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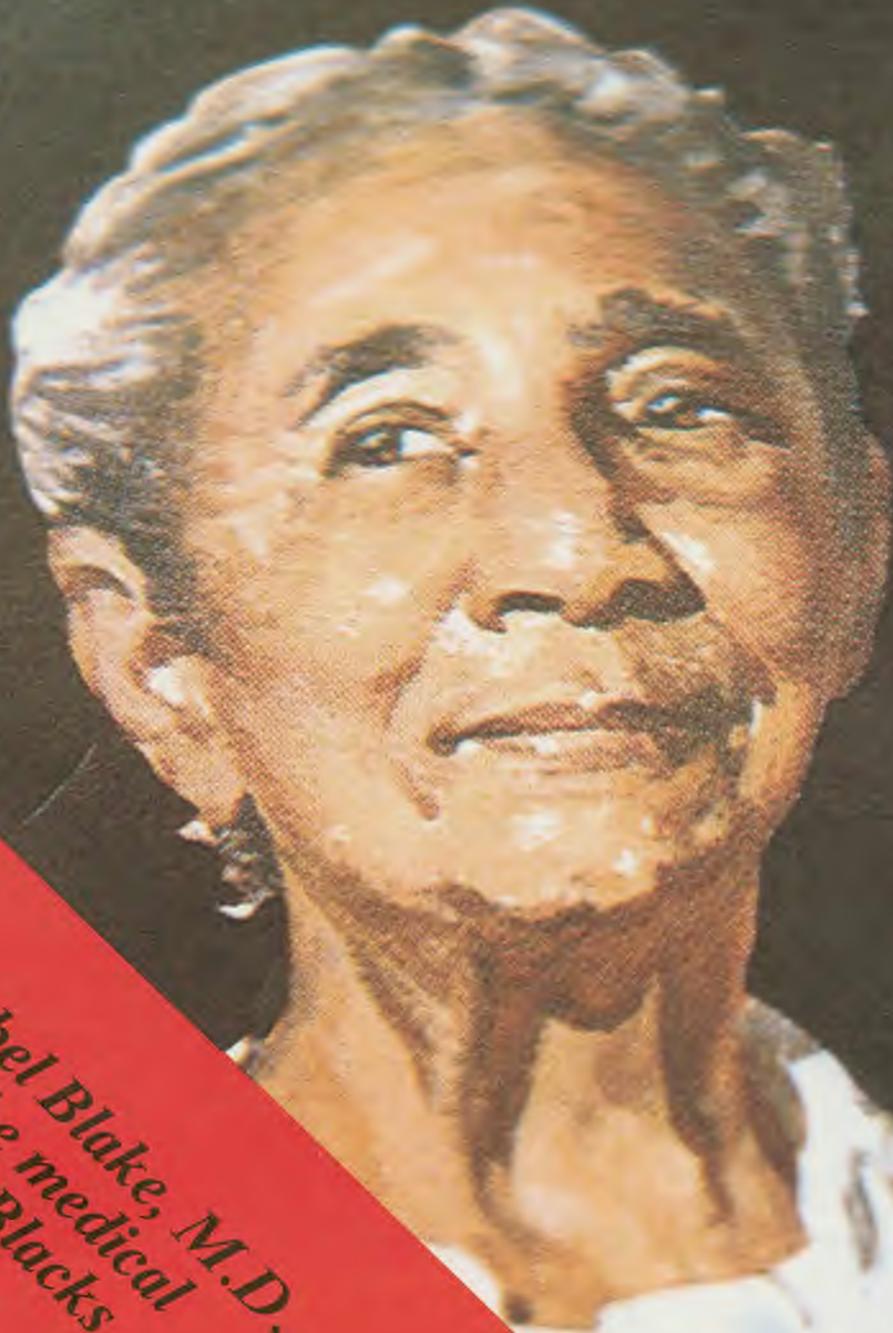


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COVER STORY



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DR. LOTTIE ISBELL BLAKE: DEAN OF BLACK SDA PHYSICIANS

At the turn of the century in the deep South, a radiant, confident, brown-skinned young lady of 28 enters a room filled with all white males. A crushing silence descends. Without acknowledging their stares, Dr. Lottie Isbell, a practicing physician for 2 years, takes a seat and begins to write her exam. Once the men overcome their shock of seeing a Blackwoman physician, they make every effort to let her know she is welcome. She is treated as an alien from outerspace. No one dares sit beside her or utter a word to her.

The next morning the proctor announces that Dr. Lottie Isbell scored a perfect paper. Suddenly, the doctors rush to her desk and each one tries to sit as close to the brilliant young physician as possible. The doctors openly copy her answers word for word. The year was 1904. Dr. Lottie Isbell had scored another triumph. She was now a licensed physician for the State of Alabama.

Lottie Isbell was born to triumph. In her veins flowed the royal blood of an Ibo prince, who was snatched from his ancestral home in Nigeria and taken as a slave to the new world. Placed on the auction block, he stood proud and erect as slave traders carefully examined his strong, sleek body, as if he were a prized racehorse. Suddenly, a man stepped from the crowd of slave traders and owners and purchased him. His owner pronounced him a free man.

John Charles Duiguid became a blacksmith, owned land and purchased his wife, Sarah Hughes, for \$3,000. From their union was borne 16 children, one of whom was Fanny, who married Thomas Isbell. Fanny and Thomas gave birth to their first

child, Lottie, born on June 10, 1876, in Appotomax Courthouse, VA, 11 years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

This was a dark and wonderful time in the history of America. The newly emancipated Blacks had started on their long journey to claim equality and freedom. They were aided in their struggle by politicians, humanitarians, philanthropists and missionaries who established schools, hospitals, and constitutionally guaranteed the freedmen citizenship and enfranchisement. Black men sat in legislative houses, on judicial benches and school boards seeking to insure for their posterity all the rights and liberties that are accorded American citizens.

On the dark side, thousands of freedmen were dying of want and disease. Black codes, slavery under another name, were enacted down South to keep Blacks in a state of perpetual servitude. "Some planters held back their former slaves on their plantations by brute force. Armed bands of White men patrolled the country roads to drive back the Negroes wandering about. Dead bodies of murdered Negroes were found on and near the highways and by-ways . . . A . . . reign of terror prevailed in many parts of the South." — Lerone Bennett, *Before the Mayflower*, p. 225.

Undoubtedly, the violence and racial hatred led the Isbells' to join the other member of their family in Columbus, Ohio. Lottie was only 3 at the time, when her parents migrated. Columbus offered many golden opportunities for their family.

Thomas worked as a carpenter and Fanny cared for their 10 children (only 5 reached adulthood). Fanny, a devout woman, was instrumental in establishing the Union Grove Baptist Church. Every Sunday she would gather all the children in the neighborhood under a big tree and would tell them Bible stories. The story hour grew into a Sunday School. Soon the parents of the children began to attend, and finally the Union Grove Baptist Church was organized.

The Isbells were staunch Baptists until they met a Sister Swift, a White Seventh-day Adventist who changed the course of their lives. Fanny and her 2 daughters, Lottie and Mamie, joined. Her aunt Grace Kimborough, who became a medical doctor and one of the prime movers of the establishment of Pine Forge Academy, along with her sister, Alice Duiguid Bowman, became baptized members.

The First Black SDA Physician

At the time of her baptism, Lottie was 20 and had just completed a teacher's training course. She was looking forward to working in her profession. But Lottie was encouraged to attend Battle Creek Sanitarium and Hospital Training for Nurses, Battle Creek, Michigan. In 1896, Lottie enrolled and studied nursing. Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, whose home she lived in and who was the driving force behind the SDA medical work, served as a surrogate father and mentor. He chose her to attend the American Medical Missionary College, also located in Battle Creek. Dr. Kellogg was not disappointed in his protege. She graduated in the top of her class in 1902, thus becoming the first Black SDA physician.

After graduation, she had her heart set to serve in Africa, but Dr. Kellogg advised her to go down South and establish a sanitarium and nurses training program.

"She began a sanitarium and treatment room in Nashville around 1903, but a sophisticated Black community where Meharry Medical College, Fisk University, and Walden University were just getting a foothold, looked with disdain on what they termed "rag treatment" or hydrotherapy, and they seriously questioned any doctor's practice of medicine without drugs. But Lottie Blake was resolute and determined to get a sanitarium going." — L.B. Reynolds, *We Have Tomorrow*, p. 138.

Her labors seemed in vain; the sanitarium was located in the worst possible neighborhood, and conditions were so primitive that she was never able to establish a nursing school.

After a year, she was called to Oakwood to serve. An epidemic broke out in the orphanage and many of the children seemed on the verge of death. Dr. Isbell rolled up her sleeves and began to work untiringly to arrest the epidemic. She also organized a nurses training program at Oakwood. The next 3 years she worked with J. Jim Pearson, also a graduate of the nursing program at Battle Creek Sanitarium, in his treatment rooms in Birmingham, AL. Jim Pearson was one of the most remarkable medical missionaries in the South. Among his all White clientele were U.S. Senators and Representatives, and a Supreme Court Justice. He established a boarding school and served as a judge.

It was also during this time that Lottie met a strikingly handsome young minister,

David Emanuel Blake. Pastor Blake, was a Jamaican who migrated to the U.S. to attend South Lancaster Academy, now known as Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, MA. They began to correspond and in 1907, they were married.

Encouraged by church leaders, they returned to Nashville to try again to establish treatment rooms. E.G. White supported their work and during one of her visits stayed in their home. Every time she visited the city she would stop by to see them. In one of her letters to General Conference officials, she urged them to channel larger and consistent funds to the sanitarium.

"During their stay in Nashville, Blake pastored the church in the city and at the same time completed the medical course at Meharry. When he graduated in 1912, he and his family left immediately for Columbus, Ohio. Here he organized a few believers into what is now the Columbus Ephesus Church." — Ibid., p. 139.

Pioneering a Path in the Caribbean

Just before the outbreak of World War I, the Blake's went to Panama as self-supporting missionaries. The Canal Zone was teeming with Black men and women from all over the Caribbean who came to build the Canal. Dr. David Blake, fluent in french and spanish, was a welcomed sight as he transversed the Canal Zone taking care of the people.

