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***'Lord, You can trust
me with more than
100 souls!'***

Joseph Rodriguez,
Senior Ministerial Student
Oakwood College,
Monticello, Alabama



COVER STORY

OUT OF WEAKNESS, STRENGTH

Oakwood College Student Baptizes 629 in Liberia

By Stephanie D. Johnson

"And God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."

In a six-week crusade held in Liberia, Africa, Joseph Rodriguez, a junior ministerial student at Oakwood College, baptized 629 persons.

It all began last November when Dr. Lindsay Thomas and the Concerned Laymen for Evangelism in Africa were unsuccessful in finding a noted black evangelist to conduct a crusade in Monrovia, Liberia.

Finally, Dr. Thomas contacted Dr. E. E. Cleveland, director of church missions for Oakwood College, and asked him to recommend a student to conduct an evangelistic crusade in Liberia. Dr. Cleveland immediately recommended Rodriguez, who readily consented to go.

Joseph's experience is similar to David, Israel's greatest king. When God sent Samuel to anoint a ruler after his own heart, he didn't choose one of Jesse's kingly sons, but rather his younger child, David, the shepherd boy. "For the Lord seeth not as a man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

The laymen committee, with members in California and Arkansas, paid for the entire crusade. They bought the tent, paid all of Rodriguez's expenses and provided hundreds of tracts and small books to be given away during the series.

Choosing Rodriguez didn't seem to be the wisest decision, in the minds of some people. It seemed as if this was one time the investment would not pay a premium. Little did anyone realize how fully God had prepared Joseph for his experience and the rich blessings the Lord would bestow upon him.

On January 5, 1983, Joseph and his friend, Jonathan Ward, also a ministerial student at Oakwood, boarded the flight to Monrovia. All during the flight Joseph prayed, "Lord, you can trust me with more than 100 souls." He didn't have a figure in mind. By not limiting the power of God, he was rewarded beyond his greatest dream.

Liberia: the Land of the Free

Liberia holds a unique position in the history of Afro-American civilization. Although this coastal nation has been inhabited for centuries by the Kru, Mandingo and Gola, it was chosen in 1820 by the American Colonization Society and philanthropic organizations to resettle free blacks from the United States on African soil. In 1842 Liberia became a republic. Today it is an emerging nation with a population of 1.85 million. It has an area of 43,700 square miles, slightly larger than Pennsylvania, and is bordered by Sierra Leone on the west, Guinea on the north and the Ivory Coast on the northeast and east.

To Kill God's Anointed

The groundwork for the Better Living Crusade in Monrovia was laid by Pastor I. M. Harding, president of the Liberian mission, along with pastors R. J. Wright, D. Z. Whea, D. Mason and dedicated Liberian church members who printed and distributed thousands of Bible lessons. Radio and newspaper advertisements were used to inform the Liberians of the coming crusade.

While the crusade was being conducted, members distributed thousands of handbills and placed posters in the areas surrounding the crusade site. Church members also served as ushers, lay Bible instructors and choir members.

The Liberians were receptive to the gospel. Average nightly attendance was 2,000. When the Sabbath message was preached, 3,000 were in attendance. Of that number, 700 acknowledged the truth of the Sabbath.

Although the response from the people was great, there were those who tried to obstruct the work of God. During the climax of his sermon, "The Father Didn't, The Son Wouldn't, The Holy Ghost Shouldn't, The Apostle Couldn't, Who Did It?" dealing with the Roman Catholic Church changing the Sabbath to Sunday, Joseph revealed the power behind the scheme to change God's day of worship. He wrote in big, bold letters: P-O-P-E.

Suddenly, people began to scream and started to rush toward the podium. Joseph stood frozen. Jonathan rushed up to him and started to push him. "Move! Move! They're coming to get you!" He was pushed into the car and the driver was given orders to drive away.

"No, no!" protested Joseph. "What's going on?" He got out of the car and started into the tent. He was told that a drunken man had threatened to kill him. It seems that the man had left a bar across from the tent with the idea of carrying out his wicked scheme. His plan was hampered when he entered the tent and couldn't find a straight aisle because all the chairs were placed in a circle. He began to climb over chairs and step over people, creating a terrifying scene. When the chaos was over, fifteen people had to be taken to the hospital.

This was not the only time his life was threatened while he conducted the crusade. A group of men threatened to beat him, but when they could not find him, they resorted to sabotaging the tent. First they tried to burn it down. When this failed, they decided to stone the tent. They succeeded in putting some holes in it before they were stopped.

Despite the apparent danger on that eventful night, Joseph decided that, even if it meant his life might be taken, he would preach the word. At the close of his sermon he made an appeal and 500 people decided to follow Christ.

The Refiner's Fire

How could he remain so calm in the midst of such fierce opposition? God had prepared him for this time through a series of experiences that provided him with the strength to trust God during a crisis.

When Joseph became a Seventh-day Adventist at the age of eighteen, after being a Catholic all his life, he encountered fierce opposition from his father. One reason his father opposed Adventism was because this was during the time of the Jonestown mass suicide and most people from Trinidad and the surrounding Caribbean Islands were suspicious of any religion.

His father threatened to put him out and refused to feed him because he continued to adhere to this strange religion. Joseph refused to bow under his father's wrath; he determined to remain true to his principles. He became accustomed to standing up for what he believed, even if it meant standing alone.

On the day of Joseph's baptism, April 14, 1978, after having attended the Adventist church for only two weeks, he began to preach. He set out on his divinely appointed mission by taking a battery-powered loudspeaker into the bus terminal and the highways and by-

ways. Finally he opened up his father's garage and conducted services while his father was at work. Little did he know that this was one of several dress rehearsals ordained by God to prepare him for his life's work.

During this time, God loosened his tongue that he might speak. All of his life he had suffered from a severe speech impediment. His mother had taken him from doctor to doctor and tried all kinds of folk remedies. One remedy consisted of Joseph gargling with fresh seawater and seashells to no avail, since he continued to stutter. When he became a Seventh-day Adventist and accepted his life's work, God loosened his tongue. One day he heard himself speaking and remarked in amazement, "Hey, I'm talking right!"

When he moved to New York, he met Pastor Robert Lister, personal ministries director for the Northeastern Conference, who encouraged him to attend Oakwood College and gave him the opportunity to work in crusades in Jamestown, New York, Waterbury, Connecticut, with Pastor L. G. Newton and Elmira, New York. Through a number of experiences God prepared him to stand as a solid rock in Monrovia.

A Harvest of Blessing

God greatly blessed his servant and, after six weeks of preaching the Advent message, Rodriguez saw 629 persons make the choice to follow Christ. Many people from all walks of life were baptized. One of the most interesting was Nora Patoe, pastor and founder of the Elisha Memorial Church of the Lord. She not only became a baptized member, but also turned her church over to the Adventist mission, where believers now worship every Sabbath.

