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SOUTH ATLANTIC AND ITS BEGINNING

Today, South Atlantic Conference is the second largest regional conference with 20,135 members and 125 congregations.

South Atlantic was formally organized into a conference in December, 1945, three hundred and ninety-eight delegates, representing the black constituency of the four Southeastern states, North 19 delegates at large, assembled in the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church to organize the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventist. Elder E. F. Hackman, then President of the Southern Union Conference presided over the meeting.

The first officers elected were: H. D. Singleton, President; L. S. Follette, Secretary-Treasurer; F. H. Jenkins, Educational and M.V. Secretary; and Richard Robinson, Publishing Secretary. At the time of the organization of the Conference, there were 62 churches with a total membership of 3,614.

Work Among the Freedmen in Georgia and North Carolina

South Atlantic Conference had its beginnings in 1876, when Evangelist C. O. Taylor presented the Advent message to an integrated audience in Quitman, Georgia. A third of the audience was black. The following year he spoke three times to the colored people in Griffin, Georgia.

The first "colored" convert was a preacher-sharecropper from Houston County, Georgia. He lived on the plantation of Mr. Killen who was a recent convert. He was baptized in March, 1878. In April, 1879 nine freedmen were baptized.

Between 1900 and 1902 three ministers were assigned to Atlanta—L. C. Sheafe, M. C. Sturdevant, and C. A. Hall. Despite the efforts of these men there were no colored churches in Georgia. In January, 1907, W. H. Sebastian was assigned to Atlanta. Meetings were held in his front room.

In April he held his first evangelistic crusade assisted by S. G. Dent (grandfather of Dr. Carl A. Dent of Riverside Hospital).

In 1908, after an evangelistic crusade was held, a church, two schoolrooms, and a treatment room was erected on Green Ferry Avenue. Anna Knight came to Atlanta as a Bible Instructor and nurse. While there she lectured on her mission experience in India and the first colored church was organized.

About the same time C. O. Taylor entered Georgia the New England Tract Society was sending tracts into North Carolina. "Among the reader's replies published in 1877, in *Review and Herald* appeared two from colored people in North Carolina, one from a self-taught traveling preacher who asked for tracts to distribute to his congregations and who told how he had studied at night in his slave cabin.

The work among the "colored" people progressed very slowly. Few dedicated workers could be found to work perseveringly among the "colored" people. The harvest was plentiful but the laborers were few. The slave mentality of the South did not die with the Emancipation Proclamation, it seemed to have become more intense as a result of whites violently opposed to any religion that would uplift and elevate the "colored" man. Therefore, when Elder J. O. Corliss, Superintendent of the Southeastern Field reported there were 267 whites and twenty coloreds this proved that there was a great need to reach the millions of "colored" people.

In the June 11, 1908, issue of the *Review and Herald* reported that "our only 'colored' minister's tent ropes cut and the minister forced to leave by order of the town council because his colored converts refused to work on the Sabbath." The minister who sparked the controversy was John Manns. Elder Manns was a stalwart messenger throughout Florida.

In 1911 J. W. Manns and John Green conducted a meeting in Jacksonville that resulted in eleven converts. Three sons of the church became denominational leaders: H. D. Singleton, W. S. Lee, and V. L. Roberts.

In the same year M. C. Stachan and J. F. Green held meetings in Miami, which resulted in a church being organized in 1912.

Blacks Accept the Third Angel's Message in South Carolina

In 1896, I. E. Kimball, former President of Vermont Conference went to Charleston. He made contacts with the

churches through WCTU and spoke in colored churches and distributed the *Signs of the Times*.

He brought volunteers from the North, operated a night school for "colored" people and established a mission for underprivileged whites.

In 1900 he organized a church of seventeen white and "colored" believers. At the end of the year the mission, the church and the school disappeared from the record.

In 1902, Peace Haven Industrial School for Colored and Blackville claimed to be the "only school teaching colored people SDA doctrine."

Seven years after Kimball left Charleston a church and school was organized among its members where they were keeping the Sabbath since Kimball.

In 1905, D. E. Blake, evangelist, organized a church in Spartanburg. In 1907 Sidney Scott replaced D. E. Blake as evangelist for South Carolina. By 1908 he had organized a school and church in Greenville.

Among the believers baptized in South Carolina was B. W. Abney and F. S. Keitts. By 1916, there were more colored believers than whites. It is from the humble beginnings that South Atlantic has achieved such phenomenal growth.

Stephanie Johnson

RESOLUTION FOR THE DIVISION OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

WHEREAS the growth of the Black work will be enhanced by the formation of a new Black conference by dividing the large territory and membership of the South Atlantic Conference into two conferences of smaller geographic territory, and

WHEREAS a feasibility study of the territory and financial strength of the South Atlantic Conference indicates that two conferences may operate with financial soundness, excepting projected losses for two or more years, serving the total South Atlantic membership; and

WHEREAS a division of territory, including forming one conference of North and South Carolina and all of Georgia except a southerly portion of Georgia as defined by Exhibit A attached and the other conference made up of Florida

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

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MOTHER MOORE

Just passing it on—that's what Jamie Moore says she's been doing since moving to Grand Rapids in 1958—giving food, clothing and shelter to those in need who knock at her door.

"I know how it feels to be in need, because I have been there myself. People have helped me. So I help others."

A perky 84, she recalls those hard times back in the late '50s, when a house was purchased at 21 Conklin Ct. SW. (She still lives there.)

Her aunt, who lived with her, received \$80 a month and made the payments on the house, leaving Jamie to worry about whatever else had to be done.

"I was getting \$47 a month Social Security. That's what I had to live on. I made and sold aprons to help me get going.

"I bought coal by the ton and made fires in the stove."

She remembers one week having only 75 cents left after paying bills. "I took that 75 cents and bought me a dress from a rummage sale. I didn't have one fit for nothing."

It was during this time that she started coming to the aid of families. A church member told Jamie about that first family's problems.

"The man's wife was very sick, and they had three children that needed attention. So I went there to live in.

"Then my aunt got sick and I had to bring the children home with me. I didn't get any money. He didn't have any money to give. But the children had to have help. So I took care of them."

Since then she has been caretaker for 35 children—those of unwed mothers and those of mothers who, with their husbands, were trying to squeeze a living from meager jobs.

People usually are sent to her by her pastor, John K. Grier of Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1024 Adams St., SE, and by others she has helped.

"But one man just walked in and said he was hungry. I fixed him a plate of what I had." He ate and left. She never saw him again.

"One mother would buy clothes from rummage-sale places for her girls," Jamie says. "But they needed to be fixed up. I'd fix them and they'd go out looking pretty. I would take care of their children—do the washing and cook them something to eat."

Her deeds have earned her the title of "Mother Moore."

"They're all my children," she says, her quick smile giving way to warm laughter as she leafs through an old photo album.

In 1927 Jamie was living in Chicago, working in a sewing factory before opening her own sewing shop. It was there that she met Noah Moore and set up housekeeping. But the marriage didn't last.

They separated years ago.

Mother Moore was raised by her grandmother in Arkansas, brought up living with lots of people.

"Just about all day a bunch of my uncle's and aunt's children would come to Grandma's house to tell her something or bring her something. They'd just come. We'd play 'Honey on the Bee Ball' and run inside to eat the bread Grandma had fried up early in the morning.

"Everybody was welcome at Grandma's. All the neighbors—everybody.

People would stop on the way wherever they were going. They'd stop there and talk.

"People lived together then. They lived doing for each other. Some people didn't have cows, so they had to depend on their neighbors. When Grandma milked the cow she'd get her an old tall lard bucket and fill that full of milk. Grandma would hang that bucket in my hand. And she'd put a big chunk of butter in there and send me on to the neighbors.

"Grandma had a little saying: 'To do to others as I would they should do to me, would make me honest, kind and good as children ought to be.'

"This is the way she taught us children—Uncle Joe's children and all the rest of us."

Her grandmother taught her other things which she still practices today—the making of patchwork quilts and sewing.

She made her first dress at age 12. "But I couldn't get into it. I cut it too small."

Now on special occasions, such as birthdays and holidays, she makes dolls and sews dresses for her "babies," the many children who seem to need her love.

On Sundays, her home is busy. Pieces of fabric and balls of yarn are everywhere as she teaches a group of young girls the old-fashioned skills of quilt making and crocheting.

"I enjoy seeing their little hands do something. It's all part of my work for the church, having kids over to teach them," she explains.



The need for quality is stressed by Mother Moore, who at 84 teaches the old-fashioned skills of crocheting and quilting.

The house was quiet one Sunday as 11 young girls worked, then one by one showed their work to Mother Moore. "That's daddle-do work," she told one girl, explaining how the stitches should be done.

"Daddle-do" goes back to Jamie's childhood. "I had a Sunday school teacher who said that to us. As girls, just early teen-age, we had to work. We worked for the white people in their homes. I was a cook all the time. Others did just housework.

"And she would tell us in Sunday school, 'You must go neat. If you have only one dress, you wash it and iron it at night and have it nice and clean to go to work the next morning. You don't want to go just daddle-do (that'll do).'

"You don't just throw anything together," Jamie adds. "You do it good. A daddle-do job will get daddle-do pay. If we can't do a good job, then it's not worth doing."

She has the same standard in helping others, though not all her experiences have been pleasant.

"A lady who was living here said I had taken some of her things. I told her I didn't have them, but she kept arguing about it. Finally I said, 'If you're going to keep it up, I'll call the police and get you out of here.' "

Jamie admits she was afraid of the woman and called the police. "I wanted them to come out and see about her. And oh, that made her angry. She just run into me and shoved me down. The phone went one way, I went the other. But the police come, they come right away.

