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On September 16, 1620, the Mayflower set sail from Plymouth harbor in England, bound for the new world. On November 11 the small, battered ship finally dropped anchor on the tip of Cape Cod. The passengers, the Pilgrims, were about to start the first permanent colony in New England.

In the 1600s men and women with little chance of improving their lives in Europe looked to America with new hope for religious and personal freedom. The settlers came to Jamestown, then to New England in ever-growing numbers to wild and lonely places along the Atlantic seaboard.

Many passengers became ill and died on the long, treacherous journey from Europe. Those who were still alive might not have survived much longer had it not been for friendly Indians and one man in particular, called Squanto. Squanto taught the Pilgrims how to make effective use of the resources of the forest, sea and soil. Perhaps most importantly, he brought them seeds of native plants—pumpkin, squash, beans and Indian corn—and showed them how to grow these crops in the cleared fields.

In the autumn of 1621, the Pilgrims celebrated their first year in the new world by setting aside several days for recreation and thanksgiving. Nearly 100 Indians and more than 30 settlers, newly arrived from England, joined them in the celebration.

Faith, courage, hard work and an intense desire to be free enabled the Pilgrims to survive the first desperate period and build a permanent colony on the shores of New England. However, the colony never attracted many new settlers. Finally, under a charter granted

in 1691, Plymouth became part of its larger neighbor to the north, Massachusetts Bay Colony.

From the 1620s, when slave boats brought our forefathers to the shores of the West Indies, and to the coastline of what is now the United States of America, we have been struggling to gain all the rights and privileges granted all free men in our republic. Somehow we seem to see the express train whiz past our station and the locomotive slowly moves us in the direction of the American dream. It is ironic that the very same hopes and dreams that the Pilgrims sought by coming to this country, namely, a better way of life for their families, we find ourselves desiring 364 years later.

By the help of the Almighty, we have been able to maintain our sanity, realizing that God is still in the midst of His people. Therefore, we can thank Him today for sound minds as a result of allowing the mind of Christ to become ours. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

We can give thanks, for in spite of the fact that we are the last to be hired and the first to be fired, the tithe reported by regional conferences has been phenomenal. We can give thanks for the "evangelism explosion" that has kept our churches facing growing pains. For some of you, that husband or wife, son, daughter and relatives no doubt were not in the church this time last year, but today tears of joy flow from your eyes in praise to God.

Perhaps as you reflect over a recent surgery or prolonged illness, you were bathed in tears until you heard someone singing an old familiar song: "When I was sick, Lord, you healed me. When I was down, Lord, you raised me. When I was hungry, you fed me. I just thank you all the days of my life." The tears were dried, new hope flourished within and, instead of complaining, you realized that it is a good thing to "praise the Lord."

Have you seen your last child graduate from college who is now making a contribution to the church and society? Thank God! "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). What about the old car or truck that skips and misses, but when all around you newer ones are being towed away to the garage, like "old man river" you just keep rolling along after it has seen its 8th birthday? Thank God!

Have you meditated on the "blessed hope" assured you when you accepted the Advent message? If you can remember the old you and look at the new you as a result of the transformation wrought by the Holy Spirit, you will be forced to exclaim, "I know that I am not all that I should be, but I thank God that I am not what I used to be."

Millions of Americans will sit at well-spread tables on Thanksgiving Day entertaining family and friends, unmindful that three-fifths of the world's population will wander around hungry. In the midst of affluence in our country, the poor will be at our very doorsteps. When you pray, "Our Father which art in heaven," you automatically include the hungry as a brother or sister with one Father.

It is in order to give God thanks for the provisions you have received but include the injunction given in Luke 14:13, 14, "But when thou givest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee; for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

In summing up this article, let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. If you cannot think of anything to be thankful for, let me make a suggestion. Thank God today for Jesus, "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). "O give thanks unto the Lord: for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever." "O give thanks unto the God of gods: for His mercy endureth forever."

J. A. Edgecombe
President of Southeastern Conference



THANKFULNESS

*My God, I thank Thee who has made
The earth so bright;
So full of splendor and of joy,
Beauty and light;
So many glorious things are here,
Noble and right!*

*I thank Thee, too, that Thou has made
Joy to abound;
So many gentle thoughts and deeds
Circling us round,
That in the darkest spot of earth
Some love is found.*

*I thank Thee more that all our joy
Is touched with pain;
That shadows fall on brightest hours;
That thorns remain;
So that earth's bliss may be our guide,
And not our chain.*

*I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast kept
The best in store;
We have enough, yet not too much
To long for more;
A yearning for a deeper peace,
Not known before.*

*I thank Thee, Lord, that here our souls,
Though amply blest,
Can never find, although they seek,
A perfect rest,—
Nor ever shall, until they lean
On Jesus' breast!*

—Adelae Anne Procter

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

THE BLACK CHURCH—1985

When the regional union thrust was at a very high pitch in the late 1960s, a counter-proposal was made by church leaders rather than accept the request made by black leaders at that time. A sixteen-point plan was offered, which included:

8. On the union conference level positive steps should be taken to open doors in the area of administration and departmental leadership for those who have "demonstrated their ability and qualifications" to serve all segments of the church. In unions where there are regional conferences or where there is an organized regional department, the administrative officer level should include black leadership.

9. Black personnel shall be selected to serve in our publishing houses, hospitals, academies, colleges, universities

and other denominational institutions of the staff and/or administrative levels. Where it seems advisable, institutions should "institute training programs" for the development of black personnel in technical and administrative skills.

With the doors being "opened," blacks were appointed to the secretary's post in three unions and the treasurer's post in one union. All other "appointments" were to the position of assistant or associate for the department. This was true even at the general level. One black was designated as a department director (the top job), but has since been replaced. At a later meeting specific actions were taken that the secretary's position was not to be interpreted as being "executive secretary," but just what the word said—"secretary."

Since the "integration storms" and affirmative action pushes are behind us, it appears that we are getting back to business as usual. With so many persons in "created jobs" at the union and General Conference levels and in some institutions, the word now is that we are "top heavy" and that there must be a cutback to save money. What would be the need of the assistant or associate if whole departments are merged under one head? It looks like we may catch it again—"last hired, first fired."

Blacks who are leaving their posts at certain levels are not being replaced. Blacks are disappearing from college campus posts, hospital posts and most institutional posts.

It goes without saying that black unemployment across the nation has not improved. Blacks are worse off "job-wise" than they were ten years ago. With almost ten percent of the total tithe paid into the church for the entire world and 24 percent of church membership in the United States, one is left to ask the question, "With the new role and function revision plan of the church, what role will blacks play? Are we really to become a part of the whole?"