As a result of the crusade, the Better Living SDA Church was established in Monrovia, Liberia. Presently, believers are worshipping in the G. W. Gipson High School auditorium. Meetings are being held on Friday, Sabbath and Sunday nights. Why not send funds to procure a permanent place of worship?

Out of weakness, strength! "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit."

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And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland

CLEVELAND'S COMMENTARY: LITURGICAL CATASTROPHE

Music is an integral part of worship. It may in fact set the tone for the rest of the worship service. It is, therefore, important that it glorify God in both form and content. In Creation "the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy." In heaven the apostle John heard the voices of angels "harping on their harps." The Jews immortalized the incidents of their exodus with songs depicting God's deliverance. The words and music somehow reflected the majesty of these transcendent events.

In all of this, the ethnic lies barely beneath the surface. European hymnology bears the racial mark of the German, Celt and Saxon. Because, in this century, the European has been the chief human agent in the spread of the gospel, his musical tastes were made the "norm." Students taking music had to master this form or fail the course. Other ethnic musical forms were downgraded or eliminated. Other nationals were thereby taught to despise "their own" and hence themselves.

Vestiges of this sickness linger to this day among some blacks whose "Anglo-orientation" has drained them of all blackness—except the epidermal. They dutifully stand, emulating King George at the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus," but signal their disgust at "Soon and very soon—we're going to see the king."

I can remember the consternation in conservative circles when the Heritage Singers burst on the scene with the

"Nashville sound." These folk were labeled everything but "smoke from the bottomless pit." Perhaps their color precluded this. However, these young people insisted on praising God in a fresh new way. Nor is their music lacking in syncopation. Ah, but it has dignity and dynamics and Heritage is now its battle. And why not? Why must music be *dull* to be worshipful? The early Adventist worshippers were anything but Presbyterian in their church services.

In South America, the Spanish worshipper often sings with a rhythm that would shock the European-oriented worshipper. Not me! I enjoyed seeing them enjoy and celebrate the Lord; or hear the South Sea Islanders sing "He's Coming Soon" to the gentle cadence of island music. When I was in India, the young people there were just getting around to setting Christian words to Indian music.

It seems to me that there are two extremes in church music that must be avoided. One is ultra-conservative, the other ultra-liberal. Some seem to insist that we consider the songwriter inspired and be true to his every note, if necessary, to the death of the worship service. I still remember an Australian trying to teach a group of Americans to sing and enjoy some Welsh hymns. Have you ever heard of "Water on a Duck's Back?"

I have stood in a congregation of black worshippers with one-third singing the opening song because the hymn bears no relevant message to the worshipper. Nor did the music stir the worship impulse. By contrast, I worshipped in the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbus, Ohio, and sang with them, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," and oh, what worship! I don't know if the new hymnal will help the black congregation. I don't know if it can. There will be some black music there, but how black? Will there be an absence of gospel music? Who will speak for the people? Speaking of the people, it seems that they know something is missing, and they are doing "their own thing." Sometimes "their thing" gets pretty wild.

There is a thing gaining ground among us called "gospel rock." Better stated, it is "jazz goes to church." Oh, the name of Jesus pops up occasionally, but not even this can redeem some rhythms. The excuse is sometimes given that "at least the young people are in the church" and therefore they should not

be criticized. How can this be? Must the sanctity of God's house be compromised to accommodate the young folk? Youth must be taught to respect the house of God. Their numbers must be monitored and their musical excesses curbed. If the source of some of this gospel rhythm was known, one might recoil with loathing. On the wings of "gospel rock," the devil invades our worship services. Some of the records played backwards actually contain messages of praise for the devil.

Pastors, some musical offerings are of the nature of "strange fire." Some songs and arrangements are too rough for the temple. It would be well to monitor the choir practices to see what's coming. It could prevent a "liturgical catastrophe."

E. E. Cleveland

THOUGHTS ON CONCEPTS IN SOCIAL PLURALISM

As I read over "Concepts in Social Pluralism" by Earl W. Amundson and Pedro Geli and "A Response to Concepts In Social Pluralism" by G. R. Earle, I am alarmed for Northwestern Conference.

Since I am a white person, I feel I can get away with saying things which others maybe wouldn't be able to. Furthermore, I feel constrained to speak out in defense of Pastor Earle's response.

The high ideals of brotherhood and the shame of separate churches and conferences expressed by Amundson, and which any true Christian would agree with, are, however, almost 40 years too late. If these sentiments had been expressed 40 years ago, they might have been credible.

When the white conferences kicked the black churches out, so to speak, or as Amundson says, "prejudice produces discrimination, discrimination results in separation . . ." He doesn't exactly say the church sinned (I have sinned) in this separation, but that the church "succumbed" to the "repeating of mistakes made elsewhere," as though if we can place the blame on others our own guilt seems lessened. When the world was making mistakes, that's when our standard of social pluralism should have been held high as a witness of brotherly love. Now, when the world has learned from its mistakes, they can point the finger at our church with disgust for

our lack of brotherly love. That hurts (Doesn't it, Pastor Amundson?) right in the pocketbook, for we are losing In-gathering donations in Greater New York when the people find out the church is segregated.

However, it is possible for Christian individuals as well as organizations to repent. What is the attitude of a repentant individual or organization? Is it a dictatorial spirit? Is he in an advantaged position, enabling him to call the shots and make the rules?

If Brother A kicks Brother B out of the family business and years later Brother B makes good, prospers and becomes wealthy, the community now knows that Brother B is not "no-good" and that Brother A was wrong about him. They then give their business to Brother B and Brother A's business almost goes bankrupt, along with his credibility, for people in town know he was wrong about his brother and that maybe he is wrong about other things, too. To save his image, and also his business, Brother A decides it would be in his best interest to get back in partnership with Brother B. He asks him to come back. Is repentance what leads Brother A to ask his brother to come back? What has Brother B to gain in going back, except to lose everything he worked for at the hands of his grasping, phony brother?

When the prodigal son really repented that he had sinned against his father, he didn't send him a proposal of concepts on the father-son relationship that outlined a contract of certain rights, allowances and freedoms he expected in return for the father having the privilege of his son home again. No, he admitted that he had sinned against his father and was no longer worthy to even be a servant in his father's house. That is true repentance.

If "Concepts In Social Pluralism" is carried out as outlined by Pastor Amundson, the Northeastern Conference would be dissolved and its churches in New York would join the Greater New York Conference and the churches in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts would become part of Southern New England Conference. If this happens, I see our black leaders losing their major offices and responsibilities and eventually being powerless with no voice in the church, yet Southern New England Conference would inherit secure financial assets which have taken the Northeastern Conference years to

build into financially sound investments, buildings, businesses and industries, including an academy still operating while Southern New England's P.V.A. is closing. This will all be done in the name of integration so the world will know we aren't prejudiced.

