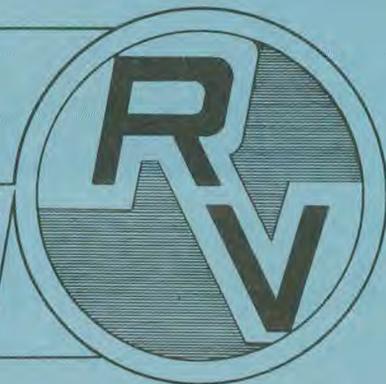


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**BLACK LITERATURE EVANGELIST SALES—
FOUR MILLION DOLLARS IN 1982**

COVER STORY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL F.H.E.S. LITERATURE INCENTIVE RETREAT

Approximately 600 literature evangelists, church administrators and guests gathered at the Holiday Inn in Tampa, Florida, from December 28, 1982, to January 1, 1983, for the Sixth Annual F.H.E.S. Literature Incentive Retreat.

The work of the F.H.E.S. has grown by leaps and bounds this year. These intrepid warriors' total sales for the year 1982 came to \$8,838,461.25 and 1,024 baptisms. Eight regional conferences and the Oakwood College Literature Evangelists Training Center (LETC) were represented at the meeting. These conferences were: Allegheny East by N. W. Beasley, publishing director; Allegheny West by R. C. Lewis, publishing director; Northeastern by Clarence Richardson, publishing director; South Atlantic/Southeastern by Robert Smith, Jr., publishing director; Southwest Region by James Marshall, publishing director; Lake Region by T. S. Barber, publishing director; South Central by Stephen Ruff, publishing director; and Oakwood College (LETC) by Sandy Robinson, publishing director. Central States was not represented because of the recent death of their publishing director, Pastor Emmanuel Bullock.

One of the key people working behind the scenes, in addition to the publishing directors, was Charles Colbert, president of CAC Meeting Planners, Inc., of Chicago, Illinois. He did an excellent job arranging hotel accommodations, banquet and picnic facilities and other services.

On the opening night, Pastor J. A. Edgcombe, president of the Southeastern Conference, welcomed the literature evangelists and delivered a most inspiring message.

On Wednesday night, a special prayer meeting and testimonial service was held. During this time the literature evangelists recounted the wonderful experiences they received while working in the field. The evening began with a devotional service at 7:30 p.m.; at 9:00 p.m. to 12:20 a.m. pastors Sandy Robinson and Robert T. Smith, Jr., led inspirational prayer services.



Literature evangelists from all regional conferences receive trophies for \$4,000,000 in sales in 1982.

On Thursday morning Dr. E. E. Cleveland, noted evangelist, author and director of church missions at Oakwood College, was the morning speaker. He presented the word as one who has a living connection with God. On Thursday afternoon a picnic was held at George Washington High School, complete with a delicious meal prepared by "Mom" Davis, frisbee and a ballgame.

Thursday night was promotional night. Pastor Robert Smith, Sr., circulation manager for the periodical department for the Review and Herald, and Pastor O. Drister of the Review and Herald book department, gave a progress report on the many books and magazines that are available. Also, Pastor Robert LaGrone, associate publishing director for the Columbia Union; Pastor T. Smith, associate publishing director for the Southern Union, and Pastor Ward Sumpter, associate secretary for the Southern Union, spoke to the literature evangelists. They encouraged them to reach a higher standard and reminded them of how far-reaching and noble the work they have chosen is. Throughout the meeting the literature evangelists were blessed with rich music. Among the many sharing their musical talents were Gail Murphy, Calvin Walker, Janice Johnson, W. Robinson, a male group from Chicago, Joann King and the Trio Plus One.

On Friday morning, Pastor M. C. Van Putten, president of the Allegheny East Conference, was the speaker. The ordinance of humility and the Lord's Supper were celebrated at sunset on Friday. Pastor Robert Carter, president of the Lake Union, was the speaker.



Retired publishing directors at the retreat: Matthew Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Robinson, Pastor and Mrs. Silas McClamb, and Pastor and Mrs. M. G. Cato.

Sabbath was the highlight of the series. Dr. C. E. Dudley did an excellent job in presenting the Sabbath school lesson. The personal ministries period was especially interesting as Robert Moses and Billy Diggs of Allegheny East shared their experiences in establishing a mission in Fairfield, Maryland. Mr. Bradley from the Southwest Region held the audience spellbound as he shared his experiences. For the divine worship hour, Pastor R. B. Hairston gave an inspiring message.

On Saturday night, the banquet was held. Every publishing director and literature evangelist looks forward to this occasion. This year Pastor T. S. Barber and the literature evangelists from the Lake Region delivered *one million dollars* in total sales.

It was a special meeting, for it offered physical, mental and spiritual revitalization. For many of the literature evangelists who work in the industrial Northeast or the cold Midwest, the Florida sun and the breezy Gulf of Mexico was a welcome change. The days were free so the workers could take advantage of the many tourist attractions.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland

CLEVELAND'S COMMENTARY: "THE YELLOW WENT!"

Human government in all of its variations resolves itself into two major principles of control. They are (1) rule by the minority or (2) rule by the majority. Rule by the minority may involve a king, dictator or clan. This form of government may be maintained by force of arms, finance or traditional acceptance. Majority rule is generally associated with more democratic forms of government. It may, however, be as despotic as minority rule if the rights of the minority are not legally designated and rigidly safeguarded. This brings us to the point of this article. The *whole* is equal to the sum of its parts and greater than any of its parts, but the *whole* is responsible for all of its parts.

It is just this responsibility that the *whole* most often forgets. In our secular society, the signs are ominous. Social Security benefits to the aged are now being measured for trimming while we promise millions to Brazil. More cuts are promised in social programs while billions are spent for weapons of death. Then came the deadening rumor that a tax would be levied on unemployment compensation. This was fortunately killed in Congress, but the trend is clearly away from even caring about the "have-nots." Of the present situation, the following is true: "To him that hath, it shall be given; to him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away." And further, that government would rule against quotas and affirmative action, and relax its enforcement of equal opportunity hiring is not reassuring.

