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# Helen Harris Turner

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## COVER STORY

### HELEN HARRIS TURNER—AN EXAMPLE IN PERSEVERANCE

by Lee Paschal

"We must have a plan on what needs to be accomplished, take the resources that we have to do what has to be done"  
—Mrs. H. H. Turner.

Helen Harris Turner's commitment to excellence can be traced to the values planted and nurtured by her family. She was the ninth of eleven children born to David and Mattie Ringer Harris. Her father was a farmer and her mother was a school teacher in their small southcentral Texas hometown of Oakwood. Two hundred families lived in the black community called Shiloh, named by Mary McElroy, Helen's great-great-grandmother, 150 years ago.

At an early age, Helen determined to get a college education. During her years in elementary school, she walked twelve miles each day to and from school. She vividly remembers the coming of spring and summer. The huge oak, hickory nut and pine trees were in their splendor. The scents of lilac, blue bonnets and honeysuckle were enjoyed by the Turner children as they gathered wild fruits and nuts.

The year 1945 was pivotal in Helen's life, for this was when she graduated from elementary school. Within a few months she would enroll at the new Butler High School. The high school was invigorating. It gave all of the kids something to look forward to each day. To the black kids in Oakwood, school was everything. Their social lives revolved around school.

In the spring of 1949, Helen and six other determined young people graduated from Butler High School. They were very excited about finishing secondary school and venturing into a new world.

Religion also played an important part in Helen's life. Several years before the turn of the century, a traveling book salesman visited the home of Mary McElroy, her great-great-grandmother. From the salesman, she purchased a *Bible Readings for the Home*. She was very impressed with the book and shared its contents with the family.

The Bible study on the Sabbath convinced the McElroy family that the seventh day of the week should be kept holy. This precious belief was passed

down to the fourth generation. Helen and her sisters and brothers were thus taught to refrain from all secular activities several hours before sunset on Fridays. Sabbath hours were spent reading Bible stories and memorizing Bible verses. Prizes were awarded by the mother to the family member that could recite the most Bible verses.

The Harris family had been observing the Sabbath for many years before hearing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The officials of the Texas Conference heard about a Sabbath-keeping family in Oakwood, Texas, and sent Sabbath school lesson quarterlies to the Harris family. Shortly thereafter, R. L. Proctor, a black Seventh-day Adventist, visited the Harris home and acquainted them with the Adventist organization.

In the summer of 1949, a beautiful handbill announcing an evangelistic crusade was sent to the Harris family from Dallas by Emmanuel Harris, Helen's uncle. The crusade was being conducted by evangelist W. W. Fordham of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Providence led her to Dallas, where she attended Phillips Business College. Upon arriving in Dallas, Helen attended the evangelistic crusade every night. She was given Bible studies by Samuel Meyers, a young ministerial assistant with the crusade. Helen was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the end of the crusade.

In 1951, Helen graduated from Phillips Business College. In the same year she enrolled at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, where she studied in the field of secretarial science.

In 1953 Helen married Henry Turner, a student at Bishop College. Later Turner became a research chemist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas, where he is currently employed.

On February 7, 1955, Helen accepted a position with the Southwest Region Conference in Dallas as secretary to Pastor L. B. Baker, who was the director of the Sabbath school and home missionary departments. The work in these departments was challenging and rewarding to Helen. Many hours were spent in preparing Sabbath school reports and conducting programs throughout the conference.

Later she served as secretary to the president of the Southwest Region Conference, Pastor V. L. Roberts, a position

which she held for fourteen years. When she later became the chief accountant and cashier, she was responsible for all the accounting of the conference treasury department.

During this time Helen continued her studies by taking evening classes at Bishop College in Dallas. After completing all of the available courses in accounting there, she entered Southern Methodist University, also in Dallas, where she received a bachelor of arts in accounting.

In 1974 she received an award from the National Alumni Association of Oakwood College for her outstanding accomplishments and rendering nineteen years of service in the Southwest Region Conference. This was a thrilling moment for her.

