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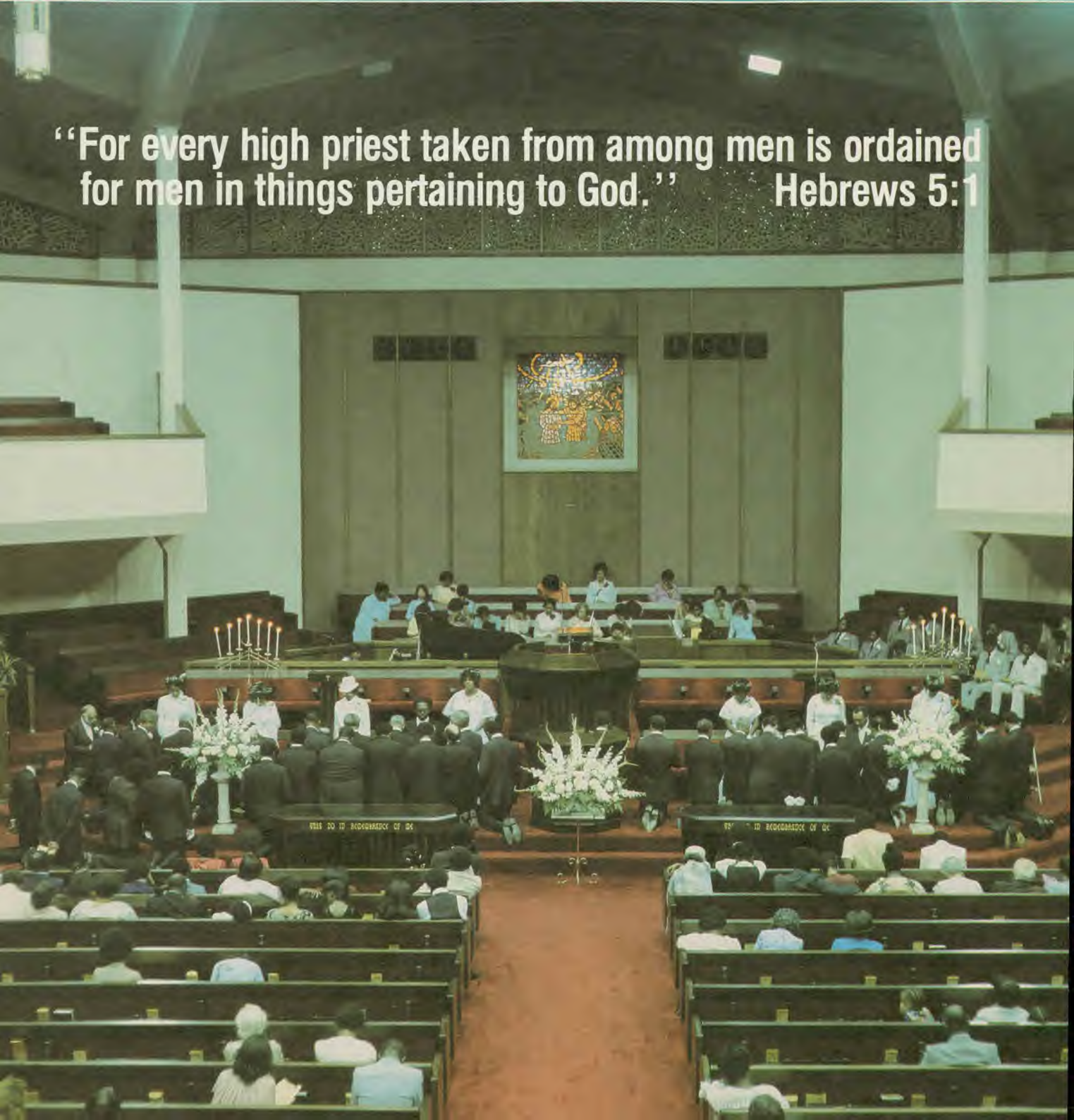
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**“For every high priest taken from among men is ordained  
for men in things pertaining to God.” Hebrews 5:1**



## COVER STORY



S. W. Stovall,  
Northeastern Conference  
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### “AND HE ORDAINED THEM”

S. W. Stovall

“And He (Jesus) ordained twelve, that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach.” Mark 3:14. Of this occasion, the servant of the Lord writes, “When Jesus had ended His instruction to the disciples, He gathered the little band close about Him, and kneeling in the midst of them, and laying His hands upon their heads, He offered a prayer dedicating them to His sacred work. Thus the Lord’s disciples were ordained to the gospel ministry.” *The Desire of Ages*, p. 296. In performing this act, Jesus set the norm and established the precedent for His church, which has been followed since that time. One must not assume, however, that the ordination of the disciples was the initial use of the rite of ordination. As we read the Old Testament, we note that ordination was practiced early in Bible times. The Hebrew priest, Levites, prophets, and kings were solemnly ordained for their several offices. A notable example was the solemn consecration of Joshua by Moses, following divine counsel, setting him apart as Moses’ successor. Numbers 27:18-20.

This act of ordination by Jesus was the first step toward structuring the church as an organization and investing in its leadership the necessary element of authority. The ordination of the disciples, therefore, had far reaching consequences. Of Paul and Barnabas’

ordination, we read: “Thus they were authorized by the church, not only to teach the truth, but to perform the rite of baptism, and to organize churches, being invested with full ecclesiastical authority.” *Gospel Workers*, p. 441.

The play of emotions prior to the ordination service is usually quite evident both in the candidates, their relatives, and the church members with whom and for whom these candidates are laboring. First, there is the element of relief. These young men who have, under God, dedicated their lives to the work of the ministry recognize ordination as a significant milestone in their lives of service in the ministry. It means that in some measure, their brethren recognize that they have given meaningful proof of their call to this high office.

Secondly, there is the element of thankfulness. Parents are thankful for God’s blessings on their children in the pursuit of their life’s work. The church members are thankful and proud that their pastor has been accounted worthy of this honor. The candidate is thankful for the blessings of his Master, for answered prayers, for souls won, for the cooperation of his church membership, and for the confidence of his brethren.

Then, of course, the candidate approaches his ordination with great hope: hope for a lively and fruitful ministry; hope for a continuing increase of mental and moral power; hope for divine wisdom so that he might effectively solve the problems of his people and minister to their needs.

The young minister recognizes that the setting apart of men for the sacred work of the ministry is one of the most vital concerns of the church. The spiritual growth of God’s people, their development in Christian virtues, and their mutually helpful relationship to one another as members of the body of Christ, are closely bound up with, and in many respects dependent upon, the spirituality, the efficiency, and the consecration of those who have been ordained to minister in Christ’s stead.

The ordination ceremony itself consists of prayer, the laying on of hands, the charge and the welcome into the ministry. The prayer and the laying on of hands are usually done simultaneously. This is the procedure mentioned in the ordination of Paul and Barnabas. Acts 13:2, 3. Through prayer the participants confess their own inability to bless and the need for the divine presence, bless-

ing and special infilling of the Holy Spirit for the candidates. It is a supplication that the God who has called these workers into His service as ministers will give permanence to their commitments and that henceforth their lives will be characterized by full dedication to the demands of a Spirit-filled and Spirit-directed ministry. The laying on of hands is “an acknowledged form of designation to an appointed office and a recognition of one’s authority in that office. By it the seal of the church was set upon the work of God.” *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 162.

The charge presupposes that the candidate recognizes that, like the Apostle Paul, he is now “a servant of Jesus Christ . . . separated unto the gospel of God.” Romans 1:1. Of course, every Christian should be God’s servant, but in a pre-eminent sense the minister should be God’s man. God’s hand has been placed upon him for a special task. The charge is the urgent and sympathetic admonition of his fellow workers that the newly ordained worker will honor Him who has called him to be a soldier. Both in speech and deportment he should seek, like the Apostle Paul, to magnify his office. Romans 11:13.

The welcome into the ministry is a cordial greeting by fellow workers; yet, it is more than this. It says to the newly ordained worker; we love you, we thank God for the way He has prospered your labors, you have our good will and support. This welcome should also be a reaffirmation of the workers’ commitment to unity. “The Lord desires His chosen servants to learn how to unite in harmonious effort. . . . In loving sympathy and confidence God’s workers are to unite with one another.” *Gospel Workers*, pp. 483, 484.

Finally, the welcome should also be a public acknowledgement that God is answering our prayers: “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into His harvest (Luke 10:2).” Every newly ordained laborer strengthens the gospel’s thrust and hastens the day of our Lord’s return.

Every Seventh-day Adventist minister should ponder carefully the phrase “Man of God.” The Apostle Paul uses this phrase several times in his letters to Timothy. The phrase is indicative of the high calling of the ministry; and none

can say that he has attained to the heights of office that God has designed for him; but, like Paul, every worker must never cease to "press toward the mark." It would be well for every worker to keep the following counsel in mind:

Ministers of God should be men of good repute, capable of discreetly managing an interest after they have aroused it. We stand in great need of competent men, who will bring honor instead of disgrace upon the cause which they represent." *Gospel Workers*, p. 439.

### A PRAYER

The labor of Thy servant seal  
With Thine own Spirit's might.  
A workman unashamed by day,  
A watchman through the night.  
His hands to pluck a burning brand,  
The uttermost in need.  
Ne'er may he quench the smoking flax,  
Nor break a bruised reed.  
Ordained for men to offer gifts,  
Yea! Pearl of greatest price.  
Ordained for God much fruit to bring,  
A living sacrifice.  
Transform his tongue—a tree of life,  
His heart a fount of tears.  
Hold in the hollow of Thy hands,  
Dispel his doubts and fears.  
Awake his ears, his lips anoint—  
For clearer visions yearn.  
Jesus! his theme—Christ crucified!  
Soon, certain Christ's return!  
Sustain Thy servant, Saviour dear,  
Set as a flint his face;  
Till he lays low at Thy dear feet  
Rich trophies of Thy grace.

—Mrs. M. H. Cooper

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE

### DARK DAY/MOUNT ST. HELENS: A SIGNAL WARNING OF THE TIMES

by Stephanie D. Johnson

The Dark Day of May 19, 1780 appeared to be fleeting moments in the annals of history. Few have possessed the spiritual insight to realize it was more than a natural phenomena that darkened the northeastern part of the United States. It was a fulfillment of prophecy that pointed to the second coming of Christ.

#### Scripture Speaks of Dark Day

The Old and New Testaments point to the Dark Day of May 19, 1780 as a sign of Christ's second coming.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. *Joel 2:31*.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heavens shall be shaken. *Matthew 24:29*.

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars. *Luke 21:25*.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come. *Acts 2:20*.

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood. *Revelation 6:12*.

#### Deism Gains Influence in America

At the time of the Dark Day, Deism had pervaded the American society. "According to Deism, God created the world and set it in operation under the unalterable laws of cause and effect. In harmony with these laws, men ought to live clean, kindly, and honest lives; but to believe in prayer, a Saviour, or life after death, was regarded as childish superstition. Miracles, forgiveness, and resurrection would require God to act contrary to His own natural laws, this was unthinkable." C. M. Maxwell, *Tell It to the World*, pp. 9, 10.

Due to this widely held belief, this event was not seen as a fulfillment of prophecy. In the New England paper, articles briefly mentioned the Dark Day. Many attributed the cause to natural phenomena and reasoned from cause to effect. Their interpretation was based on scientific knowledge rather than divine inspiration.

#### Leaders Discern the Times

Many but not all Americans were persuaded by the writings of Voltaire, Hume, Rousseau, and Paine. Many spiritually discerning men of the nations began to diligently search the scriptures and entreat the nations to return to primitive godliness. The response was tremendous, thus the Great Revival was born. "It saved the church of the infant nation from decadent ecclesiasticism and rationalistic unbelief, gave it a sense of its vital mission to the world, and stimulated the great missionary and philanthropic movements of the nineteenth century." L. E. Froom, *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, Vol. IV, p. 36.

