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REFLECTIONS ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it." Ellen G. White added, "In order to attain this object, the physical, mental, moral and religious education of children must have attention."

1866 marked the date of the first collection of articles from the pen of Ellen G. White on the subject of Christian education. The book *Education* followed in 1903.

1913 marked the appearance of *Counsels to Teachers, Parents, and Students Regarding Christian Education*. In this volume Mrs. White dealt with many detailed problems that are common in educational practice.

Fundamentals of Christian Education, copyrighted in 1923, contains many articles from various books and periodicals written by Mrs. White. It is from this volume I wish to have you reflect on statements which show her concern and belief in Christian education.

"Early education shapes character in both the secular and religious life of children."

"Any effort that exalts intellectual

culture above moral training is misdirected."

"No work ever undertaken by man requires greater care and skill than the proper training and education of youth and children."

"There can be no more important work than the proper education of our youth."

"We are under solemn sacred covenant to God to bring up our children, not for the world, not to put their hands into the hands of the world, but to love and fear God, and to keep his commandments . . . for this reason, our schools have been established, that youth and children may be so educated as to exert an influence for God in the world."

"Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and youth."

"The education that does not furnish knowledge as enduring as eternity is of no purpose."

"The best education that can be given to children and youth is that which bears the closest relation to the future immortal life."

"And of all institutions in our world the school is the most important."

"The word of God should have a place—the first place—in every system of education. As an educating power, it is of more value than the writings of all the

philosophers of all ages."

"Students are to be educated in practical Christianity, and the Bible must be regarded as the highest, the most important textbook."

"While religion should be the pervading element in every school it will not lead to a cheapening of the literary attainment."

"In the schools of today, many things are taught that are a hinderance rather than a blessing."

"The world's maxims, the world's customs and practices, are not the teachings those who attend our schools need; but they are to see that the teachers in the schools care for their souls; that they will take a decided interest in their spiritual welfare; and religion is to be the great principle inculcated; for the love and fear of God are the beginning of wisdom."

"Let those who are competent to teach youth, study themselves in the school of Christ, and learn lessons to communicate to youth."

"The salvation of our pupils is the highest interest entrusted to the God-fearing teacher."

"Let it never be forgotten that the teacher must be what he desires his pupils to be."

"It must be remembered that the youth are forming habits which will, in



The new science complex at Oakwood College.

nine cases out of ten, decide their future. The influence of the company they keep, the associations they form, and the principles they adopt, will be carried with them through life."

"All the youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education in our schools, that they may be inspired to become laborers together with God."

"True education is the harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers." *Education*, p. 13.



Students from the R. T. Hutson Elementary School in New York participating in a closing school program.



The Brittan family of New York believe strongly in Christian education. At left is Quintessa, a recent graduate of Northern Academy and valedictorian of her class. Luis was valedictorian of the 1976 graduating class, Glenda was an honor student in the 1977 graduating class and Telitha was an honor student in the class of 1978. Michael was valedictorian of the 1979 class.



The associate principal of Northeastern Academy presenting a diploma to a graduate.



1981 Northeastern Conference Spelling Bee winners were: left, Westley Garrea, first-place winner from the Bethel School in Brooklyn; center, Camille Wilson, third-place winner, Hanson Place School in Brooklyn, New York; and right, Dawn Hayward, Flatbush School, Brooklyn.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



CLEVELAND'S COMMENTARY: "TOGETHER—WE STAND"

The religion of Jesus Christ teaches the principle of universal brotherhood. The Bible records that all humanity had a common origin (Genesis 3:20, Acts 17:26). Therefore, all men black, white, red and yellow are "chips" off of the same block.

At the Tower of Babel humanity was divided by the simple expedient of "the confusion of tongues." The Bible cites this alone as the basis for the division of mankind. Centuries of "in-breeding," climate and cultural separation have led to different physical and cultural characteristics that account for different nationalities.

To these differences men have added three others—money, education and power—as criteria by which to judge other men. Christianity negates all of these considerations in the evaluation of man. In terms of *love*, *brotherhood* and *fellowship*, the Christian is influenced by *none of these*. He needs only to be *informed* to be *transformed*. We are brothers all! We are related in the flesh and in the Lord. The last six commandments of the Decalogue are dedicated to this proposition.

We live, however, on a planet ruled by governments of *men*. This is unfortunate, for God's original intent in making man was that He alone would rule. Man was given dominion over everything but his fellow man (Genesis 1:26). But with the sin of Adam things changed. Men

sought increasingly to control their own affairs. They made kings to rule over them and thus began for man the sad history of inter-tribal and international conflict. Lines were drawn and boundaries secured as men sought to perpetuate divisions. Nearly 6,000 years of this has solidified these divisions.

The Christian church was created on this planet where these divisions exist. The purpose of the church is the salvation of souls. This involves the changing of the attitudes that gave rise to these divisions and perpetuate them! In short, the church must not reflect the unsanctified exclusivism found in secular society. The church is and must forever be an island of brotherhood on a sea of exclusion.

There are, however, some words we use that need defining in the light of existing conditions. Take the word "together." We often use the phrase, "we should all be together." Now this is true, but what do we mean by this? Do we mean that we should all be in the same building for worship? To be sure, all men should be welcome wherever men meet in worship, but this does not solve the problem. There are thousands of blacks in Harlem, Watts and southside Chicago living in black neighborhoods. Do we desert these people and build churches where the people are preaching, "who-soever will, let him come?" Of course these churches will be predominantly black. And if the church is built in a predominantly white neighborhood, the members will mainly be white.

It should be clear that a church is not segregated because its members are white, black, red or yellow. It is segregated when membership is denied on racial grounds. A black church is not sinful or wrong because it is black.