Are there other ways the world can know the white congregations aren't prejudiced besides extending an over-reaching hand of fellowship?

Yes, if white conferences are truly repentant for the segregation they caused 40 years ago and are sincerely sorrowful over the bad image that separate conferences is casting over the church in New York, they should be willing to dissolve Greater New York Conference and join with Northeastern. They should be willing, like the prodigal son, to be a doorkeeper in the house of God if that would make things right with God and their fellow men. That is the true spirit of repentance and true sorrow for sin, not just sorrow for the consequences of sin.

Pastor Earle made a reasonable and equitable counter-proposal, that of a cautious first-stage move which would test the sincerity of the proponents and see whether it would work even on a small scale. Leave the two conferences as they are in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, but have Greater New York Conference merge with Northeastern.

If this small-scale version won't work, what makes us think a revamping of conferences in the Atlantic Union will work, especially if the dissolution of any conference is against the will of any organization?

If Greater New York doesn't want to merge with Northeastern, obviously there is still not that true repentance which humbles the wrongdoer to the wronged. And if Northeastern Conference refuses the merger proposed by Pastor Amundson, which it has every moral right to do, then white people can say (as though absolved of all responsibility because now they have an "excuse" for segregation): "See, we wanted to merge but they didn't want to. The blacks *want* it separate. It's their fault!"

Pastor Earle's proposal is the only sensible solution. If anything other than this happens, I am alarmed for Northeastern Conference. I pray God for His protection over the Northeastern Conference in these times of peril. Yes, a

storm is coming, relentless in its fury, and who shall be able to stand except those whose hands are not defiled with the blood of his brother?

Mary Ellen Meikle

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The article on "Concepts in Social Pluralism" is quite disturbing. It seems that the brethren in the Atlantic Union office see the handwriting on the wall for New York City.

My prayers are with the brethren of the Northeastern Conference.

Continue to keep us informed.

Sincerely,
Carney Bradford

I am a member of the Allegheny East Conference who receives the *Regional Voice*.

I do not even know where to start after reading the article in which Earl Amundson had the gall to suggest dissolving the Northeastern Conference. His foolish and definitely racist administrative plans lead me to, at long last, believe that our Lord may desire us to have our own unions, etc., to get the work finished without these stupid "divide and conquer" racial schemes to thwart any progress we blacks make in advancing our Lord's work and soon return.

Hold out; don't give in to this typical racial envy of our progress in serving our Lord.

God's richest blessing to you, your family and associates.

Yours in Christ,
(Mr.) Beverly Brown

Let me congratulate you and your staff for the recent *Regional Voice* for both content and style. I enjoyed reading the counter-proposal that you brethren addressed to the union president and his associates. It was classic.

Keep up the good work and may God bless you in your endeavors.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Roach

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And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.

Acts 17:30

The Editor's Desk

H. M. WRIGHT ELECTED PRESIDENT

The Allegheny West Conference constituency meeting was held on March 27 in Columbus, Ohio, at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel. Columbia Union Conference President W. O. Coe chaired the proceedings, assisted by pastors H. L. Cleveland and W. J. Lewis.

Departmental staff and conference officers presented progress reports from the completed triennium. The assembled delegates chose Pastor Henry Monroe Wright to lead the field as president for the next three years.

READERS' COMMENTS

The editorial staff of the *North American Regional Voice* invites your comments on "Concepts in Social Pluralism" by Earl Amundson and Pedro Geli, published in the June 1983 issue of the *Voice*.

Comments should be sent to the editor's desk of the *North American Regional Voice*, 115-50 Merrick Boulevard, St. Albans, NY 11434.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	14	21
Boston, Mass.	6:28	6:16	6:04	5:53
New York City	6:39	6:28	6:15	6:06
Buffalo, N.Y.	7:00	6:48	6:34	6:23
Atlanta, Ga.	7:24	7:14	7:06	6:57
Miami, Fla.	7:10	7:02	6:54	6:48
Charlotte, N.C.	7:09	7:00	6:50	6:42
Birmingham, Ala.	6:33	6:24	6:15	6:01
Jackson, Miss.	6:47	6:38	6:30	6:22
Memphis, Tenn.	6:46	6:36	6:27	6:18
Louisville, Ky.	7:28	7:17	7:06	7:01
Detroit, Mich.	7:17	7:07	6:54	6:43
Chicago, Ill.	6:35	6:23	6:11	6:01
South Bend, Indiana	6:29	6:17	6:04	5:57
Minneapolis, Minn.	6:58	6:53	6:31	6:19
St. Louis, Mo.	6:46	6:35	6:24	6:15
Kansas City, Mo.	7:06	6:52	6:42	6:32
Denver, Co.	6:45	6:33	6:23	6:19
Little Rock, Ark.	6:55	6:45	6:36	6:27
Dallas, Texas	7:14	7:05	6:56	6:48
New Orleans, La.	6:47	6:39	6:31	6:24
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:52	6:43	6:33	6:25
Oklahoma City, Okla.	7:16	7:06	6:57	6:48

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

ALLEGHENY EAST LEADS THE WAY

The annual conference audit of the Allegheny East Conference, held on March 13, revealed that the Allegheny East Conference led the Columbia Union in five major categories in 1982. These are baptisms, membership, tithe gain, literature sales and the highest percentage of working capital.

In 1982 the conference membership increased to 16,174 with the addition of 1,167 new members—1,106 by baptism and 61 by profession of faith—more than any other conference in the union. Allegheny East is now the largest conference in the union.

The by-products of membership growth have been the formation of two new companies and one new church. These new companies were formed in Williamsburg and Franklin, Virginia. The new church was organized in York, Pennsylvania.

