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COVER STORY

MRS. SALLIE B. COOPWOOD CELEBRATES 104 YEARS

Mother Sallie B. Coopwood was born Nov. 19, 1883, in Greenwood, Miss. Her father, Thomas Wamble, was an itinerant Methodist minister. Her mother and sister died when she was young. Her father, anxious to provide a caring-nurturing environment, placed her in a boarding school at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark. At this institution she remained through school and normal teaching training.

At the Philander Smith School, she met a fellow student, Thomas Henry Coopwood. After completion of their formal education, he obtained employment as a pullman porter on the railroad and Sallie began teaching school. Shortly thereafter, they both taught school in several small black communities in Oklahoma. They were married in March 1910 in Fort Smith, Ark.

In 1917 the family moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., and it was here that the Coopwood family became Seventh-day Adventists after receiving Bible studies from a dearly beloved white couple whose doctrinal teachings Thomas Coopwood sought to disprove.

In Colorado the Coopwood children expanded from two to nine. Noting uncommon ability as a speaker, teacher and spiritual leader, the church officials invited Thomas to join the gospel ministry in the SDA denomination. His successful and productive ministry for the church led him to serve in Colorado, New Mexico, Illinois, Nebraska, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Indiana and Michigan. During much of this time, Mrs. Sallie Coopwood focused on the rearing of her children, including William Eugene, "number 10," who joined the family in 1930 in Little Rock, Ark.

For a number of years Mrs. Coopwood worked as a practical nurse after having received her training by correspondence school and preceptorship in San Antonio, Tex.

She lives in Nashville, Tenn. with her son and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. William Coopwood. At 104 years of age, she still reflects on how the Lord has blessed the work of the church through the years as she served by her husband's side as a pastor's wife. She is alert, interactive socially and still enjoys playing the piano. She speaks often of her fond hope in the second coming of Jesus Christ.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland.

THE BLACK BANK

Enterprising Black businessmen in most of the major cities of America have established a chain of banks across the nation. From Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles, Calif., and from Chicago, Ill. to Birmingham, Ala., these banks are healthy, thriving institutions. Nearly 20 years ago, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists deposited thousands of dollars in a Black bank in Washington, D.C. This act of trust on the part of our world leaders was an expression of respect for the thousands of Black members who fill our pews world-wide. In this we have lent encouragement to the Black financial leaders of America—and paid to them a tribute well-deserved.

But what about Black confidence in Black financial institutions? The answer may surprise you. Black-owned banks and insurance companies are alive today largely because of Black depositors and investments. These institutions built this confidence the old-fashioned way—they earned it! They are backed, as are all other banks, by government insurance; and there have been precious few scandals surrounding them. Wouldn't it be nice if all Regional Conference did much, if not all, of their major banking with these banks?

Black Seventh-day Adventists have exhibited their confidence in Black management by their liberality in tithe and mission giving. The year 1987 saw us pass the \$50,000,000 mark in tithe and mission-giving. This is more than similar giving by any division in the world of Adventism. To God be the glory!

A minority must pool its resources if it is to impact on the social scene. The Jesse

Jackson candidacy speaks to this point. If Jesse carries 90% of the Black vote to the Democratic Convention, Blacks will not be ignored in the decision-making process. This principle carries over into the total picture.

Black businesses in general have suffered because of "superstitions" long held concerning them. "Prices are higher," "the goods are inferior," and on ad infinitum. Distrust of one's own is a legacy from the "previous condition," as also is the idea that unless a thing is integrated, it is "non-kosher." In Atlanta, Ga., there is a Black-owned and Black-run shopping center that is the pride of the city. It is not inferior because it is Black-owned and Black-run. Nor is it, somehow, unprincipled. Have you seen White-owned business, Chinese, Vietnamese, Indian and/or Jewish businesses? Who criticizes them because they are not integrated? We buy from them. That is why they are still in business. WE are gradually recovering from the slave experience. But there is much yet to be done.

Segregation is sin. (James 2:9). Desegregation is a basic Christian requirement. This allows a person to worship, shop, play and live where he or she pleases. Integration is a dream that we shall realize in Heaven. On earth there is no classless, colorless society, nor has there ever been. The Jewish minority understands this. That is why they have survived. There is a Jewish vote and a Catholic vote. No one criticizes this. What's wrong with the Black vote?

Perhaps, the further we get from slavery, the more we will trust ourselves. This, however, does not negate our penetration of every level of human administration—secular, social or religious. For minorities, this involves a quota-system or some form of affirmative action. This does mean the allocation and designation of certain jobs to minorities. If we can be denied this respectability for 350 years because of color, minimal justice demands affirmative action and quotas to adjust the grievance. But this will affect a mere fraction of our people. For the rest of us, we need to "Walk together Children—don't you get weary—there's a Great Campmeeting in the Promised Land." E. E. Cleveland

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

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**LIFE SKETCH OF ELDER
NAPOLEON B. SMITH**

Napoleon B. Smith was born in Mountain Creek, Ala., to Richard and Amelia Smith. His father was a Baptist minister.

At the age of 13 years, Napoleon became interested through a friend in attending the Emanuel Oakwood Training School in Huntsville, Ala., now known as Oakwood College. His parents consented, and he was sent to Huntsville.



Elder Napoleon B. Smith

Upon arrival, Napoleon and his friend went to the wrong school. Fortunately, Napoleon's mother had placed a note in his pocket addressed to the "Officials of Oakwood Training School." After seeing it, the school officials immediately put the boys on the path to their correct destination.

Consequent to arriving on Oakwood's campus, Napoleon was told by the registrar he was too young to attend. Napoleon implored school officials to allow him to prove himself scholastically and as a student worker. To their amazement, he did just that. Napoleon was found to be a conscientious, trustworthy student and worker. Being still quite young, he was a little mischievous, but the association with other students, along with the doctrines of the SDA Church made a marked impression on Napoleon.

After graduating from Oakwood in 1916, Elder Smith worked as a helper in a Columbia, S.C., tent effort with Elder Strother. His actual ministry began in January of 1917 in Camden, S.C. Shortly thereafter he was called to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, which he did for 13 months.

Because of his religious beliefs, Napoleon was sorely tested while in the service. He was imprisoned many times

The Editor's Desk



Patricia Humphrey

MESSAGE MAGAZINE GETS NEW ASSISTANT EDITOR

On Jan. 4, 1988, Patricia Humphrey joined the staff of the MESSAGE Magazine as its new assistant editor. Mrs. Humphrey has a rich background

that will be a definite asset to MESSAGE. Pat, a published writer, has served as editor of an Information Network paper and has a strong background in English and writing. She brings a broad and varied experience base to her position as assistant editor of MESSAGE.

While at Three Angels Broadcasting Network in Southern Illinois, Mrs. Humphrey created, hosted and produced a half-hour educational program that continues to air weekly on the network. Pat has also served as a counselor, a student development services administrator and holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Howard University in Washington, D.C. She is married to Art Humphrey, also employed by the Review and Herald in the Harvest Media Department and is the mother of two children, Candice and Brandon, ages 7 and 4. Pat has a particular interest in the publishing work and believes that God has led her to MESSAGE to share her talent through the written word.

SUNSET CALENDAR

| | Feb. 26 | Mar. 4 | 11 | 18 |
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| Boston, Mass. | 5:30 | 5:38 | 5:46 | 5:54 |
| New York City | 5:41 | 5:48 | 5:56 | 6:04 |
| Buffalo, N.Y. | 6:00 | 6:08 | 6:16 | 6:25 |
| Atlanta, Ga. | 6:32 | 6:37 | 6:42 | 6:48 |
| Miami, Fla. | 6:21 | 6:24 | 6:28 | 6:31 |
| Charlotte, N.C. | 6:16 | 6:22 | 6:28 | 6:34 |
| Birmingham, Ala. | 5:41 | 5:46 | 5:52 | 5:57 |
| Jackson, Miss. | 5:56 | 6:01 | 6:06 | 6:11 |
| Memphis, Tenn. | 5:53 | 5:58 | 6:04 | 6:10 |
| Louisville, Ky. | 6:33 | 6:39 | 6:46 | 6:53 |
| Detroit, Mich. | 6:19 | 6:27 | 6:35 | 6:43 |
| Chicago, Ill. | 5:37 | 5:44 | 5:52 | 6:00 |
| South Bend, Indiana | 6:32 | 6:39 | 6:47 | 6:55 |
| Minneapolis, Minn. | 5:56 | 6:04 | 6:14 | 6:23 |
| St. Louis, Mo. | 5:50 | 5:57 | 6:04 | 6:11 |
| Kansas City, Mo. | 6:07 | 6:14 | 6:21 | 6:28 |
| Denver, Co. | 5:48 | 5:55 | 6:02 | 6:10 |
| Little Rock, Ark. | 6:02 | 6:07 | 6:13 | 6:19 |
| Dallas, Texas | 6:22 | 6:27 | 6:32 | 6:37 |
| New Orleans, La. | 5:51 | 6:01 | 6:06 | 6:10 |
| Albuquerque, N.M. | 5:59 | 6:04 | 6:10 | 6:16 |
| Oklahoma City, Okla. | 6:23 | 6:28 | 6:34 | 6:40 |

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

for failing to work on Sabbath and not bearing arms.

