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COVER STORY

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF CALVIN EDWIN MOSELEY, JR.

by James E. Dykes

In Alabama, near the junction of the Warrior and Tom Bigbee rivers, lies the city of Demopolis. The name of the city is derived from two Greek roots; *demo*, meaning people, and *polis*, meaning city—hence, “the people’s city.” By the turn of the century, the 7,000-plus citizens of Demopolis enjoyed prosperity, which sprang from good farming, dairies, saw mills and cement manufacturing plants.

On January 7, 1906, Demopolis welcomed a newborn baby boy who was to become one of the most highly respected, widely traveled and truly distinguished citizens. On that date, the firstborn son of Calvin Edwin Moseley, Sr., and Lilly Belle Moseley arrived. There was little at that time to indicate that Calvin Edwin, Jr., would become a most notable preacher and educator of preachers in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but his parents took notice of the fact that he did make himself heard with a very strong pair of lungs.

Calvin Edwin and younger brother Earnest enjoyed a rather carefree, fun-filled childhood, but their parents taught them early the virtues of honest labor. To their sons and their peers, the year consisted of four seasons: “the season of marbles,” “the season of tops,” “the season of kites” and “the season of baseball.” Nevertheless, making a living was serious business in the Moseley household.

Having learned the lucrative trade of plastering from an SDA brother, Ed Jones, the father provided well for the family. He watched his sons grow tall and hefty. Calvin Edwin, Jr., was nicknamed “Dumpty” or “Dump” because as a youngster he tended to be stocky and well-built. As the boys developed, their father began to teach them the trade of plastering.

At the ripe young age of twelve years, Calvin began work on an independent plastering job. From that job, he was able to earn as much or more than many grown men. As time went by, he became an expert at the trade. His father suggested he consider contributing to the ongoing expenses of the family. With

characteristic good sense, Calvin Edwin, Jr., agreed that, in fairness, he should contribute his share in meeting home expenses. From that time onward, he bore the responsibility of providing his own needs.

Although the family enjoyed many fishing and hunting trips together, they did not have a great interest in religion; at least, not at that time. The parents would often send the children to Sunday school at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The mother often attended two-week revivals at the church. Many of young Calvin’s peers apparently experienced genuine conversion at the “Mourner’s Bench,” but he didn’t quite achieve it.

Young Calvin’s life took an interesting and challenging turn when, at the age of fifteen, he was sent away to enroll as a student at the Tuskegee Institute. His father wanted Calvin to become a civil engineer, but electrical engineering was the closest vocation to that taught at Tuskegee. Calvin himself thought he might like to finish Tuskegee, then go to Howard University and study law. Then a life-changing encounter occurred: Calvin met the renowned Dr. George Washington Carver, who was then teaching and performing his famous scientific experiments. They became fast friends.

Carver was a devout student of the Scriptures and taught a Bible class for the moral and spiritual uplifting of all who would attend. Moseley attended faithfully, and found from a study of the book of Deuteronomy that God offers life and blessings to those who obey, but death and curses to those who do not. Calvin decided that he would accept God’s blessings.

About this time, another facet of the Moseley family talents began to manifest itself—the marked talent for both vocal and instrumental music. Calvin sang in a quartet at Tuskegee and also played the cornet, which he had taught himself to play.

When the eventful school year at Tuskegee ended, Calvin went home to find that his brother Earnest had become a Seventh-day Adventist and the rest of the family was also preparing to be baptized. While Calvin was at Tuskegee, the family had moved to Jackson, Mississippi. Pastors J. H. Laurence and F. S. Kitts were holding an evangelistic tent effort in the city. After hearing one sermon on the second coming of Christ by J. H. Laurence and follow-up sermons by F. S. Kitts,

Moseley became a baptized member of the church.

Sometime after his baptism, an incident occurred that gave Moseley an inkling of what God wanted him to do. On one occasion when a preacher did not show up for an appointment, Moseley was “drafted” to preach. He preached so powerfully that there was a demand for his preaching. Very distinctly, God gave him the conviction that “this is the work he should do.” Moseley recalls, “I tried hard to evade the responsibility, until I was stricken for thirteen days with a near-fatal illness—a severe case of typhoid fever. My temperature was so high that I fainted. Everything went black. I couldn’t see a thing. The question came to my mind, ‘You intend to preach?’ I promised the Lord that if He would raise me up from my bed, I would do whatever He wanted me to. Dramatically, my sight returned, the fever left me, and I was able to resume normal activities almost immediately.”

Upon leaving Tuskegee, Moseley continued his education at Jackson College, where he played the cornet skillfully, having been taught to sight read by Genesee Lee, director of the Tuskegee choir. About this time, Anna Knight and Pastor Ivan Christian, on a recruiting visit, urged him to attend Oakwood College. Two years later, he enrolled at Oakwood and became a member of a famous quartet, whose members were F. L. Peterson, John Wagner, I, Brother Salisbury and C. E. Moseley. They sang in many cities throughout America. It was on one of their trips that he met his wife-to-be, Harriet Slater of Chicago. Their marriage has been a fulfilling, stabilizing force in their lives and an inspiring example to younger workers.

Professor Addison Perkins advised Moseley to continue his education at Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University, from which he graduated in 1929.

He served a ministerial internship at Evanston and Springfield, Illinois, and became state superintendent of Missouri during his pastorate of the large church at St. Louis. The saga of his evangelistic exploits is thrilling, but cannot be recounted here.

The story took a significant turn when J. L. Moran, the first black president of Oakwood College, invited Moseley to join the faculty as a Bible teacher and head of the religion department. From 1934 to 1951 he chaired the department,



Pastor R. L. Woodfork shakes Mrs. Richards' hand.



Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Moseley and family.

and during those years, nearly 98 percent of the black ministers in the church were trained under his tutelage. Today there are countless ministers, teachers, physicians, administrators and leaders around the world who revere the mentor whom they affectionately call, "Rabbi."

