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## COVER STORY

### SOUTH CENTRAL CAMPMEETING - "HOMECOMING '86 MARKS FORTY YEARS"

While the nation celebrated the one hundredth birthday of the Statue of Liberty which stands in New York harbor, the members, workers and friends of the South Central Conference joined in a celebration of forty years of blessing from the Lord that the conference has experienced for the past decades. Among those who came to speak of the heritage of the conference were: Elder and Mrs. H.R. Murphy, the first president (1945-54); Elder and Mrs. W. W. Fordham, the second president (1954-58); Mrs. F.L. Bland, the wife of the third conference president, F.L. Bland (1958-62) and Elder and Mrs. C. E. Dudley who have served the field since 1962.

Among the many workers and founding fathers were also, P.C. Winley the first Book Center manager, M.G. Cato, the second publishing director who served for almost two decades; Lee and Ruth Paschal who served in the youth and education departments from 1948 through 1955 and built the enrollment of schools to the high mark of twenty-two during their years of service.

There was also, E.F. Carter, the secretary of the Central States Conference, who was the very first intern to be added to the conference staff; R.C. Brown, secretary of the Lake Region Conference who was among the third group of ministerial interns who were asked to serve in the conference.

It was inspiring to hear Mr. A. G. Gaston, banker of Birmingham, Alabama, express his gratitude for the friendship that he and his wife have developed with the South Central churches and members through the years. In addition to the awards that were presented to him from the conference, the officials for the city of Huntsville were also on hand to give an honorary citizenship for the city of Huntsville. E. T. Mimms of Ohio gave workshops about the cardinal beliefs and doctrines of the church. Elder C. E. Moselay shared with this workshop and the people were very enlightened concerning the beliefs of adventism.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rupright of Lafayette, Indiana along with their daughter spent several days at the camp and were among those who received recognition for help-

ing the work of the Lord to advance in the Central Southern area of the nation. The Ruprights built and donated over thirteen buildings to congregations across the conference.

Since the days when the conference first began to function, the theme of the work has been "evangelism" and a goodly number of souls have been baptized into the church. The membership at the inception stood at 2,400; today the roll stands at 18,000. The tithe income for that period was approximately \$150,000.00 annually; today it has reached the \$4,000,000.00 mark. At the beginning 31 congregations made up the sisterhood of the conference; today the number has grown to 120 congregations. This has come about through the pastors and the laity alike.

The celebration began with a multimedia presentation by the communication department of the Southern Union Conference. The program dealt with the growth of the work in the South from 1895 to the present time and challenged the believers to press forward for the mission of the church in making ready a people to meet the Lord. This will be done by laity and ministry alike through preaching, teaching and reaching, through medical and health ministries, youth ministries, inner city ministries. The vision of the pioneers still unfolds.

The work in the Southern field among the "Coloured" people began with the laity engaged in witnessing in a goodly number of places. The challenges were

many, but they persevered. Today this work has spread around the world among people of all nationalities. Some of the early pioneers were William Foye, William Miller, Edson White, Silas Osborn, Mrs. VanSlyke, C. B. Holliday, N. B. King, Charles M. M. Kinney, Sidney Scott, J. H. Lawrence.

Each evening before the preaching services Dr. C. E. Dudley, the conference president gave a brief historical sketch of the growth of the work in the conference in five year intervals.

In 1880 only ten members of color had accepted the teachings of the Adventist Herald, but by 1900 the record shows that the number had grown to fifty in the whole country. By 1909 the number had grown to 3,000 baptized believers and the brethren moved to establish a Negro Department in the General Conference through which to direct the work among



*C.E. Dudley, A.C. McClure and X. Butler stand with pastor M. Taylor, Methodist minister baptized during Campmeeting.*



*Babies blessed during campmeeting*

this fast growing group of the church. The NAACP was also organized during that same year in Niagara Falls, New York, by 1919 a Black leader by the name of William H. Green, an attorney, was appointed to the post of leadership of the people where he served until his death in 1929; by then there were 9,000 members of color in the church and the challenges were many in helping to stabilize the work among these people. The beginning of all of this took place in the South Central Conference field in Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi. As the years progressed,

the leaders expressed their burden to become a part of the decision making part of the church; this was always denied, but the people still told every man, his neighbor of the truths of God's word.

An unfortunate event took place in 1944, with the passing of Mrs. Lucy Byard which led to the organization of the Regional

Conferences. None-the-less, these conferences have brought growth and strength to the work among these people and others around the world. Of the seven colored conferences that were organized in 1944, the South Central Conference became number "five" although it did not begin its function until January 1, 1946. H. R. Murphy was the president; Vongoethe Lindsay was the secretary/treasurer, B.



*Elder and Mrs. H.R. Murphy, first president honored at campmeeting during 40th celebration.*



*W.W. Fordham and wife, second president returns for 40th anniversary.*



*R.C. Brown, Managing Editor of the Regional Voice and Secretary of the Lake Region Conf.*



*Father L. Shepherd prays with son L. Shepherd during ordination services.*



*Lee and Ruth Paschal, youth director for the conference during the first decade.*



*M.C. Cato wa publishing director for more than eighteen years in S.C.C.*



*Seven baptized at campmeeting.*

H. Ewing was the Home Missionary and Sabbath School leader, P.C. Winley the manager of the Book Center and W. E. Adams the director of the publishing work; F.B. Slater was the Youth and Education superintendent.

The charter members of the executive committee which governed the work were: H.R. Murphy, V. Lindsay, I. H. Hudson, B. W. Abney, Sr., C. A. Lynes, D.B. Reid and J. G. Thomas. H. R. Murphy and D. B. Reid are the sole survivors. Many reflections were given by those of these who were present during the fortieth anniversary.

Campmeeting 1986 was not only historic, but it was also spirit-filled, educational and inspiring. Each day's program

consisted of morning devotions, the power hour and testimony meetings led by W. J. Mitchell. Workshops and seminars were conducted on a daily basis by E. T. Mimms, C. E. Moseley, Jr., who taught the old fashion doctrines and beliefs of the church; Dr. and Mrs. Claude Thomas helped to strengthen the family ties with their Family Relations Workshop. O.J. McKinney and I.J. Johnson conducted workshops on Family Finances while the physicians of the area gave daily health education classes.

The evenings were filled with good soul-stirring preaching and heavenly music. The evening speakers were E. T. Mimms, D. Baker, E. W. Moore, E. E. Cleveland, W. W. Fordham, W. Harold Kibble, Elamore Wright and C. E. Bradford and H. R. Murphy.

The campmeeting ended with twelve pastors being ordained to the gospel ministry from all parts of the conference. This was the largest group to be ordained at one time during the campmeeting, thus, it too was historic.

Forty years have brought excitement, challenge and fruitful blessings to the work in the South Central Conference. New congregations have been established, schools have been opened, a goodly number of persons have been employed, housing projects have been built, tent crusades have been conducted on an annual basis. The work is still on the move; however, the words of W. W. Fordham continue to ring in ones ears: "May we not celebrate another forty years of the history of this conference on this earth - let us all rejoice around the throne of God in heaven when the next forty years come."

C. E. Dudley



*Mrs. F.L. Bland, wife of the third conference president.*



*R.L. Woodfork of the General Conference speaks to the assembly.*



*L.A. Paschal, Editor of the Regional Voice gives historical background of the Voice.*



*H.R. Murphy speaking at the worship service.*



*P.C. Winley, first Book Center Manger.*



*A.L. Dudley, President, tells of progress at Hadley Memorial Hospital.*



*Earle and Jean Moore, founders of the Inner Cities Ministries.*



*Miss Magan McGriffith recites Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech during campmeeting.*

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE

### ANDREWS UNIVERSITY'S BLACK STUDENTS EXPRESS CONCERNS

During a recent visit to Andrews University, a special committee of Black conference presidents found these concerns among the Black student body. They stated:

Here at the seminary, the BASA has been made aware of the absence of minority adoption into the total seminary program and planning. The BASA feels that there needs to be some basic philosophical changes in the attitude of the governing bodies who design the curriculum here at the Andrews Theological Seminary. We are aware that in former years, the attitude of the men who attended Andrews was only to endure privation and non-acceptance for a season. In many cases the men who left the seminary were deprived of a meaningful educational process . . . Out of the nine existing SDA seminaries around the world, Andrews is asked to serve a heterogeneous constituency . . . Therefore, we hold that there should be a greater adoption and ultimately a greater absorption of the minority groups into the seminary. This should be achieved by constructing a curriculum that is relevant and practical.

Six points of grave concern were:

#### (1) **Black Scholars Sponsored for the PH.D. and Th.D. programs**

Few, if any North American Blacks have been admitted into these programs.

