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## COVER STORY

### WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE . . .

Blend 200 tons of steel, 1200 cubic yards of concrete mix, 108,000 bricks, and 6,000 square feet of glass. Add an assortment of personalized ingredients such as wood, sheetrock, and piping. Wrap it with 15 miles of electrical wiring; then cover the surfaces with enough carpet for more than half a football field. Coat it with 250 gallons of paint, and 3,000 linear feet of wallpaper pasted with 60 gallons of paste. Mix, form, pour, lay, and plant with sweat, toil, and prayers for 28 months at 717 Youngs Lane—then dedicate it. The result is South Central's 28,000 square-foot office complex.



C. E. Dudley

### The Dedication

In the shadows of seven flapping flags representing the United States, the Christian Church, and the five territories represented by South Central Conference in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee, South Central conducted the opening ceremonies of its new conference office Sunday afternoon, May 13. Elder C. E. Dudley, president of South Central Conference, and his wife Etta, led the opening processional of the Huntsville, Alabama Pathfinders, Honor Guards, conference workers, union representatives, state and city officials, community leaders, and church fathers from the old office of 34 years to the new. They



New Office Building

merged with the hundreds of members, friends, and visitors already waiting on the lawn, parking lot, and promenade of the new building.

The president of the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, C. E. Bradford, delivered the dedication address based on 2 Chronicles 6. His presentation was preceded and followed by a variety of music, Pathfinder drill demonstrations, acknowledgements, greetings, and presentations of civic leaders, community representatives, and church leaders.

The Act of Dedication presented by former presidents H. R. Murphy and W. W. Fordham called for consecration of the people of the conference, and a dedication of the office to God for worship and prayer, for preaching and teaching, to comfort and strengthen, for sanctification of the family and guidance of children, for the defense of liberty and the training of conscience, for the help of the needy and the relief of the distressed, and for the defense of God's Sabbath, and for hastening the coming of Christ.

### The Office

Following the program several hostesses conducted tours of the building. It is difficult to wander through the atrium, into the lobby, and down the halls, and not make immediate comparisons between the old and the new.

It's more "like culture shock," said one observer. A mere stroll from the president's office to the communication department in the old facility would cause a person to move gracefully between stacked boxes which had converted a



C. E. Bradford

five-foot-wide hall to a one-footer. It was impossible to walk from office to office without stopping for someone traveling in the opposite direction to allow him to pass. As for the offices, it was difficult to carry on a conversation without peering around stacks of papers and boxes. This confusion of stacks was not caused by the essential packing associated with the moving process. As a matter of fact, this warehouse environment was the norm. As many as three employees were compressed into a single room.

Today, a walk to the presidential suite consists of a mere saunter across a carpeted suite, or a stroll on slate tile under the atrium where the sun has an opportunity to beam down its afternoon warmth;



A. C. McClure

where one can look up and view the raindrops, knowing he will be safe and dry.

A trip to the Adventist Book Center in the old office used to be like a visit to an old lower Manhattan storefront. Today it is a well-lighted, 1,592 square feet of newly-shelved space, contemporary displays, and modern racks with the latest titles. The enlarged space from 420 square feet now allows room for a larger nutritional center, more advertising displays, and increased traffic flow, according to ABC manager, Edwin Brown, and his wife Barbara, assistant manager.

The building's 28,000 square feet is divided into sections such as administration, finance, community services, and the

like. Some of these sections are subdivided into suites with their own kitchenette and lavatories. There is a chapel which seats 150, a darkroom, exercise room, recording studio, printing room, dining room, infirmary, and archive. Some of the offices are surrounded with large picture windows which invite nature inside.

The Larkin Group McKissack & McKissack and Thompson were the architects, and William O. Freeman and Elmer Freeman & Company were the on-site supervisors. Original estimates indicated a cost of \$1.4 million; however, due to time delays with other projects, and excessive blasting on the site, the cost increased to \$1.6 million, without furnishings.

Close to \$1 million was saved before construction started. The mortgage balance is for \$750,000 over a period of six to eight years.

### The History

This accomplishment in South Central's history is more than a conference's accomplishment. It is a milestone in the Adventist work among Black people.

The South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is referred to as the "Cradle of Adventism for Black People" in North America. Elbert B. Lane began the work in 1873 when he established an integrated congregation in a railroad station at



City officials cut ribbon



Bonita Davis and Walker Parker



H. R. Murphy, 1st president; W. W. Fordham, 2nd president; C. E. Dudley, president



Officials gather for opening of the South Central Conference office

Edgefield Junction, Tennessee, 13 miles north of the conference office, near what is known today as the Rivergate Mall. Harry Lowe, A. Berry, and Charles M. Kinney, all of whose roots were in slavery, accepted the teachings of the Adventists and later began to share these truths with their fellow colleagues throughout the Southland. By 1909 the "colored" membership numbered more than 3,000 baptized adherents and the parent body then established what was known as the "Colored Department" of the church to oversee the rapidly growing work among this large ethnic minority in the United States of America—especially throughout the South.

Because the growth among Blacks had reached over 19,000 in 1945, the leadership of the church established "Regional Conferences" to elect "Black" leaders to oversee the work and future growth of their own people. The South Central Conference was the fifth of these organizations. Herman R. Murphy served as its first president (1945-1954); second, Walter W. Fordham (1954-1958); third, Frank L. Bland (1958-1962); fourth, Charles E. Dudley, who has served as president since 1962.

#### **The Present**

Today, South Central boasts some 20,464 members in 130 congregations compared to 2,600 members in 36 congregations in 1945 when the conference was established.

This construction project provided an opportunity to place Blacks in key positions from the architectural firm to the interior decorator and on-site workers. By

selecting William Freeman, director of church and school buildings services for the conference, as on-site supervisor, there was someone on the property daily with a genuine, personal interest in the project who could identify unique needs as the job progressed.

Some may wonder if this signals the end of South Central's building projects for a while. "By all means, no," according to Elder Dudley. There is a list of projects in the works or that will be begun in the near future as the conference continues its mission "to make disciples of men."

*Olson Perry*

*Managing Editor of Southern Tidings  
Associate Director of Communications,  
Southern Union Conference*

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE

### **OAKWOOD HOMECOMING: A BRIEF REPORT ON A FULL WEEKEND**

As the 1990 Easter weekend approached, anxieties heightened among Oakwood College's Alumni Homecoming planning committees. The major concern was how the impending General Conference Session in Indianapolis would impact on Homecoming attendance. However, fear of nearly empty auditoriums were soon replaced with the delightful dilemma of how to accommodate one of the largest influxes of returning alumni and friends to the college in the twenty-three years of Oakwood's Homecoming celebrations.

Conservative counts estimated over 8,000 persons at the Von Braun Civic Center for Divine Worship Service on Sabbath morning.

Homecoming at Oakwood College is a kaleidoscope of events that range from the United Negro College Fund Banquet held on Thursday evening to professional symposiums, concerts, award programs, sport tournaments, and even a three-mile run/walk-a-thon for the fleet-footed and stout-hearted.

In the Huntsville area, Homecoming has become the largest single major event of the year. Hotels are filled to capacity; eating establishments offer vegetarian menus, and traffic jams introduce the big city life to a characteristically tranquil and moderately-paced community. The thick red carpet is rolled out because Huntsville knows that Oakwood's Homecoming is one of the major times that dollars flow in abundance.

Homecoming is not only a time of reunions with former classmates, teachers, and friends, it is a time to demonstrate one's appreciation and commitment to the college. Oakwood's supporters rallied to the challenge. This year more than \$81,000 was reported from the Alumni fund, Homecoming offerings, and pledges to make this a financial milestone for the college. This tremendous response made it possible for the remaining mortgage on the College's science complex to be burned—to the delight of the college administrators and the thousands who watched in the civic arena.

It was also reported that \$28,000 had been contributed since February toward the \$40,000 goal to satisfy the loan balance on two newly acquired buses.