The men responsible for the restoring of Christian beliefs and expounding prophetic interpretation were: Timothy Dwight, president of Yale University; Thomas Prince, Congregational clergy-

man; Jonathan Mayhew, Dudleian lecturer; Aaron Burr, Presbyterian president of Princeton; Charles Chauncy, Congregational minister; Samuel Sewall, Massachusetts jurist; Jonathan Edwards, revivalist and Princeton president; Isaac Backers, Baptist historian; and William Linn, president of Queen's College.

Laymen as well as churchmen saw the Dark Day of May 19 as a fulfillment of prophecy. Samuel Gatchel, deacon of the Second Congregational Church in Marblehead, Massachusetts, wrote a tract entitled, "The Signs of the Times: or Some Expositions and Remarks on Sundry Texts of Scriptures, relative to the remarkable Phenomenon, or Dark-Day, which in New-England on the nineteenth of May, 1780." He saw the darkening of the sun and moon as a fulfillment of Joel 3:15—*ibid.*, Vol. III, p. 211.

In the annals of Marblehead, Massachusetts' history has recorded the Dark Day of May 19. It tells of the darkening of the sun and the moon, "the necessity of artificial lights and birds and beasts retiring to their places of rest . . . By some it was thought to be a warning that the end of the world was drawing near."—*ibid.*, Vol. III, p. 212.

Benjamin Groton, merchant and president of the Village Trustee of Troy, New York, wrote an eyewitness account of the Dark Day. He recalls, "The sun was remarkably darkened in 1780, twenty-eight years later last May. In Providence, Rhode Island, it commenced in the forenoon, so that the cows returned from pastures as at evening; and the fowls went to roost; candles lighted in order to do business; and many people (were) much disturbed in their minds for the event."—*ibid.*, Vol. IV, p. 292.

At Conway, Massachusetts, they dined by candlelight; and farmers were obliged to leave their sowing, and other work, in the field for want of light."—*ibid.*, Vol. IV, p. 292.

#### Prophetic Overtones in Song

The Randall's Freewill Baptist Church commemorated the Dark Day in song:

Let us adore and bow before  
The sovereign Lord of night,  
Who turns away the shining day  
Into the shades of night.

Nineteenth of May, a gloomy day  
When darkness veiled the sky;

The sun's decline may be a sign  
Some great event is nigh.  
And now let all who hear this call  
And saw the day so dark  
Make ready without delay  
And get into the ark.

### **The Spirit of Prophecy on May 19, 1780**

In *The Great Controversy*, pp. 308-309, Ellen G. White writes, May 19, 1780 stands in history as "the Dark Day." Since the time of Moses no period of darkness of equal density, extent, and duration has ever been recorded." Though at nine o'clock that night the moon rose to the full, "It had not the least effect to dispel the death-like shadows. After midnight the darkness disappeared, and the moon when first visible had the appearance of blood."

Scriptures, eyewitness accounts and the Spirit of Prophecy point to May 19, 1780 as a fulfillment of Joel 3:15. "The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining."

### **Dark Day Two Hundred Years Later**

One day before the two hundredth anniversary of the Dark Day, Mount St. Helens erupted. *Time Magazine* (June 2), reported that the people "experienced midnight at noon." *Newsweek* (June 2) said that the cloud of ash "turned day to night." It was the most devastating volcano that has ever erupted in the United States, killing 18 people with 88 reported missing. "Shock waves leveled 44,000 acres of fir trees as if they were matchsticks. Boiling mud traveling 30 miles per hour overflowed local riverbanks, smashed bridges, swallowed homes and killed millions of salmon and trout. Some rivers got so hot that fish actually jumped out. So much mud poured into one stretch of the Columbia River, normally 40 feet deep and 600 feet wide, trapping 31 ocean-going ships in Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington. The eruption impact was so staggering that witnesses spoke in terms of Biblical wrath or nuclear Armageddon." *Ibid.* "Geologists estimated that St. Helens spewed out about 1.5 cubic miles of debris, a blast on the same order of the magnitude as the one in A.D. 79 from Italy's Vesuvius which buried Pompeii and Herculaneum with ash and mud." *Time Magazine*, June 2, 1980.

### **A Warning Unheeded**

Five years before the eruption *The New York Times* (February 25, 1975)

reported the possibility of an eruption. Specialists at the United States Geological Survey observed that the volcano had become "more and more violent . . . they predicted that it would erupt again, . . . perhaps by the end of this century." No one listened.

On March 27, 1980 the volcano began bubbling and spewing out steam and ashes. People gathered from all over to watch this event. Although officials tried to warn the people of the potential danger they still continued to treat Mount St. Helens as if it were a carnival. They sold T-shirts proclaiming I LAVA VOLCANO AND HELL—NO I WON'T BLOW. They bought souvenir shovels and packets of ash for \$4 each. A refrain of one song, "We want lava, we want lava" was often blasted over the local radio station. *People Magazine* carelessly played down the eruption. "It was hardly Vesuvius or Krakatoa. . . . Thrill seekers gathered from all over the world. They hoped to see one of the rarest and most spectacular of nature's performances: a volcanic eruption." No one responded to the warning.

### **Peace, Peace and Sudden Destruction**

Few scientists feared the worst. Chief Geologist Robert Christiansen of US Geological Survey told *Newsweek*, "Mount St. Helens is simply not going to blow off. . . . You could say that she is having a mid-life crisis."

Donald Mullineaux, volcanologist for the US Geological Department who predicted an eruption in 1975 told *People Magazine* it seemed unlikely. "The probability of a big eruption is very low." The scientists along with the people grew careless and failed to heed the warning.

On a beautiful Sunday morning at 8:27 on May 18, Mount St. Helens exploded. Day became night. An avalanche of molten ashes, smoke, and hot gases destroyed property, crops, timber and life. People were "roasted in their cars or choked by poisonous gases, others had simply been buried in mud and ashes."

### **Paradise Turned into Darkness and Despair**

Harry Truman, who was known for his defiance by stubbornly refusing to leave Spirit Lake was never found after the eruption. He profanely told the reporters, "if the mountain goes, I am going to stay right here!" He further stated, "I stuck it out 54 years and I can

stick it out another 54."

David Johnston, government scientist who warned the people to leave the mountain did not take his own advice. Before the eruption he climbed into the crater to collect samples of gases and ashes. When the blast occurred he stood by a nearby observation post and exclaimed, "Vancouver! Vancouver! This is it!" He was never heard from again.

Even after the volcano had erupted many people still refused to evacuate. Those who did accept help, did it with a scorn and carelessness. "At one point along the flooded Cowbitz River, which was jammed with timber carried down from the mountain, people made light of their plight, walking on logs and scooping up steelhead trout." *Newsweek*, June 2, 1980.

### **A Fulfillment of Prophecy**

The secular mind will interpret Mount St. Helens as natural phenomena. We who believe in prophetic interpretation know that it is a signal of Christ's soon return. Peter pointed out the signs: "I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath: blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come." *Acts 2:19, 20.*

John the Revelator wrote: "There were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great . . . And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found." *Revelation 16:18-20.*

Commentating on these texts, E. G. White wrote: "More terrible manifestations than the world has ever yet beheld, will be witnessed at the Second Advent of Christ. . . . As lightnings from heaven unite with the fire in the earth, the mountains will burn like a furnace, and will pour forth terrific streams of lava, overwhelming gardens and fields, villages and cities. Seething molten masses thrown into the rivers will cause the waters to boil, sending forth massive rocks with indescribable violence and scattering their broken fragments upon the land. Rivers will be dried up. The earth will be convulsed; everywhere there will be dreadful earthquakes and eruptions." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 109, 110.

We as Seventh-day Adventists must not only prepare ourselves but warn others that they are now on the brink of eternity. Carelessness, envy, strife, avarice, and ease must now cease. "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.*

"As in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." *Matthew 24:38, 39.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs:

While visiting in the home of a friend here in Brownsville she showed me a copy of the *North American Regional Voice*, Vol. 2 No. 4, the April issue.

Since February I have been in Stockton working with the V.O.P. New Life Crusade with Evangelist B. R. Spears. I told them about the paper I had seen and we are both interested in receiving it.

Is it possible to get the back issues also?

We will be glad to pay whatever cost is involved.

Thank you,

Mrs. E. Van Nockey Porter

### NO GIFT TOO GREAT

God made the birds and flowers for me  
The grass and trees for me to see  
He took this earth and shapened it  
This master sculpturer with great wit

He made the air for me to breathe  
and other elements too great to conceive  
He's with me in all places of danger  
Holding my hand like no stranger

Like a mighty army he guards my path  
From evil doers and Satan's wrath  
But . . . into my life some rain he allows  
To teach me of His omnipotent powers

All these things he does out of love  
He even gave up His throne from above  
He came down to this earth and died for me  
Fulfilled the words in the prophecy

"For unto us a King was born"  
As foretold they mocked him with scorn  
They did all the prophets said they would  
There on skull hill His rugged cross stood

But lo, on the third day He came back like  
He said

There at His tomb the guards fell as if dead  
I know that He who arose from the tomb to  
His throne

Finds there is no gift too great to give to  
His own.

by Delorese L. Smith

# The Editor's Desk

The Black Student Christian Forum Alumni held its first annual reunion on the campus of Andrews University from August 1-3. More than 500 B.S.C.F. Alumni and friends reunited under the theme "Are You Ready for Jesus to Come?"

The newly organized B.S.C.F. alumni plans to develop a scholarship plan for a B.S.C.F. student to be awarded in the future and to hold annual B.S.C.F. Alumni meetings at A.U. If you wish to be included on the B.S.C.F. Alumni mailing list contact:

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Sept. 19	26	Oct. 2	9	16
Boston, Mass	6:47	6:35	6:25	6:13	6:01
New York City	6:58	6:46	6:35	6:23	6:12
Buffalo, N.Y.	7:18	7:06	6:55	6:43	6:31
Atlanta, Ga.	7:39	7:29	7:26	7:12	7:03
Miami, Fla.	7:21	7:13	7:07	6:59	6:52
Charlotte, N.C.	7:25	7:15	7:07	6:57	6:48
Birmingham, Ala.	6:48	6:39	6:30	6:21	6:12
Jackson, Miss.	7:02	6:53	6:45	6:36	6:27
Memphis, Tenn.	7:02	6:52	6:43	6:33	6:24
Louisville, Ky.	7:45	7:34	7:25	7:14	7:04
Detroit, Mich.	7:37	7:24	7:14	7:02	6:50
Chicago, Ill.	6:54	6:41	6:31	6:19	6:08
South Bend, Indiana	6:48	6:36	6:26	6:14	6:03
Minneapolis, Minn.	7:17	7:04	6:52	6:40	6:27
St. Louis, Mo.	7:03	6:52	6:43	6:32	6:22
Kansas City, Mo.	7:21	7:09	7:00	6:49	6:39
Denver, Co.	7:03	6:51	6:41	6:30	6:20
Little Rock, Ark.	7:10	7:00	6:52	6:42	6:33
Dallas, Texas	7:29	7:19	7:11	7:02	6:53
New Orleans, La.	7:01	6:52	6:45	6:37	6:29
Albuquerque, N.M.	7:08	6:58	6:50	6:40	6:31
Oklahoma City, Okla.	7:32	7:22	7:13	7:04	6:54

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

# THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

## ORDINATION AT CENTRAL STATES CAMP MEETING

A beautiful ordination service was held Sabbath, June 28, at Camp Shady Hill, Edwardsville, Kansas.