When discharged, Smith resumed his duties as minister in the Carolina Conference, pastoring many of the churches throughout the states several times. Elder Smith met and married Elizabeth Barnes while pastoring in Wilson, N.C.

Many were baptized as a result of Elder Napoleon Smith's ministry. While pastoring the Greensboro, N.C., church, he had the pleasure of baptizing young Charles Brooks, now of Breath of Life Ministries, and his family into the SDA Church. During his 66 years of ministry, Elder Smith was blessed to build and organize many churches throughout the southland.

Elder Smith leaves to mourn his passing, Elizabeth Smith, devoted wife; four children, Louis N. Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., Doris Jackson Thompson and husband John of Detroit, Mich., Milton E. Smith and wife Bettye of Greensboro, N.C., and Reginald Smith of Detroit, Mich.; five grandchildren, La Verne Hall of Detroit, Mich., Yvette Clanton of San Francisco, Calif., Karen David of Houston, Tex., Heather and Michael Smith of Greensboro, N.C.; great-grandchildren, Traci Hall, Andre' Brown, Tiffini Hall, Freddie Clanton and Courtney David; brothers and sisters-in-law, Edward and Odell Barnes, Alma Lewis Hattye and Joe Wilkins; a host of nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth Smith

"THIS GOSPEL SHALL BE PREACHED" Church Organizational theme for Newburgh, Indiana

"You can do nothing except first you have a dream"...Elder Luther Palmer

The dream started as a response to leadership's call for Harvest 90 and the doubling of church attendance within five years.

The best convert prospects are within your immediate circle of personal influence—family, neighbors, friends and work associates. The 19 members of six spiritually alive families living in the unevangelized county of Warrick, Ind., were all too aware of the limitations upon their involvement in the programs of their church, because it was a 40-minute drive away. Seasoned Adventists are programmed to drive as far as necessary to attend church—visitors are not!

"If only we had a church here in Newburgh, we would have a much better chance of getting people to attend church." With that lament, the dream was conceived. If we could not contribute to doubling our church attendance—perhaps we could double the churches to attend in our district. "Let's start a church right here in Newburgh!" Newspaper survey statistics stated that 60% of the people in Newburgh were unchurched.

After receiving the proper permissions and authority, the 19-member nucleus began organizing and planning. It was decided to meet the first quarter in the great room of the Richard Helzerman home to firm up the group, polish up the program, save some money with which to rent a church and then take the gospel to the public.

Opening Sabbath, July 4, 1986, saw the little group swell to 41 with 14 non-Adventists in attendance. The dream was born! Within four months the attendance reached 59, including 23 non-Adventists and the group earnestly labored to claim the county for the Lord and to harvest souls for Him.

On Sabbath, Jan. 2, 1988, dream and reality wed as the Newburgh group became the SDA Church of Newburgh. This new church with 29 charter members is now a part of the sisterhood of churches in the Lake Region Conference.

The Organizational Program was a true high point in the Newburgh journey from dream to reality. With 135 in attendance, representing four states, it was a lovely way to spend the first Sabbath of the new year.

Sabbath School superintendent, Ruth Helzerman, warned that active Christians may incur many battle scars in service for the Master. But in enduring to the end, the heavenly reward will be the exchange of "scars for stars" in their crowns. An interview followed with members of the Huntington, Indiana Church, which was started by "dark county missionaries" also. These stars for Jesus gave inspiring testimonies of their conversion to the Advent message and of the change and blessing brought to their lives by lay people willing to evangelize an unworked area.

Officials participating in the church service were Elder Luther Palmer, President, and featured speaker; Elder R. C. Brown Sr., Conference Executive Secretary; Elder Bastian P. Bernard, pastor of Evansville Metropolitan, and Elder Alfonse Greene, former area pastor.

After a hearty luncheon and a beautiful time of fellowship, the afternoon program began with a period of adoration and praise through scripture, instrumental and vocal selections and congregational singing, accompanied by brass.

President Luther Palmer challenged the group to live by I Cor. 16:13, which exhorts us to "be on our guard, stand firm in the faith, be men of courage, be strong." As trained and disciplined soldiers, we must watch our position, because the enemy is always in pursuit, and so live that God can have confidence in us.

When members rose to accept the challenge, Elder Palmer lit the candle symbolizing the light of Jesus Christ brought to Warrick County and pronounced the SDA Church of Newburgh officially opened.

As Secretary Brown called the roll of charter families, each new member signed the permanent registry and lit a candle signifying the light of their personal witness for Jesus.

Elder Palmer established Richard Helzerman as the pastor of the new church and invited Pastor Helzerman to participate in the ordination of his son, Randall, as an elder by choice of the group.

Elder Brown pronounced a blessing upon the group and consecrated them to the work of spreading the gospel.

A few moments were taken to acknowledge those who helped the group arrive at the realization of their dream. "Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold." Prov. 25:11. A golden brass apple, engraved with the text, church name and date was presented to friends who spoke words of encouragement and support for the work.

Newburgh church members rent the Mt. Olives General Baptist Church, and its pastor, William Bullock, accepted on behalf of his group a five-foot blue spruce tree, planted and marked with a plaque, declaring "a living tribute of friendship" between the two groups.

Pastor Greene was given an engraved brass door knocker for helping the group "knock on the door of the Lake Region." Layman Phillip Prime was presented with a welcome door mat for helping to ensure a "warm welcome" inside the Lake Region and Pastor Bernard was awarded a reflecting candle for "mirroring Jesus' love" to the group once inside the Lake Region.

Elder Brown and Elder Palmer were presented with marble-mounted brass sailing ships for giving the Newburgh church "safe harbor" and for being captains of the ship they set sail that very day.

Newburgh members appreciate leaders "anchored in Christ Jesus."

A beautiful, white alter Bible was presented to the new church by Elder Brown on behalf of the Conference, giving us a reference for the "Gospel that Shall Be Preached."

Dr. Carl Barniak was given a soaring eagle as a special acknowledgement for his uplifting Personal Ministries leadership and in recognition of having brought 133 visitors to church in the past 17 months.

Newburgh members asked their honored guests to accept attendance keepsakes to remember this historic occasion. They were given a brass globe to remind them of their gospel mission, a religious bookmark to mark their progress and a yardstick with which to measure their success. The globe was also a pencil sharpener and the yardstick bore the group's name and address, plus their advertising slogan: "The church with a Bible teaching, Jesus preaching, Sabbath keeping ministry."

The audience departed with Guardian Angels called to safely watch over them by Pastor Helzerman.

The members continue to dream. They have contracted for over 500 radio commercials and 75 television commercials to be beamed within a 150 mile diameter of the church. Regular monthly mass mailings will reach each home in Newburgh. As the church grows, it dreams of planting a total of 7 churches in the cities and towns of the greater Evansville District of which it is a part.

It is our dream to help finish the work and see Jesus come.

Ruth A. Helzerman
Communication Secretary

ARMSTER NAMED SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS' "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"

During a recent board meeting, Rhoenna Armster, a graduate of Loma Linda University and a member of the 31st Street SDA Church, received the prestigious award as San Diego City School District's "Teacher of the Year" for 1988.

In addition, Miss Armster received a proclamation from the County Board of Supervisors which declared Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1987, "Rhoenna Pamela Armster Day" throughout the county of San Diego in recognition of her "outstanding contribution to the students of the county."

A veteran teacher of 21 years and a product of Christian education, "Miss Armster is characterized by staff, parents



Rhoenna P. Armster

and students alike as an exemplary educator, dedicated to a standard of excellence which is expected of each of her students," says Robert Grossmann, Mentor Teacher Program Coordinator for the city schools.

Miss Armster's personal zest and love for teaching have been demonstrated over the past two decades as she has taught at Newbury Park Adventist Academy, San Diego Academy, several high schools in San Diego, Point Loma Nazarene College, as well as other colleges and universities in the San Diego area.

She believes that teaching is an "instrumental art." She says, "Good teachers will find a way to allow each student to participate in the band, orchestra or choir of learning, to gain full expression and satisfaction with his/her musical tune or instrument. It is up to the teacher to help fine-tune each instrument, to help each student excel, to motivate each student to reach his/her fullest potential."

"Teaching is an art form where each student can achieve in his/her own way. Most of all, teachers have an obligation to make that thing called 'success'; happen with every student they teach," she adds.