"I didn't see her for awhile. But she came back later and begged me to pardon her for all the things she did that day. And I forgave her. She came back several times after that and got vegetables from the garden."

With the frequent comings and goings of the needy, Mother Moore just feeds them plain food—collard greens, tomatoes, beets, string beans and white potatoes, most of which she grows in her garden behind her house, freezing and canning the extras.

"I used to put collard greens in the freezer, but they will survive the winter until almost time to plant greens again. If the snow covers them up, you just get them out of the snow. And they taste so much better.

"Usually when the church folk know I got somebody they'll bring me

something. And, of course, when I get my Social Security check, I buy some more. And that's the way I get along."

A few years ago, a man and his wife stayed with her nearly all winter.

"They didn't have nowhere to go. And they didn't have no money, no job and no food. So I said, 'Come on.'

"I'd get up in the morning, fix them something to eat and call them. He eventually found a job. When he got his pay he started looking for a place to live. They offered me money."

She pauses.

"But you know, it didn't make no sense for me to take what little they had, when I was living and doing all right."

Later, the couple returned and painted her bedroom ceiling.

Mother Moore doesn't look for anything in return, although she says she has received plenty.

One person mailed her \$50 after getting settled in the Navy.

A woman discovered Mother Moore was feeling ill, so she stayed with her for two days and nights.

"It's a blessing. You help people and you get that love feeling and that makes you happy."

A young man now at Mother Moore's has stayed almost two years.

"He did have some debts he was trying to pay, so I just let him stay. He's still here. He's been paying me about six months."

Mother Moore has a simple belief in people, and no fear.

"Take a vicious dog. If you keep throwing a piece of bread and showing him love, pretty soon he won't be so vicious. People are the same way. They need love.

"I've found that it pays to be nice to people, especially when they're down and out. You just don't know what the cause is. You give him a hand, hold him up, until he can do for himself."

So she continues to help others. There's no limit, no time when she says, "Enough."

"No, there's no end. . . . Yes, when I die. The end will come then."

Leaning back in a large recliner, propping up her swollen ankles, she adds, "I'm slower in moving about, but I don't intend to stop now.

"Black or white, green or blue—color makes no difference. If you need, you need."

Ethel Footman Smothers



Pastor Booker T. Rice of the Northside Church in St. Louis was guest speaker at the National Single's Camp.

NATIONAL BLACK SINGLE'S CAMP

by Stephanie D. Johnson

The dilemma of the single black Seventh-day Adventist torn between going outside the church to find a mate or excusing their singleness as the will of God has become a major concern.



Sabbath morning communication exercise.

It seems that there are no single men and women in the church! The prospect of finding a desirable mate is limited. Within the church there exists no ministry to the single.

Elder Bill Wright, Youth Director, and James Hicks, Lay Activities Director of Southwest Region thought of starting a computer dating service for Black Seventh-day Adventist singles. Finally, they settled on a National Single's Camp.

Their purpose in establishing a singles' camp was to provide an interpersonal relationship by dynamic encounters through positive communication.

They wanted to strengthen friendship among singles by bringing them all together to fellowship.

On April 18-21 at Lone Star Camp at Athens, Texas, singles throughout the States from New York to California met for a Spiritual feast prepared just for them. The theme for the weekend was "Positive Communication and Personal Relationships." The program was conceived, written and directed by Elder J. L. Butler, Chaplain of Hadley Memorial Hospital and his wife, Melvene Butler, Community Health Nurse for Health, Education, and Welfare Department.



Left to Right: Elder Bill Wright, Adventist Youth Director for Southwest Region, Mrs. Melvene Butler and Pastor J. L. Butler.

They worked as a counseling team in human relations.

The Butler's proved to be masters in human relations. They took simple Bible Stories and turned them into great lessons in interpersonal communication. By their expertise and warmth they took a motley crew of strangers and transformed them into loving and lovable Christians.

It was amazing how their communication games could create a cohesiveness and closeness among total strangers. They taught us how to bring out the best in others and how to break down barriers of apprehension, fear, doubt, and uncertainty. Each participant felt free to express their warmth and love of their new found friendships.

The Butler's did not present a crash course in how-to-find-a-mate, nor was it a series of lectures or sermons. Each person was an active participant. The emphasis was in developing an adequate self-concept. It was not a match game or hunting season. The atmosphere was very relaxed which allowed each person the freedom to develop lasting friendships.

It was a weekend of spiritual refreshment. Pastor Booker T. Rice, minister of the Northside SDA Church in St. Louis, Missouri was the devotional and divine worship speaker. The music for the weekend was provided by the Relations of Fort Worth, Texas.

The retreat also offered boating, volleyball, hiking and other activities. Emphasis was placed on personal devotion and the study of God's Word. The weekend was well planned, the food was delicious, and the fellowship was excellent.

At the singles' camp a Black Adventist Singles' International Club (BASIC) was organized. Mrs. Melvene Butler gave the club its name. The officers elected to serve were: Bobby Smith, President—

The Editor's Desk

CORRECTION

The pictorial essay in the April 1980 issue of the *Regional Voice*, page 26, titled "South Central Progresses," shows a caption that reads "Bro. and Sis. B. Moore, honored as leading in book sales in 1979." It should read, "Elder and Mrs. Samuel Perry being honored as leading in book sales in 1979." Our sincerest apologies to Elder and Mrs. Samuel Perry for this mistake.

ATTENTION: ALL FRIENDS, FORMER STUDENTS AND ALUMNI OF ANDREWS UNIVERSITY: You are cordially invited to the Andrews University Reunion to be held August 1-3, 1980 at AU Campus, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

	July 25	Aug. 1	8	15
Boston, Mass	8:11	8:04	7:55	7:46
New York City	8:21	8:13	8:05	7:55
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:44	8:36	8:27	8:18
Atlanta, Ga.	8:43	8:38	8:32	8:24
Miami, Fla.	8:11	8:07	8:02	7:56
Charlotte, N.C.	8:33	8:27	8:20	8:13
Birmingham, Ala.	7:52	7:47	7:41	7:33
Jackson, Miss.	8:04	7:59	7:53	7:46
Memphis, Tenn.	8:09	8:04	7:57	7:49
Louisville, Ky.	8:59	8:53	8:45	8:37
Detroit, Mich.	9:00	8:53	8:44	8:35
Chicago, Ill.	8:16	8:09	8:00	7:51
South Bend, Indiana	9:11	9:03	8:55	8:45
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:48	8:40	8:31	8:20
St. Louis, Mo.	8:18	8:12	8:04	7:55
Kansas City, Mo.	8:37	8:30	8:23	8:14
Denver, Co.	8:20	8:13	8:06	7:57
Little Rock, Ark.	8:17	8:11	8:05	7:57
Dallas, Texas	8:31	8:26	8:20	8:13
New Orleans, La.	7:58	7:54	7:48	7:42
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:15	8:10	8:03	7:55
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:40	8:34	8:27	8:20

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

Birmingham, Alabama; Sandra Calvert, Vice-President—Austin, Texas; Wilma Barns, Secretary—Sapulpa, Oklahoma; Shirley Hanes, Assistant Secretary—Austin, Texas; Donnie Gill, Treasurer—Daton, Oklahoma; Elizabeth McKinney, Assistant Treasurer—Albuquerque, New Mexico; Donald Moy, Press Secretary—Dallas, Texas; and Stephanie D.

Johnson, Assistant Press Secretary—New York City.

The purpose of organizing the club is to bring about cohesiveness and fellowship among black SDA singles throughout the world. Plans are being considered to hold a black single's camp meeting and to organize a club in each state. The possibilities are infinite.

THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

PRESIDENTS' DAY AT LINWOOD

Sabbath, March 1 was designated Presidents' Day at Linwood Boulevard Temple in Kansas City, Missouri. S. Haywood Cox, President of Central States and E. S. Reile, President of Mid-America were on hand to fellowship and lead out in discussions relating to the work of the president.

Elder Reile gave a soul stirring message during the morning worship service. That afternoon Elders Cox and Reile touched base with the Linwood members in an open forum.

The afternoon service was highlighted by an ordination service. Elder Cox presented the sermon as Deroughrous Larry and James Brown were ordained as elders; and Richard Moseley and Maurice Valentine were ordained deacons.

Immediately following vespers a reception was held in honor of the presidents and the ordained elders.

Sybil L. Buford
Communication Secretary

COMMUNITY SERVICES FEDERATIONS

Each year Community Services Federations are held in the four Central States districts outlined by the Conference director, Elder E. F. Carter. The four areas hosting federations are Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, and Denver. The federations are designed to provide participation from local community agencies related to health and welfare, provide local churches with the opportunity for leadership training and provide needed service to the respective community.

Pictured are some of the activities by federations held recently in the Central States Conference.



Elders E. S. Reile and S. Haywood Cox



Elder E. F. Carter, Community Services Director

CHURCH INGATHERING THE HIGHEST EVER

The Central States Conference has reported its highest Ingathering offering in the history of the conference, according to Elder E. F. Carter, Director of Lay Activities.

Over \$50,000 was raised in 1979. This amount reported at the Central States Workers Meeting was the highest submitted by the conference membership since its official organization in 1947.

Elder Carter reported the following churches as being the first to complete their Ingathering Campaign: Maranatha (Kansas City, Kansas) first small church with \$1,000; Bethel (Kansas City, Kansas) the first medium size church with \$4,000; and Linwood Boulevard Temple (Kansas City, Missouri) the first large church with \$8,000.

Every Central States Conference church member is to be commended for making this a banner year.



James McClain awarded plaque for outstanding leadership in Pathfinder Club. Elder James White makes the presentation. James McClain and the Grove Heights Pathfinders will be going to Canada this summer as a reward for their service to the Wichita Community.