But even more sobering is that this same insensitivity marks most institutions, including religion. When there is a "caring" secular government, there seems to be more concern in religious circles about the plight of the disadvantaged. However, when the reverse is true, the voice of the poor is muted in the church. Why is it that the voices of reasonable men are not heard until protest becomes unreasonable? Is it still true that there can be no salvation without a crucifixion? Are men rebels disloyal and schismatic for crying "Ouch" when the shoe fits too tightly? And by the way, who knows better than the ones who wear the shoes? Indeed, the best friends the church has are those who shout "Ouch," not those who suffer in silence while "the sheep bleat."

Some religious and secular leaders tend to feel threatened when the disadvantaged assert themselves. If the needy "plead" or "request," their need is interpreted as "not serious." If they scream and shout, the petitioner has a bad attitude and hence must be "stonewalled." If, like Job, we wait till our change comes, it never comes; and it is assumed that "the blacks are happy."

And then, of course, there are always those among the disadvantaged who would reassure the "haves" that "all is well," not knowing that there are always among the "haves" those who understand this "bleating of the sheep." Herein lies our *hope*. Enlightened leaders should expect the shout and appreciate the "shouter."

Knowledgeable whites understand that we must as a minority *get together*. They are not alarmed by this. This is why we have nine regional conferences and annual black convocations where regional conferences don't exist. On the other hand, we understand that we cannot be exclusive; and that is why white, Hispanic and Korean churches are in our communions and Hispanic and French preachers are on our conference payrolls, and the number grows. Can it be that we Adventists have found the only workable solution to the human relations problem is to provide houses of worship for all races that *must be open to all races*? And with this, indigenous administration to manage these systems? This provides for unlimited growth without certain attendant "growing pains." It also gives the minority a "sense of belonging" and a feeling that

one owns "a piece of the rock." This does, of course, involve continuous accommodation based on growth and fiscal liberality. With flexibility on the parts of both the "haves" and the "have nots," this may be achieved without "seismic shock."

In the secular society, one lesson lingers. I remember as a boy the large schools that used to stand in black neighborhoods staffed by black teachers who taught black children to be proud of themselves. Then came "integration." Most of these schools are now closed because whites will not send their children into our neighborhoods. Thousands of white "academies" have sprung up in churches and halls across the nation. "Integration" has been reduced to blacks being bussed to white schools under white principals and white teachers in white neighborhoods. What has happened to the black principals and thousands of black teachers? Above all, what is happening to the black student? The drop-out rate has tripled and those who remain find little they can relate to. If they do, they find themselves "out of touch" with their own people. In the rush to "integrate," have we lost something important? The black principal and teacher are rapidly becoming the "vanishing Americans." In the language of the toothpaste commercial—"You wonder where *the yellow went!*"

Perhaps we should have kept the neighborhood school and welcomed any who wished to attend. What if non-blacks go elsewhere? We would still have something to which we can relate culturally. There would be fewer "wasted minds" behind black skin and the curse of idleness would recede in the land.

Seventh-day Adventists have *wisely* kept their black school system. "One-way" integration is nonsense. It means forsaking "yours" to join "his" when all are "ours." Does it make sense to bus blacks into white neighborhoods—but no whites into black neighborhoods—for educational purposes? How can there be "cross-bussing" if you close down *yours*? Something else: Have you thought of "who it is" that decides *how many of yours and which* may attend the white school? What happens to the rest? More importantly, who cares? I do, and I think you do, too! But we must care more and do more!

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“THE YELLOW WENT!”

Continued from page 3

We have functioning academies in: New York; Cleveland, Ohio; Chicago, Illinois; Dallas, Texas; Atlanta, Georgia; Washington, D.C.; Pine Forge, Pennsylvania; and Huntsville, Alabama. We have elementary schools in every state east of the Rockies. And of course, there is Oakwood College that has served a primarily black constituency since 1896.

We were wise to keep these black institutions—all of which are providing quality education for black youth while open to all races. But are you, dear reader, giving them the support that they deserve? Why not put one or more of these schools in your will? Better yet, why not write a generous check in support of them while alive? Even better yet, why not send your children to them?

Education is not inherently inferior because the teachers are black, nor is it superior because the teachers are white. During the present economic crunch, we shall all have to do more or the increase in crime and other social ills will tell us all “where the yellow went.” Worse still, we may go with it!

Dr. E. E. Cleveland

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The Editor's Desk



People from all over Chicago came to eat at Shiloh's soup kitchen.

WALKER-LEWIS WEDDING

Martha Lewis and Donald A. Walker were united in marriage by the president of Northeastern Conference, Pastor G. R. Earle, on December 26, 1982, in Gainesville, Florida. The couple will make their home in Orlando, Florida.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY AT GORDON HEIGHTS

Pastor and Mrs. George Earle were special guests at Community Service Day at Coram, New York. For longtime members, it was a happy family reunion. For new members, it was an opportunity to fellowship with the conference president and his wife.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Mar. 25	Apr. 1	8	15
Boston, Mass	6:02	6:10	6:18	6:26
New York City	6:12	6:20	6:28	6:35
Buffalo, N.Y.	6:33	6:41	6:49	6:57
Atlanta, Ga.	6:53	6:58	7:03	7:08
Miami, Fla.	6:34	6:37	6:41	6:44
Charlotte, N.C.	6:39	6:45	6:51	6:56
Birmingham, Ala.	6:02	6:07	6:12	6:18
Jackson, Miss.	6:16	6:21	6:25	6:30
Memphis, Tenn.	6:16	6:21	6:27	6:33
Louisville, Ky.	6:59	7:06	7:12	7:19
Detroit, Mich.	6:51	6:59	7:07	7:14
Chicago, Ill.	6:08	6:16	6:23	6:31
South Bend, Indiana	7:03	7:10	7:18	7:26
Minneapolis, Minn.	6:32	6:41	6:49	6:58
St. Louis, Mo.	6:17	6:24	6:31	6:37
Kansas City, Mo.	6:35	6:42	6:49	6:55
Denver, Co.	6:17	6:24	6:31	6:38
Little Rock, Ark.	6:24	6:30	6:35	6:41
Dallas, Texas	6:42	6:47	6:52	6:57
New Orleans, La.	6:15	6:19	6:23	6:27
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:22	6:28	6:33	6:39
Oklahoma City, Okla.	6:46	6:52	6:57	7:03