#### (2) **Black Theology-Growth and Development**

Black instructors at the school are very few in number. The Black student will basically serve the members of his or her own constituency when the studies are completed.

#### (3) **Curriculum Relevance**

Five to ten years from now, the leaders of the church around the world will be Black, (people of color). The changing times are dictating this. The last General Conference Session in New Orleans' reports showed the world membership to be made up of three-fourth people of

color. Leadership should be trained to serve these people. The training for service should come from Andrews, and the school must address the needs of these different cultures.

#### (4) **Employment Interviews and Hiring Practices**

Although this is a world church, the placement officers do not seek to place the Black graduate in jobs within or outside of the church. The Regional Conferences of the North American Division are unable to hire all of the students of color who graduate from the colleges and universities of this division. Overseas employment should be offered as well as in the various institutions of the church.

#### (5) **Models for Ministry**

The Black ministerial student needs a role model in training for future leadership after graduation. The instructors are natives of South Africa, France, Germany, Australia and England, who cannot feel the needs of students from other backgrounds.

#### (6) **North American Division Evangelism Institute**

A Chicago based (Illinois Conference) part of the training program fails to prepare the Black student of the ninth quarter to accept the challenges of the real church that they will be serving upon graduation.

An appeal is being made to the leaders in Washington, D.C. to give proper attention to these concerns.

### THE PROCRASTINATOR

The alarm clock sounds, signaling another day has begun. Mr. Procrastinator rises, feeling exhilarated, because of the many exciting activities he has planned for the day.

"How shall I spend my day? I'll start by spending an hour with God, consecrating myself to him through prayer and the study of His word. Well, maybe I'll start my day this way tomorrow."

"Next, I'll gather my family members together for morning worship, and tell my wife and children how much I love and appreciate them. Oh, I'll do that tomorrow."

"You know, I have been such a recluse, and a real snob on my job, but today I'm going to be friendly and warm, and show my co-workers that Christians are friendly people. Well, maybe I'll be friendlier tomorrow."

"When I get home from work, I'm not

going to bury myself in my evening paper or a book, but I'll do some of the needed repairs around the house. Or maybe I'll help my neighbor mend his broken fence, I may even do some gardening. However, there's always tomorrow."

"It's been a long time since I last played football with the boys, and even longer since the family has gone on a nature walk together. But, it may rain, maybe tomorrow."

"Probably after dinner and family worship, I'll do some missionary work. I could spend an hour visiting the hospitals, the nursing homes or some shut-ins. Just think how much it would cheer the inmates in jail to have someone visit them. Oh, well, it's getting dark, and it's dangerous to be out on the streets, so I'll do those things tomorrow."

The day finally comes to a close with Mr. Procrastinator exhausted from all of his planning. He falls off to sleep in his favorite recliner never to awaken from his slumber.

Mr. Procrastinator planned his work, but he did not work his plan. While it is true that he had good intentions of carrying out his plans, his plans proved to only be good intentions. Opportunities neglected today, may never be realized tomorrow.

Sandy Smith

## ALLEGHENY EAST

### TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

We have the truth, what are we to do with it? Teach it to the world! That's what literature evangelists do every day and what many Philadelphia area youth are learning to do while helping with their school tuition. Under the guidance of Ms. Lenora Johnson, they hit the streets Sundays' this spring in preparation for daily work this summer.

Students from the Larchwood School pair off and go to center city, suburban malls, residential streets, supermarkets and special events to sell attractive magazines, and small books like *Steps To Christ*. They are successful. One student sold \$800 worth of evangelistic material last summer. Philadelphia street corners don't have just idlers now, they are getting the word.

# The Editor's Desk

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We should never reach such a state of mind that as members of the Seventh-day Adventist church, we refuse to take a stand against what is happening in South Africa. Many of our members live there and many are having pressure brought to bear on them during the current crisis. During the month of June, news arrived that one of our members had been shot to death in his home, while preparing for the Sabbath. This is tragic!

Let us do all that we can to help the situation to be resolved. The truth must still be given to those who never have heard it. All people are affected. Pray for the people of South Africa. Shelter and assist those who are in our country and will not be able to return to the land of their birth because of the conditions that exist there.

## CHRISTIAN RECORD BRAILLE FOUNDATION, INC. REQUEST SUPPORT

The blind and deaf across the United States and around the world are being blessed by the ministry that is provided by the Christian Record Braille Found-

ation, Inc., located in Lincoln, Nebraska. Elder Vernon L. Bretsch, president, is sending out information regarding the programs that they offer.

## FROM CAMP MEETING TO CROSS COUNTRY

Joel Thompson, brother of Pastor Jonathan Thompson of the Faith Church, Hartford, CT, and a preministerial student at Andrews University, accepted the challenge to direct a play entitled, "Jonah" at a Michigan campmeeting 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 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.

## SHARON TEMPLE PROMOTES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Six students received diplomas from the Sharon Temple Junior Academy in Wilmington, Delaware, during the recent commencement services. The class of 1986 has the distinction of being the first graduating class to have their graduation services held in conjunction with the Sabbath weekend services.

The eighth grade class conducted the Sabbath School program for the adult division. Samuel E. Darby, Vice Principal of Pine Forge Academy spoke during the Baccalaureate service. A special musical selection was presented by the K-3 Chorus under the direction of Karen Jackson, teacher for grades 2 - 3.

Carol Cantu, Superintendent of Education for the Allegheny East Conference spoke for the Commencement service Sabbath evening. Two special presentations were made. The 5th/6th grade class presented to the principal a twelve-part "Video Letter from Japan" set that will be placed in the school library and made available for individual and class viewing. Mr. Donald Green is the 5th/6th grade teacher. The graduating class presented a microwave oven to the school. Donald Lambert, III, Class Vice President made the presentation. A reception for the graduates followed in the lower auditorium.

Carol Cantu was also the guest speaker during the mid-week prayer service during the month of June with emphasis on Christian Education. Her key text was Jeremiah 12:1-5. Topics presented during her four special seminars included: "The Difference Between Public School and Church School" "Black Students in Education" "Parent/Teacher Relationships" and "Parent/Child Relationships." Charles D. Battles

PRINCIPAL

## BRYANT GUMBEL FEATURED AT PINE FORGE ACADEMY HOMECOMING

The National Pine Forge Academy Alumni Homecoming at Pine Forge on Labor Day Weekend, August 29, 30, and 31. The highlight of this year's program will be a ticketed benefit banquet featuring NBC's Today Show host Bryant Gumbel. A special reception prior to the banquet will allow Mr. Gumbel to personally meet the attendees. For ticket information, contact Wendell Cheatham at (301) 891-6020.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Aug. 29	Sept. 5	12	19
Boston, Mass.	7:24	7:12	7:00	6:47
New York City	7:34	7:22	7:10	6:57
Buffalo, N.Y.	7:55	7:43	7:31	7:18
Atlanta, Ga.	8:07	7:58	7:49	7:39
Miami, Fla.	7:43	7:36	7:38	7:21
Charlotte, N.C.	7:51	7:45	7:35	7:25
Birmingham, Ala.	7:17	7:07	6:58	6:48
Jackson, Miss.	7:29	7:20	7:11	7:02
Memphis, Tenn.	7:32	7:22	7:12	7:02
Louisville, Ky.	8:18	8:07	7:56	7:45
Detroit, Mich.	8:13	8:01	7:49	7:37
Chicago, Ill.	7:29	7:18	7:06	6:54
South Bend, Indiana	7:24	7:12	7:00	6:48
Minneapolis, Minn.	7:56	7:44	7:30	7:17
St. Louis, Mo.	7:36	7:25	7:14	7:03
Kansas City, Mo.	7:54	7:43	7:32	7:21
Denver, Co.	7:36	7:25	7:14	7:03
Little Rock, Ark.	7:40	7:30	7:20	7:10
Dallas, Texas	7:56	7:47	7:38	7:29
New Orleans, La.	7:27	7:18	7:10	7:01
Albuquerque, N.M.	7:38	7:28	7:18	7:08
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:02	7:52	7:42	7:32

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

## SINGLES REUNITE

From two countries, three conferences, five states, and many churches, singles and ex-singles came to Fairmount Park Sunday, June 22, to picnic and share times with fellow members of CLASSIC—the singles organization sponsored by Allegheny East. Feeling that even though many are no longer single, members ought to retain their camaraderie, Kenny Watkins, Dave and Jane Robinson organized a get together.

So they came, even a grandmother, with "kids," and grandkids, to have a good time in the park. There was a "monkey" in a tree, a "baby" in a carriage, sack racers who fell out, and the potato chip pass. An "animal choir" sang and someone won the joke telling contest.

