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L. A. Paschal, Editor

THE NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL VOICE CELEBRATES ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

It has been a year since the *North American Regional Voice* made its editorial debut. God has tremendously blessed His journal. People from all over North America have come to rely upon the *Voice* for thought-provoking, informative, and inspiring articles.

Our magazine has been enthusiastically read from coast to coast. Our readers comment:

"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 preservations on a regular basis."

F. Donald Yost
Director of Archives
General Conference of SDA
Washington, D.C.

"You and your staff have done an excellent job in publishing this beautiful journal. Your layout is fresh and crisp and flows very smoothly. Also very impressive is the fine coverage of news events from throughout the churches of the regional conferences. You have a journal of which you should be very proud. May God continue to bless and direct you in every effort."

Jere Wallack, Editor
Lake Union Herald
Berrien Springs, Michigan

"I would like to gratefully thank you for sending to our office the first copy of the *Regional Voice* magazine. It is beautiful and interesting journal of Black Adventism and represents a high quality of journalism. The article entitled, "Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve" in the first issue was very informative and it surely revealed a steady upward growth of Oakwood College. . . . I am wishing you success in the editing of our paper."

Dr. J. Price Pearson
Birmingham, Alabama

"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."

Morten Juberg, Editor
North Pacific Gleaner
College Place, Washington

"I have just finished reading the first edition of the *North American Regional Voice* and commend your efforts. . . . Even though we're on the west coast we have an active interest in the events involving the Black churches of the other local conferences.

Dr. and Mrs. Furman
Fordham
Los Angeles, California

Whatever the need the *Voice* supplies or whatever strides have been made is due to the broad-based support we have received. We are deeply grateful to our supporting conference presidents who had the vision to underwrite such a venture. We are especially appreciative for the cooperation of the conference communications directors. We are thankful to those contributing writers and local communications secretaries for taking the time to write articles of interest.

We cannot begin to express our thanks to our readers whose criticisms and praises have given us the strength to go forward. It is YOU that have insured our success from the very offset. It is because of the trust you have placed in us, that we promise to maintain the highest standards of excellence.

In the future, we plan to focus on current events and interpret them in the light of Bible prophecy. We feel it is our sacred duty to make you aware of the urgency of the times.

We hope to set up an international news exchange with other SDA's in the Third World. We are sure our readers would like to know how the church in Uganda is recovering after Idi Amin. How the church is meeting the challenge of Marxism and nationalism in the Caribbean. And the progress of the work among the Arab nations.

We will continue to interpret, report, and analyze news event with special emphasis on how it affects the black church. Wherever news is taking place the *Voice* is there! Whether it be a ministerial meeting, Community Relations Day, Literature Evangelist rally, or a GC session the *Voice* will be present.

We will continue the feature, "Portrait of a Pioneer." We feel that if we have an understanding of our past heritage we will conquer victoriously in the future. We are now planning a Pioneer Weekend. It will be a time to celebrate, commemorate and honor our pioneers. In an upcoming issue we will present a portrait of a black man who founded the first integrated SDA school. We are now in the process of making arrangements to travel to Seattle, Washington to interview one of the pillars of the Advent movement, Elder J. H. Lawrence. The issues ahead will prove to be inspiring. The *Voice* promises to maintain its standing as the only magazine devoted to the writing and researching of black SDA heritage.

We hope to expand our coverage of "Black Adventist Businesses—In Action" to include those persons in education, government, law, etc. We will continue to look for those who have maintained Christian principles and have made an outstanding contribution in their profession.

In celebration of our first anniversary we have drawn up a Declaration of Principles. These principles will serve as a guiding light in our quest to maintain the highest standard of excellence.

A Declaration of Principles

We, acknowledge that all wisdom and knowledge comes from God. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to make Him the center of our editorial work.

We, are entrusted with a sacred responsibility to educate, inform and uplift our readers, to make them sense the urgency of the times. Therefore, we will continue to let the Holy Spirit lead us in presenting articles that are transforming, ennobling and elevating.

"We have nothing to fear for the future, except we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." Therefore, in accordance with this belief we will continue to write and research our heritage. We know that the very life forces of our church lie with the importance we place on the past.

We, support black unions not as a mechanism of divisiveness but rather as an instrument to aid in the reaching of 30 million blacks in America.

We, are committed to a greater vision. For Where There Is No Vision The People Perish. We will continue to broaden our horizons and take the path where no man has ever trodden.

We, the staff of the *North American Regional Voice* will not compromise when it comes to principles and standards. We wholeheartedly pledge ourselves to maintain the highest standard of excellence.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



Norman Miles, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Urban Ministry, Andrews University.

REFLECTIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

The 53rd World Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is now history. For nine days delegates from around the world met in Dallas, Texas to elect world leaders and conduct other business vital to the life of the church. The delegates were joined by thousands of people who came to look over their shoulders as they deliberated, see old friends, and bask in the atmosphere of a huge international gathering. As one of those

whose responsibility was limited to looking over the shoulders of the voting delegates, I left Dallas with some very definite impressions which I wish to share with you.

I. The overwhelming message heralded at the Dallas General Conference was that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is fast becoming a third-world church. Reports given during the ministerial pre-session clearly indicated that the largest number of members, fully 76% live outside the United States and Europe. Moreover the church is growing faster in Inter-America, South America, Africa, Asia, (and Oceania). For some this was clearly disturbing for it indicated a totally new direction which the church must take with respect to the 1980's. No longer will missionaries from North America and Europe be able to control the work in Third World nations. The church has been put on notice that it must train national workers and turn the leadership of the work over to them.

For the first time a large percentage of delegates, particularly from African nations, were nationals, not missionaries representing them, thus for the first time many got a glimpse of what the church family really looks like.

II. There seemed to be an air of hope and good feeling as nationals from Africa and Asia attained positions of responsibility in the General Conference and division; offices which had never been open to them before. For the first

time a black man was elected secretary of the General Conference, making him the next ranking officer to the President. For the first time an Ethiopian was elected President of the Afro-Mideast Division. For the first time an Indian national was elected a General Conference Vice-President to represent the Southern Asia Division. These and several other breakthroughs are satisfying symbols of change. Yet they are merely symbols at the present time, and it remains to be seen whether or not the optimism of the session will be justified in the light of subsequent events.

One very obvious shortcoming of the session was the fact that few if any real gains were made as far as the black work in North America is concerned. The re-election of Elder C. E. Bradford as Vice-President for North America was, of course, gratifying, yet the fact that a black man is serving as the director of the Adventist work in North America is not enough. All black people justifiably swell with pride when the church recognizes the gifts and skills of other blacks, and opens the doors so that these people may bless the entire church with their talents. There are, however, very serious issues in the black work in North America that will not be solved by merely electing black vice-presidents, under-treasurers or departmental officers. There must also be a sustained effort to resolve the deeper problems plaguing the black work in



Press interview with Dr. Rock. Left to right: Johnson Adeniji, Nigeria; Gebre Felema, Ethiopia; D. K. Bazarra, Uganda.

North America. Financial disparity, inequity in representation and policy making, are issues which can be resolved only by some re-structuring of the organization itself. It is unrealistic to expect a few black men, no matter how competent they are, to bring about the fundamental changes necessary without some organizational changes. It was this realization that sparked the Regional Union drive. Though the future of the union plan is uncertain, the need for some major adjustments in the North American church remains and will not simply vanish.

It is very clear that the General Conference Session is not the place to try and handle the church's major business. The issues in North America and around the world are so complex that much of the business must be cared for on the division level. The troublesome issues blacks in North America face must be strongly met at the Annual Council sessions. Our leaders must take notice of the strong concern which the regional constituency has over the issues of equality, equity, and fraternity.

General Conferences ought to be mountaintop experiences for all. As we mingle with members of the family of God from all over the globe we feel a deep sense of unity and common destiny. It is natural for us to want this beautiful experience to last forever. Someday it will, but for now, we must soon leave the joy of the mountain and go back to the valley where we live. Ultimately, it is the victories won in the valley that make the triumphant celebrations of the mountaintop meaningful.

Norman K. Miles
Andrews University

May, 1980



Earl W. Moore, Circulation Manager, Message magazine.

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C. B. Rock, President of Oakwood College, addresses African Church leaders who assembled at Oakwood April 28 and 29 to have a close look at their college.

AFRICAN CHURCH LEADERS HOLD HISTORIC MEETING AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Rock, president of Oakwood College initiated a historical meeting last year with African church leaders across the continent while visiting there that recently took place at Oakwood.

Generally, the delegates to the General Conference Sessions are routed through Andrews University and never get to see Oakwood College. But with a personal invitation by Dr. Rock followed by a formal invitation the delegates and friends took advantage of the occasion to visit the school April 28 and 29, following the session at Dallas. Elders C. D. Henri and M. T. Battle and their families who were missionaries in Africa shared in the fellowship of those meetings. Dr. E. E. Cleveland who had baptized two young people while holding a meeting in Africa was delighted to see they had married, were in denominational work and were present at the meeting to personally thank him for bringing them the gospel.

These delegates, who were Division, Union and Conference officers and leaders were thrilled and surprised to see such a large, modern well-equipped and staffed facility. They repeatedly remarked that this was the most

beautiful campus they had seen of all our colleges, especially since they had been led to believe that Oakwood College was just a simple rural institution for Black boys and girls in America.

Dr. Rock presented each guest with a folder that contained material about the college and its program and also a two-day agenda schedule. Transportation was provided for tours around the campus, through the city of Huntsville, and the Space Center. Dinner was arranged one day in the President's Dining Room, and the next at the president's home. Breakfasts and suppers were provided in the cafeteria where the guests could eat and talk with the students. Dormitory worship had the participation of the African guests who were visiting individual dorms.