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

ALLEGHENY EAST DELIVERS \$827,888.90

	Monthly	Yearly
Tracts and other literature given away	11,237	156,388
Enrolled in Bible correspondence course	465	5,449
Interested people attending services	129	2,667
Former SDAs contacted	32	445
Homes in which prayer was offered	1,940	8,243
Bible studies given	536	5,967
Baptisms	30	347
Total sales—\$827,888.90		

N. W. Beasley
Publishing Director

WEST PHILADELPHIA REAPS AT THE "FIRESIDE"

During the past year, reaping was very much on the minds of members at the West Philadelphia SDA Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Forty-one people, just over ten percent of the church membership, were baptized. The church's first major project to kick off the "1,000 Days of Reaping" was the painstaking application of a community witnessing plan called "Operation Fireside," led by Barry Davidson.

In this plan eight church members invited friends, neighbors and family members to their homes for a neighborhood study. Then eight pairs of senior youth who had trained for a month, each memorizing one lesson out of a set of eight, rotated locations so that after eight weeks all eight lessons had been presented by them to all classes. Of course, there were back-up teachers and musical groups or personnel to add interest to each service, which was conducted like a simple one-hour worship service complete with singing, Scripture, prayer, special music and study. Those who permitted more than the one-hour discussions found themselves returning late to the church to share their experiences with other teams. Afterwards, a one-week series of meetings was held at the church to reap souls.

Youths may have highlighted last year's thrust, but the rest of the church was not far behind. Ruth Chism coordinated efforts by all departments of the church. She signed up 31 to take a Home Study Institute course which



District leader Beatrice Johnson stands with some Allegheny East literature evangelists.

would enable them to become certified Bible workers.

The lay activities department sponsored the Real Truth Bible Course, which graduated 125. The Adventist Men led out in distributing tracts. Prison ministry reached the incarcerated.

Dorcas taught practical skills like sewing to the community and vegetarian cooking, which makes Adventism more palatable. Literature evangelists sought Bible students. Ministerial students did field work and the church gave liberally to assist in their education.

The Sabbath school department took advantage of the cool weather to hold branch Sabbath schools. At one point there were five. At one branch Sabbath school 30 children were in attendance.

In the summer Vacation Bible School was held. More than 40 non-Adventist children "Found the Happy Side of Life," drew nearer to Jesus, improved their dress and corrected their behavior through the example of Bible heroes. Their parents received *Steps to Christ*.

Plans are being made for 1983 and faith applied for a place to put them all. Onward to the harvest!

M. F. Harris
Communication Secretary

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For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from law and sin and death.
Romans 8:2

CHURCHES COMBINE FOR BILINGUAL SERVICES

In December of 1982, the West Philadelphia SDA Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, invited its daughter church, the West Philadelphia SDA Haitian Church in Philadelphia, to share their worship service.

This resulted in the church enjoying the unusual experience of having an entire bilingual Sabbath service, as their speaker, Tony de Guerre, translated for Pastor George L. Braxton with an enthusiasm that had to be seen. This made for a most interesting service that seemed to fly by despite its necessarily extended length.

On this day many heard the Messiah or other choral works sung, but the West Philadelphia church was blessed with a sermon on the "Early Time of Trouble," which was designed to shake Laodicean complacency out of those who listened. Revival and reformation were redefined as coming out to prayer meeting instead of going home after work to eat, watch TV and sleep. The fearsome events near the close of probation, when the church is shaken and troubles multiply, were expounded upon to help prepare members for the Lord's coming.

When you go to the faucet and blood comes out, will you be ready?

M. F. Harris
Communication Secretary



Those baptized at the Palace of Peace.

FAMILY BAPTISM IN COLORADO SPRINGS

It was a three-week evangelistic series held in the church that seemed destined not to be productive. As Noah preached for 120 years with very little fruit credited to his endeavors, so too did E. Slocumb, Jr., pastor of the Palace of Peace SDA Church, and his faithful team of workers labor for the saving of souls.

The first week of meetings was attended by only three or four visitors, aside from members of the church. Then on Sunday night at the beginning of the second week, Ramon Yzaguire came in with his family and swelled the number of visitors to fifteen. Each night thereafter, Ramon and his wife Susan, along with Dennis and Mary Quintana, kept coming out to the meetings and bringing others until, by the middle of the second week, their family members alone totaled fifteen to twenty visitors!

On Sunday night at the beginning of the third and last week of meetings, Pastor Slocumb made an appeal for baptism and eighteen precious souls signed their cards, fifteen from Ramon Yzaguire's family alone!

Ramon said to Slocumb that he and his family had received a handbill from Louis Williams, a member at Palace of Peace, and had come out hungering after the word of God. He stated that after hearing the first message on Sunday night, they knew that they had found their church home.

Susan said that she had learned more concerning the word of God in two weeks than she had in all of her years in the Catholic Church.

All during the meetings, Pastor Slocumb and his first elder, W. J. Williams, labored to build a baptismal pool in the church so they could baptize the precious souls they in faith believed the Lord would give them.

On Sunday, October 30, eighteen precious souls went down into the waters of baptism. Bobby Lane, who had renewed his commitment with the Lord, stated very joyfully that "I'm going to be the first person in the pool!"

W. J. Williams
Communication Secretary

THREE BAPTIZED IN PUEBLO, COLORADO

Pastor E. Slocumb, Jr., and members of the Claremont Seventh-day Adventist Church launched into the deep in an evangelistic tent meeting this summer and pulled three precious souls for the Lord from the muddy waters of the world.