65 YEARS AND STILL SERVING

The year was 1919, Woodrow Wilson, A Democrat, was president of these United States. Nineteen-nineteen was to see the ratifying of the Eighteenth Amendment, the prohibition amendment, to the Constitution. In the midst of all this global activity, in a little obscure town appropriately dubbed Independence, Louisiana, Ernest Kimble and



In their golden years, working with children keeps them young. Ernest and Marie Kimble serve as volunteer teacher aides in the Baton Rouge public school system.

Marie Thomas were exchanging marital vows that would withstand even history itself. Sixty-five years later, the Democratic Party has managed to produce only five of eleven U.S. Presidents. Only twenty brief years separated World War I and II and in spite of all this historical instability, Ernest and Marie Kimble, affectionately known as "Papa Ernest" and "Mama Marie," are still married to each other.

Refusing to remain idle in the wake of thirty-five and beyond productive years in private industry and Bible work, the couple was rather actively involved in the East Baton Rouge, Louisiana Parish School System during this past school term.

Sunday, June 17, found the Kimbles in the spotlight again as they were featured on the "Mary Mason Gordon Show," a popular radio talk show in the Baton Rouge and surrounding areas.

The family's celebration, which proved to be the grand finale, followed on July 1. Approximately 300 relatives and friends from as far west as California, journeyed to Baton Rouge for the festivities held in the ballroom of the Best Western Inn where even the marquee announced to passers-by what was going on inside. There, amid "oohs" and "ahs," Mama Marie resembling a bride for the first time and Papa Ernest in a tuxedo fitting for a king, reenacted a scene that was first performed on May 29, 1919, sixty-five years earlier. Their four daughters, Doris Jones of Dallas, Gladys Ball, Keene, Texas, Mable Sterling and Helen Prescott of Baton Rouge, along with an array of hostesses formed the wedding party. The couple, escorted by W. H. Rucker and Emerson Miller, renewed their wedding vows in a star-studded ceremony performed by son-in-law, Conference President, W. C. Jones and grandson-in-law, Pastor W. C. Byrd, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida Church.

The Editor's Desk

FREE FOUR YEARS

In October of 1980 a new Christian television station signed on in the Dayton-Springfield, Ohio, area.

Upon learning of the planned Christian format for this new channel, concerned members of the Ethan Temple church conceived how spiritually beneficial it would be if the Breath of Life telecast could be part of this ministry.

The owners of the station were approached to determine if there was interest in carrying the program. Videotape examples of the show were shared and, prior to the conclusion of the meeting that morning, the program was accepted as a part of the regular Sabbath afternoon schedule. The station

management remarked: "Just one hour before you came today we asked the Lord to help us find a good quality program that is geared to the needs and interests of the black community, and in you walked!"

We praise the Lord for this obvious miracle. The station not only accepted the telecast, but has also been giving free air time for the last four years. Numerous interests have been generated over this time and the broad witness the program has given may only be fully realized when Christ comes.

The program still airs each Sabbath afternoon on WTJC (Witnessing Til Jesus Comes), Channel 26, Springfield, Ohio. We solicit continued prayers for Breath of Life-Dayton.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Nov. 30	Dec. 8	15	22
Boston, Mass.	4:13	4:12	4:12	4:15
New York City	4:25	4:23	4:24	4:27
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:42	4:40	4:41	4:44
Atlanta, Ga.	5:29	5:29	5:31	5:34
Miami, Fla.	5:29	5:30	5:32	5:35
Charlotte, N.C.	5:12	5:11	5:13	5:16
Birmingham, Ala.	4:39	4:39	4:40	4:43
Jackson, Miss.	4:56	4:56	4:57	5:00
Memphis, Tenn.	4:48	4:48	4:50	4:52
Louisville, Ky.	5:24	5:23	5:24	5:27
Detroit, Mich.	5:03	5:01	5:02	5:05
Chicago, Ill.	4:21	4:20	4:21	4:24
South Bend, Indiana	5:16	5:15	5:16	5:18
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:34	4:32	4:32	4:35
St. Louis, Mo.	4:40	4:39	4:40	4:43
Kansas City, Mo.	4:56	4:56	4:57	4:59
Denver, Co.	4:36	4:35	4:36	4:39
Little Rock, Ark.	4:58	4:58	4:59	5:02
Dallas, Texas	5:21	5:21	5:23	5:26
New Orleans, La.	5:00	5:01	5:02	5:05
Albuquerque, N.M.	4:55	4:55	4:56	4:59
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:18	5:18	5:19	5:22

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

ALLEGHENY EAST



Allegheny East senior citizens in attendance at the annual Senior Citizens' Day and banquet held at the Palmer Pavilion.

ALLEGHENY EAST SENIOR CITIZENS HONORED

The Allegheny East Conference has a large number of senior citizens in its ranks. These faithful warriors are the backbone of the conference. They have supported it and the church for many years.

Conference administrators have decided to honor these beloved members every year at a special banquet. This year the number has grown so large that the cafeteria at Pine Forge Academy could not hold the group. This did not dissuade the conference president, M. C. Van Putten, and other administrators. They requested that tables be placed in the Palmer Pavilion. This was done and on July 4 the senior citizens were treated to another annual Senior Citizens' Day and banquet. The program was complete with speeches, food, presentations and music.

Guest speaker for this special occasion was E. T. Mimms, pastor of the City Tabernacle church in New York City. Pastor W. W. Fordham is director of the Senior Citizens Association for the Allegheny East Conference.

WEDDING VOWS AT BAPTISM

Mary Carter and Sylvester Williams of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, exchanged wedding vows in the baptismal pool immediately after their baptism by Pastor Stephen Boyce of Petersburg, Virginia. This was the first time in the church's history that a double ceremony of this type was performed, the direct result of a faithful witness by the local Community Services headed by Florence Jones and James Matthews.

Five souls were added to the Petersburg church on this important day.

ALLEGHENY EAST CAMP MEETING 1984

The Allegheny East Conference constituents enjoyed another spirit-filled camp meeting on the campus of Pine Forge Academy and the conference campgrounds. The theme for 1984 was "By His Spirit."

Highlights of this year's camp meeting were the many workshops.

Some of the participants were: Edgar T. Mimms, pastor of the City Tabernacle church in New York City; Dr. Agatha Thrash of Yuchi Pines in Seale, Alabama; Alice Lowe, associate director of the Sabbath school department of the General Conference; Harry and Nancy Van Pelt, authors of the Compleat Marriage Seminar; Doris Jones of the Family Life Department and E. J. Royster of Shady Grove Hospital.