Having received an M.A. from the SDA seminary in 1944, Moseley served the world church at the General Conference for twenty years. From 1951 to 1954 he was assistant director of the Regional Department, and from 1954 to 1970, general field secretary. During his years at the G.C. he traveled on every continent except Australia. On one itinerary to Africa—Sierra Leone and Ghana—he preached at eight camp-meetings and 1,509 souls were added to the church. In Moslem countries, his evangelistic ministry was signally blessed. At the evangelistic center in Cairo, Egypt, a notable breakthrough occurred, and at Jarkata, Indonesia, 606 requested baptism. Harriet has vivid memories of the trip on which she accompanied her husband to Warsaw, Poland. She also derives much joy from their daughters and their families: Mrs. Doncil Keith of Minneapolis and Mrs. Mervyn Warren of Huntsville.

A preacher who knows the power of the pen, Moseley is the author of *The Lord's Day* and *Information, Please*. The latter book was compiled from his long-

running feature in *Message* magazine, "Bible Answers to Your Questions."

A wise counselor, Moseley served on the board of trustees of Oakwood College and Riverside Hospital from 1951 to 1972. He was awarded the honorary U.D. degree by Daniel Payne College in 1970.

Socrates once said, "Example is omnipotent." Emerson said also that "Some persons strengthen the society just by being the kind of people they are." But I believe Chaucer, in his *Canterbury Tales*, sums up best the character and work of Pastor C. E. Moseley, Jr., when he wrote about the parson—

"A good man of religion,
and a powerful person of the town.
Christ's gospel truly would he
preach;
His parishioners devoutly would he
teach."

We have not heard the last of, from, or by Pastor C. E. Moseley, Jr. His life's work and godly influence are never-ending blessings!

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF CLARENCE T. RICHARDS

There is a Chinese proverb that states, "If you are planning for a year, sow rice . . . If you are planning for a

decade, plant trees . . . If you are planning for a lifetime, educate a person."

If only that counsel had been followed! How different the history of mankind would have been if every person had received an education that is not merely concerned with the acquisition of knowledge, but rather with a higher knowledge in which the fear of God is paramount, where a love for truth, purity and righteousness is nurtured.

True education is concerned not only with preparation for this life, but also for the life to come. We must take great care in choosing those who will instruct us. By their lives and example they can lead us to choose eternal life or eternal damnation. History has recorded the lives of men and women who, because of their teachers, have been a blessing or curse to their fellow men.

Consider the life of Napoleon. At an early age, unwise instructors taught him to love war and conquest. It was because of their instruction that he thirsted for temporal power and glory and set the world aflame with war and destruction.

Marie Antoinette, a tragic figure in history, was a product of unwise instructors and a poor education. She was taught to love riches and extravagance and feel no compassion for the less fortunate. When she was told that thousands of Frenchmen were starving

The Editor's Desk



Elton Allen and Cynthia Cleveland of Birmingham, Alabama, exchanged their wedding vows on Sunday, October 10. The former Miss Cleveland is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Cleveland, pastor of the South Park SDA Church in Birmingham. Drs. E. E. Cleveland and C. E. Dudley conducted the services.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Jan. 28	Feb. 4	11	18
Boston, Mass	4:53	5:02	5:11	5:20
New York City	5:04	5:13	5:21	5:30
Buffalo, N.Y.	5:22	5:31	5:41	5:50
Atlanta, Ga.	6:05	6:12	6:18	6:25
Miami, Fla.	6:01	6:07	6:11	6:16
Charlotte, N.C.	5:48	5:55	6:02	6:09
Birmingham, Ala.	5:14	5:21	5:28	5:34
Jackson, Miss.	5:30	5:37	5:43	5:49
Memphis, Tenn.	5:24	5:32	5:39	5:45
Louisville, Ky.	6:01	6:09	6:17	6:24
Detroit, Mich.	5:42	5:51	6:01	6:09
Chicago, Ill.	5:01	5:10	5:19	5:27
South Bend, Indiana	5:55	6:04	6:13	6:22
Minneapolis, Minn.	5:15	5:25	6:35	6:45
St. Louis, Mo.	5:18	5:26	5:34	5:42
Kansas City, Mo.	5:34	5:43	5:51	5:59
Denver, Co.	5:15	5:23	5:31	5:39
Little Rock, Ark.	5:34	5:41	5:48	5:55
Dallas, Texas	5:56	6:03	6:09	6:15
New Orleans, La.	5:34	5:40	5:46	5:51
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:31	5:38	5:45	5:52
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:54	6:01	6:08	6:15

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

because they had no bread, she heartlessly retorted, "Let them eat cake." With those words she signed her death warrant.

On the other hand, the world will always remember Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Florence Nightingale and Lord Shaftesbury because of their great contributions. Blessed is the society that produces noble instructors who teach wise men to reach the highest heights.

Clarence Richards is a native of New York City. He is the son of Lillian and the late John Richards. Later, after the death of his father, his mother married Phillip Atkins. While he was a young man Richards became a Seventh-day Adventist due to the influence of his friends. He joined the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in New York City under the pastorate of G. E. Peters.

However, he moved to Boston and was baptized by M. Campbell, pastor of the Boston Berea church. His desire for a Christian education led him to Huntsville, Alabama. He attended Oakwood College Academy in 1933 and graduated from Oakwood Junior College in 1938. During that time, there were approximately 100 students at the school. In 1940 Richards received a B.A. degree from Emmanuel Missionary College with majors in religion and history. Potomac University granted him an M.A. degree in 1952. This institution formerly had been known as the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He received a B.D. degree in 1962 from Andrews University.

Richards began his pastoral ministry in 1940 for members in Evanston, Illinois. In 1943 he pastored in East St. Louis, Illinois, and in 1945 for Toledo, Ohio. Richards was ordained in 1947.

He taught all basic Bible subjects along with Pastor C. Moseley, who was head of the religion department, and E. Rogers. In 1952 Richards was elected head of the religion department and professor of religion by the board of trustees. He was chairman of this department until the 1968-69 academic year.