Dr. Lottie Blake ceased to practice medicine. She devoted all her strength and energy to training her 5 children; Frances, Katherine, Louise, Alice and Thomas. She established a school to educate her children, which inevitable attracted the children of wealthy parents.

For 4 years the Blakes remained in Panama. The missionary venture took a toll on the family; every member was, at some time, afflicted with malaria.

After Panama, Dr. Blake worked as a medical missionary in Haiti and established a church in Port au Prince, the capital. These were times that tried their souls. Their savings were depleted, the Haitian people were agitated because the US Marines occupied the country, and once again malaria had left it's shattering mark. After 3 months they decided to leave.

Dr. David Blake left his family in Jamaica, where they remained for 18 months. He went to Charleston, WV to establish a medical practice. Once established, he sent for his family. The

Blakes' future seemed so bright and full of promise.

But on a rainy October day, he went out into the rain, developed a chill, and returned home wheezing and coughing. Within a week, on October 31, 1917, he died of pneumonia.

After his death, Dr. Lottie Blake took her children to live with relatives in Columbus, Ohio, and she returned to Charleston to practice medicine for the next 5 years. She returned to Columbus and practiced medicine there for 15 years, 1920-1935.

From 1935-1957, she practiced medicine in Pittsburgh, PA, specializing in the treatment of women and children. But it was her discovery of a cure for "smoky city" pneumonia, caused by the smog in Pittsburgh, that Dr. Blake is best remembered by the medical world.

In 1957, she retired at the age of 81. The American Medical Association honored her for 50 years of service. Throughout the years Dr. Blake faithfully served the church as; choir director, treasurer, Sabbath School teacher, and was one of the first financial contributors to Pine Forge Academy.

She passed on her love for the Church and academic achievement to her children and grandchildren, who have made great contributions in education and medicine. Miss Frances Blake served as a dean and educator; the late Dr. Sarah Katherine Blake Frazier was an anesthesiologist in New York City and a graduate of Meharry Medical College; Marsha Louise Blake Neil is the mother of a physician, Dr. Richard Neil of Loma University; Alice Blake Brantley served as a teacher and principal for many years; and Thomas David Emanuel Blake, the only son, lives in Philadelphia, PA.

Dr. Blake erected an eternal monument of hope and purpose in the hearts of the downtrodden, the disinherited, the poor and those who have no might. It is because of the healing touch of this loving, compassionate woman that many have reached heights that they thought unattainable. In November 1976, she died in Huntsville, AL. At the time of her death Dr. Blake was 100 years old.

Stephanie D. Johnson

The printed word of truth is to be translated into different languages, and carried to the ends of the earth.—Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 16.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

BREATH OF LIFE BLANKETS THE U. S. VIA SATELLITE

The Breath of Life telecast reaches into homes all across America via two cable satellite systems: PTL and Black Entertainment Network. The program can be viewed on PTL cable on Saturday and 6:30 p.m., Eastern Time. Black Entertainment Network airs the telecast on Sunday at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., Eastern Time. Together, these two satellite systems present Breath of Life to a potential viewing audience of 26 million households. Think of it! Nearly 100 million people can hear this message on television. This fact makes the cost for those two networks negligible.

The Regional Conferences of North America underwrite the expense for air time on PTL. The national outreach by Breath of Life would be drastically cut were it not for the support of the brethren directing the work in these fields. The commitment of these conference presidents, Elders C. E. Dudley, South Central; J. Paul Monk, Central States; J. A. Edgecomb, Southeastern; M. C. Van Putten, Allegheny East; H. M. Wright, Allegheny West; L. G. Newton, Northeastern; C. D. Joseph, Lake Region; R. E. Barron, Southwest Region; and R. B. Hairston, South Atlantic; to the growth and expansion of Breath of Life is unquestioned.

Current results reveal the effectiveness of airing on the networks. More of our members can now view the telecast. But, more importantly, thousands of persons have enrolled in the Bible school and their names submitted to local fields for follow-up. Baptisms are reported as viewers register positive responses in various places. The hands of Breath of Life and local pastors are joined together in unity of purpose: proclamation and reclamation.

Nearly four years have passed since Breath of Life began buying time on PTL. The deep source of gratitude proffered our leaders is due them for their vision in making it possible for this telecast to be seen nationwide thus making it the first Seventh-day Adventist program on the PTL network.

With the emergence of the Black Entertainment Network, efforts to place Breath of Life began almost immediately. The initial availability of time motivated the Board to accept the recommendation by Elder Walter E. Arties, Executive Producer,

while sponsorship was still needed. Recent developments assure us that funding for this cable release will be made available.

More than 2,600 cable stations are affiliated with these two networks. Consult your local TV log for the cable channel carrying *Breath of Life* in your time zone.

Elder Charles D. Brooks, Director/Speaker, continues to present the gospel without compromise. The thoughtful acts of kindness and prayers of our faithful supporters encourage us to pursue the goal of a finished work.

THE CHRISTIAN SINGLE

To the millions of Christian women and men who are single, perhaps by choice never having been married, widowed, or divorced, God cares about you and you are special to Him.

Not so long ago after having my nephew and niece visit with me, on their way to the airport, and after giving the customary hugs and kisses. My niece looking somewhat bewildered asked with teary eyes: "Auntie, do you have a boyfriend?" shocked, I replied "no!" then I asked why she wanted to know. She replied that she thought I was lonely, and she didn't want me to be. Well, my eight-year old niece verbalized the sentiment of my friends, and perhaps yours too.

There were times in my life that I had been invited to the weddings of my friends and wouldn't go because of the perpetual question which always raised its ugly head "when are you getting married?" or "when are you going to meet someone nice?" Well, it took me quite a while to realize that being single was not a crime or shame.

For those of us in the western societies where culture does not provide prearranged marriages, opportunities for "tying the knot" seems very slim. Our towns and cities may not provide the occasion for meeting other eligible singles. You might have been given the advice to attend a Christian college or get involved with your church group that travels in order to meet Mr. or Mrs. Right. Frankly there are no guarantees. I attended a Christian university and presently work for the church and I am still single, although there is something to be said for all that. What to do? My favorite author, E. G. White suggests, in the *Adventist Home*, that one spend much time in secret prayer when contemplating marriage or in seeking a companion. This will not again, guarantee a mate, but having prayed for God's will to be done in our lives, God will do just that!

Recently a friend told me that she had spent most of her teens and early twenties pursuing Mr. Eligible, and now in her late thirties she felt that she would not ever be married. The misconception that the single years are to be spent in the hunting ground of flirtatious exercises has caused many a frivoleous heart to be broken. Single years ought not be like this. The single years should be opportunity years. Time to grow, encounter rebirth and gaining new heights in the total life experience.

The clique of "swinging singles" has taken hold of Christian singles, and God given time is spent in self serving pastimes and seemingly never ending pleasure. Jesus gives wonderful counsel in Matt. 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things will be ours." NRSV Jesus wants us to put Him first. The lonely hours for human companionship will be there, but they will be hours of a more meaningful nature. The Bible says God will never leave us or forsake us, so time spent in play will be more productive. It seems that because we need so much that the gift most needed by Christian singles is RECEIVING. Not so! the text in Luke 6:38 is for all Christians including the singles. In order to receive manifold blessings we must first give of our time, our means—our whole beings. "Give and it will be given to you . . . good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over" there is much that God wants to do for us. But God wants first to prove us. Don't throw your life away in a compromise. The words of the popular gospel song explains:

"Only one life so soon 'twill past
only what's done for Christ will last
Only one chance to do His will
So, live for Jesus all your days
It's the only life that pays,
Won't you live for Christ"

Not one good gift would He withhold from those who love and serve Him (Psalms 84:11). If you believe this statement you must claim the promise it contains. If God desires you to have a mate, it's yours for the asking. But you must first seek His righteousness, in other words, you must bring your spiritual account up to date with God, and ask for Christ's life to cover yours.

Here are a few suggestions on coping with the single life:

1. Proverbs 3:5,6. Trust God, He is in control of your life. Really believe this. Spend much time in prayer and the study of His Word.

2. Romans 8:28. Don't feel sorry for

yourself that you're not married. Know that God is leading and you are not overlooked.

3. 1 Cor. 6:19-20. Be faithful. A few hours of pleasure will often lead to a lifetime of regret. The wages of sin are still death (Romans 6:23) but thanks be to God, the gift of Jesus is eternal life but only for the faithful.

4. 2 Thess. 3:13. Keep in touch with old friends and persist in making new ones. Get involved in community activities for singles, and/or start your own club.

5. Proverbs 17:17. Be friendly and you will acquire a host of friends.

6. Have you ever wanted to travel or take college courses? Many schools now have continuing education courses for those who need a refresher course in a variety of subjects. Or you might work towards a degree or add another one. Do it now. Brush up on dormant skills you will be glad that you did.

7. Don't shut yourself off from admirers, even when they are a little younger than you are. Give yourself a chance. Be confident.

8. Don't ever feel that you are not worthy of a popular single. You were bought with a price (1 Cor 6:20). Jesus died for you, so act as important as you are. Jesus loves you.

9. Be careful about yourself. Because you don't have a "somebody" doesn't mean you have to tell everyone. Work at your appearance. Shed those few extra pounds, tell yourself that you are the best there is, and believe it. (Read 1 Cor. 6).

10. Start a singles' encounter group at a convenient meeting place. This will bring more singles together to share and lend support to each other. There might be wonderful fringe benefits!

Jesus understood what it meant to be alone. Ellen White in the *Desire of Ages*, suggests that Christ too was lonely. He had reached down to the lowest depths to befriend those who were friendless. As we reflect on His hours in the Garden of Gethsemane He had no one to share with. So He understands. The song writer pens it beautifully:

"No one understands like Jesus
when the days are dark and drear.
No one is so near so dear as Jesus
Cast your every care on Him"

In your darkest hour remember: Jesus is nearby Josh. 1:5; Ps 94:14.

You might be preoccupied with your past life. Don't be! Jesus has freed you from the guilt the enemy would have you bear. He gives you a new life to start living.

