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Northeastern Academy

COVER STORY



NORTHEASTERN ACADEMY

— Stephanie D. Johnson

In 1920, America was electrified by unparalleled economic growth. This prosperity led blacks to abandon the cottonfield of the South and head North to the "promiseland."

Like every new immigrant, they nourished the hope for a better life for their children. Churches, political and social organizations preached the gospel of self-help. Marcus Garvey marched down the streets of Harlem proclaiming, "Up you mighty race you can conquer what you will!"

It was during this year that Harlem Academy was established. It marked a milestone in the history of the SDA Church for it was the first black senior academy established in the North.

A Gifted Poet Among Those Who Served as Principal

Harlem Academy was opened under the auspices of the Harlem SDA Church and the Greater New York Conference on 131st Street in New York City.

Students from the New York area, Baltimore, Chicago, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and the Caribbean came to attend the academy. The first principal was J.L. Moran, one of the most eminent educators produced by the SDA Church. Later, Moran had the distinction of serving as the first black president of Oakwood.

During its embryonic stages Arna Bontemps served as a teacher and later principal of the academy. Bontemps, a gifted poet and novelist was one of the leading figures of the Harlem Renaissance, a literary movement that caused black literature to flourish.

Throughout the years, Northeastern Academy formerly known as Harlem Academy, has attracted dedicated Christian educators.

Education for Eternity

Today, the need for a black academy in an urban setting is as relevant as it was 66 years ago. It offers a beacon of light those youths living in a city environment infected with drugs and despair. It pro-

vides achievement for young people otherwise left out of the mainstream of American life.

It instills hope and ambition to achieve the seemingly impossible. It builds character and teaches leadership skills that contribute to the betterment of society. But, most important of all it trains young men and women not only for service in this life but for eternity.

The task of shaping and developing the young men and women falls on the shoulder of Mrs. Esmee Bovell, the present principal and 21 dedicated and academically qualified faculty and staff members.

The 203 cosmopolitan student body coming from the New York metropolitan area, Europe, the Caribbeans and Asia are offered a curriculum tailored for the space age. Some of the subjects taught are: history, religion, computer science, business education, foreign languages—Spanish and French; sciences—biology, chemistry and physics; mathematics—algebra 1 & 2, geometry, trigonometry and pre-calculus; home economics and vocational education; fine arts—band, art and music appreciation.

The careful instructions of the teachers are paying big dividends. Traditionally, the students have done well on the competency exams which one must pass in order to receive a high school diploma. However, the 1984-1985 Regents results were the best ever in the school's history. The results were: biology—86%, chemistry—84%, mathematics—78%, comprehensive English—67%, comprehensive social studies—75%.

New York state is also taking note of the academy's superior teachers. Recently, Mrs. Claudette Giscombe, the biology instructor since 1975, was awarded a New York State Regents Empire State Mathematics and Science Teacher Fellowship for "superior achievement and promise" as a high school teacher.

A Fruitful Tree

As a tree is known for the fruit it produces, so a school is known by the stu-

dents they produce. Northeastern stands foremost among SDA academies for producing educators, administrators, doctors, lawyers, ministers and missionaries. Among the outstanding alumni are: Dr. Charles Toney, U.S. Navy Reserve dentist, recently promoted to Commanding Officer of the Bremerton, Washington Dental Unit. Presently, he practices general dentistry in Salem, Oregon.

Elder James Edgecombe, minister, educator, missionary and presently president of the Southeastern Conference.

Dr. J. Herman Blake, author, scholar and administrator, received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Presently, he is the president of Tugaloo College, Tugaloo, Mississippi.

Dr. Donald F. Blake, administrator, biologist, consultant and educator. Presently, he is Assistant Director of Education for Hartford Insurance Group, Hartford, CT. His duties make him responsible for the internal operation and management of the corporate education department.

Atty. Eardell Rashford, presently serves as special assistant corporation counsel, City of New York, division of real property.

Leroy A. Reese, M.D., practices the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology at the White Memorial Medical Center. He is director of the White Memorial Medical Center OB/GYN. He also holds the rank of assistant professor of OB/GYN at Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Dr. Ivan Warden, minister, educator and administrator, received his D.Min from Princeton Theological Seminary. Presently, he serves as director of Urban Ministries and Community Services for the Southern California Conference, Glendale, CA.

Dr. Henry Felder, lecturer, economist and administrator, received his Ph.D. in economics from Stanford University. Presently, he serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

Each new graduating class insures that Northeastern will continue to be a citadel of quality Christian education.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

GEORGE TIMPSON ELECTED SECRETARY OF MID-AMERICA UNION

The Mid-America Union Executive Committee has elected George Timpson to be the Union Secretary. He succeeds Don Holland who has taken a position with Adventist Health System in Florida.

Timpson came to Mid-America in 1981 to serve as Associate Secretary. He has also directed the Health, Temperance and Inner City work, and will continue to carry those responsibilities.

—Mid-America Adventist Outlook

Dear Editor Paschal,

I enjoyed reading Elder Murphy's comments and the Publisher's Page in the Regional Voice issue dedicated to Elder Earle. Both gave me an historic perspective of Black Adventists in the church. I only wish that "in 40 years of Progress" each conference emphasized its history more thoroughly. This in-depth information is desperately needed by persons of my generation. We need to know the "complete" story of all black pioneers.

Elders Cleveland and Murphy are the only leaders, to my knowledge who have exposed the injustices committed against blacks in the church. We should know this and more.

May I recommend that each month you have a history page to include the backgrounds and struggles of our leaders. Thank you.

Sincerely, LaMarr Renee (Ms.)
New York, New York

HUMILITY

So many times within our lives
Hardships compass our way.
Afflictions oft beset us,
And death presents its play.
It's difficult to understand
The reason for these plights
The pain, sorrow, depression
And many sleepless nights.
Humility is brought to light
When helplessness we feel
We then realize our dire need
For saving grace is real.
So we solemnly present ourselves
Before Christ's holy face
And come unto His presence
As a sinner, saved by Grace.

Let us not view our troubles
As destruction for our lives
For they are just God's working tools
To have our souls revived.

Just ask God for serenity
To accept things we can't change,
Courage in changing those we can,
And always, "Praise His Name."

James Dawkins

The Editor's Desk

CAPSULE OF EVENTS FROM LINDEN SCHOOL

★★★The Amerathon★★★ It was exciting! It was fun! It was the Amerathon. This great event was held at the St. Albans Park on October 28, 1985, a brisk but clear morning, all set and ready to go. Linden SDA School (Laurelton, NY) students and teachers in jogging suits, sweatshirts and even shorts participated.

To make sure the children weren't scored unfairly, a score card was placed on each participant's back. For the third through eighth graders running a 110 yard track was a challenge; but it was worth pushing for twenty laps to get a trophy.

Those who sent out 10 mailers received an Amerathon cap with our country's colors; those who brought in 20 or more mailers received a tee shirt and a cap with the Amerathon logo. Children who worked hard enough to bring in the most mailers even received money.

The Amerathon was a great success and it is benefiting the school in building a new science laboratory.

Sandia Lister, grade 8

300 STUDENTS HONORED AT AWARDS CEREMONY

Oakwood College honored 300 of their most outstanding students at its annual Academic Honors and Recognition Ceremony. The ceremony was held November 13, 1985 on the Oakwood College campus. The honorees of both the honor role and the dean's list were celebrated at the ceremonies. Dr. Leon Higgs gave an outstanding address, followed by a presentation of certificates of honor to all 300 students. The program was a product of the Oakwood College honors committee headed by Dr. Jannith Lewis, Chairperson.

Stephanie McGough

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	14	21
Boston, Mass.	4:57	5:06	5:15	5:24
New York City	5:08	5:17	5:26	5:35
Buffalo, N.Y.	5:26	5:35	5:45	5:54
Atlanta, Ga.	6:08	6:14	6:21	6:27
Miami, Fla.	6:04	6:09	6:13	6:18
Charlotte, N.C.	5:51	5:58	6:05	6:12
Birmingham, Ala.	5:17	5:24	5:30	5:37
Jackson, Miss.	5:33	5:40	5:46	5:52
Memphis, Tenn.	5:27	5:35	5:42	5:48
Louisville, Ky.	6:04	6:12	6:20	6:28
Detroit, Mich.	5:46	5:55	6:04	6:13
Chicago, Ill.	5:04	5:13	5:22	5:31
South Bend, Indiana	5:59	6:08	6:17	6:26
Minneapolis, Minn.	5:19	5:29	5:39	5:49
St. Louis, Mo.	5:21	5:29	5:37	5:45
Kansas City, Mo.	5:38	5:46	5:54	6:02
Denver, Co.	5:18	5:27	5:35	5:43
Little Rock, Ark.	5:37	5:44	5:51	5:57
Dallas, Texas	5:59	6:05	6:12	6:18
New Orleans, La.	5:37	5:42	5:48	5:53
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:34	5:41	5:48	5:55
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:57	6:04	6:11	6:18

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

ALLEGHENY EAST

PATHFINDERS AT SHARON TEMPLE REMAIN ACTIVE

Romans 13:11-14 was the key text for the divine worship service during Pathfinder Sabbath at Sharon Temple in Wilmington, Delaware. Donald Lambert III and Tyshe Melton led the procession carrying the American and Christian flags followed by the platform participants and Pathfinders. The morning hymn, "Lift Up the Trumpet" reiterated the urgency of key text. There was total participation from the adult counselors and Pathfinders throughout the entire morning service.