Pictured left to right are: T. Blakey, V. Watson, J. Lee, A. Scott, C. Jessup and K. Taylor (standing in front).

SHARON HOLDS YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER

The Sharon Church of Omaha, Nebraska experienced a beautiful Spring Week of Prayer. The week began with a marriage and family seminar conducted by Elder and Mrs. J. L. Butler from Washington, DC.

The theme for the week was "Total Commitment." All six speakers did an excellent job including Kimberly Taylor the youngest participant and the daughter of Elder G. H. Taylor, church pastor.

The week's activities concluded with recreation at the Hilernian skating rink and a special surprise Irish dinner.

Charlene Davis
Youth Leader



Pictured left to right are: James McClain, Jr., jingle winner; Myla Hannon, oratorical winner; Shella White, essay winner; and Ann Pyles, poster winner. William R. Wright, Jr. is Conference Temperance director.

LAKE REGION

VACATION WITH MISSION

Last year my wife Judy and I took a vacation with mission. We volunteered our services with SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services) to help the refugees along the Thai/Cambodian Border. What did we do with the children? This time, much to the delight of their grandparents, our three children spent the five weeks we were gone at their farm. My wife was a nurse at one of the refugee hospital wards and I was an all around helper just doing whatever I saw needed doing at the moment. To say that it was a rewarding experience is a trite cliché and a big understatement. It lifted me out of my narrow provincial "rut" and restored my vision of being able to see the Third World as part of my world as well.

I had forgotten how incredibly easy it is to travel anywhere in the world. It's a small, small world. For instance, on my return to the U.S., I shopped for a leather briefcase in Hong Kong in the morning, caught a plane at noon and stopped by Japan to buy a Seiko quartz alarm clock. I had a delicious Mexican dinner in Los Angeles that evening, and topped the day off with a play-off game that night.

To take a "vacation with mission" you don't always need to make it a long one either. Let me tell you about one of the

most interesting Seventh-day Adventist laymen I've ever met. His name is Robert Bainum and he runs several nursing homes. He invited me to go with him on a short vacation to the Philippines. We were riding in a taxi through downtown Manila when Robert asked the driver, "Take me to see the poorest of the poor section of Manila."

"Oh no, sir," was the response, "too dangerous sir." After much persuasion we were left off at a very poor barrio of squatters along the river. We plunged into the narrow walkway and smiled our warmest smiles to everyone around as we reached out and grasped their hands. I saw many families of more than five children and a menagerie of pets that lived underneath the three-foot high crawl spaces of the clapboard houses.

We were soon hustled into the middle of the slum area and by now had a very curious audience of a hundred or so, mostly children. We asked them what they needed and how could we help? We noticed four posts in the ground that evidently were the start of a basketball court. I then saw the light come on in Robert's eyes. That same afternoon the cab driver and we returned with basketballs, volleyballs, net, whistles for the referees, rule books for volleyball, etc. Arrangements were made for the purchase of backboards, and the installation of halogen lights. Also a suggestion for the need of a big party for the entire barrio was made, and by that time the excitement in that barrio had reached the euphoria stage.

The date for the celebration was set four days away. We then left to see other parts of the Philippines. Nothing could have prepared us for the reception we had four days later. We were met at the sidewalk with a live band, the mayor and local religious leaders. The lights were up, the tables were set, the food and cut flowers were all in place. Eight hundred dollars worth of sandwiches were donated by our hotel, the Hyatt Regency, when they found out about our little mission. Could you imagine a more fun way to spend a Saturday night in Manila? Everyone was dressed in his finest. The entire squallor of that slum barrio for a brief span of time had been transformed into a fairy castle wonderland. When Robert is invariably asked "why?" his answer is always, "God has been so generous with me I couldn't possibly be as generous as He has been." That Manila mission cost Robert \$2,500. But

he would say it saved him \$10,000. How? By being reminded again of how little a person's happiness depends on the material possessions one has, he would forget about buying that motor-home or that bigger boat he thought was essential. So you see, "I'm \$10,000 ahead!"

Yes, if every Seventh-day Adventist business or corporation sent their employees on vacations with mission, if every Seventh-day Adventist family would delegate one of their family members, if not the whole family, as a missionary to the Third World it would revolutionize the church's mission program. The lay movement needs to move to the mission field, and I don't mean being a "burden" to our church's existing mission program either. The people you touch, the people of the Third World that you help, the new friends that you will make, on your own, will be very grateful that you didn't wait to go until you were appointed by some committee. My appeal to you is, become a world person. Broaden your vision to include the entire world. the next time you're thinking of Yellowstone or Yosemite think, Bagoio, Bali, Sun Moon Lake, Malaysia State Park, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India; instead of Niagara, think of Iguazu, or Victoria. Instead of costing you money, it might save you money. Don't be content if your mission is only by "proxy," done by the "professionals." Go for it! And who knows where our paths will cross? See you at Machu-Pichu!

For more information on how others have taken "vacations with mission" contact:

Vacations with Mission
Care of Jerry and Judy Aitken
427-A Snow Road
Berrien Springs, MI 49103



Nancy Bosseau



Busy Bees participating on Children's day.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT CITY TEMPLE

Children's Day was recently held at the Detroit City Temple church.

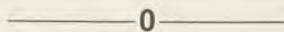
The Busy Bee Club, under the leadership of Juanita S. Martin presented the program for the Worship Hour. The club consists of children ages 5 through 9 and has a membership of 76.

The Pathfinders along with their leader, Roscoe Gray, joined in the procession and recessional.

Elsie R. Knox
Communications Secretary

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTED

Mr. and Mrs. Sellice Reeves of the Robbins Church, Robbins, Illinois are requesting special prayer for their daughter, Nancy Bosseau, who disappeared mysteriously while on a shopping errand on April 14, 1980. She is a school teacher and mother of three children. She was last seen entering a car that night. Your prayers will certainly be appreciated on their behalf.



Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

—Isaiah 59:1



Harvey Lee Porter with his winning poster.

HEALTHFUL LIVING

The Motor City area recently held its annual youth federation in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a poster contest on temperance. Contestants were urged to prepare posters which would draw attention to the evils of violating health laws.

The first place award was presented to Harvey Lee Porter of the Fairhaven Church in Flint, Michigan for his Kick The Habit entry.

Lonnie Winston
Assistant Communication
Secretary



R. C. Connor, Lake Union Evangelist

YEBOAH'S DREAM

by Jeanne Jepson

(Jeanne Jepson is an editorial assistant for the *Lake Union Herald*.)

In 1976, Paul and Elizabeth Yeboah, Chicago laymen, attended alumni homecoming at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. Lake Union Conference Evangelist Robert Connor was one of the weekend speakers.

The Yeboahs were impressed with the message Elder Connor presented, and Paul envisioned the success Elder Connor might have presenting the Gospel to the people in his homeland of Ghana.

That was the beginning of Paul's dream that finally became a reality early this year. "Even Paul was afraid there would not be an opportunity for his plans to come to fruition," said Elizabeth, "but in 1978 we began setting aside an amount from each paycheck for evangelism among the Ashanti people in Ghana."

Eventually the Yeboahs and a friend, Dr. Lindsey Thomas of California, who was a missionary to Ghana, raised the money for the air fare, and arrangements were made for Elder Connor to conduct a four-week evangelistic crusade in Kumasi, the second largest city in Ghana, the capital of the Ashanti region.

The Ashanti people are an African tribe in Central Ghana. According to Elder Connor, they are proud of their heritage—they were great warriors and consider themselves the elite of the African tribes. The Ashantis are well

educated, and about 60 percent of them speak English. They are a warm, loving people with close family ties, and they cherish the customs and traditions of their ancestors.

"I must confess that I was apprehensive about going," said Elder Connor. "Here I work with a professional evangelistic team: a full-time minister of music; a full-time soloist, and Bible instructors. I wanted to take the entire team, but, of course funds were not available. I wondered what it would be like working alone in a foreign country.

"When I arrived in Kumasi, I learned that neither an organ nor a piano would be available for the meetings, so I set about to find someone to sing the meditation and appeal hymns. Five young men formed a quintet, and these human voices became our instruments."

They sang the hymns Elder Connor uses in crusades here in the United States. Some of the hymns they sang in English, some in Twi, the language spoken by the Ashantis.

To ensure that all who came could understand the message, Elder Connor used an interpreter. Paul Coffie, one of the local pastors, served as interpreter, translating the sermons into Twi.

According to Elder Connor, Pastor Coffie was a tremendous asset to the meetings.

"After the second night we were like twins," commented Elder Connor. "He used the same voice inflection and gestures I used. I didn't need to slow down at all. Each day we discussed the vocabulary I planned to use that evening, in order to be certain there were words with similar meaning in Twi."



Entire families, such as the one pictured here joined the church after the crusade.

Central Ghana Conference President M. A. Bediako was the associate evangelist. "It was wonderful to have his support," said Elder Connor. "He carries the responsibility of administering a con-

ference with more than 20,000 members. He was present every night but one during the four-week series. One night he was called to Nigeria on church business."

Meetings were held in a large tent that seated about 1,000 people. The tent was packed every night. Church members stood outside the tent so that their friends could sit inside.

"We tried to attach an addition to the tent, but we weren't able to," said Elder Connor. "People stood all around the outside. We were blessed with a good public address system, so everyone could hear.

"I have never seen laymen support evangelistic meetings like they did in Kumasi," remarked Elder Connor. "They gathered under the tent regularly to pray for the success of the meetings. They walked many miles throughout the city, inviting people to the meetings. 'If you would like to come, stand by the side of the road,' they told them, 'a truck will come and take you to the meeting.'"