Review your way of living in terms of new desires to make Christ known to this desperate planet full of desperate human needs. Singleness can become a special vocation, transmitting love to persons all around. A tremendous tool for transmission in addition to the above suggestions can be correspondence. Keep the line of communication open with that teacher you admired so much, with the person you met on vacation last year, or with the older gentleman you spoke with at the hospital, etc.

Be happy in your singleness and spread God's love all around you, inspiring and pulling others heavenward. Be the tolerant, gracious, and accepting person God wants you to be. Be the wholesome single who in the best sense is a citizen of the world ready for the World to come.

Sandra Kay Wilson

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ALLEGHENY EAST

A GUEST'S EYE VIEW OF EMMANUEL CHURCH

Guests at the Brinklow, Maryland SDA Church are welcomed with warmth and friendliness that extended beyond the handshake and boutonniere which are given to each guest.

Ms. Lorraine Johnson of Columbia, Maryland is a very frequent visitor to this congregation. She states "Emmanuel is one of the friendliest churches I have ever visited." From the greeting at the door until the close of the service, I observe nothing but kind faces and cheerful conversation. My favorite part of the Sabbath service includes the visitors' welcome and the children's story. The welcome is always creative and sincere. The joy in the children's faces as they put their offering in the baskets and listen to the story is a sight so beautiful that it cannot be duplicated. Their little voices as they end in prayer are always inspiring."

She adds "No Sabbath has been a disappointment where music is concerned. Angels sing at Brinklow. The choir renders beautiful music without fail. I especially appreciated the opportunity given the church to join with the choir in the hymn of meditation several Sabbaths ago. I joined the choir on that Sabbath and enjoyed

The Editor's Desk



Black leadership meets at Oakwood.

BLACK LEADERS MEET AT OAKWOOD

When the thirteen Black leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist church came together for their annual 'leadership meeting' where plans are laid for the advancement of the work in their sectors of North America, it was revealed that the Black pastors and laymen were blessed to add 8,560 new members to the church in this division. The meeting also revealed that the total membership among Blacks stood at 168,319 at the

close of 1986. The title income of this same group stood at \$50,590,113.00. This amount of income represents 15% of all of the income of the church in North America and approximately 11% of all of the church's income from around the world. It is noteworthy that in 1900 the total giving among the Blacks of the church was \$50.00 and the membership stood at 50. The Lord is blessing the work among Blacks in the North American Division.

SUNSET CALENDAR

| | March 27 | April 3 | 10 | 17 |
|----------------------|----------|---------|------|------|
| Boston, Mass. | 6:04 | 6:12 | 6:20 | 6:28 |
| New York City | 6:14 | 6:22 | 6:30 | 6:38 |
| Buffalo, N.Y. | 6:35 | 6:43 | 6:51 | 6:59 |
| Atlanta, Ga. | 6:54 | 7:00 | 7:05 | 7:10 |
| Miami, Fla. | 6:35 | 6:38 | 6:41 | 6:45 |
| Charlotte, N.C. | 6:41 | 6:47 | 6:52 | 6:58 |
| Birmingham, Ala. | 6:04 | 6:09 | 6:14 | 6:19 |
| Jackson, Miss. | 6:17 | 6:22 | 6:27 | 6:32 |
| Memphis, Tenn. | 6:17 | 6:23 | 6:29 | 6:34 |
| Louisville, Ky. | 7:01 | 7:08 | 7:14 | 7:21 |
| Detroit, Mich. | 6:53 | 7:01 | 7:09 | 7:17 |
| Chicago, Ill. | 6:10 | 6:18 | 6:25 | 6:33 |
| South Bend, Indiana | 7:05 | 7:13 | 7:20 | 7:28 |
| Minneapolis, Minn. | 6:34 | 6:43 | 6:52 | 7:01 |
| St. Louis, Mo. | 6:19 | 6:26 | 6:32 | 6:39 |
| Kansas City, Mo. | 6:37 | 6:44 | 6:50 | 6:57 |
| Denver, Co. | 6:19 | 6:26 | 6:33 | 6:40 |
| Little Rock, Ark. | 6:26 | 6:31 | 6:37 | 6:42 |
| Dallas, Texas | 6:44 | 6:49 | 6:54 | 6:59 |
| New Orleans, La. | 6:16 | 6:20 | 6:24 | 6:28 |
| Albuquerque, N.M. | 6:24 | 6:29 | 6:35 | 6:40 |
| Oklahoma City, Okla. | 6:48 | 6:52 | 6:59 | 7:05 |

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

every verse of 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic.' "

Ms. Johnson further comments on the messages presented each Sabbath by Pastor St. Clare Phipps and special speakers. Her stepparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, who are members of Emmanuel are also starting her in Bible studies by Mr. and Mrs. William Parks. In addition to her regular attendance, Lorraine is faithful in paying her tithes and offerings and is eagerly awaiting her baptism.

There is more to this story. Ms. Johnson is sharing her personal convictions by witnessing to yet another. She is bringing another guest, Luis Bulgin to share in the fellowship she enjoys so thoroughly.

Ella L. Murphy
Communication Secretary

SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED BY EMMANUEL SDA CHURCH

The Emmanuel SDA Church of Brinklow, Maryland has established an educational scholarship fund in memory of William Woods, the seven-year-old son of Willie and Joyce Woods, who died suddenly while at school on September 23, 1986.

William was a gifted child who played the violin. He also was an avid reader and chess player. He was a consistent participant in the activities of the lower division Sabbath School and other aspects of the church program.

The Scholarship Fund is to assist young people who financially are unable to attend church school.

More information about the scholarship fund can be obtained by writing the William Woods Education Fund, Emmanuel SDA Church, 18800 New Hampshire Avenue, Brinklow, Maryland 20862.

STUDENT MINISTRIES FLOURISH AT PFA

The blessings of student ministry have echoed in and around the campus of Pine Forge Academy, Pine Forge, PA as students and faculty together have decided to spread the love of God within the community.

Pine Forge Academy is proud of its concert choir which has been used as an evangelistic tool for many years. Now the school has instituted new programs that will be just as effective, but more personal. One is the "Adopt A Grandparent" program, where the students go to Leader Personal Care Facility in Pottstown, Pa, give worship

services, talk and spend time with the elderly.

Donald Bedney, social science teacher at the academy, is the coordinator of this program. He says, "Residents have been very receptive and show their gratitude to our students by giving a small reception after every service." He also adds, "These people are not old invalids, as many tend to believe, but they are active, healthy and need only occasional assistance." Plans have been made to have special Thanksgiving Christmas programs at Leader so that Pine Forge can again give to make these people feel loved.

The young people of Pine Forge Academy also go to the Adventist Community Center in Reading, Pa. There, a branch Sabbath School is held, two or three children are assigned to each student and together they work on projects and crafts.

The Campus Ministry Department, headed by Mr. Bedney and Pastor Samuel Campell, is planning great things for student inreach and outreach. Personal counseling is number one on the agenda.

Monair Hamilton, a student at the academy, is an assistant to Mr. Bedney. She is planning a "Spiritual Pick Me Up" every day at noon, with "Action Teams" taking programs to other academies.

ALLEGHENY EAST CONFERENCE RECEIVES GRANT

The state of Pennsylvania has awarded Allegheny East Conference a grant of \$10,000 for the use of *Reading Naturally*. *Reading Naturally* is a remedial reading course which consists of 10 lessons on film strips with accompanying audio cassettes. The program, which uses the Bible as the main textbook for reading instruction, is designed for older students and adults whose reading levels are grade 3 or below. Developed in 1980, *Reading Naturally* has been used extensively with remarkable success in the schools, churches, and prison ministry of the Allegheny East Conference.

The state money will be used to allow the following five churches to operate adult reading centers in their respective communities:

Ebenezer (Philadelphia); Elder Timothy Henderson, Pastor.

West Philadelphia Church; Elder George Braxton, Pastor.

North Philadelphia Church; Elder J. Alfred Johnson, Pastor.

Pottstown Community SDA Church; Elder U. S. Willis, Pastor.

Hillside SDA Church; Elder Gaylord Brown, Pastor.

Reading Naturally was originally developed to meet a need within the school system. Until its implementation, no curriculum existed within the church school system for remedial reading when a reading specialist was not available. While standardized test scores show that reading is going well in most of our schools, and the majority of our students score well above the national average in reading, those students struggling were left without an efficient and effective curriculum.

The author of *Reading Naturally* is Carol Cantu, superintendent of schools for Allegheny East Conference. Mrs. Cantu also wrote the proposal for the state grant.

THREE ORDAINED AT CALVARY CHURCH

On Dec. 20, 1986, Pastor Gerald Wells of the Calvary Church, Newport News, Va, conducted an ordination service to set



Pastor Gerald Wells, left, conducts ordination service.

apart three for two of the churches most important offices, elder and deacon.

"The church has in its organizational structure set aside certain ordinances, rights and privileges of those whom the church deem necessary to place in certain offices to carry out certain responsibilities," Pastor Wells told the congregation.

The office of local elder at Calvary was filled by Mr. Leonard Johns, church treasurer, Sabbath School teacher and deacon. A father and son, Mr. James Walton, Sr. and Mr. Miranda Walton were chosen by the church to serve as deacons.

Pastor Wells read the charge to the elder (1 Timothy 3:1-7) and deacons, (1 Timothy 3: 8-13) emphasizing that these men have been chosen to serve in sacred offices. They are charged with a solemn responsibility.

After the ordination, first elder, Kenneth Barbour welcomed Leonard John to the board of elders. Mr. Rolla Thornton welcomed the new deacon.

CENTRAL STATES

A JOB WELL DONE FOR BETHEL

Bethel Seventh-day Adventist church, Kansas City, Kansas, salutes Mrs. Pearl Batie, Community Services leader, for outstanding work to the church and community. Each week she spends hours ministering to the needs of many families. Clothing and food are available at all times. Several organizations in the city recognize the competent services given by Mrs. Batie and her faithful committee, and call regularly for help.

