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COVER STORY

HIGHLIGHTS OF FIFTH LITERATURE EVANGELISTS RETREAT

Hundreds of literature evangelists, conference administrators and special guests gathered for the fifth annual Literature Evangelists Incentive Retreat held at the Holiday Inn on International Drive in Orlando, Florida, from December 29, 1981, to January 2, 1982.

It was an historic occasion, for it was the first time all nine regional conferences and the Bermuda Mission gathered together as a united family to exchange ideas, relax and fellowship.

It was a triumphant occasion, the dream of Pastor T. S. Barber, director of publishing for the Lake Region Conference and founder of Family Health and Education Service (FHES), who for fifteen years fostered his dream of strengthening the publishing work. It was a lonely struggle. Barber remembers the skeptics who said it could never be done. Yet he persevered, he never gave up! As a result of his vision, the publishing work has grown by leaps and bounds, the regional publishing departments are operating on a strong financial base and colporteurs have received both spiritual and financial benefits.

It was a very moving experience when Pastor Barber stood up on Sabbath and looked out at the hundreds of literature evangelists in the audience. He lived to see his dream become a reality!!

The meeting was well planned and very spiritual. Some of the finest speakers in the denomination spoke. On Wednesday morning, Pastor W. C. Jones, president of the Southwest Region Conference, was the speaker. He presented a timely message that truly inspired the colporteurs.

On Wednesday night, Pastor T. S. Barber substituted for Pastor R. C. Brown, who was scheduled to speak. Barber's message was a heart-to-heart talk with literature evangelists. He spoke on the unique role of the colporteur in the gospel ministry. He stressed the importance of a literature evangelist cultivating a strong family to help sustain him in his ministry.

During the services, special time was given for sharing experiences. The testimonies of these courageous men and women did much to inspire and strengthen the listeners.

Music experienced its finest hour at the incentive retreat. The guest soloist for this occasion was Duane Hamilton, a recording artist formerly with the Heritage II and New Creation. Guest pianists were W. Rivers and Gail Jones-Murphy. Herbert Brown also lent his musical talents to the retreat.

Thursday, New Year's Eve, was a day of rest and relaxation. Many took advantage of the tourist attractions, while others played golf, went swimming or just enjoyed a day of resting in sunny Orlando.

On Friday morning, Dr. E. E. Cleveland, director of church missions and evangelism at Oakwood College, spoke on "The Sanctuary." The Holy Spirit used Dr. Cleveland to clearly explain the significance of the sanctuary and its importance to our salvation. It was edifying! God richly blessed.

At the dawn of the Sabbath on Friday evening, the ordinance of humility service was conducted. Pastor C. D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Confrence, was the speaker. It was a very sacred, solemn occasion.

On Sabbath morning, Pastor M. C. Van Putten, president of the Allegheny East Conference, presented the Sabbath school lesson, followed by personal ministries spotlight conducted by Pastor Walter Hawk, associate publishing director for South Atlantic Conference, and Pastor Danny Milton, associate publishing director for Allegheny West.



Willie Mae Cooper, leading literature evangelist in North America, enters a home to make a sale.

Suk Kam Kang, Willie Mae Cooper, Mary Flowers, Mary Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sanders shared with the audience their experiences while working in the field.

Speaker for the divine worship hour was Dr. S. Haywood Cox, president of Central States Conference. He spoke on "Making A New Start."

In the afternoon the literature evangelists enjoyed an evening of sacred music featuring Duane Hamilton in concert, along with Gail Jones-Murphy and Herbert Brown. It was a perfect ending to a beautiful Sabbath day.

Conferences Report \$3,386,869.10 in Deliveries

The incentive banquet, held in the Grand Ballroom at the Holiday Inn, was where nine conferences gave their reports for 1980-1981. Listed are the individual reports of the nine conferences.

Southwest Region Reports \$229,910

The Southwest Region Conference, under the direction of Pastor James Marshall, reported \$229,910 in deliveries for 1980-1981. Sixty-three souls were baptized as a result of the colporteur ministry. Julian Sylvester led the conference as top soul-winner. Thirty-three were baptized as a result of his witness.

Carrie Marshall, wife of the publishing director, was top literature evangelist with the highest deliveries—\$28,000. Recently she was named the top female colporteur in the Southwest Region. She was followed by Eugene Anthony with \$27,408.87, James LaBorde with \$14,039.30, and Julian Sylvester, \$10,148. The associates for the conference are Nathaniel Jackson and Willie Moore.

South Central Reports an Increase

The publishing department of South Central, under the direction of Pastor S. Ruff, reports a gain of \$68,000 over 1980, thus making this year's deliveries \$272,089.59.

The top literature evangelists for South Central were Virginia Reed, Robert Carter and Joe Mitchell. Eightynine souls were baptized in the conference, 35 of which were results of the top soul-winner, Mahalia Hassell.

Benjamin Cone and Lyndon Rowan, who serve as associate publishing directors, are doing a wonderful job.

Northeastern Reports over \$200,000

The Northeastern Conference, under the capable leadership of Pastor Silas McClamb, reported \$207,633.19 in sales and deliveries for the year.

The top literature evangelist in Northeastern for the year was Ligia Mack, with over \$15,000, followed by Connie Harrell and Ivy Johnson. Calvin Harrison, Alcega Jeanniton, Leonard Harris and Max Pierre are associate publishing directors for the year.

Lake Region-Number One

Under the guiding hand of God and the dynamic leadership of Pastor Barber, the Lake Region reported \$878,920.46 in total deliveries for 1981, making it number one among the regional conferences.

Two hundred and fifty people were baptized as a result of the colporteur ministry. Lake Region reported the largest student program ever. One hundred and twenty-five leaders delivered \$151,719 in magazines and small books. Highest deliveries were: Willie Mae Cooper, with \$52,450; Marthan Suttle, \$38,456.05 (student leader); Brent Ellis, \$32,657.40; Maurice Berry, \$21,185.15 and Arthur Suttle (District No. 1) \$340,374.86 (highest district). Arthur Suttle is top associate publishing director among the nine conferences. The associates for Lake Region are Arthur Suttle, Christopher Jones, James Jones, Jr., and Mathis Floyd.

