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Caribbean”**



**Doctor and Mrs.  
E. E. Rogers**

## COVER STORY

### ROGERS APPOINTED RADIO PASTOR IN THE CARIBBEAN

At the request of the Caribbean Union Conference, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists invited Dr. E. E. Rogers and his wife, Mildred, to join the staff of WGod FM in St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, as radio pastor of the station. WGod is the only Christian radio station in the Virgin Islands, and is known throughout the area as the Word of God in the Caribbean. Dr. Rogers is excited about his appointment. Having taught at Oakwood College, and pastored in six states throughout the South for more than 40 years, he sees this appointment as a vocation equal in range, pathos and grandeur to the pastoral ministry.

WGod FM is owned and operated by the Three Angels Broadcasting Company, Inc., a private, non-profit organization committed to the practical involvement of Christians within their communities. The goal of the station is two-fold: first, to spread the Word of God throughout the Caribbean; secondly, it seeks to put Christian faith into action. The first phase involves an on-air programming and on-sight community involvement with the needs of the community services. The second phase presents a direct physical link to problem-solving in the community.

The radio pastor is the spiritual leader of the radio station, and serves in a pastoral role for both the radio staff and listeners. In this capacity, he conducts daily devotions for the staff, and makes home calls to listeners who request his service for prayer and counsel. He is also required to maintain a radio Bible teaching and instructional ministry. Three nights a week—Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights—he is to prepare a message to be aired to the public. This is a call-in program, and the listening audience is encouraged to call in any questions, contributions, puzzling problems, or solutions to the topics presented.

Along with these responsibilities, the radio pastor is to avail himself to speak to church and community organizations upon request, serve as P.R. person for the Seventh-day Adventist churches and the radio community in general, solicit non-profit funds for the continued development and maintenance of the radio station, and maintain a weekly Bible study.



*Radio Pastor and Mrs. Rogers stand by the station wagon owned by WGod.*

Each nightly program is designed to make Christ sublime throughout the Caribbean, and to enable the listeners to know our Savior more understandably, love Him more dearly, and serve Him more sincerely. It seeks to provide a conduit, as it were, for the free flow and interchange of ideas. Puzzling problems and questions of the Bible hearts have longed to understand may find a solution through united prayer, cooperative study, phone-in contributions, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to energize and crystalize thoughts and lead souls to Christ, the fountain of wisdom and understanding.

The president and majority shareholder of Three Angels Broadcasting Company, Inc., is Mr. Reynald Charles, a faithful member of the City Seventh-day Adventist Church in St. Thomas. The station is interdenominationally focused and seeks the input of Christians from all Biblical persuasions.

The program format of WGod FM is light adult contemporary Christian music, as well as educational and informational programs. Talk shows and news are special formats of the daily programming. The basic mixture is 25 percent programs, and 75 percent music.

Mr. Charles, who began as a taxicab driver in St. Thomas, now owns the largest trucking operation on the island, Charley's Trucking Service. He had been successful in acquiring several lucrative accounts transporting goods for the post office, supermarkets and garbage disposal.

Starting his business with one truck, Charley's Trucking Service now handles about 70 percent of all trailer-containers on St. Thomas. His regular payroll exceeds \$10,000 a week.

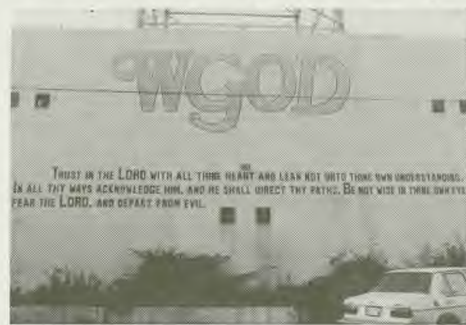
Charles, who has been an Adventist for

over eight years, exclaimed that because God has been good to him, he approached a radio station to discuss the possibility of having the gospel preached on days other than Sundays, and "They turned me down flat." He said he realized that what man was trying to say was "God, I give you a little time on Sunday, the rest of the week belongs to us." But the same man depends on God to wake him up every day.

Charles said that his answer was a decision made after he left the station to do something about it. Accordingly, he had signed a contract to purchase radio station WBS-FM, and he received official approval from the Federal Communication Commission to purchase license and facilities of the station from the Arroyo and Figueroa Association on July 10, 1985, with the official transfer taking place on Aug. 15, 1985.

The call letters have been changed from WBS-FM, a former rock station, to WGod—the Word of God in the Caribbean. Since the opening of the FM station, an AM frequency has been added. Now the gospel can be heard throughout most of the Caribbean on AM and FM.

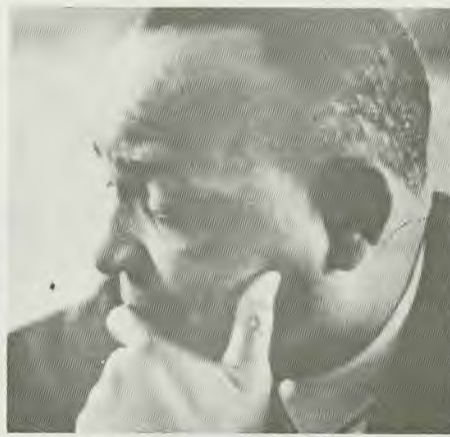
The station is devoted to the propagation of the gospel and Christian music every day and the facilities of the station are made available to every religion to preach the gospel. Mr. Charles says, "I am a Seventh-day Adventist, and I believe we are the closest to the Bible—but you should never give only one side of a pic-



*Mr. Reynald Charles, owner of WGod.*



Mrs. Reynard Charles along with their three children.



E. E. Cleveland.

ture. Let them hear all sides of a question and judge for themselves."

In speaking of the station he also stated, "In view of what Christ did on the cross for all mankind, this is just a little sacrifice on my behalf. It is the best way I know of saying, 'Thank you, Jesus.'"

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE

### FACING REALITY

The articles in a recent issue of EBONY magazine on "How to Save the Children," should claim our deep interest. Basically, education is recorded as the consensus solution to the problem. Not just education, mind you, but better education. Would you believe it, *integration* that closed down many neighborhood schools took a real beating in some of the articles. "Bussing" went only one way—Black to White. Little "cross-bussing" has occurred in 34 years. Percentage-wise, the Black survival rate is a disaster. Black leadership is now facing the hard fact that we've got to do it ourselves. If our children are to be saved from despair—the task is ours. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor of the Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., was cited for his church-school program, a neighborhood project. Other far-sighted ministers were commended for their foresight in operating neighborhood institutions. No mention was made, however, of the largest network of Black church-schools in the world which is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Of course, integration has come to the church. It is against the law of this church to practice exclusion on the basis of race

or class in any Seventh-day Adventist Church entity. But Black church leaders understood something. The opening of formerly White institutions to Blacks would not solve the problem of Black redemption. The problem is too old and deep-seated. Nor does the involvement of some Blacks solve the problems of most Blacks. The needs of man are spiritual, social, economic and political. Centuries of oppression cannot be wiped away by the passage of a law, however just and desirable. It takes years to adjust to new ways. To wipe out the Black institution is to Blacks a catastrophic solution. It leaves us nothing while promising us little. During the grand march to integration, some of us did understand this. We also heard the words that persuaded gullible Blacks to abandon all. Words like "consolidation," "brotherhood," "unity" and a "classless society" led Blacks to question each other and often to fight among themselves. Blacks and Whites were using the same words but meaning different things. The blinding flash of a rifle shot opened the eyes of most Blacks to the White bottom line. As Martin Luther King Jr. lay dying, there died with him the idea of racial assimilation. By this time, Black Methodists had surrendered their Central Jurisdiction—leaving Black Methodists adrift on a sea of White power.