In 1976 Helen graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas with an M.B.A. in management and administrative sciences and accounting.

Helen Turner was invited to become the first woman conference auditor in the denomination in 1979 and the first woman secretary for the Southwest Region Conference Corporation.

Helen has served in church and community functions for a number of years. She served as youth leader and wrote and conducted many inspiring programs. These programs served to motivate many young people toward greater and higher ideals of life. She served as church treasurer and Sabbath school superintendent, as well as holding several other positions.

Helen Turner was selected by Dallas County, Texas, to work with a research team. This team conducted studies in land use management and discovered ways to best use land in Dallas County.

She recently took the examination to become a certified public accountant. She taught accounting for a number of years at Bishop College. She has lectured in a number of schools, churches and colleges throughout the southwest.

In February, 1980, Helen was the first woman to be invited to become business manager for Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

In March, 1982, she was the first black woman to be elected conference treasurer, as well as director of trust services. As treasurer, she is now formulating plans to computerize the conference church treasurer's accounting system. She has served 25 years in Southwest Region Conference.

Presently, Helen Turner is attending the University of Texas at Dallas where she is completing her Ph.D. degree in accounting and management. She is a member of the NAACP, YWCA and the Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club. She serves on the Southwest Estate Service Board at the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Keene, Texas, and the Medical-Dental Van Board of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Helen and Harry have two children: Renee, a student at Oakwood College, and Shirley, a student at Chisholm Trail Academy in Keene, Texas.

Helen finds pleasure in cooking country-style, gardening, canning, listening to good music, playing the piano and violin, ceramics, traveling, meeting people, making people happy and attending school.



Mr. and Mrs. Turner with their youngest daughter, Shirley.



Helen Turner, treasurer of Southwest Region Conference.

## MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SPONSORS HEALTH FAIR

by Stephanie D. Johnson

The plight of Haitian refugees in America has uncovered some dark spots in the hearts of American people, but there are a few noble souls who have stood for the rights of these disinherited people. It has solidified the Haitian community in America and people from all

walks of life—lawyers, doctors, students, butchers and bakers have raised a united voice in defense of their people. Adversity has summoned forth their noblest virtues.

Who are the Haitians? Why are they fleeing the land of their birth? The Haitians are black French-speaking people who inhabited an island in the western part of the Caribbean island of Hispanola. The roots of the island can be traced back to its discovery in December 6, 1492, by Christopher Columbus.

In more recent years the Haitians can trace their rich heritage to Touissant L'Ouverture, Jean-Jacques Dessalines and Henry Christophe, who broke the yoke of French colonialism and declared Haiti an independent nation in 1804. For more than a century Haiti was the only country in the western hemisphere ruled by black men.

Presently, the future of Haiti lies in the hands of Jean-Claude Duvalier, who came to power in 1971 after the death of his father, Francois Duvalier, who ruled Haiti with an iron hand for fourteen years.

Because of the hardships faced by the Haitian people, they have developed into strong, hard-working men and women who seek opportunities for a better life. America has failed to recognize the strength of these people and as a result, they have faced cruel and unusual punishment. They have been imprisoned and shut out from society. "There are 2,177 Haitians currently in detention centers in the United States at seventeen locations from New York state to sunny Puerto Rico"—*Newsweek*, February 1, 1982.

With this overview of past and present Haiti, it was a welcome occasion to attend the health fair held on February 28 at the Bilingual Seventh-day Adventist School in Brooklyn, New York. The fair was organized by the Haitian Medical Association and supported by the Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York, and the American Cancer Society.

The health fair was well planned and offered a wide array of medical services. Free examinations were given for diabetes, high blood pressure, sickle cell anemia, cancer of the breast, cancer of the cervix, glaucoma, obesity, tuberculosis and mental illness.

The best physicians in the Haitian community were present, offering their expertise in cardiology, surgery, pediatrics, general medicine, internal

medicine, psychiatry, gynecology and obstetrics, orthopedics, endocrinology and urology. A staff of approximately 100 people, including at least 35 physicians and 30 nurses, ministered to the needs of the people.

