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**CHARACTER BUILDING
THROUGH TEAMWORK**



COVER STORY

PATHFINDERS: AN IDEA STILL NEEDED FOR THE 80'S

The temptations that youth face in the eighties—drugs, disco-madness, premarital sex and television—is seen by our church as a challenge to raise perfect young men and women in an imperfect world.

Never before has the assault on the family suffered such a deadly blow. In the Seventh-day Adventist church 40.5 % of homes are broken or divided. This means that only one parent must provide the spiritual strength needed to sustain their children. It is safe to assume that the single parent works to sustain the family, thus reducing the amount of time the parents spend with their children.

Approximately 50% of all SDA youths attend church school from grades one to eight. In some conferences it is even less. Therefore, the church must find ways to keep our young people from succumbing to worldly influences.

It is our solemn duty to invest in our youth for eternity. "In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigor, zeal and courage. To plan with clear mind and execute with courageous hand demands fresh, uncrippled energies. Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth, that through the exercise of their powers through keen thought and vigorous action, they may bring glory to Him and salvation to their fellow men." —*Messages to Young People*, p. 20.

One hundred and one years ago, Luther Warren, fourteen and Harry Fenner, age seventeen of Hazelton, Michigan were walking alongside the country road discussing the soon coming of Christ and their strong desire to reach the unconsecrated youth of their church.

As they walked and talked on that country road bordered by zigzag rail fences, Luther suddenly turned to Harry and said, "Let's climb over the rails and pray about this matter." So they found a secluded area and consecrated their lives to the Lord asking for wisdom to reach the unconsecrated youth of the church.

God heard their prayers and under the direction of the Holy Spirit they organized the first denominational Youth Society in Hazelton (now Juddville Center), Michigan. The first meeting was held in an unfinished upstairs room where Luther slept. It had nine charter members, with the membership being all male. Thus, the first Adventist Youth Society was established. From this small beginning the AYS and the Pathfinder Society branched out into a "worldwide organization that keeps Adventist boys and girls interested in their church, developing their skills, and bringing the ideals of Christianity alive in church-centered activity programs."

The Pathfinder organization helps develop specific skills and hobbies. The youths are taught to appreciate nature by engaging in camping, hiking, swimming, etc. It is a wholesome retreat from the complexities of society and it brings its youth in harmony with God, man and nature. The Pathfinder Club is committed to developing the whole man—the physical, mental and spiritual being.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

REVERENCE IN THE SANCTUARY

by *Aubrey E. Tompkins*

It is quite interesting to observe worshippers of our church and worshippers of other denominations as they enter and worship in their various sanctuaries. Some enter the sanctuary and kneel immediately while crossing their hearts, in the center aisle, at the altar or in the pews. Some even enter the sanctuary and simply whisper a prayer at the pew with bowed heads; and others enter the sanctuary without a thought of entertaining the presence of God. How do you greet the Lord in His holy temple? What is really the proper way of entering the presence of God?

If Moses, a servant of God, who talked with God face to face, was admonished to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground, then what should be our attitude of reverence and thanksgiving to the Lord? "And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And He said, Draw

not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Exodus 3:4-5.

Much has been written and said about our decorum while at church. Somehow, we have become, indeed completely lax in our worshipping manners. Many of us, including myself, are as guilty as the next person in this observance. It is my firm belief that the Lord is displeased with our behavior while in His holy presence. I also believe that many intended blessings are withheld from us until we earnestly "come upon higher ground."

The hours of the Sabbath are sacred. The eyes of the community are looking to us for guidance, particularly during the Sabbaths while at church. Unfortunately, some of us have turned Friday evenings at church; and after divine worship hour into a type of social gathering. It is true that following divine worship hour we should be able to greet our friends, other saints, loved ones and visitors. We must remember to guard our conversation, thoughts and actions. "Guard your steps when you go to the house of God; to draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools; for they do not know that they are doing evil." Ecclesiastes 5:1 (Revised Standard Version)

It appears sometimes, that many of us are visual-type worshippers. By this, I mean to imply that we give reverence to whomever we see. At a wake or funeral, we are indeed ever so quiet. When coming into the presence of a so-called "person of note," we put our "best foot forward." The United States has a chief of protocol. In August of 1978, Kit Dobbelle was the then elected person authorized to see that the code of ceremonial forms and courtesies were carried out among the various statesmen, other governmental officials and foreign dignitaries. You see, everything must be done properly, and in its right perspective. Then, is it asking too much for us to give God His rightful respect in His sanctuary? We sing every Sabbath, "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple . . . let all the earth keep silence before Him." (Church Hymnal, p. 690.)

Some Christian courtesies suggested at this time would be in order:

There should be no movement or talking while prayer is offered.

We should kneel before the Lord our Maker, whenever possible, during prayer.

It is extremely improper to walk in front of a person in front of the congregation.

Walk softly in the sanctuary "Tread Softly, Tread Softly, the Master Is Here" (Church Hymnal, p. 601.)

If your infant continues to cry, take him/her out and administer to his/her needs.

Do cooperate with the ushers. They are trying to make you comfortable.

Refrain from talking and socializing in the sanctuary, before, during and after services. Please, step out to the vestibule. Better still, meditate and thank God for His goodness.

Pray for each other and love one another.

In closing, how should we greet the Lord in His holy temple? "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim; With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, Kneel and adore Him; the Lord is His name." (Church Hymnal, p. 6.)

OUT OF DEFEAT, TRIUMPH!

by Stephanie D. Johnson

In each of our lives we have been faced with some disappointment, disaster, or defeat. We have experienced the heartbreak of loneliness, the anguish of losing a loved one, the distress of financial burdens, and the feeling of helplessness when a good child has gone bad.

In the midst of your anxiety and tears, have you ever stopped to think that this is God's way of drawing you close to Him?

"Trials and obstacles are the Lord's chosen methods of discipline and His appointed conditions of success. . . . Often He permits the fires of affliction to assail them that they may be purified." Ministry of Healing, p. 470.

History has recorded the lives of many great people who turned their defeat into triumph! Fanny J. Crosby became blind at age six. Many would have settled for a life of darkness and defeat. But Fanny turned her defeat into triumph! She studied diligently and became a teacher in New York Institution for the Blind. She met and married Alexander Van Alstyne, a musician. They lived a happy life serving humanity. She

wrote 8,000 sacred hymns, among them "Rescue the Perishing" and "Blessed Assurance."

Robert Schumann was a great concert pianist. In the midst of his great career, he had an accident which permanently injured his finger. Unable to perform on the concert stage, he turned to composition. Without that accident he may never have written those rich melodies we treasure. Oftentimes what we think is the end for us is really just the beginning.

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony was written when he was totally deaf. Before the loss of his hearing he had primarily written compositions to display his dexterity on the keyboard. One of his biographers, Henry Thomas said, "Beethoven's deafness was no tragedy. The sounds of earth were stilled for him, that in silence he might catch the harmonies of heaven."

Maybe you are faced with disaster or apparent defeat. God has hidden great blessings in the disguise of defeat. "God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as coworkers with Him." Desire of Ages, pp. 224, 225.

Do not become alarmed when the doctor tells you your illness is terminal. Do not doubt God's love when you lose your job because you keep the Sabbath. Do not give up hope because you fail to enter medical school. Do not give in to despair when you find that your child is the victim of ill-fated teenage marriage or that your daughter is pregnant out of wedlock. Do not cry out in anguish when your marriage of thirty years is crumbling. In all things trust God and give thanks.

"Prayer is the answer to every problem in life. It puts us in tune with divine wisdom which knows how to adjust everything perfectly. So often we do not pray in certain situations because from our standpoint the outlook is hopeless. But, nothing is impossible with God. Nothing is so entangled that it cannot be remedied; no human relationship is too strained for God to bring about reconciliation and understanding; no habit so deep rooted that it cannot be overcome; no one is so weak that he cannot be strong; no one is so ill that he cannot be healed. No mind is so dull that it cannot be made brilliant."

Whatever we need if we trust God He will supply it. If anything is causing worry or anxiety, let us stop rehearsing the difficulty and trust God for healing, love and power." E. G. White, Review and Herald, Oct. 7, 1865.

On an ignominious cross there lay the bloody scarred body of the King of the universe. To all watching it seemed as if His mission had been a failure. He was rejected by the very people he came to save; He was betrayed by His own disciple; the sun hid its face and His heavenly Father gave no token of His love. God was never as close to His Son as when He was dying. It is because of the excellency of God's love that Jesus' death was an acceptable sacrifice. Jesus rose again from His seeming defeat to glorious triumph! God will do the same for us if we trust Him. Out of defeat, Triumph!

OMENS OF HIS COMING

by Clifford Jones

To the readers of the twenty-first chapter of his Synoptic Gospel Dr. Luke discloses a dreadful diary of disasters and dilemmas that Christ, in responding to a query from His disciples, predicted would characterize our world prior to His second advent. Luke's chronicle of calamities is correlated to the end of time, indeed, is synonymous with it. The good physician states: "Ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: . . . Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in diverse places, and famines and pestilences: and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven" (Luke 21:9-11). That is not all. With consummate skill Luke continues his presentation by painting pictures of havoc and utter ruin, concluding his depiction with the following admonition: "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

It is a soberly depressing fact that the conditions and circumstances of Luke 21 are readily found in our world today. One may not conclude differently except one view the evidence through myopic eyes and with a jaundiced mind. Today life is for many, a bewildering chaos, a veritable bonanza of despair, discontent,

and despondency. Not a few may be found shaking their heads, lamenting the troubled and turbulent state the world is in. People are disillusioned about the present, and they are cynical and apprehensive about the future, which, at the very best, they consider bleak.

In untempered language Luke tells us that "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." Ours is undoubtedly a world of aggression and military confrontation. Nations, in blatant disregard of international law, continue to invade and overwhelm other nations. No longer are the small powers afraid of the huge superpowers. They too have become assertive and do not hesitate to raise their heels against the larger powers. Political pundits are now saying that our world is facing the greatest threat to world peace since World War II, and that unless something dramatic happens to create an atmosphere of peace, we will experience another holocaust—a nuclear holocaust!