Each month, Margie Crobarker, secretary for the Community Services department at Bethel, gives a complete report of hours of work contributed and of the food and clothing distributed. Her timely reports would be a credit to any church. Special credit is due Mr. Batie, the husband of Pearl, as he works untiringly to help make the program a success.

Recently one hundred and fifteen lovely baskets with a complete dinner were distributed to the community. Appropriate literature was inserted in each basket. As a result a number of families have attended church services.

To Pearl Batie, and her faithful and loyal committee, our church says "we salute you for a job well done."

Mazie Mitchell
Communication Secretary

LOCAL ELDER PASSES THE TORCH

Omaha Sharon church is very sad that one of its great local leaders has decided to step down and pass the torch to another. Head elder Sidney Burnett, announced at a recent church board meeting that he would no longer serve as head elder.

Elder Burnett has been a member of Omaha Sharon SDA Church for over 33 years, Sabbath School teacher for over 15 years, served as local elder under 11 pastors, was employee of Union Pacific Railroad for 35 years. He came to Omaha in 1935 and is the father of seven children.

Elder Burnett has been a rock and a stabilizing force in the church and has led the church during some very difficult times.

It is the consensus of many that Elder Burnett has never been overheard ever speaking a harsh word and has been a guiding light to many throughout the years. He is a straight forward deliverer of God's



Baptismal service at Kirkwood Seventh-day Church.

word, but also shows gentleness, love, warmth, understanding and compassion for his fellowmen.

This poem reflects a small tribute to Elder Burnett:

In silence comes all loveliness,
The dawn is ever still. No
Noise accompanies the dew
That glistens on the hill.
The sunrise slips up quietly,
The moon is never heard, and
Love that animates the eyes
Surpasses any word.

G. B. Sims, Sr.

Gordon B. Sims, Sr.
Communication Secretary

WELCOME TO DENVER!

The Denver Park Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church welcomes their new pastor and first lady, Pastor and Mrs. E. A. Hyatt. Pastor Hyatt comes to Denver from the Grove Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church in Wichita, Kansas.

Pastor Edwin A Hyatt was born in Jamaica, West Indies, where he served as president of the Central Jamaica Conference from June, 1960 to September, 1980. Pastor Hyatt attended Andrews University where he earned his Master's degree in Psychology. Later he served as pastor of the Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church in Des Moines, Iowa and followed with the pastorate of the Grove Heights Church in Wichita.

Pastor and Mrs. Edwin A Hyatt, welcome to Denver!

Communication Secretary
Ivory Chalmers

BAPTISMAL SERVICE IN KIRKWOOD

Recently, nearly two hundred members and friends of Park Avenue and Kirkwood churches gathered at Kirkwood to witness the baptism of thirteen precious souls.

Before these men and women were baptized, they completed courses in Bible studies made by Pastor E. A. Pembleton. The pastor then gave them a final examination with one hundred questions on Bible doctrines. Only those who passed the examination were qualified for baptism.

We thank the Lord for sending Pastor Pembleton to be with us, and we are excited about our future with him and his family.

Clydia Johnson
Communication Secretary

SEDALIA HOLD CRAFT FAIR

The Sharon Chapel church in Sedalia, Missouri is a very small church and many projects and programs have been held to help us raise money. Recently the church sponsored a Craft Fair. The members were very enthusiastic about the project and everyone donated several craft items (many of which were handmade by members) and baked goods. The devil really tried to halt our efforts the first day, but by putting God first, Sisters Gertrude Boggess and Erma Curd set up on a second day to sell the items. In spite of the circumstances. Many of the items were purchased for Christmas gift-giving. Once again the Lord worked a miracle and our project was a success.

Alona Boggess-Casey
Communication Secretary



Part of the Curd family after the morning services at the Sedalia church.

CURD FAMILY HOLDS FAMILY UNION

Sister Erma L. Curd is the oldest member of the Sharon Chapel Church and serves as Head Deaconess there. Sister Curd was married to the late Richard Curd for 55 years and to this union they were blessed with 12 children. Recently, the Curd family held a family reunion in Sedalia and many family members came from all over the United States to enjoy the family.

Amon family members present were: Sister Erma E. Curd, who is active in the Sedalia church in many capacities and who is extremely valuable in the Ingathering program and Sister Leona Lester, who is also active in the Des Moines, Iowa church. Many of the family members worshipped with us on Sabbath. The Curd family has prospered over the years and Sister Curd has also been blessed with 26 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Alona Boggess-Casey
Communication Secretary

EBONY FASHION SHOW

The Sharon Chapel in Sedalia, Missouri sponsored a fashion show recently. Six young models "showed off" their finery in three categories, which included "Dressy," "Swimsuit/Miscellaneous," and "Casual." The little spotlighters were Caroline Newbill (age 5), twins Shawn and Tiffany Sims (age 3), Felicia Williams (age 4), Cameron Prieur (age 2), and LaToya Prieur (age 6).

Between the categories, Sister Erma Curd presented a children's story stressing that little children are important to Jesus even though they are small. She illustrated her thought with an example of a nickel and a dime, stating that even though the nickel is larger in size than the dime, the smaller coin has more value (twice as much) as the larger coin. The program was

indeed a success and the Lord richly blessed our efforts.

NORTHEASTERN



The Dorsey Family.

I LOVE N.Y.—L.S. DORSEY, AN EVANGELIST WITH A MISSION

"Lord give me New York! I want to reach New York," were the cries that came from a theology student. He was returning to New York City after completing the winter quarter at Oakwood College. As he crossed the Verrazano Bridge, the gateway to New York City, tears began to stream down his cheeks as he saw the mammoth housing projects and the teeming masses living without a knowledge of God.

Like the prophet Jeremiah, who wept over Israel, so Lawrence Dorsey was motivated by the same love. If more than a decade ago, Elder Dorsey could have looked down the corridors of time he would have found it unbelievable that he should become a SDA or a minister.

For he was a child of the sixties, consumed by the Black power movement; for Dorsey the equality of the Black man was his religion. But God looks not at outward appearances but rather the heart, and in his own time he would call Lawrence Dorsey to be an evangelist to New York City.

Although Dorsey was not a member of an organized church, he still had spiritual yearnings. "I knew God existed," he said, "but I just didn't know how to serve him."

These spiritual yearnings were given utterances as he hurried every day to school or work; he would pass a church. "I would pause," he said, "to say hello to God."

These yearnings were stirred when he met his wife, Beverly Abrams, a radiant beauty, who was totally different from any woman he had ever met.

She invited him to church and he accepted. On his first visit, he remembered, "it seemed as if the sermon was just for me. I wanted to answer the appeal but couldn't move. I couldn't shake it. I knew what I had to do."

The man and the hour had met. He immediately began a thorough investigation of SDA doctrines. He read every book he could on the SDA Church. He read the Conflict of Ages Series, Early Writing, Daniel and Revelation and Unfolding Revelation. This intense study of the doctrines, "Solidified me," he said.

The year 1972, marked a turning point in his life, he became a member of the SDA Church and married Beverly Abrams. From their union were born two children: Lawrence, II and Alison Christine.

Life for the Dorseys was good. Lawrence's position as a technician for microwaves and satellite phones for New York Telephone Co. afforded them the opportunity to enjoy the best of life.



Pastor Dorsey preaches the gospel.

But God had another plan for his life. Like the prophet Jeremiah, "before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."—Jeremiah 1:5

The ministry was the farthest thing from his mind. God used an experience to turn around his life. After this experience, every day during the lunch break he would pass out tracts. One day he saw a friend that he hadn't seen for two years and he began to tell him about the love of God.

While he was talking, he confided to his friend, "I'd love to do this full time. Right then, he remembered, "it seemed like all time stopped and I heard a voice say, "you can if you are willing to sacrifice. Go to Oakwood." At that moment Dorsey decided he would give up everything and enter the ministry.

He went home and told Beverly about his experience and his determination to follow God's will. Without hesitation Beverly said she would go wherever God led. It seemed they had everything to lose and nothing to gain. Lawrence was happy with his work and was up for an administrative post with MCI, but nothing could turn them away from their purpose. So they sold everything, left the comfort of relatives and friends, to go down South.

When Dorsey arrived on campus God had prepared everything for him. He arrived Thursday evening, by Friday sunset, he had a job, an apartment and he had enrolled in school. "It was like," he said, "God had everything planned and waiting for me."

The next four years, he spent at Oakwood was a nurturing and growing experience. He received the Mosely-Warren-Reaves Homiletics Award and was the President of the Religion and Theology forum in his senior year. While at Oakwood, he studied under Dr. E.E. Cleveland, and was deeply influenced by him. After graduation, he received a call to pastor Lighthouse Tabernacle, Brooklyn, NY.

The area where the church is located is known as Bedford-Stuyvesant, one of the toughest neighborhoods in the U.S. According to the Daily News, it is one of the highest crime areas in New York City. To the native New Yorker, the name Bedford-Stuyvesant conjures up images of illegitimate mothers locked into a vicious cycle of hopelessness and despair. Crime is an art. Junkies and prostitutes are the pillars of society. Storefront churches offering easy salvation and feel good religion. Men and women living and dying without hope.



Ms. Joannette Goddard.

He immediately went to action and served notice on the forgotten people. He began to minister to the whole man. "We were very visible," he said, "we had clothing give aways, we had health fairs and we distributed government food." The people

of the community knew the SDA church cared. Elder Dorsey won the respect and love of the people in the community. "To give you an example," he said, "we had a crusade on Atlantic and Utica Avenue. They were stealing hubcaps, but they won't touch my hubcaps. They said, 'that's Rev's car.'" For five fruitful years Elder Dorsey remained in Bedford-Stuyvesant. The church grew from 161 to 335 and Pastor Dorsey became an ordained minister in June, 1984.

In August 1985, Elder Dorsey realized a dream, he appointed one of two conference evangelists for the Northeastern Conference. His designated area is metropolitan New York. His first crusade as conference evangelist was held in Staten Island, New York, one of the five boroughs that make up New York City. This borough is predominantly Italian and Catholics with a sprinkling of Black and Hispanics. It is a landscape of great contrast, one area is filled with manicured lawns and sprawling mansions, owned by some of New York's most powerful Mafia families. On the other side of town, Blacks and Hispanics are crowded into deteriorating government projects. It is an area where hope is almost obliterated.