The spiritual temperature of the weekend was at an all-time high. Mrs. Henrietta Granderson Jackson, '50, a retired elementary school teacher living in New York City, kindled the first flame as the Friday night vesper speaker. Her presentation was unique in that testimonies from the audience were entertained as a part of her message. This added a beautiful touch of variety and pricked even the most reserved emotions as Oakwood Alumni rose to their feet and shared their love for the college.

A spicy new twist was introduced at the Friday night mini-musical concert. Homecoming has traditionally focused on the graduates, former students, and the current year's graduating class. However, the dimension of prospective Oakwood students was added. The Pine Forge

# The Editor's Desk

The issue of Regional Conferences in the Pacific Union seems to demand that the church leaders at all levels seriously seek the Lord for guidance in helping to resolve the dispute that now exists. Since 1989 there has been the 'pros' and the 'cons' who have aired their opinions; however, when slanderous criticisms begin to be circulated in print which 'dump' on the work and blessings that are being witnessed in the Regional Conferences in the Eastern part of the country, it appears that the matter has gotten out of hand and should be addressed by responsible believers at all levels.

The hand of the Lord has guided the work in the Regional Conferences in the North American Division since they were established in 1945. The 'Black' membership then numbered approximately 19,000; in 1989 it is almost 180,000. This is 26% of the total membership of the division. In 1945 the title income from 'Blacks' that was paid into the church was \$989,000 (or less than 1%); in 1989 the tithe that was paid into the church from this same group was \$65,700,000 or 16% of the total tithe income that was given in the entire division. It

should also be noted that this amount is approximately 12% of the total for the World Church in 1989. There are over 700 congregations in the Regional Conferences today and an average of 9,000 persons are being added to the church through baptism annually. There are approximately 70 church schools where the children are being taught of the Lord. Many jobs are being provided for people despite the fact that 45% of the tithe income that is received from Regional Conferences is used to build the work of the church outside of its realm. Today elected Black leaders sit on many union and institutional boards to share their wisdom in the operations of these workings of the church. Such was not the case in 1945. A loss of 16% of the income in the NAD could place the operation of the church in grave jeopardy if the Regional Conferences churches did not exist. It appears that responsible leaders at all levels of the church would be wise to give serious study to the 'Regional Conference' debate in the Pacific Union before it gets too far out of hand.

Academy and the Oakwood Academy choirs were featured together in a sacred Friday night concert. As they witnessed over one hundred academy young people lifting their voices in musical praise, reflective listeners were convinced that Oakwood College has a continuing purpose and a sustaining promise.

Sabbath School is always a special time during Homecoming, but this year it was made extra special for the children. A major production complete with professional stage props, life-sized puppets, and Christian clowns was presented to the children's delight. The stories of the Bible sprang to life before the fixed gazes of the astonished children and their attending parents.

Homecoming would lose its special savor if persons who have demonstrated extra-mile service and commitment to the college were not recognized. This year's National Alumni Association honorees are as follows:

Alumna of the Year Ethel M. Bradford, Silver Spring, Maryland  
 Alumnus of the Year Elder A. R. Carethers, Houston, Texas  
 Family of the Year Robert & Udell Darville & Children, Wyandanch, New York

## Certificate of Merit:

Allegheny East: Dr. Rothacker Smith, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania  
 Allegheny West: Carmen Griffith, Centerville, Ohio

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	August 31	Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21
Boston, Mass.	7:20	7:08	6:56	6:44
New York City	7:30	7:19	7:06	6:54
Buffalo, N.Y.	7:52	7:40	7:27	7:15
Atlanta, GA.	8:05	7:56	7:46	7:36
Miami, Fla.	7:41	7:34	7:26	7:19
Charlotte, N.C.	7:52	7:43	7:33	7:22
Birmingham, Ala.	7:14	7:05	6:55	6:46
Jackson, Miss.	7:27	7:18	7:09	6:59
Memphis, Tenn.	7:29	7:19	7:09	6:59
Louisville, Ky.	8:15	8:04	7:53	7:42
Detroit, Mich.	8:09	7:58	7:45	7:33
Chicago, Ill.	7:26	7:14	7:02	6:50
South Bend, In.	7:21	7:09	6:57	6:45
Minneapolis, Minn.	7:53	7:40	7:27	7:13
St. Louis, Mo.	7:33	7:22	7:11	7:00
Kansas City, Mo.	7:51	7:40	7:29	7:19
Denver, Co.	7:33	7:22	7:11	6:59
Little Rock, Ark.	7:37	7:28	7:18	7:08
Dallas, Texas	7:54	7:45	7:35	7:26
New Orleans, La.	7:24	7:16	7:07	6:58
Albuquerque, N.M.	7:35	7:25	7:15	7:05
Oklahoma City, Okla.	7:59	7:49	7:39	7:29

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

Central States:	Dr. Zavon Kanion, Kansas City, Missouri
Lake Region:	Inez Shelton, Inkster, Michigan
Northeastern:	Elder Willie G. Bagby, Rosedale, New York
Pacific Union:	Ruth Baker, Carson, California
South Atlantic:	Inez Brown, Charleston, South Carolina
South Central:	Minnie Ezzard Branch, Memphis, Tennessee
Southeastern:	Omar P. Richards, Orlando, Florida
Southwest:	Calvin Eakins, Houston, Texas

An almost tangible sadness descended on the college campus as the buses and cars slowly ebbed away with their precious cargoes to the four directions of the compass. Their demonstration of commitment and support was sustaining to those who bear the day-to-day struggle to keep the college producing. The reunion and fellowship were invigorating to those who had endured the separation enforced by time and distance. In all, homecoming was nothing less than a revival experience. Commitment was reaffirmed, and gladness and comradeship resounded.

Homecoming '90 was more than a success. It was an experience that will be long remembered and cherished by young and old. There's really nothing like returning home!

*Fred A. Pullins*

#### THE WRITE ANGLE

Many members of society possess an attitude of curiosity towards the importance of Black schools in a culture that's financially and politically dominated by whites. It has been stated that Black schools give a false sense of security to the Black student. Many also believe that entrusting one's knowledge to the confines of the mono-racial academic system is an escape from the public university's complexity. I beg to differ. The Black student that trusts his/her education to the judgment of an educational system dominated by Whites is risking a partial education. More often than not mediocrity is accepted as a reality for the Black student. Above-average academic behavior is rarely encouraged by White educators towards Black pupils.

Nothing in life is acquired without first being desired and the desire for excellence, as is the case with all students, must be cultivated. The Black school has been and still is a place where high goals and aspirations, united with dedication and commitment, becomes a successful reality. Black institutions have a duty to never allow itself to become a decreasing

point or comfortable resort for the lazy student. Black institutions must become the apogee on the pyramid of academic perfection. Another responsibility of these schools is to teach the important facts about history that are so often treated with irrelevance.

While studying with fervor the history of Columbus and George Washington, students must also learn of Sonni Ali and Tenkamenin. While studying the writings of Robert Frost and Emily Dickinson, students must study with equal importance, Countee Cullen and Phillis Wheatley.

There are countless amounts of information that the public and often private White schools discard from its curriculum. Most of this discarded material is Black history and its vital role in history's script. Blacks must realize that there is no interest, as a whole, in furthering the enormously rare talents of young Blacks within the White dominated educational community. Black schools and universities change the false priority of learning raps and permits the student to realize his/her talent of memory can be applied to geometry and chemistry. Motivation for any race is a priceless seed that if planted early will blossom into a forest of success. The Black institution should never be allowed to wither. Too many Black scientists, mathematicians, and physicians have remained seeds for the lack of nourishment in the form of encouraging, caring teachers.

Are Black schools necessary? More than society realizes. Therefore, society must support and yield to their financial needs. The future of this nation pivots on their offspring.

