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INSIDE: PRESENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS OF MESSAGE

COVER STORY



Elder Delbert W. Baker, MESSAGE Editor, seated at desk in his office.

MESSAGE MAGAZINE— 50-Plus Years of Witnessing

By Delbert W. Baker and Kyna D. Hinson

The need is as critical today as it was in the early years of this century—the need for a strong, Black, outreach vehicle—and MESSAGE Magazine fills that need. MESSAGE is a Seventh-day Adventist-sponsored evangelistic journal for Adventism in general, for its Black constituents in particular, with its focused readership target being Black non-Seventh-day Adventists.

Its primary purpose is to confront its readership, both in America and abroad, with the claims of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In the early days of MESSAGE when there were no other Black magazines, the mission was gigantic and direct: to share the Gospel with every possible reader through its pages—and the Gospel was greatly advanced.

Leaders Past and Present

In 1945, Louis B. Reynolds became the first Black man to take the editor's chair at MESSAGE. He would subsequently shape the magazine for years to come, always with the positive Black image in mind: complete Black families; well-groomed Black women—young mothers, college students, professionals, and Blacks from all walks of life who reached the heights of excellence, leaving their marks in history.

In later years, Garland J. Millet, an educator who also served as president of Oakwood College, brought a careful, scholar's eye to MESSAGE as editor.

James E. Dykes coupled a poet's precise sense of language with the beauty and power of the Gospel.

Then came William R. Robinson, with his evangelistic vigor, cultivating an audience for MESSAGE from Africa to the Americas.

In recent years, J. Paul Monk, Jr., sought to widen the scope of MESSAGE even more—to offer a rich spiritual selection along with a view of world events and political activities from a well-grounded Christian perspective.

Delbert W. Baker, the present editor, came to the magazine in June, 1985. His agenda for MESSAGE goes full circle—from a commitment to a continuous presentation of the Gospel for spiritual nourishment, to his insights on global affairs, to his keen interest in building strong bridges between Black American Adventists and the Black Adventist constituents in other parts of the globe—and to build those bridges with MESSAGE. Communication in this area only help; closer understanding can only strengthen.

Kyna D. Hinson, MESSAGE associate editor, is one of only a few women in the denomination to serve in this capacity. She shares the concerns of the editor, and continues to strive for the "best mix" of journalistic realism and soul-filling evangelism.

Health editor Gwendolyn Winston Foster continues presentations of the popular "Food for Health" section in MESSAGE, the only known, completely vegetarian, recipe section in any periodical now published. Her selections are slanted for Black consumers—low-salt, low-sugar, and good flavor. And any consumer would appreciate this feature—the meals are easy on the budget, as well!



The people behind MESSAGE: Front row, from left: Elder Sandy Robinson, Marketing Representative; Mrs. Susan Harvey, Advertising Director; Ms. Kyna Hinson, MESSAGE Associate Editor. Second row, from left, Lee Cherry, MESSAGE Designer; Elder Delbert Baker, MESSAGE Editor; Larry Burnett, Subscription Fulfillment department.

Black Adventist Institutions

As one of several Black, Seventh-day Adventist institutions, MESSAGE has a critical function. It is part of the very real impressions Adventists make in the world, and is built to reach mass audiences. Our values, doctrines and positions are clearly presented through the printed page. The appeal is wide—readers including civil officials as well as church leaders in other denominations have expressed appreciation for the magazine.

If there were no MESSAGE, we would lose our avenue for communicating the Gospel, and for commenting on current issues. Thank God MESSAGE is there. It makes a difference.

The 1986 MESSAGE Campaign

There is a new, in-depth, step-by-step instruction booklet for every church personal ministries director and every pastor. It was compiled through the combined efforts of marketing and advertising personnel—Tom Kapusta, Sandy Robinson, Susan Harvey, and Shirley Welch, art director Byron Steele and designer Lee Cherry, and the MESSAGE editorial staff. The booklet is already being introduced in numerous Black conferences during church officers' conventions.

The MESSAGE circulation now stands at 55,000 paid subscriptions. We want to see an increase to 75,000 subscriptions in 1986, and under God's guidance, it can happen!

New Departments at MESSAGE

Plans have already been set in motion to launch three new departments in the magazine that address varied needs. "Bible Spotlight" will focus on specific Seventh-day Adventist doctrines and beliefs in an easy-to-read format with Bible text references. Contributors will include Black North American division leaders, Black conference presidents, and Black Adventist leaders in this nation and abroad.

In a single year, every major Seventh-day Adventist doctrine will have been covered in various articles, or in the Bible Spotlight section in a renewed effort to offer a balanced spiritual diet. This makes the magazine an especially valuable tool when it comes to public evangelism and efforts to win new members, and to stabilize those already within Adventist ranks.

"Music Break" will offer commentary on religious music, guidelines for music listening in general, reviews of a wide range of religious music, and insights



Elder Baker and Ms. Hinson, with the ever-present MESSAGE copy and illustrations . . .

The conferences must then tabulate all orders and send the correct payments for all churches to the Review and Herald, the publisher of MESSAGE.

At that time, the Review and Herald operations department processes the orders, and begins the subscriptions. Once they begin, the subscriptions are guaranteed for a full year.

The best solution is precision — conducting a good campaign, wrapping it up on time, and each entity doing everything possible.

Q. Subscription problems?

A. Carefully edited articles, colorful pages, and powerful graphics planned by MESSAGE DESIGNER Lee Cherry, and the extensive promotional work by marketing representative Sandy Robinson are all lost if the magazine does not reach the intended subscriber! Thus we have worked very hard to improve the routes taken to receive MESSAGE, and we've put up lots of signs along the way!

We now guarantee subscription delivery. If there is ever a problem with your receiving MESSAGE, you may simply call Larry Burtnett, who is in charge of Subscription Fulfillment, at this number: (301) 791-7000. He and the operations staff will seek to work out any problems in that area.

from leading Black Adventist musicians, the contributors to this feature.

And look for "Family Focus," a department that won't back away from some of the real problems and challenges of family living.

The MESSAGE Africa Project

In 1986 the first massive shipping of MESSAGE Magazine to the African peoples will begin. The November-December 1985 issue which focused on the continent was also geared for the huge Pan African Youth Congress scheduled in April, 1986. This gathering in Nairobi, Kenya, is anticipated to be the largest gathering of Seventh-day Adventists in the history of the church. Approximately 12,000 copies of the Africa issue will soon be on their way to the continent. There are hopes that a well-coordinated plan of sponsorship can be initiated to continue this vitally needed international outreach.

An upcoming MESSAGE, a special "Freedom Fighter" issue will commemorate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and recognize the work of South Africa's Bishop Desmond Tutu. It, like all issues of MESSAGE, is not to be missed!

Continue to share MESSAGE with those you care about, your relatives and friends, and where you see the need. They are out there, and they need what you have to offer through MESSAGE. You can't do them a finer service! May God bless your efforts, and please, keep MESSAGE in your prayers.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E.E. Cleveland

BY THE RIVERSIDE

"I didn't know that I was deprived until President Reagan told me." So spoke Brother Pendleton, Black chairman of the civil rights division of the Reagan administration. My first reaction was one of

shock and dismay. This man was a graduate of Howard University. Then it dawned on me, the brother had slept through a revolution and then awakened to sleep-walk through its aftermath.

To deny historical deprivation based on race in this country is something not even our White brothers do. It pains me that a Black brother would arise to do it for them. What makes things worse, Pendleton believes what he is saying, or so he says. And he is not alone. A professor in Nashville said on T.V. and I quote, "Slavery was not as bad as some have pictured." This also from the lips of a Black brother. He obviously did not get his terminal degree in history.

The problem is not in these people holding these views, rather that the actual harm done to people is intense and lasting. There are thousands of martyrs whose blood was shed for the deliverance of a people from the chains of deprivation. Black and White persons have by pen, voice, and the sword, registered their protest against man's inhumanity to man. But Brother Pendleton knows nothing of the deprivations past or present.

He goes further. He is against affirmative action. This policy has given jobs to thousands who would not have been considered otherwise.

He is against quotas. "They discriminate against other racial groups," he says. All men are equal and must be given equal opportunity. The problem is how do you get the White employer to do this? So far only affirmative action and quotas have worked. Over 300 years of the voluntary thing did not. Would Pendleton throw us back on the "mercy" of the employer? Apparently so.

Furthermore, how do you adjust the inequities of 200 years of slavery and 100 years of segregation? This demands more than freedom. It requires jobs, education, financial subsidies, and social services. Government cannot escape responsibility here for historically, government participated in the provocation.

The truth is the majority must now discriminate against itself to correct the imbalance. Over 200 years of unrequited toil must be atoned for. It will take more than 300 years to undo the damage done to us. Slavery was a crime against nature. Nature heals slowly. Would Pendleton have us heal without medicine? This makes the process even slower.

