workshops: "The Compleat Parent" seminar conducted by Harry and Nancy Van Pelt; weight control programs conducted by S. Randolph and R. Rucker of Riverside Hospital; and music workshops conducted by Shelton Kilby, B. Lashley,

Eleanor Wright, B. Dudley, N. Dudley, E. Osterman and B. Reaves.

Approximately 6,000 campers gathered for the campmeeting. There were two huge tents for children and the large auditorium provided 3,000 seats for adults.

The last day of campmeeting started with a baptism.

There is a new approach to evangelism emerging in the South Central Conference. Instead of members depending on the pastor and professional evangelists to preach the gospel, every member is asked to witness and testify about the love of God.

It was the personal ministries of our

members that coordinated this program and brought these souls to baptism.

Dr. Patrick Vincent, pastor of the Ephesus church in Birmingham, Alabama, declares that "The personal ministry of each member is not a new method—it is God's method—we call it the S.W.A.T., meaning "Single Witness Action Team."

Riverside Hospital sent health personnel to test individuals and conduct the weight control workshop. Sandy Randolph and R. Rucker led out in this program.

Some campers stated that they had lost five to ten pounds during the weight control program.



Ministers and their wives of other faiths who are now SDAs. Photo by R. Steven Norman III.



A group of South African SDAs who visited campmeeting with Pastor C. B. Rock, president of Oakwood College.



Campers enjoying The Compleat Parent Workshop.



Janet Randolph and Christine Rucker discuss principles of nutrition.



Nancy Dudley was a participant in the music workshop.



The Van Pelts were made honorary citizens of Huntsville.



A "Good Life Seminar" was offered by Riverside Hospital. Second from left is Hospital President Rucker.



Laurene Williams, sales clerk for the ABC Book Center.



Pastor Orlando Rudley preaching in the gymnasium.



Preaching at family worship is Pastor L. Grant.



Dr. F. S. Hill.



Music played an important part at the nightly youth meeting during campmeeting. "Be Sober! Be Vigilant!" was the theme for the meeting. Pastor Joseph McCoy, director of youth ministries, planned the meetings. Pastor Paul Monk was the speaker each night. The meeting was most rewarding.



Laymen at work: elders Abbott, M. Joiner, E. Cooper and Jenkins discussing community service.



Campers at the breadmaking workshop.



Enjoying campmeeting is one of S.C.'s oldest members. She is in her mid-80's and her mother is still living.



Diane Moore, president of the M. C. Strachan Federation from 1977 to 1982, receives a plaque from James A. Edgcombe, conference president, and Keith Dennis, youth director.

SPOTLIGHT ON JESUS IN '82

On May 7-9, youth of the Southeastern Conference who are members of the M. C. Strachan Chapter of the Youth Federation met at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Mount Zion Hope Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. Under the leadership of President Diane Moore and the Southeastern Conference director of youth ministries, Keith Dennis, this first-ever three-day program was launched. A torch was the symbol chosen by the federation to represent the theme, "Spotlight on Jesus in '82."

The Gateway Mall in Jacksonville was the scene of the Friday evening program which began with gospel singing. A team of health personnel made up of volunteers from the community conducted free health screening from the medical van. Another team of volunteers distributed temperance literature. On leaving the mall, the youth went to Ephesus church, where "The Singing Evangelists," under the direction of Deadra Johnson from Tampa, Florida, sang soul-stirring music. Nine-year-old Christopher Jett of the Tampa Mt. Calvary church was the speaker of the evening. His sermonette, entitled "Each Step of the Way," was a message for both young and old. A film, "The Lie," concluded the night's activities.

The Sabbath program included a temperance oratorical contest. Carla Byrd of the Elim church in St. Petersburg was the first-place winner, with Devon Tuitt and Rufus Lewis, of the Apopka-Mt. Olives church claiming first and second runner-up, respectively.

Theus Young, pastor of the Jacksonville church, led out in teaching the day's Sabbath school lesson, using the Cornerstone Connections.

At the eleven o'clock worship hour, musical selections were presented by

the Trinity Temple Young Adult Choir from Fitzgerald, Georgia, under the direction of Vanessa Melton.

Samuel Meyers, associate director of the stewardship department for the General Conference, was the speaker of the hour.

The afternoon program consisted of outreach activities by volunteers visiting various convalescent and retirement centers throughout the city. Cheryl Lomas, the host Adventist youth leader, was the coordinator of this visitation, followed by three concurrent workshops entitled "Adolescents and Their Problems," "Relationship Enhancement" and "Love, Appreciate and Respect Your Mate." Dr. Lloyd Rahming, Dr. Betty Stewart, and Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Edwards conducted these workshops. Mr. and Mrs. George Roberson held a children's hour in conjunction with the workshops.

