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Pioneering a Path in the Pacific Islands



COVER STORY

STUDENT MISSIONARY HELPS PIONEER A PATH IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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"Yokwe! Emmon Ke Amour?"* haltingly spoke the student missionary to his pupils. The students giggled at their teacher's determination to master the Marshallese tongue. No missionary had ever attempted to learn more than a few phrases in Marshallese. But should Kyran John, the student missionary from Oakwood College, become fluent in the language it would be an unusual feat.

Venturing onto uncharted paths was not new to Kyran. As a teenager in Grenada, West Indies, he along with his brother, Bernard and sister, Barbara became Seventh-day Adventists. Although their relatives used every method possible to turn them away from their new found faith they remained and never returned to the Catholic Church.

Kyran, Bernard and Barbara remained faithful Adventists when they left Grenada to live in America. Upon arriving in Brooklyn, New York, Kyran completed his secondary education, followed by a two year stint in the Army. After the service, he entered Oakwood College in 1980 to study for the ministry. After two years of matriculating, he decided to become a student missionary. His first choice was Guam but God sent him to the Marshall Islands for He had a special work for him to do.

When he first arrived in Mujaro, the capital of the island, he heard the indigenous language and began to attempt to speak certain words. Several weeks later, he was taken to Namu, his mission post. Namu is one of 2,141 islands and atolls scattered in the Western Pacific Ocean that is generally known as Micronesia or "land of the small islands". Of these 2,141 islands only 100 are populated.

The U.S. administered Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands consists of three group islands: Marshall Islands, Caroline Islands and Mariana Islands. The people are of Malaysian descent. The total population of the Marshall Islands is 31,042. Namu has a population of less than 300.

The mission team with Kyran, Bob Davis, a student missionary from Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska and Thompson Phillips, a young Marshallese worker entered upon their pioneering work in the



Kyran stands with two of his students.

summer of 1982. Later, they would be joined by the Johnsons, a Canadian missionary family.

Their mission was to establish an SDA Church and Mission School. This would prove a formidable task since the Congregationalist Church was the sole church.



Busy at work.

Establishing a School in Namu

Their first order of business was to establish a mission school. Kyran, Bob and Thompson picked up their hammers and saws to complete the combination living quarters and mission school that had partially been constructed for them before their arrival.

After several weeks they were able to open their doors to thirty five eager students in grades 1-8. Kyran was both student and teacher. He asked the students to teach him Marshallese. He felt a need to get closer to the people. He wanted to teach them the Word of God without a translator.

"First I wrote down all the words," he recalled, "I needed to learn for that day and asked them (the students) how to say them." Next the students taught him the alphabet. Finally, he began to memorize

nouns and verbs. If one should pass by the mission school early in the morning or late at night they would see the flicker of the kerosene lamp and hear a deep voice repeating over and over again words in Marshallese.

Kyran also developed a close relationship with his students. In the evenings after he completed his studies he would take his flashlight and visit his students. The students were amazed at his concern but warned him not to travel at night because the demons would attack him. He continued to make his nightly visits thus proving that their tales of demons and ghosts were untrue.

The missionaries realized their goal to establish a school. Their next step was to raise up a company of believers. They first began their work with the students by inviting them to come on Sabbath to learn new English songs.

To the adults they showed warmth and hospitality. One way of reaching them was by having potluck dinners. "They (the Marshallese) ran out of food very often because there are no stores on the island. . . They're kind of poor. They live by harvesting copra, dry coconut," he explained. "So sometimes they would run out of food and we would have potluck dinners on Sabbath. Everybody came . . . when they did we taught them."

Kyran continued his language studies. Three months into the school year, Thompson left Namu. This left a young lady, who was not so efficient in English to serve as the translator. So, he plunged deeper into his studies. Slowly the words came easier. He began to understand the language; within six months he preached his first sermon in Marshallese.

Days of Trial and Triumph

Early one November morning the island appeared draped in a black shroud. The inhabitants were awakened by the howls of angry winds. This was a signal that a typhoon was on its way. It proved to be a devastating storm. The wind and the rain seemed to work in concert to destroy the island. Fortunately no lives were lost.

For weeks the Pacific Ocean remained turbulent, making it impossible for the ships to come and bring supplies. This shortage of food caused great suffering on the island. The missionaries realized the needs of the people and gladly shared their food with them.

The Christmas season seemed especially bleak for nearly a month had passed and there was no sign of the ships. Kyran



A ship laden with goods sails into the harbor.

decided to take a Christmas vacation and visit one of the other atolls.

He thought it would be a welcome change from the present hardships but there was no escape. Rice and coconut were the mainstay of his diet for two weeks.

When he returned from his holiday, he found himself gravely ill. His stomach was in constant pain, he was weak and vomiting. His sickness was compounded by loneliness. On the island of Namu there are no televisions, cars, newspapers, magazines or telephones. The only outside contact they have is when the ships come with mail from abroad. Daily he prayed to God to restore his strength. His prayer was answered and within two weeks he recovered.

Two months had now passed since a ship sailed to Namu. One day a miracle occurred. "There was a shout on the island. 'The boat is coming!' the people screamed. We saw it all the way on the horizon!" It was a great day of celebration.

After this experience Kyran remained in Namu for several months until he accepted a call to serve for another year as a teacher/pastor in Ebeye. Mission accomplished—now there was a Mission School and an SDA Church with 26 baptized members.

Ebeye with 10,000 inhabitants is one of the most populated atolls in the Marshall Islands. His task was to pastor the 65 member congregation and serve as a teacher in the mission school.

As the pastor he was instrumental in securing a permanent church for worship. He helped organize the first evangelistic crusade in Ebeye. Also, he translated part of the Sabbath School lesson in Marshallese. He came a stranger and departed a beloved brother.

**Hello! How are you?*

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

THE GAME OF LIFE

Last August marked the culmination of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles. It was indeed a spectacular happening for the hundreds of contestants who earned the privilege of representing their countries. And for the millions of spectators who participated vicariously, it was an emotional and patriotic uplift.

As historic and thrilling as these Olympic Games are, they are nonetheless fleeting and in the long run, inconsequential, when compared with the "game of life" which we must all play. Let us consider some analogies between these Games and the grand game of life.

The true ideal of the Olympics is twofold: brotherhood, and giving of your best, not necessarily winning. According to Holy Writ, God "hath made of one blood all nations". (Acts 17:26) In addition, the charge of "The Preacher" is still relevant today, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

Perhaps the most outstanding athlete was the irrepressible and charismatic Carl Lewis, who won universal acclaim and four gold medals. Paul's commentary is strikingly appropriate: "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we are incorruptible." (I Corinthians 9:24,25)

His sister, Carol Lewis, was heavily favored to win the long jump. Instead, she was the picture of dejection and bewilderment as the cameras focused on her. She finished eighth, and failed to qualify for the finals. The five foolish virgins must have similarly stared in disbelief at their lamps which had no oil when their moment of truth came.

Brash Antonio McKay had boldly predicted that he would win the 400 meters race. He ran as fast as he had ever run, yet he finished third, and was shown on his hands and knees, in confused embarrassment. No wonder the song-writer Isaac Watts was moved to exclaim, "Forbid it, then, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ my Lord."

Among the performers who became instant media favorites was the handsome Englishman, Daley Thompson, who deci-

sively won the Decathlon. He rose from the blight and obscurity of an orphanage to achieve international acclaim. This confirms that "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phillipians 4:13)

Evander Holyfield, the Atlantan boxer, was the victim of a hotly disputed decision, when the referee disqualified him for punching his opponent after being warned not to. When we come to the end of life's journey, there will be no disputing the final judgment. "For God shall bring every word into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Song of Solomon 12:14) In the same vein, John asks, "Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest." (Revelation 15:4)

Another bitter controversy cast its shadow over the Olympics when Mary Decker fell, with just over three laps left in the 3000 meters final. Her fall cost her the elusive gold medal she's been denied for twelve years. Joseph's advice to his brothers is still pertinent, "See that ye fall not out by the way." (Genesis 45:24) The Wise Man tells us in Proverbs 24:16 that "a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again; but the wicked shall fall into mischief."

One event which is always keenly contested and which captures the public's imagination is the men's 400 meter relay. The USA won in world record time, but it ended on a sour note when Sam Graddy complained that he was receiving less media recognition than Carl Lewis. Certainly, each member is vital to the functioning and success of the whole. Paul says, "And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee, nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you . . . that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." (I Corinthians 12:21, 25-26)

As an avid wrestling fan, I was intrigued by the competition, although it was a far cry from the professional bouts I had often witnessed on TV. It reminded me of Paul's admonition: "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against

spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and have done all, stand." (Ephesians 6:10-14)

The boxing matches showed determined pugilists using their strength and skill to outmuscle and outwit their opponents. Paul urged Timothy to "fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life." (I Timothy 6:12) Subsequently, Paul himself was able to exclaim, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing." (II Timothy 4:7,8)

Finally, those who were fortunate to witness the opening and closing ceremonies will forever cherish the memory of the dazzling spectacle, the glittering array of colorful flags, the rhapsodic music of the 84 pianos, and the pronouncements by President Reagan. May we be ready at the close of our journey to hear from Jesus, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matthew 25:34) The glitter and significance of the Olympics will then fade in comparison to that which is awaiting us; for we are told that "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." (I Corinthians 2:9)

Roger A.L. Davis

Roger A.L. Davis writes from Atlanta, Georgia.