"Give every man equal opportunity" sounds good when you are talking to

Question and Answer Section

Q. Why are there such long delays sometimes when we order MESSAGE subscriptions?

A. In all cases, the orders have to go through three channels before they can be processed. The campaign begins in the churches, and every church must turn in its orders and payments to the conference.

people who have had equal opportunity historically. King used to say, "What good is it to me to be welcomed at McDonalds, if I don't have in my pocket the price of a hamburger?" His thesis was simple. The economics of equality is as vital as access.

Equality is possible only to equals. Those who perpetuate the imbalance are maintaining the inequality. Remedial supports must be devised to enable "the deprived" "to catch up" with the mainstream. The Pendleton theory admits no damage to the race done by slavery. It naively assumes that the "haves" will voluntarily share fairly with the "have nots". History says "Never!" Were the racial situation the reverse, the problem would be the same. Whites would have to contend for their place in the sun. There is inherent in the Pendleton position discomfort with the federal regulations requiring minority participation. The truth is this has been the key to the minority breakthrough where it has occurred, federal pressure that is.

Institutions within the government manifest the same attitudes and need the same remedy. It took a strong hand to get a Black union president, a president of the North American Division, and a bevy of union secretaries and treasurers. The absence of the strong hand is felt at the local level.

Case in point; Riverside Sanitarium-Hospital. When the Central government of the Seventh-day Adventist Church decided to unload Riverside, its doom was sealed. They sold it to Sun-Belt, which was equivalent to closing it for Black people. People sold it who have no commitment to our historical aspirations, or present ones. Even the secular cries of anguish in the Nashville community fell on deaf ears. It was not a paying proposition, they said. Therefore it had to go! Some of us knew that Madison Hospital was not a paying proposition either. It is in the same general area. It stood to profit from Riverside's closing. It has! Why was Riverside closed and Madison spared? Is it because Riverside was Black controlled and Madison White? Sun Belt is also White controlled. Have we another decision based on antebellum values? Is this another sample of disinvestment?

Now, what do we have left? Oakwood College, Message Magazine, Pine Forge Academy, and nine regional conferences. Has the Riverside Hospital experience set the stage for further disinvestment? Some Black people have short memories. Others were not around in the old days when we

had nothing. Are we as Blacks prepared to go back to those days in the name of "integration?" Remember the Lion and the Lamb? One day, the Lamb said to the Lion, "Let's integrate!" "O.K.," replied the

Lion. The next day, there was only the Lion.

We laid down our sword and shields, down by Riverside, and lost it!

E.E. Cleveland

The Editor's Desk



W.E. Hucks, middle, was honored by the members of the Euleess-Valley, on September 7, for twenty years of service. The church located in a Dallas suburb, has been in existence for more than twenty years. The Moiser Valley church has had a number of pastors, but none have been permitted to minister as long as W.E. Hucks. A dedicated layman, who has a deep love for the church, has been absent very few Sabbaths, even during his graduate studies in Denver, he flew home every month to worship with the members. For his labors he receives no remuneration from the conference. Here he stands with L. Powlee, left, and his wife.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Dec. 27	Jan. 3	10	17
Boston, Mass.	4:18	4:25	4:31	4:39
New York City	4:30	4:36	4:43	4:51
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:47	4:53	5:00	5:08
Atlanta, Ga.	5:37	5:42	5:48	5:54
Miami, Fla.	5:38	5:43	5:48	5:53
Charlotte, N.C.	5:19	5:24	5:30	5:37
Birmingham, Ala.	4:46	4:51	4:57	5:04
Jackson, Miss.	5:03	5:08	5:14	5:20
Memphis, Tenn.	4:55	5:01	5:07	5:13
Louisville, Ky.	5:30	5:35	5:42	5:49
Detroit, Mich.	5:08	5:14	5:21	5:29
Chicago, Ill.	4:27	4:32	4:39	4:47
South Bend, Indiana	5:21	5:27	5:34	5:42
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:38	4:44	4:52	5:00
St. Louis, Mo.	4:46	4:52	4:58	5:06
Kansas City, Mo.	5:02	5:08	5:15	5:22
Denver, Co.	4:42	4:48	4:54	5:02
Little Rock, Ark.	5:05	5:10	5:12	5:23
Dallas, Texas	5:28	5:34	5:39	5:46
New Orleans, La.	5:08	5:13	5:19	5:24
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:02	5:07	5:13	5:20
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:25	5:30	5:36	5:43

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

ALLEGHENY EAST

STJA BEGINS ITS SIXTH YEAR WITH EIGHTY-TWO STUDENTS

Eighty-two students have begun their studies this fall at the Sharon Temple Junior Academy in Wilmington, Delaware. The importance of Christian Education is seen by the number of students enrolled from not only the members of the local church but also from the sister church—Macedonia in Chester, Pennsylvania. Pastor John Trusty and the members of Macedonia have committed themselves in helping subsidize all students from their church that enroll at STJA. Thirteen students are currently traveling to Wilmington daily in order to achieve a Christian Education.

Two new teachers have joined the teaching staff at STJA. Edna Duncan, a recent graduate of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, begins her teaching career after completing her master's degree in special education. She is also a graduate of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, with a major in elementary education. She is a native of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Her expertise and talents will be greatly utilized at STJA.

Also joining the faculty is Karen Jackson from Landsdale, Pennsylvania. Karen is returning to the classroom after spending several years as full-time housewife and mother. She has taught in the Allegheny West Conference at the Ramah Junior Academy in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Ephesus Junior Academy in Columbus, Ohio. She is a graduate of Oakwood College and Pine Forge Academy.

Ms. Duncan will teach Pre-First (Kindergarten) and Grade One. Mrs. Jackson will teach grades two and three. Teachers returning this year are Mrs. Shirley Green grades three and four; Mr. Donald Green grades five and six and Mr. Charles Battles grades seven and eight, along with his duties as principal.

The members of Sharon Temple under the leadership of Pastor William Hall are dedicated to the challenge of educating their young people. It is demonstrated by their monthly subsidy of \$3,000 per month along with their prayers, volunteers, gifts and encouragement.

Charles T. Battles
Principal



Police Chief James E. Rodgers speaks to the congregation.

POTTSTOWN CHURCH HONORS POLICE CHIEF

The Walnut Street community Church of Pottstown, Pa. chose to honor Chief of Police James E. Rodgers for their recent Community Guest Day. Rodgers has served on the police force since 1959, gradually being promoted up through the ranks. During that time several innovations have occurred. Among them was the introduction of female officers in 1983 and a K-9 drug sniffing team in 1984. He is one of two black officers on the force.

Rodgers expressed delight at receiving this honor. A community Award plaque was presented to him by Mrs. Jayne-Darby, Church Communication Secretary. Although he was pressed for time, he remained throughout the service, taking notes and following in his Bible. Guest speaker for the occasion was C.D. Jenkins, speaker, director of the Watchman Radio Broadcast headquartered in Philadelphia, who presented "The Angel, the Book and the Trumpet."

All guests in attendance were presented with a complimentary copy of Steps to Christ. Guests were also invited to the members homes to partake of a Sabbath dinner.

(Photo shows Chief Rodgers giving acceptance speech for the plaque presented to him.)

PRIME TIMERS DAY HONORS SENIOR CITIZENS

"Prime Timers Day" so coined by W.W. Fordham, president of the Allegheny East Senior Citizen Association, was recently held at the First Church.

Elder Fordham, a retiree who has served the Church for decades, was the guest speaker. His sermon topic was "The Time Is Now." The coordinator for the day was Dorothy Young, vice-president of the organization. Ms. Young is a retired church school teacher and presently serves the local church as home and school leader.

The day was well attended with senior citizens attending from other area churches.

After the morning service, the senior citizens were treated to a dinner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Polak. Mr. Polak is an active member of the conference's senior citizens organization and president of the Association of Retired People in Englewood, New Jersey. He is also a deacon in the Church.

Delores K. Etter
Communication Secretary



Mrs. Pearl McCrea

LED BY HIS SPIRIT

The story of Pearl McCrea is one of testimony to the power of the Spirit to convict and convert. Born 88 years ago in Martinville, Virginia to God-fearing parents, she accepted Christ as a child and became a baptized member of the Sharon Grove Baptist Church.

In 1918 she married William Carter and spent just a few short years as his wife before death ended their union. A few years later, a second husband died. Later, she married a third time to John McCrea, a Baptist minister. After their marriage, the McCreas moved to Whitesboro, New Jersey, for 20 years, Mrs. McCrea discharged the duties of a minister's wife and served in many capacities in the church.