#### NORTHEASTERN ACADEMY AND THE COLLEGE CONNECTION

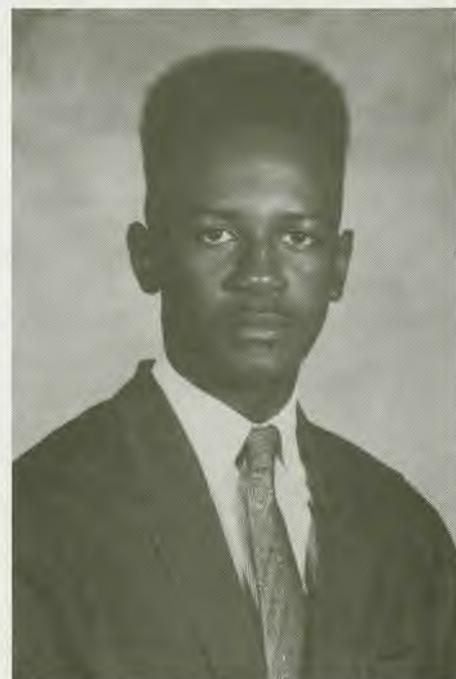
With the onset of the decade of the 90s the education offerings of schools must take on a new thrust. The essential question is, "In what direction shall we go?" Contiguous with this is "How, then, shall we prepare our students to live and function intellectually in the 21st century or in the year 2000?"

The last group of the current student population will graduate in 1993. How then shall they approach their studies? What exactly will the curriculum be? These are some of the predominant issues and challenges which the school's administration and faculty must address. However, some degree of help is forthcoming.

The College Board and other educational institutions of higher learning, such as the ACT Board and others, are revising and modifying the kinds of offerings that will not only challenge the minds of the youth, but will also give them the kinds of exposures necessary for admission to and survival in any post-secondary institution. To this end the Academy has reached out to establish a connecting link between high school and college. This is known as the Collect Connection. Dr. Claudia Williams who works for the New York City Board of Education is a good



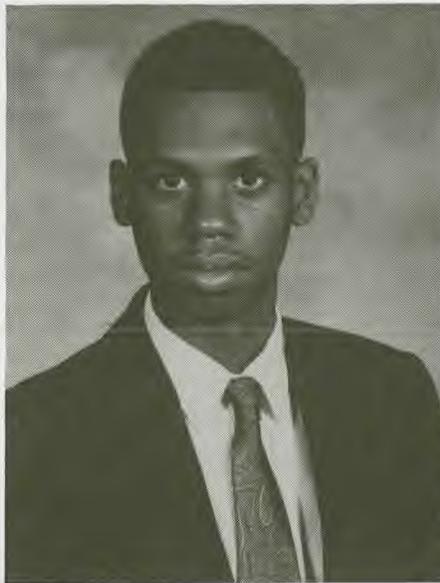
*Amailia Brooks*



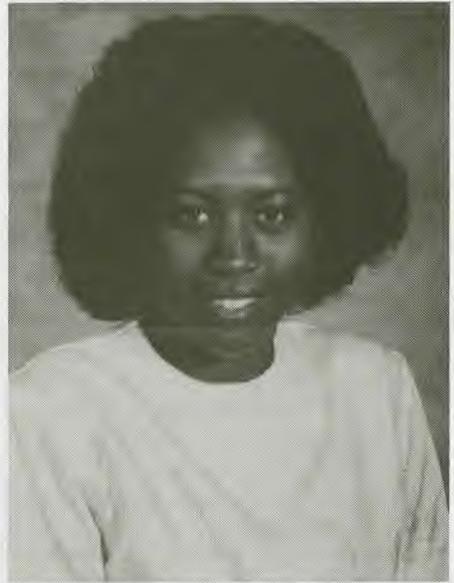
*Michael Cato*



Camile Remy



Josue Pierre



Teri Punch Williams



Ruth-Joy Stephenson

friend of the Academy was instrumental in getting our students into the College Connection Program.

To date seven of the Northeastern Academy's most advanced seniors, members of the graduating class, have enrolled at the LaGuardia Community College in Queens, and took college courses for credit. These credits are semester units and are transferrable to the college of their choice when they enroll in the Fall of 1990. These classes began on January 2 and continued through March 15. This translates into good news for the Academy, and this privilege is also extended to juniors of high academic

performance. The five participants who completed the program are Michael Canto, Josue Pierre, Camille Remy, Charlene Gill-Sampson, and Teri Williamson.

#### **Regents Scholarships and Diplomas**

To date four seniors are recipients of the Regents Scholarships. These awards are based on scholastic performance over a three-year period, coupled with performance on either the SAT or ACT exams, respectively. The awardees are Amalia Brooks, Michael Canto, Camille Remy, and Ruth-Joy Stephenson. This award entitles the students to a \$250.00 scholarship applicable if he or she attends a state college. The funds are scheduled to be remitted over a four-year period, and sometimes five years if the case warrants it.

#### **National Merit Scholarships**

Northeastern Academy is proud to announce that for the second year in a row one of their outstanding students has received the National Merit Scholarship for Outstanding Negro Students. Michael Canto, Student Association president, is the recipient, and Amalia Brooks was given honorable mention by the board.

The 1991 school year looks rather promising, for Richard Streeter has been selected as a semi-finalist from among the 1990 entrants.

#### **P-ACT + Results**

For the second year since its inception, the sophomores at Northeastern Acad-

emy have taken the P-ACT + test, a pre-assessment/achievement test administered to sophomores across the nation by the College Board. The test has two dimensions: it is diagnostic in part, and predictive in the other.

Its primary measure is to help tenth graders initiate post high school planning, prepare for college admissions, and make adjustments to high school programs that may be needed to strengthen their academic preparation.

The scores obtained on the P-ACT were somewhat predictive and provides a range of scores within which the student's ACT scores would be expected to fall when he or she takes the test at the end of his or her junior year or senior year. This range, however, is based on the assumption that the student will maintain his or her level of achievement during the next couple of years.

These students (56) performed exceptionally well with scores ranging from 11-20, which translates into an ACT score of 15-24. This, however, is contingent on these youngsters maintaining their same intellectual fervor through June 1991 or October 1992.

Never in the history of the school has there been such a confluence of budding potential. It must be borne in mind that these scores are only estimates and projections, and that in essence in October 1992 we could see those scoring in the 20s realize as much as 29 or 30 out of a possible 33-36. The mean for the class is 15, which projects to a 19, the national mean is 18.

## CHILDREN'S DAY AT CITY TABERNACLE CHURCH

Upon entering the sanctuary Sabbath morning May 5, 1990, one's attention was drawn to a facsimile of two life-sized angels suspended over the rostrum. Immediately, a sense of awe was aroused—a feeling that something unusual and of great significance was about to transpire in City Tabernacle.

It was the 28th anniversary celebration of Children's Day. The program for the entire day was conducted by the children who were beautifully dressed for the occasion. Their manner, deportment, and poise revealed they had been well trained by their teachers for their unique roles on this high day.

Phase One was entitled "Children's Divisions on Parade." The children were, indeed, a beautiful sight to behold as they marched in precision towards the platform. Phase Two followed, during which a lovely pageant unfolded. Beryl Fathergill very ably introduced Phase Three by explaining the theme, "Where Is Jesus?" The opening song was announced by Vitisha Holmes; the audience sang heartily and with conviction, "I Will Early Seek the Saviour." Prayer was offered by Kizzy Carter. Uplifting music was furnished by City Tabernacle's Children's Choir. A small group from the choir sang the meditation, "There's Something about that Name," setting the tone for the ministry of the Spoken Word.

Pastor Gregg Robinzine, associate pastor, was the speaker. He asked the pointed question found in Matthew 18: "Who Is the Greatest in the Kingdom of God?" The children sat in rapt attention, thereby demonstrating their understanding and appreciation of the message. Many valuable illustrations were used to show how the blood of Jesus cleanses from sin and how to effectively witness for Christ. An appeal was made urging the children to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord; several responded, some for Bible studies and some for baptism. A general appeal was made to the congregation for rededication and commitment.