Mark A. McCleary, pastor of the Leavenworth, Kansas-St. Joseph, Missouri district and William R. Wright, Jr., education and youth director, were ordained to the gospel ministry. Elder Dunbar Henri, vice president of the General Conference gave the ordination sermon. Elder W. S. Lee, Mid-America Headquarters Secretary gave the commission. Prayer was offered by Elder C. D. Brooks, General Conference field secretary.

Elders McCleary and Wright were welcomed into the gospel ministry by President S. Haywood Cox.



*Ordination prayer: C. D. Brooks with microphone; clockwise: W. D. Felder, Denver; G. H. Taylor, Jr., Omaha; W. S. Lee, Mid-America; S. Haywood Cox, president; W. R. Wright; J. A. Simons, conference secretary-treasurer; C. D. Henri, vice president of the General Conference; R. P. Stafford, Kansas; T. M. Fountain, Montgomery; and H. M. Wright, Oakwood College.*

Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service of God supreme, will find perplexities vanish and plain paths before their feet.

—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 481



*Left to right: W. S. Lee, Mark and Patricia McCleary, William and Judi Wright, Dr. S. Haywood Cox.*



*Welcome to Ministry: Clockwise: R. F. Warnick, St. Louis; E. F. Carter, Sabbath School/Lay Activities; R. P. Stafford, Linwood Temple; C. D. Henri, General Conference vice president; S. Haywood Cox, conference president; C. D. Brooks, General Conference field secretary; J. A. Simons, conference secretary-treasurer; and H. M. Wright, Oakwood College.*

## MARK A. McCLEARY

Mark A. McCleary was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He later moved with his mother (Inez) and his sister (Linda) to Philadelphia in the mid 50's where he was baptized in November 1964 by Elder Jethro Lester.

Mark began college studies at Andrews University. He later heard the call of the gospel ministry, and transferred to Oakwood College, completing his degree in theology in June 1974.

It was at Oakwood College that he met Queenie Patricia Bryant of Groton, Connecticut, also a '74 graduate of Oakwood. They were married June 8, 1975 and are awaiting the arrival of their first child in October of this year.

Mark accepted a call to Central States Conference in 1974 subsequent to his graduation, and worked the entire summer as associate evangelist with Elder T. A. McNealy in Kansas City, Missouri.

He was assigned in September 1974

to the Topeka, Kansas-Sedalia, Missouri district, remaining there until being reassigned to assist Elder Perry Jennings in Kansas City, Kansas, in the summer of 1975.

Upon completion of this responsibility he and his wife were reassigned to Andrews Theological Seminary in the master of divinity program, which he completed in December 1977.

In January 1978 the McClearys were assigned to their present charge—the Leavenworth, Kansas-St. Joseph, Missouri district.

Through efforts as evangelist and associate evangelist, Pastor McCleary has been instrumental in over 200 souls entering the Adventist church through baptism.

## WILLIAM R. WRIGHT, JR.

William R. Wright, Jr. was born in Cincinnati, Ohio May 19, 1940, the eldest son of four children born to William and Zoe Wright.

After completing his high school education in Germantown, Ohio, he went to Oakwood College where he graduated in 1964 with a B.A. degree in religion and theology. While serving as principal in California, he received a master's degree in the sociology of education at Azusa Pacific University. He will soon complete his postgraduate work toward an EdS (Education Specialist) degree in educational administration at Loma Linda University.

On December 20, 1964 he was married to the former Judi Annette Simons in Atlanta, Georgia. They have two sons, William III (12), and Brian Todd (9).

He has received numerous awards for outstanding leadership from Los Angeles Union School, 1973; from Oakwood College Academy, 1976; and from Golden Gate Academy, 1979. He holds membership in the National Association of Secondary School Principals Association, and the Association of Adventist School Administrators. He holds also a Professional Certificate of education from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

He has served the church in the teaching ministry at Ramah Junior Academy in Cleveland, Ohio; at Lynwood Academy in Lynwood, California; and at Los Angeles Union School, Los Angeles, California. His administrative experience began as principal of Los

Angeles Union School 1969-73, and continued at Oakwood College Academy 1973-76, and Golden Gate Academy 1976-79.

He is presently director of education, youth and communication departments for Central States Conference.

## **AWARDS PRESENTED AT CENTRAL AY FEDERATION**

Three Adventist youth were presented with special awards for outstanding service to the Central AY Federation at the College Avenue Church in Topeka, Kansas.

Those receiving the awards were Theresa Taylor, Central Federation Treasurer; Barbara Taylor, AY leader of the year; and James White, AY pastor of the year.

Lawrence Lucas, Federation president, expressed his sincere appreciation for services rendered to the special honorees.

Lucille Griffie, Topeka AY leader, hosted the special occasion. Lester Parkinson, ministerial intern for the Lake Region Conference was the guest speaker. Adventist youth from twelve churches covering the Central Federation territory attended the spring meeting.

—Dorothy Woodson  
Communication Secretary  
College Avenue Church

## **ALLON CHAPEL CLOSES OLD FACILITY**

April 12 was a very important day in the lives of Allon Chapel Church members. It marked the last Sabbath in the church facility at 301 North 22nd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Several activities took place on this special day. Allon Chapel hosted a district meeting with the Bethesda Church, five young people were baptized and a baby was dedicated.

The theme was "Unity" as members from Allon Chapel and Bethesda participated in Sabbath services April 12. John Napue conducted Sabbath School, Pastor Gerald Jones preached, a potluck dinner was served and the musical group Unity from Kansas City, Missouri provided a memorable concert.

During the morning service little Patricia Cesaire was dedicated to the Lord. Mr. and Mrs. Jean Cesaire were exhorting to set Patricia apart as a future charge of the Adventist church.

The Sabbath worship concluded with a beautiful baptismal service marking the last service in "Old" Allon Chapel. With the assistance of Milburn Graham, five young people gave their lives in service for the Lord. Members of both churches witnessed Lisa York, Kevin Baptiste, Monique Turner, Tonya Thomas and Maxine Daves enter the water to be baptized.

## **ALLON CHAPEL RAISES MORE THAN \$2,000**

Veronique Anderson became the reigning Miss Allon Chapel recently.

Veronique was the top money raiser in the King's Daughters Club building fund drive. Allon Chapel is raising money for a new church facility.

Fourteen young women raised \$2,239 for the building fund, mostly through babysitting, doing chores and soliciting contributions from families and neighbors, said Alma Foggo-York, president of the club.

First and second runners-up were Lisa York and Kimberly Baptiste respectively. In a second division contest for smaller girls, Carla Jones was named Little Princess.

—Alma Foggo-York  
Communication Secretary

## **FIVE GRADUATE FROM ST. LOUIS JR. ACADEMY**

During an impressive ceremony at St. Louis Junior Academy, five students received diplomas on Thursday evening, May 29.

Dr. S. Haywood Cox, president of Central States Conference was the graduation speaker.

The following students received diplomas: David Arnold, Lavonde French, Darren Lee (honor student), Ingrid Mills and Crystal Taylor (honor student). The students chose as their aim: "Today we follow, tomorrow we lead."

Principal-teacher Purette Bethea presented honor trophies to Crystal Taylor and Darren Lee for their outstand-

ing scholarship during their years at St. Louis Junior Academy. The graduation program was held at the Berean SDA Church.

## **GROVE HEIGHTS PLANTS EVANGELISTIC SEEDS**

The seeds for a summer evangelistic campaign were sown by the church members at the Grove Heights Church in Wichita, Kansas.

Under the direction of lay activities leader Gene Donaldson, members were trained to distribute and efficiently present the Ward Bible Study Series. Since the first Sabbath in April 101 precious souls have been enrolled for Bible studies. These souls are contacted each Sabbath.

The church is praying that a good harvest will result from Elder George Murray's evangelistic campaign.

—James McClain  
Communication Secretary

## **COMMUNITY GUEST DAYS HELD**

Community Guest Days were held recently at the Calvary Church, Davenport, Iowa; and the Grove Heights Church, Wichita, Kansas.

Love was extended to the community during the Sabbath day's program by both churches respectively.

The Calvary SDA Church had as its distinguished guests Elders William Peeke, Mid-America Headquarters and E. F. Carter, Central States Conference. Both gentlemen direct their respective Lay Activities and Sabbath School departments. The highlight of the day was a presentation made by Carolyn Stevens of St. Louis, Missouri. Carolyn is currently working on a doctorate in education.

Elder George Murray was speaker at the Grove Heights celebration. His sermon emphasized that the church is "God's Love Boat." During the Sabbath services Joyce Garrett presented a community service plaque to Jessie Junious. Mrs. Junious is director of the Senior Citizens Program at the Atwater Community Center.

These churches are to be commended for their community outreach.



Elder and Mrs. Ricardo Graham.

## SO SEND I YOU

"As the Father hath sent me, so send I you. . . ." As Elder Marshall Kelly sang these words, Elder and Mrs. Ricardo Graham and Elder and Mrs. John Grier left the main pavillion at the Lake Region campground after being ordained to the gospel ministry on June 28, 1980.

Dr. Mervyn Warren, Academic Dean at Oakwood College, admonished the two candidates to be well rounded ministers, dedicated to the cause of God.

Elder and Mrs. Graham are presently serving the Kalamazoo-Lansing, Michigan district. He became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church while attending church school in Detroit, Michigan. He attended Oakwood College but left to pursue his studies in psychology at Wayne State University. While attending Wayne State, he dedicated fully his life to Christ and answered the call to the gospel ministry. Elder Graham returned to Oakwood and now holds a bachelor's degree and a master of divinity degree from Andrews University.

Mrs. Audrey Weir Graham is a graduate of Andrews University and holds a degree in religion, history and secondary education. She presently works with the Kalamazoo County American Red Cross where she serves as Coordinator of Blood Services.

Elder John K. Grier joined the Adventist church at the age of 15. His original ambition was to enter the field of music but after receiving a call from the Lord,

dedicated his life to the ministry.

He began his ministry at the City Temple church in Detroit, Michigan under Elder Samuel Flagg.

Elder Grier has held several evangelistic campaigns and has been instrumental in guiding many persons into a newness of life.

He is a graduate of Oakwood College and is a recipient of the master of divinity degree from Andrews University.

Elder and Mrs. Grier serve the Grand Rapids, Michigan church.

Mrs. Nora Woodard Grier is a graduate of Andrews University and is a Training Supervisor of Adult Education at Opportunity Industrialization Center in Grand Rapids. She also makes a home for the Griers' two daughters, Melissa Marie and Natalie Faye.

Crystal R. Drake  
Correspondent



Elder and Mrs. John Grier.

## HEALTH FAIR '80 MEANS EVERYBODY BENEFITS

by R. C. Brown, Sr., Managing Editor

Seventh-day Adventist Community Services is playing a major role in Health Fair '80, an intensive health promotion campaign which begins in the Chicago area on October 6.

Following the theme, "Everybody Benefits," Health Fair '80 emphasizes personal health by offering screening tests to detect health problems, personal counseling, education and referral to appropriate health care agencies. Follow-up services include seminars to

improve lifestyle risk factors and clinics such as stop smoking, weight control, stress management, cooking schools and exercise classes.

Adventists in the Illinois and Lake Region Conferences were asked to participate in Health Fair '80 by the National Health Screening Council for Volunteer Organizations (NHSCVO). This organization knew of the health work done by the Adventists and had worked with the Greater New York Conference during a similar campaign in New York City last spring.

Community Services will be providing follow-up services and a volunteer force to help staff more than 100 health fairs reaching from Rockford, Illinois to northern Indiana. Hinsdale Hospital, also contacted by NHSCVO, will coordinate the health fairs under the direction of Gerard McLane, D.H.Sc., head of the hospital's health education department. McLane will serve as coordinator of the follow-up seminars as well.

Screenings are designed to detect potential health problems and inform the participant if follow-up action is indicated. Health Fair '80 does not replace a doctor's examination, but rather serves to reinforce sound health practices.