In 1983, Elder Ronald A. Smith conducted a tent effort in Mantua, New Jersey and Mrs. McCrea's brother, Harden Thornton, invited her to attend. "I attended the meetings," she said proudly, "for five weeks missing only three nights."

She recalls that Elder Smith would ask her, "when are you going to make a decision to go all the way with Christ?"

She just couldn't make that decision. After all she had been a Baptist all her life and was a minister's wife.

"I loved jewelry," she said, "I had earrings and bracelets that I enjoyed wearing and just couldn't give them up. I also enjoyed ham."

"However, one Friday night before the meeting began," she continued, "I was sitting in my living room when all of a sudden something impressed me to take off my jewelry, so I did. I got up, went to the tent, and said, Elder Smith, I've decided to go all the way with Christ. I got a brown bag for baptismal candidates and the next day I was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

She was then 86 years old. When her daughter asked, "why didn't you tell me you were getting baptized?" She responded, "I didn't have time. I had to do the Lord's will right away!"

She tells everyone, she is so happy that the Lord led her to the truth before it was too late. Her new life experiences include: attending campmeeting at Pine Forge, a week counseling blind children at a camp in New York State and her first ever bicycle ride at age 88.

Mrs. McCrea is a member of the Mt. Olivet Church, Camden, New Jersey.

Nicceta Davis
Communication Secretary



Kenneth H. Palmer

NEW POST ASSUMED

Kenneth H. Palmer has assumed his new post as the Associate Director of Education for the Allegheny East Conference.

Palmer replaces Mrs. Beverly McDonald, who accepted the post of principal of the Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist School, Washington, D.C.

He brings to his new post a rich background in education. He has served as the principal of Larchwood Seventh-day Adventist School in Philadelphia, Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist School in Washington and Baltimore Jr. Academy in Baltimore. He has also served as a teacher, a member of the Columbia Union Curriculum Committee and a member of the Allegheny East Conference Board of Education.

A native of Jamaica, Palmer completed his secondary training at the West Indies Academy; received his B.A. from Atlantic Union College and in 1973 was awarded the M.Ed. degree from Antioch College.

Palmer began denominational work in 1959. He is married to the former Pamela Johnson. The couple have two children, Cheryl and Pete.

Palmer will function mainly in the area of classroom supervision and curriculum development.

Robert L. Booker
Communication Director



Elders M.C. Van Putten and Leslie Moise at the induction of the French speaking company.

FRENCH GROUP ACHIEVES COMPANY STATUS

In just five short months the Jerusalem French Church, Philadelphia, Pa. has gone from near collapse to company status as a result of the self-sacrificing efforts of their new leader, Elder Leslie Moise.

In September, Moise conducted a crusade and follow-up studies which resulted in three being baptized on October 19. The next Sabbath they received the right hand of fellowship and Elder M.C.

Van Putten, conference president, bestowed company status on the 26 member group.

Mark Frog Harris
Communication Secretary

STJA CELEBRATES CAREER DAY

Physicians, corporate lawyers, interior decorators, mechanics, veterinarians, horticulturalists, architects and artists were just a few of the various careers that the students of the Sharon Temple Junior Academy in Wilmington, Delaware, portrayed during the annual Career Day. Each year on October 31, the students of STJA don themselves not in the traditional Halloween costumes of the local public schools but in attire that depicts the specific career that they have chosen to represent to their fellow classmates and neighborhood.

The Spirit of Prophecy speaks to the fact that the holidays are not to be ignored. We are to substitute positive activities of celebration in the place of worldly activities that conflict with our religious beliefs. Thus each year we attempt to stimulate the minds of our students toward something positive and constructive rather than negative and destructive as the traditional Halloween holiday is celebrated.

Three guests met with the student body during the special assembly program and shared with them their unique career. Mr. Roland Carter explained his role as business manager for Consolidated Builders. Mrs. Eloise Roy shared her career as a correctional officer for the State of Delaware. This was a unique career in that she was about to show how a Christian could function in a positive way in our penal institutions. Mr. Tony Adams who works as a Market Development Representative for Hercules Incorporated explained various aspects of his career. An interesting point he explained was the process of how wood is manufactured into various forms of paper. Many thought provoking questions were asked by the students.

Each student also submitted an essay explaining their particular career, its use to society, the education and training required and how they can glorify God in that particular career. The essays were posted in the glass cases by the class for parents and Church members to read.

We trust that in future years, many of these careers will be realized by the students.

Charles D. Battles

CENTRAL STATES



Dr. Thomas-Richards treating a wounded soldier.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR HEADS EXPERIMENTAL MISSION IN HONDURAS

Dr. Jose Rodolfo Thomas-Richards, medical director for the Central States Conference, an orthopedic and hand surgeon, and a major in the Army Reserves commanded a platoon that spent eleven days in Honduras. The 36-member team included veterinarians, dentists, physicians, nurses, lab and x-ray technicians, a pharmacist and an anesthetist.

The medical team provided care from an army clinic and an 11-bed hospital, and was flown by helicopter to rural mountainous areas where it established several clinics. Residents from nearby villages walked or traveled by horse or donkey for care at the rural clinics. The team treated persons with malaria, rabies, tuberculosis, typhoid, hepatitis, parasites and dysentery.

Dr. Thomas-Richards enjoyed the tremendous missionary outreach. Being a native-born Venezuelan he was able to relate to his fellow countrymen from across the Caribbean. The Central States Conference has benefited greatly from Dr. Thomas-Richards' outstanding service in the medical health department of the conference.

NEWS FROM KIRKWOOD

The Kirkwood S.D.A. Church, formerly on Fillmore Street, is now located at 601 McKinley Avenue in Kirkwood, Missouri. Motivating this move was the owner of the factory located next door to the church on Fillmore. He wanted to expand his plant

and desired our church. Since his desire to obtain the property was so intense, he suggested that he be permitted to search for another church for us. One day he excitedly related to the brethren that he felt that he had found an ideal church with enough space for expansion and parking. Upon seeing the property, the conference officials and brethren concurred.

It was in October 1982, that the papers were officially signed making us the owners of the church on McKinley Avenue. The church was mortgage free. After some preparation by faithful volunteers, the first service was held in the church December 25, 1982. At that time some of the members were away. However, God's presence was felt as Elder Eugene Miller prayed a prayer of dedication and Elder Percy Wellington delivered a Spirit-filled sermon.



Elder & Mrs. Albert White. Elder White pastors the Kirkwood Seventh-day Adventist Church, Kirkwood, Missouri.

16 BAPTIZED IN CRUSADE

Elder Albert White, pastor of Park Avenue Church in St. Louis and the Kirkwood Church in Kirkwood, MO, officiated in a soul winning effort. Bible workers and colporteurs gave out flyers and visited homes in their areas to inform residents of the crusade. Bible workers Minnie Simmons, Grace Taylor and Ernest White offered Bible studies and prayer to the baptismal candidates so they would know God's plan for their salvation. After much prayer and much faith, sixteen souls were brought to Christ and three persons are continuing Bible studies with Elder White. One of the candidates had a medical problem and a personal habit she wasn't ready to give up. After prolonged prayer this dear sister gave up this habit and was baptized, coming out of the pool declaring that not only had God taken away her sinful habit, but He had also healed her body.

Deaconess Grace Taylor had been praying for her family, asking God to bring them into the "fold." Through this crusade her son John Taylor was baptized.

The following dedicated members played a major role as the support team for Elder Albert White—elders Ernest White, Manuel Clay, Ben Steele, Glenn Leggs, Ivory Capels, Gene Miller, Vivian Harris, Delbert Mitchell and Percy Wellington. Clarence Wilson served as song leader, Nina Brown as chorister, with Magnolia Harris, Judy Josiah, and Annette White serving as pianists. "To God be the glory," for the success of His crusade.

C. Daniel Johnson
Communications Secretary



Clarence Wilson is the Personal Ministries Director for the Kirkwood Church.



Newly baptized members—front row, left to right: Vinoda Johnson, Yamina Futch and Shavell Alexander. Back row, left to right: Rollo Johnson, James Shaw and Brenda Alexander.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH FALL FEDERATION

It was the beginning of a joyous occasion during the weekend of September 20-22, 1985, as Palace of Peace, Pueblo, Park Hill and Community churches joined together in the Youth Fall Federation, under the leadership of Zenobia Williams, president of the Rocky Mountain Youth Federation.

This year, the federation was hosted by the Palace of Peace and Pueblo churches in Colorado Springs at the Harrison High School auditorium. The theme "They will know we are Christian by our Love," was demonstrated during Friday night vespers, as the saints were served various fruits, cheeses and banana nut bread, while Colorado Springs and Community choirs and several soloists sang. Brother Daryl Robinson from Park Hill in Denver, closed with a sermonette on the "Love Chapter", 1 Cor. 13. On Sabbath Elder Nathaniel Miller introduced the speaker, Brother Mark Paris, a recent graduate of Oakwood College. During the AY program, each church participated in various groups and solos in the musical that afternoon. Following this program there were volleyball and basketball in the school gym.