The dire predictions notwithstanding, nations continue to stockpile armaments. During his 1976 presidential campaign Jimmy Carter resolutely maintained that U.S. defense spending could be reduced, and that without affecting U.S. military capability. But the budget has not been reduced, and now we are told that because America is no longer universally admired, and because she has become increasingly vulnerable in the world, she needs to strengthen herself militarily. Subsequently Detente, the backbone of U.S.-Russian military policy, has been placed on the shelf, and the cold war has turned into a heated arms race.

Nations are now "overkillingly armed." There is so much distress among them that new friendships, novel alliances, are being formed. We are witnessing nations that were once bitter foes now courting each other and huddling together.

Much of the political havoc that our world is experiencing may be attributed to the economic woes that currently plague us. Every industrialized nation is afflicted with the miasma of double-digit inflation, a condition that is as destructive as it is deprecating. Prices continue to climb astronomically while, conversely, employment plunges. Talk of recession, and even depression, is no longer considered spurious rhetoric, for all governments have finally recognized that we are economically ill.

Of paramount importance to the world's economy is that most precious of commodities—oil! Those who have been blessed with it are using it to enhance and further their increasingly sordid ambitions, leaving the rest of the world in economic limbo, and jockeying for whatever is available. A frustrated world is now aggressively seeking alternative sources of energy, while pondering the prospect that the next world war may be fought over dwindling oil supplies.

In addition to the scenes of political ruin Luke parades before us he shows us an earth laid low by earthquakes, and famines, and pestilences. Lately it seems that our earth is possessed by some singular force, some demon power. Pick up any newspaper, turn on any television, and you will encounter an unrelenting stream of famines, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes and earthquakes, which are occurring with frightening frequency.

Even as you read this millions are starving to death. The bloated belly, the huge head, are staples of the daily news. It is not uncommon to see children clawing and struggling over each other, attempting to survive. Particularly disconcerting and disconcerting to those who care is the grim reality that even as millions starve to death our population continues to soar upward. The sobering prediction is that by the end of the eighties the world's population will so outnumber food supplies that attempts to feed the entire population will be futile.

Ecologically conditions are no better. Our environment is in jeopardy. Oil spills and the dumping of toxic wastes into the water and atmosphere have made breathing a perilous exercise, and eating hazardous to our health. It is currently estimated that only ten percent of the 77 billion pounds of toxic waste is properly disposed of. No wonder our world is rapidly losing its physical beauty! No wonder precious wildlife is perilously close to extinction.

In the presentation of last-day events Luke receives considerable help from the Apostle Paul who, in writing to Timothy, states: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, false accusers, incontinent,

fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (II Tim. 3:1-5).

A more accurate portrait of our society could not have been painted. Ours is a society characterized by crime, chaos and corruption. Lawlessness stalks our streets unmolested, and every imaginable crime is inflicted on an unsuspecting citizenry—murders, rapes, extortions, hijackings, kidnappings, burglaries, assaults, to name a few. Not surprisingly, this onslaught of crime and violence has spilled over into the classrooms of our schools. Our schools are virtual battlefields. The satchel has been replaced with the holster, and no longer do children go to school armed with books, but with knives and guns. Teachers are leery and mistrusting of students because of past experiences.

Our society has very few homes that are miniature heavens on earth. The sacred bond of matrimony has lost much respect. It is no longer viewed as a God-ordained institution, but as a depressing legality, a menacing set-back and a self-destructive arrangement. The "new morality" has overwhelmed us, so that nowadays a marriage that is experiencing difficulty is summarily terminated. Not surprisingly, the current divorce rate is fifty percent, a statistic that brings with it tremendous implications for society. Almost half of all children born today will live with one parent by the age of eighteen.

More and more of our young people are sexually active. What is especially startling is the discovery that, according to a 1979 poll on sexuality, a majority of the American people consider premarital sex as acceptable. Virgins are indeed an endangered, if not an extinct, species!

Homosexuality is no longer universally scorned. Homosexuals have stepped out of the closet and into the open, and they are demanding with raised fists their place in the sun, their rights, the recognition that they have been denied for so long. Those who have embraced Christianity are more somber and subdued. Those usually solicit empathy and understanding, claiming that God, infinitely gracious and long-suffering, is accepting of their maladjustment. Our world is full of men woefully lacking in piety and godliness, "having a form of

godliness but denying the power thereof."

If all that has been said makes the author sound like a calamity howler and a spokesman of doom it is only because our world is indeed doomed and is rapidly moving toward its cataclysmic end. We are on the brink of extinction, doomed to destruction—from war if not from starvation, from disease if not from social decay. Even as we behold world events and contemplate the unsettled conditions about us men's hearts are "failing them for fear and for looking after those things." Diseases brought on by stress and tensions, such as heart disease and hypertension, are on the upswing, and it is currently estimated that a good thirty-four percent of the American population suffers with some sort of psychological maladjustment.

But there is good news today. As Christians we need not despair, we need not become despondent, for we have been told that these conditions are but indications that our redemption draweth nigh. Therefore against this backdrop of gloom the Christian has a hope, and it ought to stand out all the brighter as we move closer to the end of time. Our God is still in command, He is still on the throne, He still directs the affairs of the world. And His Son Christ Jesus remains the only hope for this doomed world, this world that has been ravished by war, this world that has been plagued by disease and suffering, this world that has been demolished by earthquakes and floods, this world that has been raped and assaulted by lawlessness and vice. The word from the Lord is: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). Again He says: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

Let us not give up then. Even though we must walk along avenues of fear, and through valleys of ruin, and even though we must view mountains of destruction, and see things move progressively from bad to worse, we must still look up, and not down, for our redemption draweth nigh.

It has been almost a year that Iranian militants stormed the American

embassy in Iran and took several Americans hostage. Since then the entire nation has been held hostage, and an end to this siege does not seem imminent. Six thousand years ago the devil and his sadistic band raided this world, holding its inhabitants hostage ever since. But God gave up His only Son to be the ransom for us (Matt. 20:28; I Tim. 2:5,6). Jesus Christ is ready to wrest His people from the devil. Soon we shall behold the heavens rolling back as a scroll and the "Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Shall we not therefore lift up our heads? Shall we not therefore watch and pray that we "may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man?"



Robert Smith, Manager Periodical Department, Review and Herald.

ELDER ROBERT SMITH HEADS PERIODICALS FOR REVIEW AND HERALD

by Stephanie D. Johnson

Elder Robert Smith has the weighty responsibility of managing thirty-two periodicals for the Review and Herald Publishing Association. He is the first black to hold such a position.

He has approximately one hundred and fifteen employees under his supervision whose jobs range from associate circulation manager to a mail room clerk. He does the marketing and the promotion for the periodicals. He conducts workshops and training institutes. But his primary duty is to manage the business end of Review and Herald periodicals. Approximately 55 to 60% of the Review and Herald business comes

from periodicals. The Review and Herald needed a man who possessed a keen sense of business and the ability to transcend languages, culture, or geographical territories. Elder Robert Smith proved to be that man.

In addition to managing periodicals (some of which are *Advent Review*—13 editions, *Liberty*, *Insight*, *Message Magazine*, *These Times* and *Life and Health*), he is in charge of the circulation of missionary tracts, and Sabbath School quarterlies (except senior and primary quarterlies).

Elder Smith was prepared for his job by serving for more than twenty years in various capacities of the publishing field. He was born in Zebulon, Georgia, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith and is one of eleven children. As a child his parents moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

He attended local public school and college at Fort Valley, Georgia with a pre-medicine major. He continued to pursue his life's ambition until he heard Elder E. C. Ward present the message and he decided to become a Seventh-day Adventist.

Once baptized he lost his job as a laboratory technician because he refused to work on Friday nights. His brother, Ted Smith, now Publishing Director for South Atlantic Conference encouraged him to become a Literature Evangelist. Consequently, he ended his pre-med studies and became a Literature Evangelist. He can now look back with amazement and see that God had a specific purpose for his life.

He worked as a Literature Evangelist and later as Associate Publishing Director for South Central Conference. During this time he attended Tennessee Technical School and Franklin University where he studied business and marketing.

After ten years of service to South Central Conference he became a Field Representative for Home, Health and Education Services (HHES) for Southern Union. His primary duties were to collect for delinquent accounts and put in good stead the "pay by mail" program.

While serving in the Southern Union, he was called to Northeastern Conference to serve as Associate Publishing Director for Metropolitan New York and all other territories up to Albany, New York. God tremendously blessed his work and his district led in sales.

After working for five years in North-

eastern, he accepted a call to serve as Publishing Director for Allegheny West. Under his leadership the publishing work grew from \$46,000 to \$200,000 in sales. He called two Associate Publishing Directors to the Conference.

After five years in Allegheny West he was named Associate Publishing Director for Columbia Union where he conducted workshops and Literature Evangelist Institute Training Schools throughout the Union.

He remained for two years until he accepted a call to become Associate Circulation Manager for Periodicals for Review and Herald Publishing Association. With the merger of Review and Herald and Southern Publishing Association he became the circulation manager for Periodicals for the Review and Herald.

He and his wife, Francis Olivia Smith have six children; three are graduates of Oakwood College. Robert, Jr., Associate Publishing Director for Allegheny West Conference; Debra, teacher in Chattanooga, Tennessee; Mrs. Beverly Smith Lee, mother of two children; Coletta, communication/speech therapy major at Oakwood College; Anthony, sophomore theology major at Oakwood College; and Rodney, third grader at Sligo Elementary School.

Elder Smith is a Christian who possesses great business acumen, a love for people and a commitment to excellence. His greatest ambition is to help finish the work by reaching men and women through the printed page.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Elder Paschal:

Unfortunately, I've only received copies of the *North American Regional Voice* when passed out at general assembly of black workers. This is the report of many of our black constituents who are not receiving the official organ.

I have now had the pleasure of reading the first four issues. Each issue is better and better. The quality and quantity of the articles are too noteworthy not to be read by each black constituent.

You are to be commended for the letter that you published from Billie Lee, in regards to the use of the word *Regional* to label black Seventh-day Adventists. This letter published gives a good pic-

ture of the broadness in publishing the black work to the extent that a single black voice can be given a review in the publication. Ms. Lee is not alone in her thoughts about this. Food for thought: maybe, "THE NORTH AMERICAN BLACK VOICE."