Have you ever played chain tag? It sounds easy, the more people that are caught, the longer the chain becomes and the easier it should be to block the runners. Not so here! The unwieldy chain members finally gave up, just before nearly everyone lost their breath.

While waiting for next year, participants will remember the fine weather, new and long missed faces and the good food, while renewing a few old acquaintances.

## AAW MANATAWNY CHAPTER INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

The 1986 officers for the Manatawny Chapter of the Association of Adventist Women (AAW) were recently installed in a candlelight service held in the fellowship room of the Pine Forge Academy Church. The Manatawny Chapter membership is composed of ladies from the Pine Forge and Pottstown churches.

Dressed in white suits and royal blue blouses, the candidates took their places on the platform. The challenge was presented to them in the form of an address by Mrs. Ruth M. Greene, head of the English Department of the Pine Forge Academy. Mrs. Greene instructed the members and officers that they are first of all Christians. The life of Deborah was used as an example of great leadership.

Music was provided by Sheri Calhoun and Marsha Ford.

Each lady repeated the oath of office as given by Mrs. Miriam Battle, outgoing president. Candles were lighted and the light passed from president, Mrs. Beatrice Poole to each succeeding officer. They are Mrs. Elmira Hawkins, vice president; Mrs. Janet Arms, secretary; Mrs. Pamela Calhoun, assistant secretary; Mrs. GERAL-

dine Handy, treasurer and Mrs. Esther Turman, chaplain.

The prayer of dedication was offered by Mrs. Carolyn Suddler.

## REVELATION SEMINAR SPARKS INTEREST

Twenty-three individuals successfully completed the first Revelation seminar held at Sharon Temple in Wilmington, Delaware, recently. Mrs. Mildred Blamo, Bible Instructor, led out the two month seminar held three nights a week in the Josephine Flowers Chapel of the church.

A special graduation service was held for those who completed the series. Several have shown additional interest and will receive follow-up Bible studies. Several have also begun attending Sabbath services. Hopefully, in the near future a complete decision to follow Christ will be made. Another Revelation Seminar is being planned for the near future.

Charles D. Battles  
Communication Secretary

## CENTRAL STATES

### 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 Eppley 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.

## SLADES IN ACTION

The St. Louis, (MO) Area Disaster Emergency Service, (SLADES), had an opportunity to assist the people of Sikeston and Vandusen, Missouri who were struck by several tornadoes on May 15. The SLADES organization is comprised of the Dorcas, Community Services, Personal Ministries, pastors and members of the twelve St. Louis area SDA churches.

The call for help was received by Pastor B. T. Rice of the Northside Church, St. Louis, MO, who contacted his Dorcas leader Phyllis Bass. Ms. Bass who is also the church representative for SLADES, immediately called other members of SLADES. During the early morning hours, they donated numerous items to assist the people of Sikeston and Vandusen.

A count of all items contributed totaled 457 food items, 53 non-food items, 550 pieces of clothing, 70 pair of shoes, numerous blankets.

Lee Carrell  
Chairperson-SLADES

## COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT PALACE OF PEACE

The guest speaker for Community Guest Day at the Palace of Peace Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was the conference president, Elder J. Paul Monk, Jr. His sermon based on Psalms 100, was entitled, "Cherished Idols."

The guest included members from the recent Revelation Seminar.

Roy G. Morgan  
Communication Secretary



Elder J. Paul Monk, Jr. presents sermon for Community Guest Day.

## PARK AVENUE CHURCH SPONSORS HEALTH FAIR

The fair began with a parade and police escort from Park Avenue Church, Denver, Co. The purpose of the fair was to inform the public of the importance of eating healthy and to encourage good health practices. Meatless entrees, vegetables and juices were served.

Medical evaluations were performed by medical professionals. Volunteers from the Grace Hill Clinic and the Diabetic Association assisted in screening, blood pressure, podiatry, weight, height, dental and vision tests. Cooking and Stop-smoking classes were scheduled for a later date.

A special one hour "round up program" followed immediately after the health fair. The fair, coordinated by Dianne Kelly, ended with a question and answer panel discussion. All health services were offered without cost or obligation. All area regional churches were represented.

C. Daniel Johnson  
Communication Secretary

## A SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY

Roses, hugs, poems and sweets were the honors heaped upon the mothers of the Community Church, Denver, Colorado for Mother's Day. More than 50 moms received a single long-stemmed red or pink rose provided by the Adventist Youth department, under the leadership of Edward Collins.

The children from each family marched up front to gather roses and presented them to their mothers with a hug. Some experts believe hugs have a therapeutic effect and admits everyone should be hugged at least three times a day. During the Divine Hour, Elder G. A. Bryant had mothers stand while the remaining members approached a mother and hugged her.

Three mothers received special honors: Florence Mason, Patricia Blackburn and Myrna Peterkin. Mrs. Mason, eighty-two years old this May, was honored as the oldest mother. Mrs. Blackburn, the mother of seven was honored as having the most children. Mrs. Peterkin received one dozen long-stemmed roses and a gift certificate for making summer uniforms for the youth choir.

The Mother's Day theme continued through the AY hour with some of the youth reading poems they had written especially for their mothers, and a panel discussion with several of the mothers

followed. After the Sabbath ended, the moms were served ice cream and cake. The cake bore the inscription: Happy Mother's Day to the sweetest mothers in the world. The AY department made Mother's Day so special.

Etta Collins  
Communication Secretary

## 20 GRADUATE FROM REVELATION SEMINAR

Twenty persons graduated from the Revelation seminar conducted by Pastor Rodney Draggon in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Many of the attendees found Jesus for the first time in their lives.

Roy G. Morgan  
Communication Secretary



*Kimberly and Kimone Carney and Yannique Clark perform for Sabbath School.*



*Participants of the Revelation Seminar.*



*Graduates of the Revelation Seminar.*



*Elder and Mrs. A.R. Jones.*

## 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

## GUEST DAY ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 100 VISITORS

'Operation 300' is not an unfamiliar term at the Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church, Bronx, N.Y. This term has been the motivating force behind members who from week to week invite three hundred or more persons to church each Sabbath.

The fact that more than one hundred registered guests were present for Community Guest Day, Sabbath, April 12, 1986 was no coincidence. That was the direct result of the efforts of the Sabbath School members who zealously went from door to door for several weeks prior to Visitors Day, inviting others to come.

Pastor John Guy, the pastor of the church, and Ms. Mary Mc Neil, Sabbath School Superintendent, worked untiringly to make Visitors Day special. Pastor Guy, who has been the pastor of the church for only four months, was the speaker of the day.

The Visitors Day program began at 9:30 a.m. with Superintendent McNeil at the helm with approximately fifty visitors already present.

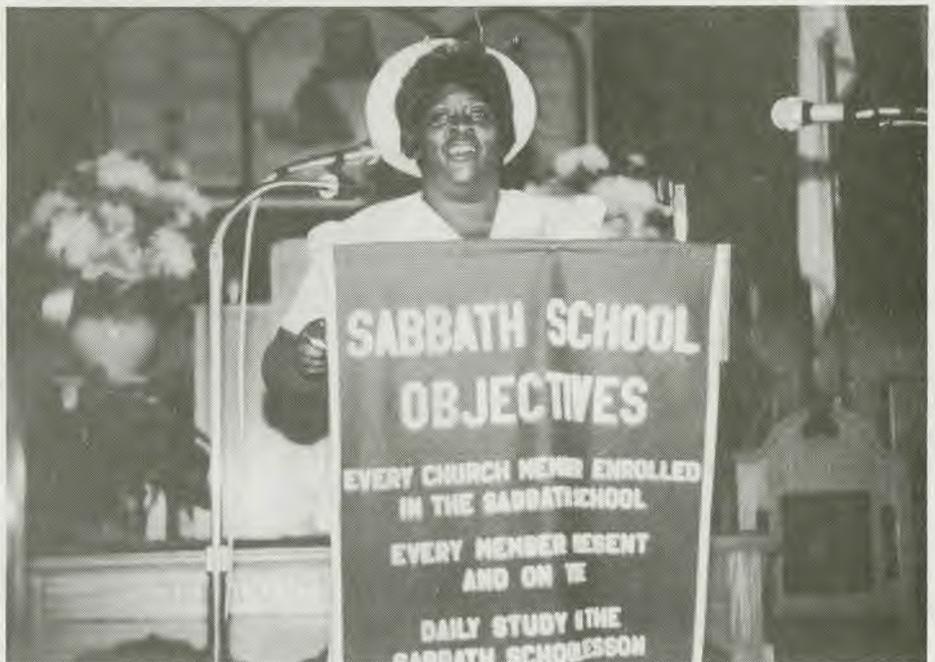
The Sabbath School program was an interesting one because it incorporated visitors as well as church members. Special music during the Sabbath School Hour and Divine Worship Service was provided by Linda Elliot, an outstanding soloist from the Epheus Church, New York City.

