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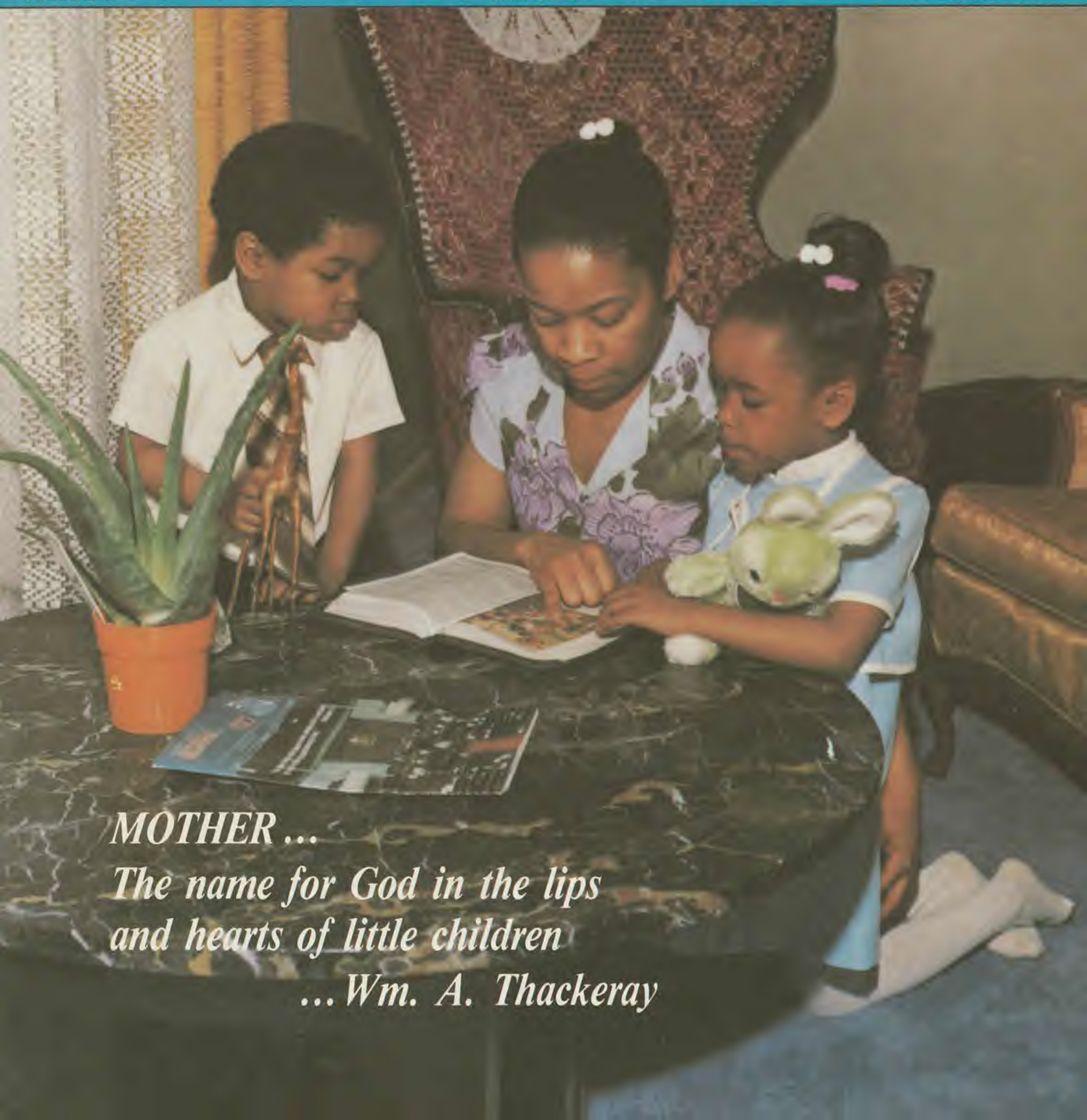


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MOTHER ...

*The name for God in the lips
and hearts of little children*

... Wm. A. Thackeray

COVER STORY

THE ETERNAL INFLUENCE OF A MOTHER

Stephanie D. Johnson

"Many years ago a sick woman lying on a crude pallet, with but a few days to live, dreamed a golden dream. Calling to her only son, a lean, lanky lad, to her bedside, she gazed into his deep dark eyes with her own dim sight and communicated to him her glowing vision and hope.

"Her own years had been few and unfavored. Her life had been occupied by the limitations of a pioneer life. Her castle, a log cabin; her hopes were bound by forest-clad hills and mighty streams—there was no chance for their realization. Her paths led only to deeper enclosures and darker dells. She had dreamed and hoped in vain. Life offered little or no rewards, and the day brought few actual joys.

"Her boy shall know no such imprisonment; he shall burn the barriers which enclosed her, and crash the gates of her imprisonment. In him her dreams shall come true, her hopes enjoy the highest fulfillment.

"Drawing the boy close to her bed she noted the print of the woodland life, and the crudities of their pioneer existence stamped upon his face and form. She despaired for a moment. Touching his brown, coarse cheeks with her soft, white fingers, she caught his gaze and held it with her deep meaningful eyes. Drawing his face close to her own, she whispered the magic words—words that held her dreams: 'My boy, BE somebody.'"

Thus Nancy Hanks planted a golden dream in the soul of Abraham Lincoln. The result is known to the world. These magic words were the golden stairs upon which the son of Nancy Hanks climbed to fame and brought out of a mother's fears and disappointments the realization of a cherished dream.

Nancy Hanks' challenge to her nine-year-old son was not easy to achieve, but dogged persistently won.

"When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature in Illinois and was badly swamped. He entered business, failed, and spent the next 17 years of his life paying the debts of a worthless partner. He was in love with a

beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged. Then she died.

"Entering politics again, he ran for congress and was badly defeated. He then tried to get an appointment to the States Land Office, but failed. In 1856 he became a candidate for the vice-presidency and was again defeated. In 1858 he was defeated for the Senate.

"It's about time you quit trying, isn't it?" inquired a friend.

"No time to quit," was Lincoln's reply. "I'm too busy preparing to make another attempt." Abraham Lincoln wrote his name indelibly in the history of the United States.

"Nancy Hawks' dream came true and her boy became 'somebody'—one of our most beloved Presidents."—Selected from *Quiet Hour Echoes*.

Who can measure the influence of a mother? The prosperity of a nation is dependent upon the character of the mother. Every man who has ever made an eternal contribution to the world can attribute his preeminence to his mother. It is true that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.

Thomas Carlyle remembered that his mother was confident that he would finally make good. John Ruskin's mother had him learn Bible passages every day; he later affirmed that this had made him develop the habit of taking pains, and best of all she introduced him to good literature.

"Oliver Cromwell's mother did the same for him; she also stressed right principles of living so strongly that Oliver understood perfectly his duties to God and man.

"Thomas Edison maintained that his mother had encouraged him in his struggle for success, even though others (including one teacher) had thought him addepleted."

Very few women realize their strength or the depth of their power. God has entrusted them with the supreme honor of molding and shaping lives for eternity. **NO WORK IS MORE IMPORTANT!!!**

I cherish many precious memories of my mother. I have been blessed with one of the most wise, virtuous, industrious and courageous of mothers.

When life for me seemed so unpromising it was my mother who nourished, encouraged, strengthened, and challenged me to reach greater heights. Only eternity will tell the far-reaching influence of my Christian mother and others like her.

Whether we fail or succeed in life is dependent upon our mothers. If we reach some great height or slip into a world of darkness and disappointment is dependent upon our mothers. If we live a noble and unselfish life or if we become a curse on society, it is dependent upon our mothers. **NO ONE IS MORE IMPORTANT!!**

Recently, at a health food store, I picked up a box of Celestial Seasonings tea and ran across the tender story of a woman's influence.

"Fifty years ago a John Hopkins professor gave a group of graduate students this assignment: go to the slums, take 220 boys, investigate their backgrounds and environment, and then predicted their chances for the future. The students concluded that 90% of the boys would spend some time in jail.

"Twenty-five years later another group of graduate students was given the job of testing the prediction. They found that only four of the group had ever been sent to jail.

"How could this be, as these men had lived in a breeding place for crime? The researchers were continually told, 'Well, there was this teacher . . .!' In pressing further they found that in 75% of the cases it was the same woman. The researchers found her living in a home for retired teachers, and asked her how she exerted this remarkable influence. She couldn't say, except to comment: 'I loved those boys . . .'"

Who can measure the far-reaching influence of a loving mother?

PORTRAIT OF A PIONEER MATTIE M. JOHNSON

The progress of the Advent Movement, the building up of churches, schools, etc. was not a job wholly committed to the men of the Church. There have been many strong, consecrated God-fearing women who have forsaken home, friends, relatives, and even the opportunity for marriage to stabilize the Work. One such woman is Miss Mattie Johnson who sacrificed everything so she could receive an eternal reward.

Miss Johnson was born one of nine children on June 21, 1902, in Statesville, North Carolina to Julia and Henry Johnson. Her mother was a devout Methodist who instilled Christian piety and industry within her children. Her mother made all nine children attend Sunday School and Wednesday-Night

Prayer Meeting. The children prompted by their missionary-minded mother always ran errands and brought groceries for the elderly in their community.

One day, a colporteur came to their house and sold Mrs. Johnson two books: *John the Seer On the Isle of Patmos*, and *The Gospel Primer*. Mrs. Johnson began to read these books and she discovered the seventh day was the Sabbath. She along with her two daughters began to keep the Sabbath. They knew of no Sabbath-keeping church in their town; they had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists. Mrs. Johnson resolved to keep the Sabbath. Preparation for the Sabbath would be made on Friday. The clothes were washed; the house cleaned; and the food cooked. On Saturday morning they would begin to keep the Sabbath. They would either sit in the yard or in the house; they would sing and take turns reading to each other. Then on Sunday they would attend the Methodist Church.