Sincerely,
Ms. Juanita Jenkins
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

I enjoy reading your *North American Regional Voice* very much, especially your April 1980 issue (Portfolio of Black Progress). I was pleasantly surprised to see my mother's picture in it.

Also, the mother of one of my husband's fellow employees was shown in that issue. Both that man and his mother left the Adventist Church many years ago. When my husband presented the magazine to him, he hesitated to take it, perhaps thinking he was giving him something to reconvert him.

When he saw his mother's picture, he was stunned and wouldn't let my husband rest until he promised to get him a copy. His mother is also anxious to see the picture. Even though this seems insignificant, it may be the very thing that might get them interested in returning to the church. Therefore, I would appreciate it very much if you would send me about four copies. I would like also to give a copy to each of my brothers and sisters, some of whom have also left the church. Upon seeing our mother's picture, their interest in the church might also be rekindled. Please pray with us for positive results.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$2.00. If this does not adequately cover the cost, please bill me for the remainder.

Sincerely,
Margaret Ledford

PAINTING OF CHRIST AN EVANGELISTIC TOOL

by Ron Graybill

The dramatic new mural, "Christ, the Way of Life," based on an 1883 engraving which Mrs. Ellen G. White had made, is proving to be an effective tool for evangelism. First displayed at the General Conference session in Dallas in 1980, the 7 by 10 foot mural immediately

captured the attention of evangelists and Bible workers who wanted color prints of the mural to give away as gifts. The whole plan of salvation is depicted in the mural.

The history of the picture is a story in itself. In 1876, James White had a lithograph made which he called "The Way of Life, from Paradise Lost to Paradise Restored." The picture included Adam and Eve cast out of Eden, the murder of Abel, the Old Testament sacrificial system, and then, most prominently, a large tree called the "Law Tree" because the ten commandments were suspended from its branches.

A little to the right of this large tree was the cross of Christ, then the baptism of Jesus, the Last Supper, and in the background the Holy City. The Law Tree was actually taller and more noticeable than the cross of Christ in this 1876 lithograph.

Shortly before James died in 1881, he had sketched out a new picture. "The Law Tree is removed," he explained to his wife. "Christ on the cross is made large, and placed in the center." Elder White was never able to carry out this plan. In 1883, Ellen White commissioned a new steel plate engraving modeled after her husband's plan. This was called, "Christ, the Way of Life."

In the 1883 engraving, the cross of Christ dominates the entire scene. Now the law is represented only by Mt. Sinai far in the background. It is significant that this change in emphasis from the law to the gospel was made by James and Ellen White several years before the famous 1888 General Conference in Minneapolis at which the message of righteousness by faith was sounded.

As the staff of the Ellen G. White Estate began to plan for the 1980 General Conference session in Dallas, they conceived of the idea of having Ellen White's 1883 engraving, "Christ, the Way of Life," enlarged into a colorful giant painting.

Adventist artist Elfred Lee was commissioned to do the painting. He spent a month in research and 300 hours in actual painting on the mural, working in a large room in the Auburn, California, Seventh-day Adventist Church. Members of the congregation and friends of the artists served as models for the various figures in the painting. The artist used a picture of himself as a model for the penitent sinner kneeling at the altar with his sacrificial lamb.

The mural is not, of course, an exact reproduction of the 1883 engraving. Several interesting changes have been introduced. The angel who casts Adam and Eve out of Eden has his sword lowered as he points the guilty pair to Christ on the cross. Cain, the first murderer, slinks away from the scene of his crime toward the pagan civilizations in the background of which he is the symbolic founder.

The cross is very prominent, even the stones on the hill of Calvary draw the eye to Jesus and His sacrifice for our sins. Jesus' arms and the clouds that rise from Mt. Sinai form a "V" symbolizing Christ's victory over sin and death. The hills of Sinai continue on beyond the cross, showing that the law of God, which convicts the sinner of his guilt and teaches him his need of a Saviour, continues on as a standard for his Christian life after he accepts Christ, receiving forgiveness for his sins and power to live a holy life.

A subtle shaft of light descends from the Holy City onto the beautiful baptismal scene, symbolizing the work of the Holy Spirit. In the right foreground a vine recalls Christ's parable of the Christian life, in which we grow and bear fruit only as we are connected to Christ, just as the branches must maintain their connection with the vine.

In order to make the painting available for evangelistic and Bible study purposes, the Ellen G. White Estate has had a beautiful color print made on heavy paper. This print, suitable for framing in an 18 x 24 inch frame, can be purchased by individuals for \$3.25. Evangelists who want to use the print as gifts in their meetings, can receive it at a considerable discount in lots of 100 or more copies. This price for individuals includes a mailing tube and postage, as well as a "Bible Study Key" in which the artist explains the various elements in the painting and gives Bible texts that teach the meaning of the various symbols in the story of salvation. Included are reproductions of the old engravings by James and Ellen White.

Also available are a set of one dozen 35mm color slides for \$4.00. "Super-slide" format will soon be available for evangelists as well. For further information and orders, write to: Ellen G. White Estate, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20012.

The Editor's Desk

CALLING ALL FORMER PASTORS AT EPHEBUS

All former youth pastors and Bible instructors of the Ephesus Church in New York City are asked to please submit the following information to Mr. Harold Stenbar, Ephesus S.D.A. Church, 101 W. 123rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10027. 1. Dates you served. 2. Highlights during your tenure. 3. A 5x7 black and white photo. Listed below is a partial listing of names:

Pastor Thompson, Pastor Bailey, Pastor Troy, Pastor Virgil, Pastor Richardson, Pastor Connors, Mr. Darrell Rollins, Ms. Milicent Jordan Wilkins, Ms. James North, Ms. Helen Horton, Ms. Magnolia Mapp, Ms. Marjorie Bland Small, Ms. Ethel Vanackey Porter, and Ms. Beth McCalla.

This information will be included in the Heritage Showcase which was erected in 1979 at the Ephesus Church. If your name was not mentioned and you served in either capacity, please forward same. Our records are incomplete due to fire of 1969.

Harold Stenbar
Co-Chairperson, Heritage Committee

EXCITING NEW BOOK

WHO IS WHO AMONG BLACK S.D.A.'S IN AMERICA

Now under publication at Oakwood College this new source book is designed to feature the life work and accomplishments of outstanding Blacks in our church.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

	Aug. 22	29	Sept. 5	12
Boston, Mass	7:35	7:24	7:12	7:00
New York City	7:45	7:34	7:22	7:10
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:07	7:55	7:43	7:31
Atlanta, Ga.	8:16	8:07	7:58	7:49
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THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

BULLOCK ELECTED PUBLISHING DIRECTOR

Emanuel Bullock was elected Director of the Central States Publishing Department. His appointment was made possible when Elder James Marshall accepted a call to the same post for the Southwest Region Conference in Dallas, Texas.

Bullock has served as one of the Associate Directors of the Publishing Department since 1973. His territorial responsibility was St. Louis, Missouri.

Pastor Bullock entered denominational work in February, 1970. According to Elder S. Haywood Cox, Conference President, Pastor Bullock assumes the directorship with a "wealth of publishing knowledge and a deep spiritual conviction and insight."

We welcome Pastor Bullock to this important post. He is married to the former Doris Oglesby. They have two sons, Emanuel Jr. and Anthony who is a pre-med student at Union College.

MUSICAL GROUP GIVES PROGRAM AT GROVE HEIGHTS

The Voices of Praise, a quintet from Tenth Street Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma spent the entire Sabbath recently with the members of the Grove Heights congregation. Their visit was at the invitation of AY leader, Pearl Reed.

The music and blend of male voices was a blessing to everyone from the morning service, special program at youth hour and concluding with vesper service. A basketball game was held as a recreational outlet. It was a joy seeing our young people demonstrate good sportsmanship.

James McClain
Communication Secretary



Emmanuel Bullock is congratulated by publishing director, James Marshall who accepted a call to the leadership post in the Southwest Region Conference.



Voices of Praise group of Oklahoma gives program for Grove Heights congregation.

BARRETT LIBRARY TO BE BUILT IN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis Junior Academy has launched a fund raising campaign to improve the school's physical plant by establishing a library, adding more classrooms, an auditorium/gymnasium and outdoor playground equipment.

In addition to systematic, sacrificial giving by the academy's constituency, the Home and School Association is sponsoring several events that will bring the expansion project to the attention of Seventh-day Adventists outside the St. Louis area and the general public.

Marie Gibson Thomas, the Home and School leader, stated: "Our school is located in an inner city community where one-half of the students, both SDA and non-SDA, need financial aid. We have had to develop a Tuition Assistance Plan to provide sponsorships, self-help through sales cooperatives, emergency loans, or transportation costs for these students. A quality Christian education must be made accessible to every child in our churches, and an effective community outreach program must be carried on by the academy. We are seeking to follow God's counsel in this matter and we

believe that He will inspire others across North America to help us in this ministry."

The first event is a testimonial dinner honoring Mrs. Ardella B. Barrett. It will be held July 27, 6:00 p.m., at the Banquet Hall, Henry VIII Inn and Lodge, 4690 North Lindergh, St. Louis, Missouri.

Elder G. Herfin Taylor, Director of Sabbath School and Stewardship, South Atlantic Conference, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Elder Taylor literally helped to build the present school facility while pastoring in St. Louis.

Mrs. Barrett's entire life has been spent furthering the goals of Christian education. It is therefore fitting that Dr. Benjamin F. Reaves, Chairman, Religion and Theology Department, Oakwood College, will deliver a keynote address aimed at arousing enthusiasm and unified action to meet the exciting challenges confronting Christian education in the 80's.

Proceeds from this banquet will be used to establish the Ardella B. Library at St. Louis Junior Academy. Mrs. Barrett's friends and former students, or persons who simply believe in Christian education and would like to participate in this endeavor, are urged to send their contributions or request reservations by completing the form below. God will bless your liberality and the students of St. Louis Junior Academy will be grateful.



Elder and Mrs. Joseph L. Butler of Washington, D.C. hold marriage seminars at the Bethsaida and Sharon Churches.

SHARON AND BETHESDA CHURCHES HOLD MARRIAGE SEMINAR

An inspiring marriage and family seminar was sponsored by the Sharon and Bethesda Churches in Omaha, Nebraska. It was conducted by Pastor and Mrs. J. L. Butler, from Hadley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C.