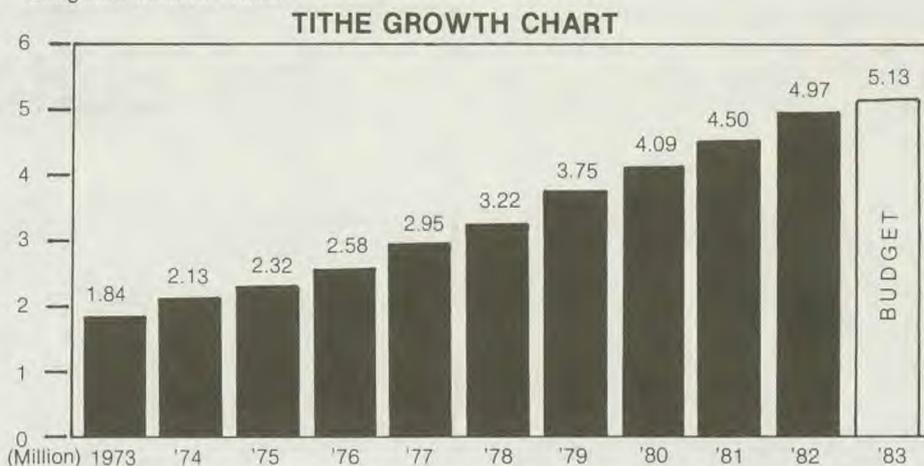
In spite of the high unemployment rate and double-digit inflation that plagued the Allegheny East territory, the March 13 audit revealed that the conference had the highest true tithe gain in the Columbia Union, a rise of \$474,376.38 or a 10.5 percent increase over 1981.

Columbia Union officers present at the audit gave special commendations to the conference administration: M. C. Van Putten, president, Paul Cantrell, secretary, and Bennie Mann, treasurer, for the splendid report and the fact that the conference had the highest percentage of working capital at 142 percent. This means outstanding budgeting and management strategies were applied by the administration to ensure that optimum value was received from each conference dollar. The conference can thus claim a strong financial position.

During 1982 Allegheny East literature evangelists delivered a total of \$826,409.56 of truth-filled literature—the highest in the Columbia Union. Conference literature evangelists were responsible for 347 of the year's 1,106 baptisms. There are 100 literature evangelists under the direction of Noah Beasley, publishing director.

The annual audit is required of each local conference by policy and takes place before the end of the first quarter. It is conducted by Columbia Union officers in conjunction with the conference executive committee.

The graph below shows the tithe growth for the ten-year period 1973-1982 and the budgeted tithe for 1983.



M. C. Van Putten, the conference president, was full of praise for the faithful constituent members of Allegheny East for their sacrificial support of the conference program and the loyal workers who labored so untiringly to make all of the above statistics possible.

Robert L. Booker
Director of Communication



TEMPLE BECOMES CHURCH OF ORANGES

The Seventh-day Adventist Church of the Oranges was ushered into the sisterhood of the Allegheny East Conference with the advent of 1983. The recent purchase of Temple Beth Torah at 270 Reynolds Terrace in Orange, New Jersey, by the former East Orange, New Jersey, congregation called for a change of name as well as location.

On the second Sabbath in their new facility, the honorable Joel L. Shain, mayor of Orange, and the honorable Judge Freddie Polhill of the Orange

Municipal Court attended the special worship service. Present also was Harold Freedman, former co-owner of the Temple Beth Torah. Freedman had served as liaison in the purchase of the building.

Pastor Harold Lee and First Elder Andrew McDonald presented special guests with gifts outlining the beliefs and philosophy of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Guest speaker for this service was Pastor C. D. Brooks, field secretary for the General Conference and speaker for the Breath of Life telecast. His sermons for the day were entitled "Surviving Sodom" and "The Last Mile Home." Music was provided by "Sounds of Joy," a young adult group from Brooklyn, New York.

Wilfred N. Blake
Communication Secretary

ADVENTIST YOUTH ON ALL-STAR TEAM

Jenny Gallon, a member of the Camden SDA Church in New Jersey, has been voted by her classmates to participate on the All-Star Handball Team of the Delsea Regional High School in Franklinville, New Jersey.

As with any athletic or "all-star" designation, Jenny is in a position where schoolmates look up to her and may admire her abilities as an athlete. When she is approached about her abilities, she has an opportunity to witness about the effectiveness of healthful living. In so doing, she gives glory and honor to the Creator.

Her parents, James and Melva Gallon, are proud to have their daughter living and sharing in a practical way the goodness of God.



Youth for Better Living march in the Annie Malone Children's Parade. Left to right: Sheila Wilson, L'Tisha Michaels and Donna Brown.

Six precious souls were baptized following the close of the final meeting. The day ended with the Northside church hosting a fellowship dinner for local elders, newly baptized members and guests. Needless to say, the elders are looking forward to holding many similar programs throughout the conference.

Frank Jackson

CITY TEMPLE HOSTS SPELLING BEE

The City Temple church in Detroit, Michigan, was host to the Lake Region Conference's recent spelling bee for 1983.

Discipline, determination and persistence were not only words to be learned, practiced and spelled, but they would also bring about challenge, happiness and success for the day.

After months of intensive study and practice, along with the final eliminations, fourteen Lake Region students assembled to determine the winner of the 1983 spelling bee. The students were from grades five through eight.

The judges took their places. The contestants and audience anxiously waited for the contest to begin. Each student was at his best when his turn came to spell a word.

Finally, only three students remained: two from the Independence school located on the west side of Chicago; and one from Peterson-Warren Academy in

LAKE REGION

LAKE REGION PRESIDENT BAPTIZES OWN FATHER

Charles D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, recently experienced what he termed an unforgettable day when he baptized his father, Wash Joseph, into the Shiloh church in Chicago. Pastor Joseph was assisted by Fred White, pastor of Shiloh.

NORTHSIDE PATHFINDERS HOLD FIRST ANNUAL FAIR

The Northside SDA Pathfinder Club recently put on their first Annual Pathfinder Club Fair at the Lexington Avenue SDA School. Pathfinder leader Ray Jack promoted the idea in an effort to raise money for the Central States Conference Camporee. The club's 30 young people sold food, items for the home and had several game booths available.

