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***Mrs. Chessie Harris,
mother to hundreds of
homeless children,
Huntsville, Alabama.***

COVER STORY

PRESIDENT HONORS MRS. CHESSIE HARRIS' VOLUNTEER WORK

(From the Huntsville Times 4/2/89)
by Peter Cobun

Ever since Chessie Harris got the call from the White House saying she was a winner of the 1989 President's Volunteer Action Award, she says she's been "trying to find a way to keep my feet on the ground."

"It's out of the human tongue to try to describe the feeling I have," she says. "Never, never did I think of doing anything for any recognition whatsoever."

What Chessie Harris has done for much of her 83 years is help others — mainly children. For over 31 years, as executive director of Huntsville's Harris Home for Children, she cared for and raised over 800 abandoned or neglected children.

On April 11, she had lunch with the president of the United States in the White House. There, she and other recipients of the president's award were honored.

Three days later, Mrs. Harris attended a similar ceremony in Montgomery, this one hosted by Gov. Guy Hunt, who presented Chessie Harris the Governor's Award for her work as a volunteer in the area of services to children and youth.

The daughter of sharecroppers and granddaughter of slaves, Chessie Harris picked 200 pounds of cotton a day when she was growing up right after the turn of the century.

In 1916, she headed for Tuskegee Institute, where she went to classes and worked for Mrs. Booker T. Washington.

In 1931, she married George Harris, and the couple had five children. But she constantly saw children who needed care, and the Harrises took them in.

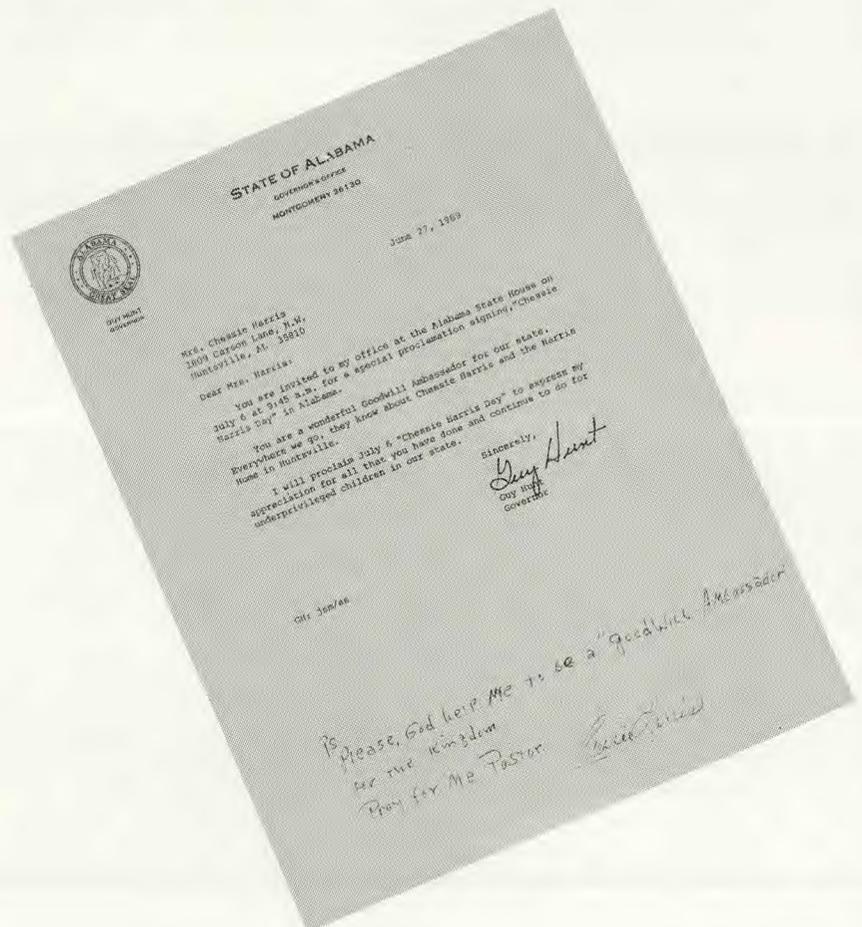
In 1954, Chessie Harris went from office to office, trying to persuade Huntsville government officials to help her start a home for these abandoned and neglected children. Harris Home first opened its doors that summer.

Mrs. Harris retired as director of the home in 1980 because of a succession of heart attacks. But that didn't stop her seeing the need and filling it. In recent years she organized — and is active in running — a volunteer transportation service for the elderly in Madison County.

Mrs. Harris was nominated for the President's Volunteer Action Award by retired Gen. John Jones, former commander of the Army Strategic Defense Command, and



G. Minnon Williams, former governor of Michigan, and President George Bush congratulate Mrs. Chessie Harris.



now vice president of Teledyne Brown Engineering Co.

Mrs. Harris says she will accept her new recognition "for the children."

"There was a need," she says, remembering those days she dreamed of establishing a home for children. "I just felt it was my duty to do it. I was happy to do it. I still am."

Her phone's been ringing with congratulations. Especially from the children she's cared for all of these years.

"Some of the children have called and said, 'Can I go with you to the White House?' Of course, I say no. But I tell them I'm accepting it for them. It makes them feel good about themselves."

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland

WHAT A MORNING!

How strange, yet true, that the mainstream Black man is possessed of a hopefulness and optimism not found in the general population. It is a confidence seen early in our progenitors, an element of character, puzzling to the slave-master, that neither 250 years of slavery nor 100 years of ostracism could destroy. The survival of this confidence is a story begging to be told.

There are three million homeless people in America. One-third of them are families. A disproportionate number of these are Black people. Nearly a third of these are children. The building of housing for the poor was cut 86 percent under Ronald Reagan. This has been cited as the main reason for the plight of the homeless in America. A homeless Black was being interviewed on television about his condition. "Things will get better," he said, "Things will get better."

Historically, Black orators pierced our darkness with their rhetoric and vision. The Black slave preacher, his speech laced with Bible imagery, fired the hopes of our forefathers in the grips of severest servitude. Through all of their picturesque discourses ran a silver string of hope. Nat Turner, Frederick Douglass, Richard Allen, Absolom Jones, Booker T. Washington, Roscoe Conklin Simmons, Adam Clayton Powell and Martin Luther King, Jr. are but a few in a long line of rhetoricians. I heard Conklin Simmons, Adam Clayton Powell and Martin Luther King many times. One's reaction to them has a common denominator.

You left their meetings strangely hopeful. As you listened to them, their speech mirrored all of the audience's hopes, fears and frustrations — providing emotional release. Speaker-audience interaction was a thing to behold. The appetite for freedom is best fired by the promise of better days ahead. But it is born in the iron furnace of slavery and oppression. That is why 98 percent of the most effective Civil Rights spokesmen are Southern-born. Southern Blacks are not easily bewitched by platitudes and pious promises. Experience teaches best and tends to give one a clear view of the possible. The Black man exhibited a shining faith that mystifies historians — for his oppression was unique. It was intended to be perpetual. It was set up as the "final solution" to the Black-White problem in America. Laws were passed making it a crime to teach a Black person educationally. At the same time, learned men declared him unteachable. Meanwhile, the iron fist of force sought to hammer the mind into self-loathing, so that Blacks would apologize for existing. Even the opponents of slavery could not conceive of a free and equal Black man. So the choice was clear — serfdom or expulsion. When Abraham Lincoln died, he was experimenting with colonization.

But the Black man refused to fold. His first asset was and is that he is human. This means that he is capable of thought and faith. Both are keys to the Black man's survival. As for faith, he heard about the Exodus, the Jews' deliverance from Egyptian bondage. He heard of a man named Moses who led them forth. And he sang, "Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land. Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go." He heard of the God of the Hebrews and the miracles that He wrought. And he sang, "Over my head, I see trouble in the air. There must be a God somewhere." He heard of Joshua's conquest of Jericho — and thinking hopefully of his own condition, he sang, "Joshua

fought the battle of Jericho - and the walls came tumbling down." The Black man was straining at his own shackles when the Civil War began. Wherever Union troops appeared, slaves deserted the plantations and followed them. There was a Black initiative here, and it was clear to all that regardless of who won the war, things would never be the same.

While it is true that White men fought against the evils of the slave trade, it is equally true that Blacks blew their own trumpets in the orchestra of freedom. David Walker and Martin Delaney made slaveholders tremble with their rhetoric. Frederick Douglass made it clear that "deportation" and "colonization" were unacceptable and that the oppressor could not set any limits on freedom. And that is what the 100-year struggle since slavery is all about. A struggle that has cost us 6,000 lynchings — which included Martin Luther King, Jr. And it is not over yet.

During the past eight years, a conservative government has sought to revoke the social entitlements that have done most to uplift the poor. During the Vietnam War, Adam Clayton Powell stated that Blacks were sent into combat in disproportionate numbers. Institutional racism raises its serpentine head at every level of life and human relations, the Church not excepted. But like "O! Man River," Blacks just keep moving along, fueled by a twofold faith.

