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*May the quiet beauty  
of this lovely season  
touch one and all.*





*The Seattle, Wash., church membership gather for this photo during Elder William Cleveland's pastorate.*

## COVER STORY

### BEGINNINGS OF THE WORK IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

The work of Seventh-day Adventists in the Pacific Northwestern part of the United States had its beginnings in the early 1920's when people from Central Europe began settling there. The Ochs', the Bietz', the Jesskie's, the Schmidt's, the Knittles', just to mention a few, were among the group. These families established large dairy and wheat farms as a livelihood, but reared their children to love and work for the development of the SDA Church which they loved.

The children of these pioneers later became the leaders of the denomination in many administrative roles—teachers, preachers, presidents, treasurers, etc. While living in Europe during the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, farming had been their way of life until the Bolshevik Revolution began in 1917, driving them to seek a better place in which to rear their children.

The work of the SDA denomination flourished in the states of Oregon and Washington and in British Columbia, Canada, but very few Blacks were to be found there although among Blacks who lived in the eastern part of the United States, the work was on an upswing. Some 17,000 members were in the church there.

Pastor William J. Cleveland, the first son of Brother and Sister W. J. Cleveland Sr. of Chattanooga, Tenn., had graduated from Oakwood Junior College in Huntsville, Ala., in the late 1930's and had begun his ministry in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. He served at Paducah, Bowling Green and Lexington, Ky. Bowling Green was the city where the their oldest congregation for Blacks had been established in the 1880's. Cleveland and his new bride, Rita, were stalwart pioneers of the work in that area, and many blessings came to the work of the church there under his leadership. He became known as an outstanding preacher of righteousness having been instructed in the truths of the church by persons such as his father, a lay pioneer in the work at Chattanooga, Tenn., and in Decatur, Ala., by Miss Anna Knight, who served as a missionary to India for 16 years, by J. G. Thomas, a profound soul-winner who worked throughout the Southland and by many other "trailblazers."



*Elder and Mrs. William Cleveland with their children, located front and center.*

By 1945 his blessings in the work were brought to the attention of Elder Don Spellman, the president of the Washington Conference who had a burden to see the work of the church grow among the Blacks in the Pacific Northwest area where he was serving at the time. He extended a call to the Clevelands to come and pioneer the work among Blacks who lived there. A favorable response was given to this invitation, and they moved westward. It was commonplace for the Black ministers to move back and forth across the country to help establish new work in those days. When they arrived in Seattle in the fall of the year to take up this new challenge, it

was brought to the fore that there were three other "colored" congregations of other persuasions that were there and the city fathers took a posture that another was not needed. World War II had just ended and integration was the theme of the day. Notwithstanding the feeling of the leaders, Cleveland was bold to explain the concepts of the "outreach" ministry that the SDA denomination had to offer. This brought acceptance and support from the community for the work that he was entering into.

A few members were already living in the area who had come from the East to work in the shipyards during the war and

who had remained there. This little band began meetings in the home of Brother and Sister Fred Hurd for several months. This was a standard procedure for the establishment of the work among Blacks in all areas across the land. Finally a congregation of 15 charter members was organized, and this group continued to grow under the blessings of God until upwards of some 200 believers were in the church before the Clevelands were invited to serve the church in Dallas, Tex., in 1952. A church building had been purchased at 23rd Avenue and Spruce Street—the mission had been accomplished. The work was on a sound footing. After six years of

hard work in a city with only 28,000 Blacks, 200 or more were members of the SDA Church.

When Elder W. J. Cleveland accepted the call to work in Dallas, Tex., that had been extended by Elder W. W. Fordham, one of the first Black conference presidents to serve the denomination, Elder J. H. Lawrence, another outstanding soul-winner, came from Cleveland, Ohio, to build onto the good works that the Lord had used Cleveland to begin there. Elder Lawrence labored there until his retirement. Today, Elder Robert Whittaker has built a new house of worship for the people and the work continues to grow.

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE



*E. E. Cleveland.*



*Elder and Mrs. William Cleveland.*

### "OF BOOM AND BUST"

Economics is a complex subject—but because it impacts on all of us, some observations are in order. "Blue Monday" will long be remembered as the day of the great "decline" in the money markets of the world. One week later, the fall had not been arrested. In America, the richest nation in the world, experts grope for the answers. Certain reasons are obvious—others are not. The national debt, tax loopholes, excessive defense spending and refusal to raise taxes are among some of the obvious factors. Heavy investments by the oil-rich Arab states and Japan in United States' businesses and land are ominous in their potential.

If we survive "Blue Monday" and its aftermath without a world depression, it is clear that things will never be the same. Clearly, there is a crisis of confidence in the business community. This can lead to conservative policies that may curtail investments, production, hence the availability of goods and jobs. What we have seen happening to the poor and the farmers now threatens us all. The thousands of homeless people on our city streets is a natural consequence of "supply-side" economics. The "trickle down" is just too slow to reach the streets. Giant farm conglomerates are swallowing the small farmers whole. The record number of bank closings are all tell-tale signs that the "boom" was due to "bust."

In the coming economic "slow down" the very poor will feel it first. You see, there is a belt-tightening process now going on, and social programs are a target. Some suggest that Social Security will not go

un-cut. With enough lethal weaponry to destroy the planet, we dare plan more. It will be easier to cut the "trickle" to the poor than interfere with "Star Wars."

Now Blacks have been in the squeeze all along, with an unemployment rate between 14 and 16 per cent of the available work force. The Black youth unemployment rate is scandalous. With the dismantling of the work-training programs, formerly operated by the government, many of those who are idle turn to crime. The prison system is costing us more than the social programs ever did.

But how has the Black Church reacted to all of this? Church-related programs have prospered in spite of the economic squeeze. Confidence in the SDA Church and its mission is still strong among Blacks. In spite of the "ghetto-economy," marked increases have occurred in tithes and mission giving. This is no mystery. Due to Bible orientation, confidence in the church is not easily shaken.

I lived through the 1929-1935 depression. It was ugly, but the church survived it all. In fact, it is because of the church that we survived it all. The church has been there for all seasons. It provides community, security and a sense of purpose and destiny. Jesus said it—"The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." By the time this article is published, the economic scene may have improved. If so, we must regard it as a warning of future probabilities.

I was struck by the influence of this nation on the economy of the world. Revelation 13 is in an advanced stage of fulfillment. Might another "Blue Monday" be catastrophic? This one revealed how fragile the present economic base really is. Another plunge, and we could be well into the scenes pictured in "The Great Controversy." The warning in it all for us? "Time marches on."

"The Moving Finger Writes and Having Written—Moves On." And knowing the times, it is high time we awaken out of sleep.

"Redeem the time."

E. E. Cleveland

***A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work—Review and Herald, March 22, 1887.***

# The Editor's Desk

## MANAGING EDITOR FOR CORNERSTONE CONNECTIONS

Cornerstone Connections, which provides youth resource material and program helps, has a new managing editor. Barbara Jackson-Hall, formerly assistant editor of Message magazine and host of Columbus Today, an early-morning talk show from Columbus, Ohio, is Cornerstone Connections' new managing editor.

In working with Cornerstone, Mrs. Hall desires to present materials that will show youth how the Bible can be made practical for them and how they can find answers to today's problems. She knows the needs of the youth from teaching a youth class and hosting the talk show Youth Speaks, where youth discussed current issues such as drugs, teen pregnancies, getting along with parents, peer pressure and school problems. She and Editor Ron Watts realize that the youth of today are quite sophisticated and have concerns that

need to be addressed. This is the challenge Mrs. Hall eagerly accepts with Cornerstone Connections.



Barbara Jackson-Hall.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Jan. 1	8	15	22
Boston, Mass.	4:22	4:29	4:37	4:45
New York City	4:34	4:41	4:48	4:57
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:51	4:58	5:06	5:14
Atlanta, Ga.	5:40	5:46	5:52	5:59
Miami, Fla.	5:41	5:46	5:51	5:57
Charlotte, N.C.	5:22	5:28	5:35	5:42
Birmingham, Ala.	4:50	4:55	5:02	5:08
Jackson, Miss.	5:07	5:12	5:18	5:25
Memphis, Tenn.	4:59	5:05	5:11	5:18
Louisville, Ky.	5:34	5:43	5:47	5:54
Detroit, Mich.	5:12	5:19	5:26	5:35
Chicago, Ill.	4:31	4:37	4:45	4:53
South Bend, Indiana	5:25	5:32	5:40	5:48
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:42	4:49	4:58	5:07
St. Louis, Mo.	4:50	4:56	5:03	5:11
Kansas City, Mo.	5:06	5:13	5:20	5:27
Denver, Co.	4:46	4:52	5:00	5:08
Little Rock, Ark.	5:09	5:15	5:21	5:28
Dallas, Texas	5:32	5:38	5:44	5:50
New Orleans, La.	5:12	5:17	5:23	5:29
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:06	5:11	5:18	5:25
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:29	5:34	5:41	5:48

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

## ALLEGHENY EAST



"Little School" students, happy with new desks.