Central States Climbing Upward

Under the leadership of Pastor Emmanuel Bullock, Central States Conference was able to report \$160,050.25 in sales for 1980-1981. Thirty souls were baptized as a result. Robbie Bass with twelve souls and Wanda Sims with eight souls were the top soul-winners for the conference. The top literature evangelist was Levia Simon with over \$19,000 in deliveries. Daniel Stewart, Otto Kirkland and Glenn Connors are associate publishing directors for the conference.

South Atlantic/Southeastern Report Combined Sales of \$389,604.91

South Atlantic and the newly-organized Southeastern Conference combined their forces under the vibrant leadership of Pastor R. T. Smith to report \$389,604.91.

One hundred and twenty souls were baptized, sixty in each conference.



Regional publishing directors, left to right: Pastor Stephen Ruff, South Central; Pastor Silas McClamb, Northeastern; Pastor James Marshall, Southwest; Pastor Robert Lewis, Allegheny East; Pastor Robert Smith, Jr., South Atlantic/Southeastern; Pastor T. S. Barber, Lake Region; Pastor Noah Beasley, Allegheny West; and Pastor Emmanuel Bullock, Central States.

Cheryl Hardeman was the number one soul-winner within the two conferences with 50 souls being baptized as a result of her labors.

South Atlantic produced the number one colporteur among the regional conferences—Suk Kam Kang, with \$60,000 in deliveries.

The associate publishing directors for South Atlantic are Walter Hawk, Arthur Fairfax, M. G. Cato and O. W. Mackey.

The associate publishing directors for Southeastern Conference are Luther Fowler, John Wells, Oscar Dunn, Matthew Dennis and R. P. Robinson.

Allegheny East Reports \$857,091.90

The Allegheny East Conference, under the leadership of Pastor N. Beasley, reports \$857,091.90 in sales and deliveries. They reported the largest number of baptisms of all regional conferences—341.

Special recognition was given to Mary Flowers, top colporteur for 1981, with \$45,000 in sales. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sanders, who have given 23 years of faithful service, organized a church in York, Pennsylvania.

The associate publishing directors are Elijah Watson, James Milton, Robert Parker, Genevieve Washington, Robert Moses and Beatrice Johnson, whose district delivered \$295,651.20, second only to Arthur Suttle of Lake Region.

Allegheny West Reports \$375,000 in Sales

Allegheny West reported \$375,000 in sales for 1980-1981 under the leadership of Pastor R. C. Lewis. The top literature evangelist for the conference was Mary Adams with \$46,532.34.

Sixty people were baptized during 1980-1981. The associate directors for

the conference are Danny Milton, Welton Jones and Robert Crawford, coordinator

God richly blessed each conference. The nine conferences were able to report \$3,386,896.10 for the year, a gain of \$796,901.22 over 1980, and 1,134 souls baptized. The total deliveries of the regional conference since its beginning in 1945—\$42,439,597.98. The future looks bright. There are, now more than ever, consecrated, dedicated, educated literature evangelists in the publishing work. New fields are being entered, great heights are being reached. The work of the literature evangelist is proving to be the most noble work ever entrusted to man.

Stephanie D. Johnson

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

A CALL FOR CONCERN

The early method of bearing witness to Jesus was a very simple one. They told the story by word of mouth. The story about Jesus was: His words and deeds, His suffering and death, His resurrection and exaltation.

Jesus was in Capernaum, the center of His Galilean ministry. The word got out that He was at the house of one of His friends and many came to hear Him.

Four men brought a young man sick with the palsy. They found the gathering too congested to get in by the door and proceeded to tear the roof off to get the young man to Jesus. It is apparent to me that these four men already knew about Jesus and were concerned enough to take their friend to Him.

When Jesus saw the concern of these men, He said to the sick man, "Son, your sins be forgiven." Note here that our faith in God will help someone else.

It is a good sign of being born again when you show concern for others. Jesus told Peter, when you are converted, strengthen your brother. To strengthen your brother, you will have to bring him to Jesus.

Let us imagine or look through our mind's eye and see four men as they see a sick man. These men are (1) Love, (2) Faith, (3) Work and (4) Sacrifice. Now let us listen to their conversation.

Love said, "I have compassion for him. I want to do something, but I can't do it alone."

Faith said, "I know what we can do if we can get him to Jesus. I believe He can heal him, but I also need help."

Work said, "I will carry him, but I don't have the money to buy what we need."

Sacrifice said, "I have a bank account and will buy whatever we need."

The black church must show concern through the avenues of love, faith, work and sacrifice if it is to successfully carry the gospel in the setting of the three angels' messages to a people under the fear of Reaganomics.

S. Haywood Cox, President Central States Conference



CLEVELAND'S COMMENTARY: "THE BAKERY"

Dr. A. G. Gaston, a black millionaire in Birmingham, Alabama, has a remarkable story. He began selling burial insurance door-to-door in black neighborhoods. He found the going hard. You see, black distrust of black was strong in the land. And there was the lingering impression-from the slave days-that blacks could not be trusted with money. And anything headed by blacks was inherently inferior. Slowly Gaston built his clientele. When there was a death, he paid the claim. Slowly his reputation for reliability spread. Black church congregations were fertile ground for his business solicitation. His business grew until today the Gaston Motel, Funeral Home and Bank are monuments to his integrity and persistence

The Gaston story has been repeated a thousand times across the land. There are the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company and the John H. Johnson publishing empire, to name two. The black-

owned neighborhood store became a fixture in my lifetime. And the new phenomenon, black-owned and operated shopping centers are across the nation from Atlanta to Dallas. This reflects a growing confidence of blacks in blacks. We are shaking the slave mentality that says "if it's black, it's slack. If it's white, it's right." Our survival as a people depends on overcoming the "slave mentality."