The lesson study, in the form of a panel discussion, was presented by visitors from other churches in surrounding areas as well as Bronx Sabbath School members. The moderator for the panel was local Elder Samuel Fleming.

Music for the divine worship hour was provided by a visiting choir. It was not difficult to identify the visitors from the members because the Communication Department provided special insignias for the guests. All were made to feel welcome as they were personally greeted by the church members. A delicious fellowship luncheon was provided for the visitors.

The afternoon program featured the ARC Gospel Choir in song and testimony. The ARC Gospel Choir is a group of young men and women who were once enslaved in the prison of drug addiction but have become overcomers through Christ and are now singing to the glory of God.

Myrtle Pickett  
Communications Secretary



*Mary McNeil, Sabbath School Superintendent.*

## CHILDREN'S DAY HELD AT CITY TABERNACLE

Children's Day at City Tabernacle, New York City, annual service always coincides with spring when nature's new life appears vibrant and fresh. The young people of the church from cradle roll to early teens are in charge of the Sabbath program and there is always a powerful guest speaker.

This year's speaker was Elder R. Gordon, originally from Port Antonio, Jamaica, WI, and now pastor of the North Bronx Church, Bronx, New York. His sermon was entitled, "Modern Goliaths," targeted: evolution, Bible neglect, parental disobedience, adolescent fever, and worldiness as today's stumbling blocks to the youth. To counter these and many other critical problems he emphasized study of the Word of God, which explains the practice of self-control, parental obedience, and moral uprightness. Elder Gordon also added, "When parents begin to exemplify in their lives and teach their children the right way, few will stray."

LaMarr Renee  
Communication Secretary



Leslie Phipps, Oakwood's UNCF Queen for 1986.

## LESLIE PHIPPS NAMED UNCF QUEEN

The Ephesus church of New York, N.Y. salutes Miss Leslie Phipps on her outstanding achievement as United Negro College Fund Queen for Oakwood College. Miss Phipps raised over \$11,000. She is the winner of a one-year scholarship to Oakwood College, a microwave oven, and a cruise to the Bahamas. Leslie is also the winner of a \$10,000 scholarship/internship sponsored by the National Urban League. In February of 1987, she

will go to Atlanta, Georgia to participate in the United Negro College Fund National Contest.

Miss Phipps is a graduate of Northeastern Academy, New York, NY. She is an active member of the Ephesus church, where she served as AYS treasurer and secretary, assistant head clerk for the Youth church, and is currently a member of the Ephesus Youth choir. At Oakwood, she was treasurer of the sophomore class and also treasurer for students from the Northeastern Conference. Currently, she is majoring in Business Management. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue her masters degree in business.

Leslie says a special thank you to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Phipps; the Ephesus church members; staff and students of the R.T. Hudson Elementary School in Bronx, NY; and other family and friends for their support.

## MORTGAGE BURNING AT BETHESDA

The Bethesda church, in Amityville, NY, celebrated its mortgage burning May 10-17, 1986. Bethesda, known as 'The friendly church, where everybody is somebody', demonstrated this virtue among the hundreds of members and guests, during the week-long celebration.

The theme of the week was 'Flames of Victory'. This theme is of great significance to Bethesdians because, upon the completion of their original church, it was engulfed in flames, February 11, 1967, one week before it was to be dedicated. Those were flames of discouragement. Bethesda rebuilt and entered the present structure on March 14, 1970. Flames of victory are the ones that ascended from the burning of the mortgage on May 17, 1986.

The week-long celebration was brought together by an array of ministers who expounded on the elements necessary

for a firm church foundation: Friendship, Discipleship, Service, Evangelism, Build-ers, Talent, Faithfulness, and Endurance.

The speakers were: Elder L.G. Newton, Northeastern Conference President; Elder G. Timpson, Secretary for the Mid-Atlantic Union; Elder C. Murray, pastor of the Ephesus church in New York City; Elder S. Byers, pastor of the Bethany church, Westbury, NY; Elder G.R. Earle, former Northeastern Conference President; Elder J. Nixon, pastor of the Hanson Place church, Brooklyn, NY; Elder R. Brown, Southeastern Conference Secretary; Elder F. Jones, Assistant Treasurer for the General Conference; and Judge A. McDonald, of the Circuit Court, East Orange, NJ. Participating in the mortgage burning ceremony were Elder J. Follet, Atlantic Union Conference President; Northeastern Conference administrators, Elder Newton, conference president, Elder H. Baptiste, conference secretary, and Elder S. Brooks, conference treasurer; Mr. Bennie Alves, church treasurer; and Pastor R. Oden of Bethesda.

The services were enhanced by musical selections from the Hollywood Baptist choir, the Holy Trinity choir, and representatives from the township of Babylon, NY, and the village of Amityville. Pastor Follet also dedicated a van for the Community Services department of the church.

The celebration was climaxed with a unique feature called 'The Challenge', which was given by Pastor Ronald Oden. A lighted torch in a gold goblet was passed from a representative group of charter members, to a group of persons who followed and continued the work. Finally the torch was passed to the youth of the church, represented by Orlan Johnson and Valeria Newton, who accepted the challenge and verbally pledged to perpetuate the advent message to all the world in their generation.

James Sullivan



Mortgage Burning Ceremony at Amityville, N.Y. church.

## BRONX CHURCH HOLDS SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

Age is a quality of mind,  
If you have left your dreams behind,  
If your hope is lost,  
If you no longer look ahead,  
If your ambition fires are dead,  
then you are old.

But if from life you take the best  
And if in life you keep the best  
If in God's love you hold  
No matter how years go by,  
No matter how the birthdays fly,  
You are not old!

The message contained in the above poem was the idea that motivated Mrs. Petricia Langley, Bible instructor for the Bronx Church, Bronx, N.Y., and her committee of workers to organize Senior Citizens Day, May 31, 1986.

Mrs. Brenda Williams, daughter of the late Samuel and Eva Jones, one of the original families of the Bronx Church, paid tribute to some seniors who are still active members of the church. Tributes were paid to: Elder and Mrs. Samuel Fleming, Ms. Geneva Upshur, Ms. Constance Tyson, Ms. Alfreda Martin, Ms. Lorraine Warner, Mr. Percival Hazel, Ms. Dorothy McQueen, and Ms. Audrey Nichols. Many of these persons have been known to Mrs. Williams for over thirty years.

Other honorees were: Ms. Adelaide Davis, whose exemplary life touched the life of her landlord, Mr. Bert Simmons, and as a result he is now a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and serves as a deacon at the Bronx, SDA Mission; Ms. Doretha Carver, whose interaction with a passenger on a bus lead not only to Bible Studies but a visit from that passenger on Senior Citizens' Day; and Ms. Hendrickson, who celebrated her seventy-second birthday on that Sabbath.

Ms. Mildred Benjamin, a senior member, gave a prayer of dedication for all senior citizens and Ms. Asbury Thomas sang 'God Has Smiled on Me.'

The speaker for the Divine Hour was Elder Robert Jackson, Insurance Coordinator of the Northeastern Conference. In his message he challenged the seniors to be superchristians as they continued on the christian pathway. He compared the life of the christian to that of the overachiever, whose purpose in life is to persevere without wavering.

When the appeal was made many seniors along with other members stood to dedicate themselves anew to Christ. Among those who stood were two young women, one requesting special prayer and the other Bible Studies. Mr. Wilton Rashford, a senior visitor, who was once a member of the family of God expressed his desire to become reunited with God's remnant church.

Many of the members opened their homes to the seniors and shared lunch with them.

During the time designated to welcome visitors, Jacquelyn Williams seized the opportunity to pay tribute in poetry to the seniors by reciting the poem that begins this article.

Myrtle Pickett  
Communications Secretary

## HOMECOMING CELEBRATED AT SHARON CHURCH

Over 600 members, former members and friends were in attendance for Homecoming Day on May 17, held at the Sharon Church, Bronx, N.Y. It was the largest gathering in the history of the church. Over \$8,500 were raised to purchase pews for the church.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Samuel Deshay, former director of the General Conference Health Department.

Dr. Deshay reminded the listeners of what God desires for his people, and how God's will can be fulfilled in each of us through obedience to His counsel.

