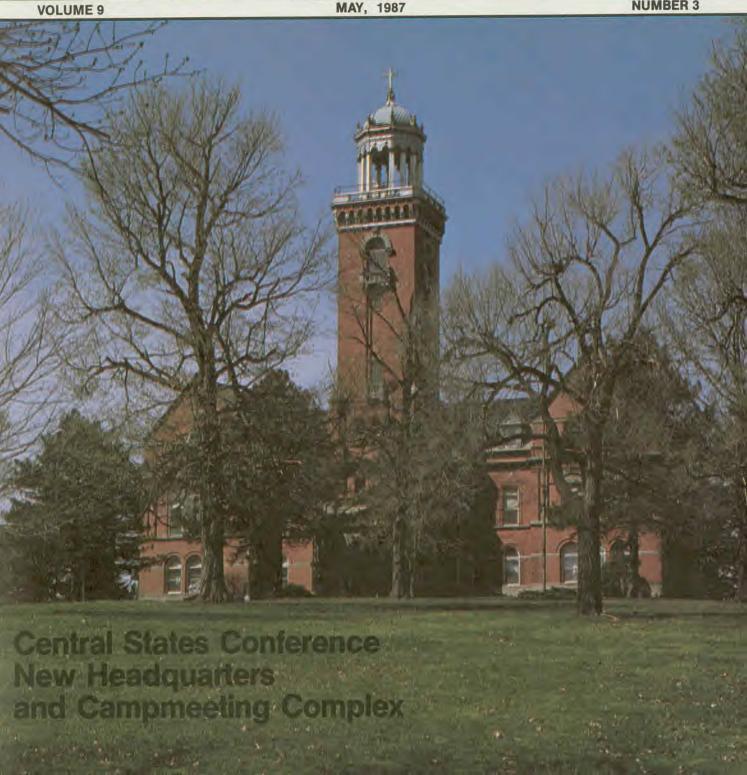
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COVER STORY



J Paul Monk, President of Central States Conference.

CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE PURCHASES COMPLEX VALUED AT \$3 MILLION

By Stephanie D. Johnson

Central States' recent acquisition of an Augustinian Monastery, has been called the sale of the century. It has been compared to the Indians selling Manhattan Island to the Dutch for trinkets valued at \$24. Either comparison might be a bit of an exaggeration, but one thing is certain, Central States has taken a giant leap forward.

The property situated on 36 plus prime acres in the heart of Kansas City, KS valued at \$3 million has been purchased for \$600,000 about the cost of a medium size church building. It is located in a well manicured neighborhood, accessible by public transportation, only a few blocks from the interstate and a mile from a major shopping center.

Less than a year ago, the building complex, was home to the Recollect Augustinians, a Spanish religious order founded in the 16th century, transported to America in 1917, and established a novitate in Kansas City in 1935.

Noted for their strict discipline and solitude it was possible to pass by the monastery and never hear a human voice. But now the black habits and cowls worn by the discalced friars will be replaced by the bright pastels worn by school children in the spring, silence will be broken by the laughter and conversation of the members and the community.

The new center, a far cry from Camp Shady Hill, the perennial Cinderella, that was annually painted and rehabilitated for campmeeting only to fall back into disrepair before the end of the summer. The old campground situated on 30 acres of land, with a good deal covered with under brush, steep rocky slopes and an unused pond had long seen its better days.

While many cherish the memories of the annual reunion with friends and family, the powerful speakers and the vibrant congregational singing, I suspect none will miss the dilapidated cabins, the clogged toilets and the broken sinks. The annual outlay of approximately \$30,000 proved costly when one considered the campground was only in use for 10 days per year.

Year Round Spiritual Retreat

The new center will be a year round spiritual retreat. There will be a continuous slate of programs offered to the members and the public. Programs designed to meet the needs of the increasingly urban midwesterner—health, marriage and the family, alcohol and drug abuse prevention. Evangelistic seminars (professional and lay) and crusades will be conducted.

Elder J. Paul Monk, Jr., conference president, hopes the acquisition of the center will stimulate campmeeting attendance, which had fallen to an average of 900-1000 members on week ends and



Central States office building-1945.

40-75 ten day campers (excluding ministers and their families).

More than increase attendance at campmeeting, Elder Monk is hoping to bring about cohesiveness among the membership. Although Central States has a vast territory: Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Iowa, Wyoming, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and San Juan, New Mexico, the membership stands at only 7,000. This seemly small constituency is due mainly to the small Black population that live in this region. The majority of the towns and villages have small sprinkling of Blacks, only the major cities: Denver, St. Louis, Kansas City, MO and Kansas City, KS has a representative Black population.

The 32 Black SDA Churches are scattered across a wide expanse of land, consequently, there is a tendency among members to feel lonely and isolated from fellow believers. This new center builds greater unity among the members by providing opportunity for continuous fellowship.

When one views the center for the first time, one is greatly impressed by the chapel, which is listed as a national and state monument. This building will be converted into the conference office and a church, (the third in Kansas City) will be established. The offices are large and spacious, some with private lavatories. The chapel, with a seating capacity of 400, skillfully designed to reflect Catholic artistry using exquisite wood and marble. will be re-designed for protestant worship. It has a pipe organ, a magnificient work of art that will add grandeur to the service. The chapel also has a large dining hall, kitchen and additional guest quarters.

The second building, the seminar building, can be reached via an underground tunnel linked to the chapel. This building will be used for the cafeteria and dormitory rooms for year round housing.



Central States Conference Office Building, 1968.



Central States Complex-Instructional and Activity Center.

Senior Adademy to be Established

The third building, the classroom building which will house, what is considered the most important project—the first Black senior academy in Central States' history. Dr. Nathaniel Miller, Education Director for the conference, who holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration has begun to lay formidable plans to make it a viable institution.

Elder Monk speaks of the day when the academy will house high school students from all over the conference and the U.S.

The facilities are certainly there: class-rooms, library, even a gymnasium. Well landscaped surroundings with stately trees, and ornate lighting fixtures add to the campus environment. Plans are being made to take the unused basement and convert it into an indoor swimming pool. The campus already has a tennis court, baseball field and basketball court. The center will provide mental, spiritual, and physical enrichment.

The establishment of the academy is the fulfillment of a vow made 141 years ago by Dr. Samuel Mather, a direct descendant of Cotton Mather, the famed Puritan leader. Mather, a native of Vermont, joined millions of Americans who trekked across the wild west in the mid 1800s in search of land and greater prosperity.

Dr. Mather made a pledge to God before leaving Troy, NY headed for Chicago, promising if his endeavors prospered, he would build a school to educate young women. He renewed this vow when he left Michigan for Kansas. This was made around 1843, but he took no steps towards its fulfillment until 1887.

A Dream Realized

In the 1880s Kansas City was a prosperous city and Dr. Mather entered the lucrative real estate business. As his business began to grow, Dr. Mathers along with his business associates, Mr. S. N. Simpson and Mr. Chester Bullock, decided they would dispose of some of their properties and use the proceeds to endow an institution of learning. The plan seemed wise, but shortly thereafter, the depression hit, Kansas City found itself overdeveloped and the real estate market had bottomed out. Dr. Mather suffered a financial setback but did not abandon his promise. A new opportunity presented itself in 1892, when Dr. Mather entered an alliance with the General Conference of the Methodist Church. They would provide the students. faculty and buildings, and Dr. Mather would provide the land.

Mather College, as it was first called got off to a promising start and grew from a small school to Kansas University. While Kansas University was growing, the Advent message was silently taking root in the hearts of the freedmen, who had migrated by the thousands from the South during "the Exodus" of the 1880s in search of freedom and land.

The man appointed to evangelize the Black inhabitants, was C. M. Kinny, a former slave and first Black SDA ordained minister. He was sent to Kansas around 1885 by the California conference. He began canvassing house to house in Topeka and Emporia. C. M. Kinny was followed by other pioneering men: Sydney Scott, S. S. Ryles, John T. North, Charles Lightner, Thomas Branch, T. H. Coopwood and Byron Spears. By 1947, the Central

States Mission was organized with a membership of 798. T. M. Rowe, was elected president and J. H. Jones, was elected secretary/treasurer.

"In five years time the mission had grown to the status of a conference, with a membership increase of 76 per cent from 798 in 1947 to 1,408 in 1952, with baptisms averaging more than 100 a year."—SDA Enclclopedia, p. 252.

While the Advent message was gaining adherents among the Black population in the midwest, Kansas University seemed headed for a demise. The merger between the Methodist Church and the United Brethren came to an end. The United Brethren were forced to liquidate their assets. It seemed that Dr. Mather's vow to establish an educational institution died in 1933. As Providence should so direct, approximately a year and a half later the Augustinian purchased the property and for 50 years maintained the property until the Central States was numerically and financially able to purchase it.