The Jews have had the answer of minority survival for a long, long time. In every major nation there is a Jewish community. The Jew takes each new immigrant under his tutelage. There are few Jewish beggars. A Jew will hire his own and train him in the business until he can take over. The Jew controls his own community at the street level. He integrates everything outside his community that affects it. But local control is his alone. The Jew insists that he owns something to which he can invite his brethren of other races. He has his culture, his way of doing things. He has his music. And he doesn't allow "others" to tell him how to sing it. You see, the Jewish experience is unique and peculiar to him.

Similarly, the black experience in America is unique. It is peculiarly our own. Only those who have experienced it can understand it. Those who compare the woman's rights struggle, the gay rights struggle and the Spanish drive for equality with the black civil rights struggle commit a grave error. You see, there are black women. There are black and white gay people. And the Spanish were never slaves in America. The necessity of lifting the burdens imposed on blacks may not be diluted by making our cause a philosophical "catch-all."

Nor has our travail been lifted. As I pen these words, the 1982 U.S. government budget proposals are being prepared. Guess what? Headstart money that funded remedial programs for preschool children are under the ax. Money for loans and grants that enabled thousands of poor students to get into college will bite the dust. The CETA program that trained young blacks and Spaniards to perform meaningful tasks is doomed. When you look at it, folks, the only thing we have that we can call our own is the black church.

And there are those among us who would give that away. These well-meaning brethren have a misconception that could prove fatal to black survival.

It involves definitions of words like "brotherhood," "unity" and "the ideal." I submit that brothers often live in different houses and even cities, that believers in India are one with us in "unity," and that there is nothing on earth that is "ideal." Further, blacks who use these words haven't the faintest idea of what whites mean when they use them. Blacks are often dealing in absolutes while the white brother is dealing in relativity. Often the black brother is calling for sufficient bread while the white brother considers his demand a threat to the bakery.

When blacks speak about a greater share of financial return (their own money sent up), whites and some blacks speak of "unity" and "brotherhood." When blacks speak of more blacks on committees voting on black leadership and issues, whites decry "self-seeking" and "racialism." When blacks speak of the need for a hymnal that contains songs that reflect black musical genius, whites and some blacks shout, "Let's stick together." In the name of all that is holy, how can financial reversion, increased committee responsibility, or more meaningful hymnology negatively affect unity, brotherhood, or togetherness?

But more seriously, some blacks believe it is a sin to hold membership in a black church. These have escaped to white churches, thus draining our black churches of badly needed finances. Now I believe in freedom of worship. But those blacks who go forth as missionaries to white congregations should not forget the rock from which they were hewn. Incidentally, we have always welcomed those whites who affiliate with us.

One black sister died and willed all of her money to the white conference, neglecting her needy brethren. After the good sister was buried, the white conference gave thousands to the black conference involved. God bless them. But wouldn't it have been better if the sister had remembered her own?

Would you believe it folks, we have some black brothers and sisters who give regularly to the Voice of Prophecy, It Is Written, and Faith for Today who won't give a quarter to the Breath of Life, our black Adventist telecast? There is something wrong with this—terribly wrong!

Kind words are like honey—enjoyable and healthful.

The Bible says-"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." People who worship others and have no self-respect are in violation of the law of God. Love your own, respect your own, and from this sound position reach out and help others. There is nothing in the Bible that requires that we be family blind or color blind. The Bible does require that we treat all men like brothers and deal with them with love and respect. The apostle James was ever aware of his Hebrew heritage, but he could boldly assert, "But if ye have respect of persons, you commit sin and are convinced of the law as transgressors." James 2:9. Leadership should expect from an exploding minority a swelling cry for bread. And they should not regard it a threat to the bakery or the Baker, but as an expression of the legitimate requirements of growth.

E. E. Cleveland

HENRY MANTON: TRIUMPH OF THE SPIRIT, PART II

Sometimes we must bleed an emotional setback only to return to the battlefield to win the trial set before us. Do we cringe to the fear of death and defeat? God forbid!!

Returning Home

After living for a time in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Henry and wife Dora returned to Little Compton, Rhode Island, in the mid-1880's. It was in this sleepy farming hamlet that Henry grew into manhood. It was here that he faced many trials that tried his very soul. It was here that Henry fled that eventful night in search of a new life, penniless with only two pockets filled with peanuts. I can imagine that Farmer Gifford was amazed to see Henry return so prosperous, so confident and so happy!

Henry's return was not like that of a prodigal son who is penniless, tattered and destitute. Nor did he return as a cringing slave at the mercy of an angry master. He had returned triumphant!

Why had he returned to Little Compton and the evil-tempered Mr. Gifford? Simply because Little Compton was the only place he could call home. And as for Farmer Gifford, as cruel as he was, Henry felt a bond of affection toward him and his family. After all, they were the only family he had ever known.

Henry rented a house from Farmer Gifford. He worked hard and looked forward to owning his own home. It was not long before his dream became a reality. He was able to purchase a 50-acre farm, complete with a New England saltbox, that spread across two states (Rhode Island and Massachusetts).

Henry Manton was now a property owner! It was quite a remarkable feat when one considers the times in which he lived. In the 1880's blacks who owned property were quite uncommon, for the majority of the freedmen were tenant farmers and sharecroppers in a system designed by their former masters to keep them in perpetual servitude.

Those blacks who tried to own property during those dark times became the object of attack and brutality by bigoted whites who believed that only white men were to be landowners.

Accepting the Advent Message

How Henry became a Seventh-day Adventist, or what led to his conversion, we can only surmise. As a child Henry was deeply religious. When he lived with the Quakers he attended their meetings. When he left the Quakers to seek a new life, he attended the Baptist church. He clung to this religion until one Friday, as he was returning from work, a bright light shone down. It was so bright that it almost blinded him. Then a thought came, "Tomorrow is the Sabbath." From that day forward he determined to keep the Sabbath. How he found the Seventh-day Adventist church we do not know. We have no idea who studied with him. But we know that around 1899 Henry was baptized by Pastor Reed in Quick Sand Pond.

