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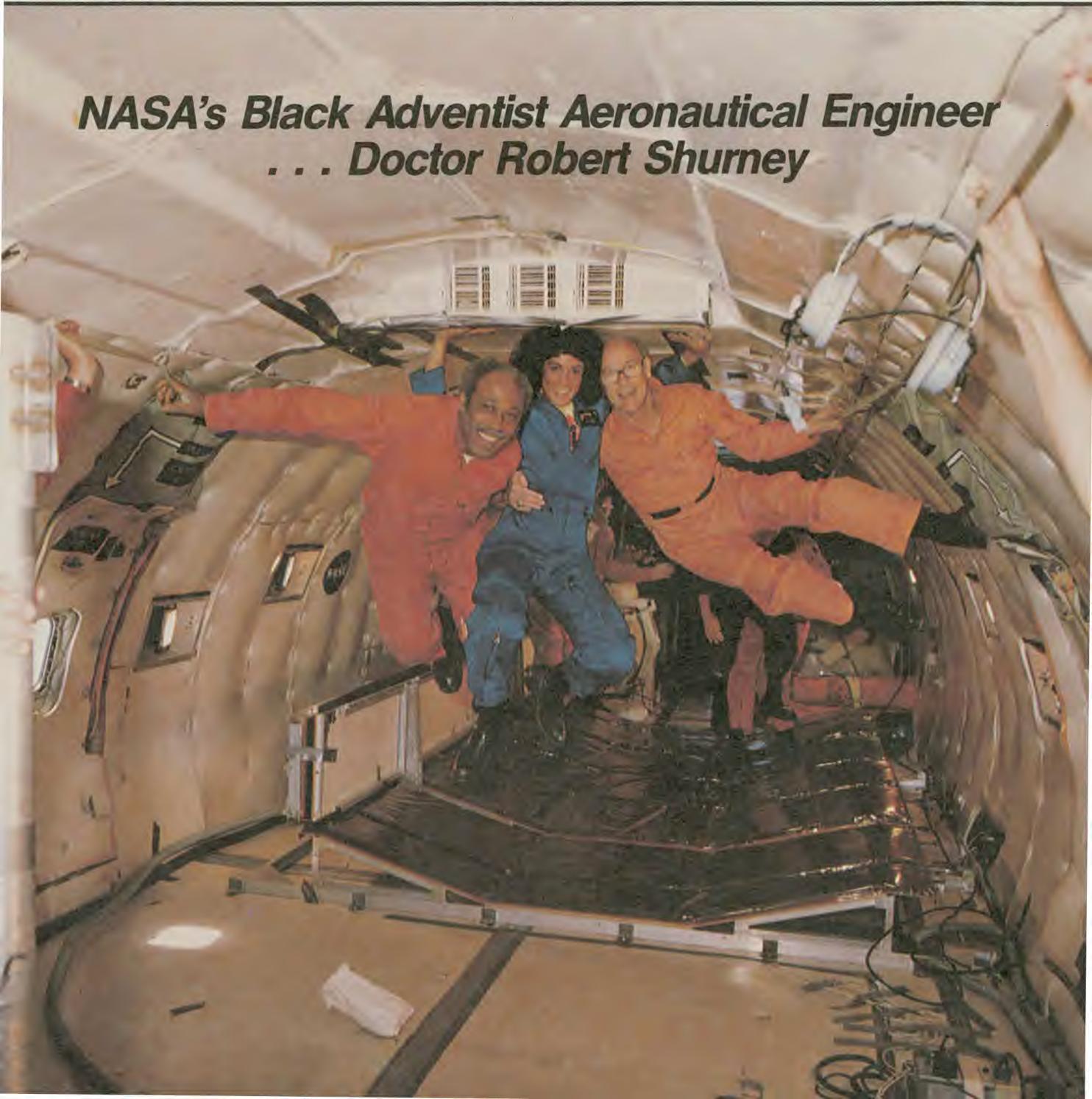
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***NASA's Black Adventist Aeronautical Engineer  
... Doctor Robert Shurney***



## COVER STORY

### ROBERT ELLERTON SHURNEY, PH.D. "NASA AEROSPACE ENGINEER"

By Edna Lett Williamson

It was a long but rewarding flight from the hard work and hot sun of Dublin, Georgia to the majestic heights of space travel for test pilot and aerospace engineer Shurney. Robert started his flight when he completed his elementary education in San Bernardino, California and matriculated at Oakwood College Academy. Little did he realize his eventful life would be shared with America's astronauts.

Shurney began his struggle for success as a clerical specialist and non-commissioned medical officer in the Hydrographic

Naval Office in Washington, D.C. He moved up the ladder serving in several capacities:

Automotive mechanic — Norton Air Force Base

Radio-electronic Technician — Naval Shipyards at Long Island Air Station

Maintenance Engineer — Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee

While at Riverside Shurney was responsible for the installation of the first rotational surgical lamp.

He did undergraduate work at Tennessee State University in Nashville and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in physics and electrical engineering.

In 1962, he was among a select few Afro-Americans assigned to NASA/AST Flight Systems as an aerospace engineer at Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Alabama. His duties included:

- 1) Coordinating and initiating technical house activities and evaluating the facility.
- 2) Coordinating aircraft and hardware schedules.
- 3) Performing consultant duties with NASA centers, government agencies, and industrial contractors.
- 4) Participating in hardware designs and fabrications.
- 5) Observing and participating in 1/G simulation testing.
- 6) Discussing and solving problems in space travel.
- 7) Keeping abreast of the latest developments of interest to the section areas of his responsibility.

Continued study was of vital importance to the success of the space program Robert Shurney studied wherever he found courses advancing space technology. He completed such academia at Meharry Medical College, Howard Univer-



Bob Shurney and co-workers enjoying weightlessness. Shurney has between 300-400 weightless hours.

sity, National School of Electronics, University of Michigan, University of Alabama, University of Oklahoma, Auburn University, and Southeast Region Personnel Management Office. His studies involved instrumentation for mechanical analysis, human factors in engineering, logarithms, and computer science programs. His daily program and tests were scientific, exacting learning experiences which were carried out with excellent experimentation, extreme caution, and meticulousness.

His early entry into the space program qualified him for service as an Equal Opportunity Counselor for Marshall Space Flight Center employees. He assisted in developing a film depicting the role of Black minorities employed by NASA. Shurney was in demand as a lecturer on space. He was kept busy giving presentations on the space shuttle and payload integration, as well as formulating hand-

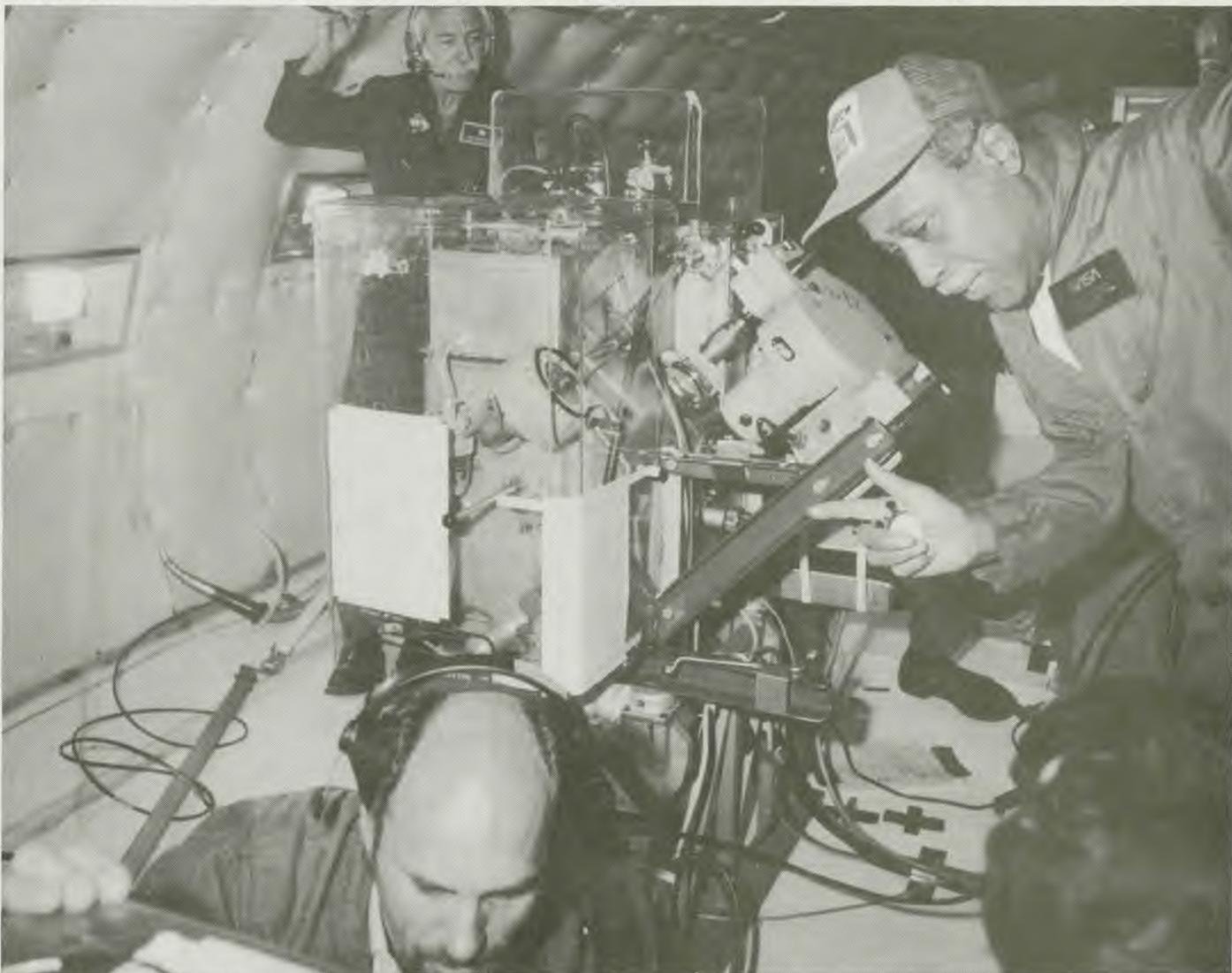
books for concept-verification and testing of space lab hardware. It was his fortune to work inside NASA's KC-135 aircraft in a state of near weightlessness while testing sections of the lightweight solar array. He and his unit also assisted in developing systems within NASA's "piggy back" space shuttle. Shurney designed the tires used on Falcon, the moon buggy, (an aluminum tire that had metal plates on the inside and something like wire mesh on the outside). His design had the weight parameters and strength parameters they needed for moon mobility.