Gwendolyn D. Walker

REAPING PRECIOUS SOULS

There is no greater joy than seeing precious souls buried in the watery grave of baptism and rising to walk in newness of life. Those recently baptized are the fruits of the labor and prayers of the laity and pastor.

Elders Vivian Harris and Eugene Miller studied with Rollo Johnson, Brenda Alexander, and her children LaVonda and Shavell.

It was the seed sown by Lynnette Harris and watered during the Local Elders Crusade, and more personal studies by Paul Harris that James Shaw accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour and was baptized.

Brother and Sister Clarence Wilson's daughter, Yamina and his great aunt Laura Polk followed their Lord in baptism.

We thank God for the wonderful effort of Pastor Albert White. He preached nightly and spent days in home visitation. Assisting ably at the piano during the meetings was Annette White. Soloist Nina Brown and others provided special music.

During the summer, Mary Wilson and Doris Johnson led out in a very fine Vacation Bible School. The children who attended enjoyed and benefited greatly as they participated in the crafts, Bible lessons, physical activity, and viewed the beautiful nature filmstrips.

Our personal ministries leader, Clarence Wilson, has the church organized in delivering Bible study guides. It takes a lot of leg work summer and winter, but it is very rewarding to visit people in their homes and share with them the Word of God.

EVENTS FROM PARK AVENUE CHURCH IN ST. LOUIS

Park Avenue is busy promoting community services. Every Tuesday and Wednesday people come to the church to ask for food and clothing. Dorcas leader Minnie Simmons and assistants local elder Ernest White and his wife Willie Mae White are ready and willing to dispense much needed items, tracts, offer prayer and extend invitations to the recipients to fellowship with us on Sabbath. Elder Ernest White is to be commended for his untiring effort of soul winning. He visits members or non-members, sick and shut-ins or anyone in need to administer food for the body and spiritual food for the soul. Sister Grace Taylor, investment leader, works diligently in gathering funds and canned goods for the needy. These dedicated Park Avenue members are truly an inspiration.

C. Daniel Johnson
Communications Secretary

YOUTH REVIVAL HELD AT PARK HILL

Following the Youth Fall Federation, Brother Mark Paris held a Youth Revival during the week of September 22-28, at the Park Hill Church in Denver. The Revival Series was entitled "Victory Shall Be Yours." Each night Brother Paris spoke dynamically as he delivered God's message. Also there were testimonies given each night. The sermon on Sabbath was "Ride On, King Jesus." Cassette tapes were made available of the sermons. God truly blessed us through Mark's highly successful evangelistic efforts.

Gwendolyn D. Walker
Communications Secretary

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The Straford Church Sings Ingathering Victory in One Day. Pictured above from left to right is the pastor, Jerry Lee; a faithful worker in the campaign, Mabel Alexander and J.B. Parker, Personal Ministries Director for the Lake Region Conference

A FIRST FOR STRAFORD

Oh, what a glorious day. To God be the glory! Sabbath, November 9, was Victory Day at Straford Memorial Church in Chicago, when they turned in their entire ingathering goal in one day. It was a dreary day outside, but it was certainly sunny inside as the members of Straford marched forward and put over \$5,000 on the table.

Mable Alexander, church clerk, began the kickoff by telling of her experiences soliciting and how God blessed her efforts. She turned in \$215.91. J.D. Parker, personal ministries director of Lake Region Conference, boosted the spirits of the members with some inspiring comments about ingathering in the world church and how it is used.

Jerry Lee, pastor of the church, never doubted that victory would be declared that day. As he talked to the congregation about ingathering, you could feel the emotion and see the excitement in the eyes of the members. Every member and visitor participated.

Eloise Wagner

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY SERVICES HOLDS HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

A few weeks ago more than one hundred patients were served when the community services department at the Independence Church in Chicago, conducted a health awareness day.

Many of the patients seen on this health awareness day were children who needed physicals and dental examinations before

they could return to school. Some of the youths were found to have serious medical problems and were referred for more tests.

Parents expressed their appreciation to the doctors for giving such thorough examinations.

A number of adults were also examined and given counsel about their health.

Dr. Azariah Benisrael, a colonologist from New Life Health Center in Chicago, gave a lecture entitled "What Are We Eating?" His audience appeared fascinated by his knowledge in the area of health. After his lecture, he gave an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

Other volunteer workers who made up the medical team included Dr. Walter Thompson, Dr. Jacqueline Gervais and Dr. Moss from Cook County Hospital. Others were Dr. Maurice Johnson, DDS, Diane Jordan, R.N., Pearl Beckford, R.N., Rosemary Johnson, LPN, Deraldine Ladner, LPN, Falia Plump, R.N., Louvenia Ward, R.N., Ruth Boba, N.A., Dena Watts, dental assistant.

There were also a team of eight from the Chicago Health Department who gave necessary immunizations, sickle screening, screening for lead poisoning and high blood pressure.

Other participants included social workers from a variety of social service programs. The medical staff was able to service their patients in the Lake Region Conference medical emergency van and two campers which are owned by Elvert Williams, a member at Independence Church.

The community around the Independence Church on the Westside in Chicago were made aware of their health or health problems; and they were also made aware that Jesus is coming soon. The members of the Community Services organization invited the members from the community to let them help direct them to Jesus.

Dollie Williams

Community Services Director

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS RECREATION FOR COMMUNITY

For about six weeks, Dollie Williams, community services director at Independence Church in Chicago, and her group of volunteer counselors, organized a recreational program on the west side of Chicago for the children and youth in the area.

Since there are very few positive recreational facilities in the area of the Independence Church, the parents were very grateful to have decent recreation that could help to keep their children off the street. The youngsters came from the community, from public housing projects, and from the Independence Church.

The participants in the recreational program ranged in ages from four to sixteen years. The number who participated far exceeded all expectations. A total of 106 children and youth came to the church for planned activities.

The activities included professionals from the Chicago area who came to inform the youths about what it took for them to achieve their goals. This part of the program was called "What Shall I Be?"

Rosemary Johnson, a nurse, was available to teach arts and crafts. Ms. Johnson worked very hard to reflect Christ in all her projects. She donated the materials used for arts and crafts.

The youth participated in educational field trips and cookouts. They did drills in reading, math, spelling and Bible. They were shown films which demonstrated what they should do if their homes caught on fire. There were also films showing what to do if they were approached by a stranger.

The films were followed by visitors from the police and fire departments who gave lectures dealing with the subject matter from the film. Questions followed each lecture.

Angela Williams, age 14 and the daughter of Dollie Williams, was the youngest counselor in the recreational program. She worked with children aged four and five. Her mother has had her involved in the work of Community Services since she was six years old. After the program was over, Angela expressed a desire to become a social worker when she is older.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FEDERATION HELD

The Gary Mizpah, Niles, Calvin Center and the Dowagiatic churches came together recently to participate in the Michiana Community Service Federation.

Special music for this meeting was by Brownie Peters.

A film entitled Seedtime and Harvest was shown. The film was on loan from the Lake Union Conference.

B.P. Bernard, pastor of the Faith Church in Dowagiatic, presented remarks telling

the importance of the services of the Community Services Federation.

A fellowship dinner followed the main meeting. This gave an opportunity for members from the four churches to get together and share the activities going on in the respective churches.

PARKINSON'S BABY BORN DURING GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

Though all signs indicated it wouldn't happen, it did. Little Ryan Charles Lester Parkinson, the first born of Elder and Mrs. Lester Parkinson, decided to make his grand entrance into the world while his parents were involved in the excitement of the 1985 General Conference session in New Orleans.

Pricilla's doctor had given her permission to fly to New Orleans to join her husband. She was assured that the birth would not take place until she was safely back home.

However, toward the end of the General Conference session there were indications of an early arrival. The Parkinsons were hastily rushed to Tulane University Medical Center in a borrowed car.

Little Ryan, weighing six pounds and four ounces, was born far from his father's home in South America, far from his mother's home in Zimbabwe, Africa, and far from their adopted home in Ann Arbor, Michigan. However, he was welcomed into this world by many friends and well-wishers.

Ryan was blessed and dedicated to the Lord before hundreds at the Lake Region's fortieth anniversary weekend. It was also during this special weekend that his father, Lester, was ordained into the Gospel ministry.

Elder Parkinson pastors the Southfield and Ypsilanti churches.

Joyce Jones
Communication Secretary

VOICE OF HOPE EXPANDS

For the past two years, Oliver Fenison, a member of the City Temple Church in Detroit, has been broadcasting his Voice of Hope radio program on WEXL AM, in Detroit.

