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THE WORLD IN NEED OF LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

Editor's Note: Dr. G. R. Earle, President of Northeastern Conference delivered a stirring and inspiring message to the Literature Evangelists at their meeting in Orlando, Florida. The Regional Voice knew this message would be inspiring to its readers.

This man was lame from birth. He had never walked during the 40 years of his life. The nature and degree of his lameness, especially at the age he had now reached, rendered him incurable, helpless and a liability to society.

During his life there must have been periods and moments of dejection, despair, bitterness and hopelessness.

The thought of ever compensating his friends for their kind and noble deeds had no doubt vanquished with the passing years. His future prospects held forth nothing more than a poor, pathetic, pitiful beggar whose survival rested solely on the mercy and generosity of a compassionate society.

Then one day, all of a sudden it happened. A new experience took hold of him, Life became exciting and took on new meaning.

Peter and John, disciples of Christ, passed his way enroute to the temple for prayer. The beggar stretched forth his hand and asked a gift of them. He expected nothing more than the temporary fulfillment of a physical need.

The thoughts of these men, deeply engrossed in the spirit and attitude of worship, were momentarily disrupted by the request of the beggar. Fixing their eyes upon him, Peter answered, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

These were strange, peculiar words. No other person had ever spoken such words to him. But they were thrilling and exciting words. They gave to him an incentive for a new outlook on life. The thought of walking and entering into physical activities as do other men, filled his breast with joy like he had never experienced before. He had heard and no doubt read something of the miracles of Christ but never had the opportunity of meeting Him.



Dr. G. R. Earle, President, Northeastern Conference.

But when the command of Peter was linked with the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, a change was effected. Faith gripped his heart, hope filled his breast, his bones and muscles received strength, and when Peter took him by the hand and raised him up, he leaped forth standing, walking, jumping, and praising God.

No longer is he a liability to society, no longer is he a burden on public tax, living and existing at the mercy of men. Now he is connected with the Redeemer of mankind, Creator of heaven and earth, and it is in Him that he lives, he moves, and has his being. This wonderful experience led him to become an ardent follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I declare unto you this day that there are yet countless thousands, yes millions of others in our world like him, the poor beggar—men and women whom the ravages of sin have beaten and smitten, battered and bruised, crippled mentally, physically, and spiritually, left as helpless creatures, in the world without God and without hope. (Eph. 2:10-12).

In *Christian Service*, p. 57, Ellen White writes, "All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom waiting only to be gathered in."

There is no doubt in my mind that the Servant of the Lord was referring to this very day, this very moment!

The days and times in which we live demands a new emphasis on our literature ministry. The old timeworn, threadbare, colporteur cliches the ordinary, outmoded approaches, and mediocre methods of yesterday will not

suffice to meet the spiritual needs of today.

Our cities have grown to enormous proportions. These great sprawling centers of culture and commerce, convenience and luxury, constitutes the biggest challenge of all times to our literature ministry.

This is an age marked, and peculiar from any other age ever heard of or read about. The adoption of the philosophy of rationalism, evolution and materialism have produced their demoralizing effects upon our society, yielding the fruits of uncertainty, fear, dissolutionment, broken homes, broken hearts, hate, and confusion. These are the characteristics of our times.

The machinery so carefully structured by education and science to control and dictate human affairs, has broken down. National and international structures designed to produce peace and good will among men, have proved powerless.



Dr. E. E. Cleveland delivers stirring message to literature evangelists.

No arrangement of human genius, no scheme of human devising, nothing within the reach of human wisdom and ability has been able to prevent the dreaded break-up of human society. Invisible, sinister spirits seem to be rushing our civilization on to the slaughter-house of armageddon and the bloodsoaked valley of Jehoshaphat.

This powerlessness of man to order aright his own affairs, this potential crash of civilization, means just one thing—the absolute certainty that we are standing amid the shadow of the events which will close human history.

And yet it is even more frightening when we recognize that there are still multitudes, millions in the valley of decision, looking wistfully to heaven—praying for help, for light, for a way out, saying *Lord save us, we PERISH!*

The human race never needed the gospel of Christ so much as it does today. Out of their agonies and miseries, men are discovering that they need God more than they need guns; that they need the Bible more than nuclear weapons; that Christ is a surer protection than any political alliance, and that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Father.

Just as God had Peter and John prepared and equipped with a message of hope to the lame man at the temple gate, just as God called Elijah to bring a revival message of truth to apostate Israel, just as John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way for the first advent of Christ, even so, God has called the literature workers of this hour to place the gospel of Christ in every home through the printed page, preparing a people for the second return of Christ to this world.



Literature evangelists from the South Central Conference.

Into your hands have been placed the most solemn and sacred message ever intrusted to mortal beings. The potential opportunities of this cataclysmic hour are tremendous for the literature evangelist. If we move forward in faith and plan with simplicity and humility for advances on all fronts, I know God will again demonstrate His power mightily in our behalf.

We must not build up big, expensive, plans and develop an atmosphere of enthusiasm while here, only to return home and be lulled into a spiritual stupor by the enemy. We need to reassess our emphasis, make certain that it harmonizes with the divine counsel given us in the blueprint for these closing scenes. We must reexamine the terminology we are using, to see whether the message we



Oakwood College Literature Evangelists.

bear is capable of penetrating the preoccupied thinking and strange compulsion of this complex and changing world. We must rethink our way through the matted, twisted impasse that has been building up against the reception of God's message for this last hour. We must reconsider the unprecedented demands and expectation of the times so as to reach the great host of hungry, restless souls seeking for light, truth, and a better way of life. Momentous changes are destined to mark the nature of our last witness to the world. Spirit-indicted approaches through spirit-filled lives will bring an influx of thousands into the church in a day, as God sets His hand to finish the work.

The Literature Evangelist for this day must be more than a walking, traveling, successful salesman. He must be willing to stand in the mid-stream of rival philosophies, and revolutionary ideas, and as the swift-flowing currents of chaotic thought sweeps around him, he must be able to lift his fellowman to safety, placing their feet on the Solid Rock—



Lake Region Conference literature evangelists.

Christ Jesus. God is calling for men and women who will brave the rising tide of circumstances and lead a people on to victory.

For this God-given task, the church needs God possessed men and women, who if they would make full proof of their ministry must do the work of a literature evangelist. We cannot escape our God entrusted responsibility in this work. We must address ourselves to the mandated task of God and to that task alone. Let us therefore use every energy to meet this challenge. Let us meet it with discernment, with awareness, and with power. Let us detach ourselves from every other entanglement. Let us have no other commitment. Let us recapture the divine impulse of the early church and go forth declaring the unsearchable riches of Christ, saying silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.



Allegheny East literature evangelists.



Northeastern Conference literature evangelists.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



Stephen Ruff, Publishing Director, South Central Conference.

YOUNGEST PUBLISHING DIRECTOR DELIVERS OVER \$200,000 IN LITERATURE

Pastor Stephen Ruff, Publishing Director of South Central and the youngest of all Regional Publishing Directors made \$234,193.24 in deliveries and baptized 33 souls.

There are seventeen full-time and thirty-two part-time literature evangelists working in South Central.

The top literature evangelists were: Virginia Reed—\$18,660; Calvin Claxton—\$17,309.55 and Samuel Perry—\$15,686.

The Associate Publishing Directors of South Central are: Benjamin Cone—Mississippi; Fred Whitlow—Alabama; Lyndon Rowan—Tennessee; and Art Ison—Kentucky.

ALLEGHENY EAST IS NUMBER ONE FOR SIX YEARS; LEADS ALL NORTH AMERICA IN BAPTISMS

For six consecutive years Elder Robert LaGrone, Publishing Director of Allegheny East has led all Regional Conferences in deliveries. At the Literature Evangelists Institute he reported \$644,224.10 in sales and 332 souls resulted in baptisms. Thus making Allegheny East the only regional conference in the top ten in North America and the leading conference in soul winning for North America.

He attributes his success to the goodness of the Lord, hard work, and recruiting. There are fifty-five full-time and thirty-three part-time literature evangelists working in Allegheny East.

His top Literature Evangelists are: Beatrice Johnson—\$24,000; Robert Moses—\$24,000; Nathaniel Lewis—\$18,000; Robert Parke—\$16,000; Mamie Jackson—\$16,000; Alice Davis—\$16,000; Eunice Eubanks—\$15,000; and Janet Alston—\$15,000.

The Allegheny East Associate Publishing Directors are: Noah Beasley—Maryland; R. C. Lewis—Pennsylvania and New Jersey; Elijah Watson—Washington, DC, Virginia, and Maryland; Garthell Wade—Southern Virginia; and Eugene Mason—Delaware.

107 LITERATURE EVANGELISTS IN SOUTH ATLANTIC DELIVER \$369,000

Elder T. R. Smith, Publishing Director for South Atlantic Conference and 107 literature evangelists delivered \$369,000 and baptized 206 souls.

The highest deliveries over \$12,000 were: Erroll Smith—\$32,023; Welton Jones—\$23,000; Kang Suk Sim—\$16,934.19; V. A. Shand—\$12,240.00; Joan Clarke—\$12,153.75; and Mollie Talton—\$12,062.10.

There are thirty-five full-time and seventy-two part-time literature evangelists working in South Atlantic. Student literature evangelists from Oakwood College delivered \$66,000 in books and literature.

Elder Smith's Associate Publishing Directors are Luther Fowler and John L. Wells—Florida; Walter Hawk—Georgia; Arthur Fairfax—Carolina's.

NORTHEASTERN REPORTS AN ESTIMATED \$200,000 DELIVERIES FOR 1979

Northeastern Conference has delivered an estimated \$200,000 in Books and Magazines under the leadership of Elder Silas McClamb and has baptized 12 souls.

Presently there are 11 full-time and 12 part-time workers. The leading Literature Evangelists are: Mrs. Connie Harrell, \$17,407.78 and Mrs. Dorothy Sims, \$11,283.96.

The Associate Publishing Directors are: Alcega Jeaniton—New England; Calvin Harrison—Manhattan and Bronx; Leonard Harris—Long Island; and Max Pierre—Brooklyn, Staten Island, and Coney Island.