Large numbers of black churches are administered by black conference officials. The conference is not wrong because its officials are black. The concept that black leaders are dishonest and incompetent is a legacy of slavery. The racism that produced it is still with us. Whites in general take a "dim view" of black leadership. And there are still too many blacks to whom "white is right and black is slack." Thirty-six years of experience says that our regional conferences are a success by any criteria.

Regional conferences have provided leadership and job opportunities for our people that would not otherwise be available. Of course there are those who

think we ought to be "together" in one conference office (whites and blacks). What do they mean? Should the blacks close down their offices and go to the whites? Or should the whites close down their offices and come to us? Or would they close both down and locate in neutral territory? And how long would it stay neutral?

And what about elections? The majority race, black or white, would and does dominate in the more meaningful areas.

This means that minorities would be perpetual "assistants," "associates" or paternally administered dependents. The "bottom line" requirement of taxation is representation. But only the "living dead" would settle for just "being there." The Methodists gave up their jurisdiction in the full flush of the "integration push." Today blacks are afloat on a sea of white power in Methodism—outrun in every race, outgunned in every battle.

Regional conferences represent a recognition of human dignity. Our presidencies provide, for the young among us, a *father image*. Many black leaders in Methodism long for the "good old days" that we now enjoy. Let's face it. It is unrealistic to suppose that white leaders would voluntarily surrender jobs that their fathers occupied for decades just to "demonstrate brotherhood." In fact, blacks and Hispanics are multiplying so fast that in the Adventist church there won't be enough administrative jobs to go around under the status quo.

But we have an instrument of policy which, if used, can accommodate millions of minorities in "latter-rain" proportions. As minorities acquire the strength numerically, organize them. Give them indigenous leadership within the system and watch them grow! Under this system, the sky is the limit. And all of this with an "open door" policy at all levels of the church's operation. This will bring a sense of "togetherness" heretofore unknown. And it will breed a loyalty that will bring new peace to constituencies.

All of which brings us to the true meaning of "together." "Togetherness," "oneness" and "unity" mean to *love*, *cooperate*, *communicate* and *fellowship*. Because of the genius of Adventist organization we can enjoy the first three privileges, though we never meet in this life. The fourth is often accomplished through campmeetings and even General Conference gatherings. And through our present "open door"

The Editor's Desk



Winners of the Senior Better Living Oratorical Contest on Thursday night, June 11, are, left to right: Karen Hope from Ocala, Florida, first place; Joel Newsome, Jr., from Jacksonville, second place; and Eddy Ashly from Miami, third place. Others are J. A. Edgcombe, Southeastern president, G. W. Timpson, youth director for Southeastern, R. B. Hairston, president for South Atlantic, and F. W. Parker, youth director for South Atlantic.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	August 28	Sept. 4	11	18
Boston, Mass	7:25	7:14	7:01	6:45
New York City	7:35	7:24	7:12	6:59
Buffalo, N.Y.	7:59	7:45	7:33	7:20
Atlanta, Ga.	8:09	8:00	7:50	7:40
Miami, Fla.	7:44	7:38	7:30	7:22
Charlotte, N.C.	7:56	7:47	7:37	7:27
Birmingham, Ala.	7:18	7:09	6:59	6:50
Jackson, Miss.	7:31	7:22	7:13	7:03
Memphis, Tenn.	7:33	7:23	7:13	7:03
Louisville, Ky.	8:19	8:09	7:58	7:47
Detroit, Mich.	8:14	8:03	7:51	7:38
Chicago, Ill.	7:31	7:19	7:07	6:55
South Bend, Indiana	7:26	7:14	7:02	6:50
Minneapolis, Minn.	7:58	7:45	7:32	7:19
St. Louis, Mo.	7:37	7:27	7:16	7:05
Kansas City, Mo.	7:55	7:45	7:34	7:22
Denver, Co.	7:38	7:27	7:16	7:04
Little Rock, Ark.	7:41	7:32	7:22	7:12
Dallas, Texas	7:58	7:49	7:41	7:30
New Orleans, La.	7:28	7:19	7:11	7:02
Albuquerque, N.M.	7:39	7:30	7:20	7:10
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:03	7:54	7:44	7:34

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

policy we may experience this at the church level.

"We've got a God-given good thing going here. Let us not lose it chasing "pipe dreams" and pursuing "mirages." Let us not be lulled to sleep by slogans and phrases that mean one thing to us but quite another to our white brethren. Whether the words "unity," "togetherness" or "oneness" come from the lips of black or white, we must press for a definition of terms and discover the bottom line.

We must be careful not to ask more of our white brethren than they can give or to settle for burdens that we cannot bear! There is no substitute for limited autonomy in organizations led by men.

In the new earth, where "the kingdom will not be left to other people," we will experience the utopia where "a man is a man" for all of that. Men are capable of limited justice, for all men are limited. But when the administrator is all-powerful, all-wise and everywhere present, justice may indeed run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream.

E. E. Cleveland

THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

CENTRAL STATES

MODERN-DAY MIRACLE FOR ALLON CHAPEL

On Sunday, June 7, the Allon Chapel church in Lincoln, Nebraska, along with Central States Conference administration and community friends, witnessed the beginning of a modern-day miracle.

Under the canopy of God's blue sky and the shade of stately elms, groundbreaking exercises were conducted for the new Allon Chapel church. An overflow audience from the Lincoln community was on hand as channel 10 and the local press covered this historic occasion.

Pastor Gerald Jones proudly introduced S. Haywood Cox, conference

president, Pastor William Peeke, Mid-America Union representative, and Charles Henkleman of Maranatha Flights International.