One can discern that Dr. Mather was "raised up" to build this center for Central States. It was no accident that one day, a young preacher in search of a church, was taken to the monastery. Although he was not interested in the property, he mentioned it to his conference president. Elder J. Paul Monk, who in turn decided to look at the property. Well, the rest is Providence....

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

WHAT WOULD MOTHER'S DAY BE WITHOUT AUNTS?

By Stephanie D. Johnson

Every Mother's Day and Father's Day, I am assigned to write a tribute. I've taken this opportunity to paint a portrait of my family. So far, I've introduced you to my grandmother, a caring and compassionate woman, with an enormous gift for hospitality. You've met my father, a loving, strong, principled man who risked life and health to provide for us.

You've met my strong willed, uncompromising mother, who prayed, persuaded, and pushed us to achieve. You've met Uncle Jay, the lion, that always triumph gloriously over personal tragedy. Now to complete the quintet, meet Aunt Lena Mae, an American original. She's warm, funny, brilliant, adventurous, free spirited and generous.

She fills an important role as the family historian. She has always kept us in touch with our roots. On Sunday evenings, we. would all pile into her car, all eight of us-Aunt Lena, her son, Little Bill; my brothers and sisters, headed for Sherman Heights. This is the community, only a few miles from the Birmingham city limits, where my father and aunt were reared. It was a trip back in time. We saw the house where they once lived, those famous roads where they skated, the field where they played ball and Mt. Arat Baptist Church, where their spiritual roots were nurtured. Our greatest joy, was to talk with the men and women who were once their playmates.

Aunt Lena resurrected my deceased grandfather, who died while she was still a teenager and my father in his early 20s. I can hear his footsteps, as he enters the house after another back breaking day in the steel mill. I can hear his voice billowing with righteous indignation, as he asks Lena why did she break J. C.'s watch? I can see the delight on his face as he snacks on roasted peanuts and sweet potatoes. I can feel his deep piety as he enters Mt. Arat on a Sunday with his family. Aunt Lena created in our hearts a yearning and love for a man we would never know.

Not only did she recreate family history but she told us amazing stories about her work in the hospital. Aunt Lena is a skilled nurse, if educated in the 80s rather than the early 60s, she would have been a physician. Never mind, that she didn't become a doctor, to our family, Aunt Lena is a doctor. She gives the best medical advice, and is always on call to treat our real or imagined ailments. Next, to my brother-in-law, Dr. M. Adeddokun, she's our most trusted physician. As I go through the recesses of my mind, I have so many cherished memories of Aunt Lena, she is the life of the party, our friend and traveling companion. She always took time to take us to the zoo, botanical garden, and weekend outings. Many of the temptations teenagers faced we avoided because we were always in good company with Aunt Lena.

She brought my sisters and I, our first pair of "monster shoes" from Pizitz, one of the most expensive stores in Birmingham. We were the envy of our classmates, thanks to our free hearted aunt.

Maybe the deepest impression, she made on our lives came not so much by words as by example. It is this example that has made me a friend to the friendless, the old and the forsaken.

As I tried to reconstruct the events in my mind, many of the details are vaque. I remember Aunt Lena's friend, was an old, grouchy woman. She was the head usher of the church. She seemed born with an eternal scowl that she used to intimidate everyone. The lady was born a disciplinarian, a dyed-in-the-wood policeman. She ran a very tight ship. On Sabbaths the general commanded silence, and a falling pin could be heard in the vestibule. She had a special way of contorting her face and pinching, shaking or threatening you with her white gloved fist. She had a special seat and God forbid if you made a mistake and sat there. You could usher in World War III. Just the mention of her name sent children into tears and their parents into silence.

Frankly, when I was growing up' I feared her. But when I became a teenager, I took great pleasure in mimicking her. One day, she and Aunt Lena discovered each other, maybe, the general ordered her to keep silent. Anyhow, they became friends, well, more like mother and daughter. How she got to church before Aunt Lena and Uncle William began to pick her up, I don't know. How she managed to go shopping before Aunt Lena entered her life, I haven't the slightlest idea. After, a month or so, they became inseparable.

Soon she became a regular part of our group. She would go on outings with us. Her eternal scowl evaporated as Lena made her laugh. She was stripped of her generalship by the abundant kisses we planted on her cheeks. She became human, kind, even indulgent. We became the object of her love. She would stuff us with ice cream, candy and cookies. She would bring treats for all the children in the church. An unbelievable heresy, for someone who had been known to walk up to the pastor and ask him to throw away his mint.

We began to look forward to visiting her. True, she lived in a wooden shanty, filled with broken furniture, old clothes and newspapers, but we didn't notice those things. We had grown to love her.

I don't ever remember her mentioning her family. I never heard her talk about a son or a husband. It seemed that she was all alone in the world. We discovered that beneath the frown and the stern words, was a lonely lady who needed plenty of love. It took Aunt Lena to bring our the best in her. Only Aunt Lena could discover such a priceless jewel.

Several years passed, I headed to college, when I returned home I was told she was ailing and had went to live in the country. I never saw her again, she died. But I believe that during her exile in the country, that she often remembered the fun she had with Aunt Lena and Uncle William. I am sure she laughed when she recalled our Saturday night activities. And I am sure she thanked God for Aunt Lena's love.



Luther R. Palmer.

LRC APPOINTS NEW PRESIDENT

Luther R. Palmer, formerly the executive secretary for the Columbia Union, has been asked by the Lake Region conference committee to serve as president of the Lake Region Conference. Elder Palmer takes over the leadership of this conference following the resignation of Charles Joseph.

Palmer's educational background includes a B. A. degree from Oakwood College in biology and chemistry. A M.A. degree was earned from Andrews University in Biblical Greek. Further studies were done at Oberlin Graduate School in Church Administration and post graduate studies at Western Reserve University in Guidance, Supervision and Administration.

Elder Palmer has served humanity in denominational work as well as secular work. He was a guidance counselor for the public school system in Cleveland, Ohio before he entered denominational work in 1959. He taught school at the Los Angeles Union School; pastored a number of churches; served as principal at

Pine Forge Academy in Pennsylvania where he is credited with instituting the work program for students.

More recently, Luther Palmer served as the executive secretary for the Allegheny East Conference and president of the Allegheny East Conference. It was under his leadership that a professional training program was developed for the Conference workers. He also developed a comprehensive plan for the improvement of the campground and youth camp.

Prior to Elder Palmer accepting a call to serve in the Lake Region Conference, he was the executive secretary for the Columbia Union Conference.

The Lake Region family welcomes Elder Palmer to this field and looks forward to serving along with him.

He is married to Katherine Peterson Palmer, and they have a daughter Michelle.

DR. AND MRS. G. R. EARLE VISIT EUTAW MEMBERS.

Dr. and Mrs. George R. Earle, the former president of the Northeastern Conference paid a visit to Eutaw, Alabama with the C. E. Dudleys on one of the weekend visits to the field. The work in this place has moved along nicely under the blessings of the Lord. Pastor Ronssard Broussard has served as the spiritual leader in this city for almost four years. Members have been added, the mortgage has been paid off and plans are under way to construct a new edifice. Pastor Broussard served as an Infiltration worker for quite some time, but has been elevated to a full ministerial posture.



In Eutaw, Alabama; Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Earle/Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Dudley.

The Editor's Desk



LAYMEN RETURNS TO MISSISSIPPI TO WITNESS

Arthur Humphrey of Los Angeles, California has returned to his home state of Mississippi after forty years to serve the people of that state where he was born. Humphrey conducts a layministry that extends from Belzoni to Canton, Mississippi. Souls are accepting the teachings of the Word of God and are being baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

MESSAGE MAGAZINE PROMOTION—1987

It is not too early to begin laying your plans for the current Message Magazine Drive. The goal is one per member. The journal is an excellent tool that can be used in soul-winning.

LAY ADVISORY TO REFURBISH AN O.C. DORMS ROOM

Elder J. Milner of the S.C.C. Lay Advisory Council has informed us that this group has accepted the responsibility of furnishing a room in Edwards Hall. This is in harmony with the project that the conference engaged in during the year 1986.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	May 29	June 5	12	19
Boston, Mass.	8:12	8:17	8:21	8:24
New York City	8:21	8:26	8:30	8:33
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:44	8:50	8:54	8:57
Atlanta, Ga.	8:41	8:45	8:48	8:51
Miami, Fla.	8:06	8:10	8:12	8:14
Charlotte, N.C.	8:31	8:35	8:39	8:41
Birmingham, Ala.	7:50	7:54	7:57	8:00
Jackson, Miss.	8:01	8:05	8:08	8:10
Memphis, Tenn.	8:07	8:11	8:15	8:17
Louisville, Ky.	8:58	9:03	9:06	9:09
Detroit, Mich.	9:01	9:06	9:10	9:13
Chicago, III.	8:16	8:21	8:25	8:28
South Bend, Indiana	8:11	8:16	8:20	8:23
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:50	8:56	9:00	9:03
St. Louis, Mo.	8:17	8:22	8:26	8:28
Kansas City, Mo.	8:36	8:41	8:45	8:47
Denver, Co.	8:19	8:24	8:28	8:31
Little Rock, Ark.	8:15	8:19	8:22	8:25
Dallas, Texas	8:29	8:33	8:36	8:38
New Orleans, La.	7:55	7:58	8:01	8:04
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:13	8:17	8:21	8:23
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:38	8:42	8:46	8:48

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

CENTRAL STATES



Aleane Carter.