What made the occasion historical was the meeting held in President Rock's office with representatives from each African Division who studied a proposal that Dr. Rock presented. This proposal would institute a scholarship plan for twelve African Seventh-day Adventist students to come from all the Divisions of Africa to attend Oakwood College on a three-way scholarship. This scholarship would be sponsored by the Division, Union, and Oakwood College. The proposal would also initiate an exchange of students between Oakwood College and African Colleges, and an exchange of

Oakwood College faculty and African College faculty members.

The African leaders were enthusiastic about the plan and made meaningful contributions to the proposal making it viable to the African institutions. They reinforced the appeal that we send more of our Black Americans to Africa to aid them in their growth and development. They needed professionals, academicians, and vocational teachers as well as preachers, they said. One African brother said, "It is a beautiful thing to see finally, that the Black brothers and sisters from Africa and the Black brothers and sisters from America are finally getting together for the training of our young people for the growth of the church and the finishing of God's work. I did not think I would live to see this. We are privileged to participate in this Scholarship Plan with Oakwood College."

A news conference was held Tuesday morning and Channel 48 TV News interviewed the guests and Dr. Rock. The students enjoyed a question and answer period with the guests and many of the African students at Oakwood asked pertinent questions of their leaders concerning employment in the denomination when they return home.

One of the highlights of the visit was the concert given Tuesday evening by the SDASA Choir from Soweto, South

Africa. This outstanding choir sang at the General Conference meetings in Dallas, where they received thunderous applause. At Oakwood, the students gave them a standing ovation for their marvelous presentation of songs in English and their tribal languages.

Clearly a new era has begun between Oakwood College and Black Americans and the Continent of Africa. It is believed that this interaction will develop a force of committed and dedicated workers in every phase of God's church to help our people everywhere to be prepared to meet our Lord. Elder Rock is to be congratulated for this giant step toward bringing together our people of common ancestry for their training and implementation of worldwide service.

E. W. Moore

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Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

Isaiah 49:15, 16

THE LITTLE HOUSE BESIDE THE ROAD
A Tribute to Violet Farrow

In a little house beside the road
With shining windows and lights aglow,
There lives a family of high esteem
Nothing too large or small to gleam
Working hands that never tire
To help the needy out of the mire.

Now is the day to reveal
These acts of kindness by tearing the seal.

Vi Farrow's deeds to aid mankind,
Are done in love and care sublime.
It makes no difference the time of day
She takes great pains to show the way.
Her task is not all geared to the Victory
Lake Camp

For often she is called to the Conference Ramp.

Off she goes no tears, no fret
For she sees in her schedule a task to be met.

Secretaries with skills and expertise
Are hard to come by with hearts of peace

Long hours at night, extra salary, "Oh no!" Thank you Vi
Come down we'll pay you by and by.

She flings her doors open to such a need,

Whether hunger, tired or just plain greed.



Dr. C. B. Rock and African church leaders—Elders M. T. Battle and E. C. Ward and other Oakwood College faculty.

The Editor's Desk



EDITOR'S DESK: In the March issue in our section "BLACK ADVENTIST BUSINESS—IN ACTION" we failed to mention Mr. Willie Bethea's family. Pictured left to right: Mr. Willie Bethea, daughter Jackie, and wife Irene Peay-Bethea.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	June 27	July 4	11	18
Boston, Mass	8:25	8:24	8:22	8:17
New York City	8:34	8:33	8:31	8:26
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:58	8:57	8:54	8:50
Atlanta, Ga.	8:52	8:52	8:50	8:47
Miami, Fla.	8:16	8:16	8:15	8:14
Charlotte, N.C.	8:42	8:42	8:40	8:37
Birmingham, Ala.	8:01	8:01	7:59	7:56
Jackson, Miss.	8:12	8:12	8:10	8:08
Memphis, Tenn.	8:19	8:18	8:17	8:13
Louisville, Ky.	9:10	9:10	9:08	9:04
Detroit, Mich.	9:14	9:13	9:10	9:06
Chicago, Ill.	8:29	8:28	8:26	8:22
South Bend, Indiana	8:24	8:23	8:21	8:16
Minneapolis, Minn.	9:04	9:03	9:00	8:55
St. Louis, Mo.	8:29	8:29	8:27	8:23
Kansas City, Mo.	8:48	8:48	8:46	8:42
Denver, Co.	8:32	8:31	8:29	8:25
Little Rock, Ark.	8:26	8:26	8:24	8:21
Dallas, Texas	8:40	8:39	8:38	8:35
New Orleans, La.	8:05	8:05	8:04	8:02
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:24	8:24	8:23	8:20
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:49	8:49	8:47	8:44

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

She is there to serve no matter the task;
 Whoever comes by they are welcome to bask,
 "Come in" she says, "Get a plate of food,
 Did you get some of this? Did you get some of that to put in your sack?
 No wonder so many people always came back.

Whenever you are missed around,
 She fails not to seek until you are found.

If fixing a car late at night
 And no light is burning in sight
 Off she goes to investigate
 Why, "Are you staying up so late?"
 She's not inquisitive, just good and kind
 Neighbors like that are hard to find.

Robert Farrow is lucky indeed
 To have a pretty wife to supply the need.

When holy matrimony was performed
 to this pair
 God wove a a golden thread and
 placed it there.

This little lyric would not be complete
 Without mother Nancy, son Bobby and
 daughter Trina so sweet
 There's never dull moment never a care
 Peace all the time, now "How could you dare?"
 For there is reading and writing and arithmetic
 To be taught to the beat of a hard stick.

Do-re-me-fa-so-la-te-do,
 Trina must learn her piano, you know
 It matters not the kind of weather,
 For birds of a feather flock together—
 From the Atlantic Union Conference to Chesapeake Bay
 From South Atlantic to Santa Fe,
 From South Pacific to Allegheny East
 Friends gather at the Farrow's to enjoy the feast.

All hours of the night the bells never stop ringing
 To top it off, Trina wakes early and starts singing
 'No rest for the weary?' you say
 This goes on from day to day.

Friends I've told you my story in this little ode
 Of this sweetest little family by the side of the road.

Francis C. Moore

THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

CENTRAL STATES WORKERS MEETING 1980

The 1980 Central States Workers Meeting was held January 20-23 at the Bethel SDA Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

1. S. Haywood Cox, President, presented a challenge to Central States Workers.
2. John Collins, Associate Director Pacific Union Lay Activities Department, presented a seminar on personal evangelism.
3. Robert Smith, Associate Manager Review and Herald Publishing gave morning devotion.
4. Pastors Woods, Dante Tobias and George Jackson took in the proceedings.
5. Verdia Tucker, Bible worker and Harriet Clark, office secretary enjoys morning devotion.
6. Jackie Dye, Bible Worker for Linwood Blvd. Temple, Kansas City, Missouri.
7. George Murray, Pastor in Wichita, Kansas gave pastor's report.
8. James E. White, Jr., pastor of the year for 1979 presents his report.

President S. Haywood Cox challenged the workers in six areas for the next triennial (1979-82):

1. Church growth—6% growth rate per year resulting in at least 500 baptisms per year.
2. New church development—starting work in at least one dark county per year, making a total of three new churches by 1982.
3. Conference development—organization of a skilled Craftsmen's Guild.
4. Spiritual Growth—maintaining a high level of spiritual life for all programs for camp meeting.
5. Communication—establishment of a quarterly communique to the constituency.

6. Leadership development—conduct at least one leadership seminar per year for office and pastoral staff.



Dr. S. H. Cox, President of Central States, addressing the workers.

TAYLOR PASTORS FATHER'S CHURCH

Elder G. H. Taylor, Jr. has become the first son in the Omaha, Nebraska area to minister to the same church as his father.

From 1951 to 1959, Taylor lived in Omaha with his family while his father Elder G. H. Taylor was pastor of the Sharon Omaha Church. Born in Denver, the younger Taylor was 12 when his family moved to Omaha. I was riding with Elder Taylor recently when he recalled his school days at Lothrop Elementary and North High School. He remembered especially walking to school on those cold, wintry days in Nebraska.

When Elder G. H. Taylor, Sr. pastored Sharon the membership was 182 and the members had just begun a \$96,000 construction program. The church was completed debt free with members of the church donating about 25 percent of the labor. Elder Taylor, Sr. left Omaha in 1959 to become pastor of the Beacon Light Church in Kansas City. He is now the Sabbath School and Stewardship director for the South Atlantic Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

G. H. Taylor, Jr. expressed the ironic possibility of pastoring the same church as his father and in the same town of his adolescent years. When his parents moved in 1959, he never thought he would see Omaha again.

Taylor, now 40, is pastoring the Sharon Church. A church which has grown in membership to 615 has its own pre-school and elementary school. The education program is located in the basement of the church. It has an enrollment of 56 students with three certified teachers.

G. H. Taylor, Jr. and his wife, Dorothy have four children ranging from age 5 to 11 years. The Taylors moved to Omaha last August. It was their fifth move in 11 years.

Taylor has wanted to be a minister since age nine. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Theology from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama and a Master's of Divinity Degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

W. R. Wright, Jr., Director
Communication Department



Elder G. H. Taylor, Pastor of Omaha SDA Church.

CHRISTMAS CANTATAS FEATURED IN GREAT PLAINS CHURCHES

OMAHA

The combined choirs of Allon Chapel of Lincoln and Bethesda of Omaha, Nebraska presented "A Christmas Cantata" by John W. Peterson on December 7, 1979 at the Bethesda Church.

The Friday evening concert was held at 7:00 p.m. and advertised to the surrounding community.

The performance of the cantata was the first in a series of musical programs under the direction of Brenda Jones with Joan Herrington on piano.

IOWA

On December 23, members of the Philadelphia Church of Des Moines, Iowa presented the cantata "Night of Miracles". This musical program under the direction of David Willis was complete with costume and nativity scene. Georgette Terrill was Mary and Ray Bates was Joseph.