The benediction brought the service to a close. Guests were invited to the lower auditorium where a delicious luncheon was served.

The celebration resumed at 3:30 p.m. in the form of a parade. Children marched through the neighborhood accompanied by adults carrying banners from the vari-



*City Tabernacle's Children's Choir present a musical selection*



*Youth anxiously await their turn to perform*

ous divisions of the Sabbath School. Children also distributed literature to receptive onlookers. Community members were very favorably impressed; some were heard to say, "This event should be repeated often." Thus the image of the church was enhanced, thanks to the planning and vision of hardworking division leaders—Helen Gibson, Cradle Roll; Carmen Whyte, Kindergarten; Jean Peterkin, Primary; and Phyllis Small, Junior/Earliteen.

Upon returning to the church at 4:30 p.m., the Primary and Junior/Earliteen Divisions rendered outstanding programs. The Pathfinder Drill Team from the Flatbush Church effectively demonstrated their skills to everyone's delight. The Angelic voices, Bethel's Children's Choir, brilliantly performed their selections. The combined children's choirs joined in the grand finale, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Norel James, the dynamic Sabbath School Superintendent, presented plaques of appreciation to Helen Gibson, director of City Tabernacle's children's choir; and Helen Griffiths, leader of the Angelic Voices, Bethel's children's choir. Thus climaxed a beautiful Children's Day Anniversary Celebration at City Tabernacle—a day of great joy and rejoicing to all, but especially to those who accept the challenge of child evangelism as their sacred work.

*Elizabeth V. Martin  
Communications Secretary*

## FIRST OF THE 90'S—AN EVENING OF ELEGANCE

The thundering rainstorm that ushered in Mother's Day on May 13, 1990 was no match for the 680 distinguished guests who came out in all their splendor and elegance to be a part of the Gala Banquet,

the "First of the Nineties," hosted by the Parent-Teacher Association of Northeastern Academy at Leonard's of Great Neck.

Under the direction of PTA president, Desmond Mahoney, this extravaganza was planned to bestow honor on the graduating class of 1990. Other recipients of this favor were Mrs. Edna Lett-Williamson, Mrs. Sandra Herndon, and Mrs. Yoney Dobbs.

The evening began with an elaborate cocktail hour, and at precisely 5:30 p.m., as the strains of the Triadics Steel Band enveloped the ballroom, the guests were seated.

The mood was free, jubilant, and happy. As one meandered between the tables there radiated from each guest a joy, warmth, and serenity rarely seen on a wet and sodden evening. This special "jubilee" was all the more enriched because it was Mother's Day. It was indeed a family affair.

The tempo of the music was hushed, as the graduates made their entrance and took up their assigned seats. First were the eighth graders, led by hostesses Ena Harris and Erma Cooper; then the illustrious Academy seniors, led by guidance counselor Pearl Bell entered amidst the applause and accolades of a thousand voices.

After the singing of the Negro National Anthem by Mrs. Annette Wilson, and the invocation by Elder Lee Paschal, chairman of the NEA board, Camille Remy, one of Northeastern's outstanding seniors, welcomed the guests. President Stennett Brooks then extended greetings to the audience and bade them revel in the ambience of the evening. Oswald Euell, the newly elected pastor of Lebanon church, gave a tribute to mothers, and Berlette Tribbette serenaded the guests with "I Feel Pretty."

One of the highlights of the program was the keynote address given by Dr. Walter Kyte, Director of Students in Temporary Housing with NYC Board of Education. In his address he pointed out the alarming state of affairs of delinquency in New York City, and urged the graduates that their primary task is to acquire the skills needed for survival in the 21st century—the Age of Technological Advancement and Exploration.

The Gospel Chorus, under the direction of Allan Chase, gave a beautiful and touching rendition of the Negro spiritual, "Let My People Go." The entertainment was terrific, and the grade two classes of Hebron Bilingual School gave the most

amazing and mind boggling choral dramatic presentation of the travail of the Black Man as epitomized by Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr. The audience was totally overwhelmed by their stunning performance. It was indeed a rarity and master "showpiece." There were encores and applause for several minutes.

Another exotic and enchanting phase of the program was the fashion show by Clothes and More Boutique by proprietor Sharon Rose-Holness, and modelled by Kackie and six flamboyant seniors: Miriam Simmons, Esther Gray, Merilee Weithers, Precious Richardson, Alicia Cammock, and Dionne Hunter. Their outfits ranged from casual day wear to exquisite evening attire. Hats by Eleanor complemented their wardrobes. It was indeed an evening of superb elegance. The models were at their best and displayed charm and poise rarely seen on a day-to-day routine.

It was also a time for reflection and to offer honor to whom it was due. Mrs. Edna Lett-Williamson, former principal of the Academy, was the first honoree. She was honored for distinguished and excellent service to education and the school at large. Mrs. Sandra Herndon, former Superintendent of Education, Northeastern Conference, was the second recipient. She was cited for meritorious work done during her tenure of office. The Education Department of the Linden Church honored Mrs. Yoney Dobbs for the long and charitable services she gave to the church, school, and community. Each of the honorees received a plaque and other gifts. Mrs. Gloria Nelson presented Mrs. Herndon with a gift on behalf of the principals of the Northeastern Conference.

### Roses and More

PTA president, Desmond Mahoney, then came to the podium and festooned the ladies with flowers. Mrs. Erma Brooks, first lady of NEC, and secretary of the Education Department, and Principal Esmee Bovell received two exquisite bouquets, as well as Mrs. Jocelyn Johnson and Mrs. Gery Stephenson.

With all this fanfare and succulent and delectable dishes, this gala affair could have been a "humdrum" affair had it not been for the two erudite and distinguished emcees, Mrs. Jocelyn Johnson, Superintendent of Education, Northeastern Conference; and Ernie Roy E. Wright Jr., Pastor of the Brownsville Church.

This was indeed a "Moment of History" and the senior class gives special thanks to their benefactors, Messrs. Willie Gooden, Willie Bethea, Chester Parks, Drs. Roy Gilmore and Milton Haynes, and Attorney Eardell Rashford for their very substantial contributions in helping to make this event a truly significant and memorable occasion in their lives. Enough praise and thanks cannot be given to Desmond Mahoney and the PTA for hosting this "First of Nineties Gala Event."

Pearl Bell  
Guidance Counselor

### PRISON MINISTRY PROGRAM

On April 28, 1990, Elder Clarence Richardson, Publishing Director of the Northeastern Conference, officially introduced Pastor & Mrs. James Lamar & family to the members of the Emmanuel Temple Church in Buffalo, New York. Pastor Lamar stated, "It was a pleasure



Participants on the Prison Ministry Program at Emmanuel Temple with Pastor James Lamar (rear center)



*Mrs. Graves and Norma, an inmate at the Female Detention Center. Norma accepted the gifts on behalf of Mrs. Graves who was unable to be present at the Award Luncheon because she had to attend a Bible study class at Attica. The gifts were made by the incarcerated women.*

returning home to the church where I had grown up and where I had been baptized at the age of fifteen. In addition, it was nice seeing how well the members were and how nicely the church had been maintained in my fifteen-year absence."

At AY, the Prison Ministry Program was presented by Mrs. Ruby Graves and the Prison Ministry Council. The Prison Ministry Council consists of church members from the Northeastern and New York Conferences who participate in Bible Study classes at the Attica Correctional Facility in Attica, New York.

Several SDA members from Western New York area churches participated on the informative program. They were: Barbara Winfield, Malik Lucas, and Murlease Mays from the Victory Temple Church in Buffalo; Kevin Sullivan from the Buffalo Suburban Church in Lancaster; the Hispanic Church Choir from the Buffalo Hispanic Church; Irma Riles, Junell Vance, and Eugene Mensah from the Emmanuel Temple Church; Kathleen Whitmyre from the Batavia Church in Batavia; and Archie Johnson from the Jefferson Avenue Church in Rochester.