However, his wife did not immediately respond to the Advent message, although she never opposed her husband's beliefs. She would attend church and take part in family worship but she was not able to make a total surrender until 1909.

Henry's beloved Dora Isabella Johnson-Manton was a very beautiful, resourceful and intelligent woman. She was a practical nurse and midwife, a very devoted wife and loving mother. She bore four girls and four boys for Henry.

Counsel from E. G. White

On Sabbath the Mantons, Mr. Russell (a "colored" believer) and several other Adventists met at the home of Mr. Frates for Sabbath services.

Then on Sabbath evening, Henry and his family would gather in their front room to hear Frates read from *The Desire of Ages* or *The Great Controversy*. The children became very weary and tired because Frates had a scratchy, tiresome voice that made the children restless.

Henry realized that Sabbath was becoming a day of weariness rather than rest, so he decided to ask E. G. White how to make the Sabbath more enjoyable for his children.

Henry frequently went to New Bedford to hear Ellen White speak. He copied down all her sermons that he heard and would read them to his children.

After E. G. White had delivered her sermon and the meeting was adjourned, Henry sought her counsel. She changed his whole concept of Sabbath-keeping. She presented the Sabbath as a day of joy, rest and re-creation. She told Henry that he could allow the children to go for walks on the Sabbath. He immediately acted upon her advice. On the following Sabbath and every Sabbath afterwards, the children were permitted to go for walks. For the children, Sabbath took on a new meaning. It was a day of joy, rest and re-creation!

Establishing a Church School

In 1910 Henry Manton established the first "colored" church school in New England. The school came as a result of following the counsel of Ellen White regarding Christian education.

He dedicated a room in his house for educating his children. He transformed that room into a viable school house. He built the desks and chairs, purchased the books, hired and boarded the teachers.

Mrs. Foster of Connecticut heard of Henry Manton's school and moved to Rhode Island so her children could attend. Later in life, her son, Ebenezer, married Henry Manton's daughter, Ida, and from their union was born ten children.

The school remained open for four years. Hilda Norman, Margaret Cornelius-Jacobs, Ethel Scott (a white teacher from Painted Post, New York) and Flora Manton (Henry's daughter who attended South Lancaster Academy, now known as Atlantic Union College) were the teachers who educated the children. Henry also had another son and

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The Editor's Desk

HELEN L. TURNER INTERIM TREASURER

We are fortunate to have Helen Turner, who has served as assistant treasurer for the past six years, to fill the vacancy as interim treasurer until the triennial session in March. Therefore, the conference operation will not languish due to the departure of the former treasurer. May God continue to bless the financial aspect of the conference as we strive to double the tithe to reach more souls in the conference.

PATHFINDER DAY AT SHILOH

Pathfinder Day was held recently at the Shiloh SDA Church, Brooklyn, New York. The message was delivered by Pastor Nixon. A rousing welcome of unity was given to all Pathfinders visiting from the South Brooklyn, Mount of Olives, Christian Fellowship and Hebron SDA churches.

The Pathfinders were reminded to exhibit a spirit of adventure and spirituality, as well as a love for soul-winning.

The program began at 3:30 p.m. by visitors from the Challengers of Christian Fellowship and a drill team which performed with precision. This activity really delighted the audience.

The parade captured the attention of the audience. The Shiloh Pathfinders are under the leadership of Mr. Rogers.

During the day, the Pathfinders were earnestly encouraged to move with a spirit of devotedness and dedication to God's service in body, soul and mind.

Velta C. Holder Communication Secretary

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Mar.	26	Apr. 2	9	16
Boston, Mass		6:03	6:11	6:19	6:27
New York City		6:13	6:21	6:29	6:37
Buffalo, N.Y.		6:34	6:42	6:50	6:58
Atlanta, Ga.		6:54	6:59	7:04	7:09
Miami, Fla.		6:35	6:38	6:41	6:44
Charlotte, N.C.		6:40	6:46	6:51	6:57
Birmingham, Ala.		6:03	6:08	6:13	6:18
Jackson, Miss.		6:16	6:21	6:26	6;31
Memphis, Tenn.		6:17	6:22	6:28	6:33
Louisville, Ky.		7:00	7:07	7:13	7:20
Detroit, Mich.		6:52	7:00	7:08	7:16
Chicago, III.		6:09	6:17	6:24	6:32
South Bend, Indiana		7:04	7:11	7:19	7:27
Minneapolis, Minn.		6:33	6:42	6:51	6:59
St. Louis, Mo.		6:18	6:25	6:32	6:38
Kansas City, Mo.		6:36	6:43	6:50	6:56
Denver, Co.		6:18	6:25	6:32	6:39
Little Rock, Ark.		6:25	6:31	6:36	6:42
Dallas, Texas		6:43	6:48	6:53	6:58
New Orleans, La.		6:15	6:19	6:24	6:28
Albuquerque, N.M.		6:23	6:28	6:34	6:42
Oklahoma City, Okla.		6:47	6:52	6:58	7:04

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THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

ALLEGHENY EAST

PASTORS ON THE MOVE

The Allegheny East Conference Executive Committee recently made the following pastoral changes:

- Samuel Boynton, former AYS department director, will pastor the Newtonville-Mantua, New Jersey, district.
- J. L. Butler, former Hadley Hospital chaplain, will pastor the Hyattsville, Maryland, church.
- Alvin LaCount, former pastor in Chester, Pennsylvania, will pastor the Millsboro, Delaware, and Salisbury, Maryland, district.
- William Linthicum, former pastor of the Newtonville-Mantua, New Jersey, district will pastor the Mizpah and Southwest churches in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Rodney Malcolm, former assistant at Dupont Park in Washington, D.C., will serve as assistant pastor at the Capitol Hill church in Washington.
- William Taliaferro, former pastor of the Cambridge, Maryland, churcn, will pastor the Dover-Milford, Delaware, district
- John Wright, former pastor of the Millsboro, Delaware, and Salisbury, Maryland, district will pastor the Chester, Pennsylvania, church.