For two years, up until Mrs. Johnson's death in 1915, they kept the Sabbath. Mrs. Johnson enjoyed keeping the Sabbath, but her two daughters hated the idea. "To us it was a little bit hard because while other children were out playing, we would have to keep the Sabbath."

When Mattie's mother died, she entered Livingston College in Salisbury, North Carolina and stopped keeping the Sabbath. While Mattie was too young to attend the college, she took courses at a secondary school and stayed in the dormitory. Before her mother died, she had given Livingston College money to educate Mattie to be a missionary in Africa. She didn't care for the idea. "I never wanted to go of my own. Since that was the desire of my mother that is what I pledged to do."

Her life's ambition was "to earn a lot of money. I had a relative who followed the races. Very often, when she came she had a very large supply of money, and she would give my mother money when she came." Mattie remembers her aunt giving her five one dollar bills, and that is when she decided to be a "racetrack follower."

She forsook her cherished ambition, knowing that if she followed the directions of her parents she would never go wrong. For three years she studied intensely to become a junior missionary to

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PUBLISHER'S PAGE



Pastor O. W. Mackey

PASTOR O. W. MACKEY: PORTRAIT OF A LITERATURE EVANGELIST

PART IV

Stephanie D. Johnson

In January, 1946, Odell Mackey completed his tour of duty and returned to America. His experience in Europe had strengthened his commitment to God and laid the foundation for his work as a literature evangelist.

In February, 1946, O. W. Mackey entered the literature evangelism ministry in Birmingham, Alabama. He was trained by Pastor Ewing; encouraged by Pastor H. R. Murphy; and inspired by Pastor W. E. Adams.

At first it was hard and tested his soul, but he refused to give up. He was convinced that this was the work God had called him to.

The first year was so lean that each month he struggled to pay the \$11 rent. His wife Mary was a pillar of strength. She stood beside him and encouraged him in his work.

The following year God rewarded his faith. His deliveries increased a hundredfold. His wife was baptized by Pastor J. Richardson as a result of his Christian example.

After three years in the field, he was appointed associate publishing director for South Central Conference. He left Birmingham, Alabama, in 1950 and went on to solidify the work in Louisville, Kentucky. Here he remained for three years before being called to Nashville, Tennessee.

His wife played a pivotal role in his success. She sold magazines, collected payments and worked as his "associate." She completed her LPN training at the Riverside Sanitarium Practical Nursing School, Nashville, Tennessee.

During his years in South Central he influenced many men and women to enter the literature ministry who would make contributions to the church. Among the many were Dr. M. P. Johnson, Pastors R. LaGrone, T. J. Jackson, J. Marshall, Sandy Robinson, Ted Smith and Robert Smith.

In 1960 he was appointed publishing director for Central States Conference. Under his leadership the work grew and prospered.

In 1963 he returned to South Central Conference as publishing director and remained there until he was appointed associate publishing director of the Southern Union.

After six years, Pastor O. W. Mackey has retired. He has been instrumental in organizing a church in College Park, Georgia, where he and his wife have given Bible studies.

Looking back on his life, he finds he has enjoyed his work as a literature evangelist. He especially enjoyed his work in the union office. It has added a greater dimension to his life.

Like most leaders who have worked in the heat of the day, he sacrificed his personal ambitions of obtaining a higher education to train men and women in literature evangelism. "The men I was training were more important than my personal education." Although he began his collegiate work at Daniel Payne College in Birmingham, Alabama, he never completed his work because he was given a greater work to do.

The key to his success has been "total dedication and total dependence on God. Totally surrendering to God and letting God do it all."

Many pioneers have made contributions and have left impressions on the lives of those who have followed in their footsteps, painting pictures with their lives which have inspired many to aspire to great heights and realize their visions and dreams. In spite of this, none have made such a vivid picture to live on in the hearts and minds of many lives that Pastor Mackey touched in his ministry. PASTOR ODELL W. MACKEY—THE PORTRAIT OF A LITERATURE EVANGELIST!!



Dr. E. E. Cleveland

CLEVELAND'S COMMENTARY ON REAGANOMICS AND THE CHURCH

The proposed Reagan budget aims its heaviest cuts at the programs that benefit the poor. Blacks, hispanics and poor whites will feel the full impact of this economic movement. The nation has not experienced such dramatic changes since Franklin Roosevelt instituted the New Deal in the early thirties. The difference, however, is drastic. Roosevelt was strengthening the economy of the poor, while the proposed Reagan program will substantially undercut the same.

The sales blitz is on. Proponents of the measures are coining such phrases as, "the genuinely poor will not be hurt." Tell me, how do you distinguish between the poor and the "genuinely poor?" The tragedy of it all is that the people making policy know little of experimental poverty. The fact is that the "genuinely poor" don't believe them. Neither do I. You see, I remember the great depression of the thirties. I know who got hurt the most. How do you look a man in the eye and tell him, "this won't hurt you," while taking his food stamps? Or an ex-prisoner on CETA being fired because there is no money? What about elderly medicaid patients facing staggering debts due to hospitalization because the money is short? Or a defenseless prisoner standing before the judge without public defender's money? An angel would have difficulty convincing such people that "the genuinely poor will not be hurt." And along comes Paul Harvey with the suggestions that you "should join us against them."

Blacks are also troubled that heating oil and other petroleum products have been deregulated, making exorbitant price rises possible. And there is no safeguard at the other end, no agency to guarantee that profits will be reinvested in the search for new energy sources. Smoldering cynicism and deep depression describes the mood in the ghetto areas. Knowledgeable leaders fear that this explosive situation may lead to social unrest. In the event that it does, it will involve the black church, for we are situated in the heart of these social "tinderboxes." The church has millions of dollars worth of property invested in poverty-stricken neighborhoods. How can we survive the days ahead?

Let it be said at the outset that if the church had done her duty to the poor from the beginning, this would not now be our problem. True, we have our dorcas societies, community service vans that do an admirable job in emergency situations. But between tornadoes, where are we? I know about the little yellow card, about "hours of Christian help work." I know about the Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets, and the carols. But what's going on between New Year's and Thanksgiving? Don't tell me that "the church is not the Salvation Army." It should be! That is the best definition of the church, the *Salvation Army!*

There needs to be a basic change in our thinking. We need to think in terms of a massive sustained, year-round effort in behalf of the poor, wherever there is a Seventh-day Adventist church. In spite of welfare checks and food stamps, they're out there. In spite of Medicare and neighborhood clinics, they're out there. Classes in reading, writing, math, and hygiene could be held in our churches. The need is there. I did this in Fayetteville, North Carolina, 37 years ago. It worked then. It will work now. There are professionals in our churches who would be glad to help. They could be our greatest asset at this point.

The point is that the church must establish a visible presence at the neighborhood level. It cannot collect monies and send them elsewhere while ignoring the human waste that surrounds it. City governments are getting sensitive about this. Community leaders long ago voiced their growing concerns. There are devastated neighborhoods in America's cities that are equal to "mission lands." The people living in rat-

infested hovels are human. Many churches have fled the cities—and abandoned them to the forces of evil. But there are thousands of Christians living in these landlord-neglected flats who wistfully long for the better life. God has commissioned the black church to reach these millions. Politicians may betray them, but the church must not let them down.

The saints in suburbia may ignore the ghetto by driving around her on ribbons of concrete and steel, but we cannot, for we live there and worship there. Middle-class blacks are accused of forgetting their less fortunate brothers, and there is some degree of truth in this. But we cannot, like the Levite and the priest, walk calmly by with the cries of the needy ringing in our ears. There must be in our day to day programming an agenda for the needy. We must be about this business with all urgency. The lives we save may be our own.

Dr. E. E. Cleveland

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Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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The Editor's Desk

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

May is a time when spring is in full bloom. A wonderful time to be alive! May is also a time when we pay honor to the single most important person in our life—MOTHER.

Ellen White in *Adventist Home* magnifies the position of the mother. "We may safely say that the distinctive duties of women are more sacred, more holy than those of man . . . Her work in the education of her children is in every respect as elevating and ennobling as any post of duty he may be called to fill, even if it be the chief magistrate of the nation."

In light of women's liberation and the changing role of the family, we felt it was paramount that we paid tribute to those women who have not forsaken their duties as Christian mothers to search for worldly honor and praise. **WE SALUTE YOU, MOM!!!**

Dr. Frank W. Hale, vice-provost for minority affairs of Ohio State University and former president of Oakwood College, a brilliant leader and educator, is

seriously ill. Dr. Hale has undergone surgery and is improving as rapidly as humanly possible.

We are asking our readers to pray earnestly along with the *Regional Voice* staff that God will touch Dr. Hale that he may soon be well again.

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TODAY

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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Boston, Mass.	7:59	8:06	8:12	8:17	8:21
New York City	8:08	8:15	8:21	8:26	8:30
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:31	8:38	8:44	8:50	8:54
Atlanta, Ga.	8:31	8:36	8:41	8:45	8:48
Miami, Fla.	7:59	8:03	8:06	8:10	8:12
Charlotte, N.C.	8:21	8:26	8:31	8:35	8:39
Birmingham, Ala.	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:54	7:57
Jackson, Miss.	7:52	7:56	8:01	8:05	8:08
Memphis, Tenn.	7:57	8:02	8:07	8:11	8:15
Louisville, Ky.	8:47	8:53	8:58	9:03	9:06
Detroit, Mich.	8:47	8:54	9:01	9:06	9:10
Chicago, Ill.	8:03	8:10	8:16	8:21	8:25
South Bend, Indiana	7:58	8:05	8:11	8:16	8:20
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:35	8:43	8:50	8:56	9:00
St. Louis, Mo.	8:06	8:12	8:17	8:22	8:26
Kansas City, Mo.	8:24	8:30	8:36	8:41	8:45
Denver, Co.	8:07	8:13	8:19	8:24	8:30
Little Rock, Ark.	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:19	8:22
Dallas, Texas	8:19	8:24	8:29	8:33	8:36
New Orleans, La.	7:46	7:51	7:55	7:58	8:01
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:03	8:08	8:13	8:17	8:21
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:28	8:33	8:38	8:42	8:46

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

THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

ALLEGHENY WEST



Conference administrators, left to right, are K. S. Smallwood, secretary; W. G. McDonald, treasurer, and H. L. Cleveland, president.