It was given us of God to believe (1) in the absence of evidence, (2) and to believe in the face of contrary evidence. As to the former, we have often had to press ahead with no evidence of success beyond our hopes and dreams. "My Lord delivered Daniel, why not deliver poor me" - a song out of our slave experience says it all. This goes beyond religion to the person of God Himself. It is "My faith looks up to Thee" experience. It's been with the Black man a long time. It would be fatal to lose it now. As to the latter, we've been "Climbing high mountains trying to get home." These mountains have often seemed insurmountable, but "The Lord will make a way somehow" has long been our national anthem. And so, we press on till the roads of east and west are free. Till beneath the four winds of the heavens, light and truth are made possible to all mankind. We press on till justice runs down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream. We press on till Black men, White men, Red men and Yellow can sit at a common table of brotherhood, till there is peace in the valley for all of us! Amen!

E. E. Cleveland

ALLEGHENY EAST

PINE FORGE NOT INVOLVED IN GIRL'S DEATH

Dear Church Leaders:

There is word circulating around the country that the June 4 tragic death of a teenage girl in West Pottsgrove, Pa., is connected to Pine Forge Academy. This information is not true and will tend to do damage to Pine Forge Academy.

The erroneous information was printed in the Pottstown "Mercury," the local newspaper, and whereas we have corrected the local news, damage will be done if we do not correct the news nationwide.

The truth of the matter is that the teenager who was murdered died in her own home in West Pottsgrove Township. She attended Pine Forge SDA Elementary School. However, she was bused in to classes every day.

The girl was an eighth-grade student and not eligible to attend the academy until she was in the ninth grade.

Again, I repeat, Pine Forge Academy was not involved in any way with the incident involving the murder of the eighth-grader. Nothing occurred on or near the campus of Pine Forge Academy.

Thank you for dispersing this information.

Please pray with us that God will continue to bless His work here in the Allegheny East Conference. And may His blessings to you be abundant in every way.

Sincerely,

R. L. Booker, Director
Communication Department

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY AT EBENEZER

Elder W. W. Fordham demonstrated that he was one of the "Young at Heart" when he spoke at the Ebenezer Church in Philadelphia, Pa., for their Senior Citizens Day, April 29. Looking out over the rows of seniors, he expounded on Ecclesiastes 12, clarifying it so hearers could see the text telling of the effects of age on a person.

He used several examples from his life to explain several passages. His main point was that no matter what your age, you must use good sense, and experience adds to this.

In addition to music provided by the choir, Mr. Davis, who is nearly 70 years old, sang "God Is My Shepherd" for the appeal.

Mark Frog Harris
Correspondent

The Editor's Desk



Anthony Donatto

Sergeant First Class Anthony Donatto has served in the United States Army for the past 16 years. He is presently assigned to the United States Army Hawley Hospital and works in the Plans, Operations, Training and Security Office. Each day Sergeant First Class Donatto drives to Fort Benjamin Harrison, an Army post located on the far east side of Indianapolis, Ind., to perform a myriad of duties which his assignment requires.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	July 28	Aug 4	11	18
Boston, Mass.	8:08	8:00	7:51	7:41
New York City	8:14	8:10	8:01	7:51
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:41	8:33	8:23	8:13
Atlanta, Ga.	8:41	8:35	8:29	8:21
Miami, Fla.	8:09	8:05	8:00	7:54
Charlotte, N.C.	8:31	8:24	8:17	8:09
Birmingham, Ala.	7:50	7:45	7:38	7:30
Jackson, Miss.	8:02	7:56	7:50	7:42
Memphis, Tenn.	8:07	8:01	7:54	7:46
Louisville, Ky.	8:56	8:50	8:42	8:33
Detroit, Mich.	8:57	8:49	8:40	8:30
Chicago, Ill.	8:13	8:05	7:56	7:46
South Bend, Indiana	8:07	8:00	7:51	7:41
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:44	8:36	8:26	8:15
St. Louis, Mo.	8:15	8:09	8:00	7:52
Kansas City, Mo.	8:34	8:27	8:19	8:10
Denver, Co.	8:17	8:10	8:02	7:53
Little Rock, Ark.	8:15	8:08	8:02	7:54
Dallas, Texas	8:29	8:24	8:17	8:10
New Orleans, La.	7:56	7:51	7:45	7:39
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:13	8:07	8:00	7:52
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:38	8:31	8:24	8:16

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

USHERS' DAY - A SUCCESS LESSON IN FELLOWSHIP!

Ushers of the Walnut Street Church in Pottstown, Pa., were jubilant at their recent Ushers' Day ceremonies. Friendship was the theme of the day, and many friends and visitors were present.

This outreach effort featured ushers from several Adventist churches in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Camden and Coatesville. The Philadelphia ushers served the congregation.

Present and honored also were ushers and the choir from the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Pottstown. The choir provided music for the divine worship hour.

Speaker for the service was Pastor Rudyard Lord of the Coatesville congregation. In his sermon entitled "Not Water, but Fire Next Time," Pastor Lord was able to focus visitors' attention on present events in the light of Bible prophecy.

The ushers further demonstrated their interest in a caring fellowship by hosting dinner for members and their guests.

Paul A. Anderson is pastor of the congregation. Mrs. Shirley Sample is head usher, and coordinated the day's program.

7AGE1.BREAD

BEREA TEMPLE FEATURES BREADMAKE

On a recent Monday evening, 30 excited and apprehensive new breadmakers assembled in the lower auditorium of the Baltimore, Md., Berea Temple Church to participate in "Breadmake."

"Breadmake" is designed to teach people of all ages the fun of making their own bread from natural ingredients at a cost of approximately 40 cents per loaf. According to instructor Cheryl Norris, "The Breadmake way is so simple even elementary school children are able to make a great loaf."

The 30 participants mixed, measured, kneaded, poked and punched for 40 minutes. The finished product — rising loaves in the pan. Each person left with a nice loaf of bread to bake at home.

Betty Brock
Communication Secretary

LIFE ON A RAINY DAY - IN AN ARK

"What do you do on a rainy day - in an ark?" Doubtless there have not been too many sleepless nights spent pondering this question.



Pottstown ushers, under direction of Mrs. Shirley Sample, pose with their guest ushers and choir members. They are flanked by Pastor Rudyard Lord (left) of Coatesville and Pastor Paul Anderson.



Members of Bethel A. M. E. choir sing for special Ushers' Day services in Pottstown. Seated (left to right): Elder Vernon Newman, Pastor Rudyard Lord, Pastor Paul Anderson.

Grades one through eight of the Pine Forge SDA Elementary School dramatized the answer, to the delight and enjoyment of a packed house. Based on the "if-osition" that Noah's grandchildren accompanied him and the other adults into the ark, some unusual situations could have occurred.

Since Monopoly and Scrabble had not been invented, the children supplied their own creations, which caused Mrs. Noah to respond with "Have you ever kept house in an ark?"

The exuberance and projection of the children, both with the music and speaking parts, made for a truly notable performance. Those attending the Allegheny East Conference campmeeting will be treated to a repeat performance on the first Friday night.

This was not just a school closing program, but a money-raising venture as well. Proceeds from the affair, \$1,600, helped the school budget to be balanced for the remainder of the school year.

The play was directed by Mrs. Judy Dent, lower grades teacher, with the assistance of the principal, Mrs. Jewell Elliott. A facsimile of Noah's ark on the water was reproduced by the skill and artistry of Elder Joseph Dent, Allegheny East educational superintendent.



Noah (Kenneth Branford), center, leads children in prayer of praise and thanksgiving after leaving the ark.



Mrs. Noah (Skynette Woods) enumerates the trials of keeping house in an ark.



Nicole Agbonkhesse serves as narrator in front of Noah's ark. Backdrop is creation of Elder Joseph Dent, educational superintendent.

CENTRAL STATES

CHRISTIAN RECORD BRAILLE VISITS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Did you know that there are 42 million blind people in the world? And some 50,000 will lose their sight this year and every subsequent year to come? And that another 11.4 million won't go blind, but will experience some form of visual impairment?

These are startling statistics that don't reach home until someone close to us is stricken.

Arturo Grayman, director of the Central Division of Mid-America Union, gave this report as he discussed the history of the Christian Record Braille Services at Community Church in Denver, Colo.

Elder Grayman said the causes of blindness are many, and vary from person to person, but their needs are the same, to be reached wherever they are.

Elder Jesse Caffey, field worker, challenged local churches to implement a planned program for the handicapped as stated in Testimonies, Vol. 3, pp. 511-512. Here the counsel is given that God has placed widows and orphans, the blind, the deaf, the lame, and persons afflicted in a variety of ways in close Christian relationship to His church to prove His people and to develop their true character.

On Sabbath, the message continued through Sabbath School as the Christian Record Braille Services workers conducted the program. Elder Tom Lowe, vice president and field director of Mid-America Union, brought the message during the divine hour, entitled "Urban Dwellers." Texts taken from Luke 17:28-32 focused on Lot's wife and children. The main theme was not to linger when you hear the call to turn to Jesus.

During the Adventist Youth Hour, "The Quartet," an a cappella group from Christian Record Braille Services organization presented a concert.

