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COVER STORY

OHIO STATE NAMES CULTURAL CENTER AND ENDOWMENT FUND IN DR. HALE'S HONOR UPON HIS RETIREMENT



Rev. Jackson stands alongside Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hale prior to his keynote tribute at Hale's reception banquet.

Dr. Frank W. Hale Jr., Special Assistant to the President, Vice Provost for Minority Affairs and Professor of Communication at Ohio State University, retired effective Dec. 31, 1988, after 38 years in higher education. In celebration of Dr. Hale's retirement, a \$25-a-plate Recognition Banquet was held at the Aiaddin Temple Shrine in Columbus, Ohio, on Dec. 4, and 1,200 persons were in attendance. The parade of illustrious program participants included Jesse Jackson, President of the Rainbow Coalition, the keynote speaker; Wintley Phipps, soloist; Shelton Kilby, pianist; Calvin Rock, General Vice President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; Delbert Baker, editor of "Message Magazine"; and a number of other dignitaries.

An endowed scholarship was established at Ohio State in Dr. Hale's name. The Columbus Links Inc. presented a check in the amount of \$15,000 toward the endowment, and several other organizations and individuals contributed as well.

The university also honored Dr. Hale by naming the new Cultural Center which is to open in the spring of 1989 the Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center. The board of trustees unanimously voted Dr. Hale this honor, and at the same time voted him Vice Provost and Professor Emeritus.

As a scholar, researcher, author, teacher,

administrator, consultant and civil rights crusader, Hale has been the engineer of many new initiatives at Ohio State University. He founded the Graduate and Professional Schools Visitation Days Program in 1971, his first year at Ohio State, and since its inception over 1,200 minority students have been awarded fellowships and 80 percent have earned master's and/or doctoral degrees.

Dr. Hale was appointed Associate Dean of the Graduate School and Professor of Communication at Ohio State in June 1971. During his tenure in that position, he served as Chairman of the Graduate School's Fellowship Committee for seven years. It was in October of 1978 that Dr. Hale was appointed Vice Provost for Minority Affairs. Dr. Hale sits as a member of the Provost's staff, and as Special Assistant to the President, he is a member of the President's 15-member cabinet.

A native of Kansas City, Mo., Hale was baptized at the Beacon Light Seventh-day Adventist Church by Elder A. Gaines Thompson in 1936. It was under the tutelage of Luvada Lockhardt, his fourth-grade church school teacher, that "my curiosities were ignited and I became motivated and excited about school and about learning. Mrs. Lockhardt set my sights soaring." Hale completed elementary and secondary school in Topeka, Kan., where he was graduated with high honors.

It was Elder Calvin E. Moseley Jr., who had baptized Dr. Hale's parents in Kansas City, who was also instrumental in Hales' attending Oakwood College as a freshman. "It was during my first year at Oakwood that I yearned to some day return to participate in its development and advancement. I was deeply concerned that it lacked accreditation in those days, and the resources to make it as competitive as the other S.D.A. colleges," Hale reflects.

Hale's roommates at Oakwood were his "Kansas City homeboys," Vertis Barnes Jr. and Richard Brown. As resourceful students, they opened a store in their room and sold 15-cent snack plates during study period and thereafter until Mother Cunningham became aware of her competition (she operated the Campus Store) and informed President Moran to close the "Kansas City's Concession" thriving business. "We made \$72 during one busy week," Hale recalls.

After leaving Oakwood, Hale enrolled at Union College in Lincoln, Neb.

Hale enjoyed considerable success as director of the Hub of Harmony male chorus, a 14-member group of Black students who were students at Union. Their performances

and travels carried them to surrounding states and before many local, state and national organizations. The group's membership included Milton Woodson, John Frank Bookhardt, Larry Bookhardt, Welcome Bryant, Gaines Partridge, Arthur Hobby, LeCount Butler, John Davis Butler, Andrew Donnelly, Charles Seard, Roy Matthews, James Valentine, Vertis Barnes and John Washington. It was in the spring of 1948 that the Hub gave a benefit concert at the University of Nebraska Coliseum and an enthusiastic audience of 5,000 patrons came to support them. The funds were used to establish a Hub of Harmony Scholarship Fund at Union College and to make a down payment on a new church and parsonage that Central States Mission purchased from the Church of the Brethren in Lincoln.

The church, Allon Chapel, was our "laboratory of leadership," Hale reflects. "Although we as Black students had been admitted to

Union, we never quite felt accepted," Hale states. "After all, we were still sitting at separate tables in the college dining room," Hale reflected. "As a result, our group attended church in Lincoln with the few Black members who were there. We met in people's homes like the Crosbys and Johnny Napues, and later the Urban League. As students, we decided to raise money to purchase the church which had become available, and it was because of the cordial acceptance which we received from a Mr. Showalter, a white man who was in the roofing business and who was a leader in the Church of the Brethren, that the church and its parsonage were made available to us. Elder Frank L. Bland, who was then President of the Central States Mission, supported our efforts and the church was purchased," Hale recounted.

It was at Allon Chapel that a number of Black students gained the experience of serving as elders, as deacons and deaconesses, as Sabbath School Superintendent, as M.V. Leader, as Treasurer, and in various other offices that played a dramatic role in stabilizing and developing their spiritual growth and in redirecting their lives upward.

But it was the painful memory of those embarrassing moments of being seated at separate tables in the dining room that sparked Hale's intense desire to help change things for the better in the area of race relations. On one occasion, feeling that he could suffer personal indignity no longer, Hale refused to move to an assigned table in the dining room. He was seated alone waiting for the hostess to assign three other Blacks to his table of four when four white



Dr. and Mrs. Frank W. Hale Jr.

girls told the hostess that they wanted the table where Hale was seated. After he refused to move, at the urging of the hostess and of the matron-in-charge, Hale was summoned to President E. I. Cossentine's office. "Why was it, I asked him, that Blacks — and Blacks alone — had been subjected to such embarrassment, harassment and indignity?" Hale questioned. "President Cossentine spoke to me somewhat sympathetically but explained his impotence to change things because the college depended upon its survival from the resources of the students who had transferred from Keene College in Texas. With directness and with no apparent qualms, Cossentine remarked, "Hale, you either accept things as they are, or we will have to send you home." Hale respectfully responded, "President Cossentine, the decision is yours. I will no longer cooperate or submit to this kind of injustice and in of all places at a so-called Christian institution." As Hale walked despondently to his dormitory room, he knew that he would soon be packing his bags for home. He waited and waited. The Black students pursued the problem further and rallied support from their families, friends and S.D.A. Black clergymen. Before the end of the semester, the color ban was lifted.

Hale received a good academic foundation at Union because he knew that the teachers were highly qualified, the courses were rigorous and the competition was keen. It was Dr. Winton Beaven, Hale's first speech teacher at Union, who played a significant role in Hale's dreams to choose a career in higher education. Beaven was a "superb teacher" and a "warm and caring" person who went out of his way to befriend the Black students who felt so isolated as a very small minority.

It was the strength and quality of the Speech Department at the University of Nebraska that prompted Hale to transfer and to pursue the completion of his undergraduate studies at that institution. Even though Hale had been admitted to dental schools and to law schools, he pursued the

goal of becoming an administrator in higher education.

After earning the A.B. and M.A. in Communication, Political Science and English in 1950 and 1951 respectively from the University of Nebraska, he began his professional career as a teacher at Oakwood College. It was during his first two-year stint at Oakwood that he marshalled and organized Black and white leaders in Huntsville in a fund-raising drive to build a gymnasium. As a result of his efforts, thousands of dollars were raised, and the South Central Conference strongly contributed in making Hale's dream come to fruition. The drive culminated in a grand parade in downtown Huntsville with Black and white high school bands marching in an integrated parade. "Mayor Searcy told me that it was the first such integrated event in the county's history," Hale indicates. It was the students who were the beneficiaries. They no longer had to skate in the basement of Moran Hall, but could skate on the high-quality Michigan maple hardwood floors that were specially suited for that recreational activity.

Hale took leave from Oakwood in 1953 to pursue the Ph.D. in Communication and Political Science at Ohio State University. The degree was awarded in June of 1955 as Hale became the first teacher at Oakwood to earn the coveted degree while serving on the faculty.

Upon Hale's return to Oakwood in 1955, he moved successively through the ranks from Assistant Professor to Professor, established a speech minor and a speech laboratory and clinic for budding speech professionals. Mervyn Warren, Calvin Rock, Herbert Doggette and a host of others were among his stellar students. When President Millet took professional leave to complete his doctoral studies, Hale was appointed Assistant to the President by the board to coordinate administrative duties during Millet's absence.

President Charles Wesley of Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, offered Hale the opportunity to serve as Chairman and Professor of the English Department at Central State in 1959, a post which he held for seven years. It was during that period that Hale became active in co-founding the Laymen's Leadership Conference (LLC), a civil rights organization of Seventh-day Adventist laymen who spearheaded the participation and advancement of Blacks within the church. It was at the 1962 General Conference in San Francisco that their organized protests led to the election of Elder Frank L. Peterson as Vice President



Standing (left to right) Frank W. Hale III, Irene Hale, Frank W. Hale IV, Renee Carey, Ifeoma (Ruth) Kwesi; Seated (left to right) Dr. Hale, Ruth Hale, and Frank W. Hale Sr.

of the General Conference, the first Black to hold that position. Also as a consequence of their efforts and the strong support of the Black clergy within the church, Blacks were appointed to key positions in union conferences throughout North America.