MANAGEMENT BY OBJECTIVES

Management by objectives was the underlying principle for Pastor H. L. Cleveland's search (under God) to develop an equitable recognition awards program for Allegheny West workers.

The idea is to inspire a wholesome spirit of competition as workers advance toward the primary goal of all conferences to "finish the work."

Four years have passed since the Lord gave Cleveland this "Incentive Award Program." Since that time, God has richly blessed the conference.

As a pastor for 21 years, Cleveland could clearly discern the need of "effectively creating unity within the conference team."

"The program is equitable," according to Pastor Cleveland. "It allows a minister to compete against himself from year to year. The man in the smallest district can acquire the same points as the man in the largest district if he applies himself diligently to his ministerial calling, yet at the same time

takes into consideration the ministers' individual circumstances.

While we all know the work of the ministry is unto God and not man, as human instruments we all appreciate from time to time peer respect and administrative appreciation for a job well done.

All conference activities are given emphasis under this program along with an over-all worker's evaluation.

This Incentive Awards Program has helped bring a new sense of pride for God's work to the ministerial staff, while still trying to explore the most effective ways in executing the work of God for the salvation of humanity and the finishing of God's work on the earth.

1981 AWARDS

Name of Award

G. E. Peters Award

Points	Worker
1,614	S. T. Lewis
1,602	D. W. Baker
1,515	D. W. Trusty
1,505	S. G. Cole

J. G. Thomas Awards

Points	Worker
1,488	P. L. Jennings
1,391	A. L. Teele
1,350	B. Griffith
1,287	T. Phillips
1,236	E. L. Thoms

F. L. Peterson Award

Points	Worker
1,138	J. C. Palmer
1,118	J. C. Smith
1,112	E. Brown

T. M. Rowe Award

Points	Worker
1,083	J. O. Best
1,033	J. E. Johnson
985	G. E. Anderson
983	J. H. Lester
980	H. C. Brewer
952	F. M. Davis

L. H. Bland Award

Points	Worker
851	J. A. Fields
839	G. L. Jackson

C. M. Kinney Award

Points	Worker
727	J. D. Lee

Consolidation Award

Points	Worker
508	L. B. Shepherd

E. M. Cleveland
Correspondent



Allegheny West Conference workers. Visiting speaker W. L. Woodfork, field secretary for the General Conference, is first on left.



Congratulations to Man of the Year D. W. Trusty. Left to right are W. L. Wright, C. R. Rogers, K. S. Smallwood, D. W. Trusty, H. L. Cleveland and W. G. McDonald.



The four highest point-getters and administrators are, left to right, McDonald, Smallwood, S. G. Cole, S. T. Lewis, D. W. Trusty, D. W. Baker, H. L. Cleveland. (See point chart.)



Participants during the special Sabbath services held at Bethel church.

SPECIAL SERVICES HELD AT BETHEL

Under the leadership of Ina Berry, community service leader for the Bethel church of Kansas City, Kansas, a special Sabbath service was held to extend Adventism to the community and dedicate several men of the church to the Lord's service.

Larry Williams, a ministerial student from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, was the guest speaker. Larry emphasized the problems that faced people in Bible times are very similar to problems we face today. In every situation, he admonished that God provides help to the sincere believer in overcoming difficulties. Larry is the son of Bethel member Shirley Platt.

Pastors James White and P. C. Winley presented six young men to the Lord for dedication and ordination into local church service. Those ordained were: Daniel Conwell, local elder; Wayne Harvey, Paul Mobiley, Wayne Robinson, Gordon Thomas and Wesley Thomas as deacons.

A baptismal service was also conducted with five individuals prepared to enter the water. When Pastor White made his sermon appeal, three more precious souls accepted Christ and were baptized that day. Thirteen members have been added to the Bethel church since January 1.

The senior citizens of Bethel are planning to help beautify the church. They conducted Sabbath services to make known their plans. Pastor P. C. Winley was the speaker. Special recognition was given to Pastor and Mrs. V. L. Lindsay, retired minister and not recent pastor of the Maranatha church in Kansas City, Kansas.

The afternoon program was presented by the senior citizens, including

the vesper sermon. The church membership is very happy about the commitment of its senior members.

Mazie Mitchell
Communication Secretary

FRANK E. JACKSON, JR. IS DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT FOR IBM

The responsibility of directing office product regional management for approximately 1600 managers and employees for OP Region 12 is the job of Office Products Regional Personnel Manager Frank E. Jackson, Jr.

Region 12 is comprised of branch locations in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, portions of Illinois, Tennessee, Alabama, and Texas. Jackson's office is located on the third floor suite of IBM offices on Ward Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri.

Frank Jackson's activities include interpreting and directing the administration of personnel policies and practices, monitoring and evaluating job satisfaction, serving as point of appeal for employees, interacting with other divisional personnel departments, directing the training and measurement of Equal Opportunities programs, investigating all discrimination charges, and assessing recommended policy practices for appropriateness.

These duties keep Jackson on the road or in an airplane 80 percent of the time. He is on call to personnel literally 24 hours a day.



Frank Jackson in his Kansas City office.

Frank has extensive training in the Office Products Division. He joined IBM as an OP Customer Engineer in 1965. In March of 1966 he was transferred to the Sacramento branch office of OP. Leading up to his present position, Frank has served as product planner in Lexington, Kentucky; marketing manager in Los Angeles, California; personnel programs manager for Western Region in Oakland, California, and manager of Equal Opportunity Information. He has been OP Region 12 Personnel Manager since March of 1978.

Along with being a very competent and successful business executive, Frank Jackson is extremely active and dedicated to the work of the church. He has served as Sabbath school teacher, church musician, choir director, and local elder. He was church choir director in Los Angeles and Oakland, California for a number of years. He has initiated, participated and maintained a number of musical groups, especially quartets. Playing the organ and piano is not just a pastime for Frank. He has taught and arranged music for quartets, ensembles, and choirs for more than 25 years. His musical talents have been shared with such individuals as Walter Kozak, Andrew Mitchell, Kenneth Jackson (his brother) and Arthur Washington, all from the west coast. He is presently head elder and assistant choir director for the Beacon Light SDA Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

To say that he is dedicated to his work, his church and his family is an understatement. He has boundless energy and is a very sincere Christian



Bethany Jackson in her KU Medical Center office.

gentleman with a pleasant sense of humor. All you have to do is talk to Frank for just a few minutes and you are engulfed with his infectious, gregarious personality.

Frank Jackson's college education began at Oakwood in 1945. In 1948 he went to Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, to work toward a BA degree in sociology and music. Several years later, Frank entered a four-year electronics mechanic apprenticeship at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, California. From this training, he entered personnel development programs in Riverdale and Sterling Forest, New York; Southbury, Connecticut, and finally Suffern, New York.

Frank Jackson's community and professional involvement has been outstanding. He has been a counselor for the Lexington, Kentucky, Family Advisory Program; a career planning coordinator for the Los Angeles city school system; a member of the Los Angeles Urban League Advisory Board; a member of the TALL Project Advisory Board in Kansas City (this is a program designed to train the severely handicapped for work); and a member of the American Society for Personnel Administration and Management of Greater Kansas City.

Frank Jackson is married to the former Bethany Laurence who has just completed her masters degree in nutrition at the University of Kansas Medical Center. The Jacksons have two sons and three daughters. Marilyn was recently married in Los Angeles to Adrian Clansy; Frank III works for Occidental Life in Los Angeles; Carrie is a teacher at Dupont Park School in Washington, D.C.; Daria lives in Sylmar, California; and Carty is a sophomore at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

If this is not enough, Frank Jackson still finds time to play softball and table tennis. He likes to spent time working crossword puzzles, reading and collecting books, driving, photography, and choir directing.

God had given Frank a rich and full life. It is a privilege knowing him. His life is an excellent testimony to Matthew 6:33. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

William R. Wright
Communication Director



Ronald Cooper begins his busy day as a literature evangelist.

TESTIMONY OF A LITERATURE EVANGELIST

In a recent interview with Ronald Cooper, Kansas City, Kansas, I asked Ron to give a realistic picture of his special work for which he has dedicated his life.

Ron feels this occupation is not for everyone. A literature evangelist works on commission (which means commissioned by God to reach all sectors of the populations) with the main goal being to do the work God would have one do. The monetary commission on the books is secondary. Primary for Ron is not just to make a living, but the opportunity to sell a product that could eventually help someone gain salvation. For example, Ron sells books which contain Bible stories for children, Bible readings for the home, books on healthful living, and many inspirational books written by Ellen G. White.

Ron feels to be qualified for this work, one must love the Lord, be humble and patient. He has learned to organize his time and discipline himself to set goals and meet them.

One of the most inspiring experiences Ron has had as a literature evangelist was when he tried to sell his father several books. After numerous attempts in approaching his father, Ron was unsuccessful. This bothered him. Ron's father soon died from a long bout with cancer. Upon examining his father's library, Ron found books by Ellen G. White. Ron examined the books closely and to his gratification found that his father had been reading them. Just that fact heightened his spirits, knowing another literature evangelist was able to

sell his father books where he had failed. Hopefully, this gave his father the opportunity to learn more of God's truth.

Ron loves his work and is looking forward to seeing many precious souls in heaven as a result of dedicated labors on this earth.