LITERATURE EVANGELIST REPORT—ALLEGHENY EAST

After studying with Mamie Jones, N. W. Beasley and his wife accepted the third angel's message and were baptized in 1954 by Pastor C. E. Bradford.

Beasley served as an elder in the church, Sabbath school superintendent and MV leader, and was very active in giving Bible studies and winning souls for Christ. He became a full-time literature evangelist for the Central States Conference in 1966. In 1969 he was



Noah Beasley

voted literature evangelist of the year for the Central Union.

In 1970 he was called to the Allegheny East Conference to serve as an associate publishing director.

He is married to the former Freddie M. Williams, who was employed for sixteen years as a military personnel secretary by the federal government. They have four children, all products of church schools. Two are employed by the federal government, one by Lever Brothers, and one is a senior at Oakwood College.

Pastor Noah W. Beasley has led many souls to Christ. His district led all districts in North America in souls baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In 1981 he was called to serve as publishing director for the Allegheny East Conference. His wife joins him as cashier and bookkeeper for Family Health Education Service.

The Lord has really blessed. The conference had a \$91,000 gain over 1980 and 341 souls were baptized.



Freddie Beasley



Robert Parker, a strong associate in Virginia. He and his wife work as a team. They're doing an excellent job. They take time out of their busy schedule to visit the workers. Also, every Friday night they gather together to study the Sabbath school lesson. They're planning to organize a church in 1982 in Frankford, Virginia.



Elijah Watson, district leader in the Washington, D.C., area, also had a good year for souls in 1981. Twenty souls were baptized as a result of diligent work.



James Milton, district leader in northern New Jersey, had a good year in 1981. He and his workers were responsible for 50 precious souls.



Genevieve Washington, our newest district leader in the Wilmington, Delaware, area. In the summer of 1981, H. J. Fordham, former Wilmington pastor, conducted a tent effort and 35 souls were baptized.

SPANISH CHURCHES ORGANIZED

Jose Melendez, a theology graduate from Walla Walla College who works as the director of a Hispanic day care center, had a great desire to see a Spanish church in the city of Wilmington, Delaware.

He worked untiringly with Pastor H. J. Fordham and William Hall, former and present pastors of the Sharon Temple church in that city.

The result was the forming of a separate Hispanic congregation with Melendez as their official shepherd. About 20 families form the nucleus of this organization. At present they are meeting in one of the auditoriums of the church but soon hope to purchase their own edifice.

Twenty-six Spanish-speaking Christians, most of them former refugees from Cuba, recently promised to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit as members of the new Harrisburg Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia. Pastor Armando Morais has been appointed as their leader.

R. L. Booker Correspondent

FUND-RAISING NETS NEW COPIER FOR LARCHWOOD

The faculty of the Larchwood school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, really enjoy using a new 2300 Xerox copier which was purchased as a result of over \$2,500 being raised in less than three weeks by the students.

The top seller in the fund-raising effort was Lymuel Artwell, a fifth grader, who, with the aid of his mother Margaret, sold over \$670 worth of "school tools." These included pencil sharpeners, erasers, calendars, etc.

This new copier replaces two older machines which recently "passed away."

School Principal Ronald C. Williams says "thank you" to all those who supported this project and especially to Mrs. Artwell and her son, Lymuel.

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Being happy-go-lucky around a person whose heart is heavy is as bad as stealing his jacket in cold weather, or rubbing salt in his wounds.

Proverbs 25:20

Two Churches are Housed After Years of Struggle

Charlottesville, Virginia—Organized 1967



This was indeed a day for heartfelt congratulations to Pastor Edward Brown, who led the congregation for two years.



The ribbon-cutting was done by Joseph Turner, chairman of the building committee, Pastor Edward Brown, President Cleveland and K. S. Smallwood, conference secretary.



This house, purchased by the conference in 1974, is located on a prestigious corner in downtown Charlottesville. The conference has contributed more than \$25,000 to help this congregation become housed.



Pastor Brown is supported by his wonderful family, including wife Minnie and their three sons



Part of the crowd that came from several Allegheny West congregations in Virginia to share this wonderful moment.

Hillcrest (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)—Organized 1976



Under Pastor Walter Wright's leadership the property was purchased. Plans were drawn, the basement was hulled in, \$138,000 was raised and membership virtually doubled through evangelism. Wright was called to departmental leadership by the executive committee before finishing the basement. His leadership will long be remembered and appreciated at Hillcrest.



Mamie Wadkins Clemons, one of the charter members, reads the history.



The president recalls the faithfulness of Hillcrest members. The conference has contributed more than \$55,000 toward the first phase. Pastor Perry Jennings (in the background) looks on. Jennings, who followed Wright, led the church in completing the basement.



The Hillcrest choir provided music for the grand occasion.



Program participants included, left to right: Pastor and Mrs. P. L. Jennings (present pastor); President Cleveland; Pastor C. L. Brooks of the General Conference, speaker; and Pastor and Mrs. W. L. Wright, Sr.



FHES representatives from North America with their presidents in front.



Lervie Simons, top salesman.



Robbie Bass, soul-winner.

LITERATURE EVANGELIST RALLY AT BEACON LIGHT

More than 50 literature evangelists from as far away as Denver, Colorado, attended the rally held at the Beacon of Light church in Kansas City, Missouri.

The rally began Friday night with communion services and a love feast conducted by the pastor of the Beacon of Light church, Hilliard Pettway. Speaker for Sabbath services was Pastor P. C. Winley, a former literature evangelist and presently a local elder at the Bethel church in Kansas City, Kansas.

A symposium conducted Sabbath afternoon was composed of a panel of literature evangelists. This symposium cleared many deteriorating myths affecting the integrity of the literature evangelist work.