An investiture service for 30 Master Guide candidates was conducted by Keith Dennis. Awards were distributed to those who received top honors. The climax of this service was a candle-lighting ceremony at which the charge was given.

The second volleyball tournament was held after sunset with the semi-final and championship games on Sunday morning. The Mount Calvary church of Tampa was victorious in retaining the junior division title. The Gainesville-Bethel team claimed the 1982 senior division title.

Keith A. Dennis



Thirty-one Master Guides were invested by Keith Dennis, youth director, and Eugene Armstead, instructor.

DAVIS NAMED MINISTER OF THE WEEK

Pastor Herman L. Davis grew up in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Savannah, Georgia. After high school graduation, his future plans turned to entering the Seventh-day Adventist college in Huntsville, Alabama, to study the ministry since he grew up with the desire to become a minister. He received a

bachelor's degree in religion from Oakwood College and went on to receive the master of divinity degree from the Andrews University theological seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Davis has been the minister at Mt. Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1979. Prior to entering this city, Davis pastored churches in Indianapolis, Indiana (1969); Detroit, Michigan (1971); and Chicago, Illinois (1973). His first year was spent in evangelism.

The Mt. Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church has progressed tremendously under Pastor Davis. A church has been organized in Progress Village from the membership of Mt. Calvary, which Davis also pastors.

The church has also constructed a multi-purpose building that was "built for cash." Seventy percent of the \$200,000 needed to construct the building was donated by a Ruskin nurseryman, Archie Hamlin, for whom the multi-purpose building is named. Since August of 1980, this building has been in operation, and it is available to the public for "certain public functions," Davis stated.

The educational program at the school has also improved. When Pastor Davis arrived, the school operated grades 1-9. The school has added kindergarten and a day care center. The school and all functions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are open to the public.

Even with the number of improvements that have been made, Davis realizes there is always room for more. As pastor of the church, which is governed by the board of directors of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, while in Tampa he plans to work toward improving "the educational program for our children and involving the community in using the multi-purpose building," he said.

The church is already involved in community services when it offers assistance to the indigent and those who have suffered a disaster. "The food and clothing are free to the public, whenever the resources are available," Davis stated.

Davis and his wife, Dolores, first grade teacher at Mt. Calvary, have two children, Herman, Jr., a second grader and Edrewnae, a four-year-old kindergarten.

Gwen Hayes
Florida Sentinel City Editor

SOUTHWEST HOLDS 36TH CAMPMEETING

Campmeeting in the great Southwest Region has become a blessed privilege to every family in the field. We anticipated our largest attendance ever, and therefore made preparations for pouring 30 additional concrete slabs for family tents. For the comfort of the believers we hung 400 pieces of sheet rock for the interiors of cabins, besides painting, fixing and mending equipment.

From the beginning our meeting at Lone Star was a glorious success. Lone Star Camp mushroomed into a small city with a population of 5,000 on the last weekend and a record number spending the entire time.



Violet Williams, left, and Helen Beckett, third from left, witness the presentation of a plaque to Helen Turner, second from left, from the Business Women of Oakwood College by Mineola Dixon, right.

The president delivered the keynote message Friday evening. Our guest speakers were Dr. C. B. Rock, president of Oakwood College, and Dr. S. H. Cox, president of the Central States Conference and speaker for the youth pavilion. Dr. Rod Sheppard from SAC taught the Sabbath school lesson under the "Big Tent." Pastor Walter Arties, from the Breath of Life, Pastors B. E. Leach, president, W. R. May, secretary, and other Southwestern Union personnel were present. Pastor M. Nebblett of the General Conference (SAWS) and Dr. C. D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, completed our guest list.

Seven young pastors were ordained: D. L. Ford, S. L. Green, W. E. Humphrey, L. R. Phillips, C. Williams, P. Williams and E. W. Weithers. All these men have given years of invaluable service and demonstrated their call to the ministry.

The highlights of this year's convocation consisted of: Dr. L. Alex Swan, a clinical sociologist and consultant from Texas Southern University in Houston, who conducted a family life seminar; Verdie Tucker, a Bible instructor from the Central States Conference, taught



On the first Sabbath of campmeeting Carol Porter stands with W. C. Jones and B. E. Wright as they present City Fathers of Athens plaques for assisting with the development of Lone Star Camp.

daily classes on "Decisions in Soul-winning;" Glenda Schram from the Southwestern Union conducted a Sabbath school workshop; Pastor S. C. Robinson of Oakwood College held training classes for literature evangelists; and Mable Sterling presented classes on nutrition and sewing. Each year campers flock to the classes to learn how to better provide for their families and serve the Lord more effectively.