Donald Lambert, Jr., Pathfinder Director as well as local elder at Sharon Temple, focused on the text found in Romans during his message that was relevant and applicable to the local congregation and community. Not only were the Pathfinders to "awake out of sleep . . . and cast off the works of darkness . . ." but the entire church family was made aware of their responsibility to the local community during these last days of this earth's history.

Following the morning worship service a special fellowship dinner for the Pathfinders was served. During the AY hour a superb presentation of "The Prodigal Son" was portrayed. After the sunset, the Pathfinders enjoyed additional fellowship and recreation together.

The "Redskins", the official name of the local chapter, is a vital force at Sharon Temple. They meet weekly with their counselors as well as engage in various witnessing activities throughout the greater Wilmington area during the year. Such activities include: collecting canned goods, street corner witnessing, as well as participating in the annual Ingathering campaign as an entire group.

Betty Robinson, Fay Clark, Shirley Jones, Reanee Lambert, Arnold and Vera Tucker serve as counselors. Donald Lambert Jr., has been serving as Pathfinder director for over five years.

Charles D. Battles
Communication Secretary

AYS PRESENTS BURRS IN CONCERT

The Adventist Youth Society of Baltimore-Berea Temple recently featured Patricia Gilmore Burrs in a benefit concert.

Mrs. Burrs, a mezzo-soprano and former member of this congregation suc-

cessfully combines her duties as a wife, mother and career woman to pursue a music ministry. She has performed at numerous churches and city-wide meetings from coast to coast. She states that the person who has a reason for living and a purpose in life can tolerate almost any difficulty.

Also performing with her in concert were Jonathan Ryan, Jordana and Ahman Burrs; Hai Jim Kim; Marc Marcel and the quartet (Donalt Jackson, Lester Black, Jean Blain and Stephen Walwyn.)



Elder Edwin Humphrey speaks to the congregation during Week of Prayer.

BEREA HOLDS INREACH SERIES

Elder Edwin Humphrey of Rochester, New York was the guest speaker for Baltimore's Berea Temple Week of Prayer. His messages directed the congregation to the coming of Jesus. His titles included: "Redeeming Grace," "Comforter at Work," and "Behold He Cometh."

James Dailey, first elder, offered a second inreach series on the "Preparation for the Final Crisis." Dailey felt that this series was extremely necessary in order that church members gain an in-depth view of the inner workings of the church. He directed members to become familiar with the doctrines in order that they may not be misled by false teachers.

The church members reported this seminar was a tremendous success. Both meetings were very heavily attended and resulted in a mass dedication by members of the church.

PRISON MINISTRY DAY HELD AT MIZPAH

Isaac Powell, Philadelphia Prison Ministry Team Director recently sponsored a Prison Ministry Day for his church, Mizpah, Philadelphia, PA.

The Philadelphia Team with a membership of 90 (8 from Mizpah), is presently visiting three local penal institutions every Tuesday, Friday and Sabbath. They are responsible for 14 prison baptisms this year.



Elder Ronald Murphy of the North Philadelphia Church was the guest for Prison Ministry Day.



The Revelators, the official singing group of the Prison Ministry team.

Speaker for the day was Ronald Murphy of the North Philadelphia Church, Philadelphia, PA. His sermon title was "When the Gates Swing Open." He pointed out that although gates may be necessary in our lives, our hope is in the day when the holy gates of heaven swing open for blessed freedom.

Music was rendered by The Revelators of Ebenezer Church, Philadelphia, PA, now the official singing group of the Philadelphia Prison Ministry Team.

Eleven-year-old Gerald Howard made an impression during the Children's Hour by telling his story word-for-word without once referring to his storybook.

Ruth Wilkerson
Communication Secretary

THE WILL AND THE WAY

"... and they let down the bed in which the sick of the palsy lay." Mark 2:4

This text answered a question for Pastor Vern Joyner of the Mt. Sinai Church in Trenton, New Jersey. The church makes a practice of preparing souls for baptism on a regular monthly basis.

Recently, Leonard Hazzard, a former city policeman was baptized on a stretcher because of a motorcycle accident which left him partially paralyzed. Len had been attending church for quite a few months and taking studies from Pastor Joyner.

When he requested baptism, Joyner questioned himself as to how this could be accomplished. Local elder Joe Broxton came to his aid by securing the loan of a stretcher from the Helene Fuld Medical Center where he works.

As Mildred Broxton, church organist, softly played "Take Me to the Water", the deacons entered the baptistry area carrying Hazzard on the stretcher and gently lowered him into the water. The congregation responded with joyful and reverent "Amens" as the above text was used as a reminder of the palsied man who was let down through the roof. For Hazzard it was a momentous occasion as this was his first baptism and an answer to his prayer to follow Jesus.

Also baptized were Sandra Roberson, Dorothy and Ira Belton (husband and wife) and Linda Jones.

DEPARTMENTS COMBINE FORCES FOR HOLIDAY GIVING

The combined efforts of the Personal Ministries, Community Services and Pathfinder Departments of the Breath of Life Church in Fort Washington, Maryland resulted in the distribution of 12 baskets for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Three weeks prior to Thanksgiving, Personal Ministries Director, Lorenzo Best distributed literature to the Fort Washington community explaining the food drive and requesting donations of canned goods. In addition, the church was also asked to participate by providing canned goods and funds. The following week under the direction of Pathfinder Leader, Mirza Jackson, the Pathfinders were able to collect over 500 food items. Each home in the community that contributed was given a trace on healthful living.

Community Services Leader, Antoinette Bruce, along with her staff prepared the baskets for delivery. The combined efforts of church and community gave a happy, nutritious holiday to 12 families in need.

POLICE OFFICER HONORED AT COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

The Mizpah Church of Philadelphia, Pa., recently showed its appreciation for the community by honoring police officer Edward Moore. The church is especially grateful to him for his services during Vacation Bible School. He was on hand to talk with the Bible students about drug abuse, showing them how to recognize various drugs. He also counseled the young girls on how to protect themselves against rape. He regularly holds work-



Gladys Henry, Mizpah Sabbath School Superintendent.



Eleven-year-old Gerald Howard tells the children's story.



Elder William Linthicum, Pastor of Mizpah Church, congratulates Officer Edward Moore as Norma Upsey, VBS director, looks on.

shops and conducts lectures in different communities on such topics as these.

He was presented with an engraved plaque by Norma Upsey, Vacation Bible School Director.

Music for this service was rendered by the Sermonettes of Dover, Delaware, who returned to sing again for the afternoon AYS.

During the Children's Corner Time, 11-year-old Seth Williams captivated his young audience with a story entitled "Summer Debts".

The sermon was delivered by local elder Willie Parker of the Sharon Temple SDA Church in Wilmington, Delaware and entitled, "Unity Once Removed, Now Restored."

Visitors were then invited to join church members in a fellowship dinner.

The day's program was coordinated by Gladys Henry, Sabbath School Superintendent. Pastor of the church is William Linthicum.

Ruth Wilkerson
Communication Secretary

NO BREAK FOR TURKEY DAY

How did YOU celebrate Thanksgiving: relaxing with family and friends, visiting relatives, feasting on Turkettes and more? At West Philadelphia it was business as usual. Why break from feeding the hungry for such an occasion? They didn't! And when Philadelphia radio stations WZZD and WKDN inquired about places to send people for a Thanksgiving Day meal, they found West's soup kitchen still dishing it up, and even nicer for the holiday, with some help from the local Food Bank. Community members came in out of the freezing rain to find church members who had forsaken their own families to serve them. And what a meal it was, turkey and stuffing, candied sweets, macaroni and corn, cranberry jelly, beans and of course, cobbler and cake, their way of sharing their blessings with others.

Mark Frog Harris
Communication Secretary



The diners constantly came and went.



Late diners enjoy their Thanksgiving meal.

SOFTBALL TEAM PROVIDES RECREATION AND WITNESSING

The Berea-Temple Church in Baltimore is very proud of the ADVENTIST FALCONS, a slow-pitch softball team organized 17 years ago by Purnell and Michael Jones who decided they wanted a church squad. Their purpose is two-fold: (1) to provide good, clean recreation and (2) to witness at every given opportunity.

They joined the Bureau of Recreation League and throughout the team history, they averaged 20 men per season, age 15 and over, with 90% Adventists and 10% non-Adventists. They played weekly on Sunday mornings, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Druid Hill Park.