WORLD HEALTH/TEMPERANCE DAY OFFERING

October 19, 1985. Pastors, leaders, members, mark that date in big red letters on your calendar. At the climax of the annual Health Emphasis week, the World Health/Temperance offering will be taken on October 19. Health Emphasis week gives your church the opportunity to conduct the new Breathe Free plan to Stop Smoking (The Revised 5-Day Plan); to pass out special health literature to friends and neighbors, to conduct alcohol programs in the schools and communities, to put on special health fairs and displays, to show films in homes and communities, to write letters of concern about health issues to your legislators, and to promote health evangelism and temperance work in your community.

The Editor's Desk



At the conclusion of the W.C. Scales "Real Truth Bible Crusade" held in Birmingham, Alabama, 118 souls were baptized. A beautiful church building was purchased to house the new congregation.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	11	18
Boston, Mass.	6:33	6:21	6:09	5:58
New York City	6:44	6:32	6:20	6:09
Buffalo, N.Y.	7:04	6:51	6:39	6:28
Atlanta, Ga.	7:28	7:18	7:09	7:01
Miami, Fla.	7:12	7:04	6:57	6:51
Charlotte, N.C.	7:14	7:04	6:54	6:45
Birmingham, Ala.	6:37	6:28	6:19	6:10
Jackson, Miss.	6:51	6:42	6:33	6:25
Memphis, Tenn.	6:50	6:40	6:31	6:22
Louisville, Ky.	7:33	7:22	7:11	7:01
Detroit, Mich.	7:22	7:10	6:59	6:47
Chicago, Ill.	6:40	6:28	6:16	6:05
South Bend, Indiana	6:34	6:22	6:11	6:00
Minneapolis, Minn.	7:00	6:49	6:36	6:24
St. Louis, Mo.	6:50	6:39	6:29	6:19
Kansas City, Mo.	7:08	6:57	6:46	6:36
Denver, Co.	6:50	6:38	6:27	6:17
Little Rock, Ark.	6:59	6:49	6:40	6:31
Dallas, Texas	7:18	7:08	7:00	6:51
New Orleans, La.	6:51	6:42	6:34	6:27
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:57	6:47	6:37	6:28
Oklahoma City, Okla.	7:20	7:10	7:01	6:52

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

Forty percent of the offering will remain in your conference for use by local churches or in conference projects; 10% will be used for union health/temperance projects; 20% to North America Health/Temperance Ministries; 20% for the GC Department of Health and Temperance; and 10% to the International Temperance Association.

The health and temperance work of the Church is often referred to as the "right arm" of the message, or the "entering wedge". The health message and its resulting programs have had a prominent place in the development and history of the Seventy-day Adventist Church. It continues to play a significant role through the people and the funds used for operating health-related educational institutions, health care institutions, health education programs, international temperance organizations, and many other health-related programs.

Our Day of Opportunity

"Intemperance of every kind is taking the world captive, and those who are true educators at this time, those who instruct along the lines of self-denial and self-sacrifice, will have their reward. Now is our time, now is our opportunity, to do a blessed work."

Medical Ministry, p. 25

Every Adventist to Circulate It

"The temperance question is to receive decided support from God's people. Intemperance is striving for the mastery; self-indulgence is increasing, and the publications treating on health reform are greatly needed. Literature bearing on this point is the helping hand of the gospel, leading souls to search the Bible for a better understanding of the truth. The note of warning against the great evil of intemperance should be sounded; and that this may be done, every Sabbathkeeper should study and practice the instruction contained in our health periodicals and our health books. And they should do more than this: They should make earnest efforts to circulate these publications among their neighbors."

Counsels on Health, p. 462

Help your church fight the inroads of the diabolical scourge of intemperance in the church and in society at large. Give of your love, your time, talents, and your offering on October 19.

D.S. Williams, Ed.D.
Associate Director

Health/Temperance Department

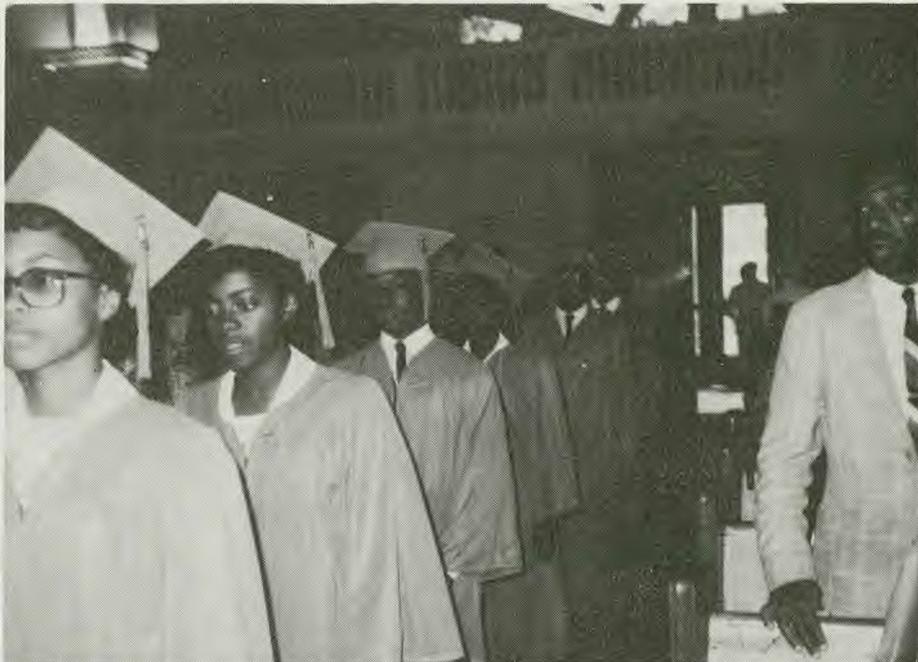
ALLEGHENY EAST

EDUCATOR SPEAKS TO BALTIMORE JR. ACADEMY GRADUATES

Angela Chavis, Stephanie George, April Johnson (valedictorian), Anthony Goldsborough, Aaron Murphy and Warren Wallingford, the "1985 Graduating Class" of

Baltimore Junior Academy, Baltimore, Maryland, held its Baccalaureate Service at Berea Temple Church in Baltimore on Sabbath, June 8, 1985.

Honored platform guests included Elder Kenneth Palmer, Principal of Baltimore Junior Academy; Brother Clyde Hatcher, Chairman, School Board; Mrs. Bernice Webster, who as a Seventh-day Adventist was selected over 5,000 teachers as the 1985 Teach of the Year and Dr. Edward L. Richardson, Pastor of Berea.



Baltimore Jr. Academy graduates march in during Baccalaureate service.



Mrs. Marjorie Richardson, Baccalaureate speaker, for Baltimore Jr. Academy graduates.

Mrs. Marjorie Richardson, former principal of Larchwood School in Philadelphia and presently a mathematics teacher at Dupont Park School in Washington, D.C. delivered the address.

Delcaring that "NO MAN IS AN ISLAND" Mrs. Richardson drew fire from the graduation theme, "We Can Make It Together", and stressed the need for home, church, and school to cooperate with God and work together as they seek to attain His ideal for His children. She related so eloquently the need for youth, earmarked for greatness, to fellowship with God and make His ways their ways.

Concluding the sermon was one of the most touching scenes imaginable, the graduating students joined by their parents and teachers at the front of the church as Dr. Richardson uttered a dedicatory prayer committing all to God and to Christian education by offering prayers, an abundance of finance and continued support.

WILLIS FAMILY FAREWELL

With bittersweet tears, joyous laughter, and wonderful reminiscing, the Dupont Park Church family bade farewell to Pastor and Mrs. Robert Leslie Willis and his daughters Lizette and Leslie. The Willises were feted at receptions, parties, and dinners given in their honor during their last weeks in Washington, D.C.

Elder Willis left the Allegheny East Conference to accept a call to pastor the Shiloh Church in Chicago, the Lake Region Conference. As it has been so aptly put, he left the Capitol City for the Windy City.

Seven years ended in a musical extravaganza at the church where musicians said their goodbyes. They included the Dupont Park Chancel Choir, The Dupont Park School Children's Choir, the Consolers, The Mike McNeill Singers, the Jackson Singers, The Pine Forge Academy Choir, and Gloria Singleton. Elders Charles D. Books, Breath of Life Broadcast; Alvin Kibble, Allegheny East Conference; and Alonzo Wagner, Dupont Park Church Assistant Pastor, paid verbal tributes to the family, wishing them Godspeed.

The congregation will surely miss the Willis family. Pastor Willis is a deeply spiritual leader and through him the Lord did great things for Dupont. In the manner of the Renaissance man, he is gifted spiritually, intellectually, and artistically. Each Sabbath member were assured a feast, as he broke the "Bread of Life" to them. Mrs.

Willis complemented her husband in every way, particularly on Sabbath at the piano during the divine worship hour. She exudes a welcoming warmth and a beauteous elegance that makes others around her feel special and at ease.