The Black Adventist leader understood this and proposed the integration of what we could—and the organization of what we couldn't. As it relates to education, the problem is simple. We are on the verge of losing a whole generation of Blacks while White teachers and principals are trying to learn how to deal with them. The drop-out rate is soaring among Blacks. The White college will admit Blacks—but does not graduate them in numbers proportionate to admissions. Black colleges account for 85 percent of Black college graduates. EB-

ONY Magazine now says Black leaders must face reality! It's about time! And what is that reality? If Black redemption is achieved, we've got to do it ourselves. Time has proven that Whites cannot really emancipate us. We must accept responsibility. The Black Seventh-day Adventist did and does. The new realization finds us uniquely positioned to help. There are Black Adventist elementary schools in every major city in America. There are Black academies in New York, Atlanta, Pottstown (Penn.), Los Angeles, Chicago, St. Louis, Miami, Birmingham and Huntsville. And, of course, there is Oakwood College—a fully accredited four-year liberal arts college established in 1896 in Huntsville, Ala.

Aside from the professional proficiencies, moral values are taught, making this educational system unique and vital. How could the editors of EBONY Magazine overlook this long-standing contribution to Black uplift? Well, it is a fact, a long-standing fact of Black excellence ignored.

As America settles into being a multi-racial society, another interesting fact emerges—QUALITY and CHARACTER are all-important to our upward quest. The Christian school that stresses character development and professional proficiency is one of the indispensables. The purpose of the Israelite Exodus from Egypt was to show-case a superior life-style through them. It would do little good to replace one group of sinners with another. The Exodus was too expensive to merely replace an Amalekite with an Israelite. Unless the change is for the better, why change?

The Black man should have learned something on the way out of his wilderness. Drugs, alcohol and immoral practices are so much excess baggage. The Christian dream is essential if the American dream is to work. The pursuit of happiness is a vain exercise—if the goals are inferior. Scandalous behavior in high places is visible evidence of this.

During the Civil Rights marches of the sixties, Seventh-day Adventist church-school teachers quietly went about the business of preparing young Blacks to take advantage of the opportunities provided by these political pressures. What good is there for the Air Force to bombard, if there is no occupying army? And what if that occupying army is a drug-laced, be-bopping bunch of rock-lovers? Positive father figures are an absolute essential to the emotional stability of the new generation. Black fathers are those figures.

E.E. Cleveland

# The Editor's Desk



## CAUTION

Whenever evangelistic crusades are conducted, the believers of the Shepherd Rod Movement seem to be present to bring confusion to the hearts of the new members. And even when crusades are not being held, they will come in among your flock to bring division. Great care should be given to protect the members. Pastors, when you do not visit and pray with your members from time to time, it allows this group to get a foothold in your church. This can bring frustration to your ministry.

Let there be no working on other jobs (waiting tables—Acts 6:2). Yours is ministry!! Look after the flock. Guard the flock!! Know your sheep!! Give your life for the sheep!! And then, let us make sure that we, as leaders, do not scatter the sheep by the teachings that we give, the lives that we live and the things that we do.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18
Boston, Mass.	5:43	4:34	4:26	4:20
New York City	5:53	4:46	4:38	4:32
Buffalo, N.Y.	6:13	5:04	4:56	4:49
Atlanta, Ga.	6:50	5:43	5:38	5:33
Miami, Fla.	6:42	5:37	5:34	5:31
Charlotte, N.C.	6:34	5:27	5:21	5:16
Birmingham, Ala.	5:59	4:53	4:47	4:43
Jackson, Miss.	6:15	5:08	5:03	4:59
Memphis, Tenn.	6:10	5:03	4:57	4:53
Louisville, Ky.	6:49	5:41	5:34	5:29
Detroit, Mich.	6:33	5:24	5:16	5:10
Chicago, Ill.	5:51	4:42	4:34	4:28
South Bend, Indiana	5:45	5:37	5:29	5:23
Minneapolis, Minn.	6:08	4:58	4:49	4:42
St. Louis, Mo.	6:06	4:58	4:51	4:46
Kansas City, Mo.	6:23	5:15	5:08	5:02
Denver, Co.	6:03	4:55	4:48	4:42
Little Rock, Ark.	6:19	5:13	5:07	5:02
Dallas, Texas	6:40	5:34	5:29	5:25
New Orleans, La.	6:17	5:11	5:07	5:03
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:17	5:10	5:04	4:59
Oklahoma City, Okla.	6:40	5:33	5:27	5:22

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

## ALLEGHENY EAST TEAM AGAIN WINS NATIONAL BIBLE BOWL

For the past two years, the Allegheny East Conference has been National Bible Bowl Champions. This year's competition was held in Loma Linda, Calif.

The church representing Allegheny East both years was the North Philadelphia, Penn., SDA Church. On Aug. 12, members of the North Philadelphia congregation were overjoyed to learn that their team was returning as champions once again.

Next year's National Bible Bowl Competition will be held April 12-16, 1989 at the National Youth Congress in New Orleans, La. It has become a wonderful pastime for Adventist youth and has helped them to read and study the Bible more.

Christina Fleming  
Correspondent

## WALNUT STREET CHURCH TO HOST PROJECT "SHARE"

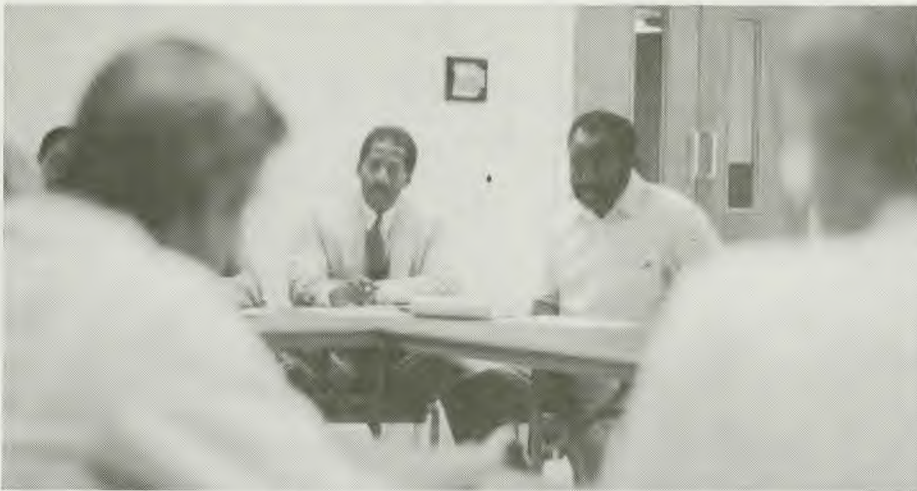
Beginning in October, the Walnut Street SDA Church, Pottstown, Penn., will become a host organization for "SHARE."