The basic health screening package includes height, weight and blood pressure check, a vision examination plus a test for anemia and elective blood analysis and a health hazard appraisal questionnaire. All tests are free; however, optional blood work will cost \$6.50 to cover processing.

"As these screenings are held in hospitals, churches, shopping malls and community centers, they will give Adventists an opportunity to rub shoulders with many individuals and agencies," says McLane. "Those members who learn about Health Fair '80 in their local churches are encouraged to volunteer their time to help in this project." Several Lake Region churches are scheduled for screening sites.

Health Fair '80 begins with screening, counseling and referral scheduled for the week of October 6 through 12. Health education clinics begin October 12 and follow-up services occur in several phases thereafter.

Church members will be actively involved in follow-up seminars on November 16 and 19 for participants in the initial screening. A health profes-



sional will explain the blood chemistry profile and the health hazard appraisal and present a lecture and film concerning general lifestyle modifications. At a later date, a survey team will contact participants by telephone to assess the changes made in their lifestyles as a result of Health Fair '80.

For further information, call the health education department of Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital at (312) 887-2424, or those churches in your area which will be sites for the Health Fair.

### **PARK AVENUE CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE**

The Champaign, Illinois, Park Avenue Church burned its mortgage at a special dedicatory service on Friday evening, July 18, 1980. This was a special service for members of the church, for they had labored tirelessly for this to become a reality. As the congregation sang "To God Be the Glory" the church was filled with sounds of praise.

Participants on the program were Norris Washington, Luther Bryant, Henry Washington, Phillip Willis, pastor of the church, and C. D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference.

Henry Washington  
Communication Secretary

### **EAST ST. LOUIS CHURCH SPONSORS YOUTH DAY PROGRAM**

The Reid Memorial Church of East St. Louis, Illinois held its second Annual Youth Day Program on July 5, 1980. Young people were chosen to lead out in all Sabbath services. The Sabbath School was directed by Donna Brown, a young lady who was elected as youth assistant Sabbath School superintendent for the year 1980.

Morris Jenkins was the main speaker for the eleven o'clock divine worship service. His message dealt with the different aspects of faith.

The youth choir under the direction of Diana Irby sang for the morning services.

All members left feeling that they had been blessed by the services conducted by the young people.

Jane Byrd  
Communication Secretary



*Diana and the youth choir.*

### **SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Rufus Bartley was honored as Senior Citizen of the Year at a recent Senior Citizen's Day celebration at the City Temple church in Detroit, Michigan. He was awarded a certificate during the ceremonies.

Bartley has contributed much towards enhancing the appearance of the church. He works as a literature evangelist and has used part of his commission to have the boiler room decorated, furnished carpet for the choir loft, purchased a new piano and purchased song books for the church. These are but a few among many others.

Every year Rufus helps to financially support a child in church school.

He is rarely absent from the mid-week prayer service and leads out in the song services whenever his services are needed. Bartley also teaches a Sabbath School class.

Rufus is a native of Clarendon, Jamaica. He came to the United States in 1924 via Camaguey, Cuba where he resided for four years. Besides English, he speaks Spanish fluently.

Mr. Bartley, a widower, is the father of four daughters and one son. They also reside in Detroit.



*Rufus Bartley, Senior Citizen of the Year at Detroit City Temple.*



*Morris Jenkins, Youth Day speaker.*

### **LAYMAN'S EFFORT RESULTS IN BAPTISMS**

John Drew, a faithful layman who recently came to Muskegon, Michigan from the Ecorse Seventh-day Adventist Church, launched out in a lay evangelistic crusade at the Wood Street church. The crusade was aptly called the "Community Aware Crusade." Each night he proclaimed in clear tones God's message for a dying world. Drew concluded his series of messages with a sermon entitled, "A Man With a Dream." This message showed how above all other things, that we like Solomon should pray for wisdom.

Spirited heart-felt appeals were given each evening. It was a blessing to see at the end of the meetings two persons baptized into the church.

The baptism took place at the Hoffmaster State Park on the beautiful scenic spot on Lake Michigan. We are praising the Lord for what He is doing and will do.

Richard Washington  
Communication Secretary



*Pastor R. Washington baptizes candidate as John Drew assists.*

## YOUTH WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Steve Edward Simpson was recently awarded a scholarship to attend the college of his choice in New York City. He is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School of Brooklyn, New York where he maintained a high scholastic standing.

He is a member of the Brooklyn Temple SDA Church, Brooklyn, New York. Steve is an active member of the church where he serves as youth deacon, Sabbath School teacher, and member of the choir. In addition, he conducts Bible studies every Tuesday evening in his home.

Congratulations, Steve!



*The Guys (Younger Club Members).*

## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP PATHFINDERS INDOCTRINATED

On Sabbath, May 30, 1980, the Pathfinders of Christian Fellowship Church were responsible for conducting the program for the entire day. Everything went smoothly and very successfully. On behalf of the members of Christian Fellowship Pathfinders, we are very proud of you, our young people and your leaders. God bless you.



*Pathfinders—Attention!*

The highlight of the day was the indoctrination of the club by Jasmine Hoyt, the coordinator for the Northeastern Conference Pathfinder organization. The service began with Ms. Hoyt reading the indoctrination rites. She then called upon the Pathfinder leader, Iasan Johnson, to light a candle from her

candle (a tradition of the Seventh-day Adventist Church). She then called upon the other leaders and counselors to light from her candle. The two ladies then begged for the support of the church members for the leaders so that they may continue God's instruction to our young people.

The program came to an end as Pastor James closed with prayer, dedicating the lives of the Pathfinders in service to God.

—Paula B. Reid  
Communication Secretary

## SOUL WINNING AT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Will there be any stars on your crown? Nutrice Nixon is one person who is making sure she will have stars on her crown. It is very crucial at this point and time that God's people should be busy winning souls for His kingdom, and at the same time preparing their own souls. Ms. Nixon has been doing just that. Here is the story of how she won a beautiful soul for Jesus.

"Ms. Grant and I have been working at the same institution for years. One day I gave her an old quarterly. She read it and became impressed by its content. On another occasion I offered her a *Message Magazine*, but she was not eager for it. Instead she asked for another quarterly, which I gave her. She later asked the location of the church with the intention of attending, but she had difficulty getting the Sabbath off. I asked Pastor James for a letter requesting that her job give her Saturdays off, in order for her to attend church. She took the letter to her supervisor, who allowed her to be free from work on God's day.

"One Friday I called her and she told me she would not attend God's church any longer because her pastor from the Sunday church visited her, and insisted that she return to her old church. I instantly reminded her that her decision to worship on Saturday was directed by God and I also told her God said that once you know the truth and you refuse to do it, He will hold you guilty.

"That Friday night I prayed on behalf of my dear Ms. Grant and God answered my prayers. The Sabbath following my Friday night prayer, when I arrived at church Pastor James inquired about her decision to discontinue Sabbath wor-

ship. He insisted that I call her immediately, and I did. Upon hearing my voice she volunteered to join me at church that very Sabbath. From thence, she religiously attended Sabbath worship, she witnessed a baptism and finally made her stand for Christ and was baptized. I was not prepared to allow this soul to go astray. I knew she belonged to God!"

By God's help and by His grace, we as His chosen people should be saying as Ms. Nixon, "I am not prepared to allow any soul I can reach to go astray, because I know that person belongs to God." May God bless each one of us as we endeavor to do this. Let us encourage each other in winning precious souls for God's kingdom.

—Paula B. Reid  
Communication Secretary



*Van staff L to R.: Kathleen Farrell, Maye Guildford, Barbara Daley, Dr. Gordon Beard, Elder Cleve Jack, and Pastor Lawrence Dorsey.*

## HEALTH VAN EXCITES COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

Sunday, June 29, 1980 was threatening rain in the early morning hours. Pastor Lawrence Dorsey promised to pick up a Health Van from the Conference office in Queens and be back at the church by 9:30 a.m. Exactly at 9:30 a.m. the large van parked alongside of Lighthouse Tabernacle as passers-by looked on with curiosity. The sky was dark and we all prayed in our hearts that Jesus would hold back the rain.

The community surrounding the church had been notified and many people had promised to come to the van. At 9:41 the first person came in. On hand were four nurses, Janice Gamble, Flora Ann Haynes, Maye Guildford and Kathleen Farrell and Dr. Gordon Beard.

By 10 a.m. the nurses were working feverishly as lines began to form outside our van. There were also members of Lighthouse who were passing out literature and tracts on the street to whoever passed by and encouraged them to "check out the free check-up."



*Patient has blood pressure checked. Barbara Daley (background), Flora Haynes attending nurse.*

Whole families had themselves checked for high blood pressure and diabetes. The doctor was on hand for free consultation and further referral if necessary.

Sunday worshipers on their way home from church later in the afternoon came in. What a witness for Jesus!

From 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. the health personnel worked vigorously ministering to the needs of community.

—Valarie Blyden  
Communication Secretary



*Pastor Samuel Sampson and family.*

## **SAMUEL SAMPSON**

Samuel Sampson is pastor of the South Brooklyn Church. He was associate pastor of the Bethel S.D.A. Church. A native of Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies, he received his formal education in Trinidad and Tobago.

As a young man Pastor Sampson began his working career as an elementary school teacher. He worked for nine years as a police officer in the Trinidad and Tobago police force.

Pastor Sampson immigrated to the United States in 1963 and began his

advanced education at Bronx Community College in 1967, where he graduated with a degree in nursing in 1974. Pastor Sampson was baptized at the Corona S.D.A. Church, and became quite active, working as youth leader and as first elder. In 1974 he felt called to the gospel ministry and promptly responded by attending Atlantic Union College.

Pastor Sampson holds a B.A. degree in theology from Atlantic Union College, and a master's degree in parish ministry from New York Theological Seminary.

Pastor Sampson married the former Ana Toppin of Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies. She is a graduate of Atlantic Union College and New England Sanitarium. Mrs. Sampson is a registered nurse with a B.S. degree from Adelphi University. She is at present pursuing a master's degree in community health education.

The Sampsons have two sons, Keith and Noel. Keith, a graduate of Atlantic Union College, holds a B.S. degree in accounting with a minor in economics. Noel is a sophomore at Northeastern Academy.

The most memorable event of his personal life was his marriage to Ana. The most memorable event of his ministry was his first public evangelistic crusade, held in Brooklyn, and his favorite Bible character is Moses.



*Pastor John Nixon and family.*

## **JOHN STEPHEN NIXON**

Pastor John Stephen Nixon is the fourth-born child of Harry and Julie Nixon and is a native New Yorker. He was raised as an Adventist attending the Bethel Church in Brooklyn, and for a

period, the Red Hook Mission, now known as the South Brooklyn Church. In 1976 Pastor Nixon graduated from Oakwood College summa cum laude, with a B.A. degree in theology and in June of the same year became an employee of the Northeastern Conference. The month of August brought wedding bells as Miss Januwoina Fields of Far Rockaway, N.Y. became Mrs. Nixon. The pastor took his bride to the Ephesus S.D.A. Church of New York City the following month, and he has yet to take her away. During the nearly four years of service they have given to Ephesus in the youth pastorate, and for eight months the interim pastorate, many wonderful things have happened to them. Among them, the birth of two handsome boys, John Stephen II, born September 2, 1978, and Paul Derek, born February 1, 1980.

Pastor Nixon plans in September of this year to resume his studies toward the completion of a master's degree at the New York Theological seminary. The most memorable event of his personal life was the day he married Januwoina. The most memorable event of his ministry, the interim pastorate of Ephesus, September 1979—May 1980, and his favorite Bible character is Moses.



*Pastor Reginal Washington and family.*

## **REGINAL WAYNE WASHINGTON**

Reginal Wayne Washington was born in East Lyme, Connecticut and reared by Matthew and Louise Bell (now deceased) whose Christian influence planted the seed of truth in his early years.