Samuel Trotman  
Communication Secretary

## SPRING FOR BETTER HEALTH

The fifth annual 'Spring for Better Health' fair is an annual event at the Main Place Mall in Buffalo, New York, sponsored by the Victory and Emmanuel Temple SDA churches. The fair took place on May 14, and 15, 1986, with the assistance of Buffalo General Hospital, a local 500 bed plus, health care facility. The cooperation netted 1,000 individuals receiving health assessments during the two-day health fair.

Many that were diagnosed were given additional follow-up referral information. In addition to health testing, there was Adventist literature on display by area colporteurs. Names of interested individuals were taken for further contacts. The majority of the participants were interested in the health stress test. When

necessary, many were advised to go to the prayer and counselling table manned by Pastor J. Bevel and Bible Instructor Ms. Eva L. Jeltz.

Elder James Haskins, personal ministries director as well as medical secretary for the Victory Temple church, was instrumental in making this community outreach a success.

Barbara Winfield  
Communications Secretary

## EBENEZER CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S DAY

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

On June 14, 1986, the Ebenezer church of Freeport, New York, celebrated Children's Day. The children conducted the Sabbath School program, the Divine Worship services, and the AYS program. During Divine Worship, Tyisha Moore gave the welcome and a group of children formed a speech choir and recited the 23rd Psalm. Paul Buckley presented the morning's sermon, entitled "Priceless Jewels".

The afternoon program was a musical presented by the children's choirs of the Westbury, Amityville, Hempstead and Freeport, N.Y. churches.

The church is indebted to Sis Juanita Champen and her staff for a day well spent.

John Horsham  
Ida Gerson

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*It is a joyous work to open the Scriptures to others—Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 118*

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## EPHESUS CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

The Ephesus Church, New York City, is currently the largest church in the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventist. It boasts a membership of over 1900 and prides itself with a beautiful building structure which is part of a historical district recognized by the Landmark Preservation Department of New York City. The church was erected between 1885 and 1887 for the low Dutch reformed church of Harlem. The cornerstone on 123rd Street and Lenox Avenue reads 1886.

On October 4, 1986, Ephesus will hold a grand Centennial Celebration.

Stacy Gardner  
Correspondent

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### SOUTH CENTRAL NEWS NOTES

PRENTISS SORRELLS was wed to a lovely young lady in Ontario, Canada, Sunday, June 2, 1986.

MRS. CARRIE BLEVINS, wife of Elder Tommie Blevins, had a very serious operation Friday, May 30, 1986, at the University Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham. Please remember these dear family members in your prayers.

Some of our congregations are named New Birth, however, some of our workers have actually had 'new births' in their families. Pastor and Mrs. D.L. Lynes are the proud parents of a 12 pound girl. Pastor and Mrs. Roberts are the proud parents of a 9 pound girl, born Sabbath, May 31, 1986 at 11:00 A.M. It's a boy for Dana and Jill!

DIGITAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS is a Black Adventist-owned computer firm located in Huntsville, Alabama. The company began three years ago as a software consultant, but presently operates its own company. For further information about this firm contact: Miss Ann Jackson, account executive, Digital Support Systems, Inc., 2007 Poole Drive, Suite A, Huntsville, AL 35810. Or call (205) 852-8227 or 532-7010.

A new book is making its debut on the shelves of our Adventist Book Centers that you will want to be sure to read. *'Weight' On The Lord*, by Randy Maxwell, a local elder at the Maranatha SDA Church in Downey, California, is a 64 page adventure in trust. "... A book not about losing weight, but about casting the weight you already have on Jesus." The cost of the book is \$3.95 at the South Central book store.

ALFRED HILL baptized another 3 individuals in Tunica. The work continues to move forward in this area, under his leadership.

### TWELVE ORDAINED

On Sabbath evening, June 21, 1986, twelve pastors of the South Central Conference, were ordained to the gospel ministry. These were: R.E. Gaiter, Jesse L. Green, D.D. Johnson, J.W. Jones, Shelton Kilby, Robert L. Mann, F.L. Murray, G.R. Seay, Lorenzo Shepherd, A. Thompkins, and Jesse Wilson. The ordination ceremony was conducted in a wedding atmosphere (getting married to the Lord and His work).

### HOPKINSVILLE HAS CHURCH OPENING

Elder Douglas D. Johnson and the members of the Hopkinsville, Kentucky congregation celebrated the opening of their new church building on Sabbath, June 28, 1986. After three years of laboring to reach this milestone, the dream finally became a reality. Dr. C.E. Dudley, the conference president gave the Sabbath message for the opening. Elders F.N. Crowe, J.W. McCoy, S. Kilby and members of the Bowling Green, Paducah, Clarksville, and Nashville congregations joined in the celebration.

### AFRICA SUPPORTS MESSAGE

The MESSAGE to Africa program is an original plan to make the MESSAGE Magazine available on the continent of Africa to as many different countries as possible at the lowest price possible. The program was presented at the time of the Pan-African Youth Congress that was held in Kenya. Delbert Baker, the editor, reports that over 22,000 subscriptions to the journal were received during his stay there. We hope that each congregation in the South Central Conference has taken advantage of this opportunity to share their faith through the use of MESSAGE Magazine.

### NEW APPOINTMENTS

Richard Barron, Youth Leader of the General Conference, accepted the invitation to serve as president of the Southwest Region Conference. The post was vacated when Elder W.C. Jones, who served for more than ten years as president, accepted an invitation to be the vice president of the Southwestern Union Conference.

Richard Simons has been elected to serve as the president of the Northern California Conference, a post being filled by a Black leader for the first time in its history.

Cliff Sorrenson, the director of the department of Higher Education in the General Conference, has accepted a post as president of the Ontario Conference.

Dr. W.E. Coopwood has been invited to serve as the Health Secretary, Medical/Dental Director and Temperance Secretary for the South Central Conference. Shelton Kilby is the director of the Sabbath School department and H.L. Cleveland is the Personal Ministries director.

### SOUTH CENTRAL AWARDS O.C. STUDENTS

During the Oakwood College Commencement Services, a presentation of thirty-one, \$100.00 scholarships was made to each graduating senior from the South Central Conference. "This is a tradition for the South Central Conference," stated C.E. Dudley, the conference president. The conference also awards a full scholarship to one of its graduating high school seniors. This is given if they are entering Oakwood College the following year.

Forty-four 'three-way' matching scholarships were awarded by the conference this year. Elder Dudley also states that the conference has \$10,000.00 from the members and churches to help with special projects for Oakwood College.

Each South Central graduate that enters medical, dental, or business school can receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship from the General Conference beginning in January 1987.

Of the colleges and universities supplying the largest number of Black applicants to medical school, Oakwood ranks seventh. (1) Howard University—168; (2) Morehouse—49; (3) Spelman—41; (4) Wayne State—34; (5) Xavier—34; (6) Fisk University—33; (7) Oakwood College—29. Of the colleges and universities with the most applicants accepted into medical school, Oakwood ranked tenth, with twelve of its twenty-nine.

THE OAKWOOD ALUMNI ORGANIZATION NEEDS YOU! Establish a chapter in your district during this year.

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*The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand.—Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 64.*

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### SOUTH CENTRAL MAKES PRESENTATION TO OAKWOOD

On the last Sabbath of campmeeting at the South Central Conference, the president, Elder C.E. Dudley, presented a check for \$11,000.00 to Dr. Benjamin F. Reaves, the president of Oakwood College, on behalf of the conference membership. The money was given as a part of a special project to assist in placing new furniture into the rooms at Edwards Hall, the male dormitory. It is hoped that each congregation or district in the conference will accept the challenge, and donate enough funds to care for each of the rooms before the students return in the fall. The cost per room is approximately \$1,000.00.



*D.B. Reids celebrate 50th Anniversary.*

### THE D.B. REIDS CELEBRATE 50TH

Elder and Mrs. D.B. Reid celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 1, 1986, at the First Church in Huntsville, Alabama. Elder Reid has served the church in many capacities, throughout the Caribbean and North America. He served as pastor/evangelist; she as a church school teacher. They have two children, Egbert Reid of Washington, D.C., and Joslyn Thomas of Huntsville, AL. Many church members joined the family members in this happy occasion, among them Elder and Mrs. C.E. Dudley, who began their ministry under Elder and Mrs. Reid in Knoxville, Tennessee.

A sad note during the celebration was the news of the passing of Elder Reid's brother from Jamaica, W.I. The brother was the second of three ministers in the Reid family to pass.



*Mrs. Nettie Henderson supports the opening of the new church at Leeds, AL.*

### NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS OPENED

Two new buildings were opened in the South Central Conference. On Sabbath, July 5, 1986, the members of the McCalla and Leeds, Alabama congregations celebrated the opening of their new church facilities.