Because Fenison believes "there's a world out there . . ." and because he knows that Christ's coming shall be soon, he decided to venture out into a new project. The Voice of Hope radio broadcast can now be transmitted by way of an international shortwave radio that has

coverage in both North America and Europe.

In addition to the radio broadcast, Oliver conducts a city-wide revival, Christ is the Answer Crusade, every summer. He pays for all the expenses of this meeting. Many people have been directed to Christ through the means of Brother Fenison's radio broadcast and the summer crusades.

The Voice of Hope radio broadcast made its debut on December 7, 1975 on radio station WBFQ (We Broadcast For God) on the FM dial. After listening to so many untruths which were taught on the radio, Oliver Fenison decided to put together a radio team to broadcast what he felt was the truth.

Fenison, along with the late lay evangelist, Charles Blackwell, labored feverishly for several years. They soon found it necessary to move to another station, WMUZ, where the Voice of Hope radio broadcast could be heard within a radius of one hundred miles. The broadcast remained on this station for six years.

After a number of years in radio broadcasting and public evangelism, Oliver Fenison never seems to grow tired. He continues to labor for those who are not acquainted with truth. For truly the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.

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NORTHEASTERN

MORE THAN 300 ATTEND LAYMEN'S CONVENTION

More than 300 delegates were in attendance at the 17th annual meeting of the Northeastern Laymen's Federation held at Victory Lake Camp, Hyde Park, New York, September 13-15.

Dr. Kembleton Wiggins, evangelist for the Texas Conference, and author of "Soul Winning Made Easier," was the guest lecturer. He presented five presentations on soul winning.

On Friday evening, Elder L.G. Newton, president of Northeastern Conference gave the opening address. He challenged the laymen to work diligently to win souls.



Elder L.G. Newton, president of the Northeastern Conference, Elder L.G. Newton, conference president challenged the laymen to work.



Elder Robert Lister, Personal Ministries Director for the conference speaks to the delegates.



Dr. K.S. Wiggins, right, guest speaker for the Laymen's Convention and Henry Wilson, president of the federation speak to the delegates.

The personal ministries department and its leader, Elder Robert Lister worked in cooperation with the laymen's federation to sponsor the convention.

Several pastors: Lionel Arthur of the South Ozone Park Church, South Ozone Park, New York; James Hicks of the New Rochelle Church, New York; Milton Thomas of the City Tabernacle Church, New York City; Norman Snipes of the Bronx Church, Bronx, New York; and William McNeil, church growth director for the conference, reported on the Rev- elation seminars they conducted.

Delegates from all seven districts in the conference elected officers for a three-year term of service. The officers elected to serve conference-wide were: Henry Wilson, president; Joseph Thurman, vice president; Bertha Davis, secretary; Samuel Alford, treasurer; and Carlton Williams, parliamentarian.

Regional Officers Elected

Regional officers elected were:

Manhattan/Bronx—Franklin Roberts, president; Raul Castillo, vice president; Evelyn Mungin, secretary; Lloyd G. Beswick, assistant secretary; Caroline Jones, parliamentarian; and Brenda Fong, treasurer.

Brooklyn/Staten Island—Rosita Andrews, president; Earl Bell, vice-president; Inez Sims, secretary; Daniel Stephenson, treasurer; James Reed, parliamentarian.

Hudson Valley—James Britton, president; William Daniels, vice-president; Edith Hill, secretary; Dave Fulford, treasurer; Benson Andre, assistant secretary; Eleanor Britton, parliamentarian.

New England—Vashni T. David, president; Alethia Blount, vice-president; Millicent Morgan, secretary; Millicent A. Huff, secretary; Lola Nathan, parliamentarian.

Queens/Long Island—Benjamin L. Crews, president; Leslie V. Philips, vice-president; Emmaline Jones, secretary; William Adams, treasurer; Carlton Williams, parliamentarian.

Rockland/Westchester—John Reid, president; Vaudry Curry, vice-president; June Powell, secretary; Melvin Arterberry, treasurer; Mitchell R. Brunson, parliamentarian.

Western New York—Pedro McKnight, president; Logan O. Bowen, vice-president; Louneal Reed, secretary; Retha Johnson, treasurer; Netta Bowen, parliamentarian.

Joseph Thurman, Vice-President
Laymen's Federation

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DAY AT BRONX CHURCH

Saturday, October 26, 1985, was an unforgettable day in the Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church. Seven hundred persons from the church and community united to honor deserving persons in the community.

Dr. Frank Hale, provost of Ohio State University, was the keynote speaker for the morning and afternoon services. In his presentation he gave an overview of the role of the church in the community.

The afternoon program highlighted the church's contribution to the community through our medical outreach program, which focuses on health screenings and referrals; our church schools, the most desirable form of education today for all of our children; inner city programs, which involve food and clothing distribution, as well as disaster relief; proper care of the elderly as exemplified at Victory Lake Nursing Home in Hyde Park, New York. The presenters were Gilbert Cox, principal of the Westchester Area SDA School, George Pelote, administrator, Victory Lake Nursing Home and Pastor George Sampson, director, Community Center.

Awards were presented to selected individuals for their outstanding contribution to others. The recipients were Michael Exum—earlier this year Mr. Exum rescued several persons from a burning house; Curtis H. Johnson, who donates a large part of his time distributing food to the hungry and underprivileged. He is a watchdog in the community constantly seeking ways to help and lift those who need assistance.



Dr. Frank Hale, guest speaker for Community Relations Day at Bronx Church.

Receiving an award for Police Commissioner Benjamin E. Ward was Lieutenant Harvey Wyche of the deputy commissioner's office. Commissioner Ward was recognized for the many programs he implemented to keep the streets of New York safe. He was especially commended for increasing the number of police officers on foot patrol and introducing the Neighborhood Watch program. The latter program places the job of policing in the hands of the people, while the former provides a deterrent to crime as well as giving a sense of security to neighborhood residents, knowing that the policeman is nearby.

Brenda Williams, one of the public relations secretaries, was awarded a certificate of recognition for dedicated service to the public relations department. Her active participation in the department was to a large degree responsible for the tremendous success of the Community Relations Day program.

Cyril Boynes, Sr., a printer by trade, devoted his time and effort to make it possible for us to have the first edition of the church newsletter, *The Communicator*, as a gift to church members and friends who shared the day with us.

The Northeastern Conference presented awards to Myrtle Pickett, public relations secretary, and the Community Relations Day program coordinator; and Joan McWeeney, director of nursing, Victory Lake Nursing Home.

Mrs. Pickett was being recognized for her contributions over the years to the medical outreach program of the conference. She has coordinated several health fairs throughout the inner city and at the Victory Lake campsite.

Mrs. McWeeney was also recognized for being actively involved in the coordination of several health fairs sponsored by the personal ministries department of the conference.

The afternoon program would not have been complete until the ARC Gospel Choir gave a command performance of the best in gospel music. The Addicts Reformed Chore, as they are called, is a choir of young men and women, former drug addicts, who have switched from dependency on drugs to dependency on God.

The outstanding talents of James Farley, well-known keyboardist and vocal coach, and Deborah Gilchrist, soloist, brought to a climax the program for the day.

Pastor Norman Snipes, the host pastor, was joined during the afternoon by Bishop Roy Bryant, pastor of the Bible Church of God; Reverend D. Edwards of Sardis Baptist Church and Pastor C. Nelson of the Free Seventh-day Adventist Church. Seated in the audience were several visitors, including Mr. Edwin M. Dillard, tour commander, Rikers Island; department of health officials, and out-of-town guests from Kingston, Poughkeepsie and Harris, New York.

The day ended with the Bronx Pathfinder Club Drum Corps leading the procession from the main auditorium to the church hall where refreshments were provided for the guests.

Myrtle Pickett



Harvey Wyche, NYPD Deputy Commissioner Harvey Wyche, left, NYPD Deputy Commissioner receives award from Pastor Norman Snipes.



Brenda Williams, presents an award to Michael Exxum, who rescued several persons from a burning house.



Jennifer Richards, 1985 Emerald Coronation Queen

CORONATION QUEEN A PRODUCT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jennifer M. Richards, the reigning queen of the 1985 Emerald Coronation is a product of Christian education from kindergarten to college.

She attended kindergarten at the Jamaica SDA School, Jamaica, New York and elementary school at the Linden SDA School, St. Albans, New York.

After the death of her father, her mother moved to Huntsville, Alabama where Jennifer completed elementary and junior high school at Oakwood College Academy. Returning to New York she attended the Greater New York Academy where she graduated from high school.

Jennifer, a pre-med major at Oakwood, saw her lifelong dream to become a debutante become a reality when she was asked to participate in the biennial affair held at New York's Waldorf-Astoria.

The coronation is sponsored by the Concerned Committee for Christian Education. The committee is headed by Wilfred Gooden, SDA businessman, who has given generously in support of Christian education.