In addition to being the business department chairperson at Compers Secondary School and a district mentor teacher, Miss Armster has served on the Teacher Education and Computer Center (TECC) Policy Board and represented the TECC on the California Council on the Education of Teachers. She has done course piloting, curriculum writing, grant writing, demonstration lessons, and staff development/technology workshops.

Rhoenna's community service is vast. She is certified with the county and city to do earthquake preparedness workshops. In addition, Miss Armster serves on Congressman Jim Bates' Substance Abuse Task Force, is a member of the San Diego Urban League, Education Services Division, and a member of Lead San Diego, Inc.

Miss Armster holds a B.S. degree in business education from Loma Linda University, an M.A. degree in business education from the University of Northern Colorado, and M.B.A. with an emphasis in financial management from National University. She continues to be self-actualized by taking post-graduate courses at United State International University in San Diego.

A district selection committee comprised of two parents, three former teachers-of-the-year, two administrators and a student reviewed all nominees' applications from various sites in the school district and submitted Miss Armster's name for the coveted award.

As the representative of 6,000 teachers and more than 116,000 students in San Diego, Miss Armster is planning an extensive agenda for 1988 which includes speaking engagements, doing public service announcements and writing newspaper articles on the theme "Excellence in Education." She plans to "make a difference" by taking her message around the city, the county, the state, and even the nation.

HELPFUL MESSAGE INFORMATION

1. Campaign begins—April 1: Campaign ends—June 30.
2. September/October is first issue to be mailed of subscription year.
3. Contact your local conference Personal Ministries Director for campaign supplies, if you don't already have them.
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5. Keep MESSAGE and its staff in your prayers and contact the editorial office at the above address, if you have questions or comments.

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4

ALLEGHENY EAST



West Philadelphia Pathfinders stand at attention during investiture service.

WEST INVESTS TWELVE PATHFINDERS

The Sequoias, West Philadelphia SDA Church's Pathfinder Club, invested 12 individuals during the celebration of Pathfinder Day, Nov. 21. With the pagentry of their color guard and at the command, "Take the platform," they did just that and sat under a banner that declared, "We are willing, Lord."

Elder C. Arrington from the Willow Grove, Penn., Church was speaker for the occasion and declared that all should send their children to schools of the prophets, dedicating them to the Lord as Hannah did. He emphasized, "Pathfinding is where your child ought to be, if you want him to learn of the truth."

The service concluded with seven Friends, three Companions, and one Ranger being invested. The big surprise was when Mrs. Vera Braxton was invested as a Master Guide.

With a corp of six on staff, West is working to lead more youth to a Christian life.

Mark F. Harris
Communication Secretary

DIANA BROOMFIELD RECEIVES MEDICAL DEGREE

Diana Pastora Broomfield, M.D., born to Elder and Mrs. Joshua Broomfield of the Allegheny East SDA Conference, attended Loma Linda University her freshman and

sophomore years. Dr. Broomfield spent her junior year at California State University-Los Angeles where she was awarded a fellowship to participate on a bio-medical research team, a program sponsored by the National Institute of Health. As research assistant to Dr. Joseph Sacher, their bio-medical research was subsequently published in PLANTA magazine. Broomfield then returned to Loma Linda University her senior year and graduated with a B.S. in biology. Later, she worked in the clinical laboratory of Loma Linda University Medical Center, where she served as a phlebotomist and weekend supervisor of the venipuncture staff.

With the cherished dream to serve humanity as an obstetrician-gynecologist, Diana entered medical school. An ambitious, dedicated medical student, her colleagues at the non-Adventist medical school she was attending were impressed to know that she ceased from her studies during the Sabbath hours and still consistently ranked as the number-one student each semester.

On May 22 the degree of Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) was conferred upon Diana Broomfield from Eugenia Maria De Hostos University School of Medicine, Dominican Republic. As class president, earning the great distinction of graduating with highest honors, Summa Cum Laude, and as valedictorian, Dr. Broomfield delivered a most inspirational commencement address on behalf of her colleagues.

As presidents, Dr. Diana Broomfield and Dr. Dawn Allicock directed and produced the university's first yearbook, "The Physician" which was also the first printing of a full-color yearbook on the island of the Dominican Republic.

Dr. Broomfield is married to James Cromwell Rodríguez, who is also pursuing a career in medicine. The couple resides on Long Island, N.Y., where Diana is preparing for the FMGEMS (Medical Boards for Foreign Graduates). Upon the successful completion of these exams, it is Dr. Broomfield's earnest desire to enter a residency program in obstetrics and gynecology.

In the words of her professors and the director of the School of Medicine, "Dr. Broomfield has proven to be an outstanding leader and physician of great distinction, displaying exceptional qualities of diligence, empathetic spirit and emotional stability. Thus, Diana Broomfield, M.D., has proven and will continue to prove to be a great asset to the medical profession."

HADLEY HOSPITAL AND XEROX CORP. REACH OUT TO COMMUNITY DURING HOLIDAYS

Hadley Memorial Hospital reached out to the surrounding community with two projects during the recent holiday season and was assisted in each by donations and employees of the Xerox Corporation.

Thanksgiving food baskets were distributed to 60 families, the majority of them patients of the hospital and the full-service clinic. The Social Services and Family Health Service departments provided the names of area families in need, and two other organizations joined with Hadley to provide the food.

The baskets, distributed Monday and Tuesday before the holiday, were donated by United Planning Organization's Project Harvest and from an employee group of the Xerox Corporation's Rosslyn office, says Paul Williams, social worker for the Family Health Service. The Xerox employees came to the hospital to personally deliver the baskets to their families. Other families on the list were suggested through the Hadley SDA Community Church, which is based at the hospital.

For the Christmas season, a \$1000 gift from the Xerox Corporation provided a health fair for kids, combined with gifts for each child in attendance. The fair, held a week before Christmas, attracted nearly 40 youngsters, who received free evaluations for eyes, ears, blood pressure and hemoglobin.

HADLEY RECEIVES THREE-YEAR ACCREDITATION FROM JCAH

Hadley Memorial Hospital recently received renewed accreditation with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals for the maximum three-year time period, reports hospital president, Albert L. Dudley.

The nationally-recognized accreditation reflects the hospital's ability to provide quality health care on a level matching or surpassing standards set for over 80 per cent of the nation's hospitals. The achievement positively affects the hospital's relationship with third-party payor companies, physicians and the community it serves. Dudley states that the 35-year-old hospital has been continually accredited since its early years in the 1950's.

Voluntary accreditation is one way a hospital can assure the community of its quality service. At the request of the hospital, as JCAH survey team, consisting of a physician, nurse, administrator and medical technologist, visits the facility for one or two days. They provide a preliminary report to the hospital staff as to their findings. Following their completed report, the JCAH sends its decision from the national headquarters in Chicago.

This peer review system, based on standards regularly updated for today's technology, helps assure the citizens of southwest and southeast Washington that Hadley Hospital is providing effective, up-to-date health care at a high level of quality.

BRADFORD EXHORTS WEST PHILADELPHIA MEN

"A Real Man" was the focus of Men's Day 1987, held Nov. 28 at the West Philadelphia SDA Church in Philadelphia, Penn.

After prayer by Elder Van Putten, Allegheny East Conference President, Elder C. E. Bradford, North American Division President, brought the morning message to a packed church. He explained that what counts is not the Ten Commandments in the ark, but the "Ten Commandments in our hearts." He stated further that the devil knows you like a pitcher knows a baseball player; from long study he knows just what kind of pitch will tempt you to strike out and sin.

John Lester, Men's Day coordinator, stepped out on faith and stated that he expected to see \$500 in each man's offering envelope. He was later rewarded with a total of almost \$4000 to pay for church improvements.

Mr. Olivet's Male Choir of Neptune, N.J., literally moved the congregation. From the pulpit down throughout the church, heads could be seen moving to the tunes of "There's a bright sign somewhere" and "I just want to see my Savior and hear well done."

Mark F. Harris
Communication Secretary

ALLEGHENY WEST

ALLEGHENY WEST CONFERENCE HISTORY

When the original Allegheny Conference was divided in 1966, much of the inland portion was called Allegheny West. The unprecedented growth of old Allegheny was so outstanding that it was felt the constituency could be better served by its division into two conferences. Hence, after a feasibility study, conducted by the Columbia Union Conference, plans were laid for this reorganization.