Our pastors and guest speakers spoke on topics surely needed by God's people, and the responses were magnificent during morning devotion, the 11 o'clock hour and the nightly evangelistic services.

Joseph Mackey, our music coordinator for eleven years, performed exceedingly well with a high quality of musical selections for worship.

The youth pavilion was aglow with a live-wire daily program by Pastor Phillip Willis from the Lake Region Conference. Devotions, gospel music, rap sessions,



Pastor and Mrs. Robert Booker of Pine Forge, Attorney F. Ricker, Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Joseph, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Porter eating lunch by the lake on Sabbath afternoon.

recreational periods, Pathfinder camporee, study groups and social gatherings were exciting.

On the last Sabbath afternoon of campmeeting Pastor R. E. Brown coordinated the community service hour with Pastor M. Nebblett, associate director of welfare services in Washington, as speaker. Joyce Davis, president of the Mountain States Federation, responded to his message. Short vignettes of the work being done in the various cities throughout the conference were given by local leaders and the program concluded with remarks from Odesser Wiley, Oklahoma Federation president.

Campmeeting is now over and the Lord blessed all to return home safely. Our largest spiritual gathering was an overwhelming success. The pleasant memories will last until next year's convocation. I plan to be there—what about you?

Doris Jones
Reporter



The ordination service was a special treat the last Sabbath, as workers marched across the grounds in black and white with colorful pink corsages and boutonnieres. Dr. C. D. Joseph shook the audience with his stirring message on "By Whose Authority." The Shepherdess Club presented special music.



FIRST ANNUAL LABOR DAY AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE

At 7:30 a.m. on May 9, the trumpet sounded and the flag was hoisted. The crowd standing in front of the Eva B. Dykes Library was excited! This was the beginning of a big day in the history of Oakwood College. It was Labor Day—the day set aside by the administration to honor students who exhibit a great sense of responsibility in handling their jobs in 75 different departments.

At the initial ceremony, Minneola Dixon, director of student employment, read the following presidential proclamation on behalf of President C. B. Rock: "Inasmuch as Oakwood College is developed in large measure around the concept of dignity of labor and the training of the hand, as the president of this institution it does me great pleasure to officially declare this day, May 9, 1982, as Student Labor Day. I further decree that this occasion should take place annually at Oakwood College in the month of May; that it shall involve the enthusiastic cooperation of all our entities and that it shall be regarded as a significant and highly productive event within our calendar of activities. (Signed this third day of May in the year of our Lord 1982.)"

Culminating the morning program, the college band, under the direction of Allen Reid, entertained students, faculty and visiting friends with delightful music.

The afternoon activities began with a colorful parade led by the president, his wife and office staff, who were riding in an open car. There were floats and decorated cars representing various departments on campus.

Immediately following the parade, participants and visitors took their seats on the lawn facing the library and enjoyed a delicious meal while observing a program titled "Historical Pageantry." Dr. Clarence Barnes, chairman of the department of history and political science, highlighted the program by giving



A float representing the biology department.



The electrical department float.



Leading the parade are students carrying a logo indicating the years Oakwood College has been in existence.



Students in a late model automobile, representing the student labor department.

a brief history of the labor program of the college. To reinforce this briefing, a group of students under the direction of E. Rodgers, director of college industries, demonstrated what life looked like during the first 60 years of the institution. They were all dressed in early 20th century fashions. Demonstrating the use of the washtub in the institution's laundry in those "good old days" was just one of the scenes enacted by the students. Also highlighting this occasion was the celebrated music of the college choir, under the direction of Eurydice Osterman.

To climax the event, a special banquet was held in the Blake Center dining room in honor of students and some of the pioneers of the college. The names of these pioneers were inscribed on plaques that were presented to distinguished student workers. The list of pioneers included E. B. Dykes, O. B. Edwards, W. H. Halliday, C. J. Boyd, F. L. Peterson, H. Dobbins, I. W. Clark, M. Emerson, E. I. Cunningham, T. Wade, L. Blake, J. L. Moran, O. A. Troy, C. A. Gray and S. Brantley.

Special guests at the banquet were Councilwoman Jane Mabry of Huntsville and Dean William Ramsey, vice president of labor and student life at Berea College, who delivered the keynote address.

Immediately following, certificates of merit and plaques were distributed. The Labor King and Queen, in the persons of Carlton Sampson and Karen Martin of the chemistry department and literature evangelist training center, respectively, were presented to the guests and crowned.

On May 9, 1982, history had been made in the labor program of Oakwood College, a day that students are looking forward to next year. Long live Oakwood! Long live the labor program!

Seth Bardu, Student Aide
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This new age of economical comprehensiveness demands the very best of our efforts to maximize the efficiency of all operations, functions and activities so available resources render the highest possible level of performance for the lowest possible level of energy and capital expended.