Pastor A.C. Jenkins, lay pastor and Elder Roy I. Rugless, the district leader, led out in the services at McCalla. The laity, under the leadership of Mr. Jenkins, built the building themselves. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rupright of West Lafayette, Indiana, donated the building in Leeds, which consisted of a shell. Mrs. Nettie Henderson, Elder G.L. Byars and the members of the congregation worked to complete the structure. Both buildings were opened debt free. Dr. C.E. Dudley and his wife were present for the openings.



*McCalla, AL opens new building, A.C. Jenkins, lay pastor leads out.*

### OAKWOOD COLLEGE HONORS RETIREES

On May 21, 1986, six members of the Oakwood College staff were honored for their services to the school. These persons were: Dr. and Mrs. E.E. Cleveland, Ms. Alma Blackmon, Dr. and Mrs. J.E. Dykes, and Mrs. Genevieve Richards.

E.E. Cleveland began his ministry with the church over 43 years ago and became known as 'Mr. Evangelism', as he preached on every continent. Mrs. Cleveland began her work for the church in 1940.

Ms. Alma Blackmon's service to the Adventist church can best be described as a meshing of layman's activities and

the professional contributions she has made. She is best known for her services as leader of the Oakwood College Aeolians.

Dr. and Mrs. Dykes, served the church as pastor, editor of MESSAGE Magazine, and instructors at Oakwood College. Dr. Dykes was one of the persons responsible for the establishment of the college radio station, WOCG-FM.

Mrs. Genevieve A. Richards has served the Oakwood College and church community in various capacities. Her faithful ministry began in 1947, as a resident neighbor, homemaker, to Elder C.T. Richards, and mother. She is the daughter of Elder J.H. Laurence of Hunstville, Alabama.



*Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rupright honored.*

### RUPRIGHTS HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rupright were honored in a special 'Rupright Day' service in Triana, Alabama, Sabbath, May 31, 1986. These dear people are responsible for the following church buildings in the South Central Conference: Amory, Woodville, and Fayette, Mississippi; Leeds, Prattville, Triana, and Thomasville, Alabama; and Cleveland, Tennessee. They are a blessing to the work.

### FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY TO OPEN NEW BUILDING

August 2, 1986 is the date set for the opening of a new church building in Frankfort, Kentucky. Elder and Mrs. Aaron Thompkins, along with the members there have worked untiringly on this project for over a year. The new work was established by Elder Dana Edmond, the building was erected by Elder Thompkins.

### HADLEY HOSPITAL TO OPEN NEW FACILITY

President Albert L. Dudley announced that the new hospital facility at the Hadley Memorial Hospital will open its doors on September 29, 1986. The hospital is the last existing predominantly Black-run hospital established by Seventh-day Adventists during the 1940's. The hospital is enjoying appreciable growth under the blessings of heaven and the leadership of President Dudley's administration. A number of qualified professionals are joining the Hadley team. Last month, the entire nursing student body from Oakwood College visited the facility, with prospects of beginning work there.



*President Albert Dudley - Hadley Hospital states new building to open Sept. 28, 1986.*

### RUCKER RECEIVES NEW POST AT MEHARRY

Womack Rucker, Jr., former president of the Riverside Hospital of Nashville, Tennessee has begun work at his new post as assistant to the president for Meharry Medical College. Rucker worked with the Adventist Health Systems - Sunbelt for the past three years after the sale of Riverside Hospital to the American Health Corporation.

Although he is no longer employed by the SDA church, Rucker feels that he will

be able to make a meaningful contribution to his church as well as to the community he will be serving.

### RANDOLPH HIRED AT VANDERBILT

Sandy Randolph, the former vice president for the Riverside Hospital, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, has been employed as one of the vice presidents of the Vanderbilt University Hospital, also in Nashville, for the past two years. Her years of service and expertise in hospital administration have brought favorable stature to the operations of that institution.

## LAKE REGION

### EASTSIDE SDA CHURCH HOSTS ANNUAL PRISON MINISTRY FEDERATION

The Eastside SDA Church in Indianapolis was the site for the "Annual Prison Ministry Federation" held April 25 - 27. Capitol City Church and Haughville Church joined with the Eastside Church (all three in Indianapolis), for a spirit filled weekend of meetings, seminars and workshops. The Prison Ministry Team is composed of approximately sixteen members: Maxine Bethea is coordinator, Edward Thomas is leader, Eugene Hughes, is assistant leader. Counselors are: Frances Hughes, Alberta Ellis, Doris Wright, Herman Curry, Betty Hutchinson, Verline Curry, Dorothy Cook, Jacci Mosley, Dorothy Kaiser, Joyce Massey, Geneva Campbell. Standby team members are Barbara White and Valerie Green.

The weekend began with Friday night vesper service. Following special music from Diana Agbonkheshe and Jacci Mosley, Pastor Jerome Davis of Capitol City introduced the speaker, Daniel McManus, President of Prison Ministry Federation for the Allegheny East Conference.

During the Divine worship service on Sabbath, special music was provided by "The Remnants of Washington, D.C., Michael Ashley of Oakland, California and Jacci Mosley. Remarks were heard from Chaplain Cunningham from the Indianapolis Police Department. He spoke words of commendation for the excellent program and the dedication and service rendered to the inmates by this Prison Ministry Team.

Frances Hughes presented a detailed report and history of the Prison Ministry Team.



*Elder Jerome Davis introducing speaker.*

Elder Alphonso Greene, the pastor of the Eastside Church, acknowledged platform guests and visitors. Julia Lewis presented a Very dynamic and inspiring Children's Church, which captured the attention of both children and adults. The very special treat was the special music from Joseph and Kathlene Lewis, children of Pastor and Mrs. Joseph P. Lewis.

Daniel McManus, the speaker of the hour, called attention to the central theme — "Every Inmate is Redeemable Through Christ." He also emphasized the scriptural through — "all things are possible with Christ."

At the close of this soul searching message, Maxine Bethea extended an invitation to all present to partake of a "Back To Eden" Dinner. Upon entering the fellowship Hall (lower auditorium), a surprise awaited everyone. The tables were beautifully laden with fruits of all kinds: nuts, grains, fruit juices and delicious brown bread. Needless to say everyone partook of the food and enjoyed it.

The topic for the afternoon seminar session was Volunteers Marrying Inmates. Special Guest was Chaplain John Carter of the Westville Correctional Institution. A benefit musical concert was held on Saturday night. A workshop on Sunday morning completed this special weekend.

A special induction service was held for the "Jesus Behind Bars" Indianapolis Chapter. Special Guest Inductor was Michael Ashley of Oakland, California, "Jesus Behind Bars" director. Special recognition goes to Sister Maxine Bethea for a tremendous Federation.

Charli Cartwright  
Communication Secretary



*Fruit laden tables at Sabbath dinner.*

### RELIGION, LIFE COME TOGETHER AT ADVENTIST SCHOOL

When Capitol City Seventh-day Adventist Church School pupils take the standardized tests that measure achievement, most score in the 80th and 90th percentiles.

The school, at 2143 North Senate Avenue, has turned out businessmen, research scientists, ministers, teachers, doctors and lawyers — all without fancy equipment or a super-modern building, according to Diane Reed, area director of youth for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Over the years, enrollment at the school, which was established in 1921, has ranged from 20 to 120. Attendance now averages 55 in grades one through eight.

Achievement at Capitol City is typical of children in Seventh-day Adventist schools, where not only the usual academic subjects but also the Bible are stressed. Teachers are certified by the state of Indiana as well as "dedicated to the Lord," says Mrs. Reed, who is a member of the Capitol City Seventh-day Adventist Church, which runs the school.

Behavior in school "is heavily monitored. You can't train a mind if you don't have the attention of it."

The church used to be on Capitol Avenue around the corner from the school, but the 900-member congregation outgrew that building and purchased the former East 49th Street Christian Church, 1801 East 49th Street.

Carol Elrod

### A FAREWELL AT EPHEBUS

On June 14, the Ephesus Church in Marion, Indiana and the Philadelphia Church in Muncie, heard a farewell sermon delivered by Hosie Hatchett. Pastor Hatchett has been asked to serve as the pastor of the Battle Creek Church. The pastor's sermon was taken from Hebrews 10:23 and was entitled "Let Us Hold Fast."

Special music for this farewell occasion was presented by the pastor's son, Mark Hatchett and Mark Dorsey.

Following the divine worship service, a pot luck fellowship dinner was held at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Hatchett.

The Adventist Youth program for this special day was presented by the A.Y. leader, Annie Rowe. The theme for the program was based on health and the proper food. The guest speaker was Diana Agboncasey from the Eastside Church in Indianapolis. Special music was presented by the Ephesus and Philadelphia

Churches and Hermia Hatchett the pastor's wife.