Although many others had heard the dynamic messages proclaimed by the pastor, only these three souls boldly took their stand for the Lord.

The pastor and members gratefully acknowledge the hard-working evangelistic team that assisted in the meetings: Leola Allen and Joan Slocumb, Bible workers; Minnie Yarbrough, coordinator of ushers; Greg and Ester Travis, coordinators and instructors of the Five-Day Smoking Clinic; and a host of soloists and musicians.

Bobby Franklin
Communication Director



Percy Wellington with Delisa Holloway.

SALVATION THROUGH LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

Last year was not a banner year for me financially, but I was encouraged when I read the following statements from *Colporteur Ministry*, page 114: "Our reward is not dependent upon our seeming success, but upon the spirit in which it is done. As canvassers or evangelists you may not have had the success you prayed for, but remember that

you do not know and cannot measure the result of faithful effort." God is still blessing. The purpose of the work of literature evangelism is to win souls through the printed page.

About five years after I first contacted a young lady named Delisa Holloway and was successful in placing books in her home, our paths crossed again. I was able to place more books in her home.

One day, as a co-worker visited Delisa, she indicated that she was very interested in drawing closer to the Lord. She expressed a desire to go to church with the literature evangelists the next Sunday. When informed that literature evangelists worship on Saturday, Delisa said, "I want to go."

I picked her and her children up for Sabbath school. She enjoyed the services and agreed for me to start conducting regular Bible studies in her home. She had many questions which I was able to answer from God's word.

Trouble seemed to pursue Delisa as soon as she began having Bible studies. She did not let this defeat her. Throughout the months of study she maintained a keen interest in the Bible and drew closer to God. When she surrendered her life to God, she witnessed a miraculous delivery from cigarettes.

It was a joyous occasion for me and the church when Delisa was baptized in October. Now she and her children are active in the Kirkwood, Missouri, church and Sabbath school.

The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls; success is not measured by dollars and cents. Thanks be to God for this precious soul.

Percy Wellington
Literature Evangelist

COMMUNITY SERVICE SHARES CHRISTMAS SPIRIT ALL YEAR

Community Service has been very active in the neighborhood throughout the year. Three "open house" days were held, about 250 persons were helped, 3,260 articles of clothing distributed and 631 pieces of literature distributed.

Because of the work being done in the community, the church is becoming known by area residents as the "caring church at the corner."

Etta Collins
Communication Secretary



T. S. Barber, publishing director for the Lake Region Conference, reports over one million dollars in deliveries for 1982.

LAKE REGION DELIVERS \$1,077,232.37

In this dynamic year of 1982, with God's guiding hand, our dedicated leaders, students and literature evangelists made history. Besides making possible an overwhelming amount of deliveries, they took time to engage in the following missionary activities:

77,987	Pieces of literature given away
5,503	Bible correspondence school enrollments
1,756	Persons taken to church
1,130	Former SDAs contacted and invited to church
39,626	Homes in which prayer was offered
1,996	Bible studies given
260	Baptisms from literature evangelist contacts
\$1,077,232.37	Total deliveries as of December 16, 1982

We had the largest student program ever. Our 230 students, along with eight student leaders, three assistants, and my wife and I worked along with the students. They delivered \$236,182.66 in magazines and small books. Isn't this a real blessing from the Lord?

There is no limit to the power of prayer and believing in what God can do for and through us. When human power is united with the power of the Holy Spirit, it becomes omnipotent. All praise and glory goes to God.

Highest deliveries: Willie Mae Cooper, \$42,700.00; second highest: Brent H. Ellis, \$35,272.65; highest district: Arthur

Suttle; highest student leader: Mary G. Jones.

Number of students: 195; Miscellaneous students: 35; total number of students: 230; total scholarships: 73; total student hours: 40,325; total student deliveries: \$236,182.66.

T. S. Barber
Publishing Director

LITERATURE EVANGELISTS CONDUCT WEEK OF PRAYER

Maurice Berry and his wife Karole have made it their motto to work together as they put Jesus first in their lives. Maurice and Karole are literature evangelists in the Detroit area. Through this ministry they are able to reach other young people with truth-filled messages.

The Berrys were recently able to put into practice many of the things they had learned by conducting a week of prayer at the Sharon church in Inkster. Maurice considered it both an honor and a challenge to be the speaker for the week. Combining his talent of preaching with Karole's ministry through song, they were able to see seven people take their stand for Christ and become baptized members of the Inkster church.

According to Elsie Knox, communication secretary, the goal of this evangelistic team is "to prepare a people to meet God."

ACADEMY JUMPS ROPE FOR HEART

Ivan Van Lange, principal of Shiloh Academy, recently received a letter of

commendation from the Chicago Heart Association expressing appreciation for the participation of Shiloh students in the Jump Rope For Heart marathon. They acknowledged receipt of the school's contribution, which totaled \$1,218.36.

Shiloh was given a copy of the Heart Association's Heart Book, which will be placed in the library as a reference resource.

Dr. Michael Lesch, president of the Heart Association, expressed his appreciation to the principal for his cooperation, to the coordinator, Patricia Talbert, for her outstanding effort in coordinating the program, and to the students for their enthusiasm about the program. He stated that they had demonstrated an awareness of the importance of cardiovascular conditioning throughout life and that the association looks forward to their participation in the fight against heart disease and stroke.

GARY WEST CONCERNED ABOUT TEMPERANCE

October 30 was Temperance Day at the Gary West church. Temperance leader Odies Mae Peterman gave a short talk called "All Games Have Rules." She told how Satan puts his rules into games which control the following types of people: sugarholics, idle persons and over-worked people.

Marcus Harris, pastor of the church, included thoughts of temperance in his sermon, which was titled "Peter, Slay and Eat." He explained in detail the negative effects of drugs and alcohol on the human body.

After the morning worship services, a love feast was served. The tables were beautifully set with nuts and fruits of all kinds, celery and carrot sticks, wheat thins and cream cheese.