LAKE REGION HAS LITERATURE EVANGELISTS WITH HIGHEST DELIVERIES

The Lake Region Conference under its Publishing Director, Elder T. S. Barber, had two literature evangelists that had the highest deliveries of any regional conference. Mrs. Willie Mae Cooper delivered \$43,458.98 and Mr. Albert L. Frazier was the second highest with \$38,181.37.

Elder Barber reports \$572,839.05 as the total deliveries for 1979 and one hundred and fifteen souls were baptized.

His Publishing Associates are: James Jones, Jr., Michigan District; Christopher Jones of Wisconsin District; Floyd Mathis—Grand Rapids Area; Roosevelt Ruffin—Indianapolis, Indiana; Arthur Suttle—Illinois; Thomas J. Jackson—Chicago (Westside) Illinois who recruited George Berdin of Mississippi who delivered \$10,000 worth of books in six months.

There are forty-seven full-time and seventy-eight part-time literature evangelists and nine students who have delivered \$70,000 in books and literature for 1979.

NEW PUBLISHING DIRECTOR REPORTS \$125,000 IN DELIVERIES FOR ALLEGHENY WEST

Elder R. C. Lewis, formerly Associate Publishing Director of Allegheny East, has assumed the duties of Publishing Director for Allegheny West.

Elder Lewis has four Associate Publishing Directors: Danny Milton—Cleveland, Ohio; Welton Jones—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Robert Crawford—Cincinnati, Ohio and Bernard Hankins—Roanoke, Virginia.

There are twenty-five full-time and fifteen part-time literature evangelists working in Allegheny West. These forty workers delivered \$125,000 in literature and baptized fifty souls.

The top literature evangelists of Allegheny West are: Mary Adams—\$21,000 and Zebie Gibson—\$11,000.

The best way to forget your own problem is to help someone else solve theirs.

THE EDITOR'S DESK

REGIONAL LITERATURE EVANGELISTS DELIVERED OVER \$2 MILLION DOLLARS IN LITERATURE

At an annual Literature Evangelist Institute held in Orlando, Florida, six regional conferences—Allegheny East, Allegheny West, Northeastern Conference, South Atlantic, Lake Region, South Central, along with Oakwood College, delivered \$2,375,256.39 in books and magazines and 1,198 souls were baptized.

The incentive meeting for those colporteurs who delivered over \$12,000 was well planned and executed. The Literature Institute had publishing directors from three unions, they were: Elder Paul Bernet, Publishing Director of Atlantic Union; Elder John T. Mason, Publishing Director of Columbia Union and Elder O. W. Mackey, Associate Publishing Director of Southern Union. Two Publishing Houses were represented: Elder Harold F. Otis, Jr., General Manager of Review and Herald and Elder Robert S. Smith, Sr., Associate Circulation Manager. From the Southern Publishing Association were: Elder Earl Moore, Associate Circulation Manager, Elder Derek Mustow, Periodical Department Manager, and Elder Ken Wasenmiller, Book Department Manager. Three Regional Presidents: Dr. George Earle of Northeastern Conference, Elder Luther Palmer of Allegheny East Conference, and Dr. Charles Joseph of Lake Region Conference were present.

Elder W. O. Coe, President of the Columbia Union and other conference administrators included: Elder M. Van Putten and Elder B. Mann of Allegheny East; Elder R. B. Hairston and Elder R. Patterson of South Atlantic; Dr. M. P. Johnson of South Central and Elder Stennett Brooks of Northeastern Conference, were among the hundreds of literature evangelists, and friends who were also present.

The keynote speaker was Dr. E. E. Cleveland, Director of Evangelism and Church Missions at Oakwood College who spoke for the eleven o'clock hour and was Master of Ceremonies at the banquet.

The institute not only offered the literature evangelists with an opportunity to discuss policy and issues that affect them, it also proved to be a spiritual meeting and gave the literature evangelist the opportunity to rest and relax.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE'S LITERATURE EVANGELISM TRAINING CENTER CARRIES THE MESSAGE TO 230 CITIES

Under the spirited leadership of Elder Sandy Robinson, Director of the Literature Evangelism Training Center (LETC) at Oakwood College, two hundred and thirty cities, towns and three countries: North America, Canada, and Norway, have been worked by student literature evangelists.

In 1979, \$230,000 deliveries were made by Oakwood College students. His staff members are: Pastor I. DeSouza, Associate Director of LETC, Mrs. S. P. Robinson, Special Assistant, and Mrs. J. Malone, Office Secretary. There are fifteen student leaders capable of handling groups from eight to fifteen students on long or short campaigns and help in computation of student scholarships.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Greetings in Jesus' name. May these few lines find you and your staff in the best of health enjoying God's richest blessings.

I want to thank you for keeping me up to date with the *Regional Voice*. It's about time that we (the black congregation) have our own magazine. This way we are not left out and we know what is taking place in the various regional conferences.

Though I'm not charged for the *Voice*, however, I am enclosing the sum of \$5.00 to help further the cause. Wishing you all continued success.

May this year bring you, your family, the staff, and their families much success. God richly bless you.

Albert A. Ward
Orlando, Florida

SUNSET CALENDAR

	February	22	29	March 7	14		February	22	29	March 7	14
Chicago, Ill.		5:32	5:40	5:48	5:56	Boston, Mass		5:25	5:34	5:41	5:49
South Bend, Indiana		6:27	6:35	6:42	6:50	New York City		5:36	5:44	5:52	6:00
Minneapolis, Minn.		5:51	6:00	6:08	6:18	Buffalo, N.Y.		5:55	6:04	6:11	6:20
St. Louis, Mo.		5:46	5:53	6:00	6:07	Atlanta, Ga.		6:28	6:34	6:39	6:45
Kansas City, Mo.		6:03	6:11	6:17	6:24	Miami, Fla.		6:18	6:22	6:26	6:29
Denver, Co.		5:44	5:52	5:58	6:06	Charlotte, N.C.		6:13	6:19	6:24	6:30
Little Rock, Ark.		5:58	6:05	6:10	6:16	Birmingham, Ala.		5:38	5:44	5:48	5:54
Dallas, Texas		6:19	6:24	6:29	6:34	Jackson, Miss.		5:53	5:58	6:03	6:08
New Orleans, La.		5:54	5:59	6:03	6:08	Memphis, Tenn.		5:49	5:56	6:01	6:07
Albuquerque, N.M.		5:55	6:02	6:07	6:13	Louisville, Ky.		6:29	6:36	6:42	6:49
Oklahoma City, Okla.		6:19	6:26	6:31	6:37	Detroit, Mich.		6:14	6:23	6:30	6:38

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

Dear Editor:

Please begin an immediate subscription for me to the *Regional Voice* beginning with the current issue. I understand the subscription rate is \$5.00 per year.

I have seen a few issues out here in the Pacific Northwest that a friend back east sent to us. The articles, pictures, stories, etc. are really exciting and most of all spiritual. I think the new magazine far outstrips the old *Informant*. Keep up the good work you already have begun. You have our support.

Bert B. Reid
Federal Way, Washington

Dear Editor:

Recently I saw a copy of the *North American Regional Voice* and enjoyed reading through it. I compliment you on an interesting and readable journal.

I am wondering if you would be interested in putting us on your exchange list. We would be willing to do the same with the *North Pacific Union Gleaner*. This way both of us can mutually benefit from seeing each other's publication. If you would like to do this, let me know and we will proceed accordingly.

Morton Juberg, Editor
North Pacific Gleaner

Dear Editor:

The General Conference Archives maintains files of all Seventh-day Adventist English periodicals. When I first saw the *North American Regional Voice*, I recognized this as a publication that should be permanently preserved in the General Conference Archives.

We invite you to place this fine publication in our hands for preservation on a regular basis by sending a complimentary copy of each issue to the Archives.

F. Donald Yost
Director of Archives
General Conference of SDA

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Dear Editor:

I am a very isolated member of the Lake Region Conference and I cannot express my joy at receiving my first issue of the *Regional Voice* Magazine! It was wonderful to read about my friends from the different churches and to know what is happening throughout North America. Your magazine is very well put together and a real pleasure to receive and read! Enclosed is a check for my subscription. Thank you for keeping me in touch with my church. Keep up the good work!

Mary Christensen

Dear Editor:

I was certainly impressed by your October edition of the *North American Regional Voice*. I found it to be informative, in terms of whose doing what, and where; as well as being spiritually uplifting with regards to the spreading of the gospel among Black people.

I'm enclosing the \$5.00 subscription; I don't want to miss another issue! May God continue to be with you in all your efforts.

Mary Adams-Prieur

Dear Editor:

I am a member of Berean S.D.A. Church in St. Louis, Missouri. I would like to be placed on your active mailing list to receive the *North American Regional Voice* magazine. I was on the active mailing list of *Informant* which is no longer published.

I would love to receive the back issue that featured the Abney family. I would appreciate any consideration you might give to this request.

Mrs. Georgeanna W. Willis

Dear Editor:

I'm not black, but get your paper the *Regional Voice*. I was wondering if this is an error or all members in conferences get it? (as I also get the other papers of conference.)

I enjoyed your article on Elder Abney and pictures of his family in November issue. On the other hand the editor seems to be more concerned *who* controls the Unions, black or white, rather *who is fit in Christian love* and finish the gospel message so our dear Savior may come.

I've *never* seen in our papers where it stated our ministers, churches, etc., are better than Blacks. Not very Christian. This view is not in harmony with Christian principles.

Harold Carlson
Ortonville, Michigan

P.S. Lots of us white brethren have given to your cause and offerings such as Oakwood College, etc. It upsets me to see so *many* editorials.

Dear Editor:

The *Regional Voice* does not regularly carry information from the West Coast because of the lack of Regional Conferences.

Many of us on the West Coast rely on, and look forward to the information contained in the *Regional Voice* as a source of encouragement, and as a way of keeping up with friends.

As soon as I establish permanent residence in Seattle, I will be sending in my subscription.

Let us continue to pray for each other as we fight the good fight of faith.

Leroy B. Washington
Seattle, Washington

A wise man adapts himself to circumstances as water shapes itself to the vessel that contains it.

THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

WITCHITA HOSTS YOUTH FEDERATION

The Central States MV Federation was held in Wichita, Kansas. The opening address on Friday night was given by Pastor T. A. McNealy from the Maranatha SDA Church in Atlanta, Georgia. His theme penetrated the question asked by Jesus in Luke 8:45, "Who Touched Me?" On Sabbath morning the Sabbath School Services were conducted by the young people of the Bethel SDA Church in Kansas City, Kansas. A joint Sabbath School lesson was taught by Carl Sirls. The Lay Activities portion of the program was presented by the members of the Atchison SDA Church.

Elder McNealy's eleven o'clock message centered on the prophetic implications of Revelation six. His sermon was entitled, "One More River to Cross."

The MV Hour placed emphasis upon Christian Education. The young adults and pastor of the Leavenworth Church presented a skit pointing out the eternal benefits of education by God.

The Central MV Federation has established a scholarship fund in the name of the late Elder M. A. Burgess. The scholarship program is to provide needed funds for young people attending Adventist academies and colleges within the United States.

Sabbath Activities concluded with vesper services from the Topeka College Avenue SDA Church.

One of the special highlights and extraordinary features of the federation was the Central Federation Choir under the direction of Jacci Lucas. The Choir was organized to provide special music for the federation. The choir was accompanied by Ruby Robinson on organ, Pat McClanahan on electric piano, Cheryl Reese on piano, Ricky Brown on percussion, and Alfred Reese on trumpet and saxophone.

The weekend activities were basketball, and bowling held at Wichita State University.

On Sunday morning the delegates to the federation met at Grove Height SDA Church to elect officers for 1980. Lawrence Lucas was re-elected as President.

Under Lucas' administration for the past one and a half year \$8,000 have been added to the treasury, a workable constitution has been formulated, his leadership has led to the spiritual growth of hundreds of black young people. Lucas says, "We need to rely upon the Lord and His divine Guidance. Yet He can't and will not accept us unconditionally. Some of our habits, attitudes and ways of dealing with our youth must stop. . . We must bring the validity of Christian living to our youth!"

One can only be moved by the consecration and dedication of the federation membership to the finishing of God's work in this generation. One young man gave his heart to the Lord during the Sabbath Service after traveling close to 1,000 miles to attend the federation. It is ultimately to this end, the salvation of mankind, that the Central MV organizes its forces hastening the coming of our Lord.

YOUTH SOCIETY PRESENTS "A HAPPY MARRIAGE"

The Adventist Youth Society of the Berean SDA Church presented a play entitled "Happy Marriage" written by Regina Whitten.

The play centered around a young man and his girlfriend wanting to get married at an early age. As the play develops, the young people do get married, have three children and later the husband becomes ill with a heart condition.

The family goes through the same routine everyday—long working hours, noisy kids, and family arguments. It was not until the husband had his heart attack that the husband and wife joined together realizing they needed one another.

The play brought out a very significant point: sometimes it takes special circumstances and shared experiences to bring husbands and wives together to the point of full dependence one on the other.

Our young playwright and the fifteen participants in the presentation demonstrated the extraordinary talent that is found among our Adventist youth today.



James Boddie, newly appointed area director for Northern and North Pacific Areas for Christian Record Braille Foundation.

BODDIE APPOINTED ACTING DIRECTOR OF CRBF FOR THE NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

LINCOLN—James Boddie, a district representative for the Christian Record Braille Foundation since 1975, has been appointed acting director of the Northern and North Pacific Areas.

Boddie, formerly serving the visually impaired in central Indiana, held a short tenure as director of the Lake Area in 1978. The Northern Area encompasses the states of North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. North Pacific includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. He will supervise the 11 representatives currently working in these areas.

"I feel it's important to minister to individuals with sight problems," Boddie says. "It's rewarding to see blind persons respond to Christian love and concern."

The new director will reside in Lincoln and make his office at the CRBF headquarters. Boddie and wife, Barbara, have four children, Crystal, 17; Teresa, 14; James, Jr., 10; and Rachonda, 8.



Tommie Lowe, newly appointed assistant field director at Christian Record Braille Foundation.

LOWE APPOINTED ASSISTANT FIELD DIRECTOR OF CRBF

LINCOLN—Tommie Lowe, currently serving as director of the CRBF in the Lake Area, has been appointed Assistant Field Director.

Lowe has been affiliated with Christian Record since 1972, beginning as a field representative in southern Kansas. He also served as director of the Columbia Area.

Lowe will assist in coordinating National Camps for Blind Children, glaucoma screening clinics and the work of 100 field representatives located throughout the United States and Canada.

"I'm very proud to be associated with the humanitarian service provided by Christian Record to the many blind and visually impaired persons who live among us," Lowe says.

Lowe and wife, Ann, have three children, Natasha, 21; Anthony, 18; and Thyra, 11.

LAKE REGION



Elder Reginald, Superintendent of Education for Lake Region Conference stands with veteran educator, Miss Cantrell.

DEVOLIA CANTRELL IS HONORED WITH "THIS IS YOUR LIFE"

Devolia Cantrell was honored at the annual fall workers meeting with a "This Is Your Life Program" in appreciation for her forty continuous years of denominational service as an elementary teacher.

It was a great surprise for Mrs. Cantrell, as Mrs. Inez Shelton, a veteran teacher, announced, "This Is Your Life, Devolia."

The program followed Mrs. Cantrell's career from the Union Academy in Washington, D.C. to Oakwood College.

Her first teaching assignment was in Meridian, Mississippi where she received \$30 per month in salary. She supplemented her income by selling magazines on Sundays.

She was later called to Knoxville, Tennessee with a salary increase to \$40 per month. After serving one year, she returned home where her father encouraged her to get a job that would provide her with a descent living.

Turning down several government job offers, Mrs. Cantrell accepted a teaching position in Flint, Michigan, teaching grades 1 through 8. From there she was called to teach at the Sharon Academy in Inkster, Michigan where she remained until moving to the new Peter-son Academy built in Inkster.

Mrs. Cantrell has been urged on many occasions to accept administrative positions but has chosen to remain in the classroom.

Words of appreciation and commendation were spoken by fellow workers, administrators, former students and parents. Some parents who now have children in Mrs. Cantrell's classroom are former students of hers.

Gifts were presented to help Mrs. Cantrell long remember this moment when time was taken to say thank you for her selfless giving to others.

Phenicie Thomas
Communication Secretary

"NO SMOKING DAY" PROCLAIMED IN GARY

Richard Gordon Hatcher, Mayor of Gary, Indiana proclaimed October 27, 1979 as "No Smoking Day," at the request of the Temperance Department of the Mizpah Seventh-day Adventist Church. A full day was planned to stress the importance of not smoking.

Conrad L. Gill, Youth and Temperance Director of the Lake Region Conference was the guest speaker for the day.

Films were shown which focused on not smoking. They were entitled, *One in 20,000* and *A Crutch For All Seasons*.

All the churches in Gary worked together by bringing their members and friends to see the films. Flyers were sent out in the neighborhoods and were distributed in various churches and public schools.

The Temperance Committee sought a No Smoking Day Proclamation from the Mayor. As a result, on October 24, 1979 at his News/Business Session, Mayor Hatcher, a non-smoker himself, read the proclamation and presented it to the group. The proclamation appeared in the *Gary Post Tribune* on October 26, 1979.

There was a good attendance at the showing of the films. Pastors from the community brought their congregations and provided the use of the building free of charge.

The Mizpah Temperance Committee suggested to the visiting churches to start their own temperance societies as an effort to help stamp out crime in Gary. The group is making themselves available to help the other churches to get started.

Many have vowed to stop smoking after seeing the films. We hope that others have been helped by the proclamation and the films.

Christine Kennedy
Communication Secretary

SHARON SCHOOL HOSTS CONCERT

Recently the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist School of Milwaukee, Wisconsin presented its first musical concert of the year entitled "Starting A New Day" with featured soloist Cheryl Lynnette Harris.

The Sharon School has an enrollment of forty-two students. The students sponsored this concert in an effort to help with the school finances.

Prizes were given to three students for raising the most money. First place was presented to Janie Taylor, a fifth grade student and Stephan Foster, a seventh grade student. Second place was given to Ollie Triggs a fifth grade student.

Approximately \$600 was raised for this program.

Miss Harris is presently co-directress of "The Creations," a group of about 22 young adults at the Shiloh Church in Chicago, Illinois.

She has previously sung with various groups while attending Forest Lake Academy in Maitland, Florida and also Andrews University.

You never get a second chance to make a good impression.

LAKE REGION HOLDS WORKERS' RETREAT

Lake Region recently held its annual fall workers retreat at Potawatomi State Park in Angola, Indiana. The park was nestled in a wooded area with deer and racoons roaming freely around the premises.

Ministers, Bible Instructors, and Teachers met to sharpen their skills and to fellowship with one another.

Dr. William DeShay, Director of Black Affairs for the Southern California Conference was the invited guest for this occasion. He spoke during several sessions on the topic "The Psychology of Pastoral Care," and outlined the Hierarchy of Needs. He emphasized the need for workers for Christ to show compassion. He also stressed the fact that one should look beyond a persons actions to the reasons which caused a person to act in such a manner. The importance of a good family background was discussed showing how our upbringing affects every aspect of our lives.

During the meeting Mrs. Devolia Cantrell, a teacher for over forty years within the denomination, was honored during this workers' retreat. Mrs. Cantrell was greatly surprised as she heard, "This is your life, Devolia." Many people whose lives she had touched were present and gave testimony of her kindness and dedication.

Various workshops were held on many phases of the ministry and teaching.

With new goals set and a better understanding of the work at hand, the workers were set out to again labor for Christ.

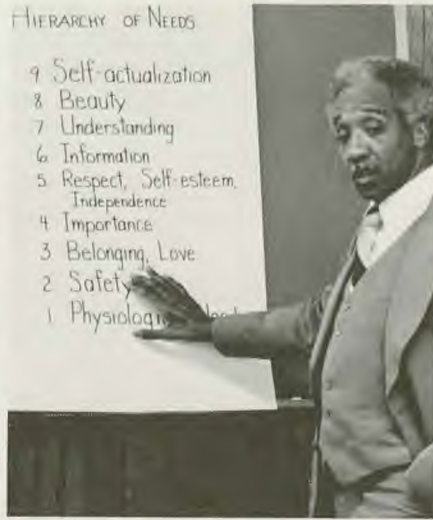
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Correspondent



Ministers and Bible Instructors listen intently as new techniques are presented.

HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

- 9 Self-actualization
- 8 Beauty
- 7 Understanding
- 6 Information
- 5 Respect, Self-esteem, Independence
- 4 Importance
- 3 Belonging, Love
- 2 Safety
- 1 Physiologic



Dr. William Deshay speaks on the topic "The Psychology of Pastoral Care."



The teachers of Lake Region as they participate in a workshop.



The Shepherdess Club making plans for the coming year.

NORTHEASTERN

NORTHEASTERN'S COMMUNITY CENTER TAKES CARE OF THE WORLD

Stephanie Johnson

To the teeming masses of the world, the Northeastern Community Service Center under the leadership of Elder Samuel James is a light at the end of a tunnel filled with misery and despair. The center is a flourishing oasis of liberality for countless battered wives, abused children, narcotic addicts and destitute families. These people are treated with respect (an unknown courtesy for many recipients). There is no red tape, no humiliating interrogation, and no inspectors to determine if the recipient is worthy.

The Center has not only met the needs of Metropolitan New York, but has distributed furniture, shoes, clothing, bedding, fabric, religious literature, and Bibles to Africa, Canada, the Caribbean, South America, Mexico, New Guinea, and Eastern Europe. Almost every continent has received some assistance from the Center. Several merchants, Alexanders, Time Square Stores, and Jonathan Logan having heard about the activities of the center have made liberal donations.

The Center is the brain child of Miss Mattie Johnson who in the early seventies realized the need to reach the lowly indigent people of New York City. Elder Edgar Lockett, then Lay Activities Secretary for Northeastern Conference and his secretary, Mrs. Juanita Hamilton secured a building in Corona, New York. Since that time the Center has rapidly grown.

The Center not only distributes goods to the needy but it offers classes in sewing, cooking, home nursing, and Bible study as an effort to enlighten the people.

Elder James was born for this work. His concern and commitment to helping people started while he was a lad in Connecticut. He would take his mother's chickens and give them to poor families. While working as a literature evangelist often times he would give food and clothing to the families. He and his wife, Rhoda operated a community services center in their garage before the present Center was opened.

Northeastern



S. O. James, Community Services Director, lectures.

Elder James has a dedicated, committed staff of mature men and women whose greatest joy is helping others. Mrs. Edwina Hunt, a volunteer who works five days a week, sorting, packing, and washing clothes. "There is nothing else I like to be doing, it gives me great joy!" Mr. Lewis J. Morgan is employed part-time but works full-time. His duties consist of repairing furniture, fitting people for shoes and doing clerical work.

Mrs. Carolyn Bryant, has been an active volunteer since she was baptized five years ago. Mrs. Rose Morgan, a recently baptized member because of a Bible Class conducted by O'Neill Roberts every Friday, conscientiously gives her services to the Center.

Mrs. Mable Makins a professional seamstress for nearly forty years can be seen on her off day repairing tattered



Mrs. Rhoda James instructs students in the art of sewing.

clothes, sewing buttons, and hemming dresses to give to the people.

Mrs. Rhonda James works along with her husband repairing clothes, teaching sewing, cooking classes and conducting counseling sessions.

Mr. Selton Cobb, a full-time employee along with volunteers Anthony Todd and John Champen can be found throughout metropolitan New York delivering and receiving furniture. These are just some of the many caring people you will find there.

The center is well-equipped and organized to set up whole families at an hours notice. Elder James can relate countless stories of families burned out or evicted; pregnant mothers with children sleeping out in the hallways because they didn't have a place to live; families leaving their countries to come to America arriving destitute. Then someone, whether the welfare, charitable organizations, or people,



Community Services van readied for distribution of clothing.

direct them to the center and the center willingly provides furniture, shoes, clothes, dishes, bedding, toys, etc.

Many people have been baptized as a result of the Center. Yet, Elder James is not content "for Community Services is my life." He would like to involve every church member by bringing needy persons in their community who need assistance and follow up the interest.

Elder James has pledged upon retirement to present a new Church every year. Compassionate and committed may well describe Elder James and his staff.

"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; Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."



Mrs. Olga Dehring displays plaque presented to her by Earl Bell.

LAY ACTIVITIES SECRETARY HONORED

Mrs. Olga Dehring was presented a plaque by Mr. Earl Bell, lay activities leader, of Bethel SDA Church of Brooklyn, New York, for service above and beyond the call of duty. Service only a Christian full of love for others could perform. Mrs. Dehring provides the books and literature for the Bethel church. She is ever making sure that the Seventh-day Adventist literature is available and accessible to the members. Thousands of pieces of literature are given out each year from Bethel and Mrs. Dehring orders then distributes them to the church members.

The year was 1962, a year of turmoil, a time of awareness, war rallies, peace marches, the civil rights movement. It was during this period Mrs. Dehring started her service as lay activities secretary. Seventeen years have come and gone. Gone are the sit-ins, the draft, the Vietnam war, the sixties, the seventies, almost two decades, but Mrs. Dehring is still faithful.

Through trials and hardships, a broken leg two years ago, she has endured. She has continued her lay activities work even in pain on her hospital bed. She is known and loved by all at Bethel. For her services, for her devotion she is deserving of this honor and more. The Bethel family is proud and grateful that the Lord has seen fit to provide us with a member like Mrs. Dehring. May she ever be faithful so the plaque may be a forerunner of the crown of life.

Kenneth LaiHing
Communication Secretary

NORTHEASTERN ACADEMY BECOMES A TESTING CENTER

Northeastern Academy has been approved as a non-Saturday Test Center for both ACT (American College Testing) and SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) college entrance examinations.

Mrs. Esmee J. Bovell, Guidance Counselor, at Northeastern Academy will serve as test Center Supervisor. In addition, the Academy will serve as a non-Saturday Test Center for the Board of Respiratory Therapists.



Mrs. Esmee Bovell, past CENTER supervisor.

CONQUERING HIGHER HEIGHTS AT MT. ZION

by Carol Wells

The year 1979 saw the Lay Activity Department at Mt. Zion church in New Haven, Connecticut, climbing heights never before attained. Under the competent leadership of Ms. Lola Nathan, one hundred non-Adventists received diplomas after having successfully completed the Amazing Facts Bible study course. Graduation exercises were held prior to the 11 o'clock service on eight different occasions during the course of the year.

The Amazing Facts is a series of Bible studies geared to teaching individuals more about the Bible and the 'truths' we hold. Upon completion of this series, these Bible students are invited to attend the church for the graduation exercises where they receive their diplomas and a copy of *Steps to Christ*. Graduates can then proceed to attend Bible classes held at the church where they receive a

copy of *The Desire of Ages*. Instructors for these classes were Elders Wright and Franklin and Mr. Robert Storey.

Members of the church receiving special awards for outstanding service in this area were Mrs. Connie Harrell, Helen Dear, and Mr. Sam Franklin and Leander Reid. The special Lay Activity Award went to Joan Stinson who was responsible for 15 contacts.

Each graduation featured special speakers. Some of the more prominent ones were: Dr. George Earle, President of the Northeastern Conference, Dr. Charles Bradford, Vice-President of the North American Division, Elder Reginald Washington, Pastor of the Poughkeepsie church, Elder Aaron A. Brogden, Secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, Dr. Dave McCottry, Evangelist for the Allegheny East Conference, and Elder Norman Snipes, present Pastor at Mt. Zion. These all presented very inspirational messages stirring the congregation on to even higher heights.

THE DEDICATION OF THE ELLENVILLE SDA CHURCH

In the fall of the year, October 6, 1979, the Ellenville SDA Church under the pastoral leadership of Elder Charles Parker, was dedicated. Dr. George Earle, President of the Northeastern Conference and Elder A. N. Brogden, Secretary of the Atlantic Union were among the many distinguished participants. Here is a brief history of the trials and triumphs of this church:

"And it came to pass" under God's direction, around 1938, a small company of Seventh-day Adventists established roots in Ellenville for the main purpose of spreading the gospel of salvation. Like the disciples of Christ's day they had a strong desire to worship their creator so they held services in the homes of various ones. As a result, others began to come from various areas of the land to help in the fostering of the work.

In October 15, 1947, it was necessary to organize this group into the Ellenville S.D.A. Mission on Center St. under the Leadership of Bro. Charles W. Nelson who was sent by the late Elder L. H. Bland, then the President of the Northeastern Conference. This group increased and began seeking other accommodations which was gladly opened to them by the Reformed Church in May, 1948. By the leading hand of God, our

first official leader was sent to us by the Conference in the person of Samuel J. Hooper in October 1953.

One of their greatest moments was the acceptance into the sisterhood of churches and given the name First S.D.A. Church on May 1, 1954, by Elder H. D. Singleton, former President and Elder V. L. Roberts, former Secretary-Treasurer of Northeastern Conference. At this time there was an approximate membership of 35.

On September 18, 1954, the church members moved to the children's auditorium of Christ Lutheran Church on Center Street. We later moved to the Community Baptist Church on Berme Road for our services. However, with all these achievements, through the fellowship of Jesus Christ, there still remained in their hearts a desire to have their own place of worship. This aspiration was executed by the purchase of a lot on the corner of Clinton Avenue and Center St. It was here that God's people experienced many disappointments and setbacks as they endeavored to complete a house of worship for God. But they never stopped praying, nor did they lose their dream that one day their prayers would be fully answered.

It was a happy occasion that on Sunday afternoon, May 1, 1955, ground was broken on the lot they had purchased. Services were held on the site by Elder H. D. Singleton. Although far from completion the First S.D.A. Church moved into their own church building on May 5, 1956. On February 13, 1960 it was voted that the "First" be dropped from its title and be only called Ellenville Seventh-day Adventist Church of Ellenville, N.Y.

As the membership enlarged, many wanted to complete the church building and they began by appealing to others for this purpose. The present structure of this edifice was completed under the able and vigorous leadership of Pastor Dennis Ross. The years of toil and labor for the erection of this building to the Glory of God gave each member a great satisfaction to see this consummation.