An ex-offender who did not wish to be identified, also participated in the program. He shared how he had found the Lord after having been incarcerated in maximum facilities for many years, and spoke fondly of attending the monthly Bible Study classes at Attica which were held on Sabbaths.

During the program, Mrs. Mays—who recently assisted Mrs. Graves in conducting Bible study classes with the females—shared with the church family how Ruby

had been chosen as the recipient of the 1990 Volunteer Award for service at the Female Detention Center since 1986. The offering collected was used to purchase Bibles for the inmates.

For those interested in the Prison Ministry, the program gave an avenue whereby a person could get experience and the opportunity to minister to men and women in prison. A person who volunteers with inmates could give them an opportunity to learn about Jesus and hope of eternal salvation. Through accepting Jesus, inmates can make heaven their home even though they may never be eligible for parole.

*James Lamar  
Emmanuel Temple Church*

#### **LOCAL CHURCH "GIVERS" CONCERT TO AREA RESIDENTS**

Mt. Zion SDA Church in Hamden, CT, sponsored a gospel music concert featuring internationally-known performers on Saturday, May 12, at 8:00 p.m. at the Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven, CT.

Wintley Phipps, a 1988 and 1989 Grammy Award nominee, Patricia Barnes, a lyric soprano from Washington D.C., and Vernon Jones and the Vernon Jones Singers of New Haven, appeared on the program. Both Phipps and Barnes have performed in concerts across the United States, Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean.

Wintley Phipps has a unique multicultural style and the music that he writes and performs has been showcased on televi-

sion programs ranging from the Oprah Winfrey Show and Saturday Night Live, to CBS Nightwatch and Dr. Robert Schuller's Hour of Power.

Patricia Barnes has been singing since the age of 13, but it was not until 1983 that she made her debut as a sacred music concert artist at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The Vernon Jones Singers of New Haven have won several gospel music awards and performed in numerous New York plays.

Lola Nathan, Interest Coordinator, stated that "the initial idea of the concert was a fund-raising project for the Mt. Zion church building renovation program. Then the Church Building Fundraising Committee thought it would be nice to do something special for the people of New Haven.

Dr. William, a Yale professor and elder at Mt. Zion, stated that a concert of this caliber that has no admission restriction is certainly good news . . . for a change.

Saturday, May 12, 1990, was an evening the New Haven Community will never forget. Wintley Phipps shared some of his experiences on how he took part in activities surrounding the release of Nelson Mandela in South Africa. Phipps was presented by Mayor John Daniels with a key to the City of New Haven.

Expenses were covered by soliciting financial support from some community residents and by collecting a large offering during the concert. All proceeds in excess of expenses will benefit the Mt. Zion SDA Church Building Fund.

The members of the Mt. Zion Church want to specially thank the coordinators of the Fund Raising Committee.

*Shirley Gordon  
Communications Secretary*

#### **YOUNG, GIFTED, AND GODLY**

##### *Nerva Altino*

For at least three and a half hours each day Nerva Altino practices as he aims for excellence in his piano performance. His goal—to become a concert pianist.

Born to Ruth and Jean Altino, Nerva's growth as one of the organists at the Linden SDA Church in Laurelton, NY, is profound, and his unassuming spirit lights up the worship service. His father noted that Nerva's interest in music began at age three. This was only natural since the elder Altino played for his home church in Haiti.

At age 10, Nerva began his musical career. A year later, he began studying



*Nerva Altino*

pound the keyboard. Born to Florence and Richard Nwagwu, Chiedozi began music lessons at the age of seven years with Mr. Jocelyn Brown. His next instructor was Mr. George Davis of Linden. Chi Chi, as he is affectionately known, says of Davis, "He teaches life along with music."

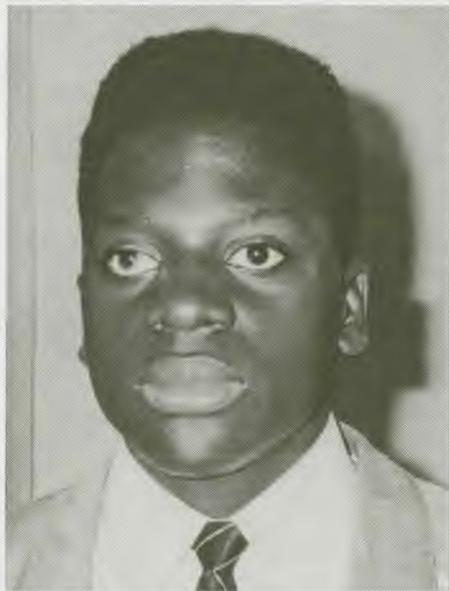
Another of his role models is Andre Watts, who inspired Chi Chi to appreciate the works of Chopin. Chopin's works are among his favorites because each composition has a historical sketch.

Chi Chi attends Hillcrest High School and is in the top 5% of his class. He also plays for a choral group and has three students of his own which reinforces his musical knowledge. He says, "Music helps me to relax."

*Sheri Forrest  
Communication Secretary*



*Mrs. Eva Strother displays Certificate of Recognition*



*Chiedozi Nwagwu*

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### EVE STROTHER RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FROM GOVERNOR HUNT

Alabama Governor Guy Hunt awarded Eva Strother a Certificate of Recognition which she received on May 13 as a part of the Eva Strother Day celebration at the Mount Calvary church in Huntsville, Alabama.

The awarding of the Certificate of Recognition to Eva Strother was a highlight of the Eva Strother Day celebration, which was also the second anniversary of the Mt. Calvary Chapter of the Women's Christian Fellowship Ministry, of which Mabel Norman is president.

The Women's Christian Fellowship Ministry chapter at Mt. Calvary is one of the first such chapters in the South Central Conference. Mrs. Norman states that in their past two years the chapter has completed several projects to improve the church and has been instrumental in helping several persons join the church.

In 1933 Eva Strother began leading the Pathfinders in the Ephesus church in New York. She had the first investiture service for Black Pathfinders. She recalls that Mrs. Louise Kleuser, Educational Secretary for the Atlantic Union, and Elder John Hancock, the youth leader of the General Conference, officiated at this historic service. She also led out in the first Black Pathfinder camp in Berplank, N.Y.



*Mrs. Mabel Norman*

with Mr. George Davis, whom Nerva cited as his greatest role model. Another role model for Nerva is Black concert pianist, Andre Watts.

Nerva attends Hillcrest High School in Jamaica, N.Y., where his associates are unaware of his great ability. He is also interested in becoming an architect. Nerva has performed on various stages, local church platforms, and wedding celebrations.

### *Chiedozi Ikechi Nwagwu*

With tremendous vigor the fingers of future surgeon Chiedozi Ikechi Nwagwu

Mrs. Strother states that the girls' dresses were made by the mothers for this first investiture service in the denomination where uniforms were worn. On that day in 1934, 35 members were invested besides her five leaders and herself being invested as Master Comrades, as they were called then.

After this investiture service she was encouraged by Mrs. Kleuser to travel all over the Atlantic Union and organize Pathfinder groups in Black churches.

"In 1935," she jokingly said, "I found I needed somebody with a car." That is when Jake Strother met her (her maiden

name was Gibbs). After they were married in 1936 Jack became an invaluable helper because he "knew all about birds and trees and things like that. He was my backbone in my nature work." Jake died in 1979 after they had been happily married 43 years.

After the Northeastern Conference was organized Mrs. Strother was invited to continue to work with the Pathfinders when both Elder Jonathan Roache and Elder Leon Davis were MV leaders. She has attended every camporee that has been held, including the one held in Pennsylvania in 1989. She has two scarves of patches for crafts she has learned. Her living room walls hold many of the awards she has earned. In her dining room is a complete set of beautiful china she created.