Dr. Jean-Claude Desgranges, vice president of community affairs for the association, pointed to two key reasons for the fair: 1) Many of the Haitians are illegal aliens and don't have access to health services; 2) Many of the Haitians don't speak English and it is very difficult for them to explain to physicians about their problems.

The Haitian Medical Association, headed by Dr. Fred Montas with a membership of 100, has a community affairs department that organizes health fairs and other programs beneficial to the Haitian community. Dr. Desgranges heads the committee and is assisted by Drs. Paul Nacier, Jean-Claude Compas and Evelyn Moises, along with Lola Poisson. Plans are being made to organize health fairs in the five boroughs of New York City—Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Manhattan. So far, they have sponsored two health fairs in Queens and Brooklyn.

In the future the association hopes to establish a clinic in Brooklyn that will provide free medical treatment for the Haitian community.

The association worked hand in hand with the Hebron SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, who provided the building for the health fair. Lamartine J. Honore, pastor of Hebron, and the members worked diligently to ensure the success of the health fair. The church not only provided the buildings and volunteers, but also publicized the event. They printed and distributed 4,000 flyers on subways, went door-to-door and passed them out on busy streets. They scattered flyers like the leaves of autumn. They publicized the health fair in the newspaper, the *Haitian-Observateur*, and on the radio.

At the close of the health fair, Pastor Honore presented the doctors with *The Great Controversy*. He expressed his appreciation to the medical association for their work. He challenged them to provide systematic and sustained medical care to the Haitian community. Dr. Fred Montas, president of the association, accepted the challenge.

"He hath scattered abroad, he hath given to the poor; His righteousness abideth forever."

# PUBLISHER'S PAGE

## LIFE WITH MIZ MILDRED: REFLECTIONS ON MOTHER'S DAY

by Stephanie D. Johnson

Many years have come and gone since my mother and I walked into the editorial office of the *Birmingham World*. My mother strongly believed I possessed great potential as a writer, so she immediately took the task of developing my talent.

I shall never forget that eventful day. I wore my sister Cynthia's black and gold suit. This was not because I didn't have my share of clothes, but simply because I loved that suit. She graciously consented to let me wear it. My mother took great care to make sure I was properly dressed. With a prayer in our hearts, we drove off to meet my appointment with destiny.

"Miz Mildred" convinced Emery O. Jackson, the eminent editor, to develop my talents as he had done for my uncle Bob (now the associate publisher of *Jet/Ebony*) many years ago. So, at the age of fifteen, I was knighted a columnist for the *Birmingham World*, one of the South's oldest and most influential black newspapers. My mother deeply believed that I could do what I thought I could not. She truly believed that all her children would make a great contribution to the world, so she worked hard to give us every advantage. She corrected our English, taught us etiquette and instilled within us solid Christian principles.

Mildred Poole Johnson is a strong, vibrant and beautiful woman whose love for her family should be recorded in the annals of time. She is a very loving, devoted mother who is willing to make any sacrifice and endure any hardship for her family. It has taken me years to realize the profound influence my mother had in shaping my mind and character.

I was born in Birmingham, Alabama, when segregation was the American way of life. During this time all the recreational facilities, cultural and community programs were closed to blacks. The only open door was the library.

Mother saw this open door as an opportunity to lift us above segregation and intellectually enrich our lives. Life had given us a lemon, but she was deter-

mined to make lemonade. She turned segregation into a blessing.

Every day after school, we were required to go to the library. Here we communed with superior minds. We travelled to faraway places. We were the companions of great men and women who overcame insurmountable obstacles to make an extraordinary contribution to the world. Our minds soared! We forgot about the present problems and looked hopefully to the future. I acquired a keen thirst for knowledge. I became a wisdom-seeker. As I read those books, I knew that someday I would write books.