Laymen were the Bible instructors, studying the Bible with their friends and neighbors. "When I asked for volunteers to visit the people who were attending the meetings," said Elder Connor, "I hoped 80—maybe even 100—people would respond. To my surprise, 800 volunteered! The laymen in the Central Ghana Conference have the vision of soul-winning. They are on fire with a desire to share the Good News. They are uniting with pastors to finish the work."

In addition to conducting evangelistic meetings in the evening, Elder Connor spoke at college and university assemblies during the day. As a result, many students accepted his invitation to attend the meetings and scores of these young students were baptized.

According to Elder Connor, spiritism and voodooism are considered sacred rituals of the Ashanti culture. Christianity teaches that these practices are satanic, not sacred, and their whole way of thinking is challenged.

When Ashantis reject the religion of their ancestors, they are usually disinherited by their families. Family ties are strong, and they must stand courageously for the conviction of their conscience.

Polygamy is practiced among the Ashantis, and Elder Connor said this is another problem people face when they accept the teachings of the Adventist church. Men who have several wives

love all of them dearly, but when they prepare for baptism, they continue to live with only their first wife, and they must arrange living accommodations and care for their other wives.

"Because they have made God supreme in their lives, His law is paramount, and they are willing to keep His commandments," said Elder Connor.

During the first two weeks of the series Elder Connor appealed to the people to accept Christ in their hearts, but did not ask them to take a public stand. Although the tent was crowded every evening, Elder Connor was not sure whether the congregation grasped the message he presented.

"Am I getting through, Pastor Coffie?" he asked his interpreter.

"They are spellbound," replied Pastor Coffie.

"When I considered the sacrifice Paul Yeboah and others made for the crusade," said Elder Connor, "I prayed earnestly for the success of the campaign. Before I left for Ghana, I fasted and prayed. During my seasons of prayer, I asked God for 200 baptisms."

During the third week of the series, Elder Connor gave the people present an opportunity to signify publicly their intention to follow Christ. More than 250 people responded.

"My faith increased then," said Elder Connor, "and I asked the Lord for 400 baptisms."

When the final appeal was made at the close of the four-week campaign, 739 people expressed their desire to be baptized.

Two baptismal services, with five pastors officiating, were held in a nearby river; 452 people were baptized at the first service, and 287 at the second.

Commenting on Elder Connor's campaign, which culminated in the largest baptism in the history of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, division President Walter Scragg said:

"This signifies the spiritual and evangelistic fire present in the Central Ghana Conference, which was the first conference organized in Black Africa. Elder Connor has shown what the Holy Spirit is waiting to do through His African peoples.

"We believe this will escalate evangelistic fervor in all West Africa, encourage our ministers, and establish evangelism as a prime responsibility of our lay people, without whom this



R. C. Connor, center, rejoices with some of the newly baptized Adventists in Ghana.

marvelous harvest would have been impossible.

"Thank you, Robert Connor, and above all, let us thank and praise God for His goodness."

"This experience has added a new dimension to my ministry," said Elder Connor. "I wonder if my faith has been too weak. When I saw the candidates on the river bank in Ghana waiting to be baptized, I thought of the Day of Pentecost when thousands were baptized in a day.

"We are promised that the Holy Spirit will be poured out again. I am looking forward to the day when, through the combined efforts of laymen and pastors, there will be a Day of Pentecost here in North America."

COMBINED COMMUNION SERVICE HELD IN FLINT

Vern Joyner, pastor of the Fairhaven Church in Flint, Michigan and G. William Renton, pastor of the South Flint Church along with members from both congregations celebrated a communion service together. Both pastors have sought to bring a greater sense of fellowship between the members of the black and white brothers and sisters. The services were well supported by members of both churches and a new appreciation of each other resulted. They are looking forward to celebrating communion services on a regular basis.

The members are aware of the inequities of the past, and they are striving to overcome any differences which may exist between them.

Both Pastor Joyner and Pastor Renton presented short messages in which they exalted Christ and presented Him as the all-sufficient sacrifice on behalf of all people. Every elder, deacon and deaconess of both churches participated in serving one another. At the close of the service, the members formed a large circle as they joined hands and sang, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Dolores Miller of the Fairhaven church and the Hobson Trio presented special music for the service.

G. William Renton

NORTHEASTERN

HEALTH EXPO AT NURSING CENTER

In a brilliant display of skill and originality, the Nursing Department of Victory Lake Nursing Center presented a most successful Health Expo' on Sunday, May 18, 1980 at the nursing home in Hyde Park, New York. In doing so, Victory Lake Nursing Center became the first medical facility in the area to host a Health Expo'.

The Expo' was under the direction of Mrs. Myrtle Pickett, Director of Nursing at Victory Lake Nursing Center. The idea

of the Health Expo' originated from the desire of the Nursing Department to provide free, preventative, medical screening for the nursing home staff, their families and the community. The enthusiasm among the Nursing staff was so great that Joan McWeeney, R.N., Day Supervisor and Cheryl Setaro, R.N. went to Planned Parenthood to learn to do pap smears so that this service could be offered to a greater number of people.

Over 200 visitors to the Expo' were tested for sickle cell, lead poisoning, anemia, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and glaucoma. Dental screening, podiatry screening, vision acuity, breast examinations and pap tests—cancer screening were available.

Discussions, films, and exhibits included: Nutrition, Health Foods, Supply Economy, Health Books, Birth Control, Alcoholism, Stop Smoking and U.S. Army Reserves. It was interesting to note that the Expo' (running true to its name) provided vital information on the preventative aspects of respiratory diseases commonly associated with smoking. Demonstrations were given using "Smoking Sam" provided by Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Various and delicious vegetarian foods prepared by Mrs. Frances Moore were available for tasting by the visitors. Nutritional counseling was provided by Mrs. Joann Ryan, Consultant Dietitian of Victory Lake Nursing Center.

Thanks to Trevor McLean, Supervisor of Bacteriology at Lincoln Hospital, New York City, who took time out of his busy schedule to do the Lead Poisoning and Sickle Cell screening. Five new cases of Sickle Cell were discovered and several elevated blood lead levels.

Mr. William Bartles, Supervisor, Hyde Park, visited the Expo' and stated, "This is fantastic! You are all to be commended for the service you are providing to the community."

Consultation services were rendered by Dr. E. E. Good, Medical Director of Victory Lake Nursing Center; Dr. Karl Sandbank, Victory Lake Nursing Center; Dr. L. Weithers, Brookdale Medical Center; Dr. Lewis Simms, Podiatrist and Dr. Simon Kleeger, Dentist. L.P.N. students from Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. assisted with the project.

Participating agencies were Prospect Hospital, Yorktown Medical Lab, Hudson Valley Blood Services, American Cancer Society, Planned Parenthood,



M. Pickett R.N., Director of Nurses assisting patient off medical van following examination by physician.



Administrator George Pelote having blood pressure checked by Joan McWeeney R.N., day supervisor.

American Heart Association, Worthington Foods, Arlington Pharmacy, American Red Cross, Alcoholics Anonymous, Victory Lake Nursing Center's Medical Staff, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S., Hyde Park Lions Club, and Dutchess County Diabetes Association.

During the examinations many cases of previously undetected diseases were discovered and referred to the various centers for follow-up care as previously arranged by the planners of the Expo'.

Administration, Activities Department, Social Services, Medical Records, Administrative and Nursing Secretaries, Purchasing Agent and Dietary Department of Victory Lake Nursing Center were invaluable in assisting the Nursing Department with this Expo'. It is hoped that the Health Expo' will be an annual affair.

With the cooperation of the staff and various agencies many lives have been touched and started on the path to better health as a result of exposure to the Seventh-day Adventist beliefs on healthful living.



Sandra Kay Wilson, newly employed Bible Instructor.

SANDRA WILSON JOINS NORTHEASTERN STAFF

Ms. Sandra Wilson joined the Northeastern Conference Staff as one of the youngest Directors of Religious Instruction for the East New York Church in Brooklyn, New York.

Her primary task is to assist Elder William McNeil, Pastor of the East New York Church in evangelistic crusades; conduct baptismal, Spirit of Prophecy, and Lay Bible Classes; and to give Bible Studies. Her work is directed towards the non-Adventist and back-slidden members.

Ms. Wilson was born in St. Ann, Jamaica, West Indies. As a child she lived in St. Andrews, a suburb of Kingston, Jamaica. She was born and reared a Seventh-day Adventist. She recalls her brightest childhood memories were made in attending church. As a young girl she developed a deep love for religious things. At age 12 she was baptized by Elder Herbert Fletcher.

In 1972, her family moved to New York and here she completed her secondary education.

She received her B.A. in Religion from Andrews University. Presently she is in graduate school at Hunter College where she will soon complete her M.A. in Counseling. Before entering Andrews she studied Pre-Medicine for three years at Hunter College. Yet she still had a strong desire to enter the ministry. She found her greatest fulfillment in visiting prisons, hospitals, and engaging in mis-

sionary work. After much praying she decided to study theology at Andrews.

With the decision to enter Andrews she had to start her academic career over again.

For three years she worked diligently to achieve her goal. Although faced with many obstacles she received support from Dr. Dwain Ford, Dean of Arts and Sciences at Andrews University. It was his graciousness that made her endure to the end. Now as she reflects upon her years at Andrews she realizes that God was leading all the way.

As a Director of Religious Instruction she is greatly concerned about reaching the unreachable elements of society—homosexual, Buddhist, atheist, intellectual, prominent citizens, etc. She feels that a definite ministry is needed to reach these neglected classes.

Ms. Wilson is the youngest of three daughters. She is the daughter of Eloria Robertshaw of Rosedale, New York.

EBENEZER PATHFINDERS PARTICIPATE IN PARADE

The annual Memorial Day parade held in Freeport, New York on May 26, 1980 was enhanced this year by the addition of the Pathfinder Club of Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist church under the direction of Mr. Joseph Ryce and associates. Ebenezer church was the only church represented, a fact that was much remarked upon.