The Falcons have proven successful in their endeavors. They have made it to 3 championship playoffs. They are respected by their non-Adventist teammates, opponents and officials because of their friendliness and their disciplined Christ-like, good sportsmanship.

A girls' softball team organized in 1976, won their league championship the first year.

Their witnessing also paid off when three teammates who were converted became Adventist pastors; namely: Gaylord Brown of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Melvin Janey of Oakland, California and George Thornton of Annapolis and Cambridge, Maryland.

Members of the team are: Purnell Jones, Michael Jones, Keith Smith, Shelton Stanley, Henry Beck, Sam Edmonds, Raymond Green, William Harcum, Edwin Jones, Kevin Jones, Anthony Johnson, Warren McCleary, Robert Norton, *Bailey Purnell, Keith Simms, *Calvin Tindal, *Gerald Tindal and *Ronnie Tindal.

*Non-Adventists

Bettye Brock
Communication Secretary



Michael Jones, front row center, and Purnell Jones, standing to his right, organized the Adventist Falcon, 17 years ago. They are standing with some of their team members.



Ms. Rachel Anderson, 98 years old, expresses her gratitude to the Dupont members.

MEMBERS SAY "WE LOVE YOU"

"Happy Birthday" and "We Love You" were the two basic reasons why the members of Sharon Temple in Wilmington, Delaware surprised their pastor recently with an appreciation dinner and program. Pastor William Hall has been serving as pastor at Sharon Temple for the past four years. Hours of study and research for timely and relevant sermons week-after-week can be taken for granted. Numerous visits all hours of the day and night are often expected by the members. Pastoral counseling in various areas occupy his time. His efficiency with his computer that provide the members with reports are often forgotten. The church secretaries can also rely on their pastor for taking care of the bulletins if their schedule is tight on various weeks. The church, school and conference committees rely on his input and leadership. In the midst of it all, his wife Roxanne and their three children, William Jr., John and Rochelle require constant attention as a husband and father.

No, it is not easy to take care of your personal responsibilities at home as well as the diverse needs of a church family of over 400 members. That is why Thad Ferebee, first elder and Juanita Tatman, church hostess coordinated this special birthday and appreciation dinner for their pastor. Each department of the church made a brief presentation. Original poems from various members, musical and instrumental selections were also presented along with several personal gifts from the departments and church family.

No doubt other pastors' work may be taken for granted and overlooked. Why not give your pastor a special "thank you"? A telephone call to just say that his

work is appreciated. A small card or note of appreciation and encouragement may be just what he needs to help him through the week. An extra special handshake on Sabbath morning can also relay the message that you love your pastor.

Charles D. Battles
Communication Secretary

TEANECK CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR

It was exactly 392 days, 9,408 hours; 564,480 minutes since Pastor H.T. Weatherford and his family had been introduced to the members of the First SDA Church in Teaneck, New Jersey by the president of the Allegheny East Conference, Meade C. VanPutten.

On that day, Pastor Weatherford informed the congregation of his goals, objectives, desires and plans for the church. He and the members adopted the following theme, "This is the friendly church, with the friendly pastor, where everybody is somebody." The members in retrospect declare that this has proven to be so.

The celebration included a rededication ceremony led by Delores Etter, Communication Secretary. During the divine worship hour, the elders, deacons, deaconesses and other officers with their spouses indicated their support of Pastor Weatherford and their desire to work with the spirit of harmony and cooperation. The prayer of rededication was offered by James Clements, a former pastor.

Elder Clements, presently the pastor of the Norfolk, Virginia church was the guest speaker. His wife joined Mrs. Rosina Weatherford in the dedication ceremony.

Later that evening, Pastor Weatherford was "roasted" by Elder Lee A. Paschal, Communication Director for the Northeastern Conference.

The church presented the Weatherfords with gifts of stoneware, crystal and flatware as tokens of their appreciation.

Dolores K. Etter

RACHEL ANDERSON HONORED BY MEMBERS ON 98TH BIRTHDAY

Ms. Rachel Anderson celebrated her ninety-eighth birthday at the Dupont Park Church in Washington, D.C. on the first Sabbath in November, 1985. Myrtle Murphy coordinated the celebration. Sabbath School members showered Ms. Anderson with cards and a birthday cake. The entire Sabbath School sang "Happy Birthday" to Ms. Anderson.

Joan P. Lewis
Communications Secretary

CENTRAL STATES



Mary Thomas (in background) with guest speakers at a temperance program.



Janice Cole provided special music at a temperance program.

NEWS FROM KIRKWOOD

Investment Day was a grand success at the Kirkwood Church in Kirkwood, MO, recently. Eddie Wellington led out in a very effective way throughout the year. She presented ideas and offered words of encouragement to cooperate with God in the miracle offering.

Her grandson, Derringen, collected aluminum cans and was very enthusiastic and persevering. Mary Thomas whose offering was \$100 is also to be commended.

It was thrilling to hear each roll call from kindergarten to adults. The total investment offering from 31 Sabbath School members was over \$400. To God be the glory!

Eddie Wellington prepared a beautiful table of canned foods and fresh produce, and six food baskets were distributed to the needy.

BETHEL'S NEWS IN BRIEF

Elder J. Paul Monk, Jr., President of Central States Conference, was guest speaker for Bethel's AY program. A large audience listened attentively as Elder Monk spoke of the "Seven Trends that Affect the Church and World Today." The audience responded by pledging to be on the alert for the changes, and to live by the standards of the church.

Doris Bullock, assistant AY leader planned and executed the affairs for the evening. Original songs were sung by the AY youth as a tribute of President Monk. Several of the city officials were present and helped to welcome the president. Doris Bullock presented Elder Monk with a lovely plaque from the AY department. Several musical groups presented musical selections. After the program a reception was held for Elder Monk and family. Doris Bullock certainly has the "know how" and she truly exhibited it. To Doris, we say, "a job well done."

Mazie Mitchell
Communications Secretary

TEMPERANCE DAY AT KIRKWOOD

The body is the temple of the Holy Ghost and it is necessary for us to love God enough to take the best care of His property.

Leading out in the temperance program was Marye Thomas. She presented a splendid program which included guest speakers, visual aids, health products, and publications that were made available to the congregation.

The soul-stirring practical information shared with the congregation, if utilized, would guarantee a happier, healthier life in this present world and stepping stones toward eternal life.

Magnolia Harris



Elder Ned Lindsay, pastor of the Bethel church with Elder Monk and Doris Bullock

BANNER YEAR FOR INVESTMENT

Sister Edith Thomas, Sabbath School secretary and Investment leader of the Bethel Church in Kansas City, KS, has done a commendable job. She closed Investment with an offering of over \$800. Sister Thomas encouraged Sabbath School members, on a regular basis, to work for Investment. A number of the members saved certain amounts of money, while others dedicated portions of the garden or fruit trees and still others sacrificed to give. Sister Thomas truly kept Investment alive. A banner year and a banner secretary, Sister Edith Thomas!

Mazie Mitchell



Investment secretary, Eddie Wellington and her grandson, Derringer.

LAKE REGION

BIBLE CHAPEL CHURCH IN SPRINGFIELD HOSTS EIGHTH ANNUAL HOMECOMING

Members from the Bible Chapel Church of the Lake Region Conference and the Springfield Church of the Illinois Conference, came together in early November to celebrate their eighth annual homecoming. Members from the two churches look forward to this gathering each year. This year there were approximately 150 members and guests in attendance from the Sabbath School hour through the vesper services.

Friends came from Decatur, Chicago, Hazelcrest, Peoria, and East St. Louis in Illinois. Guests also came from St. Louis, Missouri and other churches in the Springfield area.

Charline Bradley, a member of the Bible Chapel Church, served as Sabbath School superintendent. Special music was given by Philip Sisti singing "Say I Do"; a trio, Paula Irby, Charline Bradley, and Scotia Porter, sang "There Is One"; a quartet made up of Hugh Creary, pastor of Bible Chapel, Paula Irby, Philip and Regina Sisti, sang "More Love to Thee."

Among the special guests from Chicago were Charles D. Joseph, president of Lake Region; and Fred White, ministerial director for the Lake Region Conference. Elder White led out in the discussion of the Sabbath School lesson. Visiting with them also from Zimbabwe, Africa, was Joseph Thornocroft.

Speaker for the divine worship hour was Don A. Copsey, Sabbath School, Personal Ministries and Inner City director for the Lake Union Conference. Elder Copsey's sermon was titled "Dealing with Dimensions". He likened new church members to fragile, newborn infants. "They need acceptance and love if they are to survive." He further stated that, "New members need fellowship and a deep sense of worship."

Another special guest was Norm Nelson who spent 20 years as a member of the Voice of Prophecy radio team. He is now retired and living in California.

Nelson shared his musical gift with the congregation when he served as the accompanist throughout the Homecoming day. He played the piano solo, "Wonderful Jesus", from his album "Come Sweet Peace."