It was at the General Conference in Detroit, four years later in 1966, that Hale was elected President of Oakwood College. Hale is justifiably proud of the accomplishments during his tenure there from 1966 to 1971. He worked hard to convince the board to dramatically increase the college's capital and operating budget. He was not satisfied with Oakwood's inadequate resources and facilities. He constantly championed, "What's good enough for Andrews University, Pacific Union College, Union College and La Sierra College is good enough for Oakwood!" The board adopted a 10-year master plan for expansion that included a college center (Blake Hall), a men's residence hall (Edwards Hall), a library (Dykes Hall), a religion-education complex, a science hall and other essential facilities. Hale also launched an ambitious professional leave program for faculty members who had not completed the doctorate. Dozens of teachers were able to take advantage of this new initiative. Upon their return, teachers were encouraged to extend their network of contacts to include their graduating seniors, so as to put them in touch with those persons at research institutions who would grant them admission into their graduate and professional programs for advanced work. It was not long before Oakwood students were being admitted and offered fellowships to such institutions as the University of California, Berkeley, Ohio State, the University of Chicago, Michigan State, Yale, Harvard, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Vanderbilt, Heidelberg and many others. A strong advocate for teachers, Hale was very forthright in pioneering for substantial increases in faculty salaries. He personally chaired the Self-Study Committee that led to Oakwood's renewed approval by the Southern Accrediting Association in 1970. It was his vision of

promoting and sustaining high educational ideals, establishing new goals for Oakwood, organizing practical services, upgrading the faculty, expanding the physical plant, that led many to identify Hale's period of tenure as the "Era of the New Oakwood."

Hale has authored or edited five books and has published nearly 50 articles in professional journals. As a lecturer and consultant, he has presented at nearly 100 colleges, universities, foundations and governmental agencies. He has received distinguished awards and citations from the United Negro College Fund, Operation PUSH, Push for Excellence, British Council of Higher Education, Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship Program, Howard University, Oakwood College and scores of other institutions. He is the recipient of Ohio State University's Sphinx Honorary Award, Distinguished Affirmative Action Award, and the Alumni Citizenship Award.

He is a member of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbus, Ohio, where he has served as Elder and as Chairman of the Building Fund Committee that led the congregation to build the 1,500-seat-capacity, \$1.25 million new church that was officially opened in July of 1987. He and his wife, Ruth Colleen Saddler-Hale, a retired Columbus public school teacher, are the parents of Ifeoma Kwesi (Ruth), Frank W. Hale III and Sherilyn Hale-Thomas. They are grandparents of four. Mrs. Hale was Oakwood's "Alumna of the Year" in 1986, and was selected as "Columbus Teacher of the Year" in 1985. Before moving to Columbus, Mrs. Hale was active in the Huntsville Teachers Association where she served successively as Secretary, Vice President and President.

Dr. Hale credits so much of his personal and professional successes to his family. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Hale Sr., were the successful owners of Hale's Book and Antique Store in Topeka, Kans., and later in Ohio before their retirement. Hale Sr., now 83 years of age, with his open nature, his capacity to make friends and his superior energy and organizing ability, has always been a role model for his son. "My dad is brilliant, self-sacrificing, and a natural-born leader. My mother was sturdy, unflinching and had vivid foresight. With that kind of contribution from godly parents, my opportunities were unlimited. I've been truly blessed," Hale remarked.

Upon retiring from Ohio State University, Hale will become the Executive Assistant to the President at Kenyon College and Resident Consultant for the Great Lakes College Association.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

REGIONAL COUNCIL ON EVANGELISM CELEBRATES ITS TENTH YEAR

The NAD Regional Council on Evangelism had its origin 10 years ago when Elder R. L. Woodfork, the president of the South Atlantic Conference, and Elder C. E. Dudley, the president of the South Central Conference, requested of Dr. E. E. Cleveland, M. A. Warren and E. C. Ward that they put together a program that would instruct, inspire and challenge their workers in the programs of evangelism. Soul-winning was and still is the prime objective for the church's being.

In those days, strong emphasis was placed on the pastor/evangelist concept in church administration. In fact, it is this point of view that has helped the work in the Black sector of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in the North American Division to be blessed with significant growth in its membership. Today the membership has reached the 180,000 mark and when the leaders came together at the time of the council this year, a goal was set to try to bring the membership of the Black work to 220,000 by June of 1990 when the General Conference meets in Indianapolis, Ind.

Since the days of those small beginnings when just two of the Regional Conferences brought their working forces together at Oakwood, the group has grown from year to year. During this 10th year's celebration, pastors and administrators came from as far as London, England. They came from the Ontario and Quebec Conferences in Canada. They came from the Caribbean and the West Indies, from the West Coast, from the Greater New York Conference and the Illinois Conference (there are a goodly number of Black members to be found in these conferences).

Ten years ago emphasis was placed upon a pastor baptizing at least 100 persons in one year. One pastor came from the West Indies who testified to God's using him to baptize more than 1,500 persons in one year. Seventeen French-speaking pastors spoke of the tremendous growth among their people in Canada, New York, Florida and Illinois. Some of the leaders told of how they were challenging the laity to "join in the battle for truth" and the response is overwhelming. Some revealed that city officials in some sections have been baptized into the faith and are now out giving Bible studies to their communities; some spoke of the

blessings of heaven in getting "new congregations" established with little (or no) funds. Some who had been students at the college returned praising God that "even the devils were subjected unto them."

The Bible Instructors and the ministers' wives also had their separate meetings to plan strategies whereby they also can join in the battle for truth. In a separate building, the education superintendents and principals came together to lay plans for evangelism throughout the school system to train the minds of the children and the youth for service.

Pastors from different parts of the division gave sermons to inspire during the morning and evening services. For 10 years the Lord has led and blessed this council. The burden of the leadership and the committee that has been selected to carry on the work through the years is only to give the message to all who will listen and to help to "make ready a people for the coming of the Lord." Thank the Lord for the 10th birthday of the Council on Evangelism.

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BREATH OF LIFE CRUSADES '88

Fort Washington, Md.: Washington, D.C. is the birthplace of the Breath of Life Church in Fort Washington, Md. Back-to-back crusades in '78 and '79 conducted by the telecast's speaker, Dr. C. D. Brooks, produced this congregation. Now, nine years later, Pastor Brooks and the team returned for a four-week church campaign. The meetings were well attended, primarily by residents of this affluent suburban community.

This crusade was a reaping series for seed sown during several successful Revelation seminars conducted by the host pastor, Dr. Lorenzo H. Grant. And from the crusade's end on April 9, more than 50 persons have been added to this thriving church family with a membership currently approaching 500. "To God be the glory!"



Dr. Charles D. Brooks

The team included Jacci Davis (Central States Conference), Diane Parker, Grayce N. Grant, Elliott J. Brooks, C. L. Pettiford and local volunteers. Their labor for souls and overall cooperation with Pastor Brooks will never be forgotten. All shared prayerfully and equally in the baptism of this harvest of souls.

Outstanding music was presented by the Breath of Life Quartet (Reger Smith, Ron Woodfork, Myron Ottley and Adrian T. Westney, Jr.), "JOY" (Diedra Brooks-Tramel and Sharon Raynor), Melvin Bryant, Nancy Dudley, Byron Rowe, George H. Sampson, II, Veronica Howell (Pasadena, Calif.), Lori Woodfork and Carol Ann Williams. These are but a few of the persons who freely gave of their talents. The greater Washington area is so rich with musical talent that participated whose names should be mentioned — space won't permit it. But, there is a place where their ministry in song and service is recorded for eternity.

Jacksonville, Fla.: It was my privilege this summer to conduct a tent meeting along with our most gracious host, Pastor Herman L. Davis. His evangelistic experience, total cooperation and commitment to success enabled us to transcend the sweltering heat, mosquitoes, community dangers and many other obstacles. And after six weeks of preaching (Robinson 4, Davis 2) a new congregation of believers has been born. These 45 new converts along with others from the "mother" church decided to be called the Breath of Life SDA Church. They were formally organized Nov. 26 and received into the fellowship of the Southeastern Conference by Elder J. M. Doggette, newly elected president.

We praise God for the victories won on our old "stomping ground" — First and Florida Avenue. I returned to preach the final morning and evening sermons Sabbath, Aug. 20. And on Wednesday, Aug. 24, this fledgling flock marched into their "new" quarters, 1023 N. Liberty Ave., for prayer meeting. This is the fulfillment of Pastor Davis' dream — that a new church be established on Jacksonville's east side where this work began many decades ago.

Diane Parker of Washington, N.J., coordinated the activities of regular and volunteer Bible workers — Vivian Wade, Zeora Jackson, Earline Washington, Doris Reed, Pearl Moss and Esther Rahming. These persons worked sacrificially and unselfishly to produce these results. How thankful we are for their labor of love.

So many in the Ephesus church gave faithfully of their gifts and talents. They joined the Breath of Life Quartet and "JOY"



Reginald O. Robinson

for an effective evangelistic team.

Music began promptly each evening with Emmanuel Carter, chorister, Alice Manley, pianist, and Eleanor Folson, organist. Special music was presented by a host of persons including Quantrilla Carter, Kim Dukes and Tabitha Newsome.

Cloie Logan was featured guest artist on the weekend of the first Sabbath celebration. Her music and personal testimony were a source of inspiration. Her husband and son, Pastor LeRoy and Paul Logan, accompanied her on the instruments. Pastor Logan also gave a most encouraging personal testimony of the Lord's saving power.

Health lectures and services were provided by Joyce White, Hope Hamilton, Pat Morrison and Lula B. Frazier. Marilyn Ross coordinated the ushers' activities and maintained order with grace and dignity.

More than 150 persons are being followed-up for decisions. The members are ablaze with activities — giving Bible studies, providing community services, a church choir and much more. Weekly attendance approaches the 100 mark.