The main goal of the coronation is to raise money for scholarships and to pro-

vide financial assistance to SDA educational institutions.

This year's recipients were: R.T. Hudson Elementary School, Bronx, New York; Northeastern Academy, New York City, and Oakwood College.

With the help of friends and relatives, Jennifer entered the contest. Despite the fact that she was attending summer school at Oakwood, she was able to come to New York for the final rehearsal. She did not find this difficult, since under the tutelage of Mrs. Majorie Hill as sub-deb 1983, she was familiar with basic requirements.

Fortunately, she was crowned the 1985 Emerald Coronation Queen. Ms. Valrie Bennett, who has worked untiringly to teach grace and charm to Christian young women, directed the affair. Ms. Bennett is the co-chairperson of the Concerned Committee for Christian Education.

Mavis Richards
Correspondent

AYS SPONSORS HEALTH FAIR

More than 295 people, in New Haven, Connecticut, were screened during a two week health fair conducted this summer by the Hill SDA Church's AYS.

Spearheaded by Francis Brazant, AYS director, preparation began in May, three months prior to the fair. The youth worked hard to clear the vacant lot where the fair was housed. City agencies assisted in the clean up by providing: tools, garbage bags and garbage pick-up.

In conjunction with the clean up effort the members of the Hill Youth Society conducted a door-to-door campaign aimed at informing the community of the project, more than 1500 fliers were distributed. Announcements regarding the

fair appeared in the newspaper and on Cable T.V.

Also, the youth were trained in blood pressure monitoring for three months.

The AYS worked in cooperation with the New Haven Health Department, the American Lung Association, the American Diabetes Association, the Shirley Frank Foundation (an alcoholic treatment center), the Veterans Administration Hospital the Hill Health Center and the Narcotics Education, Inc.

During this time, they were informed by health care personnel at the Hill Health Center that the Hill section of New Haven had the highest infant mortality rate in the city. This information confirmed their beliefs that God had directed them to work in this community.

By opening day, the vacant lot had been transformed from a small dump to a place fit to present the health message. Mayor Dileto and alderman Rick Turner attended the official opening.

The fair offered: blood pressure screening, blood sugar and sickle cell anemia testing, information on how to stop smoking, drug and alcohol abuse, heart attack and stroke prevention and nutrition.

They were assisted in their efforts by Dr. Roy Kellerman and Ken Tinsley, medical technologist. The fair received television coverage on the local affiliate of ABC-TV.

Despite theft and vandals who tried to destroy the tent, the fair was well received by the community. So much so that the AYS has decided to make it an annual event.

Persons interested in conducting such an effort, write:

Francis Brazant,
3D Stonegate, Briarwood Rd.,
Branford, Ct. 06405,
or call (203) 488-5197.

Francis Brazant
Correspondent



Youth Society members, church members and friends who participated in the Fair, shown after tent was re-erected.

SOUTH CENTRAL



Workers and family members in attendance during the annual fall retreat.

SOUTH CENTRAL HOLDS FAMILY WORKERS' MEETING

Each year the families of the Conference are gathered for a week-end of revival and fellowship. This year the meeting was held at the State Park in Eufaula, Alabama. Most of the families were present for the gathering where the baptismal report for the year through the month of August totaled 1,333. Elder E.D. Ward was the Sabbath speaker, Mrs. Lucille Hill of Huntsville (wife of F.S. Hill, Sr. gave the children's sermon during the worship hour. John M. Brown is shown teaching one of the Sabbath School classes at Sabbath School time.

At the time of the meeting, the workers of the conference expressed their interest in helping Oakwood College to meet some of its pressing needs (most predominantly black colleges are challenged these days) The congregations of the conference are being challenged to raise some \$200,000.00 for the school by the end of this year.

SOUTH CENTRAL MOVES TOWARD THE SECOND PLACE IN THE UNION

When the Second Quarter's Clerk's Reports from the Churches throughout the Southern Union Conference were tabulated at the Statistical office in the General Conference. The memberships showed - Florida Conference - 24,296 (1) Georgia Cumberland Conference - 17,512 (2) South Central Conference - 17,490 (3) South Atlantic Conference - 16,970 (4) Southeastern Conference - 11,936 (5) Carolina Conference - 10,947



(6) Kentucky-Tennessee Conference - 10,292 (7) Gulf States Conference - 6,595 (8) More than 700 persons were baptised in the South Central Conference during the third quarter.

1986 GOALS SET FOR THE SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

When the Executive committee met on October 31, 1985 the goals for the conference for the year 1986 were presented by the administration which include: (1) Organize 6 new congregations. (2) Raise the membership in the state of Kentucky to 1,000. (3) Baptize at least 1,500 souls. (4) Construct a new office building in Nashville, Tennessee. (5) Raise \$200,000.00 to help Oakwood College. (6) Light 10 new dark counties. (7) Raise the number of doctors located in the conference territory to 50. (8) Raise the school enrollment (elementary) to 1,600.

(9) Have the Literature Evangelists to deliver at least \$200,000.00 worth of books. (10) Build its Book Center Sales to \$350,000.00. (11) Build or acquire six new church/school buildings.

NEW BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT MC CALLA

Elder A.C. Jenkins, lay pastor for McCalla, Alabama along with the membership there has undertaken to construct a new edifice for worship in McCalla, Alabama. Pictured with him is J.W. McCoy, conference secretary, Brother T. Jones (deacon) A.C. Jenkins and C.E. Dudley, the president of the conference.



Elder A.C. Jenkins, lay pastor for McCalla, Alabama along with the membership there has undertaken to construct a new edifice for worship in McCalla, Alabama. Pictured with him is J.W. McCoy, conference secretary, T. Jones, A.C. Jenkins and C.E. Dudley, the president of the conference.

NEW HEIGHTS SOFTBALL TEAM

The New Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church of Jackson, Mississippi is proud of the young women who won the South Mississippi Federation Championship for softball.

The outstanding players for this year are: Elaine Burrell (ace pitcher) Dorothy Williams (most defensive). The 300 hitters are: Sandy Ware and Vicky Walton, Bieri Young, and Joyce Clay.

Congratulations go to both fine coaches, N.C. Micheals and Eddie Hardin. The trophy was presented to the Church by Elder N.C. Micheals.



Members of the New Heights Women's Softball, winners of the South Mississippi Federation Championship for softball. Standing with the winners are: Coaches Eddie Hardin, left, and N.C. Michael, right.

VISITORS FROM ALL FAITHS

It was October 19, Community Relations Day and Sabbath School guest Day at Bethany Church in Montgomery, Alabama. It was also Stewardship Commitment Day. The Conference Stewardship Director, I.J. Johnson was present through the week, studying the Family Finance under the theme "THE LOVE OF GOD".

It was a little after 9 o'clock in the morning when members, relatives and friends came pouring into the parking lot, directed by deacons. They walked into the church facing the warm smiles and handshakes of the hostess and deacons and the stewardship leader. The ushers pinned on flowers, and had guests to sign the guest book.

Song leaders, Gloria Nettles and Billy Hall, with pianists Charletta Abernathya and Carolyn Myrick kept the music ringing. Opening prayer and Scripture was given by James Thornton of the First Baptist Church; Cynthia Rankins of Freedom Life Ministries gave a musical selection; Jean W. Simmons of St. Jones A.M.E. church gave the Mission Story; and the lesson was taught by Rose Claibon and Nettles Moore, both Seventh-day Adventists. The teachers prayer was offered by Ruby Jenkins of Beluah Primitive Baptist Church. Janice Harvey, S.S. Superintendent and Lorine Savage, S.S. Secretary complimented the guests who led out and who took part in the lesson study.

After a brief interlude, the worship service began. The call to worship was given by Pastor A.H. Hoffman of Shiloh Baptist Church. The invocation was offered by Dr. G.M. Branch, pastor of the Dexter Avenue King Baptist Church and the hymn of worship was introduced by Pastor D. Ritchie of Freedom Life Ministries.

After the visitors were welcomed Elder R.L. Patterson called to the desk, Dr. Leon Howard, president of Alabama State University and painted a picture of the progress of the school under Howards' leadership, then presented to him a set of the Conflict of Ages Series for the school's library.

Dr. Howard gave remarks followed by Mr. Leu Hammond, a member of the City Council.

Elder I.J. Johnson, the guest speaker, ended his series of stewardship by reminding the audience, "He that is faithful over a few things I will make him ruler over many things."