Another worker, Billy Freeny, brought a blind guest from the community, who shared his experiences on becoming blind and how he copes with it.

A beautiful display booth positioned in the rear of the sanctuary exhibited blind tapes, braille books and literature. An offering was also given to help spread the work. So far, more than 3,000 blind people serviced by the Christian Record Braille Services have accepted the Adventist message.

Etta Collins



Phyliss Ware, newly appointed secretary/treasurer.

WARE APPOINTED SECRETARY-TREASURER

Mrs. Phyllis Ware was asked by the conference committee to assume the position of secretary-treasurer of the Central States Conference on March 16, 1989. Phyllis is the second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Mosely of Kansas City, Mo., where she was born and raised.

She attended and completed her work at Notre Dame University and during that time was baptized into the Linwood SDA Church in 1975. Upon her graduation from Notre Dame she was employed at Arthur Andersen and Co. and then went to work as an internal auditor with the Commerce Bank in Kansas City, Mo., and was employed in the Jackson County Legislative Audit Department.

In the latter part of 1983, Mrs. Ware was invited by Elder S. H. Cox, then president of Central States Conference, to be the chief accountant and cashier of the conference treasury department. Three years later, Phyllis was asked by the committee to be the assistant treasurer, from which position she was elected to secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Ware continued her education in the business field and sat for her certificate of public accounting and passed in the highest percentile of her class, becoming a certified public accountant at the sitting.

Phyllis is married to Richard C. Ware, who is a self-employed merchandise distributor in Warrensburg, Mo.

The conference and staff are pleased and proud to welcome Mrs. Ware to the Central States Conference administration.

E. F. Carter
Correspondent



Mrs. Booth receives baptismal certificate from Pastor Draggon.



The baptism of Mrs. Barbara Booth.

BAPTISM AT BETHESDA

There was a special baptism at Bethesda Temple in Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Barbara Booth was baptized. The reason this was such a special baptism is because Mrs. Booth has been a longtime friend of Adventists. Barbara and her husband are longtime friends of Lyndell and Richard Bath, who have since moved to California. They have heard good preaching, have been to evangelistic meetings, Revelation Seminars, and studied personally with Haskell and Shirley Lee of Omaha, Neb. So when Mr. Booth was baptized at the end of last year, the church was excited, and now his wife has joined him. There was much joy in the church from their decision to follow Jesus all the way.

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN'S CHOIR ROBES

The Bethesda Children's Choir of Omaha, Neb., had their robes dedicated during the month of April, thanks to the work and faithful effort of Deborah Johnson and Tigri Cox, who direct the choir. Their effort and work was very much appreciated by the church. Because the children's choir plays such a big role in the church, it was good to see them get their robes.



Bethesda's Cherubs and Pastor R. W. Draggon (far left).

Carter, Carolyn Carter, Wayne Carter, Sacha Codrington, Pieter Cooper, Nadia Dockery, Jason Faulkner, Shanel Faulkner, Karen Garner, Natasha Gillson, Yolanda Green, Nadia Green, Vivett Hemans, Christopher Hudson, Natasha Hurst, Alton Jacobs, Jr., Kareen Jacobs, Valarie Jacobs, Brian King, Terrance King, Keith Lewis, Jr., Tiffany Lewis, Christina Lofters, Jason Logan, Jonathon Logan, Debra Mahoney, Desiree Mahoney, Laverne Mahoney, Camille McKenzie, Bruce Moorman, Heidi Moorman, Nicole Morris, Alicia Nicoleau, Marc Nicoleau, Maurice Nicoleau, Sabine Nicoleau, Stephan Nicoleau, Marisol Norris, Kerisia Patterson, Lucon Patterson, Dwayne Parker, Jenelle Parker, Renee Parker, Alicia Slater, Alison Slater, Andrew Slater, Aliese Smith, Alicia Stanley, Angela Stanley, Anine Stanley, Philip Wesley, Jr., Osmond Williams, Tamara Williams and Travis Williams, members; Anthony Parker, honorary member.

The evening program proved to be the climactic point of a beautifully planned day. Guests included The Jewels, Mt. Sinai's children's choir; Karl Francis of the Jamaica Church, who brought a dramatic recitation about the Exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt; a choir from the Clinton Memorial A.M.E. Church in New Jersey, who put on a dynamic performance of the song "Jesus Is Mine" and other selections which were equally memorable; and an energetic group of children called the Sharon Gospel Singers, who performed for the audience.

For a change of pace, instrumental selections were rendered by Lebanon's own Maurice Nicoleau on the piano and Alison Slater on the flute. A lovely poem by Christina Lofters was followed by the recitation of the Ten Commandments by five-year-old Brian King.

The program ended on a final musical note, with the children from each choir forming a massed choir to sing "He Is Exalted." It was an unforgettable finale. The audience rose to their feet in a burst of applause at this triumphal conclusion. Hats off to Ms. Rita Parker and The Ambassadors for a job well done!

Arlene Aarons
Communication Secretary

NORTHEASTERN

LEBANON SDA CHURCH CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S DAY FOR MOTHER'S DAY!!

The event of the year took place at the Lebanon SDA Church on May 13, 1989. The entire day was a spectacular success. Members of the Ambassadors for Christ children's choir participated with deft precision in every aspect of the church service. Proud parents watched as their children performed each selection with that delightful innocence so indicative of their youth and childish sincerity.

Dwayne Parker and Philip Wesley Jr. presented divine hour sermonettes. Both young men are members of the Children's Choir, whose members are as follows:

Mrs. Rita Parker, directress; Ms. Nichelle Parker, assistant directress; Mr. Norman Bacon, pianist; Mr. Tyrone Moorman, assistant pianist; Mr. Philip Wesley, Jr., president; Ms. Kareen Jacobs, vice president; Ms. Alicia Slater, chaplain; Mr. Terrance King, chaplain; Ms. Valarie Jacobs, chaplain; Kanita Bourne, Neimah Bourne, Shanley Calliard, Anita Carter, Camille

NURSE NURTURES AN INVESTMENT IDEA

Ilona Burgess, R.N., works as a private duty nurse and is a faithful member of the Brooklyn Temple Sabbath School in New York City. Her strong desire to join other Sabbath School members and work in partnership with God made her decide to invest \$10 for each case she received as a nurse. On Sabbath, Nov. 26, 1988, a grand Investment Day celebration was held by the Sabbath School Department under the joint leadership of Ana Pusey, the Investment leader, and the assistant leader, Ms. Adams. On that day, Brooklyn Temple Church surpassed its investment goal and Ilona Burgess turned in \$1,022 as a result of her investment project.

EPHESUS STARLITERS REACH FOR NEW HORIZONS

The Ephesus Starliters Pathfinder Club are stepping up and marching on to newer and greater horizons. Every Sunday morning the Starliters meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. During that time club members work on various honors such as drilling, first aid, knot-tying, Christian grooming, temperance, drumming, etc. They also strive to move up the ladder from Friend to Companion to Guide and eventually to Master Guide.

Highlights for the year included attendance at the Northeastern Conference Pathfinder Camporee in Plymouth, Conn. Twenty-four Ephesus Pathfinders camped out in pup tents in the rain for five days. The reward was a beautiful honor representing their success.

Another highlight was Pathfinder Day. It was most impressive as the youth of the church entered the main sanctuary in full dress uniform, marching to the beat of God's music. The divine worship service included a tribute to former directors Eva Strother, Mary Osborne, Eugene Armstead, James Beaman, George Saunders and Benjamin Goodine. It was noted that the very first Black Pathfinder Club in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination was organized at the Ephesus Church by Eva Strother.



Director James Stewart distributes information to Pathfinders.

Pastor Anthony Medley delivered an eloquent and spirit-filled message to the church. He explained the meaning of the text which says that parents should train up a child in the way that he should go and he will not depart from it. He counseled that this text does not necessarily mean that the child will not leave the church, but that the training of the parent will always remain with the child. He also urged parents to send their children



Instructor Caroline Jones teaches Christian grooming class.

to the Pathfinder Club so that they could benefit from the program. He spoke of many personal experiences that he had had as a Pathfinder which taught him discipline and also helped him to have a closer walk with God.

The delicious buffet luncheon coordinated by Sylvia Williams and Laura Chesson, plus the dynamic AYS program, made Pathfinder Day complete.

In addition to camping and studying, the Starliters have also enjoyed a field trip to the Museum of Natural History, which included a two-mile hike back to the church. Club members and friends also participated in a very special Black History event. Several Pathfinders also represented the club as delegates to the United Youth Congress in New Orleans.

Plans for the rest of 1989 include reactivating the drill team and drum corps plus 100 percent attendance at the union camporee in August.

Based on all of the above, the Ephesus Starliters, directed by James Stewart and staff, are definitely stepping up and marching on to newer and greater horizons.

Caroline Jones

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATES COMMUNITY GUEST SABBATH

"Welcome, we are glad to see you," were the words echoed by the hospitality team as they greeted visitors during Christian Fellowship, Community Guest Day.