We cannot fail in mentioning other leaders that made strives and shares their dreams over the years toward the same goal. Such capable Elders as Samuel W. Stovall, George W. Timpson, James J. North, E. C. Atkinson, Lance V. Shand, Dennis Ross, Jr., Robert Wisdom Sr., and Alfonso Williams are filled with joy to realize that their attempts were not in vain.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

MORTGAGE BURNING— DEDICATION SERVICES AT MACON

"We've come this far by faith" was the slogan heard at Bethany SDA Church in Macon, Georgia, on October 13, 1979. It was a high day for all the members and visiting friends, for they celebrated their Mortgage Burning-Dedication Day of the present 300 seat church which was built thirteen years ago.

It all began in 1910 in the home of Mrs. Mattie Elnora Miller Jones. She had a burning desire to share her new light with Maconites. She helped Mr. Green, a literature evangelist, to hold a tent effort in Macon.

Under the leadership of Elder John Williams, the next meeting place was the Masonic Temple, then came a house on Third Avenue and Moughon Street, Walker's Business College building, the Spring Street Tabernacle (then the name of the Macon Church). During an interim period, the church was without a home and continued worship at several different churches around the city. Seeing the need for a church home, Mrs. Fannie Willoughby and her husband, Bennie, sought a landsite on which to build a new church.

In June, 1966, with funds from the old building, a rally, help from the South Atlantic Conference, the dedicated



Bethany SDA Church in Macon, GA, built in 1966 by Elder Paul Monk; and dedicated by Elder Marvin Brown, the present pastor, on October 13, 1979.

leadership of Elder Paul Monk, the present structure was erected and the name modified.

The small seed of God's word and actions in the heart of one woman, the hard working past pastors, our present

On Sabbath April 3, 1971 it was a great and glorious moment. It marked the grand opening of their new church building on the Corner of Clinton Avenue and Center Streets.

Among those persons at the ribbon cutting ceremony was Lawrence Evers, Village Manager of Ellenville; along with John Maddox, one of the first settlers here, Pastor Dennis Ross, Pastor Herbert E. Henley, Elder George R. Earle, Elder Theophilus Wright, and also Samuel J. Hooper.

Trophies were presented to Elder Earle, Elder Carter, Elder Brooks, and Dennis Ross, our former Pastor. Acknowledgement and gratitude was given Elder John Maddox for his untiring effort in the building of the pulpit.

Guest speakers were present each night for the week of celebration. With much regret Pastor Herbert E. Henley had to leave to continue his ministerial education. He left September 1972 to enroll in Andrews University.

On October 21, 1972 Ralph L. Williams was appointed Pastor of the Church. His wife Willie Mae and their 5 children served in this area until October 11, 1975. Under his leadership a successful team effort was conducted winning many souls to Christ thus increasing the membership. Also many necessities were added to the church interior and exterior to improve it.

On October 11, 1975 Williams was transferred to Pastor the Shiloh SDA Church in Springfield, Mass.

The church was without a Pastor for 9 months. Nevertheless, church members continued to look onward, upward, and forward until June 5, 1976 when Pastor Reginal W. Washington came to shepherd the flock.

Under his leadership, he started to dig us out of our deep financial hole and put us on our feet financially and spiritually. In a matter of months we were working on plans to burn the mortgage. At the time we only had \$400 in the building fund.

Sister Agatha Hazell was appointed chairperson of the Building Fund Committee in February 1978 and in a matter of months over \$20,000 was raised toward the Building Fund.

On February 7, 1979 the Pastor along with several officers of the church went to the Empire National Bank in Newburgh to pay off the mortgage. This was a glorious day for us all.

Then, on February 15, 1979, Pastor Washington was selected to serve the Poughkeepsie, Kingston, and Beacon, New York churches; and Pastor Charles E. Parker, on March 3, 1979, became our new Pastor.

Today we have a church we can be proud of, and our prayer today is one of Thanksgiving—"Praise God from whom all Blessings flow!!"

A WEEK IN ZION

The Week of Prayer at Mount Sinai SDA Church in Springfield, Gardens, New York began with enthusiasm and great expectation as the waiting congregation learned that Elder Leonard G. Newton, Stewardship Director of Northeastern Conference, was the surprise speaker. Pastor Doctor Smith had promised a spirit-filled speaker but would not give his name.

Every member of the congregation sat in awe as the speaker spoke on "The Champion of the World." This sermon was the beginning of "A Week in Zion."

Each message opened up new insight for all trying to live a victorious Christian life.

Dorothy Speight

BROOKLYN TEMPLE HOLDS "GIVE AWAY DAY"

On a breezy Sunday morning on the corner of Lewis and Myrtle Avenue in Brooklyn, New York numerous people gathered to receive free blood pressure examinations, shoes, pocketbooks, clothing and literature.

At the end of a generous day Mrs. Pernel Holt, Health and Welfare leader of the Brooklyn Temple SDA Church reported that over three thousand pieces of clothing were given away.

H. R. McFarlane
Communication Secretary

**Oakwood
College
Homecoming
April 4-6, 1980**

pastor, the funds left by Mrs. Fannie Willoughby, sacrificing members, resulted in a mortgage burning-dedication ceremony was carried out superbly.

The speakers for this occasion were Elder Paul Monk, and President R. L. Woodfork. There was a soul stirring concert given by the Edward Williams and Company of Tennessee at the Adventist Youth Hour, and a huge banquet culminating the day of festivities.

With the consecrated guidance of

Elder M. M. Brown, our present leader, much prayer and perseverance, and the direction of the Holy Spirit, the Bethany SDA Church thanks God this task has been accomplished.

The following pastors that spoke each night were: Elder E. C. Ward, Elder Joseph McCoy, Elder Walter Darby, Elder R. E. Tottress, Elder Henry Holt, and Elder R. B. Hairston.

Mrs. Willie M. Butts
Communications Secretary



Literature evangelists of South Atlantic Conference who attended the six-conference convention in Orlando, Florida, December 27, 1979-January 1, 1980. Extreme left on front row is Elder T. R. Smith, director and extreme right is Welton Jones, literature evangelist who had the second highest deliveries in the conference.

SOUTH ATLANTIC HOSTS LITERATURE EVANGELISTS INSTITUTE

Six of the eight conferences joined Elder T. R. Smith, Publishing Director of the South Atlantic Conference in Orlando, Florida, on December 27-January 1. The conferences which collaborated with South Atlantic in the Literature Evangelists institute were: Allegheny East, Allegheny West, Central States, Lake Region, Northeastern, and South Central.

The purpose of the meeting was to report the accomplishments of the conferences during 1979 in sales and soul-winning as well as to get inspiration from other publishing secretaries and speakers. Not including December deliveries, the six conferences delivered \$1,909,697 worth of literature. Elder Robert LaGrone, Publishing Director for Allegheny East, led the fields who reported, with a delivery total for the 11 months of \$654,220 and 332 baptisms. The Publishing Director with the highest individual delivery was Elder Samuel Barber, of the Lake Region Conference,

who reported one Literature Evangelist having delivered \$43,000 of literature. Arthur Fairfax, Associate Publishing Director for North and South Carolina, reported 92 of the 206 baptisms in the South Atlantic Conference. Elder Smith reported \$369,000 in deliveries. The two highest deliveries in the South Atlantic Conference were: Errol Smith of Dania, Florida, with \$33,000; and Welton Jones of Tampa, Florida, with \$23,000.

Three of the six presidents attended and participated in the program. They were: Elder L. R. Palmer of Allegheny East; Dr. Charles Joseph of Lake Region; and Elder G. R. Earle of Northeastern. Elder R. B. Hairston, the secretary of South Atlantic Conference, represented Dr. R. L. Woodfork, the host president. Other notable guests were: Elder Wally Coe, president of Columbia Union, who delivered the sermon for the communion service on Friday night; Dr. E. E. Cleveland, Chairman of the Department of Missions at Oakwood College, who delivered the Sabbath message, and who was also Master of Ceremonies for the Awards Banquet on Saturday night.

ELIM SDA CHURCH SPONSORS DUAL DAY

The men and women of Elim SDA Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, joined together in the culmination of a fund-raising drive to raise \$10,000 to provide an organ and baptistry for the church.

The guest speaker for the event was F. W. Parker, pastor of Atlanta-Berean Church, and also a native of the area—Tampa. In speaking on the theme—"Christians United in Love and Service for God and Man"—Parker admonished the audience to always remember God "in the beginning" of all endeavors because in doing so, man becomes secure and thereby able to love and serve his fellowman. Betty Thomson's rendition of "Until Then" was quite fitting as a pacesetter for Elder Parker's message.

The Male and Women's Choruses of Dupont Park, Washington, D.C., supplied rich music for the day. They presented a beautiful music appreciation hour at 5:30 p.m.

Doris Hardeman, chairperson of the Dual Day Decoration Committee, painted a life-size picture of Christ retrieving Peter during Peter's short walk on the waves in the Sea of Galilee. The vesper service was highlighted by the dramatic rendition of the "The Creation" by Celeste Lewis. It was conducted by Mrs. Merrell Brayboy who, along with her brother, Terrell Danley, presented the church with a beautiful planter of greenery in honor of their mother, Annie Danley, who was a pioneer of Elim SDA church.

Elder W. C. Byrd, the new pastor of Elim, expressed his appreciation and satisfaction for being called to the pastorate of Elim SDA church in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Gayle St. Onge
Communication Secretary



Elder W. C. Byrd, new pastor for Elim SDA Church in St. Petersburg, expresses gratitude for being present at the Dual Day program.

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE'S 1980 WORKERS' MEETING

"Couples in the Ministry" was the title of the seminar that dominated more than two of the three days of the Annual January's Workers' Meeting of the South Atlantic Conference held in Orlando, Florida. It began on Sunday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m., when President R. L. Woodfork introduced Dr. and Mrs. Delmer Holbrook, the co-directors of the Family Life Service Department of the General Conference of SDA. The primary areas of discussion at the seminar were: Pre-Marriage Education, Non-Believing Spouse; Family Worship; Family Council; Family Finance; and Sexuality. It is a new dimension and a new direction which Elder Woodfork brought to this annual workers' meeting.