ALEANE FITZ CARTER USES CREATIVE TALENTS IN THE CHURCH

Aleane Fitz Carter, a member of the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church in Omaha, NE, works as the Director of the Prison Ministry and the Christians Actor's Guild. Both of these organizations keep her busy in addition to other activities in the community. Some of those include; performing for different locally and nationally schools, hospitals, and other civic organizations. She has a one- woman show which includes a one-act drama entitled "Rosa Parks and the Montgomery, Alabama Bus Boycott," which she performed as a benefit for the Fullwood SDA Academy a few years ago. She also has a program of sacred, music and poetry.

Aleane is a registered artist with the Nebraska, lowa and Missouri Arts Councils. This means she presents productions in these states for various organizations and churches. The funding for these productions comes from the organization sponsoring the program and the States Arts Council. Aleane serves as Minister of Music for Cleaves CNE Temple Chruch and the Mount Moriah Baptist Church as choral director, as well director for the Calvin Presbyterian Women's Chorus.

Gordon B. Sims, Sr. Communication Secretary



Elder Eugene Carter, Conference Secretary, visits the Kinlock, Missouri Church. Left to Right; Elder Leon Martin; Mr. Robinson, Head Deacon; Ms. Eleanor Stewart, Treasurer; and Elder Carter.



Elder Melvin Moore delivers his first sermon as Head Elder.

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

Prov. 11:27-RSV



Members of the Beverly Jackson family during Family Recognition Day.

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH HOLDS RECOGNITION DAY

The Philadelphia Church in Des Moines, lowa, has been privileged to hold two special recognition days. Family Recognition Day was recently, honoring the family of Beverly Jackson, a long standing member of the church. The speaker was Melvin Moore who delivered his first sermon as new Head Elder.

The Philadelphia Church held Senior Citizen's Recognition Day honoring Ms. Emma Hill, a longstanding member, hard worker and faithful Christian always willing to do her part. She was presented a rose and afterward, her family and friends were presented to the members of the church. The speaker for the day was Elder David Willis.

Sharon Tate Communication Secretary



Dr. Nathaniel Miller, Church Ministries Director for Central States Conference, assists Pastor Albert White baptize little Alisha Clark during a recent visit to the Des Moines, Iowa Church.

CENTRAL STATES' HOLD YOUTH CONGRESS AT NEW CONFERENCE CENTER

Central States Conference Youth Congress was held April 1-4, at the newly acquired Conference Center located in Kansas City, Kansas. Delegates, sponsored by each church, were housed in the beautiful dormitories located on the conference grounds. The activities included workshops, music, recreation in the Conference Center Gymn, counseling, concerts and gospel preaching. Some of the persons involved included Elders J. Lecount Butler, G. H. Taylor, Jr., D. Milton, L. B. White, Gil Webb, B. T. Rice, J. Paul Monk, Jr.; Mr. Joe Anderson, Dr. Stanley Gellineau, Mrs. Jackie Davis, Mr. Haas, Shawnee Mission, Dr. Steve Ervin, and Sabbath morning's speaker Elder Joe Grider.

Under the leadership of Dr. Nathaniel Miller and his staff, Genoice Hampton and Barbara White, the youth department is on the move.

CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL EVENING OF ELEGENCE

A lively and enthusiastic group of members and friends from Bethel Church in Kansas, gathered at the Gold Buffet, an exclusive dinner playhouse, for a night of relaxation, and enjoyment.

Shirley Platt has been the hostess for this affiar for the past eight years. She devotes a great deal of time planning the program. Many look forward to this time each year. The affair was fantastic. Ladies entered elegantly dressed in evening wear and the men in their formal attire. And then the fabulous buffet and soft music played by Ruby Robinson.

Elder Gil Webb, pastor of the Bethel Church, gave an enthusiastic speech which helped to climax the evening. Shirley Platt received a standing ovation for the outstanding occasion. She sang her traditional song, "You'll Never Walk Alone" and thanked all for being present.

Mazie Mitchell

Communication Secretary

CHRISTIAN WRITERS' WORKSHOP

The fourteenth Christian Writers' Workshop will be held at Andrews University June 8-11, 1987. One or two graduate or undergraduate credits are available.

The workshop will offer inspiration, instruction, and hands-on practice.

Lecturers and workshop instructors include Tom Dybdahl, free-lance writer and editor at Rodale Press; Dennis Hensley, columnist for the *Christian Writer* and field editor for *Writer's Digest*; Ken McFarland, vice- president for editorial development at Pacific Press Publishing Association; Judy Rittenhouse, free-lance writer and director of her own newsletter service for health-care institutions; Lori Tripp, assistant editor of *Insight*, and Madeline Johnston and Lynn Sauls, co-directors of the workshop. Other writers, editors, and writing teachers will offer special presentations.

For a brochure and application form, write to Lifelong Learning, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104

NORTHEASTERN



Pastor Carl E. Ware.

PASTOR WARE SELECTED FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN AWARD

Carl E. Ware, Pastor of the Berea SDA Church, Nyack, NY was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America. Pastor Ware received this award for his work with juvenile delinquents in Huntsville, Alabama and for his part in helping to set up a soup kitchen for the homeless in Nyack. This successful community outreach program affords a much needed service. Pastor Ware is married and has two children.

Frances E. Pratt Communication Secretary

BRONX CHURCH HOLDS CONCERT FOR MORTGAGE DRIVE

On Saturday afternoon, March 7, 1987, approximately 600 people attended a concert held at the Bronx Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church, Bronx, NY.

The program was held to raise funds for the church's mortgage drive and community service. Charles Burroughs and Associates (C.B.S. Productions) presented an evening of sacred music featuring: the Artistic Chants, Good News Quartet, Soul Seekers, Ecstatistics, New York. Specials, the Three Sisters, the Angelic Six and Mark and Michael Prentice.

Elder George St. John, pastor of the church, commended the young people for a job well done.

Kathleen Hughes Communication Secretary



Individuals served during Ms. Britt's Inner City Program,



Ms. Alice Britt, (forefront) and volunters.

BROOKLYN TEMPLE'S INNER CITY PROGRAM REACHES HUNDREDS

The Brooklyn Temple Inner-City Program was founded by Alice Britt on Jan. 1, 1986. The program's staff consists of a secretary, and volunteers. The volunteer staff may vary each week. The assist in shopping, the preparation of food, serving the meals, etc. This interracial program opens each Sunday afternoon 1:30 p.m.to 4:30 p.m. to many homeless, hungry, needy and distressed men, women and children in the community. The program helps hundreds of needy individuals each month. Not only are the needy fed physically, but also spiritually. A worship service is conducted prior to serving the meal. This program is kept alive by freewill contributions.

Prior to working with the Inner City Program, Ms. Britt was actively involved in the street ministry in Brooklyn, mainly in Brownsville, East New York and Bedford Stuyvesant areas. Ms. Britt is praying for a multi-purpose building to accommodate the needy, which will have the following words inscribed: "THE WAY BACK—NEW LIFE MISSION".

PARKED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION BUT HEADED THE RIGHT WAY

February 15, traffic was stopped in Nyack, NY when a tractor trailer with Florida license plates pulled up to the side entrance of the Berea SDA Church. Local businesses and residents were attracted to the scene when the driver of the truck drove in the opposite direction on a one way street. They soon discovered that although the truck was parked the wrong way, it was headed in the right direction. It was there to deliver oranges and grapefuits to help church school students.

Three years ago, the Home and School Department embarked upon an idea to lend financial aid to students enrolled at the Rockland-Westchester Area school. Not only has this project enabled the Home and School Department to reach their scholarship goal, it has involved the entire church membership in a community outreach program for the church. It proves that an idea can become a reality with committed and dedicated workers. Horace Turnbull is the Home and School leader.

Frances E. Pratt Communication Secretary

RADIO PROGRAM PREMIERS IN NEW YORK

"You and Your Bible" a new, weekly radio program sponsored by the Hanson Place SDA Church, Brooklyn, NY, premiered on Tuesday, April 21 at 8 p.m. on WWRL (1600AM).