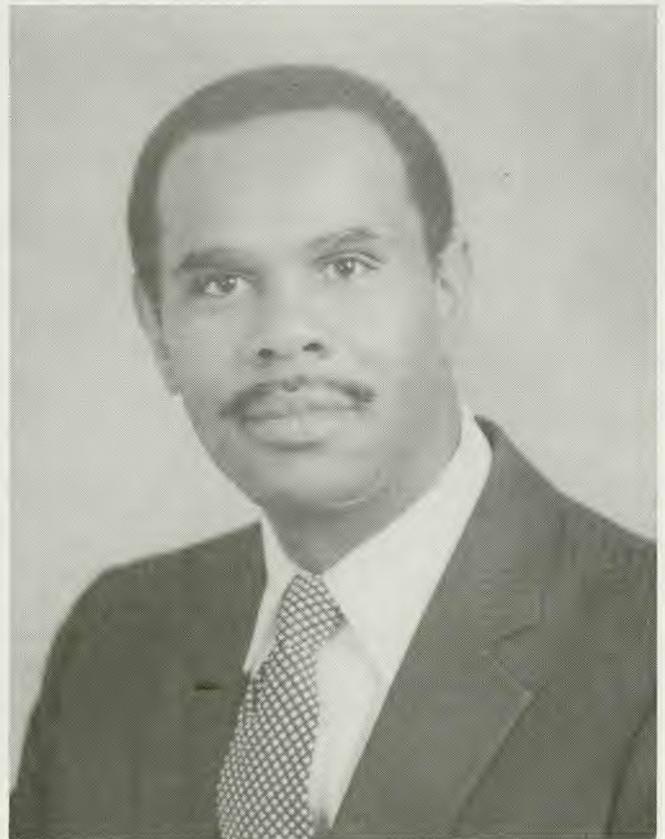
Allegheny West Conference was officially established by a vote of western-section constituents of the old Allegheny Conference in a meeting held in Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 13, 1966. Walter M. Starks, stewardship secretary of Allegheny, was

elected its first president and Aaron N. Brogden, secretary-treasurer. Other personnel included: Henry Freeman, publishing; N. K. Jenkins, associate publishing; Donald B. Simons, lay activities and Sabbath School, and Adrian T. Westney, education and MV.

The executive committee consisted of: Walter M. Starks, Aaron N. Brogden, Henry Shelton, Burrell Scott, Elmer Mitchell, Jethro H. Lester, Nelson A. Bliss, James A. Washington, Alfred L. Jones, Donald B. Simons and Charles Anderson.

Membership at the time of organization was 4,299, contained in 30 churches. The territory, then and now, covers the states of Ohio, West Virginia, western Pennsylvania, western Virginia and the western portion of Maryland.

Officers who have since served the conference: D. B. Simons, President, (completed term of W. M. Starks, who was elected head of newly organized General Conference stewardship department); H. L. Cleveland, who served as president for 11 years; Henry M. Wright and Willie J. Lewis, current president. Secretary-treasurers have been A. N. Brogden and J. A. Washington. Treasurers have been: J. A. Washington, William McDonald, Johnnie Mack, Willie J. Lewis and, currently, Carl Rogers.



*Allegheny West
Conference
President, W. J.
Mays.*

CENTRAL STATES

INDUCTION CEREMONY AT COMMUNITY

The Community SDA Pathfinder Club in Denver, Colo., held their annual induction ceremonies in which five new pathfinders were welcomed.

Along with the services, ribbons for first-second- and third-place winners were awarded to groups for activities participated in at the Central States Pathfinders Camporee in Kansas City, Mo.

Norval Stovall, Pathfinder leader, gave an inspirational speech on the true meaning of the pathfinder in today's church and world.

Etta Collins
communication Secretary

A WEDDING IN DENVER

The Sabbath and marriage are two institutions God blessed during creation week. They symbolize the close relationship the God-head longs to share with the church.

On Nov. 22, 1987, Pastor Reuben Roundtree of the Palace of Peace and Claremont SDA Churches in Colorado, presided over the marriage of Piciola Humphrey and Gilbert Randle at the home of the bride's granddaughter Tanya Marshall in Denver, Colo. Tanya is a member of the Community SDA Church, Denver, Colo.

What made this event so special was the fact that both the bride and groom are in their eighties. The Randles have been faithful members of the Philadelphia SDA Church in Des Moines, Iowa, for the past 40 years where they serve as head deacon and deaconess.

Etta Collins
Communication Secretary

PATTERSON SPEAKS FOR BETHESDA'S WEEK OF PRAYER

The Holy Spirit was vividly evident to the Bethesda SDA Church congregation in Omaha, Neb., as Pastor Steve Patterson conducted a week of prayer. Evangelist Patterson told of exploits that the Lord worked through him while in Africa. Working with the Muslims of Africa, 76 persons decided to be baptized into the Adventist faith.

Each meeting was videotaped so that memories could be retained. The last Sabbath was climactic as Evangelist Patterson told of how one could enjoy their Christian experience.



The Searchers Pathfinder Club of Community SDA Church, Denver, Colo.



Newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Randle.



(Left to Right) Pastor and Mrs. Rodney Draggon and daughter Alicia stand with Evangelist Steve Patterson.



Traci L. Sims

JOHNSON, EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Mr. Edward Johnson of Bethesda Church in Omaha, Neb., was voted "Employee of the Month" by the University Medical Center for the month of October. The medical center is the largest and most distinguished medical center in Nebraska and Midwest America.

Here is how it happened. A hospital employee developed a heart attack about 7:00 on morning. Edward was on his way to work when he noticed the employee, a doctor. Edward called a respiratory therapist, and they proceeded to administer CPR and paged for medical assistance at the same time. While the medical staff and an ambulance were on their way, Johnson worked on the doctor for about half an hour. Upon arrival of the ambulance, Mr. Johnson accompanied the patient before going to his own job.

SHARON'S OWN STUDENT MISSIONARY

Traci L. Sims, 1985 graduate of Omaha Central High School, Omaha, Neb., is a student at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala. She is the daughter of Gordon and Fayette Sims and a member of the Sharon SDA Church, Omaha, Neb., where Elder Emmitt Slocumb Jr. is the pastor.

Traci's dream to serve God by serving humanity was realized when in her junior year at Oakwood College she was selected to serve as a student missionary in Taiwan. She is presently serving in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China, where she teaches Bible and English classes at the language institute. She has served in the cities of

Ping Tung and Tai Tung, Taiwan, as well and plans to resume her studies at Oakwood College in the fall of 1988.

Gordon Sims
Communication Secretary



Mr. Edward Johnson

NORTHEASTERN

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1, 1987, 300 members and friends of the Bronx SDA Church, Bronx, N.Y., were dressed in their finest to attend the second annual gala banquet presented by the deacons and deaconesses of the church.

It took many months of planning by head deacon, Roy Gayle, head deaconess, Nanette Darthard, and their committees to make this banquet a success.

The theme was "Something Old, Something New," and was portrayed by the many guests dressed in costumes which either depicted specific eras or were "old" in terms of years of ownership. Other persons brought articles which dated as far back as the 1930's. Elder Earl Pickett had in his possession a daily newspaper clipping, dating back to 1935.

Representing the 1800's and receiving first prize was a couple who wore costumes depicting the plantation owner and his wife during the days of slavery. Ms. Primrose Scott was dressed in a costume representing the "Roaring Twenties."

Costumes representing years of ownership were worn by Mrs. Sherolin Daley

and Mr. Bertram Simmonds. Mrs. Daley's outfit represented heirlooms from past generations. Mr. Bertram Simmonds from the Better Living Mission wore articles of clothing that belonged to his grandfather.

The afternoon program was quite unique in that it had a flavor of the Caribbean, including folk songs by the Huie Family and Jamaican dialect by Ruby Sutherland and Myrtle Pickett. A reading was also presented by Mrs. Classidel Nelson.

Special guest musicians included the New York Express and soloists Willie Bethea and Raymond McKinnon.

Deaconess Constance Tyson, who has served in this position for almost 20 years, received an award for length of service and her dedication to the role of the deaconess. Deacon Aston Warner also received an award for his devotion and dedication to the role of the deacon.

Head deacon Gayle and head deaconess Darthard also received special awards from the Deacon and Deaconess Board for outstanding leadership over the years.

Deacon Gayle has decided to take a leave from active service on the Deacon Board for the upcoming year. Gayle's easy-going manner and his ability to get the job done are enviable attributes. He will be remembered and missed by the church members.

Myrtle Pickett
Communication Secretary

CAN ANY GOOD THING COME OUT OF NAZARETH?

Jamestown, N.Y., could be compared to the Nazareth of Jesus' day. Jesus would preach, teach, perform miracles, comfort the sick and bereaved, give food to the hungry and clothes to the naked, visit the sick and those in trouble and in prison. He did quite a few things during His ministry—some for which He received earthly reward, most for which He received no reward at all, not even by those close to Him. He fulfilled this mission, knowing that several years down the line, Pastor Sherwin Callwood would follow in the same footsteps. Therefore, Christ needed to show what could be done, regardless of what others said, thought or did.