Portland, Ore.: On Sept. 18, the Breath of Life Quartet and Elder Robinson opened a four-week crusade in the sanctuary of the Sharon Church. Pastor Alphonso S. McCarthy and his assistant, Pastor Kevin Davis, cooperated in this meeting that has resulted in 50 baptisms and 20 more scheduled for baptism by year's end.

Jacci Davis (Kansas City) and Doris Reed (Jacksonville, Fla.) joined local volunteers Zelma Norman and Dorothy Gant as Bible workers. Miracles too numerous to share here occurred because of prayer, fasting and faithfulness in visitations.

The Breath of Life Quartet, "JOY" and Byron Rowe (Gaithersburg, Md.) presented music for the meetings and on local television. Carl and Audrey Parker, Althea Hamilton, Vanessa Blake, Jephena Hall and Mattie Crosby provided and coordinated music.

This Spirit-filled meeting was well attended. More than 200 are being followed-

up for further study and decisions. Alma Walker and her corps of dignified ushers helped guests appreciate this evangelistic series. Sharon Vaughn coordinated a team that provided care for children through "child evangelism."

Joining the team for the first time were Clifford and Freddie Harris, co-founders of the Drug Alternative Program. For the final week of meetings, they worked with substance abusers and their families. Victories were won.

Pastor Wintley Phipps of Washington, D.C., was a special guest at the final Sabbath celebration. His evening concert was a source of spiritual encouragement and blessing to all.

This has been a tremendous year for evangelism. Plans for '89 and '90 are in focus. Pray and support Breath of Life as efforts are intensified for the Master.

ALLEGHENY EAST

MCDONALD APPOINTED TO BOARD

Andrew A. McDonald, Esq., has been appointed to the East Orange Advisory Board of Broad National Bank in an announcement made by Donald M. Karp, Chairman of the Board.

Previously an attorney in the legal department of Chemical Bank, he is presently a Senior Partner in the law firm of McDonald and Campbell, Esqs. in East Orange, N.J.

Mr. McDonald received both his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Howard University, an MBA degree in corporate finance from Rutgers University and his Juris Doctorate degree from Rutgers University School of Law. During the past 10 years, he has served as a judge in the Newark and East Orange Municipal courts. He is a member of the American, New Jersey, Essex County and Garden State Bar associations. Active in the community, McDonald serves as an elder at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Orange, a member of the Day Care Council of Orange, and is a member of the Jamaica Hurricane Relief Committee of New Jersey, Inc.

Mr. McDonald lives in Short Hills with his wife, Audrey, and three daughters, Andrea, Janine and Vanessa.

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The Editor's Desk



Mrs. Eva Bradford-Rock

WOMEN IN HYMNODY

Women's role in hymnody has long been a subject of interest to Eva Bradford-Rock who recently submitted her thesis entitled, "Women in Hymnody" to complete the requirements for the degree Master of Church Music. Mrs. Bradford-Rock did the initial studies at the University of Southern California, later transferring to the Eubanks Conservatory of music

and Arts in Los Angeles, Calif., where the degree was conferred upon her.

A septuagenarian, she still is active in church music, serving as music coordinator in the Gardena Seventh-day Adventist Church in Gardena, Calif., where she also is an ordained elder.

Eva Bradford-Rock, the mother of Dr. Calvin B. Rock and the sister of Dr. Charles E. Bradford, is a resident of Inglewood, Calif. She served as school administrator for the Los Angeles Unified Schools for 33 years, and at one time was a candidate for the California Assembly.

She has been presented in vocal recitals, and has been a member of several choral groups, including the Los Angeles Oratorio Society. Her original compositions include an anthem, "Is That Not Enough?" a spiritual, "This World is Full of Sorrows," and a recessional, "As We Depart, Dear Lord."

Other areas of interest are public speaking and writing poetry. Her favorite sermon, "The Positive Woman," has been received enthusiastically by thousands of church members. At present she is compiling a book of original poetry.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Jan. 27	Feb. 3	10	17
Boston, Mass.	4:52	5:01	5:10	5:19
New York City	5:03	5:12	5:21	5:30
Buffalo, N.Y.	5:21	5:30	5:39	5:49
Atlanta, Ga.	6:04	6:11	6:17	6:24
Miami, Fla.	6:01	6:06	6:11	6:15
Charlotte, N.C.	5:47	5:54	6:01	6:08
Birmingham, Ala.	5:13	5:20	5:27	5:33
Jackson, Miss.	5:29	5:36	5:42	5:48
Memphis, Tenn.	5:23	5:31	5:38	5:44
Louisville, Ky.	6:00	6:08	6:16	6:23
Detroit, Mich.	5:41	5:50	5:59	6:08
Chicago, Ill.	4:59	5:08	5:17	5:26
South Bend, Indiana	5:54	6:03	6:13	6:21
Minneapolis, Minn.	5:14	5:24	5:34	5:44
St. Louis, Mo.	5:17	5:25	5:33	5:41
Kansas City, Mo.	5:33	5:41	5:49	5:57
Denver, Co.	5:13	5:22	5:30	5:38
Little Rock, Ark.	5:33	5:40	5:47	5:54
Dallas, Texas	5:55	6:02	6:08	6:14
New Orleans, La.	5:33	5:39	5:45	5:50
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:30	5:37	5:44	5:51
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:53	6:00	6:07	6:14

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



Surprise reception for Beasleys: (left to right) Robert Moses, Mary Flowers, Noah Beasley, Lucille Brown, Freddie Beasley, James Milton.

NOAH BEASLEY HONORED

Lucille Brown recently honored Noah Beasley with a surprise reception at the Baltimore, Md., Berea Temple SDA Church.

Elder Noah Beasley is the Publishing Director for Allegheny East Conference. Born in Matthews, Ga., he moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 1943. In 1945, he went into the service for two years and was honorably discharged. Beasley accepted the Adventist message in 1954 and in St. Louis under Elder C. E. Bradford. It was there that he met and married the former Freddie Williams.

In 1966 he decided to do colporteur work in the Central States Conference. He came to Allegheny East in 1970. His first assignment was in Baltimore as the Publishing Associate of District II. Now, as the head of all six districts, he leads the literature evangelistic work not only in sales but in soulwinning as well.

Four of Beasley's district managers, along with Elder and Mrs. Van Putten, Elder and Mrs. Henry Fordham, Elder and Mrs. Jasper Johnson and Elder William Taliaferro were present. The Beasleys' daughter, Lisa, was also present.

Many of the colporteurs, past and present, gave testimonies of praise and appreciation for Mr. and Mrs. Beasley's friendship and service through the years.

Mrs. Emma Holt sang "May the Work I've Done Speak for Me," a most fitting selection for the occasion. Mrs. Gwendolyn Rice Whiting rendered "Cheering Up the Sick." This was also fitting for the occasion, as visiting and cheering up the sick have been a part of the honored guest's lifestyle. The recitation portrayed in an unusual manner was full of fun and laughter and enjoyed by all. James Washington dedicated the beautiful hymn "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You Always" to the Beasleys.

Lucille Brown receives pleasure from surprising folks, and is to be commended for her unselfish acts of kindness.

Annie M. Johnson
Communication Secretary

VISITORS' DAY TAKES ON AN INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

Hosea came to life in West Philadelphia on Nov. 12 when Elder Kibble, visiting Allegheny East Conference Ministerial Secretary, made plain how the relationship of Hosea and Gomer represents Christ's love. He explained why better understanding of Christ's character has led Adventists to change their style of preaching, replacing the "fire and brimstone" sermons of old about the punishment of God that might scare a sinner to the altar, with messages about Jesus's love, thus drawing men to the cross. If this love dwells inside, one will not separate himself from those who are a little different, just as he will not enter into heaven through separate gates.

After lunch for the many guests who came out, Visitors' Day continued with the AY service, designed to promote intercultural understanding among the many countries that have contributed members to the West Philadelphia Church. Representatives of nine of these shared a brief description of their homeland. Each was queried regarding the worship practices of their native Adventist Church, but only small variations were found.

Displayed were the national flags of all the represented countries: Seychelles, Nigeria, Jamaica, Trinidad, St. Lucia, Philippines, Costa Rica, Panama, and of course, the United States. But that's not all, Haiti, Liberia and Belize are known to have members in the West Philadelphia Church, but they were not represented on the program.

Mark Frog Harris
Communication Secretary

PATHFINDER DAY AT WEST PHILADELPHIA

The Sequoia Pathfinder Club celebrated 18 years of finding The Way on Pathfinder Day, Nov. 19, at the West Philadelphia, Pa., SDA Church. The Sequoias have steadily progressed for the last two years under the leadership of Henrietta Hinds. With the help of six assistants the membership has now reached 44.

On Pathfinder Day the scripture lesson was given by the Pathfinders, who, under the tutelage of Elder Otto P. Edwards, recited the entire Psalm 24.

Elder Daniel L. Davis, Allegheny East Youth Director, invested 17 Pathfinders following his divine worship message. Using Queen Esther as an example, he explained to parents that she was placed by

God in a position to save her people, and likewise parents who desire to have their children saved will use every agency to guide them to the kingdom, including Pathfindering.

Emphasizing a military spirit as warriors for Christ, the Pathfinders led out in the afternoon's AY program where four members were rewarded for good behavior, combined with active participation. I Corinthians 12 was dramatized in a skit called "Life-Body" by Pathfinders playing the parts of head, hands, feet, eyes and ears to show how all must work together.

West's Pathfinder program also includes four classes of Pre-Pathfinders named Busy Bees, Sunbeams, Helping Hands and Builders, with their own contrasting colors of navy and white with orange kerchiefs. Ranging in ages from 6 to 10, 12 were invested.