Final words of farewell and best wishes were presented to the Hatchett family from Local Elder, Thomas L. Nukes

Members of both the Ephesus and Philadelphia Churches said that Elder and Mrs. Hatchett will be greatly missed.

James M. Buford  
Communication Secretary

### **GRADUATION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENTS HELD AT EPHESUS**

A five day Vacation Bible School program concluded on June 21, at the Ephesus church in Marion, Indiana. The celebration for the graduating students was sponsored by the director of the Vacation Bible School program, Carolyn Spears.

Participating in the graduation celebration were kindergarten, primary and junior students. The graduation opened with prayer by the former pastor, Hosie Hatchett.

The Vacation Bible School's theme song, "Jesus and Me" was sung by the kindergarten students under the direction of their teacher, Savannah Buford. Bible and Flag processions were demonstrated by the primary and junior students. The primary division was led by Ronda Dorsey and the junior division was led by Mary Carrell

Teachers, helpers, craft leaders, the Sabbath School Superintendent, Robert Casey and Pastor and Hosie Hatchett, all received certificates of thanks.

A video was shown by Thomas L. Nukes, a local elder, which portrayed the students' daily recreational activities and the daily children's story that was presented by Sister B. King.

The graduation celebration concluded with the Vacation Bible School closing song, "Goodbye Until Tomorrow." After the closing prayer by Pastor Hatchett, parents, relatives, friends and church members were invited to view the arts and crafts displays which were made by the students.

All the Vacation Bible School students received the certificates, along with their activity books and crafts.

### **EPHESUS HAS NEW PASTOR**

After a warm first greeting for Pastor Nevilon Meadows and his family at the Ephesus Church in Marion, Indiana, during Wednesday night prayer meeting, the church's new pastor delivered his first

Sabbath sermon on July 12. The divine worship service began with local elder, Thomas L. Nukes presenting the call to worship, followed by the introit and invocation from Pastor Meadows.

The children's corner began with a story from Sister Bea King, the second oldest mother of the church, who was accompanied by the pastor's 7 year old son, Lonnie .

Special musical presentations included renditions by Carla Woolfork, Tendra Daniel, Ann Shawn and the new pastor's wife, Rosa Meadows.

Pastor Meadows delivered the sermon which was entitled "Witnessing in Your Neighborhood." Sharing the pulpit with Pastor Meadows were Thomas Nukes and visiting pastors Morris Wren and A. L. Anderson.

Pastor Meadows closed with a short story that dealt with the question of "Have You Told Somebody About Heaven?" The Ephesus Church congregation, while facing each other from both sides of the church, sang the closing hymn "May The Lord Bless You and Keep You.

James Buford  
Communication Secretary

### **NEWS NOTE**

May 17 was a day of celebration at the South Shore Spanish Church in Chicago. This day marked the end of a six week evangelistic crusade which was conducted by Pastor Pablo Maizonet. Two new members were added to the South Shore Church.

After the South Shore crusade Pastor Maizonet conducted an evangelistic crusade at the Waukegan Spanish Church. He will be conducting all of the Spanish evangelistic crusades for the Lake Region Conference this year.

Pastor Maizonet was featured in concert while he was at the South Shore Church.

Madelyn Colon

### **FAREWELL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AND DINNER AT EPHESUS**

A farewell fellowship program and dinner was held at the Ephesus S.D.A. Church of Marion, Indiana on Sunday, June 29. This occasion was to honor the church's departing pastor, Hosie Hatchett and his wife Hermia. The couple will be moving to their new ministerial assignment in Battle Creek, Michigan.

The farewell fellowship program and dinner was sponsored by the Ephesus

church food committee women and assistant church clerk, Sister Janie Wadkins.

The fellowship program began with prayer from Lonnie Rowe, local elder of the church. Special music for the occasion was presented by Carla Woolfork, Ann Shawn, Rachel Mayo and Mark Hatchett, son of the departing pastor.

The farewell program was followed by refreshments that were served in the basement of the church. The refreshments included sandwiches, cakes and punch and was served by Janie Wadkins who sponsored the occasion, and Rachel Mayo, the assistant Sabbath School kindergarten teacher.

### **LADIES DAY AT MOUNT SINAI**

May 10 was Ladies Day at the Mount Sinai Church in Peoria, Illinois where Samuel Thomas, Jr. is the pastor. Special guests for the day were members of the Chancel Choir from the Mizpah church in Gary, Indiana. This choir was invited to Peoria by the Sabbath School superintendent Odies Standifer. The Mizpah members were in full charge of the Sabbath School program. Superintendent Margaret Finnely, from Gary, and her Sabbath School teachers led out in a very lively song service.

In addition to being in charge of the Sabbath School services, the Chancel Choir presented inspirational music during the divine worship service.

Samuel Thomas, Jr., pastor of Mt. Sinai, preached a special ladies day message for the women of the two churches.

Special music was presented by Barbara Jackson when she sang "I Love The Lord" and a poem entitled "Wherever God Is", was recited by Lillie Standifer from the Peoria church.

## **SOUTHEASTERN**

### **WEDDING IN SOUTHEASTERN!**

Janet Oston and Tyrone Cobb were united in marriage May 25, 1986 at Patmos Chapel SDA Church, Winter Park, Florida with Elder William Monk, of Morristown, TN officiating.

Janet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Oston, St. Augustine, Florida and Tyrone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Cobb, Sr., Tampa, Florida.

Janet is Secretary to Elder I.L. Harrell, Director of Personal Ministries/Sabbath School.

The couple will reside in Maitland, Florida.

## FOR SIXTH GRADERS ONLY

Excitement was in the air for sixth graders. They could hardly wait for the exact dates to be set. Then the word was sent out to all twelve elementary schools to bring their sixth grade classes to the 4th Annual Outdoor Environmental School to be held at Camp Alamisco in Dadeville, Alabama, last fall. The Environmental School was sponsored by the Educational Department of the South Central Conference.

WHAT IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL that is held outdoors? "It is the 'fun time' and highlight of the entire sixth grade classes each year." Four days are spent outdoors where all regular classes are taught in an unusual way. Everything is geared to nature. Bible classes are often correlated with nature study. But have you ever heard of NATURE MATH where you learn to tell the temperature from the sounds of the cricket? Or have you ever heard of measuring the height of a tree by the 'stick method'? Canoeing takes on new meaning when it is combined with compass reading. A treasure hunt can be exciting when you must follow specific cardinal directions on the compass.

The out-of-doors has a greater meaning when the tracks of an animal can lead you to water that is needed to quench a thirst while on a hike through unfamiliar territory.

The Haiku, Japanese poetry which is about nature or the seasons takes on a new meaning when you study it on the side of a slope, looking into the rippling waters of a 700 mile shoreline and picturesque islands in Martin Lake of which Camp Alamisco is a part.

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*We must be laborers together with God; for God will not complete His work without human agencies.*  
—Review and Herald, March 1, 1887.

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## OAKWOOD COLLEGE

### SEARS-ROEBUCK FOUNDATION PRESENTS GRANT TO OC

For the ninth consecutive year, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation presented an unrestricted grant to Oakwood Col-

lege. The Foundation represented by Mr. Conrad Cook, Area Foundation Vice President and General Manager of The Sears Department Store at Madison Square Mall in Huntsville presented a gift of \$2,500.00 to Dr. Benjamin F. Reaves, President of the College.

This marked the first time that the current administration has received the Foundation Award. Both Mr. Cook and Dr. Reaves commented that they hope the new relationship would be lasting and productive. All of the previous Sears unrestricted grants were received for the College by former president Dr. Calvin B. Rock, now a Vice President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, who held the post from April 1971 to October 1985. Mr. Cook who had developed a personal friendship with Dr. Rock during the previous eight years expressed mixed emotions and he presented the grant check stating that although he would miss Dr. Rock he was looking forward to a strong and productive relationship with Dr. Reaves.

Each year the Sears unrestricted grant program provides private, regionally accredited two-and-four year Colleges and Universities with funds that may be applied to areas of need as determined by their administrators. The foundation annually awards approximately \$1.75 million nationally with no grant less than \$300.00 or more than \$15,000.00. The size of the grants is determined by the number of eligible institutions in a given jurisdiction, their enrollments, and the recommendations of the area vice presidents. According to Oakwood College officials the grant will be placed in the annual fund.