DISTRICT CHANGES

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Central Conference, the following district changes or reorganizations were voted:

G.L. Byars to Birmingham Real Truth (New Congregation) and Leeds; Ray Carter to Ownsboro and Bowling Green, Kentucky; R.E. Gaiter to Adamsville, Jasper and Sterrett, Alabama; F.L. Murray to Eads and Memphis (Overton Park); D.D. Johnson to Paducah, Hopkinsville, Kentucky and Clarksville, Tennessee; Milton Johnson to Brent, Prattville and Wetumpka, Alabama; J.W. Jones to Knoxville, E. Knoxville and Harriman, Tennessee; Walton Rose to Pell city, Sylacauga, and Talladega, Alabama; R.I. Rugless to Amory, Columbus and West Point, Mississippi; A.J. Sanders to Bessemer, McCala and Alton, Alabama.

G.I. Pearson was transferred, upon request, from the A.B.C. Manager to pastor New Life Church in Nashville, Tennessee; S.P. Ruff was given the Management of the A.B.C. in addition to the directorship of the F.H.E.S. and Publishing Dept.; Mrs. I.W. Williams, who was A.B.C. Assistant Manager moved to California and Laurine Williams was placed as Assistant Manager of the A.B.C.; Phillip Palmer was placed as Bookkeeper/-Accountant of the A.B.C.

LARRY WASHINGTON GIVEN FULL SCHOLARSHIP BY THE CONFERENCE

For the second year, the South Central Conference has awarded a full scholarship to one of its high school graduates that is attending the Oakwood College. This year the gift went to Larry Washington of the Riverside Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee. Larry is a graduate of Madison Academy in Madison, Tennessee.

WEST AFRICAN ROYALTY VISITS

West African royalty came to Memphis last month and visited with members from the five churches.

More than 1,000 Adventists observed Siaka Probyn Stevens, president of the Republic of Sierra Leone, as he was honored during a special Sabbath program on Nov. 2.

The 80-year-old leader, who hails from a country of mostly Moslems and Christians, was quite comfortable amid the showering attentions of the Memphis churches and their leaders.

President Stevens graciously accepted the gifts, offering thanks to his "Christian friends."

Elder C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, did a history of the Adventist Church's relationship with Sierra Leone. He gave the president a book, "Free At Last," by Elder E. E. Cleveland.

The highlight of the service, however, was a painting by one of the country's most renowned artists, Ernie Payton.

The oil painting, a gift from Youthville, USA and its founder, showed the continent of Africa, and President Stevens in his official role as head of state.

The likeness was so striking that tears came to the president's eyes as he stood to ask the Memphis artist where he had seen the president before.

After the benediction, the processional marched out of the church, as the host church choir sang the black national anthem "Lift Every Voice And Sing."

Born in Mende county, President Stevens was educated at the Albert Academy in Freetown, Sierra Leone's capital and at Ruskin College in Oxford, England.

While President Stevens' visit was made primarily in support of the Mid-South trade mission planned for next month and International Trade Center Project, he found time to spend with the founder of Youthville, USA.

Pastor Victor Brooks, former pastor of the Longview Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church in Memphis, was able to meet with President Stevens about 30 minutes before the Sabbath ceremony.

Pastor Brooks tells of a time of tensesness when the president said he would not be able to meet with the churches.

"I became nervous," recalled Brooks. "I got out of my seat and walked around in front of the president."

"When I did that, the security guards moved closer."

"I lifted my finger, completely out of nervousness, and said: 'You *must* come.'"

Elder Brooks said President Stevens looked at him rather sternly. "He didn't smile or anything. He said to me, 'Pastor Brooks, you must pray very hard.'"

"Then we talked about Youthville," Brooks said. "As we talked, he became very interested. The president invited Youthville to come to his country."

The group was called to the table to eat. Their former state representative Teddy Withers, *who will lead the African trade mission*, informed Elder Brooks that his prayer had been answered: "The president will go to the church."



Mrs. Alyce Parker a pioneer of the Berean Church who assisted D.F. Sterling in writing the history of the Berean Church.

**NEWS FROM HOUSTON -
BEREAN CHURCH**

For more than seven years the old Berean Church was closed and abandoned, after the purchase of the Bellfort Church property. Conference administration decided to modernize the vacant building, and re-open the church since it was located in the predominate Black area of Houston. The Berean saints celebrated their Pioneer Days - 5th Re-opening and 37 years of service, November 2-9. Pastors C.E. Cunningham and W.T. Cox, a former pastor, were among the speakers for the week. The church choir presented excellent music for worship service.

The summary of the church history was written by Alyce Parker and D.J. Sterling. This church has a rich history, which dates back to Elder N.J. Nunex. Pastor Ellis and corp of workers planned well and executed their plan.

Sabbath, October 12, the Bereans observed their Annual Deaconess Day, under the leadership of Ann Sweatt. The theme was "Unity" Attorney Shelia Jackson Lee was the speaker for the hour, and she spoke on unity, love brotherhood and consistent dedication. Shirley Ellis and the Berean choir provided superb music for the day. gifts were presented to the speaker and the pianist, Shelia Youngblood for hard work and dedicated service.

Henrette Collins
Deaconess Secretary



Mrs. Claud Thomas lecturing during the family enrichment seminar.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY:

Dr. & Mrs. Claude Thomas of Oakwood College conducted a Marriage & Family Enrichment Seminar, September 27-29. The seminar was well attended and the persons attended were benefitted. The

seminar ended at the Holiday Inn with breakfast, and a spirit filled meeting, making the families stronger in the community.

Shirley Ellis
Reporter



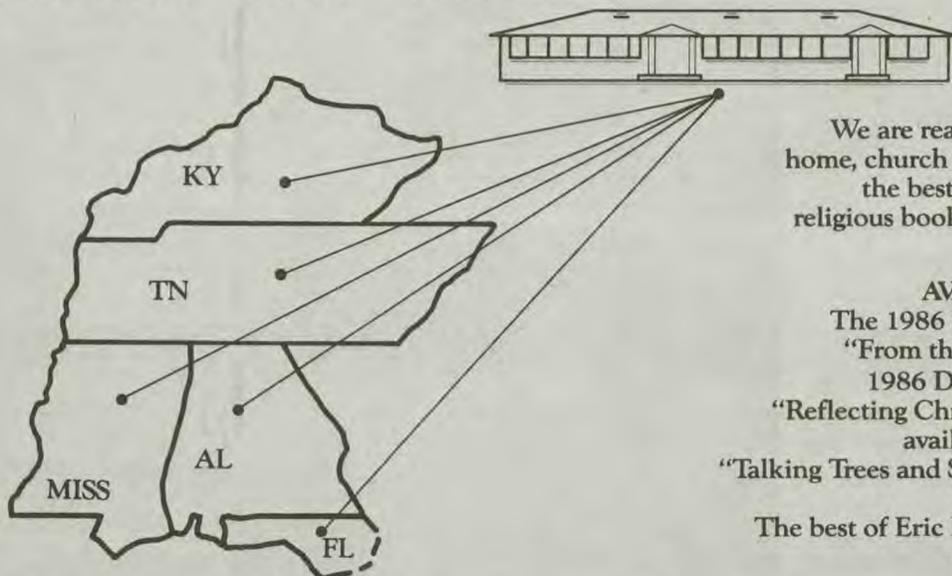
Dr. Claud Thomas conducting a family seminar at Berean Church in Houston

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Chlora Jones, Alumni Chapter President from Savannah, Ga. speaking during Oakwood National Alumni Executive Meeting.

1985 NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PLANNING MEETING

October 17-20 was a special time in the city of Charlotte, North Carolina. The Oakwood College National Alumni Association held its annual meeting here. Each year the National Alumni officers travel to different cities in the United States to discuss items concerning Oakwood College and to plan Homecoming. In 1984, the meeting was held in Cincinnati, Ohio; Charlotte, North Carolina won out over Dallas, Texas, and rightly so. A large number of people gathered for the weekend to do business and socialize with other officers who have become like family over the years.

Members were accommodated at the Quality Inn Hotel in downtown Charlotte. The meeting began Thursday afternoon. A reception was held Thursday evening in honor of the National Alumni Association president, Lee A. Paschal, for his many years of undying support and dedication. The reception was well attended; among its attendees, Charlotte city councilman, Charlie Dannley; Dana Clark from Charlotte Visitor's & Convention Bureau; Joan Lacy from Heritage USA (Jim Bakker's PTL) and representatives from J.C. Smith University's alumni association. Friday's meeting was opened with devotion given by Charlotte's county commissioner, Pastor Robert Walton. The dinner on Friday, donated and prepared by South Atlantic Conference's regional vice president, Katie Lettle, was held at the home of

local alumni members, Gloria and Milton Tucker. Sabbath was indeed a "high day in Zion." Among activities were a tour of the Heritage USA (PTL) grounds and facilities and AY program presented by Minneola Dixon and five Oakwood students. The night was culminated by a "Trip Around the World," stopping at China, Jamaica, and returning to the U.S. By the way, the weather was beautiful all four days; "Caroline Blue Skies" prevailed.