Mark F. Harris
Communication Secretary



West Philadelphia's Pathfinders present "Life-Body" dramatization during AYS.

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:1 RSV

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST AT NEW LIFE

During the past year, the New Life Church in Philadelphia, Pa., has been blessed as a result of relentless evangelism. The two-year-old congregation, led by Pastor C. D. Jenkins, has accepted the challenge to "Go ye therefore ..."



First Sabbath in newly purchased and renovated New Life Church.

New Life has conducted a Revelation Seminar, a four-week tent crusade, a five-session weekend Lord's Day Seminar, two week-long revivals as well as regular Sunday evening services. Even the Wednesday night prayer meeting has been transformed into teaching sessions where members bring friends to learn more about God's truth. As a result, the 32 charter members of this young congregation have increased sixfold to a membership of over 190 people.

After worshipping in rented facilities for over 18 months, the members of New Life marched triumphantly into their new church home, which was completely renovated by the members.

Recently it was decided that the unused portion of the building would be renovated and used as a community center. How would they do it? By the grace of God and the motto that sits above the New Life rostrum, "Go, Teach, Baptize."



Pastor Charlie Jenkins holds plaque with names of all charter members.

THE FIRST LADY OF BEREA TEMPLE HONORED

The first lady of Berea Temple, in Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Sharon Fordham, was honored with a surprise birthday party. Responsible for the plans and arrangements was Mrs. Lucille Brown, who has a reputation for making others happy.

Mrs. Fordham, escorted by her husband, Elder Henry Fordham III, was led into the party by Mrs. Brown as everyone applauded and sang "Happy Birthday."

Former pastor, W. A. Thompson, served as emcee. Several who appeared on the program of musical selections and recitations included Glenn Edwards, Thelma Hall, Emma Holt and "The Harmonizing Four," Charles South, Frank Edgerton, Jesse Reid and Irvin Cox.

A banquet culminated the evening's celebration. The honoree registered true surprise as she shook hands with each guest. Mrs. Fordham is the daughter of Paul and Bessie Wright of Germantown, Ohio; the wife of Pastor Henry J. Fordham III and the mother of four children, Danielle, Joey, Shawn and Donovan.

Annie M. Johnson
Communication Secretary

CENTRAL STATES

BETHEL HOMECOMING

Homecoming at Bethel Church in Kansas City, Kans., was truly special. Many of the former members had been contacted by friends and Interest Coordinator, Carolyn Mitchell, who planned and mailed approximately 30 special invitations explaining the purpose of the day and inviting them to be present.

Elder Perry Jennings, a former pastor, was the guest speaker. He, his wife, Betty, and son, Christopher, were present for the special celebration.

Doris Bullock and her staff set the pace for the day by having a well-planned Sabbath School. Ms. Bullock contacted a number of former Sabbath School members and included them on the program.

Elder Jennings's message pointed out the events leading to the soon return of Jesus Christ.

As a climax for the day, a musical was planned by Carolyn Robinson and members of the Adventist Youth Society. Beverly Robinson, choir director; Ruby Robinson, organist; with Shirley Platt, president, presented music that appealed to all.

Vespers were given by Elder Jennings. Clarence Small conceived the idea of Homecoming. He, along with Elder Gil Webb, made it possible for Elder Perry Jennings to participate in the celebration.

Mazie Mitchell
Communication Secretary



Elder and Mrs. Perry Jennings at Bethel's homecoming.

THE BIBLE ANSWER CRUSADE CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Bible Answer Crusade is a St. Louis, Mo., area-based radio ministry founded in July 1983. The program is sponsored and operated by a team of lay persons from the Berean, Northside, Agape, Kinloch, Kirkwood and Alpha Agape SDA Churches.



Elder J. Paul Monk and E. F. Carter present a check to Lucille B. Mitchell for \$500.

The Bible Answer Crusade recently celebrated its fifth anniversary. The theme was "God Is The Answer." Elder Charles E. Bradford, president of the North American Division of the General Conference was the guest speaker. He challenged the Bible Answer Crusade team to continue this valuable ministry. He explained that many pastors are overworked and the only way that the work will be finished is when the laity and ministers work together.

The celebration began Friday evening with music by Michael Davis and Janice Cole. Elder Bradford rededicated the Bible Answer Crusade team.

Participants on the Sabbath School program included: Elder Janet Lewis, who gave the welcome; Eileen Nelson, who presented the mission story highlighting contributions made by missionaries who have served in the St. Louis area; Marie Thomas led out in the lesson study; and O'Neal Peralta lifted hearts to heaven as he sang, "I Have Just Seen Jesus."

Edna M. Bossman gave the personal ministries report for the missionary work done by the Bible Answer Crusade team for the past five years. Bible studies via radio — 259; hours of Bible studies — 130; approximate minutes on the air — 7,800; hours of preparation, planning and taping — 1,591; cash donated by committee members — \$6,280; missionary contacts — 239,800; individual Bible studies — 32. Marie Thomas conducted two Revelation Seminars where 29 souls were baptized. Since the anniversary, Ms. Thomas has conducted a third Revelation Seminar at the Berean church and 10 more individuals were baptized. She will be starting another Revelation Seminar in the very near future at the Agape SDA Church.

At the 11:00 o'clock worship hour, Elder Bradford captivated the congregation of about 1,500 people on the subject "The God of the Abundant Harvest," Rev. 7: 9-10. Music was rendered by the Bible Answer radio choir as they sang "Obey the Spirit and Worship" under the direction of Charles

Malone and Sandra Rice. Regionald Clay was the organist.

Joan K. Robinson presented the Children's Chapel. She was also in charge of the evening musical and vespers. Elder Bradford conducted a question-and-answer session to help the members understand what is happening in the World Church.

The Bible Answer Crusade team, area SDA churches and friends exclaimed at the end of this spiritual weekend, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked with us by the way."

The Bible Answer Crusade team expresses gratitude to pastors William R. Robinson, B. T. Rice, Ephraim Pembleton, Paul Turner, Richard Sylvester; along with the Central States Conference Executive Committee, Elder J. Paul Monk, Jr., Nathaniel Miller; and E. F. Carter, who serves the advisory committee.

The Bible Answer Crusade team is especially grateful to Elder E. F. Carter, former executive secretary of Central States Conference for his financial support and obtaining the guest speaker each year.



Elder C. E. Bradford delivers the 11:00 sermon.



Sabbath School participants (left to right): Janet Lewis, Eileen Nelson, Marie Thomas.

SHARON CHAPEL CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

The members of Sharon Chapel in Sedalia, Mo., celebrated the church building's 20th anniversary on Aug. 13, 1988. Mrs. Norian Reese from the Beacon Light SDA Church in Phoenix, Ariz., was the featured soloist. Sharon's own Pastor Donald McPhaul was in the mission fields of Africa, but Elder Gil F. Webb (a former pastor) was more than glad to bring the anniversary message. The Charles Cason Family were special guests from the First SDA Church in Washington, D.C. Mr. Cason is a former member of the Sedalia Church. His wife, Berna, and daughters, Vonya and Carlita, also gave of their musical talents during the program.

Erma E. Curd presented a history of the church and Gertrude Bogess gave tribute to those members who have since died. When the Sedalia Church was first established in 1916, the Curd family was among the original worshipers. Today, Erma L. Curd is the oldest living member. It was only fitting that Mr. Cason present her with a token of the church's love. Ms. Reese gave a musical selection to close out the program.

Alona Bogess-Casey
Communication Secretary

NORTHEASTERN

EPHESUS COMMUNITY SERVICES

The skies were very gray. It was a perfect day to stay at home. Not so for the 300 V.I.P.'s (senior citizens) who attended the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by New York City's Ephesus Community Services Department on Sunday, Nov. 20, 1988!

The guests were treated with a delicious vegetarian dinner catered by Mrs. Elveter Holkmann and staff. In addition, everyone was given a fruit basket, a bag of groceries or a special gift to take home.

Highlights of the program included vocal solos by Maurice Harvin, Benjamin Scott, Myrtis Coleman and Evelyn Thompson. Sharlene Sismith and Justine Anthony presented "Thoughts on Thanksgiving," and Elizabeth Bryant paid tribute to the pastors' and elders' wives. Dorothy McMahon delighted the audience with her very graphic rendition of the poem, "Heaven's Grocery Store." Ivy Flatts reminded all of the good old days as she played a familiar gospel tune on her harmonica.



VIPs enjoy Thanksgiving dinner.

To top off the evening, gospel music was played by Samuel Hutchinson on his saxophone. Clement Murray, pastor of Ephesus, gave special remarks and words of commendation to Anna O. Walker, Community Services Director, and her staff for the excellent work that the Department is doing for the church and the community.

According to Mrs. Walker, the Thanksgiving dinner was just one of the many ways that they reach out to serve those in need of help. For example, during 1988 more than 1,000 people were fed, and approximately 12,000 articles of clothing were given away. In addition, the Ephesus Community Services Department serves as one of the organizations to distribute government surplus foods such as cheese, flour, milk, rice and honey.



Josephine Mullett, one of the oldest ladies present for the Thanksgiving dinner at Ephesus.

BRONX CHURCH MEMBER HONORED

The members of the Bronx Church in New York City extended congratulations to Ms. Beverly Hazell for being selected as an outstanding employee in the New York City Department of Health.

Ms. Hazell joined the ranks of those in the Health Department who have been so honored as Employee of the Month.

The purpose of the award is to recognize employees, like Ms. Hazell, who go beyond their job requirements to insure quality of service to those they serve.