Because of the tremendous interest generated by the "modern-day miracle," two shifts of shovels were needed to accommodate participants: David Raines, Newman United Methodist; Kay Thompson, Malone Neighborhood Association; Margarette Alschwede and Donna Frohardt, Lincoln City Council; Gerald Henderson, Malone Center; John Napue, Jesse Caffey, Milburn Graham and Joseph Anderson, Jr., Allon Chapel local elders; Ferne Cuaresme, Allon Chapel founding member; Marlyn Schwartz and Calvin Krueger, Maranatha Flights International; Alberta Graham, church treasurer; Leroy Hampton, conference secretary-treasurer; Donald Simons, retired minister; and G. H. Taylor, Jr., Sharon church in Omaha. Congratulatory messages were received from Governor Charles Thone and Lincoln Mayor Helen Boosalis.

Special thanks were given to Hinkey Dinky Markets, Mr. B. and Burger King for generous donation of refreshments. Burlington Northern donated the shovels and Hoppe's Lumber provided a temporary sign for the church.

According to Pastor Jones, the ground-breaking was strictly the evidence of the hand of Jesus working a miracle on behalf of his people.

Pastor Cox capsulized the moment when he expressed that "the Lord has truly blessed Allon Chapel, its members and the community it serves." He expressed further "thankfulness to Maranatha Flights International for providing the labor for church construction."

It is anticipated that the basement will be soon completed and construction



Pastor Cox digs in while Pastor Jones watches.

begun July 5, 1981. By the time of this printing the church structure is to be completed.

Alma F. York
Communication Secretary

NEWS FROM BETHESDA

Bethesda's Sabbath School Guest Day was a tremendous success this year. Visitors were greeted by the hostess committee, who passed out name tags and literature to each one present.

Willer Harper supervised the Sabbath school hour and Phyllis Meador, conference Bible worker, taught the Sabbath school lesson as a whole.

Since it was 13th Sabbath, the visitors were able to witness the Cradle Roll and Kindergarten departments present an exciting program.

Pastor Gerald Jones delivered an inspiring and spirit-filled sermon at the divine worship hour. During the appeal, four individuals came forward to request Bible studies for baptism and two others answered a call for rebaptism.

The church fellowship dinner was attended by approximately 35 visitors not including church members. A rich blessing was received by all in attendance.

Doris Jean Bennett
Communication Secretary



The fellowship dinner sponsored by the Bethesda church.

SPRING WEEK OF PRAYER

The spring week of prayer is always a special spiritual feast for young people in the Central States Conference. Such was the case this year when the Bethesda youth of Omaha, Nebraska, and the youth federation of St. Louis, Missouri, planned their individual programs.

The second week in May was set aside for the Bethesda youth. The society took advantage of ministerial students from Union College and local youth of the church. From Union College came Larry Williams, Kenneth Christmas and Albert Dyson. Bethesda members participating were Larry Swait,

Judy Watson, Thomas Bennett and Dennis Rhodes. As a result of this special week, one person came forward for baptism and two others came for rebaptism.

In St. Louis, the Eastern AY Federation held its first area-wide week of prayer at the Northside church. The theme for the week was "Youth with a Vision."

Youth speakers were: Mayron Jenkins, Park Avenue; Robert Silinzy, Northside; Wendell Hassell, Berean; Lynette Harris, Kirkwood; and Beverly Stewart, Kinloch. Pastors M. A. McCleary and W. R. Wright opened and closed the weeks' proceedings respectively. On the last Saturday night the federation sponsored a "trip around the world social." Funds raised were used to benefit the EAY. Michael Wright is president and Benjamin Germany is vice-president.

Doris Jean Bennett
Communication Secretary
Bethesda Church

Jane Byrd
Northside Communication Secretary

THE DUKANE MINISTRY

One of the main soul-winning programs of the Central States Conference Personal Ministry Department is the "Dukane" ministry.

According to E. F. Carter, conference director, the personal ministry department has distributed 19 machines throughout the conference territory. The program has begun to bear fruit.

Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Lee. With their machine they have been instrumental in the baptism of new believers in the Omaha Bethesda church. The Lees were one of the first to purchase the "Dukane" machine for missionary purposes.



Left to right in the second row are Mr. and Mrs. Lee. At the left end of the third row is E. F. Carter, conference personal ministry director. Others pictured are members baptized as a result of the Dukane ministry.



The ground-breaking of Conant Gardens church in Detroit.

CONANT GARDENS BREAKS GROUND

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held in May for the new Conant Gardens church in Detroit under the direction of Zadock Reid, Sr., pastor.

Former Pastor J. P. Lewis delivered a stirring message, with local elders from the church, several visiting ministers and Pastors Samuel Flagg and R. C. Brown, Sr., of the conference office participating.

The new Conant Gardens church, which will cost approximately \$450,000 and seat 350, is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1982.

Joseph Richardson
Communication Secretary

Each Sunday morning at 11, a one-hour evangelistic message is broadcast on radio, with Sunday night services commencing once again in the church.

This is truly the beginning of "extra-good" things for Bethel.

Ethel Smothers
Communication Secretary



Pastor Graham and Eugene Garell baptize in the new pool.

"IN PRISON, AND YE CAME UNTO ME"

Under the direction of the Shiloh Adventist Men in Chicago, a group of dedicated men and women participated in the Pace Institute Volunteer Program for correctional education at the Cook County Jail.

An exchange of talent began with an inspiring skit written, directed and presented by the prison inmates. Special music was provided by a quartet from this group.

Shiloh's contribution to the program was through song by Betty Collins and the Shiloh Brothers Quartet, and through the word by Fred White, pastor. With the cooperation of the Community Services workers, deacons, deaconesses, lay activities officers, the home and school association and members at large, workers provided a delicious meal to approximately 175 inmates.