Elder Dorsey working in conjunction with Elder T.T. Billingsy, pastor of the Staten Island Church and its members came to bring hope to this desolate area.

Word soon spread in the community that a tent was going to be pitched, but instead of the arrival of the tent being greeted with joy, Pastor Dorsey and his team members received great opposition.

The tent was pitched in an Italian neighborhood near a Black project. The community leaders banded together to collect 500 signatures to stop the tent from going up. But Elder Dorsey could not be distracted from his mission. Once the tent was up, the people decided to make their stay so unbearable that they would not remain. First, they called the building inspector to check for violations, but there were none. They were constantly harassed by the fire department. "They called the police every night," remembers Elder Dorsey, "to disturb our meeting." The police enjoyed the meeting so much that they sent the President and Vice President of the Cops for Christ to the meetings. The President spoke for 20 minutes. Needless, to say, after that night, they didn't send for the police anymore."

When that failed, they tried to pressure the people who rented the lot, to withdraw permission, but that failed. They tried to in-



Pastor Dorsey, right, and Pastor St. Jean baptizes a new convert during the crusade held at the Marantha Church.

timidate the people who attended the tent. The house next door to the tent was set on fire, it was completely burned down but not one cinder touched the tent. Yet, Elder Dorsey continued to preach every night. At the conclusion of the crusade 38 people were baptized, a record number for Staten Island.

As conference evangelist, Elder Dorsey has crossed cultural and linguistic lines. In February of this year, he held a crusade at the Marantha French Church, Queens, NY. Although he spoke through a translator, Elder Max Pierre, pastor of the Morija French Church, New York City, he was still able to preach the gospel in a powerful way. He was assisted in this crusade by Elder Joseph St. Jean, pastor of the church and the Bible Instructor, Ms. Marlene Trival. Victor Pierre, Jr., organist, who has worked with Elder Dorsey since his first crusade; Beverly Dorsey, who forms the other half of the Dorsey team. She works behind the scene in every crusade and shares her musical talent as a soloist. At the conclusion of the crusade 72 people were baptized.

Last spring and summer found him once again conducting evangelist crusades in Brooklyn. This fall will find him in New England and Canada, wherever there is a call to preach the gospel, Elder Dorsey will be there. But his heart will always be in New York City.

Stephanie D. Johnson

BOL CRUSADE ADDS NEW MEMBERS AND CHURCH IN ROCHESTER

The combined efforts of the Breathe of Life team and the SDA believers in Rochester, NY were greatly rewarded during the four-week crusade, Oct. 25 to Nov. 22, 1986, at the Harro East Theatre. Sixty-three persons were baptized and a new Breath of Life Mission was organized on Nov. 29 with over 70 members.



Platform participants of the Breath of Life Crusade.



Breath of Life Quartet perform for the Rochester, NY Crusade.

The lay members laid a solid foundation for the crusade. They worked diligently distributing 30,000 handbills and extending personal invitations to relatives and friends. If a handbill or personal invitation failed to reach some of the residents of Rochester, they had only to turn on their radio or television and hear of the upcoming crusade.

Dr. Richard Williams, a local elder for the Jefferson Avenue Church, the host church, headed and organized the BOL Committee. This committee organized several months in advance of the crusade, formed various support groups to relieve the BOL staff, so they could concentrate on home visitation and Bible studies.

One of the various committees, that proved very helpful was the Security Department headed by George Linton Reid, one of the local elders. Because of the difficulty in securing parking near the theatre at night, the security staff transported guests from a nearby parking lot to the door of the hall. This meant a lot, it aided in promoting consistent nightly attendance.

Elder Charles D. Brooks, evangelist for crusade, was assisted by men and women

of varied experience and background. There was the permanent members of the Breath of Life Team; Elders Reginald Robinson, Associate Speaker; Walter Arties, who sang during the first week of the crusade; the BOL Quartet sang nightly and made visits to area hospitals and schools; and Elliot Brooks, brother of the evangelists worked as a Bible Instructor.

The local staff included: Elders Edwin J. Humphrey, senior pastor of the Jefferson Avenue Church; Derrick Blue, associate pastor; Ms. Sandra K. Wilson, religious instructor. Other Northeastern Conference workers were Ms. Patricia I. S. Langley from New York City, and Mr. Jerome Crichton from Utica, NY.

Area workers who gave support were: Pastor Delafield, Mr. Bill Rovact, Bible Instructor from the Bay Knoll SDA Church; and Pastor Dale of the Genesee Park SDA Church. Lay Bible instructors also played a pivotal part in the crusade: Mr. John Earle, Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick Miller and Mr. Michael Ellison.

S. K. Wilson

Director of Religious Instruction,
Jefferson Avenue Church



Members of Anchored In Christ.

NEWS NOTES FROM BRONX TEMPLE

On Dec. 27, 1986, members of the Bronx Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church and South Bronx Mission, Bronx, NY witnessed the baptism of 2 adults and 4 youths. These individuals were united with the Church through the efforts of Pastor George St. John and the South Bronx Mission.

A benefit concert featuring the Anchored in Christ (A.I.C.) group, Albert Pridgen, director was sponsored by the Usher Department of the Bronx Temple Church, Bronx, NY on January 17. Proceeds from the concert went to the Church's mortgage drive.



Dr. Henry Felder, M.C.; Myrtle Gates Murphey, Honoree; Dr. Benjamin Reaves, Speaker.

MYRTLE GATES MURPHEY . . . TO HONOR AND REMEMBER

The Oakwood College Alumni Association of Metropolitan Washington presented its inaugural banquet, Saturday evening, Nov. 8, 1986 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill, honoring Mrs. Myrtle Gates Murphey. The honoree is the immediate past president of the District of Columbia Oakwood College Alumni Association. Her service as president spanned the years from the inception of the organization in 1952 to 1985, a period of over 30 years. She continues to serve her alma mater, Oakwood College, as Allegheny East regional vice president of the National Alumni Association and as chaplain of the Washington, D.C. Inter-Alumni Council of The United Negro College Fund.

Mrs. Murphy dedicated 27 years to teaching in the denomination's schools and academies and added a second career of 20 years of superior service in the field of pediatric nursing, with a specialty in burn therapy.

She has given unstintingly of her time, talent, labor, and personal funds to the church and its institutions. Dupont Park



Kelly Baumgardner, great granddaughter.



Conference director Robert L. Lister outlines program to delegates for 13th anniversary convention.

Church, its church school, old Union Academy, Pine Forge Academy, Allegheny East Conference, Oakwood College, and Oakwood College National Alumni Association have reaped abundantly from her beneficence.

Along with the Metropolitan Washington alumni present for Mrs. Murphy's testimonial was a delegation of nine from the A. Samuel Rashford Chapter, New York City and Regional vice president of South Atlantic Conference, Mrs. Katie G. Settle.

Dr. Gene Crawford is president of the Metropolitan Washington Chapter. Dr. Benjamin Reaves, President of Oakwood College, gave the Keynote address. Gloria Singleton and George, gave the Keynote address. Gloria Singleton and George Sampson rendered a tribute in song. Several presentations were made to the honoree including a plaque from the National Alumni Association presented by President Lee A. Paschal. A special feature of the evening was a slide viewing of Oakwood Days: "To Remember"

Dr. Henry Felder served as Master of Ceremony for the event.

Edna Lett Williamson
President, A. S. Rashford Chapter
Oakwood College Alumni Assn.

... AND FLATBUSH SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Shirley Haywood, a nine-year-old girl made a request to Mrs. Beluah Patterson-Hawes, the founder of the Flatbush Church, Brooklyn, NY, to take her to school and seven years later, Sept. 1976, Flatbush opened the school for thousands of young boys and girls who are seeking knowledge.

When Flatbush School opened its doors, they were 125 students and staff of seven,

Dr. Iola Brown was the principal. From the beginning a strong kindergarten program was directed by Ms. Anesta Bailey. That same year, the main building, recently purchased from Avon Nursing Home, was remodeled to provide greater space for classrooms. A school library was also started.

The following year, the enrollment as well as staff doubled. A lunch program, privately ran by Ms. Nalini Perwaud, was started; she was succeeded by Ms. Emma James, Mr. Stephen Hunts and recently Ms. Phyllis Mendes. The first eighth grade and kindergarten graduation was held at the St. Mark Episcopal Church which then housed the Flatbush Church. The Home and School Association, under the leadership of Ms. Gloria Smith, sponsored its first Thanksgiving to raise money for the school library.

In 1979 the student enrollment stood at 275. To provide needed space, one of the outer facilities was remodelled to house the administration building formally in the main building; the same year a secretary was added to the administration on a part-time basis; this appointment relieved the heavy load carried by the then secretary-treasurer, Ms. Shelia Arthur.

In Sept., 1980, Mr. Louis Matthews became the second principal. Under his administration on a part-time physical education teacher and full-time home economics teacher was added to the staff.

Mr. Matthews departure, after one year, was followed by Ms. Joycelyn Johnson who served as principal for three years. In 1985 she was elected to be superintendent of schools for the Northeastern Conference of SDA.

During Ms. Johnson's tenure, reorganization of the main building took place in an

attempt to meet the ever increasing demands for current academic programs. The administrative facility was rehoused in the main building while the kindergarten was transferred to the administrative building. The store-room was remodeled and used as the music and library department, and a part-time teacher for music was acquired, and a computer science program was set up.

Following Ms. Johnson's promotion, Mr. Stevel Beckford was appointed principal. Under his administration, a stronger science and computer program was developed. To aid in this venture Ms. Beulah Carty and Ms. Viola Dixon, current Home and School Director, sponsored programs to the financial success of the computer venture.

In the first decade of Flatbush School's existence the students have excelled and received many distinguished awards from the Northeastern Conference Department of Education. For the past several years Flatbush students have ranked foremost in the conference sponsored spelling bee and science contest.