In 1968 Sister Strother moved to Sacramento, California, where she worked with the Pathfinders until 1972. At that point she moved to Huntsville, and Elder E. C. Ward asked her to lead the Pathfinders at the Oakwood College church. In 1985 she was asked to help the Pathfinders at Mt. Calvary, where she still serves.

Sister Strother's mother was baptized by Elders John and Charles Maynor. Elder Charles Maynor became the first pastor of a new church in Charleston, South Carolina. His wife, Helen, was the first church-school teacher. Sister Strother and Elder W. W. Fordham were among the first students.

Well-known former members of her Pathfinder groups include Elder C. E. Bradford, C. B. Rock, and B. F. Reaves. Strother remembers the very Sunday morning Elder Reaves was born. "The Pathfinders had stopped at his parents' home just about the time he made his first cry."

One of her greatest joys is to attend the Northeastern Conference campmeeting each year where she meets many of her former Pathfinders and is introduced to many of their children and grandchildren.

"I feel that perhaps 95 percent of my Pathfinders have remained in the church, and very few ever become involved with drugs and other vices that beset so many young people today."

"I will never retire," comments Strother. "When I get too old to walk, if the Pathfinders will come to me, I will be happy to talk with them."

R. S. Norman

## PORTABLE BUILDING SOLVES HOUSING PROBLEM TEMPORARILY

A portable classroom building arrived and was installed on the campus of the Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tennessee during the second semester. It helped ease the overcrowded conditions in our present school building. Grades 3 and 4, which have been a combination grade classroom for many years, once again grew to an unbearable size for one teacher. The school board hired a teacher to serve solely as third grade instructor which would ease the responsibilities of Lynn Middleton who has endured a full classroom for two years. Susie Hill assumed the responsibilities of third-grade teacher.

The third-grade class was housed in the portable classroom that is located directly behind the present elementary building. The portable building has 672 square feet with individual climate-controlled heating and air conditioning. It is connected to the main building with a covered walkway. Monies for the purchase of the portable building were provided by the members of the Breath of Life SDA Church. This purchase was initiated by the members of Breath of Life in order that more of their children could enroll at Alcy for the 1989/90 school year. The setup and installation of the building cost was paid from funds raised through the Alcy Expansion (ALEX) Fund that was collected over the past eighteen months.

Enrollment at Alcy soared to 160 students during this school year. Many students were turned away once again because of a lack of classroom space. A waiting list is maintained, and when space is available students are able to enroll.

Pre-registration for the 1990-91 school year was opened in March in order to project the enrollment and classroom needs. All indications point in the direction that Alcy will have another "full house" when school opens in August. Grades 5 and 6, as well as 7 and 8 are also showing signs of additional growth, and in all probability become the last two combination grades to divide into their individual classrooms.

We solicit the prayers as well as monetary gifts of our constituents, former students and supporters of Christian education across the country, in our endeavors to secure a larger facility not only for our present Pre-K through grade 8 program, but develop a quality 9-12 academy for not only the Seventh-day Adventist children but non-Adventists who value

and desire a Black Christian school for their K-12 children here in Memphis.

Individuals who would like to contribute to the Alcy Expansion (ALEX) Fund may do so by contacting or sending their contribution to:

Alcy Expansion Fund (ALEX)  
Alcy SDA Junior Academy  
1325 Alcy Road  
Memphis, TN 38106

Our motto, "Christian education, an Adventist essential," is growing in the Memphis community.

## MRS. MAUDE FLORENCE BEDNEY CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY



Maude Bedney celebrates

Mrs. Maude Florence Bedney celebrated her 100th birthday October 13, 1989 in Riverside, California. Pastor Kenneth Bushnell and members of the church honored her by declaring Sabbath, October 14th to be "Maude F. Bedney Day." The services highlighted Mrs. Bedney's longevity and expressed thanksgiving to God for His blessings in her behalf. She has lost her sight, but otherwise has a clear mind and is in comparatively good health. Sister Bedney was the oldest child that was born to the late Pastor Eli and Fannie Clark of Birmingham, Alabama where she grew up with her two deceased sisters, Delia Frances Jackson and Mary Holmes Adams. She had one brother, Thomas, who died when he was very young.



Standing: L-R—Rick White, Richard Halverson, Kevin Albright, George Davis, Ed Harrison, Bobby Coes, Bill Simons, James Webb, Xavier Butler.

Kneeling: L to R—Ken Johns, Greg Wonsey, Robert Gordon, Le Count Butler, Jack Azor, Howard Coes.

Not Pictured: Tony Cammack & Marcus Kinzer

Photo Credit: Rod Putnam

She received her formal education and graduated from Barbur Seminary for Girls in Anniston, Alabama, presently Barbur Scottia University in Concord, S.C. She and Sister Bessie Elliston Peterson, wife of the late F. L. Peterson, were classmates at the school. She also attended the Knoxville College in Tennessee and Tuskegee Institute under the founder Booker T. Washington, and was a classmate of his sister.

Sister Bedney taught in the school system for more than ten years before moving to Monrovia, California in 1920 to join her father and sisters. In Monrovia she met and married the late William Michael Bedney, Sr. and reared a family of four children - the late William Michael Bedney, Jr., Jean Woodfork, Donald and Reginal. She has 16 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

In the early 1930's she and her children were baptized into the Seventh-day

Adventist faith at the Wadsworth Church in Los Angeles by P.G. Rogers. As time moved, she and her family, along with two other families began the work of the church in Monrovia. This monument can still be found in this city.

We salute a great warrior of God.

— Jean Bedney Woodfork

#### NASHVILLE AREA CHURCHES FORM BASEBALL TEAM

A special thank you to Pastors Xavier Butler (Riverside Chapel) and Richard Halverson (First Church) for their support of christian athletics. This is the second year young men from both churches have formed a softball team in the Metro Nashville Church League. The name "Seventh-day Adventist" appears on the right sleeve of each uniform.

Coach Howard Coes states: "It has been a pleasure to work with these men.

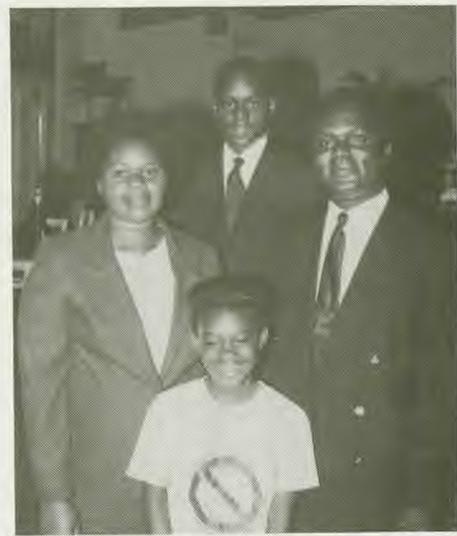
During the season they have grown into a close family unit. All for one and one for all! God has blessed our efforts."

#### "POSITIVE KIDS"—New Program Is Introduced.

Pastor Dr. Sustin Mfune, Yvonne Crowder, Pastor Jaspine & Roselyn Bilima of Malawa, Africa introduced a new program of health education to the members of the Berean S.D.A. Church in South Bend, Indiana. It is designed to give the positive aspects of healthful living, such as clean air, pure water, proper diet of fruits, vegetables and nuts, proper rest, good attitudes with positive outlooks. The program is also structured as a new approach to the war on drugs. The seven young people who are students at the Andrews University laboratory school left lasting impressions on the minds of the listeners on Sabbath, May 26.