The Lord is blessing us, for as a direct result of our regular Wednesday night visits, at which inmates are given Bible studies and spiritual counseling, the Prison Ministry workers are afforded the privilege of initiating a tutoring and counseling program there. Ben Greer, coordinator, and Pastor John Erwin, founder of the Pace program, were so impressed with White and his members that they are opening the doors of the women's section of the prison exclusively to Adventists for Bible studies and counseling.

Vernett L. Graham
Communication Secretary

GRAND RAPIDS ON THE MOVE!

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our new pastor, C. R. Graham, great things are happening in the Bethel SDA Church.

As we walk out of the church each Sabbath morning after the worship service, we may pick up a set of Amazing Facts to be given out during the week. As a result, many of the church family are active in sharing their faith.

Individual Bible studies are being given by church members, with 25 precious souls already baptized with a plan to hold baptisms every month.

A new baptismal pool, which was to have cost \$6,000, was recently installed for only \$3,300 because of donated materials and labor from members of the congregation and friends in the community.



Prison ministry workers of Shiloh church are: far right, front row, Pastor Fred White, and George Cox, prison ministry director.



Youth Day, a day of relaxation for everyone. Pastor and Mrs. Jerome Davis enjoy talking with Mrs. Hampton.



An airplane from Andrews University participated in "peanut drop" and gave an air show on Youth Day.



Mrs. Davis, from Atlanta, Georgia, found the way to each camper's heart.



Pastor Samuel Flag from Lake Region Youth Day to the Chicago White Sox.

LAKE REGION BREAKS RECORD

The Lake Region Conference broke all previous records for the number of campers attending the campmeeting held in Cassopolis, Michigan, from June 25-July 4. The housing on the campgrounds was filled to capacity and the overflow was housed on the campus of Andrews University. "Revive Us Again" was the theme selected for this year's campmeeting by the administration and staff.

Pastor G. R. Thompson, secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was the guest speaker during the divine worship service on the first Sabbath of encampment. Thompson shared many of his rich experiences and through the spoken word many hearts were led into a closer relationship with God.

All who were present on the second Sabbath in the Bradford Pavilion re-

ceived blessings through song and the spoken word as Pastor C. L. Brooks delivered the message for the worship service.

Highlights for the week included Youth Day under the direction of Pastor Conrad Gill, director of Youth Activities for the Lake Region Conference, and a musical concert held on the last Sabbath evening of the campmeeting. Concert artists included Edwina Humphrey, Wintley Phipps, Charles L. Brooks, Paul Monk, Marshal Kelley and the Archer Brothers Quartet from Andrews University.

Other guest speakers for this year's campmeeting included E. T. Mimms, Benjamin Reaves, S. H. Cox, R. C. Connors, Samuel Thomas, C. E. Dudley, L. R. Palmer, Ivan Warden, W. S. Lee and Robert Connor.

Vivian Joseph
Reporter



Tent City became home away from home for many of the campers.



An aerial view of the Lake Region campgrounds taken by Dean Weaver, president of Pacesetter National Bank of Cassopolis, Michigan. The cross is made up of hundreds of campers.

EVANGELISTIC TEAM BAPTIZES 130

On Saturday, April 25, after the mid-day service, joy filled the Hanson Place church sanctuary as 66 white-robed candidates filed to the front of the church to be baptized.

This was the second group to be baptized during the "Better Living Crusade" conducted by Northeastern Conference's evangelistic team spearheaded by Pastor R. Saunders, Jr., an Oakwood-trained evangelist. The first souls baptized numbered 65, thus making a total of 130. The crusade opened on Sunday, March 29, and lasted four weeks.

Evangelist Saunders said that "the crusade was called 'Better Living' because the messages presented could help those who heard them to live better lives for God." The team was invited to Hanson Place because of its success in a similar venture at Brooklyn Temple.

On the first night the evangelist, an impressive figure in his pastor's robe, used his exuberant personality, forceful delivery, eloquent pauses and pardonable humor to captivate the entire congregation with the sermon, "The King Is Coming, Are You Ready?" Having achieved this, he held their interest and attention throughout the meetings with such exciting messages as: "Born Alive, But Still Born," "A God Approved Sexuality," "How to Make Your Home a Little Heaven on Earth;" and "What in Hell Do You Want?"

Meetings were held every evening except Thursday, a rest day. On Sabbath, however, the evangelist also preached the mid-day sermon and Patricia Langley, the crusade's Bible instructor, took over the lesson study period to tell the congregation what it really means to be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian.

A prominent nightly feature was the use of the Prayer Box in which scores of prayer requests were deposited. During the course of the meetings, many who had released their faith through this medium publicly praised God for answered prayers. The most demonstrably thankful, however, were those who had witnessed relatives for whom prayer requests were made take their stand for God.

Evangelist Willis' melodious voice created the mood and set the tone for every sermon. The singspiration he conducted nightly drew hundreds early to the meetings. Also bringing melody to

the crusade was Raymond White of Chicago on the electronic organ.

The groundwork for the crusade was laid by Hanson Place members under the leadership of Pastor Louis Straker. On several Sabbath afternoons preceding the crusade, Straker, with the assistance of Pastor S. Williams, went with volunteers into the neighborhood to distribute literature and issue invitations to the meetings.

An interesting aspect of the meetings was the number of young people who attended night after night and eagerly participated in rap sessions with the evangelist on Sabbath afternoon. Many of these youths were baptized.

On the final night Saunders said that if every pastor cooperated with the evangelistic team as had Pastor Young, the team would have nothing to worry about. He also thanked P. Brathwaite, Hanson Place Bible worker, for having given invaluable assistance throughout the meetings.

Later, speaking to the graduates of the "Better Living Bible Institute," Pastor Young of Hanson Place challenged them to study God's word.