The half-hour program, which begins with music by one of the many musical groups of the church, is introduced by Charles A. Tapp, associate pastor, and features a short dialogue centered on issues which so many people find difficult to understand. The voice of John S. Nixon, pastor of the church, then comes on, as he carefully presents a Bible study on the topic discussed in the dialogue. The first study was entitled, "Six Ways to Study the Bible."

At the end of the program listeners are invited to call the church, where several receptionists are waiting to answer the phones, to request transcripts of the night's study or to order audio tapes (\$5.00 each). Receptionists report that they received many calls. It is believed that this program will be one of the biggest missionary outreach programs ever launched by the Hanson Place Church.

Maureen O. Burke Communication Secretary



Elder Daniel McManus speaks to the congregation Bronx Church, Bronx, NY.

PRISON MINISTRY DAY HELD AT BRONX CHURCH

Sabbath, March 7, was Prison Ministry Day at the Bronx Church, Bronx, NY. The speaker for the midday service was Mr. Daniel McManus, President of the Prison Ministry Federation of Allegheny East Conference.

Mr. McManus is a member of the Ebenezer SDA Church, Philadelphia, PA and the author of the new prison ministry manual. As a result of his ministry, four hundred have been added to the church.

The day's program was coordinated by Elder Frank Roberts, President of the Bronx/Manhattan Laymen's Federation and Chairman of the Prison Ministry in the Bronx SDA Church.

The purpose of the program for the day was threefold:

(1) To enlighten the congregation on the work that is being carried out in prisons all around the state. (2) To help each one present understand the emotional and spiritual needs of the prisoner once he is released. (3) To emphasize the importance of the layman's role in helping the released prisoner adjust to society.

Mr. McManus, in his sermon, clearly focused on the goals of the day. His sermon was entitled "Knock, Knock, Who Is There?" His message was addressed fo five persons, namely, TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

He focused on probably the best known prison story in the Bible, the incarceration of Peter and his deliverance from prison, Acts 12:11-16. He stated that Peter is a representative of men and women who have been released from prison today. The Bible says that out of prison he cometh to reign. So it is when a prisoner is converted he will come out of prison to lead out in God's work. Mr. McManus said many Christians today have difficulty accepting the former prisoner as a leader, but in Christ's eyes, it isn't what we were, but what we are that counts.

In keeping with the theme for the day, the afternoon program featured Ron Jacobs, Area Coordinator for the Prison Ministry. He spoke on the importance of the layman's involvement in the prison ministry. He spoke of his own incarceration and release and the problems that the ex-convict faces as he attempts to adjust to life outside the prison walls. He challenged all present to get involved in the prison outreach program.

Mr. McManus addressed the audience during the afternoon program.

Many of those present accepted the challenge to work in prison ministry. The program ended with comments by Pastor

John Guy. Myrtle Pickett Communications Secretary

DR. NILES LEADS COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

On March 21-22, Barbadian-born Dr. Lyndrey A. Niles, a graduate professor of Communications Theory and Rhetoric at Howard University's School of Communications, filled three separate roles at the Hanson Place SDA Church, Brooklyn, NY., during a three-phase program of public relations and communications organized by the church's Public Relations Department.

Phase one, the church's first Public Relations Day found Dr. Niles delivering a 35-minute homily to a packed and attentive congregation.

Having posed the question: "Which Jesus are you following?" Dr. Niles reread the Scripture lesson taken from 2 Cor. 11:1-4, in which the Apostle Paul

warns the Corinthians about "another Jesus, another spirit, and another gospel,"



Dr. Lyndrey Niles drives home a point while addressing the Hanson Place Church, Brooklyn, NY, on Public Relations Day.

which was being preached.

Niles explained that the gospel was the heresy of Gnosticism which had begun making inroads into the early Christian Church. He explained that Gnosticism comes from the Greek word "gnossis" which means knowledge, and added that the gnostics "rejected matter as being inherently evil." Hence they rejected the God of the Old Testament because He created matter; and also rejected the Jesus of the New Testament, the historical Jesus, because He came in the flesh which is matter and therefore evil.

Niles said that the gnostics taught that the spirit is good and since they believed that Jesus "who only appeared to be in the flesh," brought with Him saving knowledge, they taught that possession of this knowledge qualified one for entry into heaven. Consequently, religion for them was a spiritual high, an ecstasy, and a purely intellectual exercise allied with symbolism, but devoid of action or works.

Niles, however, advocated acceptance of the historical Jesus who walked the streets of Palestine, and who died for mankind's sins on Calvary. He warned that in accepting this Jesus, the believer must accept the duty and responsibility to communicate His message to others, verbally and non-verbally. He said that failure to do this would make one guilty of "Christian Malpractice", a charge for which there is no malpractice insurance.

The second phase, beginning at 4:30 p.m. the same afternoon, saw Niles leading a panel of four in a discussion on Communications. Drawing on statistical data, he gave a brief historical sketch of the information explosion, and a projection for its continued explosion in future decades. He also gave several reasons why "We (the SDA Church) cannot not communicate," and suggested ways in

which the church can keep its name recognition factor high.

The other panelists were: Lee Paschal, editor of *The Regional Voice*, who gave the Northeastern Conference's perspective on communications; Stephanie Johnson, associate editor of the same journal, who discussed the importance of regional conferences publishing of *The Regional Voice*; and Lloyd Goodridge of the Hanson Place Church, who spoke on the role of the communications department in his church. Pastor John S. Nixon, minister of the Hanson Place church, was the moderator.

The third phase, the church's first workshop for communications secretaries began at 9:15 a.m. the next day. It attracted 60 persons from the metropolitan area and lasted some seven hours.

Here, Dr. Niles highlighted activities by conducting two of the scheduled six sessions. His and "Public Speaking". So instructive and arresting were Niles' presentations that 30 extra minutes were given him at the end of his "Organizational topics were, "Organizational Communications" Communications" session.

Also making a favorable impact on participants was a lucid presentation by Pastor Charles Tapp, associate minister of the Hanson Place Church, titled,"How to Organize and Maintain a Tape Ministry."

Lending invaluable support were Lee Paschal who spoke on "The Role of the Communications Secretary", and Stephanie Johnson who dealt competently with: "Reading for Eternity" and "How to Write the Story".

Maureen Burke, chairperson of the Hanson Place Church Public Relations Department who coordinated the overall program and who, because of the interest in Dr. Niles' presentations, combined her presentation on "How to Write A Good News Release" with that of Ms. Johnson's, distributed handouts illustrating how a proper new release should be writeen.

Because of the complimentary comments inspired by the overall program, Burke has said that she would like to make it an annual event.

> Lloyd Goodridge Correspondent

A liberal man will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

Prov. 11:25-RSV



The Slater Family.

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

Mr. Lloyd Slater picked up a flyer announcing a Vacation Bible School at Lebanon SDA church, Laurelton, NY, July of 1983. He found the church and enrolled his daughters.

Mr. Slater did not only make use of the Vacation Bible School, but with help of some church members, the children began attending Sabbath School.

Mrs. Ivy Slater and her husband became visitors at Lebanon with their two daugheight respectively.

evangelistic meetings, Mrs. Slater re- pastor's wire Mrs. Ruby Foster.

sponded to an altar call and requested baptism. Soon, her daughters joined her. on Nov. 22, 1986, after the appeal Mr. Slater was baptized with the rest of his family.

SENIOR CITIZENS HONORED

On Sabbath, Jan. 10, Brooklyn, NY senior citizens at Brooklyn Temple Church were given tokens of love-corsages, plants, Certificates of Appreciation and plagues for excellence in church support. And at the conclusion of the 11 a.m. ters, Alicia and Alison, ages seven and worship service, a delicious meal was prepared especially for them. This heart-During the first week of a series of warming project was initiated by the



Senior citizens honored at Brooklyn Temple Church.

SOUTH CENTRAL



David Powell, Substance Abuse Specialist.

Ms. Elinor Burks, Temperance Leader of The Real Truth SDA Church, in Birmingham, Alabama.



REAL TRUTH CHURCH WAGES A WAR AGAINST DRUGS

Today's drug problems were examined in a special program sponsored March 1 by the Temperance Department of the Real Truth SDA Church, Birmingham, AL.

The topics touched on early warning signs, health principles, child rearing and dangers to the abusers and their families. It also reached into laws for Christian solutions and Church responsibilities.

During the two-hour program, popular drugs and their accompanying paraphernalia were displayed by Lt. Dennis Blass of the Birmingham, Police Department. Insights on the scope, danger and treatment of substance abuse were presented by David Powell, Director of a 50-bed rehabilitation center in New York City. In addition, heart-rending testimonies were shared by Birmingham Church members Larry Patterson, a recovering addict; Benjamin Bandy, a school teacher; and Nonie Goodman, mother of an addict.