Previewing the above and taking an early initiative to make it practical, we invested several hundred dollars in equipment and service gear in late spring, which gave us the capability of conducting our own installation and service work on all 112 air-conditioning and refrigeration systems on the premises. Seven are central systems, ranging in size from .025 to 20 tons in capacity.

The intent of this investment was multi-purpose in that it gave us the capability to initiate and complete emergency repairs during critical cooling season hours without having to wait for outside contractual services, which in some cases take several days during peak demand. It also gives me an opportunity to instruct and train our own mechanics to do sophisticated troubleshooting and trouble isolation procedures, repairs and replacements on these types of systems, thereby enhancing their technological exposure while simultaneously increasing the



Coleman Powell, environmental services director.

proficiency of our in-house staff of mechanics.

A tremendous dollar savings has already been realized and will continue as a result of having our own equipment.

One other important venture entered into by the department was the upgrading of mechanical staff by joint participation of both employee and facility in a unique adult occupational and continuing educational program conducted by the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Education (BOCES). Due to interest expressed by area facility engineers, several meetings were held jointly with the BOCES supervisor of adult education and area facility engineers. An ad hoc committee was formed on which I was appointed to serve. After an interim period, a curriculum was designed that we felt would meet the need.

Comprehensive study is being given to electrical wiring and associated components, mechanical repairs, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. Two of our mechanics are enrolled in the course and have almost completed the first of three three-month terms. Upon completion they will receive a certificate and twelve college credit hours that will be transferable to any two-year college offering a degree in facility engineering.

In last year's progress report, a technical assistance study was mentioned. To make this report current, I should mention that this report has been submitted to the New York State Energy Office and we recently received a letter of receipt. After this process is complete and we have decided on the recommendations we will implement, we will be in a position to apply for implementation funding assistance from the energy office.

Another significant accomplishment was the revamping and restructuring of our Planned Preventive Maintenance Program for the facility. We are now in the process of investigating the feasibility of using the in-house computer to complement the revised plan.

Goals:

1. The initiation of a plan to systematically replace obsolete utilities and equipment that poses a problem as far as parts replacement is concerned.
2. General restoration work is being planned for the grounds and general exterior surroundings.
3. Mechanical and electrical modifications are being planned on our emergency power generation system for the purpose of energy conservation and improved utilization.

In conclusion, it is our continued aim to press ahead, still striving, achieving, learning to labor and not to wait. We are keeping our eyes on the goals that are set before us, forgetting the past except for the good it has taught us, seeking new horizons and plotting new courses that we must take simultaneously while perfecting those we already know.

Coleman Powell
Environmental Services Director

IN THE NEWS

TEMPERANCE OFFERING OCTOBER 16, 1982

God's people on earth have been tempted to indulge in intemperance ever since Adam and Eve yielded to Satan's deception in Eden. The first record in Scripture of a child of God falling under alcohol's dread influence is that of Noah.

Today God's remnant people are subject to even stronger temptations due to our environment, social customs, weakened wills, constant bombardment by sophisticated advertisements, perverted appetites and Satan's redoubled efforts to defeat God's purposes for His people.

Earlier this year the *Adventist Review* published a special issue dealing with alcohol use by Seventh-day Adventists. Our fight is very real and intense. If we in the church have this problem, what about our neighbors, friends and loved ones who do not profess to maintain any standards concerning the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco?

On October 16, each church member has the opportunity to specify that an amount of his or her money go to the great task of fighting intemperance by placing an offering in the tithe and offering envelope indicating it should go to the temperance offering.

The purpose of this offering is to help your church, conference, union and world field combat the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco through the Temperance Society. You can see and understand the great need. We appreciate your generosity and sacrifice. May the Holy Spirit impress you with the amount you can and should give.

VISITORS' DAY IN IDLEWILD

The Idlewild, Michigan, church experienced record attendance on Visitors' Day under the leadership of their superintendent, Thomas Hall, who attributes his leadership to his long experience in the Berean church in Los Angeles, California.

For more than twelve years he has been in charge of the Sabbath school. As a result of his enthusiasm, more than 50 percent of the people who came were visitors.

As a special highlight for the day, Lorraine Hill, the three-year-old daughter of

local elder James Hill and his wife Ruth, listed the books of the Old Testament. She also recited the Lord's Prayer and participated in the A.Y. meetings. Her parents are very active in the church evangelistic programs.

Artelia Washington
Communication Secretary



Thomas Hill, left, is pictured with Lorraine Hill and Pastor Morris Wren.

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The Lord despises the deeds of the wicked, but loves those who try to be good. If they stop trying, the Lord will punish them; if they rebel against punishment, they will die.

Proverbs 15:9, 10

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