Mr. Maurice A. Scarlett, the church's communication secretary, paid tribute to Mrs. Jannie Johnson of the Community Planning Board #17; Ms. Malessa Presley, School District #18 candidate; Mr. Byron Lee, author of "Pride and Powerlessness"; and Mrs. Clara Williams from the Brooklyn Coalition Against Hunger for their contributions to the community. The Hon. Clarence



Honorable Clarence Norman addresses the Christian Fellowship congregation.



Ms. Malessa Presley expresses appreciation for her commendation.



Mr. Cedric presents plaque to Mrs. Clara Williams



Mrs. Janie Johnson accepts plaque presented by Mr. Maurice Scarlett.

Norman gave a brief address touching on problems of the community and his plans to correct them.

Music was rendered by the Senior and Youth choirs, and Pastor Ralph Williams delivered the morning message with the theme "Eternity is our destiny, Heaven is my goal."

Other distinguished guests included Mr. Cedric Joe from the office of City Council Member Enoch Williams, Pastor Arthur Bolding and Mr. Fitzpatrick.

The day was organized by Mrs. Etta Liddel, Sabbath School secretary, assisted by members from various departments of the church.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT JAMAICA CHURCH

On Saturday, May 20, 1989, the children of the Jamaica SDA Church, Jamaica, N.Y., held their annual Children's Day program. Beginning with the Sabbath School hour, which was presided over by Acting Superintendent Lorraine Cooke, the children conducted the services of the day.

Haisha and Casia Thompson explained how children can be missionaries for Jesus, in a dialogue they presented during the Personal Ministries segment of the 11 a.m. worship service.

The Music Notes, Jamaica Church's children's choir directed by Mrs. Doris Shorey, sang a "Gimme That Ole Time Religion" medley. A second item of music was sung by six young ladies: Lisa Adolph, Maxine Dacres, Natasha Dayes, Nikkita Gordon-Drummond, Giana Thomas and Nicole Watts. Their selection was "Where Would I Be?"

Tamara Narvaez, Nikkita Gordon-Drummond, Giana Thomas and Damien Johnson introduced each of the four speakers, respectively. The first speaker was Yvonne Ramirez, a 12-year-old seventh-grade student at the Linden SDA School, Laurelton, N.Y. Yvonne is a member of the Junior/Earliten Sabbath School Division. She is also one of the Jamaica Royal Crown Pathfinders and a Music Notes member. Her future goal is to be a journalist. Yvonne presented a message entitled "Loyalty Works in Mysterious Ways," which focused on Ruth's loyalty to her mother-in-law, Naomi.

The second speaker was Kareem Butler, a newly baptized member, who attends PS 192 and is enrolled in the Gifted Program. Kareem also attends the Junior/Earliten Sabbath School. In his message entitled "Obeying, You'll Be Blessed," he spoke of Noah and the rewards of his loyalty to God.

Eleven-year-old Keisha Hurley, who is enrolled in the Gifted Program at PS 76, was the third speaker. Like Yvonne and Kareem, Keisha attends the Junior/Earliten Sabbath School. She is a Pathfinder, a member of the Drama Club, and sings with the Music Notes. Keisha plans to be a teacher. "Hallelujah, I'm One of His," was the message she presented.

Carlos Thomas, Jr. was the final speaker of the morning. He spoke about David's boldness in contending with Goliath. The message was entitled "The Challenger Meets His Match." At Carlos's request, Pastor David Glover assisted in inviting individuals to surrender their lives to God. Several children responded to this appeal.

A play, "A Star in My Crown," was the main feature of the afternoon program. Following vespers, a social was held to climax the day's activities.



Macedonia's Give-Away Day van staff.

MACEDONIA HOLDS GIVE-AWAY DAY

In January 1989, the Macedonia SDA Church of Wyandanch, N.Y., purchased property, with plans to remodel an unfinished building on the land into a church.

A Health Fair and Give-Away Day was conducted on the location May 21. The Northeastern Conference Community Service Department provided the medical van, driven by Mr. Wilbert Hall, Sr. Approximately 75 persons had their blood pressure and weight checked. Those with problems were counseled and referred to their private doctors or medical clinics. Mr. Joe Williams conducted the Stop Smoking demonstration.

Four hundred sandwiches and drinks, 59 food baskets, 35 toys, 1,291 pieces of clothing and 291 pieces of religious literature were given away.

The response of the community was favorable. All members of the Macedonia church and a few friends from the Bethesda church of Amityville, N.Y., cooperated to make the day a success.

Hilda Wade
Community Service Director



Community residents look for clothing items.



Macedonia's Give-Away Day.



A visitor to the Give-Away Day participating in the Smoking Sam demonstration.

WEEK OF PRAYER AT RIVERDALE

"Get High on Christ" was the theme of the Youth Week of Prayer at the Riverdale Avenue Church, April 1-8. Pastor James Clark, a graduate of Andrews University with a master of divinity degree, and a teacher at the Greater New York Academy, Woodside, N.Y., was the guest speaker.

His topics were quite different and thought provoking. They included titles such as "What Kind of Gear Are You Wearing," and "The Posse." His unique presentation of the nightly sermons kept the young people coming for more. Although lighthearted at times, the messages never lost the impact intended. Pastor Clark told of his childhood life and conversion, which added much of the fire to the messages. One could see that he was

speaking from experience and that God has truly been leading in his life.

Pastor Clark is also associated with a drug-prevention program, American Crisis Information Network (ACIN), a self-supporting organization of men who go from place to place helping drug addicts turn their lives around.

The writer solicits your prayers on behalf of Pastor Clark and his team of workers as they go about in the dangerous areas of New York carrying the message of a soon-coming Savior.

If you would like for Pastor Clark to bring his For a Drug-Free America program to your church, you may contact him at (212) 993-7261.

LaVern Creech
Communication Secretary

HARLEM MISSIONARY HONORED AT EPHEBUS ON COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

Sabbath, April 8, stands out as a most memorable Community Guest Day at Ephesus, N.Y.C. Mr. Edouard Plummer, a teacher at Wadleigh Junior High School, featured in "Ebony" August 1988, was the honoree of the Ephesus Sabbath School and Church. He organized the Wadleigh Scholarship Program in association with ABC (A Better Chance), and has been responsible for preparing and placing 285 students from the Harlem community into prep schools from Maine to Arizona. Many of these students have received scholarships, continued their education and graduated from the top universities of our nation: Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Dartmouth, Tufts, University of Pennsylvania, Brown, Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Williams, Sarah Lawrence, Vassar, M.I.T., Amherst and others.

Mr. Plummer's commitment to excellence and Back youth has made him a "true missionary" to them in their struggle for academic achievement and success in life. His educational program, which keeps youth in school and instills in them the drive and desire to be "somebody," has produced a proud list of doctors, lawyers, writers, reporters, teachers, physiologists, social workers, law enforcement officers, bankers, businessmen, military leaders and other professionals. These students have proved that many youth can and do rise above the blighted communities from which they come.

Mr. Ralph Spooner, a product of the program who has returned to Wadleigh and is assisting other Harlem youth in their academic pursuits, was honored as the special

honoree for the Youth Church of Ephesus.

Mr. Larkland Lynch serves as Ephesus Sabbath School superintendent, and Mrs. Edna Lett Williamson, one of the assistant superintendents, coordinated the Community Guest Day program. Mrs. Doris Brunson, a 1988 honoree, was in attendance at the service. More than a hundred guests visited Ephesus, and many remained for the fellowship luncheon that was served.

SABBATH SCHOOL GUEST DAY AT BRONX TEMPLE

The Bronx Temple SDA Church in New York City held its annual Sabbath School Guest Day on April 8. Ms. Mary Townsend, Sabbath School superintendent, coordinated the day's activities.

Mr. Forbes, of the City Tabernacle Church in Manhattan, rendered a musical selection, and Fawn Morris took the congregation to the mission field. Ms. Massop also gave a musical selection accompanied by Jeaneth Hughes on the piano.

Ms. Myrtle Nicholas, one of the church's senior citizens, invited more than 20 guests, all of whom were in attendance.

Pastor P. Wesley presented the sermon for the morning entitled "A Call from the Grave." Approximately 125 guests attended.



Ms. Mary Townsend, Asst. Sabbath School Superintendent at Bronx Temple.

EMERTON CONRAD WHIDBEE, SON OF EPHEBUS, HONORED BY REGIONAL EDUCATORS

Prof. Emerton C. Whidbee, a product of Harlem Junior Academy, Oakwood College, and superintendent of education for more than two decades in Northeastern Conference, was honored at the annual conference of the regional educators during Homecoming Weekend at Oakwood College.



Professor Emerton Whidbee.

Prof. Whidbee was cited as The Educator of the Year by the Association of Adventist Regional Conference Educators. Superintendents from the various regional conferences who participated in the program were Prof. Vernard Mendinghall, Prof. Nathaniel Higgs, Dr. Nathaniel Miller, Elder Oster Paul, Dr. Melancon, Elder Marshall Kelly and Prof. Fred Pullins. Dr. Frances Bliss and Mrs. Edna Lett Williamson made the presentation of the special award to Prof. Whidbee. Elder Charles E. Bradford, president of the North American Division of the General Conference, gave the educational challenge to the membership.