"Research shows that one of every six of our teenage youngsters, will have sampled cocaine before senior prom night in high school," said Powell. "In New York in 1986, 78 per cent of the males arrested tested positive for cocaine use." "This scene is moving rapidly toward us (Birmingham)", commented Lt. Blass.

"Although heroin has fallen from fashion, with only 500,000steady customers, cocaine has four to five million regulars. reaching from the board room to the

assembly line to the study hall," Powell said of this nation's \$200 billion a year habit.

Powell reported that "crack"—cooked rock cocaine—a smokable "designer" drug that is cheap, plentiful, intensively addictive, and causes severe depression—has been marked by "death dealers" for use first and foremost by children. In Birmingham, this is the most used drug; marijuana is second.

Powell stated that, despite the existence of 500 treatment programs in New York City, there is up to a seven month waiting list for addicts trying to enroll in expensive treatment programs.

"Even more sad is most of these programs are designed for failure. In these state funded programs, you seldom hear God mentioned," explained Larry Patterson, self-proclaimed drug fighter and former addict.

Patterson told of years squandering money on drugs, related his waywardness despite a good family background, and described his day by day dependence now on God.

Mr. Bandy told how teachers are sometimes hampered by parents who don't realize their children are manipulating them to hide their new found interests in tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

Mrs. Goodman, who said her life was eventually in danger at the hands of her son, told how she began to suspect his addiction when he developed an interest in growing plants which she later learned were marijuana.

Elinor Burks, Temperance Leader at the Real Truth Church, explained that in March, a "How to Say No" Program was presented during the Adventist Youth Society period. She added that church members should be encouraged to write their legislators and local officials regarding legal restrictions that hamper effective enforcement of local drug laws.

The program was arranged by Antoinio Hall, a local elder at the Real Truth Church, a former drug user. He is developing plans to operate a rehabilitation program called NEWSTART. The program will be based on Christian principles. It will provide counsel and training to church members who would like to witness effectively to substance abusers.

After seeing what some Birmingham Adventists plan to do using the principles of the Bible as treatment tools, Powell has decided to help develop Hall's NEWSTART project.

DR. JOHN L. POWELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED

Mrs. Ruth Powell, wife of the late Dr. John Lewis Powell, dean emeritus of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, TN has established a scholarship fund for students at Oakwood College. This was done in memory of the great preacher, leader, and educator. Dr. and Mrs. Powell have been benefactors to students of all religious persuastions for many years, not just in America, but around the world. Their deep interest is centered around helping youth to develop into leaders.

Mrs. Powell maintains the purpose and objectives for which she and Dr. Powell labored for many decades. Funds and guidelines for its recipients will be presented to Dr. B. F. Reaves, college president at commencement this year.

W. R. ROBINSON RETURNS FROM MISSION SERVICE

When the Eastern Airline Jet touched down at Briley Airport in Nashville, TN at 7:26 p.m., it terminated a flight which had begun 11 hours earlier in Port of Spain, Trinidad. The return journey also ended a 22-month missionary term of service in the colorful Caribbean for Elder W. R. Robinson.

Pastor Eric John Murray, president of the Caribbean Union Conference and the Union Committee had invited Robinson to become "retreaded" the fourth time to serve as Pastor of the Caribbean Union College Church, located in the Verdant Maracas Valley near Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. Previously, since retirement in 1979, the former missionary to Uganda East Africa and former Editor of Message Magazine had been called to pastor the Ephesus Church, Brimingham, AL, Hill-crest Church, Nashville, TN and Maranatha Church in Baltimore, MD.



A side view of Caribbean Union College of Seventh-day Adventists.

"To return to overseas service was a rewarding experience. Never before in 50 years of denominational activity have I been in a more pleasant situation. The friendliness of the campus, including the administrators, the faculty, the staff and the student body went far beyond the expected boundaries to make my stay very pleasant and profitable. The Caribbean kindness won my heart which neither time nor distance can diminish. It added a new dimension to my ministry."

Dr. Vernon Andrews, president of the Caribbean Union College, has led the institution to new heights of academic achievements. The affiliation with Andrews University has given greater marketable value to degrees earned by graduates. Caribbean Union College, founded in 1927, is celebrating 60 years of outstanding service as 'light to the Caribbean.'

My activities were many and varied. There was never a dull moment. In addition to serving as pastor of the College church, I taught a class in Christian Beliefs, conducted numerous Week of Prayer at the College, the academies, primary school and in the different churches. Literature Evangelists institutes, church officers meeting, laymen's rallies, yoth meetings, counseling sessions and tutoring were areas of personal involvement."



The men's dorm—Cedar Hall, Caribbean Union College.



Women's dorm—Austin Hall, Caribbean Union College.

the leadership and constituency never College Fund meeting later this year. lost sight of its tremendous soulwinning potential.

President Murray envisioned the revival of a missionary journal. An editorial committee consisting of Leon Phillips, Ph.D. head of the Theology department; Mrs. Juanita Singh, faculty member formerly associated with the Oriental Watchman. Poona, India and, W. R. Robinson were commissioned to begin a new missionary magazine especially adopted to the needs of the Caribbean. A new periodical, The Caribbean Sentinel was produced. The first issue was a complete sell out. Dr. A. B. Noel was named to succeed W. R. Robinson as editor.

During his "spare" time, Elder Robinson wrote a three volume set of books, highlighting the contributions of Blacks in the drama of the ages. The set is entitled. Roots, Race and Religion. The pages are packed with information, personal experiences, and historical documentation. "Roots, Race and Religion" will be printed by the College Press, Trinidad. Volume I will be available soon.



Dawn Lewis.

SOUTH CENTRAL STUDENT BECOMES MISS U.N.C.F.

Dawn Lewis, a South Central Conference member from the Longview Heights Church in Memphis, Tennessee, was crowned Miss U. N. C. F for the year 1987 at the time of the United Negro College Fund Banquet that was held at the Von Braun Civic Center on Thursday, April 16. A hush went over the banqueters of over one thousand as they waited to hear the decision of the judges and to see who will reign in this royal court for the next twelve-month period. South Central Conference members proudly shared in the honors that were bestowed upon Miss Lewis.

Miss Lewis raised almost \$7,000 dollars for this annual drive that is sponsored by

The Caribbean countries were strong Oakwood College but is shared by the supporters of Message Magazine for citizens and community of the city of many years. Due to regulations the cir- Huntsville each year. She will represent culation of Message was curtailed. But the college at the National United Negro



C. E. Dudley.

DUDLEY RE-ELECTED FOR ANOTHER TERM

Over a thousand delegates from the 126 congregations across the South Central Conference came together for their eighteenth conference session on April 26, 1987. The meeting was held in Huntsville, Alabama at the Oakwood College. In his report to the delegates that were assembled, Dr. C. E. Dudley, the president, spoke to the attendees of the milestones of progress that the Lord has brought to the work in this part of the world. His theme was "What Do These Stones Mean?'

A number of areas were given to which the blessings of the Lord could be realized during the past three years. The membership had a net gain of 1,683 and the total membership stood at the end of 1986 at 18,342. Seven new congregations were voted into the sisterhood of churches-Clarkesville and Kingsport, TN; Birmingham (Real Truth), Brent, Hurtsboro, Athens, Scottsboro, and Stevenson, Alabama congregations were accepted into the fellowship. Over seventeen buildings were erected or purchased during the threeyear period; however eighteen congregations still remain without church homes. he stated."These, we are working on!"

We must seek to build and establish more church schools for our children to be educated at all levels", he went on to state. "The church that cannot save its youth, can never save the world!" During the past three years-from 1984 through 1986, the conference spent \$3,821,478.00 in the support of Christian Education.

It was also pointed out that the South Central Conference is truly carrying out the mission that has been assigned to share the gospel with all of the world. "Approximately thirteen or fourteen nations on the African continent are sharing

the blessings that come from this conference. "We are working to help train Africans to serve in leadership roles to help the millions on that continent to be ready to meet the Lord when He comes again."

The tithe income for the conference during the past three years was \$11,812,040.00 of which 45 per cent was given to help sustain the work in other parts of the world and across this division.

'One hundred and forty-three years have passed since the message of the Three Angels was first proclaimed. One hundred years later, leadership roles in the church were shared with Blacks. Forty years have come and gone since the Regional Conferences came into being and the work under this leadership has witnessed signal victories When the Regional Conferences were organized the membership across the division (Black) stood at approximately 17,000 with a tithe base of \$780,000.00, but at the close of 1986, the Black membership across the North American Division stood at 169,500 with a tithe income at \$50,000,000.00 worth of literature in a single year." God's truth is marching onward.

"But today's events dictate that the work is soon to end. We must sanctify ourselves and ready ourselves to possess the 'Promised land' with our forefathers," Dudley challenged.