The 14 voice Philadelphia choir told the story of the miracle birth with solos and choral music. Soloists participating were: Kish Anderson, DaMar Willis, Lafe Fowler, Andrea Willis, Marva Willis, Shelly Jackson and David Willis.

Other members of the choral society are: Bobby Jackson, Sandra Kennedy, Denise Humphrey, Beverly Jackson, Stephan Humphrey, James Kennedy and Bradley Space, who was the narrator. Sally Farmer provided piano accompaniment.



Paul Burnett

BLACK STUDENT HEADS UNION COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Union College student body is under the leadership of Paul Burnett for the academic year 1979-1980. Paul is a resident of Omaha, Nebraska where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Burnett are members of the Sharon SDA Church.

As student body president, Paul is working to encourage student participation and cooperation as well as an overall student desire to use their God given talents to bring about spiritual awareness to themselves and their surrounding community. Paul continually asks the prayers of all concerned for God to give him the strength and wisdom to continue to work as student body president.

Paul is attending Union with a major in Middle Grade Education (4-8). His numerous talents also include playing the trombone, organ and piano. He is also a member of the Union College Collegiate Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Lynn Wickham. On Sunday mornings, Paul lends his talents to the Clair Methodist Church in Omaha, Nebraska as organist. It is Paul's desire to give others just a portion of the blessings he has received while attending Union College.

W. R. Wright, Jr., Director
Communication Department

FAMILY JOINS CHURCH AS A RESULT OF LITERATURE EVANGELIST

After canvassing the home of a young lady in Kirkwood, Missouri, Literature Evangelist, Percy Wellington was instrumental in providing the Bible studies for the young lady and a small group of her friends.

There were some problems in finding a place to meet since the group wanted their meetings kept secret. Finally they agreed to meet one Sabbath afternoon in a quiet section of the local park. There under the canopy of heaven, the young lady and her group met with Mr. Wellington and several members of the Kirkwood Church. Together they studied God's word.

Among the group was a young man by the name of William Bell. He became very interested. Mr. Wellington began visiting his home, selling him books and studying with him separately. Several months passed. Evangelist Wellington had been out of town when William Bell came to church. He returned back Sabbath after Sabbath.

Very elated over the fact that William was attending church, Mr. Wellington began studying with William's wife and their children. William and Irma Bell accepted the message of God. They expressed the desire to be numbered among the people who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

There was great rejoicing in Kirkwood when William was baptized. A little later, Irma and their oldest son William Jr. and Chris, their next son followed into baptism.

God blessed the Williams immediately with Sabbath privileges relating to their jobs. They have determined to be faithful to God whatever the cost.

"In the morning sow thy seed... thou knowest not what may prosper..." can truly be the motto of every Literature Evangelist.

Elder James Marshall
Publishing Director
Central States

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Whoever fears to submit any question to the test of free discussion, values his own opinion more than the truth.



Elder Pettway baptizing Chris Bell with Gene Miller assisting.



Elder Robert Smith, first black elected as Manager of the Periodical Department of the Review and Herald Publishing House, speaking at Central States workers meeting.



Dr. David Taylor and Elder Les Pitton, speakers at Central States workers meeting.



John E. Collins, Associate Director of the Lay Activities and Civil Defense Department of Pacific Union Conference of SDA, speaks at Central States Conference workers meeting.



Youth from everywhere come to Camp Wagner.

CAMP NEWS AT LAKE REGION

Camp Wagner (formerly Camp Valkyrie) is a 120 acre campsite owned and operated by the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It is located in the picturesque southwest corner of Michigan about four miles southeast of Cassopolis.

During our recent triennium held on March 23, 1980, Elder C. D. Joseph, President of Lake Region Conference, presented a proposal to change the camp name from Valkyrie to Wagner. The proposal was to honor the late Elder Jesse R. Wagner, former president of Lake Region Conference, who died in office in 1977. This thoughtful gesture by President Joseph was verbalized during a presentation to Mrs. Eloise D. Wagner.

Camp Wagner is a semi-decentralized camp so campers have some choices of activities, but still follow a fixed schedule. The camp operation seeks to train the campers in physical, mental and spiritual aspects of living. A concerned effort is made to alert the young camper to the unique experiences found through observing God's great out-of-doors.

The summer camping program has been given strong emphasis and priority under Elder Conrad L. Gill, our new Youth and Temperance Director. The program this year will include classes in crafts; ceramics; archery; photography;

rocketry; tumbling; nature; and swimming. Worship and morning watch observance along with recreation and social activities are also enjoyed each day by the campers.

Camp dates are:

July 20-July 27, Jr. Camp, ages 9-15
 July 27-Aug. 3, Jr. Camp, ages 9-15
 Aug. 3-Aug. 10, Jr. Camp, ages 9-15
 Aug. 10-Aug. 17, Opportunity Camp
 Aug. 20-Sept. 1, Family Camp

In this day of high inflation you can send your youth to camp for just \$50 per week. This includes all charges except specialized class fees.

Wherever you live your youth need the Camp Wagner experience!

For applications and information call (312) 846-2661 and ask for Elder Conrad L. Gill.



Campers in uniform prepare for a field trip.



A hike at the crack of dawn is exhilarating.



Director Raynes teaches lessons in nature.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chicago, Illinois Beacon of Joy Church is inviting everyone in the Chicagoland area to participate in the skating parties held each first and third Sunday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Roller Wheels Skating Rink, located at 13360 South Cicero Avenue.

The proceeds earned from the skating parties go to the building fund of the church.

FAREWELL

The Beacon of Joy Church of Chicago, Illinois in cooperation with the Adventist Youth Department sponsored a farewell luncheon for Donald Davis who has joined the Air Force.

He will be stationed at the Lacklin Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. After his basic training, he will serve four years overseas at an unnamed base in England.

Donald is a graduate of the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Academy in Chicago, Illinois and is the son of Donna Davis and the grandson of Beatrice and James Garrett, all members of the Beacon of Joy congregation.

Clora B. Warren
Communication Secretary

FELLOWSHIP CONCERTS AT EASTSIDE

In order to allow for better communication, to help increase one's faith, and to provide strength for one another, Eastside Seventh-day Adventist Church feels fellowship is the answer.

Among the various choirs that have participated in fellowship with Eastside are the Andrews Choir from Berrien Springs, Michigan, the Little Lambs Choir from the Capitol City Church in Indianapolis, the Interfaith Choir from the city, the Echoes of Faith from Capitol City and the James Mosely family, also from Capitol City.

This is the trend Eastside hopes to carry out during the year.

Gertrude Jackson
Communication Secretary

THE ELDERLY ARE VISITED IN CHICAGO

The Community Services Department of the Straford Memorial Church of Chicago, Illinois was host to several elderly and disabled persons from the Homewood Rehabilitation Center on Sabbath, April 12, 1980.

The Rehabilitation Center located in Homewood, Illinois has been the recipient of the services of the Community Services Department for several years. Once every month the center is visited and toiletries and other small items are distributed among the patients. The Center is also visited on every major

holiday. During the Easter season, 100 Easter baskets were delivered to the patients.

A service was held and the invitation given for those patients who were able to come and worship at the church. Six persons accepted the invitation.

Dorothy White, leader of Community Services, arranged to have the patients picked up for the morning service. Immediately following the service, dinner was served to the guests and Community Service workers.

MARSHALL SIMMONS A FORCE BEHIND HIS CHURCH

"The Lord moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform."

Approximately four years ago, a man by the name of Marshall Simmons joined the Ecorse Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ecorse, Michigan. When Mr. Simmons accepted the Adventist message and joined forces with those who believed as he did, he did not know the Lord had a special job for him.

At the time Mr. Simmons joined, the church was engaged in a building fund campaign to secure funds to renovate the church building. Funds finally reached the point that work could begin. In an attempt to avoid any extra expense, no general contractor was hired. The pastor and men of the church worked hard with those who were skilled in the needed areas and the work progressed.

There was one person who could not be overlooked or missed. He arrived early every morning before the workers and stayed late after the workers had left for the day. This person was Marshall Simmons. Mr. Simmons has worked diligently since the very first day.

The Ecorse Church has named him Chief Supervisor and he is consulted on everything. Mr. Simmons has a back injury and leg injury that prevent him from climbing and lifting, but this does not hinder his untiring efforts. He has followed the leading of the Lord and has used his leadership talent.

Ecorse pays tribute to Marshall Simmons for his loyalty, his love, and his Christian conviction.

May God bless his every endeavor!

Vera Whitehead
Communication Secretary

NORTHEASTERN



Ephesus youth group enters 125th Subway.

SUBWAY MINISTRY

On Sabbath afternoon, February 2, 1980, the Ephesus Crusaders for Christ, along with Bible Instructors M. Myrtle Smith, Natalie Rutledge and Larry Tuzo, set out to tell the people of New York City about Jesus Christ.

The Crusaders had been impressed to go out into the city and share with the people the Word of God. One of the members had the idea of going on the subways, knowing that there, many could be reached.

While riding on the IRT subway from 125th Street and Lenox Avenue to 42nd Street, then between Times Square and Grand Central Stations, they passed out literature and spoke the Word of God.

It was one of the coldest days, but their hearts were warmed as the people gladly accepted *Steps to Christ*, *Bible Answers*, and other smaller tracts. Many were interested enough to stop and talk, to find out more of the work that was being done.

The Lord poured out showers of blessings that day, not only to the people, but to the group as well. It was quite a rewarding experience.

There is evidence everywhere that God's Holy Spirit is withdrawing from New York City. But thank God there are still many who can be reached and are looking for truth. They are ripe for the Harvest.

As ambassadors for Christ, Seventh-day Adventists have been commissioned to preach the Word of God and more importantly, share His love with all those we meet. Let us finish God's work, that we may hasten the coming of Jesus, and finally go home.