The program began with an introduction of the seminar format by Elder and Mrs. Butler. They spoke on how husbands and wives should relate to each other.

In the next session, a rap session on "Sex and the Single Adventist" was held for the youth by Mrs. Butler. Another session was conducted by Elder Butler for older singles. Later that day a special potluck dinner for married couples and their children was the highlighted event. The Butlers continued the sessions that evening with talks on the three stages of marriage, more information for single Adventists, and the importance of communication skills for young married couples.

Couples who participated in the seminar renewed their wedding vows at a rededication marriage ceremony. A wedding reception followed. All participants reported that this seminar was very rewarding to their lives.

WEDDING BEASON-BRIGHT

Kim Bright and Gregory Beason were married March 29 at Linwood Boulevard SDA Temple in Kansas City, Missouri. Gregory is a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and is making his home in Kansas City. Kim's parents are Herman and Iris Bright from Lee Summit, Missouri.



CONTRIBUTION/RESERVATION FORM

Personal congratulations will be printed and a Souvenir Testimonial Book sent to contributors of \$25 or more, if their signed message is received by July 18, 1980. All checks should be made payable to St. Louis Junior Academy Library Fund, and are tax deductible.

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LAKE REGION

DANIEL AND REVELATION SEMINAR HELD

Dr. William Shea of Andrews University visited the Spanish Northwest church recently and spoke on Daniel 7. During the afternoon service a seminar was given and emphasis was placed on the importance of every Christian understanding the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

Azael Colon
Communication Secretary

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There is a difference between he who does no misdeed because of his own conscience and he who is kept from wrong doing because of the presence of others.



Pictured from left to right: Efrain Perez, Jr., translator from Andrews University, Dr. William Shea and Elder Rafael Colon, seated.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis, Sr., their seven children and 16 grandchildren recently dedicated their time and musical talents to the Chicago Hyde Park Church.

The family gathered from across the country to support the dream of the Willis' eldest daughter, Mrs. Mildred Gill, a member of the Hyde Park Church, to purchase a piano for the sanctuary. Mr. and Mrs. Claude McKnight and sons traveled from Orlando, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis, Jr. and family from Buffalo, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Willis and family from Dayton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Jason Edgecome and family from Houston, Texas; Elder and Mrs. Conrad Gill and family from Chicago, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Britton from Berrien Springs, Michigan and Ava Willis from Hinsdale, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis, Sr., traveled from Buffalo, New York.

The family's willing spirit shone through in their music and was reflected upon even the smallest child's face as they shared their God-given talents with the congregation.

A wide variety of music was offered in style, groups and composition, so that there was something for everyone. The young children, the teenagers, parents and grandparents all participated in the program.

A standing ovation was given to the McKnight quartet who sang "The Milky White Way."

Little five-year-old Leah sang a solo and was accompanied by her sister, ten-year-old Laurie, on the piano.

The family closed this soul-warming program with "Jesus Christ Is the Way."

Because of their unselfishness and dedication, the Willis family made it possible for the Hyde Park Church to receive over \$1,000 towards the purchase of a piano.

Crystal R. Drake
Correspondent



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis, Sr.



The younger Willis grandchildren as they sang during the concert.

THE CRUSADE TEAM COMES TO STRAFORD

The Christ Is the Answer Evangelistic Crusade team held a four-week revival at the Straford Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church in Chicago, Illinois from May 18 through June 14, 1980.

For six nights every week the church was filled with members and visiting friends, some from as far away as 50 miles, all eager to hear the word of God proclaimed.

The crusade team, unique in its ministry to baptize large numbers in short term campaigns, placed a great deal of emphasis on reclaiming lost members, reviving the hearts of present members and helping those persons who have had an exposure to the message through visitation at the church or Bible studies to make their decisions for Christ.

As a result of the meetings 78 new persons were added to the church.

The Lord blessed the effort with nightly music in the persons of Katie Glanton, a member of Straford and Mitty Collier, a guest soloist from the community. The Straford choir also presented music for the campaign.

Virginia Starks
Communication Secretary

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And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither: and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

—Psalm 1:3



The Stratford congregation observing the baptismal service.



Charles W. Drake, III, pastor and Marcus Harris, assistant pastor as they baptize a new believer during the crusade.



The Lake Region Conference Medical Van.

HOSPITAL ON WHEELS

The Lake Region Conference recently purchased a Community Services Medical Van to be used throughout the five-state area during evangelistic campaigns, health fairs, camp meeting and other community oriented programs.

Over \$16,000 was donated by the Hinsdale Hospital in equipment and medications for the van. Mr. Allen Wightman and Mrs. Karen Hoover spearheaded the task of making the vehicle emergency ready. The van is now fully equipped from aspirin to defibrillator and ready to serve those in need.

During the Lake Region camp meeting session this "hospital on wheels" was put to the test. Seven emergency runs were made to the local hospitals; five being heart attack victims.

The medical staff treated burns, broken fingers, dislocated arms, cuts, fevers and insect bites.

The first life-threatening crisis occurred just three days after camp meeting began. A camper from the Detroit area suffered a heart attack. Once brought to the van, she was administered IV fluids, her blood pressure was monitored and oxygen was given. While receiving treatment, the patient was transported to the Niles hospital where she was admitted to the intensive care unit. She later wrote a note of gratitude for receiving such quick and efficient care.

I want to say thank you for the way you responded to my illness. The medical van was a real blessing. I am also thankful for Elder Richard Brown, and his son, Dr. Richard Brown, Jr. I want to say how much I appreciate the Lake Region family for its prayers for me. I love my church. Continue to pray for me.

Excellent medical help was available in the persons of Richard C. Brown, Jr. and Addison Prince, physicians; Mildred Todd, Juanita Johnson and Willie Reese, nurses; Dora Brown, respiratory therapist and the services of Ruth Willis.

With this new piece of equipment it is now possible to witness for Christ in another way as we meet the physical needs of people.

Crystal R. Drake
Correspondent

LAKE REGION CAMP MEETING — 1980



Walter Arties—Breath of Life producer, sings to the glory of God.



Pastor Robert L. Jones of Benton Harbor, Michigan prepares to baptize his candidate at the laymens' baptism.



Elder B. P. Bernard of Bethlehem French Church baptizes at the camp meeting baptismal service.



The plaque which was affixed to the flagpole in honor of Elder J. R. Wagner, former president of the Lake Region Conference.



After prayer, the balloons were released. Answers have been received from as far away as the Pocano Mountains in Pennsylvania.



Elder R. C. Brown, executive secretary, Ms. J. R. Wagner and Elder C. D. Joseph, president cut the ribbon after renaming Lake Region's campgrounds, Camp Wagner.



Balloons dedicated to carrying Bible study enrollment cards readied for distribution.



Little Miss Caron Drake enjoys the horseback ride provided for the tiny tots.



Elder H. M. S. Richards, Jr. who spoke on "The Place" on the opening night of the camp meeting.



The Health and Welfare Societies displayed and sold their crafts at the camp session.



Helen Powellz of Gary, Indiana—Mizpah church won the Oratorical contest at camp meeting which entitles her to a \$500 scholarship.



These macrame plant hangers were made by the Health and Welfare Societies.



The children of Lake Region look for the special peanut which would entitle them to a scholarship.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP HOLDS MISS CONGENIALITY CONTEST

On April 12, 1980 Christian Fellowship A.Y.S. presented its first annual Miss Congeniality Contest. The affair was simply breathtaking. Everyone who attended was thrilled and those who didn't—well, you missed the performance of a lifetime.

There were nine contestants, and each one had her own unique kind of beauty; the girls were absolute knockouts. Criteria for the title of Miss Congeniality was based on poise, talent, dress and most important she should possess traits of loveliness as Ruth, Esther, Rachel, Rebekah, Lois, Hannah and Leah—women of the Bible.

As the evening progressed each girl was getting anxious to know if she was the winner. They didn't have much longer to wait because the moment of truth had arrived. The judges have tallied up their scores, and the envelope is ready. Now, the envelope please! And the winner is, girls hold on to your seats, the winner is Donna-mae Gibson! Cheers of congratulations and kisses went out to Donna-mae. Our Miss Congeniality was crowned and robed.

Miss Donna-mae Gibson was given an all expense paid trip to Oakwood College, plus an array of other gifts. Gifts were also given to the three runners-up: Ruthlyn Selby, first runner-up, Barbara Phipps, second and Sheila McFarlene, third. The main purpose of the pageant is intended to expose one young lady to the environment of Christian higher education.

Congratulations Donna-mae and God's richest blessings to you!

Paula B. Reid
Communication Secretary



The contestants left to right: Desiree Gibson, Marilyn Murrell, Morene Roberts, Karen Bryan, Illuminade Harewood and Shiela McFarlene, Barbara Phipps, Ruthlyn Selby, the three runner's up. Miss Congeniality, Miss Donna-mae Gibson, seated.



Miss Congeniality, Donna-mae Gibson. Judges seated in background.

MOUNT OF OLIVES REALIZES THE IMPOSSIBLE

On March 22-29, 1980 the Mount of Olives SDA Church, Brooklyn, New York held a week long celebration in praise to God for their new sanctuary. Their dream became a reality under the leadership of Elder Gilbert O. Foster. Here is a brief history of their trials and ultimate triumph in setting the Mount of Olives SDA Church on a firm foundation.

Faith of our Fathers! Holy faith! We will be true to thee till death. The history of Mount of Olives goes back to 1946—a year when there was only one black SDA Church in Brooklyn. So, like the faith of the patriarchs, Paul the apostle, when he and the apostles carried the gospel of Christ to the then known world, the faith of our Advent pioneers as God led them to begin the Advent movement in 1844, so it was with a handful of faithful believers under the leadership of Elder T. X. Perry in 1946 whose inspiration led to the founding of the Mount of Olives Church of Seventh-day Adventists.