Joyce Blackman, School Historian
and teacher since the beginning
of the school

NEC TEACHER MEMBER NAD TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE

Mrs. Karr, eighth grade teacher at R.T. Hudson Elementary, Bronx, NY, was appointed to a committee whose duty is to review material for the new 7th and 8th grades Bible books. She is one of Northeastern Conference's long-term dedicated elementary school teachers.

The committee is made up of conference and union education superintendents, a representative from the White Estate, one from Pacific Press, a principal/teacher, one teacher (Edythe), and the editor of the books. The group known as the Elementary Bible Textbook Steering Committee, held its first meeting in Portland, Oregon, December 1-10, 1986. Miss Marion Hartlein, the Associate Director of the Education Department of the North American Division, serves as chairman.

The committee spent 10 days working from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.. The sessions were detailed and difficult, but rewarding for Mrs. Karr. She spent many nights reading over materials, checking for grammatical errors and to see that it was in harmony with Adventist teachings, etc. Each scripture used had to be checked for

appropriateness. The teacher's edition, student text, and workbook received careful scrutiny.

The Elementary Bible Textbook Steering Committee has been established for a period of four years, 1986-1990. Mrs. Karr said she enjoyed the experience and looks forward to their next session. It has given her a greater appreciation for textbooks.

SOUTH CENTRAL



Student government officers: Left to right, James Hollingshed, President; Toriano Perkins, Vice President; Tara Ransfer, Secretary; Tamara Tate, Asst. Secretary; Andria Ivory, Treasurer; John Jones, Asst. Treasurer; Derrick Dotson, Sergeant-at-Arms; Keisha Bryant, Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms; Chris Watkins, Chaplain; Tony Walker, Asst. Chaplain.

ALCY HAPPENINGS

The students at the Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, TN, have been involved in numerous academic, spiritual and social events that has highlighted their learning experience.

The IOWA Test of Basic Skills was administered and Alcy students scored very well. Students in grades 2-4 all tested on their respective grade level. Many students scored above average. This speaks well of the teachers.

Mrs. Jo-Ann Wade, first and second grade teacher, coordinated the National Fire Prevention Week activities. Special guests included the fire chief and his firefighters from the Memphis City Fire Company. A special film educated the students on "How Not to Burn." The highlight of this visit was the arrival of the fire engine. After a brief demonstration and explanation, the extension ladder rose into the air towering over the parking lot and school building. One could hear "oh's" and "ah's" from the

students as one of the firefighters climbed more than 100 feet into the air. The entire student body had the opportunity to climb on board and explore the engine for themselves. Another fire demonstration during the week captivated the entire student body along with Superintendent Nathaniel Higgs and the visiting evaluation team who happened to be at Alcy that day. Mr. Terry Powell also explained how students could learn "How Not to Burn" as they watched the burning of a miniature house.

Six 6th graders along with their teacher Mrs. Queen Robinson and Chaperone Mrs. Pamela Peterson spent three days at the Environmental Camp that is sponsored each year by the South Central Conference. This was a "first" for the Alcy students.

Career/Education Week is always an exciting week at Alcy. Mrs. Myrtharyn Powell and Mrs. Queen Robinson invited musicians, nurses, postal workers, law enforcement workers, politicians, meteorologists and other career personnel to inspire students in their preparation for life careers. Jim Jaggars, meteorologist for Channel 13 in Memphis, was one of the noted celebrities along with representatives from the mayor's Office who brought an official proclamation from Mayor William N. Morris, Jr., proclaiming the week of Oct. 27-31 Career Week in Shelby County.

A special Fall Program was presented to residents of the Care Inn. Mrs. Jill Edmond coordinated the program which included representatives from each classroom. Songs and recitations were shared with patients, along with special gifts and cards made by the students.

Pastor Dana Edmond of the Breath of Life Church presented a Week of Prayer, at Alcy. His morning devotions and classroom visitations were very inspiring.

Prior to Thanksgiving, the Alcy students collected nonperishable food items in the community that numbered more than 500. Nineteen food baskets were filled and distributed by Mr. Micheal Tompkins and Principal Charles Battles to designated families.

The Thanksgiving program held at the New Covenant church set the tone for the holiday and the annual Christmas program entitled, "The Spirit of Christmas" held at Longview Heights church Memphis, TN, displayed the speaking, acting, instrumental and vocal talent of the Festival of Trees celebration that benefited the children at the Le Boneheur Medical Center.

Charles D. Battles,
Principal

LONGVIEW MORTGAGE PAID

We rejoice with Elder Joseph A Jones and his congregation in Memphis, Tennessee because of the debt liquidation success realized with the final mortgage payment for the Longview Church building. This facility was purchased during the early part of the 1970's following a successful tent meeting conducted by Elder C. B. Rock. Elder Jackson Doggette purchased the building.

REPORT OF "MINORITY CONSUMER EXPO"

The Adventist message was shared on a national level at the 49th annual Minority Consumer Expo held at the Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

Through the fervent efforts of the Public Relations Director, Mrs. Mary Minor Rowan, and the staff—Ms. Karen DeSha, Ms. Crista Lenston, Mrs. Lawana Leavell, Ms. Evadne Murphy, Ms. Rhonda Branch, Mr. Harold Henry and the creative aptness of our artist Mr. Walker Gee, thousands of non-Adventists individuals received invaluable information on health reform, adventist doctrine and education.

A tastfully decorated booth with a banner—"Your Friends, the Seventh-day Adventists" drew the attention of many passers-by. An Apple II Computer was accessible to evaluate each individual's current health lifestyle and give advice on how to change poor nutritional habits. A color television with a video cassette recorder displayed sermonettes as well as highlights of musical selections given by the Young Adult Choir of Magazine Street Seventh-day Adventist Church, Louisville, KY. In addition, food samples donated by Worthington Foods of Ohio were positively received by individuals who had never tasted non-meat products.

This was the fourth year that these committee members have participated in this event.

1986 SHOWS A GOOD BAPTISMAL REPORT FROM THE PASTORS

The total number of baptisms that were reported at the time of the January Workers' Meeting was 928. This was the report that was given by the pastors. The official report will be that of the church clerks. We congratulate each worker for the goals that were reached during 1986.

During the year of 1987, it is urged that each church throughout the conference seek to have a baptism at least once per month. A large number of the congregations have accepted this challenge.



Walter Kissack, Composer of the "City of Light" attends South Central Workers' Meeting.

WALTER KISSACK VISITS WORKER' MEETING

Elder Walter Kissack of Oakland, California paid a visit to the South Central Conference Workers' Meeting held in January. This was his first visit to the Southern field in 40 years. Kissack, a native of California attended Oakwood College during the 1940's and is famous for having composed the song, "The City of Light" that has been sung by Oakwood College students through the years. The conference officials presented him with a plaque naming him, "Number One" for the inspiration that his labors have brought to the total church.

GROUND BROKEN FOR CONFERENCE OFFICE

Conference officials, and workers from across the conference, community leaders and friends gathered on Jan. 8, 1987 to participate in a ground-breaking ceremony for the new office building for the South Central Conference. This building is to replace the present structure that has served the organization for more than thirty years. It will be located next to the old facility and will contain some 23,000 square feet of floor space. W. O. Freeman, the contractor, states that the construction will begin near the end of February and the building should be completed by the end of the year.



Official ground breaking ceremonies for the new South Central conference office.

PASTOR & EVANGELISTS OF THE YEAR

Elder Dana Edmond was named "Pastor of the Year" and Elder Joseph Grider was named "Evangelist of the Year" for 1986 during the Workers' Fellowship banquet held in Nashville, TN on Jan. 8. These awards were based on all around performance in the ministerial areas. This annual honor is bestowed upon a pastor of the conference at the beginning of each year.



Pastor and members of the First SDA Church—Eutaw, Alabama.

EUTAW, ALABAMA BURNS MORTGAGE

President C. E. Dudley visited the Eutaw, Alabama church on Sabbath Jan. 10, as Pastor R. Brousard and members conducted a mortgage burning service. Plans are now under way to expand the facility. Pastors Brousard and Alfred Frazier were

both added to full employment status by the conference at the first of the year.

MEMBERS STILL SERVE THE LORD IN MONTGOMERY AFTER 34 YEARS

When E. E. Cleveland pitched his tent in Montgomery, Alabama in 1954 the Lord rewarded his labors beyond his fondest dreams when some 500 people joined the Seventh-day Adventist faith and were added to the church by baptism. For 22 weeks, Montgomerians attended the meetings which lasted into the month of December when the snow fell. After spending the rest of the summer in the construction of a new church facility to accommodate a large group of new believers, C. E. Dudley became the pastor that joyously led them into their new church home on Christmas day.

Of times when evangelistic crusades such as this one are discussed, there is a feeling that the people will not remain true to the faith. Such was not the case in Montgomery, the city where Mrs. Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther along with others sparked the Civil Rights movement, the following year. When he made his annual visit to the church a few days ago, Elder Dudley found that a goodly number of the members are still faithfully serving the Lord. Many have moved to other parts of the world and a goodly number are asleep in the Lord.

One year before the birth of the Civil Rights movement, the Lord sent Cleveland into Montgomery to teach the people that "if the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed." A new concept was sparked from this meeting. R. L. Patterson is serving as pastor for the Bethany church at the present time.

REVELATION SEMINAR HELD IN HUMBOLDT

Before leaving the district of Jackson/Brownville, Tennessee, Elder Phillip Smith demonstrated a burden to establish new work among the people of Humboldt, just 16 miles north of Jackson. L. A. Paschal and Walter Pearson, Sr. conducted a tent meeting in this city in 1948—a new company was the result of this crusade. Unfortunately, many of the members passed away or moved to other cities and the work closed up.

With Smith's new efforts the Revelation Seminar became the re-establishment of Adventist work in the city. A goodly number of the citizens attended this Bible study meeting and were helped spiritually. The result of the program netted about five or 10 baptisms in Humboldt, Tennessee.



Elder Dana Edmond and Brother William Bufford, treasurer of Breath of Life church in Memphis, TN presents a check of \$1000.00 to President C. E. Dudley to assist with the furnishing of the new office.