The fact that the fundamental unit—the cornerstone of society—which is the family, has been badly eroded and falling apart is of great concern. However, to the consternation of everyone is to observe that the Adventist family and even the ministry are no exceptions. This is one reason why the General Conference has assigned this couple—the Holbrooks—responsibility to do everything possible to lead a team of experts in Family Life and Christian Counseling to try and rescue the church (worldwide) from this devastating assault of Satan.

The seminar was well received by the workers. Sampling of some of the comments of the ministers and their wives were as follows: "The Couples in the Ministry Seminar was need-fulfilling. The Temperament Analysis Profile (from the Taylor-Johnson Temperament Analysis Test) was the single most significant aspect, leading to an acute self-awareness which will serve as a catalyst toward many future improvements. The instructors deserve our applause and appreciation . . ." "We found the seminar . . . very stimulating, informative, full of depth, helpful, and practical." "I think the workshop has been enlightening and informative and very much needed. I personally gained much from the free-style and personal relationship and mannerism of Dr. Holbrook and his wife. They are clear, concise, and represent to me a couple who is sharing, in a loving way, the message it is endeavoring to get across."

Evangelism was one of the major topics discussed at the workers'

meeting. According to the baptismal reports of the pastors, the clerks should confirm over 1,600 baptisms for 1979. A number of large meetings were cancelled in 1979 because of the unusual number of transfers of workers during the evangelistic season.

In conjunction with the beginning of the new decade of the 80's, the conference workers have set an objective to baptize 3,000 souls in 1980. The entire office staff pledged to participate in evangelistic endeavors this year to assist the pastors in the field to reach the objective.

Three Centurions, T. A. McNealy, J. A. Edgecombe, and F. W. Parker were responsible for a total of 505 baptisms. T. A. McNealy, 280; J. A. Edgecombe, 123; F. W. Parker, 102. These men are pictured as named. There were four quinquagenarians, men who baptized 50 or more during 1979. They are (left to

right): Kenneth Moore, 62; Dennis Ross, 75; Franklin Hill, 70; and Ralph Franklin, 89. Approximately 15 other pastors baptized between 25 and 50 souls each. These were given Certificates of Awards.

At the awards banquet on Tuesday night, January 8, a new award was given entitled Pastorial Achievement Award. This award is to give recognition to the pastor who has excelled in all areas of pastoral ministry in his state. For the state of Florida, James A. Edgecombe of Miami-Bethany and Oscar H. Paul of Orlando-Mt. Sinai tied for first place. In Georgia, Marvin Brown of Macon-Bethany and T. A. McNealy of Atlanta-Maranatha tied for first place. For North Carolina it was Ralph Franklin of Charlotte-Berean. Dennis Ross of Greensboro-East Market was honorably mentioned. For South Carolina, it was

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Workers of South Atlantic Conference at the Workers' Meeting and Seminar. Front row kneeling shows President Woodfork in the center with Mrs. Woodfork standing behind him. T. R. Smith, Publishing Secretary; R. Patterson, Treasurer; R. B. Hairston, Secretary, are to the right of the President; R. Brown; W. D. Sumpter, Southern Union; T. Ellerbe, and J. A. Edgecombe are to the left.



The 1979 Centurions of the South Atlantic Conference standing left to right: Elder T. A. McNealey of Atlanta-Maranatha, baptized 279; Elder James Edgecombe of Miami-Bethany, baptized 123; Elder W. Parker of Atlanta-Berean, baptized 102.



The 1979 Quinquagenarians of South Atlantic Conference standing left to right: Elder Ken Moore of Columbia, South Carolina, baptized 62; Elder Dennis Ross of Greensboro, North Carolina, baptized 75; Elder Franklin S. Hill, III, of Atlanta-Boulevard, baptized 70; and Elder Ralph Franklin of Charlotte, North Carolina, baptized 89.



Left to right: Elder and Mrs. Joseph Dent, South Central Conference, President and Mrs. Frank Knittle, Southern Missionary College, Elder and Mrs. George Timpson, South Atlantic Conference.



Pictured are South Atlantic, South Central and Kentucky-Tennessee Conference teachers and guests on Sabbath at the Holiday Inn, Malaga, Spain.



Left to right: (front row) Mrs. Etta Dudley and Mrs. Ernestine Duff, (second row) Dr. C. E. Dudley, Mrs. Debbie Dudley and daughter, Mr. Charles Dudley, Jr., were united during the recent visit to Malaga, Spain.

SOUTH ATLANTIC AND SOUTH CENTRAL TEACHERS ON EDUCATION TOUR OF SPAIN AND NORTH AFRICA

On Sunday evening, November 18, a group of 105 persons left New York on a nine (9) day overseas tour of Spain which included a side visit of Tangiers, Morocco via a short ferry cruise across the Strait of Gibraltar. The tour was hosted by the offices of education of the Kentucky-Tennessee, South Atlantic and South Central Conferences and sponsored by Southern Missionary College. Visits and tours included the capital city of Madrid, Toledo, the resort city of Malaga on the Southern coast of Spain; the ancient Moorish city of Granada where the group toured the beautiful Alhambra Palace of the Moorish kings on Thanksgiving Day. When the group arrived at Tangiers, Morocco, Elder and Mrs. Charles Dudley were met by their son, Chuck, his wife, Debbie, and her mother, Mrs. Ernestene Duff. The Dudleys and the Duffs are living in Rabat, Morocco, as employees of

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8:38, 39

Westinghouse Corporation.

Sabbath services began Friday at sundown on the boat during the ferry ride from Tangiers back to Malaga. Renowned SDA teacher, author and missionary, Josephine Cunningham Edwards was featured as speaker for the Friday Sabbath vespers. Speakers for Sabbath services held at the Holiday Inn overlooking the Mediterranean sea included: Elder J. F. Dent, Superintendent of Education for South Central Conference, Dr. Frank Knittle, President of Southern Missionary College, worship service, and Dr. C. E. Dudley, President of South Central Conference.

The group which included friends and guests from California, Florida and New York returned to New York Monday afternoon, November 26.

Future tours are planned.

PATHFINDER'S DAY AT LONGVIEW HEIGHTS

Longview Heights SDA Church in Memphis, Tennessee held Pathfinders' Day. The Sabbath School song service was led by Pathfinder Nathaniel Easter; the Superintendent was Pathfinder Esmeralda Pilgram; the prayer was offered by Pathfinder Lisa Smith; Pathfinder Beverly James gave the secretary's report; the mission report was told by Pathfinder Sharhonda Martin; and the teachers' prayer was given by Pathfinder Jacqueline Bells. The senior teachers taught their own individual classes. The only other spot on the Sabbath School program that was not in Pathfinder uniform was the special music given by Praise Unlimited. It was Pathfinders' Day!

After the introit, invocation and affirmation, the pastor asked that the audience remain standing. The sound of the organ was loud and lively as uniformed Pathfinders marched down the aisles carrying flags and a large Bible. The flags were placed, the Pathfinders did an about-face and stood at attention as the organ and piano played "The Captain Calls for You." The other Pathfinders and counselors marched to their places. After reciting the JMV pledge, the pledges to the Bible, and to the American Flag, the club members were seated.

Beverly Pilgram, the director, gave the welcome and recognized special

guests. Mrs. Eva Strother, Master Guide, and veteran Pathfinder leader from Oakwood College; Mrs. R. P. Peay, wife of Southern Union Youth associate leader, and Mr. Pilgram, husband of the Pathfinder director, were among the special guests.

Elder R. P. Peay, Associate Director of Adventist Youth for the Southern Union, was the speaker. It was especially thrilling for him and for the congregation since he was pastor of the Memphis church when the director was a Pathfinder.

On the platform were counselors Dorothy Easter, and Elizabeth Miller, and Deputy Director Herbert Brown, Sr. Other counselors included Hazel Farwell, Deputy Director, and Mark Shaw, Bible Carrier. S. Pilgram and A. Smith were the color guards.

That afternoon the Pathfinders marched again. The presentation of colors was made by Samuel Pilgram and Andrew Smith.

Elder Peay and Mrs. Strothers joined Mrs. Pilgram in presenting to the proud Pathfinders their pins, ties, honors and awards. The director's face was lighted with smiles as she watched the glow in the eyes of the club members who received honors and awards. She almost cried when the club surprised her with a gift of roses for her kindness, devotion, and dedication.

After vespers, the Pathfinders went to Fellowship Hall for demonstrations of marching, knot tying, first-aid, rescue and other skills learned this year. The day closed with the Pathfinders serving refreshments to those who had come to share with them, **PATHFINDERS DAY AT LONGVIEW.**

GRAND OPENING: NEW HEIGHTS S.D.A. CHURCH, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

"To God be the glory, great things He has done." This was the message that reverberated through the hearts of the Pastor and the 112 members of the New Heights S.D.A. Church in Jackson, Mississippi, January 12, 1980. On the day of jubilee some 800 persons attended the opening day services. There were pastors and entire S.D.A. congregations visiting the services. Many community persons were in attendance. Members of the Holy Ghost Catholic Church were there along with dignitaries such as Senator Douglas

Anderson, who is a personal friend of Pastor Richard Bell.

The New Heights S.D.A. Church was only a dream in the mind of Pastor Bell until the end of the summer of 1977. The efforts of an evangelistic campaign had produced a rich harvest of souls creating an overcrowded condition in the Berean S.D.A. Church in Jackson, Mississippi where Pastor Bell was the minister. On December 17, 1977, the New Heights Church was organized only to suffer an immediate setback.

Originally the members of New Heights were planning to buy an already built structure. Attempts were made to purchase an Assembly of God Church. Since the foundation of the church was not stable the congregation of New Heights returned to the drawing board.



Pastor Richard Bell, Gloria J. Bell, Richard A. Bell, Kemba M. Bell, Nzita Bell.

The Lord provided Pastor Bell with a new vision and on April 22, 1979 groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the New Heights S.D.A. Church. The church was to be constructed on a 10-acre tract of land known as the Old Tiger Park. The land was purchased from Dr. R. O. Williams at a cost of \$40,000.00. On July 16, 1979 construction began for the New Heights Church.

Throughout the construction of New Heights, the members of the church along with Pastor Bell who became the full-fledged pastor of New Heights in February, 1979, experienced many joys, agonies, and anticipations during the construction of the building. There were times when it seemed the church would never become a reality, but the Lord was always there pushing Pastor Bell with the answer to every new problem.