SHARE is a non-profit Philadelphia-based cooperative food-buying corporation, established by the Resident Advisory Board, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese, Episcopal Community Services, the Greater Philadelphia Food Bank and the Bethesda project. The Walnut Street SDA Church sees this as another opportunity for community involvement and uplift.

Through SHARE, a different food package is available each month worth a minimum of \$30. Each participant pays \$12 per package and pledges himself to donate two hours of community service. This plan promises to save participants from 60 to 70 percent over retail prices.

The actual contents of the package vary from month to month. However, packages always contain meat, fruits, vegetables and dry items such as beans, rice or pasta. Canned goods are also often included. Members receive a newsletter listing in detail the food selections for each month.

Since this is not a government program, there are no eligibility requirements. Anyone may participate with no limit on the number of packages per family. Local rep-



*Pastors Paul Anderson and Albert Cobb (center) are framed by members of borough council at public meeting held in the church.*



*Pastor Dennis Emrick of the Searles Memorial Methodist church in Pottstown challenges the borough council to stronger action in the Pottstown community. Because of the Adventist's church's high visibility in anti-drug activities, council requested use of the church facilities for its August meeting.*

representatives of this program are Marcellus and Deborah Smith, Carol Johnson, Carolyn Suddler and Lois Branford. Additional information may be received by calling the church at (215) 323-8927.

### **WALNUT STREET CHURCH INVOLVED IN CRUSADE OF HOPE**

Pastor Paul Anderson of the Walnut Street Church in Pottstown, Penn., had the unique experience of conducting a one-week public crusade in conjunction with two non-Adventist ministers.

The Walnut Street Church is located in a section of Pottstown which is infamous for its open drug dealing and high crime profile. Little's Bar, situated on the opposite

end of the church block, has been the scene of the latest drug busts in the city.

Anderson has received city-wide publicity for his open war on drugs. He has been the spearhead for two Say-No to Drugs Parades in the early spring and summer of this year. The second and larger parade was co-sponsored by Pine Forge Academy and several ministers from the area. Notable among these were Albert Cobb, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and Everett von Debnam, pastor of the Second Baptist Church.

All three have received favorable publicity for their very vocal and active campaign against substance abuse and alcohol. The residents of this targeted area have joined wholeheartedly in support of these efforts. Because of the interest generated, the Pottstown Borough Council held a recent meeting in the Adventist church to allow the local citizenry a forum on this subject.

To further enhance public awareness, the three ministers named above erected a large tent in Memorial Park in the city and held a Crusade of Hope to pinpoint an alternative life style for those addicted to substance abuse. The motto of the campaign was "An offense against drugs, a defense for Christ."

The nightly attendance averaged about 350 persons and drew attention from every segment of Pottstown. In addition to the nightly meetings, each church held its own weekly service under the canvas tabernacle, which was likened to the tabernacle in the wilderness. Each minister preached two nights with the extra night being used by Stephen Richardson, pastor of the Pine Forge Academy Church.

It is seen as significant that a major drug bust and arrest were conducted in the



*Pastor Anderson preaches to the three congregations on Sabbath in the canvas tabernacle. On rostrum are (left to right): Dean Calhoun, Marcellus Smith, Pastor William Henry, Lawrence Martin, Lawrence Dunn, Pastor Albert Cobb, Pastor Everett Debnam, Elder U. S. Willis.*

main trafficking area during the time the crusade was held.

The very active Adventist presence in the community had a positive impact as noted by many who stated that they now saw Adventists in a different light. Since the dismantling of the tent, visitors have begun to attend the regular weekly service at the church.

Anderson sees Bible studies and one-to-one contacts as the evangelism of the future for Pottstown. Under his direction the church is planning yet another Say-No to Drugs Parade.

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**For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel.** Galatians 1:11, 12 RSV

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### MT. CALVARY BURNS MORTGAGE THREE YEARS EARLY

Williamsburg, Va., is a perennial scene of exciting hustle and bustle as tourists visit the historic village, Jamestown, Busch Gardens and the Pottery. However, on a recent Sabbath the Williamsburg Mt. Calvary SDA Church celebrated with their own brand of excitement.

During the morning worship service, the church met the challenge presented to them six weeks earlier by their pastor, Gene Donaldson, of raising \$7,000 toward their building fund. Members enthusiastically brought \$8,100 to the altar, giving a total of \$20,000 toward their building project. Allegheny East Conference Executive Secretary, Elder C. L. Cheatham, was the special guest speaker for this momentous occasion.

Further celebration followed in the form of a fellowship dinner served on the church lawn.

These ceremonies led to the highlight service of the day—the mortgage burning. The church history, read by First Elder Lawsey Thomas, pointed out the fact that Mt. Calvary was burning its mortgage three years ahead of schedule!

Special speaker for this occasion was Allegheny East Conference president, M. C. Van Putten, who entitled his message "Miracles." For the actual mortgage burning, Pastor Donaldson was joined by all the Virginia area ministers, Allegheny East Conference administrators and Karen Grown, church treasurer. Elder Van Putten offered a dedicatory prayer as he presented a debt-free church to the Lord.

Karen Brown  
Communication Secretary



*Mt. Calvary mortgage burning ceremony (left to right): Elder Thomas, Elder M. Van Putten, Ms. K. Brown, Pastor Donaldson, Elder Braithwaite, Elder Cheatham and Elder Boyce.*

## CENTRAL STATES



*Ms. Adora Marie Green, one of the Outstanding Young Women of America.*

### SHARON CONGRATULATES ONE OF ITS OWN

The members of Sharon SDA Church in Omaha, Neb., extend congratulations to Ms. Adora Marie Greene for being selected as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America. Ms. Greene joins the ranks of young women from across the nation honored for their business and civic contributions.

The purpose of the award program is to recognize young women like Ms. Greene who give of their time, talents and service

to enrich the quality of American life. She was selected from among thousands of nominations submitted by respected business and civic leaders throughout the country.

Ms. Greene, a 1979 graduate of Oakwood College with a Bachelor of Arts in music, is presently a vocal instructor with the Omaha public school system. Some of her accomplishments include: guest pianist for churches and schools throughout the country, pianist for the National Convention of Christians and Jews in 1986, several duo-piano concerts in Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, New York and Nebraska, and appearances with the Omaha Symphony String Ensemble. Locally, Greene serves as minister of music at Sharon SDA Church, the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church and Friends of Christ Evangelical Church.

Gordon B. Sims Sr.  
Communication Secretary

### AN INVESTMENT FOR CHRIST

An eighth-grade student of the Fullwood SDA School in Omaha, Neb., once remarked, "All these years I've been wanting to leave Fullwood. Now the time has come, and I don't want to go. I can't understand it."

But anyone acquainted with Christian education can understand it. These parents have invested, and God is repaying. By helping to run the school, students are developing leadership qualities. They are seen functioning in every aspect of the school program. This is their school. They

have come to understand that, "This is my school, and Christian education has a great deal to offer me." Why should they want to leave?

Give students a well-rounded education, and they'll want to serve their school and thus learn to serve God faithfully. Yes, Christian education is an investment.

Gordon Sims  
Communication Secretary

### FULLWOOD SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Fullwood SDA School in Omaha, Neb., is on the move. Under God's leadership this year has been prosperous.