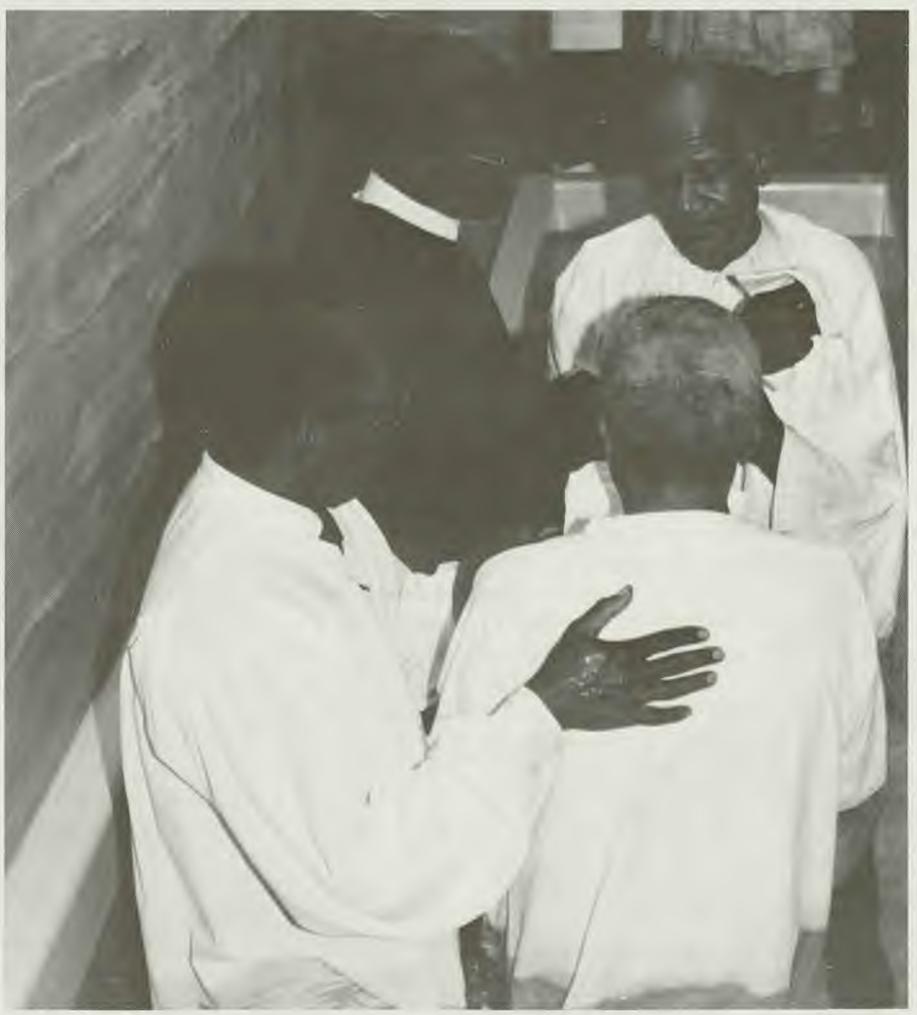
Stephanie Carter
Communication Secretary

ELDERS HOLD EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

The Eastern Local Elders' Federation of the Central States Conference, headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, recently held a week-long evangelistic crusade.

Rozell Lawrence, head local elder at the Northside church and president of the area elders' federation, led out in this crusade. Other speakers were Glen Leggs of Park Avenue, Van French of Berean, Vivian Harris of Kirkwood and special guest speaker Frank Jackson, executive vice-president of the Central States Local Elders' Federation. Jackson concluded the service by speaking on the subject, "Is God Particular?"

Attendance at the meetings was good, enthusiasm high and the messages well received. Members remarked that it was refreshing to hear old truths preached from new perspectives.



Detroit. Who would obtain the victory for which they all had worked so hard?

In all contests there can only be one first-place winner, and in the Lake Region Conference spelling bee for 1983 this was Michelle Mack from the Independence school. The second-place winner was Robert Jackson from Peterson-Warren Academy, while the third-place winner was Calvin Golden from the Independence school.

Congratulations to each of these winners and every student who participated in the contest.

Carmen M. George, Teacher
Independence School

CLIFTON DAVIS VISITS PONTIAC

Clifton Davis, a singer, songwriter and former television star, visited the Southside church in Pontiac, Michigan, recently. Davis took a weekend away from his studies at Oakwood College, where he is majoring in theology, to witness about God's blessings in his life.

On Friday, April 22, Davis was interviewed on the Channel 7 television show, "Kelly and Company." He shared with the viewing audience his past experiences with drugs while he was in show business, his wish to end his life, and then "God's Miracle of Grace," which provided physical and spiritual healing.

He later visited Pontiac Central and Pontiac Northern high schools, where he spoke to approximately 900 students at each school about God, career goals and drugs.

City leaders attended a luncheon held in Davis's honor at the Pontiac Silverdome. At the luncheon he was presented with greetings and special proclamations from Mayor Wallace E. Holland, Oakland County Commissioner Walter Moore and the state representative for Michigan's 62nd district, Charlie J. Harrison, Jr. The mayor then escorted Davis, Royce Mentor and other guests on a tour of the Silverdome. Limousine service was provided free of charge by Gary Ledsinger of Pontiac.

On Sabbath Davis spoke to a full house when he preached at the Southside church about "Lively Stones." His sermon was based on I Peter 2.

That evening he was presented in sacred concert, accompanied by the talented Michael Andrews. Also appearing in the program were Mr. and Mrs.

Amos Hall, Sr., from the Pontiac Southside church, the Four Disciples from the Ephesus church in Saginaw, the Fairhaven Youth Choir from the Fairhaven church in Flint, and the Bell Chorale, a local group representing a number of churches in Pontiac. The group was directed by Fred Bellinger.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Hot Nutrition Center the church operates to serve approximately 80 free meals every Tuesday and Thursday. Proceeds will also benefit the Christian Education fund.

Davis's final stop was the presentation of three selections at the Southside church on Sunday evening, when James Wray, Jr., director of personal ministries for the Lake Region Conference, opened a three-week evangelistic campaign.



In Pontiac, Michigan: Pastor and Mrs. Mentor, Mayor Wallace E. Holland and Clifton Davis.

YPSILANTI SPONSORS HEALTH WEEK

The Ypsilanti church sponsored a health week in May. The series began with a time-prediction walk/run in which each participant competed with himself as he predicted the time it would take him to walk or run one mile. Winners were honored in seven age categories, and their ages ranged from four years old to over 50.

On Sunday evening Dr. Walter Darby, dentist, spoke on the effects of sugar on health. On Wednesday David Williams spoke on how to control hypertension without the aid of medication. Then on Tuesday evening, Dr. Betty Davis, clinical psychologist, spoke on God's requirements for mental health. All three speakers live in the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor, Michigan, area.

On Friday evening and Sabbath, the special guest speaker was Dr. Samuel L. DeShay, associate director of international health affairs for the General Conference. This engagement was one of his last speaking appointments before he and his family returned to Africa for service. DeShay presented inspiring

messages on the benefits of following God's health plan as outlined in the Scriptures. He also served on a panel Sabbath afternoon in honor of Mother's Day, discussing how to become a better parent.

Sabbath vespers was also presented by Dr. DeShay. He showed slides of Africa and the medical work in other foreign lands.

The week, entitled, "Healthy, Happy, Holy," seemed to be an inspiration to all who attended the lectures. Many members made vows to renew their commitment to follow the healthful plan God has for His children.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DAY

Christian Education Day was celebrated on May 7 by the Glendale and Sharon SDA churches in the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, district.

Julie Boney of Glendale and Demaris Collins of the Sharon church were primarily responsible for the events of the day, which culminated with a banquet at a local Ramada Inn. The well-planned affair afforded the opportunity to everyone who was interested to attend the banquet and become acquainted with the benefits of Christian education.