Robert Thompson
Assistant Communication Secretary
Linwood Boulevard Temple

OBITUARY

It is a fitting tribute that the body of John Lucas, Sr., be accorded the singular honor of being first to repose in the Civic Arena in St. Joseph, Missouri, for the public to pay its respect.

John Lucas, Sr., died Wednesday morning, March 11, 1981, en route to the hospital. He was a member of Emmanuel SDA Church and a very trusted member of local city government.

In 1970, Lucas was the first black Seventh-day Adventist ever elected to the St. Joseph City Council. He was re-elected in 1974 and 1978. At the time of his death at 55, he was, among other things, director of the East Side Human Resources Center, local elder at Emmanuel, honorary Pathfinder leader for the Central Adventist Youth Federation, and promoter of youth activities within the church and community.

A graduate of Bartlett High School, Lucas worked over 30 years in the wholesale fruit industry. He served three years with the Army in World War II. John Lucas' Christianity was demonstrated many times as a leader in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and as a city official. When once asked if he preferred to be called a "black" or "Negro," he replied, "I want to be called John." That surely provided the best insight into the man who had served all people of his church and community to the very day of his death.

To friends, he was "Big John." He had long suffered from an ailment which required dialysis treatment, yet he managed to attend council meetings, regularly serve on the Central States Conference Youth Ministry Council, and lead out in Pathfinder work for the Central AY Federation.

The Central States family along with city officials and his family feel a loss in the death of Big John Lucas.

Julia Williams
Communication Secretary



Marcus Harris, assistant pastor, Straford Memorial.

YOUTH DAY AT STRAFORD

The Chicago Straford Memorial SDA Church recently held a youth day. Using the theme of "Life, Love and Happiness," Marcus Harris, assistant pastor, and Tyrone Barnes and Ollie Smith, who have completed theological requirements, each took one topic from the theme and presented it in message to the youth.

The weekend was well attended and youth took an active part in every service. The church choir supported the youth and sang for each service. Preparations for the next youth day include the introduction of the newly-formed youth choir.

Crystal R. Drake
Correspondent

EAST CHICAGO HOLDS WEEK OF PRAYER

"If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy, let Jesus come into your heart," were the words in the theme song used during the spirit-filled week of prayer held March 15-21 at Bethel church in East Chicago, Indiana.

The services were conducted by John Grier, pastor. Georgia Coleman and Willie Frazier were guest soloists for the week. Geraldine Clark, Adventist youth leader, presented Michael Duncan with a trophy for his speech on better living at the closing service.

Magdalene McNair
Communication Secretary



Left: Naomi Oglesby, president. Center: Helen Reid presenting check to Alvin Barnes, Principal Peterson (\$1,500) and Pastor Benjamin Browne, City Temple, \$6,000 for parking lot while the other members look on.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE CLUB MAKES PRESENTATION TO PETERSON ACADEMY

Recently the Friendship Circle Club of the City Temple Church, in Detroit, Michigan, presented to the Frank L. Peterson School in Inkster, Michigan, a check for \$1,500 to be used as the school board deems necessary. The presentation was made by Helen Reid, recording secretary of Friendship Circle, and was received by Alvin Barnes, principal.

Throughout the years the club has contributed thousands of dollars to the school.

The Friendship Club was organized on March 1, 1949, and consisted of fourteen charter members who united to pursue missionary endeavors and to serve as Christ served. Two of the original members, Ernesting Elliott and Carrie Foster, are still active in the club.

Besides giving generously to Peterson School and their local church, the group pays tuition for students needing financial assistance, assists with rent for those unable to pay, sponsors young people to summer camp, distributes numerous food baskets to the needy and helps train boys and girls to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Once a year the club gives a tea to help promote the work that they are

doing. On October 19, 1980, the club presented their 27th annual tea.

Elsie R. Knox
Communication Secretary

NEWS NOTES

An achievement banquet was held at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights, Illinois, to award the diligence of the In-gathering achievers and to promote Christian education. This event, sponsored by the Reid Memorial Church in East St. Louis, Illinois, was directed by Mildred Kirk and Mamie Davis.

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Coordinators Donna Brown, Lovey Barnes and Dianne Sharp recently sponsored a fashion show to raise funds toward the purchase of choir robes, according to Diana Irby, communication secretary for the Reid Memorial Church in East St. Louis, Illinois.

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Joseph Richardson, communication secretary for the Conant Garden Church in Detroit, Michigan, reports that Charles D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, recently delivered an inspirational message at the Conant church to encourage them in their goal of securing a church home.

EPHESUS HOSTS EVENING OF PRAISE

At 5:30 p.m. on the last sabbath of 1980, New York City's Ephesus Adventist Youth Society presented a musical program entitled "Musical Melodies." The featured guests were the Johnson Family Singers from Babylon, Long Island.

Among the other singing groups were the Larkettes, the Children's Chorale and the Ephesus Youth Church Choir. Black Essence, another group from Long Island, also sang several numbers.

The Junior A.Y.S. gave a brief wrap-up of their activities for the year. Vera Spellman, leader, presented several juniors with special gifts for their consistent participation. Immediately following this program, the Sabbath school department and the Adventist Youth Society sponsored their annual holiday party.

Marie Sampson Brown, Sabbath school superintendent, awarded certificates and medallions to more than 75 students and teachers for perfect attendance, punctuality and outstanding service.

The A.Y.S. awarded approximately 75 certificates and trophies to A.Y.S. associate leaders, supporters, and sports participants. James Stewart, A.Y.S. leader, and Sonia Freeland, associate leader, presented trophies to the Ephesus volleyball team, including team members from the French church. Pastor Leon Cox assisted Joseph Merriweather, John Tillman and Carl Donovan in presenting the basketball and softball trophies respectively. Lois Wesley, Bible Bowl coach, presented trophies to the Bible Bowl teams for 1979-80.

To cap off the presentations, James Stewart was given a plaque for his "untiring efforts and outstanding service to the Ephesus youth." He served as Adventist Youth leader from 1976-1980. John Campbell has assumed the leadership for 1981.

In addition to the award presentations, there were more songs and poems. Among the highlights of the evening were the songs presented by the French church. They sang several songs in French, including an arrangement of "Love Lifted Me."



Summit Climbers Pathfinders enjoying the banquet.

JACKSON PATHFINDERS BANQUET GUESTS

The Summit Climbers Pathfinder Club of Jackson, Michigan, were both guests and sponsors of a banquet. The Pathfinders prepared all the food and decorated the gymnasium where the banquet was held. Thirty persons attended this special occasion. Percy Swan is the Pathfinder leader.

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR HELD AT CITY TEMPLE

The Lake Region Conference Departmental Seminar was held at the Detroit City Temple church on February 6-8, 1981, and was directed by Samuel Flagg, stewardship director, and James C. Wray, Sabbath school lay activities director.

The sessions included seminars for stewardship and Sabbath school superintendents, Sabbath school secretaries, teachers and division leaders, lay activities, community services and lay evangelism leaders.

A highlight for the seminar was a sermon by Dr. E. E. Cleveland who spoke on the subject, "In the Mount of the Lord, It Shall Be Seen."

Elsie R. Knox
Communication Secretary

CANDLELIGHT INDUCTION AT CALVIN CENTER

A candlelight induction service was held at the Calvin Center SDA Church on March 14 for the induction of fifteen new members to the Pathfinder Club.

The lighting of a candle was used to represent the spirit of Pathfinding. This spirit was the spirit of adventure, fun, learning, comradery, awareness and awakening, and above all, a spirit of reverence and service to God and man.

The new members pledged to keep the light of Jesus shining by having daily prayer and personal study, being temperate, honest, courteous and obedient, being reverent in the sanctuary, cheerful and happy and willing to share their faith.

They also made a vow of dedication to be faithful Pathfinders and were declared acceptable members of the Bobcat Club of the Lake Region Conference by their leaders, Robert and Ruby Minisee. Nancy Lindo prayed the prayer of consecration.

Laura Rasch
Communication Secretary

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

—Romans 8:2

Assistant A.Y. Leader Caroline Jones coordinated the musical program. Willie Bethea and Lucette Hutchinson gave an added zest to the party in their role as emcees. All of the participants, planning committee and helpers are to be commended for making this night a very special evening of praise.

John H. Tillman
Correspondent

ALICE WEEKS CELEBRATES 101ST BIRTHDAY

Alice Weeks celebrated her 101st birthday on November 29, 1980. A native of Trinidad, West Indies, she presently resides in New York City.

She has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for 49 years and currently holds membership at the East New York Church in Brooklyn, New York.



Alice Weeks, a century plus one.

EPHESUS GOES TO VICTORY LAKE

The annual Adventist Youth Society retreat is always a special "treat" for Ephesus and friends. The most recent retreat was held at Victory Lake Camp in Hyde Park, New York, where members were able to get closer to God through nature and reflect on life in the quietude of the night while the wood crackled in the bonfire.

One important point taught, learned and never to be forgotten was that even though we should not be "getting ready" spiritually, we should be ready now! Deacon Sidney Nicholson, speaker for the Sabbath morning service, stressed the fact that "if we fully commit our lives to Christ and look to Him for strength, we can say with assurance, *we are ready now!*" "Therefore, be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44.

Hidden talents were discovered as Janet Jacobs gave special thoughts for Friday night's Moonlight Vespers. Kevin Hill and Al Stewart photographed the events. Connie Bennett sang a solo, and many others shared their "talents" at the exciting "Steppin' Out In The 50's" social!

Diana Peters, a new member of Ephesus and a first-time retreat participant describes her experiences as follows: "It was for me a most happy and spiritually uplifting experience at Victory Lake with the A.Y.S. retreat."



Alice Weeks and friend share memories.

The retreat was coordinated by the Ephesus A.Y.S. Council. Plans are now being made for a "fall" retreat!