Since 1968, Robert Shurney has served as Flight Engineer and Coordinator for all MSFC tests and experiments, having more weightless time than most astronauts. Shurney has totaled between 300-400 weightless hours. He is among a select few who have been able to fly KC-135 modified Boeing 707 tanker simulate

zero-gravity, flying a parabolic trajectory without taking motion sickness pills prior to flight.

Shurney is justly proud of his association with Dr. Robert Owens in development of Low Gravity Optics; Dr. V. Kelper, Ice Crystal Growth; Dr. D. Frazier, Phase Partitioning and Model Immiscible; Dr. D. Ellman and Dr. S. Dunn, three Axis Air Test Levitator; Dr. B. Anderson in Terminal Wave, and many other top-ranking space experts.

Shurney has served as a recruiter, lecturer, judge in science fairs, author of technical manuscripts, and publisher of several scientific journals. He was an associate developer in the Lunar Roving Vehicle, the Lunar Penetrometer on board the KC-135 zero-gravity simulation aircraft waste management system for sky-lab. He served as judge for science fairs at University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt



*This experiment is an electric welding with ESA (Germany) using Argon, vacuum systems and arc electrode.*

University at Jacksonville, Alabama, and Northeastern Alabama Regional Science Fair. His lectures on space exploration and Skylab hardware have fascinated scientific scholars at Andrews University, Oakwood College, and at Huntsville Area Vocational Center.

Shurney has received a battery of awards for his outstanding contributions to the national space program. Among them were, First Lunar Apollo Flight Award, Apollo Achievement Award, and Skylab Achievement Award.

Publications recognizing Shurney's accomplishments include: *Black Americans in Aerospace*, 1981, NASA Black Leadership by Sylvia Taylor; "Journal of African Civilization", Vol. 2, 1980 Fall Issue, For Outstanding accomplishments in Aerospace; and *What They Never Told You in History Class*, Copyright 1983, by Indus Khamit Kush. Some of the knowledge

derived from Shurney's wide experience appears in a number of publications.

1974—CVT and GPL Phase Integrated Testing.

1975—Phase 3 Test Program.

1976—Summary Report of KC-135 Zero-Gravity Aircraft Simulation.

1981—K-135 Test Program Publication.

1983—Optical Observations of Unidirectional Solidification in Microgravity.

Through his exhaustive academic pursuit, the nature and quality of his scientific research and experimentation, his scholastic competency and accomplishments, Robert Shurney earned his Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the School of the Arts and Sciences with a concentration in Physics from Columbia Pacific University in San Rafael, California.

Despite Dr. Shurney's exacting and demanding schedules of earth and space travel, he maintains a full religious, domestic and social life. He is active in his church where he serves as a Deacon at the Oakwood College church; is married to the former Susie Flynt; is the father of four children (Ronnie, Darrell, Glen and Glendon); serves as president of the Oakwood College Credit Union; and is treasurer of the J.L. Moran Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association.

Shurney knew and worked with the crew members of the ill-fated Challenger. He was a friend and classmate of Astronaut Ron McNair, and flew missions with both Ron McNair and Judy Resnick.

The North American Regional Voice is privileged to let our readers know we have our own Seventh-day Adventist "man in space", Dr. Robert Ellerton Shurney, NASA Aerospace Engineer.



Bob Shurney with flight test crew KC-135.



*An experiment to determine critical contact points with a specific fluid and welding angle.*



*E.E. Cleveland.*

**COLOR BLIND**

The Supreme Court of the United States of America has just taken a step backward. It has dealt affirmative action a mortal blow in its decision to reverse the policy of the Jackson School Board which stipulated that recently hired Black teachers would have their jobs protected in case of "lay-offs", even if it meant firing White teachers with seniority. The purpose of the Jackson plan was to preserve the existing percentage of minority teachers in the public school system.

The Reagan Justice Department has for some time actively campaigned to scale down affirmative action to benefit only actual victims of past discrimination. The irony is that they are doing this in the interest of what they call a "color blind" society. The word quota to them is what a red flag is to a bull.

The truth is, all Black people are "actual victims of past discrimination". Proof of this is not hard to come by. In the Jackson School Board matter — Blacks couldn't have seniority because they were only "recently hired" — and before that hardly hired at all. In other words — how can you get seniority if you can't get a job? The Jackson School Board realized that it had systematically excluded Blacks in favor of Whites at the "hiring table". This gives Whites a natural "seniority". What the Court did was protect a seniority system that was based on biased hiring practices. The Supreme Court Decision is "flawed" in that it considers only "seniority", not the biased hiring practices that produced the "seniority". If you can't get a job, you cannot get seniority. The Jackson School Board acknowledged the bias in hiring by a brief period of compensatory hiring of



*Aircraft KC-135 in which experimental research and crew training is performed prior to shuttle flights.*

Blacks. The Supreme Court has negated their repentance.

Contrast this action with that of the Southern Union of Seventh-day Adventists. At the recent Constituency Meeting of the Union in Knoxville, Tennessee, A.C. McClure, president of the Union, noted the continued growth rate of the Black constituency and declared that the racial composition of Union personnel must reflect it. He backed up his words with deeds. Two more Blacks were added to the staff, and those on the staff were appropriately upgraded. This union is acting like a thermostat, not a thermometer. It is controlling the atmosphere — not merely reflecting it.

The General Conference level of church government adopted this policy long, long ago — and today the executive and promotional level reflects this policy. It did not just happen. Dedicated leaders Black and White, some dead, some alive, hammered out the agreement that made this possible.

The Southwestern Union also deserves honorable mention in this connection. It has two Black vice presidents and a Black executive secretary.

Other union constituencies will be closely watched in this regard. Will they follow the path of justice and thus acknowledge the strong financial support of their total constituencies, or will the Reagan-Supreme Court sponsored erosion of minority gains prevail?

The real issue must be clearly understood. Black people pay taxes to the government and tithe to the church — just like everybody else. Tax and tithe-supported institutions may not therefore in good conscience practice "taxation without representation".

When at every level of religious or secular government you practice minority inclusion — you are not being beneficent — you are being fair. When you take our dollars and deny us the privilege of participating at all levels of the decision-making process, that is paternalism — a form of psychological slavery.

If everybody pays, then everyone must be represented at headquarters. This means that "all of yours can't so that some of ours can". The trouble with the "color-blind" plan is simple. Those who set up the system built in White control and then went color blind. Our appeal? Wake up and become color conscious until Black is built into the control system — and even then, don't go color blind, 'cause that seems to be when Blacks get lost.

# The Editor's Desk



*Elder N.B. Smith of Greensboro, N.C. at 93 years inspires the alumni.*

## ELDER N.B. SMITH INSPIRES OAKWOOD COLLEGE ALUMNI

In 1906 Napoleon B. Smith arrived on the campus of the Huntsville Training School. He had journeyed to the city to enroll at the A&M School across town but ended up at Oakwood.

He was not a Seventh-day Adventist but later became one, and upon completing his work in 1916 entered the gospel ministry, where he has successfully served for the past seventy years. He is now ninety-three years of age and still active in soul-winning.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	June 27	July 4	11	18
Boston, Mass.	8:25	8:24	8:22	8:17
New York City	8:34	8:33	8:31	8:26
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:58	8:57	8:54	8:50
Atlanta, Ga.	8:52	8:52	8:50	8:47
Miami, Fla.	8:16	8:16	8:15	8:14
Charlotte, N.C.	8:42	8:42	8:40	8:37
Birmingham, Ala.	8:01	8:01	7:59	7:56
Jackson, Miss.	8:12	8:12	8:10	8:08
Memphis, Tenn.	8:19	8:18	8:17	8:13
Louisville, Ky.	9:10	9:10	9:08	9:04
Detroit, Mich.	9:14	9:13	9:10	9:06
Chicago, Ill.	8:29	8:28	8:26	8:22
South Bend, Indiana	8:24	8:23	8:21	8:16
Minneapolis, Minn.	9:04	9:03	9:00	8:55
St. Louis, Mo.	8:29	8:29	8:27	8:23
Kansas City, Mo.	8:48	8:48	8:46	8:42
Denver, Co.	8:32	8:31	8:29	8:25
Little Rock, Ark.	8:26	8:26	8:24	8:21
Dallas, Texas	8:40	8:39	8:38	8:35
New Orleans, La.	8:05	8:05	8:04	8:02
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:24	8:24	8:23	8:20
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:49	8:49	8:47	8:44

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

## SALUTE TO A PHENIX ON FATHER'S DAY

Like, the phenix, the legendary bird in Egyptian mythology that lived in the Arabian desert for 500 or 600 years and then consumed itself in fire, rising renewed from ashes to start life anew; so has my Uncle Jay come to symbolize the triumph of the spirit over life's seemingly invincible obstacles.