He received his early education in church and public schools in Hartford, Connecticut. Baptized into the Faith S.D.A. Church in 1966 by Elder Lloyd Wilson, Pastor Washington was very active in many phases of the church program.

He attended Greater Hartford Community College on scholarship from 1971-1973 where he earned an associate degree in business management. While working as an associate evangelist with Elder J. D. Lee, Jr. in 1973, he accepted the call of the Lord into the gospel ministry. Leaving a successful business he attended Oakwood College and graduated summa cum laude in 1976 with a B.A. in theology and minor in business.

His first assignment in Northeastern was the Kingston—Ellenville district. Under his pastorate their mortgages were successfully liquidated, and many souls were added through evangelism. Since March, 1979 he took up his labors as pastor of the Kingston-Poughkeepsie-Beacon district.

In 1972, Pastor Washington married the former Mackeria K. Martin from Jamaica, West Indies, a master of science nursing degree graduate of Russell Sage College. They are the parents of an active one year old boy, Reggie, Jr.

The most memorable event of his personal life was his baptism in 1966. The most memorable event of his ministry was his first tent effort in Kingston, New York in 1979 in which 33 souls were baptized. His favorite Bible character is David.



Pastor D. Smith and family.

Doctor Smith, pastor of the Mt. Sinai Church, Springfield Gardens, New York, is a native of Rose Hill, North Carolina. A first generation Seventh-day Adventist, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1962.

Pastor Smith began his lay ministry in the Brooklyn Temple S.D.A. church where he served as a Deacon and local

Elder for eight (8) years. During his lay ministry he conducted a Crusade for four (4) weeks under the pastorate of Elder Harold Baptiste.

In 1973 Pastor Smith answered the call of the Lord and entered Oakwood College graduating with a B.A. degree in Theology. He attended New York Theological Seminary in pursuits of a Pastoral Counseling degree.

In 1954 Pastor Smith married the former Queen Esther Corley of Jacksonville, Fl., a Registered Nurse and graduate of New York City Community College and Long Island University.

The Smith's are the parents of three children. Patricia, Ronald and Cheryl, and the proud grandparents of an 18 month old boy. Their son Ronald Smith is presently the Associate Pastor of the Bethel S.D.A. Church, Brooklyn, New York.

The most memorable events of his personal life were his marriage to Queen Esther and his graduation from Oakwood College. The most memorable event in his ministry was the dedication of the newly purchased and renovated Mount Sinai Church in the summer of 1978, and his favorite Bible character is Paul.

## VICTORY LAKE NURSING CENTER HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRESS

*EDITOR'S NOTE: At an annual meeting of the Board of Directors for Victory Lake Nursing Center on May 25, George N. Pelote, Administrator presented a progress report of the Nursing Center. Here are some highlights that we are sure our readers would find interesting.*

George N. Pelote, Administrator, reported: At Victory Lake Nursing Center, the patients are the most important people and we make every effort to let the patients know how special they are to us. . . . We go out of our way to make their stay with us as homelike as possible.

Within our system of operation, the patients' sub-system is the largest. All of our activities are centered around the patients and their needs. There were forty-three thousand, five hundred and twenty-two (43,522) patient care days in 1979. We admitted seventy-one (71) patients to our family of care and seventy-three discharged.

Our Public Relations is very good and the public feels at home when at Victory Lake Nursing Center. We have had public meetings here. . . . We open our doors to all groups who can make a contribution to our cause.

Here is a partial listing of the Public Relations activities:

"The Best" job site in Dutchess County with the United States Labor Department C.E.T.A. Summer Job Program.

Major contributor in the Employees Division of the United Way of Dutchess County.

American Heart Fund Drive in which the patients raised more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

Our staff is represented on the boards of the following Community organizations:

- Board of Cooperative Educational Service
- Vocational Advisory Committee
- Dutchess Community College Nursing Advisory Committee
- Hyde Park Rotary Club
- National Service Organization
- Health Planning Council of Dutchess County
- United Way of Dutchess County
- Roosevelt Fire District

The Victory Lake Nursing Center continues to be a viable part of the total health Care Delivery System in this community. As we look to the future we will continue to look for new ways to improve all aspects of our operation and still deliver the best care possible. . . . We will continue to keep our sights high as we look to God for continued guidance in providing Health Care Service in this community.

## YOUTH DAY AT TEMPLE

Errol E. Reid, Director of Social Services at Victory Lake Nursing Center, Hyde Park, New York was guest speaker for Youth Day at Brooklyn Temple SDA Church, Brooklyn, New York.

He urged the youth to reject the things of the world and allow God to reign supreme in their lives. Errol Reid is a graduate of Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama where he received a B.A. in history and theology.

—H. R. McFarlane  
Communication Secretary



Five young men ordained to the gospel ministry on June 7, 1980. they are flanked to the left by Confence Secretary R. B. Hairston and Treasurer Robert Patterson and on the right by ministerial secretary O. J. McKinney and Conference President R. L. Woodfork. At extreme right, ordainees L-R are Mark Golson, Earnest Young, Calvin Preston, Vanard Mendinghall and Jamed Parham. Wives seated in front of their husbands are Lynne, Lauqwenda, Wynona, Ruth and Joan.



Elder C. D. Henri, Vice-President of the General Conference delivering the ordination message at South Atlantic Conference on June 7, 1980.

## ORDINATION SERVICE

Elder C. D. Henri preached the ordination service on June 7th. The five young men who were set aside for the call to the gospel ministry were: Mark Golson, Varnard Mendinghall, James Parham, Calvin Preston and Earnest Young. The Shepherdess Club featured Mrs. D. M. Jones as their speaker. She also conducted the companion ordination of the wives of the ordainees.



**SIGNING THE TEMPERANCE PLEDGE**—Church and visitors signed L-R Sandy Smith, Lay Activities Leader of the First Church in Huntsville, I. J. Johnson, Stewardship Secretary of South Central Conference, D. B. Reid, former pastor of First Church and Isaiah Ashe, Temperance Leader of First Church.

## BETHANY BURNS MORTGAGE

On April 12, 1980 Bethany Church in Montgomery, Alabama, burned the mortgage on its educational wing.

Former Pastor M. E. Joiner, Sabbath School and Lay Activities Director of the conference, brought the keynote sermon on Friday night.

Former Pastor G. I. Pearson taught the Sabbath School lesson.

Former Pastor S. J. Jackson brought the message at the afternoon mortgage burning ceremony. Elder Dudley presided at the Mortgage Burning-Dedication Service. Pastor Byars led in the act of dedication. President Dudley offered the Dedication prayer and Elder Pearson gave the Vespers message. Miss Zenobia Hooks sang "Bless This House."

Other conference leaders present included Elder D. A. Walker, the Secretary/Treasurer and I. J. Johnson, Director of Communications, Stewardship and Development, Trust Services, A.S.I., and Housing Coordinator.

The Adventist work started in Montgomery, Alabama during the Spring of 1899, when the late Elder T. B. Buckner was invited to Montgomery by Mr. W. G. Buckner, who had seen Elder Buckner's name in an Adventist paper. Believing the Elder might be a relative, Mr. Buckner invited him to assist in raising up a church and school. Elder Buckner's mother worshipped on the Morning Star Boat and was cousin to the mother of Elder Charles Bradford.

Elder T. B. Buckner wrote to Mr. Buckner explaining that he was not

Caucasian. Mr. Buckner's reply was even more cordial. Race was of no significance.

Mr. Buckner, who earned a substantial income from a prune farm and building bridges, bought land and erected a large building on Early Street which he named "Charity Mission." Two of the first families to become members of the newly formed church were the Fraziers and the Fountains. Mr. Louis Frazier, Sr. and Thomas Fountain Sr., (both deceased) became the first deacons of the church. After Elder Buckner other pastors who came were:

Elder J. H. Lawrence	Elder Baker
Elder B. W. Abney	Elder G. E. Peters
Elder E. Wilkins	Elder D. E. Davis
Elder J. G. Dassent	Elder T. M.
Elder C. A. Lynes	Fountain
Elder Henry	Elder B. H. Ewing
Elder F. Slater	Elder T. Allison
Elder V. G. Lindsey	Elder L. Newton

In 1954 Elder E. E. Cleveland came to Montgomery to conduct a tent meeting on the corner of Smyth and High Streets. Many in Montgomery will never forget the soul-stirring sermons that were preached at those meetings.

More than four hundred members were added. Suddenly the little church on Mill Street of 42 members numbered nearly 500. To accommodate this expanded membership, the present church was built. Shortly thereafter, Elder Cleveland continued his evangelism in other places.

In 1955, Elder Charles E. Dudley who worked with the Cleveland meetings was pastor. After a short time he accepted a

call to the Southwest Regional Conference.

Elder E. J. Humphrey came next, sold the old church building and paid off the mortgage on the present church. Elder Horace Jones served as pastor from 1961 until 1963. He accepted a pastoral call to Chicago, Illinois.

Elder A. D. Shorter began his pastorate in 1963. He put great emphasis on the spiritual needs of the church. Elder D. J. Williams moved from California to pastor here in March of 1965. During his ministry here, 180 souls were baptized in the district. The church radio program "Your Bible Speaks" was started and is still going. It was under his leadership that plans were made for the construction of the Educational Building.

From October 12, 1968 until August 9, 1972 Elder M. E. Joiner was pastor. Under his leadership the Education Building was constructed. In 1972 Elder G. I. Pearson assumed the pastorate. He led the church to air condition the Sanctuary, buy a piano and organ, and organize for the very spiritual Stewardship Revival. In 1976, Elder Pearson became the manager of the Adventist Book Center for the conference.

In 1976 Elder S. J. Jackson, who was an Evangelist in Detroit, Michigan came to pastor Bethany. In three and one-half years, three new congregations were born—Maranatha of Montgomery, Troy and Wetumpka. Also many persons were added to the Tuskegee and Bethany churches.

Other accomplishments during Elder Jackson's pastorate included the purchase of vehicles for church and school, the daycare-Kindergarten program, wall-to-wall carpeting of the sanctuary, air-conditioning the Educational unit, identifying the church with an Adventist church sign, and initiating the steps in burning the mortgage. On February 23, 1980, Elder Jackson became the pastor of the First Church in Huntsville.

Elder George Byars became pastor of Bethany in February and in 60 days the mortgage burning program started by Elder Jackson became a reality.

Working behind the well organized program were seven committees and 32 members. The committees were: The Steering Committee, Laura Smith, Chairman; The Invitations Committee with Dorothy Mobley and Dorothy Webb; The Advertisements Committee with Arthur Sanders, Chairman; The Hospitality Committee with Dorothy Sanders, Chair-

man; The Program Committee with T. M. McReynolds, Chairman; The Patrons Committee with Addie Myrick and Katie Thomas; The Souvenir Booklet Committee, B. Smith, Chairman. President Dudley led in Mortgage Burning.

## MAYOR GUEST SPEAKER AT LE'S BANQUET

*Stephanie D. Johnson*

Dr. Richard Arrington, the first black mayor of Birmingham, Alabama was the guest speaker for the "Be My Valentine" banquet, Sunday, February 17 at the Plaza Hotel sponsored by the Alabama Literature Evangelists under the direction of Elder Fred L. Whitlow, Associate Publishing Director for South Central Conference.

The Literature Evangelist sponsored the banquet to acquaint the mayor and the citizens of Birmingham with the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in their fight against drug abuse, alcoholism, crime, juvenile delinquency and other abuses that threaten to destroy the city.