This faithful band of believers felt close to the Lord. They listened constantly to hear His sweet small voice. The Lord had placed a burden upon the shoulders of Elder Perry and a desire within his heart to win the souls for His kingdom. Elder Perry felt keenly the need for another church in Brooklyn. The burden was so great, many whole nights were spent in prayer. As he prayed for guidance, as the apostles of old, a friend in the person of Bishop DeWitt Jordan exclaimed "Inasmuch as you worship on Sabbath and I on Sun-

day, I offer you the privilege of beginning another church in Brooklyn at my church." Upon the mutual agreement between these two friends, the Mt. Olives SDA Mission was born.

On the very next Sabbath, the first Sabbath in September, 1946, Elder Perry, his six children, his wife and mother, Mrs. Satira Perry, found themselves at Bishop Jordan's Church, the Good Samaritan Apostolic Church, 1142 Hermimer Street, Brooklyn.

As the faithful band of workers prayed and worked hard for souls, the Holy Spirit blessed their efforts. Soon others began to come—week by week—from all over the metropolitan area. The work progressed so rapidly that the Mission was organized after being in existence for only one year! What a mighty God we serve.

In October, 1959, Elder Perry was called to the pastorate of the Brooklyn SDA Temple Church. With faith and hope in his heart, he cast his mantle upon the young shoulders of Elder W. Harold Kibble, and strode off on another mission for God.

The new pastor, Elder Harold Kibble, was a young man of great strength and vision. His faith, courage and vision were equal to the task that was set before him. He drew the mantle tightly around him, set his face like a flint and never looked back. Under his capable leadership the first home of the Mount was acquired through the official office of Elder F. L. Jones, Treasurer of Northeastern Conference, and Elder H. D. Singleton, President. This action took place March 9, 1961, location 58



Mount of Olives Seventh-day Adventist Church, Brooklyn, New York.

Hopkinson Avenue, Brooklyn. The first Sabbath service was held on March 11, 1961, which was a beautiful day, reflecting the glory of God.



Pastor Gilbert J. Foster, Pastor of Mount Olives.

Mount of Olives enjoyed the successful pastorate of several ministers. Of those who served, one of the most illustrious of pastors was Elder Everett Alexander who succeeded Elder Kibble. On January 25, 1964, Elder Alexander assumed the pastorate of the Mount. He was most gracious, taking time to greet each Board member personally. This tenure marked one of the most remarkably successful ministries at the Mount. The church grew to unparalleled heights spiritually. Under his capable administration the mortgage at 58 Hopkinson Avenue was liquidated. Preceding the burning of the mortgage, the church underwent extensive refurbishing in anticipation of the great day.

After the successful pastorate of Elder Alexander, another young, vibrant pastor in the person of Elder James E. Edgecombe took up pastoral duties at the Mount. On January 1, 1966 Elder Edgecombe was installed as pastor by Elder L. H. Davis. He served successfully until he was called to other duties in August, 1967.

Elder E. A. Lockett succeeded Elder Edgecombe as pastor of the Mount. Elder Lockett served with quiet dignity from October 21, 1967 until November, 1968. His ministry was one of wisdom and gentleness. He was called to another part of the Lord's vineyard to labor in love for Him.

Elder Goulbourne was dispatched to the Mount to succeed Elder Lockett. However, he too was destined for other fields of service. Elder Goulbourne

piloted the Mount from 1967 until 1972. During his ministry, the church began to seek other quarters. A building fund drive began in earnest, and was well on its way when Elder Goulbourne left.

On January 14, 1973, an illustrious young man in the person of Elder Robert L. Lister assumed the duties of pastor of the Mount. His was one of the most dynamic ministers in the history of the Mount. He was a young man of tireless energy. He had time for everyone. Under his administration the Mount was successful in establishing two missions; a bold, new thrust was mounted on behalf of the building fund which set the tone for the accomplishments for which we are celebrating. His devotion to God and His people at the Mount will long be remembered. He served with love and devotion until he was called in 1975 to pastor the Jamaica SDA Church.

Elder Lister was succeeded by Elder C. T. Jefferson who came to the Mount in 1976. Elder Jefferson's burden was that of securing for the Mount a church home. He worked diligently for this purpose, but was unsuccessful in securing a building before he was called elsewhere. His heart was burdened by this fact. Finding a suitable place for the Mount was one of the most difficult tasks of all of the former pastors. Elder Jefferson served through 1978.

Last, but not least, our beloved current pastor, Elder Gilbert Foster, came to the Mount in January, 1979. Although the former pastors can be credited with laying the groundwork for today's accomplishments, we can truly say that our present pastor has more than equalled their labors. As you tour this beautiful edifice you will be viewing evidence of his many talents and labors of love and devotion. Elder Foster has labored daily in the church as if he were hired and paid a salary. His was a labor of love. The members of Mount of Olives can never forget his and his wife's unremitting devotion to the mission of "building a House to the Glory of God, and the Service of Man."

Space does not permit us to adequately give credit for all that the former pastors have contributed to the up-building of Mount of Olives. To all of them, we hold them dear to our hearts. Truly we can say, "One soweth, and another reapeth."

BETHESDA CELEBRATES ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY

It was a beautiful and significant day for the members of the Bethesda Seventh-day Adventist Church in Amityville, New York, as they gathered to celebrate the tenth anniversary in their church.

It was quite a thrill to see so many of the former members and pastors in attendance.

Pastor Roy Brown, former pastor and builder of this beautiful edifice came in from Florida to officiate over the services for the day. Every heart was turned heavenward as he led us through the temple from the Holy to the Most Holy Place, and as a result of this dynamic message many rededicated their lives and efforts to their heavenly Father. A plaque was dedicated with the names of the charter members and their families, and put on display in the lobby of the church.

May the Lord continue to bless and prosper the work in Amityville, and make this church a lighthouse for truth in this part of His vineyard.

James Sullivan
Communication Secretary



Visitors at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Bethesda Church.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DAY AT THE MOUNT OF OLIVES CHURCH

On May 24, 1980 the Mount of Olives SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York celebrated Community Services Day. Pastor Larry Bailey of the Lebanon SDA Church in Laurelton, New York was the guest speaker for the Divine Worship Service.

Immediately after the Divine Worship a planned program for the distribution of tracts was initiated under the able leadership of Emma Best, Leonard King and Geraldine Boss.



Community Services Day at Mount of Olives SDA Church. Left to right: Leonard King, Assistant Leader; Emma Best, Leader; Alonzo Best, Sr., Recipient of award for outstanding soulwinning.

Approximately 550 tracts were distributed throughout the community. Food was provided by the local community services department for all visiting guests and senior citizens.

The highlight of the day was the evening program presented by the community services workers. Ms. Emma Best, Director, stressed the importance of evangelizing the local community. Elder Gilbert Foster, Pastor of Mount of Olives outlined a specific detailed program that could be used to evangelize the community.

Several people were awarded certificates for completion of a training course in Nutritional Cooking—Geraldine Boss, Bertha McKiver, Juanita Gilbert, Minnie Woodley, Leonard King, Gene Higgins and Uphinia Simpson.

The climax of the program was the presentation of plaques to Elder Alonzo Best, Sr., for outstanding services in soul-winning and Leonard King for faithful services to the Community Services Department.

David E. Henry
Communications Secretary

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST STUDENT ASSOCIATION CHOIR OF JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA VISITS EPHEBUS

The S.D.A.S.A. Choir of Johannesburg thrilled Ephesians on Sabbath, April 12, 1980 as they sang in attractive African dress and head wraps in an afternoon concert at the Ephesus Church, N.Y. The 120 voice group has toured South Africa and neighboring states extensively since its organization in 1975. Sixty-five members visited Ephesus en route to the General Conference in



Student Association Choir of South Africa in concert at the Ephesus Church in New York City.

Dallas and planned to travel to Oakwood College, Southwestern Adventist College, Andrews University, and Washington, D.C. while in the U.S. Included in the choir were educators, clerks, musicians, government employees, students, and homemakers. Victor John Koapeng, full-time music director of the choir, received his education at the Royal School of Music in London and at the University of South Africa.

The choir's music is superb, and is oftentimes sung in five languages and native dialects. The broad repertoire ranges from foreign language oratorios and cantatas of the world's great music masters to traditional music of original composition. Whether sacred, pastoral, traditional, legendary, romantic, or national, every rendition is brimming with loveliness, zest, and appeal. The soloists, pianist, and male quartet are outstanding. The quartet's dramatic interpretation of the Spiritual, "O, Lord, I Want Two Wings to Fly Away," is unforgettable. Among the great church hymns presented were "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Further in sacred song they sing of the Lord's Supper—"Sellalo Sa Moreno" and of the Creator of All Things—"Menzi We Zinta Sorice."

A pastoral theme is "Mohoang," which tells of boys taking cattle into the field, cutting reeds and making instruments on which they play original themes. Another pastoral is "Masano," describing a typical Sangoan Village. "U E Kae" is a Sotho traditional song highlighting the harvest and threshing of corn. In contrast, the legendary "Oboe"

tells of an imaginary, huge monster threatening to destroy a newly-wed bride in the home of a mother-in-law. In a romantic vein, "Isithandwa Sami" relates a young lover's past experiences. "Molaelsa" is an appeal to sons and daughters of Africa to unite and make a common goal of victory and progress.

The choir members are very pleasant and interesting and bear striking resemblance to American blacks. God's creative powers remain in spite of the intervention of slavery. Life styles and names have been drastically changed, however. Notice a few of the singers' names: Vincent Moelase, tenor; Mangaleso Math, bass; Molafi Mapela, organist; Joy Ngobese, soprano; Mary Mapele, soprano; Khosi Maseko, contralto; Doreen Hlumbane, contralto; many of them, colorful names born of rich African heritage. These are very different from the adopted ethnic names like Smith, Williams, Brown, Jones, Clark, Johnson, etc. which are so familiar in America today. Some of the group have exchanged addresses and expect to correspond and become better acquainted.

According to a souvenir program available at the General Conference Session, "the choir's aim is to provide a continuous source of good music of unexcelled quality that will give physical, mental, and spiritual satisfaction." S.D.A.S.A. is accomplishing that goal to the fullest extent. In these days of unrest and turmoil, pray for God's protecting guidance and care that the Seventh-day

Adventist Student Association Choir will continue to send forth its beautiful message in song—unexcelled in quality.