From the 1969-70 academic year until 1975-76, Richards taught such courses in the religion area as Bible Survey, Daniel, Revelation, Homiletics and Fundamentals of Christian Beliefs. He served a second term as chairman of the religion and theology department during the 1976-77 and 1977-78 academic years.



Pastor and Mrs. C. T. Richards.

C. T. Richards has served as advisor for the upper-division student seminar organization and the lower-division student group of Evangeliers. He was the sponsor when the Bell Tower on the campus was erected to honor Calvin Moseley. He has been a member of many committees and served as U.S.M. sponsor. Much time has been given by this faithful and dedicated Christian worker in the service of spiritual counseling.

Richards has served as the pastor for the Oakwood College church, the First Seventh-day Adventist church and the Florence, Alabama, church. Presently he serves as an elder in the Oakwood College church and member of the personal ministry department.

Richards is a former president of the Oakwood College Federal Credit Union. He is presently the vice-president and a member of this organization's board of trustees. He serves as treasurer of the local J. L. Moran Oakwood College Alumni Chapter. He has been a member of the Religious Education Association and American Association of University Professors. He has written religious articles for *Message* magazine, *Ministry* magazine and *Education Journal*.

Richards continues to teach several courses regularly in the religion department. He is married to the former Genevieve A. Laurence. They have three children: Clarence, Philip and Carmen. He faithfully cares for his 92-year-old

mother, Lillian Atkins. Richards formally retired in 1978. He became a professor emeritus and has served part-time since 1979 as a member of the religion department staff. He was not active during the 1978-79 year.

Emerson said that "the masses of men worry themselves into nameless graves when here and there, a great soul forgets himself into immortality." Such is the life of the noble C. T. Richards. It will only be in eternity that the depth of his contribution will be known.

Dr. Jannith Lewis

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

OBITUARY

Acton Samuel Rashford, son of the late Pastor and Mrs. Linton Rashford of Jamaica, West Indies, was the first-born of eight children, four of whom grew to adulthood. As a minister's son, he had the privilege of living in several countries: Panama, Costa Rica, Trinidad and the United States. After a short visit in Nicaragua, he came to America as a teenager to attend Oakwood College. His love of travel and devotion to Oakwood were driving forces in his full and fruitful life as an American citizen.



Dr. A. Samuel Rashford.

Acton was years ahead of his time and black pride was a passion with him. He became a prime mover in assisting the denomination in the selection of the first black president of Oakwood College in 1932.

After coming to New York City, Rashford met and married the former Eardell Bowman in 1941. They became the proud parents of a lovely daughter, Eardell J., a product of Christian schools: Manhattan Elementary, Northeastern Academy, Oakwood College and later a graduate of Howard University Law School. Presently she is an active attorney for the city of New York and Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The Rashford family has been very active in the Ephesus church, where they hold membership.

Through the years, Rashford continued his education at City College, New York University and Columbia University. His concern for Christian education has been manifested by years of service on the board of trustees of the R. T. Hudson Elementary School, Northeastern Academy and Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

Rashford served ably for 25 years as president of the New York chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association. His interest in black higher education was also expressed by his years of service as an officer and member of the executive board of the National Alumni Association of Oakwood College and as an officer and member of the executive committee of the Greater New York Inter-Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund.

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Students from the Sharon church Vacation Bible School.

REAVES HONORED

Ruby Reaves of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been chosen by her fellow members in Chester, Pennsylvania, as an outstanding SDA woman. During her 34 years as a member of the church, she has distinguished herself in her local church as treasurer and youth Sabbath school teacher.

The widow of Clarence Reaves, she helped him establish the Thornbury school. She exemplified Christian charity by opening her home to many in need. Many down-and-outers have received a lift through her heartfelt sympathy and loving ministry in this home.

She is the mother of three daughters: Bernice Jubert of Grand Rapids, Michigan, with whom she resides; Brenda Johnson and Kimberly Artiz of Chester, Pennsylvania. She also has seven grandchildren.

FREE BREAKFAST SERVED AT OPEN HOUSE

Sunday breakfast was recently served to the community by the Pottstown, Pennsylvania, Community Services Center operated by the Walnut Street SDA Church in celebration of their open house.

Dorcas Leader Esther Turman announced that free breakfast would be served every Sunday from 8 to 11. On

the initial Sunday, approximately 55 people were served, including 20 non-Adventists. The enthusiastic guests included a number of Hispanic citizens. Marion and Mike Sanchez from the Reading, Pennsylvania, Spanish church were on hand to witness and interpret.

A breakfast of orange juice, grits, saucettes and scrambled eggs was served by uniformed Dorcas ladies. Guests were introduced to the various services available through the Center. Classes are being offered in nutrition, sewing, CPR and Bible.

One needy Spanish family was present and received food and clothing. A. R. Jones, pastor of the church, is working with this family.

SHARON CHURCH HOSTS PROGRAMS

The Sharon church in Crewe, Virginia, may be small, having a membership of only 35, but they recently were responsible for programs which proved that God can work well with a small congregation that is spiritually motivated.

A Community Service Day with the theme "Reach Out and Serve" was held recently with Stephney Keyser, of Arlington, Virginia, as the guest speaker.

The following people were honored with an Outstanding Community Service Award and a dish garden for their community involvement: Salina Kirby, Al-

leggheny East Conference Community Services President; Dr. Keyser, speaker and member of the Breath of Life church in Washington, D.C.; Essie Cousins, owner and manager of the Cherry Tree Rest Home; Estelle King, vice president of the Senior Citizens Association of Not-toway County; and Annie Mae Jefferson, a former school bus driver for 33 years. Twenty-five senior citizens were also in attendance. Nellie Vaughter, recently deceased, coordinated this event. A fellowship dinner followed the service.