Dr. Arrington had the opportunity to meet several black leaders of the church: Dr. E. E. Cleveland, Chairman of the Evangelism and Church Missions Department at Oakwood College; Dr. W. R. Robinson, former editor of the *Message Magazine* and presently the minister of the Ephesus SDA Church, Birmingham, Alabama; Dr. W. J. Cleveland, Pastor of the newly-established South Park SDA Church in Birmingham, Alabama; Elder Stephen Ruff, Publishing Director for South Central Conference; Elder Marshall Kelly, Religion Instructor at Oakwood Academy; Dr. M. P. Johnson, Bible Instructor for South Central; Ms. Stephanie D. Johnson, Associate Editor of the *Voice*, Elder S. Robinson, Director of LETC at Oakwood College, and Elder H. L. Cleveland, President of Allegheny West.

Dr. Arrington told the audience that he was acquainted with Seventh-day Adventists. When he served as Director of Alabama Center for Higher Education, he had the opportunity to visit Oakwood College and work with its faculty and staff members. He remarked, "the religious atmosphere was very persuasive; there was a marked difference in the student body."

Dr. Arrington challenged the audience



*Dr. Arrington speaking to the audience.*



*Ms. Stephanie Johnson, Associate Editor of the Voice presents Dr. Arrington copies of the Voice as Pastor Whitlow looks on.*



*Among the many attending the banquet were: (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Washington Johnson, Sr., Dr. Arrington, the speaker, Elder Whitlow, and Ms. Stephanie Johnson.*

to let their religion be an essential part of their being. He emphasized the importance of religion being practical. It should reach out and touch those who are hurting. Those who are searching for light. The goal of the church must be to

reach out and touch those who have never known Christ. Being a Christian doesn't mean we stand aloofly by as we see our fellow man suffering. Christianity must influence our actions, our thoughts and our life.

The Christian must make the difference wherever he is. "It is left to people like us to help others find their way." "Value not land or position but the quality of life we can build for our people." "I want for my brother what I want for myself. It is our job to help deliver people."

Dr. Arrington's commitment to Christian principles and standards is more than idle talk. As a member of the Birmingham City Council principle rather than politics have directed his actions. During those eight years he has always fought for the poor, the elderly, and blacks. He was the originator of an affirmative action program that opened the doors for black city contractors. He developed the city's cable television franchise ordinance and insisted that blacks own half of the local share.

Dr. Arrington's willingness to speak out against injustice paved the way for him to become mayor. During the summer of 1979, a black young lady, Bonita Carter, was slain by a police officer who answered a robbery call in her neighborhood. The officer assumed she was the offender and killed her. This set off a wave of protest throughout the black community.

It was during this critical time when the former mayor and other members of the city council allowed politics rather than principles to rule their actions. It was then when Richard Arrington stood for principle alone.

During one of the darkest hours of the city's history he proved to be a man of conviction rather than consensus; of principle rather than popularity; of wisdom rather than folly. God signally intervened in the affairs of Birmingham. He called Dr. Arrington to repair the breach between blacks and whites; to restore compassion and commitment in City Hall; and to redevelop the city and make it a place where all people may enjoy a high standard of living.

Although the odds were overwhelming against him; despite the lack of support from the local black leadership who felt the time had not come to elect a black mayor, Dr. Arrington unseated the incumbent and the Republican candidate grassroot support, thus becoming

the first black mayor of Birmingham.

To those of us who sat listening to Dr. Arrington at the banquet he was a living example that God has those in politics who still stand for principles. "Men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."

## AFRICAN AMBASSADOR ATTENDS CAMP MEETING

Ambassador Mohamed Turay of Sierra Leone, West Africa joined with the South Central Conference family during the last weekend of the camp meeting this year. "I would not mind going to church each week," stated the ambassador, "if it is an Adventist church." His testimony brought cheer to the hearts of many of the believers. His main purpose was to receive the fellowship of the believers and to see one of his dear friends, Elder Victor L. Brooks, ordained.

## SCC PASSES THE 13,000 MEMBERSHIP MARK

When all of the church clerks reports were tallied by the conference secretary at the end of 1979, the conference membership had gone well over the 13,000 membership mark. The largest number of members are located in Alabama, then in Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky and West Florida respectively. The gospel continues to be preached throughout the southland as tent meetings began for another season during the month of July.

## DISTRICT CHANGES

Some of the district changes that were made at the time of the last executive committee meeting were: Dr. T. Leroy Hemingway of Toledo, Ohio was invited to serve in the Natchez, Woodville, Fayette, Mississippi district, Elder P. N. Smith to Tuscaloosa, Jasper and Alabaster, Alabama, Pastor Willie Bussey to Cleveland, Clarkesdale, Leland and Shaw, Mississippi, Pastor Ceasar Monroe to Greeneville and Morristown, Tennessee, Pastor Grafiel Powell to Hazlehurst, Brookhaven and McComb, Mississippi, Pastor G. Russell Seay to Sylacagua, Pell City and

Talladega, Alabama. Pastor Roy Gaiter to Columbus, Amory, and West Point, Mississippi, L. W. Blackwell to Meridian, Laurel and Soso, Mississippi and Elder G. L., Byars to Montgomery and Troy, Alabama.

## D. A. WALKER ACCEPTS CALL TO NEW POST

When the membership of the South Atlantic Conference reached the 22,000 mark, the membership of the conference felt that a more productive program for the church would be realized if the conference was divided into two conferences. This was done on Sunday, June 15, 1980. Elder James Edgecomb, pastor of the Bethany Church in Miami, Florida was elected to serve as the president for the new conference which covers the southern part of Georgia and all of the state of Florida in the eastern sector. D. A. Walker, secretary-treasurer for the South Central Conference was invited to serve as the treasurer and secretary for the new group. Elder Walker has announced that he is accepting the post. He and his family have been with the South Central Conference for over eight years. Many milestones have been realized since he first came to the field. Our prayers are made in behalf of Elder Walker as he takes up his new responsibilities in the Southern/South Atlantic Conference. The new offices will be located in Orlando, Florida.

## SEVEN ARE ORDAINED TO SERVE

Seven ministers and their wives received the rite of ordination during the South Central Conference camp meeting this year. They were: D. C. Hatcher, pastor of Yazoo City, Mississippi district, Roland Hill of the Columbia, Tennessee district, Lawrence Hamilton of the Dothan, Alabama district, Victor L. Brooks of the Longview Heights church in Memphis, Tennessee, Arthur Sanders of the Greenville, Mississippi district, W. O. Freeman of the Hattiesburg, Mississippi district and James R. Bell of the Tuskegee, Alabama district. All are soul-winners, church builders and church leaders in each one's own right.

The most impressive service was the ordination of seven ministers. The long processional included Parents, Guard-

ians, Literature Evangelists, Ministers' Wives, Bible Instructors, Ministers, and the Ordination Candidates and their wives.

The workers sang before Elder Xavier Butler offered prayer. Then the candidates were presented.

Pastor James R. Bell of Tuskegee, Alabama was presented by his brother Elder Richard Bell of Jackson, Mississippi. Pastor Victor L. Brooks of Memphis, Tennessee was presented by his brother Charles L. Brooks of Washington, D.C. Pastor William O. Freeman of Hattiesburg, Mississippi was presented by Elder I. L. Lester of Memphis, Tennessee. Pastor Dock C. Hatcher of Yazoo City, Mississippi was presented by Elder D. B. Reid of Huntsville, Alabama. Pastor Lawrence Hamilton of Dothan, Alabama was presented by Elder E. C. Ward of Oakwood College.



Seven pastors to be ordained posed with their wives. L-R William Freeman, Roland Hill, Doc Hatcher, Arthur Sanders, James Bell, Lawrence Hamilton, Victor Brooks.

And Pastor Roland J. Hill of Columbia, Tennessee was presented by his father Elder F. S. Hill of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Elder Charles and Victor Brooks sang a duet just before the sermon by Elder George R. Earle, President of the Northeastern Conference. Elder C. D. Brooks offered the Ordination Prayer, Elder A. C. McClure, Southern Union President, presented the Ordination Charge, Elder D. C. Batson gave the Welcome. Elder C. E. Dudley gave Bibles to the ordained ministers and Elder Walker gave them Credentials.

President Dudley was surprised when Elder Reid presented the President with his ordination certificate. The President had never had one all the thirty some years. After C. L. Brooks gave the vespers thoughts in word and song, the president sang "So Send I You" as the ministers and their wives formed an arched aisle for the ordained to march out. To God be the Glory.



## SOUTHWEST YOUTH PROGRAM AT LONE STAR

The Seventh-day Adventist church is unique in that it has something to offer in church activities for every age group. The adventurous juniors are no exception. It was our happy privilege to witness the youth department, under the direction of B. E. Wright, sponsor the Pathfinder clubs around the conference at the first Camporee, June 13-15. This exciting weekend began Friday evening, and the young people could be seen jubilantly unpacking their gear and pitching their tents before sundown.

To start a well-rounded weekend, Pastor W. Humphrey made the first step with a beginning devotion. Various representatives of the Pathfinder clubs were involved in the Sabbath school exercises, with Master Guide Beverly Garrett serving as superintendent. We were blessed to have Elder Richard Barron, General Conference Youth Department Director, as the 11 o'clock speaker. Special music was presented by Lubbock and Alexander youth groups.

Sabbath afternoon activities were not only packed with tasty food that the Pathfinders prepared in their tents, but also a music festival and a very impressive Candlelight Investiture Service. Four Master Guides, four Friends and an Explorer were invested.

Elder Danny Davis of the Columbia Union, who is known as "Mr. Pathfinder" began Sunday morning with devotion. Following inspection conducted by Elders Davis and Wright, the colorful parade began with four slick horses prancing around and ridden by Pastor M. V. Singleton and the Arnette family. The clubs drilled around the campground, participated in Obstacle Course Relay, Trust-my-knot, Egg Toss and other activities. They enjoyed the recreation of water sports and horseback riding. The Pathfinder staff and club members set up booths displaying leather crafts, rocketry, macrame and woodwork prepared at home meetings. Even though the Camporee was over Sunday, the Pathfinders were excited over the full weekend.

### Youth Program at Camp Meeting

The youth pavilion was located across from the camp store and was colorfully decorated in gold, red and green with matching pot plants. The distinctively colored flags served as a backdrop and



One of the many participants at camporee.



Campers enjoying a boat ride.



Campers in group discussion.



Pathfinder director counseling with campers.

added much to the appearance of the platform. Their devotional exercises coupled with the recreational activities kept them active from early morning to bedtime. Hezekiah Brinson of New Orleans, music coordinator with Darryl Wright, assistant from Baton Rouge, did a commendable job in supplying music for the meetings and organizing a youth camp meeting choir.

The last weekend Sabbath school centered around the mission field with youth portraying people of different countries. Evelyn Edwards, AYS leaders from Baton Rouge served as superintendent. The lesson study was given by Willie Hucks. Speaking for the divine worship hour was E. W. Shepperd, AYS director, Southwestern Union.

The afternoon was devoted to a temperance oratorical contest. Seven orations were given, three posters and one jingle. Those that received special recognition were as follows:

1st place (ages 10-15), Anthony Robbins, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; 2nd place, Cassandra McCoy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 3rd place, Jennifer McBrown, Fort Worth, Texas; 4th place, Charles Osborne, Houston, Texas.

1st place (ages 16-30), Cenceria McCoy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 2nd place, Charlene Wilson, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; 3rd place, Lisa Oliver, Texarkana, Texas.

Jingle, Angela and Gaylor Butler, Oklahoma; poster, Carmen Banks, Fort Worth, Texas.

A music festival Sabbath evening concluded a well-rounded program for the convocation. How thankful and relieved B. E. Wright and Nancy Jones were, who worked untiringly, for the overwhelming response to a very successful and exciting campmeeting.

—Doris Jones  
Reporter



Pathfinders' tents at Conference Camporee.