The weekend was very enjoyable and productive. The Oakwood College name has been spread throughout the city of Charlotte. A greater awareness of the college's needs has been instilled in the

people. As a result, we hope that Oakwood will have even more support in the future, and will grow to its fullest potential. We all look forward to meeting in Dallas, Texas in 1986 for the betterment of our school, Oakwood College.

WELL DONE OAKWOOD

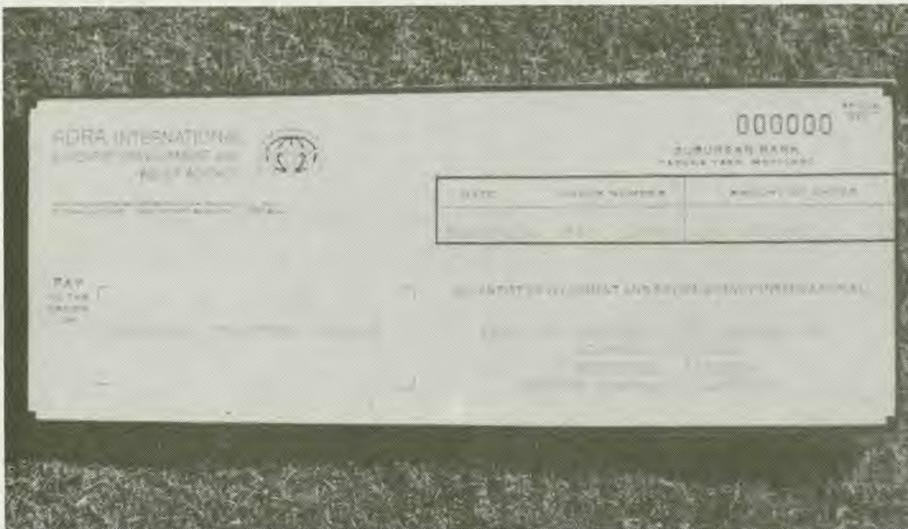
On January 15, 1985, the students of Oakwood College gathered at the college auditorium to launch a campaign designed to aid the starving millions in Ethiopia. Their goal of \$10,000 was not one that seemed easily reachable, but in the true Oakwood spirit, they gladly accepted the challenge. Mrs. Alma Blackmon, who was the campaign chairperson, drove home the need for donations. The funds were to be used for the construction of the first well in a system of wells to be dug in a straight path from northern Ethiopia southward, including the city of Shashamane, where the Ethiopian Adventist College is located.

Blackmon reemphasized the need for the wells saying, "The present water is so dirty you wouldn't wash your feet in it." This statement, in addition to the videotapes of the barren land, and accounts of families torn apart by hunger and death, moved the students, not only to give as much as they possibly could, but to encourage others to give as well.

In a letter from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), it was cited that two-thirds of our body weight and nine-tenths of its volume is water. Then several questions were asked: "Have you ever stopped to think what life would



Lee Paschal, President, Oakwood College National Alumni Association signs an agreement with a travel agency official. Dr. Garland Dulan, Vice President looks on.



Oakwood College and friends donated \$10,000 to help (help Ethiopia's languishing people).



Elder E.C. Ward, College Church Pastor, (left), Mrs. Alma Blackmon, Campaign Chairperson, and Dr. Mervyn Warren, executive Assistant to the President, display a roll of tape with 700 contributors to the Help campaign.

be without water? Did you know that people can survive up to two months without food, but die within three days without water? Did you know that over half the people in the Third World do not have clean water to drink; and that clean water, vital for life, is also vital for health, lack of it causing more than three-quarters of human illness?" These questions prompted deep thought, and encouraged students, and faculty alike to put their all into this campaign.

At a vesper service, about three months later, Mrs. Blackmon rose to make an announcement. There was an air of excitement which suggested that something

special was about to happen. She then announced that the goal set for the Ethiopia aid campaign had been reached. She went on to display a roll of paper tape containing the names of the 700 contributors, and she also made mention of the fact that a child as young as four years of age had contributed to this cause. The smallest donation was 20¢, and the largest \$300.00, but regardless of the size of the donation, every little bit helped to reach the set goal, and to see that water was made available to those who needed it.

So on March 13, 1985, Oakwood College presented a check for \$10,000 to the Ethiopian Adventist College.

The thank you letter from ADRA made their appreciation felt by saying, "You have helped make someone else's life just a little easier because of your concern for helping the less fortunate."

A result of a caring school and community.

Jillian Thorpe, the author of this article, is a senior communications major at Oakwood College.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENT MISSIONARY RETURNS

"I feel good. I'm home now," says Lynda Mims of Oakwood College.

Lynda just completed an 11-month student missionary assignment in Japan where she served as nurse and English teacher at the Kobe Seventh-day Adventist Hospital (Kobe, Japan).

If the size of her farewell party (40 families) is any indication of her success in Japan, then Lynda was just that: a success. When asked if she had plans of returning to Japan, her answer was a definite yes. But the next time, Lynda wants to be a visitor in Japan and serve as a missionary in another country.

Her parents and her brother and sister greeted her at the Huntsville-Madison County Airport Wednesday afternoon, July 17, with a dozen red roses and a welcome home poster. Both of her parents (Gregory and Hattie Mims) are employees of Oakwood College.

Lynda's stay in Japan was an opportunity that her mother wished that she could have had while in school. Says Mrs. Mims, "It's been a great experience for her."

Lynda, a junior, will be returning to Oakwood College this fall to complete a bachelor's degree in English. She later plans to attend law school.

Audrey Stovall Coleman

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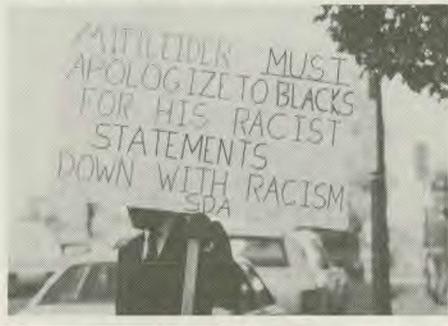
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CHURCH OFFICIAL OFFERS APOLOGY ON RACE MEMO (from the Washington Post October 14, 1985)

A top official of the Seventh-day Adventist Church acceding to a demand first made by black church leaders six years ago, publicly apologized yesterday (October 13, 1985) for a remark he made in a 1979 internal memorandum that the leaders said was offensive to Black members. Nearly a fourth of the church's North American members are Black.

Ken Mittleider, who is white and one of five vice-presidents of the church told about 200 church leaders from around the world gathered for an annual conference at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Takoma park that his remarks arguing against hiring a white woman described as a 'crusader' for Black causes was not meant as a racial slur.

"I ask forgiveness of anyone who came to that conclusion. From the depths of my heart I ask that you please forgive me," a church spokesman quoted Mittleider as saying during an unscheduled, 15 minute speech detailing his motives in writing the memo on October 30, 1979.



HUNDREDS OF BOOKS AND TRACTS DISTRIBUTED AT FAIR

Free books, free tracts and free smiles were given to those who came to Booth 33 at Ossining Fair, Ossining, New York this summer. Most people to sample the cotton candy, enjoy the amusement rides but they got more than they bargained for because the Sabbath School and Lay Evangelist Departments of the White Plains Church, White Plains, New York were part of the fair.

They distributed more than 250 pieces of literature, 25 Cosmic Conflict, 40 Steps to Christ and several primary tracts. Buoyed by their effective outreach the Personal Ministries and Literature Evangelists operated two booths at the Valhalla Fair, Valhalla, New York.

Over 500 pieces of literature, 300 Cosmic Conflicts, New Testament, Bible Answers and Happiness Digest were given away. Also, the fair goers received health information.



A young girl enjoys reading a Little Friend given to her at the Ossining Fair.

ARNEDIA BROWN HONORED

Mrs. Arnedia Brown, conference Bible Instructor was recently honored at a banquet by the members of the Berea Temple Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

The affair, engineered by Mrs. Lucille Brown, began with the honoree being led into the multi-purpose room. She was visibly shaken to read the "Welcome Home" sign designed especially for her. She was unable to contain her excitement as the curtains of the stage parted to reveal her loved ones and she leaped to her feet with joy.

Friends and well wishers paid their tributes to her with musical selections and recitations. Mrs. Bernice Webster, her sister, presented a "Sketch of her Life" and the Sanctuary Choir sang her favorite hymn, "Not I, But Christ." All in attendance testified to her dedicated service.

Mrs. Brown has been in denominational employment since 1974. During that time, she has worked in several major evangelistic efforts, supporting such ministers as W.C. Scales, Jr., and C.D. Brooks.

She is credited with being instrumental in bringing many people to Christ.

At present, she assists pastor, E.L. Richardson in the city of Baltimore.

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