### SCHOOL CHILDREN RECEIVE NEW DESKS

Students in grades five through eight of Pine Forge Elementary School entered their classroom to find new desks and chairs awaiting them. These items had been sorely needed for several years. The larger children were having to squeeze their growing frames into desk-chair units designed for smaller children. The new desks have a large surface to accommodate books and other study materials. In addition, there is a commodious storage compartment. The contoured chairs are not attached, providing sufficient room for even the largest pupils in the classroom.

The Home and School Association under the direction of Mrs. Diane Darby sponsored the purchase of these items at a cost of approximately \$15,000. The Association has raised over \$8,000 of this amount. The difference was divided between the two churches which operate the school, Pine Forge and Pottstown. One member, Samuel Darby, donated over \$500 to the project.

The school is planning to build a new facility. It appears possible to accomplish the goal at a cost of \$80,000. The school presently occupies property of the Allegheny East Conference which must be vacated each year for their annual camp meeting services. This inconvenience has persisted for nearly twenty years.

Former students and teachers of the "Little School" are requested to contact the school board chairperson, Mrs. Mildred Jones or the principal, Mrs. Jewell Elliot, for information concerning contributing to this project at: P.O. Box 271, Pine Forge, PA 19548.

### THOMAS BRINGS RECORD CROWD TO CREWE

The guest speaker for Community Guest Day at the Sharon Church of Crewe, Va., was Elder Samuel Thomas, former Director of the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries departments of Columbia Union Conference. The membership of Sharon Church stands at 36 persons. For this occasion, however, the audience swelled to approximately 200 persons.

Music for the service was furnished by the Ephesus Sanctuary Choir of Richmond, Va., under the direction of Mrs. Fern Cheek. The choir also presented a concert following a fellowship dinner.

The day's program was coordinated by Mrs. Gladys Jennings, Crewe Sabbath School superintendent. Elder Stephen Boyce is pastor of the Crewe/Petersburg District.

Mrs. Bea P. Brito  
Communication Secretary

### LARCHWOOD STUDENTS ATTEND NATURE SCHOOL

A complete educational system is one that develops the mental, physical and spiritual characteristics of the learner. In doing so, it utilizes the experiences of life and the environment in which the student is found.

What happens when the student is placed in an environment where he or she can experience nature in all its solemnity? In September a group of 30 students from the Larchwood School, Philadelphia, Pa., went on a two-day adventure called Nature School.

This was the fourth consecutive year that Beverly Crabbe and Arlett Hartie, fifth and sixth grade teachers, ventured into the Pennsylvania wilderness to have a school in nature. Accompanying them were Renard Jones, fourth grade teacher, and Daniel McManus, parent.

The Nature School was held at Camp Swatara which is run by the Church of the Brethren in Schuylkill County. Ordinary textbooks were abandoned for the study of the book of nature. The student studied leaf shapes and sizes. They learned how to measure the height of a tree by using the sun and shadows and that many interesting rock formations were actually formed during the flood they learned about in the Bible.

The highlight of the two-day venture was the hike up the mountainside to the rock pile, a river of rocks and glaciers that resulted from the ice that was formed when the flood ended and the earth cooled. The challenge for some of the urban-dwelling students was to find enough energy to climb all the way to the top. Most of those who attempted the trip made it to the peak with a little encouragement from their guide.

Another thing learned was that the woods are lovely, dark and deep—and very quiet at night. For the students of Larchwood, the Nature School was a worthwhile experience.

R. L. Booker  
Correspondent

### HADLEY HOSPITAL OUTREACH—87

The Real Truth Revival Series, a tent crusade, was conducted by Hadley Memorial Hospital August 2 through September 5, 1987. Thirty-six persons were baptized, reports Elder Ebenezer Pedapudi, chaplain of the hospital and pastor of the Hadley Community SDA Church. Crusade evangelist Elder Melvyn Hayden is pastor of the First SDA Church in northwestern Washington, D.C.

Three of the persons baptized were Hadley Hospital employees and another three former patients of the hospital. Also, three ministers of other faiths were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A Vacation Bible School was conducted in conjunction with the crusade. One hundred community children attended the VBS, which was directed by Hadley church member Lou Ware along with the help of about 15 other members. Bibles were



Elder Ebenezer Pedupudi (L), assisted by Ronald Reaves, an Oakwood College theology graduate working with Hadley Church (R), baptize Rosalie Johnson, a Baptist minister.

given as gifts to the children and wholesome living was taught in addition to regular Bible instruction. For refreshment the children were given food representing the Adventist health philosophy. Three teenagers made decisions for Christ as a result of this outreach.

The crusade was kicked off by a large drum corp of Washington area Pathfinder Club members who marched down streets near the hospital and released 2,000 helium balloons imprinted with the message, "Hadley Radiant Health Outreach Program." Some of the floating balloons reached as far as northwest Washington. During the effort, nearly 400 Bibles and thousands of other books and evangelistic magazines were distributed.

An attractive young lady came to the crusade one night and heard the message on dress reform. At the end of the meeting she came to Chaplain Pedupudi and told him that she had heard that message twice in the same day. She explained how that very morning a young man had propositioned her, and she had told him that she was a Christian. To her surprise, the young man replied, "Are you kidding? You don't look like a Christian!" After hearing the message that evening, she was impressed that the Holy Spirit was speaking to her, and she continued to attend the meetings, taking her stand for Christ during the effort.

This same young lady invited a minister to the crusade. The minister was a little taken back by this invitation, being a preacher himself. Because of the persistence of the young woman, this minister not only attended the nightly meetings but was baptized at the end of the crusade.

Follow-up meetings such as Revelation Seminars are continuing, taking up where the tent effort ended. Many more interested persons are still being contacted in the community around Hadley Memorial Hospital.



The tent housing the Real Truth Series, next to Hadley Memorial Hospital in southeast Washington, D.C.

### HADLEY SKILLED-NURSING FACILITY PLANNED WITH HOWARD UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Hadley Memorial Hospital and Howard University Hospital have agreed to participate in a joint venture, converting Hadley's original patient space into a 60-bed skilled-nursing care center. According to Albert Dudley, Hadley President, construction should begin around the first of the year with the first patients to be admitted towards the end of 1988.

This union does not compromise Hadley's ownership or the management of its facilities, but takes advantage of particular needs facing both hospitals, explains Gerald Anderson, Assistant Vice-president for Institution Services. The Diagnostic Related Group (DRG) billing system now used by most third-party payers makes keeping patients beyond their recommended hospital stay a money-losing situation. Due to severe shortage of skilled-nursing beds in the Washington, D.C. area, hospitals are having to keep patients under acute care while searching for bed space. Third-party payers do not cover this extra cost, and millions of dollars are lost each year. Those same patients' health care would be paid for, however, if they were in skilled-nursing beds, turning loss into gain.

Ted Lewis, Vice-president for Operations and Planning, explained that the former patient care area at Hadley, closed when the new hospital opened a year ago, will be renovated with funds from Howard, following approval of a Certificate of Need filed with district officials.

Hadley Hospital will retain complete ownership and will staff the facility. Howard

University Hospital will receive a certain number of beds which they will utilize as part of the gerontology residency program. This is a plus for Hadley which does not currently have a residency program.

Reger Smith Jr.  
P. R. Director



John Colburn, Russell Williams Award recipient.

### COMMISSIONER HONORED AT AEC PRISON AWARDS BANQUET

The Allegheny East Conference Prison Ministry Federation held their Annual Awards Banquet Sept. 13 at the Executive Lodge, Mt. Laurel, N.J. Outstanding workers, ex-offenders, correctional administrators and officials who promoted the theme, "Prisoners are Precious in His Sight," were recognized.