Muriel R. Hutchins
Reporter

SHILOH HONORS OUTSTANDING MOTHER

Recognition was given by the Sabbath School Department of Shiloh Church in Brooklyn, New York headed by Ms. Burke, to a most outstanding mother, Mrs. Aleatha Fraser. The Lord had certainly blessed her greatly in the raising of her family and today her entire household has given their lives to the Lord.

Mrs. Fraser was born and raised in the Virgin Islands, a devoted member of the Methodist Church. She was married in 1942 and in 1958 her husband died leaving her with 10 children (the youngest one still unborn). But, the Lord had always been Someone special in that home and as she continued to pray her prayers were answered. Even though she started working on her first outside job after her husband passed, the Lord's help was sufficient, and she never once received public assistance.

Her decision to be baptized in the Seventh-day Adventist Church was solely an individual move. She and one daughter were the first members of her household to be baptized in 1973. The rest of the family, as well as her grandchildren that are of age also took those wonderful steps: For it's written, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Some of her sisters as well as many relatives are also making their way to the Lord, including five cousins, 3 grandchildren and a friend who was baptized in 1979. The Lord is wonderful and He takes His children by the hand and leads them in the paths of righteousness.

On this Mother's Day we give the Lord special thanks for our wonderful mothers and for those who went above and beyond to secure their home and to give the Lord the Kingship in their lives.

Leonard Fraser
Public Relations Secretary

THE MORIJA CHURCH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

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VISITORS DAY AT SHILOH

Heaven must have rejoiced. God's presence filled the place. A message that moved hearts, over 300 persons were there, 77 of which were visitors; many consented to baptism. The message presented was certainly inspiring, one that will find its way to the heart.

We at Shiloh, Brooklyn, thank the Lord and praise His holy name. We rejoice in having a part with Him in this last and final message.

After the service, everyone was invited to stay for dinner and to spend the day. A special program was given by the Adventist Youth Society and the place was filled to capacity. Every phase

of activity was carried out in the spirit of harmony.

Surely God's Sabbath day is blessed forever.

Leonard Fraser
Public Relations Secretary

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SOUTH ATLANTIC

"HARVEST TIME" OPENING THEME FOR CAMP MEETING

"Harvest Time" was the theme on which President R. L. Woodfork spoke Thursday night, June 5, 1980, the opening night of the Annual Camp Meeting. "For all practical purposes," he said, "this will be the last Camp Meeting of South Atlantic Conference as a whole with 20,400 members. The next Camp Meeting we will be two separate conferences. This was brought closer to a reality when on Sunday, June 8 the specially called constituency which started on Wednesday, June 4 voted to accept the report and recommendation of the commission to effect the division.

An array of eminent visiting preachers contributed some of the greatest preaching ever to fall on mortal ears. Visitors from the General Conference were Elders C. D. Henri, Vice-President, C. D. Brooks and W. M. Starks, Field Secretaries. From the Southern Union were: Elders A. C. McClure, President, J. H. Whitehead, Treasurer; H. F. Roll and T. W. Cantrell, Secretary and Associate respectively. Departmental representatives were Elders R. P. Peay, O. W. Mackey and W. D. Sumpter. Others who made vital contributions were M. C. White, Secretary of the Pacific Union, C. D. Joseph, President of Lake Region, C. B. Rock, President and M. Wright, Professor of Oakwood College respectively, and the New Birth mixed quartet. From Breath of Life television series we had Walter Arties and Shelton Kilby, Pro-

ducer and Music Director respectively. From Voice of Prophecy Radio we had the Kings Herald quartet. We were also blessed to have Dr. C. A. Dent from Riverside Hospital and R. L. LaGrone from Allegheny East Conference respectively to grace our meeting.

The traditional Conference Development offering which started in 1970 with \$30,000 amounted to \$113,000 in 1980.

The president announced that Elder Robert Patterson, the Treasurer of South Atlantic Conference, has accepted a call to Central African Union as Treasurer. Elder Dennis Keith has been asked to serve as the next treasurer of South Atlantic.



The New Birth Quartet toured the regional Camp Meetings representing Oakwood College and inspiring large audiences with their beautiful singing.

BETHEL-GAINESVILLE CONDUCTS MARRIAGE SEMINAR

May 24-31, 1980 is a week which will be remembered by the Bethel-Gainesville, Florida Church. Juanita Hamilton of Palatka and Alston Pryor of Miami will remember May 24, Community Guest Day, when Elder R. B. Hairston, Secretary of the Conference spoke, they followed their Lord through the watery grave of baptism with Elder E. S. Sumpster and John Washington baptizing.

Elder Hairston espoused much of the doctrines of the S.D.A. Church to a full house of visitors under the title "But Whom Say Ye That I Am?" Comments from the guests indicated that Elder Hairston had seriously "troubled the water" as one of the college students, present, took his stand for the Lord.

The momentum continued on May 25 when Elder Lewis Edwards, the pastor of Bethel, opened a 5-day Seminar on marriage and pre-marital enrichment. Elder Edwards who holds a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Counseling is also

certified to administer the Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis (TJTA) was ably assisted, in areas of expertise, by Elder T. W. Cantrell of the Southern Union Conference and Dr. Carolyn Tucker of the University of Florida at Gainesville.

"This seminar is designed to bring young and old couples to an awareness of their agreements and disagreements especially before marriage and even after marriage—to give them tools to resolve their problems, and confidence



Alston Pryor of Miami flanked by local elder Washington, right and Elder E. S. Sumpster will long remember this date of May 24 when he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Participants in the Marriage Enrichment Seminar, conducted by Elder Lewis Edwards, indicates by their gross involvement and rapped attention that this was a rewarding experience.

that they can. It is also to help them capitalize on the good things they already have going between them, the bindings which may make the marriage more likely to survive and be happy," Elder Edwards explained.

The seminar, which actively involved both couples and singles alike, included such topics as: Communication, Family Finance and Budgeting, Religious Beliefs, Roles of Husband and Wife, Problem Solving, Sexuality, Health and other challenging topics. One of the

highlights of the seminar was the Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis.

The inspiration surrounding the successful offering and completion of the seminar came when a number of non-Adventist couples and singles became actively and consistently involved in the seminar. With the increasing number of divorces and broken homes, these people of all ages and religious persuasions and backgrounds came asking for more to help with their marriages.

During the post-session on May 31st seven couples asked for a re-taking of their marriage vows and commitment. The ceremony was performed at the home of Dennis and Johnnye Quisenberry, Jr. Elder L. R. Hastings, a veteran minister, performed the ceremony.

The success and inspiration of the seminar and the demands and requests of the participants encouraged Pastor Edwards to begin laying plans for another one next year.

GOING TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ON FAITH ALONE

by Alta Ornett Holder



This year the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held in Dallas, Texas at the Convention Center. I'd never been to a General Conference before in my life, but since it was being held here in America and not abroad I asked the Lord to help me to attend.

Most people wouldn't think of going to the General Conference or on any other trip without sufficient funds to cover their travel expenses and tie them over while they were away from home. But I knew I didn't have any money, so I prayed to the Lord to show me a way to accomplish this great task.

I was talking to Sister Lamb, our church secretary, and I told her that the Lord had led me to sell the *Message* magazine in order to get enough money

to go to the General Conference. She told me, "if any one can do that Sister Holder, I believe you can, and I will donate a box of magazines from the church. After she gave me the magazines I set forth to make enough money to go. I also had a secretary friend of mine run off 500 copies of my testimony entitled "To Be Alive Is A Miracle" to share along the way. I made enough to purchase a tank of gas, knowing fully well this tank of gas would not take me to Dallas, but I was determined not to borrow a cent. I had to trust in the Lord and believe that He would see me through.

On Wednesday morning April 16, 1980 I left Atlanta for Dallas, not knowing whether I would make it but believing with all my might that I would. I stopped at two shopping centers along the way and sold enough magazines to get me to Texas.

As I drove over the Texas state line my car registered on empty. I said, "thank God, I've made it to Texas, but please make a way for me to sell more magazines." It was around 9:30 p.m. I didn't know where to stop, but I knew it had to be soon, or I would run out of gas. When I came to the first exit in Texas I took it. As I pulled off the expressway, directly in front of me was a Dairy Queen. I parked in the lot, took out some magazines and a few copies of my testimonies, went inside and asked for the manager. I shared my testimony with her, and told her I was on empty and that my destination was Dallas. She looked at me kind of funny and said, "you mean, you've got to drive all the way to Dallas and your tank is empty and you are going to sell my customers magazines to get your gas money? Well, honey, I wish you luck." She gave me her permission to do so outside, and the Lord blessed. I witnessed to many people; the people were so kind to me. I was even directed to the nearest service station only a few feet away, thank the Lord.

When I arrived, the gas attendant, a kind of old gentleman was very kind to me. This was a self-service station, but he put my gas in for me and washed my windows. Because he was so nice to me, I shared one of my testimonies with him. I drove around to the side of the service station to go into the restroom, and when I came out to get in my car, the attendant came up to me and put something in my hand and said, "May the Lord bless you, have a safe trip,

here's a little something to buy you a drink in case you get thirsty on the way." Later on down the road, I turned the light on in my car to see what he had given me, and it was a \$5.00 bill. I thanked the Lord that if I did run out of gas before I reached Dallas, I would have something to buy some more with.

I arrived in Dallas around 1:30 a.m. that morning. I asked a policeman to direct me to a hotel. He directed me to the Dallas Sheraton. The personnel there were very nice to me, they even offered me a place to rest until I reached Sister Wells to find out where I would be staying while there. After calling her, she told me where to go. It was to a lady's home named Mrs. Metcaff. I called her and got the directions from her husband as to how to get to their house. After resting I went to work at one of the local supermarkets, and the Lord blessed me with enough funds to pay for at least three nights room and board. Each day I remained at the General Conference was a blessing for me. My daily activities consisted of witnessing with my testimony to people in the city and at the Convention Center, selling magazines at the supermarket. I'm telling you the Lord blessed. I was able to make enough funds to pay for my room and board the whole time I was there and fill my tank with gas the night before I was to leave.

I had to have some more of my testimonial tracts run off while there. In all I passed out over 1,000 tracts.

The next morning as I prepared to leave I thanked Mrs. Metcaff for her hospitality and hit the road. She had made my roommate from California and me feel so much at home, I really hated to depart.