Doing some of the same things his Master did, Pastor Callwood worked untiringly in surroundings filled with poverty and spiritualism. There were critics that told Jesus what He was doing would not make a difference and was useless—so were some of the same cries heard by

Pastor Callwood about New Hope SDA Mission, Jamestown, N.Y.

On Dec. 12, 1987, there was great rejoicing, not only in heaven, but in the New Hope Mission. Callwood set out, with the help of God, to speak the words boldly through the means of a Revelation Seminar for eight weeks. Two individuals, Margaret Anderson and Carolyn Capron made their decision to follow the Lord in baptism along with a host of other members. Many family members were on hand to watch their loved ones and help make things comfortable for the new believers. The deaconesses, Ms. McGaughy, and Ms. Hall performed their duties with great care.

After the baptismal service, the church took part in a potluck dinner. Members became acquainted with the new believers and endeavored to help in their new life as Christians.

Pamela R. Callwood
Correspondent



Mrs. Gloria Nelson receives plaque from Mr. Maurice Scarlett.

TRIBUTE TO THE NURTURERS OF THE WORLD

A gesture by the Education Home and School Committee of the Christian Fellowship SDA Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. to honor the entire host of teachers of the Northeastern Conference was not only a feat depicting spiritual maturity and sound humanitarian judgment, but it also proved to be an historic event.

Before Mr. Maurice Scarlett, master of ceremonies, as well as coordinator of the program, announced the stimulus for the occasion's grandeur, an expression of intense anticipation was vividly evidenced on the faces of most of the teachers. This was because the specific need for their

presence was not previously disclosed to them. However, the designated degree of tension was apparently reached when Mr. Scarlett made the eventful announcement: "We are here this evening to recognize those who stand behind our children's high achievements and to say thanks for a job well done."

The evening progressed with heart-touching music from the Northeastern Academy Choir, the Christian Fellowship Youth Choir and the Fine Arts Chorale. An array of poetic compliments was expressed by special students as their favorite teachers received meritorious longevity awards; but the highest point of the evening was touched when Pastor H. L. Ashmeade delivered his address.

Pastor Ashmeade commenced with notable wonderment as to his viability to address the group. This, he noted, was not only because of the fact that one of his former teachers was sitting among the honorees, but because, considering their sacrificial devotion, he views teachers as the most important people of our human world. He further stated that God's admiration for teachers, based on the task they perform, is likened unto the stars that canopy the heavens, and he supported this statement with scripture. Then he concluded emphatically suggesting that the entire SDA organization follow the lead of the Christian Fellowship Church and set aside one day to annually honor the nurturers of the world.

Recipients of awards included: Thelma Bernard (Hanson Place); Joyce Blackman (Flatbush); Edna Florence (Brooklyn Temple); Marjorie Hill (Northeastern Academy); Louis Matthews (Brooklyn Temple); Merille Matthews (Northeastern Academy); Florette Miller (SDA Bilingual Union); Gloria Newson (Hanson Place); Lera Ramkissoon (Hanson Place); Joyce Scarlett (Flatbush); Lester Valentine (Northeastern Academy), and Doris T. Williams (Hanson Place).

Headed by Maurice Scarlett, the Education Home and School Committee includes: Claude Celestine, Hazel Golden, Etta Liddell, Lyn Parris and Julie Williams.

A random interview of the teachers revealed that the joy of seeing a well-rounded individual as a result of their efforts is enough to propel them in perpetuity, but also indicated that an occasional acknowledgment from the brethren can refresh and enrich the spirit.

Austin H. Tuitt
Correspondent.



Maurice Scarlett, chairman of the Christian Fellowship Education Home and School Committee.



Maurice Scarlett presents plaque to Mrs. Doris T. Williams.

PASTOR GILBERT J. FOSTER RETIRES

It was with mixed emotions that Pastor Gilbert J. Foster preached his farewell sermon Dec. 12 at the Brooklyn Temple SDA Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

A lovely farewell program entitled, "This is Your Life" and banquet were held the following Sunday afternoon at I.S. 390 public school auditorium and cafeteria and was catered by the men of the church.

Pastor Foster served on various committees during his ministry in the Northeastern Conference. He was a member of the conference committee for over 20 years, on the board of directors of Victory Lake Nursing Center from its inception 18 years ago, and was a member of the Atlantic Union Committee.

The Fosters have built their retirement home in Huntsville, Ala., where the sun is a bit warmer and the weather milder. Mrs. Ruby Foster will continue her career with

the Unisys Corporation which was able to give a position in the Huntsville area.

God has richly blessed their 30 years of service to the Northeastern Conference. While pastoring three churches in the Hudson Valley, he was also the camp superintendent of the Victory Lake Camp for 17 years. During this time, he remodeled cabins, built two field kitchens, converted a cabin into a snack bar, built the Irons Motel, built three homes, measured off the property for the construction of the Victory Lake Nursing Center and later became chaplain of the Nursing Center.

Pastor Foster gave of his time and talents freely. He always felt the need to comfortably house the members of churches he pastored before leaving them. Under God, each church has either purchased a building and remodeled it, or if they remained in their churches, Pastor Foster remodeled them throughout, including the church schools.

Mrs. Foster played a major part in his ministry in the field of music. She played for the services and also directed the choirs.

Brooklyn Temple bids the Fosters a fond farewell and prays that no matter where they call home, they will continue to be tools in the hands of the Master Builder.

Elena M. Sterrett
Communication Secretary

MT. OF OLIVES HOLDS HEALTH FAIR

The Medical Department of Mt. of Olives Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., recently held their annual Health Fair. Many individuals in the neighborhood availed themselves of the services offered.

Community volunteers as well as those from the Mt. of Olives Medical Department participated. They included representatives from Woodland Medical Center; New York City Department of Health; Dr. Roger K. Boyce; Dr. Gloria Campbell, and Dr. Westley Campbell.

The church's Community Services Department, under the direction of Emma Best, along with co-workers Fay Baily and Laureen Carrington, distributed over 100 pieces of clothing.

A hot lunch was served to all persons attending the fair.

David Henry
Communication Secretary

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16



Pastor and Mrs. Gilbert Foster during farewell celebration.



Community Service workers display clothing during Mt. of Olives Health Fair.

SOUTH CENTRAL

ALCY STUDENTS WINNERS!

Three Honor Roll students from Alcy SDA Jr. Academy were winners recently at the Mississippi-Tennessee Federation held in Greenville, Miss.

Charla Folsom, an eighth-grade student and the first-place winner of the Temperance Jingle Contest, used puppets to

sing her jingle entitled, "Drugs Can Kill You, This I Know."

Glenn Hancock, an eighth-grade student and second-place winner of the jingle contest, performed his jingle entitled, "Don't Use Bad Drugs," in the form of a rap. Michael Ray Tompkins Jr., a fourth-grade student, was the first-place winner of the Temperance Poster Contest. His poster was entitled, "Sugar is Bad for Your Health." Congratulations Alcy students!

Michael R. Tompkins Sr.
Instructor



(Left to Right) ALCY students, Glenn Hancock, Michael Tompkins and Charla Folson.

PASTOR CHACHA BECOMES TREASURER IN TANZANIA

The South Central Conference is proud of Pastor Chacha who is to be treasurer in the Mara Kagera Conference in Tanzania, Africa. South Central Conference has trained him to be a successful treasurer. Mr. Chacha left the United States in December of 1987, headed for Tanzania. It is hoped that his being with South Central Conference has been a great influence on him as a church leader.

Madge Haines, an author, expresses a point that is quite relevant to his experience at the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. She stated, "A man is measured not by what happens to him, but by how he reacts to what happens. A ship breaks up in a storm. One man starts to swim, fighting for his life; another holds fast to a buoy, waiting for a lifeboat. The swimmer arrives at shore. The other does not.

"It has been my privilege to work with the folk in the treasury department of South Central Conference. I thereby gained a knowledge of their accounting system that enables the reasonable officers to obtain pertinent accounting and fiscal facts which allows for sound administrative decision-making. Such an experience brings into focus the changing financial and economic conditions throughout the world. It is therefore a great concern for our people to make liberal gifts when considering the shortness of time."

Like the man that swam to shore, he was not satisfied to just let things happen or

await an experience to take place. A week of enjoyment in the Adventist Book Center enhanced a prior knowledge in this area of work for Chacha. As a former A.B.C. manager in Tanzania, the realization of the scope in operation was slightly different, but the opportunity to witness was the same.

It has indeed been a blessing to share work experiences and the faith of our blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ with Mr. Lameck Chacha at South Central Conference. Chacha explained his prayer is that there will always be a continual friendship between Tanzania Union and South Central Conference.