Lenora V. Cannegieter
Reporter

BETHANY SETS PLANS FOR THE YEAR

The year 1981 for the Bethany SDA Church of Westbury, Long Island, New

York, promises to be an exciting year!

Under the capable leadership of Pastor Ralph Williams, members are being revitalized to share their faith with others.

Plans are being laid to build a new church. The members are committed to reaching the highest heights with God's guidance.

Stephen Blue
Communication Secretary



The Hannon family, recently baptized members of the Lebanon SDA Church, Laurelton (Queens), New York.



Mary Holyfield

AN OPEN LETTER TO DR. DESMOND FORD

Dear Dr. Ford:

In answer to your report concerning Mrs. E. G. White—as a false prophet.

How could you skip all of her phenomenal exercises which truly point to a true prophet, and because of her inadequacy in education, read other men's writings to determine how to arrange what she had seen in vision? You call her a false prophet.

God does not associate Himself with truth mixed with error. For this cause, she skipped over the untruth in other writings and wrote only those things she knew to be true from her visions. If she was copying what others thought, she would not have known what was truth or error.

Further, how do we know Mrs. White to be a true prophet? Although the devil can perform many miracles, he cannot give life. Therefore, he cannot keep a person's heart beating and blood flowing through the body without breath. If he takes our breath, we will die. That's why God told the devil not to take the breath out of Job. Also, Mrs. White pointed out a false prophet before her communications were made known to anyone. In fact, most of her prophecies have been fulfilled, except "God's people in the time of trouble."

Every church of God has had a prophet from Moses down to our generation. Miriam was a prophetess for Moses, Debra in Israel, Anna and Phillip's daughters in the New Testament and Mrs. E. G. White for the "remnant."

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

When the Shepherd is ready, He will go any distance to find one missing sheep. This story is not a mission story from a far-away land but right here at Lebanon church in Laurelton (Queens), New York, where a family of five was baptized in January of 1981.

The story is that of Marlene Hannon and her family. Hannon, as you may or may not know, is the daughter of Florence Davis who operates the Adventist Book Center on Merrick Boulevard, St. Albans, New York. Marlene Hannon was brought up a Seventh-day Adventist, attended SDA schools and, therefore, knows the message. However, on becoming a woman, Marlene decided she would "do her own thing," which meant getting away from the Adventist teachings. She married Richard Lee Hannon, had three sons: Richard Jr., Peter, and Douglas, and never told her family anything about the Lord's Sabbath nor the Lord's health program. Marlene fed her family everything. As for herself she could not go to sleep at night without first having a cigarette.

The still, small voice of God would speak to Marlene at times through exchange of visits with her mother. However, when the visiting was over, the voice disappeared. One day on an errand for her mother which took her to

Corona SDA Church, Corona, New York, she met God. There was no service; the church was quiet and peaceful. The peace of God which surpasseth all understanding rested, remained and is now abiding with her, her good husband and their children.

Alone with God, Marlene was converted. She made up her mind that at a certain date she would tell her family of her intentions to live for Jesus. When she did tell them, they thought she was having a dream. They could not visualize "Mom" giving up smoking and all the other "fun" in her life. But they soon learned that with God all things are possible indeed.

When we reflect on Hannon's life and her early Christian upbringing, our minds revert to that scripture which says that if we train a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not depart from it. God cannot tell a lie. Mrs. Hannon did not depart from her early Christian teachings but merely wandered astray. But the Gentle Shepherd knows His sheep, for He found Marlene and brought her back to the fold where her mother, Florence Davis, was identifying with Christ and where she and her family too would identify with the precious Savior.

Baron O. Levy
Communication Secretary

For God says to the law and to the testimonies, "If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Since you claim Mrs. White to be a false prophet, then who is the prophet for the "remnant?"

When the Millerite movement failed, you said that Mrs. White taught they had misinterpreted Daniel's revelation and that Christ left one heavenly apartment to go to another. It was Hiram Edson who had a vision while crossing a field, "when the heavens opened and he saw Christ leave the Holy Place and go into the Most Holy Place," not Mrs. White. You say Christ has more to do than turn pages to investigate Christian lives. If He does not investigate, how will He know who is to be in the first resurrection, and who is to remain for a thousand years—to come up in the second resurrection?

You said her interpretations are not supported by the Scriptures. You well know this to be false. You said no scholar would believe this. Don't forget that Christ hid the gospel from the wise and the prudent and gave it to fools and babes.

Also, His death on the cross would not eliminate the investigative judgment, since His death was to save you *from* sin—not *in* sin. Only those who have turned from sin will His death save. Therefore, the investigative judgment is of necessity.

Be careful how you call God's servant a liar.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mary Holyfield,
Bible Instructor
Northeastern Conference

COOKING AND NUTRITION CLASS HELD AT FLATBUSH SCHOOL

If you attended the vegetarian workshop and were wondering how vegetarians got along without meat, now you know. On March 14 and 15, 150 persons gathered at the Flatbush school to hear Rose Webber instruct and demonstrate *New Taste Sensations* in protein-rich dishes.

"Some people think when you stop eating meat you won't have any protein entrees" says Ronald Hall, coordinator and temperance director. This is not true. There are many other good

sources, and by going to these original sources for protein, one eliminates from his diet many of the poisons present in second-hand sources, such as meat.

"Not only that," Linni Peterson adds, but "I've lost 45 pounds since I've been on a vegetarian diet and I feel terrific." Our church teaches that living without meat is the more healthful way and recent scientific reports prove this to be true. The most recent is a report on the higher incidence of cancer of the colon among beef-eaters than among vegetarians.

God has given our church the ability to spin the soybean and produce protein. Of course, one must not expect these protein entrees to be appetizing until you have mastered the art of preparing them. Once you have learned to like these vegetarian dishes, meat tends to lose its appeal.

This is the first in a series of workshops to be conducted at the Flatbush church.

John F. Guy
Pastor

GOD STILL PERFORMS MIRACLES

In the city of Boston, Massachusetts, there is a devoted Bible instructor named Ida Hanks who has been working in the area since 1972. During February 1980, she felt discomfort in the region of her stomach which led her to get a checkup. The doctor was very concerned and suggested hospitalization right away. But she didn't see light in taking his advice because she had many things she wanted to do. The doctor said he would give her two or three days to think about it. After thinking about it, she decided not to be admitted to the hospital. She called the doctor who said the decision was hers—but that it was very important it be taken care of at this time for, upon reexamination, he found that it was a fibroid tumor.

About three weeks went by and Ida felt increasing discomfort in the area of the tumor, legs and other parts of her body. Meanwhile, she was praying sincerely that God would remove the tumor without surgery or human intervention. As she continued praying, she checked herself to see if she was doing all the things that God wanted her to do—that she was pleasing God. But after three weeks she still had not

received an answer from God. The discomfort at that time became unbearable, so she called the doctor and pleaded with him to admit her into the hospital. The doctor advised her to return for another checkup and upon examination found that the tumor had



Ida Hanks, Bible instructor.

grown much larger in size. She was admitted the next day and surgery was scheduled for the following day, Thursday. After a series of tests, it entered Ida's mind that she should call for the elders of the church. She spoke to the minister and the elders came to the hospital the evening before surgery and had earnest prayer with her.

Although Ida had pleaded with God sincerely, it seemed as if He had not answered her in the way she expected Him to answer, therefore, she felt she must go through with the operation. Early the next morning the doctor came for the final examination. It was then that the doctor discovered that the tumor had disappeared. Excitedly, he called the surgeon. She was taken to the operating room and yes—it was true—a miracle had been performed—she had been healed by God!! She couldn't stop praising God!!

Ida knows now, truly, the meaning of the song, "He Touched Me and Made Me Whole."

Helen Drumgo
Communication Secretary

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

Africa. Her trustees thought it would be best to send her to Johannesburg, South Africa, where she could complete her studies and work as a missionary.

Those plans were abruptly changed. "One summer when I was home an evangelistic effort was conducted near my home. I went there several times to listen to the singing. After singing, I heard preaching. Eventually, they reached the Sabbath Truth, and it was presented (in a) very spectacular (way). It aroused my interest. . . . this is the thing my mother had been trying to live up to. I was getting a broader concept of what it meant to keep the Sabbath. I made up my mind that one day I would become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I didn't plan to right at this time."

She dropped out of Livingston College after she decided to become an Adventist. For the next two years, she worked for the Golden Memorial Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina registering the young people who took classes at the church.

With the death of her father in 1917, she made her home in Winston-Salem. One day while she was at home, a lady came by selling books, but Mattie did not purchase the books. Later on, she was visiting Mrs. Annie Warren when the same lady, Mrs. Janie Huntley came by selling books. This time, she bought the *Christian Sabbath* for twenty-five cents, and Mrs. Huntley gave her a book entitled, *Spiritualism vs. Christianity*. She read the book on the Sabbath and the Holy Spirit moved upon her heart. "Then I couldn't get away from it. I must join the Seventh-day Adventist Church!"

She began attending Church and in 1920, she was baptized by Elder B. W. Abney. In those days, it usually took six months to a year before they would baptize you. "You had to prove yourself before you were baptized. . . . They kept up with your attendance at church." Every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday night, services were held and the baptismal candidates were expected to attend. "Everyone in the Adventist Church taught you. There was no stone left unturned."

When Mattie decided to join the church, her brother, Augustus became bitter and hostile. "He couldn't see the light in that, and of course, he informed the others of the family what I was doing." Because of Mattie's beliefs, she



Mattie Johnson

was put out of the house.

She moved in with Mrs. Warren, and got a job at a local company.

In the year that she was baptized, she went to Greensboro, North Carolina, where Elder Abney was conducting a meeting. She went to encourage her aunt and cousin to attend. When she arrived, she found her cousin a baptismal candidate. She did volunteer work in the effort and gained valuable experience working alongside Alice Martin, the Bible Instructor.