### AEOLIANS PERFORM IN MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SHUTTLE ASTRONAUTS

The Aeolians, a Choral Ensemble of Oakwood College, was chosen to serve as the featured choir at a special Memorial Service held on February 2, 1986 at the Von Braun Civic Center in Huntsville in honor of the 7 Space Shuttle Astronauts killed in the tragic Shuttle accident in January. The Aeolians performed two selections: "My Lord What a Morning" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic". The Shuttle disaster was of particular interest in Huntsville, Alabama because the Space & Rocket Industry and Shuttle program comprise a major sector of the city's economic base.

## IN THE NEWS

### ADVENTURES FOR GOD

It was in 1963 that a young engineer resigned from Chrysler Corporation Missile Operations in Huntsville, Alabama, where he helped to design rockets. Having accepted the Advent message, he was filled with the inner conviction that God had called him not to build rockets, but to preach the three angel's message.

Murray E. Joiner understood that with the call there must be preparation. After having sold his home and receiving graduate education at Andrews University, he was assigned to the Greenwood District. In his first district he led the church in Belzoni in the construction of a new building.

In 1967, he was transferred to the Columbus, Mississippi district where he grew in evangelism. In one of his meetings, Joiner baptized a young man, Tommy Blevins, who felt called of God to preach and is now pastor of the New Heights church in Jackson, Mississippi.

Joiner, who had demonstrated his eagerness to lead others into adventures for God, was transferred in 1968 to the Bethany church in Montgomery, Alabama, where a congregation of nearly 500 people had begun raising funds for a new education building. The church was in full support of his leadership. Not only was a beautiful two story education wing completed, but an eight grade academy was reopened.

In 1972, Joiner was transferred to one of the largest churches in South Central Conference, the Ephesus church in Birmingham, Alabama. It was here that he baptized more than one hundred in an evangelistic tent meeting. A layman, A.C. Jenkins went to Jasper, Alabama raised a congregation and built a church and a church building, while other laymen, Willie Moore and Clayton Alves began a church in Queenstown, Alabama and constructed a church building.

The crowning adventure at that time was the acquisition of a new school. For many years a seven grade academy of nearly one hundred children had been operating in the basement of the church. A spacious facility was purchased from the Alabama-Mississippi conference, resulting in the establishment of a ten grade academy. It was in 1976 that Murray E. Joiner was invited to serve as

Sabbath School Director, Personal Ministries Director, and Inner Cities Director of the South Central Conference. Through Sabbath School Workshops, and Sabbath School Teacher Training sessions he led the members into soul-winning adventures for God. And through the Personal Ministries Workshops, he taught that every convert was called by God as a priest. Pastors and laymen joined in the soul winning and in Chattanooga more than 60 persons were won in one year. In Birmingham, more than 100 were won yearly, without tent meetings.

At the last Southern Union Session, Elder Joiner was elected to serve as an associate in the new Church Ministries department of the Union.

### NEWS NOTES

The College Hill Church in Knoxville, Tennessee held a Community Guest Day on March 22. The members invited a large number of guests. The Trinity Church of Knoxville joined with the College Hill Church in the celebration. I.J. Johnson was guest speaker and used as his text Romans 8:32 from which he showed the great love of God, for mankind. Pastor Curtis Smith, a member of the Ministerial Alliance, was also a guest minister who gave moving remarks on the Growth and Development of the community.

The Ephesus Church in Birmingham, Alabama was happy to announce that the ribbon cutting and march into the new \$750,000 structure was held on April 19. Ephesus, the mother of seven churches, worshipped in its building (that was torn down) for only 40 years. The structure was outgrown and was replaced on the same lot. Some additional properties around the church were bought to make room for the larger one story building.

### WEBB SERVES AS INTERIM PRESIDENT AT HINSDALE

Cecil Webb has worked at the Hinsdale Hospital in Hinsdale, Illinois as one of its vice presidents for the past five years. When the president accepted leadership responsibility elsewhere, Mr. Webb was invited to serve as the interim president of the hospital. Under his leadership, the institution was blessed, and it was the hope of the Black membership of that area, that his post would eventually become permanent.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors for the Adventist Health Systems-North, Ken Baer of Kettering Medical Center was chosen to fill the post. When will the Adentist denomination's health directors accept the fact that there are qualified Blacks in the field of health care, who would make favorable contributions if extended the opportunity to serve in meaningful roles of leadership? It is interesting to count the number of Blacks who serve in the Adventist Health Systems Organization of North America.

### OBITUARY OF JENNIE B. CLARKE

Mrs. Jennie Josephine Bowman Clarke, oldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John William Bowman was born July 1, 1892 in Laurens, South Carolina, and passed peacefully at home on March 1, 1986. A scholarly person, she received her early education at Walden; attended Fisk University and graduated from Clark University Summa Cum Laude. She received her degree in classical languages and music and performed with the Clark University Orchestra. She served as a teacher in private and public schools before her marriage to Elder A. Wellington Clarke. To this union were born five children. Elder Clarke who is a retired minister of the Seventh Day Church, was blessed with her assistance in his ministry, as organist and choir director. She worked faithfully with him in any duty assigned to her by the church or conference. Their last assignment was in Portland, Oregon at the Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Jennie is survived by her devoted husband, A. Wellington Clarke, a son, Wellington Bowman Clarke; four daughters, Yolanda Clarke, Jennie Watson, Vivian Carter and Hannah Ferguson; a sister, Stone E. Bowman; a cousin, Theodore Dale; nieces, eleven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

Officiating at the service in Brooklyn, New York was Dr. George R. Earle retired president of Northeastern Conference. Performing the eulogy in Asheville, N.C. was Elder Malcolm Phipps. Participating in the service were the great grandchildren who read the scripture, Camille Allen daughter of Attorney and Mrs. William Allen of Brooklyn, New York and Nicole Kuzmicic, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Kuzmicic of Huntsville, Alabama.

The final resting place of Jennie B. Clarke is at the family plot at Riverside Cemetery in Asheville, North Carolina.

### CLASSIFIED AD

#### OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Oakwood College has an immediate need for a Fund-raiser/Director of Financial Development. Applicants must have a minimum of a B.S. Degree and two years fund-raising experience preferably on an educational level. Please send resume including references to: Oakwood College, P.O. Box 139, Huntsville, AL 35896.

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### OBITUARY

ASLEY, Edward Benjamin 73, died March 27, 1986 in Avon Park, Florida. He achieved the scholastic distinction of being the oldest graduate of Columbia Union College's external degree program. He and his wife were instrumental in the organization of the Ridge Area SDA Church. He served churches in the Northeastern and Southeastern Conferences faithfully.

He is survived by his wife Gretel, one son Edward, three daughters, Mary Martin, Andrea Titus both of Bronx, New York, and Delfina Ashley of Colorado; 2 grand children, one great granddaughter, 5 brothers, 2 sisters, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted by Elder Fred White of Lake Region Conference Chicago, Ill. and clergy from Southeastern Conference in the North Orlando Church. Burial in LakeView Memorial Gardens, Avon Park, Florida.

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Teaching Load: 12-13 hours/quarter  
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Application Information: Send letter of application, transcripts, vitae and three letters of reference to: Dr. Garland Dulan, Chairman Department of Behavioral Sciences Oakwood College Huntsville, AL 35896

Closing Application: Applications for this position will no longer be accepted as soon as a suitable candidate has been found. Consequently, potential candidates are urged to make their interest known immediately.

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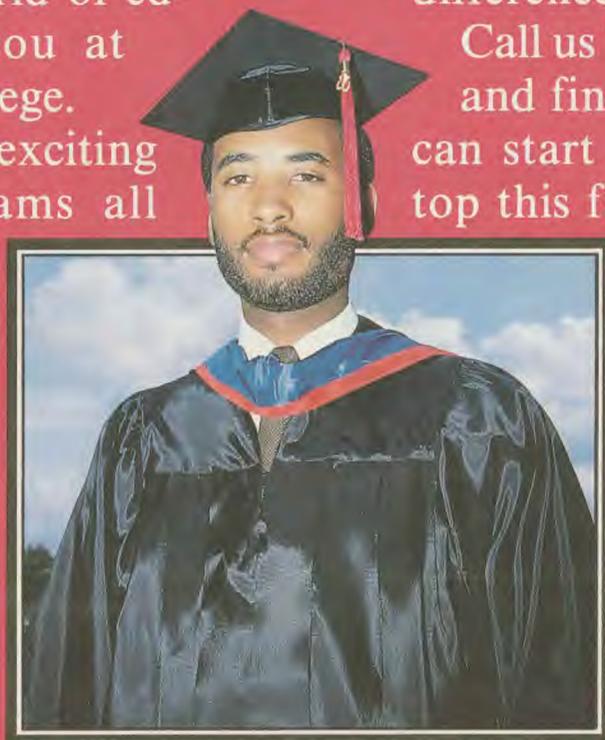
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