Ruth Saunders, wife of the evangelist, took an active part in the crusade and labored alongside her husband.

Pastor Willis dedicated the song, "So Send I You," to the graduates who had completed four weeks of intensive Bible instruction by the evangelistic team. Edwina Humphrey, a noted soloist in the metropolitan area, dropped in unexpectedly and delighted the congregation with three numbers.

Following this, the entire church, in single file, extended the right hand of fellowship to the new members, thus bringing down the curtain on four memorable weeks at Hanson Place.

Perhaps Ray Fitzgerald, 15, a new convert, summed it all up best when he said that "this was a very different experience from all the other churches I have attended . . . I am amazed at the number of people who responded to the message by giving their lives to Christ."

Lloyd G. S. Goodridge
Public Relations Secretary

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And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28



Pastor Jerry Lee, Jr., spring week of prayer speaker.

EMMANUEL TEMPLE SHINING FORTH

Emmanuel Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church welcomes spring after a frigid but full winter.

Under the leadership of the dynamic Pastor R. W. Washington, Emmanuel Temple members spent the winter season bustling with activity. In spite of the freezing atmosphere and often under a cover of snow and arctic blasts, the outpost of Northeastern Conference worked on. Bears hibernate in winter but Emmanuel Templites work.

The new year started with an officers' breakfast and in-service program as Washington and the church prepared for a year of service. January 22 found the Emmanuel Temple Chorale, directed by Fred Willis, in concert with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

February found a not-so-timid visitor venturing into our frozen terrain. Pastor Roscoe Brown held sway over the cold weather with a heart-warming, illuminating and inspirational Black History Weekend. Did you know that more than 5,000 black slaves died in the Continental army, among them one Prince Wipple, who stood up and guided the boat crossing the Delaware River? He knew the shoreline and George Washington did not.

How about Patrick Henry, so famous for his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, but his feelings did not extend to his slaves (whom he did not free)? What about Thomas Jefferson,



Pastor Washington at the Prayer Prescription Center of the Spring for Better Health Fair in April.

writer of the Declaration of Independence, "All men are created equal," who forgot to include black men and women, especially one Sally Humes, the mother of four of his offspring. He didn't include us, but thank God Jesus did, which tied in with the sermon title, "Jesus Included Me."

The next visitor was the foot-stomping, Bible-quoting, Spirit-filled Pastor Jerry Lee, preaching, beseeching and leading souls to Christ. During this week of prayer, eight souls took their stand for the Lord and are now receiving baptismal instructions.

Another intrepid visitor to our snow-drenched land (herald perhaps of the coming spring) was Pastor J. P. Willis, presenting a dynamic Sabbath school workshop. Willis exhorted teachers to study two ways: first, for their own spiritual benefit and second, to get the outline and supplemental materials. He encouraged the use of visual aids in presenting the lesson to the class. In answer to a question on how to encourage those who cannot read to study, Willis suggested the use of tapes. If lesson tapes are not available, then the teacher should tape it, he said.

God has especially blessed Emmanuel Temple with good music (perhaps to warm the cockles of our hearts in this cold land). Whether this is so or not, one thing is definite: Emmanuel Temple is full of music, good music!

Our music missionaries have gone from the Buffalo Philharmonic to St. Catherines, Ontario, and Perrysburg, New York, where the Ladies Chorale sang in sacred services. Directed by C. Buddy and aided by powerful preacher Pastor Donald Davis, the traveling minstrels next performed in a vesper concert at London, Ontario. The Gospel Choir, directed by Norris Weathington, followed with a trip to Syracuse, New York, for a gospel song fest.

MOTHER'S DAY AT SHILOH

Among the many honored for Mother's Day at the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York, was Indiana Burke.

She is married to Bramwell Burke. Both are natives of Jamaica in the West Indies. From their union were born: Calma Williamson, a graduate of Brooklyn College; Noel Burke, a student at Oakwood College; Jennifer Burke, a student at Andrews University, and Charles Burke, a graduate of Loma Linda University.

Mrs. Burke is a sterling example of a committed Christian mother.

V. C. Holder
Communication Secretary



Indiana Burke, center.

"QUEEN ESTHER" COMMAND PERFORMANCE PRESENTED IN BROOKLYN

The Christian Fellowship Daughters of the King of Brooklyn, New York, presented "Queen Esther" for the second time on May 14.

The play was magnificently presented. The audience sat enraptured as the Bible came to life in living color.

The performers in "Queen Esther" were: Queen Esther—Karen Bryan; King Ahasuerus—Rudolph Jones; Queen Vashti—Violet Gayle; Haaman—Septimus Bowen; Mordecai—John Tigner; Mehuman—Michael Bryan; Queen's Aunt—Mary Riley; Chamberlain—Theodore Thorpe; Herald—Ellis Pascal; Biglam—Ruthlyn Roberts; Chief Guard—Cliff Culton; Guards—Dale Gibson, Emmanuel Celestine, Quedel Principal; Wise Men—Carl Austin, John Lewis; Ivan Nemhard; Prine—James Lambert; Dancers and Ladies in Waiting—Lydia Ramsey, Costelle Modeste, Shelia McFarlane, Jean St. Louis, Sybil Duncan, Eastlyn Thorpe, Olga James, Greer Thomas and Andrea



Karen Bryan as Queen Esther.

Gibbs; and Ladies of the Court—Myrtle Bowen, Drusilla McCartney, Sylvia Thomas, Violet Hutchinson, Mary Morris, Annette Thomas and Carmen Lynch.

The costume designer was Gertrude Stewart. Lighting and fixtures were provided by Alfred Dublin, while the director was Judith DeYonge. Serving as coordinator and narrator were Dorothy Adams and Carmen Lynch, president of the Daughters of the King.