She returned to Winston-Salem where Mrs. Maude Bookhart, Associate MV leader for the Carolina Conference was taking a survey of the Youth. She took an interest in Mattie and finally convinced her to go to Oakwood College, in Huntsville, Alabama.

In 1921, Mattie went to Oakwood and studied for a year. She returned home and received a teaching appointment in Wilmington, North Carolina. During the summer months she returned to Oakwood. She was a one-woman school house, and taught first through eighth grade students every subject imaginable; from religion to woodwork. For her services, she received fifty dollars a month.

After two years in Wilmington, she was called to Sumpter, South Carolina; then LaGrange, North Carolina. In the winter months, she taught school and in the summer she worked as a Bible Instructor, and Pianist for the tent efforts. She was a member of the crusade that built the Durham, North Carolina Church, under Elder J. S. Green.

She was appointed Assistant Bible Instructor for the Charleston, South Carolina Church. "The Bible Instructor

was sent from church to church where there were no pastors. She was sent to help churches raise ingathering goals, conduct the week of prayer, if the church was at a low spiritual ebb, they would conduct revival meetings. The Bible Instructor did pastoral work; she sat on the Church Board, attended the business meeting, and spoke during the eleven o'clock hour." Here, she remained for six years.

Her ministry ended in the South, because she had to come to New York in 1933 and take care of her sick sister. She attended the East Side Mission and worked along with the minister. The minister of that Mission apostasized and she was asked by Elder G. E. Peters to hold down the mission until they could get a Bible Instructor. Miss Johnson did much to stabilize the mission. It soon became a church under the Greater New York Conference.

When Northeastern Conference was organized she was one of the persons who formed the nucleus for City Tabernacle. Under Elder Singleton's administration, she served for eleven years as Bible Instructor for the Linden Boulevard Seventh-day Adventist Church. She remained there until she could no longer visit the people. While working as a Bible Instructor, she was also President of the Health and Welfare Service of the Northeastern Conference. She received the title "Bishop Johnson" because she was the only woman to speak at every church in Northeastern Conference.

In 1972, she became Assistant Director of the Community Services Center, in Corona, New York. Until her retirement in October 1979, she served in this capacity. Today, she is still actively engaged in helping others, and states "whatever I can do, wherever I can be of service, that is my life today."

Many pioneers have made contributions, and left impressions on the lives of those who have followed in their footsteps, painting pictures with their lives which have inspired many to aspire to great heights and realize their visions and dreams. In spite of this, few have made such an eternal contribution or pointed such a vivid picture to live on in the hearts and minds of the many lives that Miss Johnson touched during her ministry. Miss Mattie Mae Johnson—The Portrait of a Pioneer!

Stephanie Johnson



Dr. and Mrs. Cleveland and elders of the South Park Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

RAISING THE BANNER AT SOUTH PARK

During the summers of 1978 and 1979 Pastors E. E. Cleveland and W. J. Cleveland conducted successful tent meetings in Birmingham, Alabama, during which more than 300 persons were baptized into the Ephesus church. This produced a serious problem of overcrowding.

While vacationing in Washington, D.C. in the fall of 1979, W. J. Cleveland conceived the idea of a second strong church in the western area of Birmingham. He talked with President Dudley, who in turn, took the matter to the conference committee which, after much prayer and study, endorsed the plan.

On January 19, 1980, President Dudley organized the South Park Seventh-day Adventist Church with a membership of 250. For seven months the church met in the Sardis Baptist church. During the summer of 1980 E. E. Cleveland conducted another tent meeting which resulted in the baptism of 125 new members.

On October 3, 1980, a religious complex consisting of a sanctuary, which



Drs. E. E. Cleveland, C. E. Dudley and W. J. Cleveland at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

seats 650, an educational building, and an eight-room parsonage was purchased for \$284,000.

Ribbon-cutting and opening services were held November 8 through 15 with Pastors C. E. Dudley, E. E. Cleveland and W. J. Cleveland officiating. The present membership of the South Park church now stands at 375.

Rita Cleveland
Correspondent



South Park congregation after Sabbath worship.

NATCHEZ HAS DEDICATION

Conference officials, former pastors, members and friends came to Natchez, Mississippi, on the weekend of February 7, 1981, to join with the pastor, Dr. LeRoy Hemingway, and the members of Triumph SDA Church in their church dedication celebration.

James Edson White sailed his 'Morning Star' boat down the Mississippi in 1895 and docked at Natchez. He taught the people to read, write and serve the Lord. A strong work for blacks was established in those days. Some of the persons whose roots are in Natchez were Dr. Ruth Temple, the first black student to graduate from Loma Linda University, and Dr. C. A. Dent, a moving spirit of the Riverside Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, for the past 30 years.

White's school was the first to be established for blacks in this city in those days after the civil war. It is said that Natchez was one of the queen cities of the world during the nineteenth century. Six of the wealthiest people in the nation lived there during those days. Adventist people had a good influence in the city. But unfortunately, the members died or moved to other places and the church for blacks was no more.

The year 1972 was an historical year for the church in Natchez. S. J. Jackson and his team of workers returned to this city and conducted an evangelistic cru-



Natchez, Mississippi, church dedication.

sade from which 110 persons were baptized. E. D. Jackson came to become the minister for the group and help establish them in the faith. He purchased land for a new building before moving to another charge.

A. Maycock and W. O. Freeman constructed the building (literally) before leaving the flock. P. N. Smith later served as the minister in this city and broadened the base by establishing two other churches in the district, one at Fayetteville and another at Woodville, Mississippi. T. L. Hemingway, the present leader for this historic congregation, is being blessed of God to make the influence of adventism felt in the city once again.

February 7 was a day of rejoicing. Representatives and leaders of most of the old established churches along with persons from the Natchez Junior College, a black institution, conference officials, and pastors from across the conference joined in the dedication services. A day in history to be remembered.



Pastor Butler, Enid Kathan and Bonita Dudley at musical recital.

ENID KATHAN PERFORMS AT RIVERSIDE CHAPEL

Enid Kathan, a world renowned concert pianist, recently gave a benefit concert at the Riverside Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee for the F. H. Jenkins School.

Kathan, a staff member at the Peabody College of Music, has appeared before audiences of music lovers around the world. She responded to a request from Bonita Dudley, minister of music at Riverside, to grace their community with her talents. Pictured is Pastor X. Butler, along with Kathan and Dudley.



Lexington, Kentucky, mortgage burning.

LEXINGTON HOLDS MORTGAGE BURNING CELEBRATION

One of the greatest blessings that comes to a congregation is the mortgage burning. This was realized in Lexington, Kentucky, on Sabbath, February 21, when members, friends of the community and church leaders came together for this celebration.

In 1973 L. W. Williams led the members of the Lima Drive SDA Church in a building venture that was long to be remembered. The members had worshipped in a small frame structure at Fifth and Upper Streets since the days when evangelist J. H. Laurence was blessed to establish the work at the turn of the century. The old building has served its purpose—a move was needed.

A lovely brick structure was erected on the beltway of the city. Several pastors followed Williams after the construction—J. W. McCoy, G. Penick, W. J. Mitchell, C. C. Cuningham, R. D. Taylor, and then came W. Monk, the present minister. Little did the membership dream that under the leadership of Pastor Monk this building's mortgage would be paid off two years ahead of time.

STARS OVER SOUTH CENTRAL

More than 200 souls were baptized during the last quarter of 1980 in South Central Conference as a result of lay

evangelism. The laity of Chattanooga, Memphis, Selma, Mobile, and Louisville have experienced the joy of bringing lost souls to Christ. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness to the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:3.

The personal ministries department organized a committee composed of the laity and clergy to examine carefully the mission of the church. From this meeting four basic concepts emerged:

Public evangelism (pastoral and mass media) alone will not complete the work. "In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God, the sick were healed and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest." *Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 126.*

Secondly, a restudying of the pentecostal New Testament evangelistic explosion revealed broader concepts of the priesthood of the believer than had been previously understood. A brief summary of these concepts suggests that: (1) All members are called to ministry, 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, (2) All members are, . . . "ordained to work the salvation of their fellowmen. For this work the church was established, and all who take upon themselves its sacred vows are thereby pledged to be co-workers with Christ." *Desire of Ages, p. 822.*

Thirdly, all are designated in scripture as, "a holy priesthood," 1 Peter 2:5; "a royal priesthood," 2 Peter 2:9; "kings and priests," God's special priests called to offer themselves as His glorious kingdom through the spreading of the gospel.

A fourth reason for the renewed thrust of personal ministries is the challenge set forth by Dr. C. E. Bradford's "Faith Action Advance" in not only employing every member as ministers of Christ but *equipping* them for ministry. Consequently, the confrence personal ministries department is engaged in a work with pastors in the churches of equipping the saints of God for the execution of their individual ministries.

The equipping process takes the form of an eight-day training seminar. In preparation for the seminar, the local pastor and his personal ministries committee organize and execute a church-wide diagnostic interview with each member of the church. Having ascertained the performance level of the individual member, the interviewer then invites the member to attend the seminar. The objectives of the seminars are to meet the needs of the member by leading him into:

1. A personal experience in Christ that he is willing to witness about.
2. Learning and presenting an evangelistic testimony.
3. An understanding of his spiritual gifts.
4. Instruction and practice in developing his spiritual gifts.
6. Conversation techniques, visitation practice.
7. Chain reference Bible marking and Bible study methods.
8. Actual participation in community surveys.
9. Analyzing films and other audio-visual presentations.
10. Search and save missions.

Amazingly, the immediate result of the seminars is a new sense of mission among the laity. Having understood the ministry of the Holy Spirit in dispensing gifts to each one, the member now has a sense of self-esteem and competence. He now feels that God is with him, all fears are gone!!! A permanent new lifestyle of witnessing for Christ is followed. Heaven only knows what the results will be as hundreds, even thousands of stars begin shining and turning many to righteousness.