This year's humanitarian Award, presented to a correctional administrator who promotes and assists the SDA Prison Ministry Program while exemplifying loving and caring characteristics, was given to David S. Owens Jr., Pennsylvania's Commissioner of Corrections. Until his recent appointment by Governor Casey, Owens served in the Philadelphia Prison System for 23 years. He is the first Black person to hold this cabinet position.

Owens expressed his personal philosophy: "Recognize the importance of providing humane treatment in the context of a willingness to learn and change. Further, we emphasize the need for a secure environment while affirming the dignity and rights of individuals." He also expressed a desire for prisons to be more than "people containers."

In accepting the award, Owens added, "You never know where God is going to turn up next, and I would not want to mistreat Him."

Gene Donaldson, pastor of the Franklin/Williamsburg Virginia District, received the Pastor of the Year Award. As a result of the efforts of one of the baptized inmates in Pastor Donaldson's area, a correctional officer has joined the church.

John Colburn, Federation Treasurer,

was the recipient of the Russell Williams Award, the highest honor presented to a prison worker.

Romel Briggs, current Delaware Chapter Prison Ministry President, and Eugene Caston, Tidewater Team Director, shared the Prison Ministry Furtherance Awards. Caston is himself an ex-offender.



*C. L. Cheatham (R), Allegheny East Conference Executive Secretary and Prison Ministry Director, confers with Pastor Ronald Edmonds, banquet keynote speaker.*

The Clarence Culver Endurance Award, given to an ex-offender who has remained free for at least six months and endured the hardships and stigma attached to returning to society, was awarded to Jimmie Lee Martin, Protestant Chaplain of Baltimore City Jail and a member of the Edmondson Heights SDA Church.

William H. Dent Jr. of Powertown Correctional Center of Virginia Corrections Department was the recipient of the Chaplain of the Year Award. This award goes to the chaplain who has assisted the SDA Prison Ministry within the Allegheny East Conference and who consistently works with Adventists, supporting team effort.

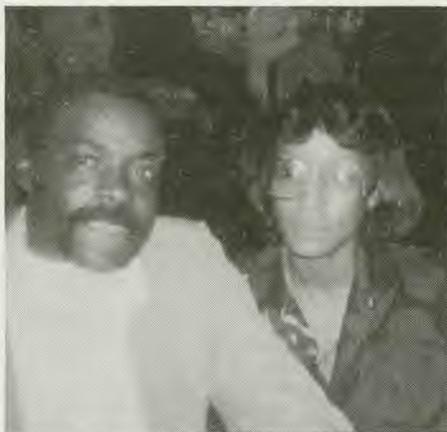


*Gene Donaldson gives remarks after being named Pastor of the Year.*

Presenting the awards were M. C. Van Putten, Allegheny East Conference President; Charles Cheatham, Prison Ministry Advisor, and Daniel G. McManus, immediate past Federation President.

Al Dumas, Former Pennsylvania State Representative, was also in attendance, as well as a number of pastors and conference personnel.

Edith E. Tucker, Public Relations  
AEC Prison Ministry Federation



*Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith.*

### IN MEMORIAL OF EDGAR SMITH

December 19, 1944-August 31, 1987

The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no man has the power to tell  
Just when the hands will stop,  
At late or early hour.  
Now is the only time you own;  
Live, Love, Work and with a will;  
Place no faith in the morrow  
For the clock will then be still.

On Sabbath afternoon, April 25, 1987, Prison Ministry workers from all over Allegheny East and other conferences witnessed a stirring testimony from Edgar and Pat Smith of Washington, D.C.

The dedicated work of Henry Smith, Team Director of the Washington, D.C. chapter, and his team, working in Lorton Reformatory in Virginia, introduced a love for truth to Edgar Smith. On March 28, 1987, Mr. and Mrs. Smith entered the Dupont Park SDA Church where Elder Harold Lee and his staff of workers continued the work begun by the D.C. Prison Ministry Team by baptizing the couple.

As an ex-offender, Edgar Smith traveled with the Prison Ministry Team as a living testimony of the transforming power of Jesus Christ. He testified of God's goodness to himself and his wife and explained that the strongest incentive for him was that he re-entered the prison as a man free from physical and spiritual bondage. On Aug. 29 Edgar testified at the House of Correction in Jessup, Md., about the fear that he used to have for his life on the streets. He stated further that now he walked boldly; if God wanted his life, he was ready.

Suddenly, on Monday, Aug. 31, 1987, Edgar was called to rest from his labors. It is not known why God chose to take Edgar at this time when he seemed to be gaining strength; but upon meeting at His feet it will all be made plain.

To mourn his passing are his beloved wife, Margarte "Pat"; five children, Edgar Jr., Terravon Smith, Cystala, David L. Sewell; a granddaughter, Evelyn Smith; a loving mother, Pearl Smith; three sisters, Earline McIntyre, Sharon Harrington, and Cynthia Lake; four brothers, Robert Sr., Morris, Maurice and James Smith; one aunt, Gladys Tribble; one uncle, Hugh Mayers, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

"Do not give up on Prison Ministry even when you feel no one understands. It does work, because you have seen what this work can do and has done for Edgar and me. Continue to remember me and my family in prayer." This was the testimony of Mrs. Patricia Smith a week following her husband's death, as she reflected on the impact Prison Ministry had on her family's life.

Edith E. Tucker  
Public Relations Director  
AEC Prison Ministry Federation

### PETERSBURG/CREWE DISTRICT MAINTAINS STRONG OUTREACH

Pastor Stephen Boyce of the Petersburg/Crewe district of Virginia, fosters strong outreach programs in both churches.

Recently, the Community Services Department of the Shiloh Church in Petersburg held a special Sabbath service, featuring Mrs. Willie Mae Fields as speaker. Mrs. Fields is president of the southern section of Allegheny East Conference Community Services.

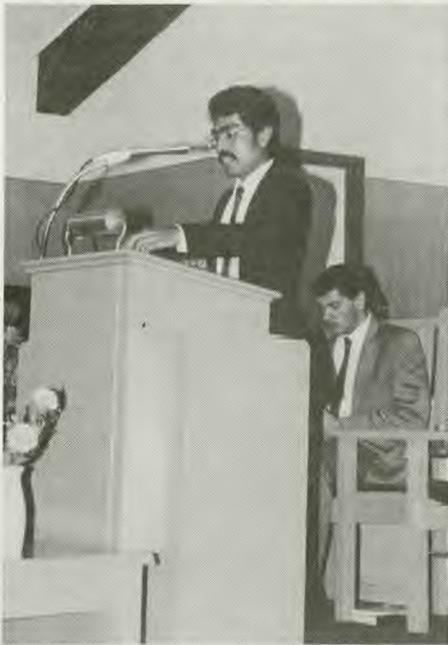
The local Community Services Center provides food, clothing and financial aid along with spiritual counseling. It is open every Tuesday from 10:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. Emergency services are available year-round.

The organization consists of two groups: Adventist Men, under the leadership of James Matthews, and Adventist Women, under the direction of Mrs. Florence Jones. The local community has expressed gratitude for services rendered by these groups.

In the Sharon Church of Crewe, outreach was promoted by a Week of Prayer, featuring Ronnie Vanderhost of Prepare Our Youth of Washington, D.C. He not only preached nightly, but traveled and participated in the Virginia Youth Basketball League.

Bea P. Brito  
Communication Secretary

## CENTRAL STATES



Luis Vazquez delivers the Youth Day message at Sharon Church.

### YOUTH DAY AT SHARON

The Sharon Church of Omaha, Neb., celebrated Youth Day, Aug. 1 and had as its guest speaker, Mr. Luis Vasquez, theology major at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Ala.

Vasquez was born in Colima, Mexico and came to the United States in 1976. He resides in Los Angeles, Calif. Luis was raised a Catholic, but in 1979 his life took a dramatic turn. After meeting Mr. George Smith, a public school teacher, the gospel seed was planted in his heart. In 1981, Luis became a member of the SDA Church and in 1984 was impressed by the Holy Spirit to leave McAllister College, where he was majoring in engineering, and enroll at Oakwood.