Proceeds from the play will be used to assist Adventist youth in pursuing a Christian education.

Paula B. Reid
Communication Secretary



The king (Rudolph Jones) and queen (Karen Bryan).



The celebration.

TOGETHER ONCE MORE

June 4 was the start of the ten-day joint campmeeting of the South Atlantic and Southeastern conferences. By all appearances, the only two persons who kept track that there were separate organizations operating the convocation were the two treasurers and, in a diminutive way, the two presidents. This was merely because the administrators have the responsibility of giving account.

The "New Beginning" of South Atlantic and Southeastern projected some innovations. Prominent among them was breaking tradition of the keynote address by the president. The keynote sermon was preached this year by A. C. McClure, president of the Southern Union. McClure is enjoying unprecedented acceptance in the Southern Union among all segments of the membership. He was introduced to the large audience by R. B. Hairston, president of South Atlantic, as a "man of God who can be trusted."

McClure, in his opening remarks, asked for special prayer for Neal Wilson, General Conference president, and his aides who were on their way as special invited guests of the Polish government and other "iron curtain" countries of eastern Europe. He summed up his keynote message, which set the pace for a very strong spiritual refreshing, by identifying four sins which killed Jesus. They were conformity, distrust, envy and the "easy way out" philosophy. He said that the disturbing part of it all is that after a scenario of almost 2,000 years, these sins are still prominent in the church.

Presidents J. A. Edgecombe of Southeastern and R. B. Hairston of South Atlantic, Treasurers Don Walker and J. A. Simons, and the departmental directors worked harmoniously as a single team. The ministers were relaxed and completed the preparation in record time as well as maintaining their work schedule during the meeting with great efficiency.

The conference development offering on June 13 broke all records. A total of \$125,000 was reported (\$50,000 for Southeastern and \$75,000 for South Atlantic). Earlier the same morning nine souls followed their Lord in baptism.

Other contributors and special guests included C. D. Henri, retired vice president of the General Conference, having recently returned from a special assignment from the General Conference to South Africa, and his wife, Lorraine, who was the special guestspeaker for the



A. C. McClure, president of the Southern Union Conference, in his keynote sermon on Thursday night gave the audience a challenge which activated them to positive action for the next nine days of campmeeting.

Shepherdess Hour on Monday night. There were also F. L. Jones, assistant treasurer of the General Conference, R. S. Smith and E. W. Moore, from the Review and Herald, along with the King's Heralds quartet from the Voice of Prophecy.

From the Southern Union were Ralph Peay, director of youth and temperance, Harold Metcalf, ministerial secretary, O. J. McKinney, stewardship director, T. R. Smith, associate publishing director, G. H. Rainey, evangelist, and Dr. Norwida Marshall, associate education director. Others were Samuel Thomas, personal ministries and Sabbath school director of the Columbia Union, H. L. Cleveland, president of Allegheny West Conference, E. C. Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College church, and David McCottry of Allegheny East Conference.

S. E. Gooden

A MARCH TO ZION IN HIGH POINT—PART I

On Sabbath morning, April 11, members and friends of Baldwin's Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church in High Point, North Carolina, assembled in front of the old sanctuary at 1412 Olga Street. They then proceeded into the glorious day of celebration of the Lord's bounteous blessing in the erection of a \$260,000 church building at 1200 Leonard Street.

The procession sang "Marching to Zion" as they proclaimed to their city the jubilee of their hearts. The culmination of the march was the ribbon-cutting ceremony

and the unveiling of the cornerstone. J. L. Follette, church pastor, R. B. Hairston, president of South Atlantic Conference, and a host of other distinguished guests and officials including Pastor R. L. Woodfork, field secretary of the General Conference, Martin Cauble, Jr., loan manager of Perpetual Savings and Loan Association, and Danny Glascoe of M & M Builders participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Hairston unveiled the cornerstone to commemorate the pastors and evangelists who had served Baldwin's Chapel. The cornerstone serves as a monument not only to the men whose names are engraved in the stone, but also to the members who claimed the third angel's message as they stepped out in faith as pioneers of Adventism in the city of High Point nearly 70 years ago.

Pastor G. E. Peters, with the assistance of Pastor Shepherd and Pastor B. W. Abney, initiated the work of evangelism for High Point in a tent meeting held on Washington Street in 1914. A dozen faithful souls were the harvest of their efforts, and these souls proved to be the backbone of Seventh-day Adventism in High Point for the years to follow.

Pastor Christlow from the Carolina Conference was the first pastor of Baldwin's Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church. This small congregation rented what was then Hoover Hall on High Street and remained there from 1915 until the mid-1920's, when they began worshipping in the home of Mary Baldwin, a charter member.

In 1927, Pastor C. Curtis arrived one Friday afternoon to discuss building a church for High Point. However, he was told by local leaders B. A. Craver and John Baldwin that the church had just been completed by the members and that he was welcome to preach the first sermon in it the next day.

The industrious members met together each Tuesday at noon to pray that God would bless their church and soon-to-be school. Pastor N. B. Smith arranged for the painting of the church, and in 1942 Pastor H. D. Singleton led in the organization of a church school. Pastor W. A. Darby rallied the members to renovate the church to allow it to look like a church rather than the house plan that it had been originally built by.

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LITERATURE EVANGELISTS WIN SIXTEEN SOULS

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hassell, literature evangelists from Montgomery, Alabama, have led sixteen souls to the Adventist church as a result of their ministry.



Mr. and Mrs. A. Hassell, literature evangelists of Marana church, won sixteen in Montgomery, Alabama.

LIGHT ENTERS TRIANA, ALABAMA

A new congregation in Triana was organized in 1980 as a result of a mission outreach program sponsored by the Oakwood College church under the direction of Ellen Anderson and Pastor and Mrs. Roy Rugless.