Ms. Hazell is a child care worker in the public school system and has served in that capacity for over 20 years. She has, over the years, maintained a caring, efficient system of working with children in elementary and intermediate schools. She takes a personal interest in each child she sees and is quick to discern and alert medical personnel to potentially serious medical problems. She is highly respected by co-workers and professional staff alike.

Beverly Hazell is the daughter of Percival Hazell and the late Myrtle Hazell, pioneers of the Bronx Church. Ms. Hazell has served as Church Clerk and as Leader of the Sabbath School Cradle Roll Division.



Ms. Hazell receives award from New York City Department of Health employee.

MCCREARY HONORED

Bill McCreary, vice president of a local New York City television station, and host of The McCreary Report, received the 1988 "Excellence in Communications Award" from the Communication Department of the Ephesus SDA Church in New York City on Sunday, Oct. 30. The award was presented at the Annual Art and Poetry Show.



Ms. Caroline Jones presents award to Mr. Bill McCreary.

Mr. McCreary was honored for his outstanding contributions in the areas of journalism, broadcasting and administration. In accepting the award, McCreary thanked the church for the honor and urged the audience to let the media know their reactions to the shows aired. He stressed the importance of audience participation. He also encouraged those who have succeeded in their professions to "give something back" to the community!

Bill McCreary joins the list of distinguished honorees like Olson Perry, Associate Communications Director for Southern Union Conference; Carlos Medley, Adventist Review; Lee A. Paschal, Regional Voice; James Hicks, New York Voice; and several others who have received the "Excellence in Communications Award" from the church's Communications Department.

Additional highlights of the show included musical selections by pianist Harrison Watkins, and the Ephesus Youth Choir directed by Ruth Nixon. Guest actress, Tina Sattin gave a powerful dramatic presentation from the writings of Langston Hughes and Lorraine Hansberry. Talented artists displayed paintings, photography, crafts and poetry in the Ephesus Art Gallery. A "Collectors Items Only Room" featuring cats, dolls, elephants, etc., from around the world was a "first" at this year's Art Show.

This annual "Celebration of the Arts" provides an excellent opportunity for creative members in the church and community to display their works. Readers are invited to plan now to participate in the 1989 Art and Poetry Festival at the Ephesus Church in New York City. For additional information, please call (212) 662-5536.

Caroline Jones

Communications Director
Ephesus Church



Mrs. Edna Lett Williamson stands with her collection of cats during Art and Poetry Show at the Ephesus Church.



A display of mugs by Mrs. Celeste Bridges during the Art and Poetry Show.

MEN'S DAY AT PIONEER MEMORIAL

The Pioneer Memorial SDA Church in Niagara Falls, N.Y., J. Kendall Guy, pastor, held its first annual Men's Day on Sept. 17. The head deacon and program coordinator, Willie Green, arranged that the entire day's program be conducted by the men of the church.

Pastor Kenneth L. Green was guest speaker. Pastor Green was born and raised in Niagara Falls and is presently serving in the New York City area. He delivered a sermon entitled "Find Me a Man." It outlined the characteristics of a "good" man.

There were musical selections by male vocalists from the community and "The Faithful Few," a men's choir from Pioneer Memorial making their debut.

Guest speaker for the afternoon program was Pastor Matther Bushelon, a local Baptist minister who delivered a brief sermon, followed by musical selections by men from the Niagara Falls and Buffalo churches and the community as well.

Ramona M. Sims,
Communication Secretary

MT. VERNON SOUP KITCHEN

Recognizing the terrible plight of the poor and homeless, some concerned members of the Mt. Vernon SDA Medical Guild decided to do something to help those in the Mount Vernon community. So, in February 1986, with the cooperation of Pastor Eugene Virgil and the Church Board, the Mt. Vernon SDA Soup Kitchen was established.

Every Sunday the Soup Kitchen provides a hot vegetarian meal and distributes food and clothes to the needy. The Soup Kitchen works in conjunction with the Community Service Department.

In addition to material support, the Soup Kitchen provides the homeless and needy with spiritual support. Regular showing of the Encounter Series has attracted enormous interest. Attendance has grown from two, the first Sunday, to an average now of 60 persons per week. It has stimulated requests for Bible studies on a regular basis. Mt. Vernon members are hopeful that soon individuals from this group will request baptism.

The Soup Kitchen receives regular monetary and material contributions from church

members and from the business community. This community support is growing steadily. Recently a donation of \$500 was given to the Soup Kitchen by a businessman and his wife.

Since January 1988 the Soup Kitchen has been operating independently from the Medical Guild. Regular workers are: Corine Blair (Head), Violet Thompson; Joyce Jarrett, Myrtle Martin, Nina Thomas, Wilhelmina Riley, Milward Griffiths, Oswald Coombs, George Williams, Ludi Hayes and Sudie Cook. These people work diligently week after week preparing hot, appetizing and nutritious meals for needy individuals. It gives much joy to see how well the attendees enjoy the vegetarian meals, which brings to mind the words of the Lord when he said "As much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Winsome Dyer
Communication Secretary



The volunteer staff of the Mt. Vernon Soup Kitchen.

UNITED SINGERS

Centuries ago the psalmist David proclaimed, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." Mrs. Evelyn Norgrove, golden-ager at New York City's Ephesus Church, heeded that proclamation in the early 1940s and founded the United Singers.

This group had the privilege of singing at several churches, hospitals and nursing homes throughout the Metropolitan area. Included in this list are Zion Temple Church, Sharon Mission, Ephesus Church, Florence Nightingale Nursing Homes (Manhattan and Bronx locations), Hospital for Joint Diseases, Knickerbocker, Sydenham and Lincoln hospitals.

The group sang for over 40 years just because they enjoyed sharing the love of Christ and making others happy with joyful sounds of music! Old favorites like "There Is No Failure In God," "By and By When the Morning Comes" and "Jesus Never Fails"

are some of the many songs that were shared with their audiences. Through the years the group's director, Evelyn Norgrove, was assisted by pianists Edith Jones, Henrietta Morgan and Leroy Dixon.

Although the group is no longer singing, many of its members still sing with the New Believers Chorus of Ephesus. Mrs. Norgrove has many precious memories of the United Singers that keep her smiling and rejoicing in God's love. To the up-and-coming musical groups she advises, "Keep pressing on the upward way, because there is no failure in God."

The Ephesus Church is proud to salute Evelyn Norgrove for her dedicated service to the church and the community!

Caroline Jones
Communication Secretary



United Singers gather for birthday party of the late Elizabeth Satterfield.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT MT. VERNON

"Jesus has a plan for me ... Don't think small, think big. He is able, you'll agree, Don't think small, think big. He will help me with the fight, If I will stand for the right.

He'll stay beside me day and night ... Don't think small, think big."

These were the words of the theme song written by Robert Allison for the first Children's Day celebrated at the Mt. Vernon SDA Church, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. The children were featured in every aspect of the service, beginning with Sabbath School and culminating with the Adventist Youth Society.

The Sabbath School program was in the form of a radio broadcast with Charlise Berkel as anchorwoman. Children from the Cradle Roll division through Juniors and Earliteens participated. Divine worship featured youngsters as platform participants. The speaker for the hour was Elder Sheltona, whose topic was "Think Big, Think Bigger." He reminded all that as a child one can do just about anything if God is allowed to be the leader. Music for the morning service was provided by Mt. Vernon's own 68-voice children's choir, The Voice of

Praise, under the direction of Laverna Davidson.

During the afternoon program, the children presented a musical entitled "Our Love is Sharing," written by Marie Hodge. The musical was described by many as a mini Broadway production. The children demonstrated their superb talents in singing and acting. The intent of the program was that all become aware of the need for loving action toward each other, and develop an awareness of the existing need of those less fortunate. It was emphasized that children are never too young to care for others.

Many months of planning and hard work by a dedicated committee, headed by Laverna Davidson, Lena Vernon and Marie Hodge, went into preparations for the day.

Winsome Dyer
Communication Secretary



Members of the Mt. Vernon children's choir perform during the Divine Worship hour.



A Mt. Vernon youngster participates in Children's Day.



Elder Sheltona presents message for Mt. Vernon's Children's Day.

SOUTH CENTRAL



Pastor E. F. Brown and his church elder baptizing another candidate.

WORK MOVES IN CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE

In addition to serving as the manager for the South Central Conference Adventist Book Center, Pastor E. Freddie Brown of Nashville is the pastor for the nearby Clarksville, Tenn., congregation. He and his wife, Barbara, journey several times each week to this community to visit with the members, give Bible studies, conduct the midweek prayer meeting and the services on Sabbath. The Lord is blessing their labors, and souls are being baptized into the faith on a regular basis. Some members from the military at nearby Ft. Campbell, Ky., help to keep the program moving along.

Pastor and Mrs. Brown conducted a tent meeting this summer from which 12 souls were baptized.

DR. VICTOR GRIFFITH SPEAKS AT RIVERSIDE

"The times are different, the people are different, the conditions are different, but the challenge is still the same. We must save our youth for the kingdom." So stated Dr. Victor Griffith, the associate director of education for the world church of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination when he spoke at the Riverside Chapel on Dec. 31, 1988. The year was ending, but a new era was beginning for this Adventist community. Griffith of Washington, D.C., had come to help with the celebration of the opening of the new F. H. Jenkins school facility in Nashville, Tenn.

During the Sabbath services, Elder Xavier Butler conducted a baptismal service which included some of the students from the F. H. Jenkins School. It was a day for rejoicing



Dr. Victor Griffith, associate director of the Dept. of Education of SDA world church.



F. H. Jenkins students are baptized.

and reflecting upon the goodness of God.