Guests from non-Adventist churches were also represented at the Homecoming. Philippa Porter, Joyce Swanson, and Beverly Bowman each sang a solo.

David Schwartz, pastor of the Springfield Church in Illinois Conference, was speaker for the vesper services.

When friends and members began to separate in the evening, hesitancy in wanting to part was softened, when these words of Dr. Joseph were repeated, "There will be joy when all of God's children meet at that Great Homecoming."

SEVEN BAPTIZED IN CHRIST IS LORD CRUSADE

Fred White, ministerial director for the Lake Region Conference, was the evangelist in a Christ is Lord Crusade held at the Bethel Church in East Chicago where Robert Tolson is the pastor.

The meetings which were conducted for four weeks, resulted in the baptism of seven new members.

Elder White's theme thought for the meetings was, "God who gave me life deserves my life. His will is all I want to do." The words of the theme song were often repeated by members and visitors who attended the crusade: "I want to live the way He wants me to live, I want to give until there is just no more to give, I want to love until there is just no more love, I could never, never outlove the Lord."

Musicians from the Chicagoland churches shared their gift of singing during the crusade. These vocalists included, Brother and Sister Earl Edwards; Leo and Sondra Vernon; The Voices of Hope Singers; The Genesis Singers; The Cousin Singers; Elder Claude Shaw; Elder and Mrs. James Humphries and the Emmanuel Choir from Chicago Heights; Straford Choir of Chicago; The Beacon of Joy Choir; Georgia Coleman from Mizpah in Gary, Mildred Gill and Cathy Jenkins.

Music coordinator for the crusade was Ellen Tolson, wife of Pastor Robert Tolson. Raymond White, from the Morgan Park Church in Chicago, served as organist and Ellen Tolson was the pianist for the crusade.

Frances Sharpley
Communication Secretary

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Hosie Hatchett, pastor of the Ephesus Church in Marion, is conducting a Bible study course which he calls Journey Through the Bible.

The Bible study started on December 4. Meetings are held at 7:00 on Wednesday

and Sunday evenings at the Ephesus Church. This Bible study course is expected to continue through much of the new year. Hatchett plans to include a Daniel and Revelation Seminar.

Studies for the course opened with a lesson from the Book of Genesis. The study was titled Founding of a Hebrew Nation.

James M. Buford
Communication Secretary

BISHOP TUTU'S DAUGHTER ADDRESSES ALL NATIONS CHURCH



Naomi Tutu-Seavers, daughter of Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu, Nobel laureate and spiritual leader of the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, delivered the Fall Lectures on Church and Society, in October at the All Nations Church in Berrien Springs.

Because of the large number of people in attendance, the lectures were held at the Berrien Springs Middle School.

Ms. Tutu-Seavers, along with her husband, Corbin Seavers, spoke three times on the theme, "The Church and Apartheid in South Africa." During the first lecture, given Sabbath morning at 8:00 a.m., Tutu-Seavers gave the historical, social and religious reasons for the development of apartheid (pronounced "apart-hate"). "Apartheid," she said, "literally means separate development. It is an elaborate political philosophy worked out to maintain and perpetuate colonial domination in white-racist, minority-ruled South Africa."

Tutu-Seavers said there are 29 million people in South Africa, of which 23.6 million are blacks, 4.8 million are white, and 900,000 are Asians. The land acts of 1913 and 1935 have designated 87 percent of the land for whites and the remaining 13% for blacks. Apartheid essentially

means, "land dispossession, social humiliation, and political inequality," she said.

During the 11 o'clock worship hour, Naomi Tutu-Seavers, a member of the Anglican Church, addressed the waiting congregation on the challenge of apartheid to the mission of the church. At the basis of apartheid is a strong theological belief in a God-ordained inequality of the races, she said. The church must denounce apartheid as an evil, she declared, and as a contradiction of the Biblical account in Genesis where humanity is created in God's image. In a short but powerful message frequently interrupted with applause and "Amen's" from the audience, Tutu-Seavers said: "If you hate, despise and hurt those made in the image of God, you hate, despise and hurt yourself and God." She urged listeners that at a time like this, silence cannot be the posture of the church, for it "implies agreement that apartheid is the Word of God."



In the afternoon, both Naomi and her husband, Corbin, gave personal testimony as to how they view the role and mission of Bishop Desmond Tutu. "My father is a religious leader, and not a political one. He does not have a political plan for the future government of the country," she said. However, in response to a question on the bishop's stance of non-violence, both Naomi and Corbin declared that the bishop is coming closer to the realization that violent action may be necessary to bring about peace in South Africa. "It comes down to a choice of the lesser of two evils: using violence to end the greater violence of apartheid, or that of allowing apartheid to continue."

"Pressure from the United States could help bring about a peaceful change," Corbin Seavers declared in response to a query on what could be done to end the struggle. To which Naomi Tutu-Seavers added that the action by the All Nations Church in having a special lectureship such as this to acquaint people with the situation in South Africa, was an important

way of helping, for most Americans need to be informed as to what is really happening in South Africa. They also made an appeal for funds for the Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund, which they both administer. The Fund is a nonprofit organization assisting some 750,000 blacks who have fled government actions in South Africa.

Ms. Tutu-Seavers, 25, was born in South Africa, but received her undergraduate education at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, where she met her husband Corbin. After earning a masters in international economics at the University of Kentucky, she moved to Hartford, Connecticut, where she works at Equator Advisor Services Ltd., a Third World consulting firm.

The lecture series, sponsored by the All Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church, is held each fall and spring, as an integral part of the Church's understanding of mission. Dr. Caleb Rosado, pastor of the church, declares that, "the Statement of Mission of the All Nations Church views the Three Angels Message of Revelation 14 as, 'the proclamation of Jesus' liberating gospel of salvation.'" The statement goes on to declare: "This gospel message not only meets spiritual needs, but also reaches all levels of human concern for social, economic, and political justice regardless of age, gender, and color."

"In view of this wholistic understanding of mission," Pastor Rosado adds, "we bring outstanding Christian thinkers each year to broaden the awareness of the Adventist community in Berrien Springs, as to how society challenges the mission of the church." The growth is reciprocal, since many of the speakers, most of whom are non-Adventists, have never had such a positive first-hand experience with Seventh-day Adventists. "All of them leave with an impressive understanding of Seventh-day Adventists" Rosado says.

Caleb Rosado, Pastor
All Nations Church

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TWENTY YEARS LATER

"Good morning, will you give to our worldwide program? By the way some of these funds will go to help feed starving children."

This is the greeting shoppers hear from Mrs. Birdie Sherrod as they enter or exit a local supermarket in Indianapolis. Birdie has been a member of the Capitol City S.D.A. Church in Indianapolis more than 29 years. Birdie has now been ingathering

for 20 years. At this reporting she has gleaned more than \$1,000 for ingathering. Birdie states, "I was introduced to ingathering before I was baptized." Interestingly, Birdie joined the Adventist church during an ingathering campaign. She begins each canvas with a prayer—a prayer of thanks to God for touching the individual's heart to give. Then she adds, "A smile is a must."

Joseph Robinson, personal ministries director at Capitol City, stated: "The efforts of Sister Sherrod, prove that talent can be hidden for ever so long. However, as long as there is a spark it can be fanned into a brilliant flame. After 20 years Sr. Sherrod has emerged, she shook the dust from her feet, and she has become a great inspiration to the rest of the church."

Birdie enjoys ingathering and is happy for the opportunity to share God's love. As a direct result of ingathering, she is now conducting several Bible studies. Unfortunately, she is the victim of Lupus disease. However, she does not allow this handicap to deter her from going ingathering. One day, in an hour and a half, in the rain, Birdie ingathered \$110.00, she hastens to give all praise and thanks to God.

Birdie and her husband Henry, are the parents of five children. As a result of their enthusiasm about ingathering, two of their daughters were baptized at Capitol City Church on November 16. Again Birdie gives thanks to God for this blessing.

Capitol City is blessed with several ingathering "Super Stars", but presently Sister Birdie Sherrod holds the distinction of being the church's "Reigning Queen" for harvest ingathering 1985.

Charli Cartwright
Communication Secretary

PATHFINDER DAY HELD AT MIZPAH

Elder Jason McCracken, Associate Youth Director of the North Brazil Union and currently on educational leave at Andrews University, was guest speaker at a recent Pathfinder Day at the Mizpah Church in Gary. His sermon, "The Empire Strikes Back," was delivered to the members and visitors.

The Pathfinders of the Sharon Church in Milwaukee, were among the special guests.

During the AY meeting, Elijah and Eula Swain were invested as Master Guides.

The Pathfinder program ended with a video presentation of the Colorado Pathfinder Fair.

NORTHEASTERN

REVELATION SEMINAR EQUALS SUCCESS!

The Revelation Seminar held in the Bronx Church was a dream come true for the Pastor and members of the church.

When the idea of a seminar was presented to the church board early in February, everyone was enthusiastic about the prospect of the laymen taking an active part in the soul-winning ministry of the church.