Luis has received numerous achievement awards since enrolling at Oakwood as is a part-time Spanish teacher at Oakwood Elementary School. Upon graduation from Oakwood, Luis plans to attend Andrews University Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Gordon B. Sims Sr.  
Communication Secretary

### THE BIBLE ANSWER CRUSADE

The Bible Answer Crusade is a St. Louis, Mo., based radio ministry, founded in July, 1983. The format was created by an en-



Elder E. F. Carter, Central States Conference Secretary, (forefront right) presents a check for \$1,000 to Lucille Mitchell, surrounded by some of the supporters of The Bible Answer Crusade.

thusiastic layman, Manual Clay, who saw the need to witness via the medium of radio. The program is aired over a local station Sunday mornings from 9:00—9:30.

Though the Bible Answer Crusade has been in existence for only four years, its accomplishments are enormous. In May of 1987, the Central States Conference joined the team in the celebration of its fourth annual "Bible Answer Crusade Day." Elder T. A. McNealy of Charleston, S.C. was the featured speaker.

Lucille B. Mitchell serves as chairperson of the radio ministry. There are also many others who work behind the scenes for the success of the ministry. They include: Janice Cole, secretary; Ben Steele, treasurer; Clarence Wilson, Aaron Johnson, James R. Barrett and Ernest White, hosts; Edna M. Bossman, Marian B. Sharpe, Joan Robinson, Janet Lewis, and Marie Thomas, hostesses; Manual Clay, Ann Edwards, Leon Martin, Delbert Mitchell, Henry Mitchell, Arthur Thomas, Gregg Adams and Mary Olds, support workers. Area pastors B. T. Rice and Ephraim Pembleton give advisory support and are broadcast speakers from time to time.

Funding for the radio ministry is obtained through church donations, member assessments, Central States Conference and annual celebrations. Future plan include canvassing areas of the city not yet reached. Daniel and Revelation seminars are now being aired.

Janice Cole, Secretary  
Bible Answer Crusade

### SOCIAL AT SHARON CHAPEL

In past years the Sharon Chapel Church in Sedalia, Mo., started a distinctive tradition: the annual Sabbath School picnic held at the Knob Noster State Park. Due to uncontrollable circumstances, this particular event slowly faded until it finally became non-existent. There was a need for a social outlet among the church members.

The answer, an old-fashioned social, of course! Each member was encouraged to invite a guest to the affair, and the gathering was kept lively with plenty of games for the young and young-at-heart. There were prizes awarded and lots of good food. The best part of all was that no money had to be received from the members, because of faithful stewardship.

Alona Boggess-Casey  
Communication Secretary

### A HALLOWEEN WITNESS

It is widely known that Halloween is a day on which themes of a satanic nature are celebrated. Gertrude Boggess of the Sharon Chapel Church in Sedalia, Mo., found a way to witness during this season.

When children came to her door for treats on Halloween night, Ms. Boggess handed each child a copy of "Primary Treasure" or "Little Friend," Sabbath School booklets for children. The children affectionately refer to them as "news-papers." She collects spare copies of the publications and also encourages children in the church to return their used lessons. Each issue is neatly folded and tucked together, so that it fits easily into little pumpkins and treat bags.

## NORTHEASTERN



*Mrs. Missouri Weaver (L), New England Ushers Federation President, presents a plaque to the honorees, Elder and Mrs. Stennett H. Brooks.*

### A TRIBUTE TO STENNETT BROOKS

*EDITORIAL NOTE: During the weekend of Oct. 30 through Nov. 1, Elder and Mrs. Stennett H. Brooks were honored at a banquet held at the Koala Inn, West Haven, Conn. The event was sponsored by the New England Federation of Ushers.*

*The following is the keynote address made by banquet speaker, Elder G. R. Earle, former President of Northeastern Conference.*

Along with the many friends here gathered, I welcome the opportunity to express my admiration and warm personal regards for a long-time friend and colleague, Elder Stennett Brooks. I have appreciated the friendship of Elder and Mrs. Brooks for many years, and I hope for many years to come.

As you well know, we were associates in conference administration for more than 18 years. During those years I learned to know Elder Brooks as a man of many diversified talents and accomplishments. I know of no other who has contributed more to the development and growth of the Northeastern Conference. It was a constant source of amazement to me how one man in so short a period of time could do so much for so many.

Passing through this busy life, many times insensitive to the feelings of others, it is always a refreshing experience to meet a man that is as considerate, kind and self-effacing as is Elder Brooks. He has an inherent love for the people of this conference and unhesitatingly sacrifices time, talent and personal resources for their well-being. He never considers his per-



*Elder G. R. Earle, keynote speaker.*

sonal comfort and interest above that of the people. Truly he is one of nature's noblemen. Just his touch always leaves one brighter and better, with a strong determination to be more understanding and generous to others.

It was my privilege while in the conference to exchange daily greetings with Elder Brooks, and, in return, his was the kindly spirit of a man who could disagree on various conference issues and yet grasp your hand in warm, genuine friendship thereafter. Only those who are privileged to work closely with him and come into personal contact, know what a great compassionate heart beats within his bosom.

Having had that close working relationship with him for so many years, I learned much about the value of his talents and contributions.

The development and growth of the Northeastern Conference between the years 1967 and 1985 have been accredited to the account of my keen foresight and proficient leadership, and I have graciously accepted the kind gesture. But I wish to state today that those accomplishments were not the sum total of any one man, but rather the combined endeavors of several conference leaders. In that this day, however, is dedicated to our illustrious honoree in recognition of his contribution to the progress and advancement of this great conference, I shall limit my remarks to those areas of growth resulting from his resourcefulness.

It was President Calvin Coolidge who said, "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." Stennett Brooks has given much to the Northeastern Conference.

Please allow me to very briefly mention a few of his outstanding contributions:

Elder Brooks founded and organized the Northeastern Conference Credit Union. He negotiated all the legal transactions for the Victory Lake Nursing Center; the Northeastern Conference Headquarters Building; the Northeastern Academy; the Northeastern Towers Senior Citizens Complex; the George R. Earle Cafeteria, Victory Lake Camp and all other camp facilities, as well as the numerous church homes for spiritual comfort and worship.

Not only has Elder Brooks made invaluable contributions to the local constituency, but by his warm personality, generosity and loyalty, he has enriched the lives of many friends throughout the North American Division—laymen and organizational leaders alike.

In the arena of human rights, Stennett Brooks is one of the commanding voices that can always be counted on to speak for justice, decency and the dignity of all men. In a special sense his ear is opened to the cry of the oppressed and underprivileged, and his heart burns with indignation at any attempt of their exploitation.

Wolsey, the fallen cardinal in Shakespeare's "Henry VIII," advised young Cromwell with these words, "Be just and fear not." Justice and courage—these are the qualities that every leader in public life needs and must have today. A sense of justice causes a man to see the right and love it. Courage gives him the strength to fight for the right in the defiance of every consequence and in the face of the fiercest and most powerful opposition.

For nearly a quarter of a century, Stennett Brooks has sought to guard the right of the people against unfair policies of the organized system. He believes that the resources of the conference belong to the people and should be equitably shared to meet the ever-growing needs of the many, rather than the enrichment of the few.

He contends that the men who broke the prairie, felled the forest and tilled the soil—the bearers of the burdens in the heat of the day—should have equal chance with the money-changers in the temple of special privilege.

He is moved by the conviction that the hopes and aspirations of the youth should not be crushed by insensitive leadership that is not alert to the times of social change.

He holds the conviction that discrimination and unfair treatment based on race and color is diabolically sinful; that it should not be countenanced within the SDA Church and totally abolished from society.

He supports the principle that every person should be given equal opportunity in all relations of life.

In all the years of his administrative battles against institutionalized injustices, Stennett Brooks never surrendered to the oppressor or sounded the trumpet of retreat. He was always prepared with the facts and never entered the battle without ammunition. This, coupled with the proficiency of debate, made him an impregnable warrior in the struggle for economic justice.

To fully characterize the full measure of this great leader requires the brain of a genius, the strength of a Goliath, the unflinching courage and endurance of a Spartan, all combined.

I will conclude my memoirs of what I know about Elder Brooks by reciting the legend etched on the base of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor:

"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Stennett H. Brooks is a living symbol of the lamp of nobility, compassion and understanding. Ever-lifted, ever-shining, beside the Northeastern Conference door. Thank you."

George R. Earle



*The West Point Cadet Gospel Choir.*

### **BRONX CHURCH HOSTS WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY CADETS' GOSPEL CHOIR**

Over 150 visitors joined members of the Bronx SDA Church, Bronx, N.Y., in welcoming the West Point Military Academy Cadets' Gospel Choir to their church on Sabbath, Nov. 7.