Vacation Bible School, coordinated by Gladys Jenkins, was also a happy and successful program. The Bible Way church (presently renting Sharon's facilities) participated in the program's activities, which included arts, crafts, Bible story hour, films and Bible study.

The most exciting session was the Bible study conducted by Pastor Hilton Fields, Sr., in the sanctuary. The liveliest session was the Bible study hour. Members from both Sharon and the Bible Way were in attendance. Topics taught and discussed were the love of God, the second coming of Jesus and the Ten Commandments.

ALLEGHENY EAST MEMBERSHIP INCREASES

Allegheny East Conference surpassed Potomac Conference in membership at the first quarter of this year.

Statistics showed that the Allegheny East membership was 15,432 as of March 31.

It was in 1967 that the former Allegheny Conference divided to form the Allegheny East and Allegheny West conferences. At that time the membership of the newly-formed Allegheny East Conference stood at 7,144. By December 31, 1971, the membership had grown to 9,725. In December, 1977, the membership had reached 12,720.

Allegheny East Conference President M. C. Van Putten attributes the conference growth to consistent evangelism and the involvement of membership in personal ministries. Allegheny East showed 147 baptisms for the first quarter of 1982.

Van Putten received a congratulatory letter from Herb Broeckel, secretary of the Potomac Conference, acknowledging Allegheny East Conference leadership and assuring him that Potomac Conference will try to catch up with Allegheny East in the future.



Left to right, first row: J. J. Mack, conference treasurer, Ruby Palmer, James Palmer, president of Build, Inc., H. L. Cleveland, president, Allegheny West Conference.

BUILD, INC.

Build, Inc., has been organized in the Allegheny West Conference. The president felt strongly that businessmen should be actively involved in the up-building of the conference.

The businesspeople of Allegheny West were formally organized into the Build organization, whose acronym stands for *Black Utilization of Industry and Lay Development*.

The meeting was opened by Pastor H. L. Cleveland of the conference with remarks and a devotional message. Pastor Johnny Mack, treasurer of the conference, offered opening prayer. James Palmer, president of Build, Inc., chaired the meeting.

The following board of trustees was voted in at the meeting: James Palmer, president; William G. McDonald, assistant president; Keith Oliver, vice president for elderly housing; Bernice Martin, vice president for nursing care; (to be filled) vice president for management/investment; Semue Chapman, vice president for church housing; (to be filled) vice president for special housing; Allen Long, treasurer; Michael Wright, accountant; Johnny Mack, (acting) secretary; the conference president and conference treasurer.

The following committees were chosen: Elderly Housing—Chairman Earl Harris; Nursing Care—Chairman Bernice Martin; Church Housing—Chairman Semue Chapman; and Man-

agement/Investment.

It was estimated that a total of at least \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 was represented as the worth of the businessmen present at this initial meeting at the conference office.

Enthusiasm was high as the meeting adjourned. The next meeting scheduled was for the last of October.

The businessmen present at the first meeting were considered the charter members of Build. Additional members must be voted in by the body.

Elizabeth M. Cleveland
Reporter

OAKWOOD ALUMNI MEET IN CHICAGO

The Oakwood College National Alumni Executive Committee met in Chicago for its annual planning and business session.

This group was hosted by the Chicagoand Chapter of the Oakwood Alumni Association. Patricia Burns is chapter president.

The Sabbath sermon was delivered by the national alumni chapter president, Lee Paschal of New York. His sermon was entitled, "The Method of a Miracle."

On Saturday evening the executive committee and other guests were entertained in the home of Patricia and Burrell Burns. Dempsey Travis, a well-known realtor and author from Chicago, was present for an autograph-signing of his recently-published autobiography.



At NAEIR's Chicago warehouse, Margaret Rauls chooses shoes for her students and other neighborhood families. Photo by NAEIR News.

RAULS DIRECTS BETTER LIVING CENTER

Margaret Rauls, director of the Better Living Center in Chicago, sparkles with optimism and determination when she describes eight years of extensive neighborhood services that her volunteers and only three staff members provide: a free medical clinic, food pantry, counseling services, an alternative school and after-school activity center, and an eight-week summer day camp that includes individual tutoring, craft classes, field trips and free hot lunches.

Rauls puts a premium on the needs of her community. She is a woman who doesn't pause to count the demands on her personal time and energy. She is now in the process of expanding the Better Living Center to include an orphanage. A donated building is being

remodeled for this latest venture.

By focusing her attention on these services, Margaret is proving that her organization is not just a humanitarian experiment, but that it is, indeed, the reality of better living.



Thelma Bruner Harris shows her plaque, which was presented to her from the U. L. Society for 20 years of dedicated service to Shiloh Academy.

SOCIETY HONORS THELMA HARRIS

At their annual banquet the U. L. (United Ladies) Society honored Thelma Bruner Harris for 20 years of dedicated service to Shiloh Academy.

The U. L. Society is a club composed of ladies from Chicago area churches who are dedicated to the cause of Christian education. The funds generated from this banquet are used primarily for scholarships to graduates of Shiloh Academy who continue their education at Oakwood College or Andrews University.

Thelma Harris, the honoree, served for several years as food editor for *Message* magazine. Since that time she has continued to participate in health education and sought to carry out her lifelong dream of educating her people to live healthy lives by magazine articles, health lectures and health services to students at Shiloh.

Harris attended Oakwood Junior College and Loma Linda University. She graduated in 1936 with a B.S. in foods and nutrition and a minor in chemistry and home economics. In 1975 Thelma was selected alumnus of the year after the publication of her cookbook.

Thelma Harris resides in Chicago with her husband, Cornelius. They have two sons: Carl, who lives in Benton Harbor,

and James, who resides in Rochester, New York.

The Harrises serve the church in the stewardship of funds for the church and school. She has served as cashier for Shiloh Academy for the past 20 years, while her husband has served as treasurer for the Shiloh church.

All of Harris' accomplishments cannot be listed here. However, the Shiloh Academy family will always feel indebted to her for having made the initial contact, a number of years ago, which led to the forming of a band at the school. She will always be remembered for her dedication to health education and for her Christian living and willingness to serve her church and school.