The Cursaders consists of nine members: Marie Baskett, Donald Birthwright, Bill Brady, Carol Brady, Julian Brady, Richard Bryant, Patricia Reape, Ruth Threadgill and Robert White.

Patricia Reape
Reporter

NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OPENS NEW ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER

On February 10, 1980, the Northeastern Conference opened another literature and health food store at 150 South Portland Avenue in Brooklyn, New York. Elder C. E. Creech, General Manager stated that the new location has been rated by many as the "best ABC in the New York Metropolitan area."

The establishment of an outlet in Brooklyn has been a pressing need for many years and more recently due to the burgeoning growth of Brooklyn area churches (18) in recent years.

The store came into being through the cooperative efforts of the Hanson Place church's A. Randolph Haig Daycare Center and the Northeastern Adventist Book Center. The ABC had been looking into other sites in Brooklyn without finding any properties suitable. An abortive attempt had been made to establish the ABC in Brooklyn in 1978. So it was providential when this larger, more beautifully appointed site was offered to the conference.

Over 5,000 area church members are served by this new facility which houses the ABC headquarters, manager's office, food and book sales rooms, food warehouse, walk-in freezer, vegetarian sandwich and juice bar (scheduled to open June or July 1980). The store features a very colorful "Children's Corner" display, an extensive record, cassette and music book display and after hours telephone answering service. Projections for later in the year call for a child evangelism center and stocking of a modest selection of religious and all occasion greeting cards.

Elder Creech and staff report that even though they are not directly on the main streets a large illuminated sign helps to generate as much as 25% non-Adventist traffic. Already many non-



Northeastern Adventist Book Center, 150 So. Portland Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217.

Adventists have been given mini Bible studies and sent away with our truth filled literature. In addition to the meat analogs by Cedar Lakes, Loma Linda and Worthington, a complete line of health foods, herbs and vitamins are carried. The store is located within walking distance of Brooklyn's "Hub of Transportation" (the Atlantic Avenue station, MTA), and the well known landmark, Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were attended by public officials, first day church pastors, conference administrators and many church members. Walt Spaulding and Lee Jamison of Loma Linda and Worthington Foods, respectively, were on hand with free vege-meat samples.

Since the Grand Opening, business activity has been very good and increas-



Kevin Creech tests samples prepared by Mrs. Vickie Rowemitchell, ummm—good!

ing daily. However, the appeal goes out for all black constituents (especially in Northeastern Conference) to fully support this new facility. It is one of four remaining vestiges of the Black Book and Bible house work. Many of our Bible Houses had been given up and Regional dollars now support our sister conferences' book centers. They are experiencing "good years" and are able to operate in the black and have ample reserves. Why? Because we increase their volume of business and make it possible. If we as a people would support our own facilities, the work would prosper and grow. This fact cannot be overemphasized, "our sister conferences already have everything, if we do not rally to the support of our own organizations, we will soon lose the little that we have." Please pray for the success of the Northeastern ABC.

C. E. Creech, Manager
Northeastern Adventist Book Center



Mrs. Florence (Jackson) Davis, Ivette Lamar and manager handle sales during wall to wall rush of customers on opening day.

A SPIRITUAL FEAST HELD AT EBENEZER

"The Lord is blessing me right now, He woke me up this morning and started me on my way," are the words of the theme song that resounded in Ebenezer each night and the Sabbaths of the Youth Week of Prayer. The song was led by Mrs. Bevel, the second half of a good team, the first half being Elder Jesse Bevel, a dynamic, Spirit filled preacher, and teacher at Northeastern Academy.

And the Lord did bless as the "Feast" began with Elder Bevel preaching on "Love Infinitesimal" from I Corinthians 13. Love in the church is so small as to be almost non-existent. It is only as we practice love in the deeper meaning of

this Love chapter that the great need of the church of today is fulfilled.

The feast continued throughout the week as on Sunday, the audience learned how to stop worrying and live by accepting the peace of Jesus. Monday, Elder Bevel talked about the fourth tree of Calvary was found at the bottom of the hill with Judas hanging. He had started out with Jesus, but had lost out by not enduring to the end. Wednesday, the sermon dealt with the powerful medicine found in the water of baptism for the person who accepts Christ. Friday, he spoke on getting prayers answered by believing and claiming the blessing of God, and praying the prayer of acceptance for blessing received.

The feast ended on Sabbath, March 15, 1980 with "Hallelujah, Home at Last." The story was told of a young man raised in an Adventist home, going to Oakwood, rebelling, finding the love of Jesus, starting for home, an accident, death. What if Jesus had not been found? We have the story of Peter and Judas, two who started— one falling, repenting, restored, home at last—one falling, repentance, death, a lost soul. Which will I be? Mrs. Bevel closed with "Fill My Cup, Lord."

Joyce McClain

MIRACLE ON 123RD STREET

A miracle happened on 123rd Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City. The doors of the Ephesus S.D.A. Church opened early and almost immediately the church was filled and literally running over with invited guests, dressed in their "best" who had come to enjoy an afternoon of Handel's *Messiah* presented by the New Believers Chorus. The music was magnificent. The founder and director, Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones, was triumphant and the audience was enraptured. Certainly, "The Messiah . . . The God Man" was glorified! This phase was just Part I of the Miracle.

Part II is the "amazing" fact that *this* choir on *this* day in 1979 had raised \$8,560.75. The proceeds were all given to the Ephesus Mortgage Fund!

The New Believers Chorus had tasted the sweet fruits of Success, Victory, and Accomplishment. However, abundant fruits such as these do not come without hard work, much prayer, fasting and well-laid plans. Before embarking on any project, Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones says that she always "talks with the Lord." She



Pictured: New Believers Chorus. Musicians, seated: Ms. Everyll Gibson and Mr. Eugene Washington.

boldly proclaims "God is my leader and when I follow Him, the program never fails!" Some of her other secrets to success include planning early. Solicitation for this program began in January 1979! Another is "Don't work for expenses. Keep them as low as possible." For example, the total cost for this program was \$95 which was not deducted from the monies raised. Of course, there are always those unexpected and unplanned miracles such as the *Thousand Dollar* gift that was given by Mrs. Elsie Dixon in honor of her sister, Mabel Lowery, deceased member of the choir who "was always there" according to Mrs. Jones.

The New Believers Chorus, organized April 5, 1956 by Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones because "the Lord directed me to do so" is a continuing miracle. The group has raised thousands of dollars for Ephesus and for other churches in America and in the Carribean. Choir members who originally join because of an interest in Adventism frequently become Seventh-day Adventists as a result of the fellowship and worship and Bible studies provided by the N.B.C.'s Truly, this group is living its aim which is "Building for Eternity"!

Caroline Jones
Communications Secretary

NORWALK CHURCH PRESENTS EASTER CANTATA

On April 5, 1980, the Norwalk Seventh-day Adventist Church Choir in connection with the Grace Baptist

Church of Norwalk, Connecticut presented a joint Easter Cantata entitled *Now Is Christ Risen* under the direction of Mr. Therlon Joyner, Minister of Music for both churches.

The soloists were Carolyn Booker, Beverly Steward, and Dorothy Lundy. The narrators for the program were Peggy DeLaney and Pastor Carlyle Langhorn.

The cantata was rendered to raise money for the building fund of the Norwalk Seventh-day Adventist Church, South Norwalk, Connecticut.

NORWALK CHURCH HOLDS GUEST DAY

The Norwalk Seventh-day Adventist Church held Sabbath School Guest Day on Sabbath, April 12, 1980. The Sabbath School was inspirational and well attended under the leadership of the Superintendent, Mrs. Willie Mae Whitbeck.

Special music was rendered by Mr. Therlon Joyner, the Scott Family, and Mrs. Marie King Thompson. The Mission Emphasis was impressively given by Elder John DeLaney.

Pastor James LaMar, Pastor of the Shiloh SDA Church, Brooklyn, New York and former Pastor of this church, was the speaker for the morning service. After his soul stirring message two people came forward for baptism and five others came forward to rededicate themselves to the Lord.

To close the day, a fellowship dinner was held and enjoyed by all.



Elder G. R. Earle, President of Northeastern Conference, presents awards to Ingathering victors. Left to right: William Barksdale (\$1300), Janice Talbert (\$660), Bessie Anderson (\$1800), Ricky Talbert (\$454).

BESSIE ANDERSON RAISES OVER \$1800 IN INGATHERING

Ebenezer is very proud to be the church home of the "Queen" of the 1979 Ingathering campaign for the Northeastern Conference. Mrs. Bessie Anderson raised over \$1800 to achieve this high honor. But this is nothing new for her. She has regularly led in the Ingathering campaigns at Ebenezer, raising \$1000 and more.

Mrs. Anderson accepted the Third Angel's Message, along with her three daughters, Clara, Frankie, and Bessie after a series of studies from the man who became her son-in-law, Mr. Andrew Smith. After she joined the church in Georgia, she became a very active worker in the missionary program as a Literature Evangelist and was very successful in the sale of our *Message Magazine*.

She diligently works with her neighbors, friends and family and has been blessed to see five of her grandchildren led to Christ: John, LaVern, Sandra, Harry and Pastor Larry Bailey.

Mrs. Anderson served for several years as Head Deaconess of Ebenezer and is now a member of the Deaconess Board. She is still on the battlefield for her Lord. My best impression of her is her statement that, "she has already begun her eternal life, and when you see and talk with her you know this is a true statement and sums up her philosophy of life. She has been following Jesus since she was a very young child and has followed Him so long and so well

that now she has crossed over into the eternal world already while still down here."

Joyce McClain

MOUNT SINAI CHURCH HOLDS COMMUNITY GUEST DAY/ WEEK OF PRAYER

Mount Sinai Seventh-day Adventist Church of Rochdale, New York held its early spring Community Guest Day and launched its Youth Week of Prayer March 15, 1980. Guest speaker for both occasions was Pastor Trevor H. C. Baker, Youth Director Northeastern Conference, and the Choraliers of Flushing, New York was the guest choir.