Myrtle Pickett, Communications Director of the Bronx Church, became acquainted with the cadets about seven years ago and has been sending invitations for them to come to her church since that time. It was a dream come true when she received word from Major McFarley, the officer in charge of the cadets, that the cadets would be coming to present a concert on Nov. 7.

Pride filled everyone's heart as each watched the cadets, dressed in full uniform, march to the beat of the drums from the rear of the church to take their place in the choir loft.

Escorting the cadets were the Bronx Church Pathfinders, under the direction of Barbara Pogue, and the Golden Ambassador Drum Corp, under the leadership of Earl McFarlin.

The Cadet Gospel Choir was formed in Sept. of 1974 and has a membership of well over 100 members. This makes the choir one of the largest extracurricular activities at the military academy.

The gospel choir appears in concert in many churches all over the country, and their resounding success has given them a national reputation.

The gospel choir's primary mission is to praise the Lord through song. In accomplishing this mission, it enhances an

awareness and pride in the diversity of Black cultural heritage.

The secondary goal of the cadets is to aid academy admissions and public relations by introducing West Point to people with no previous knowledge of the academy. The gospel concert presented in the Bronx Church was outstanding and will long be remembered by all.

Major McFarley presented the church with a beautiful plaque with the insignia "In the Name of Jesus." Pastor John Guy in turn presented a family Bible to the cadets as a token of his appreciation for their graciousness in accepting the invitation and for presenting such an excellent program.

The evening program closed with remarks from Elder Paschal, Communications Director for the Northeastern Conference, and the benediction was given by Pastor Robert Lister, pastor of the Flatbush Church in Brooklyn, N.Y.

A fellowship supper was served to the cadets at the end of the program.

Myrtle Pickett, Director  
Communications Department

### **BRONX CHURCH'S COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE, A HARD-WORKING GROUP**

The Communications Department of the Bronx Church, Bronx, N.Y., is a viable committee of five, whose activities over the past three years has made a tangible difference in respect to visitors and church members alike.

The goals of the Communication Department are as follows:

1) To highlight the activities of the church as they relate to the community.

2) To focus on what other community groups are doing to make life more meaningful for its people.

3) To maintain contact with the many visitors.

4) To highlight departmental activities within the church through pictures.

The committee is headed by Myrtle Pickett, whose primary role is coordinating the activities within the group. The committee consists of members with a cross-section of talents and abilities. Each member is assigned specific duties which enable the team to work together in a cohesive fashion.

Brenda Williams, a member of the committee, is a secretary by profession and uses her talent to enhance the work. She maintains a file of visitors and makes frequent contact with them. She also does the typing for all correspondence and articles for publication.

Elder James Brown, former Communications Director, is the liaison between the committee and the media. All church programs are announced on Family Radio's weekend calendar and contacts are made with the news media as needed.

Elder Cyril Boynes Sr.'s assignment includes producing the church newsletter, the Communicator, which serves as a means of communication among church members.

Deacon Samuel Lightbourne, a manager in the sanitation department, has utilized his influence in that department to assure the availability of a parking lot for use by the church members. He also makes sure that his field staff maintains a clean environment for the church, and participates in photographing various activities of the church.

Additional activities shared by committee members include: presentation of awards to organizations or groups within the community, maintaining a bulletin board at the church, highlighting articles for publication in the Regional Voice, and many other services.

Myrtle Pickett, Director  
Communications Department

## BETTER LIVING CRUSADE BAPTISMS EXCEED 100 MARK

The Better Living Crusade, sponsored by the Bethel, Brooklyn Temple, Mount of Olives, Hanson Place and other churches in the Brooklyn, N.Y., area, resulted in the baptism of 107 persons. Raymond Saunders, Conference Evangelist, led out in the meetings.



Roy Innis, National Director of CORE.



Pastor Bryan Carter speaks to the Bronx Church congregation.

## COMMUNICATIONS DAY AT BRONX CHURCH

Sabbath, October 31, the Bronx Church, Bronx, N.Y., along with all other churches throughout the North American Division, recognized Communications Day. Guest speaker for the day was Pastor Bryan Carter from Allegheny West Conference. The title of his sermon was "How to Develop the Character of God." He challenged all present to lay aside any selfish goals and look beyond to the needs of others in order to develop a Christ-like character.

In keeping with the goals of the department, awards were presented to AmeriCare, a nonprofit organization which

assists many persons in the church community with food, blankets and clothing. Receiving the awards were Barbara Coats, a representative of the church with AmeriCare, and Susan Hansen, a volunteer from AmeriCare.

Another award was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Mishael Anthony, a couple who dedicates time and energy to prison ministry.

The afternoon program featured Roy Innis, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). He addressed the audience on his views of street crime and the future of race relations in this country. A question and answer period followed in which he addressed questions relating to the Bork nomination to the Supreme Court, and the Bernard Goetz and Howard Beach incidents in New York City. It was interesting to hear his views on these subjects.

An award was presented to Terry Lee, a young man whose act of bravery led to the capture of two persons involved in a robbery.

Musical selections presented by Pastor David Willis provided an added treat to the afternoon program.

Myrtle Pickett, Director  
Communications Department

## ASSISTANT PASTOR LEAVES FOR ANDREWS

Pastor Glennelle Clarke, a native of Jamaica, West Indies, and graduate of West Indies College, has served the City Tabernacle Church in New York City for nearly two years as assistant pastor and interim Bible instructor.

Recently, Pastor Clarke and his new wife, Cecile Lightborne, left for Berrien Springs, Mich., where he is pursuing a master's degree in theology.

Joan V. Marsh  
Communication Secretary

## CITY TABERNACLE RECEIVES BIBLE INSTRUCTOR

Ms. Patricia Langley was assigned as Bible instructor for the City Tabernacle SDA Church, New York City, following the absence of an instructor for several years.

Ms. Langley, well-known around the Northeastern Conference for her vivacious, Christ-like personality, is sure to be an asset to the City Tabernacle Church and its outreach ministry.

Joan V. Marsh  
Communication Secretary

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### AMBASSADOR FROM KENYA VISITS THE ANNUAL COUNCIL

The Ambassador of Nairobi, Kenya, spoke to the delegates of the SDA denomination who were assembled for the 1987 Annual Council in Washington, D.C. He stated that the most important work that anyone could engage in was to be an ambassador for Christ and to tell others of His love. "This," he said, "is my first mission and responsibility."

The ambassador was presented to the leaders by Elder N. C. Wilson, President of the General Conference and by Elder Beke Heye, President of the Eastern Africa Division of the General Conference.

Significantly enough, the wife of the ambassador is a native of Port Gibson, Miss., in the South Central Conference territory.

### BLYTHE VETERANS HOME ESTABLISHED IN BEREA

Many good reports have come from Berea, Ky., of blessings that are being enjoyed by the underprivileged people and children from across the land. The Berea College, which was established more than 100 years ago, serves to help penniless youth to receive an education that will prepare them to make their contributions in life. It is not a school for the rich who can afford to pay tuition. It is for those who cannot. Many students around the world can trace their blessings to Berea College in Kentucky.

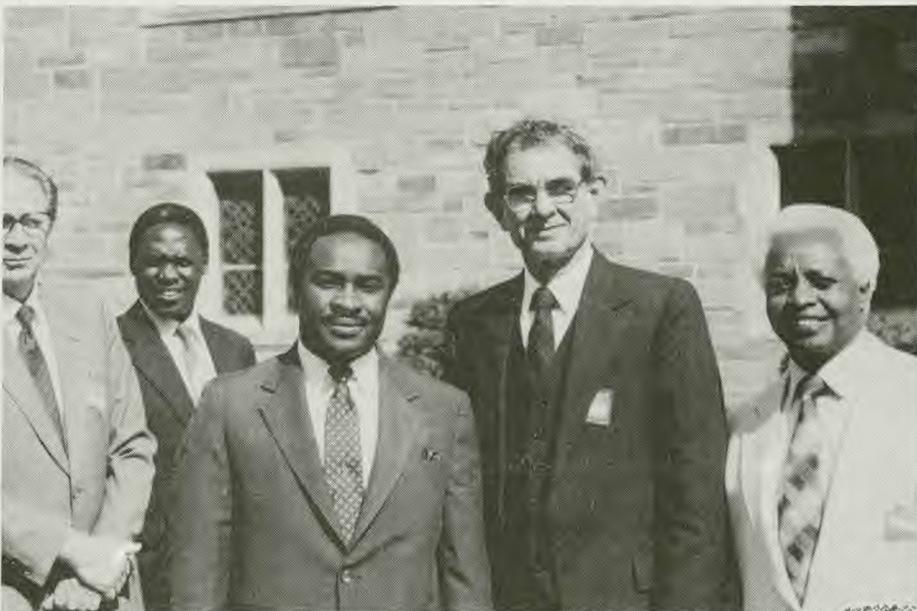
Little does one realize that in this same city there is a home that is being operated by Brother and Sister H. Blythe, members of the SDA Church for veterans who have served our nation as its defenders. For more than four years, the home has been operating in this community as a city sitting on a hill. The site is the place where the old Friendship Home once stood many years ago. Mrs. Grace Frazier, of Montgomery, Ala., moved to the area at the turn of the century to provide homes for the unwanted children from many communities. A number of elder citizens also came who were homeless. It was Sister Frazier's hope that one day this could be a school similar to the Berea College that was found in the town, only it would be operated by Seventh-day Adventists.