Church members witnessing for God.

ATTEND



YOUR CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING

Regional Conference Camp Meeting Dates

Allegheny East	July 2-12
Allegheny West	June 25-July 4
Central States	June 19-27
Lake Region	June 25-July 4
Northeastern	June 26-July 4
South Atlantic	June 5-June 14
South Central	June 19-27
Southeastern	June 5-14
Southwest Region	June 4-13





Pastor C. L. Brooks, of the General Conference Sabbath school department.

ALBUQUERQUE 1980 IN REVIEW

The Bethesda church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, enjoyed a series of "spiritual growth events" during 1980 that brought both spiritual and numerical growth to the church. Some of these events are highlighted here.

Guest speakers scheduled through the year brought special information to give a complete diet for adequate spiritual growth, which are as follows: E. W. Shepherd, union youth department; Bill Liversidge, union lay activities department; Robert Lister, Northeastern lay activities department (week of prayer); C. L. Brooks, General Conference Sabbath school department; Helen Turner, conference assistant treasurer; B. E. Wright, conference youth director; J. Ford, conference Sabbath school.

In-service seminars were conducted for the members, a Spirit of Prophecy study series, spiritual gifts testing, a Christian leadership workshop for church board members. Nearly 20 members were involved in weekly Bible studies during the summer. Other outreach projects found members involved in supporting a public evangelistic series and conducting a 'Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. Ten completed the course. In two days the churches' medical personnel screened approximately 200 people in the conference medical clinic. One gentleman screened, an administrator at a public college, is now regularly studying with a layman and attending church services.

To wind up the year a prayer meeting series on the books of Daniel and Revelation was started. Ingathering was concluded and a young couple was baptized, bringing the total baptisms for the year to thirteen. It was a year to remember, a prelude for better things in the future.

PROGRESS OF HEBRON CHURCH IN HOUSTON

The Hebron church, located in Acreage Homes of Houston, is a unique group. For a number of years this church gathered from week to week in a small frame building praying for greater church growth. Upon the arrival of Pastor M. V. Singleton, a series of events began to unfold:

1. In a three-month period adjoining property was purchased for \$10,500.

2. In the late spring of 1980 the concept of stewardship was studied, absorbed and adopted. As a result, the faithful group gave \$5,000 toward a church building program.

3. Plans were selected for a new church structure, counsel was sought from headquarters and a plan was devised by Hebron to raise \$25,000 in six weeks.

4. Since this was an unusual feat, and an unprecedented objective by such a small congregation, the conference president decided to visit Hebron to witness the outcome and cheer the members toward their mark, even if the grand achievement was not realized. Would you believe on January 17 the Hebron church in six weeks accomplished their goal by reporting \$27,144.

The 40 adults of Hebron gave sacrificially. No projects were pursued that violated the principles of stewardship. What a day of rejoicing among the believers and visitors as an unheard-of event transpired. Who can doubt the zeal of the Hebron believers? They believe that before the end of the year Hebron will have a lovely edifice.

W. C. Jones
President



The Hebron choir presented music for the worship hour. A tasty meal was served at the homes of two members, the Hunters and Reeds. We enjoyed the fellowship and a blessed Sabbath. Pastor and Mrs. Singleton stand on the right end.



Standing left to right: Willie Moore, assistant publishing secretary, J. Marshall, publishing director and Nathaniel, assistant publishing secretary. (Front row l to r) O. D. Sigh delivered over \$18,000, Carrie Marshall over \$20,000 and Julian Sylvester over \$17,000 in 1980.

NEWS FROM THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

The publishing department of the Southwest Region Conference blossomed in 1980 under the leadership of Pastor James Marshall, publishing director. With the combined talents of Marshall and Nathaniel Jackson, assistant publishing director, \$162,516 was reported for 1980. Of the 12 full-time evangelists, Eugene Anthony of Hammond, Louisiana, was the top literature evangelist for the year, delivering \$24,132.

Pastor Willie Moore of Birmingham, Alabama, recently accepted a call to serve as assistant publishing director for Southwest Region Conference. Moore, along with his wife Betty and their two daughters, are residing in Houston, Texas. Because of his committed leadership, nineteen workers in the Houston district are spreading the gospel through the printed page. God has richly blessed. New life has entered the literature evangelist ministry.

The publishing department has been stirred to new action and vowed to deliver \$250,000 for 1981.

W. C. Jones
Correspondent



Carrie Marshall, "Top Lady Literature Evangelist" of the Southwestern Union.



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OAKWOOD RATED HIGH BY UNCF

Our constituents and alumni will be happy to know that Oakwood College rates strongly in matters that concern black higher education. The statistics below will demonstrate that Oakwood is number eleven among schools of black higher education in enrollment and graduates. You will also be happy to know that the colleges and universities of black higher education, while enrolling a total of approximately 25 percent of the total black college force in the United States annually, graduates approximately 70 percent of all blacks who finish college. This is a marvelous and highly significant accomplishment.

Oakwood is proud to be a constituent member in such a prestigious consortium as UNCF.

**Undergraduate and Graduate Enrollment by Sex
UNCF Institutions
Fall, 1979**

**Total Degrees
Granted UNCF
Institutions
1979-80**

UNCF Institutions	Undergraduate		Total	Bach.
	Male	Female		
Atlanta University	NA	NA	NA	NA
Barber-Scotia College	147	338	485	51
Benedict College	555	1,058	1,613	300
Bennett College	NA	611	611	85
Bethune-Cookman College	690	1,046	1,736	317
Bishop College	628	298	926	155
Claflin College	286	580	866	150
Clark College	669	1,362	2,031	297
Dillard University	319	930	1,249	194
Fisk University	373	690	1,063	223
Florida Memorial College	391	436	827	70
Huston-Tillotson College	348	280	628	94
Inter. Theo. Cent.	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jarvis Christian College	333	289	622	46
Johnson C. Smith Univ.	669	741	1,410	184
Knoxville College	405	293	698	111
Lane College	359	311	670	110
Lemoyne-Owen College	345	657	1,002	118
Livingstone College	505	433	938	144
Miles College	450	608	1,058	116
Morehouse College	1,756	NA	1,756	214
Morris Brown College	646	1,014	1,660	164
Oakwood College	596	700	1,296	199
Paine College	269	551	820	90
Paul Quinn College	214	198	412	57
Philander Smith College	321	275	596	75
Rust College	276	458	734	121
St. Augustine's College	782	983	1,765	255
St. Paul's College	292	327	619	89
Shaw University	776	613	1,389	212
Spelman College	NA	1,240	1,240	274
Stillman College	266	367	633	136
Talladega College	227	486	713	107
Texas College	217	227	444	92
Tougaloo College	293	626	919	131
Tuskegee Institute	1,380	1,554	2,934	494
Virginia Union Univ.	544	568	1,112	162
Voorhees College	262	447	709	175
Wilberforce Univ.	560	552	1,112	95
Wiley College	293	310	603	96
Xavier University	719	1,090	1,809	302
TOTAL	18,161	23,547	41,708	6,305

NA—Not Applicable

COLLEGIATE CHORAL FESTIVAL CONVENES AT OAKWOOD

On February 8, 1981, the Alabama Center for Higher Education (ACHE) celebrated its eleventh annual choral festival by presenting the choirs of its member colleges and universities in concert. The people of Alabama look forward each year to this exciting event, which always takes place in a city where one of the ACHE colleges is located. This year Oakwood College was pleased to host the concert, which was held in the beautiful Oakwood College church.

Under the chairmanship of Alma Blackmon, an ad hoc committee on arrangements was formed and the campus was mobilized to host this massive event. Moderator for the evening was Dr. Henry Bradford, chairman of the department of music at Alabama A&W University. After he delivered a stirring oration on the significance of music in the lives of our slave fore-fathers and our lives as well, the vast assemblage sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Greetings were delivered by Dr. Calvin B. Rock, president of Oakwood College, the honorable Joe W. Davis, mayor of the city of Huntsville, and Charlene H. Bray, executive director of the ACHE.

There was immeasurable enthusiasm in the house as the array of choirs performed the music of our heritage.

The festival closed with the performance of two spirituals by the combined choirs under the baton of Dr. Aldrich W. Adkins, guest conductor. It was fascinating to watch a chorus of 500 people assemble in the choir loft, on the rostrum and all across the front of the sanctuary. Adkins, a native of Washington, D.C., is now chairman of the music department of Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The festival was taped by Alabama Educational Television, Hal Beach, manager, and will be aired in early April. This event made Oakwood College and Adventism a colossal Christian witness before the people of Alabama.

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Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Colossians 2:8

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR AND ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

We take pride in being able to report to you that 1980 was a year of both growth and improvement.

In this report for 1980, Victory Lake Nursing Center has sought to return to its roots—to understand its strengths and weaknesses, the pattern of its growth and most of all, its relationship with the surrounding community.

We have discovered, or to be more definite, rediscovered many things about ourselves and our relations with the community, which are very encouraging and gratifying.

Victory Lake Nursing Center is, first and foremost, its people—not buildings and equipment, as important as they are, but skilled, sensitive and caring individuals. The nearly 160 individuals who make up the nursing center make it a living institution. Their number includes our physicians, nurses, aides, secretaries, social worker, cooks, clerks, environmental services, data processing, therapists, consultants and many more. We also have a very dedicated group of volunteers who give unstingingly of their time and talent.

In addition, the relations between the people of Victory Lake Nursing Center and those of the community are amicable and mutually beneficial. A large number of our neighbors in the community come to the center when they require long-term medical care. We open our doors to them both as patients and friends. These people in turn recognize our institutional needs and give their support in attempting to fulfill them.