BREATH OF LIFE DONATES TO THE NEW CONFERENCE OFFICE BUILDING

Elder Dana Edmond, the pastor of the Breath of Life Church in Memphis, TN along with his members gave a check for \$1,000.00 to Dr. C. E. Dudley, the president when he paid his annual visit to the church during the month of February. Mr. William Bufford, the treasure made the presentation. This congregation was established in 1976 after the Breath of Life crusade that was conducted by Evangelist C. D. Brooks of the General Conference. The membership has grown to over 350 and plans are under way to either expand or construct a new facility. There are presently five Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Memphis area that are in the South Central Conference.

A recent study has revealed that the opening of new work such as that which began with the Breath of Life group not only adds to the world-wide membership, but also strengthens the financial posture of the world-wide work in a financial way. Since Memphis, four new congregations named "Breath of Life" have been established in Ft. Washington, Maryland; Los Angeles, California; Columbia, Missouri and Rochester, New York as late as last year. The tithe income from these congregations through the years, has grown to a figure of \$2,123,664.00 and the Mission giving has been some \$82,285.00.

The Breath of Life Telecasts are presently being aired on the PTL and Black Entertainment television networks. Contributions to help this telecast are needed and are meaningful.



Bethany church members of Montgomery, AL—Still faithful after 33 years.



Revelation Seminar held in Humboldt, TN.

SOUTHEASTERN

ADVENTIST MINISTER FEATURED ON LOCAL TELEVISION BROADCAST

Pastor W. C. Byrd of the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida district was featured on a two-part, 30-minute program, entitled, *Living Faith*, which aired on Selkirk Cable Channel 25, Feb. 10 and 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The first series was a Question and Answer dialogue featuring W. C. Byrd and Caesar Robinson. The telecast answered the following questions:

What is a Seventh-day Adventist, and some of the doctrinal beliefs of the church; How does a young person become involved in this church; What about the curriculum of Oakwood College in Huntsville, AL, and how the Mt. Olivet Seventh-day Adventist church reaches out to help persons in the community.

The second series was a sermonette given by Pastor Byrd on "Love and Brotherhood". Larry Harris performed musical selections on both series.

JACKSONVILLE, LOVE IN ACTION

In keeping with Secretary of Labor Brooks request, the Jacksonville, Florida area Labor Department made "Caring and Sharing" packages for the less fortunate. The local Department of Labor brought gifts of nonperishable items, toys and clothes and presented them to Grayce Bateman of the Ephesus Community Center. There were over four hundred nonperishable items and many toys for children ages 3 months to 12 years.

Some Department of Labor contributors were; Mr. William Franson, Office of Workman Compensation; Alice Webster, Federal Contract and Compliance; Labon Chappel, Jr., Office of Wage and Hour; Robert Bergeron, Longshore Division; and Esther Rahming, Chief of Claims.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT MARANATHA

Friends from the community, members from the Brunswick, Georgia, and Waycross congregations crowded the recently renovated Maranatha SDA Church on Jan. 31 to share in its fourth anniversary as an officially organized church in the Southeastern Conference.

Highlight of the morning service was the anniversary sermon delivered by Elder D.



Pastor Eugene Armstead, of Clearwater/Tampa-Town and Country.

A. Walker, treasurer of the Southeastern this company into a church Jan. 29, 1983, the product of an evangelistic effort launched in 1982 by Elder O. J. McKinney, Ministerial Secretary at the Southern Union Conference. Elder Walker officially organized Conference.

A potluck lunch was served and an afternoon musical program was coordinated by Jacqueline Waldon.

Youth activities brought the day to a close. Elder Brent Waldon is pastor.

"OPERATION BRIGHTSIDE" AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship awards of \$150.00 were presented to Delores Washington, an Oakwood College student, and Brian Folson, a student at Lake Forest Academy by Mrs. I. Dorsie Twiggs, Vice-President of "Operation Brightside" at the Ephesus SDA Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

Other officers of "Operation Brightside" are Pearl Fisher, President; Minnie Everett, Secretary-Treasurer; and Daisy Sease, Chaplain.

Pastor Herman Davis and members are committed to Christian education, indicated by their financial contributions to aid worthy students.

BERACAH FRENCH CHURCH HOLDS RIBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

On Jan. 10, the Beracah SDA French Church of Orlando, Florida experienced



Dr. Benjamin Reaves, president of Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL.

the realization of a dream—the opening of their new church home. "To God be the Glory" was the theme for the weekend celebration.

Activities began Friday evening. Sabbath Services were highlighted by the message presented by Elder J. A. Edgecombe, president of Southeastern Conference. Other conference staff officers, Elder R. R. Brown, secretary; Elder D. A. Walker, treasurer; Elder I. L. Harrell, Director of Personal Ministries; and Elder K. A. Dennis, Youth Director, were present.

Sabbath afternoon, Commissioner Clark from Orlando, Florida was present, along with church members and friends to witness the official ribbon-cutting service. A musical concert ended the day's activities.

Elder Jean-Claude Brutus is pastor of the church.



Mrs. Dorsie Twiggs of Operation "Brightside", Delores Washington, and Brian Folson.

PATHFINDER DAY AT MACEDONIA

January 31, 1987 the Pathfinders Club of Macedonia SDA Church, Ft. Pierce, Florida celebrated Pathfinders Day. They coordinated the entire day's activities, Sabbath School to an evening social entitled, "A night in Hawaii".

Pastor Eugene Armstead, of the Clearwater, Tampa Town and Country district, challenged the young troopers, to be disciples, loyal, and true to Christ and the heritage of pathfinders.

The Virginia Avenue Pathfinder Club, Ft. Pierce; South Florida Pathfinder Club Coordinator, Rosa Wilder; Master Guides from Ft. Lauderdale-Mt. Okivet; and John Rachel, South Florida Master Guide Coordinator, were special guests.

INFILTRATION WORKERS GIVEN MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS

Pastor Berry Bonner and Dennis George of Ft. Pierce and Ft. Myers, Florida respectively, were voted as ministerial interns by the Southeastern Conference Executive Committee in Jan. 1987. Both pastors have served with distinction during their infiltration tenure.

Pastor Bonner has engaged in evangelism, refurbishing, and for the past six months church administration without senior pastor, Benjamin Browne. The work at Macedonia Ft. Pierce indicates planning and thought. Likewise, Pastor Dennis George has revolutionized the work in Ft. Myers, Florida. He conducted a Revelation

Seminar where over 25 souls were baptized. Shortly, he will lead his congregation into a church they are in the process of purchasing.

These two pastors have demonstrated their call to the ministry in many ways.

IN TRANSITION

Carl Walker, a special ministerial intern, has been assigned to the Ridge Area SDA Church, Avon Park, Florida. He replaces David King who assisted Pastor Jonathan McCottry in the Lakeland district. Pastor Jonathan McCottry in the Lakeland district. Pastor Walker is a 1985 graduate of Oakwood College who assisted at the Mt. Sinai SDA Church, Orlando, Florida, prior to his call.

He is married to the former Miriam Satterfield.

IN TRANSITION

Alfredia Gambrell Brown, of Tampa, Florida has joined the staff of Southeastern Conference of SDA in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

Ms. Brown will serve as secretary to Elder O. H. Pauld, Director of Education and Religious Liberty. She served in the Northeastern Conference as Secretary-Bookkeeper at an elementary school. She then moved to Florida where she worked 13 years as Administrative Secretary at the University of South Florida, State University System. Prior to joining Southeastern, she was employed with the Law firm of Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith, Cutler, and Kent in Tampa, Florida.

Ms. Brown joined Southeastern Feb. 5, 1987.

MT. OLIVET HOLDS HEALTH WEEKEND

E. E. Cleveland, renowned evangelist, teacher, author lecturer, and former ministerial secretary of the General Conference spoke to a capacity crowd at the Mt. Olivet Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for Health weekend.

Physical, mental and spiritual health were highlighted in his message. Preparation for immortality results from careful observance of a healthy lifestyle.

W. C. Byrd, pastor, is now in the process of preparing several individuals for baptism as a result of the meetings.

The church's communication department made a special presentation to Mrs. Celia Cleveland in absentia.

Sarah Shaw, Health and Temperance leader and associates planned the entire weekend.



Beracah SDA French Church, Orlando, Florida.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE



Miss Margo Cooper.

MARGO COOPER ATTAINS DISTINCTION IN CHEM ENGINEERING

Last December, when Margo A. Cooper received her B. S. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she became the third black female ever to receive such a degree from that institution. This is noteworthy because the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Wisconsin ranks number one in the nation.

Miss Cooper, who was named a Westinghouse National Achievement Scholar upon completing Oakwood Academy, spent two years at Oakwood College majoring in Chemistry before transferring to the University of Wisconsin. While at Wisconsin, she received the Society of Women Engineers Outstanding Member Award.

During the summers of her collegiate studies, she was selected to work at the following prestigious laboratories: NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Procter and Gamble.

Miss Cooper is now employed as a chemical engineer with the Procter and Gamble Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A native of Huntsville, Alabama, she is the daughter of Dr. E. A. Cooper, Acting Chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Oakwood College, and Mrs. Marjorie S. Cooper.

OAKWOOD HOSTS BUSINESS EXPO

"If you want freedom, buy it!"

Tony Brown

The history of Black people in America is one of progressive stages of struggle—from our origins here as slaves to our current state of semi-political/social freedom. From Forsyth County, GA to Howard Beach, NY, Black Americans are searching for the next stage in the struggle. A young, minority owned business based in Birmingham, Alabama offers some modern solutions to one of our historic problems: economic independence.

Business Associates of America (BAA), Inc. was started in 1985 by four Birmingham businessmen—two of which are Oakwood College School of Business Alumni. According to Ray Minor, President, the mission of the corporation is to, "Promote interest in the development of minority and small businesses; act as an advocate and catalyst for economic growth and independence; and to supply information services and training to these businesses." BAA, Inc. held an Expo in Birmingham in 1986 that was an overwhelming success. Speaking on this Expo, author and lecturer George Subira states, ". . . of all my travels in the South, the session in Birmingham was the highlight." Roderick Mack, a Birmingham Public Accountant states, "The Expo allows for networking among peers as well as meeting potential new clients. I think that all business should participate."