The weekend was highlighted with a business meeting. One important segment of this meeting was the birth of a club among literature evangelists. The club is called S.A.L.E.R.S., which stands for Seventh-day Adventist Literature Evangelists Rescuing Souls. Its function is to build leaders from the literature evangelists so they may perform effectively and independently in the absence of their directors.

As a result of this uplifting weekend, Edyth Worten of Kansas City, Missouri, became a literature evangelist.

Barbara Roby



Wanda Sims, soul-winner.



Dan Stewart interviewing literature evangelist Ernest Gay.



Literature evangelists relaxing after Sabbath dinner.



Ted Smith, associate publishing director for the Southern Union Conference.

BAPTISM UNITES FRIENDS

When Charles moved to Danville from Chicago ten years ago, he didn't realize that a friendship made then would have such an impact on his life.

Sharing the years of growing up—good and bad—was the reason Charles Gaston and Lee Cooper decided to attend a recent tent meeting. One would encourage the other to attend faithfully.

Charles immediately accepted the message and was baptized, while Lee (possibly having some misgivings) was not

Charles wrote a poem especially for Lee, who shortly after decided to take his stand. The poem was read at his baptism:

GUIDE HIM

God, guide my friend into Your everlasting light,

Give him power and strength to continue to do right.

Help him to do Thy Father's will, When completed, he has a mansion, just over the hill.

Guide him to Your never-ending love, Help him to remember it's from Thy Father above.

Lord, before my friend is baptized, I hope and pray it's You he'll always recognize.

If my friend should stumble, Let him not fall.

For You'll be with him.

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You're our all in all.

Help my friend to remember You are the Most High,

Help us all to remember,

Salvation we can't buy.

Help us all through this beautiful day. We know You won't turn us away.

-Charles Gaston

Both Charles and Lee have really taken hold of their new-found religion, and hope to see the Friend of all friends in the earth made new.

NORTHEASTERN

GRAND MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR EPHESUS MORTGAGE FUND

The "Tenacious Ten," a supportive group of hard-working women led by Blanche Cox, sponsored a grand music festival during the fall of 1981 to increase the church mortgage fund.



The Tenacious Ten of Ephesus church in New York City.

These hostesses, dressed in beautiful red formals with white corsages, were pleased to see the standing-room-only audience. Prayer was offered by Edward Phipps, Muriel R. Hutchins welcomed the audience and introduced the dynamic master-of-ceremonies, Willie G. Bethea, who lends a "touch of class" to every special event.

Special guests were the internationally-known singers, the Brothers, who traveled to New York City from Washington, D.C. A paraphrase of Psalm 133 is appropriate here, for "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to (sing) together in unity." Their harmony was superb; everyone enjoyed their music. The boys' choir of Harlem, Inc. (originally The Ephesus Boys' Choir), under the direction of Walter Turnbull, electrified the audience with their singing.

All participants were especially delightful as they shared their God-given talents to enhance the program. Among the soloists were Berlette Tribbett, Delores Henderson and Annette Wilson. Quartets and ensembles were God's Comforts, the Artistic Chants and the Celestial Sounds. Two Ephesus choirs, the Collegiate and the New Believers, added to the overall charm and inspiration of the evening.

In the words of Mrs. Cox, the minister's wife, "The new Ephesus group, The Tenacious Ten," wishes to thank heartily all who helped to make the program a success. To the choirs, special groups, soloists, instrumentalists, master of ceremonies, ushers, custodians and audience supporters... we can only say thank you for making it all possible.

The church treasurer has indicated that total mortgage money raised in September was \$7,509.08, and of this amount \$3,431.68 was received on the night of the concert. To God be the glory!"

The entire Ephesus congregation concurs with these sentiments and under God is determined to continue working toward the common goal of paying off the church mortgage in the near future. As they near the "home stretch," they are convinced their efforts will be successful.

Muriel R. Hutchins Reporter

NORWALK SPONSORS BABY CONTEST

Crystalle R. Langhorn, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Carlyle Langhorn, was the winner of a recent baby contest. Crystalle's contribution totaled \$175 and was awarded the first prize of a gift certificate to a local baby clothes store.

Second place in the contest was Yolanda McQueen with \$144, and third place winner was Regina Clark with \$105.

Other babies in the contest were Reginald Clark, Jr., Delvon Clark, Romaan Clark, Evelyn Clark and Bridget Clark

Barbara Rose coordinated the contest. A total of \$520 was raised from the affair and will benefit the fund-raising fund for the church, a committee which Rose chairs.

LADIES DAY HELD AT NORWALK

The Norwalk SDA Church in Norwalk, Connecticut, was delighted to have as guest speaker Patricia Langley for divine worship on Ladies Day.

Surely the Holy Spirit gave her utterance as she admonished the ladies of the church to "walk, talk and look" like Christian women, distinguished from the women of the world.

The service was enhanced by the beautiful singing of Kristina Miles of Norwalk.

The afternoon program was also spiritually uplifting as we listened to the beautiful solos from Oretha Williams of Norwalk and a brief sermonette from Eureka Youngblood of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The program marked the culmination of the successful fund-raising efforts of the ladies for the church building fund.

The Ladies Day services and fundraising were under the direction of Barbara Rose of the church building fundraising committee.

Carlisle G. Langhorn is the pastor.

Peggy DeLaney Communication Secretary



The dinner in honor of senior citizens given by Community Service workers at Christian Fellowship.

HOLIDAY BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

Members of the Yonkers Way To Life Mission in Yonkers, New York, gathered at the home of Evelyn Poole, community service leader for the mission, to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. Edna King is the assistant community director.

The ladies worked extremely hard to assemble the canned goods and other foodstuffs that had been collected from their church members.

Poole thoughtfully prepared a delicious vegetarian meal for the helpers. She is also an active soul-winner and has been instrumental in bringing souls to Christ. She is assisted in her missionary activities by Sybil Wells.

The Yonkers Mission came into existence in 1979 as an offspring of the City Tabernacle SDA Church in New York City, New York. Pastor Calvin Harrison is in charge of the 60-member mission. He is ably assisted by Servin Malcolm, John Springer and Keith Wells. Lola White-Harrison, wife of the mission leader, serves as church pianist.