CHILD EVANGELISM IN ACTION

A group of students eagerly loaded into the school bus for an extraordinary field trip. Even though it was the eve of Halloween, their faces were unmasked, unpainted and reflected the warm sunshine of the Indian summer day. This trip was to launch the child evangelism program of the Emma L. Minnis Jr. Academy, Louisville, Ky. Seventeen students, accompanied by Principal Carney Bradford, visited the Hillcrest Nursing Home in nearby Jeffersonville, Ind.

The students aided employees in wheeling approximately 50 residents into the dining area for the program performed by grades K-8. Memory gems were enthusiastically recited, and the students sang selections such as, "I've Been Redeemed," and "I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N." The program also included the recitation of

poems. Afterwards students intermingled with the senior citizens in a game of balloon volleyball.

Many of the residents were known by students who had visited Hillcrest previously. Seventh-grader India Rayborn was particularly elated at having been selected to participate in this outing, because her great-grandmother is a resident of the nursing home. The students returned to school bubbling over with positive feelings from the morning's experience.

Even though the Hillcrest staff demonstrated their appreciation of the visit by presenting the students with goodies, minds were drawn to the future when the children would hear, "Well done—I was lonely in a nursing home, and you came and made me smile."

E. L. Minnis Jr. Academy plans to continue this type of outreach.

Jackie Ford
Correspondent



Elder Xavier Butler—save the children and the family.

XAVIER BUTLER TO SERVE IN FAMILY COUNSELLING POST

The Executive Committee of the South Central Conference has taken an action to invite Elder Xavier Butler, pastor of the Riverside Chapel in Nashville, to also serve as the Family Counselor Director for the conference. Butler is one of the most outstanding family counselors that the church has produced. His ministry is proving to be quite a blessing to the Nashville community and throughout the conference.

His additional duties will be to help to bring Christian direction and guidance in helping families to resolve their difference that arise from time to time and to develop stronger family ties and happiness in these challenging times.

Drs. W. E. Coopwood and L. R. Brooms have also been asked to help with this new venture in the South Central Conference.

CHARLES E. DUDLEY II RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS DUTY

Charles E. Dudley II, the oldest son of Dr. C. E. Dudley, serves as an electrical engineer with the Westinghouse Corporation in the Baltimore area. Recently, Dudley has returned from a tour of duty to the countries of Venezuela, S.A., Yugoslavia and Arabia, where he was working with a special team from the company.

He spoke of the friendliness of the people that he met in the various countries. Their warmth and lifestyles bring fond memories to mind as he reflects on his experiences.



Charles E. Dudley II returns from overseas duty.

PASSING THE TORCH!!!

Evangelism in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination has passed through a number of eras. When the early pioneers first began their witness, the numbers were small, and many predicted the demise of the movement in just a few months. But the truth still marches onward. From the days of William Foye to the present, the Lord has blessed the efforts of those who have sought to surrender themselves to be used by Him.

Some of the early pioneers in the Black work of the church were: Thomas A. Allison, J. H. Laurence, J. G. Dasent, M. G. Nunez, G. E. Peters, F. S. Keith. From the days of these pioneers came H. R. Murphy, W. W. Fordham, W. S. Lee, W. H. Kibble, J. G. Thomas, J. H. Wagner. Then there was the era of E. E. Cleveland and J. E. Cox.

A goodly number of these soul-winners have laid down the sword and are now sleeping, awaiting the call of the life-giver, King Jesus. But some few are still telling the story, and new ones are coming to the fore.

At the time of the South Central Confer-



E. E. Cleveland and J. Rodriguez discuss soulwinning challenges and methods.

ence Worker's Meetings in Nashville, Tenn., after the workers had reported 1,140 baptisms for 1987, Dr. E. E. Cleveland challenged them that evangelism is still alive and well. Evangelism is our mission and was given by the Lord Himself before returning to glory. He is depending upon each of us to get onward with the job!

J. Rodriguez, evangelist of the South Atlantic Conference, told of the new approaches to soul-winning in new areas where the message has never been heard and souls are joining the church. New congregations of from 80 to 200 or more are being raised up by the Rodriguez ministries. The torch is being passed, and God's truth still marches onward!

THE NATION CELEBRATES KING'S BIRTHDAY

When I first met Dr. Martin Luther King, he was standing outside of a tent that had been pitched by Dr. E. E. Cleveland in Montgomery, Ala., in 1954. Thousands were flocking to the tent meeting each night to listen to the word of God as it fell from Cleveland's lips. The preaching was spirit-filled, the music was moving. The workers were a friendly group, and the Lord had Cleveland at his very best every night. Along with the spoken word, Dr. Cleveland used pictures on a silver screen to illustrate the messages from night to night.

When he saw the pictures, as he and Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy stood and watched, King spoke out, "Why this is mass hypnosis!" It was not mass hypnosis, but the leading of the Spirit of the Lord and the demeanor of the Black people of the city of Montgomery, who were eager to rally to

something that was meaningful. In just a few months, Dr. King, too, would be used to deal in "mass hypnosis" and stir a world's conscience in coming to grips with the rights of mankind.

Little did we realize then that this soldier of the cross would be used of God to turn not only a nation around, but to change the course of action in a goodly number of nations around the world. His was a spirit of love! His was a spirit of non-violence! His was a spirit of fairness for all people! His was a spirit of great determination! His was a spirit of conviction! His was a spirit of: "If a thing is not worth dying for, then it is not worth living for!" He gave his life for what he believed! All of mankind owes a debt of gratitude to him for the supreme sacrifice that he made.

It is right that this nation should establish a day each year in which to honor this valiant soldier of the cross who did so much for so many. We still envision the dream of which he spoke—brotherhood of all mankind.

When the Poor Peoples' March was held in Washington, D.C. as well as the Freedom March, E. W. Moore organized his forces and gave medical services for the thousands who gathered before the Washington and Lincoln monuments. E. W. Moore of the South Central Conference, was the father of the Inner City Ministries programs of the SDA denomination. It was a tool to be used in the struggle for human rights as led by Dr. Martin Luther King.

People from all walks of life joined in to celebrate the birthday of this great leader!



"I HAVE A DREAM." — Martin L. King Jr.

SOUTHEASTERN

YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

Yesterday we were considered the part of the South Atlantic Conference that was given new leadership. Yesterday it was 8,511 members in 51 churches. Start-up funds amounted to \$365,000. Tithe at the outset was a generous giving by God's people of \$2,237,286, and we said, "To God be the glory." The campgrounds showed the wear and use of years, and there was a debt of \$400,000-plus, and the Conference Wide Development Offering of \$70,000. Joint campmeetings tested the ability of the South Atlantic and Southeastern brethren to dwell together in unity—yesterday.

Yesterday 24 pastors, baptizing 37 per pastor, and a few Literature Evangelists who delivered \$121,000's worth of material, made up the total working force. Five schools, with 630 pupils and 34 teachers, and 76 students at Oakwood College reflected the Christian Education thrust. The publishing and Adventist Book Center activities originated from Atlanta, Ga. Yesterday we were in rented quarters, subjected to conditions that were every bit temporary.



(Left to Right) Robert T. Smith, Publishing Director for 7 years in Southeastern, responds to citation, and newly elected Publishing Director and ABC Manager John Wells looks on.

Yesterday we were the baby with the golden tooth. Yesterday it was J. A. Edgecombe, President; D. A. Walker, Secretary/Treasurer; K. A. Dennis, Youth Ministries; R. T. Smith, Publishing; I. L. Harrell, Sabbath School/Personal Ministries, and Eugene Mason, Auditor. One French pastor, Gerard Nozea, cared for the French believers, and one Spanish pastor, Julio Astacio, was responsible for the entire Spanish work. And that represented our total foreign language involvement—yesterday.

That was yesterday. Today, seven years later, it's not jubilee, but can anyone fail to



(Left to Right) Elders Gerard Nozea, Amos Boussous, Jean-Claude Alius and Nathaniel Myrtic.

see God's hand among His people and executing His will through these delegated with the responsibility of shepherding the flock? Today there are 13,667 members in 78 churches, with 39 watchmen on Zion's walls! Of the 39, five French pastors lead seven churches. Today's tithe is \$4,608,181—the highest gain in the Southern Union Conference, more than double 1981's and almost \$50,000 more than our sister conference South Atlantic and \$20,000 less than South Central. The campground's \$400,000 debt has been met. Camp facilities are still inadequate to meet the needs of our believers, but plans are afoot for improvement. Today the Publishing Department boasts of deliveries through Associates, Hugh Lee, Welton Jones, and Jon Wells, now Publishing Director and Adventist Book Center manager. Now we have seven schools, with 601 students and 37 teachers, and the second highest number of students at Oakwood College, excluding South Central. Our permanent address is 180 Westmonte Drive, Altamonte Springs, Fla. Today there is J. A. Edgecombe, President; R. R. Brown, Secretary/Communications; D. A. Walker, Treasurer; Pat Allen, E. Mason, Assistant Treasurers; K. A. Dennis, Youth Ministries; I. L. Harrell, Sabbath School/Personal Ministries; O. H. Paul, Superintendent of Education, and John Wells, Publishing/ABC Manager.