Marguerite Anderson Dixon recently earned a doctoral degree from the University of Illinois.

DIXON RECEIVES DOCTORATE

Marguerite Anderson Dixon, a member of the Morgan Park church, received her Ph.D. in nursing sciences from the Graduate College at the University of Illinois Medical Center. An alumna of the University of Illinois, she earned a B.S.N. in 1959 and an M.S.N. in psychiatric nursing in 1972 after completing a B.A. in zoology from Andrews University.

Dixon was recently honored at the University of Illinois Service Recognition Program for 25 years of service. She began her career at the school in 1953 as a research assistant in the College of Dentistry. Marguerite was a nursing student from 1956-1959 and began her nursing career as a staff nurse at the Neuropsychiatric Institute in 1959. She was promoted to nursing supervisor and in 1971 became assistant professor of psychiatric nursing in the College of Nursing. She is an active member in the Morgan Park church and serves as a member of the Full Life Board, which directs the senior citizen and housing development in the Lake Region Conference.

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Nine-year-old Glenn Smith singing in the Spanish crusade.

INSTITUTE HELD AT MOUNT OF OLIVES

The Power and Grace Bible Institute was devised by Pastor Gilbert Foster and Edward Kenton of the Mount of Olives Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York. Through the personal ministries department of the church's soul-winning endeavors, an awareness developed about meeting the spiritual and social needs of the Hispanic population in the vicinity of the church.

The institute's program is conducted in a bilingual format (English and Spanish). The first meeting started at 7 p.m. on August 15 as an evangelistic thrust. This program is unique in the aspect that Spanish-speaking individuals studying their Bibles through the "Real Truth Bible Course" can also receive the full impact of the message through evangelism.

The thrust of the program is to solidify the cultural and religious foundation of Spanish-speaking people studying with members of the personal ministries department.

Meetings are conducted on Sundays at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary of the church. Edward Kenton is the coordinator, counselor and speaker of the Power and Grace Bible Institute. Staff members of the institute are: Carrie Grant, public relations secretary; Vicky Price, secretary; Juanita Cedonia, secretary; Lillian Griffin, organist and pianist; Jessie Kenton, soloist and counselor; Vaughn George, interpreter; Murine Smith, soloist; Augustine Chuma, organist, pianist and music coordinator; Glenn Smith, soloist; and Albert Stephens, visitation committee coordinator.

The ultimate goal of the institute is to stimulate an interest for study of the Word of God in their native language for the better understanding of the Holy Word, leading to the acceptance of Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

SATURDAY NIGHT (LIVE) FAREWELL

The members of the Gordon Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church in Coram, Long Island, gave a surprise farewell party for Pastor Ralph Williams and his family on November 13 in the lower auditorium of the church and the turnout was better than anticipated.

The program participants, representing their home state, told the excited onlookers about their hometown, then sang, played the piano and told a joke as part of the entertainment.

The auditorium and cake were decorated in blue and white, Pastor Williams' favorite colors, and both he and his lovely wife, Willie Mae, thanked the church for the expressions of love (gifts, etc.) and promised to visit Gordon Heights whenever the opportunity presents itself.

May God continue to bless him as he labors to win precious souls for the kingdom of God.

James S. Spence
Communication Secretary



Pastor Ralph Williams and family at the farewell party.

BENITO HODGE NAMED PRINCIPAL

The 1982-1983 academic year at Bethesda Elementary School in Amityville, New York, promises to be rewarding.

The newly-appointed principal, Benito C. Hodge, brings with him a wealth of expertise and experience in education administration.

Already plans have been made to provide a playground for students. Hodge places this project among his most immediate priorities. Funds are being solicited from various sources to quickly bring this project to completion.

In the area of academic advances, Bethesda recently received a set of World Book Encyclopedias from Mrs. Cecil Fine, branch manager for the Chicago-based World Book, Inc. The school was pleased to receive this gift, especially since the most recent edition of the authoritative *Encyclopedia Buying Guide* rated the World Book as excellent in nine of ten evaluative categories—more than any other encyclopedia. These will augment the library and promote a climate of learning that will lead to excellence.

Aiding in the operation of the school are: Bennie Ruth Alves, kindergarten; Pansy Antrobus, grades three and four; Judith Adams Darden, grades five and six; Ora L. Newton, grades seven and eight; and Sylvia McDowell, school secretary.

THANKSGIVING DINNER HELD AT AUBURN

The eighth annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Auburn Inner City Seventh-day Adventist Group at the Auburn Correctional Facility in Auburn, New York, was celebrated on October 24.

The group presented a well-planned program of prayer, inspirational singing and testimonies by both outside and inside members. Special music was given by the Auburn Correctional Choir and the Bell and Holland Gospel Singers.

During the divine worship service, four awards were given to outside coordinators from the Mount Carmel church in Syracuse, New York, and the Auburn church. Plaques were awarded to Luther Hopkins, Richard Raymond, Henry Whaley and Robert Lake for their untiring service over the years in the prison ministry.

Edwin Humphrey, Sr., new pastor of the Mt. Carmel church and guest speaker, presented an inspiring message on the theme of love and Thanksgiving. Of particular significance was the attendance of three pastors at the Thanksgiving dinner for the first time since the formation of the Auburn Group. They were: Pastor Humphrey, Pastor Tessier of the Auburn SDA Church and Pastor Dale of the Genesee Street SDA Church.

After the service, a delicious vegetarian meal was served.

Aaron Talley
Correspondent



Molline Smith, interpreter and soloist at the crusade.

EVANGELISTIC THRUST IN THE BRONX

The messenger of the Lord tells the church, "The work will never be finished until the men and women comprising our churches unite their efforts with the ministry and church officers and answer the call."

These words seemed to motivate the membership of the Washington Avenue SDA Church in the Bronx, New York, to present 34 souls for baptism from June to October 1.