Pastor Norman Snipes, the pastor of the church, has always viewed the role of the layman as that of soul-winning and he did not hesitate to give the Revelation Seminar his blessing, as he carefully and prayerfully directed the laymen in the execution of such a powerful ministry.

Elder Eugene Williams, a local elder, a capable speaker and a relatively new member, was selected to conduct the seminar. Elder Williams' congenial manner and his ability to reach people were some of the major factors that influenced the pastor and the board to have him lead out.

Before the seminar was presented to the community, a seminar was held in the church during the month of February and continued into April for the benefit of the church members. Forty members graduated from this seminar.

From this group of graduates came the Revelation Seminar outreach team. Their goal was to work with the pastor and the personal ministries leader, Billy Fonville, to implement a seminar in the community.

The purpose of the seminar was to present a study of the Book of Revelation to all people regardless of their educational ability and to help them to make a decision for Christ.

The Revelation Seminar for the community began on May 20, 1985 and continued until July 12, 1985. Evelyn Mung, one of the seminar committee members, conducted the phone registration and a visiting team of fifteen to twenty members were assigned to make home visits. Among the team members were: Elders Boynes, Williams and Brown; G. Ebanks and A. Thomas. The hostesses during the seminar were young people Ferdinand Barnard, Linette Felder and Mr. and Mrs. Engleman. Lesson distribution teams each night consisted of Jane Barnard, Etta Marshall, Patricia Harris and Marjorie Burnett.

The back-up instructor was Elder Richard Streeter and the treasurers were Herbert Johnson and Mary Felder.

The meetings were held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday night for eight weeks, and the attendance for the first four weeks averaged about 150 persons.

The attendees at the seminar showed a great deal of interest in the Book of Revelation, as evidenced by their preparedness to answer questions related to the assigned lessons and the questions that were asked night after night.

The seminar was held in the school for five weeks, then it was held at the church for the remaining three weeks. The Sabbath question was presented to one hundred and six students, and seventy-five accepted the Sabbath as the true day of worship. Forty-eight students made a commitment to have a closer walk with God, and of that number twenty-seven requested baptism.

Today there are sixteen precious souls who have made it all the way to baptism.

A banquet was held for all seminar workers, students and their families on Sunday, August 18, 1985.

Myrtle Pickett
Public Relations Secretary



Eugene Williams, speaker for Revelation Seminar, held at Bronx Church.

HEALTH SEMINARS CONDUCTED AT TABERNACLE

Preventive medicine and health reform are parallel components of the Advent faith.

In "Ministry of Healing," "Early Writings," "Mind, Character and Personality," Ellen G. White admonishes ministers and congregations to, "agitate the public mind deeply" on the immutable laws of nature.

These teachings, no longer hypothesis are widely recognized in the medical arena because of apparent prolonged life-spans of temperate believers. However Adventists have become slack and con-

sume, in nearly equal proportions, damaging man-made foods which cause obesity, disease and hasten death.

Compelled by this alarming trend, Elder Jephtha A. Nwakanma, Ph.D., H.M.D. of City Tabernacle Church, New York City, has organized a series of "Get Well Health Seminars" to remind us to and educate the public to nature's principles of wholesome eating.

Nwakanma grew up as an Adventist in Emo State, Nigeria where native doctors use local herbs and natural foods as medicinal cures.

This environment provided informal training and cemented his boyhood dream to become a medical practitioner.

The seminar focused on these topics:

1. Nature's Principles of Wholesome Foods, Prevention of Diseases, Circulatory System, Heart Diseases, Causes, Natural Remedies.
 2. Ten Basic Principles for Optimum Health, Youthful Vitality, Prevention and Natural Treatment of Diseases.
 3. The Key to a Vibrant Life
 4. Causes of Allergies, Asthma, High Blood Pressure and Natural Remedies.
 5. Juice Fasting—The Royal Road to Good Health and Long Life—Juice Therapy
 6. The Natural Method of Weight Control
- "I do not prescribe, but I strongly urge people to eat right, exercise and rest." He continues, "In our wisdom we have stripped away vitamins, minerals, fiber—ingredients God originally give us and we have replaced them with preservatives, coloring, additives; items which cause obesity, heart attack, diabetes."

"All of these conditions stem from diet," says Nwakanma. "Such as bursting blood vessels in the brain. Frightening and heart wrenching symptoms of Alzheimers disease patients trying to perform life's basic functions without assistance. The list is endless and the realities of illness can be cruel. But we cannot transgress nature's laws without reaping what we sow." (Dr. Nwakanma is willing to present these lectures at other churches.)

LaMarr Renee
Correspondent

OVER 175 CHILDREN ATTEND VBS

For three weeks approximately 175 children attended the VBS at Christian Fellowship Church, Brooklyn, New York. Although they started with 200 students, the number was reduced because some went to summer camp or on vacation.

Rose Ambersley Allen, Sabbath School Superintendent; Effie Jones, VBS Director; and Beatrice Smith, Assistant Director worked to make a lasting impression on the children.

During graduation exercise, the children's parents were given commitment cards, which expressed a desire to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. A Sabbath School member was assigned to each family that signed a commitment card.



Christian Fellowship's VBS students display their crafts.

GOSHEN CELEBRATES 5TH ANNIVERSARY

In August of this year Goshen Temple, Brooklyn, New York celebrated its fifth anniversary. In the summer of 1980, Steven Patterson, then a ministerial student at Oakwood, conducted an evangelist crusade that blossomed into Goshen Temple.

The anniversary speaker was Pastor Glenn Roberts, former pastor of the Hanson Place Church, Brooklyn, New York, which sponsored the crusade. The adult, youth and children's choir provided the music for the worship service.

A number of members were given awards for their outstanding achievement. During this five year period Goshen has grown from 60 to 315. Elder Samuel Sampson serves as the present pastor.



Pastor Glenn Roberts, (second person), Pastor Samuel Sampson, (third person) marches in for the Sabbath services.

100 RECEIVE FREE HEALTH SCREENING

More than 100 persons were examined at a health fair sponsored by the health care department of the Mount of Olives Church, Brooklyn, New York on September 15, 1985.

The fair, staffed by volunteer health care professionals, offered: blood pressure test, blood test, breast examination, hematocrit, general physical examination and counseling.

Rendering their services were: Dr. Gloria Castillo Campbell, gynecologist; Dr. Wesley Campbell, clinical psychologist; Dr. J. Jean, general practitioner; Dr. Roger Boyce, internist; Dr. Dummett, pediatrician; Dorothea Caldwell, nurse practitioner; Monica Kelly, lab technician; Muriel Tugwell, public health nurse; Geraldine Boss, nurse; Harriet Parris, home care nurse; Norma Thomas, nurse; Sara Baptiste, nurse; and Gladys Walton, nurse. Ms. Walton is also the director for the health care department for the Mount of Olives Church.

One of the main attractions of the fair was "Smoking Sam" who stood on the corner smoking as passers-by stopped to watch. "Smoking Sam" was operated by Elder Carlos de la Pena, health and temperance director for the conference, who lectured on the harmful effects of smoking.

The community services department distributed clothing and literature. The Northeastern community service van provided medical equipment and privacy for medical examination.

Plans are now being made to sponsor several fairs during the year.



Sean Lovell Tolliver, Jr.

ADVENTIST YOUTH NAMED TO OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN

Sean-Lovell Tolliver, a member of the Mount of Olives Church, Brooklyn, New York has been awarded the Outstanding Young Man of America Award for 1985.

This award is given in recognition of outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability and exceptional service to the community.

Nominations are made by men's civic organizations, city and state officials, alumni associations, chambers of commerce, colleges, universities and commandants of military installations.

He is a graduate of the Linden-Jamaica Elementary School, St. Albans, New York; Northeastern Academy, New York City; and an alumni of Oakwood College. Sean-Lovell received a B.S. in Social Welfare in 1982 and is a candidate for his Master of Social Work degree in May 1986.

Sean-Lovell has worked in the child welfare/juvenile justice system for the past eight years providing supervision and case management to children and adolescents who have been placed outside of their natural homes by the legal system for various anti-social behaviors and criminal offenses.

A recipient of numerous awards for his work with youth throughout New York State, Sean-Lovell was also awarded the Camp Counselor of the Year Award for 1978 and 1979 two out of the three years he served Northeastern Conference in this capacity.

Sean-Lovell is a member of several professional organizations including: the National Association of Social Workers and the Association of Adventist Behavioral Scientists.

As an employee of the New York State Division for Youth and the Nassau County Department of Social Services Sean-Lovell enjoys his profession immensely and views it as a great opportunity to witness by example.

As a full time graduate student Sean-Lovell manages to find time to serve as a one-to-one volunteer with a court involved youth presently in placement in a private child caring facility.

Presently, Sean-Lovell is completing his internship with the New York State Office of Mental Health in a hospital based outpatient clinic as a family therapist and has plans to pursue his Doctor of Social Welfare degree.