C. E. Bradford, vice president of the General Conference for North America, challenges those in attendance at the Palmer Pavilion during worship services on the last Sabbath.

The Sabbath school hour was headed by R. L. Booker, new Sabbath school director for the conference. Pastor U. S. Willis, the former director and new pastor of the Walnut Street SDA Community Church in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, was awarded a plaque by the Delaware Valley churches for his contribution to the Sabbath school.

The Sabbath school lesson was taught by Pastor S. D. Meyers, associate director of the stewardship department, on the first Sabbath and Pastor C. L. Brooks, associate director of the Sabbath school department of the General Conference, on the second Sabbath.



E. C. Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College church, was the speaker for the divine worship service the first Sabbath.

Carol Cantu, the new director of education, led out in the education hour, which featured E. C. Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College church.

The youth department, under the direction of Daniel Davis, featured an outstanding program for the youths, with the Pathfinder fair always the main event for the youths. This year the Pathfinders participated in a Better Living Parade in Pottstown.

The divine worship service and ordination service are always the highlights of any camp meeting. The Allegheny East camp meeting services were highlighted by the preaching of E. C. Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College church, and C. E. Bradford, vice president of the General Conference for North America, in the large pavilion and Melvyn Hayden, pastor of the First church in Washington, D.C., and Sherman Cox, president of the Central States Conference, for the senior youth tent.



DeWitt S. Williams, associate director of the General Conference health department, was the featured speaker at the ordination service.

Ordination services for Amos Hosten and R. L. Booker were enriched by the preaching of DeWitt S. Williams, associate director of the health department of the General Conference.

Pastor M. C. Van Putten, conference president, stated that in spite of the rains that were prevalent during the ten days, "this is one of the best camp meetings ever."



R. L. Booker (center, foreground) and Amos Hosten receive the challenge of M. C. Van Putten during the ordination service while wives Wilma Hosten and Audrey Booker (right) look on.



Pathfinders from a number of conference churches marched in the Better Living Parade in Pottstown during the camp meeting.

NAAMAN CURED AT WEST PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

Piles of jewelry in the church, the clubbing of God's servants and the thump of the king's patrolling palace guard. Sights like these seized the attention of the West Philadelphia church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, A.Y. attendees at a full dress reenactment of Naaman's cure on August 25.

A man covered with sores, accompanied by a retinue of guards, marched onto the platform. He was Naaman, captain of the host of Syria, and afflicted with leprosy. He despaired for a cure until one day a captive servant approached his very fair wife and told her of a prophet in Israel that was able. Soon word reached the king, who promptly dispatched an advance entourage. When the king of Israel heard the request, he rent his clothes and cried, "Am I God, to recover a man of his leprosy?"

Naaman soon arrived, but refused to accept the command sent by Elisha to dip himself in the Jordan seven times. Instead, he raged about the clean and beautiful rivers of Syria, cursing the filthy Jordan until his servants talked him into reconsidering the matter. Finally, to the strains of "I Went Down Into The Jordan Seven Times," he slowly started to do just that, murmuring and muttering, halting and complaining, in West's baptismal pool. After he completed the seventh dip, the sores disappeared and he returned to praise God, declaring that there was no other.

Elisha refused to take any gifts from Naaman, but his servant Gehazi could not resist. He went out to take the gifts and returned to find Elisha waiting for him. Elisha listened to the lies but knew all. Gehazi's punishment was swift, as Elisha smote him with his staff to inflict him with Naaman's leprosy. Screaming "I'm cursed, I'm cursed!" he ran from

the sanctuary to the sound of "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape" (Proverbs 19:5).

Mark Frog Harris
Communication Secretary



Two members of the conditioning camp spend time trying to solve a class problem.

CONDITIONING CAMP A REAL HEALTH BREAK

In an age when the nation is extremely health-conscious, the Allegheny East Conference Conditioning Camp is a real "health break." Directed by Gwen Foster, conference health/temperance director, the camp is held each year at the end of July for two weeks at Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania.

The camp participants vary in age, profession and reasons for attending. The 1984 camp had 34 participants from as far away as California and Georgia. Of that number, seven were returnees from the 1983 camp. The youngest camper was eleven-year-old Adrienne Townsend. Adrienne, along with three others, came to gain weight and learn healthful living.

The purpose of the conditioning camp is to help persons with weight and other health problems to learn how to live a healthy life. Upon registering, each participant must undergo a full health screening under the supervision of a physician before being allowed to become involved in the exercise routines. This includes blood tests, weight, blood pressure, etc.

The two-week camp consists of health lectures, exercise programs, hiking, spiritual feasts, developing interpersonal relationships and living on a very rigid health diet of all-natural foods.

This year's camp staff consisted of about one counselor for every three persons and included professional health educators with at least four persons who hold master's degrees in either health education or public health. Two counsel-



A group of conditioning camp participants enjoy an interpersonal relationship activity at the camp picnic.



A lesson in the importance of consistency in changing lifestyles is taught in the open air.

ors are doctoral candidates in public health administration.

Also among the counselors for 1984 were an exercise physiologist from Temple University, a medical student from Howard University, a physical education instructor, two nurses, one nutritionist and a chemical engineer.

A graduation ceremony is held the last Sunday of camp. Each participant receives a certificate and a parting gift, a 32-ounce mug, so that he or she will not forget to drink plenty of water. However, before being eligible for the graduation ceremony, each participant must turn in two weeks of menus, a shopping list and recipes. Each must make a commitment to continue a healthy, happy life.

Then, amidst tears and hugs, the camp is ended. The participants leave happier, healthier and for some a great deal lighter in weight than when they arrived. A reunion is planned for the group in October in New York.

PETERSBURG EFFORT WINS 25

William Hall, pastor of the Sharon Temple church in Wilmington, Delaware, conducted the New Life in Christ Ministries Tent Revival in Petersburg, Virginia, from July 22 to August 18, with 25 baptisms.

In addition, Deborah Boyce, wife of Petersburg Pastor Stephen Boyce, presented health topics and James Jones, Sr., conducted a Bible quiz. Community Services provided free clothing and blood pressure screening.

The following persons worked in conjunction with the effort: Paul Anderson, Edwina Williams, Willie Mae Fields, Hinton Fields, Sr., Laura Fowers, Ed Hill, Jr., Waverly Massenburg, Jr., James Matthews, Clarence Goad, Annie J. Henderson, Carolyn McSwain, Rose Scott, Ephraim Johnson, Paul Williams, John Day, Phillip Robinson, Russell Graves and Louis Piper.