There were wall-to-wall people and many guests entered only to leave after discovering there was not even standing room.

Following an inspiring sermon, a fellowship luncheon was served. This Sabbath at Mount Sinai was full and complete as it set the stage for the Youth Week of Prayer theme, "Youth Challenge for the 80's." Night after night the young people poured in to hear startling messages such as, "Man, What a Love," "Don't Jam the Lines;" "Satan's Last Campaign;" and many others. Guest choirs, soloists and others for the week were Gene Andrews Jr., the Davis Family of Linden Boulevard Church; the Girls' Quartet of Springfield Gardens Church; God's Comforts of Poughkeepsie, New York, and on Sabbath, March 22nd, the Lindennaires of Linden Boulevard Church. The Linden-



Trevor Baker, Northeastern Conference.

naires spent the entire day. They enjoyed a fellowship luncheon served by the youth of Mount Sinai and rendered a musical program during the Youth Hour.

Mount Sinai received "Showers of Blessings" during this, their first Youth Week of Prayer and for these blessings we praise God to the highest.

Dorothy Speight
Communication Secretary

NORWALK CHURCH ACQUIRES NEW CHURCH AND PARSONAGE

"To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Has Done" was heartily sung by the members of the Norwalk Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Norwalk, Connecticut as they moved into their new church and home. The new address is: 101 S. Main Street, S. Norwalk, Connecticut.

Large crowds are in attendance every Sabbath. Dedication of the church is planned for a later date.

Pastor Carlyle Langhorn is the minister.

CROWNED WITH HONOR

February 2, 1980, was one of the high days of Bronx Temple. Ms. Kathleen Hughes, leader of the Community Services, saw the need to let members know how much their support meant to the Department. Merit certificates were presented to each staunch worker, but the special emphasis of the afternoon program was showered on the bulwarks of the organization Senior Citizens, Ms. Annie Barber, Balerie Percy, Edna Taime and Eulalia Williams.

Speeches were given by two of the daughters of these dear sisters. The import of their words cannot fully express the ecstasy and joy of motherhood, nonetheless, we know that this was a day in Zion for these mothers, for a glow of joy lit up their faces when timely songs such as "We've Come This Far by Faith" were rendered. Moreover the melodious voices of the Linden Boulevard Cherub Choir epitomized it in the song, "I Just Want to Praise the Lord."

Surely the Lord withholds nothing from them that truly serve Him.

Gilbert Horsford
Violet Claxton

134 YEARS OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION

The city of Savannah, known as the Mother of Georgia cities, is the oldest city in Georgia, and the first capital city of the state. It is the city from which the first steamship was launched to cross an ocean and plow its way to Liverpool, England in 1819, and the first planned city in the United States founded February 12, 1733; also it is the first of the 18 schools of the South Atlantic Conference to come close to qualify for a 12th grade day academy status.

Black Adventist education in the cities of Atlanta and Savannah can rejoice for having survived 134 years of training Black children in the way of the Lord. Atlanta for 70 years, and Savannah for 64 years.

On April 13, 1970, Atlanta-Berean Jr. Academy celebrated its 70th year of operation, and on the same day, Savannah opened its new modern and commodious \$450,000 facility. This was accomplished under the pastorate of Elder E. J. Lewis; the wise counsel and helper of former principal Elder I. A. Christian; the energetic and fearless leadership of Principal Nathaniel Miller; and a sacrificial church membership. Much of the credit for the consumation of this project goes to Carver State Bank and its president and vice-president, Robert James and Joseph Bell, respectively. These gentlemen worked closely to help with the financing of the project.

On the weekend celebration "Little Richard" filled the church to its rafters on Friday and Saturday nights with a revival. Elder S. E. Gooden, superintendent of schools, preached for the divine worship service on Sabbath. Elder R. L. Woodfork, president of the conference and featured speaker, joined a number of officials of the city in the ribbon-cutting ceremonies on Sunday afternoon, April 13, 1980.

On the same weekend, Berean Junior Academy was in an extravaganza in the city which succeeded Savannah as the capital of Georgia—Atlanta in 1868—four years after the devastating fire of General Sherman's men in 1864. The services began on Friday evening, April 11, with the keynote and spirit-filled message of Elder R. L. Woodford at the Maranatha SDA Church. The speaker for the Sabbath divine worship service held at the Atlanta Berean Church was the



Participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony at the opening of the new \$450,000 educational facility in Savannah, Georgia on April 13, 1980 are left to right: James Merrifield, architect; John Eady, contractor; Robert James, President of Carver State Bank; R. L. Woodfork, conference president; E. J. Lewis, church pastor; Joseph Bell, vice president of Carver; and Nathaniel Miller, principal of the school.



Faculty members of the Ramah SDA School in Savannah, Georgia. Missing is Mr. Edwin Humphrey.

former pastor, Elder C. D. Henri, presently vice-president of the General Conference.

The third phase of the activities went to Cunningham Hall at Morris Brown College on Saturday night. This was the annual fund-raising Spring program by the students and teachers of the academy. The theme of this program was "The Black Experience." Over \$10,000 was raised.

The fourth and final phase of the 70th anniversary celebration was a testimonial banquet at the Frederick Douglass High School. Several dignitaries of the city were present including Atlanta City Council President, Marvin Arrington; Judge Clarence Cooper, representing and speaking for Mayor Jackson. State representative Henrietta Canty was the featured speaker. Three principals of the school also shared the spotlight—Mrs. Jessie Wagner of Pennsylvania who was honored for her years of service at

Berean; Henry F. Barbour, III, and the present and out-going principal, William H. Brown.

The music for the weekend featured the band and choirs of Berean Junior Academy under the able direction of Mr. David Green, music and Bible teacher of the academy.



Words of greetings from Councilman Roy Jackson at the opening of the new Savannah Rahm SDA School.

THREE BIG WEEKS AT MT. SINAI

In Orlando, Florida, at Mount Sinai SDA Church experienced three spiritually refreshing weeks beginning with Elder E. E. Cleveland and B. W. Abney, Sr., March 1-8. Elder Cleveland's theme was the beauties and realities of the New Earth. Elder Abney, a veteran, retired foreign missionary and Elder Cleveland's father-in-law, was an appropriate assistant and inspiration to the audience each night.

Following Elder Cleveland was Elder C. D. Brooks on March 23 with another week of heart-searching commitment and rededication. Eleven souls were baptized at the end of Elder Brooks' crusade.

"Little Richard" followed Elder Brooks with his evangelistic team arriving April 6 for another rousing revival at the Edgewater High School auditorium. Hundreds of commitments for Bible study by non-believers were registered.



Dr. E. E. Cleveland, Chairman of the Division of Missions at Oakwood College, conducted the Week of Prayer and Revival at Orlando, Florida Mt. Sinai SDA Church, March 1-8, 1980.



Elder C. D. Brooks, Field Secretary of the General Conference and speaker of the Breath of Life television program, was the revivalist at Orlando, Florida Mt. Sinai SDA Church.

These revivals were a good boost for Mount Sinai who is preparing to enter a gigantic church building program, May 17, 1980.



At grand opening of the Miami-Bethany district community center are standing left to right: Altamese Hill, director of the center; Erycina Webbe, J. A. Edgecombe, district pastor and O. J. McKinney, Ministerial Secretary of the South Atlantic Conference, guest speaker.

MIAMI-BETHANY OPENING COMMUNITY CENTER

The Seventh-day Adventist Community Service organization of the Miami, Florida district (Bethany and Mt. Pisgah churches) opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sunday, March 30, 1980, at its new address, 740 NW 62nd Street.

Participating in the opening activities was the Pathfinder Drum Corps of the Bethany and Northside churches. Participants also included Mrs. Erycina Webbe, mistress of ceremony; Elder R. R. Brown, pastor of the Northside church; P. J. Farrington; Dr. James Thomas, a community guest; Miami City Commissioner Barbara Carey, giving welcome on behalf of the city officials. She offered her support in helping to secure any needed paraphernalia for the community center. Pastor J. A. Edgecombe, district pastor, introduced the guest speaker, Elder O. J. McKinney, Ministerial Secretary of the South Atlantic Conference. Elder McKinney is well experienced in community service activities and gave commendations for a job well done.

Mrs. Altamese Hill, center director, along with her co-workers, worked untiringly preparing the recently acquired building for the official opening. The ribbon was cut by Commissioner Barbara

Carey. The Mt. Pisgah Church's Department of Community Services, and others assisted in making the official opening of the new center a grand success.

SPRING MUSICAL CONCERT

If you are a lover of music, and enjoy seeing young people in action, you would have been thrilled to see 33 talented young people beautifully perform at the Bethany SDA Church in Miami, Florida, on Sabbath, March 29, 1980. This group is Bethany's newest singing group and range in ages 13 to 17.

Under the direction of Mrs. Mable D. Glover and Mrs. Vivian Brown, pianist, and their wonderful sponsors, this 33 voiced choir presented a Springtime blend of musical harmony in their first annual concert.

Congratulations and thanks to Mrs. Glover and Mrs. Brown for their untiring patience and sincere interest in inspiring these young people to perform so professionally.

Mrs. Vivian Davis
Public Relations



The LaGrange, North Carolina Church is the first of its kind to be opened and dedicated debt free at the same time.



Flanking Elder Joe Hinson, the Conference Lay Activities Director, are the Ingathering Queens: Daisy Jackson of Charlotte-Berean, Elder Ralph Franklin pastor, on left who raised \$40,356.40 in ten years; and Rosa Holmes of Savannah-Ramah on the right. She raised \$55,309.87 in the quinquennium. Elder E. J. Lewis is her pastor.



Pastor of the Lima Drive SDA Church in Lexington, KY.