The students of Fullwood play a major role in its activities. A student council election was held and has been functioning since last fall. Activities such as school spirit days, fall and spring weeks of prayer, appreciation day, a Just Say No contest and school clean-up days were all organized under the auspices of the student council. The following officers ably led out in the student council: Dwain King, president; Avery McDougale, vice president; Kelli Mosley, secretary; Lovely Stewart, treasurer; Ruth Ann Robinson, chaplain; Anna Cech, historian; Chelise Davis, sergeant-at-arms, and Timothy Poitier, sports coordinator.

Theresia Taylor and Audrey Irby were the student council sponsors.

Gordon Sims  
Communication Secretary



*A group of students performing during Week of Prayer.*



*Mr. Thompson Kay demonstrating a point in his presentation during Spring Week of Prayer.*



*Pastor Rupert Bushner from Allegheny West Conference demonstrates the workings of the Holy Spirit in cleansing from sin during a Week of Prayer at Fullwood.*



*Pilgrim Day at Fullwood (left to right): Chelise Davis, Nichelle Griffy, Shawntel Butler, Nichole Chalmers, Kellis Mosely and Lovely Stewart.*



Philip Clark of Shiloh SDA Church.

### PIANO RECITAL AT SHILOH

Philip Clark of the Shiloh SDA Church in Leavenworth, Kan., presented a piano recital recently. The recital included Beethoven's Fourth Piano Sonata; Grieg's "Nocturne," "I Love Thee," "Wedding Day at Trolldhaugen"; and Addinsell's "Warsaw Concerto."

Clark has music degrees from Doane College in Crete, Neb., and DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. He completed further study at Indiana University and at the University of Southern Mississippi.

He has composed contemporary vocal and instrumental music, both sacred and secular.

A free-will offering, accepted for the Home and School fund, was used to help young Shiloh students attend Adventist schools.

Roberta Williams  
Communication Secretary

## NORTHEASTERN

### JAMAICA CHURCH HONORS CHARTER MEMBER

Mrs. Helen Galloway, a charter member of the Jamaica SDA Church, Jamaica, N.Y., was honored during the 11:00 worship service on Saturday, Aug. 27, for her distinguished service to the church for over 20 years.

Mrs. Joan Thompson, chairman of the board of the Busy Bee Day Care Center, presented Mrs. Galloway with an award for her years of service to the center as an educational consultant and as a board member.

Mrs. Galloway, who retired from teach-

ing with the board of education in June, 1988, will be leaving the New York area shortly to live in California for a period of at least one year.

A farewell party, hosted by Mrs. Doris Shorey, was given in Mrs. Galloway's honor later that evening. During this party, Mrs. Bertha Wilson, a Busy Bee board member, and Mrs. Joyce Morgan, Sabbath School superintendent, made additional presentations to Mrs. Galloway.

A special program was presented, featuring vocal solos, a violin solo, recitation of original poetry, West Indian dialect and humorous stories about Mrs. Galloway over the years.

### HSI PRESIDENT VISITS JAMAICA CHURCH

Dr. George Babcock, president of Home Study International (HSI), the original Adventist correspondence school in Takoma Park, Md., was the guest speaker at Jamaica SDA Church, Jamaica N.Y., on Home Study International Day, July 16.

The purpose of Dr. Babcock's visit was to promote Adventist education and to report on the impact HSI has had worldwide.

To illustrate the interest in educational materials offered by HSI, Dr. Babcock noted that requests for English correspondence courses have recently been received from the University of Saudi Arabia and from officials in Communist China.

HSI plans to utilize this opportunity to witness to these non-Christian students by incorporating Christian values and doctrines in the curriculum offered.

A new seven-unit course called "Wel-

come to the Family" is now being offered by HSI. This course is designed to be used by local churches to introduce newly-baptized members to the Adventist Church.

Merle Thompson-Adams  
Communication Secretary

### CHILDREN'S DAY AT BETHEL

"This is the day that the Lord hath blessed; we will be glad and rejoice in it." These were the words of the theme song for Children's Day held June 11 at the Bethel SDA Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. Children were featured in every aspect of the services beginning with Sabbath School and culminating the following day with a country-type fair.

The Sabbath School superintendent, 9-year-old Antoinette Jack, very ably led the senior and youth divisions through the regular program. Children from kindergarten through junior divisions participated in the program. Each person present was reminded that "a little child shall lead them."

The divine worship hour again featured children as platform participants, church clerk, deacons and deaconesses, ushers and speakers. The first speaker was 10-year-old Wa-ki Bennet, whose message was entitled "The Name of Jesus." The message of Robert David, the second speaker, challenged parents to "Train up a Child" by setting the proper example and meeting their responsibility to prepare their children for heaven.

Music for the morning service was provided by Bethel's own 70-voice children's choir, the Angelic Voices, under the direc-



Dr. George Babcock during Home Study International Day at Jamaica Church.



tion of 14-year-old Richard David. Members range in age from 3 to 14 years.

The Pathfinders provided processional music for the AYS program in the afternoon. Gail Griffith, age 9, and Andre Harrison, age 11, were the hosts. Each division presented a variety of selections giving each child an opportunity to participate in the festivities. The Bethel School Choir appeared as special guests and gave an inspiring rendition of "Naaman." Seven-year-old James LaMar and his sister, Christie, age 5, led out in the vesper service. James and Christie are the children of Pastor and Mrs. LaMar.

Sunday morning the parking lot of the church was decorated with brightly colored balloons, streamers and happy children who bobbed for apples, fished in the fish ponds, raced in miniature race cars and bounced on a gigantic bubble ride. There were clowns, popcorn and other refreshments to round out the day. This phase of Children's Day was organized by members of the Cornerstone Division under the direction of Brenda Hamilton and Alvin Adams Sr.

In keeping with the theme, "Our Children—Our Pride and Joy," each child's picture was displayed artistically on the church bulletin board and each child received a memento of the occasion.

Many months of planning by a dedicated committee, chaired by Verna Berkel, went into preparation for the day. It will long be remembered by many.

Vida Brown and Helen Griffiths  
Correspondents

## LITERATURE EVANGELISM DAY AT BRONX CHURCH

Bronx SDA Church in New York recently celebrated Literature Evangelism Day. Coordinating the day's program was Elder Don Henry, publishing secretary for the church.

The guest speaker was Pastor Sandy Robinson, marketing representative for Review and Herald. In his sermon, Pastor Robinson directed the church's attention to the importance of literature evangelism. He appealed to the congregation reminding them that the harvest was ripe, but the laborers few. In response to his appeal, 20 persons pledged to be a part of the literature evangelistic team.

Elder William Morris, associate publishing director for the Northeastern Conference District I, was also a special guest. He praised the efforts of colporteurs Ashbury Thomas and Leroy Daley for



*Elder Sandy Robinson addresses the Bronx congregation.*



*Literature Evangelist Ashbury Thomas.*

achieving the highest literature sales over the past year. Thomas sold over \$49,999 worth of literature and Daley sold over \$30,000 worth of literature.

Both men have been appointed Assistant Publishing Secretaries to Elder Morris, covering the literature work in District I. Their functions include recruiting and training new workers. Mr. Thomas will be responsible for Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island; Pastor Daley will be responsible for the Bronx and lower Westchester.

Elder Don Henry is to be commended for the part he played in encouraging Thomas' involvement in literature evangelism.