The twenty-five young people put in many hours of practice and on the big day, the practice really showed. They were a beautiful sight. They carried a banner—handmade by the leaders.

The parents who faithfully supported them by their attendance, the leaders who worked so hard, and the Pastor, who marched with them can be justly proud of the Pathfinders and may look forward to greater things in the future.

Andrew Smith

EPHESUS BIDS FAREWELL TO THE HUMPHREYS

"May the good Lord bless and keep you, whether near or far away. . ." sang Harold Simpson. His personal tribute in song expressed the sentiments of the many friends and loved ones gathered at



Elder E. J. Humphrey

the Ephesus S.D.A. Church on Sunday, March 16, 1980 to bid a fond farewell to Pastor and Mrs. Edwin J. Humphrey and family.

The first elder of the church, Harry M. Blackman, served as the Master of Ceremonies.

The program cover read, "To the Humphreys With Love . . . the Ephesus Family."

The Ephesus family includes the children. So the children were there. Children from the R. T. Hudson School came with their melodeons, flutes and recorders, directed by their music teacher, Ruth Nixon.

The Ephesus Children's Chorale was there, led by their directress, Sylvia



Mrs. Margaret Humphrey

Williams. The principal of the R. T. Hudson School was there to tell of Elder Humphrey's dedicated service rendered as Chairman of the R. T. Hudson School Board.

Moments to Remember . . . How could those present forget nine years of devotion to the Ephesus Church? Lois Wesley was there to highlight the salient events of Elder Humphrey's tenure.

The musicians were there: Lynda Elliott, Dana Reed, Edwina Humphrey, the combined choirs—directed by Sylvia Williams, Every! Gibson at the organ, Eugene Washington, Ruth Nixon and Jessie Matthews at the piano.

The staff was there: the associate minister, the Bible instructor, the treasurer, the church secretary, and the custodians.

The tape recorders were busy. The cameras were flashing. The sun was shining in all its brilliance.

And the people came! They came to say, "Thank You," to express admiration and love, to honor such distinguished accomplishments, to pay tribute for a job well done, and to present gifts!

The Golden Age Club was there, represented by Mrs. Mildred Knight. The Church Elders were there, Elder Otis Searcy Jr. was their spokesman. The Deaconess Board was there. They were responsible for preparing the delicious dinner that was served at the reception that followed the program. This took place in the beautifully decorated Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Mary Lou Adams was the Food Service Coordinator.

Pastor John Nixon and members of the planning committee deserved the special thanks that they received for "getting it all together." Truly, it was a day to remember.

How did the Humphreys respond? With joyous appreciation and with Pastor Humphrey's familiar expression "Praise the Lord! My soul magnifies the Lord."

Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones in her benedictory prayer asked the Good Lord to "bless and keep the Humphrey family until we all meet around God's great white throne."

Henrietta Jackson, Reporter

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He who sacrifices his conscience to ambition burns a picture to obtain the ashes.

SPRING WEEK OF PRAYER AT MT. CARMEL

The week of March 29th through April 5th, 1980 will long be remembered by the members of the Mt. Carmel SDA Church in Syracuse, New York. Sabbath, March 29th was Community Guest Day followed by an inspiring Youth Week of Prayer. The guest speaker for the week was R. P. Peay, Associate Director of Adventist Youth for the Southern Union Conference.

The week began with a Sabbath message entitled "What is a Seventh-day Adventist?" and ended the following Sabbath with "This Man." The highlight of each evening was the audience participation of the strategy sessions before the sermon. The services lasted no longer than one hour and 15 minutes each night which made it easy for all the visitors who came consistently to come again the next night. Each night's service drew a full house for the the first time in many years at Mount Carmel.

This Week of Prayer laid a good foundation for the "Good News Crusade" conducted by Pastor William Morris May 17th through June 14, 1980. The pastor and members have accepted the challenge of spreading the good news of salvation throughout the City of Syracuse, New York.

Henry Whaley
Communication Secretary

HIGHER HEIGHTS

ELSIE GASKINS HALL, a former graduate of Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, class of 1965, received her Masters of Science degree in Reading Education Sunday, May 25, 1980, from Adelphi University in Garden City, New York.

Presently she is teaching second grade at the Linden-Jamaica Elementary School in the Northeastern Conference. The School is located in St. Albans, New York.

Mrs. Hall is the wife of Elder Willard Hall who is pastor of the Gordon Heights Church and Central Islip Mission.

The *Regional Voice* staff congratulates you, but what's more important—God is pleased when we strive to improve our abilities to work in His service. "Higher than the highest . . ."

YOUTH BOOST HARVEST INGATHERING GOAL

The youth of Shiloh Church in Springfield, Massachusetts took the honor when they solicited more than half of the church's goal for Harvest Ingathering.

Mr. Joseph Hall, Lay Activity Leader and his committee hosted the bands who brought the victory to the Ingathering Campaign. In expressing his gratitude to all, Mr. Hall expressed that the youth rightly trained can contribute much to the program of God. They too can be spiritual examples for their fellow youth. We should never hide the one talent God has given us, lest he take it away and give it to one who has many. There is one great task to be done; it can never be fully accomplished unless there is unity and cooperation.

As laymen, go forth for 1980. Mr. Hall says, "United we stand; divided we fall." Unless we go out in the byways and hedges and urge them to come, we are not fulfilling the command of Christ when He said, "This gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world," then He'll return. Let us go forward in faith and hasten Christ's coming.

A beautiful program was presented by the members, and Natalie Berry presided.

Myrtle Miller
Communication Secretary

PASTOR GRIDER SPEAKER AT BEREA'S WEEK OF PRAYER

"The winds and the waves shall obey My will, peace be still, peace be still." This theme was carried through the closing sermon entitled, "Stay on the Boat" presented Sabbath, March 15, 1980 by Pastor Joe Grider of Lexington, Kentucky, a graduate of Oakwood College, and now a student studying theology at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

The Berea SDA Church of Boston, under the M.V. leadership of Ms. Dorothy Hanks worshipped nightly—Friday evening, March 8, through Friday evening, March 14, concluding on Sabbath. The following topics were presented nightly:

Taste and See; Be Strong; The Battle Is the Lord's; Here I Take My Stand; Just Run; Free at Last; I Was Blind, But Now I See; and Stay on the Boat.

The theme song was "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour" and many hearts were touched as the Spirit of the Lord moved through the stirring sermons of this young and gifted pastor—and many took their stand for Christ.

It was a Week of Prayer where youth were brought to the throne of grace—their lives being enriched by the revelation of the Word of God.

FAMILY COUNSELOR SPEAKS AT AYS

Professor Gloria Davis, from the Family Planning Association of the state of New Jersey, was the guest speaker at an AYS meeting held at Brooklyn Temple. The combined audience of Brooklyn Temple and Coney Island churches listened intently as Professor Davis lectured on family life.

The people candidly responded to such questions as: How many young people can relate to their parents? How many parents pass the buck in the question of sex by saying, ask your mother, father, aunt, etc.? Why are we so comfortable to talk about our eyes, ears and nose only?

After the question and answer period a slide presentation was presented in the lower auditorium. The AYS meeting proved to be very informative.

H. R. McFarlane
Communication Secretary



Elsie Gaskins Hall



EAST NEW YORK HOLDS OFFICERS MEETING

It is early in the morning of January 20, 1980. The place—a sanctuary in modern Nazareth. The officers are summoned to meet for prayer breakfast to prepare the calendar for the year's activities for the church, under the guidance of Pastor William McNeil, Jr., of the East New York Church, Brooklyn, New York.

With this goal in mind the officers went their way to the sanctuary. The feeling is an indescribable one. It appears as if they had spent the past night together under one roof—as a family. They meet, they embraced, kissed, some still yawning and wiping sleep from their tired eyes.

They were soon awakened fully by the song service followed by roll call. After the presence of the Holy Spirit was invoked, they listen to Pastor McNeil. He warns that the meter for a parked church has run out. The church must stop talking and start working for the salvation of souls—the first business of the church. This we must do, not by rewards, gifts, or personal charisma but by the power of God's Spirit—"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit"—says the Lord.

Elder Baptiste, Secretary of the Northeastern Conference of S.D.A. who explains further how this work may be done and the church officer's responsibilities in effecting it.

The prerequisite is that the officers must assume that the work of the church is their work. With the officers laboring under this conviction, the feel-

ing will spread to other members, and the church will meet its goal.

What are our responsibilities?

1. We are to proclaim the gospel to every kindred, nation, tongue and people, at all costs, so that the church will not fail. Looking back into the early 70's and Watergate, we should learn that all that's necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to keep silent.

2. We are to be watchmen and warn the world of what is happening and is about to happen. We must stay awake and scan the distance so we can sound the alarm and warn the world. We must speak the truth without compromise or selling of self.

3. We must be the salt of the world. The world is spared because of the Christians in it. If the salt loses its flavor, it is good for nothing.

4. We must be the light of the world. The church exists in days that are militarily, financially and morally dark. We must bring light so that men may see to come out of darkness.

5. Following John 12:32, we must, by our lives, take Jesus out of the tomb and lift Him up before the world. Finite man cannot comprehend an Infinite God; there has to be a go-between—Christ came for that purpose. But He is no longer here so that there is no other way the world can get a glimpse of God but through us. Our task is solemn and great. Because our lives speak loudly, we must not only talk, but live Christ in order for the world to believe us.

6. The church must possess power. God has already given it to us, now we must take it. In Acts 1:8 God told the disciples they would receive power when they were of one accord. When the disciples met the condition, did what they had to do, as they prayed, they received power of the Holy Ghost.