Prof. Whidbee was the first educator to be honored by the association. Prof. Whidbee is a graduate of Oakwood College and received his master's degree from New York University. His professional career included seven and one-half years as eighth-grade teacher at Manhattan Elementary School, two years as principal/teacher at Berea-Boston Elementary School, three years as art supervisor at Northeastern Conference, more than 20 years as educational superintendent in Northeastern, five years as associate director of education for the Atlantic Union Conference, and he presently serves as art instructor at Northeastern Academy.

Highlights in the activities of the Department of Education under Prof. Whidbee's leadership included nine stellar debutante coronations and yearly international tours in which participation by the teachers of the conference was made possible.

Prof. Whidbee holds the distinction of being the first president of the Greater New York Inter-Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund, Inc. in which Oakwood alumni play a dominant role.

Marjorie Slaughter Whidbee, his wife, and Raquel and Allison Whidbee, his daughters, are all students of Atlantic Union College.

Edna Lett Williamson

TEACHER TRAINING COURSE AT BROOKLYN TEMPLE

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." These words echoed in the heart of the superintendent of the Brooklyn Temple Church, Aretha McDonald, in her steadfast effort to give her best service to the Master. Her vision was realized when Mrs. Edna Ashmeade responded to the call to train teachers for more effective service in the Sabbath School. Mrs. Ashmeade was assisted by Virginia Willis and Elder L. George.

Every Sabbath afternoon for 10 weeks, students made their way to classes. On the Friday following classes a consecration service was held for 29 teachers, conducted by conference Sabbath School director, Elder Arthur Morgan. Sabbath morning the graduates, elegantly dressed in blue caps and gowns, led by the class president, Ruth Shaw, and valedictorians Elder C. B. Reid and Elder R. S. Mc.Donald, marched down the aisle of the church. Elder Harold Baptiste, conference executive secretary, delivered the morning's message. The service was further enhanced as the combined choir rendered special music. In the afternoon, Dr. Marcia Harriet-Harris gave a stimulating address to the class.

To conclude the weekend's activities, a workshop was conducted by Roy Lawrence on Sunday. It is hoped that Sabbath schools everywhere will catch the vision pioneered by the Brooklyn Temple Church.

Elena M. Sterrett
Communication Secretary

BLESSED CITIZENS' DAY AT JAMAICA CHURCH

Members and friends of Jamaica SDA Church, Jamaica, N.Y., celebrated Blessed Citizens' Day on April 22. Many years ago this church adopted the title "Blessed Citizen" to address its members whom the Lord had blessed with longevity, and throughout the day they were featured and given honor.

The study period for Sabbath School was led by Elder Doris Williams of the Hanson



Graduates of the Brooklyn Temple teacher training course.

Place Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., the subject being introduced in song by Ms. Cato, also of the Hanson Place Church. Mrs. Marie Mack of Lebanon Church, Laurelton, N.Y., offered special music. A special feature of the Sabbath School was a play, "Understanding and Ministering to Blessed Citizens," presented by Mrs. Vincilea Boyce and her two daughters, June and Julie Ann.

As the divine worship service began, the Blessed Citizens' Choir, the women most attractively attired in yellow dresses, the men in yellow shirts and dark suits, introduced the theme of the day's celebration by singing "We've Come This Far by Faith."

Service awards were presented to Mrs. Ivy Hall and Mrs. Justine Diggs in recognition of their outstanding service and dedication in the church's culinary department.

"Where Is Your Faith?" was the challenge presented by guest speaker Raymond Saunders, Northeastern Conference evangelist. He stated that people "need to see more evidence in our lives that the God we serve will deliver us" and that "evidence must not just be on Sabbath."

Following worship, the Blessed Citizens and their guests were served a delicious lunch.

An afternoon program of song, personal witnessing and drama was presented by the Blessed Citizens' Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Doris Shorey. "Old time" religious songs of faith were sung, as members told of their acceptance of the Adventist message and of memorable experiences they had as Seventh-day Adventists.

JAMAICA HOSTS USHERS FEDERATION DAY

The Jamaica SDA Church Usher Board was the host to representatives of various usher boards at an Ushers Federation Day program on Saturday, May 6, 1989. The program was held at the church in Jamaica, N.Y.

During the 11 a.m. worship service, special tributes were paid to Jamaica's head usher, Mrs. Alice Bowles; to Mrs. Garnetta Thomas, who founded the Young Adult Ushers group 14 years ago and served as its leader for 12 of those 14 years; and to Mrs. Sonia Henry, who has served on the usher board for the past 14 years. Special recognition was given to several other ushers for their years of service to the church.

Musical selections were rendered by the Gospel Choir of the Shiloh SDA Church in Springfield, Mass., and an a capella sextet, The Sounds of Joy.

The guest speaker of the day was Pastor John Talbert, also of Springfield, Mass. His message was entitled "Who Is Worthy?"

A musical program, hosted by Jamaica Youth Usher Leader Camille Remy, was represented in the afternoon. The participants included the Shiloh Gospel Choir, the Lidnenaies of Laurelton, N.Y., and Trevor Byfield of Jamaica Church.

"Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Phil. 3:8
RSV

SOUTH CENTRAL

LITERATURE EVANGELISTS ON THE MOVE

Elder Benjamin Cone, literature publishing director for the state of Mississippi, was asked to serve as spiritual advisor for the Mississippi Mass Choir.

The Mississippi Mass Choir was born out of a vision by Frank Williams of the famous Jackson Southernaires, and director of the Gospel Productions at Malaco Records. Malaco Records is the largest Black gospel recording company in the world. Elder Cone, being the advisor of the choir and a wise man, always prays first for the Lord to guide him in any and every situation. He learned

early in life that through God all things are possible. Cone sought the approval of Elder C. E. Dudley, president of South Central Conference, and after the approval of the president, the group came together and began to work hard on this concert. The concert was held at the city auditorium in Jackson, Miss.

The newly formed choir had a complement of more than 140 voices from all walks of life and denominations. The day was proclaimed as Mississippi Mass Choir Day by Mayor Dal Banks. The City Auditorium, which seats 2,500 people, was filled to capacity, and more than 800 people were turned away because of lack of space.

The thing that is unique about the Mississippi Mass Choir is that God is leading with the ministry of Mr. Cone and his great insight into the program. The program was done as a live recording. The word was preached and a call to the altar moved the hearts of many.

B. Cone

I-CARE MINISTRY

"For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:" (Matt. 25:35, KJV)

With this in mind, and a burning desire to do something for the Lord, Norwood SDA Church members in the summer of 1987 organized and distributed sandwiches to the surrounding community. Out of this collective effort and seeing that a need existed, members decided to band together and develop a permanent ministry that would not only provide for the spiritual needs of the community, but also the physical needs.



Some of those fed by the "I Care Ministry" stand with some of the members and pastor of the Norwood SDA Church in Birmingham, Ala.

In the spring of 1988, the I-Care Ministry was formed. The goals for the ministry are simple and direct: members are to visit the sick, give Bible studies, and feed those who are in need of a meal. More than 100 people were fed holiday meals in November and December of last year. Groceries were given to a needy family.

Church members know that they are commissioned to do a work, and they rejoiced in the opportunity to do it.

Annie Bennett

SOUTH CENTRAL ORGANIZES 130TH CONGREGATION

Little do a goodly number of people realize that the panhandle of the state of Florida is a part of the South Central Conference territory. The work continues to grow in this part of the field.

On Sunday, April 30, 1989, a new congregation of believers was organized by President C. E. Dudley in Marianna, Fla., after requests were made through the district



Newly organized congregation in Marianna, Fla.—Ronsard Broussard, pastor.

pastor, Elder R. Broussard. This company of believers constitutes the third organized group of Seventh-day Adventists to be found in this state. Others are in Pensacola and Panama City.

Although few in number, it is felt that these small beginnings will blossom into a very fruitful church in this area. The pastor is Ron Broussard, who is based in nearby Dothan, Ala. Most of these believers have been members of the denomination for many years, but have returned to their hometown from other regions to retire and to help with a witness for God among the people there. This Marianna company brings the number of organized groups to be found in the conference to 130.

The challenge from the membership and the conference is not only to help with the adding of other members, but also with seeing that these dear members are properly housed for worship to God. At the beginning of 1988, 16 congregations throughout the conference were without church homes, but the Lord continues to bless in getting the problem solved. However the need to house still exists.

Two nights before the group was organized in Marianna, the 129th congregation was organized in Opelika under the leadership of Elder Jesse Wilson and lay pastor Henry Tinsley. A crusade was conducted in this city last year and another congregation was born. Eight acres of land have been secured on which to erect a new church structure in the not-too-distant future.

EPHESUS TRAILBLAZER PATHFINDERS

True leadership is demonstrated when leaders see Junior Youth of the church, not as rough stones, but as precious gems. The Ephesus SDA Church in Birmingham, Ala., believes in its youth and the need for true leadership. This belief was demonstrated during the impressive induction ceremony held April 1, 1989, where all Pathfinders and leaders were in full uniform. Twenty-eight young people were inducted into the Ephesus Trailblazer Pathfinder Club. Highlights of the afternoon included knot tying and first aid demonstrations.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rhelm were special guests. Mr. Rhelm, South Central Pathfinder Coordinator, gave the vesper thought. He emphasized the role of male counselors in the 1980s. Other special guests included Pathfinders and leaders from several Birmingham area churches; South Park, Norwood, Jasper and Bessemer.