My Uncle's emergence as a Phenix came as a result of a number of severe trials he faced. Very few men have faced such a struggle without completely being destroyed.

His early childhood gave no special indication that he would be chosen one of six children to have such an experience. His childhood was happy and secure, it was the Indian Summer needed to face the coming storm.

In the prime of his manhood he met and married a woman he deeply loved. Their domestic bliss was further enhanced by the birth of a pretty baby girl. Before long, the winter of his life began, it was diagnosed that he was terminally ill. He was confined to a sanatorium where death slowly began to breathe into his nostrils.

As his condition slowly began to worsen, his wife's love began to weaken. Before long she betrayed his love and deserted him. Shut out from society and cast off by his wife, he retreated into a lonely, dark room to wrestle with his very sanity.

If his wife's love had dissipated, my grandmother and mother's certainly hadn't. They faithfully took the long bus rides and walked the great distances to the sanatorium to breathe into his soul new life. They took personal risks for my uncle's illness was infectious. They were well aware that at any moment they could be stricken, my mother carried the double jeopardy of exposing this dreaded disease to the unborn child asleep in her womb.

Despite the doctor's diagnosis of impending death and the premature eulogy given by friends, he miraculously recovered. He returned to the real world and began to put the pieces of his life together. He returned to school and became a master tailor. Before long he had a thriving clothing business. He was endowed with business acumen and whatever he touched turned to gold.

To my brothers and sisters, he was our rich, well dressed uncle. His heart and his purse was always opened to us. His

warm, cheery disposition never gave us the slight idea of his life's trials. He never looked back in anger of bitterness. He was always a loving, proud uncle who cheered us on and applauded our achievements.

From all appearances it seemed that his night had dawned into a new day. He was on top of the world. Love was re-entering his life through Ophelia, a honey colored beauty, who was studying in Birmingham where they met. As their love grew and grew, he decided he could not live without her and they decided to marry. Their love seemed eternally secure and with the birth of Daphney, a beautiful baby girl, they were a perfect family.

But tragedy has a devastating way of making havoc of our happiness. On a cold, gloomy Friday night, my uncle's wife and daughter were spending the night at her mother's house when a fire destroyed the house and reduced their bodies to ashes.

My uncle's loss was great but never once did he turn to drink or drugs, nor did he lose sanity or curse God. Like his fellow sufferer, Job, he placed his complete confidence in the Lord. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighted in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."

Like the legendary Phenix, rising from the ashes of the darkest despair to the summit of strength, he began once again to pick up the pieces of his life. Although bereft of his family, he became a father to children who were drifting without direction. He encouraged self confidence and purpose in children considered "not so bright."

To potential dropouts and those destined for a life outside law, he gave them the right spark to keep them pressing forward. He took time to look over their report cards and praise them for their achievements. He gave them money as an added incentive. Kids seemed to have a special love for my uncle.

One day these young children who were once judged worthless will make a great contribution to society and they will trace their beginnings of self-esteem and accomplishment to my beloved uncle. My brothers, sister, and I are the first fruits of his love and generosity, for us he is a treasure, an invincible Phenix.

Stephanie D. Johnson

## WITNESSING IN HIGH PLACES

The crusade received television, newspaper and radio coverage. It was a radio announcement that led a government official to send his bodyguards to the home of the conference president, Elder K. Kalume to request that Elder Rodriguez should come to his home that evening.

They had no idea why the official requested that meeting but at the appointed time Elder Rodriguez, his wife, Eleanor, and Elder Kalume arrived at the fortified mansion. They were greeted by a distinguished young man about 37 and his wife.

They were entertained royally as servants waited to fulfill their every desire. Finally, the official told them the purpose of the meeting. "The reason why I invited you here tonight is because I want you to teach me how to become a Christian."

"My wife and I," he continued, "were once involved in Asian occult but we received nothing from it." Then he took them to a large room that had once been filled with Asian occult material.

"We would like for you to come to our home every Sunday and Thursday night and discuss your sermon topics with us." So, Elder Rodriguez presented the topic, that he had spoken on that night, "How far is Kinsasha from hell?" The official and his wife sat spellbound as they listened to him speak.

After his sermon they discussed doctrinal questions into the hours of the morning. Before they left, the official informed Elder Rodriguez that he would invite several colleagues and their wives to the next Bible study.

Present, at the next study, were 21 leading men and women who gathered to hear Elder Rodriguez speak. The discussion began at 8 p.m. and concluded 1 or 2 a.m. Elder Rodriguez's Bible studies



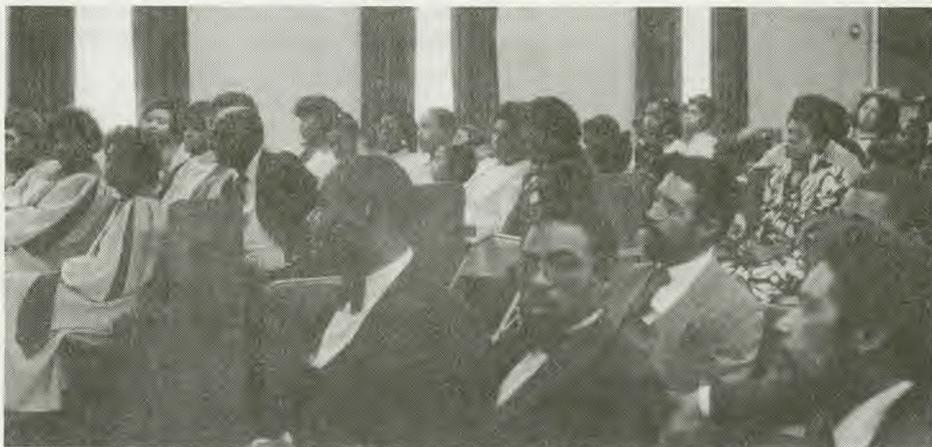
*Pastor Rodriguez and Kalume are interviewed by a member of the press.*

continued up until the end of the crusade. Only eternity will record the impact of these studies.

Medical evangelism also played an important role in making the crusade a success. Dr. Andre Nicoleau, a well respected SDA physician living in Kinsasha, conducted a two week health fair during the crusade. Hundreds received free medical treatment.

The four week meeting concluded with a signal victory, 745 persons were baptized, making it the largest baptism the Church has ever recorded in Kinsasha. This victory would have proven

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*The congregation listens during Community Guest Day at the Mount Calvary Church, Williamsburg, VA.*

## PUBLISHERS PAGE

It is regrettable that the Lake Region Conference will no longer be able to supply the Regional Voice to its members each month at conference expense. The Voice is one of the items that must be surrendered in order to bring some financial relief to the conference. Those members of the Lake Region Conference as well as those of the Southwest Region Conference, will be able to subscribe to the monthly journal for just \$6.95 per year by writing to:

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For the past seven years the Regional Conferences of North America have supplied the Voice free to its members. This has been in addition to supplying the union journals. The expense has been challenging and no assistance has been given from parent bodies. With the financial crunch that has hit the nation, the Black journal needs your help. Please respond today. Those who are still receiving the Voice at conference expense may feel free to make a monthly contribution for its publication. Send these also to the New York office.

## ALLEGHENY EAST

### WILLIAMSBURG HOLDS COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

On a perfect Spring Sabbath, cars arrived from every direction to attend the

Mt. Calvary (Williamsburg, Virginia) Community Guest Day. Guests were greeted with red carpet treatment.

Both old and newly acquired friends were present to experience the delights of Sabbath worship. A special Sabbath School program was planned with mementos shared and music rendered by the Morgan Inspiration Choir, a visiting choir. The lesson was presented as a whole by the pastor's wife Barbara Donaldson.

By the time for Divine Worship, the church was crammed from front to rear. Pastor Gene Donaldson delivered a sermon on the Prescription for Peace. It is estimated that 35 guests were in attendance.

The climax of the day was the AYS play "The Train That Went to Hell". This was followed by rededication to Christ of both members and non-members.

Karen Chappell Brown  
Communications Secretary

### BREATH OF LIFE CHILDREN PLANT INVESTMENT GARDEN

On April 27, the Breath of Life Cradle Roll and Kindergarten Division Leaders, Betty Jennings and Brenda Moore, with the aid of their staff and many parents, assisted approximately 35 children in planting a flower/vegetable garden.

In eager anticipation each child placed seed and plants in the soil with the hope of producing an attractive, sizeable crop. Tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, okra, carrots and several flowers were only a few of the items planted.

The garden, located behind the church building will be monitored regularly by the children as it progresses. At harvest time, the crop will be sold to the congregation and the Fort Washington community as part of the general Sabbath School Investment project.