The theme of temperance was continued into the Adventist Youth meeting. Lucy Matthews, a nurse from St. Catherine Hospital in East Chicago, presented a movie on cardiopulmonary resuscitation. A short discussion followed the movie. Several people voiced their desire to learn more about this life-saving procedure.

Approximately 20 primary and junior members participated in a temperance poster contest. The winners were: Ingrid Peterman, first place, \$15; Mark Anderson, second place, \$10; Tony McNeal, third place, \$5. All twenty posters were well done.



Clarence Richardson of the Northeastern Conference was named to replace Silas McClamb as publishing director after more than 40 years of leadership in the publishing field.

**NORTHEASTERN DELIVERS
\$185,206.65**

District I: Calvin Harrison, \$54,754.11; District II: Max Pierre, \$29,650.39; District III: Leonard Harris, \$38,962.23; District IV: Syracuse, \$2,161.65; District V: Alcega Jeanniton, \$59,687.27; Total: \$185,206.65.

Bible studies: 848; prayers offered in homes: 4,638; former SDAs contacted: 133; number enrolled in Bible courses: 1,219; pieces of free literature given away: 22,149; top literature evangelist: Ligia Mack, \$14,919.54; top soul-winner: Phadia Grimsley, ten souls; baptisms: fifteen.

Clarence Richardson
Publishing Director



The Faith church of Hartford, Connecticut, installs its officers for the new year.

**FAITH CHURCH
INSTALLS OFFICERS**

In a solemn candlelight service at the Faith church in Hartford, Connecticut, church officers for 1983 dedicated themselves to serving God, their church and their community.

The theme of the afternoon service, led by Pastor Jonathan Thompson, was "What Lack I Yet?" The pastor spoke of the rich young ruler who came to Jesus asking what good thing he should do to receive eternal life. He had kept all the commandments and was curious to know what else was necessary for him to be saved. When Jesus told him to sell all that he had and give it to the poor, he

went away sorrowfully. The young ruler lacked one thing, but it was all important.

Pastor Thompson continued by applying this theme to the new officers; to serve God faithfully there must be a change of heart. We must walk with Christ daily because He is the source of our strength. The all-important thing that the young ruler lacked was love.

As part of the service, officers responded to a call of dedication and consecration. All church members pledged to work together in harmony and love.

Pastor Thompson's closing remarks included the charge that "as flowers turn upward to the sun, we'll turn our hearts upward and let the Son of Righteousness beam His love upon us."

Ruby J. Burgis
Correspondent

**ACADEMY BAPTISM
YIELDS TWO SOULS**

On November 20, 1982, the senior class of Northeastern Academy in New York City, New York, held a Sabbath program spearheaded by two academy teachers. Pearl Bell and Yvonne Moore wanted to make the baptism of two non-Seventh-day Adventist students a glorious celebration.

Everyone worked hard to make this program a success and God richly blessed their efforts. The day started with a well-orchestrated Sabbath school program under the superintendency of Parrish Antonio, an able student. This was followed by the divine worship service in which worshippers received a rich Sabbath blessing from a heartwarming sermon by Pastor Stafford Byers, youth pastor at the Ephesus SDA Church in New York City, New York. After the worship hour ended, a delicious fellowship lunch was enjoyed by all.

Finally, the event that everyone had waited for: the baptism. The service was conducted by S. Sampson, pastor of the Goshen Temple church in Brooklyn, New York. Tears were shed as Stella Toyen and Kenneth Green went down into the watery grave.

Immediately after the baptism, the A.Y.S. program started with an inspiring song service and continued with many talented students presenting readings and musical selections. The day ended as each person was given tracts to distribute in the community. God's Holy

Spirit remained throughout the service and it left Northeastern Academy with a sense of spiritual awareness and great enthusiasm.

Carolyn Noel
Correspondent

**INVESTMENT DAY
AT BETHANY CHURCH**

The Bethany SDA Church in Westbury, New York, held Investment Day on November 13, 1982.

Guest superintendent was Ruby Foster, wife of Gilbert Foster, a former pastor of the church. The mission story was beautifully presented by Agnes Jeffers, a member of the Mount of Olives church in Brooklyn, New York, and Winifred Rivers gave a beautiful medley of songs on the piano.

For the divine worship hour, the ladies' chorale of the Mount of Olives church, under the direction of Ruby Foster, provided music for the morning. They were accompanied by Camille Johnson and Winifred Rivers.

Pastor George Sampson, newly-elected community service director for the Northeastern Conference, was the guest speaker for the morning.

The afternoon musical program featured Agnes Jeffers as mistress of ceremonies. A vocal solo was rendered by Pastor Sampson and Helen Sampson gave a Thanksgiving reading. The Bethany church choir sang two harvest anthems, which put the members and visitors in the mood to rally to the investment cause.

The Investment secretary and her workers were pleased with the results. A harvest of vegetables and fruits was sold after the day's activities and monies were added to the Investment collection.

Anna Mae Foye
Correspondent

**CHURCH BIDS FAREWELL
TO THEIR PASTOR**

The Christian Fellowship SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, held a special farewell program in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Jerome James.

Pastor James came to Christian Fellowship in 1977. During those resourceful years, church property was purchased and many souls were baptized.



The Ebenezer church's temperance booth.

EBENEZER CHURCH PARTICIPATES IN COUNTY FAIR

The local county fair was held in Augusta, Georgia, from October 27 to November 6, 1982. The temperance department, assisted by the personal ministry department and Adventist Youth Service (AYS) of the Ebenezer SDA Church in Augusta, Georgia, acquired a booth at the fair. Health and better living were the focus of their efforts. The theme at the Augusta Exchange Club Fair was "Reach Out Beyond the Basic Four and Nature's Remedies. Have Regular Check-ups."