All of this is very gratifying but it does not reflect the many serious financial concerns which Victory Lake Nursing Center shares with its community. The

combination of recession and inflation has severely affected both people and institutions in our area. While Victory Lake Nursing Center seeks to promote good patient care, it must do this within an environment of economic stress and social changes. Nevertheless, we are confident of the years ahead. We share the sentiments of Ralph Waldo Emerson who said, "Bad times have scientific value. These are occasions a good learner would not miss." The good learners of Victory Lake Nursing Center for more than 10 years have built a great nursing center. We will adapt to present conditions and continue to serve the community and the conference as well as surrounding areas, as the Nursing Center moves into the uncharted future.

Sincerely,

George H. Pelote
Administrator

Robert C. Farrow
Assistant Administrator

A MESSAGE FROM THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR

The time has been incredible since the day we first opened the doors of the Victory Lake Nursing Center. During our first year our growth was delayed for the floor-to-floor expansion as we awaited the state's permission to progress. A short time thereafter we reached our one-hundred-twenty bed capacity. Since the inception of the center, the census has been constant with the year 1980 recorded at 99.39 percent capacity.

The year 1980 brought us a good state rating in the area of patient care as well as overall procedures. We are still fortunate to have the services of Dr. Ross, Dr. Park and Dr. Sandbank. Their contribution to our facility has helped to lighten the medical care load.

Remaining still are more challenging and varied concerns, namely continuing water supply, maintenance and repair problems of the building, the up-grading and planning, visionary staff changes, to keep in step with the rapid necessary medical revisions.

The strong, responsive, faithful, responsible and calm leadership of our administrators enhances our admirable success. Having found our needs well met, we remember the Biblical phrase, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." We look to the future with great pride and confidence.

Edmund E. Good, M.D.
Medical Director

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Admission Data for Years 1971-1980

Total Admissions	1025
Admitted from Home	127
Admitted from Hospital	851
Admitted from Other Facilities	64
Re-admissions from Hospital	247
Re-admissions from Home	18
Total Discharges	928
Discharged Home	165
Discharged to Hospital	343
Discharged to Other Facilities	69

Statistical Comparison for: 1979 1980

Total Admissions	71	55
Admitted from Home	2	2
Admitted from Hospital	64	50
Admitted from Other Facilities	5	3
Re-admissions from Hospital	33	30
Re-admissions from Home	1	0
Total Discharges	73	59
Discharged Home	3	3
Discharged to Hospital	40	33
Discharged to Other Facilities	4	2

Occupancy

Percentage	99.37%	99.38%
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NURSING DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT—1980

I. *Accomplishments/Highlights* *During 1980.*

1. Aide Incentive Program—Five nurse's aides have completed geriatric aide course and are now functioning as team leaders.
2. Up-dated In-service Program—Staff education has a strong emphasis not only on the disease processes pertinent to old age, but includes all aspects of care for the geriatric patient in an effort to help staff understand problems peculiar to geriatric patients. Current and future issues in geriatric care are included and 90 percent attendance by each employee is required to earn an increment.
3. Buddy System—After period of orientation with in-service instructor, new aides are assigned to experienced aides for further training. This has led to a faster and better adjustment by our new aides and instilled a sense of pride in our experienced aides.
4. Electronic Thermometers—Using metric calculations on each unit.
5. Nursing Rehabilitation Program—Unit 200 has been designated a Rehabilitation Unit with patients requiring most intensive rehabilitation assigned to unit.
6. Per Diem Nurses—Three nurses are active on a per diem basis and worked an average of 316 hours since the roster was initiated.
7. Health Outreach Program—Health fair was held during National Nursing Home Week which provided 200 persons with approximately \$500.00 worth of free diagnostic tests.

II. *Future Goals.*

1. Short-Term
 - A. Implementation of rehabilitation nursing techniques on Unit 200 with education of staff under direction of rehabilitation nursing consultant.
 - B. Physicians care plan sheet giving explicit goals and plan of care for one year for each patient. This care plan will be kept with doctors' annual physical and history.
 - C. Patient care or flow sheets that show amount of nursing care given on a twenty-four hour

basis and reflect total nursing care given for 10 days on one sheet.

- D. Progressive feeding program that will enable each patient to reach and maintain maximum individual independence and enjoyment in eating.
- E. Weekly nursing summary.
- F. Institution of team nursing on rehabilitation unit.

CHRISTIAN RECORD

WINTER CAMP HELD; SUMMER CAMPS SCHEDULED

Imagine yourself skiing downhill, snowmobiling, sliding down the terrain on an inner tube, cross-country skiing, skating and hiking through the freshly fallen powder. Now, imagine you were blind.

For the second consecutive season, National Camps for Blind Children, a service of the Christian Record Braille Foundation, has allowed visually-im-

paired campers the opportunity to experience these winter activities and many more at the YMCA Camp of the Rockies in Colorado.

Campers came from all parts of the United States, including Florida, New Mexico, Massachusetts and Tennessee and 11 other states. Four campers flew to the Rocky Mountains from the Hawaiian islands, most of whom had never seen snow before.

"Although we feel the camp was a success, we definitely noticed a spiritual atmosphere at this year's camp," explains Tommie Lowe, National Camps' assistant director and winter camp coordinator. "Camp Pastor Allan Williamson, from the Rocky Mountain Conference, presented a dynamic week of spiritual emphasis during campfire and camp council."

The 1981 summer camping schedule has been finalized with 34 camps planned throughout North America, according to Frank Peterson, National Camp's director.

For further information, contact the Christian Record Camp Department at 800-228-4189.



Union College student Terri McArthur drives a visually-impaired girl on a snowmobile through the scenic mountains of Colorado.

IN THE NEWS

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Nine regional conference presidents and two union coordinators recently met with the General Conference vice president for North America at Oakwood College to consolidate and enlarge evangelistic plans for the coming year.

R. L. Woodfork, field secretary of the General Conference, reported that there are 127,599 members in the regional conferences and black churches in the Pacific and North Pacific unions. Nearly \$30 million in tithe was turned in, and 9,237 persons were baptized during 1980. Those present expect to increase baptisms by 10% in 1981.

LINDEN LOSES A LOVED ONE

The Linden Boulevard Church family is deeply saddened by the loss of one of its loved ones. Iris Naomi Anderson passed from this life on the morning of January 18, 1981.

She was an active, staunch supporter of the church and its programs for more than 45 years. Serving the church faithfully through the choir, Sabbath school and lay activities, her life touched many members directly.

The church will greatly miss her dependable participation, frequent Bible studies, gifts of denominational literature, financial aid to students and the numerous musical concerts sponsored for the benefit of the church.

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18



It was the first quarter a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was sponsored in Waxahachie. Five persons completed the course and certificates were presented. Pastor B. E. Wright of the conference temperance department conducted this program through Roger Cyprian, temperance leader. (Pictured, B. E. Wright presenting certificate. Alexander Kendred and Roger Cyprian.)

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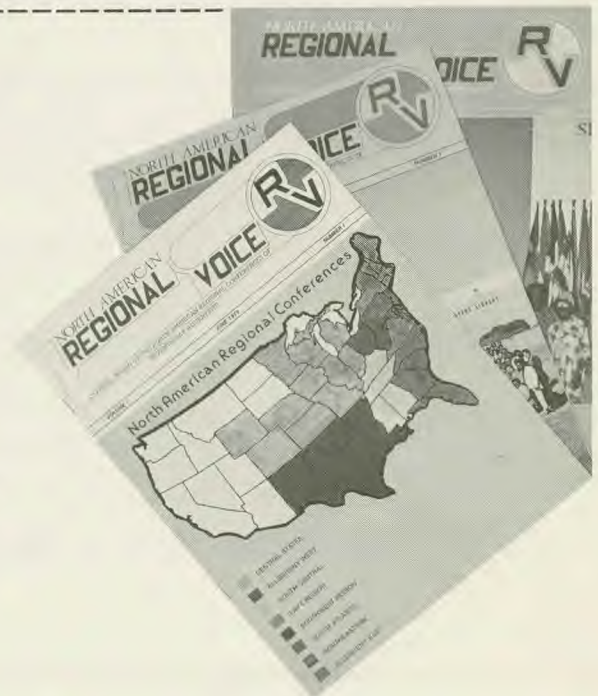
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COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM DURING FIRST QUARTER OF 1981

A city councilman, the fire chief, the Salvation Army, and the ministerial association were all guests of the Okmulgee Community Services presentation under the direction of Dr. Mildred English.

What an exciting day it was! The church was made aware that every profession in the city has a definite interest in welfare ministries, as well as the local Adventist church.

The Okmulgee Community Services Organization is recognized in the city as being an intricate part of the Community Services. The work of God will continue to progress in Okmulgee as members attempt to witness for the Lord and assist people whenever the need for their services arise. The ladies of the Community Services were in full uniform.

J. C. Hicks
Correspondent

102ND BIRTHDAY

Members of Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, brought joy and delight to Joe Coleman as they shared in his 102nd birthday celebration on February 28. A birthday cake baked by Pastor George L. Byars highlighted the occasion.

Joe Coleman is the oldest member in the church. He embraced the advent message in the early fifties during a tent



Representing the ministerial association at the Okmulgee Community Service Program is Pastor Jackson from a Baptist church in the city.

meeting held by Pastor E. E. Cleveland. He added that he already knew about the Sabbath before hearing the messages preached, but did not know the true church to join. He has served and supported the church faithfully since that glorious discovery.

Coleman was born and reared in Perry County, Alabama. He has shared a happy marriage of 42 years with the former Ethel Cunningham. They have one son, David, who resides in St. Louis, Missouri.



Joe Coleman is the oldest member in the Bethany SDA Church, Montgomery, Alabama.



Personal Ministry Seminar, Mobile, Alabama. Pastor Ben Jones and his officers lay out territory for visitation.

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