Charles D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, was guest speaker for the Sabbath services and the banquet. Pastor Joseph encouraged those who attended the banquet to consider the advantages children have when they attend a Christian school and also the disadvantages incurred by allowing children to attend public schools.

An awards presentation was made to individuals of both the Glendale and Sharon churches who financially supported Christian education during the 1982-83 school year. Pastor Joseph was also presented with an exemplary award for his support of Christian education.

Testimonials were given by a few parents demonstrating their appreciation of the positive influence the local church schools have had on their children.

Members of the Glendale-Sharon district extend our appreciation to Pastor C. D. Joseph and the Christian education committee of the Lake Region Conference. Truly, God blessed Christian Education Day and the members look forward to even greater blessings as they continue to strive for the best education their children can obtain.



The Remnants, a prison ministry quartet from Washington, D.C.



Daniel McManus, president of the Prison Ministry Federation of the Allegheny East Conference.

CALVARY HOLDS PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP

The Calvary SDA Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and the New England Laymen's Federation held a very inspirational and spirit-filled prison ministry workshop from April 29 through May 1 at the Calvary church.

The purpose of the workshop was to generate interest in prison ministry among the Adventist churches in the greater Bridgeport area.

Daniel McManus, president of the Prison Ministry Federation of the Allegheny East Conference, led out in the workshop, along with his staff from the federation.

At the vesper service on Friday, April 29, McManus spoke, asking "Have You Received the Holy Ghost?"

He brought to our attention that it is not by might or power, but by His spirit as we witness in the highways and byways for Him.

On Sabbath his sermon was, "Out Where the Sinners Are." He stated that we should obey the command of Jesus to render Christian service to those in need, no matter what their status might be—rich or poor, bond or free, especially those in prison. "I was in prison and ye came unto me" (Matthew 25:36).

Truly our hearts were spiritually watered as we were admonished to go into all the world to preach the saving gospel of Jesus.

Music was rendered to us by the "Remnants," a prison ministry quartet from Washington, D.C., and "Grace Unlimited," a quintet from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On Sabbath afternoon these groups gave a soul-stirring concert. The music rendered was like the music of heaven.

After the concert, McManus instructed us in how to go about doing prison ministry. The workshop concluded Sunday at noon.

Forty persons received certificates for completing the workshop. Officers were also elected to form a prison ministry chapter in Bridgeport.

It is our aim to go into the prisons in the area very soon.

We wish to give special mention to Deanna Jeames, Betty Wilkins and Pastor David Edwards, who worked so faithfully in preparing for this workshop.

Also, we thank the Calvary church members, the New England Laymen's Federation and Pastor John B. Harris for their support, which made it all possible.

David Edwards
Program Coordinator

THOSE WHO WEAR THE BADGE OF HONOR

Senior Citizen's Honorees and Awards Day had a special flavor for all senior members of the Christian Fellowship church in Brooklyn, New York, on June 11.

The church's senior citizens have always been cared for in a special way, but this year, under the leadership of Pastor James LaMar, Sr., and his wife, Veronica LaMar, the seniors experienced a day to remember.

Prior to the day's celebration the pastor and Beverly Lee met with the senior citizens, who selected six of their own to be honored. They chose Bernice Anson, Amy Delissa, Clementine Dixon, Violet Gayle, Robert Paul and Beatrice Smith.

Tribute was paid to all seniors at Sabbath school, then at the 11 o'clock hour the six honorees received plaques. The Christian Fellowship Senior Citizens Choir sang for special music under the direction of Beverly Lee. Pastor LaMar revealed the secret of his heart as he preached and executed the morning's program.

The sermon, entitled "Rise Up And Honor," re-emphasized the obligation of church members to care for their

seniors and not to neglect or mistreat them. Also, God the Father and Jesus associated themselves with the elderly. Youths should listen to the seniors for direction in living their lives. The elderly were charged to consider their grey hair as a "badge of honor" since God is noted in the Bible to be an old man with white hair—the Ancient of Days.

Forty-six seniors were present (including a few visitors from sister churches in the area). The names were read from a souvenir bulletin especially designed by the pastor. The bulletin also contained pictures and a short description of the six honorees.

After the morning service, the senior citizens and their families were served lunch in the fellowship hall.

The A.Y. program followed, with the seniors as participants displaying talent and splendor. During that service the senior choir honored Druscilla McCarthy and Esme Lindsay, while the A.Y. Department honored Shirley Durante, as senior citizens of the year. Beverly Lee was also recognized for her efforts throughout the year on behalf of the seniors. Each received a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

The youth really pulled out all the stops when they implemented their "Adopt a Senior Citizen Program," whereby seniors who needed help and had no one to help them could so indicate and have a member or two assigned to be adopted children.

H. Arline Charles
Communication Secretary

BSI ON THE MOVE

The Brooklyn/Staten Island Adventist Youth Federation held its second quarterly youth forum on May 13 at the Christian Fellowship church in Brooklyn, New York.

The evening's program was entitled, "Vice or Virtue," and featured a panel of five former drug addicts from the Addicts Rehabilitation Center in Harlem, New York. Their presentation made quite an impact as they described the effects of drugs spiritually, socially, mentally and physically.

The coordinator of the program was Laverne Haynes of the Lighthouse Tabernacle SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York.

GRAND DAY AT SOUTH ATLANTIC

If baptisms and the organization of churches is a sign of progress (and I feel strongly that it is), then Sabbath, May 23, was another very big and grand day of advancement for the South Atlantic Conference. On this day three new churches were born into the conference.

At the eleven o'clock divine worship, President R. B. Hairston, with the aid of Secretary-Treasurer J. A. Simons, C. D. Henri, E. W. Moore (the assigned pastor) and Ward Sumpter organized a church of some 85 members in rented quarters on Candler Road in Decatur, Georgia.

More than 200 people came together from various churches in the Atlanta area to see the beginning of a new church in an area where there are scattered members from the metropolitan area, but no building for fellowship as a witness to the truth. This was one of the dreams of the president of the conference for this, the place of his birth. A number of members in this nucleus came from other parts of the city and were impressed to change places of worship with the hope of putting their talents to work in the service of the Lord.

Leaving Atlanta, we went to Columbus, Georgia, where Pastor D. M. Jones had two groups ready and waiting on the president for organization. These two churches are the result of two evangelistic meetings that Jones conducted. One was in East Highland, a suburb of Columbus, that was organized with eighteen members. The other was Buena Vista, an adjoining township of Columbus, which was organized with fifteen members.

S. E. Gooden

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The newly organized United Decatur SDA Church of Decatur, Georgia. Seated left to right: President and Mrs. R. B. Hairston; Pastor and Mrs. J. A. Simons, secretary-treasurer; Pastor and Mrs. E. W. Moore; and Associate Pastor and Mrs. C. D. Henri.