R. W. Bates gives devotional message at Workers' Meeting.

Today Ingathering soars to \$103,772, and Message Magazine gave us a trophy, Message Cup of Excellence, indicating our leadership in the North American Division for the highest number of subscriptions. Today we publish Southeastern



(Left to Right) O. H. Paul, Superintendent of Education; R. R. Brown, Secretary, reading citation; J. A. Edgecombe, President; and Elder and Mrs. Edward Dorsey, who retired after 37.5 years of service.



(Left to Right) J. E. Harris, C. L. Wright, C. Matthews and W. L. Taylor, members of the Southeastern Conference Quartet, provide music.



Trevor Fraser, Recruitment Officer, Oakwood College, lectured at Workers' Meeting and was keynote speaker at the awards banquet.

Sketches to supplement the Southern Tidings and the Regional Voice, our news media. Today we still do evangelism the old-fashioned way, we still have workers' meeting, church officers' meeting, laymen's rally, Education Weekend for graduating seniors, Youth Federations and Investitures and much, much more. That's today's Southeastern Conference.

But what of tomorrow? Across the seas yet uncharted, lies an ocean of possibilities, successes and adventures known only to Him who has the chart and compass and has been the Pilot in these seven years. Tomorrow belongs to Him. We know Him and His promise is a future crammed with blessings which mortals should not dare speculate regarding. So with the joy of knowing that "We have nothing to fear for the future except as we forget how the Lord has led us in the past," we move into tomorrow with bright hopes and say, "Be with us Lord, lest we forget." Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.

R. R. Brown
Correspondent

OBITUARY

Benson, Ivan Bradley, born Jan. 11, 1918, in Bocas del Toro, Republic of Panama, died on Jan. 16, 1988 in Altamonte Springs, Fla. With his wife, Edna Mae, who preceded him in death, he served in the Adventist church for a number of years in the Inter-American Division. He was Publishing Secretary in the East Jamaica Conference; First principal of Harrison Memorial High School; Dean of Men at West Indies College, Publishing Director, West Indies Union, and Publishing Director and Religious Liberty Director in the Inter-American Division.

He is survived by: children, Carol Benson, Holness Brian Benson, Dr. Delores Gayle, Kathleen Green; one sister, Euphemia Gray; two brothers, Oscar and Joseph Benson; nieces, Lillith Tomlinson, Carol Brady, Jennifer McKnight; nephews, Kenworth and Leonard Gray; several grand nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Interment was at the Woodlawn Memorial Park, Orland, Fla., Jan. 22, 1988.

FORMER PRESIDENT JOINS SOUTHEASTERN

Elder Oliver Mastrapa recently joined the Southeastern Conference family. Mastrapa worked in Cuba as a pastor and president for 27 years before joining the Illinois Conference where he spent the past seven years.

He will serve as a pastor-evangelist in the Orlando, Fla., area. His wife Judith, children Edwin, Eileen and Evelyn are a part of this new team.



Elder and Mrs. Oliver Mastrapa

YOUTH FEDERATION IN TAMPA, FLORIDA

The preliminaries were over. The bouquets were given; the awards presented. The Honorable Reuben Padgett, Florida's Hillsborough County Commissioner, was recognized and the introductions made. The Pine Forge Academy Choir, under the skillful and competent direction of Gwen Foster, had sung the meditation song, and



Walter Pearson, pastor, Berean Church, Atlanta, Ga., delivers message at Youth Federation, Tampa, Fla.

worship in another form was center stage.

Elder Walter Pearson, pastor of Berean Church, Atlanta, Ga., took over 4,000 Southeastern Conference Federation attendees from one mountain peak to the next. The message was clear, enriching, ennobling, elevating and spiritual. Entitled "The Glory Almost Missed," it was a message no one missed.

Youth Ministries Director, Keith Dennis and Federation President Denton Hamilton provided a weekend of activities that showed purpose, planning and design.

The Pine Forge Academy, Conrad Gill, principal, Gwen Foster, directress in concert and "The Bible Tells Me So" show, produced and played by members from Bethany Church, Miami, Fla., could easily be considered the real highlights of the evening's program.

Each year the Federation takes on a new and better phase. It reflects the countless hours of pastors and members of the Federations whose interest are centered in the youth. The officers and staff of the conference share the dream of young people prepared to live in these changing times, and congratulate those who work so untiringly that the glory will not be missed.

R.R. Brown

FIRST CHILDRENS' DAY IN OCALA

Shiloh Church in Ocala, Fla., celebrated its first Children's Day. The occasion was grand and solemn. The children were the focal point in all of the church services. As they marched through the sanctuary, took their seats on the front pews, choir loft and on the rostrum, a sense of pride and destiny flooded their parents' hearts.

Daisy O. Brown, wife of the Southeastern Conference Secretary, delivered the sermon for the worship service. Using simple



(Far left) Ida Scott, AYS leader and (far right) Constance Marsh, program coordinator and Daisy O. Brown, speaker for Children's Day.

but effective visual aids to reinforce her message, she adopted the method of Jesus, who employed object lessons to explain the truths of the Kingdom. Her counsel to the children was that they were special in God's sight and that they should act accordingly.

The children and their coordinators, Constance March, lower division Sabbath School leader, Ida Scott, Adventist Youth Society leader, First Elder Eibert Tolbert and Pastor Calvin Robinson used the occasion to launch a church mortgage liquidation drive.

A total of \$3,000 resulted from their endeavors.

The success of this first Children's Day has created plans for future such days.

Elizabeth Hamilton

DUCKLINGS FOR INVESTMENT

Some individuals might think that Investment is old-fashioned, and others might even wonder where the money goes, not knowing it supports the mission field.

When Maria Luisa Caveda was invited to promote the Investment Fund at the Miami Beach Spanish Church, she decided to lead by word and deed. She began knitting little ducks, designed as ornaments. With the help of several members she was able to sell many of them and to inspire others to start their own Investment project. Last July one person reported \$60 from the sale of ducklings. The total Investment offering for 1986 was \$384.60. The goal for 1987 was \$1000. The members prayed and worked. With vision and God's help they reached and exceeded the goal. "With God as a partner, life's projects will always succeed," says Maria Caveda.

David Caveda



Ducklings for Investment

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

OAKWOOD COLLEGE INTRODUCES NEW VISA/MASTERCARD

Oakwood College is pleased to present its own specially designed VISA/Mastercard. The new card program provides alternative financing for Christian education. Recognition for this innovation goes to Florida Hospital which conceived the idea and made the necessary arrangements with Sun Bank, a subsidiary of Sun Trust Bank, Inc.

Kent Seltman, assistant Vice President for Public Relations at Florida Hospital, reveals the following about the new program:

BENEFITS TO THE COLLEGE

(a) Each time the card is used the College will receive 10 cents.

(b) Of the \$21.00 annual fee, the college is entitled to \$7.00. Based on Seltman's study, 10,000 O.C. cards could yield up to \$130,000.00 annually.

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

According to President Reaves, funds collected in this manner will be used for scholarships at Oakwood College.

BENEFITS TO CARD HOLDERS

Discounts on products and services by many national, regional and local vendors.

HOW TO OBTAIN THE O.C. VISA/MASTERCARD

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TRIBUTE TO EVELYN L. HAMER

Evelyn Lorintz Hamer was born Oct. 1, 1918 in Montrose, Minn. Her life of faithful service included work as a missionary and teacher. While working at the Seventh-day Adventist College in Costa Rica, Central America she taught business courses and served as matron for one year. She also taught in Cuba, and several years later, served with her family in Beirut, Lebanon

for six years. During her service in this region, she collected many ancient artifacts and maintained a private museum.

After the return from the Middle East, the family moved to Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala. Here Mrs. Hamer taught more courses in the business department, worked as a secretary in the chemistry department with her husband, and served on many social planning committees. She always sought to make students, friends and travelers welcome in her home.

Evelyn Hamer passed away March, 1986. Her Christian devotion and support at the Oakwood College Church is sorely missed. She is survived by her husband Justin Hamer; daughters, Judy and Joyce Eva; sons, Jon and Bill; sisters, Eva Rockwell, Joyce Priebe, and Naomi LaGrange; and many friends.

CLASSIFIED AD

The Northeastern Conference Adventist Book Center, located at 115-50 Merrick Boulevard, St. Albans, New York, announces new longer store hours: Sunday 10:00-2:00, Monday and Tuesday 9:00-6:30, Wednesday 9:00-5:30, Thursday 9:00-8:00 and Friday 10:00-2:00. For further information call 1-800-843-8035.