In the meantime, the New Heights congregation found it necessary to hold services separately from Berean S.D.A. Church. In April, 1978, the congregation began holding services at Mount Moriah



The completed structure of the New Heights SDA Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

Church on Ridgeway. In July, 1978 a church tent effort was begun in Canton, Mississippi and for three months the congregation of New Heights journeyed to Canton which is about twenty miles from Jackson for services.

From October, 1978 to December, 1978 the congregation held services in the home of one of the church families. December, 1978 found the New Heights congregation again worshipping in the Mount Moriah sanctuary.

Great joy is felt by the members and friends of New Heights as the doors of the church were finally opened January 12, 1980. A dream has become a reality. The members of New Heights will continue to press on the upward way gaining "New Heights" every day. Still praying as they're onward bound. For surely the Lord will plant many feet on higher ground. To God be the glory for this great day.

The New Heights Church and grounds are appraised at \$460,000.00. The church has approximately 12,500 usable square feet of space. The sanctuary seats comfortably 400 people. They have built a Child Development Center that has already been licensed by the state of Mississippi to serve 100 children in Day Care, a Fellowship Hall that has space to serve 230 people in a banquet style dinner, a kitchen that has been completely commercialized, and many other extras in their lovely church "in the round".

The pastor and members have accepted the challenge of baptizing at least 200 souls in 1980.



Ground breaking ceremony for New Heights SDA Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

SAC 1980 Workers Meeting

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Kenneth Moore. A large number of trophies and certificates were given in general for achievements in specific areas of church leadership.

The guest speaker at the awards banquet was Elder Samuel D. Meyers, Associate Secretary of the Stewardship Department of the General Conference. He also gave a very inspiring devotional message to the workers on Wednesday morning entitled "The Picture Gallery of the Gospel." Elder T. R. Smith, Publishing Director of the conference, was the Master of Ceremonies.



A group of youth at the annual retreat stands ready to accept the command.



A group of youth who participated in the annual retreat.

HUNDREDS ATTEND ANNUAL RETREAT

Youth of the Southwest Region Conference gathered together for its annual retreat at the Lone Star Camp.

Activities for this event were: Youth Officers Seminar; Love Enrichment Seminar; Pathfinders Training Seminar. The guest and personnel consisted of: Pastors Edson Weithers, Guyana, South America; J. M. Phipps, Ministerial Secretary; C. L. Wright, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The coordinators were: Carol Porter, Nursing Services from Houston, Texas; M. V. Singleton, Pastor—Houston, Texas—Music and Afterglow; A. Booker, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—

Prayer Bands and Counseling; William Jefferson, Keene, Texas—Recreation; Hazel Mullins, Dallas, Texas—Food Services.

The purpose of the sessions were to help youth leaders with better organization and encouraging more youth witnessing. Edson Weithers Astronomy class covered the constellations, galaxies and the Milky Way. The requirement was fifteen hours, and fifteen students received honors through this study. The Love Enrichment Seminar gave information on love, courtship and marriage.

Another feature of the retreat was the Consecration Candlelight Service held Friday evening. This gave the retreat a greater spiritual lift.

Elder J. M. Phipps was the speaker for

the 11:00 o'clock worship hour who inspired the youth "To Be Taken" for Jesus Christ.

Other Activities included: slides, panel discussions and recreation.

This program was the result of B. E. Wright and Nancy Jones of the Southwest Region Youth Department who worked untiringly to make this a banner weekend.

—Doris Jones
Reporter

Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.

—Robert West



Enter to learn;

depart to serve.

INTO ALL THE WORLD!

It was a great day in Adventism when (in 1959) our Church adopted a Student Missionary program. This plan provides that a student in any of our North American Colleges may serve in any part of the world as a missionary for one year. This gives our young people a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices and joys of mission service, and serves as a stimulus to their interest in being career missionaries.

A student missionary is expected to fill any assignment made by mission administration. This may include teaching English, Bible, Mathematics, as well as farming, construction work, care of the sick and other related activities. Our young people also serve as pastors, Bible instructors and counselors.

The first student missionary from Oakwood College was Barry Black who served in Peru during the year of 1968. From 1968 to 1974, eight other students from Oakwood served as missionaries. The countries in which they worked are: Thailand, Peru, Japan, British Honduras, Korea, and Kenya, Africa.

In 1975, Oakwood sent six student missionaries to the following countries: Indonesia, Brazil, and Korea. In Korea, Mr. Vernon Norman became the first Black principal of the Busan SDA English Language School. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sterling were the first couple to teach at the Busan SDA English Language School in Busan, Korea. Mr. Jason McCracken served as the Assistant Youth Leader for the Rio Grande De Sul Conference in Brazil. He has since returned as a full time missionary.

In 1976, Oakwood sent nine student missionaries to the following countries: Japan, Thailand, Korea, Taiwan, Zambia (Africa), and India. During this period, Mr. Glenward Bryant and Mr. Ronald Walker, along with three other student missionaries helped to organize a church at the Chiba SDA English Language School in Chiba, Japan.

In 1977, Oakwood sent eighteen student missionaries to the following countries: Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Taiwan

and Africa. Of this group, Mr. Drake Barber and Mr. Dave Long (along with others) helped to organize a prison ministry in Indonesia which has continued since their departure. Mr. Milton Blackmon and Mr. Philip Douglas, while teaching at the Chiba SDA English School in Japan, were blessed to witness the school's very first student who was baptized. In Korea, Mr. and Mrs. John Fields were instrumental in baptizing fifty-two students as the result of an evangelistic campaign they conducted at the Kwanju SDA English School in Kwanju, Korea.



Milton Blackmon (SM Director) is in front of his "Japanese sisters." The two young ladies on the right were two of his Bible students. They accepted Jesus Christ, and were baptized and are now attending the SDA college in Japan.

In 1978, Oakwood sent twenty student missionaries to the following countries: Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan, Korea, Africa, Japan, Haiti, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. Of this group, Mr. Charles McNeil, who was sent to Guam to work as an offset printer, had the distinction of holding three different weeks of prayer in various locations.

In 1979, Oakwood sent seventeen student missionaries to the following countries: Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Panama, Guam, Haiti, Zaire, Africa.

Here the English Language School director in Japan, who will be going on furlough for one year, asked Mr. Philip Nixon, who is presently teaching in Tokyo, Japan, to be the acting director of the nine language schools in Japan for one year; Philip and his wife, Margaret, will be serving two years in Japan.

As the student missionaries return to Oakwood, they quickly get involved in various organizations on campus: Literature Evangelism; The Outreach Program; The Student General Conference and the MV Department.



Charles McNeil (OC), Guam-Micronesia.

The offset printer who received his call to the gospel ministry while serving in Guam.

There are now over twenty students preparing to be student missionaries for the 1980-81 school year. The following are many of the various services available to the student missionary: Teaching of English, Bible; Primary, Elementary and Secondary Instruction; Nursing Assistants; Pastoral and Evangelistic work; Secretarial work; Colporteur work; Bible Work; Maintenance and Agriculture services; Printing, Laboratory and X-ray Technicianship; Construction work; and Dietician services.

Recently, the department of Church Missions, headed by Elder E. E. Cleveland, received a jeep-van which was donated to the department by Dr. L. Thomas and a group of friends in California. The jeep-van will be used in enhancing the Student Missionary Program; The Outreach Program, and it has already been used in the Prison Ministry Program. The jeep-van is valued at \$8,000.

The importance of student missionary responsibilities is summed up in Matthew 24:14 where Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in ALL THE WORLD for a witness unto ALL NATIONS: and then shall the END COME."

Your support for these student missionaries is much appreciated.

Oakwood College
Student Missionary Department

A LOOK AT OUR PIONEERS



Elder T. M. Fountain

PORTRAIT OF A PIONEER: THOMAS MOSES FOUNTAIN

Part III—

Stalwart of the Advent Movement

by Stephanie Johnson

In 1917 at age seventeen, young Thomas Fountain entered Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. His first ambition was to be an officer in the army. He dreamed someday of being a general. His life ambition was radically altered when "Elder J. W. McCommus came to Oakwood to talk to the students. He had a book called 'Point and Purpose of Preaching' by Elijah Brown. He said, 'always when preaching, hit the bull's eye.' That man was such a master! He was such a spiritual leader that is the thing that inspired me to be a minister. Elder McCommus told the students, "if you're going out in the ministry always carry God's Word on a clean tray." "Those words stuck with me and many times on Sabbath morning while the birds were singing, Cecil Corkum would have the Oakwood College orchestra playing before Sabbath School that beautiful hymn, 'The Heavens are Telling.' It was so thrilling I would climb up the ladder and go up to the old belfry and ask God to help me be a real Christian minister."

For five years young Thomas remained at Oakwood despite the fact that his oldest sister Carrie died of influenza at the age of twenty-one while attending Oakwood; that he had to work his way through school by canvassing in the summer time and working for twelve cents a day on the college farm.

God heard his prayer and at age twenty-one, he entered the ministry in

the Carolina Conference. Here he worked in Greensboro, LaGrange, Fayetteville, and Lumberton, North Carolina. While working in a tent effort in Greenville, South Carolina with Elder B. W. Abney, he met Mildred Cook, an Oakwood student who was a Bible Instructor and musician at the tent. Two years later in 1926, they were married and from their union was born a son, Thomas M. Fountain, Jr.

Elder Fountain's natural leadership ability led him to be elected as the secretary for the Carolina Conference. He pastored in Norfolk, Virginia and Nashville, Tennessee. While in Tennessee he was chosen as "State man" for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. As "State man," he was consulted on policy and issues that affected the black work. He was the fearless spokesman who refused to deviate from certain principles and standards. Because of his unpopular ideas, he spent three years outside of the organized work and became a self-supporting worker rather than yield to pressures in the organized work.

He always spoke for human rights. Whether representing every black minister in Nashville, Tennessee at an interracial meeting or refusing to enter the back door of a church in Meridian, Mississippi, he stood alone, but he stood.

Elder Fountain pastored in Kansas City, Missouri for five years and organized the first church school. Upon first arriving in Kansas City he stayed in the Y.M.C.A. for two weeks while some internal problems were being worked out. While living there he attended a Monday night Bible class and was asked to become the instructor after it was known that he was a minister. The class grew from six men to forty. One of the students—Mr. Hale along with his wife and their son, Frank, became members of the Berean SDA Church.