ADVENTIST OUTREACH MINISTRY

Adventist laymen in St. Louis, Missouri, are busy promoting a Bible question-and-answer radio broadcast.

The program started with an idea from Manuel Clay, first elder of the Park Avenue church in St. Louis. He talked with members of sister churches about a broadcast during which listeners could call or write in and ask questions from the Bible. Members were enthusiastic but had no finances. They were so eager to share this ministry that they decided to pay the cost of the program out of their own pockets. While they continued to pray and ask for God's guidance, other members contributed to this effort.

The Bible Answer Crusade is a laymen's radio broadcast, and the laymen search the Scriptures daily in order to answer some of the questions asked by listeners.

The outreach ministry officially began on July 10, 1983, on station KXEN in St. Louis and is presently aired on WCNU-AM on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. The broadcast has grown from fifteen minutes to a half-hour program.

They do not solicit funds over the air. The broadcast is solely supported by Adventist churches in the St. Louis area. Pastors Warnick and Dagenais have been extremely supportive to the broadcast ministry in their advisory capacity. Representatives from each of the SDA churches have been invited to serve on the advisory board.

Because of the broadcast, a number of listeners have enrolled in Bible study classes and the laymen are looking forward to having them accept Christ as their personal Savior.

Committee members: Lucille Mitchell, chairman—Berean church; Janice Cole, secretary—Park Avenue church; Manuel Clay, Park Avenue church; Broadcast host—James Barrett, Berean church; Cecil Mabry, Northside church; and Joan Robinson, Kinloch church.

Clydie Johnson
Communication Secretary

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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



Sabbath school officers in attendance at a workshop held in the Omaha, Nebraska, district. Left to right: Pastor D. B. Simons; Alice Lowe of the General Conference and E. F. Carter, conference Sabbath school director.



Attendees at the East Central Community Federation were (front row) left to right: Cora Norwood, president, East Central Community Services Federation; Ernest White, chaplain; Pastor E. R. Carter, conference personal ministries director; Dr. Wilson, guest; and Martha Wilson, guest speaker.



Local elders and deacons attended the retreat sponsored by the personal ministries department.

GETHSEMANE HOSTS COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

The Gethsemane church in Danville recently held its fourth annual Community Guest Day program. The Sabbath services were very special because Mr. and Mrs. Clinton J. Youngman were present to share the day. The Youngmans were instrumental in the forming of the Gethsemane church.

A plaque was presented to the Youngmans during the community services period commemorating their dedication and service to God's work in the Danville area.

The message for the divine worship service, entitled "I Had a Dream," was delivered by Clinton Youngman. The message commissioned the congregation to dedicate their lives to the spreading of God's word.

The afternoon program was held at the Sheraton Inn in Danville. The topic for discussion was "Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Today's Society." Guest lecturer was Dr. Randy Taylor, assistant chief of psychology at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Danville. Dr. Taylor's message centered around helping people recognize their problems. He also admonished Christians to try and help those with alcohol and drug problems instead of alienating them.

Musical guests included the Gospel Clouds of Joy from Columbus, Ohio.

Helping make this Community Guest Day very special were members present from sister churches in Evansville, Terre Haute and Champaign.

Debra Murphy
Communication Secretary

EPHESUS CELEBRATES COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

The Ephesus church in Marion, Indiana, recently enjoyed a day of fellowship with their guests as they celebrated Community Guest Day.

Guest speaker for the divine worship service was Bobby Mitchell, local elder of the Decatur SDA Church in Decatur, Alabama. Mitchell was introduced to the congregation by his father-in-law and pastor of the Ephesus church, Hosie Hatchett. Mitchell's message was entitled "Born Again."

Imelda Mitchell, Bobby Mitchell's wife, sang during the appeal.

Another special guest was news com-

mentator JoAnn Powell, daughter of Oakwood College's Chaplain Powell. JoAnn appears on TV channel 31 in Huntsville, Alabama.

IN MY OPINION

While listening to the news recently, I heard some very startling information. The newscaster said that car dealers across the nation were fighting an Illinois Supreme Court decision that says it is constitutional to halt sales of cars on Sundays. This may not mean anything to you, but for others this type of decision is opening a "Pandora's box."

On May 29, 1961, the Supreme Court of the United States, by a majority vote, handed down the decision that declared Sunday laws to be civil, not religious, in nature and therefore constitutional.

Maybe some of us do not know what the controversy is about or what Sunday "blue laws" are. There is a controversy that has been since the beginning of time concerning just what God's laws are and how we keep them, being mortal men. With this controversy has been a battle about which day is holy and which day isn't. In an effort to confuse the issue, the government has become involved with religion and clouded many of the real issues today.

The Sunday blue laws have been one such clouding. They make it illegal to buy or sell on Sunday, deeming it a religious holy day. The government says this, not God.

It is true that, during recent years, very few states adhere to these blue laws, but that does not mean they do not exist. Renewed interest is a way of prophecy being fulfilled.

The prophecy states that, during the time of trouble, Sunday blue laws will be enforced. Anyone who is not worshiping on the first day of the week will be persecuted. This may seem strange, knowing that our country was founded upon religious freedom and being able to worship when you want.

Keep looking, because our government is becoming more and more involved in religious affairs. The more mandates that are being passed down, the sooner we are coming to the end. If you know anything about history, you can recall the time when government and religion were totally integrated and look what happened.

The broadcast that was heard is just history repeating itself. Daniel 12:1 says:

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time."

(Adapted from the Central Illinois Illuminator in Danville, Illinois, by Debra Murphy, communication secretary.)

THREE ORDAINED AT EPHESUS

For the first time in more than 50 years of the church's history, three men were ordained recently at the Ephesus church in Marion. It has only been within the last few years that this church was blessed to have adult men as members.

Preceding the very short but solemn ordination ceremony, Hosie Hatchett, pastor of the church, introduced the men and their wives to the congregation.

Thomas L. Nukes was ordained as a local elder. Robert D. Casey, Sabbath school superintendent, was ordained a deacon. James M. Buford, communication secretary for the church, was ordained as head deacon.

The newly ordained men received congratulations from their wives and members of the congregation.

James M. Buford
Communication Secretary

RECEPTION HONORS SUMMER GRADUATE

A reception was held at the Neighborhood House in Danville, Illinois, for Debra Murphy, who graduated last summer with a master of arts degree in clinical psychology.

She received her training from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois.

The reception was hosted by Cherie Bagley, a long-time friend of Debra's.

Murphy is presently employed at the Veteran's Administration as a psychology technician in the Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Unit.