*Young participants in the war against drugs*



*Proud smiles after a successful health program*

It was interesting to see the program given at the time of the eleven o'clock worship hour when a large number of members and friends were present. The team should be invited to share the program with other groups throughout the area in schools and churches. Dr. Mfune can be contacted at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

#### **ABAN MEETS IN HUNTSVILLE**

The third annual meeting of the Association of Black S.D.A. Nurses was held at Oakwood College in the Spring of this year. ABAN was formed on April 19, 1987 at Oakwood College Homecoming and has met annually since that time. It serves as a professional nursing organization uniting Black S.D.A. registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses and licensed practical nurses. The mission of this organization is to promote excellence in Christ-centered education and professional development as they assist in meeting the health care needs of the people in the Black community. It is their objective to help people physically, mentally and spiritually. They are supportive of the denomination as it seeks to give the messages of the Three Angels of Revelation 14 to all of mankind.

Mrs. Kathleen Woodfork Bradley is the president; Mrs. Gwendolyn Nicholas the president elect; Mrs. Barbara Frasier, the secretary; Mrs. Michelle Washington, the treasurer.

The principal speaker for the meeting this year was Mrs. Juanita W. Fleming, R.N. Ph.D., F.A.A.N., professor of Nursing



*Adventist Black Adventist nurses meet in Huntsville*

and Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for the University of Kentucky in Louisville.

All nurses in our churches are urged to join this organization.

#### **GOVERNOR L.D. WILDER ADDRESSES MEHARRY GRADUATES**

Graduates of the classes of 1990 at Meharry Medical/Dental and Allied Health related Schools were challenged to give meaningful service for the times in which we live. The honorable Lawrence Douglas Wilder, governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia was the commencement speaker. Wilder, a descendant of former slaves is the first Black to be elected to the post in the history of this country.



*Mrs. Kathleen Woodfork Bailey, president*



Governor Wilder addresses graduates



Black publishing leadership gathered in DC

Among the graduates of the class were a number of S.D.A. students: Lloyd R. Broomes, M.D.; Terrell M. Bond, Jr., M.D.; Cheryl Roxanna Herman, LLD; Antohny J. Cammack, M.D.; Karen V. Johnson Carter, M.D., Marketta Valentine Parker, M.D.

Dr. Wilder also received an honorary degree along with Samuel G. Banks, D.D.S.; Owen N. Williams, Jr., and Malcolm Forbes and Ann Landers.

#### S.D.A. BLACK PUBLISHING LEADERS & ADMINISTRATORS HOLD MEETING AT THE G.C.

Upwards of four million dollars worth of S.D.A. literature was sold by the literature evangelists and Book Center leaders of the N.A.D. during 1989; however, the administration expressed their concerns over the importance of getting accurate records into the General Conference records from year to year. Earlier this year the leadership came together to plan for large sales and a promptness in seeing that the records are kept up to date. Five million in sales is the goal for 1990.

#### HONOREES AT ALUMNI WEEK-END

More than sixty years have passed since Elders Ivan Christian and A. R. Caruther attended Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. Both served as pastors and church administrators for many years after leaving the school. They are among the oldest of alumni who can reflect on the blessings of God in behalf of the school. During the days of their attendance, the student body was less than



Ivan Christian displays his award



A. R. Caruther, another honored Oakwood alumni

fifty. Today it numbers almost 1,300. The National Alumni Society of the college paid tribute to these leaders at the time of their annual gathering in the Spring of this year.

#### MARINE BUDDIES STILL FIGHT ON SAME TEAM



*Philip Allison and Alfred Dudley, war veterans*

During World War II Philip Allison of Nebraska and Alfred I. Dudley of Indiana served side by side in the United States Marine Corps for the duration of the war. The war ended in 1945 and each returned to his native home to resume his life's pursuits and to reflect on the blessings that they had received under the watch-care of God.

Recently there was cause for rejoicing when they learned that each had become members of the Seventh-day Adventist church in their hometowns of Omaha and South Bend. They are still serving on the same team, but it is to the "army" of the Lord. Each is very active in soul-winning.

## SOUTHEASTERN

#### SHILOH BURNS MORTGAGE

Thankfulness to God, great anticipation, and participation were the order of



*Major Jack Clark of Ocala presents a key of the city to Elder J. M. Doggette*



*Second from left: Job Fleurimond, pastor; J. M. Doggette, president; R. R. Brown, secretary; and nucleus members*

the day. Nine years of sacrifice, faithful stewardship, and prayers culminated in the burning of the mortgage by the members of the Shiloh SDA Church, Ocala, Florida.

Pastor Ernest Young built the church, Elder George Murray set in motion the plans to liquidate the debt, and under the leadership of Pastor Calvin Robinson the mortgage was burnt.

President J. M. Doggette, Secretary R. R. Brown, and Treasurer R. Patterson, the three officers of Southeastern Conference, and their wives were present for this special occasion.

Former pastor, Elder George Murray, spoke on Friday evening. Elder Fred

Nealy gave the sermon at the early morning prayer service, Elder Robert Patterson taught the Sabbath School lesson, Elder J. M. Doggette spoke for the divine worship hour, and Elder R. R. Brown was the vesper speaker.

Community representatives were the mayor, police chief, fire chief, councilmen, and several pastors.

Pastor & Mrs. Calvin Robinson, two gracious hosts, commended their members for accepting and completing the challenge of debt reduction. Pastor Robinson pledged himself and his congregation to two other projects, a school building and acquisition of property for the Leesburg congregation.

## MARANTHA CHURCH WOMEN'S DAY

The Marantha SDA Church in Tallahassee, FL, held their first annual Women's Day program. Each female raised \$100.00 and collectively exceeded the \$3,000 goal. The proceeds will help to defray expenses incurred in building the new church.

The women were dressed in red and white. The theme was "Daughters in Love with Christ." The guest speaker was Edith Frazier, a counselor at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama. She was introduced by Yvonne Boyd, wife of the pastor, Tyrone Boyd.

## SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP AT ELIM

Sabbath School division leaders from Bradenton, Elim, and St. Petersburg, Florida churches had a team of Sabbath School workshop specialists to present a series of lectures to make them more proficient in their work.

The Youth Division teachers had a video presentation on setting goals, tips on teaching, learning new songs, making cutouts and other devices so important to a vibrant Sabbath School.

The team which came from Miami, Florida was headed by Mr. Glenn.

## SOUTHEASTERN ORGANIZES 88TH & 89TH CHURCHES

The Miami Zion French church has given birth to a new congregation. The combined labors of Pastor Job Fleurimond and his members made it possible for the Conference President, J. M. Doggette, and Secretary, R. R. Brown to organize the 88th church.

On the same day and in another location, Cutler Ridge, Florida, the three officers, J. M. Doggette, R. R. Brown, and R. Patterson, organized church #89. This Spanish congregation in Southwest Miami will serve those who live in that area. Pastor Charles Vento and closely-knit Hispanic workers and members rejoiced in the new lighthouse and great are the expectations.

## METEOROLOGIST LECTURES TO FLORIDA PATHFINDERS

Rudy Smith is a meteorologist at Universal Weather Aviation Inc. in Los Angeles, California. He gives the weather report for planes, ships, boats, etc. Smith



Ruby Smith, meteorologist at Universal Weather Aviation, Inc. in Los Angeles, California, lectures to members from both Zion Hill-Hawthorne and Palatka, Florida

used the Bible as a textbook to speak with the Pathfinders from the Zion Hill Church in Hawthorne, Florida, and the Bethany Church in Palatka, Florida.

Smith's lectures were informative and interesting as well as enlightening to the young people involved in their quest for honors. A segment on the effects of the starry heavens on earth as well as how they came about and the prediction proved beneficial.

Smith and his wife were guests of his parents, Edward & Thomasine Smith of Palatka, Florida. Edward Smith served on the Southeastern Conference Executive Committee.

## COMMUNITY GUEST DAY PROGRAM

The Marantha SDA Church in Tallahassee held their Community guest Day program on April 7, 1990.