Presently, the mission is in the process of renovating the church. May God richly bless their endeavors.

> Martha J. Dawson Correspondent



Doris Harris, Miss Congeniality for 1981-82.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL CONGENIALITY CONTEST

On December 12, Christian Fellowship A.Y.S. in Brooklyn, New York, presented its second annual "Miss Congeniality" contest. It was an enchanting evening.

The young ladies who participated were extremely talented and gave their very best performance. Criteria for the title of "Miss Congeniality" was based on poise, talent, dress and, most important, loveliness as Ruth, Esther, Rachel, Rebekah, Lois, Hannah and Leah—women of the Bible.

As the evening's program progressed, each girl was quite anxious to find out who would be "Miss Congeniality" for 1981-82. At last the moment of truth

arrived and the winner was Doris Harris! Cheers of congratulations went out to Doris as "Miss Congeniality" for 1980-81 turned over her role and crown.

Paula B. Reid Communication Secretary

CELEBRATION OF CREATION ART AND POETRY SHOW HELD

People are still talking about the recent "Celebration of Creation" Art, Poetry and Crafts Show held at the Ephesus SDA Church in New York City. The fellowship hall was literally transformed into a fabulous art gallery due to the architectural skills of Cullen Phipps and Elihu McMahon.

The atmosphere was festive and warm as art-lovers viewed the paintings, photography, poetry and crafts that were displayed. There were special exhibits from Northeastern Academy and R. T. Hudson Elementary School. Gallery guests also enjoyed light refreshments provided by the Ephesus communications staff and several church members.

As an added attraction, the Ecstatistics, the 1981 Gospel Academy Award winners for best male quartet, gave a mini-concert. The audience was very receptive and enthusiastic. They especially loved the group's rendition of "God Is" and "The Bridegroom Cometh." David Walker, orator, added a touch of drama with his presentation of the well-known poem, "The Creation," by James Weldon Johnson.

During the concert the Ephesus Communications Awards were presented to Evelyn Tomlin, writer for the New York Voice newspaper, and the Ecstatistics for their outstanding contributions in communications. Last year's recipient was Walter Turnbull, director of the Boys' Choir of Harlem. The very first award went to Bill McCreary, host of the television show, "Black News."

In the beginning God created man and He gave him the ability to recreate. The Ephesus annual art shows provide an excellent opportunity for artists, photographers, poets, etc., to display their creative genius to all who would come and see.

Be a part of the 1982 show. Contact the Ephesus communication department at 101 West 123rd Street, New York City, New York 10027 immediately.

> Caroline Jones Communication Secretary



Pictured at the organization of the Spanish church in Atlanta, Georgia, are members and conference officials. Pictured above are, left to right: Pastor Joe Hinson, conference evangelist and director of personal ministries; Pastor J. A. Simons, conference secretary-treasurer; Dr. Reuben Castillo, first local elder; Martha Castillo, church treasurer; Maria Lastra, Sabbath school superintendent; Sonia Vega, church clerk; President R. B. Hairston of the South Atlantic Conference; and Ralph Franklin, pastor of the Atlanta-Berean district.



Pastor M. Johnson receives a check from Mayor Dave Fisher.

HARVEST INGATHERING

Harvest Ingathering at the First SDA Church in Springfield, Tennessee, offers every member an opportunity to witness. This year Harvest Ingathering was spearheaded by the church lay activities secretary, John Collier.

Members tried to reach every citizen in Springfield. God richly blessed their results. The Honorable Dave Fisher, mayor of Springfield, presented Pastor Marshall Johnson with a check to help them proclaim an early victory for Harvest Ingathering on September 5.



Joe Milner.

MILNER ARTICLE PUBLISHED

Joseph Milner, local elder of the East Cleveland SDA Church, Cleveland, Tennessee, and superintendent of building services at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga, published an article in the journal, Clean Management.

His article, "Custodial Advancement Program" outlines a program in which employees actively participate in management decisions with a resulting increase in morale, incentive and productivity.

Milner has had favorable commentary and inquiries about the operation of his program from diverse sources, including Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges in Washington, D.C.

Milner is a recipient of certification of appreciation from Overview, Inc.



Pastor Johnson reading baptismal vows.

PRISON MINISTRY

The prison ministry sponsored by the First SDA Church of Springfield, Tennessee, under the leadership of James Taughber is making great inroads in the prison system.

For seven months Taughber and his assistants distributed the Revival Bible Lessons, conducted worship and became friends of the prisoners.

God richly blessed their efforts and two young men—James Bell and Mark Flint—surrendered their lives to Christ.

The members of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church accepted them with open arms. Seven other church members decided to rededicate their lives to the Lord. May God continue to richly reward their labors.

Angela D. Traughber Communication Secretary



The church march to location.

AN OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

On Paradise Hill stands the impressive three-story apartment complex for senior citizens, South Central Village, which is scheduled to open on May 26. The L-shaped building contains 134 one-and two-bedroom apartment units, which are to be subsidized by H.U.D.

The building, sponsored by South Central Conference, is designed to provide maximum comfort, protection and activity for citizens over 62 years of age and the handicapped. Its large foyer, elevators, meeting rooms, beauty and barber shops and laundry room add to the convenience of the complex. Each unit is individually carpeted and heated to make living comfortable and happy for those who will be living there.

The housing coordinator, Pastor I. J. Johnson, states that he would be happy if Adventists would make application first and fill the complex. However, no one will be denied living quarters because of race or religion.

For further information contact South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 715 Youngs Lane, Nashville, TN 37207. Phone (615) 226-6500.

CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER HONORED

Community Relations Day at the New Life church in Fayette, Mississippi, honored the former mayor of Fayette and noted civil rights leader, Charles Evers.

Dr. T. L. Hemingway, pastor of the church, presented the plaque to Evers "for his leadership in both local and national affairs, and for contributing greatly toward making the Fayette community a better place to live."