The Superbowl is used as an apt illustration of Christ giving power to the church. Christ, the Quarterback, is throwing the ball which is the power. What He actually says is—if we run our pattern and get where we ought to be when He throws the ball, we shall receive it.

However, the workers are not to wait for the whole church to receive power. If we ask now, He will give it to us.

In summary, Elder Baptiste says the church is to watch, warn, witness and proclaim. Then as we work, we will receive power enough to usher in God's reign.

While we are having the spiritual food, we partake of the physical provided by some of the finest cooks this church has produced.

We have been strengthened spiritually and physically and now we separate to plan our program of work for 1980, inspired that it was worth the early morning trip and will be worth it all when we see Christ.

Eileen Pilliner
Communication Secretary

PERSONAL EVANGELISM ON THIS DAY . . .

Mend a quarrel; search out a forgotten friend; dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust; write a love letter; share some treasure; give a soft answer; encourage youth; manifest your loyalty in a word or deed.

Keep a promise; find the time; forgo a grudge; forgive an enemy; listen . . .; apologize if you were wrong; try to understand; flout envy; examine your demands on others; think first of someone else; appreciate; be kind; be gentle; laugh a little more.

Deserve confidence; take up arms against malice; decry complacency; express your gratitude; worship your God; gladden the heart of a child; take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth; speak your love; speak it again; speak it still again; speak it still once again. . . . that's what Jesus did!

A Friend

YOUTH DAY AT BROOKLYN TEMPLE

It was Youth Day at Brooklyn Temple SDA Church. Elder David Davidson, the youth minister, was the speaker. He spoke on the subject, "Lights, Camera, Action, An All Star Cast."

H. R. McFarlane
Communication Secretary

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Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

—Psalm 27:14

NEWS FLASH!

Just elected South Atlantic-South! President, James Edgcombe; Treasurer, Donald Walker; Education and Adventist Youth Director, George Timpson; Sabbath School, Lay Activities, and Stewardship, O. S. McKinney; Publishing Director, Theodore R. Smith (to serve both North and South Fields); ABC Manager, Olice Brown.

DARK COUNTY EVANGELISM IN CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

In October, 1978 a tract was presented to a County Coordinator in the Head Start program located in Manning, South Carolina. After she read the tract she requested Bible studies for the teachers under her supervision. She was told, "If you can get the people interested we will come and study with them." A list was passed around in the center for the staff to sign if they were interested. Over 75% of them placed their names on the list. The class began on the following Tuesday night with approximately 40 people attending. We continued that class for six months as a matter of fact until all Bible doctrines were presented and understood. It was announced to the group that we would conduct Sabbath services in the same building where the Bible studies were held. On the first Sabbath of worship services quite a number of students attended and continued coming to keep the Sabbath with us.

The Lord was really working for our group. A piano was donated to the group by a Catholic priest in Sumter, South Carolina and chairs were loaned to us from one of the funeral homes in the area. One of the students, who is now a baptized member, gave us the privilege of using a hall (the community center) where she is the manager.

We were organized into a church by Elder R. B. Hairston, Secretary of the South Atlantic Conference.

JULIA JONES AT 97

Mrs. Julia Jones of Miami-Bethany is one of the original 12 persons who accepted the advent truth in 1910 in Little



Elder R. B. Hairston and Pastor Kenneth Moore, left rear, stand with members of the newly organized church Manning, South Carolina.



Julia Jones, member of the Miami-Bethany Church.

Rock, Arkansas. It was a lay effort conducted by local elders Richards and Deborah of Heneva and Duvalls Bluff, Arkansas, respectively.

Julia recalls pleasant memories of the great fellowship and rewarding interactions of that company of 12 as it grew from an acorn into a giant oak. They spent 38 years in a house at 1809 Pulaski Street. However, after many years, they built what is now known as Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastors whom she recalls ministered to this flock during her years in Little Rock were Elders Bradford, Dasent, Jones, North, Murphy, Story, Young, Coopwood, Christian, Bryant, Douglas, Davis, Williams, Carethers and Parker.

In 1954, at the age of 71 Sister Jones moved to Miami and became a member of Bethany Church. She has served the church faithfully as a deaconess and a

Sabbath School member. She has consistently and continually led the church for the past 27 years as the leading Ingathering even at the age of 97. Her Ingathering band consists of sick and shut-in members, but in spite of that they raised over a thousand dollars. Mother Jones was responsible for over \$600 personally. When asked about her plans for the coming year, she responded, "as long as God gives me health and strength, I will do all in my power to help finish the work." At a recent Ingathering appreciation banquet, Julia Jones was the guest of honor.

We praise God for this mother in Zion at Bethany and congratulate her for her untiring efforts. We solicit your prayers in her behalf that she might continue in the strength and power of God to be a lighthouse for God in these her "Golden Years."

LOUISVILLE'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

by Elizabeth Green

The Magazine Street Seventh-day Adventist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, the oldest existing Black Adventist church, celebrated its 90th anniversary May 2 and 3. The theme of the Anniversary was "Historical Reflections."

The church was organized in 1890 by C. M. Kinney from Reno, Nevada. The church was started eight years earlier by a layman, S. Osbourne, from Iowa. He came to Louisville in 1882 and held public meetings. Some Blacks were baptized and A. Barry, another layman, served as shepherd until Kinney came.

The featured speaker for the Sabbath worship service was Dr. C. E. Dudley, President of South Central Conference, who gave the history of the Adventist work and Magazine Street Church. Preaching on the topic "That Sure Word," he pointed out that there is no substitute Saviour, no substitute Sabbath and no substitute worship.

The Sabbath School presented certificates to persons who had been members of the Sabbath School for the past fifty years: Gladys Carter, Harry Elmore, James Fiser, Maggie Hooper, Albert Minnis, James Roberts, Leroy Roberts, and Anna Simmons.

Special gifts were presented to the church and school. Pastor J. C. Wilson, son of the late Viola Whaley, presented a gift arranged by his mother before her death.

Portraits were presented also. Bernard Minnis painted a portrait of C. M. Kinney which was unveiled by Albert Minnis, father of the artist and son of a charter member. Minnis also presented a portrait of Elder J. H. Lawrence who was pastor in 1911 when the first church building was purchased. This portrait was unveiled by Maggie Hopper who was baptized by Lawrence. The last person baptized by J. H. Wagner, the present pastor, unveiled his portrait which was painted by Minnis.

Artist John Smith painted Dr. Martin Luther King and presented the portrait to the school. Both artists are members of the church.

After the worship service, the congregation moved to the newly acquired Emma L. Minnis school cafeteria where they were served by the Hostesses and Ushers. In the afternoon a program to



Elder J. H. Wagner, Pastor of the Magazine Street Church, Louisville, Kentucky giving remarks at the dedication of the Emma L. Minnis Library.

dedicate the newly furnished Library and Archives was presented by the faculty and students.

The principal, Mrs. Jessie R. Wagner, explained the occasion. Mrs. Johnnie Smith, teacher of grades 6-8 told historical reflections of the school. Miss Diane Medley, teacher of grades 3-5 rendered a musical selection. Elder Wagner dedicated the Library to two faithful pioneers, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fort, who had willed funds from their estate to the school. The picture of the Forts is to remain in the Library. Elder D. Crowder unveiled their picture made by photographer Cecil Goodwin.

The Archives containing documents, historical facts, and pictures of church and school buildings, was established by Elizabeth Green, chairperson of the 90th Anniversary Celebration, in order that the pupils, church members and others may have a better understanding and appreciation of the history and work of the oldest Black Seventh-day Adventist church in existence.

The key and index to the Archives were presented to the principal of the school and the pastor of the church.

Dr. C. E. Dudley gave remarks and offered the prayer of dedication of the Library and Archives.

MINNIS SCHOOL ACCREDITED

After many years of sacrifice, obstacles, and planning by the former

ministers and members of the Magazine Street S.D.A. Church of Louisville, KY, progress has finally been accomplished for the successful operation of the Emma L. Minnis Elementary School.

Under the direction of the present pastor, Elder John H. Wagner, Jr., and the School Board, a beautiful school building has been secured.

Led by an experienced and capable principal, Mrs. Jessie Wagner, many volunteers, committee members, dedicated teachers and faithful church members have worked zealously for school accreditation.

On February 5, 1980, the Southern Union accreditation team rated the school with the highest possible score. The school is also accredited by the state of Kentucky.

Included in the school area is a large Kindergarten area, a multi-purpose room, counselor's office, principal's office, library, health suite which is well equipped with stainless steel, six classrooms, a front office, public address and communications system and a large playground and parking area.

The school has been operating at various locations since 1915. Cultural and spiritual values are stressed for the pupils. Enrollment is ninety-four.

Many volunteers assist in the operation of the school. Most of them have jobs.

Mrs. Margie Hamilton operates the school bus and acts as financial secretary. Mr. James Sizemore unlocks the building each morning and makes



Mrs. J. H. Wagner, Sr., Principal

sure that the building is safe for the teachers entrance. Mrs. Angela Moody gives her time as Librarian.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Brooks volunteer daily as custodians and keep the building immaculate. Mr. John Sensley and Mr. Stanley Dorsey take care of maintenance. Mrs. Mable Elmore, Mrs. Judy Baity, Mrs. Cecil Ray, Mrs. Barbara Holt and Mrs. Sarah Smith are office assistants.

Miss Linda Fitzgerald, Mrs. Mary T. Maupin, assist the teachers in the classroom. Mr. Cecil Goodwin is the school photographer. Mr. Walker Gee and John Franklin Smith are in charge of the art work.