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ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!
Northeastern Academy Class of 1963 will celebrate their 25th anniversary this year. If you are a member of this class and want to be included in the festivities, contact Mrs. Virginia Norman at:

1818 Andrews Avenue
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Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. I Timothy 4:12

IN THE NEWS

ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO OFFERING

For many years members of the church have wondered how it would be possible to spread the gospel message to all the world. While the message is advancing,

there are large territories that have never heard a Christian preacher.

Restrictions in many countries make it nearly impossible to share the "good news" within their borders. And many of these countries are located in the eastern hemisphere. But the Lord has inspired our leaders to meet the challenge by constructing radio stations and by developing programming for existing, long-range stations.

The year before the 1985 General Conference Session the church was challenged to raise enough money to construct another Adventist World Radio (AWR) station that could send a signal that would cover one-half of the world's population.

In one of the church's greatest demonstrations of concern, enough money was raised to establish such a station. After considerable investigation, it was decided to construct the Adventist World Radio-Asia station on the Island of Guam in the South Pacific.

Although delayed by unusually heavy rains, the building was constructed, the transmitter installed, the first antenna erected and the first signal emanated from Station KSDA on March 5, 1987. Today signals from two transmitters and two directional antennas cover Asia and reach into Africa, Europe, the South Pacific and North America.

AWR-Africa broadcasts programs in French and English from the powerful Radio Africa One located in Gabon, Africa. The signal from this station covers 15 French-speaking countries and five English-speaking countries with a combined population of nearly 200 million people.

Denominationally-owned stations in Costa Rica and Italy proclaim the gospel message to large areas of Latin America and Europe.

In order to keep the signals on the air 24 hours a day, every day around the world, a large amount of money is needed. People who are hearing the message for the first time must not hear just part of the message. The stations and programs must continue to send out the "good news." Your help is needed, so please contribute liberally to the Adventist World Radio Offering March 12, 1988.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Shiloh Academy will celebrate its 75th anniversary April 22-24, 1988 at 7000-08 Michigan Avenue in Chicago, Ill. Plan to attend the Friday night musical, featuring the Philharmonic Choir, Renewed Spirit, The McKenzie Chorale and others. The

guest speakers for the weekend include Elder Samuel Meyers and Elder William Byrd, former students of Shiloh. Carolyn Palmer, principal, invites all alumni, former faculty and friends to attend. Banquet ticket information is available at 312-873-3005.

DR. COURTNEY B. WOOD DIES

Dr. Courtney B. Wood was born in New York City, January 26, 1929, to Margaret and the late Edwin J. Wood. When he was three years old, his parents returned to Jamaica, West Indies, where he received his early education. While there, he attended the West Indies Training College in Mandeville and upon returning to New York, he completed his high school education at George Washington High School. He graduated from The City College of New York with a Bachelor of Science Degree and received his Medical Degree from Howard University School of Medicine. He later received a Masters in Public Health and Preventive Medicine from Columbia University School of Public Health. He served as a naval Medical Officer from 1957-1959 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. Dr. Wood also held the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Army Reserves.

Courtney married the former Claire Marie Searcy at Ephesus SDA Church, New York City, on April 19, 1957. To this union one daughter was born in 1964: Candace Alma.

His accomplishments in the medical field have been many. He served as Director of Ambulatory Care at Montefiore-Morrisania Affiliation; Consultant for the Department of HEW; Medical Director of Phoenix House Drug Rehabilitation Program; Regional Medical Officer with the Department of HEW; lecturer to various schools on health-related topics; member of the Admissions Committee at Mount Sinai School of Medicine; Associate Chief of Staff for Education and Acting Chief of Staff at the Bronx V.A. Medical Center. During his tenure at Montefiore-Morrisania Affiliation, Dr. Wood was responsible for the institution of a 14-hour health care service for children of working mothers.

At the time of his death Dr. Wood was chief of Spinal Cord Injury Service at the Bronx V.A. Medical Center and Associate Professor of Community Medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Dr. Wood was a Fellow of the American Board of Preventive Medicine and held membership in several professional societies. Some of these included: American

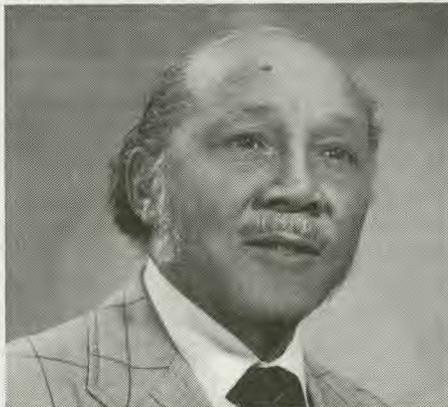
Paraplegia Society; American Public Health Association; New York Academy of Medicine, and the Physicians' Forum.

At the age of 12 Courtney was baptized into the SDA Church and remained a constant and faithful member throughout his lifetime. Because of his love of music, Courtney became a member of the Mello-tones singing group and other church choirs.

His devotion to God led him to accept various positions in the church. These included: local elder, Sabbath School superintendent; senior and youth Sabbath School teacher, church board member and advisor to medical departments. At his passing he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Victory Lake Nursing Home, Hyde Park, N.Y.

By words and deeds, Dr. Courtney B. Wood continually served as a positive role model, inspiring youth to achieve their goals.

On Aug. 29, 1987, Courtney's life ended after a brief illness. He is survived by his loving wife, Clarie; devoted daughter, Candace; mother, Margaret Wood-Clough; his parents-in-law, Otis and Aleathia Searcy Sr., and a host of relatives and friends.



T. Samuel Barber

ELDER T. SAMUEL BARBER DIES

T. Samuel Barber was born to William and Elizabeth Barber on Feb. 3. One of nine children of devout Methodist parents, he began a lifetime of learning and grew to manhood in the delta area of Greenville, Miss. It was there that he developed the strong work ethic and sense of responsibility that remained with him during his life of achievement.

In 1943 he and his loving wife, the former Mabel Louise Buckner, accepted the Third Angel's Message and became members of the Shiloh SDA Church in Chicago, Ill. While still new members, he

and his wife heard and undertook the challenge of the literature ministry as a husband and wife team. Impelled by an intense desire to lead others to God, he embarked upon a 44-year career of service to his church as a Literature Evangelist, serving in the Illinois, Northeastern, Allegheny and Lake Region Conferences.

As a truly professional Literature Evangelist, he exhibited the dynamic drive, salesmanship, business acumen, leadership and management skills that enabled him to contribute to and impact upon the continued growth, development and elevation of the literature ministry within the regional conferences and at the national level as well. His ability to "see the broad picture" and plan for the future, coupled with a characteristic desire to find a better way to achieve a goal, enabled his efforts to be blessed with success in the following positions: Literature Evangelist, Illinois Conference; Literature Evangelist, Lake Region Conference; Literature Evangelist, Northeastern Conference; Assistant Publishing Secretary, Allegheny Conference/Allegheny East; Publishing Secretary, Allegheny East Conference, and Publishing Director, Lake Region Conference, 1968-1987.

A true entrepreneur, he realized professional fulfillment and satisfaction in his development and introduction of the nationally utilized sales system known as the "Family Health & Education Service." Always concerned for his people, their progress and welfare, he conducted more than 30 summer student scholarship programs to enable students to earn funds needed to help them obtain a Christian education.

As a result of his success in reaching people through the literature ministry, he was blessed to be a co-founder of the Chicago Heights SDA Church in mid-1940. During succeeding years, he and his dear wife experienced real joy in being blessed to be instrumental in establishing the Red Hook (now E. Flatbush) Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., and the Champaign SDA Church in Champaign, Ill.

The crowning point in his career was his ordination to the ministry of the SDA Church in the spring of 1963. For him this was yet another step in the fulfillment of his determination for the Lord to have all of him and his very best efforts.

Among his final achievements were the construction of a modern, handsomely appointed operational complex for the Lake Region Conference Publishing Department and the successful expansion

and revitalization of the Lake Region Conference Health Food Store.

His love for people was evident to all. He was known for the ready wit and comical stories with which he brightened the day of the many people with whom he made contact. He was people-oriented and always had his hand out to help someone else. His enthusiasm and devotion to his work and his church were inspirational to others.

Always highly energetic, dedicated and hard-working, he unexpectedly passed away while asleep during the early hours of Dec. 25, 1987.

A loving husband, father and grandfather, dutiful son, brother and uncle, he leaves to lovingly cherish his memory: his wife, Mabel Louise Barber; daughter, Norma Barber Hazell; and grandson, Clifford D. Hazell; three sisters, Minnie Williams, Willa Durrah, Connie Rollins; a brother, James Barber; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, godchildren and friends.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. II Timothy 4:7,8

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