Superintendent Gloria Musgray presented the book *The Desire of Ages* on behalf of the Marantha SDA Church to Mrs. Alexander Davis, Jr. He is the Director of Dade Street Recreation Center in Tallahassee and was honored for his excellent work in the community.

Mr. Davis' comments were: "I felt a warmness here. I felt like I was a member of the family. This is an honor and I will be back."

## NORTH ORLANDO A.Y. WEEK OF PRAYER

"Expect a Miracle" was the theme of the Spring Week of Prayer conducted by

Pastor Leighton Palmer of Cincinnati, Ohio at the North Orlando Church.

Youth as well as adults were encouraged to find strength and to trust God more fully.

Pastor Palmer used many illustrations from the Old Testament as well as from the Life and Teachings of Christ to prove that "God will do great things for His believing children who place their entire confidence in Him and faithfully obey."

Various families led out in the devotional activities. The combined musical talents of Pastor Palmer and the Youth Choir directed by Brother Charles Richards brought blessings.

Five individuals were baptized and many others renewed their baptismal vows.

Lewis Edwards serves as pastor.

## DECISIONS FOR CHRIST CROWN DUO EVENT

North Orlando's Pathfinder Club directed by Wilfred Blake, welcomed club members from Palm Bay and Mt Sinai churches in a joint celebration of Pathfinder Day, April 21, 1990.

W. Lester Taylor, Director of Youth Ministries of Southeastern Conference, highlighted the Bible story of Samson as he admonished listeners to be wary of self-sufficiency, "the I-can-handle-it" syndrome.

The senior choir and guest participants presented John W. Peterson's Easter Cantata "Beyond your King," accompanied by Robyn Rodgers, pianist, Dr.

Audley Dwyer, narrator, and directed by Mrs. Vivianne Hayles.

The choir realized that their objectives were fulfilled when at the end of their performance an appeal was made by Pastor Fred White and attending worshipers responded by surrendering their lives to Christ.

## OBITUARY

### IMOGENE R. GARDNER

Imogene R. Gardner was born on June 20, 1921 to Isaiah Williams and Helen Jackson of St. Catherine, Jamaica, West Indies.

Imogene received her early education in Jamaica. She was a very brilliant student and loved learning. She met Ralph Gardner in Jamaica in 1939, fell love in love, and was married to him in 1945. She was a devoted wife and a loving and caring mother. From this union came five children: Earl Gardner of Jersey City, New Jersey; Claire Smith of Stratford, Connecticut; Howard Gardner of Bridgeport, Connecticut; Hyacinth Smith of Bridgeport, Connecticut; and Collin Gardner of Jamaica, West Indies.

In 1959 Ralph and Imogene, through a marital friend, came into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in May Pen, Jamaica. After accepting the Adventist message two years later, Elder Ralph Gardner came to Bridgeport, and a year later Imogene and the rest of the family joined him.

Being diligent workers and firm believers in Christian education, Imogene and Ralph instilled these principles in their children, and along with this they educated their children in Christian schools.

Imogene Gardner was a person who loved God, His Church, and her family. She served in all the departments of the church. Her faithfulness, kindness, and motherliness was a source of inspiration to all in the church. She was the first lady elder of Calvary. That in itself speaks of her dedication and leadership ability. She served in this capacity for eight years, until her call by the Saviour to rest.

She will be missed greatly by her faithful husband of 45 years, family, pastor, and church family. But we grieve not as others do, who know not God, but as those who, like her, know Him as their personal Saviour.

Doing what God had called her to do, serving His people and church, she was at church preparing to conduct Sabbath School, when she became ill and had to be rushed to the hospital. She sensed that this might be her moment and she smiled, and in that smile one could see the peace of contentment.

She passed away on June 7, 1990, at 11:15 a.m. She leaves to carry on her husband, Ralph Gardner; five children; three daughters-in-law; one son-in-law; a sister, Vida Samuels; a brother, Henry Jackson; eleven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

### HERMAN BARLOW

Herman J. Barlow, 86, was born on April 2, 1903, to Willie Lee and Hattie Allen Barlow in Macon, Georgia. He died February 14, 1990, in Lakeland, Florida.

At the age of 12 he and his family moved to Detroit, Michigan, where at the age of 16 he went to work as a factory worker. Later in life he settled into the occupation of dairy farming. For thirty years he toiled to produce from the soil products of divine origin. In his leisure time he enjoyed fishing and hunting big game. He was a farmer, a fisherman, and a friend to all.

To share the simple life of nature with him he chose a godly companion, Margaret O. Everett, who shared 52 years of common bliss with him. Together they raised two children: the late Herman Barlow Jr., and William.

Mr. Barlow was a man of strong conviction and devout faith. After hearing the Third Angel's Message he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church and sought to be a faithful witness to all. He was a faithful deacon in the Fairhaven SDA Church in Flint, Michigan.

In 1986 Herman and his wife moved to Florida from Michigan, where they became members of the Emmanuel SDA Church in Plant City. In Lakeland he was also a member of the H.M.O. Association of Heatherwood Village and the Fisherman's Club.

On February 14, 1990 God allowed Herman Barlow to fall asleep to await the day when "the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Among those looking forward to the hope of meeting him on the resurrection morning are his wife, Margaret Everett Barlow; one son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William (Billy) Barlow of Tucson, Arizona; two nephews and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Virgin Humphreys of Leesburg, Florida; Elder and Mrs. Edwin Humphrey of Uniondale, New York; one niece, Mrs. Amelia Gray of Detroit, Michigan; and many other relatives and friends.

Services were conducted by Pastor Jonathan McCottry and interment was in the Lakeland Memorial Gardens, in Lakeland, Florida.

### If You Were Busy

*If you were busy being kind,  
Before you knew it you would find  
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true  
That someone was unkind to you.*

*If you were busy being glad,  
and Cheering people who are sad,  
Although your heart might ache a bit,  
You'd soon forget to notice it.*

*If you were busy being good,  
And doing just the best you could,  
You'd not have time to blame  
some man  
Who's doing just the best he can.*

*If you were busy being true  
To what you know you ought to do,  
You'd be so busy you'd forget  
The blunders of the folks you've met.*

*If you were busy being right,  
You'd find yourself too busy, quite,  
To criticize your neighbor long  
Because he's busy being wrong.*

—Anonymous

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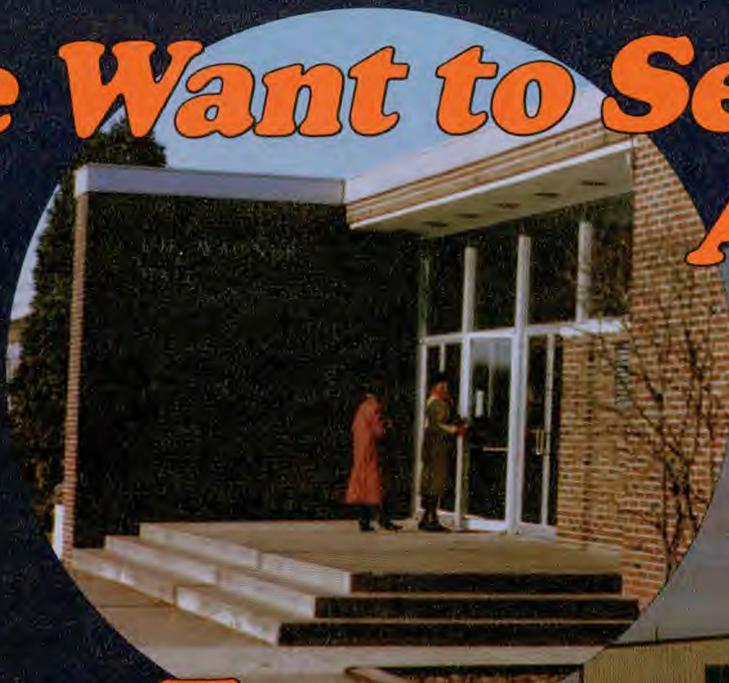
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