She is the mother of two children: Shantelle is eleven and Donald is six.

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And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP— A DISTRIBUTION CENTER

The Christian Fellowship S.D.A. Church has been a distribution center of surplus government food for over a year now. The year-to-date figures on families served with cheese, butter, and/or powdered milk, totals over 2,000 from the nearby community.

The community Services department is responsible for this service under the leadership of Mrs. Myrtle Bryan.



Pastor Ralph Williams prays for visitors and members at the tent.



Pastor Andrew Jeffers reads baptismal vows to candidates.

NEWS NOTES FROM EAST NEW YORK CHURCH

The East New York church in Brooklyn, New York, recently honored all members who graduated from educational institutions.

Thirteen precious souls were baptized as a result of a summer crusade conducted by Ralph Williams, pastor of the East New York church, July 1 to August 11.

Jose A. Semidey
Communication Secretary

A PRODUCT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Janice Glasford, daughter of Jessie and Kenneth Glasford, members of the Shiloh SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, has been the recipient of a number



Janice Glasford (center), honor student, stands with her parents, Jessie and Kenneth Glasford.

of scholastic awards. For the past two years she has been listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and the National Honor Society. Also during this time she served as editor of the yearbook while attending Greater New York Academy in Woodside, New York.

Presently, Janice is a freshman pre-medical student at Andrews University. Her life's goal is to become a pediatrician. Janice is a product of Christian education from elementary school to college.

Daisy Fraser
Communication Secretary

NURSES' DAY AT SOUTH BROOKLYN

Robert and Udell Darville of Wyandach, New York, were the speakers for Nurses' Day held at the South Brooklyn church in Brooklyn, New York, on June 9.

Mrs. Darville, a community mental health nurse, spoke on "Health and Health Reform." Using the counsel of E. G. White, she stressed the importance of a proper diet, exercise, fresh air and sunshine.

To underscore his wife's topic, Mr. Darville spoke on the topic of "Water." He began his presentation by stating that two-thirds of our bodies are water and we need to replenish this amount. We take on extra chemicals and calories in juices and soda, rather than use the only pure drink for us, water. He noted that we ought to drink two pints every day because the digestive system needs water. Problems are caused in the bile tract because many fail to drink an adequate amount of water. The body needs water to keep it healthy.

Mrs. Darville continued her lecture by

stressing the obligation of the church to teach health principles. She spoke about the need to return to man's original diet—fruits, grains and vegetables—and urged temperance in eating by not indulging or eating between meals.

At the completion of their lectures, the speakers responded to questions from the audience.

Nurses Janell Geter and Derville Williams were responsible for this informative day.

Mary Gborkorquellie
Communication Secretary

MINISTERS HOLDING EFFORTS SUMMER 1984

Mathieu Bermingham, Queens, New York; Marc Thevenin, Brooklyn, New York; Emmanuel Mondestin, Brooklyn, New York; Ronald Oden, Albany, New York; and J. Milton Thomas, Rochester, New York.

Samuel Sampson, Brooklyn, New York; R. Clifford Jones, Brooklyn, New York; Cornell Miller, Nyack, New York; Clement Murray, Amityville, New York; and Matias Solis, Providence, Rhode Island.

Luc Homicile, Cambridge, Massachusetts; John B. Harris, Bridgeport, Connecticut; Eugene Virgil, White Plains, New York; Ralph Williams, Brooklyn, New York; and George W. St. John, Bronx, New York.

Edwin J. Humphrey, Syracuse, New York; R. W. Washington, Jamestown, New York; David Glover, Springfield, Massachusetts; Gilbert Foster, Brooklyn, New York; and Jonathan Thompson, Hartford, Connecticut.

Those assisting Pastor Raymond Saunders in a tent effort in Hempstead, New York, were: Earnest Flowers, Stafford Byers, Willard Hall, Benjamin Cummings, David Willis, Philip Wesley and Jonathan Thompson.

Samuel Stovall
Ministerial Director

NEWS NOTE

The personal ministries and Sabbath school departments of the conference recently conducted several workshops and held several federations around the field.

IN TRANSITION

F. W. Parker is the new director of Sabbath school, replacing G. H. Taylor, who has retired.

Calvin Watkins of the New Bern, North Carolina, district is now the conference evangelist. New Bern will be filled later.

Alvin Freeman, former assistant pastor at Savannah-Ramah, is now pastor of the Gastonia/Salisbury district. He replaces Herbert Anderson.

Gary Jouett from Oakwood College is replacing Al Freeman as assistant pastor at the Savannah church.

Ernest Young from the Southeastern Conference is now pastor of the newly organized Atlanta-West End church. He replaces F. W. Parker, who was temporary pastor of the church.

Herbert Anderson of the Gastonia/Salisbury district is the new pastor of the Hemingway/Bucksport district, replacing Ted Ellerbe.

Roy Willis, former assistant pastor of the Atlanta-Maranatha church, is now pastor of the newly formed Rome/Senoia church district.



Celia Cleveland (seated) receives gifts from the Shepherdess Club. Standing behind her is her husband, Dr. E. E. Cleveland, as well as Pastor and Mrs. McClamb.

SHEPHERDESSES HONOR CELIA CLEVELAND

The senior shepherdesses of the regional conferences of North America seemed to be in one accord in recognizing Celia M. Cleveland, wife of evangelist E. E. Cleveland, as the super shepherdess on whom they depended for guidance as they struggled to help their husbands to achieve success in the min-

istry. This is the central thought that came from various speeches which the ministers' wives and others made as they honored Mrs. Cleveland on Saturday evening, August 25, at the South Atlantic Conference office in Atlanta.

In keeping with Mrs. Cleveland's quiet style, there was no fanfare. However, the gift the ladies presented was a fanfare itself without the trumpets and noisy display. It is a motorized wheelchair which, according to Gladys McClamb (who spearheaded the project), "is the Cadillac of wheelchairs." As she unveiled this much needed automobile, she made it clear that it was the best that they could find.

Mrs. Cleveland, who is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. B. W. Abney, the first black missionary from North America to South Africa, is also an outstanding musician. She has coordinated the music for E. E. Cleveland's evangelistic crusades, which he has held all over North America and in many parts of the world.

HEALTH FAIR AT GREENWOOD

There were happy smiles on every face. Smoking Sam puffed away. The health appraisal computer whirred. People looked at the Wellness Exhibit, while others browsed through and helped themselves to free health literature. The aroma of "Patty Mix" wafted through the air as the nurses and Community Services volunteers of the Zion Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church in Greenwood, South Carolina, welcomed their neighbors to their first health fair.