Although the Trailblazers have been recently revitalized, the club is very active.



Ephesus Trailblazer Pathfinder Club.

The club meets three Sundays each month and engages in various arts and crafts, regular field trips, along with the traditional Pathfinder honor requirements and class work.

With continued dedication of the leaders and support staff, the Ephesus Trailblazer Club will become a leading club in the South Central Conference.

Winifred Varner

E. E. ROGERS SCHOOL RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONIES

It was a weekend for rejoicing for the members of the Berean SDA congregation of Jackson, Miss., and the parents of the E. E. Rogers Christian Church School. April 1, 1989, was the time for the ribbon-cutting ceremonies under the leadership of Pastor J. I. Grider.



E. E. Rogers Elementary School opening, Jackson, Miss. (Left to right, front row) Roslind McFarland, teacher, Paul Morrow, board chairman, Judy Johnson, teacher. (Back row) C. E. Dudley, president, Doris Morgan, teacher, J. I. Grider, pastor.

Berean has a history which takes it back earlier than 1907, but unfortunately, written records were not kept prior to then. Therefore, its inception is not known exactly, nor the inception of its first church school.

In 1924, the conference sent Elder Tate to serve as pastor of the congregation. He was also the first official Black pastor. Pastor Tate's wife became the first school teacher.

In 1932, Miss Sweetenburg was the teacher whose responsibility was to help shape the minds of young students for the world to come.

Elder Jerome Jones, with his wife and daughter, arrived in Jackson, Miss., in 1954 during the crucial years of the church school. They fought desperately and untiringly to meet the need for financial survival.

During this period Elder George Rainey came to evangelize the community with the hopes that additional members would lighten the financial burden. Therefore, after several years of constant strain, the school had to close its doors.

The school was re-established in 1980, under the leadership of E. E. Rogers. The school was housed in the church from its inception, but three and one-half acres of land were acquired, which now houses the educational facility.

A number of teachers and principals have worked with the school. It provides educational development to students in grades K-8. During the 1987-88 school term, the school ranked second, based upon the Union Testing Program, which included all test scores of the schools in the South Central Conference.

The current principal is J. Johnson, who also teaches grades 1-4. R. McFarland is the teacher for grades 5-8, and G. Bell is the Kindergarten teacher. Paul Morrow is the school board chairman.

During the opening ceremonies, music was presented by the Metropolitan Inspirational Choir. Elder T. C. Blevins gave the dedicatory message, and conference President C. E. Dudley gave remarks and led out in the ribbon-cutting. There were from 350 to 400 people from the church and community present.

BEREAN SDA CHURCH MOVES UP TO BIGGER QUARTERS

The old Northwest YMCA in Jackson, Miss., is the new home of Berean SDA Church's E. E. Rogers School.

The school, formerly known as B. W. Abney, celebrated its grand opening re-

cently. Judy Johnson, school principal, said they are enthusiastic and excited about the move.

She explained, "We were located at the church at 1150 W. Woodrow Wilson. We had outgrown the space, and besides, it was the place we worshipped.

"Now that the school has more space, it can better fulfill its objectives. We believe that education involves more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. It means more than preparation for the life that now is present. It has to do with the whole being and with the whole period of existence possible to man.

"It is the harmonious development of the physical, mental and spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of wider service in the world to come."

Mrs. Johnson listed the school's objectives as: 1. Help the student know God and develop a Christian philosophy of living. 2. Surround the student with Christian influences in the classroom, at study and at play. 3. Instill in the minds of the youth respect for religious activities, for themselves and for others. 4. Help the student learn the importance of good health and physical fitness. 5. Give a thorough education with emphasis on high academic achievement. 6. Provide cultural training and foster an appreciation of good books, good music and good manners. 7. Develop an appreciation for American heritage and civic responsibility.

Although the school is primarily for the youth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Kindergarten to the eighth grade, Johnson said it welcomes any student with good character and high ideals.

"While no religious test is applied, it is expected that all students who attend will abide by the rules and regulations of the school.

Judy Johnson

SOUTHEASTERN

BETHANY CELEBRATES HOME AND MARRIAGE

The Christian Home and Marriage Week in the Bethany SDA Church, Palatka, Fla., was geared to celebrate the God-given institution of marriage.

The Sabbath School superintendent cited the couple who had the longest record of togetherness. They were Harry and Pinky Walker. They have been married for 61 years.

The couple's recipe for a long marriage is trust in God, and much prayer.

MT. CALVARY DEDICATES SERVICE CENTER

Mt. Calvary SDA Church in Tampa, Fla., opened a new eight-room Community Service Center. The center is located adjacent to church property directly behind the sanctuary. The dedication ceremony and open house were attended by representatives of city and state service agencies.

For more than 20 years, the Community Service Department has been housed in a small area adjacent to the school. In early 1988, the church was offered a house which was renovated a few months prior to the dedication. Mt. Calvary is indebted to the Southeastern Conference Community Service Department and private donors solicited by Pastor Theus Young for making the renovations possible. The men of the church worked in the renovation process and reduced the cost considerably.

Mrs. Delores Johnson, community service leader, and her loyal staff of workers are delighted with their new Community Service Center home and are seeking to expand services made possible by the additional space.

Rose Moore

TRUE N HEARTS CELEBRATE 36TH YEAR

The True N Hearts Club of Mt. Calvary Church in Tampa, Fla., celebrated their 36th anniversary as a ladies' club.

The True N Hearts is both a social club and a highly spiritual body concerned about the needs of the church, the school and the community.

Included among their many projects over the past 36 years are: tuition scholarships for the junior academy, high school and college students; tables purchased for the pre-school department and the multi-purpose building; library books; Christmas toys to church children; food and fruit baskets distributed to the community, and clean-up of sick church members' houses.

For 36 years, the club has been under the leadership of Mrs. Ruby Smith, who is an outstanding educator in the community.

The day's activities culminated in a banquet.

Rose Moore.

"But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself." Phil: 3: 20,21 RSV

STUDENTS CLEAN YARDS FOR SENIORS

On March 16, the first- and second-grade classes of the Mt. Calvary Junior Academy in Tampa, Fla., spent the day cleaning the yards of senior citizens in the neighborhood. The students, under the leadership of their teacher, Ms. Trina Petty, sought to follow the school's motto: "Enter to learn, depart to serve."

According to Mrs. Young, the principal, students are taught not only to excel academically, but also to be helpful and considerate of one another.

Rose Moor

"FAR AND NEAR THE FIELDS ARE TEEMING"

"Far and near the fields are teeming,
With the sheaves of ripened grain;
Far and near their gold is gleaming,
O'er the sunny slope and plain.
Lord of harvest, send forth reapers."

It was a call from the Lord, through the president of the Zambesi Conference that led Elder Roy R. Brown, secretary of the Southeastern Conference to conduct a three-week evangelistic campaign in the city hall of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Africa.

Thousands came nightly to hear God's word. Elder Lester Parkinson, personal ministries director, Zambesi Union, served as campaign chairman. Pastor Precious Ndlovu interpreted. It was music at its best. Dr. S. Farag, Eastern Africa Division, health director, and Elder Munetsi of the Zambesi Conference in particular, gave lectures on healthful living each night.

Zimbabwe was formerly Rhodesia. The beauty of this land and people is rivaled only by the giant cataract called Victoria Falls. The need to hear the gospel is like pouring water on dry, arid land. After just three weeks of presenting Christ and Him crucified and only one baptism, 341 precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. No one under 12 years of age was allowed to be baptized, and scores were left for subsequent baptisms. The Spirit of God was poured out in copious showers. God blessed the coupled efforts of the workers and the evangelist.

Far and near the ripened sheaves are being harvested during Harvest 90!

R. R. Brown

DAYTONA BEACH SDA RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Bettye Sigh Parham, wife of Pastor R. C. Parham of the Mt. Calvary SDA Church in



Elder R. R. Brown, Secretary, Southeastern, preaches the word as Pastor Precious Ndlovu interprets.



Some of the hundreds that took their stand for Jesus.

Daytona Beach, Fla., was one of the five area professors to recently receive a national award for being an outstanding teacher. As a recipient of this award coveted among teachers, Mrs. Parham will be sponsored to a national conference for outstanding teachers, in Austin, Tex.

Mrs. Parham graduated from Oakwood College with a bachelor of arts degree in math, and from Andrews University with a master of science degree in information systems-computer science. She is presently the lead computer science professor at Daytona Beach Community College, New Smyrna Beach Campus, and also works as adjunct professor in computer science and math at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

She is recognized by students, faculty and administration as one of the best teachers in her field.



Mrs. Bettye Parham, wife of R. C. Parham, pastor in the Daytona Beach/Deland district.