*Enter to learn;*

*depart to serve.*

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE HARRIS PINE MILL FURNITURE ASSEMBLY PLANT

by Minneola L. Dixon

What a historical moment when the first ten Oakwood College students boarded the Oakwood College school bus at 7:00 a.m. on Oakwood's campus, to be taken to the new Oakwood College Harris Pine Mill Furniture Assembly Plant about 15 miles away! It was December 19, 1978. On the campus, beaming with great pride and thanksgiving were president C. B. Rock, Adell Warren, Business Manager, Charles I. Randall, former Student Financial Aid Director, and Mrs. Minneola Dixon, Student Employment Director. Each one, individually, was uniquely credited with a phase of this very special occasion and had good reasons for elation.

### A Ten Years' Wait

"For ten years," the Business Manager reports, "the school waited for the company to give their consent to bring their plant to Oakwood College." The facility is a cooperative venture Oakwood College purchased land and erected the building. Harris Pine Mill provided over \$200,000 worth of equipment.

### First Two-Year Report

On June 1, 1980, the Oakwood College plant completed its second successful school year, since commencing its operation on December 19, 1978. This eventful day made Oakwood's ten-year dream a reality, and increased the college industrial departments to six. Oakwood College, established in 1896, currently operates a laundry, bakery, farm, dairy, and Oakwood College Enterprises.

During the past two years, the furniture plant has offered job opportunities to approximately 100 part-time Oakwood College student workers who have earned over \$50,000. Oakwood's plant is one of 26 plants located throughout the United States owned by the General

Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and headquartered in Pendleton, Oregon. Seven milling and cut-up plants and 19 assembly plants and distribution centers comprise the corporation. Most of these plants are near educational institutions and are so located as to provide labor for students attending these schools. Nearly 5,000 students are employed on a part-time basis yearly in these 26 plants, which are located in: Hamburg, Pennsylvania; Geneva, Illinois; Valdosta, Georgia; Watsonville, California; Lodi, California; Cicero, Indiana; Loveland, Colorado; Columbus, Wisconsin; Gaston, Oregon; Ontario, California; Tranquility, New Jersey; West Brookfield, Massachusetts; Auburn, Washington; Healdsburg, California; Spangle, Washington; Hutchinson, Minnesota; Watsonville, California; Lincoln, Nebraska; Arcata, California; College Place, Washington; Candler, North Carolina; Battle Ground, Washington and Huntsville, Alabama.

### Production

The Oakwood College plant markets various lines of household furniture—bedroom, dining room, living room, bookcases, desks, chairs, etc.—in eight state areas (Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama, and New York for the 4800 line).

In spite of the bustling days of the nine-month school year, our student workers at HPM demonstrate a high degree of stamina, fortitude, and discipline when they maintain a tightly structured daily schedule of four hours of concentrated, industrial effort and four hours of concentrated academic pursuits.

These students often make adjustments in their social and academic life in order to discharge their duties at the plant, which for some, begin at 7:00 each morning. Throughout the day, student workers are used as assembly line operators, paint finishers, forklift operators, shipping and receiving operators.

Because of their commitment, a tremendous increase in production has resulted since the first year of operation. Sales are up to \$100,000 per month. The number of pieces produced weekly is between 500-600 pieces.

Thirty students are hired and are earning from \$3.50-\$4.00 per hour, between \$140-\$160 per week for a 40-hour week. The quality of work is highly praised by company officials. Their work environment and conduct is described as pleasant and cooperative.

Only two out of ten students have ever worked with wood products before, but these students have a desire to learn and are producing at levels comparable to other college student workers.

### Finishing Unit—No. 1 in the Country

Directly responsible for student workers in the Finishing Unit of the Plant is Mr. Douglass Bell.

In 1978, when this young, inexperienced paint foreman took up his work at Harris Pine Mill, he did not realize that within 14 short months, his finishing unit would be considered as producing the highest quality of finishing applications of all the furniture produced by the 26 plants in the country.

This achievement means that over a period of months inspectors, customers, and retail outlets have watched the quality of the finished product coming out of Oakwood's plant and have no complaints! The quality is superb! Oakwood's finishing unit is No. 1 in the country.

Excellent training and applying stain and lacquer technique were given by Joe Broderick, a field consultant from the Midwest Lacquer Company, in Schiller Park, Illinois. Douglass Bell has passed on this technique to his student

**HARRIS  
OF  
PENDLETON  
HUNTSVILLE BRANCH**

workers who exhibit special skill in applying the right amount, the right kind, and at the right time. Consequently, Oakwood's furniture, after receiving expert spraying, sealing, sanding, staining, and lacquering treatment leaves the plant with such high lustre and brilliance that purchasers have been overwhelmingly satisfied.

Doug, as he is affectionately called, began his career with wood products at the Little Lake Industries in Pottstown, Pennsylvania as an assistant shipping clerk, and later as Warehouse Manager of Raw Materials from December 1971 to August 1977, when he moved to Oakwood College to pursue a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Business Administration. However, after inquiring about the proposed Oakwood College HPM Plant, he accepted a job with Harris Pine Mill as Finish Room Foreman, in December, 1978.

Mr. Bell praises the Lord for his achievements at the plant, because in reminiscing on the plant's early beginnings, he says, "We were all new and green at the business. We learned together. We made many mistakes. HPM headquarters sent a Gordon Jacobson from Lincoln, Nebraska to give training to Doug and the students, who were determined to be the best finishing operators in the country.

Doug set out to change the image that the Paint Room has always made in the minds of students and plant workers. He applied technique, pride, and side-by-side friendly methods in attracting students to his unit. No longer is the Paint Room a place where you threaten to send a disorderly or a disrespectful student for discipline.

Sixty percent of the student workers are supervised by Doug, and each one of them find him to be a "great" guy. In accepting the position at the plant, Doug said he didn't do it for himself, but for the young students who would be coming through the mill that he might be able to help and keep from the mistakes he made as a young person. He feels that the Lord has given him a special talent to work with young people.

Mr. Bell praises the Lord for this achievement, and so do we—we who have for the past ten years watched the progressive movements leading to this point in Oakwood's HPM operation!

Full-time plant officials are: Jerry Calvert, Plant Manager; James Stringer, Plant Superintendent; Winslow Flood,



*Douglas Bell, Finishing Foreman with Dr. C. B. Rock.*



*Eloise Adams*



*Arthur Bryson*



*Crawford Humphrey*

Assembly Foreman; Mrs. Karren Simmons, Plant secretary. There are eight others employed on a full-time basis.

Ellen G. White writes, "Every youth, on leaving school, should have acquired a knowledge of some trade or occupation by which, if need be, he may earn a livelihood." (*Education*, 258)



*Jerry Calvert, Plant Manager*

The Harris Pine Mill Furniture Assembly Plant at Oakwood College is providing opportunities to make this statement a reality in the lives of the students at Oakwood College.

## BREATH OF LIFE

### BREATH OF LIFE PROCLAIMING A CHANGELESS GOD IN A CHANGING WORLD

James L. Kyle, Jr.  
Director of Field Services

In the decaying cities of our country reside the majority of the thirty million Black Americans. Even today this sea of humanity faces many serious sociological, economic, personal, and spiritual dilemmas that threaten their survival. Yet, the most serious threat to the Black community in America is not the want of bread, or of jobs, or of adequate housing but the loss of hope, hope that can only come from an abiding faith in the omnipotent power of God and the ever-abiding love of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. The Breath of Life telecast endeavors to communicate hope of a soon coming Saviour to a dying world.

Currently one out of every 260 Black Americans claims to be a Seventh-day Adventist. This ratio is growing larger and larger each day. Because Black Americans have generally affiliated with mainline Protestant churches, they still hold strong loyalties to these churches. Within the Black community there is great resistance to change in areas of religion and a high degree of ignorance concerning the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are currently baptizing far less than one percent of the total Black population annually, and the population rate is growing much faster than our baptism rate. There are still major centers of Black population where there are but few Seventh-day Adventist churches. It is apparent that the walls of prejudice in the minds of people towards our message must be broken down so that public and personal evangelism may be more efficient and fruitful.

On a national scale every thirty days seventeen million Americans who consider themselves to be unchurched watch a religious broadcast on television or listen on the radio. Of that group, fourteen percent (or 2,000,391 plus persons) consider becoming an active member of a church as a result of watching a telecast or listening to a



Walter Arties, Director of Breath of Life telecast speaking at Oakwood College church.



Elder C. D. Brooks, Breath of Life speaker.



C. D. Brooks on the set used in Breath of Life Health Lecture Series . . . film in progress.

radio show. It is clear that there is a tremendous challenge for our church through the electronic media.

Breath of Life presents the distinctive teachings of Seventh-day Adventists in a clear and attractive manner. Because the Black community is so diverse, aesthetically, economically, and intellec-

tually, the telecast has adopted three formats which are used to touch as wide an audience as possible. The first format is a lecture format in which Charles D. Brooks, speaker-director for the telecast, discusses the contributions and lives of Blacks both in and out of the Bible. From these lessons of the past

Pastor Brooks derives spiritual principles for present and future generations.

The second format is the preaching or sermon format. These programs are filmed in beautiful locations such as the Oakwood College Church, La Sierra Church, and the Kansas Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Riverside, California. On these programs Pastor Brooks presents some of our more distinct teachings in such sermons as "The Fall of Babylon," "The Seven Seals of Revelation," "Why Do Christians Suffer?," "The Fall of Rome," "The Judgment," and "The Unpardonable Sin."

The third and newest format is a health and discussion format. On these programs Pastor Brooks and his guests minister to the more serious physical and emotional needs of the Black community. On one program about alcohol and drugs Pastor Brooks discusses with psychiatrist Barbara Hundley some of the mental disorders that face our society, the relationships between stress and mental disorders, and the leading factors in the rise of drug abuse. On another program Dr. John Ford discusses how to handle stress and the effects of stress on the body. Dr. Wendell Cheatham discusses diabetes, its causes and effects on all races. Dr. Richard Neil discusses our eating patterns and the serious health threat of obesity. All of these formats are embellished with beautiful music produced by Walter Arties, orchestrated by Shelton Kilby, and performed by various artists such as Brenda Spraggins, Wintley Phipps, Edwina Humphrey, Ron Garnett, Elaine Arthur, and others.

Breath of Life has not yet been able to enjoy long-term broadcasting in any major American city, but in the areas where such long-term broadcasting has been possible the results have been very impressive. From those areas we received many letters from viewers who tell us they enjoy these telecasts and are requesting further information about the telecast and the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. To aid in raising funds for the telecast several churches in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles, California, have organized Breath of Life clubs.

On the island of Bermuda members of the telecast staff were recognized on streets, in restaurants, in taxis, at the air-

port, wherever they went during a recent crusade. Wherever and whenever possible the Breath of Life evangelistic team holds four-week reaping crusades in cities where the telecast has been on for an adequate period of time. These crusades have already yielded more than 2,100 baptisms and two churches have been organized through them. But this is not enough. To fulfill our mandate as a telecast, Breath of Life must be seen in every home in America—each week. In this way millions of Americans will have the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and in their hearts seeds will be planted that pastors and members will harvest for the Lord. To accomplish this we are endeavoring to keep our ministry before the minds of the people that through their prayers and support this ministry may broaden to reach the masses of this country.

Breath of Life recently completed filming its 52nd program and now we are prayerfully seeking ways to syndicate these programs on a national basis through conventional or cable television. We solicit your prayers that the Lord will guide this embryonic venture of faith.

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## CHRISTIAN RECORD

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### CRBF INTRODUCES NEW LOGO

by John Treolo

A new logo has been adopted to accurately identify the purpose of Christian Record Braille Foundation's ministry for the deaf, according to Thompson Kay, coordinator of services for the deaf.

"The deaf are craving to 'hear' more about the love of God," Kay explains. "Christian Record, in cooperation with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, can help these souls hear the gospel message."

The logo, designed by Norm Weverka, a deaf employee at the University of Nebraska Hearing Clinic, represents the pierced hands of Jesus encircled by the Trinity. "That the deaf may hear" appears under the logo emphasizing the goal of this new outreach.