A church school was opened where the children were taught from day to day by retired teachers who donated their services to the cause. The building still stands in the area and the desk can also still be found there.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Frazier's life was taken when a fire destroyed the home and several of its occupants. The Blythes returned to the area and re-established the program, only they are using the facility as a home for disabled and retired veterans. They have made application to make it a member of the ASI organization of the denomination. A light still burns in Berea, Ky.

### NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTED

Four hundred twenty days after its organization into a newly formed congregation in the South Central Conference, members and friends of "Christ Is the Answer" SDA Church of Hurtsboro, Ala. came together to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony. On hand for the occasion were Mayor Mary Kay Stovall of that city, who is also a newly baptized member of the SDA faith; Elder M.A. Mounter, the pastor; W.O. Freeman, the conference building director; Mrs. Sarah Smith, the first SDA believer to live in the city; C.E. Dudley, President, and F.N. Crowe, Treasurer of the South Central Conference.



Kenya ambassador (center left), N. C. Wilson (center right), Bekel Heye (far right).



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blythe of Berea, Ky.



Mayor Kate Stovall, C. E. Dudley, M. Mounter.

### STROUGHTER'S PATHFINDERS VISIT CAMPSITE

Mrs. A. Strougther and her Pathfinder leaders from the Huntsville area paid a visit to the South Central Conference campsite on Old Hickory Lake near Gallatin, Tenn., to give study as to how the camp can be used for Pathfinder projects throughout the conference.

Over 25 years ago, the conference purchased a 36 acre piece of land on which to develop a campground for its youth and for camp meetings each year. However, when the committee discovered that many of the congregations were worshiping in funeral parlors, storefronts, taverns and lodge halls, not to speak of meeting in the homes of the members, a project was set in motion to erect houses of worship for the believers throughout the conference. The camp program was put on hold.

Today most of the congregations that needed to be housed are enjoying their new facilities, and each new congregation that is coming into being is also being blessed with adequate housing for the holding of their church services. The camping idea has re-surfaced. Mrs. Eva Strougther, director for Pathfindering for more than 40 or 50 years, still works to help the youth of the church to realize the importance of this ministry. Her plans include asking each congregation to donate the price that it would take to erect a cabin on the site, while the conference would take responsibility for erecting the assembly halls and eating facilities.

During the summer, the South Central Conference acquired another 31 acres of land in the mountains of eastern Tennessee which could be used for camporee programs by the churches throughout the conference. This site is located in Knox County. While most of the sister confer-

ences have had such sites and programs for their youth through the years, the Regional conferences have not been as fortunate. However, we thank the Lord that we are witnessing the dawn of a new day.

### LONGVIEW HEIGHTS BURNS MORTGAGE IN MEMPHIS

The weekend of Oct. 31, 1987, brought joy to the hearts of many members, friends and conference officials as they witnessed the burning of the mortgage on their church, an event that they had looked forward to seeing for almost 15 years. Joseph A. Jones is the pastor.

Others who participated in the celebration were J.M. Doggette, the one who served when the building was purchased, and C.R. Graham of Chicago, Ill. R.L. Willis meeting in the city and baptized an additional 30 members.

On Sept. 13, 1986, a new congregation was organized in Huntsboro by Dr. C. E. Dudley. Fifty-two members formed the nucleus of the body. Dudley at that time commissioned Pastor Mounter to "build a

church for God's chosen people." The challenge was not an easy one, but land was secured and the construction begun. Many friends came to offer a helping hand: W. O. Freeman, Antoine Maycock, John W. Smith, David Allen, Samuel Gregory Jr., Brenda Gregory, Alfonzo Moore, Willie Williams, Henry Tinsley and A. Walwyn.

From Sept. 13, 1986 to Nov. 7, 1987, in just 420 days, the facility was ready for occupancy. Jesus led all of the way.

In 1959 Mrs. Sarah L. Smith saw the denominationally-sponsored telecast "It Is Written," conducted by George Vandeman. She requested Bible studies that were being offered. In 1961 Mrs. Lessie B. Crawford of Tuskegee, Ala., invited her to attend church. Mrs. Smith was not aware that she was going to a SDA church. Nevertheless, she accepted the invitation and faithfully attended the services from week to week. Mrs. Smith soon became a member. She was baptized in 1963 by Elder Harold Jones of the Florida Conference. Upon returning to her native home in Hurtsboro, she had a burning desire to tell



Pastors and wives burning the Longview Heights mortgage.



Hurtsboro Church Opening, Hurtsboro, Ala.

others of their new-found faith. For 22 years she witnessed for the Lord in that area, and a goodly number of family members and friends also joined the church.

In 1986 during the summer months, Pastor M. A. Mounter conducted a tent



*Eva Stoughter group at S. C. campsite.*

of Huntsville, Ala., Donald Guin of Memphis, R.J. Hill, and F. Murray of Memphis, all of whom serve as pastors in the area. C.E. Dudley, Conference President, was also present.

The Longview Heights building was secured in 1969 when Dr. Calvin B. Rock, who served as the Ministerial Secretary for the Southern Union, conducted an evangelistic crusade in the city at which time approximately 200 new members were baptized into the faith. The church building in which the congregation was worshipping was located on Alcy Roads in the city, but with this blessing of added members, it was far too small to house the group. This building was purchased as a house of worship and the Alcy Roads properties were dedicated to the church school pro-

gram. After a goodly number of years, the loan has been paid. To God be the glory. The wives, along with Mrs. E. M. Sherman and Mrs. L. M. Guy, helped with the mortgage-burning ceremonies.

Another interesting feature during the weekend was to see how many of the members of the old Mississippi Boulevard congregation were still present and holding on to the faith. Many of these dear souls stayed by for a picture.

Since the days that were spent on Mississippi Boulevard, several new congregations have been organized throughout the city—Breath of Life, Overton Park, New Covenant, Eads and recently, the Word of Life congregation in the Grayser area. The work has come a long way since the days of its beginnings in Memphis in 1906 in the home of Sister Ella Gray. Plans are still in the making for other areas of the city to be blessed with SDA congregations.



*R. L. Willis, C. R. Graham, J. M. Doggette, F. Murray, R. J. Hill, C. E. Didley.*



*Members from the Mississippi Boulevard Congregation of former days.*

# OAKWOOD COLLEGE

## EIGHTH GRADER EXCELS ON NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST

Oakwood Elementary School, Huntsville, Ala., graduated 47 eighth grade students during its spring commencement exercises. Of these, 11 received national recognition.

Ten graduates qualified for the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. They each maintained a "B" average and scored in the 85th



*Dr. Sherman Rogers.*

percentile on the school-administered standardized test battery. By percentile, it is mean that nationwide 85 percent of elementary school student receiving this test scored lower.

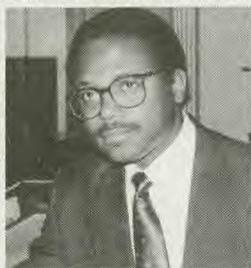
Eighth-grader Chanel Malcolm received the Presidential Pin for scoring at the 98th percentile. She is the daughter of Roy and Edrene Malcolm of Huntsville.

Honors for achieving the highest grade point average were awarded to Jewel Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Walker of Huntsville.