Yvonne D. Curry  
Communication Secretary

### HEALTH PRINCIPLES REINTRODUCED AT SHARON TEMPLE

Members of Sharon Temple in Wilmington, Delaware, spent four weeks in an intensive study of Health Principles during the Wednesday night prayer service. Gwendolyn Foster, Health/Temperance Coordinator for the Allegheny East Conference, led out in these weekly studies. Emphasis was placed on proper diet with a low protein intake along with other tips on good nutrition, exercise and family health.

The Sharon Temple Junior Academy students along with their parents and the church family, were challenged to make the necessary changes in their eating habits. They were guaranteed that a difference would be seen in the behavior and academic performance of their children.

An aerobics class sponsored by the Health/Temperance department of the church under the direction of Lorraine Thomas meets weekly.

The conference-wide Slim-A-Thon was also kicked off recently. This three month program is focusing on systematic weight loss and control.

Charles D. Battles  
Communication Secretary

## DELAWARE VALLEY PASTORS HOLD HARVEST '90 UNITY RALLY

Nearly 1500 members of the Delaware Valley Seventh-day Adventist churches gathered at the West Oak Lane Center in Philadelphia, PA, on April 5 to kick off the greatest show of evangelistic unity ever witnessed in the Allegheny East Conference.

The Unity Day celebration was organized under the leadership of Charles L. Cheatham pastor of the Ebenezer Church and Area Leader for the Delaware Valley and J. Alfred Johnson II, pastor of the North Philadelphia Church, the largest church in the Delaware Valley group.



*J. Alfred Johnson, Pastor of the North Philadelphia Church greets the nearly 1,500 members in attendance.*

The theme for the day was "One Church-One People." The group had specific goals and objectives outlined and agreed upon. They were:

1. That the Delaware Valley Area Churches unite their leadership, membership, and resources, in a city-wide evangelistic campaign; for the distinct purpose of organizing a new church body in the area of the city east of Broad Street and north of Lehigh Avenue.

For this purpose, they suggested that they would need a seed group of at least 100 persons who would be willing to leave the comfortable surroundings of their present churches and serve as missionaries among the new members once the evangelistic campaign is completed.

2. That the Delaware Valley area churches unite in the production and utilization of multi-media across the airwaves of the Delaware Valley Area via a new local television ministry called "The National Pulpit of the Seventh-day Adventist Church" fea-

turing John Trusty as the program host and speaker.

Trusty is the pastor of the Macedonia Church in Chester, Pennsylvania.

Also as a part of the multi-media ministry, the group vowed to continue the support of the very successful "The Watchman" radio program featuring Charles D. Jenkins as speaker, and to begin another radio ministry in the area using another format.

3. That a Media Support Group with a minimum membership of 500 persons be established and that they



*Elder Kirk Thompson, Pastor of the Willow Grove Church, added his talent to make the Harvest Program a success.*

contribute \$5.00 per month per person for the support of the media ministries.

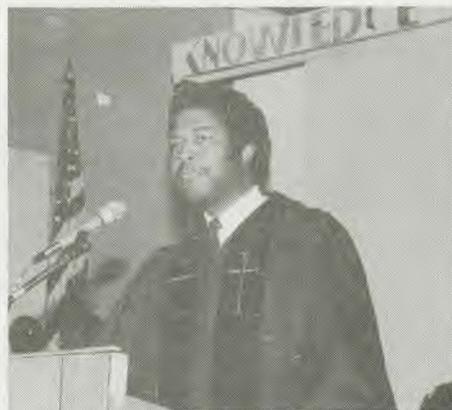
The day began with an early morning prayer service and concluded with a social that evening.

George Jackson, pastor of the Germantown Church, Germantown, PA, served as Sabbath School Superintendent.

Carol Cantu, the Conference Director of Education presented a unique mission story. She talked about the role of Christian Education in the lives of the children of the Delaware Valley.

Charles D. Jenkins, speaker for the Watchman Radio Program and Bible Worker for the Allegheny East Conference, presented the Sabbath School Lesson.

Music throughout the day was presented by the Larchwood School Choir, which is under the direction of Kerri Williams; the Delaware Valley Choir, under the direction of Gwendolyn Foster; Pastor Kirk Thompson of the Willow



*Elder John Trusty delivered the message for the divine worship hour.*



*C.D. Jenkins, "The Watchman" taught an inspiring Sabbath School lesson.*

Grove Church and Kim Ortiz of the Macedonia Church.

The pastors of the Delaware Valley participated in the Harvest '90 Unity rally were;

Charles L. Cheatham - Ebenezer  
J. Alfred Johnson II - North

Philadelphia

George Jackson - Germantown

William Linthicum - Mizpah

John Wright - Southwest

John Trusty - Macedonia - Chester

Leslie Moise - Jerusalem (French)

Kirk Thompson - Willow Grove

Carl Hinds - Assistant West

Philadelphia

(Elder George Braxton was ill)

Meade C. Van Putten, Alvin Kibble, and Robert L. Booker also participated from the Allegheny East Conference office.

Larchwood School Principal, Lolethia Morgan served as hostess for the occasion, (since the West Oak Lane Center is a part of the Larchwood School).

The highlight of the day was the soul searching sermon delivered by John Trusty.



Carol Cantu, Allegheny East Education Director spoke on the virtues of Christian education.

If involvement is any indication, the Harvest '90 Unity Rally should result in a tremendous effort on behalf of soul-winning in the Delaware Valley.

Robert L. Booker, Director  
Department of Communication

## CENTRAL STATES

### A WEEKEND IN THE ROCKIES

It was a cold snowy weekend when the youth of the Rocky Mountain Federation made their way up the winding road to Glacier View Ranch in Colorado. Nestled in the Rocky Mountain, they participated in a beautiful, informative youth retreat. Under the leadership of their federation president, Zenobia Williams; conference youth director, Dr. N. Miller; and guest presenter, Elder Willie Taylor of Miami, Florida, the youth participated in several seminars, Sabbath School, church services and recreation on Saturday night. Workshops were presented on family life, marriage, careers, Christian lifestyle and sexuality in the Adventist church. The youth were blessed with music by the Denver group, Just a Portion, and by Elder Willie Taylor. The long waited for retreat was a tremendous success. The youth are looking forward to the next youth retreat.

### CHURCH SPONSORS VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS

The Kirkwood SDA Church in Kirkwood, Missouri, sponsored a vegetarian cooking class taught by Pastor Albert White. Pastor White has a degree in nutrition, as well as theology. Approximately twenty attendees learned numerous nutritional facts, as well as, several delicious

recipes, including homemade gluten meat. The highlight of the class was a potluck dinner with each member of the class bringing a vegetarian dish and explaining how they made it.

Magnolia Harris

### TEMPERANCE RALLY

The annual AY Temperance Rally was held in Omaha, Nebraska, this year. The Temperance Rally began Friday night with a dynamic sermon presented to the youth by Elder Billy Wright, Youth Director of the Southwest Region Conference.

All Sabbath activities were held at the Salem Baptist Church. Elder Wright was, also, the featured guest speaker for the Divine Worship hour. A special prayer was given for Miss Annette King-White of Omaha, who was hospitalized in a nearby hospital. A special prayer group and singing group were selected to go and worship with Miss White later that afternoon.

The Temperance program featured youth all over the conference. The social activities were held at the Epley Boys Club, later in the evening.

The Lord blessed this year's Temperance Rally with over one thousand people from all over the conference, good music, the spoken word, brought to us by Elder Wright, and youth dedicating their services to the Lord. Thank you again for your help and support in guiding our youth in the right direction, Phillip Perkins, AY leader of the Sharon church, which served as the host church for this grand gathering.

Gordon Sims, Sr.

### The Personal Ministries Department

A spirit-filled Prayer Breakfast launched the 1985 year off to a good start. After a sumptuous meal, PM Leader Henry Mitchell encouraged each member to choose a category of special interest: 1) Bible Study, 2) Health Promotion, and 3) Prison Ministry. Each of these areas has sponsored many challenging projects during the year. The Prison Ministry Team, headed by Bennie Hills visits the Missouri State Penitentiary and the City Workhouse regularly. This group also has a letter-writing project and a tutoring program.

A special Ingathering Plan enabled Berean to reach an early goal this season, with a generous overflow included. John Harrison, a Senior Citizen raised over \$600.00 in behalf of his wife and himself.



Dr. N. Miller.

### YOUTH AND EDUCATION DIRECTOR RECEIVES DOCTORATE

Nathaniel Miller of Central States Conference recently earned a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Education Administration and Management from Georgia State University. Dr. Miller's dissertation was entitled, "A Study on School Vandalism in Selected Georgia Urban School Districts." This study was a first for the state of Georgia, commissioned by the state legislature. The study explored the psychological, sociological, financial and educational effects school vandalism had on Georgia urban schools. A native of New York City, Dr. Miller is a product of Christian education, having attended Christian schools from elementary to graduate school. He has held several positions of leadership, including teaching and administrative positions in several schools. Currently, Dr. Miller is Youth and Education Director for the Central States Conference.

Dr. Miller is married to Shirley Miller, a nurse. They have three daughters: Leslie, Tera, and Kelli. They reside in Raymore, Missouri.