Willis Reed, former pastor of the church, stated that "this is just the beginning of what each individual will accomplish under the unction of the Holy Spirit."

One young lady was reading *Steps to Christ* on the subway when a man approached her and expressed an interest in the book. As their conversation continued, he revealed he was an ex-Seventh-day Adventist. She invited him to her church. He began to attend and received Bible studies. Before long, he was re-baptized.

Etta Marshall decided to organize a Bible study group in her community. A family took their stand. Two were baptized at the church, the other was baptized at home due to a physical disability.

Doretha Carver had a burden for the occupants of the apartment building where she lives. As a result of her faithful witness, two souls were baptized. During this year the Sabbath school department conducted a children's day which placed special emphasis on children making a decision for Christ. Several of these youths were baptized in June.

One cannot forget the experience of the young Trinidad native who called the church asking for directions so he could attend. After attending the church several times, he was baptized.

The story would not be complete without mentioning an ex-Seventh-day Adventist who was impressed to return to church. After taking Bible studies, he was baptized. He was instrumental in bringing with him four precious souls to be baptized.

Many souls are being won through person-to-person evangelism. The personal ministries department and its dynamic leader, Billy Fonville, have contacted a number of people through door-to-door evangelism in the community.

Reed has also been very active in the lay witnessing program. He initiated the idea of an ordained local elder with interested coordinators. God is richly rewarding the efforts of His people.

James B. Brown
Communication Secretary



The personal ministries leader, left, and a musician.

LOCAL ELDERS' DAY

On September 18, the Mount Sinai church in Springfield Gardens, New York, held its first local elders' day. The entire worship service was conducted by former pastor Albert White. The next minister, Willard Hall, nurtured the idea. He worked closely with church officers in planning this occasion.

First local elder David Johnson, Sr., served as Sabbath school superintendent. Local elder Joseph Allen of the Gordon Heights SDA Church in Medford, New York, presented the Sabbath school lesson on "A Light to the World." Special music was rendered by Carl Ware, a local elder at Linden church in Laurelton, New York.

The worship speaker was Henry Wilson, president of the Northeastern Conference Laymen's Federation, who spoke on the "Gethsemane Experience." For the occasion, David Johnson, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, composed a poem entitled, "A Local Elder."

In the afternoon the AYS hour began with a song service conducted by local elder Frederick Bucknor. Local elder Beresford Green served as master of ceremonies. The highlight of the AYS hour was a solo by Hugh Logan of the City Tabernacle in New York, New York. Local elder Joseph Allen led a spontaneous discussion on "Feedback in Music." H. McKenzie gave the vesper program. Following closing prayer, refreshments were served. God richly blessed.

David Johnson, Sr.
Correspondent

MEDICAL DAY AT LINDEN

On November 13, the medical corps of the Linden church in Laurelton, New York, held its annual Medical Day. The guest speaker for the divine hour was Clifton Davis, a former television star and now theology major at Oakwood College. The focal point of his message dealt with Peter's denial of Christ and his ultimate triumph and conversion.

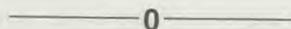
In the afternoon a film presentation dealing with health topics was given by the medical corps and its director, Dr. Daniel Hunt, who worked untiringly to insure the success of Medical Day.

Later in the evening, the medical corps presented Davis in concert at the Springfield Gardens High School in Springfield Gardens, New York. Annette Davis Wilson, sister of the singer and songwriter, sang the invocation, "The Lord's Prayer."

Davis, who was accompanied by Michael Andrews on the piano, sang a wide array of spirituals, anthems and contemporary music. He also sang "Blessings," a song he wrote.

He also shared with the audience the story of his conversion. Of all the songs he sang, "Lord, Make Me An Instrument" best symbolizes his new-found commitment to the Lord.

During the concert Dr. Daniel Hunt, director of the medical corps, and Iva Harrell, Sabbath school superintendent for the church, presented a plaque to Davis on behalf of the medical corps in appreciation for his willingness to serve.



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



Adventist ministers present at the meeting at International Theological College of Atlanta University were, left to right, back row: John Swafford of Jonesboro, John McVay of Douglassville, Han Bong Lee of the Georgia-Korean church in Atlanta, Ralph Franklin of the Atlanta-Berean church and Steve Darmody of Belvedere in Decatur; front row: J. Malcolm Phipps of Atlanta-Boulevard, Thomas J. Pugh, vice president of ITC, and Richard E. Tottress, associate pastor of Berean and coordinator of the Atlanta-area pastor colloquy.

AREA PASTORS MEET AT ITC

There are 25 district pastors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the greater Atlanta area. This warrants an organization among themselves for the purposes of exchanging ideas, study, passing on to one another current information on issues relevant to our times and helping each other to keep abreast with current events.

They meet once a month at different places. On October 19, under the coordination and leadership of Pastor R. E. Tottress, they met at the International Theological College of Atlanta University and heard Dr. Thomas J. Pugh, vice-president of the seminary, explain some of the workings and curriculum offerings of the institution. As a result of an eight-million-dollar gift from the Woodruff Foundation, a new library has been added to their facilities. This specialized addition is presently only open to students of the theological college, but there are discussions within limited circles about opening it to clergy of the Atlanta area.

In discussing the future role of women in the church, Pugh stated that it is still uncertain, because church leadership

within the nation and around the world still maintains a serious cleavage. Until that gap is closed one cannot postulate with any degree of surety on this matter. He stated, however, that an impressive percentage of women is graduating from ITC each year, and they all receive calls to pastor in various capacities. The largest number, however, go into military service.

VBS GRADUATES 250

On July 24 the Macon-Bethany church graduated 250 students from its Vacation Bible School. From the numerous trips made by five vans bringing children from all over the community, 308 youngsters registered and 250 endured to receive their certificates from G. H. Taylor, director for the Sabbath school department of South Atlantic Conference.