After leaving the Midwest he returned to North Carolina and strengthened the churches in Raleigh, Durham, and Goldsboro. He remained there until he was called to the east to pastor the Ephesus Church (now DuPont Park) in Washington, D.C. While pastoring at Ephesus an incident occurred that changed the whole scope of the black work and implemented black conferences.

Lucy Byard of New York came to Washington Missionary Sanitarium and



T. M. Fountain, second from right, acting as best man at the wedding of the son of the church treasurer (Mrs. C. Hinton), April 24, 1926, Raleigh, North Carolina.

was forced to leave the sanitarium when it became known that she was black. She was immediately rushed by cab to Freedman Hospital and died before she could receive any medical attention. The circumstances surrounding Mrs. Byard's death soon reached the members of the Ephesus Church and a laymen's organization was formed to "offset embarrassing situations." Joe Dotson was elected President and Dr. Valarie Justiss Vance was secretary. They went to the General Conference to discuss the problem and help find a solution. Elder W. J. Turner, Australian-born Vice President of the General Conference was sent to allay the fears of members. His paternalistic, "drawer of water and hewers of wood" philosophy brought the situation to a crisis, which resulted in a meeting at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago, Illinois to find a solution. Elder Fountain was a delegate and the first to speak for total integration of every Adventist Institution. He boldly stated, "I don't believe separation would

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T. M. Fountain, President, Lake Region 1949-1951 and Mrs. Mildred L. Fountain with Thomas Milton Fountain, 12.

PICTORIAL STORIES



J. L. Gudger, layman from Greeneville, Tennessee presents a plaque to Johnnie Steines of Morristown, Tennessee for the work that the Lord blessed them to do in establishing and erecting a new building and congregation in Morristown, Tennessee. Pastors W. E. Bussey and Cleveland Houser join in with the greetings.



Albert L. Dudley has been appointed to the post of Vice President at the Kettering Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. Here Mr. Dudley poses with his family.



Professor Stanley Ware, Director of WOCG, the new radio station on the Oakwood College campus, consults with student station manager.



G. H. Rainey tells of 1,000 baptisms during his crusade in Jamaica, BWI a few weeks ago. Rainey is California based.



T. S. Barber, Lake Region Conference Publishing Director congratulates R. L. LaGrone, Allegheny East Publishing Director for Allegheny's highest sales and deliveries of 1979 among the regional conferences.



Elder B. W. Abney, Sr., 94-year-old retiree, tells L. A. Paschal, editor of Regional Voice, of his many interesting experiences as a missionary for the church in South Africa at the turn of the century.



Three editors for Message Magazine meet and converse over the future of the journal. L. B. Reynolds, W. R. Robinson and J. E. Dyke



R. L. Woodfork, president of the South Atlantic Conference along with his working force has been blessed to see the conference become the largest conference of the entire seven that are in the Southern Union Conference. The membership has climbed over the 20,000 mark.



W. J. Mitchell and wife, Charlotte retire from service after 32 years with the church.



Dr. L. R. Broomes, president of the BAMDA organization, makes a presentation to Dr. Elaine Cox, founder and past president of the 'Wives Auxiliary' of that group during its annual meeting that was held in Detroit, Michigan.



W. R. Robinson accepts post as pastor for the Ephesus S.D.A. Church in Birmingham, Alabama. W. J. Cleveland will become the pastor to the newly organized church of over 375 members, the second church in the city.



Mrs. Gwendolyn Winston Foster, Director of the church choir in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for more than twenty years and the food editor for Message Magazine.



G. L. Byars of Meridian, Mississippi receives highest number of votes from his fellow workers in the South Central Conference to become the 'Pastor of the Year' for 1979.



Dwaine Williams and Elleyne Walker exchange vows at the Oakwood College Church.

solve the problem to put us out is to keep you from being tested in your religion."

Elder J. L. McElhaney, President of the General Conference thought that total integration might prove too radical, he made a recommendation to form regional conferences. Lake Region was the first black conference organized and Elder Fountain was elected its Lay Activities Secretary. Later, he was unanimously voted President of the Lake Region Conference and served one term, because of his health. He left Lake Region Conference and went to Tyler, Texas where he pastored a small congregation.

In 1952, he retired because of health reasons and went to California. He worked at the White Memorial Hospital taking blood pressures and giving treatments. A whole new phase of the ministry was opened to him, he reached people from various nationalities and economic standings, that his pastoral ministry would not have been able to reach. Elder Fountain remained in California for fourteen years and could be found on any given Sabbath preaching to both black and white congregations.

In 1966, he returned east to Pottstown, Pennsylvania and spoke in different churches each Sabbath. His revivals held at the white SDA church in Pottstown and Reading, Pennsylvania made headlines. He remained in Pottstown until the early seventies when he was called to the South Atlantic Conference to serve as an interim pastor in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Tampa and Orlando, Florida. After fulfilling his duties in South Atlantic, he returned to his hometown—Montgomery, Alabama where he has served as interim pastor and now is a major force behind stabilizing the second new established church—Maranatha SDA Church.

Many pioneers have made contributions, and have left impressions on the lives of those who have followed in their footsteps, painting pictures with their lives which have inspired many to aspire to great heights and realize their visions and dreams. In spite of this, none, have made such a vivid picture to live on in the hearts and minds of many lives that Elder Fountain touched during his ministry. Elder Thomas Moses Fountain—The Portrait of a Pioneer!

BLACK UNIONS—THE FACTS!

As in any effort at major change, the Black Unions suggestion has produced certain conceptions which we believe misrepresent the case; they are:

I. **Myth:** It is impossible for Black Conferences to finance Black Unions.

Fact: Trial budgets have been prepared; and, although based on '68 income and '70 expenses, they were publicly described by both General Conference treasury men and the Black Local Conference treasurers, who jointly drew them up as "tight," but operable.

II. **Myth:** Black Local Conferences will go broke maintaining Black Unions.

Fact: Giving ten percent to support a Black Union with Locals that have vital interaction is better than giving ten percent to support a White Union or an "integrated" Union with socially, separated Local Conference offices.

III. **Myth:** Black Union territory is prohibitive.

Fact: The Canadian Union is larger than either proposed Black Union and is evidently doing well.

IV. **Myth:** Black Unions will not have much money to give back to Local Conference work.

Fact: Most Unions give back very little, anyway.

V. **Myth:** Black Unions mean segregation.

Fact: We are already segregated by economy, residence, environment, and Local Conference structure. If Black Unions are wrong (morally) so are Black Locals. Perhaps we need to disband them? If we are not going to disband Black Locals, then we should provide an umbrella under which they can most effectively operate Black Unions.

VI. **Myth:** Black Unions will not be able to carry Oakwood and Riverside.

Fact: A: In view of Ellen G. White's statements on the debt of love owed the Black Race, the General Conference has good reason to carry these institutions as special projects just as it does Loma Linda, etc.

B: In time, a people now giving over eight million dollars tithe annually should be able to do more for Oakwood and Riverside than we do now.

VII. **Myth:** Certain brethren want Black Unions because of a lust for power.

Fact: A: Many leading spokesmen are already in meaningful positions of leadership.

B: We suspect that some men are afraid of Black Unions, because they think their climb to power is more easily accomplished by courting White good

will, than by speaking up for Black needs.

C: We reject the theory that the majority for or against Black Unions are looking for power.

D: While rejecting all personal lust for power, we believe collective power of Black Unions—a good thing.

VIII. **Myth:** By pushing for Black Unions we are showing a spirit of vindictiveness or dislike for White people.

Fact: Black Unions have nothing at all to do with like or dislike. They simply say, we live in a racist society in which Black energy could be better spent in organizing the valleys of Black work than in trying to gain isolated footholds on the mountain of integration.

IX. **Myth:** Black Unions will mean no further representation of Black on boards and committees that operate predominately White institutions.

Fact: It would be a simple matter to appoint Local or Union Black administrators to such boards.

X. **Myth:** The Non-SDA public will not understand Black Unions.

Fact: A: Black Unions, today, are not nearly as bold an innovation as Black Conferences in 1944.

B: Black society is rapidly shifting from the futile pursuits of massive social assimilation to the more practical concept of consolidation, i.e., Black studies, Black culture, Black art, Black capitalism and Black caucuses in all denominations that have Black membership.

XI. **Myth:** The Black man by forming Black Unions is refusing to "press together" with his White brother.

Fact: A: It is impossible to press together with only one object available for pressing.

B: Black SDA's must press together with each other.

XII. **Myth:** Black Unions are but a prelude to a Black General Conference.

Fact: A: Full Union status will create an atmosphere of satisfaction and accomplishment—not further disenchantment. B: The dangers of schism are more imminent under the inequities of idealism than under practical realism or Black Unions.

XIII. **Myth:** Black Unions are giving up", admitting defeat.

Fact: Black Unions are clarifying our priorities, uniting our strengths, consolidating our gains. Black Unions will allow us to walk not behind our White brethren, asking and waiting on special arrangements, but to walk with them side by side with this natural vehicle for service.

IN THE NEWS



Mr. and Mrs. James P. Garrett.

THE GARRETT'S CELEBRATE 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Garrett celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on October 20, 1979.

The celebration was held at the New Earth vegetarian restaurant on Chicago's north side. Those in attendance were family and friends totaling about 89. The guests traveled from Tulsa, Oklahoma; Boonville, Missouri; Dayton, Ohio and DeLand, Florida.

Dinner and fellowship was enjoyed by all. The celebration ended with all singing "Side By Side" with lighted candles and forming a circle.

As a result of this union four children were born. Donna Davis, Norma Howard Lewis, Dennis L. Garrett and Ardis W. McGill. There are thirteen grandchildren.

Donna Davis
Correspondent

NEWS NOTES

William E. Dykes and Grace Bernadette Jackson exchanged nuptial vows on November 25, 1979 at the Oakwood College Church in Huntsville, Alabama.

Andrews University will begin a summer Master's Program for teachers to begin summer, 1980 at Oakwood College. Any individual interested in a Master's in elementary or secondary

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