Under the leadership of the Willises, the Dupont Park Church has begun an extensive renovation of the church sanctuary, the school and the grounds. The members of Dupont Park Church wish the members of the Shiloh Church all the best with their new first family. They are surely to be loved in the Windy City as they were in the Capitol City.

The Church graciously welcomed Pastor Harold Lee from New Jersey as its nineteenth minister.

Marie A. Morgan
Communications Secretary

LAST DAY EVENTS DEPICTED AT W. PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

The place—the United States, the time—very soon, the victims—you and I, the event—the removal of all protection for religious practices, the results—a fight for survival and test of faith when personal economies collapse under the assault of Sunday laws.

Watching a typical family struggling through this time, we see calamity striking blow after blow as first their church is sold, then their car, several jobs are lost, their home is taken, and finally, listening to their respect for the Sabbath being twisted into an excuse for neglect, vegetarianism into malnourishment, into overcrowding, and street "hustles" into accusations of gambling, they find themselves on the losing side in Family Court, and although their children are healthy and happy, they are lost to the state welfare department because of these invented charges.

West Philadelphia Church was able to taste these future scenes on May 11 when the Sharon Temple Drama Club, from Wilmington, Delaware brought this play to West's AY stage.

Mark Frog Harris
Communications Secretary

MIZPAH HOLDS GUEST DAY

The Mizpah Church, Philadelphia, PA prepared the way for their recent Community Guest Day with a special session of fasting and prayer. They reported that "it was evident all that day that God had truly heard and answered the many prayers."

Instead of the usual Teacher's Meeting from 8 to 9 in the morning, "Power Hour" was held, during which time testimonies of God's goodness and songs of praise were heard. During this time also, Mrs. Queen E. Spicer delivered a sermonette. One of the points that she emphasized was that "a change in our attitudes could lead someone to Christ." She testified that God had brought about a change in her attitude, thereby improving her daily witness before her husband. This resulted in his decision to accept Christ into his life. He was baptized last month.

The Sabbath School lesson was taught as a whole by First Elder Isaac Powell.

William Linthicum, pastor of Mizpah delivered the morning sermon entitled "Thou Art the Man".

Over thirty visitors joined church members in a fellowship dinner.

Ruth Wilkerson
Communication Secretary

CRUSADE YIELDS 29 BAPTISMS

The Hadley Community SDA Church of Washington, D.C., and the Allegheny East Conference sponsored a family outreach tent effort. It is interesting to note that no tent effort had been held in that area for 45 years and, in spite of the mosquitos, snakes and less than perfect terrain, God blessed evangelist Henry Fordham, III, as he disseminated the Word each and every night throughout the crusade. As a result, 29 souls were baptized.

The crusade offered various programs for the whole family—a 5-day stop smoking seminar, Vacation Bible School, health and nutrition seminars, love workshops and Bible studies. Music was provided by Noelette Leader-Hutton and various groups from the metropolitan area.

The Vacation Bible School headed by Rose Isley proved quite effective in instilling Christian values and beliefs to those children in attendance. The 5-day stop smoking seminar was jointly coordinated by Mr. Douglas and Mr. Blackwell. The response was tremendous; 100 percent of the attendees stopped smoking.

The Bible instructors worked diligently with Lois Miller, Bible Instructor for the Allegheny East Conference, who provided the leadership. The workers met every day to pray and work consistently for souls; The workers were Christine Carter, Mary Smittick, Sandra Posey, Maurice Taylor, Cheryl Booker, Randy Douglas, crusade coordinator, and evangelist Henry Fordham, III.

CENTRAL STATES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Palace of Peace SDA Church in Colorado Springs, had a very successful VBS this year, which ran from Aug. 5 to Aug. 10. There was an average of 55-60 children per night, with 35 of these children being non-Adventists.

Surveys were taken in the community several days prior to the start of the program and door reminders were placed on door knobs a week before the VBS started. Elder W.J. Williams (Head Elder) and Elder Jim Rowe were kept very busy transporting many children to and from the church each night.

Sister Minnie Rowe was the Director under Elder Roy Morgan, Sabbath School Superintendent. She had a staff of faithful helpers. Leaders and teachers were from the Kindergarten division - Linda Draggon, Lori McCarter, Debbie Howard and Linda Jackson; Primary - Sandra Morgan, Aneesha Rucker, and Pat Pierson; Juniors - Gloria Bolden, Leon and Victoria Verrett, and Fred Washington. The craft leader was Luvenia Richardson.

At the special VBS Closing Program Sabbath morning 18 parents and visitors watched their little ones recite Bible scriptures and sing the songs they had learned over the week. The theme song was "Happy with Jesus". Elder Fred Washington gave an inspiring message to the youth and admonished the parents to become more like their children in faith and obeying Jesus.

Sister Rowe plans an active follow-up program in the next few months.

W.J. Williams
Head Elder

CENTRAL STATES GOES TO CAMP HALE

The Central States Conference Pathfinders participated in the great North American Camporee in Camp Hale, Colorado. They came from Davenport, Moline, St. Louis, Kansas City and Denver to be a part of Adventist youth history. It was an exciting trip for the more than 100 pathfinders, who braved 85 degrees day weather to 30 degrees evening chills to enjoy the nearly 15,000 Adventist youth at Camp Hale. Once again God blessed the work of our youth as they participated in all the events and activities. One of the high-

lights of the Camporee was the actual size Biblical Sanctuary which everyone enjoyed. The spirit filled Sanctuary expanded the knowledge of our youth as they realized the tremendous price Christ paid for our sins. The beautiful Colorado mountains were a perfect site for the pathfinders. As the youth recollect on the wonderful time shared at Camp Hale, it is hoped that they will remember and cherish the new found closeness with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

COLORADO SPRINGS BAPTISMS

Palace of Peace has added six names to their church roll since the end of December, 1984. They are pleased to introduce Lori McCarter, Bobby Campbell, Bill and Aneesha Rucker and their son Steven, and Yvonne Jackson. Presenting Baptismal Certificates on the right is Head Elder W.J. Williams.

Lynda Campbell
Communications Secretary

CENTRAL STATES YOUTH DATES

Central States Conference will host the following Youth Federation this fall.

DATES	FEDERATIONS	LOCATIONS
Sept. 20,21	Rocky Mountain	Colorado Spgs
Sept. 27,28	Great Plains	Lincoln, NE
Oct. 4,5	Eastern	St. Louis, MO
Oct. 19,20	Central	Topeka, KS



Camp Hale — Davenport/Moline Pathfinder Club.



Camp Hale — Davenport/Moline Pathfinder Club ready for morning inspection.



Camp Hale — Davenport/Moline Pathfinder Club counselors Dallas and Judy Pottinger.



Camp Hale — Beacon Light Trailblazer Pathfinder Club enjoying the beautiful scenes around Turquoise Lake.



Camp Hale — Beacon Light Trailblazer Pathfinder Club ready for morning inspection.



Miniature reproduction of the Wilderness Sanctuary displayed at Camp Hale.



Vacation Bible School Closing Program Sabbath morning, Palace of Peace, Colorado Springs.



Camp Hale — Beacon Light Trailblazer Pathfinder Club canoeing on the beautiful Turquoise Lake.



Camp Hale — Beacon Light Trailblazer Pathfinder Club having a delightful time in the warm waters of Glenwood Springs' pool.



Edler Williams (far right) presenting baptismal certificates to new members of Palace of Peace, Colorado Springs.

LAKE REGION



DETROIT DENTIST ANNOUNCES H-WAVE ANESTHESIA, AN ALTERNATIVE TO PAIN

Walter Darby, dentist at the Better Living Center in Detroit, announces the availability of H-wave anesthesia, an alternative to novocaine injections. H-wave anesthesia is so new that Dr. Darby is the first dentist in the midwest to use it.

H-wave anesthesia is produced by a small battery-operated device that sets up an electronic field across the nerves of the teeth which blocks out the sensation of pain. H-waves work by being able to reach the brain faster than pain impulses, with the result that the brain is then too pre-occupied to perceive pain sensations. One of its outstanding benefits is that H-wave lets the patient be in control. The patient is taught how to manipulate the machine in such a way as to control the amount of H-waves he needs to be comfortable while his teeth are being repaired. It takes only about 15-30 seconds for the patient to become used to the H-wave sensation, described as itchy or tingling. In contrast to novocaine injections, there is no pain, no slurred speech, and no lingering numbness of the mouth. The 1% of dentists in the United States who use H-wave, also use it as a pre-conditioner to the novocaine injection so that the patient does not feel the pinch of the needle. They also use H-wave after oral surgery to promote healing, reduce swelling, and to shorten recovery time. Other benefits of H-wave anesthesia are that they:

- allow the dentist to perform remedial work in any area of the mouth in a single visit
- cut down on the time spent in the dentist's office waiting for an injection to "take" its effect
- lessen the anxiety of going to the dentist by eliminating the physical and psychological pain of the needle

However, H-wave anesthesia is not recommended for every patient, or for every dental procedure. It is contraindicated for pregnant, hypertensive or epileptic patients and for patients with a history of heart problems, or for those wearing pacemakers. But a Clinical Research Association study indicates a 90% success rate with dentists who use H-wave. Dr. Darby, associated with the Better Living Center since 1978, also enjoys a high success rate with patients using H-wave. H-wave anesthesia is patented and registered with the Food and Drug Administration. For more information about H-wave anesthesia, Dr. Darby can be reached at the Better Living Center in Detroit Sunday through Thursday, 12 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Joyce Jones

"THEREFORE, IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE" An interview with Clifton Davis

In his introduction, Elder Lester Parkinson said of Clifton Davis: "... he is warm-hearted, bright, sensitive and talented; he has a phenomenal memory, he is a pacesetter at Andrews University in Christian living and in academics. He is friendly, sagacious; he is a righteous person, right with his fellow men and right with God." The word 'gracious' also came to mind when, after a very demanding day, Davis consented to this interview.