In Taylor's message on "Parental Responsibilities," he stressed the fact that every adult member of the church bears a degree of responsibility for children of the church and community.

Lou Ann Brown, wife of the church pastor, Marvin Brown, was director of the program. She stated that the ages

ranged from one to sixteen as an experimental project and that there were two special features beyond the traditional arts and crafts and Bible lessons. One was called "Project Smile," the other a series of films on personal hygiene and prevalent social diseases. Robert Cox, who directed "Project Smile," provided the children with instruction on how to take care of teeth.

It took real teamwork to coordinate the vans for transportation, the food committee, teaching staff, secretarial work, music and the like to register such a fantastic success. Those who led out in the execution of the Vacation Bible School were Lou Ann Brown, directress, assisted by Viola Brown and Sheree Brown. Others whose efforts contributed to its success were Robert Cox, Susie Scott, Andrey Lucas, Angela Hunter, Tammy Armstrong, Mildred Lester, Debbie Byron, Daryl Brown, Gwyn Collins, Mary Smith, Ida Rachel, Debra Hodges, Timothy McClendon, Christine Johnson, LaTanya Robinson, Michele Robinson, Casandra Henderson, Laura Wimberly, Tracie Butts, Arlene Glover, Linda Williams, Tammy Stuckey, Evelyn McClendon, Marilyn Johnson, Olivia Jackson, Lilly Berryman, Mrs. Ragan, Willie Smith and Beverly Davis.



Sandra Randolph, vice president, helps with examinations during camp meetings last summer. This was a courtesy of Riverside Hospital.

RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL OFFERS NEW SERVICE

Womack Rucker, president of Riverside Adventist Hospital, announces a new program to readers of the *Regional Voice* who will be traveling through Nashville, Tennessee, during the months of January and February in 1983.

A full examination is offered for just \$125 per person, Rucker said.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP PAYS

Soso is a small rural town in the southeastern section of Mississippi. Smiling faces and lively singing make visitors feel at home and happy to participate in all phases of worship.

The history of the Soso church paints a moving picture of Adventists, who learned of the seventh-day Sabbath through literature, being driven off land because of Sabbath observance. A non-Adventist at that time, C. B. Holloway, who hated to see others mistreated, made his land available to the Adventists. He later joined the congregation, helping to build up membership and erect a little white church. Next to the church is a cemetery owned by the congregation.

A few years ago, the members and Pastor O. J. Jackson decided to build a new brick church. They held a groundbreaking program. Pastor Jackson was later transferred to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, but the new pastor, G. L. Byars, smiled broadly when challenged with leadership in the new church building program. Both pastors used the true stewardship approach to building funds.



The Meharry College BAMDA Branch at the organization's most recent meeting.

The members helped build the church. Byars led a crowd to the ribbon-cutting and the new, modern brick building with wall-to-wall carpeting and air-conditioning.

It was May 15 when the new pastor, R. S. Norman, invited I. J. Johnson to conduct a stewardship emphasis program in Soso. About that time, Stewardship Leader Betty Patterson brought a stewardship study guide course to its close. On May 22 the graduates received certificates indicating that they had finished the course. Soon afterwards the date for the mortgage burning was set for March 26, 1983.

In a recent conversation with Pastor Norman, it was discovered that the church had been doubling its monthly payments on the mortgage. In so doing the church had cut the interest dramatically. As it moves closer to the mortgage burning date of March 26, 1983, the church is becoming more excited.

On May 22 Patterson made a commitment of giving a second tithe. She did not then have the income to do so and meet her own needs. Since then God's blessings have fallen on her, and she testifies that she can get more with the eight-tenths than she could with nine-tenths. Soso proves that faithful stewardship pays.

MEHARRY BAMDA BRANCH LOOKS TO FUTURE

Since its inception in the 1970's, the Meharry College Branch of the North American BAMDA has been blessed with tremendous growth in its membership.

The group began as a result of two medical students, Dr. Mark Beale and Dr. Anthony Lewis, strongly adhering to their religious convictions while attending school for medical training. This witness led to a number of their classmates joining the church in Nashville. Through the years others have been added to the faith and are presently serving the Lord in many different places around the world.

At the most recent meeting of the present student group, William Pelote, president, outlined a number of plans for the future growth of this student organization.

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Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Colossians 2:8



Members at the new Prattville church.

NEW CONGREGATION ORGANIZED AT PRATVILLE

The 105th congregation of the South Central Conference was organized at Prattville, Alabama, on Sabbath, October 9, by Dr. C. E. Dudley, president, and G. L. Byars, pastor.

The 29-member church came into being at the close of the summer evangelistic meetings conducted by Byars and his evangelistic team.

Three new congregations were born in the state of Alabama this year: Triana, Phenix City and Prattville. Our theme is to carry the message until every part of the conference is lighted with His glory.

BETHANY HONORS ASU PRESIDENT

Dr. Charles Watkins, president of Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama, was the honored guest at the Bethany SDA Church on Community Relations Day, October 9. The university has made notable progress, academically, by student growth and with capital improvements since he began service as president.

An interesting part of Dr. Watkins' life is brought out when he speaks of having grown up with the Allison boys of Clarkesville, Tennessee, and attending the first black SDA church at Edgefield



George L. Byars, pastor of Bethany, makes a presentation to Dr. Watkins from the church.

Junction, Tennessee. He and his wife have fond memories of their relationships with Seventh-day Adventists through the years.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHURCH ORGANIZED

On Sabbath, July 31, the Bercah company, located in Apopka, Florida, was organized into an official church.

Representing the Southeastern Conference at the ceremony were Pastor James Edgecombe, president, and Secretary-Treasurer Donald Walker. Speaker for the divine worship was Pastor I. Harrell, personal ministries secretary for the conference.

This group consists of approximately 25 individuals, most of whom speak French. Jean Brutus is the newly-

appointed pastor. A graduate of Oakwood College, he has begun making plans for a major evangelistic thrust in 1983.