Sharon Harper,

## READING CONFERENCE BRINGS ENRICHMENT

The Oakwood College English Department presented a Reading Conference, the 11th in a series, to benefit all students in freshman composition, English, communications, and writing courses during the early part of the fall quarter. Dr. Sherman Rogers, a professor of law at Howard University, Washington, D.C. and an Oakwood graduate, and Elder Owen A. Troy, associate director of the Communication Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, conducted the seminars.



*Chanel Malcolm.*

Dr. Rogers discussed the gigantic problems poor readers encounter in graduate school, particularly law school. He emphasized reading as the key to success in college, explaining that without it one is setting himself up for failure.

The Reading Conference focused on several communication skills which many students need to improve. To help solve such problems at Oakwood, courses are offered in the English Department and the Teacher Education Department. Help is also offered at the Developmental Learning Resource Center (DLRC).

Elder Troy discussed the need for creativity in making the world aware of the SDA Church. He emphasized the fact that God has given talents to all for use in His glory. He brought the conference to a close, charging students to, "Get knowledge, use it and make the Lord proud."

Olivia Davis  
Oakwood College senior

## HOME ECONOMISTS ATTEND NATIONAL MEETINGS

Oakwood College faculty members attended the American Home Economics Association annual meeting and the Home Economics Association of Seventh-day Adventists (HEASDA) meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., during the month of June.

Twenty-four HEASDA members, students and guests attended a business dinner session June 29 at Indiana Academy in Cicero. The dinner was held in conjunction with the American Home Economics Association annual meeting and exposition in Indianapolis, and honored Thelma Cushman, retiring Home Economics Department Chairperson of Southern College, Collegedale, Tenn., for 30 years of service. Dr. Ruth Davis, HEASDA president, presided.

Darlene Schmitz, director of corporate dietary services for Adventist Health System /North, East, and Middle-America (AHS/NEMA), outlined plans for a promotional campaign by Adventist colleges and universities about degree programs in dietetics and food service as well as AHS/NEMA.

The president of Food Systems International, Clinton Wall, narrated a slide presentation of his General Conference assignment to evaluate food-service operations in Adventist schools and hospitals in Indonesia. He encouraged students to consider careers in international service.

Home Economics faculty members from Oakwood College, Southern College, Andrews University and HEASDA members promoted home economics at churches in Indianaopolis and during the Lake Region Camp meeting in Cassapolis, Mich. They explained the role of home economics in training students to enter careers such as interior design, dietetics, family services and apparel design.

Home economists in the Southern Union are encouraged to contact Dr. Ruth Davis at Oakwood College to join HEASDA and assist in improving the quality of family life throughout the Southern Union.

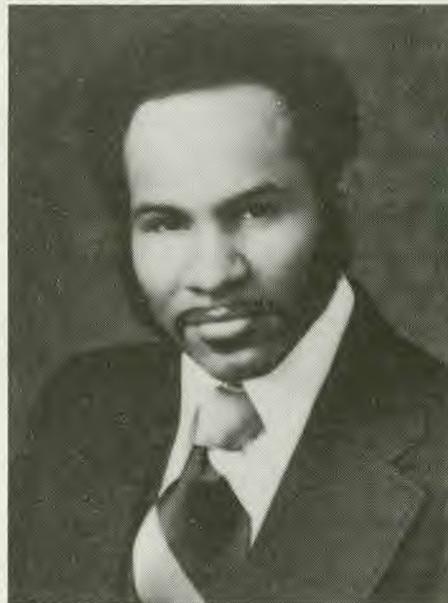
## OAKWOOD ACADEMY GRADUATES RECEIVE \$150,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Approximately \$150,000 in scholarships was awarded to several of the 26 Oakwood Academy graduates last spring.

Roslyn Kirby received honors for having the highest grade point average while Atishna Jacobs was honored for maintaining the highest test scores in grades 9 through 12.

Ricardo Polius was named a National Merit Semi-Finalist after competing in the nationwide National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Ricardo achieved further distinction in qualifying, along with Andre Daniels, as a National Achievement Finalist. Eddie Andrews was recommended to several colleges after competing in the National Achievement Program.

Oakwood Academy joins the parents of these outstanding achievers in wishing them further success in their pursuit of academic excellence.



*Walter Arties.*

## ARTIES OPENS SACRED CONCERT SERIES AT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Pastor Walter Arties began the "Friday Festival of Faith" sacred concert series on Friday, Oct. 2. The program was scheduled for Pioneer Memorial Church; however, a severe electrical storm blew all power in the church, making it necessary for the concert to be shifted to Lamson Hall's

chapel. The spirit of cooperation by the audience and Pastor Arties during this adjustment was commendable.

Pastor Arties' concert consisted of hymns and Negro spirituals with a contemporary flavor. Many of the arrangements were by Adrian T. Westney, Jr., Shelton Kilby and Myrna Matthews-Haynes. The atmosphere was one of worship and celebration.

During his visit, Arties had the privilege of meeting with several student groups. He sat in on the rehearsal of the gospel choir and encouraged other music majors to give service to the church. Communication majors also benefitted from his experience in television and radio. The role of "Breath of Life" in the church was also highlighted during his consultations.

The "Friday Festival of Faith" is sponsored by Dr. Roy Naden, professor of religious education and Wolfgang and Julie Stefani. The Andrews University "family" expressed deep appreciation to Pastor Arties for being available to begin this inspirational concert series.

Pastor Reginald O. Robinson  
Associate Director/Speaker,  
"Breath of Life"

### "LITTLE RICHARD" TESTIFIES DURING TENT CRUSADE

Richard Peniman, better known as "Little Richard," joined the SDA Church in Macon, Ga., a number of years ago. He also attended Oakwood College and studied theology. He later became an outstanding artist in the entertainment world.

Although he is frequently highlighted in the news with the entertainment world, Peniman attends church each Sabbath in Los Angeles, Ca. During an evangelistic crusade, held by G. H. Rainey this summer, he gave a testimony as to the goodness of God, emphasizing the certainty of the truths taught by the SDA Church. Hold on to the faith," he admonished some three thousand listeners who were seated under the tent. I plan to be saved along with you when the Lord comes!"

### ADDENDUM

In last month's issue, the article entitled "One Million Dollars Raised" by Dr. Mervyn A. Warren was inadvertently minus an important paragraph which, because it is a matter of federal record, we add here to complete the information:

Programs of a more administrative nature originally begun and supported by the 'Quin-C' Title III program during the early or late 1970's are 1) Radio Station (WOCG),

2) Inner College Tutorial (later changed to DLRC—Developmental Learning Resource Center, 3) Curriculum Materials Center in Education, 4) Campus Media Center in Library, 5) Science Learning Center, 6) Computerization of Registration procedures, 7) Microfilming of student records, and 8) the preparation and publication of the first Faculty Research Journal of Oakwood College. Presently on sabbatical, Dr. Warren (who holds both the Ph.D. and D.Min. degrees) returns to the chairmanship of the Religion Department in January, 1988."

Don Wood  
Publications Office



*Samuel and Gloria Meyers retire*

### ELDER SAMUEL MEYERS AND WIFE RETIRE

Elder Samuel D. Meyers, Associate Director of the Stewardship Department of the General Conference, announced his retirement at the Annual Council along with 10 other General Conference workers. Meyers and his wife Gloria have served the church for over 40 years.

Elder Meyers' ministry began in Southwest Region Conference in 1947 in Baton Rouge, La. He then went on to pastor in St. Louis, Mo.; Los Angeles, Calif., and Chicago, Ill., before becoming the president of Central States Conference. For the past eight years, he has worked at General Conference headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Sam has a rich background in Adventism and has given his life to the up-building of the Kingdom of God. Gloria has always been by his side. Earlier in his ministry, he was injured in an automobile accident, but this would not hinder him. Many are rejoicing in the truth because of his ministry.

Hundreds of friends and fellow workers were on hand to express their best wishes during the Annual Council farewell banquet.

### HADLEY HOSPITAL ENTERTAINS ANNUAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

Over 175 delegates attending the 1987 Annual Council in Washington, D.C., spent the afternoon of Sabbath, October 10 at a luncheon hosted by President Albert L. Dudley and his staff at Hadley Memorial Hospital in southwest Washington.



*A. L. Dudley, Hadley Hospital President, entertains world leaders during Annual Council.*

"We welcome each of you to our facility today," stated Dudley in his opening remarks. The pictures that you see on the wall constitute a joint venture that the hospital has joined with Elder Delbert Baker, Editor of MESSAGE Magazine, in seeking to impress upon all of us that the peoples of all nations are all one under God."