INTERVIEWER: Despite the fact that you were addicted to cocaine, your nasal passages must be all right, because your voice sounds wonderful; your complexion is ruddy and your memory is certainly exceptional. How has the drug weakened you?

DAVIS: Inside. (Sadly) You see, when I finally got to Oakwood I weighed 135 pounds. My hands shook so badly that I could hardly write between the lines when I was taking notes in class. My writing was big and sprawling and almost illegible. God put meat on my bones and helped me straighten out my life. But the effects of sin are still with me. I have seen the seamier side of life; it is something that I can never forget. Sometimes, I have flashbacks. Sometimes I wake with a startle, dreaming that I'm back in that pitiful doped-up state. Yes, I am definitely weakened inside in many ways. But the Lord has given me the strength I need to carry on His work.

INTERVIEWER: "The smell of the greasepaint, the roar of the crowd..." I have heard it said that performers never get over these. Do you still need applause?

DAVIS: No. Everytime I remember that I was going to hell in the fast lane, I don't miss anything about it. Show business life is difficult to describe: it's exciting, it's materially rewarding, and you meet a lot of interesting people. The trouble is, you forget who *you* are, or what you're doing there. It's a phony, shallow life, and it becomes meaningless after a while.

INTERVIEWER: When you quit show business where you broke, as we know the word; or were you just down to your last fifty thousand?

DAVIS: (Smiling), I was BROKE, as anyone knows the word. However, I was able to sell my car, some furniture and some paintings to scrape up about \$17,000 to live on and to get me to Oakwood. But when I surrendered my life to Christ, the Lord began to stretch my money so that what I had covered my needs. You see, at first I was not even getting the money from the royalties on the songs I'd written because the bank had a lien on my funds. But the Lord broke down that barrier, and now I am receiving the royalties again. I would have to write a book to describe all that the Lord has done for me.

INTERVIEWER: When will you graduate from Andrews, and what will your plans be then?

DAVIS: I will graduate in August of 1986, and I will go to Allegheny East Conference.

INTERVIEWER: As a pastor or a conference evangelist?

DAVIS: (Firmly) As a pastor. Perhaps I will want to be a conference evangelist later on down the road. But I want the experience of being a pastor. I want the practical, everyday experience of pastoring a church and to know the problems of doing that. At this moment, I know only the theory of it, the 'on-paper' version. That's not enough.

INTERVIEWER: How will you react if you should get a little church in the corner of the state with say, twenty-five members?

DAVIS: I'd make it grow. (Smiling) And I could do that, with the help of the Lord. Anyway, I've preached to small congregations before. I have preached in churches that only had four pews.

INTERVIEWER: As I have said before, your voice is marvelous. Was it difficult to change your singing style to accommodate your new Christian life?

DAVIS: Not really. I think that when a person accepts the Lord, he ought to expect a *complete* change. I don't mean that to sound smug. I just mean that the Lord will do as much for you as you *allow*.

Pastor Clifton Davis is indeed, friendly, bright, talented, etc. He is also *new*—a new creature.

Joyce Jones

MAYWOOD REJOICES OVER BAPTIZING TWENTY-EIGHT NEW MEMBERS

The members of the Maywood Church in Maywood, Illinois are rejoicing as a result of the church's Open Bible Crusade, held during the month of July. The crusade resulted in twenty-eight newly baptized members.

The Open Bible Crusade was held under the direction of Edward Avinger, pastor of the Maywood Church. Neither the members of the church nor the crusade staff could anticipate the results of the meeting. One of the Bible workers, Michael Cameron, said he felt like one feels when he is baking a cake: "You know a cake will come out of the oven, but you don't know the flavor until you actually taste it." With an earnest desire for souls and faith in God's promises the crusade team began its work.

Carlos Blake, Jr., the evangelist for the effort and a second year seminary student at Andrews University, proclaimed the gospel from the Bible nightly with vigor. His messages were provocative, igniting an empyreal power throughout the tent. Sonia Lee, the singing evangelist and a student at Shiloh Academy, electrified the audience with her powerful alto voice. She sang songs concerning the joys and sorrows of Christ and the Christian experience.

The audience was challenged each evening with quizzes given by Anthony Tyson, the first elder of the church.

The first Sabbath under the canvas cathedral was exciting. The Sabbath school lesson was presented by Anthony Tyson. The audience listened attentively as Brother Tyson taught on the Sabbath. "The lesson," said one of the newly baptized members, "helped me to clearly understand how beautiful God's rest day is. It showed me what I am supposed to do on the Sabbath."

Both of the baptisms held as a result of the crusade possessed richly blended flavors. Children, young adults, and senior citizens were baptized. One of the newly baptized members, Robin Hall, said that although she told bible workers, Quaintance Young and Michale Cameron, that she was going to walk all the way with Christ, "I was undecided about being baptized until I stepped in the water; then I

knew it was the right thing for me to do." Persie Pickens, another new member said, "I felt relieved after I left the water. I always wanted to be baptized because I knew baptism was one of the requirements that I had to fulfill in order to be a Christian."

The Open Bible Crusade came to a close after five weeks. A vespers concert was given by Gary Moore of Chicago. Although the members of the church were tired physically, spiritually they were strong. Carlos Blake expressed the sentiments of the hardworking members of the Maywood SDA Church: "None of us knew the entry that God wanted us to make in our personal diaries about this effort; but we are happy that we had an opportunity to help others to make a decision for Christ. The effort had a strengthening power on us all."

Ramona L. Hyman

ROSADO COMPLETES DOCTORAL STUDIES

Caleb Rosado, pastor of the All Nations Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, successfully completed his doctoral studies at Northwestern University on August 7, earning a Ph.D. in Sociology. The quality of his dissertation, "Sect and Party: Religion Under Revolution in Cuba", was such that his dissertation committee waived his final examination, and he did not need to undergo the normal dissertation defense.

Rosado, who has been pastoring All Nations Church in Berrien Springs from its establishment in 1979, began doctoral studies at Northwestern the same year. He had begun the Doctor of Ministry program at Andrews University in 1977, but after two degrees in theology (a B.A. from Pacific Union College in 1966, and a B.D. from Andrews University in 1969), he felt that a more relevant degree to his continued ministry in the church, was a program of studies that would address the needs of society, so that along with his previous studies, it would result in a more significant ministry. He therefore shifted to Northwestern University, in Evanston, Illinois, and studied sociology under Howard S. Becker, one of the leading sociologists in the country, and under Rosemary Radford Ruether, the leading feminist theologian in the U.S. today.

Rosado chose his dissertation topic carefully out of concern for the dynamics that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is undergoing in relation to revolution in Third World countries. He thus chose Cuba as a case study of a sect in conflict

with the Communist Party. The purpose of the study was to determine the response of Adventists to the Cuban Revolution and how that response has been perceived by the government. It sought to answer two questions: What happens to a religious sect when a country experiences a revolution from the left?, and, how significant is a sect to the purposes of a revolutionary society? Both are ecological questions, questions of competitive survival. In addition to interviewing Cubans in the United States, Rosado made field research. A copy of his dissertation is available for study in the Heritage Room of the James White Memorial Library, on the campus of Andrews University.

Prior to pastoring the All Nations Church, Caleb Rosado served as pastor of various Spanish and English speaking churches, in Chicago, Berrien Springs, Indiana and California. He also served as Associate Youth Director of the Upper Columbia Conference in Spokane, Washington, and from 1977-78, he was Coordinator of Organization Development for the Latino Institute in Chicago.

Rosado's next goal is the completion of the building project of the All Nations Church, the publication of his dissertation, and the completion of a book on multicultural ministry for Zondervan Books. He is the father of three children, and his wife, Ronnie, has just completed a degree in Interior Design.

CAPITOL CITY RAISES FUNDS FOR GRAND PIANO

Soon after assuming leadership of the Capitol City Church in Indianapolis, Elder Jerome Davis, along with the membership realized the real need for a new piano in the main sanctuary. The church was organized into 12 bands representing the twelve months of the year and set out to raise the necessary funds for the much needed instrument. On Sabbath, May 11, the congregation was greeted with beautiful piano music coming from a beautiful new Steinway & Sons Ebony Grand Piano. On the eve of July 13, the Rally of the Twelve Months was held. At the close of an inspirational musical concert, the report was taken by C.A. Loney, church treasurer. More than \$10,000 was reported. The members of Capitol City joyfully praise God for His blessings in providing this much needed instrument.