Members of the church, including professional nurses, medical students and the like, cooperated to bring success to the effort. During the summer tent meeting of Richard Long, who is now pastoring in Charlotte, North Carolina, the temperance/health department of the church served the community with health lectures, tips on temperance shared during A.Y.S. hour each week, and blood pressure and diabetic screening. This provided a rewarding experience, along with an impetus to participate in the county fair.

At the booth were hands reaching out with colorful balloons dangling from the fingertips, a picturesque arrangement of the basic four food groups and a display of equipment that would be used by a medical staff.

The center table had a display of living color posters of normal and diseased organs. There was also a display of specimens of real organs from the body accompanied by an outstanding collection of health and medical pamphlets, leaflets, magazines and books, most of which were available as hand-outs. A videocassette played continuously and Smoking Sam was an added attraction.

More than 600 people were screened for hypertension, with 118 found to be borderline hypertensive and 82 considered hypertensive and given advice to see their family doctors immediately.

Approximately 3,500 health-related tracts were distributed to the general public. Thousands of spectators took advantage of the health message.

Magelene James
Temperance Leader

SOUTH ATLANTIC/SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE DELIVERS \$479,744.52

Associate	Sales	Souls
Walter Hawk	\$165,000.00	30
Arthur Fairfax	120,000.00	15
L. L. Fowler	85,447.52	62
John Wells	45,000.00	15
Students	64,000.00	
	<u>\$479,744.52</u>	<u>112</u>

Suk Sim Kang, lady literature evangelist of the year, sales: \$50,450.40 and thirteen souls won; Evander Bend, man literature evangelist of the year, sales: \$20,000.00 and twelve souls won; Willie Ruth Robinson and Stanley Robinson, couple of the year, sales: \$70,000.00 and two souls won.

Robert Smith
Publishing Director

EBENEZER HOLDS INVESTMENT DAY

Investment Day 1982 at the Ebenezer SDA Church in Orangeburg, South Carolina, was a great experience. Pastor F. W. Parker, stewardship director of the South Atlantic Conference, joined Kenneth Moore, pastor of the church, to make the day a satisfying spiritual retreat for the membership.

In Parker's message for divine worship, he pointed out that the shepherd boy, David, did not have much to invest, but he took his bare hands and killed both a bear and a lion. When he met Goliath, all he had to invest for the Lord was a smooth stone. God blessed his efforts both times. The members were inspired to do more in the area of Sabbath school investment for the Lord.

CHURCH MEETINGS YIELD 46 SOULS

In the South Atlantic Conference, evangelism and soul-winning are the watchwords. Pastor J. L. Follette of the Winston-Salem and High Point, North Carolina, district believes in these watchwords and so held two church efforts in his district during 1982.

Dr. F. S. Hill, II, was called from Knoxville, Tennessee, to High Point, where seven souls were baptized.

Pastor Sandy Robinson was called in from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, to Winston-Salem, where 39 souls were baptized during the year.



Pastor Robert Smith, Jr., publishing director of the South Atlantic/Southeastern conferences, gives a report of annual sales for the conferences.



A host of literature evangelists from across North America represented a portion of the literature evangelists who were responsible for more than \$3,900,000 in sales of Christian literature. They came to Tampa, Florida, to share the excitement and joys of their ministry. Here they are pictured with trophies for their fine accomplishments in 1982. They have done an outstanding job in reaching humanity with a message for these last days. Photo by C. E. Dudley.

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE DELIVERS \$239,184.67

Territory: Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and that part of Florida below the state of Alabama.

Total sales for 1982: \$239,184.67.

Names of associates: Benjamin Cone—Mississippi; Pastor Lyndon Rowan—Tennessee.

Total sales by state:

Alabama	\$46,189.92
Mississippi	\$77,789.33
Tennessee	\$90,600.00
Kentucky	\$24,605.42
Total	\$239,184.67

Number of literature evangelists: full-time—9; part-time—65.

Top literature evangelist in sales: Thelma Smith from Mississippi—\$14,341.39.

Top soul-winner: Mahala Hassell from Alabama—29 souls.

Student program sales: total sale for Oakwood College students—\$62,741.29.

Student leaders and sales: John Jones—\$18,505.50; Ronald Allison—\$13,263.50; other student miscellaneous sales—\$30,972.29; total student sales—\$62,741.29.



Mt. Calvary laymen have conducted an outreach program in Scottsboro, Alabama. More than twenty have been baptized thus far.



South Central Conference publishing leaders and their wives with the two highest achievers in sales in 1982 and the number one soul-winner in 1982. Standing left to right are Pastor Benjamin Cone, district director for Mississippi, Joe Mitchell, literature evangelist from Memphis, Tennessee, Pastor S. P. Ruff, publishing director, Pastor C. E. Dudley, president, and Pastor Lyndon C. Rowan, district director for Tennessee. Seated left to right are Louise Cone, Thelma Smith, the leading literature evangelists in sales for the conference from Mississippi, Diane Ruff, secretary for the publishing department, and her son, Stephen P. Ruff, II, Mahala Hassell, the top soul-winner from Montgomery, Alabama, and Cathy Rowan. Photo by C. E. Dudley.



Literature evangelist leaders Mr. and Mrs. James Spraggins received an award for their 1982 accomplishments. The Spraggins family is part of the SDA church because a literature evangelist came to their home more than twenty years ago and gave them the message through the printed page. Mr. Spraggins has always had a burden to sell Christian literature and do work for others as was done for him. Now he and his wife are partners in this beautiful ministry. Mrs. Spraggins has a beautiful way of working with ministers and her husband does a fine work with families

in the home. Spraggins is president of the literature evangelist club in Mobile, Alabama, and leads out in the literature ministry in that area. The workers in this area meet every Sunday morning before going into the field to reap the harvest. The Spraggins' aim for 1983 is "To work hard and lead the field in sales and souls by the grace of God." Photo by C. E. Dudley.



Mahala Hassell, a literature evangelist from Mobile, Alabama, received an award from Pastor C. E. Dudley, president, for her outstanding ability in soul-winning. In 1982 Hassell was responsible for winning 29 individuals to Christ and in the past two years she has won 58 souls. Photo by C. E. Dudley.