The new school project had been the discussion on the lips of the members of the city for many years. The memberships of the Hillcrest, Riverside and New Life congregations of the South Central Conference joined hands in the venture and the dream was finally filled.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the world which I have spoken to you. Abide in me and I in you....He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15: 1-5 RSV

G. C. REPRESENTATION TO BE BASED ON DOLLARS IN 1990?

It is being stated in some circles of the church these days that with the rate of growth that is being seen in the worldwide church in many lands, the church in North America will probably only have 8 percent of the entire membership around the world at some point in the near future. It may be as near as the coming General Conference. Presently 84 percent of the church membership is made up of people of color, with only 16 percent constituting those who are descendants of the founding fathers.

The big discussion appears to be along the line of 'will the peoples of other divisions around the world finally take over the leadership roles of the church because of the steady growth in membership outside of North America. Will we let this be done while the majority of the funds to support the church come from America? A proposal was put forth at the time of the General Conference Session during 1975 that the representation be based upon one-third 'tithing income' and two-thirds membership. It will be very interesting to watch the developments as the church ratio begins to change its memberships around the world.

LITERATURE EVANGELISTS DELIVER \$301,000 - 1988

Elder William Smith, the newly elected director of the Publishing Department of the South Central Conference, reported that the Literature Evangelists of the conference delivered \$301,000 worth of 'truth-filled' literature throughout the field during 1988. This is the highest amount of sales in the history of the conference in recent years.

Smith took over the reins of leadership when Elder Steve Ruff, the former leader, accepted a call to serve in the Southwest Region territory. Two weeks before the year-end division-wide meeting of the L. E. of the Regional Conference which was held in Tampa, Fla., it was reported that the sales for the year were approximately \$285,000. After receiving challenges from the president to ask the Lord to help them to round it off at \$300,000, Smith and his associates B. E. Cone of Mississippi, R. Crawford of Memphis, Tenn., and Eugene Anthony rolled up their sleeves and, with the help of the Lord, inspired the literature evangelists throughout the conference to go the extra mile for the Master. The objective was reached.

It was a joyous celebration when the L. E.s of the conference gave their report at

the annual convention. The meetings also gave these dedicated workers an opportunity to 'come aside and rest awhile.' The goal for sales during 1989 has been set at \$400,000. It will be reached, states Elder Smith. When the books go out, the souls will come in. Two thousand souls are to be baptized in the conference during the year.



T. Smith, director for the Southern Union, William Smith, E. Anthony of Ala., B. E. Cone of Miss., and R. Crawford of Memphis.



Elder William Smith, newly elected publishing director and Elder S. Ruff, the former leader.

REGIONAL CAUCUS SETS BAPTISMAL GOAL FOR 1989

When the Black leadership of the North American Division of the General Conference met in November of 1988 an action was taken to ask the clergy and laity to join



South Central literature evangelists rest from their labors during the year-end convention in Tampa, Fla.



Bible instructors from across the continent meet at the time of the Evangelism Council.

hands for a finished work by accepting a goal to bring the memberships of the Regional Conferences to 220,000 by the time of the General Conference Session that is to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., during 1990. The objective can be reached as each congregation accepts a church goal to increase its membership by 15 percent of what it was during the end of 1988. Evangelism, it was agreed, is our real mission and every leader returned from the Council on Evangelism with a prayer that the Lord will use them to do even greater works than these.

During 1988, upwards of 10,000 newly

baptized believers were added to the churches in the Regional Conferences. Although it is oftentimes stated that the Hispanic minority is the fastest-growing group in the North American Division, the work among the Blacks in the church remains the 'largest' minority group throughout the division.

When the group came together, a team of Bible Instructors also met to lay plans to get onward with the challenge. They also came from across the continent and from other lands. Many souls are won to the faith through the work of these workers.

The challenge is 200,000 members by 1990! It can be done.

ADVENTIST LAY OUTREACH MINISTRY CELEBRATES ITS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY



Pastor and Mrs. A. C. Jenkins of McCalla, Ala, senior lay pastor in South Central Conference.



Laymen (left to right, kneeling): Nettie Henderson, Willie Moore, Mrs. A. C. Jenkins, A. C. Jenkins, Clayton Alves.

Twenty years ago, Dr. C. E. Dudley, the president of the South Central Conference, challenged the laity of the conference to go into unentered territories and to ask the Lord to use them to bring the message of His saving grace and love to those who had never heard. Under the leadership and guidance of Lay Pastor A. C. Jenkins, of Birmingham, Ala., a group of laypersons from the Ephesus Church in Birmingham journeyed to Walker County in Jasper, Ala., for the purpose of establishing a lighthouse in that city. Jasper was referred to as a 'dark county' because there were no Seventh-day Adventist congregations or companies to be found in the area. With persistent efforts Brother and Sister Jenkins pursued their objective which resulted in the Mount Zion congregation being established after a two-year period of faithful and untiring labor. Not only was a new group formed, but a building was purchased and paid for during that time.

Another group of laypersons from Ephesus was inspired by what had been accomplished and moved to establish a new work in a place called Alton, Ala., another nearby community. In East Jefferson County the Hillview (Queenstown) congregation was born. The families that provided leadership for this group were the Aves, the Rosses, the Jacksons and the Moore families. Under the leadership of Brother Willie Moore cottage meetings and tent crusades were held and the Lord blessed the labors with many souls who accepted the teachings and joined the church. This was number two.

The third congregation/company was organized in another nearby community called Adamsville. Brother Leo Fisher and Brother Daniel Jenkins and their families carried the burden for this area.

A beautiful edifice now stands in the city of Adamsville as a result of the Lord's blessing the work of the laity in this community over a 20-year period.

The members at Hillview moved to reach out to still another area and under the leadership of Sister Nettie Henderson, along with other laypersons, a light was set aflame in the nearby community of Leeds, Ala. Emmanuel S.D.A. Church became the fourth congregation to be established by the laity in the Birmingham community. Others who provided leadership for this group were Sister Rogers, Brother and Sister Truss, Brother Harry Moore and the Henderson family. A new church building was erected in this area by Brother and Sister Otis Rupright. To God be the glory!

Sister Johnson of McCalla carried a burden to see a church established in that community and pulled together a few of her brothers and sisters to get the job accomplished. Elder A. C. Jenkins and a group of laypersons, namely Brother Jones, Brother Wilson, Sister Jenkins joined with her and a fifth church was established in McCalla, another suburb of Jefferson County near Bessemer, Ala. These faithful laypersons now are enjoying worshipping each Sabbath in a building that the Lord blessed them to construct themselves in that community.

And still another congregation was brought into being, through the labors of Brother and Sister J. Turner of Alabaster, Ala., but he passed away before the group could become firmly established. In his dying moments, Brother Turner stated to the president: "I did my very best, Mr. President." We salute these dedicated laypersons as they celebrate 20 years of enjoying heaven's blessings.

ADELL WARREN OF OAKWOOD COLLEGE IS DEAD!!



Adell Warren Sr. of Oakwood College.

Elder Adell Warren, the former business manager for the Oakwood College for more than 29 years, is dead of a heart attack. At the close of the holiday season that had been spent with his family, Adell Warren passed away on Sabbath morning, Dec. 31, 1988, at the Huntsville Hospital.

For more than 29 years this financial genius directed the business affairs of the college and is credited with the planning and development of a long list of new structures, including Peterson Hall, Green Hall, G. E. Peters Music Hall, H. E. Ford Science Hall, the Bessie Carter Hall for women, Ashby Auditorium, W. J. Blake Student and Administration Center, Edwards Hall for men, W. R. Beach Natatorium, Eva B. Dykes Library, C. E. Moseley Religion Complex, Anna Knight Elementary School, J. T. Stafford Academy Building, the College Store and Bakery, the Central Heating Plant, the College Church, the Laundry Building, Harris Pine Mills and the Science Complex. It has been well stated that 'he left his footprints in the sands of time' for this institution.

He served under six college presidents, F. L. Peterson, G. J. Millett, A. V. Pinkney, F. W. Hale, C. B. Rock, E. Cooper and B. F. Reaves. Students from around the world will mourn his passing for he helped so many to make it through.

He leaves a wife, Ruth, one son and two daughters and their families and many friends and other loved ones around the world.

Adell Warren is dead at the age of 68 years.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

DIXON APPOINTED HEAD OF COLLEGE HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Minneola Dixon, former director of Alumni Affairs, has been appointed coordinator of Oakwood College Historical Resources. This is the first step toward the development of a historical museum by the college. This center will be housed in East Hall after its renovation.

In preparation for this unique position, Mrs. Dixon enrolled last summer at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, to pursue a graduate degree in library museum operation.

Mrs. Dixon has served the college for many years in various capacities such as secretary to the business manager, director of Student Employment Services, vice president of the National Alumni Association, and director of Alumni Affairs.

During her three years as alumni director, Mrs. Dixon was responsible for many unique achievements including: publishing the first alumni directory; organizing the first class agent network; complimentary motel fund-raising incentive plan; successful phonotons; creating the annual Presidential Gala, etc.

During the period of her leadership, the college, under the BECA program, received unrestricted gifts amounting to over \$950,000.

Mrs. Dixon is the mother of four children: J. Philip Williams, a pastor and musician; Dwayne Williams, marketing specialist and district manager for a company in Oklahoma City; Denise Williams, bookkeeper for Holiday Inn in Huntsville; and Mark Williams, second-year student at UAH.

Her husband, Elder D. J. Dixon, is a retired minister who has given many years of service to the proclamation of the Gospel.