(Marching left to right) W. L. Taylor, Director-Youth Ministries, Southeastern; Rosa Hamilton, Master Guide, Mt. Calvary SDA Church, Tampa; and Eugene Armstead, Sr., pastor of the Clearwater/Tampa-Town & Country district churches.

PATHFINDERS ON THE MOVE IN CLEARWATER

Mayor Rita Garvey of City of Clearwater, Fla., issued a proclamation declaring March 11 Annual Pathfinder Day in Clearwater. This she read during the divine worship service at the Bethlehem SDA Church, Clearwater, Fla.

It was the first Pathfinder Day for Bethlehem Golden Eagles Pathfinder Club, a day which the Pathfinders and city officials had anxiously awaited. Divine worship speaker was Elder W. Lester Taylor, youth ministries director of Southeastern Conference. Groundwork for an afternoon parade had been laid by Pathfinder director and pastor, Eugene Armstead, Sr.

The parade represented a Health and Temperance March Against Drugs in strategic areas of the Clearwater community. "We're marching," declared Armstead, "to show our stand against crack and other drug abuse in our community." The Golden Eagles were accompanied by Pathfinders, Master Guides, the drum and bugle corps, and members from the All Nations and Elim SDA churches in St. Petersburg, Fla.; and the Town & Country and Mt. Calvary SDA churches in Tampa, Fla. They were 250 strong. Twenty-seven police officers assisted in the parade.

While Master Guides and Pathfinders marched, holding high anti-drug posters, members gave out literature and talked with citizens on the sidelines. Adventist Youth presented a united front as they held high the "bloodstained banner" proclaiming God's love for all mankind.

SOUTHEASTERN ORGANIZES 81ST CHURCH

A new congregation has been established on Southeastern Conference's Camp-ground.

J. M. Doggette, president; Wesley Bruce, pastor, and retirees Elder L. R. Hastings and E. Sumpter fulfilled, for the believers in



(Left to right) L. R. Hastings, retiree; J. M. Doggette, president-SEC; Wesley Bruce, pastor, and E. S. Sumpter, retiree.

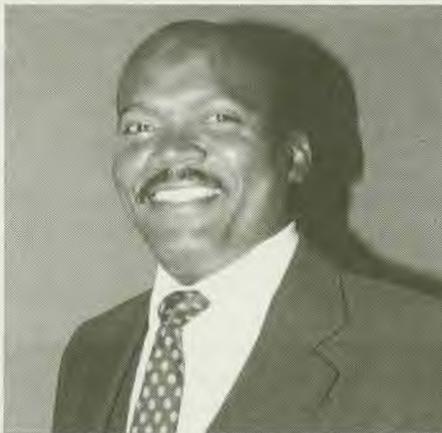
the immediate vicinity, a life-long dream in organizing this church.

The Zion Hill SDA Church brings the total number of churches and companies to 81.

Members of the Palatka church traveled from Hawthorne, Fla., to Palatka, Fla., each week. With this new organization, that travel will no longer be necessary. Plans for the division were anticipated and cushioned by an evangelistic crusade held in Palatka by Pastor Wesley Bruce. New members were added to replace those who are now a part of the church in Hawthorne.

New lighthouses will help to dispel the darkness and lead vessels safely to the shore.

B. Hastings



Pastor Jean-Claude Brutus.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

Revelation 1:4,5 RSV

JEAN-CLAUDE BRUTUS NEWLY APPOINTED FRENCH COORDINATOR IN SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

Brutus, a graduate of Oakwood College, served in the city of Boston, Mass., as a social worker in urban ministry. He came to Southeastern Conference in 1982 at pastor of the Orlando, Fla.-Beracah SDA French Church and assistant pastor of Orlando-Mt. Sinai. He organized the Present Truth Spanish Church in Apopka and the Beer-sheba SDA French Church in Tampa, and at present, along with his other duties, he is preparing the Gilgal SDA Church in Orlando and Mizpah-Ft. Pierce (both French churches) for organization.

His duties will be the complete oversight of the French work throughout the conference.

Elder Brutus is married to Ruth, and they have three children, Rachelle, Jean-Daniel and Claude-Samuel. He will give an added dimension to this growing sector of the work.

"Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love undying." Eph.:6 23,24 RSV

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

LITERATURE MINISTRY LAUNCHES INTERNSHIP

Program to Provide Job Opportunities

The Literature Ministry, under the able direction of Elder Tyrone Phillips, has established an internship program in which

Oakwood students may participate, particularly during the summer months.

The program provides practical field experience in areas such as religion, nursing, accounting, social work and communications. The experience is intended to balance classroom instruction with practicum.

Pastors conducting evangelistic meetings are asked to hire two female or two male literature evangelists/Bible workers to work for three months during the summer.

The local conference is to arrange housing accommodation. A stipend of \$500-\$600 is to be provided for living expenses.

Further details on this innovative program may be obtained by contacting Elder Phillips at Oakwood College L.E.T.C., P.O. Box 109, Huntsville AL 35896. Phone: (205) 837-1630, ext. 447/448.

PATTERSON ACCEPTS TREASURY POSITION IN SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

Mr. Robert Patterson, vice president for finance at Oakwood since 1984, is the new treasurer for the Southeastern Conference. This field is not new to him, inasmuch as he was treasurer for South Atlantic Conference before the organization of Southeastern.

Patterson served overseas as secretary-treasurer of the Central African Union, and briefly as president of the Burundi Mission before joining the Oakwood administration at a time when our financial records needed more careful supervision.

Under his leadership, the college quickly began to show significant improvement and achievement in the following: energy conservation, increased endowment, improved student morale in work program, unqualified audits, efficient and timely financial statements, improved collection procedures, greatly improved credit rating, significant debt reduction, and improved public relations with creditors and other clientele.

Patterson is viewed generally as approachable, friendly, kind and firm with understanding. The college community thanks him for his achievements, congratulates him on his new appointment, and wishes God's continued blessings for him, his wife and family.

FOOD SERVICE IN RETROSPECT

A year has passed since the college board approved the proposal for the Marriott Corp. to assume management of the college food service. The logical question now is, what is the assessment?

BACKGROUND

First, it must be said that the administration of the college is committed to providing quality food service for all customers. The decision to contract the Marriott came after many hours of assessing and evaluating the previous program. It was a major change, and with such changes there are always some bugs to work out. Despite the difficulties encountered, much progress was made towards the goals of the food service department and the overall institutional objective of quality service.

BENEFITS

The major benefits realized during the past year have been in the areas of management and business operations. Though early, the indications are that the operation has been more cost effective. In spite of the difficult circumstances encountered, the Marriott worked hard at improving and giving priority to quality of food, variety of meals and basic customer service.

DURATION OF CONTRACT

The college board has given approval for a five-year agreement with the Marriott Corp. to operate the cafeteria. Within the contract are conditions under which either party may withdraw. This agreement provides for Oakwood a unique opportunity to network and leverage the resources of a major corporation. Such arrangement includes benefits outside food service, such as placement of graduates and sharing of resources.

KEY FACTORS TO SUCCESS

There are at least two key areas that must be addressed for this arrangement to work.

First, there must be total commitment to the job by all employees.

Second, Marriott must make every effort to demonstrate that only grade "A" quality products will be served at all times. These two factors are critical to the success of Marriott operation on this campus.

YOUR ROLE

Providing meals for more than 900 students daily is more than a notion. Therefore, your help is needed. Here is what you may do to assist:

- 1) Realize that a food service program will never meet the personal taste and preferences of everyone.
- 2) Direct concerns and constructive comments to management personnel.
- 3) Share words of encouragement with those who work to provide quality service each day.

FINALLY

The goal of delivering a quality food service program can be realized. The administration remains committed to providing the very best in this regard.

Kermit L. Carter

IN THE NEWS

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER AT BRONX TEMPLE

Commencing March 26 through April 1, the Bronx Temple Youth Week of Prayer began with the participation of an energetic minister in the person of Pastor Fitzroy Jackson of the Norwalk, Conn., SDA Church. His topic for the week was "Growing Pains." Pastor Jackson let the youth get a better understanding of their commitment to their Lord.

Organizing the program were Jeaneth Hughes and a host of other youth. Their goal was to help members and visitors make a positive change in their lives.

Kathleen Hughes
Communication Secretary

KIMBLES OBSERVE 70TH ANNIVERSARY

It was on May 29, 1919, that Marie and Earnest Kimble were united in holy wedlock in the town of Independence, La. Early in their marriage they moved to Baton Rouge, where the union was blessed with the births of four daughters: Mrs. Gladys K. Ball and Mrs. Helen K. Prescott, both of Baton Rouge; Mrs. Doris K. Jones of Dallas, Tex.; and Mrs. Mable K. Sterling (now deceased).

Mr. Kimble is well remembered for his 34 years of unrelenting service with Exxon Refinery in Baton Rouge. It was upon his retirement that he and Mrs. Kimble relocated in Cleburne, Tex., in 1974. There, Mr. Kimble, refusing to be idle, obtained a job with Johnson County Hospital, where he worked until 1981. It was also in Cleburne that Mrs. Kimble resumed her Bible work with the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Mr. Kimble is 90, and is presently a resident of the Acadian Nursing Home at 4005 North Boulevard, where he has been since February. Mrs. Kimble resides with her daughter Mrs. Gladys Ball.