### FROM CAMP MEETING TO CROSS COUNTRY

Joel Thompson, brother of Pastor Jonathan Thompson of Faith Church, Hartford, CT, and a preministerial student at Andrews University, accepted the challenge to direct a play entitled, "Jonah" at a Michigan camp meeting in the summer of 1985. The play received such a positive response that the crew decided to go cross country.

On March 22, 1986, the crew presented their thirty-first performance at the Faith Church of Hartford. Over three hundred



*The Bethesda SDA Church of Omaha, Nebraska, held its first annual Dorcas Day program.*

members and friends turned out to see the performance which began at 7:00 p.m. Thompson also wrote and sang the songs accompanying the play, which received an overwhelming response from the audience at Faith.

From Hartford, the crew moved on to Springfield, and Atlantic Union College for other performances before heading home.

Laurice Howell-Williams  
Communications Secretary

### **DORCAS AT WORK**

On March 29, 1986, the Dorcas Society of Bethesda church held its first Dorcas Day of the year. The guest speaker for the Divine Worship hour was Matthew Gibson a graduate of Oakwood College with a degree in Theology. The message was two-fold, Mr. Gibson not only spoke about Dorcas of Acts 9, but because it was the Easter weekend, he preached on Christ's death and resurrection and what it should mean to us.

That evening the Dorcas Society performed a skit during the AY Society's Program. The day was ended with a can goods drive which was held to stock the pantry for the needy, \$92.72 was received in the thank offering.

W. Richard Bathth  
Bethesda Church



*Bethesda's drama club performing for the AY Society.*

### **BETHESDA'S DRAMA CLUB**

You missed it! You should have been there. The Bethesda church drama club paid tribute to Blacks in history during Black History month. The production took place in March, 1986, at the Sharon SDA Church, Omaha, Nebraska AY Society. The cast included: Micheal Johnson, Daniel Stewart, Jean Jackson, Fanzola Jameson, Jasper Mitchell, Jr., Pastor Stephen Gibson, Debra Johnson, Densil Lee, Jr. and Rosie Pearson.

The production was closed by singing the Negro National anthem. This was a blessing to all. Rosie Pearson served as the director.

W. Richard Bathth

### **BETHEL WELCOMES NEW PASTOR**

With broad smiles and warm handshakes, the members of Bethel Church, Kansas City, Kansas, welcomed Elder Gil Webb and family. He was formally introduced by Elder Leroy B. Hampton, Secretary/Treasurer of the conference.

Elder Webb's maiden sermon, was entitled, "The Power of God". He challenged the member to stand fast and be firm because the time of the end is near.

As the members left the sanctuary, Elder Webb gave each a warm handshake and assured them that he was happy to serve and be a part of the "Bethel Church family."

Mazie Mitchell

## **LAKE REGION**

### **COMMUNITY GUEST DAY HELD AT EPHEBUS**

It was Community Guest Day on April 26, 1986 at the Ephesus church in Marion, Indiana. During the Sabbath School period, a special lesson study was

presented about the seal of God found in Revelation 7. The lesson was conducted by the pastor of the church, Hosie Hatchett.

The divine worship service began as scheduled and included special music by visiting soloist Mark Hatchett, Ann Shaw and Mrs. Beverly Benson of the Capitol City church in Indianapolis.

The Ephesus church also welcomed a number of other guest and visitors from the East Side church of Indianapolis, and the Philadelphia church of Muncie, Indiana. There were also visiting members and guests from other Marion, Indiana city churches.

The Sabbath sermon was delivered by guest speaker Samuel Flagg. Elder Flagg is the director of Stewardship, Religious Liberty and Wills and Legacies for the Lake Region Conference. Elder Flagg's message was entitled "Who Is In Control." Pastor Hosie Hatchett offered the benediction.

The church's community guest day program concluded with a fellowship dinner that was held at the Hill Top Towers entertainment room in Marion, IN. The dinner committee was made up of women of the Ephesus Church, Mrs. Hosie Hatchett, wife of the pastor and Mrs. Savannah Buford Asst. Sabbath School Superintendent who served as hostess for the dinner.

James M. Buford  
Communication Secretary

### INVESTMENT FELLOWSHIP DINNER HELD

In the words of an old familiar song, "Getting to Know You Better", that is just what the Investment Committee of the City Temple Church in Detroit, Michigan were determined to do. They decided to make an investment in people, the profit—friends.

Therefore on Sabbath afternoon, April 12, 1986, immediately following the eleven o'clock worship service, an investment fellowship dinner was held in the fellowship hall. It was a festive occasion. The tables were attractively decorated with table cloths and centerpieces made of long stemmed yellow and blue carnations placed in tall vases which adorned the center of each table.

All the tables were numbered, and a captain was assigned to host each one. The responsibility of the captain was to see to it that every member at his or her table became better acquainted. Each

captain gave a brief resume on how he or she became a Seventh-day Adventist and others followed his example.

Key rings shaped in the form of hearts were presented to the individuals who were seated in the "lucky chairs."

It was a real display of labor and love, and the members of City Temple wish to thank the Investment Committee for their untiring efforts in sharing and caring.

C.W. Drake III, pastor of the City Temple church and Oretha Slaughter, Sabbath School Superintendent, hosted the affair.

Naomi Renti, Investment leader stated, "It took all of us working together to make the affair a real success."

### EFFECTIVE WITNESSING NETS TWO FAMILIES

Elder Philip Willis conducted an impromptu interview with two recent converts of his church before an overflowing audience in the Southfield church at a Motor City area rally in January. Those interviewed were David Baxter and Edward Boyd, both of whom have been members of the Conant Church for less than two years. The following is a condensed version of those interviews.

Mr. Baxter, a young man in his twenties, tells of being witnessed to by Brother Derrick Fulford of the Conant Gardens church. He speaks about himself as a reluctant subject. Brother Fulford persisted, however, and finally Baxter consented to receiving Bible studies, "because my life was a mess". At first, Fulford gave studies only to Baxter, although his mother and two brothers also lived in the home. Nevertheless, Fulford was aware that Baxter's mother was listening from the kitchen, and a brother, from a nearby bedroom. Before long, Mrs. Baxter, moved by the Holy Spirit, came out of the kitchen and began to sit in the living room on the day of the studies. Soon, the brother listening from the bedroom brought out his chair. And as the studies continued, another brother joined the group. At this time, the Baxter family have all been baptized. Mrs. Baxter is a deaconess, the two brothers are deacons, and David Baxter who started it all has accepted the office of assistant personal ministries leader.

The other young man, Edward Boyd, had been engaging in a friendly dispute on his job with Herbert Buchanan, a Pathfinder leader. The dispute was on the subject of 'perfection'. To substantiate his side of the dispute, Buchanan gave Boyd

a copy of *Steps to Christ*, which Boyd read and re-read. He asked for more books to read, and Buchanan gave him *Man of Destiny* and *The Final War*. Boyd avidly read those books and wanted more. Buchanan tactfully suggested that Boyd might like to buy some books of his own. The idea was not at all unappealing to the young man. The two men set a date to go to the Lansing bookstore, where Boyd bought over \$100 worth of books, including *The Conflict of the Ages* series, *The Testimonies* and *Christ Object Lessons*. His wife, a member of the Pentecostal church was reluctant at first to turn to Adventism, but as the Spirit moved upon her heart, she began to study and was baptized shortly after her husband.

The rally at Southfield was the ideal time to air these testimonies, which seemed to act as a catalyst to provide the confidence that many people felt they needed to witness and to give Bible studies. Inspired by the sermon, the charge, and the testimonies of Brothers Boyd and Baxter, the people eagerly accepted the challenge to "Go . . . tell . . ."

Joyce Jones  
Communications Secretary

### HEALTH LECTURES CONDUCTED AT LOCAL CHURCH SCHOOL

During the month of March, Hermia Hatchett, wife of Hosie Hatchett, pastor of the Ephesus Church in Marion, Indiana, presented a health lecture for the students at the First S.D.A. church school in Marion, Indiana. Mrs. Hatchett's lecture was entitled "Ye Are Not Your Own."

The next day the entire student body participated in the second part of the health lecture. This part of Mrs. Hatchett's lecture was entitled "How God Wants Us To Handle Our Bodies."

Hermia Hatchett was assisted by the school's head teacher, Christy Revera, during her lectures.

### ORDINATION SERVICE HELD AT BEREAN

An ordination service was recently held at the Berean Church in Battle Creek, Michigan. The men ordained were Lawrence Dandridge, church elder; Benjamin Hardy, head deacon; Roy Johnson, deacon; Kenneth Small, deacon; and Ephraim Martes, deacon.

The ordination service was performed by William Joseph, pastor.

Florence M. Dennis  
Communication Secretary

## MISSION IMPOSSIBLE; MESSAGE 2000

Berea S.D.A. Church of Dorchester, MA made history on May 3, 1986 by supplying a total of approximately 2,200 MESSAGE MAGAZINE subscriptions.

When Pastor Michael Bernard launched the project on February 15, 1986, it was called "Mission Impossible." Never before in the history of MESSAGE MAGAZINE had any one church provided that many subscriptions in one year.

A goal of 100 subscriptions was set for the first week. By the end of that week, church members submitted 222 subscriptions. In the weeks that followed, Sabbath School classes, elders, Pathfinders and all other church departments rallied to the cause working in groups as well as individually until the impossible was made possible.