Roy E. Malcolm

OAKWOOD COLLEGE WEEK OF PRAYER

The Oakwood College Campus Ministries Department under the direction of Chaplain S. Haywood Cox recently conducted the Fall Week of Spiritual Emphasis — speaker Elder Leslie Pollard of the Kansas Avenue SDA Church in Riverside, Calif. The theme was "Alive in the Spirit." Elder Pollard's dynamic thrust yielded 11 precious souls. The students and community members were greatly impressed by the week's presentations.

CHRIST-CENTERED INSTRUCTION LEADS TO BAPTISMS

On Saturday evening, Oct. 15, five students were baptized at the Oakwood Church. Officiating were Elders Ward and Shand assisted by Counselors Denise Johnson and Christopher Jones. The candidates were Paulette Francis, Bermuda; Kembrya Ellis, Bermuda; Rodger Lee, California; Ammiehada Nii Sackey, Ghana; and Brenda Wanzer, New York.

Since joining the Oakwood family 11 years ago, Lance Shand has merged instruction with reach-out evangelism while serving as residence dean, V-P for Student Services, and over the past three years as fulltime instructor. To date he has been instrumental in leading at least 55 students to baptism.

How does he accomplish this?

1. Shand trains students as Bible counselors.
2. In class, students are given opportunities to surrender their lives to Christ.
3. Shand quickly observes interest and immediately refers the student to Bible counseling.
4. Bible counselors visit respondents weekly and distributes Bible lessons.
5. When a student is ready for baptism, Elder Ward is asked to do the examination and set a date for baptism.
6. Counselors continue the study after baptism on a Big Brother/Sister basis.

Roy E. Malcolm

OAKWOOD ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS

Elder T. Marshall Kelly, instructor at Oakwood Academy, assisted by Lillian Redcross and Edrene Malcolm presented a soul-stirring concert at Southern College in Collegedale, Tenn. President Don Sahly, the college faculty, students and community expressed deepest appreciation of the gospel in song by the renowned Elder Kelly.

Elder Kelly was also featured at the Washington Street SDA Church in the Bronx, New York. The pastor, Elder John Guy, is a product of Oakwood Academy.

The Academy offices have been refurbished and equipped with attractive work stations by Monroe Commercial Interiors. The attractiveness of the offices is a definite boost to worker morale and customer service. According to Business Manager Zenobia Seward, "All of this was accomplished at reasonable cost."

Roy E. Malcolm

IN THE NEWS

OBITUARY

Wesley Curtwright was born Nov. 30, 1910, in the seaport city of Brunswick, Ga., the second son and third surviving child of Wesley Curtwright, Sr., and the former Beatrice Demaris McGhee. Both his parents were school teachers, having graduated together from Atlanta University, Class of 1896.

Young Wesley graduated from the SDA church school in Atlanta, Ga., in 1924, and from the Harlem Academy, New York, in 1928. He later graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University), Berrien Springs, Mich., majoring in English.

After working at various jobs, including a stint as Senior Newspaperman with the Federal Writers Project, Wesley entered the New York State Civil Service as a Junior Clerk, Dept. of Labor, in 1939. He was promoted to Assistant Clerk, to Employment Interviewer, to Claims Examiner, to Senior Claims Examiner. He retired from state service in 1975.

In 1948, and again in 1978-79, Wesley worked in Nashville, Tenn., with the late Louis B. Reynolds as unofficial assistant to the editor of "Message Magazine." He contributed numerous articles and poems to various publications, and published one book, "The Hand of God in Ethiopia."

Wesley was baptized as a child into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1917, by the late Elder Strother. He served a number of local SDA churches in various capacities: Local Elder, Deacon, Head Deacon, Sabbath School Teacher, Press and Public Relations Secretary, etc.

He continued always to assert his confidence in the Third Angel's Message as proclaimed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and his firm expectation of seeing the Lord return soon, either as a living survivor, or as part of the Special Resurrection of the faithful remnant.

In 1938, Wesley married Esther L. Robinson, of Newport News, Va. This union was blessed with one child, Esther D. Curtwright, who is now a practicing attorney in New York City.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent as a contribution to the Cancer Fund.

Otis R. Searcy, Sr., the oldest of five children of Adeline and Levi Searcy, was born Aug. 1, 1895, in Butler, Ga. His formal education began in the Butler grade school and was continued at the Reynolds High

School Academy in Reynolds, Ga. After the death of his mother, he went to live with relatives in Jacksonville, Fla.

In Jacksonville, he met Aleathia Alma Upton who would later become his wife on April 29, 1916. In later years, they moved north and took up residence in Asbury Park, N.J., where Otis became the proprietor of two restaurants. While living there, Otis and Aleathia were blessed with three children: Marceline Aleathia, now Mrs. C. Irving Shillingford; Otis, Jr.; and Claire Marie, now Mrs. Courtney B. Wood.

During the Depression, the family relocated to New York where Otis praised God for helping him to obtain employment. In subsequent years, he was employed with the City of New York in the Housing, Real Estate and Fire departments.

Because of his firm belief that a man should always strive to improve himself, Otis enrolled in a liberal arts program at the City College of New York.

Prior to joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Otis was an active member of religious, social and political organizations, holding membership in the St. Mark's Methodist-Episcopal Church, the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Monarch Lodge of the Elks and the Carver Democratic Club.

In 1955, due to the influence of a loving and faithful Adventist wife, Otis was baptized by Pastor W. S. Lee at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church, N.Y.C. While at Ephesus, he readily assumed an active role, serving on the Usher Board, Church Board and Deacon Board (later becoming Head Deacon).

He also served as a member of the Finance Committee, Building Committee and as treasurer of the Health and Welfare Society (Community Services). Throughout his years at Ephesus he was known for his sincerity and innovative leadership.

After moving to New Rochelle, N.Y., Otis and Aleathia became members of the New Rochelle Seventh-day Adventist church in 1972. Otis continued to work actively in the church, serving on the Deacon Board as a deacon and as Head Deacon. He was responsible for organizing and chairing several successful fund-raising committees for the improvement of the church. His most notable effort occurred as chairman of the New Rochelle Church Light Committee, which culminated in the installation of new sanctuary lights in December 1975. He also served as a church board member and secretary-treasurer of the Community Services.

Due to a fall in the spring of 1987, Otis's health began to fail. After several hospitali-

zations in 1987 and 1988, Otis passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1988. He leaves to mourn: His beloved wife and companion of 72 years, Aleathia, three children, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one daughter-in-law; one son-in-law, one grandson-in-law; and a host of devoted friends.

Otis R. Searcy, Sr., truly lived his motto, "Where He leads me, I will follow."

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Pastor Wintley Phipps

PASTOR WINTLEY PHIPPS SPEAKS IN AUSTRALIA

Pastor Wintley Phipps was the featured speaker of the Son City Celebration, a five-week evangelistic crusade conducted during the past August in Sydney, Australia. The meeting was the culmination of more than a year's preparation by the Youth Department of the Greater Sydney Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Pastor Phipps' invitation to speak was the result of a specific request by the Greater Sydney Conference for a Black evangelist from the United States. Adrian Craig, president of the Greater Sydney Conference, says they were doubly blessed to have an evangelist who could sing as well a preach.

Much excitement was generated in Sydney, a city of approximately 3.5 million people, as a full-scale public relations campaign spread the news of Pastor Phipps' evangelistic crusade through slick professional brochures and poster, radio announcements, as well a television interview with Pastor Phipps. The response to the

meetings was tremendous. On August 14th, opening night, the Strathfield SDA High School's 1,4000-seat auditorium was filled to capacity twice. On several nights two sessions were held in order to accommodate the large crowds.

Night after night, the audience was deeply stirred by the dynamic Christ-centered message of love and truth ministered through song and the spoken word. The meetings, which were targeted to young people both in and outside of the church, were attended by individuals and families, young and old. Don Koziol, youth director of the Greater Sydney Conference and coordinator of Son City Celebration, described the event as the most exciting program in years for the youth in Sydney.

During this series, Pastor Phipps initiated a unique approach to evangelism in which he utilized a large screen video that projected excerpts from the Life of Christ video series onto the screen at crucial points throughout the sermon. All the elements (spiritual emphasis, music, video, dedicated team) worked together to create a very moving and impressive program that proved to be highly effective in reaching hearts.

More than 200 persons joined the "In His Steps" Bible class taught nightly by Pastor Phipps himself. At the conclusion of the meeting on September 4th, 77 persons were baptized. Area pastors continue to study and follow up other interested persons.

The staff included more than 200 young people from Sydney who served as ushers, Bible workers, choir members, technical assistants and camera crew. The Phipps team from the U.S. included Miss Patricia Barnes, soloist from Washington, D.C., Dr. Alma Blackmon, pianist and retired music professor of Oakwood College, and Art Humphrey, video producer who was responsible for overseeing the technical and media production throughout the meetings. The success of the evangelistic series was made possible through the assistance of this energetic team of workers and, of course, the blessings of God.

BRADFORD SPEAKS AT DIVISION COUNCIL IN MINNEAPOLIS

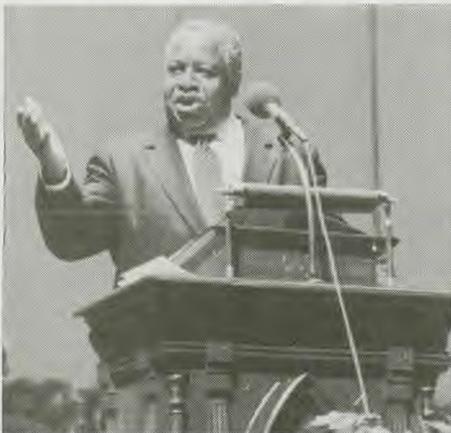
One hundred years have passed since the "great" debates on Righteousness by Faith that were entered into by the Seventh-day Adventist leaders in 1888. The debates almost led to a division in the ranks of the church body for some advocated salvation by works; others had a posture of salvation by faith.