GOD HAD AN IMPACT

Pastor Bill Monk held a Community Relations Day program at the Lima Drive Church in Lexington, Kentucky. The all-day affair brought in E. E. Cleveland and a quartet from Oakwood, four outstanding civic leaders of Lexington, the choir from the Magazine Street Church in Louisville and hundreds of other members and friends. It also brought in reporters and camera men from local newspapers.

The much publicized event drew the attention of the city not only to the church and its modern structure, but also to the pastor and his many-sided career.

The reporter who covered the impressive Community Relations Day program came back to interview Pastor Monk. The interview resulted in a seven picture, five column spread on two pages of the *Lexington Leader*, the daily news of that city, tracing his life from the days of his childhood on the streets of Harlem, New York, to the pulpit of Lima Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The newspaper story said in part, "Monk has been a professional boxer, an actor, a private investigator, a promoter, a bodyguard for actor Anthony Quinn, a public relations consultant, a model, a sportswriter . . . to name some of the occupations he has had. Now he's pastor of the Lima Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church in St. Martin's Village off Georgetown Street."

Monk has also received awards as one of the top insurance agents of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, and for an outstanding job in Huntsville when he served as coordinator for the first city-wide banquet for the National

Negro College Fund. That banquet drew a number of prominent politicians, civic leaders, educators and athletes.

The newspaper said that God had an impact on his life.

"Monk was at a gang party in New York, and it was raided by cops. Somebody passed him a gun when the police came in, and it could have led to big trouble. He was arrested, but one of the detectives said he didn't want to see Monk's life wasted . . . the cop took the firing pin out (which kept Monk from being convicted). 'What really shocked me was that it was a white cop.'"

"Later in life, in the midst of a movie and stage career that often had him playing roles of either pimps or detectives, it was God who had an impact. It happened quietly one day when he was at his ill mother's bedside—he made a promise if for some reason she failed to survive her illness, they would be together one day. She died a few days later. That was the end of his life with show business and the beginning of his life with God.

"Monk in his 40's put himself through school by working in the college security department while carrying a full course load. . . He also served as a pastor of a church while still in school."

After his studies at Oakwood, he was assigned as assistant pastor to Elder William Cleveland at the 1100 member Ephesus church in Birmingham, Alabama. He also worked in the Evangelistic meetings held in Birmingham by Dr. E. E. Cleveland, formerly of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference, now a professor of Missions and Evangelism at Oakwood College.

"He met Sarah, his wife, through church activities in New York. They live in the Gainesway subdivision with their two-year-old daughter, Tiara."

Monk was pictured in the index on the front page and the moving article came to its conclusion with the emphasis on plans that the pastor has for the city. He plans a "Pathfinder program for the youth. The program will include hiking, camping and other aspects like collecting food for the needy, an anti-drug program. He hopes to bring in outsiders who can tell the youth what drugs will do," Monk said.

"He said he'll be out in the streets here, to tell people with wasted lives that there can be hope and their lives can be put to a better, more meaningful pur-

pose. Monk believes in the second coming of Christ . . . 'We've got to tell everybody.'"

God has had an impact not only on Bill Monk's life, but on the city of Lexington through such publicity.



What's cooking in the kitchen of Susie Hill? Susie Hill, wife of Pastor Roland Hill, is a Home Economics teacher and shares her recipes with the *RECORD* newspaper. Her picture and vegetarian meals was a half page feature story, which increased the interest of the church.

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE KITCHEN OF SUSIE HILL?

Susie Hill is a vegetarian and today she shares some of her favorite recipes with us. The wife of Roland Hill, Seventh-day Adventist Minister, she is a certified Home Economics teacher. She is a homemaker and the mother of two children, two-year-old Mian, and one-year-old Sonya. The Hills have lived in Mt. Pleasant for two years. Susie's hobbies include breadmaking, cooking, sewing, travel and playing the piano.

LAYMAN CONDUCTS WEEK OF PRAYER

The members of the Magazine Street S.D.A. Church of Louisville, Kentucky enjoyed a rare blessing during the week of March 8-15, 1980. For the first time in the history of the church, a layman conducted the Spring Week of Prayer.

Mr. Roscoe Brown, a layman from Chicago, Illinois, fed hungry souls with rich spiritual food during the entire week. Mr. Brown has a wife and two children, and although he is handicapped with a rare physical ailment, he works daily. He has been very successful in conducting Bible meetings nightly and on weekends since joining the church in 1955. He has conducted five different weeks of prayer meetings, three health and welfare meetings, has spoken at the Youth Federation and

assisted with Evangelistic meetings in tents and churches. Thirty-eight precious souls have joined the church during his ministry.

During the Spring week of prayer, Mr. Brown attracted and held the interest of large numbers of youth and adults nightly as he expounded on such subjects as "The Bad and No Good," "The Brotherhood" and "The Great Rip-Off." He expressed his dissatisfaction with the modern way of life and explained by experiences, film, and Bible texts the dangers of drinking, smoking, drugs, illicit sex.

Each day he spoke to the pupils of Emma School. After listening to such a gifted speaker, many of the youth and adults decided that they needed special prayer and a change in their lives.



Evangelist Roscoe Brown of Chicago, Illinois conducting the Week of Prayer in Louisville, Kentucky.

CHATTANOOGA BLESSED BY VINCENT MINISTRY

For the last four consecutive Sabbaths, baptisms have been taking place at the Orchard Park Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Dr. Patrick E. Vincent and members have been seeing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on precious souls being baptized into the Three Angels' Message. They are entering by ones and twos, brothers and sisters, family groups, children, grandchildren and others.

The new members rejoiced and told what experiences they had with the Lord. Some came to church at first as spectators and not to learn about the love of God, not realizing they were on hallowed ground. Two brothers that joined the church were sons of a Baptist minister.

Only four months in the New Orchard Park edifice, and it's being filled by the help of the Lord.

Dr. Vincent has launched the Operation Comeback, and many are returning to the church. At Orchard Park we believe: "If Christians act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world." 97, 221.



Dr. Patrick Vincent, Pastor of the Orchard Park SDA church in Chattanooga, Tennessee.



The South Central Conference Budget Committee met in the Riverside Library on March 26. D. A. Walker, Conference Treasurer reported a \$340,297 tithe increase giving South Central a total of \$2,314,640 in tithes. Union officials congratulated President Dudley and his staff for their growth and a balanced and workable budget. It was the first time in years that South Central's financial report was received with commendation.



These are the students of the newly formed Ephesus SDA Church School in Meridian, Mississippi. The school offers grades 1-6. Pictured with the students are their teacher Ms. Sonya Wilson and Elder G. L. Byars.

PASTOR WHITLOW WORKS TO REACH ALL OF ALABAMA

Stephanie D. Johnson

Under the dynamic leadership of Pastor Fred L. Whitlow, Associate Publishing Director for the state of Alabama, literature evangelism has grown as never before. This tremendous growth can be contributed to his faith in God and his reliance on the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy as his guiding light.

He takes God at His word. He believes with God all things are possible. After reading E. G. White's counsel that we should reach leaders in government, business, and the influential people to acquaint them with the message, he did just that. After living in Birmingham for less than two years he had Dr. Richard Arrington, Mayor of Birmingham to speak at the "Be My Valentine Banquet." It was quite a historic event for never had the Mayor of Birmingham spoken to the Seventh-day Adventists in Birmingham.

Pastor Whitlow was born and reared in Langdale, Alabama to Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Whitlow. He remained there until age eleven when he went to Cleveland, Ohio, completed his education and went into the Air Force. During this time he began searching for the truth. After a year and a half his prayers were answered when a Seventh-day Adventist friend from Cleveland invited him to attend Bible classes. He began to study with Mack Butler. As a result he became a member of the Newburgh, New York Mission. He was baptized at Victory Lake Campground by Elders Eugene and Robert Carter.

After completing his tour of duty at Stewart Air Force Base in Newburgh, New York he returned to Cleveland, Ohio where he met his wife, Ruth Ann Brown, and worked in the U.S. Navy Finance Center. He became active in the church Mission Outreach, yet he had a great desire to work further for the Lord. He knew that God had a special work for him to do so he began to pray that the Lord would direct him.

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For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from law and sin and death.

—Romans 8:2

TULSA MOVES FORWARD

The Bethel Church in Tulsa is on the move! During 1979, the Tulsa Church received a new pastor, Elder M. M. Young, a pastor-evangelist of over 27 years' experience. Elder Young was introduced to the congregation in July and moved to the city in September and the wheels began to spin. The following accomplishments have been achieved since September:

Evangelism: An Evangelistic Crusade was held in the church. He was assisted by Bible Instructors: Mrs. Edythe Rice and Mrs. Elizabeth Memo. Mr. Bruce Suttle, the Harmonettes, and Mrs. Ramona Young, organist, provided the music. To date God has blessed them with 43 baptisms. At the present time the church is involved in spearhead work making ready for a major tent crusade beginning in July 1980.

Church Improvements: Since September, the following improvements have been made to the church complex to make it more functional and attractive:

1. A new church lobby was constructed featuring beautiful wood paneling and a solid Brigantine tile floor.
2. The pastor's study was re-located, and completely paneled and carpeted.
3. The church conference room was paneled and carpeted.
4. A splendid sound system was installed in our sanctuary featuring Bozak sound columns and AKA microphones.
5. The entire church complex was cleaned and 16 of our 22 classrooms re-decorated and made serviceable.

6. Three dusk to dawn lights were installed on our church parking lots.

Conference Goals: The Tulsa Church has been able to reach all of its conference goals thus far, in fact, the conference Ingathering goal was raised in one day for the first time in history.

The entire congregation rejoices over the accomplishments and looks forward to a bright future in the '80s.