Tolliver gives all credit to the Lord for providing him with an adventist home and God fearing parents, Lovell and Helen Tolliver, where Christian education was always important.

Without the opportunities to serve the church in various capacities as a youth, Tolliver feels that the happiness he now experiences in his profession would not have been possible.

MUSIC EMPHASIS DAY HELD AT CITY TABERNACLE

Music Emphasis Day was recently held at City Tabernacle Church, New York, New York. The guest speaker for the occasion was music professor, Francis Toshimasa Wada from the Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, MA. Professor Wada was once a Buddhist, then a Catholic and finally Seventh-day Adventist.

He shared his conversion experience with the congregation. Professor Wada was born into a wealthy family and was unaccustomed to hardships or privations until he left his home to come to America where he felt it would be advantageous in advancing his musical career. He was a lover of music and began early in his life playing musical instruments. The fact that he could not speak a word in English, had no money and knew no one, all added to his dilemma.

He took a menial job as a night watchman and worked long hours with little pay. His pride would not permit him to disclose his difficulties to his parents; instead, he would write them rosy letters about how well he was progressing in his musical studies.

After some time had passed, he came to the breaking point and decided to commit suicide, but God provided a way out. He received a call for a position in a school in Washington, D.C., only to discover later he did not qualify for the position because he did not have the correct visa.

While in Washington, a Seventh-day Adventist young lady invited him to Sligo Church. He attended that church on Sabbaths while attending a Catholic church on Sundays. He took Bible lessons from a Seventh-day Adventist member and a Catholic priest at the same time.

There was a real struggle which time and space will not permit one to elaborate; however, the Spirit of God finally prevailed and he was joined together in holy wedlock to the young lady who had invited him to the Sligo church. He com-

pleted his music and is now the chairman of the music department of the Atlantic Union College.

With Professor Wada were artists from the Atlantic Union College, who with their musical instruments added greatly to the service.

In the evening the program featured music of the highest order. Several guest choirs were also in attendance, among them a Catholic choir under the direction of Linda Elliott, guest artist.

The program began with a prelude by Mr. Earl Bryan, assistant organist of Tabernacle. The combined choirs sang "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee." Mr. Hugh Logan, president of the Tabernacle choir, gave the welcome and Mr. Lloyd Chung, music coordinator for the church, made appropriate remarks.

"Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring—Bach" was rendered by the combined choirs, Linda Elliott, conductor. "Gloria" from the cantata "Wachet Auf—Bach" and "He Shall Purify" from the Messiah—Handel and "Lift Up Your Heads" were sung by the St. Jean Baptiste Catholic choir, Linda Elliott, conductor.

The Men's Chorale of City Tabernacle, Earl Bryan, conductor, rendered beautifully "Thanks Be to Thee." Followed by "Alleluia" sung by the New Rochelle choir, Delores Jones, conductor.

Iris Harris, guest soloist, beautifully sang selections from Hayden and Mozart. The Sanctuary Choir of City Tabernacle, Lloyd Chung, conductor, thrilled the audience with a selection from Beethoven.

Selwyn L. Ash and Clinton Ingram combined their voices to sing, "I Waited for the Lord"—Mendelssohn.

It seems no music program is complete without Negro spirituals. "Steal Away" was sung by Clinton Ingram. A fitting climax to the day was the Hallelujah Chorus by Handel rendered by all the participating musicians and choirs.

Elizabeth Martin
Correspondent

HANSON PLACE CRUSADE YIELDS 30 BAPTISMS

On September 28, 1985 Timothy P. Nixon, associate minister of the Hanson Place Church, launched "The Real Truth Evangelistic Crusade" at the church with the topic: "A Day in Brooklyn When a Lotto Winner Will Not Claim His Prize." And on October 26, five weeks later, 19 persons were baptized in the church's font by the evangelist and Pastor Rupert W. Young, senior minister at Hanson



Pastors Timothy P. Nixon (left) and Rupert W. Young baptize candidates during the "Real Truth Evangelistic Crusade" held at the Hanson Place Church from Sept. 28 to Oct. 26, 1985.

Place. A week later another 12 were baptized making a total of 31.

Beginning each evening (except Thursday which was a rest day) at 7:30 with a spirited song service led by singing evangelist Al Stewart, the meetings provided inspirational music, warm Christian fellowship and dynamic preaching of The Word. Attendance, however, fluctuated with larger numbers attending on week-ends, and appreciably fewer in attendance on week nights.

Nonetheless, Nixon, convinced of the righteousness of his mission, preached with the same zeal and fervor to the many as well as to the few.

Giving invaluable support to the evangelist were Pastor Young who filled the nightly role of quiz master; Patricia Brathwaite, the indefatigable Bible instructor; Gene Andrews at the organ, and Robert (Bobby) Soverall at the piano; the prayer band led by Doris T. Williams; a small group of Hansonians who attended every evening; and of course, the ebullient Al Stewart.

But in a real sense, the crusade was a personal triumph for Nixon who refused to cancel the effort despite several early serious setbacks which spawned advice that the time was inopportune, and the venue inappropriate for conducting a truly successful series of meetings.

Addressing the congregation at the beginning of his last sermon of the series, Nixon gave God the credit for the success achieved. He also paid tribute to Young referring to him as "a prince of a man" for having graciously moved off center stage, while doing all he could to ensure the crusade's success.

Later that evening, after Young had delivered the charge to the new converts and Nixon had delivered a fervent dedicatory prayer, the new members were welcomed formally into the church with handshakes, hugs and kisses.

Lloyd Goodridge
Correspondent

SOUTH CENTRAL

PRESIDENT OF SIERRA LEONE VISITS SOUTH CENTRAL

While on a special visit to West Memphis, Arkansas on November 1 and 2, His Excellence, The Honorable Siaka Stevens, president of the Republic of Sierra Leone, West Africa requested that his tour include a visit to the Seventh-day Adventist church for the worship service. At 12:30 p.m. according to schedule, he along with his entourage arrived at the Longview Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The program that was held included the singing of the Sierra Leone national anthem by the Longview Heights choir, an opening prayer by Pastor Dana Edmonds and Pastor Victor L. Brooks of Memphis; Greetings were extended by Elder J.A. Jones, the pastor with comments and presentations by Elder Victor L. Brooks, one of the former pastors of the church. C.E. Dudley, the president of the South Central of Seventh-day gave words of welcome in behalf of the leaders of the church from its various levels; Mr. Teddy Withers, one of the sponsors of the entire trip for the president introduced His Excellence, President Stevens.

In his address to the congregations, President Stevens expressed his joy in visiting with the Seventh-day and also expressed his belief in Christianity and revealed that he was a product of the mission. he expressed good wishes for the members of the church and the work that it is doing in Sierra Leone. A large life-size of the president was presented to him at the close of the meeting by Elder Victor Brooks.

Some of the North American Blacks to serve as missionaries in the country were, D.B. Simons, S.L. DeShay, John Pitts, Walton Whaley, and Edna Atkins. Some of these missionaries had also served in Memphis, Tennessee.

REAL TRUTH CRUSADE YIELDS 155 BAPTISMS AND NEW CHURCH

On Sunday, July 14, 1985, over 1,100 people gathered under the Big Green Tent to witness the opening of the Real Truth Crusade in Birmingham, Alabama, a six-week meeting conducted by W.C. Scales of the G.C. Ministerial Department. There were 155 souls baptized and a new church organized as the meeting closed.

Scales' parents, Elder and Mrs. W.C. Scales, Sr., worked with him.

Roger White, Administrative Assistant from the Mayor's office, presented Scales, Jr., with a key to the city and said in his welcoming remarks, "A meeting such as this, where real Bible truth is being presented is needed, not only in this location, but also in the surrounding suburban neighborhoods where I live, and I hope the evangelist will consider such a challenge."

White also said that he was impressed by the wholistic approach of evangelism touching the mental, physical, social and spiritual man. He said he was also impressed by the United Prison Ministry organization of Richard Bland.

Five buses were acquired to transport people to the meetings. Some 50 members worked together to prepare the paved parking slab on which the tent was pitched.

White also presented pins and other tokens of appreciation from the Mayor to Don King, Health Educator, and Marguerite Brown, Camp Director.

Dr. C.E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, was present and gave words of welcome. Ted Lewis brought 90 non-Adventists on opening night.

Each Monday and Wednesday night, after the meeting, food was distributed through the Community Services Department of the church.

The Real Truth Crusade was patterned after the model of Jesus Christ who ministered to the needs of the people as he taught them spiritually. It is based on the Caring Church model, and is a unique wholistic outreach in evangelism as it appeals to the physical, mental, spiritual, and social man. White said that the Real Truth program is something federal programs fail to achieve.

After the second week, 37 workers were spread over Birmingham visiting and encouraging people to attend the big tent. The workers came from Alabama, Maryland, California, Georgia, Ohio, Virginia, and Texas. Studies were given from the mayor's office to government projects and the clarion call to "Hear the Word of the Lord" was sounded throughout the city.