Bonita Dudley will wed George Davis on March 27.



Spanish workers of the Southeastern Conference are, left to right: P. Cervera, J. Astacio, Micky Santiago and Charles Vento.

SOUTHEASTERN ADDS SPANISH WORKERS

Pastors Charles Vento and P. Cervera were appointed as pastor and Bible instructor, respectively, by the Southeastern Conference executive committee in October of 1982 to shepherd the newly-organized Pilgrim Spanish church in Hialeah and a company in Miami Beach, Florida. They join J. Astacio, pastor of the Spanish work in central Florida. Micky Santiago is on the office staff in Orlando as a secretary and liaison for the smooth transaction of matters with the Spanish members.



Roy R. Brown.

SOUTHEASTERN NAMES NEW OFFICER

Roy R. Brown was recently appointed director of communications, stewardship and development, and trust services for the Southeastern Conference.

Pastor Brown has worked in the following conferences: Northeastern, Southern California, Allegheny East, South Atlantic and now Southeastern.

Brown is a graduate of both Loma Linda and Andrews universities. He has pastored the Miami, Northside, Hollywood and First Ephesus churches, as

well as organizing the Lebanon and Perine churches and one French company since September of 1979.

He is married to the former Daisy McDonald. They have three children: Carolyn and Sylvia, seniors at Loma Linda University, and Roy, 11, at the Seventh-day Adventist union school in Miami.



Those with 50 or more baptisms: E. Young, W. Taylor, J. E. Harris, G. Nozea, President Edgecombe, O. H. Paul, C. Wright and M. Taylor.

SOUTHEASTERN CELEBRATES SECOND ANNIVERSARY

January of 1983 marked the second anniversary of the Southeastern Conference. It also marked a new level in church membership, over 10,000.

Growth in the conference has been phenomenal. There were 918 baptisms in 1981 and more than 1,100 baptisms in 1982. Conference officers, pastors, church officers and members are all committed to the 1,000 Days of Reaping challenge.

At the annual workers' meeting, President J. A. Edgecombe repeatedly challenged workers to have the laity committed to greater efficiency in their evangelistic activities.

Pastor J. Espinoza of the General Conference conducted a workshop on practical lay involvement. Through the articles in the sanctuary, the ten commandments and simple but profound techniques, he demonstrated methods whereby the layman's efforts and resources can be tapped beyond a pastor's expectation. At every level the cry is to evangelize, evangelize!

Southeastern Conference had a banner year in 1982. Pastor Dennis Ross, Jr., of Bethany, Miami, ran a most successful tent effort and at the year's end more than 140 people had been baptized. In West Palm Beach, Pastor T. Fraser conducted an outstanding campaign with Pastor Connor and more than 120 precious souls joined God's family. Pastor Roy Brown of Miami-Northside motivated the membership to personal

soul-winning efforts. God blessed with more than 100 new members.

Those pastors with 50 or more baptized are J. Harris, G. Nozea, O. Paul, M. Taylor, W. Taylor, C. Wright and E. Young.

The record in baptisms is only one of many celebrated on this second anniversary. Stewardship reflects a faithfulness on the part of God's people even in difficult economic times. Tithes totaled \$2,549,010.23. This reflects a 13.93 percent increase over 1981. Missions is a priority. A total of \$128,497.42 contributed to foreign missions reflects an increase of 9.5 percent over 1981. The publishing department, under R. Smith and associates L. Fowler and J. Wells, along with undaunted literature evangelists, scattered \$141,912.35 worth of truth-filled literature.

The president never permitted the Haitian refugee crisis to go unnoticed. In Miami a number of refugees from the Krome Detention Center were released in Pastor Roy Brown's custody following Judge Spellman's orders and guidelines. Some have been baptized. Relief has come to many from the inner-city department of the conference. Jean Claude Alius, a refugee and graduate of the seminary in Haiti, now assists Pastor Brown in a newly-organized company.

Church growth are the key words in Southeastern. In 1982 every church in the conference reached its Ingathering goal. There was a baptism in every church. Three new churches were added in 1982. On January 29, 1983, six new congregations were organized.

The workers committed themselves to more than 2,000 souls in 1983. God has graced the conference with His benediction and as the Pentecostal showers fall, we say "To God be the glory."

Our keynote speaker at the workers' meeting was Pastor Paul Monk, editor of *Message* magazine. Pastors M. Taylor and H. Davis were devotional speakers. Pastor R. C. Connor, ministerial secretary of the Lake Union Conference, gave an address entitled, "As A Man Thinketh In His Heart," which brought the curtains down.

Roy Brown
Communication Director

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5:28



W. C. Jones, president, congratulates J. Marshall on conference literature sales of \$209,909.31 for 1982. Carrie Marshall, his wife, was number one in sales for the conference with a total of \$26,033.04.



Literature evangelists from the Southwest Region attending the publishing meeting held in Tampa, Florida, December 28-January 1.

**SOUTHWEST REGION
DELIVERS \$209,909.31**

Publishing leader: James Marshall
Associates:

Dist. I—Nathaniel Jackson	\$58,710.25
Dist. II—Julian Sylvester	29,498.67
Dist. III—Ben Lewis	78,373.94
Dist. IV—James LaBorde	15,659.72
Dist. V—James Marshall	19,066.63
Dist. VI—Willie Moore	8,600.10
Total sales	\$209,909.31

Territory: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas; full-time workers: 17; part-time workers: 55; top literature evangelist: Carrie Marshall, \$26,033.04; total souls won: 34; student leader: Gilbert Williams, sales: \$15,194.78.

Pieces of literature given away: 3,767; Bible school enrollments: 518; persons taken to meetings: 113; former SDAs contacted: 152; number of homes prayer offered: 2,338; Bible studies given: 352; baptisms: 34.



Ken Medlock.

**BUSINESS MAGAZINE
FEATURES ADVENTIST YOUTH**

Kenneth Medlock, stockbroker for Conticommodity in Dallas, Texas, was featured in the November 1982 issue of

Texas Business Magazine. He began his professional career with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Insurance Company.