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY IN TYLER, TEXAS

Sabbath, January 26, was a day to be long remembered as the Sharon Church in Tyler held its Community Guest Day. The pastor, L. W. Draggon, requested the members to invite guests for this



Church building, Tulsa, Oklahoma.



M. M. Young, Pastor, Tulsa, Oklahoma church.

special occasion, and all responded graciously.

Elder W. C. Jones, President, was the speaker. He commended Pastor Draggon for the capacity crowd in filling the auditorium with extra seats down the aisles, and the well planned program with the community in mind. Other guests consisted of churches from the district, Longview, Macogdoches, with visitors from Dallas and Fort Worth. The music was spirit-filled when the young voices of the Palestine Community Choir blended together directed by Charles Smith, and Andrew Jackson Coordinator. Other musicians were Cynthia Hammond, Carolyn Crowder and Kathy

Wiley, an outstanding soloist.

Following the service, Mrs. Opal Dean and her Food Service Committee prepared a delicious full-course meal that was enjoyed by everyone. The day ended with the MV's closing on a spiritual note and a "Happy Sabbath Day."

Marie Amie Roy, Reporter



W. C. Jones speaks to a waiting congregation in Tyler on Community Guest Day at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

MESSAGE MAGAZINE RALLY HELD

The 1980 Message Rally was held in Dallas at the City Temple Church, April

16 in connection with General Conference. Four Regional Conferences participated: Central States, South Atlantic, South Central and Southwest Region. Russell Bates, General Conference Lay Activities Department, was the keynote speaker. Special guests from the Review were Harold Otis, Robert Smith, and Earl Moore; the four conference presidents and their Lay Activities Directors.

Twenty-five thousand subscriptions were reported and \$99,000 was given as a partial report. Elder G. N. Wells, pastor of the City Temple in Dallas, received a trophy for reporting the highest number of subscriptions—1,380—and Elder F. W. Parker, Pastor of the Berea Church in Atlanta, Georgia, reported the second highest. Elder J. C. Hicks planned well for this gathering. He hosted this meeting with the office secretaries, colorfully dressed, serving a delicious meal at the YWCA where the workers fellowshiped together before this reporting session began.

The *Message Magazine* beginning next year will be on a monthly basis and the sales price will be \$4 instead of \$4.50.

Doris Jones, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Mr. and Mrs. George Young ordained elders of the Lake Charles Church (W. C. Jones, Center).

LAKE CHARLES, MOVES FORWARD

On Sabbath, February 23 at Lake Charles, Louisiana, two new converts, were ordained as elders of the church. The pastor and members are glad to have additional workers assist with the gigantic task of helping finish the work of God in the Lake Charles area. The services have taken on a new meaning and the auditorium looks good with new faces.



Texarkana youth choir present music for Visitor's Day.

TEXARKANA CHURCH HOST VISITOR'S DAY

Pastor J. W. Cox and the Texarkana Church served as host to Visitors' Day, Sabbath, March 22. The guests were: The Jefferson church; Mrs. Jeffries from Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cox, Sr., from New Orleans; our president and his wife, Elder and Mrs. W. C. Jones and approximately twenty visitors from the city. Following a very lively Sabbath School, Elder W. C. Jones delivered a spiritual message for the worship hour. A delicious meal was served at the Community Center, where the believers fellowshiped together.

An update of the progress of the building program was given. The church had on hand \$25,000 to purchase land to construct a modern sanctuary and church school. Negotiations are underway to secure the land. The membership responded to the dynamic leadership of Pastor Cox to make a "long looked for dream" a reality. The E. C. Ward Revival Lessons are being distributed to prepare the city of Texarkana for a city-wide evangelistic meeting during the summer. The work is expanding in Texarkana, what a joy it will be to worship in a beautiful new church facility in days to come.

MAYOR BRADLEY HONORED BY SDA TELECAST GROUP

Honorable Tom Bradley, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles was selected "Man of the Year" on February 17, 1980 by the National Television Broadcast American Religious Townhall. This is a Seventh-day Adventist telecast with headquarters in Dallas, Texas. Mayor Bradley was honored at the Holiday Inn's Grand Ballroom. He received several plaques and SDA literature. He was accompanied by his lovely wife to this festive occasion, where approx-

imately 500 people gave the mayor a standing ovation. V. L. Roberts, Southwestern Union Treasurer and W. C. Jones, president of Southwest Region Conference were among those who extended congratulations to the mayor, a native of Calvert, Texas.



Mayor Tom Bradley, B. E. Leach, Southwestern Union Conference President, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Leach.

NATHANIEL JACKSON NAMED ASSOCIATE PUBLISHING DIRECTOR

The Assistant Publishing Director for Central States, Spencer Brown, accepted a call to the Central California Conference to direct the Family, Health, and Education Services. To replace Mr. Brown in the New Orleans, Louisiana District—an invitation was extended to Mr. Nathaniel Jackson of the Central States Conference.

Mr. Jackson is a native of Alabama. He accepted the Third Angel's Message, and was baptized in Omaha, Nebraska by the late J. E. Cox. He made a prosperous living as a furniture craftsman for the Clayton Pierce Furniture Manufacturers for twenty-one years. The Lord spoke to his heart and he became a full-time Literature Evangelist in May, 1978. From the early beginnings of his ministry God blessed, for over the past 18 months he has delivered \$43,000 in literature.

Mr. Jackson has taken up responsibilities in Southern Louisiana—and the literature evangelists have received him graciously. His wife Geraldine, is a registered nurse and two children complete the family circle. We believe the arrival of the Jacksons will give impetus to the Publishing Ministry.

OAKWOOD

COLLEGE



Enter to learn;

depart to serve.

MANAGEMENT TRANSITION AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Donald Oxley, Director of Administrative Services at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, California, was appointed by the Board of Trustees on May 8, 1980, as new business manager of the college. Mr. Oxley replaces Mr. Adell Warren who has resigned after 28 years of stellar service at Oakwood. Although Mr. Oxley's tenure begins July 1, 1980, Mr. Warren will remain in service as special assistant and consultant to Mr. Oxley for six months of transition or until December 31, 1980.

Mr. Warren, affectionately known as "Uncle Adell" to many youth whom he has assisted financially while at Oakwood, plans to enjoy an extended study leave before assuming responsibilities elsewhere in denominational work.

Mr. Warren's tenure at Oakwood College, which began in 1952, has spanned all or portions of the administrative years of five of the six black presidents Oakwood has had: Presidents Peterson, Millet, Pinkney, Hale and Rock. During this time he has earned the reputation as a devoted and skillful businessman, leading out in the construction of Ford Hall, Ashby Auditorium, the J. T. Stafford Academy building, the natatorium, Blake Center, Edwards Hall, Carter Hall, Peterson Hall, the Eva B. Dykes library and the religion-education complex.

Mr. Warren, whose knowledge of farming and finance have kept Oakwood in the black through three decades, has also served on many prestigious and important committees of the South Central Conference, the Southern Union and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The citizenry of Huntsville and Madison County, Alabama, have also come to know him as a management expert and have provided the college countless accommodations

because of his business acumen and his Christian reputation.

Mrs. Ruth Warren, the other half of the team, has served for several years as school nurse and, recently, director of health services at Oakwood College; and, as her husband, has worked far beyond the call of duty making Christian higher education a worthwhile experience for many thousands of students.

Donald Oxley, age 35, is a former academy and college student at Oakwood (1960-1964) who earned his B.S. degree from Union College in 1967. Mr. Oxley has enriched his skills via graduate work at the University of Nebraska, California State University (Pomona) and California State University, Los Angeles. Mr. Oxley is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the son of parents widely known for their support of the work in the Southwest Region Conference.

Mrs. Oxley, the former Carol Allison of Los Angeles, California, is also joining the working ranks at Oakwood. Mrs. Oxley (B.A. La Sierra College 1965, M.A. California University, Pomona, 1979) will serve in the Education Department, specializing in instruction in the area of early childhood development. Carol is the youngest of the daughters of the late Elder and Mrs. J. W. Allison, Jr. The Oxleys, who have two children of primary and junior age, expect to take up residence at the school during the month of July, 1980, in what is planned as a smooth but highly significant "changing of the guard" in the fiscal department of Oakwood College.

Oakwood plans a memory book for Mr. and Mrs. Warren and invites all whose lives have been significantly touched by their ministry to send a "one-page" typewritten letter of appreciation

for their services here at the college. All such communication should be directed to the Office of the President.

The college family takes pride in reviewing the nearly three decades of yeoman service of its fiscal leader and his faithful wife while warmly welcoming the new team of Donald and Carol to the heavy responsibilities and superior satisfactions of service at Oakwood College.

C. B. Rock

CHANGE IN BOARD CHAIRMANSHIP AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE

The readers of the *Regional Voice* will be interested in the following action taken by the Board of Trustees at their meeting of May 8, 1980:

"Noting that his retirement was now effective, Elder C. D. Henri requested of the Board their attention to the selection of a new president. After brief discussion, M. C. White moved, and it was duly seconded and VOTED that C. E. Bradford assume this responsibility.

President Rock and various Board personnel expressed fond appreciation and tribute for the effective service rendered the college by Chairman Henri."

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Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:9

BLACK ADVENTIST BUSINESSES—IN ACTION



Dennis Dublin, owner of the J&S West Indian-American Market.

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET THAT FEEDS BOTH BODY AND SOUL

The J&S West Indian-American Market located at 2415 Jordan Lane, at the intersection of Jordan Lane and Sparkman Drive, offers a variety of fascinating and exotic products. Tropical products from the Caribbean and West Indies include mangoes, sugar cane, plantain and mauby; West African palm oil and egusi; Middle East olives and halva; Oriental curries and mango pickles; Latin American sofrita and guamabana; American fruits and vegetarian meats, as well as English sea-moss. These make a dazzling array of hard-to-find products that tease the imagination and tantalize the appetite. The market is owned by Mr. Dennis Dublin.