The lunchroom is operated by Mrs. Lena Fischer who also has a staff of volunteer workers. They are: Mrs. Laurice Holden, Mrs. Durby Martin, Mrs. Louise Clay, Mrs. Lucille Sain, Mrs. Lorene Brooks, Mrs. Leontine Cobb, Mrs. Lovie Hancock, Mrs. Lucille Garnette and Mr. James Fischer.

Mrs. Brenda Stoner coordinates the volunteer workers. Brenda keeps a schedule of everyone on duty and also the number of volunteer hours worked.

Mrs. Stoner can be seen on any given day assisting throughout the school wherever help is needed. She assists in the classroom, the lunchroom, office, library, and playground.

Bill Wilson's "Rap Program" on WDRB-TV, Louisville, Kentucky, interviewed representatives of the Emma L. Minnis S.D.A. Elementary School concerning its opening registration and the various activities of the school.



Singing group of the Emma L. Minnis School at the library dedication.



Emma L. Minnis Elementary School, Louisville, Kentucky.



Mr. John Smith who painted the portrait of Martin L. King and Mrs. J. Wagner, principal of Emma L. Minnis School who received the portrait for the school.

Because it is an elementary school the Archives was combined into a Pictorial Archive, which contain Church History, Ministers and their accomplishments, Home and School Activities, Charter and Pioneer members, Church departments through the years, School History, Teachers, Outstanding accomplishments of the youth of church and school, Old Letters and Interesting Materials.

Friday night, May 2, the Harrison Avenue S.D.A. Church of Jeffersonville,



Volunteer teachers and office workers (left to right) first row: J. Sensley, E. Brooks, M. Hamilton, B. Stoner, J. Baity, S. Smith, S. Dorsey; second row: J. Sizemore, V. Brooks, S. Taylor, C. Stafford, L. Fitzgerald.



Library of the Emma L. Minnis Elementary School, Louisville, Kentucky.

Indiana, the first church raised up by the Magazine Street Church, presented the program with Pastor Morris Wren delivering the sermon. Music and poetry was given by the youth choir.

As the Sabbath ended, Pastor J. H. Wagner commended Mrs. Green, the membership, visiting ministers and all who had a part in the 90th Anniversary program. He said that he was proud to be pastor of the 'Oldest Black Seventh-day Adventist Church in existence today.'

AROUND SOUTH CENTRAL

The Bowling Green Cottage Chapel church proposed a mortgage burning service on Sabbath, August 9, 1980. The usual Homecoming anniversary that is celebrated each year at this time will be observed with the mortgage burning.

The Chattanooga Orchard Knob and the Memphis Alcy Boulevard schools published attractive yearbooks this year.

The Selma Alabama church is to open a school this year with grades K-4 with a recent graduate of Oakwood College as the teacher. She came to get an overview of the city, to meet the church members and to have a special meeting with the School Board. The pastor, Elder R. S. Norman, was delighted with the reception of the teacher by the church and the reception of the church by the teacher. "They seemed to be made for each other," he commented.

The small congregation of Thomasville, Alabama stepped out on faith in May to buy three acres of land for their new church building. The Adventist group was organized last year with only 28 members. The members are working to win souls and are going on the second tithe program to buy the land and build a church. A member pledged to donate some property to help with the church building project.

Pastor William Gailliard was greeted warmly by church members, visitors and the six baptismal candidates in Hopkinsville on May 24. Members and friends have been praying for the individuals and the church growth.

Richard Norman, Pastor of Selma, Alabama, writes a sermonette weekly in the local newspaper dealing with practical problems of every-day-life. The series that drew the largest response was the one dealing with "Death and the Living." In this he showed how the living might handle themselves, the funeral, and other related matters from wills, insurance, and Social Security, to thank-you notes and returning dishes. Since this series he has been asked to sit with many non-Adventist families during their bereavement. He has conducted military funerals, cremation funerals, etc. In the Selma area Pastor Norman is considered an authority on funerals. And it all started with an article in the newspaper.

Pastor Antoine Maycock of Jackson, Tennessee, recently wrote a sermonette



C. B. Rock, President of Oakwood College, Sandy C. Robinson of Cleveland, Edward E. Robinson of Chicago, Eardell Rashford of New York, George C. Valentine of Atlanta and William Murrian of Mississippi.

for the Jackson Sun Newspaper in which she quoted from E. G. White—"Let us stop rehearsing the difficulty and trust God for healing, love and power." Maycock then drives home the idea. "I see in this encouragement for the discouraged—hope for the alcoholics, drug addicts, dull students—I see hope for the terminally ill, and anyone who feels his need and is willing to reach out after God." The article has brought a response from the city.

BLACK ADVENTIST ATTORNEYS ORGANIZE

Another milestone in Adventism was reached on Sunday, April 6, 1980 when there came into being another professional organization for Adventists. The black Attorneys of the church came together and elected Attorney W. Murrian of Jackson, Mississippi as the new organization's president and Attorney Rashford, of New York City as its secretary. It was pleasantly surprising to learn that there are more than thirty attorneys who are members of the

Regional Conferences. Some of the objectives of the group are: to encourage other young Blacks who are interested in the field of law and to help them succeed. To develop a fund that these students can receive some financial assistance. To develop a fellowship among Seventh-day Adventist attorneys. To move unitedly to help strengthen the church in its challenge for a finished work.

In days gone by, the only field that were opened to Black youths of the Seventh-day Adventist Church were those of the ministry, education or medicine. The attorney group marks a new day and a new opportunity for the Youth of the Regional Conferences.

Attorneys who are interested in joining this group should contact: Attorney William Murrian, 317 Lynwood Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39206.

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Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; he shall bring it to pass.

—Psalm 37: 4, 5



Mrs. Mary H. Umstead, 98 years young.

MARY UMSTEAD CELEBRATES 98TH YEAR

Mrs. Mary H. Umstead celebrated her 98th birthday Friday with a birthday party at the Methodist Golden Age Home.

Born January 11, 1882 at St. John, Kansas she came to Oklahoma two months before statehood. As a school teacher, she taught at McAlester, Wilburton, Sayre and Enid, Oklahoma. She is a member of Garfield County Retired Teachers Association. She holds degrees from Langston University in Oklahoma and Emporia State College, Emporia, Kansas.

Mrs. Umstead has been a faithful and dedicated member of the Philadelphia SDA Church in Enid, Oklahoma for twenty-five (25) years. She has served as Clerk and Community Service Leader for a number of years in Enid. She is in good health, but unable to live alone so she recently moved to the Golden Age Home. She is a sterling example of a pioneer in the Southwest.

DISTRICT MEETING IN NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA

During the first quarter in the month of February, a district meeting was held at the Natchitoches church. The guest included the president and his wife, the immediate family of Pastor and Mrs. Humphrey and friends from New Orleans, members from Coushatta and Mansfield.

The highlights of the morning service consisted of the pastor's baby Nicole

Delaney, being blessed; the Ingathering Victory; and ordination service for Mr. Thomas Silvey, local elder. Mr. and Mrs. Silvey have moved back home from Michigan and the members welcomed them to the church family.

We were privileged to dine and fellowship in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Knight. The entire day was spirit-filled and we look forward to another district meeting.

Delores Humphrey, reporter



Pastor and Mrs. W. Humphrey, Jr. and Baby Nicole.



E. W. Shepperd, Southwestern Union Youth Director, devotional speaker for South Louisiana Federation in Alexandria.

SOUTH LOUISIANA FEDERATION HELD IN ALEXANDRIA

The South Louisiana Federation meeting was held in Alexandria, Louisiana. The Friday night service began with song service conducted by Marshall Jackson of Hammond, Louisiana. Messages in song were beautifully rendered by the Alexandria Church choir. Elder B. E. Wright fed the congregation with the "bread of life."

Sabbath services were held at the Peabody High School. Sabbath School

was conducted by Mr. Bennie Smith, superintendent. The program participants were from the South Louisiana Federation churches.

The Lay Activities segment of the program under the direction of Jerry Smith, was very inspiring. The AYS leader from each church presented a brief synopsis of the work done in his area.

The Divine Worship was highlighted with special selections from the New Orleans Church choirs. Elder E. W. Shepperd appealed to the minds of his many listeners with the "spoken word from God." After receiving "spiritual food," the many worshippers enjoyed a nourishing meal in the cafeteria of the school.

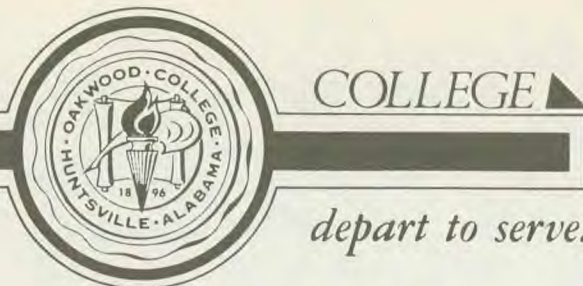
Following church services two outreach programs were conducted simultaneously "Smoking Dino" and street preaching. The AYS program opened with a skit presented by several young people from the Hammond Church. This was followed by the federation choir under the direction of Jan Youngblood. The audience enjoyed the melodious music.

The AYS program had several young people appearing in a "Talent-Gong" show with some humorous acts featuring the era of the '50's. At the same time new federation officers were being elected.

Compliments should be given to Ms. Geraldine Bernard, President of the South Louisiana Federation, and officers for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship. The Alexandria Church should also be commended for hosting this meeting.



Christine Jackson is a faithful and dedicated believer. She began playing the piano at an early age and presented her first recital when she was seven. She is the mother of seven children. Last year Mrs. Jackson was honored at City Temple as "Woman of the Year." She has been playing for City Temple about 18 years. She is a loveable, kind and patient Christian and she makes herself available to be used at all times. She is the mother of Robert Jackson, who is the Risk Management and Insurance director of the Northeastern Conference.