Myrtle Pickett  
Communication Secretary

## CHURCH BIDS FAREWELL TO PASTOR

The Mount Vernon, N.Y., SDA Church family bid farewell to Pastor and Mrs. Eugene I. B. Virgil on July 16. After serving in Mount Vernon for over two years, Pastor Virgil accepted the call to return home to Bermuda to continue his ministry.

In his farewell sermon Pastor Virgil offered the four principles or graces the apostle Paul gave to the church at Corinth: "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace." 2 Corinthians 13:11. Mount Vernon wishes the Virgils God's continued blessings as they labor in another part of the mission field.

To succeed Pastor Virgil will be Pastor Desmond Francis. Mt. Vernon Church wel-

came Pastor Francis and his family on Aug. 27. Francis, a native of Jamaica, W.I., graduated from West Indies College in Mandeville, Jamaica, in 1967. He is also a graduate of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., where he received a master's degree in 1975.

During his opening remarks, Pastor Francis stated that he would not only be the pastor for divine worship, but, "I am the pastor of Sabbath School, the pastor for AYS and the pastor for midweek prayer service. He also emphasized that he expected to see the congregation at these services.

Mount Vernon is expecting great and wonderful things to happen.

Winsome Dyer  
Communication Secretary

### **SOUTH BRONX MISSION LITERATURE EVANGELISM DAY**

Literature Evangelism Day, sponsored by the South Bronx Mission and coordinated by Mrs. Lillian Dawson, was a great success. It was held in the Bronx community where the mission is housed.

The Northeastern Conference Community Services van arrived in the Bronx at approximately 3 P.M. Church members turned out in full force to help with the van and give out literature. The secretaries, M. Meyers, K. Meyers and R. Washington, worked untiringly to have the people registered. Nurses on hand were: C. Abrahams, C. N'Wankpa, D. Powell, J. Richards and B. Forbes. Mr. Simmons and Mrs. K. Hughes also assisted in the medical screening process.

The youth of the mission were very energetic in maintaining the flow of tracts and magazines. Over 2,000 were distributed to passers by. One hundred three persons were enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course and over 100 individuals had their blood pressure taken.

Mrs. Dawson is to be commended for coordinating this program as well as Pastor Kenneth L. Green for supporting it with his presence and bringing the van to the community.

Kathleen Hughes  
Communication Secretary

### **PRISON MINISTRY AT SHILOH**

Three vans pulled out of the Shiloh SDA Church parking lot in Springfield, Mass., one morning, headed for the Somers Connecticut Correctional Institute. Known as the Good Samaritan Band, members of



*Community residents await medical screening.*



*The children of South Bronx Mission with Pastor Kenneth L. Green, rear.*



*(Left to right) Mrs. L. Dawson, the day's coordinator, along with nurses on duty, C. Abrahams, B. Forbes, D. Powell and C. N'Wankpa.*

the Shiloh Prison Ministry were greeted at the prison by Chaplin Jesse J. Barber. James Moore is the director of the group from Shiloh.

Two services were held: one in the maximum security facility where 100 inmates attended, and the other at the mini-maximum facility where 60 inmates attended. Special music at each service was rendered by the prison choir and bands, and Ms. Venice Wilson of Shiloh recited Psalms 46.

At each facility complete silence fell when Elder John Talbot of Shiloh delivered the sermon entitled, "Promises, Promises, Promises!!!"

J. E. Lee  
Correspondent

## MUSICAL HAPPENINGS AT SHILOH

The Shiloh SDA Church Sanctuary Choir of Springfield, Mass., directed by Velma Beeman Brown, recently celebrated Choir Day. Ms. Alma Blackmon, former instructor at Oakwood College, was guest speaker for the day. She guided the congregation through a day of musical history. The Capital City SDA Church Choir from Albany, N.Y., performed Ms. Blackmon's arrangement of "Give Me Jesus."

Shiloh's Gospel Choir, under the direction of Odell W. Finch, held a choir reunion June 11. Former members from North Carolina, Florida, Washington, D. C. and New York came to join in the festivities. Special choir member, Pastor David Glover, told the congregation, "There is power in song. Music was born in heaven and has a great influence on our lives." In the afternoon a concert was held featuring Pastor Glover and former choir member Cindy Williams as soloists.

J.E. Lee  
Correspondent

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### UNION SETS UP A COMMITTEE TO STUDY WORK OF THE UNPRODUCTIVE WORKER

On any job and at any post a person's ability to produce and to perform well is very meaningful to the onward progress of the firm or organization. In recent years the church has turned its attentions to the onward progress in the work and what it takes to get the job done. It is understood

that most of those who serve the church must be self-starters and motivators. Except for those who work in the office, there is no "punching of the clock" which signals when to begin work and when to stop working. The pastor, to a large degree, must ask the Lord to fill him with His Spirit and to direct in all things in his ministry.

The Southern Union Conference leadership has set up a committee to give study to helping a worker to achieve successes in ministry. A number of areas are considered in this study: a consistent Christian life, leadership skills, member and family relationships, the ability to move upon the hearts of souls to take a stand for the truth and to become a member of this body. Inasmuch as the church body, as a whole, must depend upon the member in the pew to be inspired to give support and cooperation in building the church to the glory, one should be able to love people into service—winning others, raising of the various goals that are assigned and looking after the upkeep of the work where he/she has been asked to serve.

A dedicated and continuous study of the Word is meaningful. Staying on the job is meaningful. Putting forth one's best in all things is meaningful. A concern for the family and the progress of the organization is meaningful. Every worker can be productive when there is a complete surrender to the Lord for service.

### NEW BIRTHS

Some of the churches in the South Central Conference have been named "New Birth" and "New Life." However, actual new births have taken place in the conference during the past few weeks: Elder and Mrs. Aaron Thompson are the parents of a son; Elder and Mrs. Jesse Wilson are the parents of a new son; Pastor and Mrs. Prentiss Sorrels are the parents of a new daughter; Pastor and Mrs. Michael Holland are the parents of a new girl; Pastor and Mrs. Jesse Green have a new daughter. We are informed that new arrivals are soon to be at the Frazier, Seay and Bardu homes. We are proud of our growing family.

### RONALD BERRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

When Ronald and Lolita Berry passed away two years ago, we agreed that there should be a scholarship fund set up in their honor. We would ask the members to contribute at least \$1 each for this fund. Please let us not let the dream die. Present the program to your members.

## REPORTS FROM THE SUMMER MEETINGS

Here is a partial report of the crusades that were held this summer: Cleveland/Bell in Mobile—139; Vincent/Ross in Birmingham—45; Wilson in Opelika—12; Mounter in Mobile—29; Rainey/Rudley in Lexington—30; Brown in Clarksville—8; Lewis in Knoxville—45; J. W. Jones in Knoxville—23; Patterson/Morgan in Tupelo—24; Young in Yazoo City—6; Luckett in Canton—12; Grider in Jackson—39; Butler at Riverside—10; Hill in Huntsville—12; Hill in Memphis—29; J. A. Jones in Memphis—90; Holland in Campbellsville—1; Cleveland/Norman in Springfield—15; Brown in Rolling Fork—no report thus far.

## NEW PUBLISHING DIRECTOR ELECTED

When Elder and Mrs. S. P. Ruff accepted the call to serve as the director for the publishing work in the Southwest Region Conference, the Executive Committee invited Brother William Smith to serve as the new director. Brother Smith is a graduate of Oakwood with a degree in ministry and Christian salesmanship. He has served as the associate director for the work in the state of Alabama for the past three years. He is married and has one child.