Charli Cartwright

NORTHEASTERN



George and Helen Sampson

ELDER GEORGE SAMPSON, SR., a native of Fayetteville, North Carolina, was baptized at the Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church in New York City, February 1950. He attended the Bronx Mission (now Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church on Washington Ave.) Bronx, New York. Married over forty years, they are the proud parents of twelve (12) children. Believing that children are a heritage of the Lord, they sought God's help to do their best to train them to live useful, productive lives and be prepared to live in the earth made new. The children were taught that God desires the best for his followers and that anyone, with God's help, can reach a degree of excellence, in spite of certain disadvantages. Elder and Mrs. Sampson are staunch supporters of Christian education. Whenever an elementary church school was accessible, the children attended. Each of the children were enrolled at Pine Forge Academy for at least one year. Eleven of the twelve children attended Oakwood College for at least one year. Six of the eleven have received degrees from Oakwood.

Elder Sampson has been an outstanding layman during the years. He has served the church in many capacities, (local elder for over a quarter of a century). For six years he was president of the Hudson Valley Laymen's Federation. He spearheaded the Hudson Valley Prison Counsel Program of Seventh Day Adventist and served as coordinator. Laymen Evangelistic Tent efforts conducted by Mr. Sampson formed the nucleus of the present day Trinity Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and the Beacon Light

Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church in Beacon, N.Y. He presently serves as Director of the Northeastern Community Services Center located in Corona, N.Y., and Pastors the New Hempstead SDA Church.

Mrs. Sampson has supported her husband in all his evangelistic endeavors. She, too has served the church in many capacities. She had an opportunity to teach church school at Abney's Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fayetteville, N.C. for a period of time. She also attended Oakwood College in the summer of 1956. Prior to assisting her husband at the community center, Mrs. Sampson was employed for eleven years as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Victory Lake Nursing Center in Hyde Park, N.Y.



Dr. Ronald Smith and Family.

DR. RONALD CURTIS SMITH, a product of Bedford Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn, New York, accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and Friend while in his youth. Because he was greatly influenced and impressed by the exemplary lives of his Christian parents, Pastor and Mrs. Doctor Smith also of the Northeastern Conference, Ron was driven by a sense of unnerving determination to develop his gifts to the glory of God.

Being educated in the public as well as the Seventh-day Adventist school systems, a solid Christian educational foundation was established which was to one day enhance the ministry of Pastor Smith. Ron is a graduate of Oakwood College where he acquired his theological training and degree in 1979.

Since accepting the call of the Northeastern Conference in June 1979, the Lord has blessed the ministry of Pastor Smith. He has served in the capacity of Associate Pastor of the Bethel S.D.A. Church in Brooklyn, New York, as Pastor of the Pio-

neer Memorial, and the Victory Temple S.D.A. churches in Niagara Falls and Buffalo, New York respectively. He currently serves in Central New York as the District Pastor of the Mount Carmel S.D.A. Church in Syracuse, the Community S.D.A. Church in Utica, and the Friendship S.D.A. Church in Elmira.

Ron has sought to sharpen his ministerial skills at the Andrews University Theological Seminary where he acquired the Master of Divinity degree in 1982. In May of this year, he successfully completed his course work and dissertation at the Colgate/Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. where his doctoral degree was conferred in the area of Family Therapy.

Dr. Smith has been happily married to the former Yolanda Denise Lewis of Montgomery, Alabama for the past six years. Yolanda is also a graduate of Oakwood College in the field of Psychology. The Lord has blessed this union with a wonderful daughter of twenty-two months, named Dawn Shena. The Smiths consider the strength of their ministry to be their deep love for people.



Pastor Winston Stephenson and Family.

PASTOR WINSTON S. STEPHENSON was born and reared on the beautiful island of Jamaica, where he received his early elementary and high school education. The seventh of seventeen children, he was a mere lad when he felt that undeniable call to the gospel ministry, to which he gave onward expression by preaching to the rocks and trees.

In 1966, he emigrated to the United States, where he continued his education. Always zealous for knowledge, Pastor Stephenson entered the New York City Technical College from which he graduated with an A.A.S. degree in Lab Technology. Later he became certified as an

M.L.T. (ASCP). He continued his career in the medical field at the Albert Einstein Institute, Jacobi Hospital and graduated as a paramedic in 1977. In addition, Pastor Stephenson served in the U.S. Army for two years in Germany. But nothing could satisfy this young man's unsatiable desire to fulfill God's requirements, which he recognized from his youth, until he like Jonah, ceased to run and finally answered the call "go down to Oakwood and prepare for the Gospel Ministry."

In June of 1981, Pastor Stephenson completed his B.A. degree in theology at Oakwood College, graduating among the top students of his class, *summa cum laude*. While at Oakwood, he had the distinct privilege of being president of the Religion and Theology Forum, in addition to serving as vice-president of the International Student Organization, and chaplain of the Married Couples' Club.

Pastor Stephenson has served as a leader in nearly every department of the church, thus bringing not only understanding but experience to his role as shepherd. He has always been involved in evangelism. Before his full time ministry, he participated in evangelistic crusades in Florida, New York and Connecticut. From these endeavors, he has been instrumental in bringing over two hundred souls to Christ. His full time ministry began in July of 1981 at the Hanson Place Church in Brooklyn.

Later in the same year, he was called to full pastoral responsibilities at the then Emmaus Mission, which had an attendance of under forty members. In October of 1983, the Brownsville Church was added to his pastorate, which was an additional vote of confidence in this young man's ministry, by the Northeastern Conference.

With the help of God his ministry has proven fruitful. During the Summer of 1983, fifty-seven souls were baptized and added to the membership of Emmaus in the "Christ for Brooklyn Crusade," which he conducted. Under the leadership of Pastor Stephenson, Emmaus Mission grew from a membership of less than forty, to over one hundred and twenty-five (125), and became organized into a full fledged church in May 1984.

It is significant to note that the two churches, Emmaus and Brownsville, which he presently pastors, have embarked on Church Building Fund Drives. In less than two years, Pastor Stephenson led the congregation at Emmaus at the time under one hundred members, to raise over \$180,000 towards purchasing a church

home. Similarly, he has led the Brownsville congregation of under fifty members, to realize over \$40,000 in less than one year, towards obtaining a church building. Truly God is blessing the ministry of this fine leader.

Pastor Stephenson is loved and highly respected by his congregation. He has established himself as one of the most caring pastors.

Pastor Stephenson is happily married to the former Geraldine Bailey from Haiti, whom he met at the City Tabernacle Church while involved in a soul-winning project known as "Operation Doorbell." She opened the door of her heart to him, and they were married in 1971. God has blessed this Christian union with one child Ruth-Joy, an outstanding student at the Linden Elementary School.

Pastor Stephenson is convinced that the greatest honor that can be bestowed on puny man, is serving in the cause of the Master. His favorite text is Romans 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."



L.G. NEWTON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NORTHEASTERN IN HISTORIC SESSION

Stephanie D. Johnson

Elder Leonard G. Newton was elected, by an overwhelming majority, as President of the Northeastern Conference during the Fifth Triennial Session held at Victory Lake campgrounds, Hyde Park, New York on July 21.

It was an historic session for two reasons: In 1984 during the past triennium Northeastern Conference celebrated its fortieth anniversary. The organization meeting was held on October 3, 1944, at what was then known as the Temple Church at 562 West 150 Street, New York, New York. In the beginning there were 15

churches and 2,208 members that made up Northeastern Conference. Today, there are 86 churches and 27,102 members.

Secondly, Elder G.R. Earle who has served as the President of Northeastern Conference for eighteen years decided to retire from the presidency. Under his very capable leadership the Conference has grown by leaps and bounds. It ranks as the fourth largest Conference in the North American Division and the largest Black conference.

Elder Earle's successor Elder Newton is the fifth President elected to serve the Conference. He brings to the presidency a broad background in evangelism, pastoral ministry and administration. He has served as a pastor and evangelist for twenty five years in Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Virginia and Massachusetts. For the past nine years he has served as Director of Stewardship for Northeastern Conference.

Newton is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana. He is a graduate of Oakwood College. He attended Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge where he did graduate studies in history. He studied French at Harvard University Extension School and Saleve Adventist Seminary in France. He speaks French fluently. He has traveled extensively in Europe and the French West Indies.

He is married to the former Ora Lee Davis of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Newton's have five adult children and three grandsons. His mother Maudie M. Green resides in Queens, New York.

Re-elected during the session were Elder S.H. Brooks, Treasurer; H.W. Baptiste, Executive Secretary. The departmental directors: L.A. Paschal, Communications; R.L. Lister, Personal Ministries; L.G. Cox, Ministerial and Community Services; William McNeil, Church Growth; G.A. Richardson, Publishing; Hector Mouzon, Stewardship; T.H.C. Baker, Youth; Arthur Morgan, Sabbath School/Religious Liberty; Joycelyn Johnson, Education; and C. de la Pena, Health/Temperance.

NEW NOTE

Elder John Nixon was the guest speaker for Spring Week of Prayer at Ephesus Church, New York, New York. The nightly meetings were a blessing to all that attended.