Members of the East Highland church. Center, left to right: William Chapman, local elder; Alma Reynolds, clerk; and Catherine Chapman, treasurer. Standing in the rear, left to right, are President R. B. Hairston and Pastor and Mrs. D. M. Jones.



The new Buena Vista church with Adel Milner, treasurer, and Mayola Woodson, clerk, at extreme left. Standing in the rear are Pastor R. B. Hairston, president, left, and D. M. Jones, pastor.

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SOUTH ATLANTIC AND SOUTHEASTERN CAMPMEETING

Nature's benediction rested alongside God's as thousands were the recipients of such gracious condescensions. The weather's cooperation in keeping the temperature comfortable for worship, work, study and play was never before in this form at Hawthorne, Florida.

The spirit of fellowship, camaraderie and joy among workers and campers reached a new high. Preachers from both conferences shared with God's children many spiritual insights and blessings that opened their level of religious posture as never before.

Music, an integral part of the adoration of God, seemed to linger in the air and rang in the souls of worshippers as angels blended their voices and folded their wings. Professor D. Green, Winifred Rivers and Eleanor Folson were the directors of music.



Pastor R. Washington from the Northeastern Conference challenges the youth.

Campmeeting 1983 was a highly spiritual encounter. God moved upon and among His people from its opening exercise until the last worker departed.

The ordination services for pastors Malcolm Taylor and W. Bruce of the Southeastern Conference and Robert Smith, Nathaniel Holley and Calvin Watkins of the South Atlantic Conference, the oratorical contest, the Sabbath school activities by the children, the baptism of several persons into the family of God, the many workshops and medical screenings made the 1983 campmeeting an unforgettable event.

Presidents J. A. Edgecombe and Ralph Hairston have done a superb job in coordinating this joint encounter yearly. Under their leadership, both conferences have experienced a mountain-top blessing.

Roy R. Brown



Pastor R. L. Woodfork, field secretary of the General Conference, delivers the Sabbath sermon.



Left to right: R. L. Woodfork of the General Conference; Keith Dennis, A.Y.S. leader of the Southeastern Conference; Devon Tuitt, winner of the oratorical contest; Carlene Mitchell, second place; Kellye Dean, third place; President J. A. Edgecombe; V. J. Mendinghall, A.Y.S. leader for the South Atlantic Conference; and Ralph Hairston, president.



Katie Wiggins-Garett performs a blood screen on a camper.



Professor Sylvia Barnes of Oakwood College was the guest speaker for the Shepherders Club.



Pastor Melvin Warfield baptizes one of nine candidates at the lake into God's family.



Walter Arties, producer-coordinator of the Breath of Life telecast, delivers a message to the youth.



The South Atlantic Conference pastors took on the Southeastern Conference pastors in a basketball showdown.



Boys and girls sharing the songs and lessons taught at Sabbath school.



The color guard and drum corps made a spectacular showing on Sabbath afternoon.



South Atlantic Conference pastors battling Southeastern Conference pastors in a basketball game.



Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rucker, Jr., conducted a health seminar at the Berean SDA Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

GOOD LIFE SEMINAR HELD

It was the scriptural admonition that wishes us to "prosper and be in good health" that prompted the Berean church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to launch a series of health seminars aimed at improving our physical image, thus strengthening our relationship with God.

The first in this series began recently and was observed from sunset Friday until sunset on Sabbath, when the Berean church found itself hosting a Good Life Seminar with the objective of introducing the concept of the "good life" through obedience to God's natural laws, thereby effecting lifestyle changes and reducing disease potentials. W. H. Rucker, Jr., former administrator of Riverside Adventist Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, along with his wife, Christine, a health educator, conducted the seminar, which was open to the public. Adverse weather conditions prevented other team members from coming.

The program kicked off Friday evening with a film presentation that paved the way for the lecture from Christine. A question-and-answer period followed.

The Sabbath morning program featured a discussion from team members introducing the concept that changing one's lifestyle via the natural laws of health promotes optimal health mentally, physically and spiritually. The divine worship hour featured a lecture embracing the deeply spiritual theme of "Nutritional Signs of the Times." A potluck dinner based on good life recipes followed.

The afternoon program concentrated on disease prevention with emphasis on the role of exercise and sunshine in

combatting ills, the role of natural foods versus refined foods and water, and simple remedies. Handouts consisting of a recipe series, the natural way to weight control, and exercise and water treatment were available to those in attendance.

The seminar closed with thankfulness that "God deals with us . . . not according to our merit, but according to His mercy and love."

Evelyn M. Edwards
Reporter



The new president of the Allegheny West Conference, H. Wright, delivered a powerful message during the first Sabbath at campmeeting.

SOUTHWEST CAMPMEETING HELD JUNE 10-18

All of us can take a backward glance with a degree of satisfaction after a successful 37th annual campmeeting experience. We witnessed our largest attendance ever. At least 5,000 persons were present on our final weekend.

Conference President W. C. Jones delivered the keynote message Friday evening. Guest speakers were: C. D. Brooks, W. L. Grady and S. D. Meyers from the General Conference; J. Paul Monk and Robert Smith from the Review and Herald; Reginald Robinson and Ron Murphy from the Breath of Life; Dr. Henry Wright, president of the Allegheny West Conference; B. E. Leach, W. R. May, H. W. Kibble and C. R. Pritchett from the Southwestern Union; Dr. D. L. Moore of Wildwood Sanitarium; J. E. Roache, Fred Pullins and Joseph Rodriguez from Oakwood College; Dr. Barbara Jones and representatives from SAC; C. Rogers and D. Trusty from the Allegheny West Conference, and J. E. Collins of the Pacific Union Conference, who completed our guest list.

The light of this year's convocation was the "Jubilee Celebration," when we burned the mortgage on Lone Star Camp. The union and General Conference gave liberal appropriations to make this possible. Pastor J. E. Collins from the Pacific Union Conference with R. E. Brown conducted classes on "House to House Visitations" and "Decisions." C. R. Pritchett with J. Ford conducted classes for the Sabbath school. Dr. D. L. Moore and his staff conducted advanced classes on health and nutrition. Joseph Mackey, our music coordinator for twelve years, performed exceedingly well, with excellent quality of musical selections for worship.

B. E. Wright, youth director, contacted the following in outlining his youth program: Mable Sterling and Vanessa Watford for sewing and nutrition classes; Verdia Tucker for daily classes on "How To Tell Your Friends About Jesus;" and Jan Youngblood, coordinator for the music festival and special selections.

James Marshall met with the literature evangelists daily for instructional classes. The initial opening of the Southwest Region Book Center was at campmeeting and sales amounted to \$23,863.57.