Eugene Anthony of Mobile, Ala., has been invited to serve as the director for the work in the state of Alabama in the post that was held by Pastor Smith. Pastor Robert Crawford of Nashville, Tenn., has been invited to serve as the director for the work in Memphis, Tenn. Memphis is a city of over 500,000 Black people who must hear the gospel before the Lord comes. Anthony will be living in Memphis.

More literature evangelists are needed to get the job done. Encourage members in your churches to consider taking up this special work that has been ordained of the Lord.

**I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints.**

Philemon 1:4,5 RSV

## NASHVILLE'S SCREENING AT THE TENN. STATE FAIR

Thousands visited the Second Annual Health Screening sponsored by the New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church at the Tennessee State Fair in Nashville. Mrs.

Hattie Griffin and Elder Steve Norman, pastor of New Life Church, coordinated the screening which involved volunteer health professionals from the Boulevard SDA Church, Riverside Chapel Church and New Life Seventh-day Adventists.

Almost 400 persons stopped by the attractive booth to have their blood pressure checked and their blood sugar tested. Persons whose tests revealed abnormalities were referred to their local physician or one of the SDA medical physicians. Thousands of others picked up brochures on hypertension and diabetes and watched videos on healthful living.

One visitor from Pakistan indicated that when he was a boy his mother and he had been Seventh-day Adventists, then with a wishful look asked for a pamphlet about the church.

A note was kept of the interests and Harold Blocker will enroll each person who participated in the screening in a Bible course through the personal ministries department.

Volunteers who participated in this year's health screening were: Donsale Blanchard, Christine Bennett, Harold Blocker, Haralyn Blocker, Rena Majors, Nortickle Weaver, Hattie Griffin, Dorothy Bowers, Emma Catchings, Pastor Norman, Hensworth Weaver and Edna Thomas of New Life SDA Church; Dr. Paul Daugherty of Boulevard SDA Church; Dr. Duane Harrison, Howard Coes, Gerald Keble, Heatha Dixon and Elizabeth Morris of Riverside Chapel.

### EBONY ENSEMBLE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SINGING

The Ebony Ensemble of Nashville, Tenn., most of them members of the Hillcrest SDA Church, just celebrated their 20th anniversary.

The Ebony Ensemble was organized in Sept., 1968. The founder, James E. Brown, drafted the young people of the church to give a program for the Home Missionary department.

The Ensemble began with 15 members. At that time they were called Unit 2, the Dorcettes and the Young Layman. This group, under the leadership of Mary E. Brown, was dedicated to do missionary work. The directress was and still remains Gwendolyn Y. Brown. Ronald Campbell, professor at Oakwood College, who is on leave to pursue his Ph.d., was the first pianist.

During the early phase of their development, the group decided to choose a name

reflective of themselves. Realizing the importance of Black people being unified for constructive growth, the name EBONY ENSEMBLE, meaning Black unity, was selected.

The Ensemble's first concert was held October, 1970, at the Hillcrest SDA Church, formally known as the Meharry Boulevard SDA Church. The group's pianist was Carmen Stadaker who served for two years. Earlene Madison has also willingly assisted the group from time to time. Jo-Ann Graham has been the pianist and co-directress for several years. Her singing, playing and arranging abilities had been a great asset to this group.

The Ebony Ensemble is pleased to cele-

brate twenty years of continuous service to God and praise in song. They have vowed to "Keep on singing."

**Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. He who does good is of God.** III John 1:11 RSV

### TUPELO, MISS., CHURCH TO BE ORGANIZED

The 128th congregation of the South Central Conference will be organized in Tupelo, Miss., on Friday, Sept., 30. Pastor Morgan reports that since the meeting that was held by Elder R. L. Patterson this summer, there can be found 25 SDA believers in that city. To God be the glory!!!



Mrs. Donsale Blanchard doing a blood sugar test at the Tennessee State Fair.



The Ebony Ensemble Celebrates their 20th anniversary.

## NEW COVENANT CHURCH HOLDS OPENING

Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Hill and the members of the New Covenant SDA Church of Memphis, Tenn., celebrated their official church opening on Sabbath, Sept. 10, 1988. It was a day to be cherished and remembered for this new facility represents the only building that the denomination has constructed from the ground up since its beginning in 1906. Each time that the membership has expanded and established new congregations, there has been a purchasing of buildings that have been used by other denominations.

Since its beginning in 1906 the membership has worshiped on Mississippi Boulevard in South Memphis. The church growth spread to the Longview Heights building, the Alcy Roads building, the Breath of Life building, the Overton Park building, the Eads building, the Word of Life building and then the new facility that has just been opened, the New Covenant Church Building. The program had its beginnings under the leadership of Elder Isaac L. Lesster who presently serves in Louisville, Ky. Dr. Roland Hill came to the pastorate from Jackson, Miss. Hill had been blessed to construct buildings in Franklin, Fayetteville and Columbia, Tenn., earlier in his ministry.

The work among Blacks in Memphis had its beginning in the home of the late Mrs. Ella Gray, mother of Mrs. E. R. Gray Jones and grandmother of Professor Charles A. Gray, former dean of men at Oakwood College.

Dr. Hill is presented a letter of merit by a representative from the mayor's office.



*Dr. R. J. Hill, pastor, Mrs. V. Montague and mayor's representative.*



*South Central Conference K-12 Board meets in Nashville.*

## SOUTH CENTRAL K-12 BOARD MEETS

The members of the South Central Conference K-12 Board held its first meeting for the current school year on Aug. 30 in Nashville, Tenn. In his opening report, Professor N. G. Higgs stated that, "We have 13 schools opened this year with our highest enrollment in the history of the conference—over 1000 students." We presently have schools in Nashville, Birmingham, Huntsville, Selma, Montgomery, Mobile, Jackson, Louisville, Fayette, Chattanooga, Greenville, and Memphis. In some few places, parents are operating home schools and teaching their own children.

The board had an opportunity to see the



*Church school students from F. H. Jenkins School in Nashville, Tenn.*

new F. H. Jenkins School in Nashville that is being completed and will be ready for the second semester in Jan., 1989. They also visited with some of the children of the student body.

## JOSEPH GRIDER HOLDS MEETINGS IN SWAZILAND

Pastor Joseph I. Grider spent the months of September and October conducting evangelistic crusades and attending workers' meetings in Swaziland and South Africa. Hundreds attended the meetings and a goodly number were baptized.

Elder Grider is the first of the South Central Conference pastors to visit the continent of Africa in response to an invitation that has been extended by the leaders there to build stronger ties between the Black SDA church in the North American Division and the churches on that continent.



Elder J. I. Grider and wife, Doris.

## EVANGELISM TO THE 21ST CENTURY

"Evangelism Our Real Work—Evangelistic work, opening the Scriptures to others, warning men and women of what is coming upon the world, is to occupy more and still more of the time of God's servants," thus wrote E. G. White in the Review and Herald, Aug. 2, 1906.

"If our ministers realized how soon the inhabitants of the world are to be arraigned

before the judgment seat of God, to answer for the deeds done in the body, how earnestly they would work together with God to present the truth! How earnestly they would strive to lead men to accept the truth. How untiringly they would labor to advance God's cause in the world, proclaiming in word and deed, 'The end of all things is at hand.'" -Letter ;43, 1902.