Dr. Don King, who conducted the Health Education Program, presented facts on how to improve one's health. A mobile health unit was taken into the communities where free health screenings were offered. Health Screenings were provided

each night at the tent. A computerized health age appraisal was conducted.

"The Summer Day Camp was scheduled to accommodate 300 enrollees," said its director, Marguerite Brown, "but by the end of our second week we had enrolled 450 and had to turn some students away."

The Summer Day Camp provided two free meals, for children 5-18 years of age. Community volunteers assisted with the programs which included Bible studies, arts and crafts, swimming, and sewing. Seven counselors from the Summer Day Camp were baptized.

Lynn Davis, Jackie Bruce and Ruben Drake extended the outreach ministry to the 20 hearing impaired persons who attended the meetings. Lynn Davis remained after the crusade to train workers to interpret for the hearing impaired.

The Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, directed by Dr. Don King and Dr. Delsadie Callins, a local pediatrician, was one of the outstanding contributors to changed lives. General Lee Mills, a 50 year smoker, kicked the habit.

Cable TV Channel 22 aired two programs, one was taped on location at the big tent.

Dr. Patrick Vincent, Pastor of the Ephesus Church and Director of the Crusade, provided answers to the many questions raised by the people each night. Hyveth Williams and Kenneth Mulzac, students at Andrews Theological Seminary, conducted the Family Life Series on Friday nights.

Pastors Walter Rose, Michael Ross, F. Murray, G.L. Byars, J.W. Jones, L. Shepherd, Roy Gaiter, W. Scales, Albert Frazier and J. Edmonds worked in the crusade. Oakwood College students T. Lewis and Wayne McKnight, were pre-workers who consented to work for five more weeks, after the big tent came down.

Bible Instructors: Flora Wade, Delores Fuff, Geraldine Miller, Rosa Pugh, Mary Pulliam and Joni Edmonds, under the direction of Mrs. Arnedia Brown from Columbia, MD, were assigned to more than 50 families each for visitation.

Mary Scales, mother of the evangelist, graded Real Truth Bible Studies. Lois King, wife of Dr. King, provided services in computer operation. Perry Pride was Director of Music. C.L. Brooks, Belinda Mulzac, T.M. Kelley sang. Edomania Simmons of Chattanooga, Tennessee was the organist, Harrison Watkins III of Birmingham, was the pianist.

On Sabbath afternoon, August 24, Dudley, president of South Central officially

organized the Real Truth Seventh-day Adventist Church, a new church for the city, with the pastor G.L. Byars. A church building with kitchen, fellowship hall, parking lot and educational wing was purchased for the new congregation.

A member of the TV crew remarked, "I have done a lot of religious programs, but this one is different. I've gained a lot of knowledge and I'm inspired to study my Bible."

Hyveth Williams
Correspondent

IN TRANSITION

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

G.L. Byars to Birmingham Real Truth (a newly organized congregation) and Leeds, AL; Ray Carter to Owensboro and Bowling Green, Kentucky; R.E. Gaiter to Adamsville, Jasper and Sterrett, Alabama; R.L. Mann to Decatur, Florence and Triana, Alabama; F.L. Murray to Eads and (Overton Park) Memphis, TN; D.D. Johnson to Paducah, Hopkinsville, Kentucky and Clarksville, TN; Milton Johnson to Brent, Prattville and Wetumpka, AL; J.W. Jones to Knoxville, E. Knoxville and Harriman, TN; Walton Rose to Pell City, Sylacauga, and Talladega, Alabama; R.I. Rugless to Bessemer, McCalla, and Alton, Alabama; A.L. Sanders to Tuscaloosa, Alabama; J. Bell to Mobile, Daphanie, Alabama; Albert Frazier to Amory, Columbus, and West Point, Mississippi; Antoine Maycock to Chattanooga, Tennessee; Benjamin Jones to First Church in Huntsville, Alabama; H.W. Kibble to Pensacola, Florida.

In addition to district changes there were other changes: G.I. Pearson from the A.B.C. Manager to pastor New Life Church in Nashville, Tennessee; S.P. Ruff, the management of the A.B.C. in addition to the Director of FHES and Publishing Department; Miss I.W. Williams named assistant Manager of ABC; Phillip Palmer as Bookkeeper/accountant of A.B.C.

W.J. Cleveland, pastor of South Park Church in Birmingham, Alabama, announced his retirement after 46 years of service.

*He who diligently seeks good
seeks favor, but evil comes to him
who searches for it.*

Prov. 11:27—RSV

JONES NAMED HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF

Elder J.A. Jones, pastor of the Longview Heights Church, Memphis, Tennessee has been commissioned as an honorary deputy sheriff for Shelby County, TN. The commission came from Gene Barksdale, Sheriff of Shelby County. The written document states, "Greetings, Reposing full trust in your prudence, integrity, and ability, I do by virtue of the power and authority invested in me as Sheriff of Shelby County, TN, thereby commission you as Honorary Deputy Sheriff for Shelby County, TN."

LADIES' DAY HELD AT NEW HEIGHTS

"Standing Tall for Christ", was the theme of the Ladies' Day program at the New Heights Church in Jackson, MS.

The guest speaker, Wanda Grimes who is presently a chaplain for the Regional Medical Center, Memphis, TN, is a graduate of Andrews University with an MA in Religion. Her sermon was on Jael, an Old Testament woman who was a servant of God. The lesson pointed to the responsibilities of women as Christian leaders in the church, home and community. Ms. Grimes was introduced by Mr. T. Blevins.

Evelyn Adams served as Sabbath School Superintendent, Leona Courtney of Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church of Jackson gave special music for the Sabbath School.

Special music for the worship service was given by Lannie Span McBride of the Greater Fairview Baptist Church.

An afternoon concert by Ester Cuffie of Natchez. Recently, Ester has recorded the album "He's My Rock". She is the wife of Nigel Cuffie the founder and president of New Life Ministry, Inc.

Geneva Thomas Young
Communication Secretary

AYS PRESENTS BIRTHDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

The AYS department of the Marantha SDA Church, Tuscaloosa, AL, presented a birthday extravaganza program and dinner as a general fund raiser. "Everyone worked very hard," said Celestine Bell, youth director, "for their month to be the winner, but the winning month was May."

CHOIR PERFORMS FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM

The Marantha Jr. Church Choir (Tuscaloosa, AL) under the direction of Johnnie M. Richards and Jimmy O'Neal Moore as pianist were invited to sing on a special Sabbath program at Brent, Alabama. The 21 member choir sang a variety of songs. The guest speaker for the occasion was Bernard Williams, assistant pastor of the New Life Church, Huntsville, AL.



Nancy Harris has passed her 90th birthday and is still active in the Jordan Street SDA Church, Pensacola, FL. She is presently enrolled in a Computer Science Course and is still driving over 50 miles a day in her own car.

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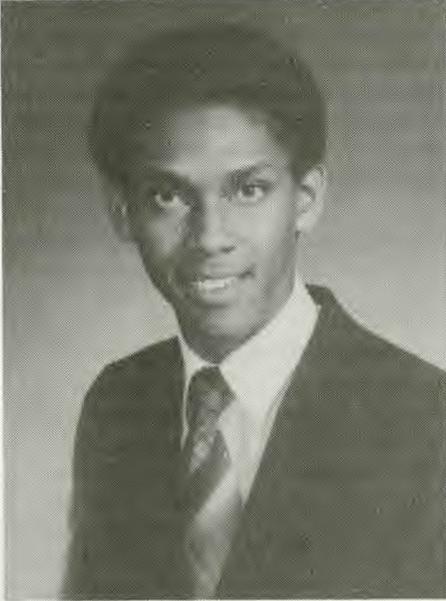
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Willie Hucks II.

PASTOR HUCKS VENTURES OUT IN HUNTSVILLE

Pastor W.E. Hucks II, one of the newest Infiltration workers, who is a 1985 graduate of Oakwood College, has assumed pastoral duties in Conroe, Texas. He is working toward establishing a church in Huntsville, Texas, where he resides. The pastor of the sister church gave him a list of individuals who had attended a Revelation Seminar at his church. One of the contacts spoke of a health problem she was experiencing, and could not get relief. Pastor Hucks talked with her concerning Christ and what he could do, after recalling the miracle of the 5000. His visit resulted in Bible studies, which are still in progress, and he expects her to be his first convert. Pray for this young man as he ventures out into the work in this dark county.