Enter to learn;

depart to serve.

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June 1, 1980

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Leonist E. Lake
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Glenda S. Yarde

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(with High Honors—3.50-3.74)

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Lawrence A. Fox
Synthia E. Green
Crystal E. Hardy
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Ricky R. Little
Jesse D. Mitchell
Celia Y. Rock
George R. Seay, Jr.
Michael Sue

Cum Laude
(with Honors—3.25-3.50)

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Judith L. Bedney
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Glenn B. Cassimy
Cheryl Y. Davis
Cassandra A. Floyd
Denise Henderson

Thaddeus D. Jackson
Sharon R. Johnson
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“ENTER TO LEARN—
DEPART TO SERVE”

by C. B. Rock

Graduation at Oakwood, May 30-June 1, 1980 was conducted by Dr. Roy Malcolm, Assistant dean in charge of Admissions and Records and involved the consumation of studies for 146 seniors.

Speakers for the occasion were Dr. David Taylor, former Oakwood College chaplain and now associate professor of Theology at Pacific Union College, Elder H. L. Cleveland, president of Allegheny West Conference (and father of 1980 graduate Harold Jr.) and Elder C. D. Henri, retiring General Vice President of the General Conference and immediate past president of the College Board.

Class Aim: "From Launching Pads of Learning Into Orbits of Service"; Motto: "Satellites of the Son"; Watchword: "Ginomai (New Beginnings)".

Officers of the class were: President—Leslie Crichlow; Vice President—Edna Walker; Secretary—Nanetta Joiner; Assistant Secretary—Tammy Ashby; Treasurer—Robert Chandler; Assistant Treasurer—Conrad Greenaway; Chaplain—Frank Legette; Parliamentarian—George Seay Jr.; Sergeant-at-Arms—James Zeismer; Music Co-ordinators—Harrison Watkins and Darrell Alexander; Sponsor—Mrs. Sylvia J. Barnes.

In addition to the 146 graduates listed above the college expects to grant degrees to no less than 35 individuals who will participate in the school's first fall graduation November 1980. The fall graduation replaces the summer graduation which has been suspended along with the undergraduate summer studies. This action accommodates the changing patterns of today's college students and allows for the new graduate study program that the college (in cooperation with Andrews University) has underway.

BLACK ADVENTIST BUSINESSES—IN ACTION



Caswell Brown and Ronald Lewis, owners of the L&B Bakery perusing the company books.

L&B BAKERY: FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS TO INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

by Stephanie Johnson

God has hidden great blessings in earthen vessels and adversity. If we would seek to make the best of what comes our way the possibilities can be infinite.

Remember the cereal king, C. W. Post who developed grape-nuts in his kitchen; Publishing magnate, John H. Johnson, who founded *Ebony*/*Jet* Magazine with only five hundred dollars; and George Washington Carver took the peanut and discovered over 300 uses. Many great successes have had humble beginnings. So it is with L&B Caricom Bakery of St. Albans, New York.

Mr. Ronald Lewis was experiencing Sabbath problems at the Gomer-Duvener Bakery where he worked. He was forced to work irregular odd hours. He did landscaping to supplement his income. While trying to provide for his family he contracted phlebitis.

Inevitably, he was unable to work. One day while at home recovering he looked into the refrigerator and noticed his wife had some yeast and flour. He decided to bake her a loaf of bread.

The bread was so delicious that she shared it with a friend. From this shared slice of bread L&B Bakery was born. Orders for Spice Buns and bread began to pour in. Mr. Lewis would bake in his kitchen and store in the dining room.

On Saturday night he would go to Brooklyn area to sell his bread. The demand for his bread became so great that he decided to look for a building.

While he was baking at his home, Caswell Brown began to help him. He refused any pay for his service. Mr. Lewis told Caswell of his desire to open a bakery. Caswell provided the financial backing necessary to become the only black SDA's to own and operate a bakery. Although they were faced with many obstacles, God has tremendously blessed them.

Obstacles are nothing new to Lewis and Brown. Mr. Lewis was born in Manderville, Jamaica, West Indies. He remembers as a small boy going into the woods to gather sticks that his mother would use in baking. Because they had no oven she would use a big black pot and put fire above and underneath. On Friday she would bake Bulla, Pudding, Coconut Cake and Candies. On Saturday they would go to the market to sell.

At age eleven he was traveling on a rough and rocky road with his mother, Katherine Smith-Mastin to see his Aunt Essie Smith when he fell and broke his leg. After his mother applied some home remedies she felt everything would be alright.

The leg got worse, finally he visited a doctor who possessed only limited medical knowledge. As a result he limped on his tiptoes because of the pain and unevenness of his leg.

At age 12, his mother died and he was left under the parental guidance of his stepfather who was harsh, dictatorial, and overbearing. He ran away to live with his Aunt Essie. Aunt Essie was a devout SDA who would send tracts to his mother, who would take these tracts and burn them. She sternly warned her children, "never be a Seventh-day Adventist." Despite his mother's warning he became an SDA and today still remains a steadfast member. He attended West Indies College in Manderville, Jamaica. It is here that he received his educational training and his life's vocation.

Because of his limp he received his primary education from a private tutor. Later, he entered West Indies College and turned his scars into stars. He considers his leg a blessing. It did much to stabilize his Christian experience.

While in his late teens he worked as a gardener for the College President's home. During this time the President's wife, Mrs. H. S. Hamilton took an interest

in him. She got a doctor to examine his leg. He said the leg could be corrected.

After much fasting and prayer he received the operation which did much to correct his leg. He has had ten operations on that leg. Like Paul he glories in his infirmities. "My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecution, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then I am strong."

Through hard work and perseverance he proved to be a great asset to the college. For twenty-three years he worked at the college bakery, first doing odd jobs, then he was promoted to assistant foreman, foreman, assistant manager, and finally manager.

It was here that he received the extensive experience to enter the business. As manager of the bakery he often took the least promising students on campus and made them thrifty and industrious. He knew how to encourage them because of his own beginnings. He understood them because of what he had to go through early in life.

Mr. Lewis is gifted with a keen mind and unflinching determination rarely seen in an individual. As a young man he taught himself to drive, he played cricket, and climbed trees proving to everyone that his leg was not a hindrance but a stepping stone.

He is a master cobbler who made shoes for himself and others. He never attended a cobbler school he just observed his cousin who studied the course. In everything he excels!

During this time of managing the Bakery at West Indies College, he met his wife the former Phyllis Shanner of Williamsville, Jamaica. For thirty-two years she has proven to be a source of inspiration and encouragement to her husband. The Lewis' have five children. Mr. Lewis and his wife are active members of the Linden Boulevard Seventh-day Adventist church in St. Albans, New York.

In 1966, he came to the General Conference Session held in Detroit, Michigan. He was so impressed with the educational system that he decided to stay in the United States so that his

children could take advantage of the opportunity. With a small suitcase in hand and seventy-five dollars he made his way to New York City. Here he received encouragement and help from his brother-in-law Aston Shanner. In New York Mr. Lewis began working at the Gomer-Duvener Bakery in the shipping and packaging department. After he was settled he sent for his family. For fourteen years God has greatly blessed him.

He and his partner Mr. Caswell Brown were friends since West Indies College days. Caswell was one of his student employees at the Bakery. Mr. Brown was born in St. Andrews, Jamaica, West Indies and reared by his foster parents Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Robinson, who were Seventh-day Adventists. Naturally, he was raised a Seventh-day Adventist.

During his teen years he returned to his parents' home, Hilda and Henry Brown. During this time he worked as an apprentice to a tailor. Yet he was not satisfied, his parents had decided he didn't need formal academic training but rather a vocation.

After living briefly with his parents, he left and began to take care of himself. He worked in a garage during the day and at the tailor's shop in the evening. Yet he was not satisfied, he had a great desire to receive an education. He decided to attend night school. After receiving preparatory training necessary he qualified to enter West Indies College.

Before he could enter school he had to work on the Campus farm. He also supplemented his income by making clothes. He entered college with the idea of being a dentist. He studied sciences in pursuit of his ambition. He met with an accident that damaged his hand and he decided not to pursue dentistry as a life's career.

He left for England and lived there for a time. In 1967, he came to New York City. He worked as a wholesale dispatcher for a hardware store, operated a Hess Station, and owned his own cab. Being a cab driver in New York proved to be extremely treacherous so he retired and began to help Mr. Lewis with his baked goods.

He is married to the former Violet Knight, of New York. She is a Registered Nurse and they have two children. Mr. Brown and his family are members of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, New York.



Marie Nembhard, L&B Bakery employee, packaging bread.

He is an active member of Ephesus serving as: Chorister, Counselor for Lay Prison Evangelism, and Sabbath School Teacher and Secretary, he describes his work with lay prison ministry "as a privilege!" He receives great joy in reaching out to people.

Mr. Brown attributes success of the bakery to God. He has found great peace and contentment in serving others. He looks forward to watching L&B Bakery grow, grow, grow!

L&B Bakery is one of the few bakeries that do not use animal fat and chemical preservatives. While working in a bakery Mr. Lewis was appalled by the large amounts of preservatives used in baking. The Preservatives used were POISON, according to Mr. Lewis.

In every loaf of bread, bulla, toe-toe, etc. you will find only the best ingredients used. In baking the wheat bread, wheat-a-lax flour is used (excellent source of roughage), molasses, honey, and soybean oil. Not only are prime ingredients used but they are baked under the most hygienic conditions.

In addition to Mr. Lewis and Brown, there are two other employees: Marie Nembhard who serves as the book-keeper and salesperson; Dayton Bonnick who helps with the baking.

In the acorn there lies the potential for a mighty oak tree; in a loaf of bread lies infinite possibilities for L&B Bakery!



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