When the church clerks' reports are received for the third quarter of this year, it is hoped that the membership of the South Central Conference will stand at over 19,000 members. Please see to it that the church clerk sends this report by the 20th of October. Let us ask the Lord to help us and to use us to add many more to the church during the last quarter of 1988.

The Southern Union Conference president has asked the South Central Conference to accept a goal of 2,000 baptisms during 1989. The challenge is not too big. God will help us to do great exploits for Him. Let us plan to engage in "year-round" evangelism. Baptize every month, every week. Add to the church such as will be saved! Let us work for "Four Seasons of Evangelism." 1st Quarter: Preparation for Service—gather all the children in; 2nd Quarter: Cottage Meetings and Reclamation Ministries—bringing lost sheep back to the church; 3rd Quarter: Strong Public Evangelistic Crusades. (Sermons should be prepared for this now during the fall and winter months. Every church light a dark county!! Let every member participate in every crusade!!); 4th Quarter: Harvest In-gathering: gathering up the remnants!!

We must not only seek to bring people into the church, we must ask the Lord to fill us with His Spirit and to hold them. Regretfully, the Southern Tidings, Sept., 1988, issue reported that during the past two and a half years there were 1,012 apostasies listed in the South Central Conference. Let us shepherd the flocks as those who will be called into account by God Himself. May there be no mass dropping of persons from the church rolls. Remember: "A house-going preacher will develop into a church-going people." If you go to see them, they will come to see you. Be kind to the saints and love them into the truth.

## BUILDING PROGRESS

Several building programs are still moving throughout the conference. The Bessemer congregation is working hard to have the church opening of their new facil-

ity. A new building was opened by the New Covenant members in Memphis during September. The F. H. Jenkins School building is nearing completion and school will be held there come the first of the year. A new facility has been purchased in Kingsport, Tenn. New construction is under way in Indianola, Miss. A new building has been purchased in Campbellsville, Ky. The conference office building slowed its pace during the construction of the F. H. Jenkins School this summer, but the program now resumes. Plans are being laid for a new building in Sylva, Miss.

We must not be content until every congregation is housed.

**Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.**

Revelation 1:7 RSV

## EARLITEENS FOR CHRIST

Sabbath School Earliteens of the Oakwood College Church in Huntsville, Ala., have recently enjoyed traveling and presenting Sabbath School and AYS programs for several churches. They also distribute evangelistic tracts throughout the surrounding church neighborhoods. Dr. Mouzon, director of the Oakwood Earliteen division guided the plans.

The Earliteens presented the Sabbath School program at the Alpha SDA Church recently with assistance from associate leader Naomi Bullard. Music was rendered by Carla Cargill; Howard Johnson and Maurice Miles presented the mission story. Earliteen Daniel Lubega assisted instructors, Willis Epps Sr. and Alpha's Jen Davis with the lesson review. Elder Hector Mouzon delivered the divine worship message.

Following the sermon, the Alpha Church, under the direction of Pastor Robert Mann, prepared and served a hot lunch for both the Alpha and Oakwood Earliteens. Alpha's Elder Charles Smith then gave the young people tracts and direction for distribution. He and other church leaders drove the youngsters to different areas in northwest Decatur.

Other churches visited by the Oakwood Earliteen division include the Trinity and Triana SDA Churches in Athens and Triana, Ala., respectively.

Janice Walker  
Correspondent



(Left to right) Oakwood's Earliteen instructor, Willis Epps and Earliteens Howard Johnson and Carla Cargill receive a very warm welcome from Earliteen Tammy Turner at Alpha SDA Church in Decatur, Ala.

## IN THE NEWS

### ANNUAL COUNCIL HELD IN NAIROBI, KENYA

The Annual Council of the General Conference will be held in Nairobi, Africa, this fall. More than a million of the members of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination are found on the continent of Africa. Inasmuch as we have a world-wide denomination, the General Conference seeks to have some of its meetings in different parts of the world from time to time.

It is interesting to note that 84 percent of the world membership is made up of people of color. A better spirit of concern and oneness must be built among us that the work will continue to go forward. African leaders are asking that pastors and workers from Afro-America visit the homeland and conduct meetings for the people in the different countries of Africa. We must go and answer the call. Elder Joseph I. Grider

reports that the blessings of the Lord are attending his ministries in Swaziland. The experience is very rich. Others are being asked to come during 1989.

### CHANGES IN CONFERENCE POSTS

In recent weeks there have been a few changes in some of the leaders in the Regional Conferences. Elder L. G. Newton has been extended a call to serve as the president in West Africa, Elder Stennett Brooks has been elected to serve as the president of the Northeastern Conference. Elder J. A. Edgecombe has tendered his resignation from the presidency of the Southeastern Conference; his successor is pending. Professor Mike Faison, one of the former pastors of the South Central Conference, has been called to serve in the English and communication departments at Oakwood College. He comes from Andrews University where he served in the communications department and developed the Gospel Puppets Show for ministries.

### RODRIGUEZ TO TEACH A QUARTER AT NADIE

Joseph Rodriguez, evangelist, has been invited to teach the "ninth quarter" program for seminary students who attend the Nadie program in Chicago. He has been blessed with a unique ministry of soul-winning for these times. His is a simple method of evangelism through a means of going into places where there are little or no SDA members, and after laying a good groundwork, baptizes on an average of 100 souls or more. He has just completed a crusade in California where another 100 persons or more were added. It is the feeling of the leaders that this ministry should become a part of the training of our future leaders.

### OAKWOOD ENROLLMENT AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH, CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE UP

The South Central Conference school system is experiencing one of the best school years in the history of the conference. The enrollment is at its highest, and

each of the school's principals report good gains over last year's enrollment. Oakwood College has over 1,200 students this year, 500 of whom are in the freshman class. Pastors, you will be blessed if all of your children are enrolled in the church school program. It could be the saving of your own household.

### **BROOMES NAMED ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR DMHMR'S ALCOHOL AND DRUG DIVISION**

A veteran in the field of psychiatry, alcohol and drug treatment and administration has been named assistant commissioner for the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation's Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services.

Commissioner Eric B. Taylor said Dr. L. Rudy Broomes assumed the post effective September 1. The Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services is responsible for funding and monitoring agencies which contract with the state to deliver services to Tennesseans whose lives are affected by chemical abuse and dependency.

Broomes prior to this appointment was chief of psychiatry services for the Alvin C. York Veteran's Administration Medical Center at Murfreesboro. He is vice chairman and assistant professor for the Department of Psychiatry at Meharry Medical College and formerly served as clinical director of the Meharry Mental Health Center and headed that facility's alcohol and drug abuse program.

Taylor praised Broomes for his qualifications in psychiatry, alcohol and drug treatment and administration. "Dr. Broomes brings a unique combination of talents to this position," said the commissioner. "That's important to our efforts to provide a comprehensive approach to prevention, intervention and treatment," he added.

A native of Trinidad, West Indies, Broomes received his M.D. from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in Loma Linda, Calif. Psychiatric residencies were served at the Mendocino State Hospital in Talmadge, Calif., and Loma Linda University.

He is certified as a diplomate in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and is a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Broomes is married to the former Lauvenia Alleyne. They have two daughters, Lloydya, a junior at Meharry Medical College, and Melissa, a senior at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala.