I drove until my gas tank registered on empty. I prayed to God to help me find a place to sell magazines and He did. I made enough to get me to Mississippi. When I arrived there it was around 6:30 p.m. I stopped at one service station and was told I couldn't solicit there, so I got back in my car and prayed that the Lord would lead me to a place I could witness for Him and sell magazines.

As I turned out of the service station He led me to a service station up the street. I parked and went in, asking for the manager. I was told he was not there. I asked the attendant if she could give me permission to sell magazines and she told me she didn't have that authority, but she said "the manager's telephone number is posted on the front

door, you call him if you like." I called him and he was not in, so I told his son to have him call the service station as soon as he returned, because it was very urgent that I get in touch with him. As I was headed for the door, the phone rang and it was the manager. After talking to him and making my request I was turned down, but I didn't give up. I explained to him that I was on empty and that I needed to sell some magazines to purchase some more gas to make it home to Atlanta. I prayed a silent prayer and the man gave me his permission to do so.

Thanking the Lord I went outside. I witnessed to many people and sold many magazines, but I was not sure how much money I had made. I looked at the time and the sky and it was getting dark. In fact, the station would be closing in about another five minutes. Because I was about 400 miles away from home, I knew I would have to have at least \$30.00. I prayed, "Lord, you have brought me this far and I have no doubt in my mind that you will help me get back to Atlanta safe and sound, so send someone here Lord to give me enough money to get enough gas to fill my tank, I thank you, Lord, for hearing my prayer and answering it, amen!"

Just as I finished, a man drove up dressed in a grey-checked suit as if he had been to church—this was on Sunday. I asked the man if he would purchase a magazine or give me a donation to help me get some gas to put in my tank so I could get back to Atlanta. After purchasing a magazine, he told me, "I had no intentions of coming to this service station when I left home, but I believe the Lord led me here, because I feel compelled to help you. If you will trail me home, I'll give you enough money to fill your tank."

I felt as if the Lord had sent an angel to my rescue. Most people have to see the evidence of God's answer to their prayer before they believe. Herein lies the failure on the part of so many to have their prayers answered. But I did not hesitate to follow this man home. I knew the Lord had sent him there to help me. After reaching his home, I found his wife was ill. I shared my testimony with her and she told me I was an answer to her prayers. She said she needed this testimony to give her strength.

I thanked the Lord for letting me get back to Atlanta and for giving me another test of my faith in Him.



Dr. Lou Pearson, Health Practitioner.

DR. LOU PEARSON CONDUCTS CANCER PREVENTION SEMINAR

One of the highlights of each camp meeting in the South Central Conference is the health seminar conducted each day at 3:00 until 4:30 p.m. The purpose of these seminars is twofold: (1) to benefit those who attend, and (2) to train prospective health leaders to return to their home churches and institute a health program that would be beneficial to both the church and the public. This year twenty churches are conducting ongoing health programs in the conference. This is more than double the number for the previous year. Many of the attendants bring cassette recorders and other recording instruments so as to retain as much as possible of the instruction and materials provided. Our aim is to conduct our health message in every church.

This year our health instructor was Dr. Lou E. Pearson of Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Pearson is a recent graduate of Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California. Her lectures and discussions centered around cancer prevention and generated considerable interest throughout the camp meeting. The seminar was highly professional and yet so simply presented that all who attended could readily understand. Dr. Pearson presented several guests from the health profession who discussed various areas of the subject presented. The guests were: Victor Duncan, M.D., of Huntsville, Alabama, Dr. R. Parker Griffith, Oncologist of the Huntsville General

Hospital, and Beth Mallory, Dietician also of the Huntsville General Hospital. These persons volunteered their services and discussed and imparted information beneficial beyond words.

Our health message is an entering wedge second to none and ordained of God. In the closing days of this world's history, our health program which is inspired should be spread abroad throughout the length and breadth of the land. Everywhere, as God's people, we should be viewed as physical examples of what God is able to do for those who are obedient to His moral and physical health laws.

—F. N. Crowe, Health Director
South Central Conference

HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH CENTRAL'S CAMP MEETING

The 35th annual camp meeting of the South Central Conference brought to Oakwood some 6,000 persons for the nine day convocation, including the Honorable Mohammed M. Turay, Ambassador from Sierra Leone, West Africa.

The campers used Oakwood's dormitories, trailers and campers. Also the houses of the community and regular motels were used to care for the crowd. They met in the 3,000 seat, air-conditioned church auditorium for Sabbath services. The gym, the chapel, the worship rooms of the dormitories, as well as tents pitched on the campus were also used for meeting places. The meetings began Friday, June 13 with Dr. Patrick Vincent giving a classic vesper message and Dr. S. H. Cox, President of the Central States Conference giving the opening night message.

The meeting closed with Dr. C. D. Brooks, General Conference Field Secretary, who spoke on Matthew 11:20-24. He pointed out that in the last days church members, who have seen and heard the fulfilment of Bible Prophecy, would begin to question Bible truths, such as, "What's wrong with wearing jewelry like rings and bracelets and necklaces?" or "If you have an unkind companion, isn't it all right to divorce and get married again even if you don't know that your companion committed adultery?" or "What's wrong with buying food in public restaurants.



Thirty-eight baptisms took place during the camp meeting.

We buy it in our restaurants on Sabbaths.'

He pointed out that there would be some who would live as God's Word and God's Spirit directed. The whole congregation stood for rededication. Several raised their hands to join the church.

Special features this year included a deeper look at the Adventist Education led by Dr. and Mrs. R. Moore, innovators in the field of education, and Dr. G. Millett, from Loma Linda University, and former president of Oakwood College. Dr. Joseph Dent, conference Education Leader, prepared these programs.

Another special feature this year was the Health Educational Program led by Elder F. Crowe, health leader, but taught by Dr. Lou Pearson. Elder Crowe praised Mrs. Pearson for her good work.

The Sabbath School adult lesson had three teachers the first Sabbath: Dr. C. Moseley, Elders C. Richards, and E. C. Ward. And on the last Sabbath, Dr. C. B. Rock.

The Lay Activities programs had soul winners to bring up the souls they had won and Elder Cleveland encouraged all to do likewise. Cleveland had given a rousing sermon the first Sabbath morning concerning Joshua, the son of Nun. That evening he urged all to keep on working until the work is done.

On the last Sabbath morning 38 people were baptized as Elder D. B. Reid led out and Dr. William Cleveland, Elders C. Richards, S. J. Jackson, T. L. Blevins, and J. N. Faison baptized the souls.

The Youth programs proved to be a real source of inspiration. The youth leader, Joseph McCoy led out as Walter L. Pearson, from North Philadelphia preached nightly. Dr. W. E. Coopwood, Pastor J. Kyle, coordinator for the Breath of Life Telecast, and Dr. and Mrs. Claude Thomas ministered to the needs of the young adults.

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EMMA L. MINNIS SCHOOL ACHIEVES ACCREDITATION

After many years of sacrifice, obstacles, and planning by the former ministers and members of the Magazine Street church of Louisville, Kentucky, under the direction of the present pastor, John H. Wagner, Jr., and the school board, a beautiful and adequate school building has been secured for the Emma L. Minnis elementary school.

Led by an experienced and capable principal, Mrs. Jessie Wagner, Sr., 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 multipurpose 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 com-



Magazine Street SDA Congregation purchases a new school building in Louisville, Kentucky.



Elder John H. Wagner, Jr. and school children rejoice over their new facility.

munications system, a large playground, and parking space.

The school has been operating at various locations since 1915. Cultural and spiritual values are stressed for the pupils. Enrollment is 94.

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

Margie Hamilton operates the school bus and acts as financial secretary. James Sizemore unlocks the building each morning and makes sure that the building is safe for the teachers' entrance. Angela Moody gives her time as librarian. Mr. and Mrs. Van Books volunteer daily as custodians and keep the building immaculate. John Sensley and Stanley Dorsey take care of maintenance. Mable Elmore, Judy Baity, Mrs. Cecil Ray, (who is not a member), Barbara Holt, and Sarah Smith work in the office. Linda Fitzgerald and Mary T. Maupin assist the teachers in the

classroom. Cecil Goodwin is the school photographer. Walker Gee and John Franklin Smith are in charge of the art work.

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

Much credit is given to Brenda Stoner who coordinates the volunteer workers. Mrs. Stoner keeps a schedule as to when everyone is to be on duty and can be seen on any given day assisting throughout the school wherever help is needed.

Bill Wilson's "Rap Program," at the WDRB-TV station Louisville, interviewed representatives of the Emma L. Minnis SDA Elementary School concerning its opening registration and various activities.



Enter to learn;

depart to serve.



Mr. Adell Warren, Business Manager of Oakwood College for 29 years, has recently resigned. Following is a brief biographical sketch of this man who has labored faithfully and undauntedly to ensure quality education and comfort to thousands of students from around the world.

ADELL WARREN COMPLETES 29 YEARS OF SERVICE

Adell's preparation for a place in the Lord's work was in progress long before his decision to work at Oakwood College. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on September 4, 1920 and shortly before his first birthday his parents moved to Columbus, Ohio. He attended Garfield Elementary School and Bexley High School, graduating in 1939.

A call to the Armed forces interrupted studies at Ohio State University. Adell was favored of the Lord, however, in that during the two years spent in service he saw no action overseas although World War II was at its peak. He vividly recalls an incident that occurred while in the Army involving a young man who refused his order to report for duty on a

Saturday morning because it was this soldier's Sabbath. Adell reported the refusal to his supervisor; however, the soldier that refused duty was granted permission to be off—this was baffling to Adell.

Providence would dictate that shortly before Adell's discharge from the Army, Emmet and Carrie Warren had started taking Bible studies from H. D. Shorter, a lay worker in Columbus, Ohio. They began to pray earnestly for their children and especially Adell away in the Army. They prayed that he would not become an Air Force pilot as he desired, but would be discharged and accept the third angel's message.

Returning to Ohio State after his Army discharge, Adell accepted the Seventh-day Adventist message in March, 1945, (baptized by Elder Ulysis Willis) and graduated from Ohio State in March, 1947.

Elder G. E. Peters recommended Adell's name to the management of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. He accepted the call to Riverside as accountant in August, 1947. Enthusiastic accomplishment of duties there enabled him to be promoted to Business Manager in 1949.