After the assembly of the Nominating Committee, the president, C. E. Dudley and all of his fellow staff was asked to serve the conference for another threeyear period. Dudley, holds the distinction of serving the denomination as a local conference president for over 25 years; the next triennial period will bring the total of some 38 years. Significant progress has been made through the years in this, one of the most poverty strickened areas across the country. 'Jesus has led us all of the way!"

MEDICAL/DENTAL LEADERS MEET AT OAKWOOD

Hundreds of medical, dental and nursing professingals came together for their annual meeting at Oakwood during the Alumni meeting in April. In addition to laying plans for the strengthening of the work among this group of Black professionals of the Seventh-day Adventist church in North America a new organization was born-the National Association of Black Adventist Nurses of the NAD. Mrs. Cathlene Woodfork was elected as chairperson for the National group.



Class of '47.



Class of '47.

CLASS OF '47 HOLDS REUNION AFTER FORTY YEARS

The graduating class of 1947 came together at Oakwood College for the first time in forty years since they left the institution. The meeting took place in the board room of the college church and a goodly number of the members were in attendance. In continuing to share a burden to help the school to move forward, this class took as a project the refurbishing of two of the rooms in Edwards hall. A plan for next year is to give a full scholarship to some worthy student and each year to follow an on-going plan will ensue from this group.

Some of those who attended were: Mary Anderson and Donazell George, Pauline Edwards Tramel all of Huntsville; C. E. Bradford of Washington, D. C.; Lester Branwell of New York City, Allie Terrell Valentine of Berrien Springs, MI; Clara H. Brown of Chicago, IL, H. T. McHenry of Chicago, IL, Horace and Cuzie Jones of Savannah, Georgia; Mary Lou B. Hemingway of Crossville, TN; Almeta B. Gore of Douglasville, PA; Charles and Etta Dudley of Nashville, TN; Elizabeth Coleman of Detroit, MI.

ED BRADLEY SPEAKS AT UNCF BANQUET

Mr. Ed Bradley, co-editor of the CBS telecast "60 Minutes' each week was the featured speaker for the U.N.C.F.Banquet in Huntsville, Alabama on April 16th. Mr. Bradley stressed the meaning of 'apartheid' as it is practiced in South Africa.

The spell-bound audience was appalled to learn of some of the conditions that are existing in that part of the world as it relates to man's inhumanity to man. More must be done to help the people of this part of the world to enjoy a better way of life.

ANOTHER SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOME OPENS IN SOUTH CENTRAL

On Sunday, May 3, 1987 another Senior Citizens Home was opened in the South Central Conference under the labors of the members of the First SDA Church of Huntsville, Alabama. For the past years, plans have been in the making for the development of this 78 unit facility that is sponsored, owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventists.

The Seventh-day Adventist denomination seeks to lift up Christ through this 'Religion In Overalls' ministry so stated the president, C. E. Dudley of the conference. This is the sixth such facility that is found in the South Central Conference. Dr. Nell F. Anthony informed the persons present for the opening ceremonies that this will be a home where people of all races, creeds and national origins will seek to live together in harmony and love. Applications are still being processed.

PASTOR MARION JOHNSON AND MEMBERS CUT RIBBON

After waiting for a number of years, the members of the Pulaski, TN congregation finally had their dreams and hope come to pass. On Sabbath, April 12, 1987 the pastor led his members in a joyous ribbon cutting cerenmony which opened their new church facility. Most of the work was done by Pastor Johnson and friends from the city of Huntsville and the community.

When Elder Roland Hill pitched his tent in this city more than six years ago, it was interesting to see him keep his first Sabbath with the new believers in the Catholic church in that city. Several of these faithfuls were on hand to join with the celebration.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVERSAL?

The basis of our democratic ideals are founded upon Christian values, so much so that we can very easily see them reflected in the Constitution of the United States—particularly in the Bill of Rights. Sister White has told us that these constitutional rights will be taken from us in the future, but if we were told today that we could not assemble for worship or speak out, or not allowed to vote or to the

due process of law (those things which the constitution insures), we would become incensed and begin to fight for are entitled.

Though it may seem unbelievable, the rights of the constituents of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventist have been subject to such a threat.

Our Conference President, C. D. Joseph. had a sincere desire to find a way to provide a better christian educational facility for the children in the Chicagoland area of the Lake Region Conference. This facility would replace the present deteriorating structure. Having received the approval of the constituents in 1981, Elder Joseph began the process that would ultimately provide a new school, a home for the Beacon of Joy SDA Church, a housing complex and a shopping center from the largely donated properties and federal funding. These efforts would also prove an opportunity for the school to realize rental lease income to support the school. Conference funds were not going to be jeopardized in this venture. has been the case all over the United States, the Lake Region Conference has suffered tithe income decreases in the past several years. This fact, together with the onset of several major medical expenses incurred by some conference employees, required that the Conference retain its tithe remittances so that it could remain afloat. Thus was the beginning of the Lake Region's turmoil. Elder Joseph was accused of misappropriating tithe funds. Even though this matter was addressed on several occassions, including the triennial session of March, 1986, some would not let the issue rest. The Lake Union Conference Executive Committee felt it necessary to investigate the operations of the Lake Region Conference and later charged the Lake Region Executive

Committee with the task of requesting Elder Joseph's resignation. The final outcome of the Lake Union Conference's these rights; we would seek the justice we investigation and the self-imposed investigation of the Lake Region Executive Committee, was that no ecclesiastical wrongs nor personal gains had been realized by Elder Joseph. Not withstanding this conclusion, Elder Joseph's resignation was still sought by the Lake Union Conference and General Conference.

> In their quest to obtain Elder Joseph's resignation, however, both the Lake Union Conference and the General Conference have committed very serious violations of the rights of the lake Region Conference constituents and the church's own policies. Examples of these are as follows:

> (1) In a telex from Neal Wilson and the Officers of the General Conference to the Lake Union Executive Committee, the constituents of the Lake Region Conference are threatened with being disbanded from the Lake Union unless the President is removed. The direct quote is: "If the membership of the Conference is unresponsive to the appeal of the Lake Union, it should clearly be told that it leaves no other option than for the Lake Union Executive Committee to call a special constituency meeting of the Lake Union Conference to present the whole matter, and to determine whether in light of all that has happened, the Lake Union constituency is will for the lake Region Conference to continue as a Seventh-day Adventist Conference within that Union and within the world church."

To override the wishes of the Lake Region Conference constituents in requesting Elder Joseph's resignation, is to deny the Lake Region Constituents any voice in the operation of our conference.

(2) The Lake Region Conference has also been threatened with a reduction in status to that of a mission and the removal of Elder Joseph's credentials.

there be any penalty. As noted above, the General Conference has required obedience to church policies for those in "lower" positions. and yet the "higher bodies" exempt itself (of those it deems fit) for these policies, how can there be justice. If a comparison is made between the harsh disciplinary action given to Elder Joseph and that given to the individuals that have been proven to be in error with the Davenport

incident, it can clearly be seen that all is

not right. On the one hand, Elder Joseph's

resignation has been required; however,

many of the white brethren in the Daven-

port case still serve in prominent positions

in the church.

If there is no guilt, then why should

It was because of the historical inequalities among the races in the church, separate black and white conferences had to be approved.

Sister White wrote in the Testimony to Ministers, pp. 279-280, the following:

"Those who God has placed in responsibility should never seek to exalt themselves or turn the attention of me to their work. They must give all the glory to God. They must not seek for power that they may lord it over God's heritage; for only those who are under the rule of Satan will do this.

But the rule or ruin system is too often seen in our institution. This spirit is cherished and revealed by some in responsible position and because of this, God cannot do the work he desires through them.

By their course of action, those who reveal the spirit make manifest what they would be in heaven if entrusted with responsibility ...

It is the highest insult to God's goodness to doubt whether he would be willing to impart the blessings, spiritual and temporal, which he has freely given.

It has always been the tendeancy of black people to wait trustingly for equality to come to them, however, never has equality been achieved this way- it must be demanded. The situation in which the Lake Region Conference finds itself could be the same in almost any other conference, because it revolves around money, i.e. the greater need for it.

The Lord has said, "he that is not with me is against me" Luke 11:23, and the prophet Elijah said "How long haft you between two opinions? If the Lord be God follow him, but if Baal, then follow him." I King 18:21.

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Students study at DLRC.



Writing Specialist Ramona Hyman consults with student.

DLRC—A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

"Accounting is like riding a bicycle," says Everton Miekle, a sophomore at Oakwood College, as he tutors a group of students at the school's Developmental Learning Resource Center (DLRC).

"When you first start out you wobble a little, even if someone is holding you. But after a while you get it right," he explains.

Miekle, one of about 35 students chosen to tutor in the peer-tutoring program at DLRC, is an accounting major and knows how it feels to be a frustrated student. A year ago he, too, needed help in his accounting classes and sought help at the Center.