Each year the campers flock to the classes to learn how to better provide for their families and serve the Lord more effectively. Our pastors and guest speakers prepared topics edifying to the believers.

Accolades were given to L. Battles and his men for building "condos" to house workers on the campground. He also constructed a "guest house" (five rooms). As a final vote of confidence, one camper demanded that we accept reservations for four family tents for 1984. The president expressed gratitude to the camp superintendent and all the workers who labored untiringly in support of this very successful convocation.

Doris Jones
Reporter



Sixteen pioneers of the Southwest were honored in a special service for faithfulness to the conference.

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A MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION . . . TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF TOMORROW

Health care management today faces unprecedented challenges requiring tools and techniques that were not even mentioned in graduate school textbooks a decade ago. More and more health care managers realize that old methods are inadequate for coping with new management problems.

Productivity improvement is being increasingly required of health care providers. The most obvious of these requirements are those from outside agencies for documentation of past actions, approval of present actions, or justification of future actions.

Even more fundamental than these needs is the ability to know at any time what resources are required for effective and efficient service. This knowledge has become more important as regulations have resulted in restricted revenues. To address this issue, our facility has emphasized cost containment and productivity measures through more efficient management.

The challenge is to survive. To make it, we must be more flexible and innovative.

We undertook strategic planning last year fully aware that, if we were to remain prosperous, we had to develop new areas of service and carefully consider our strengths and weaknesses, and look for new market opportunities.

Among plans designed to strengthen the services at the Victory Lake Nursing Center are: (1) The establishing of a new home care department, which would be designed to treat patients who are essentially homebound. The home care department would also employ the services of a battery of health care professionals. Nurses, physical therapists, social workers and other contracted personnel would be available to treat patients who require quality care but need not be admitted to a nursing home. Home care would significantly lower medical costs while providing quality care. (2) Development of a community education program. We would create a four-pronged program of education and information for senior citizens in the Hyde Park and Poughkeepsie areas. The program would give senior citizens nutritional, health and consumer information on prescriptions as well. A speaker's bureau would also be established. Speakers would be drawn from our staff to speak to civil and social organizations. This, we believe, is a necessary first step toward future expansion.

The plans to add the fourth floor to our facility have experienced some delay as a result of Governor Cuomo's freeze on hospital and nursing home construction in New York state. We still, however, are actively pursuing the geriatric day-care as well as "meals on wheels" programs. Guiding the destiny of a modern health care facility during such times is no easy task.

The programs and services of the nursing center could not function effectively without the work of the many gifted people who comprise our staff. To the trustees, physicians, nurses, aides, secretaries, department heads and other employees goes our deepest thanks. To the many dedicated volunteers also goes thanks for their unselfish and important contribution. To you, the general public, goes our pledge that Victory Lake Nursing Center will continue to pride itself in providing excellent care. We feel that "patients are people" at V.L.N.C. Its staff of 143 is dedicated to seeing that no person dwindles into a "mere case."

Be assured that we are not content with the status quo. Moreover, we pledge to thoughtfully guide and direct the inevitable changes which will occur at Victory Lake Nursing Center.

Sincerely,

George H. Pelote
Administrator

Robert C. Farrow
Assistant Administrator



IN THE NEWS

OBITUARIES

Mary Grier Holyfield was born on February 2, 1912, in Birmingham, Alabama, and passed away on July 24, 1983, at the Victory Lake Nursing Home Center in Hyde Park, New York, after an extended illness.

A member of the New Rochelle, New York, church and a Bible instructor with the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, she was baptized at the City Tabernacle church in New York by Pastor Edgar A. Lockett and has been a member of the City Tabernacle and Bronx churches in New York.

In 1959 she began work as a literature evangelist, later becoming a part-time and then full-time Bible instructor in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts (particularly Boston) and Bermuda. She served with numerous pastors and evangelists, among them E. E. Cleveland and B. R. Spears. Through her hard labor and dedicated work, many souls were brought to the knowledge of truth.

She will be missed by her many friends in the New Rochelle church and Northeastern Conference community, as well as: her daughter, Joan Spencer; son-in-law Ferdinand Spencer; grandchildren Karen, Dana, Gordon and Shawn; sister Lena Alice Eubanks of Bronx, New York; brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holyfield; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held July 28 in the New Rochelle church. George R. Earle, president of the Northeastern Conference, gave the eulogy.

Selton Cobb, born August 12, 1921, in Andulsia, Alabama; died March 17, 1983. In his early teens his parents, Sam and Minnie Cobb, moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he became a Seventh-day Adventist. After studying at Oakwood College, he served as a chauffeur, steel mill worker, floor finisher, custodian and finally a truck driver for the Northeastern Conference Community Services Department. He was an active and faithful member of the Jamaica SDA Church in Jamaica, New York, serving as a deacon until his death.

He is survived by his only daughter, Dolores K. Etter of Huntsville, Alabama; one granddaughter, Kathy of Berrien Springs, Michigan; one grandson, John

of Huntsville, Alabama; two brothers and their wives, Granville and Mary Ann Squires of Indianapolis, Indiana; Ivorey and Elsie Cobb of Colebrook, New Hampshire; one sister, Ernestine Burns of Los Angeles, California; and devoted cousins Lester and Vera Valentine of Bronx, New York, and Festus and Allie Valentine of Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Elanore B. Storey, veteran Bible instructor for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, was buried on Wednesday, July 20, 1983, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Storey was 100 years old and lived a full life of service to our Lord and the church. Many souls have rejoiced in the saving graces of God as a result of her ministry. For more than 50 years she served the church and even to the time of her passing gave a faithful witness. Her parting words were: "I've done my work. Let me rest. Do not pray for my recovery. Jesus soon will come."

Julia Dudley, the mother of C. E. Dudley, passed away on Sabbath, July 9, 1983, in her home in South Bend, Indiana. She was the mother of five children, two of whom became ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, A. Gaines Thompson and Charles E. She joined the Adventist church almost 50 years ago and worked faithfully as a welfare leader, deaconess and church mother. She was a loving mother of her family, church, community and the students who attended Andrews University through the years. The family expresses its gratitude to each of you for your expressions of kindness and concern that you sent at the moments of deep burdens.

Harvey W. Kibble, Sr., was in a very tragic automobile accident on Sunday, July 24, 1983, in Huntsville, Alabama, and passed away on Tuesday morning, July 26. The funeral services for Pastor Kibble were held on Sabbath afternoon, July 30, 1983, at Oakwood College.

He was a strong church leader for many years, as well as pastor, evangelist, conference president and departmental director. Four of his sons are Adventist ministers: Harvey Jr., Herman, Harold and Alvin. Let us remember these family members in our prayers.

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Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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