While at Riverside, the sanitarium moved from several little cottages to a fine new brick building on the sanitarium grounds. Adell became a member of the American Association of Hospital Accountants and wrote a complete accounting manual which system the sanitarium eventually adopted.

Riverside was very short of nurses after moving into the new sanitarium building. An intensive recruitment of nurses, as far away as California, was launched. One nurse, Ruth Ann Jones, accepted the call to help at Riverside. A blessing was in store for Adell and Ruth for they soon realized that the Lord desired that they should assist each other in His work. On July 31, 1949, Adell and Ruth were married on the lawn of Riverside Sanitarium.

Adell was satisfied with his niche in the Lord's work. Rather abruptly, however, an urgent call came for him to come to Oakwood College as Business Manager. Only upon remembering his promise to work anywhere the Lord called, did Adell accept the call.

Elder F. L. Peterson introduced the new Business Manager to the faculty and student body during chapel as he stood in the rear of Moran Hall holding his eldest child, Linda. This introduction began 29 fruitful years of service at Oakwood College as Business Manager and Treasurer.

What wonderful, thrilling, blessed and, at times, heart-breaking and frustrating years these have been!! Among the blessings were two other children, Karen Joy and Adell, Jr., who were born into the Warren home during their early years at Oakwood. Linda is now a medical doctor, married to Dr. Babitundi Jinadu and residing in Yonkers, New York; Karen Joy is a nursing instructor at Southern Missionary College, married to Dr. John Anderson; Adell Jr. is a senior at Oakwood College, majoring in Business Administration and Computer Science Technology.

Adell found himself as busy working in church activities as in his daily avocation. For a number of years he was Lay Activities leader in the Oakwood College church. He also utilized his talents as church treasurer—during the early years of church work in Columbus, Ohio, as well as Sabbath School teacher and church elder for the Oakwood Church. He is actively engaged in the latter two church offices at this time.

From the quiet little campus of 1952, Adell has seen the college progress to a campus that has acquired many buildings, namely: Peterson Hall, Green Hall, G. E. Peters Hall, H. E. Ford Science Hall, Carter Hall, N. E. Ashby Auditorium, W. J. Blake Memorial Center, Edwards Hall, the Natatorium, Eva B. Dykes Library, The Religion Complex, Anna Knight Elementary School, J. T. Stafford Academy Building, Store and Bakery Building, Central Heating Plant, Oakwood College Church, Laundry Building and Harris Pine Mills Plant. Presently under construction and nearing completion is a modern science complex. He has also seen enrollment grow from 250 to 1300 students and the annual budget from approximately \$419,000 to approximately \$9 million.

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BLACK ADVENTISTS BUSINESS IN THE NEWS

BOBBY SMITH, THE ARCHITECT WITH AN ETERNAL DESIGN

by Stephanie Johnson

Bobby L. Smith is an architectural engineer for the Alabama Power Company, Birmingham, Alabama. He is involved in a profession that is both eternal and divine, which had its origin when God spoke the universe into existence. The universe was once a dark blot until creativity transformed it into paradise.

As a young man growing up in Greenwood, Mississippi, he always dreamed of working in the building profession. His cherished goal was a natural outgrowth of his artistic talents.

His parents, Pastor and Mrs. Theodore Smith instilled within him a commitment to excellence. His father was both a Baptist minister and a contractor. He was exposed to the building profession at a very early age. But it was his brother, Ezeee Smith, general contractor in Greenwood, Mississippi who studied aeronautical engineering at the University of Chicago, who inspired him. His brother, Theodore Smith, Jr. followed in the family footsteps and is now a contractor in the same city.

He attended Sacred Heart High School from kindergarten through the twelfth grade. While attending Sacred Heart he became very impressed with Catholicism. He was awed by the reverence and sacredness of the worship service.

After graduating from high school he entered Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee where he realized his dream to become an architectural engineer. While at TSU he joined the Air Force R.O.T.C. Upon completion of college he entered the Air Force, and was stationed in Shreveport, Louisiana. He entered with the idea of becoming a pilot, but because of his vision he studied navigation. Finally, he decided to work as an architectural engineer officer. He entered as a second lieutenant and reached the rank of captain.

While in the Air Force, he worked as a programming officer, overseeing construction operation and maintenance. He was in charge of over 300 workers whose duty it was to take care of all military housing and buildings. He also

served on the Board of Governors for Officers Club, and President of Junior Officers Club.

After completing his tour of duty in 1971, he returned to Mississippi to enter his profession. He found himself systematically locked out of his profession. Architecture in Mississippi was an exclusive, all-white profession. He did freelance work and taught at Mississippi Valley State College, Itta Bena, Mississippi. His sister, Dr. Dorothy Smith works at the same institution in the Academic Skill Parlor. Another sister, Ruby Frisby, works in real estate.

In 1972, he was introduced to Adventism. He thought it was a strange religion, but as he began to read and study the Bible, he was convinced that God had led him to the right church. Before becoming a baptized member he had already begun to pay tithe and observe other SDA doctrines.

In August of that year he was baptized by Elders Randy Stafford and James Bell. He has proven to be a faithful member. Presently, he is a member of the newly-established South Park SDA Church, Birmingham, Alabama, serving as Sabbath School Superintendent, local elder, AYS Council member, President of the North Alabama Youth Federation, and President of the Black Adventist Single's International Club (BASIC).

In 1974-1976, he worked as an architectural draftsman for George Manns and Associates, Huntsville, Alabama. He gained professional experience and a bond was developed between him and George Manns. He had the opportunity to acquaint him with the health principles of the church. In 1976, George Manns died.

In that same year, Bobby Smith accepted a position as architectural draftsman for Joyce, Pearson and Proust, Huntsville, Alabama. Here, he received the necessary experience to qualify to take the National Council Architect Review Board (NCARB). In order to qualify for the three-day 12-hour exam, three years of experience is needed with a registered architect. Mr. Smith succeeded in qualifying and has taken the exam. He also is a member of

the American Institute of Architecture (AIA).

In 1977, he was called to his present position as Architectural Engineer for the Alabama Power Company, Birmingham, Alabama. He designs and supervises the construction of all Alabama Power Company facilities. In addition, he supervises the work of the other architects.

He now looks back and sees that God had a blueprint for his life. In every step he has taken he can see the providence of God. He opened doors for him that he never dreamed possible. He has never experienced any Sabbath problems.

Bobby Smith feels that God has blessed him because he refused the opportunity to serve on the Reserve Unit of the "Red Horse Squadron," because of his Sabbath beliefs. Since that time, he has experienced showers of blessings.

Architecture is a very competitive and demanding field with many obstacles to overcome. But if the challenge is great the rewards are greater. The possibilities are infinite. According to Mr. Smith, it is "very important for your spiritual life to be in harmony with God. Architects need spiritual inspiration, for whatever you create, it must be able to stand the test of time. Your work must be built on a solid foundation."



Bobby L. Smith

IN THE NEWS

BREATH OF LIFE GOES ON LOCATION

The Breath of Life telecast recently finished filming several new programs on the campus of La Sierra College and also at the Kansas Avenue Church in Riverside, California.

On the La Sierra Campus two worship services were filmed in which Pastor Brooks spoke on the subjects, "The Handwriting on the Wall" and "Who Is the Devil." The La Sierra College Choir participated in the musical presentations of these programs along with Walter Arties. On a third program filmed at the La Sierra Campus, Pastor Brooks answered questions from an audience of students and community residents. At the Kansas Avenue Church in Riverside two worship services were taped on Sabbath morning. Pastor Brooks spoke on the subjects, "Babylon Is Fallen" and "The Seven Seals of Revelation."

These five telecasts brought the total number of Breath of Life programs up to 52 and these were immediately sent to stations who were airing the Breath of Life program. Through the Breath of Life telecast the students and the members of the Kansas Avenue Church have contributed to the spreading of the gospel in lands beyond their own territories.

DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER CENTER NEEDED AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE

OAKWOOD COLLEGE is currently searching for a qualified person to direct operations in the COMPUTER SERVICE CENTER. The Computer System is PDP 11/70 with the RSTS/E (V07.0) Operating System and POISE software. Supported languages include BASIC Plus, FORTRAN IV, and COBOL (WATBOL). Qualifications deemed most important are *managerial, systems analysis, and programming*. A working knowledge of MIS and a minimum of a bachelor's degree are also important. Interested persons should forward either a Vita or a comprehensive biographical sketch to:

Dr. Rosa Taylor Banks
Executive Assistant to the
President
Oakwood College, Box 139
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Telephone inquiries should be directed either to Dr. Banks or to Mr.

Charles Miller at Area Code 205, 837-1630, Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CDT, and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon CDT.

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BREATH OF LIFE OPENS DOORS IN BERMUDA

The Breath of Life evangelistic team recently completed a series of meetings on the beautiful island of Bermuda. Pastor Brooks and the team were tremendously encouraged by the many people from all walks of life who watched the Breath of Life telecast every Sunday in their homes. It is one of the most popular telecasts on the island which has a population of 55,000.

Eighty-five souls have already been baptized and follow-up meetings are continuing, conducted by Elder Mack Wilson. The evangelistic team was invited to three prisons and eight schools. A schoolteacher from one of these schools was baptized and several prison officials and inmates are now studying with the Adventist church.

An awareness and interest in the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist church has been greatly enhanced through this telecast ministry. The Breath of Life team looks forward to returning to Bermuda to again join forces with our faithful members who labor for souls.

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The environs and campus grounds have kept pace with the general progress of Oakwood. Mr. Warren was instrumental in persuading the City of Huntsville to extend public utilities (electrical, water system, sewer system and natural gas) to Oakwood, even though the college was outside the city's jurisdiction. This was accomplished by writing proposals for funds and persistent effort to gain the favor of the city officials.

During the years spent at Oakwood, the college farm, dairy, and varied industries have been shepherded and are thriving today. The acreage of the school has increased from 964 to 1185 acres at the present time.

During the years Mr. Warren has been at Oakwood he has served along with five presidents: Elder F. L. Peterson, Dr. Garland Millett, Elder A. V. Pinkney, Dr. Frank Hale, and presently with Dr. Calvin B. Rock.

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