The church's "Health-Happiness Fair" was held at the largest, newest shopping center in Greenwood, the Cross Creek Mall. At least 1,000 men, women and children passed by the five tables, two large exhibit panels and the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists' mobile health van on Friday, August 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This was the last shopping weekend before school re-opened, so there was maximum visibility.

The community outreach was quite successful: 250 people received free blood pressure checks; 750 persons had the computerized personal health appraisal or analysis and were given copies of the March 1984 *Saturday Evening Post* excerpt on "Seventh-day Adventists: A Church Whose Members

Have Far Less Cancer;" 85 persons, mostly youngsters, met Smoking Sam. After each demonstration, almost all participants made a verbal decision either not to smoke or to stop smoking; 635 pieces of health literature were selected or distributed. Some had been donated by the Greenwood and Greenville County Departments of Health. Pounds of vegetarian food were tasted and purchased from Walter Hawk, South Atlantic Book Center manager, and 312 people asked for and were receptive to health counseling, professionally given by the nurses, Dorcas workers, Adventist men and/or Pathfinders.

Zion Temple, the smallest "big" church in the South Atlantic Conference, has 48 members (small) all working (big) to hasten Christ's soon return. Half the membership is made up of "new believers" baptized in the August 1983 Bible Says Crusade tent effort held in Greenwood by Pastor Drake Barber.

One visitor to the health fair was so impressed with the interest generated that he, his wife and 87-year-old mother participated. Then he remained for most of the day actively soliciting and corraling other shoppers to get blood pressure checks, health appraisals and literature. The Lord had sent His small flock "another volunteer."

There was no "generation gap" as Zion Temple members from three-year-old Courtney Weston, who stayed all day, to 83-year-old Amanda Goodwin, who proudly wore her Community Services uniform and stayed four hours.

All worked cheerfully together on this evangelistic outreach. Four health and temperance committee members served all day. Two Pathfinders served all day. Six Adventist men and Dorcas members served in shifts. Two South Atlantic Adventist Book Center staff members served and sold health foods all day. The health computer and software, as well as Smoking Sam, were obtained from the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Zion Temple's health and temperance committee chairperson is Marie Griffin. Members of the committee are Lula Felts, Betty Weston, Arlene Morgan, Pamela Anderson, Cheryl Martin and Brenda Barber. Drake P. Barber is the church's pastor.

Twelve people signed up for a "5 Day Stop Smoking" clinic, eight for a stress reduction clinic, and eight for a "Newstart" clinic.



PATTERSON BAPTIZES 35 IN SPRINGFIELD

The membership of the Springfield, Tennessee congregation was doubled this summer after the Lord blessed Pastor M. E. Patterson and his members to hold a successful evangelistic crusade in that city. Large crowds followed the meetings nightly to listen to their dynamic preacher of the Word open to them new concepts of every day better living as well as helping them to prepare for the kingdom that is to come.

Twenty-one tent meetings were conducted throughout the conference this summer. Souls are still being added to the church. God is receiving glory. Pray for the work of evangelism that is going on in this portion of the vineyard.

SOUTH CENTRAL HOUSING BRINGS NEW CONGREGATION

Over thirty-nine persons constituted the charter membership list of the newly organized Clarksville, Tennessee church. The meeting was conducted by Dr. C. E. Dudley, the conference president. Pastor D. D. Johnson is the pastor and founder. Presently the group holds its weekly service at the South Central Conference Housing Complex. Plans are under way to secure their own place of worship in the near future. Over half of the members are residents in the complex.

FRIENDSHIP CAMP 1984

This year's Friendship Camp, sponsored by the South Central youth department, featured "Project Adventure." This project is designed to teach young people the importance of working together to achieve a specific goal.

The biggest challenge was for each group to successfully climb over a twelve-foot wall without the aid of a rope. There were nine other equally difficult challenges.

On Sabbath afternoon each cabin was responsible for choosing a site in the woods and preparing a Biblical skit for the other campers. One skit was performed on the lake to dramatize how Christ calmed the storm on the sea.

Recently two young people were baptized as a result of attending Friendship Camp.

Joseph McCoy
Youth Director



Line call at Friendship Camp '84.



The girls' cabins' formation just before mealtime.

HILLCREST OBSERVES WOMEN'S DAY

"The Christian Woman In Challenging Times" was the theme of the annual Women's Day celebration held at the Hillcrest SDA Church in Nashville, Tennessee, on August 25. The guest speaker was Dr. Rosa T. Banks, vice president of institutional planning and personnel for Oakwood College.

The day began with a special Sabbath school program conducted by the guest superintendent, Jeanne DeAllen of the Riverside SDA Church in Nashville.

Music for the occasion was provided by Dr. Bertha Clark and Michelle Cleveland-Ammons, daughter of H. L. Cleveland, pastor of the church.

Recognition was given to Marion L. Patton for her recognition in starting this annual event. Patton, who is 80 years old, was surprised by this honor.

Lauvenia Broomes presented a plaque to Jennie Stevenson for being a good neighbor and a good friend to the church. On several occasions, Stevenson has allowed the church to use her spacious lawns for outdoor functions.

Elizabeth Cleveland, the pastor's wife, introduced Dr. Banks, mentioning that her husband baptized Rosa and most of her family during an evangelistic meeting in Florida.

Dr. Banks' message celebrated the beauty and dignity of the Christian woman. Following the service, a special dinner was held at the home of Jewel Harris for the platform guest and other ladies.

Delores C. Grant
Correspondent



Beverly Campbell Evans captivates the interest of the children during Women's Day.



Participants on the Women's Day program were, left to right (front): Delores Grant, Dr. Rosa T. Banks, Marion Patton; (back row) Edwyna Chandler, Elizabeth Cleveland and Gwyn Simpkins.



Martha Hardin gives special recognition to Marion Patton.

THE LABORS OF LAYMEN

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers" (CS, p. 68).

With this statement in mind, laymen in the Southeastern Conference have been on a march for God.

David McCalla is the director of employee relations for all seven campuses of the University of Miami, with head offices in Coral Gables, Florida. There are more than 6,000 employees at this, the fourth largest private employer in south Florida. He also serves as a lecturer for seminars and workshops for supervisors and managers on subjects relating to employee relations. Since 1981 he has served as a member of the Southeastern Conference Executive Committee.

In 1966, when Pastor Banfield was president of the South Atlantic Conference, he began a self-supporting ministry with pastors Woodfork, Ramhing, Parker and Edgecombe in the Key West, Florida City, Carol City, Tabernacle and French churches Zion, Sinai and Jerusalem.