Individuals outstanding in their contributions were Allene Taylor, Pearl Shaw and Dr. Bryon Robinson. Among the Sabbath School classes, Elder Carethers' New Believers' class was the most outstanding. To provide an incentive for the students of the Berea School, the elders developed a Scholarship Fund totaling approximately \$900. The Fund was awarded to the students who submitted the most subscriptions. The winners were: Claudel Wilson, Tisha Frederick and Andrea Perry.

In the March issue of the church's newsletter, Pastor Bernard urged members to believe that whenever we ask God's help in any task He gives us the power to accomplish it. He also stated, "God's presence will also guarantee that whatever we are doing will far exceed the ordinary."

Gemma Williams  
Communication Secretary

## FELLOWSHIP DINER

Faith Church of Hartford, Connecticut plans to hold its "Ushers Fellowship Dinner" on June 15, 1986. The dinner will be held at Wurdigs Holiday Acres, 16E Dudley Town Road, Bloomfield, CT at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$12.50.

Laurice Howell-Williams  
Communication Secretary

## 225 NON-SDA ATTEND GUEST DAY AT SHILOH

Of the five hundred and fifty guests attending Community Guest Day at the Shiloh SDA Church on March 22, two hundred and twenty five were non-SDAs.

The Sabbath School superintendent, Mrs. Indiana Burke presented a brief history about Community Guest Day. She gave to visiting friends, 50 Bibles and 200 books entitled: "The Conflict Series" and "How Will It End."

The guest speaker was Dr. E. E. Cleveland, Director of the Church Mission Department, Oakwood College, for the divine hour and AYS.

His sermon entitled, "What's the Difference" was based on Malachi 3:18. Dr. Cleveland emphasized three differences between a Christian and a non-Christian. He explained that the Christian is a believer, a lover and a performer. He reminded the congregation that, God judges us not by one foolish act but by the trend of our lives. Dr. Cleveland pointed out that, unlike the sinner who lives by his five senses the Christian lives by six, the sixth being faith.

At the conclusion of the sermon, 18 requested baptism, 3 requested spiritual help, 5 requested prayer and 4 wanted to know more about the teaching of the church.

Christine Chance  
Communication Secretary

## FLOYD NEAL CARES

Floyd Neal, a soft spoken gentleman, has brought smiles and tears of joy to many members of the Berea Temple Church, Baltimore, MD, for over two decades. Shortly after he became a member in 1962, he began spreading joy to others by sending birthday, anniversary, sympathy and Valentine cards to the members.

When questioned about the areas from which he receives most satisfaction, Neal stated, "I receive my greatest joy from sending 80 or more Valentine cards. Many of the recipients are extremely happy and appreciative of the thought, especially since some husbands forget."

Aside from giving cards, Floyd has taken pictures of almost every special event, birthday, and anniversary celebration throughout the years and readily supplies the honorees with these pictures as mementos. He has over 30 albums covering 1964 to the present.

Bettye J. Brock  
Communication Secretary

## FAMILY WORKSHOP HELD AT BEREA

"No stones were left unturned" was the feeling of the Berea Nyack Congregation at the climax of the Family Life Ministry Weekend conducted by Elder A.R. Jones, Director of Family Life Ministry for the Allegheny East Conference. All the single individuals were present on Friday night to hear a discussion of singleness in all its ramifications. On Sabbath morning families worshipped together. The Sunday morning session was attended by married couples. This was followed by a tasty brunch prepared by Susan Jones who was responsible for the weekend event.

The Workshop on Family Life was greatly needed. Those in attendance gained a lot of knowledge and it is believed that a number of married couples re-affirmed their marriage vows.

Elder Jones so pointedly expressed that married couples should learn to bear each others burdens, find out what makes your mate tick, and take time before you take actions. Collect your thoughts and separate fact from fiction. Be careful to increase your marital growth and not your guilt. Don't start an affair with another individual because of disappointment in your marriage. Hold fast to your marriage vows and commitment. Fidelity pays; when GOD sets a principle, it never changes.

Married or single, we need to realize that our power and strength comes from GOD who will never leave us or forsake us. Every person is an individual first. "It is important to note that a sense of self-esteem and a sense of self-worth is the opposite of the sense of self-centeredness. How a man relates to himself and GOD will tell a great deal about how he will relate to others."

Frances E. Pratt  
Communication Secretary

## 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.

The first and second graders enjoyed themselves while trying to outrun their friends on a 220 yard track.

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

**\*\*\*Principal's Corner\*\*\*** Enrollment . . . 165, 8 full time teachers, 2 part-time teachers, 1 guidance counselor. Special programs . . . Computers: Our school is working very hard to continue enhancing its computer program through the establishment of a computer lab. Library: Thanks to numerous gifts from our parents and the devotion of Mrs. Tunstell, our librarian, we are looking forward to a good functioning library early during the year. The official opening of our library was held on March 3, 1985.

Laurent Servius, Principal

**\*\*\*Academic Excellence\*\*\*** Highest Honor . . . Grade 8: 3.90-4.00—Camille Remy, 4.0; Sandia Lister, 3.9. High Honor . . . 3.75-3.89—Andrea Pitter, 3.7; Shelia Richardson, 3.7; Ruth Stephenson, 3.7. Honor . . . 3.50-3.74—Kaman Francis, 3.6; Sean Calliard, 3.5.

### SEMPER PARATUS HOLDS ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

May 15, 1986, at the Flatbush Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Brooklyn, New York, thirty-one students nervously awaited the start of the spelling competition. Nine schools from the metropolitan area, Westchester and Long Island, NY, of the Northeastern Conference school system were represented.

The Spelling Bee is an annual event sponsored by the Semper Paratus club, a social and education oriented organization, based in New York City.

Judging the event were: Mr. Henry Brooks and Ms. Sylvia Parris, both of Jamaica, New York; Elder L.A. Paschal, Communications Director for Northeastern Conference; and Mrs. Emiline Gaule. Mrs. E.L. Williamson, former principal of Northeastern Academy, was the proctor.



*Spelling Bee winners: left to right, Renee Williamson of Flatbush School, first place; Joy Ruth Stephenson of Linden School, second place; and Pasha Marage of Linden School, third place.*



*First place winner, Renee Williamson, stands surrounded by family members and pastor of the Flatbush SDA Church Elder Robert Lister (right).*

The winners received a monetary gift as well as a trophy and funds for equipment for their various schools. Their names are as follows:

First place—Renee Williamson of Flatbush Elementary School, Brooklyn, NY.

Second place—Joy Ruth Stephenson of Linden Elementary School, Laurelton, NY.

Third place—Pasha Marage of Linden Elementary School, Laurelton, NY.

### THOUSANDS ATTEND YOUTH CONGRESS

An estimated 3,500 people from all over Northeastern Conference, were in attendance on Sabbath morning for the three day Youth Congress, May 23-25 at the Onondaga County War Memorial, Syracuse, New York.

The congress was designed by the Conference Youth Director, Elder Trevor Baker, to meet the spiritual, mental and social needs of the young people.



*Northeastern Academy students singing for Youth Congress congregation.*



*Quartet presenting special music at Youth Congress.*

In a written message to the youth, Elder Baker summed up the purpose of the congress. "This congress is designed to help you appreciate your common bond as Seventh-day Adventist young people, and to challenge you to live out the uniqueness of the Advent message. We live in an age when there is an ever present quest for change and for something new; and many times change is brought about at the expense of those things which are basic to the moral fiber of society and the church; but as young people of prophecy, we cannot allow ourselves to be swept up by the tide of the times."

In the spiritual realm, the youths heard three outstanding speakers; Friday and Sabbath evening the speaker was Elder Roy Brown, Executive Secretary of the Southeastern Conference. For the divine hour, Elder Richard Barron, the newly elected president of Southwest Region Conference was the guest speaker. On Sunday morning, Dr. Ronald Smith, pastor of the Mt. Carmel Church, Syracuse, NY was the devotional speaker. He also served as host pastor during the congress.

On Sabbath afternoon, the Bible Bowl was held featuring teams from the Western New York Federation. The winners were: in the junior division, the Community SDA Church, Utica, NY, and the senior division, Mt. Carmel Church, Syracuse, NY.

The congress featured a wide array of talented musicians. On Sabbath evening, the Lindenaires, a musical ensemble from Queens, New York, under the direction of Coleta Small, presented, "Freedom After A While," a musical drama depicting the black man's struggle from slavery to freedom.

## EPHESUS OPENS NEW CHURCH FACILITY

"Vision is the product of God working in us. He creates the vision and we receive it; it becomes a rallying point, a goal toward which we move as the people of God. Without it, as the scripture says, "... the people perish" ", said Dr. Patrick E. Vincent, pastor of the Ephesus SDA church in Birmingham, Alabama, as they entered their new church facility April 19th. Because of the growth in membership during the past few years, this new building was a must. Evangelistic crusades have been held, lay evangelism outreach has grown and been productive, satellite congregations have come into being all around the city. With the current challenges in growth, the membership decided to rebuild on the same site where the old building has stood since 1946.

It took the congregation more than two years to raise the money and to build, but they made it. The building will seat 1,004 people and was constructed by the members themselves under the direction of Elder W.O. Freeman of the South Central Conference staff and Dr. P.E. Vincent, the pastor. Pastor Vincent literally put on his overall and labored for one year while still carrying on his pastoral duties. The cost of the building is valued over one million dollars.