Pastor Rugless is now an intern with the South Central Conference and serves the Decatur/Florence/Triana district.



Pastor and Mrs. Roy Rugless, student pastor for the Triana, Alabama, group.

SOUTH CENTRAL OVERFLOWS BOUNDARIES

Although West Memphis, Arkansas, is not a part of South Central's territory, but rather Southwest Region, members of the Breath of Life church in Memphis are not hampered by boundaries. Each

Sabbath afternoon Pastor R. L. Patterson and his members conduct services in one of the local churches. The interest is keen and only eternity will be able to tell the full impact of their witness.



The Breath of Life church in Memphis begins a new group of believers in West Memphis, Arkansas.

MESSAGE MAGAZINE WINS SOULS

Hattie Harvelle of Memphis, Tennessee read a copy of *Message* magazine in the beauty parlor. Her interest was so high that she sought additional information concerning the Bible. Soon she began to receive Bible studies from the Bible instructor, Juanita Jenkins, and Pastor R. L. Patterson of the Breath of Life church. Today she is a member of the Breath of Life church in Memphis.



Left to right: Juanita Jenkins, Hattie Harvelle and Pastor Roy L. Patterson.

BLACK ADVENTIST ATTORNEYS MEET

More than 60 black S.D.A. attorneys gathered during alumni weekend at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, to reaffirm their commitment of helping young men and women who are interested in law. They are now planning to establish a fund to assist these young people.



S.D.A. attorneys meet at Oakwood College.

NEW CONGREGATION IN HARVEST, ALABAMA

As a result of a lay evangelism crusade conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Edmond of Huntsville, Alabama, a congregation of 25 Adventist believers are worshipping in Harvest, Alabama.



The new group established in Harvest, Alabama.

BUILDING PROGRAM FLOURISHING IN SOUTH CENTRAL

During the first quarter of 1981, three new church buildings have opened in the South Central Conference. They are located in Memphis, Tennessee—Isaac Lester, minister; Greenville, Mississippi—Arthur Sanders, minister; and Columbia, Mississippi—William O. Freeman.



Joseph Dent, superintendent of education for South Central Conference, participates in a trip around the world with the F. H. Jenkins School in Nashville, Tennessee. The classroom scene is by Nannie Joiner, teacher of the 7th and 8th grades and wife of Pastor M. E. Joiner.



Julia Jones at 97 years of age.

HARVEST INGATHERER AT 97

At 97 years old Julia Jones is still faithfully ingathering. Ingathering has always been a part of her Christian experience.

Her labors are greatly appreciated at the Bethany church in Miami, Florida, where she has been honored for her diligent efforts.

In 1966, 1967, 1971 and 1975 she received Bethany's Queen trophy for raising the highest ingathering goal. Her life is an inspiration to everyone. She has proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that God is able to use us if we are only willing.

Vivian Davis
Correspondent

INGATHERING EXPLOITS FOR GOD

"There is nothing fair nor beautiful, but takes something from thee that makes it beautiful." By working together with a heart of love and understanding, success is certain by God's help. This is the basic philosophy of Julia Jones, age 97.

Before coming to Miami, she was actively involved in the ingathering program, telling others of the soon arrival of Jesus, to aid in the financial goal of the church. After coming to live in Miami, she has continued with more zeal and spirit to help foster the program.

She has worked faithfully, not for an earthly reward, yet in the process, recognition has been given to her. She received Bethany's Queen's Trophy in 1966, 1967, 1971 and 1975. Other gifts for other years, equal to being Queen for the year, included a tape recorder, digital clock radio and finance. The finance was given for the use of the "Bethany Academy."

To God be the glory, great things He has done through the efforts and dedication of Julia Jones for His cause. This motto expresses her desire: (1) to diligently serve others, (2) to be earnest in spiritual endeavors, (3) to be a friend of God and man, and (4) to console the downhearted and onward to higher heights to help save humanity.

Vivian Davis
Communication Secretary



Caleb and Ada Ashley, celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Caleb and Ada Ashley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with friends, relatives and church members at a recent reception given in their honor.

Caleb and Ada were married May 15, 1931 in Colon, Panama. They served in the Hanson Place and South Brooklyn churches before retiring from hospital work in Brooklyn, New York, in 1975 and moving to Florida. Presently, the Ashleys are active members of the Port Charlotte Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley have five children, 11 grand-children and one great grandchild.

Linda Lechler
Press Secretary

OAKWOOD QUINQUENNIAL CONSTITUENCY PROGRAM

Oakwood College celebrated its eighty-fifth anniversary during the quinquennial constituency meeting held on

May 24 at the religion complex chapel.

In his update regarding institutional progress, President C. B. Rock gave a review of the status of each major section of institutional functioning as well as the college's comparative status within the two main membership groups (General Conference and United Negro College Fund).

Academically speaking, Rock stated, Oakwood has managed rapid rise in credibility both within the sisterhood of Adventist colleges and universities, and the broader affiliations of private and public consortia. Primary evidence of instructional expertise is the fact that Oakwood College ranked eighth in the nation among all colleges—public and private, black and white—in the matter of black graduates accepted in medical schools during school year 1979-80.

In the fiscal affairs area, two positive indices mentioned were: a) increasing support from the black constituency, and b) acquisition through a special endowment plan coordinated by UNCF of a \$750,000 endowment fund. Two other concerns deserving special mention as regards the 1976-1981 fiscal report are the creation of five industries (Harris Pine Mill, College Press, Mechanic Shop, Campus Produce Farm and the Green House) and the acquisition of 124 acres of land that now extend the south borders very close to University Drive.