CHURCH SPONSORS BENEFIT CONCERT

"Let's just praise the Lord" was the theme of the first annual benefit scholarship program sponsored by the Ephesus SDA Church on Sunday, August 29.

The purpose of the concert was to raise funds to help students from the

church planning to attend a Christian college. Because of recent budget cuts in financial aid, the church felt the need to assist parents with some of the cost.

The following artists were featured at the concert: Constance Dupoint; Trevor Fraser; Eucas Wells; Clarence Wright; and Willie Taylor. All artists rendered their talents free of charge to help the benefit.

Joan Bedford, a radio announcer for the WPOM gospel station, served as the mistress of ceremonies. Persons in attendance had an enjoyable time praising the Lord in song.

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DOORWAYS TO HEALTH . . . THROUGH GOOD NUTRITIONAL CARE

"Our bodies are built up from the food we eat. There is a constant breaking down of the tissues of the body; every movement in every organ involves waste, and this waste is repaired from our food. Each organ of the body requires its share of nutrition. The brain must be supplied with its portion: the bones, muscles, and nerves demand theirs. It is a wonderful process that transforms the food into blood, and uses this blood to build up the varied parts of the body; but this process is going on continually, supplying with life and strength each nerve, muscle and tissue." *Ministry of Healing*, page 295.

Simply defined, nutrition is the food we eat and how the body uses it. Why is nutrition important? "Because the matter of eating concerns the well-being of the entire system." *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, page 251.

On March 16, 1981, the administrative body at Victory Lake Nursing Center hired a registered dietitian to work full time, keeping in mind the objectives of the dietary department:

1. To meet the daily nutritional needs of residents, with regard to the religious, cultural, social and psychological backgrounds.
2. To maintain and achieve standards set by federal, state and local health agencies.

Accomplishments

1. Evaluated and re-developed the nutritional assessment and care plan sheet, which is found in each patient's chart.
2. Developed an effective and efficient means of relaying diet orders and changes in diet into the menu cards, thus affecting patient meals and the

nutritional status of the patient.

3. Participated in nutritional in-service education programs involving the dietary staff, nursing and other departments.

4. Held nutrition education programs for student nurses from Dutchess Community College.

5. Introduced vegetarian food items from Loma Linda Foods to staff and residents in a "vegetarian food-tasting party" (This was widely accepted).

6. Attended various nutritional workshops and seminars in Dutchess County and the American Dietetic Association meeting.



Food service personnel in preparation of a meal.

DOORWAYS TO HEALTH . . . THROUGH SKILLED DIETARY PLANNING

Victory Lake Nursing Center's dietary department served 144,330 meals with 32,780 staffed hours. The dietary department is in service seven days a week and open thirteen hours a day.

The year carried challenge as well as benefit. The greatest challenges were budget cuts from the federal government, controversy over institutionalization as a means of better care for the elderly and the medfly affecting California agriculture.

The greatest advantage was in acquiring a registered dietitian of the caliber of Betty Swanston. Her experience and ability have improved the department in every way. The facility will benefit from her vast experience and knowledge on site.

Accomplishments:

1. Introduction and implementation of a new menu system which will coordinate with ordering procedures.
2. Introduction of a new scheduling system to ensure proficient staffing of the kitchen.
3. More accurate therapeutic control of menu items and selection to residents through a full-time ADA dietitian.
4. Reorganization of store-room inventory to take advantage of a more systematized process.

Goals:

1. More energy devoted toward inter-departmental public relations.
2. Greater quality and cost advantages through contracting companies which specialize in institutional feeding.
3. Improved vending system to service staff members of the facility.
4. Closer therapeutic scrutiny of patient monitoring to determine patient likes and dislikes as well as introduction to new foods.

I would like to thank the Northeastern Conference Board of Directors, all departments of the nursing center and service systems corporation for the support, courtesy and cooperation shown through 1981.

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The Jamaican Benevolent Association benefitted from Rashford's leadership and he served this organization faithfully as president for 35 years.

He also served as vice president of U.B.S. Holdings, Inc., and vice president of the Jamaica Federal Credit Union.

His interest and concern in community affairs was reflected by his membership in the N.A.A.C.P. and the 25-35 St. Nicholas Terrance Tenants' Association.

For eleven years Rashford served on the board of directors of the Victory Lake Nursing Home.

Left to mourn are a loving and devoted wife, Eardell, and a charming daughter, Eardell J.; a sister, Linda, and brother-in-law, Herbert Boulin; a brother, Welton Rashford, and sister-in-law, Carmalita; a sister, Vernie, and brother-in-law, Leslie Weir; a devoted stepmother, Mrs. Daisy Rashford; sister-in-law Varetta Buie and husband Arthur; sister-in-law Marjorie Hall; sister-in-law Cornelia Baumann; sister-in-law Louise Preston and husband, Pastor Louis Preston; brother-in-law William Bowman and his wife, Flossie; several nieces and nephews, several adopted children and a host of other relatives and friends.



Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cort.

PARSON-CORT WEDDING

On the first of August, 1982, Meleen Parson was united in holy matrimony to Wilbur Cort at the Jamaica SDA Church in Jamaica, New York.

The wedding ceremony was conducted by Arthur Morgan, pastor of the Jamaica SDA Church.

The bride is the daughter of Myrtle Parson of Cambria Heights, New York. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cort of Georgetown, Guyana.

The couple resides in Queens Village,

New York. The bride is employed as the secretary of the Sabbath school and religious liberty departments of North-eastern Conference. The groom is a statistician at the King's County Hospital in Brooklyn, New York.



Pastor and Mrs. Anthony Paschal.

KENNEDY-PASCHAL WEDDING

Sylvia Marie Kennedy and Pastor Anthony Wayne Paschal were married August 29, 1982, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, California. The wedding service was performed by the bride's grandfather, Pastor W. S. Lee.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Kennedy. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Paschal. The couple will reside in Los Angeles, California, where the groom is the assistant pastor of the Berean SDA Church.

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