Born in the Panama Canal Zone, Mr. Dublin grew up in the West Indian island of St. Vincent where he received his secondary education and later attended the Caribbean Union College, and later taught for the denomination for six years.

In 1960 Mr. Dublin attended the New York Community College where he obtained his associate degree. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Brooklyn College in New York, majoring in Sociology and minoring in English.

From 1966 to 1977, he taught first at the Opportunity Industrialization Center for three years, and later at the State University of New York for the remaining years. His wife Myrtle was born in the Republic of Guyana, South America, the daughter of a missionary. She is a registered nurse. They are the parents of four boys.

Mr. Dublin and his family moved to Huntsville, Alabama because he desired to live near an Adventist college. Huntsville's weather is suitable for farming (a hobby of his). He also desired to raise his family in a rural setting rather than amid the hustle and bustle of New York City.

This new establishment is an idea that he nurtured after his visit to Huntsville in August of 1976. He believes in Earl Nightingale's quotation: "Find a need and fill it." He found that there was a long overdue need for such a market.

The patrons at the market include Nigerians, Orientals, Puerto Ricans, Vietnamese, Black and White Americans. Mr. Dublin hopes to bring in local cuisines, health foods, herbs, and a wide array of spices, accentuating the limited vegetarian foods, as well as a much needed juice bar.



J&S is not only a market place of exotic foods, but it is a way of life, an institution that is a socializing agency. Friends who have not seen each other for years renew their acquaintances as they meet at the "watering hole." It breaks down stereotyping and prejudices. It accentuates the positive side of a person and unearths the hidden beauty of different racial and ethnic groups. It has a bewitching effect of transfiguring the reticent beholder into an exuberant and loquacious character.

The dazzling array of forgotten products that once graced the local supermarket shelves suddenly stare them in the face—Jamaican Pickapeppa sauce,

English Cowgate Glucose, Greek Filo dough, to name a few.

Cooking classes are discussed and the way of preparing such foods becomes an instant topic of conversation.

Mr. Dublin thinks that Huntsville is the place to be at this time and would encourage Black Adventists into business enterprises in this ever-expanding city.



Mr. Dennis Dublin and son Curtis, shown with produce from the International Market.

He thinks Unity and trust are two qualities that would enhance any business, while distrust and disunity can be a hindrance and barrier to progress. There is a need for Adventist business especially as times are getting harder for the faithful to keep their jobs because of the Sabbath."

"Our young people should look with confidence into the future for meaningful jobs. This gap can be filled by those who can mobilize corporate ventures. As Seventh-day Adventists, we have tremendous power in our hand."

"The more support given to Black Adventist business the more the church will prosper. Increased employment means increased tithes and offerings, the ability to give needed funds in the local and foreign field and greater impetus for a finished work."



Inside view of the International Market.

J&S is dedicated to doing practical missionary work as well as passing out tracts to its patrons. On the counter you will find Revival Bible Lessons, Ingathering magazines, etc.

Mr. Dublin has given several pointers for aspirants businessmen: "Take God as a business partner. In planning your business make Him your confidant. You must have vision! Cultivate a good positive attitude regardless of what circumstances you may encounter. Be a go-getter! Don't wait for circumstances, make them. Talk to few people about your plans (since most people are negative in their thinking), but rely on expert advice. Don't give up!"

J&S Market would welcome those who would like to invest in this present establishment. Interested persons may write for further information at this address:

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BECAUSE WE CARE . . .

Helen Keller stood there with her hand under the pump spout. Cool water tumbled through her fingers as teacher Anne Sullivan pumped and simultaneously tapped out an alphabet code in Helen's other palm.

There must be a reason for this, Helen thought, as her facial expression showed the mental struggle she was experiencing. Then this seven-year-old deaf-blind girl knew! She pronounced her first word, "water." There must be other words that match objects, Helen thought as she dashed about the yard touching, questioning, sensing the message tapped by her teacher and finally verbalizing the new concept. She learned 30 words that first day. This was only the beginning of a lifetime of learning. Graduating cum laude in 1904 with a B.A. degree, she was later awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters and Doctor of Law degrees. The Keller home and the water pump are still there, in Tuscumbia, Alabama, reminding mankind of this monumental breakthrough.

In this year, 1980, the Helen Keller Centennial Congress is also remembering the exemplary conquest of "America's First Lady of Courage" and the persistent dedication and genius of

her friend and tutor, Anne Sullivan.

Christian Record Braille Foundation also remembers and joins other organizations in showing the strident steps taken by blind persons as they live successfully and grow intellectually and spiritually in a sighted society.

In a similar tradition, Christian Record has extended a caring outreach of free services to the visually impaired for the past eighty years. It has a large and growing audience of which many Seventh-day Adventists are not always aware.

Pastor Harry Sutcliffe, Ph.D., is Director of the Episcopal Guild for the Blind. I met him recently while attending a convention of the American Association of Worker's for the Blind in Oklahoma City. When we met, this minister said he recognized my voice from CRBF records and tapes. He mentioned that he reads *Student* magazine, (the adult Sabbath school lessons), in braille and listens in recorded form. He studies one during the week and the other on Sabbaths. "And," Pastor Sutcliffe said, "I do mean the Bible Sabbath!" He expressed appreciation and concern on behalf of blind people generally and blind ministers in particular.

Dr. Sutcliffe values *Ministry* magazine "with superb articles by such wonderful men as Dr. Siegfried Horn." He spoke of many (blind) pastors, church leaders and laymen who are crying out for the deeper things in life in addition to the rudiments of the faith. "As you sit there in Lincoln," he observed, "you may think, 'Who is reading this material? Is anyone out there being reached?' I assure you, souls are being saved; growth in grace is taking place. My prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless you and make you a blessing."

Sight-handicapped persons cope with very real and sometimes rather unique problems. Last summer in New England I visited a 75-year-old man who reads braille with his tongue. Since his school days at Perkins School for the Blind in Boston, he has had very poor "feel" in his fingers. From sheer necessity, he was forced to resort to reading braille books with his tongue. But a prolific reader he is! He commends Christian Record for its concerned field workers and the braille reading materials he receives.

John Warner lives in a tiny house near the woods on the outskirts of a small town in Mississippi. He doesn't enjoy the

usual benefits of electricity, so there is no refrigeration, nor air-conditioning. His firewood comes from the nearby woods. To keep himself oriented, he sets a small battery-powered radio on the porch so that he can listen as he gathers firewood and find his way home again. At times the battery power fails and the radio dims. "Have you ever lost your house?" he asked his CRBF representative. John rejoices in the contents of reading material he receives in magazines and wholesome, inspirational books.

A sighted person recently wrote on behalf of a blind friend. "My friend asked me," she wrote, "to write to you requesting the Sabbath school lessons in recorded media." Then she added, "My blind friend was baptized last Sabbath in a Battle Creek, Michigan church."

A lady in Washington, New Jersey, wrote in a similar vein. Her testimony was that "as a direct result of the books and magazines I have been receiving from Christian Record for some 20 years . . . I have accepted the Lord and was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church."

Now, with the penetration of a new decade of the 1980's, Christian Record is undertaking a new challenge of providing needed services to persons with hearing impairment. This has been a long and much-neglected segment of our society. Thompson Kay, newly appointed Coordinator of Services for the Deaf, brings training, consecrated enthusiasm and dedication. Anticipated projects for the deaf include a monthly newsletter, informational brochures, Sabbath school quarterlies, pamphlets and tracts, Bible study lessons, workshops and seminars, and interpretation for the hearing-handicapped.

Surely the promise of the Lord is reassuring, "And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness." Isaiah 29:18

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Donald B. Simon
Director, Public Relations
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Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

John 17:17

IN THE NEWS



Elder Robert Carter, newly elected President of the Lake Union Conference of SDA.

FIRST BLACK UNION PRESIDENT ELECTED

Robert H. Carter, 55, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, was elected president of the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Carter, formerly executive secretary of the Lake Union Conference, is the first black to become president of one of the church's 10 union conferences in the United States and Canada.

Carter's election came at a meeting of the 33-member conference executive committee, which represents 56,735 church members in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

Carter replaces Lowell Bock as Lake Union president.

Bock was elected vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at an April 20 meeting held in Dallas.

Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Carter was a pastor and administrator in the northeastern U.S. for 21 years.

He has also directed work of the Adventist church in Uganda and Bermuda.

In his new position, he will serve as chief executive officer for the 448 Seventh-day Adventist churches and 145 elementary and secondary schools in the Great Lakes states.

He also serves as chairman of the Board of Great Lakes Hospital Services, chairman of the Board of Hinsdale Hospital, vice chairman of the Board of

Andrews University, and member of the Board of Trustees for Battle Creek Hospital.

Carter holds a bachelor of arts degree from Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, and received a master of arts degree in 1952 from Andrews University, Berrien Springs.

He and his wife, the former Rose Marie Vaughn of Chicago, Illinois, have a son, Kermit, who is associate dean of men at Andrews University.

OBITUARY

GARDNER, CLAUDE N., born April 16, 1900, and passed away March 8, 1980. His first wife was the late Elsaidda Williams. To this union were born two daughters, the late Marguerite Robinson and Vivian Long of Miami. His second wife, Musette Reeves, remained faithful to him through the many years of his incapacity until his death. Brother Gardner remained a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for 60 years, providing his children a Christian education. His wife, Musette, was a church school teacher who resigned to remain at home to provide for his comfort. All of his grandchildren received a Christian education; one, David Long, was a student missionary to Indonesia. His younger brother, Harry Long, will graduate from Oakwood College June, 1980.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Musette; one daughter, Vivian Long; one son-in-law, Herbert Long; 6 grandchildren; 2 grandsons-in-law; 9 great grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Psalm 30:5

Whatever our situation, if we are doers of His words we have a guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexity we have a sure Counselor.

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