"Sign language is the primary medium for the deaf to comprehend the message of salvation and foremost is the message of Jesus Christ," Kay says. "There are some 14 million hearing



THAT THE DEAF MAY HEAR...

impaired persons in the United States that could benefit from such an outreach."

Since arriving at CRBF in March, Kay has published a bimonthly newsletter for the deaf, *Signpost*. Sent to deaf SDA's, circulation at present stands at 750. Other projected goals include Sabbath school quarterlies, deaf camps and retreats, sign language workshops and seminars and educational pamphlets and tracts.

Names of interested Adventists should be referred to Thompson Kay, Christian Record Braille Foundation, 4444 South 52nd Street, Lincoln, NE.

#### Dear Artist:

Come share your worlds on Sunday, October 5th, 1980, in the *Ephesus Art and Poetry Show*. Theme: "Vibrations from Our Vibrant Worlds."

Please check category/categories you wish to enter.

1. Crafts
2. Paintings
3. Prints
4. Sculpture
5. Photography (Minimum 5x7)
6. Poetry

To participate, write to:

Ms. Caroline Jones  
Communications Secretary  
Ephesus SDA Church  
101 W. 123rd Street  
New York, New York 10027

# BLACK ADVENTISTS BUSINESS IN THE NEWS

Every businessman needs and is entitled to the big one. Jonathan Walker is no exception. Here is where the more than half a million dollar conference administration offices of South Atlantic Conference shone brightly. As a small businessman, Jonathan competed with all other well-established contractors both large and small—with propositions and estimates, and finally won the contract.

During his career as president of the Jonathan Walker Construction Corporation, he has undertaken the construction and completion of a number of fine homes in Atlanta, built the second half of Berean Jr. Academy in Atlanta and a church in Hemingway, South Carolina. However, the big one came when he was awarded the contract to construct the conference office.

If environment is indeed as strong a factor in the future behavior and thinking of an individual, Jonathan Walker is a prime example. As long as he can remember, he has been around the construction business. His father taught him to use the saw, the plane, and hammer. His grandfather taught him to use the saw, the plane and the hammer. Both of these immediate ancestors of his were famous in their community not so much as the farmers (which they were also) but as the local builders.

Of course, he was a country boy, born and reared in Georgetown County, South Carolina near Hemingway, South Carolina. However, his parents—Welton and Addie Walker—were foresighted enough to see that he got a good spiritual foundation by sending him to the church school in Hemingway. As a result, the glittering attractions of the big cities such as Atlanta did not turn his mind from his early training in that one-room church school. He still recalls those days with schoolmate Elder Clarence Thomas, III, now serving as the first black Adventist missionary to South America. He vividly and pleasurably recalls the teachers who charted the way. These were Virginia Edie, Rachel Green and Celestine Gallagher Hames.

From the little church school in Hemingway, he went to Pine Forge Academy. The foundation in the building industry

which was laid at home was further enhanced by his encounter with Robert Handy and Harry Dobbins, Sr.—the men whose names are synonymous with Pine Forge during its infancy in the early 1950's.

After completing his high school training and graduating from Pine Forge in 1955, he joined the military armed forces as a non-combatant in the Medical Corps. During these two years he had the privilege of traveling about in his native United States and also in Europe. These two years did not blunt or diminish his desire to follow Jesus, not only in his trade as a carpenter of the best calibre, but also as a true and faithful disciple with fidelity and candor. Like most good Seventh-day Adventists, Jonathan's years in the military were fraught with the love and respect of his fellow soldiers and officers alike. He still maintains this posture in civilian life again.



*Jonathan Walker*

Upon the conclusion of his patriotic duty as a good citizen, he came to Atlanta and started his own construction company. However, he interrupted this career by accepting an S.O.S. call from Riverside Hospital to add a touch of his special talent, expertise, and commitment to their staff. While there he was instrumental in helping that institution in completing an elementary school, a new nurses' dormitory, a new laundry, a new heating plant and a store in addition to extensive remodeling of buildings and cottages.

In the year 1963, Walker returned to Atlanta with his family to continue his private construction firm which he started a few years earlier. This venture was destined for success from the very beginning because he believes the truism that "he who honors God, God will also honor him."

The nine years which he spent with the Atlanta Housing Authority as manager of the modernization project, and another three years as City Rehabilitation Supervisor were unknowingly preparing him for the big project with the conference.

In spite of Jonathan's busy schedule, he found time to update his practical building skills by accumulating several theoretical college hours at Atlanta Jr. College and Atlanta Area Tech.

Jonathan's lovely wife is the very industrious Irene Miller, a graduate of Oakwood College, who was also a secretary to Elder H. D. Singleton when he was president of South Atlantic Conference. They are both great supporters of Adventist education. Both of their children Jonathan, Jr., and Lisa Gayle have gone through Berean Junior Academy, where he also served on the school board. They went as far in our schools as the schools could supply their needs toward their chosen goals. Both Jonathan and Irene are very diligent workers at Atlanta-Berean Church where they hold membership.



*Jonathan Walker relaxing at home with daughter Lisa on his left and wife Irene and son Jonathan, Jr., on his right.*

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Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for his children.

—Education, p. 18

# IN THE NEWS

## WEDDING BELLS

### WILSON-RUNNELS

Fernice Shevonne Wilson and Van Benjamin Runnels were united in marriage on June 19, 1980 in the Hillcrest church, Nashville, Tennessee. The father of the groom performed the ceremony. Fernice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wilson of Nashville, Tennessee. Van is the son of Elder and Mrs. Van Runnels of Houston, Texas. The couple lives in Houston, Texas after a wedding trip to Acapulco.



Mrs. Fernice Wilson Runnels

## IN TRANSITION

### LAKE REGION CONFERENCE

Fred White from Ecorse, Michigan to Shiloh (Chicago, Illinois)

Edward Avinger from E. Chicago, Indiana to Ecorse-Belleville

Philip Jenkins from Inkster, Michigan to Gary, Indiana

J. P. Lewis from Conant Gardens (Detroit, Mich.) to Inkster-Ypsilanti

C. R. Graham from Gary, Indiana to Grand Rapids, Michigan

Ricardo Graham from Kalamazoo-Lansing to Kalamazoo-Battle Creek

Richard Washington from Muskegon-Idlewild to Lansing-Jackson

Zadock Reid from Battle Creek-Jackson to Conant Gardens-Detroit, MI

John Grier from Grand Rapids, Michigan to E. Chicago-Robbins

Morris Wren from Evanston-Jeffersonville to Muskegon-Idlewild

Charles Willis from London, Michigan to Evansville-Jeffersonville

Roy Mentor to City Temple (Detroit, MI), Assistant Pastor

### NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

Reginald Washington from Kingston, Poughkeepsie Beacon District to Emmanuel Temple, Buffalo

Farrell Jones from SDA Theological Seminary to Kingston, Poughkeepsie

John Nixon from Ephesus Youth Church to Berea, Boston

Benjamin Cummings from Berea, Boston to Linden Blvd., Queens

Doctor Smith from Mt. Sinai, Queens to Mt. Vernon, NY

Albert White from Calvary, Bridgeport to Mt. Sinai, Queens

John Harris from First White Plains to Calvary, Bridgeport

Eugene Virgil from Bronx Temple, Bronx to First White Plains

David Coleman from Sharon/Spring Valley to Bronx Temple, Bronx

T. T. Billingsy from Berea, Nyack to Staten Is/Coney Island

Girard Mauze to Morija

Roy Hoyte to Berea, Nyack

Santiago Mejia to Apocalipsis "14"

Stafford Byers—Ministerial Intern

Eddy Laguerre—Ministerial Intern

C. T. Jefferson from Staten Is/Coney Is Dist. to Sharon/Spring Valley Dist.

Willie S. Lee, Jr. from Mt. Vernon to Stockton, CA

Cornell Miller from Emmanuel Temple (Assist.) to Bethel (Assist.)

Ronald Smith from Bethel (Assist.) to Seminary

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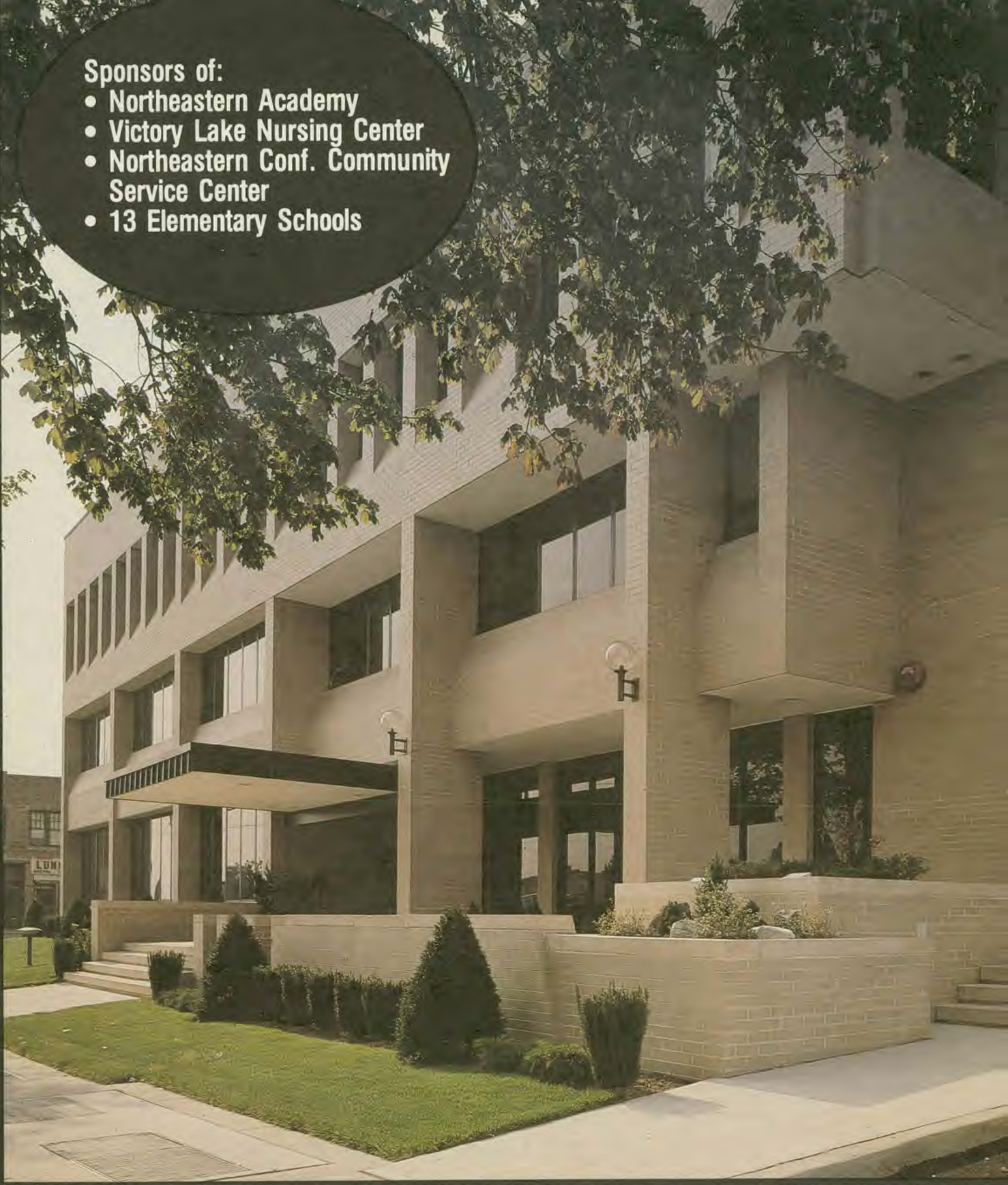
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