Gail Norman
Correspondent

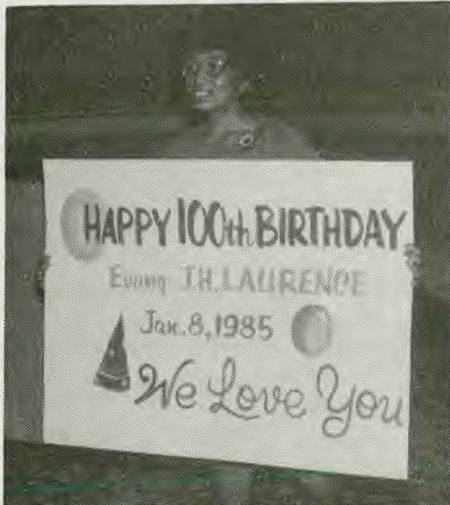
SOUTH CENTRAL

J.H. LAURENCE CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Evangelist J.H. Laurence celebrated his 100th birthday on January 8, 1985. He received birthday messages from President Reagan, Joseph Davis, Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama; George C. Wallace, Governor of Alabama; Elder N.C. Wilson, President of the General Conference; C.E. Bradford, Vice-President of the North American Division; C.E. Dudley, President of South Central and the membership of the Conference.

Elder Laurence attended Huntsville Training School, completing his studies in 1904. He heeded the challenge given by E.G. White to the student body at that time, "work for your own people." This he did and the Lord blessed his labors. Thousands of believers were added to the church, many new congregations were established.

He is a firm believer in the health message. This belief has certainly contributed to his longevity. He and his wife reside in Huntsville, Alabama. His living offspring are: Genevieve Richards of Huntsville; Dorthea Laurence of Cleveland, Ohio; May Eloise and Professor J. Hermanus Laurence of Cleveland, Ohio.



A well wisher holds a sign wishing Elder J.H. Laurence, a Happy 100th Birthday.

GOSPEL SINGER SIGNS WITH RECORD COMPANY

Wanda Lott, gospel singer, has recorded her first album with the Three Angels Records, Inc. of Memphis, Tennessee.

Ms. Lott's album has been distributed in Memphis, Nashville, Los Angeles, Hunts-

ville, Louisville, New York and Florida. The company's executives are seeking a national market for the artist. They hope to enlist 1,000 SDAs throughout the world to distribute the records.

The company was formed to provide a vehicle for SDA musicians. In addition, the organization has formed a publishing company, which will serve as a subsidiary of Three Angels Records, Inc. For more information contact George Edwards, 269 Inwood Drive, Memphis, TN 39109 or call (901)785-0615.

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT SPRINGFIELD

V.E. Parham II, who established the first mortuary service in Springfield, Tennessee in 1938, was the recipient of a Community Service Award given by the Springfield SDA Church, Springfield, Tennessee on March 23.

Mr. Parham along with many visitors was in attendance at Springfield's Community Guest Day sponsored by the Sabbath School Department under the leadership of Neda Moore and the Personal Ministries Department under the direction of local elder Daryel McGarnett.

In addition to honoring one of the pillars of the community, the church also asked the Faith Apostolic Choir and Mrs. Jewel Day to be the guest musicians.

Elder Hensworth Weaver was the guest speaker.

NEWS NOTE

The AYS of the Maranatha church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama was recently engaged in a fund raising program to benefit the society. They went over their goal and contributed the overflow of funds to the church building program. Celestine Bell is the AYS leader.

SOUTH CENTRAL RANKS THIRTEEN

Of the 67 conferences in the North American Division, the South Central Conference ranked 13 in size at the end of the first quarter during 1985. It should be noted that all of the Black conferences are in the top half. Seven of the conferences have membership over the 10,000 mark. The fourth largest conference in NAD is the Northeastern with 27,217 members. Lake Region has 18,714 members; South Central, 17,385; Allegheny East, 17,297; South Atlantic, 16,886; Southeastern, 11,543; Southwest Region, 10,787; Allegheny East, 9,435; and Central States, 7,165.

"MOTIVES" PRESENTED AT SOUTH PARK CHURCH

The AYS of Maranatha in Tuscaloosa, Alabama presented a play entitled "MOTIVES" at the South Park Church, Birmingham, Alabama on April 27.

Celestine Bell, the wife of Pastor James Bell and the AYS Leader, announced that the play centered on people in the church to do the right things for the wrong reasons. Singing, praying, giving and serving may be done by church members for the praise of men. God looks on the heart and the only motive that God will honor is the motive of LOVE.

The play was the first of many scheduled exchange programs for the South Park Church and the Maranatha church.

Lu Williams
Public Relations Secretary

PRENTISS A. SORRELL JOINS THE STAFF

Pastor Sorrell, a native of Hazelhurst, Mississippi, graduate of Oakwood, and now attending Andrews University; will join the ministerial team of the South Central Conference this year. He will serve as pastor of the Leland/Shaw/Cleveland/-Clarksville, Mississippi district.

BUILDING PROGRAMS

Several churches are presently being constructed in the Conference. They are: Phenix City, Alabama; Frankfort, Kentucky; Birmingham, Alabama (Ephesus); Leeds, Alabama; Gulfport, Mississippi; Batesville, Mississippi; Tunica, Mississippi; McCalla, Mississippi; and Adamsville, Alabama.

NEW CONFERENCE OFFICE TO BE BUILT

The Conference administrators are now in the process of formulating plans for a new office. They have outgrown the present structure which was built when the membership stood at 3,500. Today, there are 17,385 members, 117 congregations, seven missions/companies in the South Central Conference.

NEW FIELDS ARE ENTERED

The whole world is to be lighted with the glory of God!! The message is being carried to places where it has never been heard before. New areas are being entered in South Central. They are: Moulton, Hartselle, Leighton, Athens, Scottsboro, Stevenson, Brent, Alabama and Kingsport, Tennessee.

LITERATURE EVANGELISTS NEEDED

Literature Evangelists are needed in every congregation in the Conference. Encourage someone to enter this great work. It is a soul winning program that has been established by God.

R.P. STAFFORD MINISTERS IN EAST AFRICA

Elder R.P. Stafford, a former pastor in the South Central Conference, now serves as Union Evangelist for the East African Union. It was reported at the G.C. Session that he baptized 3,000 souls in one meeting.

IRENE WILLIAMS ENTERS NEW BUSINESS

Irene Williams, assistant manager for ABC, has resigned from her post to begin her own business. Mrs. Williams has served in this post for approximately 14 years. Her efficiency and friendliness has been a great asset to the Conference.

NEWS NOTES

F.N. Crowe, treasurer of South Central, reported that: "South Central had the largest percentage of increase in tithe of any conference in the Southern Union for the Month of May."

E.E. Cleveland, world evangelist, and W.C. Scales, of the G.C. Ministerial Department conducted summer crusades in Birmingham, Alabama.

Six missions—Hartsville, Brent, Stevenson, Scottsboro, Alabama and Batesville and Molton, Mississippi—all started by laymen are waiting to be organized into churches.

Laymen J.E. Milner, Cleveland, Tennessee; Fren Brown, Franklin, Tennessee and Don McPhallis, Huntsville, Alabama conducted summer crusades.

Two persons joined the South Park SDA Church, Birmingham, Alabama in July. They responded to a sermon preached by I.J. Johnson, Stewardship Director of the Conference.

BIBLE SCHOOL WINS SOULS

The International Bible Institute, under the direction of Pastor J.A. Jones of Longview Heights Church, Memphis, Tennessee conducted the Real Truth Bible bi-weekly, May 11-July 20. Eighty seven students graduated of which 33 were baptized.

The Bible School was simultaneously conducted at the Church, the Penal Farm by Pastor Jones; the Senior Citizens Com-

plex by Claude Jones; Ft. Pillow and Lake County Prison by Leo Tate and Willie Wallace.

The Bible School staff included: Cora Reid, organist; Gail Murphy and Juanita Jenkins, pianists; Larry Tibbs and Claude Jones, associate evangelists; Mary Wilson and Curtis Hill, coordinators and the usher board led by Betty Smith.

BREATH OF LIFE HOLDS SPRING WEEK OF PRAYER

"A Journey to Heaven", was the theme of Spring Week of Prayer at the Breath of Life Church, Memphis Tennessee, March 10-16.

On Sunday, March 10, Pastor Joe Grider, Berea Church, Jackson, Mississippi spoke on "Living Out of a Suitcase."

On Monday, Pastor James Young, from Dothan, Alabama focused on the qualities of the Holy Spirit. Tuesday, Pastor Stephen Ruff, Publishing Director for the Conference urged the membership to "Go Forward". He pointed out that nothing is impossible with God.

Wednesday, Pastor T.K. Blevins of New Heights Church, Jackson, Mississippi led the church on the heavenward journey as he cautioned against, "Wordly Entanglements".

On Thursday, Pastor Morris Patterson of New Life church in Huntsville, Alabama, asked the question, "Will a Man Serve God for Nothing?" He pointed out that trials and troubles may come to man as he journeys to heaven, the heavenly reward will make the earthly trials seem so little.

Friday, Pastor Roland Hill, pastor of the New Covenant Church, Memphis, Tennessee, spoke on the subject, "Soar With the Eagles".

The climax came on Sabbath morning when the church's pastor, Elder D.C. Edmond spoke on the topic, "Lord, Why Do You Smoke?"