Doris Jones
Reporter

NANCY MARIE JONES RECEIVES MBA DEGREE

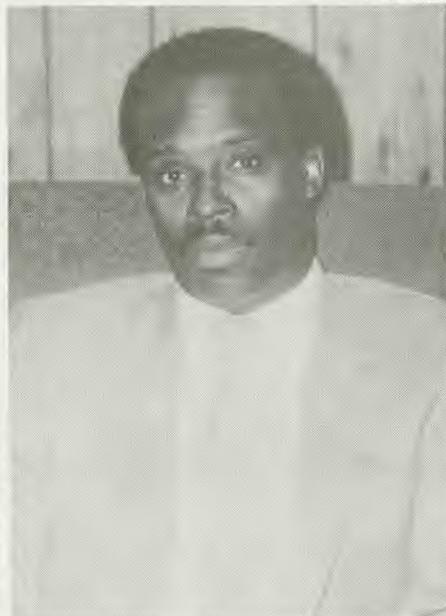
Nancy Jones, a secretary at the conference office was born in Rayville, Louisiana. Completing her undergraduate work at Northeastern University, Monroe, LA, she decided to continue her education. November 23rd, at the Dallas Convention Center Theatre, she received her MBA Degree in Management from Amber University.



Nancy Jones, Southwest Region Conference office secretary and her father, Willie Jones

Nancy is a dedicated member of City Temple, and has served the church well in the Sabbath School, Home and School Departments, also as a choir member. Presently, she is secretary to Elders J. Ford in the Sabbath School and Education and B.E. Wright in the AY Department. She has served in the office for almost eleven years. Miss Jones' father, Willie Lee Jones, Sr., a retired Baptist minister, journeyed to Dallas to participate in the hooding ceremony, and witness the graduation exercises. We are proud of Nancy's accomplishment, and wish her well.

Doris Jones
Reporter



Gerald Wright

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR CHOICE A SURPRISE

The Tarrant County Commissioners recently voted to hire Gerald W. Wright as Personnel Director. Wright becomes the highest-ranking Black administrator in County Government.

For the past 8 years Wright has served as personnel Director at Tarrant County Mental Health Retardation Center, Fort Worth. He is a graduate of East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas, in the field of Business.

As a devoted member of the Grace Temple Church, Fort Worth, Texas he has served as Choir Director, Deacon, Elder, Stewardship Director and other offices. He is still active in his church and loves his God. He is married to Cherri, who is an executive secretary for General Dynamics of Fort Worth, and they have twins, Courtney and Justin.

May he continue to serve his Lord and be a blessing to man.

Doris Jones
Reporter

YOUTH ACTIVITIES 1985

B.E. Wright, youth director, reports an eventful year for the Southwest which began with:

- 1) The Annual Winter Camp at Lone Star for the 5th year in January. They offered Basic and Advanced Training for Survival. The campers took advantage of 16 different honors and 13 clubs participated in this retreat.

- 2) Awards Banquet at the Loews Anatole Hotel was given an overwhelming response by the youth who were honored from the churches and societies. Not only were they grateful but deserving of the recognition. The 300 plus guests who attended gave their nod of approval to make it an annual affair.
- 3) Conference-wide Bible Spelling Bee.
- 4) Basketball Championship.
- 5) Conference-wide Olympics—200 youth participating.
- 6) Summer Camps at Lone Star.
- 7) Camp Hale Camporee with Pathfinders—8 clubs participated in this historic occasion from Southwest Region.
- 8) Campmeeting, quarterly federations and Pathfinder programs and activities have all mushroomed into giant conventions, making the program not only interesting, but edifying as well.
- 9) Bible Bowl Events—Two teams participated in the National Championship, Jackson, Miss. Southwest Region Conference placed third among 13 participating teams.
- 10) The crowning act was the 11th Annual Thanksgiving Retreat at Lone Star November 27-December 1. The Seminar emphasized "Anger & Self-worth".

Many parents/youth commented as to what they had learned and how it had improved their self image, their ability to cope with anger, and to know the rights and wrongs of it. Due to good spiritual preaching, one teen-ager and one young adult committed their lives to Christ and consented to become members of the Adventist church.

Elder Wright has also conducted several seminars through the conference on a variety of subjects such as: How to Cope with Stress; How to Overcome Depression/Worry; Anger—Right or Wrong; Dating & Courtship; and Marriage Enrichment.

Doris Jones
Reporter



Pathfinder Induction Ceremony-Pathfinder Training Seminar: Ronald Thibodeaux, guest Dallas, Ephesus Church in New Orleans, Ester Holmes Pathfinder Director and B.E. Wright



South Louisiana Federation, Pamela Johnson giving the Children's Story.



First-place Bible Bowl team — Houston Berean Church.

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IN THE NEWS



PASTOR'S WIFE RECEIVES DEGREE

Madge Bonner-Douglass of Berrien Springs, Michigan, recently earned a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Administration of Urban Teaching from Michigan State University. "A Study of the Positive Impact of the Attitudes and Expectations of Parents and Teachers on Poor Black

Children Who are Successful Readers," was the topic of her dissertation.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Douglas is also an alumna of West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania. She is presently employed by the public Schools of Benton Harbor, Michigan, and has held positions in the public schools of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. She has also taught for five years in the College of Education at Oakwood College.

Dr. Bonner-Douglass is married to Robert L. Douglas, a minister in the Lake Region Conference. They have two sons, Robert Lafayette, supervisor of the adolescent substance abuse program at the Battle Creek Adventist Hospital; and Patrick Mack, a junior at Oakwood College.

FIVE BLACK WORLD LEADERS OF THE CHURCH MEET

The image of the world leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is changing around the world. Five of its leaders of color met with the leaders of the Regional work of North America

during the Annual Council. Shown left to right are: C.E. Bradford, president of the North American Division, George Brown, president of the Inter-American Division, G. Ralph Thompson, secretary of the General Conference, Bekel Heye, president of the East African Division and Jacob Norty, president of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division. Each year at this time the leaders meet for a fellowship luncheon during the Sabbath.



Five black world leaders of the church meet.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION HOLDS HISTORIC MEETING

For the first time in the history of the church, The North American Division under the leadership of President Charles E. Bradford, functioned as a distinct division at the time of the 1985 Annual

Council. A separate operating budget was presented for the division. 225,190 baptisms were projected for the division during the next five year period.



Mr. Albert Dudley, president of Hadley Memorial Hospital, working in his office.

HADLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BUILDING PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

Albert L. Dudley, the president of the Hadley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C. announces that the hospital building program is moving along on its scheduled pace. The steel beams which will form the new structure have been set in place and the building is to be completed by August of 1986.

OBITUARY

Reginald DaCosta Barnes was born on December 10 in Campbell's Castle, Jamaica, West Indies. "Reggie" was born in a very historical section of Jamaica



where his parents Joseph and Ursaline Barnes worked untiringly and founded a now large congregation of Seventh-day Adventist Christians. The family later all joined to gether

and built a beautiful church as a memorial of the dedication of the Barnes family. "Reggie's" father is now 94 years old and doing well. His mother passed several years ago.

"Reggie's" elementary education was obtained in Campbell's Castle and his secondary educational training was completed in Manseville, Jamaica at the West Indies College. When he arrived in the states, Reggie enrolled in Andrews University and obtained a B.S. degree in Mathematics. He pursued his education on the graduate level at Roosevelt Uni-

versity and finished his M.S. in the field of Education and Mathematics. He specialized in teaching "Math."

Reggie was later asked to become principal of Shiloh Academy, a 10-grade parochial school. It was under his hand that the thrust toward a full 12-grade school was initiated. This wish was fulfilled later while Reginald was serving as Director of Education for the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

It was under the leadership of Reginald Barnes, Ivan Van Lange and Werner Lightner that the Shiloh Academy became the first parochial school in the City of Chicago to become accredited by a National Accrediting body. Shiloh Academy is now accredited by the North Central Accrediting Association. He also worked very hard and established a 12-grade academy in the City of Detroit. The Peterson-Warren Academy has full accreditation by the State of Michigan and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Reggie married Veronica Evans August 21, 1960 and to this union was born four children—Reginald DaCosta Barnes, Jr., a second year medical student at the University of Michigan; Regina Veronique Barnes, a junior at Andrews University; Ronald Edmund Barnes, a Freshman at Oakwood College; and Raymond David Jerome Barnes, a sophomore at Shiloh Academy.

Reginald comes from a closely knitted family. Surviving Reginald's loss are eight brothers—Alvin Barnes, Business Manager, Peterson-Warren Academy; James Barnes, Businessman; Fred Barnes, Contractor; Dr. Clarence Barnes, Professor, Oakwood College; Roy Barnes, Businessman; Aston Barnes, Treasurer, West Indies Union Conference of SDA; Lloyd Barnes, Businessman; Vivian Barnes, Businessman. There are three surviving sisters—Winsome Lyseight, New York, Nurse; Esmie Simpson, retired School Teacher; and Gloria Sangster, Secretary. One brother and one sister preceded Reggie in death, Joseph Barnes and Hilda Campbell. Reggie also was a warm uncle to many nieces and nephews. With these, a host of other very close relatives and friends share unspeakable sorrow and loss.

Reggie slept away on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1985 after valiantly struggling to overcome the effects of leukemia. We will miss Reggie. But, given his faithful resolve to see Jesus, we too have a promise to meet him again.

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