*Dr. L. Rudy Broomes.*

### **FLOOD DEVASTATES BANGLADESH, ADRA SENDS AID**

After experiencing the heaviest rains in 70 years, three-quarters of Bangladesh lay under flood waters. This tiny country, barely the size of Wisconsin, crowded with 110 million people, lies devastated by the worst flood in living memory. Government sources estimate 30 million people are homeless and many hundreds have perished. But the full number of casualties won't be known until the flood waters recede.

As the waters go down, however, new

fears have developed. Health officials estimate that each day 500,000 new cases of diarrhea develop, mostly as a result of people drinking contaminated water. With water lines and treatment plants inundated with contaminated water, pure water has become a most precious commodity. Epidemics of dysentery and cholera could sweep the country.

Flood waters have destroyed an estimated 3 million tons of rice and other crops valued at over \$800 million. Virtually all household food was lost, and it will be some time before new crops can be



planted and even longer before the next harvest. Fears of widespread famine are very real.

"To help with this emergency," reports Jerald Whitehouse, "ADRA has begun a program of providing food, medicine, temporary shelter and water purification tablets." Initially ADRA distributed emergency supplies in the community immediately surrounding its offices in the capitol Dhaka. As transportation became available, the program extended to outlying areas. Food, clothing, blankets, medicines and water purifying tablets are being distributed by rowboat, launch and even helicopter—any method available.

But greater needs exist for the long term. Says Whitehouse, "As the waters begin to subside in the days and weeks to come, the problems will not cease. There will be a tremendous need to help people return to normal life." ADRA hopes to help rebuild houses which were destroyed, dig new wells to provide new sources of pure water, provide seed rice to farmers so they can start again, and help repair roads and replace bridges that were lost in the flood. "But," says Whitehouse, "we need help to buy the food, medicines and rehabilitations supplies. Please help us to help these people." ADRA International has set up a Bangladesh Flood Relief Fund. To send your contributions, please write: Bangladesh Flood Relief Fund, ADRA International, P. O. Box 60808, Washington, D.C. 20039.

## ADRA RUSHES AID TO HURRICANE VICTIMS

Hit by the worst hurricane in their history, the people of Jamaica are beginning the slow process of putting together the pieces of their lives fragmented by the violent winds of Hurricane Gilbert.

Winds of up to 115 mph pummeled the island causing catastrophic damage which government estimates put at well over US\$400 million. Winds ripped roofs off of buildings, shattered windows, knocked out communications, downed trees and power lines and destroyed much of the islands' agricultural production. Thousands of homes were destroyed, leaving over 500,000 people homeless. Some inland villages suffered total devastation.

When the Kingston International Airport re-opened, ADRA airlifted over US\$400,000 worth of aid into the country. Flown in were tents, clothing, food, water

purification tablets and a complete mobile hospital. But even before the airport was open, 4,000 ADRA volunteers were busy helping in rescue operations and the distribution of food and emergency supplies. Just two days after the storm, these volunteers helped over 20,000 people, either through the rescue operations or by receiving food and clothing. These volunteers continue to lend aid by helping to clean the streets of fallen debris and to rebuild the many homes destroyed by the winds. Meanwhile, the death toll in Mexico continues to rise. So far 136 people have died from the flash floods that resulted when the remnants of Hurricane Gilbert ravaged southeastern and northeastern Mexico for four days. Damage estimates stand at over US\$800 million, and more than 193,000 people are homeless.

ADRA is sending in emergency supplies of blankets, clothing, tents and water purification tablets, as well as funds to help in the relief effort.

With the emergency relief already on its way, ADRA is now studying ways to meet long-term needs. Due to the extent of the damage caused by Hurricane Gilbert, a tremendous amount of reconstruction has to be done. One of the most urgent needs is for building supplies. To help meet these present and long-term needs ADRA International has set up the Jamaica/Mexico Relief Fund. To send your contributions, please write: Jamaica/Mexico Relief Fund, ADRA International, P.O. Box 60808, Washington, D.C. 20039.

## WALTER ARTIES APPOINTED ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF MEDIA CENTER

When the re-organization program for the Seventh-day Adventist Media Center began to function this year, all of the boards of directors for the various components, Breath of Life (BOL), It is Written, Faith for Today, Voice of Prophecy and La Vos were dissolved and the president, Elder D. Jacobs, was given three persons to serve as vice presidents. Two of the posts were filled by Elder Warren Judd of Australia and Elder P. Geli Jr. of the Atlantic Union Conference. The third position has not been filled as yet.

Walter Arties, who served as the founder and manager of the Breath of Life telecast for the past 10 or 12 years, has been asked to serve as an assistant to Elder Jacobs. It is felt that Elder Arties will make tremendous contributions to the up-building and onward progress of the mission of the church in the media center area.

Present for the meeting when Arties was selected were Robert Carter; C. E. Dudley; Walter Arties; C. E. Bradford; R. L. Woodfork; O. A. Troy; L. G. Newton, and C. D. Brooks, speaker and director for the Breath of Life telecast. BOL has brought into being some six new congregations since it began. Thousands of others are members of other congregations. It was pointed out that these congregations have paid over \$3 million into the church thus far.



Black members of the Media Center Board: Carter, Dudley, Arties, Bradford, Woodfork, Troy, Newton and Brooks.



SDA Media Center at Thousand Oaks, Calif.



W. E. Arties and C. D. Brooks.

## OBITUARIES

Several of our leaders and members have fallen asleep in Jesus during the past few weeks. **George E. Harris Sr.** co-founder of the Harris Home for Children in Huntsville, Ala., passed away Aug. 4 at the Huntsville, Ala., Humana Hospital. **Grace Williams**, the wife of Elder L. W. Williams, who served in this field for a number of years, passed away during the month of July. **Elder James Middleton** of California passed away while attending a workers' meeting in the mountains of California last month.

Pastors, it is good shepherding to visit the members in times of death and sadness. Seek always to be present when such times arise in the church membership. Offer to help where ever you possibly can.

**George Ernest Harris Sr.**, born Jan. 17, 1895 in Memphis, Tenn., died Aug. 4,

1988 in Huntsville, Ala. He was married to Chessie Walker in 1932. He served Oakwood College as supervisor of grounds for many years. George and Chessie founded the Harris Home for Children in Huntsville. He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, Chessie, children Herbert, George Jr., Chester, Marilyn and Joan, and a host of friends and relatives.

**Agnes Thompson Bartholomew** was born to James and Evelyn Thompson on Aug. 18, 1892 in St. Patricks, Grenada, W.I. She was known by all as Mother.

She received her formal education in Grenada and in June of 1920 she married George Bartholomew. This union was blessed with six children. As a result of an evangelistic meeting conducted by Pastor Coon, she and her family joined the Adventist Church.

Following her husband's death in 1976, Agnes migrated to New York. She joined the Sharon SDA Church in the Bronx and as a shut-in member demonstrated strong faith in Jesus.

Agnes was a quiet, cheerful person, always singing, never complaining. She departed this life June 18, 1988 at the Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center and awaits the call of the Life Giver.

She leaves to mourn her passing: five children, Crafton, Cynthia, Emmanuel, Roy and Joshua; three sisters, Alethia, Gladys and Anastasia; two brothers, Doyle and George; 28 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; nieces; nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

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