ROBINSON OF B.O.L. TO CONDUCT CRUSADE

Elder Reginald Robinson, Associate Director and Speaker for the Breath of Life (B.O.L.) television program, conducted a crusade in Pensacola, Florida during the last of August and the entire month of September. The telecast has been aired in this city for over six months.

NEWS NOTES

The Prison Ministries Bible School of the Longview Heights SDA Church, Memphis, Tennessee conducted a baptism in

December 1984. Since that time three prisoners have been released and are now attending the Longview Church. They are all actively involved in a witnessing program. Larry Mitchell, one ex-inmate, will attend Loma Linda University this year. He plans to study for the ministry.

HEMINGWAY BAPTISES 94 IN KNOXVILLE

During the first quarter of this year, Dr. T.L. Hemingway, pastor of the College Hill and Trinity Congregations in Knoxville reports a total of 94 precious souls that have been added to the church by baptism. Evangelist O.J. McKinney of the Southern Union also conducted a Spring crusade in the church there.

MRS. C.A. DENT RETURNS ON FURLOUGH

Mrs. C.A. Dent, wife of Dr. C.A. Dent is in the states on furlough from mission service in Nairobi, Kenya. Dr. Dent has worked at the Riverside Hospital for many years, now he is Director of Health Services for the East African Union.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

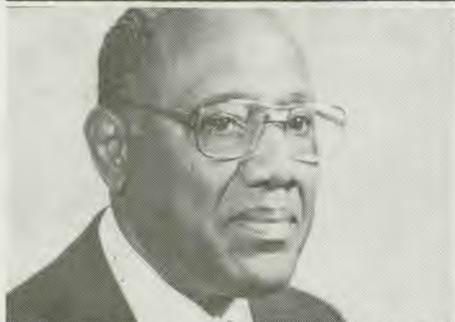
SEPTEMBER

- 4 ... Staff Meeting
- 7 ... SOUTH ALABA Youth Federation Meeting
- 9 ... Finance Committee Meeting
- 15 ... LAY ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING — OAKWOOD COLLEGE
- 16 ... Conference Officers Meeting
- 17 ... Housing Board Meeting
- 21 ... Mid Tennessee Youth Federation Meeting
- 21 ... Kentucky/Tennessee Music Festival
- 25 ... CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- 25-29 SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE WORKERS MEETING

OCTOBER

- 5 ... West Tennessee/North Mississippi Youth Federation
- 12 ... Conference VISITORS DAY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS DAY
- 19 ... Tennessee Literature Evangelist Rally
- 19 ... Southern Mississippi Youth Federation
- 22 ... Conference Officers Meeting
- 22 ... Housing Board Meeting
- 29 ... South Central Conference K-12 School Board Meeting

SOUTHWEST REGION



A.N. Brogden, Atlantic Union Conference Secretary was the first Sabbath speaker.



Rose Handy and Randle are twins, new converts from Word of Faith Church, Houston, TX, they attended their first campmeeting this year.



Dr. C.B. Rock, President Oakwood College, last Sabbath speaker and Dr. Marvin Anderson, President SAC.



S.L. Green, treasurer; L. Hill Hucks, Medical coordinator, M.W. Wilson camp superintendent along with L. Battles and his corp of workers did a superb job



Pathfinder group from Lake Charles, the newest club in the conference. In spite of the General Conference, we had a packed crowd and the Lord blessed miraculously.



Smyrna's choir from Alexandria, LA served as guest choir the first Sabbath (50 voices).



Marcus Harris and family—Lake Region Conference youth last Sabbath speaker.



Ted Smith, Southern Union Publishing Dept. and wife assisted J. Marshall in a workshop for LE's.



O.A. Troy, General Conference Communication Dept., interviewed the Pioneers of the Southwest. The Shepherdess club presented this special program honoring 20 Senior Citizens.



Elder R. Leiske, center, of the American Religious Town Hall, was one of the speakers at Campmeeting. He stands with Elder W.C. Jones, left, President of Southwest Region and David Coleman, right, platform chairman.



Elder Samuel Thomas, right, Personal Ministries Director for the Columbia Union conducted a witnessing program. Standing with Elder Thomas is Elder James Ford, Director of Sabbath School for the Conference.

NAACP OFFICIALS HONORED AT GUEST DAY

Sabbath, May 25th, Philadelphia Church, Enid, Oklahoma observed Community Guest Day. They honored several residents of Enid, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carter, President of the local NAACP chapter; Mrs. Eula Johnson, former NAACP president; Councilman Clayton and his wife.

This event provided an opportunity for the community to get acquainted with the church, its pastor and members.

Following the interesting Sabbath School directed by Mrs. D. Bell, W.C. Jones delivered the message for the hour. Special music was rendered by the Wiley sisters, Kathleen and Weselene and a visiting group, The New Light Ensemble.

ELDER S.D. MEYERS RETURNS HOME

The elderly members called it a reunion of sorts as the Berean Church of Baton Rouge, LA welcomed home, one of its own after a thirty-eight year separation. It was in 1952 that Elder Samuel D. Meyers, the Associated Stewardship Director for the General Conference, first set his sights on the Berean Church. One has only to mention his name and see a twinkle come to the eyes of Berean pioneers: L. Anderson, O. Rubin, M. Kimble, A. Feltus and M. Gardere, H. Newman, S. Spears, E. Kimble and J. Collins.

Elder Meyers was recently in Baton Rouge to conduct a series of "Stewardship is a matter of time . . . the wise unselfish use of life, not just money". His talks intermingled with his many anecdotes and prefaced by his reminiscences. Those present were quick to learn that there are many sermons, but only one message, Jesus Is Coming Soon.



W.C. Hucks, left, graduate of Oakwood College; Professor James H. Melancon, Oakwood College and J. Ford, Sabbath School Director for the Conference. Professor Melancon, a son of Southwest, was awarded a plaque for 32 years of dedicated service.



Leaders honored at Guest Day: Mr. & Mrs. Roy Carter, left. He is the president of local NAACP chapter. Eula Johnson, former president of local NAACP. Mr. V. Jackson, Councilman & Mrs. C. Nolen and Elder S.R. Hutchins, pastor of the church.

IN THE NEWS



Mrs. Shirley Maxwell hosts a five minute radio show called "Perfect Peace".

PERFECT PEACE MINISTRIES TOUCHES LIVES

Employees of the Care Unit Hospital on Coliseum Boulevard in Los Angeles, were witness to a most unusual sight this past Easter.

The time was somewhere between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. when suddenly, a small army of approximately 15 Christian lay ministers emerged from their vehicles armed with stereo components and speakers, microphones, hundreds of feet of cable and boxes of literature.

According to the onlooking employees and patients, this was to be a first. Nothing like this had ever been allowed by Care Unit Administration, but this Easter would be different—they were about to encounter, many for the first time, "perfect peace" in the person of Jesus Christ.

For five years "Perfect Peace", a daily, five-minute radio broadcast hosted by Mrs. Shirley Maxwell, has touched thousands of lives over the airwaves. During the course of these past 60 months, this lay ministry, that has as its goal the practical presentation of Christ as the solution to the problems of the common man in everyday living, has expanded to include cable television outreach, broadcast over seven radio stations across the country (currently at 5:55 and Midnight on KFSG, 96.3 FM in Los Angeles; 10:30 p.m. on WPJL, North Carolina; and 5:55 p.m. on KHIS, Bakersfield), collected over \$100,000 in freewill offerings and an additional \$50,000 in donated equipment (the ministry is self-supporting), enrolled over 200 people in home

Bible correspondence courses, received and personally answered over 2,000 letters, acquired 800 square feet of office space in the California Federal Savings & Loan Building in Inglewood, conducted four church growth seminars ("Koinonia") in local congregations throughout the Central/Southern California Conferences, and had the privilege of being directly involved in the baptisms of 18 souls into the Advent truth.

However, at the beginning of the year, the Perfect Peace staff felt God leading them to reach out even further—to touch the "real people" with the Gospel up close and in person.

Care Unit, a rehabilitation hospital for individuals suffering from alcoholism, drug dependencies, and eating disorders, was the place and Easter Sunday was the date selected for this new step of faith. The Perfect Peace team provided the patients, whose attendance was strictly voluntary, with a 90-minute worship service of singing, testimony, group interaction, sermonette and prayer. Of the 64 total patients in residence, approximately 55 (including staff members) jammed into the small meeting room provided. When it was all over, some 25 individuals pressed toward the front and knelt down with the team members in response to an appeal to accept Christ as personal Lord and Savior. Tears of joy stained the cheeks of many of these new-born baby Christians as they arose from their knees—new creatures in Christ.

"It's a thrill you can't explain actually seeing God work in someone's life... the whole experience has been a fantastic blessing," commented Shirley Maxwell at the conclusion of the service. Each person who attended received a copy of "Happiness Digest" (Step to Christ) and later that week, letters were sent to each person who had accepted Christ, congratulating them on their new birth, instructing them in some "basics" for beginning their new life, and encouraging them to attend a Bible-believing church and the Perfect Peace Community Bible Class.*

Bibles were purchased and delivered to those who did not own one and within days of the service, comments such as, "You must come back! This is really needed", "Where is your church?" and "We've never had anything like this happen before", began coming from the Care Unit staff and patients. One patient reportedly told his therapist, "I don't think I need more therapy, all I need is Jesus!"