Errol Smith, Leon Carroll and Clinton Thompson plan for a crusade in Dania, Florida.

McCalla has distinguished himself as an ambassador for Christ. Despite his weighty responsibilities, he has given invaluable support to Southeastern. As a non-conference worker he has done an outstanding job in being the interim pastor at the Tabernacle church in Miami and was involved in the initial activities during the acquisition of the \$500,000 church building.

When the Zion French church in Miami and the Sinai church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, were waiting for the arrival of their new minister, McCalla became the interim pastor. Working with Pastor Myrthil in an evangelistic thrust in Miami for French believers, they baptized 104 persons in 1983 and organized the Jerusalem SDA Church in Miami.



Clinton Thompson, Leon Carroll and Earrol Smith in preparation for their lay crusade.

During approximately a year's ministry, he acquired land valued at \$33,000 for building the Sinai French church in Ft. Lauderdale. The achievements at Zion French were painting and extensive repairs, purchase of air conditioning units, title gains and a reemphasis of the stewardship program. The first French convocation in Miami, Florida, in November of 1983 was spearheaded by him.

McCalla devotes 25-30 hours per week to God's church. He feels that the Southeastern Conference has only scratched the surface in evangelism. He envisions more door-to-door evangelism and cottage meetings with membership involvement as the answer to greater gains in souls for the kingdom. His greatest contribution to the Southeastern Conference has been laymen's training, giving Bible studies and assisting with stewardship programs. His main concern while devoting time and energy in a self-supporting ministry is to help in finishing the work so God's kingdom can be established. This is self-supporting ministry at its peak.

Southeastern's greatest resources are the consecrated lay persons and self-supporting ministry. In response to Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come," they go forward undaunted.

McCalla's work is not isolated. On July 29, after several weeks of intensive Bible studies throughout the community in Dania, Florida, Personal Ministries Director Clinton Thompson, local elders E. Smith and L. Carroll of the Ebenezer church in Dania, whose burning desire was to add disciples to the fellowship of Christ, embarked upon a lay evangelistic effort. Thompson and Smith alternated in presenting the messages nightly. After four weeks, fifteen precious souls were baptized by W. C. Byrd, district pastor. Several others are awaiting baptism.

The lay ministry of these three workers for God covers eighteen hours weekly and God gives rewards for their labors.

Here are two accounts. Smith's daughter, Lisa, has a co-worker in the state employment office who showed an interest in God's word. Carroll gave her literature and instruction. She was visited by Smith and Thompson. More Bible studies followed, and she gladly attended the lay crusade. The lady and her daughter are now Seventh-day Adventists.

Thompson saw his brother accept Christ and receive the rite of baptism after his marriage. His wife is now preparing to be baptized.

The efforts of these lay persons can be recounted time and time again throughout the Southeastern Conference and must be.

In every conceivable method President Edgecombe is attempting to see the mighty army of laymen rally to the call of God and join with ministers to finish the work. So they:

"Go quickly out in the street and lanes
And in the broad highway,
And call the maimed, the halt, and blind.
To be ready for the breaking of the day."

R. R. Brown
Communication Director

GROUND-BREAKING FOR PROGRESS VILLAGE CHURCH

On Sunday, September 2, members of the Progress Village SDA Church in Tampa, Florida, supported by friends and relatives, gathered on the site of their proposed new church to break ground.

This small band of believers, led by Pastor Herman L. Davis, Sr., was organized less than three years ago. Since then the church has purchased two acres of land for \$20,000. This effort was spearheaded by the late Odessa Smith. Church members have on hand another \$20,000 to be applied to the purchase price of the new church.

Pastor J. Edgecombe, president, Pastor D. Walker, secretary-treasurer, and Pastor R. R. Brown, communication director of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, were in attendance. Carrie Verriette, daughter of the late Odessa Smith (who had worked so hard to make this day possible), came to represent the Smith family.



Groundbreaking in Kenner: Pastor F. Williams (second from left) and the building fund committee.

KENNER HOLDS GROUND-BREAKING

In 1948 the Kenner SDA Church in Kenner, Louisiana, was organized by W. S. Lee, Sr., and a small chapel built under the direction of the late J. E. Cox.

Time has passed quickly. For the remaining five charter members, however, the congregation has grown in spite of the vicissitudes of life. Careful planning, sacrifice and a wide-awake pastor, Frank Williams, led the church to a ground-breaking ceremony on Sunday, August 5, to mark the beginning of a new church structure.

Financial arrangements have been completed, and a contract given to Denominational Builders of Lincoln, Nebraska. It all started when Pastor D. L. Ford purchased property in Kenner as the proposed site for the new place of worship.

Doris Jones
Reporter

EVANGELIST ADDS TO SHEFFIELD CONGREGATION

On Sabbath, August 4, immediately following the regular midday service, nineteen new converts were baptized by Pastor Edson Weithers through a Revelation Seminar. Weithers is pastor of the Sheffield church in Houston, Texas.

The racial makeup of the group of candidates was somewhat unusual, but it was truly representative of those

attending the seminar. The attendees participated with genuine enthusiasm in each evening's activities, which included quizzes, discussions, Bible studies and music.

Since the arrival of Pastor Weithers in the Houston area a mere four years ago, his accomplishments leave no doubt that he is a very efficient and diligent laborer. He has baptized more than 100 persons and organized three thriving congregations with a total of 280 members: Sheffield in Houston; Baytown, about 20 miles east of Houston; and the Bellaire church in Houston.

Weithers spearheaded the successful negotiations for the purchase of a church building with an assessed value of \$500,000 for only \$180,000 for the Sheffield group. He is presently engaged in negotiating for the purchase of a building for the Baytown church.

Along with his regular pastoral duties of counseling and visiting members of his flock, he held Revelation Seminars in late August, with one more slated for November.

Charles Stephens

ALSOBROOK PARTICIPATES IN WORKSHOP

Nathaniel Alsobrook was selected to participate in the Elementary Bible Textbook workshop for the North American Division. For the past eighteen years he taught grades four through ten at City Temple Academy in Dallas, Texas.

Alsobrook was born in Ellerbe, North Carolina, and trained in the field of education at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

The participants met July 10 to August 4. The General Conference Department of Education recommended eight teachers in the North American Division to become a team of workers for the Elementary Bible Textbook Materials Workshop. This seminar was held at the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University in Riverside, California. The coordinators ranked Alsobrook's contribution to the team as excellent.

His students class him as a strict disciplinarian, yet just and merciful. They remember how he staged musical plays, cantatas and other programs, along with custom-made costumes during the school year.