"DLRC really works for students who make use of it," he says. "Soon I wasn't struggling, but mastering the subject."

Linda Webb, director of the program, says that this is the center's key purpose.

It has a program designed to aid students who need additional academic assistance.

"With an open door policy of admissions at Oakwood College, we should be able to offer help to students who do not meet the acceptance level," she says. "This is the reason for DLRC."

The Center, situated on the ground floor of Cunningham Hall, is equipped with media materials and individualized study guides that are designed to assist students effectively.

The services offered go far beyond just tutoring. The services provided also include reading, writing, and math labs; computer-assisted instruction; and a freshmen studies program which involves diagnostic assessment, academic advisement, program planning and other special services.

According to Webb, it is a cooperative method that keeps the program working.

Professors and advisors observe students in the classrooms and refer those that are having difficulty grasping the work to the Center. Any student on academic probation, with a grade point average below 2.0 is automatically referred. But the real responsibility is in the hand of the student, who must take the initiative to sign up for the service.

"The journey begins with one simple step," says Webb. "After that, we help them in the right direction."

But according to Miekle, the journey is not only for students on academic probation. Students meeting the acceptance level can also benefit from the program.

student," he says. "But I wanted extra help. Soon I was doing so well that Mrs. Webb asked me to become a tutor."

Miekle's situation is similar to many of the student tutors, who are chosen because of their academic performance.

"They are usually sophomores, juniors, and seniors, with a 3.0 GPA, who are recommended by their department heads," says Webb. "Once they are accepted, we acquaint them with interpersonal relationship skills."

Miekle tutors accounting 12 hours a week. He meets with eight students a night.

"There is nothing like witnessing the improvement that a student makes," Miekle says. "It becomes worth it when that student comes back and tells me. I understand."

COLLEGE LINKED TO BLACK NETWORK

Through the Department of English and Communication, Oakwood is becoming part of the Black College Telecommunication Network (BCTN). This is being done to strengthen academic and educational development.

Under the direction of the Office of Satellite Communications at Howard University, Oakwood will be receiving video transmission which will allow it to take part in creative programming developed and broadcasted by participating BCTN colleges.

Groundwork for the satellite was done on Jan. 2 and 30, 1987. The base for the satellite and cable were put in. The installation of the satellite would have been completed, but because it included some work during Sabbath hours, the work had to be delayed. However, "Work on the satellite should be complete soon," said David Person of WOAK.

The network system will include a transmission of voice, video and data for a broad range of educational, instructional, informational, cultural and training programs. These may be telecast live by satelite or videotaped at any location and shipped to Howard University for future use on the network.

Oakwood's English and Communications Department will have primary responsibility for carrying out the objectives of this program. Theodore A. Rivers, an instructor of Mass Communication, is coordinator of this project. A media technician will also supervise this project and will develop a system of recording and distribution of educational programming received by the network.

These programs will serve to strengthen each academic department and will be a tremendous asset for students. Through, BCTN Oakwood will have access to information on new and innovative programs developed by historically Black colleges and universities. This will bring more collaboration among instructions concerning research projects, and could also assist in improving student performance in nationalized tests including MCAT, GRE, NTE, ACT, etc.

The remodeling in Moran Hall to house the satellite has also provided a place for WOAK, the student-operated radio station.

HALE RETURNS TO BEGIN LECTURE SERIES

The Frank W. Hale Distinguished Leader Series got off to a lively, thought-provoking start, when the man for whom it was named delivered his address Thursday evening, Feb. 19. Frank W. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., D. Hum., president of Oakwood from 1966 to 1970, is now Vice Provost for Ohio State University. He received a warm reception from Oakwood's administrators, faculty, staff, students and many friends from the community who gathered at the C. T. Richard Auditorium in the Moseley Complex.

After music from the Aeolians and a moving group performance of M. L. King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, Dr. Mervyn Warren, Executive Assistant to the President of Oakwood, began the introduction with a play on words: "Let's be 'frank' about it.... When a personality was needed to symbolize the heart and soul of this distinguished lectureship series, the list of names was very short, and the first name on the list was the only way to go."

Dr. Hale, who has kept close ties with Oakwood, and who has helped scores of



Dr. Hale, right, embraces Elder Moseley.

Oakwood alumni through graduate studies at Ohio State, obviously relished his visit. He recounted his boyhood experiences in Kansas City, Missouri, and Topeka, Kansas. He told of sitting in classrooms with "mutilated desks", castoffs from White schools; of meager facilities at Beacon Light, his small, multi-grade church school in Kansas City, and even of the poor living quarters here at Oakwood.

Then he described experiences that went beyond the physical limitations. Despite of the poor classroom conditions, his personal dignity was nourished; despite the meager facilities, his church school teacher challenged him, encouraged him, and cultivated his mind. And despite the poor living quarters here at Oakwood, when he transferred to another Seventh-day Adventist college, he had developed the personal courage to confront, and with the help of others, to dismantle a racist cafeteria seating system.

He traced the times of Black progress, terming the years 1965 to 1976 "the decade of innovation and explorations," in the wake of affirmative action. The ranks of Black college students increased to more than one million, 10.8 percent of all college students. "We had achieved parity, for the most part," he said. "Because we represented 11 percent of the general population. However, he went on, "since that time something has happened. Beginning with 1976, we have the 'decade of disintegration.' ... Every year since that year, we have lost Black presence and participation in higher educational institutions throughout America. We are down to the margin of 8 percent representation....

"Black youth are our most endangered species." He explained that vast numbers are being directed to vocational programs, while more and more schools make college preparatory programs the prerequisite for admission.

While the requirements are getting higher, in many cases our young people are getting more discouraged. What they need is guidance and encouragement from their parents, and more teachers like Miss Lockhard, Hale's teacher at the Beacon Light school who "defied the laws of educational gravity!" He said she knew that teaching was about caring. "We can make a difference," he continued, "if we care, if we touch, if we teach."

UGANDA'S PM VISITS OC

James Kisekka son of Dr. Samuel B. M. Kisekka, Prime Minister of Uganda was enrolled as a student at Oakwood College on Thursday, March 19, 1987 by the Prime Minister. Dr. Kisekka visited Oakwood College as a part of a tour of SDA institutions sponsored by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist.

During his visit Dr. Kisekka met the local press at a news conference. Under the glare of television lights, the prime minister made it clear that his visit was of a personal nature and not an official state visit. Kisekka a Seventh-day Adventist physician is no stranger to the U. S. having done his medical residency 30 years ago at the now defunked Riverside

Hospital of Nashville, TN. The Prime Minister under heavy Secret Service protection toured the campus visiting first the Library Musem where he recognized the late F. L. Peterson, the second black president of Oakwood in a portrait. The prime minister acknowledged knowing him; then the Science Complex and finally the Oakwood College Church. After the press conference, Kisekka enrolled his son, then met with African students from Oakwood and Alabama A & M University, Following a luncheon the prime minister visited the Alabama Space and Rocket Center where he was given a tour by Director Edward O. Buckbee. Also with the prime minister was SDA Youth leader for the Nation. Stephen Kabuye, who states that because Uganda is still rebuilding after years of strife and civil war, the work among Ugandan youth is difficult and challenging because the needs are so great.

IN THE NEWS

OBITUARY

Joseph A. Turner, Sr.

Joseph Augustus Turner, Sr. was born in Albemarle County to Charlie L. and Virginia Lacy Turner. He was the youngest of eight children. Joseph was taught from early childhood principles of reverence, honor, respect and a belief in Christ, which were to characterize his lifestyle.

On June 26, 1947, he married the lovely Louella Whiting and to this union were born five children. Joseph was a man who loved his family dearly and no sacrifice was too great to make to see that they were properly cared for. He found time to fellowship. He was a loving and carring Daddy. Working with his hands was a joy. He received much happiness woodworking and collecting antique items.

On Aug. 31, 1968 he became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church through baptism. This new lifestyle opened up many opportunities for him. He developed a more fervent love for Christ and dedicated his life in faithful service to Him. As more and more truths unfolded the more his love for Christ developed. He could be found witnessing to men and women in the community, outlying areas and in his work as a refrigeration and air conditioning technician. Joseph enjoyed a religious atmosphere created by his tape ministry of sacred songs and scriptures. When the church had no pastor he



Prime Minister, Dr. Samuel B. M. Kisekka during press conference at Oakwood College.

saw to it that the services continued. His church was very dear to him; and he said as David, "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Joseph continued to remain active as a local elder until his health began to decline. He looked forward to preaching his next sermon entitled, "I'll Be A Witness." After a very brief illness, he departed this life on Saturday, April 4, to await the call of the Lifegiver.