In reporting on student services, the president noted that 1,300 students, 350 of whom live off campus, 80 percent of whom come from non-Adventist schools, look to this division of administration for direction in housing, recreation, cultural involvement, financial aid awards, coordination of student organization and, when necessary, correction and discipline. During the quinquennium it was necessary to add to the existing staff a director of social affairs, a Living Learning Center program and an eight-room cottage office complete with conference facilities. Attention was called to the need for at least one major dormitory facility. The president mentioned the recent student service addition underway—the new \$90,000 recreational park adjacent to the gymnasium and natatorium. This facility will encompass three separate fields and accommodate softball, soccer and baseball, as well as a 440-yard circular running track.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT—1980

Accomplishments:

The most significant accomplishment in the department since my last report has been the procurement of the much-needed equipment for maintaining the building and grounds in the most efficient manner, using the most effective and modern concepts.

A garden-size tractor was selected to function as a low maintenance machine in the summer and a minor snow removal/ice control machine in the winter. The hydrostatic drive feature of this tractor greatly reduces the operator's handling effort and consequently reduces man/hour cost to conduct a given chore and less fuel consumption per/job per/hour.

An automatic floor-scrubbing machine was selected for the purpose of eliminating a large percentage of the conventional "mop and bucket" applications. This machine has power steering and braking features which allow the operator to function at a reasonable rate of speed with a minimum amount of effort. It is versatile in that it can be employed to complete a number of floor care procedures at a 30,000 sq. ft. per/hour rate compared to 2,500 sq. ft. per/hour rate using the conventional "mop and bucket" method. Man/hour savings realized already by this equipment have permitted us to eliminate one service contract which will result into several hundred dollars saved annually.

New boiler cleaning equipment mentioned in last year's report has been purchased and put to good use, eliminating the need for 3 to 4 men, 12 to 16 hours per operation. This equipment can be operated by one man. A second man may assist. The total operation reduced to ten to twelve hours. This operation, if

contracted out, would cost \$1,400 to \$2,500 semi-annually. A conservative estimate of savings by using this equipment would be \$3,500 annually.

Goals:

1. To improve our patient laundry services by enlarging the service area and up-dating our present equipment to a performance level that would accommodate the present work load demands. We are already in the process of accomplishing part of this goal by replacing some of the present domestic machinery with larger commercial systems.

2. To further improve the clerical process of the department's overall operations, William Daniels, who recently joined our Environmental Service team, will lend support to this very important aspect of the functionings of the department.

3. To implement some of the energy conservation recommendations that will emanate out of the energy audit that is presently being studied by a local engineering firm, and continue our in-house ventures to save and conserve energy in all its forms in the meantime.

Coleman Powell

Supervisor, Environmental Services

ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT—1980

The elderly have been with us from the beginning of time and were more than often a joy to have around. The same holds true in many instances today. However, at this time we have more senior citizens than ever in the history of our country and they need not be ignored. Too often society looks at them and concludes the seniors are infirmed and no longer useful. Not so! There are

many senior citizens capable of performing, especially the geriatrics, hence, the activities program in nursing homes.

Accomplishments for October through December, 1980:

1. Residents were taken out to a nearby restaurant for lunch—nine including staff.
2. Family style dinner was served to an approximate total of 35 residents.
3. Pre-Thanksgiving dinner was served.
4. New craft ideas were introduced.
5. A pre-Christmas bazaar was held.
6. New fun games were introduced. This stimulates the fun aspect.

Future Goals: Short Range:

1. Use of outside as well as in-house expertise for in-service programming.
2. Increase voter registration of our residents and keep them involved with community awareness functions.
3. Improve the involvement and evaluation of the residents who are room bound.
4. Resume Kitchen Band.
5. Institute a humanities project program sponsored by the Dutchess Community College.

Future Goals: Long Range:

1. Further my education in the recreational therapist area.
2. Encourage better grooming for our residents.
3. Recruit and upgrade volunteer program.
4. Upgrade appearance of entire Activity work area.

In summarizing this report, I will, along with my staff, put forth every effort to accomplish all goals set for 1981. It will definitely be a challenge for me.

Joyce E. Riddick
Activities Director

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Elementary School in Amityville, New York, and Gloria Nelson, president, New York Teachers' Association.

One special gift presented to Simons was a beautiful scroll-shaped plaque bearing the inscription: "For a lifetime of dedication and leadership as school administrator, teacher and art instructor."

Since March 19 was Mrs. Simons' birthday, the song of greetings was sung by the teachers and conference personnel and a corsage and gifts were presented to her.



Pastor Maycock made this sign for his church. The church sign lights up at night.

VEGETARIAN COOKERY AT LIMA DRIVE

Lima Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church is sponsoring a weekly vegetarian cooking class. The initial class was well attended by the Lexington community. Betty Perry, R.N., CRNA, assisted by Dr. Alexander Vigh, said that more than half of the mixed audience were non-Adventists.

Bill Monk, pastor of Lima Drive SDA Church, said the response from a newspaper article was beyond expectation. Letters and telephone calls were received inquiring how vegetarian recipes may be obtained. The series of classes will conclude with a smorgasbord dinner of various dishes prepared by those who attended the classes.

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And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

—Acts 5:41

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IN THE NEWS



Adrian Simons

SIMONS RETIRES AFTER 36 YEARS

At the conclusion of the in-service activities on March 19, 1981, the Northeastern Conference Education Department gave a luncheon in honor of Adrian Simons, who is retiring from teaching at the end of the present school year. He thus concludes 36 years of denominational service in Bermuda, Boston, Massachusetts, and metropolitan New York.

Among the speakers for the occasion were Pastor G. R. Earle, president of the Northeastern Conference, Pastor Emeriton C. Whidbee, superintendent of education for the Northeastern Conference, Joycelyn Johnson, principal, Bethesda

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