At this writing, Perfect Peace continues its monthly ministry to the "real people" the first Sunday of every month. They have visited the Carson Shelter for Battered Women and have made permanent arrangements with the Care Unit Hospital to return on a regular basis. The June visit to this institution resulted in two more people, these in their teens, receiving Christ as their Savior.

Shirley and her staff are quick to give all the glory to God, refusing to take any credit for what has been happening to those they minister to as well as the changes that have occurred in their own lives. "We are just instruments," Shirley said. "We have no control over changing anyone's life, that's the Holy Spirit's job. All we're doing is lifting Jesus up and He's keeping His promise to 'draw all men unto Him'. We're just privileged to have a part in it... all the glory goes to God."

Perfect Peace is heard in the Los Angeles area Monday through Friday at 5:55 p.m. and Midnight. The staff solicits your intercessory and financial support.

*For those interested in attending the Community Bible Class (or referring your Bible study interests), the class meets every Sabbath morning from 9:15 to 10:30 in the Wil-Glo Nutrition Center, 3575 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood (part of the Maranatha SDA Church complex). For more information, call (213) 756-4077.

SDA MAGAZINE FEATURES VEGETARIAN 30-DAY MENU

MESSAGE Magazine, published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, has introduced a complete, vegetarian, 30-day menu. The nutritious, easy-to-prepare meals are planned by MESSAGE Health Editor Mrs. Gwendolyn W. Foster, M.P.H.

Mrs. Foster has brought varied contributions to MESSAGE in the past five years, including "Natural Treatments", remedies for treatment of common ailments at home, and the "Food For Health" recipe column.

"Food For Health" has been expanded to a full, 30-day menu plan, including vegetarian entrees, side dishes, desserts, and even light meals. All recipes are low in salt and sugar, with emphasis on herbal seasonings and natural flavors.

Response to the 30-day plan has been tremendous among those with special dietary needs, health professionals, and the general public.



Douglas C. Batson, Sr. was the first born of Eli and Constance Amelia Batson in New Iberia, Louisiana, Dec. 15, 1908. After his birth, his four sisters were born; Salley Gladys, Berkeley, California, Louvence Amelia, Savanna, Georgia and Dorothy Faye and Alice Rosalee, Phoenix, Arizona.

While in the army, stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, he met Barbara Odella Johnson and married on Dec. 31, 1930. To this union four children were born.

He was educated in both public and parochial schools and graduated from La Sierra College, La Sierra, California. He later attended Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, during his pastorate in Gary, Indiana where he led in the building of a suitable stone edifice for worship and Christian education.

He was called to the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference after graduating from La Sierra College and pioneered the work in Crowley Jennings and Lake Charles, Louisiana. After the Southwest Mission was organized, he was called to the Shreveport, Louisiana Church. After having labored in four conferences, he was well known in: Houston and San Antonio, Texas; Gary, South Bend, Elkhart, Indianapolis, and Terre Haute, Indiana; Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee; Gadsden, Alabama; White Plains and Bronx, New York, where he built a church and retired in 1979. He pastored in Gadsden and Anniston, Alabama and was recalled to pastor Bethany in Westbury, New York while the new church was under construction. After its completion in 1983, he returned to Gadsden to give Bible studies and do gardening. His last sermon was given to the Gadsden congregation the last Sabbath in June.

Survivors include: his wife of 54½ years, Mrs. Barbara Odella; two daughters, Barbara Anne Creech, Phoenix, Arizona and Mrs. Dorothy Odella Jones, Passaic, New Jersey; two sons, Douglas C. Batson, Jr., Chattanooga, Tennessee and David Arthur Batson, White Plains, New York. From these children were born ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

SDA BUSINESSMAN AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

Chester Sparks, owner of the Sparks Funeral Home, Brooklyn, New York gave a \$1,000 scholarship to Steve Maynard for highest academic achievement. The scholarship was given during Education Day at Bethel SDA Church, Brooklyn, New York, April 27.

Steve graduated second in his high school class. He plans to attend Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York. He plans to study veterinary medicine. Mr. Maynard and Sparks are both members of the Bethel Church.

EDUCATION DAY HONORS GRADUATES

Education Day at Shiloh SDA Church, Springfield, Massachusetts, held June 15, honored members graduating in various educational fields. Students who received awards of merit from their schools received special recognition.

Mrs. Michele Groomes, director of the Education department, along with other teachers, started free tutoring classes offering: math, reading, English, shorthand and typewriting. Students who excelled in shorthand, typewriting and English received Certificates of Excellence.

Mrs. Groomes, who holds an M.Ed., encouraged students and graduates to continue their pursuit of education. "We may stumble and fall," she said, "but let the blocks over which you stumble be stepping stones for the future. Let God guide you in all your decisions."

Dr. Jessie Bradley was the guest speaker for the day. In the afternoon she organized a local Oakwood Alumni Chapter. Dr. Bradley serves as President of the Oakwood College/New England Alumni Chapter.

CAPITAL CITIES FEDERATION HELD IN TEXAS

Capital Cities Federation was held Sabbath, April 27, 1985, Beaumont, Texas at Emmanuel Temple in Beaumont. Elder Regional O. Robinson, Field Director for Breath of Life was the guest speaker. Music was provided by the San Antonio

Youth Group. The church was filled to capacity, and Pastor Chissell and his members not only prepared an excellent meal, but were gracious hosts.

The afternoon offered a dramatization of God's Trombones, by James Weldon Johnson. The youth who journeyed from all parts of South Texas area were gratified after attending an eventful day of activities.

EVANGELIST CRUSADE LAUNCHED AT CAPITOL CITY

Elder Jerome Davis, pastor of Capitol City church opened the Voice of Hope Bible Crusade on July 14. Hundreds of leaflets were distributed inviting the community to meetings which are held nightly at 7:30 p.m. Elder Davis and members are expecting a real blessing from God as a result of this crusade.

Charli Cartwright

NEWS NOTE

Jackson M. Doggette, Jr., pastor of the Body of Christ Church (formerly Hannah Street Church) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is conducting a Revelation Seminar. The nightly attendance includes an average of 51 non-Adventists. Five of these visitors have visited the church on Sabbath and have already requested baptism; 16 have indicated that they would like to begin to keep the Sabbath; five others have indicated that they are seriously thinking about keeping the Sabbath. Pray for the success of this meeting.

NEWS NOTE

On August 3, 1985, the members of the Hanna Street Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, voted to officially change the name of the church to the Body of Christ Seventh-day Adventist Church. This church wants to project to the community an image of unity, strength and spiritual leadership, so the model of I Corinthians 12 was chosen.

NEWS NOTE

Berean Church in Battle Creek, Michigan celebrated its Sabbath School Homecoming. The special guest speaker was David Rand, associate pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs. Sally Artis, Sabbath School Superintendent, was in charge of the homecoming celebration.

NEWS NOTE

Maver Lee Russell and Luis Acevedo were recently baptized into the Berean Church in Battle Creek, Michigan. William E. Joseph, Jr. is the pastor.



E.A. Carson, Director of Regional Affairs for the Pacific Union meets with these Conference Leaders: Seated-E.A. Carson, Director; Mrs. A. Middleton, Office Secretary; Standing-John Dayman, William Deshay, S.W. Hutchinson, R. Nembisharp, John Collins, M.C. White, Union Secretary.



Where are the Joseph Hutchinsons now? He presently serves as the Associate Publishing Director for the Pacific Union Conference; Geneva (his wife) is one of the office secretaries.

CENTENARIAN HONORED AT MEN'S DAY

Sabbath, June 1, the Lone Star Church, Athens, Texas, observed Men's Day. The members of the Lone Star Church not only enjoyed Men's Day, but Mayor Herbert Gatlin, Jr. proclaimed Tuesday, May 28th, as John L. Lewis Day, honoring the 100th birthday of one of Texas' native citizens who resides in Athens. In the absence of the Mayor, City Councilman, Carl Westbrook represented the Mayor. He read the Proclamation, declaring May 28th, as John L. Lewis' Day.

The Lone Star SDA Church, along with a host of friends and relatives numbering 200 strong, gathered for the celebration. Congratulatory plaques and letters were presented from the following: President Ronald Reagan, USA. B.E. Leach, President Southwestern Union Conference; W.C. Jones, President of Southwest Region Conference; Bethel and Lone Star

Churches. Pastor E.C. Polite and his committee; W.D. & Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burgumn, Mr. & Mrs. John O'Steen, Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Sanders expressed appreciation to Athens Floral & Gift Center for flowers; the Athens Review for printing this cover story, and well wishers who made Men's Day successful.

W.D. Lewis
Reporter

EMMANUEL CHURCH OBSERVES MEN'S DAY

Pastor A.L. Teele and the Emmanuel Church, Marshall, Texas observed Men's Day, Sabbath, May 25, 1985. This Special Sabbath also culminated the Bible Workers Seminar that the pastor had conducted for several weeks. Eight persons were awarded certificates for completing the course. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Carlos McCornico, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron McGriff, Jerry Davis, Bennie Thomas, Clarice Adams and Henry Phelps. The president, W.C. Jones delivered the message for the hour and the Ricky Green Singers supplied special music for the morning.

Doris Jones
Reporter

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