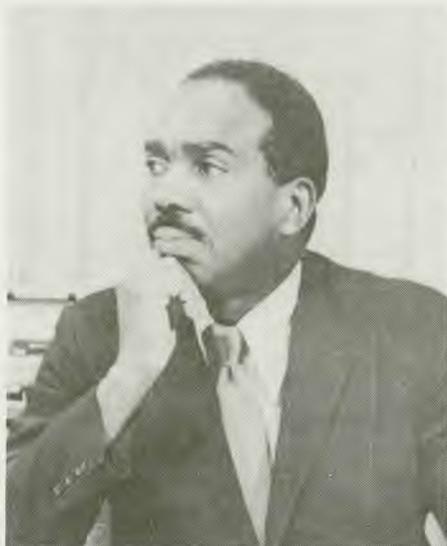
BAA's most immediate venture is the First Annual Huntsville Minority Business Expo, being held Saturday, April 18, 1987 at the Von Bran Civic Center at 8:00 p.m. This event occurs during Oakwood College's Homecoming Weekend. The featured speaker is Tony Brown, syndicated columnist and TV host of "Tony Brown's Journal." Three major corporate sponsors have already been secured: AmSouth Bank, the largest bank in Alabama, The Huntsville Times and The Huntsville News. Negotiations are still underway with other potential sponsors.

How does the Expo work? Basically the Expo will follow this flow of events: An audio visual presentation is used to introduce the Expo and speaker to the audience using a motivational theme. Next Tony Brown will present his message. Finally, the next hours will be used for networking. Up to 120 businesses will be on display. In addition, each attendee will receive an Expo souvenir book.

An interesting aspect of the Expo is that it is a joint venture between BAA and the Oakwood College School of Business and School of Communications. The Business Department is involved in all aspects of the Expo mail-outs, selling, working the night of the event, etc. The Communications Department is helping to write the script for the audio visual show. For their efforts, a portion of the profits go directly to these departments as well as to the Oakwood College Alumni Office. The event promises to be one of interest to all of the Huntsville minority community as well as to the national Oakwood family. For tickets or more information, call (205) 328-6861 or write Business Associates of America, Inc., P. O. Box 10551, Birmingham, AL 35202.

O. C. STUDENT APPOINTED TO UNCF COUNCIL

Carla Williams a Junior Business Management major at Oakwood College has been appointed Corresponding Secretary for the Nation Pre-Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund for 1987-88. Williams, Oakwood's Pre-Alumni President was appointed at the UNCF Convention held in Atlanta Georgia, Feb. 12-14. Mrs. Willette Smith, Coordinator of the Oakwood College Pre-Annual Council urged Williams to run for the Office of Vice president of the national organization. "I was very excited with the idea" stated the candidate who prepared and passed out flyers and answered questions at the corporate luncheon on Friday, Feb. 13. Because of her religious beliefs as a Seventh-day Adventist Williams did not attend the elections which fell on Saturday, Feb. 14, her day of worship but, representatives of Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama assisted her by showing her three minute, video-taped speech to the delegation. Williams missed a victory by a slim margin but due to her strong presentation she was appointed to the Corresponding Secretary post by the executive board. The position puts Williams in close relation to the National President in seeking to develop stronger communication links between the 43 historically black UNCF colleges. "I was honored to have been appointed to my position and to represent Oakwood College on the National level." I plan to give dedicated service to the council." commented Williams. Oakwood was also represented by Leslie Phipps a Business Administration major, the reigning Miss UNCF of Oakwood College.



Dr. C. Cooper.

THREE OC STAFF MEMBERS NOMINATED TO RECEIVE SERVICE AWARD

Three Oakwood College staff members were nominated to receive the Exemplary Service Award of the Alabama Association of College Administrators on February 12, 1987 in Montgomery, AL.

Dr. Emerson A. Cooper of the Dept. of Chemistry.

Dr. Mervyn A. Warren Executive Assistant to the President.

Dr. Jannith Lewis, Director of Library Services.

Each are being recognized for over 25 years of service to their institution. The award presentation was held at the annual joint meeting of the Alabama Association of Women Deans, Administrators and Counselors.

Submitted by Publications Dept.
Oakwood College



Dr. J. Lewis.

BUSINESS AUTHOR LECTURES AT OC

George Subira the author of the highly successful book *Black Folks' Guide to Making Big Money in America*, and also writer/publisher of a new book entitled, *Black Folks' Guide to Business Success*, lectured at the Science Complex at Oakwood College on Jan. 27, 1987.

Mr. Subira gave a lively lecture on the importance of Black Enterprise and the desperate need for more Black businesses in America. Detailed explanations of why business development is the key to the development of black communities and why such development is not taking place. "We do not see virtually any relationship between the growing number, size or quality of new Black business enterprises. This is basically due to the employee mentality of our people and their strong desire to find security working for White corporations rather than starting their own companies. Most of the people who run Black businesses have no training in or understanding of business and it definitely shows." He also explored the attitudes that Black Americans bring with them to the business arena and shows how Blacks suffer from a "victims point of view" which often hinders their efforts in generating profits from their businesses.

Three aspects of special interest were the discussion on potential conflicts between husbands and wives in business and how these problems could be avoided. Also there was a thorough presentation of specific businesses that are recommended



Dr. M. Warren.

for Black people particularly with a discussion as to why these specific businesses would be needed as profitable for most typical black communities. Finally, there were two businessmen, Preston Foster and Tim Clay, who are alumni of Oakwood College, who were eager to assist in answering any questions that might be of special concern to the Black Seventh-day Adventist who might be interested in starting a business.

George Subira was educated at California Sate University at Los Angeles and Rutgers University Graduate School. He has appeared on television and radio programs all over the nation and continues to travel the country speaking to organizations about business development and money management.

Written by Gisele Pelote

O.C. RECEIVES CONTRIBUTION FROM RJR NABISCO, INC.

WINSTON-SALEM, NC—Oakwood College, a member of the United Negro College Fund, has received a \$3,378 contribution from RJR Nabisco, Inc.

The recent grant to Oakwood was part of a \$250,000 donation from RJR Nabisco to UNCF, to be shared by UNCF's 43 member universities nationwide.

RJR Nabisco is the nation's largest contributor to UNCF colleges. The company has given more than \$2 million to UNCF to date, and recently announced a new million-dollar pledge to the organization to be paid in four annual installments beginning in 1987.

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OAKWOOD ENROLLMENT IS UP!!

Oakwood College's enrollment for this second quarter of this year has passed 900. This is about a hundred more students than were registered for the first quarter of the year. The largest number per conference membership has come from the South Central Conference, with 250 students.

CLASSIFIED AD

NEEDED: RN

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IN THE NEWS

OBITUARY

LeRee, the first child of Oscar and Ruth Williams Gunn, was born May 24, 1954 in Key West, Florida.

At an early age she learned to play the piano. This knowledge led her to play for the choirs and church services of practically every Black church in the city during her teen years. She not only used this talent in Key West, but in Germany; Detroit, Michigan; Delray Beach, Florida, and wherever she lived.

She attended the Southernmost Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School, the 5th Street Seventh-day Adventist School and Key West High School where she played and sang with the chorus.

At the age of 12 she developed diabetes. Through the years the disease steadily weakened various organs of her body.

Throughout her years of illness, LeRee kept a keen sense of humor, and abiding trust in God and these words "God puts no more upon us than we can bear." were uppermost in her conversation. The 80's brought a new dimension to her illness, kidney failure.

LeRee was a source of inspiration for both old and young. She was a faithful devoted member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Key West, and for the past 5 years in Delray Beach, Florida.

6a.m. Feb. 2, 1987, the life giver decided LeRee had suffered enough so He allowed her to sleep for a season.

"MOTHERS IN ISRAEL" DIE

Mrs. Geneva Grant, the mother of Brother Walter Grant of Jackson, Mississippi passed away during the holiday season after being overtaken by a very brief illness. She was 103 years of age. Sister Grant served by her husband's side in the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist church in the Carolinas earlier during this century. After her husband passed away, she came to live with her devoted son, Walter, in Jackson.

Mrs. Montaque, one of the founding mothers of the Seventh-day Adventist church work in Memphis passed away on Sunday, January 25, 1987 after a long illness. After accepting the message of the Adventist faith, she was blessed to see each of the members of her family take their stands for the truth. She is among the last of the founders to be taken from us. Let us pray for these families.

CLASSIFIED AD

Position available for a PhD Speech Pathologist in the Loma Linda University Medical Center and the Department of Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology, Loma Linda University. Responsibilities: Administration of the Speech Pathology Department in the LLU Medical Center; coordination of graduate students' clinical placement; provide direct clinical services; teach one course per quarter. Experience with aphasia, head trauma, stuttering desired. Salary range \$34,600-\$42,000. Send inquiries to Joyce Hopp, PhD, School of Allied Health Professions, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA 92350.

BREATH OF LIFE ON BLACK ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK

The Breath of Life Telecast can now be viewed on the Black Entertainment Network television stations throughout America. This is a tremendous breakthrough for the telecast. However, with progress comes requests for more resources. Some \$60,000 is needed to match funds that presently are in hand.

Encourage each of your members to give at least \$1 to help with this project.

HARRIS PINE MILLS SEEKS BANKRUPTCY

The Seventh-day Adventist owned Harris Pine Mills has helped thousands of youth to pay for their education while attending one of the denomination's academies and colleges. The economic crunch has overtaken this industry and the liabilities are exceeding the assets. Plants across the country had to be closed however, it is reported that some have resumed operation as of this writing.

DAVID BOSCH DIES

David Bosh, the undersecretary for the General Conference passed away, after suffering a heart attack. He served the church for over 40 years in many lands around the world before coming to the General Conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENT GOES TO RUSSIA

President N. C. Wilson was invited to go to the Soviet Union after one of its officials made a visit to the Review and Herald Publishing plant in Hagerstown, Maryland. He was greatly impressed with what he saw and invited Elder Wilson to visit with him. They will compare family life in the United States with that in the U.S.S.R.

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