It appears that two youthful professors who had become editors of the Signs of the Times provoked discussions marked by misunderstanding and perplexity in the one hand and a settled feeling of gratitude for God's providential leadings on the other. E. J. Waggoner and A. R. Jones, the "sparkers" of the historic discussion 100 years ago sought to bring the ministry and nature of Jesus Christ into its proper perspective. "We are saved by grace through faith (in Christ) and not of ourselves, it is a gift from God." None can boast of his/her accomplishments.

One hundred years later, C. E. Bradford, the president of the North American Division, spoke from the same desk from which Ellen G. White spoke to the assembly then. Bradford assured the thousands of members who attended the services on Sabbath that the church is still "Alive in Christ" and well and that we must get onward with the witnessing to the Everlasting Gospel in this our day that the kingdom will soon come. Every member must take up the torch and help to enlighten the world concerning God's love for all of mankind. The leadership was challenged to return to their posts and challenge the membership across North America to a finished work.

During the session, three physicians from Russia, who serve as church pastors in that land, were in attendance. The work of the church is being blessed significantly in that land. Harold Otis, the former general manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, has been asked to serve as the coordinator for the denomination and its work in Russia. A seminary has already been constructed and presently a publishing house which will serve as a branch of the Review and Herald Publishing Association is being constructed.

The church has moved along in a wonderful manner during the past 100 years.



Dr. C. E. Bradford



Mass choir performs at Minneapolis Council.

CANADA GETS ITS SECOND BLACK CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Dr. Robert Oswald Samms, a Jamaican Canadian, was elected president of the Quebec Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church Association last July (1988). He is the first Black person to hold this position. The SDA church has 2,600 adherents in Quebec, of whom 80 percent are Black.

The new president is eminently qualified to fill this post. His brilliant academic and professional career over the past 24 years stands as testimony to his suitability. Educated in Jamaica, Canada and the United States, he obtained a Ph.D. degree in church history from McGill University (Montreal, Quebec, Canada) in 1985.

Since his ordination in 1971, Dr. Samms has served in the Bahamas, Jamaica, several Canadian cities, including Montreal, and California and New York in the USA. He was also the principal at Grand Bahamas Central Academy.

Of special importance is Dr. Samms' keen interest in the preservation of human dignity. He has made fervent appeals for equality and justice in the Church, and has challenged the status quo where necessary.

In 1973, when he observed a number of inconsistent practices (especially in the area of employment), he, along with others like Dr. Gosnell Yorke, presently a pastor in Quebec, successfully pressed for the formation and implementation of the Canadian Human Relations Council of Seventh-day Adventists at both the union and conference levels. The two councils deal with cross-cultural and human rights issues within the church.

Dr. Samms' wife, Pamela, is a school teacher. They have four children: Royland and Richard in college in the USA, and Sherine and Tamaylia, who will be entering college in January.

The other Black president in Canada is Pastor Orville Parchment in the Ontario Conference.

Dr. Gosnell Yorke,
Director Communication,
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty
Quebec Conference



Dr. Robert Samms

PHYSICIAN WINS RADIO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Karl Hammonds, M.D., Medical Director of Progressive Health Associates of Washington, D.C., recently won the Achievement in Radio (A.I.R.) Award for the "Best Special Public Affairs Program."

Dr. Hammonds is the producer/host of "Focus on Your Health," a consumer health program aired on WGAY-FM (99.5) from Silver Spring, Md. His winning entry in the broadcast competition was "Television and Your Mental Health." Since 1981, Dr. Hammonds has won numerous awards for medical journalism, including the American Academy of Pediatrics Journalism Award, American Cancer Society Media Award, and the D. C. Lung Association Media Award.

The Second Annual A.I.R. Awards ceremony was held Oct. 21 at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. The judging was based on overall excellence, originality, creative technical production and overall effectiveness. The awards program benefits the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, and is sponsored by Ford Motor Co. The Second Annual A.I.R. Awards Program is endorsed by the Washington Area Broadcasters Association of Community Affairs, and American Women in Radio and Television.

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Elder Gerard Mayze

NORTHEASTERN PARTICIPATES IN JAMAICAN DISASTER RELIEF

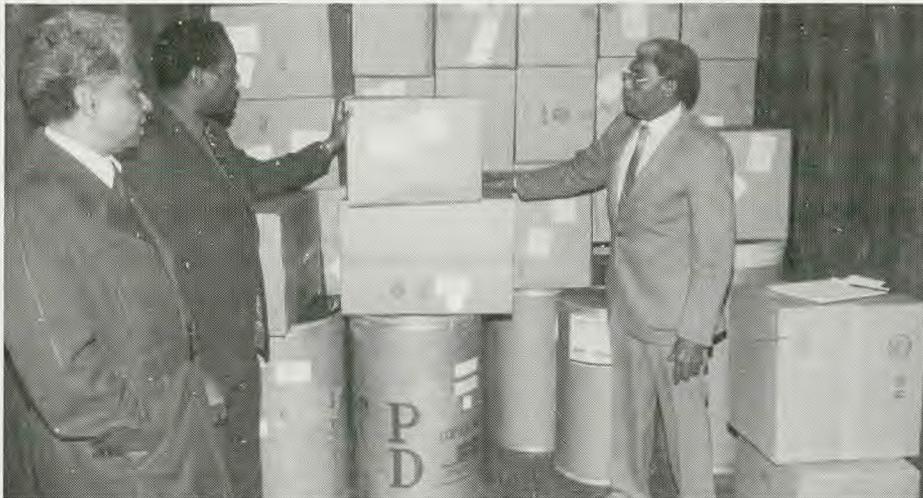
The churches of Northeastern Conference were very active in collecting items needed for victims of Hurricane Gilbert in Jamaica, W.I. Two tractor-trailers containing 80 barrels of food, 140 boxes of food, 90 boxes of clothing, 1,000 blankets and 2,880 disposable baby diapers were sent.

Pastors Kenneth Green, Harris Thompson and Willard Hall volunteered their time, picking up barrels and boxes from the various churches around the conference territory.

The conference also donated money to Project Help, which is a privately run agency set up to help very needy individuals.



Volunteers load trailers to be sent to Jamaica, W.I.



(Left to right) Elders Brooks, Baptiste and Sampson look over cartons of goods prepared for Jamaica, W.I.



Community Service leaders from around the conference stand with conference officials, surrounded by food and clothing solicited for the disaster relief program.

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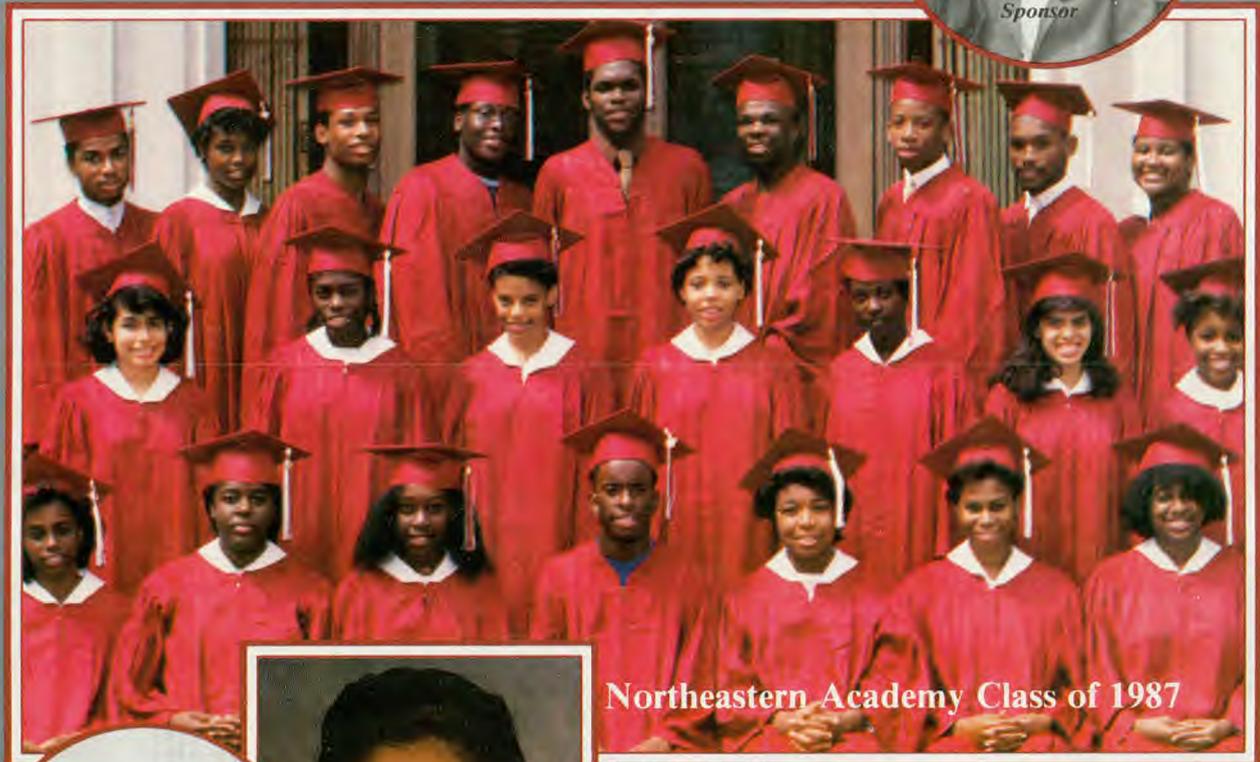
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