On May 29, Mr. and Mrs. Kimble will observe a quiet 70th wedding anniversary. However, the family is planning its formal celebration on June 8 at the Acadian Nursing Home, where their pastor, Alfred Booker, will officiate at the renewing of the honored couple's marital vows, along with other festivities.

In spite of Mrs. Kimble's waning years, she still faithfully carries out her share of Bible work. She ministers from her telephone, during her visitations to the nursing

home to see her husband, and to those she encounters on a day-to-day basis.

The Kimbles have nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Kimball.

WHATEVER BECAME OF ELDER AND MRS. EDGAR LOCKETT?

Pastor and Mrs. Edgar Lockett served the church for a goodly number of years in the eastern part of the United States. They were a stabilizing influence for the members of the church since leaving Oakwood back in the 30's. They were the "young workers" when the Northeastern Conference was founded, and served there until their retirement.

Edgar and his wife, Mozell, are spending their sunset years in Altamonte Springs, Fla. Write to them some time. They will be made glad for your thoughtfulness and remembrance of them.



—FROM OUR READERS...

Elders: E. E. Cleveland, Dudley, Peay, Paschal and Brown:

For several nights lately while lying awake, I have felt impressed to write all of you a letter. Since I have been impressed, if I were to give my epistle a title, I would call it the "Modern Acts of the Apostles" - and with this team of workers that I have observed through the years, I have improvised our names as

follows: Cleveland - Paul; Dudley - Barnabas; Peay - Silas, and Paschal - Timothy (later assuming the labors of John the Apostle).

Please don't think this letter strange, but I am indeed grateful that the Lord has permitted me to see His wonderful works in "Modern Israel."

I remember in the early 1930s, I visited a church in Chattanooga, Tenn., on the Sabbath and saw a young man officiating as Sabbath School superintendent, and the enthusiasm and ecstasy with which he served. I said, "There's a chosen vessel for the Lord." After the service that day, I learned that his plans were to go to Oakwood and I, too, urged him to let nothing deter him from going to Oakwood. As I visited the school throughout the years of his attendance, I observed the preparation he received from the Lord. This young man's name was Earl.

After graduation, the enemy tried to keep him from entering in the ministry, but again Earl was a "chosen vessel of the Lord."

I can never forget that venerable summer in Montgomery, Ala., when the late Martin Luther King made that initial non-violent attempt to enhance the civil rights movement in the good old U.S.A. That same summer, you, Elder Cleveland, were right there preaching the gospel like Paul, trying to show men and women "God's Civil Rights" way of life. Again, I was privileged to visit the newly organized church in Montgomery on a prayer meeting Wednesday night. The attendance that night was about 600, which was equal to any Sabbath divine worship congregation. At this meeting I was able to greet Dudley (Barnabas) and Peay (Silas) and his wife, Juanita (one of my former students in Jacksonville, Fla.).

Now, Elder Dudley, I am thankful to see the wonderful leadings of this team. The Lord has spared you to be the longest-existing president of a conference that I have known. You have been a builder, caring for the senior citizens and marshalling your workers for evangelism of souls for the kingdom.

Now, Elder Peay, I have been able to observe your faithful service in leadership with our young people through the years and how you were chosen by the Lord to serve as a director in a larger sphere in our union conference. And now serving as our president of South Atlantic Conference. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done." God bless you, "Silas."

Now as I look back through the years I remember when Paschal (Timothy) attended the campmeetings in Dallas, Tex., and the Lord told him "Go to Oakwood, and you will

be shown what to do." I am glad to have witnessed how the Lord has blessed you to witness for him. Your public relations with Dudley and your unstinting labors in the various conferences and as of now the longest-term president of the National Alumni Association of Oakwood College, at least 15 years. Thank God for your leadership, and as I said previously, you are serving as editor of our "National Negro Voice Journal." You have turned writer as John the Beloved did on the Isle of Patmos.

As I look over these modern events and events in "Modern Israel," I'm sure you will not blame me for calling these times "Modern Acts of the Apostles," especially this team. May God continue to shower you with Heaven's choicest blessings.

God bless all of you and may you receive the reward He has in store for you.

I solicit your prayers that we all may meet around the great white throne at the Coming of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Yours truly,

Elder I. A. Christian
A member of the National
Association of Oakwood Alumni

NAD SDA BLACK CAUCUS MEETS

The leadership of the church in North America came together during the month of May to discuss issues that will help them to achieve the goals and commission in getting the message of God's saving grace to the 30 million Black people living in these United States of America.

Some of the things that were addressed were: world, NAD and regional statistics of the church during 1988. It was pointed out that the Black membership of the church in the United States of America had reached the 187,340 mark of the 727,561 total membership and is now 25.73 percent of the division's members. It was also pointed out that the Black churches in the United States paid \$64,269,418 of \$376,269,790 tithe that was received in the church during the year. It was pointed out that the Black church in the United States gives more tithe than any other entire division outside the North American base.

Other issues that were addressed were: Black representation within the church structure at all levels as was projected when the Sixteen Point proposal was made in 1968. It appears that with the retiring of some of the leaders from the General Conference at the time of the 1990 session, the number of Blacks that served the church at the GC level shall have diminished to approximately

seven (elected posts). The leadership feels that there must be a broader sharing of the jobs in the General Conference with North American Black members. A total of 85 percent of the membership of the church is made up of people of color around the world. This must be addressed in 1990 when the leaders are chosen at the session.

There were also committees suggested to study the literature ministries program in the Black sector of the division and also a committee to give study to meeting the challenges of Christian Education in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as it relates to the Black child. Discussions were also held on the fairness of the taxation that is placed upon the "Black" dollar during this present economic crunch.

More will be stated about the outcome of this meeting as time progresses.

OBITUARIES

ELDER THOMAS M. FOUNTAIN was one of seven children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Rosa) Fountain, Sr., in Montgomery, Ala., on Oct. 30, 1899.

Early in life he was blessed with a thirst for knowledge and a desire for spiritual growth, both of which were encouraged and nurtured by his parents in the home. Because of his love for learning and to ensure the fulfillment of his desires, he studied, worked and continued to advance academically and spiritually. While in his youth, he moved to Huntsville, Ala., and enrolled as a student at Oakwood Junior College.

In every generation God has those who faithfully serve Him. It is upon those persons that He bestows great spiritual gifts. One such person was elder Fountain, pioneer and trailblazer for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. As a minister of the Gospel, he advanced the cause of God and served humanity in several states of the United States and in Barbados. He served in many capacities, some of which were teacher, pastor, evangelist, conference president and medical missionary.

Following many years of dedicated, committed service to the gospel ministry, Elder Fountain retired and returned home to Montgomery, Ala., where he and Mrs. Fountain settled comfortably. Upon their return home they requested that their church membership be returned to Bethany.

Retirement to Elder Fountain seemingly meant that he would work twice as hard. He served many church organizations as in-

terim pastor, was a sought-after speaker for numerous churches, and taught for many years the Senior Citizen's Bible Class at Carver Community Center.

As a member of Bethany, Elder Fountain served in many capacities, some of which were senior member of the board of elders, Sabbath School teacher, a vibrant member of the personal ministries team, religious liberty secretary, a member of the executive board of the church and a member of the school board. Elder Fountain longed to see Bethany Junior Academy upgraded to an academy with grades 1-12. He realized that an increase in grade levels would necessitate a building expansion program, hence the birth of the "Penny Club." Literally, thousands of dollars have been collected through the weekly Fountain Penny Club offerings which were initiated by and named in honor of Elder T. M. Fountain. Bethany and all of the children will remember Elder Fountain for this effort and for his desire to see an enlarged school facility. He will also be remembered for his quiet, dignified manner, his wisdom, his reverence for holy things, his love for and his knowledge of the Word of God, and for his many talents which he so freely used to advance the cause of God and to uplift humanity. Elder Fountain was truly a gentleman, a scholar, a poet, an author and a Christian leader whose life has impacted in a very positive way on the lives of countless people.

His individual sacrifice, his personal commitment and dedication were all elements that combined to make him one of the "living stones" that make up the building of God's church.

His long and useful life ended on Monday, April 10, 1989, thus ending a long life of dedicated service.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Mildred Fountain, Montgomery, Ala.; a sister, Ms. Frances R. Fountain, Washington, D.C.; two grandchildren, Kecia and Christopher Fountain; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gloria Fountain Manley, Los Angeles, Calif.; a cousin, Mrs. Mary Frances Wade, Montgomery, Ala.; three nieces, New York, N.Y.; adopted son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Beatrice) Watson, Montgomery, Ala.; goddaughter, Ms. Jacqueline Johnson, Birmingham, Ala.; several sons-in-ministry, including Elder O. J. McKinney, Atlanta, Ga., Elder Frank Williams, Duncanville, Tex., Pastor Michael Ross, Columbia, Tenn; a loving and supporting church family; a Christian companion, Mrs. Addie Myrick, Montgomery, Ala.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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