On hand for the celebration were: Elder E.C. Ward of Oakwook College; Elder C.E. Dudley, conference president; Elder J.W. McCoy, conference secretary; and Elder F.N. Crowe, conference treasurer; along with a goodly number of the office staff, many friends and fellow pastors from around the conference.

Ephesus is one of the queen churches of the South Central Conference. Some of the pastors and leaders who have helped to build the work there are: Dr. Jim Pearson, graduate of the old Battle Creek College; Pastors M.C. Sturdivant, J.H. Lawrence, T.A. Allison, J.G. Dasent, T.B. Buckner, T.S. Tate, E. Blake, C.M. Kenney, W.L. & A.C. Bird, R. Johnson, W.H. Baker, F.L. Bland, F.A. Osterman, H.R. Murphy, D.B. Reid, D.L. Crowder, E.T. Mlms, M.M. Young, M.E. Joiner, W.J. Cleveland Sr., E.E. Cleveland, E.C. Ward, W.R. Robinson, and P.E. Vincent.



*Dr. and Mrs. C.E. Dudley honored.*

## DUDLEYS HONORED BY NEW DIMENSIONS TELEVISION GROUP

Dr. and Mrs. Dudley were recently honored at a suprise banquet given by the members and director of the New Dimensions Television Program. This program is aired weekly from Mufreesboro, Tennessee in connection with the Breath of Life Telecast. Pastor Jesse Wilson is the director and speaker for the program and has been able to secure a one year contract for conducting a television ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist churches in the area. The group honored the Dudleys for heading the conference for almost a quarter of a century. The conference presently has 118 congregations, most of whom were organized under his leadership.

banquet during Homecoming weekend. Dr. Shurney's work has to do with the testing of shuttle machines that are used in the USA Space programs. He spoke of the opportunities that are to be found in the program by Black youth in our colleges. He is a member of the Oakwood College Church.



*Pastor Roy Rugless and family.*

## RUGLESSES RETURN FROM SEMINARY

Pastor and Mrs. Roy Rugless have returned to the conference from the Andrews University Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan. They are serving in the Bessemer, Alton and McCallan, districts. A new facility is being constructed at McCalla under the leadership of lay pastor, A.C. Jenkins; and an outreach program is being conducted by Willie Moore of Alton in Jefferson City. Before going to the seminary, the Ruglesses served in Decatur, Triana, and Florence Alabama districts. A new congregation was organized and a new building constructed under his leadership while he served there. While attending the seminary, a child was added to their family.



*Robert Shurney of NASA Space Center.*

## SHURNEY ADDRESSES THE UNCF BANQUET

Dr. Robert Shurney of NASA Air and Space Programs in Huntsville, Alabama, was one of the speakers at the UNCF



*Pastor Jesse Green baptizes*

**PASTOR JESSE GREEN HOLDS REVELATION SEMINAR**

Pastor Jesse Green and the members of the Ephesus church in Meridian, Mississippi conducted a very successful Revelation Seminar during the month of March. Five souls were baptized in the church as a result of the meetings. Green is a native of Louisville, Kentucky.

**NEW HOUSING FACILITY IN HUNTSVILLE**

On Sunday, April 27, Pastor D.B. Reid and the members of the First SDA Church in Huntsville, AL. gathered with many friends and well-wishers of the community and the conference to break ground for a new 64 unit housing facility for elderly citizens. Mr. John Bailey and the housing board of directors have been working for quite some time to help make this dream become reality.

The South Central Conference presently owns and operates five such facilities throughout the conference. On hand for the ground breaking ceremonies were; Dr. C.E. Dudley, conference president; J.W. McCoy, conference secretary; F.N. Crowe, conference treasurer; along with the pastors and other congregations of the city of Huntsville.



*Elder and Mrs. John Beale and family.*

**BEALE FAMILY HONORED AT HOMECOMING**

"The Family of the Year Award," was presented to the John J. Beale family

during OC Homecoming, March 28-30. Elder and Mrs. Beale are the parents of 12 siblings, two of whom are deceased. Their children, products of Christian education, are now working professionals in business, medicine and law. Elder Beale has served in the same capacity in South Africa and the West Indies. Mrs. Beale has worked in the OC student centers for years.



*Black leaders in the Southern Union—D. Ross, R. Peay, W.D. Sumpter, M. Joiner.*

**M.E. JOINER JOINS THE SOUTHERN UNION STAFF**

When the Southern Union Conference constituency meeting was held in Knoxville, Tennessee on March 15, several Blacks were elected to serve at the Union level. Among these were: M.E. Joiner of the South Central Conference who will be the associate director in the Department of Church Ministries; R.P. Peay, former Youth director for the Union will serve as associate secretary; O.J. McKinney will serve as Ministerial Director; Dennis Ross of the Southeastern Conference will serve as associate director for the Church Growth Ministries, W.D. Sumpter, secretary for the Union; Dr. N. Marshall continues as the associate director for the Department of Education.

M.E. Joiner has been in the South Central Conference for the past twenty-one years. He served as pastor for eleven years before coming to the conference office, where he served eleven years as the director of the Sabbath School, Personal Ministries and Inner City Ministries Departments. Mrs. Nannie Joiner, his wife, served as teacher and principal in the conference school system.

**ENSEMBLE TO APPEAR IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The Faithful Few, a Clarksville, Tennessee based "Traditional Folk Gospel" singing group, has been selected to participate in the National Folklore Festival which is sponsored by the



*"The Faithful Few Ensemble" presented by Unity for Better Living.*

Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D.C. The Festival will be held in Washington during the last week of June through the first week of July.

Each year the Institute holds its annual festival and spotlights a State of the Union. This year the Festival will spotlight the State of Tennessee.

The Faithful Few Ensemble was recommended by the producers of the "Nashville Gospel Show" and Tommy Lewis, who is the Smithsonian Institute representative for the Tennessee area and affiliated with WSMV.

The Ensemble can be heard over radio station WJZM, on each 2nd Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m., on the Faithful Few Gospel Hour in Clarksville. And also on each 4th Sunday morning on WKSJ, in Pulaski, Tennessee. The group's members are: Mattie Hayes, Wayne Hayes, Charmeretta Hayes, and Felita Hayes, all formerly of Pulaski, Tennessee, and DeWayne Bell of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. All are now residing in Clarksville, Tennessee.

The group is also scheduled to perform at Campmeeting in Huntsville, Alabama. All of the group's members are Seventh-day Adventists. They are under the direction of Elder Wayne Hayes. Elder Hayes and his wife, Sue, are the managers of the South Central Village Apartments, located in Clarksville, Tennessee.

**OAKWEEK COLLEGE CHOIR AND BAND AT FIRST CHURCH**

The Oakweek College Choir and newly organized band, under the direction of Miss E. Osterman were presented in concert at the First SDA Church of Huntsville, Alabama on March 13th during the AYS hour. The college has recently organized this band of some fifty pieces. Miss Osterman serves as an inspiring leader of the youthful performers.

## CLASSIFIED AD

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Dr. Garland Dulan, Chairman  
Department of Behavioral Sciences  
Oakwood College  
Huntsville, AL 35896

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual BSCF Alumni Weekend will be held August 1-3 at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI. A number of interesting programs are planned, including: a concert and a fellowship dinner. The guest speaker for the divine hour will be Evangelist Oscar Lane. For reservation and information, contact:

Gerard Mauze, Jr.  
1603 Sunset Court  
Berrien Springs, MI 49103  
(616) 471-4080

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Garry Turner  
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## OBITUARY



Virginia McPhall Rice Green.

### OBITUARY OF VIRGINIA MCPHALL RICE GREEN

Virginia McPhall Rice Green was born April 6, 1891 in Batchlor, LA, to the Union of Annette McPhall and Frank Rice. Around 1908 she went to New Orleans where the Saturday rather than Sunday observance of Sabbath in a Jewish family led her to seek the truth from Elder Chatmon, who later baptized her in the Mississippi River. She then went to Oakwood Manual Training College as a Nursing Student, where she met her future husband, Elder John S. Green.

In New Orleans as the first couple to be married in the new edifice, the congregation gave them the complete wedding with Elder Parmalec officiating. Sister Green and her husband, J.S. Green Sr., were pioneers in the beginning Adventist Southern Colored work. Elder Green was in charge of the work in Fla., Ga., Ala., Miss., N.C. & S.C. and a representative on the General Conference Board for the Colored work, and on the Oakwood College Board. Through God's help and Sister Green's faithful assistance they were able to bring thousands into the "Third Angels Message". As a result many churches were founded throughout the South by them. Sister Green also taught home, health and nutrition classes.

Sister Green faithfully went Harvest Gathering and passed out tracts everywhere she went, until she no longer could. One of those tracts gave birth to her spiritual daughter Myrtle Davis. She served the Linden Church as Head and Honorary Deaconess. Sis. Green joined Elder J.S. Green Sr., who passed May 6, 1956 in Baltimore, Md., and her son Elder J.S. Green Jr., who passed October 8, 1977 in Babylon, N.Y.