He leaves to mourn his passing: a lovely and faithful wife, Louella; two sons, Joseph A. Turner, Jr. and Jonathan L. Turner; three daughters, Gwendolyn R. Turner, Corlis T. Anderson, and Julia T. Johnson; one brother, Haywood L. Turner; one grand-daughter, Jewel T. Turner; three grandsons, Robert T. and Stephen R. Johnson, and Michael H. Anderson; many nieces, nephews and other relatives, and a host of friends.

Sophie Robinson

Mrs. Sophie Robinson was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on Dec. 25, 1893. She was the third daughter of eight children born to Presbyterian minister, Pastor and Mrs. Diana and W. H. A. Williams. She departed this life early Sunday morning, Feb. 22, 1987. Her formative years were spent in Durham, North Carolina, where her father pastored. In the early 1900s her family moved to Baltimore, Maryland.

In 1910, she married George Wilson, from their union, a beautiful baby girl was born—Evelyn Elizabeth Wilson.

In 1923, under Elder Strachan, Mrs. Robinson was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church and became a member of Berea Temple, Baltimore, MD. She was always a willing and ardent worker in the SDA Church.

About 35 years of her life were spent as a literature evangelist, working the field in Baltimore, MD and Philadelphia, PA; under Elder Gibbons and Elder J. R. Britt.

In 1945, Mrs. Robinson moved to Philadelphia, PA, to be with her daughter and son-in-law, Evelyn and Ernest Williams, where they were members of the Ebenezer SDA Church.

In 1965, she moved again, with her daughter and son-in-law. They became members of the Newtonville SDA Church.

In 1983, Mrs. Robinson, along with her daughter and son-in-law, moved to Hunts-ville, AL, where they became members of the New Life SDA Church.

Mrs. Robinson, affectionately known as "Mom Sophie," lived to the ripe old age of 93 and was the head of five living generations of Seventh-day Adventists.

She is survived by her daughter—Evelyn, who lovingly and untiringly devoted herself to her mother's care for the past 30 years, and her son-in-law—Ernest, both of Huntsville, AL; six grandchildren:
—Sophie Calhoun of Pine Forge, PA; Morgan Williams of Philadelphia, PA, Dr.

DeWitt Williams of Clarksville, MD; Clinton Williams of Philadelphia, PA, and Alisa Penn of Philadelphia, PA; two neices-Dorothy Burrell of Baltimore, MD, and Diane Bizard of Mamaroneck, NY; two nephews- John Nash, Jr. of Baltimore, MD, and George Williams, Jr. of Olean, NY; eighteen great grandchildren; six great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

THE CHINA REPORT: ADVENTISM BEHIND THE GREAT WALL

Editor's Note

For the first time in a number of years and only the second time since in 1949, SDA leaders have had the privilege of making an official visit to the people's Republic of China. Dr. C. B. Rock, Chairman of the General Conference Eastern Asia Committee (GCEAC) recently made the historic visit. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Clara Rock, Dr. Samuel Young, Elder and Mrs. Ralph Watts and Elder Mario Ochoa of the General Conference, Elders Charles Currie and Robert pects of China's new policies is the in-Wong of Hong Kong, and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Beale lay members from Houston, Texas. We thought our readers would be interested in the progress of the work in China. Here now is a report from Dr. the government were the coming to power Rock.

Q. China, as depicted by writers, travelers and western journalists, is a mystical, remote kingdom, far removed from the 20th century. Is that assessment true? What is your impression of China?

A. One who visits China for the first time is impressed that China today is far different from the land of quaint peoples and life-style once depicted in periodicals and posters. China is not a vast land locked in the meaningless traditions of bygone dynasties. The relics there are marked for interesting viewing-the Great Wall, the Emperor's Tomb, the Forbidden City, etc., but China today is not that. Today's China is schools, commerce, trade, large and comfortable hotels, gorgeous shopping centers, a well-dressed citizenry, and a curious, ambitious generation of youth and optimism.

Q. The China you have just described is so different from the one reported in the western press, it sounds as if China is nations. Is this perception correct?

the economic problems are solved or that modernization is complete. But it is to say, both Saturday and Sunday.

thousands of tourists are now finding out that mainland China is very much alert and under present leadership moving in a positive direction. We are pleased to see this thrust, and compliment China's leadership for its forward policies.

Q. Was your visit and extensive one?

A. The visit . . . included five major cities. Guangzhou (Canton)-a large commercial center two-hours train ride from Hong Kong: Nanjing-headquarters for two very important Chinese ideological groups: (a) The Naniing Theological Seminary. in China; Xian-the ancient capital of China; Beijing- the capital of China today.

Q. Recently, we've read so much about exist as an organized body? China's new openess, are the Chinese people enjoying greater individual liberties?

Increase of Individual liberties

A. One of the many encouraging ascrease of individual liberties. This is markedly true with respect to religion. The three events which altered the former (traditional) relationship of Christianity to of the new social order in 1949, the antirightist movement in 1958, and the Cultural Revolution, 1966-1976. The first event led to the nationalization of all educational, health and welfare programs. The second brought with it the abolition of denominations, and the third cessation of all church activities. Today, however, this is changing. Christianity is not only permitted; it is planned for by the government, and the way it is done is both novel and challenging. Q. You have just stated, that the Chinese government not only sanctions Christianity, but plans for it; this leads one to deduct that Christians are a very powerful and influential group in the country. Is this true?

A. While less than 5 percent of the one billion of China's population is Christian, their courage is strong and their influence who face the future with determination is considerable. In thousands of churches and a number of schools (seminaries) across the country, Protestant Christians are worshiping, studying, and witnessing for Christ. In order to accommodate the keeping in step with the most progressive broad spectrum of general Protestanism, the Three-Self leaders conduct a very A. Of course, this is not to say that all open and generous program. In many places, this includes public services on

Q. Did the Committee have the opportunity to attend one of these public services?

A. We were pleased to worship in two public services conducted on Saturday (Shanghai and Beijing) and were encouraged that: (a) even though many of the Sabbath attendees do not place special significance to the day (vis a vis Sunday) they are open to God's Word and accommodating toward those who keep the Sabbath in the stricter sense, and (b) many of our leaders, who during the cultural where the National Three-Self Patriotic revolution and before were jailed because Movement is headquartered, and (b) The of their faith, are still holding to their Amity Foundation; Shanghai, the largest confidence in God and their belief in the seventh-day Sabbath.

Q. What you have just described is a monotholic religion. Does the SDA Church

A. To begin with, there is no organized Adventist Church in China. There are many thousands of Sabbath-keepers but no conferences, schools, hospitals, etc., that are distinctively Adventist. The position of the government toward all Protestant Christianity is one of non-denominationalism. For purposes of coordinating this policy. Chinese authorities have commissioned a religious umbrella organization named the National Three-Self Patriotic Movement. This name, in many ways prototypical of modern Chinese policy, stands for self-financing, self-governing, and selfnurturing. That the name does not propose self-isolation as well was made abundantly clear not only in conversations with various leaders of the group but by the warm and open hospitality shown to us everywhere we went.

Thousands of Sabbathkeepers in China

Q. Are there groups of SDA believers who worship privately?

A. Of course there are thousands of avid Sabbathkeepers who celebrate their faith less formally-that is, with their families and friends at homes. This is true not only of Sabbathkeepers but of other Protestant believers as well. These individuals do so of necessity in areas where no public services are available and by choice in other instances. Their hope is that one day separate Protestant churches will again be allowed in China and they prefer to worship privately until that time. But whether or nor that happens, they are determined to witness in their communities for Christ while honoring the laws of their country with respect to official church or denominational structures.

Q. Is it possible for you to give us an estimate of the number of SDA living in China?

A. Since there had been no organized work there for almost 30 years there are no systems or records to provide accurate answers to that question. We estimated, however, that across the expanse of this vast land there are approximately 40,000 persons who keep the seventh day holy. We know that the vast majority of these believers live in the rural areas. We can also report that there are many devoted younger men and women developing as keepers of the flame, successors in a long line of faithful Sabbath-keepers in China.

Q. Finally, what can the SDA Church do to strengthen our members and at the same time continue to cultivate good relations with the government?

A. First of all, we can make it clear to the leadership of the nation and especially to the Three-Self Directors that we appreciate the growing openness that China is showing to Christianity. Second, we must make it clear that while the Seventh-day Adventist Church is friend of all Christians, we do have special concerns for the welfare of Sabbath-keepers in China. Our committee on China affairs solicits your continued prayers for the progress of the gospel there, and with you, looks forward to the soon fulfillment of that application of Isaiah 49:12, which reads, "Behold, these shall come from afar; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim (China)." Amplified Version.

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Message launched its 1987 campaign on April 1 with the theme, "We support Message Join Us." Editor Delbert Baker says the magazine will continue its emphasis on contemporary issues combined with a balanced presentation of the gospel. "All the major teachings of Adventism will be covered in a given year," adds Baker.

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