He later accepted his present position with Conticommodity, where he specializes in setting up portfolios and scrutinizing investments in the financial futures programs.

Medlock, a native of Tyler, Texas, is a product of Christian education from kindergarten to college at Southwestern Adventist College in Keene, Texas. Actively involved in church affairs, he serves as a local elder at the City Temple church in Dallas, sings in the choir and is a member of the church basketball team. He is married to the former Carolyn Williams of Dallas, Texas.

Doris Jones
Reporter



Mandy Martin, a new literature evangelist, contacted Jay Stringer, who is a new convert and literature evangelist.



James Marshall, publishing director for Southwest, studies with Jay Stringer and orients him with the literature ministry.



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The rigorous recruitment effort, which is a large part of the Division of Advancement and Planning's program, is largely responsible for the stability of the enrollment number. There has been a tremendous increase in both national students, now representing 41 states, and international students, representing 34 different nations.

The freshman class of 1982-83 can boast of being the largest ever, and among them are *second* and *third* generation Oakwoodites. This speaks well of alumni who have elected to have their offspring share the Oakwood experience while receiving a quality education.

Many freshmen are beginning the migration to Oakwood as a first for their families, but for 70 or more, it is a family tradition (see photo). These freshmen represent families who have attended Oakwood from the 1930's through the 1950's. It is wonderful that the spirit of the "Oaks" continues to live in the hearts of many. It may be that your child or a friend's is listed below—they have

all had family members precede them at Oakwood.

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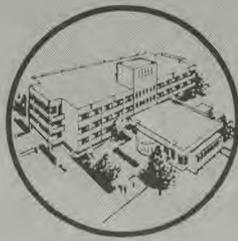
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George H. Pelote, administrator, reviewing his appointment calendar.



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Medical Director E. Good in conference with a patient's family.



Robert C. Farrow, assistant administrator, talking to a patient.

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A morning devotions scene in the chapel.

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Mr. Powell, director of Environmental Services, and W. Daniels, Environmental Services coordinator, setting up a projector.



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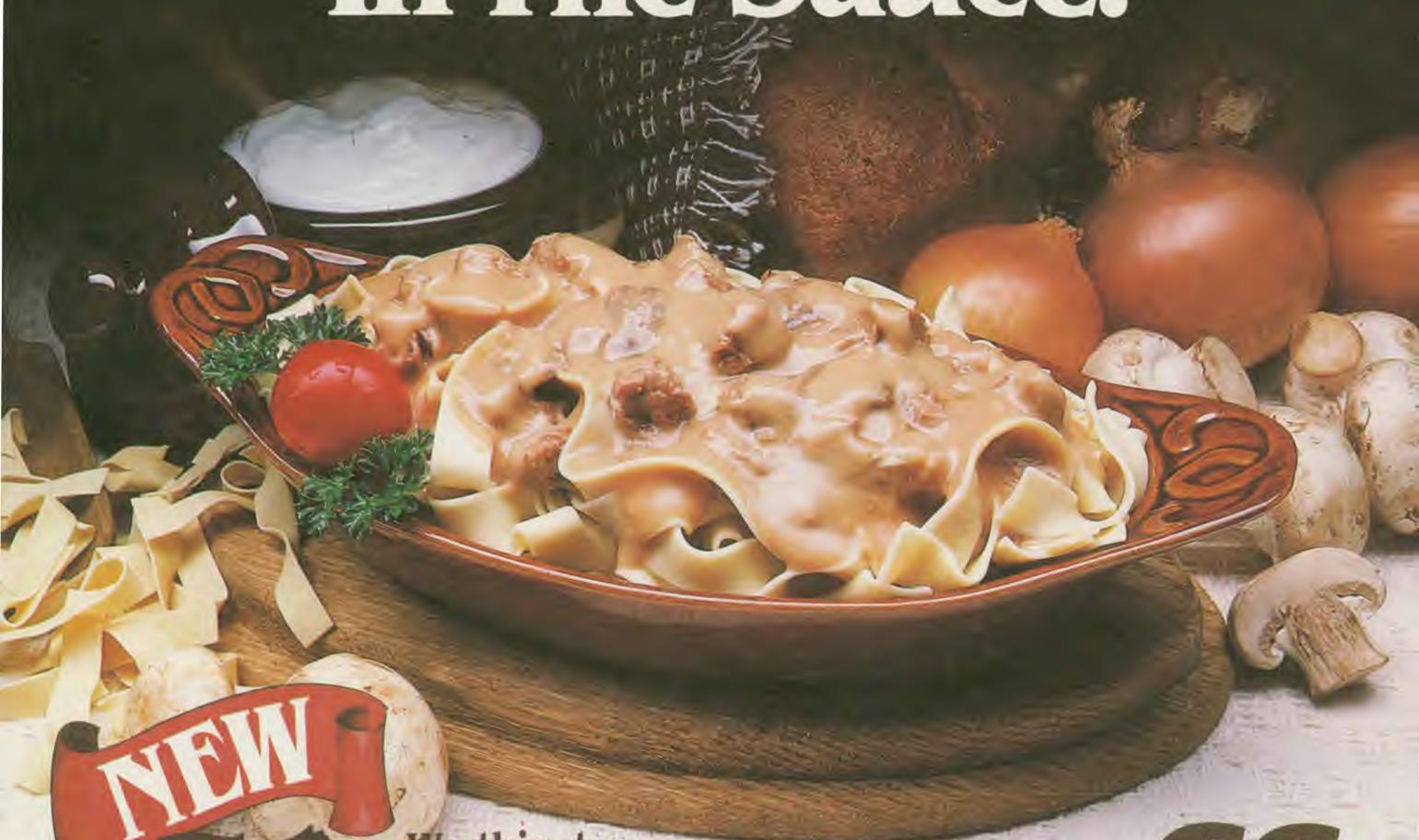
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