She is survived by her two daughters, Annette Lieade Craig and her husband Clarence A. Craig Sr., of Sacramento, Ca. and Virginia Gibson and her husband Nelson Gibson of Roslyn Heights, N.Y. Her daughter in law, widow of J.S. Green Jr., Mrs. Bessie Green of Brooklyn, N.Y., 7 grandchildren, Virginia E. Craig Wright her husband Milton Wright of Oakland, Ca., C. Patricia Henderson, Clarence A. Craig Jr., Alma A. Vaughan, her husband Michael Vaughan, of Sacramento, Ca., Keith and Maria Green of Babylon, N.Y., and Jeanine Annette Gibson of Roslyn Heights, N.Y. 6 great grandchildren, Tamara and Craig Henderson, Leman and Michael Vaughan of Sacramento, Randolph and Rodric Craig of Oakland, Ca. Nephews and nieces: Frank Rice of Berkeley, Ca., Patricia Hale of New Orleans, Edwin and William Conway of St. Louis, Mo., George and John Rice of New Orleans, La.

She also leaves to mourn many other relatives and a host of friends.

### KATE PHIPPS MOORE

On Sunday, May 18th, 1986, Kate Peterson Phipps Moore quietly closed her eyes for last time. She was born in Sumpter, South Carolina, the first child of Edward and Mary Peterson.

Due to the untimely death of her mother in 1920, in Pittsburgh, where the family had settled, young Kate was forced by circumstances to bear the awesome responsibility of homemaker and mother-figure to her seven younger brothers and sisters, of whom, Edith preceded her in death.

In the city of Pittsburgh, Kate met the man of her life, Nauford Osman Phipps, and they were married in 1930. They established their home in New York City, and opened it to her unmarried siblings. The Phipps were raising their own family of three children, namely: Edward St. Clair, married to Grace. Their children are Elliot, Errol, and Erika. Nauford Cullen, married to Claudette, and their children are Leslie and Jeffrey. Evelyn Alicia, the wife of Pastor John Guy, and they are the parents of John, his wife Ann, Gregory and Debra, and the grandparents of baby John.

In 1951, tragedy struck the Phipps family. Osman, a teacher and former principal of Northeastern Academy, died. Kate was again forced to be mother, father, provider, advisor to teenage children, her own.

In 1959, Kate married Herbert Moore. As of now, Herbert is incapacitated and confined to a nursing home.

Kate, in her quiet way, made a distinct impact on many lives. Her children are especially grateful to Sister Mary Clark who faithfully cared for their mother the last three years. The children are also grateful for the support of their spouses, during their mother's last years. During her final days, when Kate could recognize no one, nor remember any events, she could be heard faintly humming, "All to Jesus I surrender", almost as if she was patiently awaiting her maker.

Surviving Kate are her children and their families, brothers Edward, Jacob, and Lloyd, sisters Ruth, Hazel and Mamie, in-laws Marie, Margie, Oswald, and Roy, cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends. She will be missed, but we know that "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

### MRS. DELIAH CUSTARD EXPIRES

Mrs. Deliah Custard, wife of Marvin Custard and sister of H.T. Saulter, passed away in Nashville, Tennessee after a long illness. She served the church as a school teacher for many years, and was a member of one of the founding families in the Lexington, Kentucky church, organized in 1894. Mr. Custard still resides in Nashville. Both of them worked at Oakwood College and Riverside Hospital until their retirements.

### CHARLES B. WASHINGTON

Charles B. Washington was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on December 1, 1923, to William and Julia Washington. He was the youngest of five children. He was a lifelong member of the Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church. He attended Howard Kennedy Elementary School, Central and North High Schools and Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama.

He began his journalist career at the young age of 12 by producing his first press release in June 1935. Charlie started working with the Omaha Star on July 8, 1938, and worked steadily until 1985. He served as a full-time reporter and sold advertising. He was devoted to the development of the enterprise and the success of the paper.

His devotion to youth was of a nagnanimous nature. He was the founder and organizer of the popular Letterman Club in 1948. From that time until the present, he was keenly interested in the athletic and academic achievements of all youth. He assisted hundreds of young people into college and watched their athletic prowess with a gleeful eye.

Some of his famous proteges of the athletic world include Bob Boozer, Ron Boone and Johnny Rodgers. He counseled and guided youth into all areas of the academic world, the arts, the sciences and the humanities.

His civil rights history is legendary. He was one of the first persons to desegregate the famous Peony Park swimming pool in 1955. He, along with the Rev. Kelsey Jones and Rev. Rudolph McNair, staged the first sit-in at the downtown Woolworth Store in 1963.

The Whitney Youngs, the Lerone Bennetts, the Dick Gregorys and a host of priests and ministers have paid homage to this great Afro-American.

Charlie oftentimes described himself as a tree shaker, at times making the power structure uneasy. The North Omaha community and the greater Omaha community may never recover from this great loss; however, he inspired so many young people that the Charlie Washington style of leadership will always be present in our great city.

Gordon Sims  
Communication Secretary



V. Lindsay—First Treasurer of South Central Conference.

### A PRINCE HAS FALLEN

Elder Vongoethe Lindsay, a veteran minister, and a loyal, faithful member of the Bethel church, Kansas City, KS, has been laid to rest. He was truly a friend to all with whom he came in contact. His life was devoted to helping others and to spreading the gospel to those far and near.

While serving as a minister in the Central States Conference, he served the following churches; Bethel and Maranatha, Kansas City, KS, Shiloh, Leavenworth, KS and Beacon Light, Kansas City, MO. He

contributed, greatly, to the building fund and purchasing of each of these churches.

His greatest desire was to see a church school in the Kansas City area, where our children could receive a good Christian education. He sponsored a number of youth attending Enterprise and Sunnydale Academies. Elder Lindsay's dream is fast becoming a reality, with specific plans for a church school for the Kansas City area, to be named the V. Lindsay SDA School.

Mazie Mitchell  
Communication Secretary

### WHITE ESTATE RELEASES YOUTH INSTRUCTOR ARTICLES

In her lifetime Ellen White wrote more than 500 articles for the *Youth's Instructor*. She first wrote for the journal in August of 1852, and her last article appeared in the June 9, 1914, issue. For many years the White Estate has hoped to cooperate with the Review and Herald to reproduce these articles in facsimile format. When the *Youth Instructor Articles* came off the presses in early May, it was a culmination of these plans.

Most copies used in the reproduction came from the White Estate vaults and have markings indicating the portions of the articles that have been included in books that are currently being published. These markings will prove helpful to readers who want to see how Mrs. White's material has been used in more recent years.

The *Youth Instructor Articles* are available in local conference Adventist Book Centers now.

### REVISED CHURCH MANUAL IS READY!

Many church leaders, pastors, and interested laypersons have been waiting for the revised *Church Manual* to come off the presses, and we're happy to announce that the manual is available in your local conference Adventist Book Centers now. The latest version has new policies, and policy revisions, from the General Conference session of 1985.

This edition has been re-formatted in a larger, easier-to-read style, and is available with either a hardboard or paperback cover.

### NEW BUILDINGS IN SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Several new buildings are under construction in the South Central Conference. Franklin, Kentucky members,

under the leadership of Pastor Aaron Tompkins will open their facility in the month of May. The McCallan, Alabama congregation under the leaderships of A.C. Jenkins and R. Rugless, will open their new building in the month of June. Leeds, Alabama, under the leadership of Pastor G.L. Byars and Mrs. N. Henderson will soon complete its new building. Clarksville, Tennessee, under the leadership of Pastor D.D. Johnson, has purchased a new building. Ephesus, Birmingham, entered its new church building on April 19th. A new building is to be constructed at Sylvarena, Mississippi.

his constituents to raise \$200,000 for special projects for the college. He also stated, that the conference will give an additional \$173,000 for the school operation; 44 three way scholarships for students, a full tuition scholarship for students, a full tuition scholarship for a South central student attending Oakwood this year and a \$100 scholarship to each graduating senior from the conference. In addition to these programs, the conference works to assist its graduate students in the fields of medicine, dentistry, and business with \$2,000.



Willie Gooden and Concerned Friends of Oakwood present \$50,000.00 to the school.

### GOODEN AND ASSOCIATES DONATE FIFTY THOUSAND TO OAKWOOD

During Alumni Weekend at Oakwood, March 28-30, Mr. Wilfred Gooden, president of the Concerned Committee for Christian Education, and members of the New York City based philanthropic organization, received a plaque for pledging fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to help Oakwood, as well as other Black SDA institutions, are currently facing financial problems. It was, therefore, encouraging to see the Committee rally to aid Oakwood.

Also, during the Weekend, Mr. Vincent Beale, president of Beale Enterprises of Houston, Texas, presented a check of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the school. The Concerned Few, a group of recent graduates from the college presented five (5), five hundred dollars (\$500) scholarships to students during the weekend. Each of the Black conference presidents, who are alumnus of Oakwood, made sizable contributions for their conferences.

Dr. C.E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, told of the efforts of

### ACADEMY ENSEMBLE VISITS OAKWOOD

A bell ringing choir from the Lynwood Academy, Los Angeles, CA, presented in concert at Oakwood College during Alumni Weekend. Dr. William Wright is the principal.

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impossible were is not for the 29 Zairan laymen and 8 ministers, that were trained by Elder Rodriguez as Bible Instructors.

This venture in faith, financed by a group of laymen in California and Arkansas, headed by Dr. Lindsay Thomas, former missionary to West Africa, resulted in two new churches being established in the city--The New Life in Jesus and The Atlanta Churches, the former being named for the city where the South Atlantic Conference headquarter is maintained.

The members were so buoyed by the success of the crusade that they made a contribution of \$6,000 zaires (US\$135), it is a great sacrifice when one remembers that the average Zairan makes US\$18 a month.

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