He demands perfection in education, for he realizes the difficult road young blacks travel as they leave the secure world of the small classroom of their elementary years.



Teachers and preachers met in a joint fall workers' retreat at Lone Star Camp September 9-12. Special guests included J. A. Edgcombe, president of the Southeastern Conference, who conducted devotions.



S. D. Meyers from the General Conference conducted sessions at the retreat. He was also honored at the Twilight Buffet, which was colorfully decorated overlooking the lake with a Spanish menu. All received gifts and had a joyful time.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted: Maintenance supervisor for Oakwood College. Physical Plant Department of Oakwood College is in need of a maintenance supervisor who will supervise a team of skilled and semi-skilled craftsmen in maintaining, repairing and upgrading all college buildings and equipment.

Individual must have proven skills in management and supervision of people and have experience in working in maintenance operations.

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

Colossians 2:8

IN THE NEWS



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Allen, Sr.

ALLEN-RIVERS WEDDING

On Saturday evening, April 14, 1984, William Anthony Allen, Sr., and Winifred Bailey Rivers were united in marriage at the Mount of Olives SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York. Officiating ministers were C. E. Bradford, vice president of the North American Division of the General Conference, and local Northeastern Conference pastors Gilbert Foster and Sebert Anderson. Winifred is the secretary of J. A. Edgecombe, president of the Southeastern Conference.

NEUROSURGEON PRESENTS LECTURE SERIES

Among the many distinguished guests during the 1983-84 school year, Oakwood College had the opportunity of hosting Dr. Henry L. Milam, a black neurosurgeon from the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

In 1970 he received a B.S. degree in biology—pre-med, graduating cum laude from Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma. He later received his M.D. from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Upon receiving his degree in medicine, he did his internship in general surgery at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Michigan. In 1980 he did his residency in neurosurgery at the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital, Montreal General Hospital and Montreal Children's Hospital all affiliated

with McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dr. Milam is presently on the medical staff fellowship (neurosurgery research) at the National Institute of Health's National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Strokes in Bethesda, Maryland.

He has received many awards over the years and also holds professional membership with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the American Medical Association and the National Medical Association.

During Dr. Milam's visit to Oakwood College, he offered a series of lectures and seminars pertaining to neurosurgery research, neurological and communicative disorders and stroke treatment. The student body responded with great interest.

He also met with the administration and advised how the institution can better serve the student body by implementing research labs for the biology department. He believes this would allow students to excel in many different areas and in return provide a more effective department.

Despite Dr. Milam's busy schedule, he found time to sit with students on a one-to-one basis, offering words of encouragement and introducing new concepts that would stimulate the students to strive for excellence. He stressed the need for sincerity and commitment and that one should not enter the field of medicine short of a general common concern for the welfare of other human beings. Also, one should not enter the medical field for the sole purpose of financial gain.

Entering the medical field had been his childhood desire. At the age of eight he began caring for stray cats and dogs. He then progressed to the caring of the elderly. He expressed deep concern that without love for people all his achievements would be in vain.

Dr. Milam admonishes all students to reach for the stars and never allow obstacles to tamper with their goals in life. On the eve of his departure, Dr. Milam received an award of merit from the biology department. The educational experience will long be remembered at Oakwood College.

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God blesses those who obey Him; happy the man who trusts in the Lord.

Proverbs 16:20

- The New Life Church of Huntsville, Alabama moved into its new church and signed the closing papers in April. The building, according to pastor S. J. Jackson, has 14 rooms, a kitchen, seats 500, and has a gymnasium. It also has a built-in three bedroom parsonage. The pastor hopes to have the building overflowing with happy members in one year.

- Judy McCoy, wife of conference Youth Leader, Joseph McCoy, gave the address for the Womens Day program of the New Life church of Nashville, on May 19.

- John Brown, artist and lay preacher who raised up the church in Franklin, Tennessee, has been called to pastor in the South Central Conference. He was graduated from Oakwood College on June 3, 1984.

- The First Church of Huntsville, Alabama, made application to sponsor a 76 unit housing project for the elderly in Huntsville. They worked with the conference Housing Board and they will soon be informed if they were awarded the sponsorship of the housing project. Pastor H. Kibble and J. Bailey is leading in the housing project.

- Elder G.I. Pearson left the A.B.C. in the hands of Mrs. Irene Williams while he went to Memphis, Tennessee to the Overton Park church to conclude the youth Week of Prayer. Pastor Mann was delighted for the Pearsons to respond to the invitation of the Youth department of the church.

- Elder Xavier Butler just returned to the Riverside church in Nashville, after a week of revival meetings that he conducted in Washington, D.C., in the hospital church where his brother, La-count Butler is Chaplain.

- Under the leadership of Pastor Ben Jones, Orchard Park has accepted the PERSONAL GIVING PLAN as a way of life. The Conference Executive Committee voted approval at its meeting on May 21. O.J. McKinney, Stewardship Director of the Southern Union, presented the plan to the church. It is the first church in the conference to go on the PGP.

- Cleveland, Tennessee just finished their new building. It is a Rupwright building. Rupwright, an Adventist business man, erects a metal building on a concrete slab in 5 days.

- Claton Williams, local elder of the Bethany church in Atmore, Alabama, and his late wife, Susie, had begun studies with two sisters, Wynonna

Johnson and Voncille Baker. Susie Williams suffered a sudden attack of illness and after a long stay in the hospital in Montgomery, passed during camp meeting time last year.

- A Sarah Allen had recently come to the Atmore church full of zeal for the Lord. As it would be, Sarah and Claton Williams were married last fall and continued the studies with the two sisters.

- On April 14, the Breath of Life Crusade conducted a baptism in Montgomery, Alabama. The Williams' brought the two ladies to the baptismal service, hoping that they would be inspired to be baptized, since they had received studies on the whole message.

- Wynonna and Voncille were approached by Bible Workers, Connie May Cock and Celestine Bell. After a short visit, the two sisters expressed their desire to be baptized.

- They were voted into membership of the Bethany church in Alabama and have been challenged to begin work in the city of Evergreen where they live. It is their hope that soon there will be a church in Evergreen.

Pastor Antoine MayCock



Myra Richardson.

IN TRANSITION

Myra Richardson is the latest addition to the office staff at the Southeastern Conference. She replaces Doris Pitts as secretary to the director of the youth, education and health department.

She attended Oakwood College, where she majored in secretarial science with a minor in English.

Prior to joining the staff, she worked for five years at the Clerk of Circuit and County Courts Office and as secretary at the International Mineral and Chemical Corporation for six years in Bartow, Florida.

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