Evers responded, "I have received many awards, but this has to rate as one of the best I have ever gotten. I am to travel to Washington in a few days to attend a state dinner for the king of Jordan . . . but I would not have missed this . . . even for that."

Louetta Ford, Sabbath school superintendent, was responsible for arranging the program. Visitors from several neighboring towns as well as many local politicians and leading businessmen of the area were present.

A musical by the church choir followed a fellowship dinner in the afternoon. Who knows what will be the eternal results of this Community Relations Day?



NEW STUDENT CENTER

On Sunday, January 7, a significant page of historical data was filed in the 86-year-old archives of Oakwood. The "new" student center was opened to facilitate the space need of our growing student population.

Formerly called "Ford Hall" or the old "Science Building," the "new" Student Center is now the central headquarters for students' general activities and provides the following: game rooms for clubs and musical groups, information rooms for commuting and foreign students, office space for student government independent operation and two student lounges for socialization and relaxation. The projected cost for renovation and furnishing is \$50,000.

ALMA BLACKMON GOES TO RUSSIA

On December 28, Alma Blackmon, conductor of the Aeolians, traveled to the Soviet Union, along with a 56-member delegation of American humanitarians, musicians and journalists.

Blackmon received the invitation from the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation as a result of the concerts she and the Aeolians performed last summer throughout Romania.

At present, plans are being formulated for the Aeolians to sing their next series of concerts as Friendship Ambassadors in England, Scotland, and Wales.

CAPPING CEREMONIES

The Nursing Department held their seventh annual capping dedication service for 32 first-year nursing students on Sabbath afternoon, January 23. The lamplighting ceremony honors Florence Nightingale as the "Lady with the Lamp," who was the founder of modern nursing.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Ruth Warren, R.N., M.Ed., who recently retired as director of health services at Oakwood.

NEW PERSONNEL

Emmanuel Rodgers is now serving as director of college industries at Oakwood. He is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and a former student at Oakwood College. Rodgers is married to the former Shirley Baskerville. They have three daughters, Camillia, age 2, Janella, age 4, and Michaela, age 6.

Roscoe Howard joined the staff on August 17 as director of physical plant. He came to Oakwood from Casper, Wyoming. Howard's wife, Mildred, and daughter Tammy have joined him here at the "Oaks."

TWO STAFF MEMBERS RECEIVE DOCTORATES

Recently doctoral degrees were received by Esther Gill, associate professor, an Ed.D. from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and Jannith Lewis, associate professor, a Ph.D. from Indiana University.

RECENT ACCREDITATION OF OAKWOOD COLLEGE

At the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools held in Dallas, Texas, on December 8, Oakwood College was officially conferred reaccreditation for the period 1981-1991.

This historic and significant recognition is a testimony to the hard work of many of the staff members. Juliaette Phillips served as directress of the institutional self-study and Dr. Rosa Banks served as coordinator.

RECORD SALES AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OAKWOOD LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

In addition to the witness borne to some 50 cities during the spring, summer and winter breaks of 1981, 361 students sold books, magazines and Bibles totaling \$271,167 and received approximately \$152,000 in scholarship benefits, travel expenses, etc. Under the leadership of Pastor Sandy Robinson, 1981 was a banner year for our faithful student literature evangelists.

HENRY MANTON

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daughter who attended South Lancaster Academy.

Henry was a well-respected citizen of Little Compton. He unofficially served as selectman of the town (similar to the office of a mayor). He was a stone mason and artisan. He hired the men in the town to work for him, among them the sheriff.

He remained a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Providence, Rhode Island, until he died around 1934. The seeds of truth that he planted in the hearts of his children are still bearing fruit today.

Note: In the first part of "Henry Manton: Triumph of the Spirit," the direct quotations were taken from Marion Moore Coleman, *Our Town: Cheshire, Connecticut, 1780-1980, p. 126, 127.*

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IN THE NEWS

LEGAL NOTICE

The Fifteenth Session-Fourth Triennium of the Central States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Fifteenth Session-Fourth Triennium of the Central States Conference of Seventhday Adventists will be held March 14 at the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. This regular session is being called for the purpose of receiving reports, election of officers, adoption of a constitution and bylaws, and to transact such business as may properly come before the session. The first meeting will convene Sunday, March 14, 1982, at eight o'clock a.m. The delegates to this session are the regularly elected delegates from the churches in the territory of the Central States Conference.

S. Haywood Cox, President L. B. Hampton, Secretary-Treasurer

LEGAL NOTICE

The Fifteenth Session-Fourth Triennium of the Central States Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the regular business session of the Central States Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a legal corporation, will be held at the time of the Fifteenth Session-Fourth Triennium of the Central States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. The first meeting of the association will convene at eight o'clock a.m. on March 14, 1982. The purpose of the meeting is to elect trustees, receive reports, and transact business as may properly come before the corporation at that time. The members of this association are accredited delegates in attendance at the meeting of the Fifteenth Session-Fourth Triennium of the Central States Confer-

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At the Leonora Newton-Ronald Coopwood wedding, the couple cuts the cake.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN DARK COUNTY

Sunday, November 1, was more than a sunny day in Hobbs, New Mexico. It was an unusual day. The schedule called for the organization of a church in a formerly dark county.

When the group finally assembled, 30 persons were present to form the nucleus of a new congregation. Friends from afar and guests from the community were present to witness the ceremony.

S. K. Collins, who in former years had served as an officer in the Roswell, New Mexico, church, had a burden to foster the work in an unentered territory. His conviction prompted him to drive 90 miles one-way weekly and labor untiringly to bring to fruition a cherished dream.

Pastor C. Williams, III, district leader, gave support to the endeavor, and the Spirit of the Lord blessed consecrated efforts. The believers are well received in the community and the prospects for continued growth are heartwarming.

Presently, the group is worshipping in temporary quarters. However, plans are underway to acquire property for permanent housing. How swiftly the gospel could fly if other laymen could feel the excitement of evangelism and follow Collins' example in ministering to others.

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