*W. S. Wakaba, President, Southern Union of South Africa.*

R.L. Woodfork, Associate Secretary for the General Conference, served as the master of ceremonies, and M. T. Battle introduced the various representatives from around the world, including those

from the African and Inter-American Divisions. Three presidents of the world field were present along with a goodly number of union and local conference presidents. Present also were representatives from other institutions and churches in the community.



*J. J. Nortey, President, Africa-Indian Ocean Division of the G. C.*

#### **CLIFTON DAVIS SPEAKS AT YOUTH RALLY**

Clifton Davis, star of the popular NBC series "AMEN," spoke to more than 3,000 persons during the North Central Texas Youth Federation's Better Living Your Rally at Tarrant County Convention Center.

According to Federation president, Spencer Anderson, "Despite our modest budget, we were determined to bring Davis here.

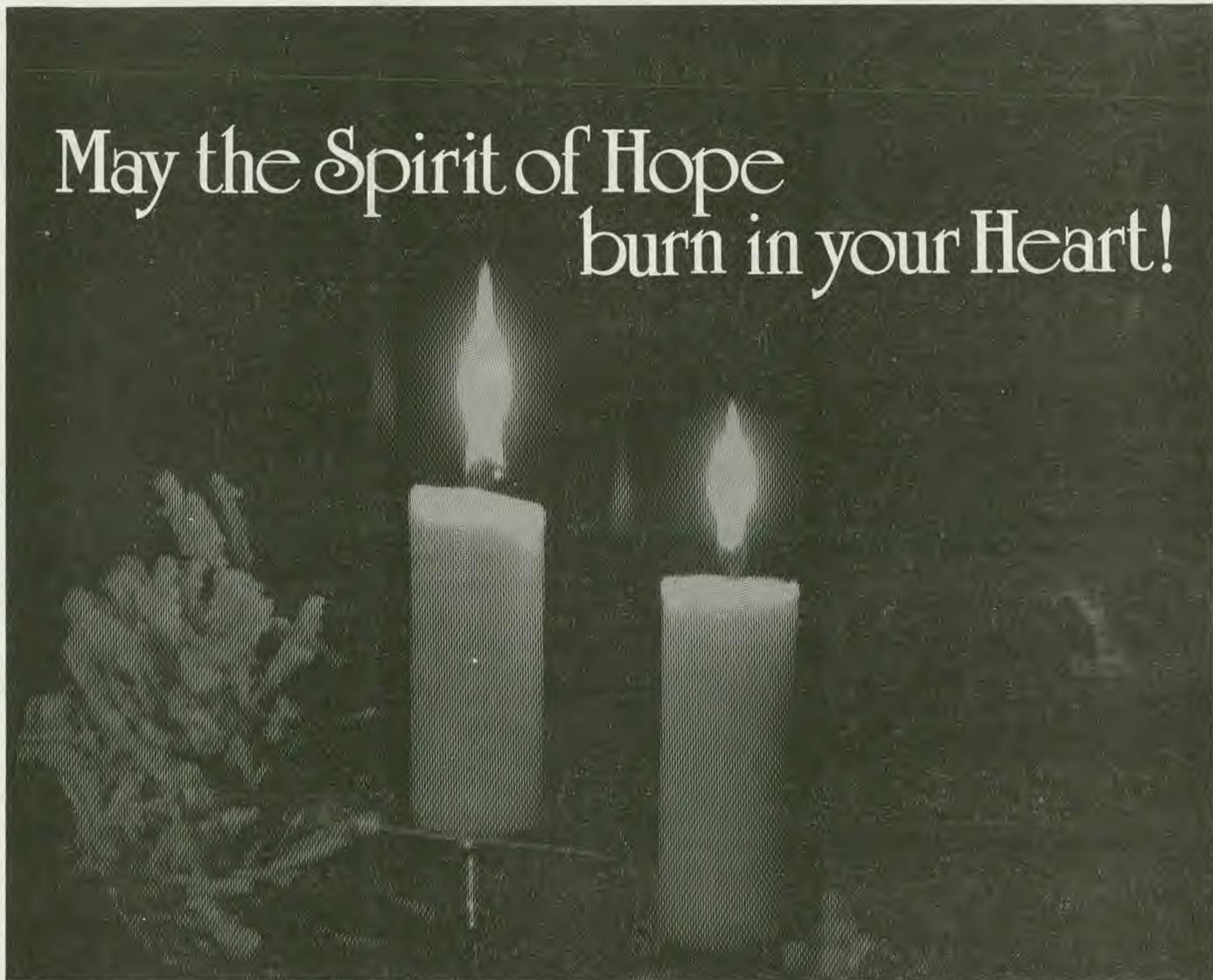
Sabbath afternoon, Davis said, "I believe the Lord was leading me to use both my acting and pastoral talents. I would not take a part that was demeaning or be involved in a series where I could not practice my beliefs, including having Sabbath off."

After completing a B.A. in theology from Oakwood College and an M.A. from Andrews University, the former star of "That's My Mama" was offered his current role as a fictitious Philadelphia minister.



*Several plaques were presented to Clifton Davis from Community Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs.*

May the Spirit of Hope  
burn in your Heart!





President and Mrs. Beke Heye, Eastern African Division of the G. C.

## READER'S DIGEST TO PRINT MESSAGE ARTICLE

The article, "The Bible Solves a Crime," by Jeris Bragan, from the March-April, 1987, issue of Reader's Digest, was submitted by a reader of Message and is one of very few unsolicited articles Reader's Digest has accepted. This is the first time that Message has had an article reprinted in Reader's Digest.

## "HOW TO BRIDGE CULTURAL DIFFERENCES"

In an effort to promote greater racial harmony, Message magazine has produced a special issue entitled, "How to Bridge Cultural Differences." The issue focuses on the myths, traditions, concerns and cultural history of 10 ethnic groups with each article written by a Christian author from the culture featured.

The supplement is a compilation of the "Bridging Ethnic Differences" series that has appeared in the past 10 issues of Message. "Because of the popularity of this series, it was decided to take abridged versions of the articles and put them in one magazine. Our hope is that this special issue will foster mutual understanding between different races. because if we understand each other, we can better appreciate each other." says Delbert Baker, Message editor.

Accompanying each article is an original illustration, composed by artist Nathan Greene, realistically portraying members of the different ethnic groups. Message had also produced a giant-sized poster containing all the illustrations in the ethnic differences series. The special issue is available for \$2.00, the poster for \$4.95, or both for the special price of \$5.95. Write to: MESSAGE Ethnic, Differences Special, 55 West Oak Ridge Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

## "DRUGS CLOSE TO HOME"

"Over the past several years I have traveled more than 100,000 miles visiting drug rehabilitation centers and prevention programs and talking with as many young people as possible. I heard how they had lied, cheated, stolen and fought for drugs. Some had run away from home and overdosed on whatever they could buy, beg or steal—pot, PCP, cocaine, uppers and downers, hashish, heroin, even insecticides."

This poignant statement by Nancy Reagan describes just a portion of what she has experienced in her fight against drug abuse. She shares other experiences and expresses her concerns about the drug epidemic in her article featured in the new "Drugs Close to Home" supplement published by the Review and Herald.

This special supplement, produced by Message magazine, has been described by many as "one of the most important publications for our times."

In addition to the article by Mrs. Reagan, the special includes "The Len Bias Lesson," based on an interview with Len's mother and also the eulogy for the University of Maryland basketball star which was delivered by Jesse Jackson.

The devastating effects of crack are described by Elvin Adams, Ph.d., associate director of the General Conference Health and Temperance Department. In the article he states: "Some users suffocate in the deep stupor that follows extended use. Death can come swiftly. Often there is a grand mal seizure, followed in a minute or two by respiratory arrest and death. Sudden death is unpredictable and may affect those who have used only a small amount of crack or cocaine."

One of the most useful features of the special is a colorful, up-to-date drug chart explaining the different aspects of using drugs, ranging from tobacco to hallucinogens. Another highlight is a tri-fold poster pull-out describing what drugs do to the body.

"The response to this drug special has been tremendous," says Delbert Baker, editor. It is encouraging to know that it is filling a need and that people are being helped." Requests for the special are coming in from all over the country, from schools, churches and community organizations.

Copies of "Drugs Close to Home" may be obtained by sending \$2.50 per copy to: Drug Awareness, 55 West Oak Ridge Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

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