In looking back, I discovered that my mother was a very young woman when she unselfishly gave up a promising career in nursing to become a housewife. Never once did she complain about lack of self-fulfillment. She didn't give in to idleness. She continued to grow, and as she grew my father supplied strength and stability to her energy and imagination. Though she was very young, she wore motherhood like a badge of honor and worked diligently to strengthen her mind so she could properly develop our minds and mold our characters.

By precept and example she instilled within us such priceless virtues as love, strength, diligence, purity, self-reliance and loyalty. She was a master teacher!

I can never express the love and security I experienced just knowing that after a challenging day in school my mother would be home waiting for me with an encouraging word and a delicious hot meal. To me, home was the sweetest place in the world! She created such an atmosphere of love and joy in our home that my brothers and sisters never had to reach outside of the family circle for love and support.

God richly rewarded my mother's faithfulness. After she reared six children, she travelled extensively throughout Europe, Latin America, North Africa and the Middle East. She became a Bible instructor and received numerous awards and an honorary doctorate from the Union Baptist Seminary for her contribution to the work.

Despite our proper upbringing, we were by no means angels. When we stepped beyond our boundaries, corporal punishment was swiftly applied to remedy the situation. "Miz Mildred" demanded and received respect. We were never confused about our roles. She was the mother and we were the children. On reflection, corporal punish-

ment didn't kill us. It made us better people. We were taught to respect authority.

God has given her a special burden for the disinherited, the misbegotten and those who have no might. She always finds infinite possibilities in fallen men and women.

I remember the second chance she gave a distant relative. He was one of the black sheep of the family who was serving time in prison. Everyone had given up on him and judged him hopeless, but not "Miz Mildred." She got him released and took him to live with us. She helped him find a job and re-adjust to society. She never treated him with suspicion or isolated him from the family circle. "Miz Mildred's" faith in him wrought a transformation. As a result, he led a productive life and never returned to prison.

Mother is a firm believer in never giving up, giving in or giving out. This was exemplified when my sister, Janice, received a bike for Christmas. After several tries, Janice failed and decided it was impossible to ride the bike. "Miz Mildred" wouldn't let her give up. She put her back on the bike and told her to try again. Janice tried and failed. After repeated failure, mother would pick her up, brush her off and make her try again. Before long Janice learned to ride the bike.

Throughout the years God granted my mother special wisdom to mold and shape our lives. Without God it would have been impossible. At the beginning of my parents' marriage God gave them the keys to a loving, happy Christian home—love, prayer and family devotion. A good, solid Christian education played an important role in our lives. Despite the sacrifices my parents had to make, they were convinced that "Christian education never costs, it pays." They were absolutely right! Our lives centered around the church. We were there when the church doors opened and remained long after they closed. This experience made a lasting impression. In our adult years my brothers and sisters remained faithful to the church.

"Miz Mildred" and my father, Washington Johnson, Sr., realized that "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." That promise has made all the difference in our lives. I'd rather be "Miz Mildred's" daughter than the queen of England. "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." Happy Mother's Day!

# The Editor's Desk

## CENTRAL STATES RETURNS SLATE

When the Central States constituents met on March 14, 1982, the conference's administrative and departmental staff was invited to serve the organization for another triennium.

Those elected were: S. H. Cox, president; LeRoy Hampton, secretary-treasurer; E. F. Carter, personal ministries, Sabbath school, stewardship, inner cities services, Association of Self-supporting Institutions; Emmanuel Bullock, publishing director.

## LOSING GROUND?

Since the days when integration at all levels of the church was the prime discussion, are blacks losing ground?

When the General Conference convened in Dallas, Texas, in 1980, there

were three black vice presidents; now there is only one in North America.

The black professors on the college campuses are strangely disappearing.

When the Central and Lake Union Conferences lost their black secretaries, they were not replaced with other blacks.

Talk is in the air that the only black Adventist hospital in the North American Division, Riverside Adventist Hospital, is up for sale by the brethren.

What is happening to Pastor Robert Smith, manager of the periodical department of the Review and Herald Association, with 37 journals under his supervision? Will he maintain his job, since these journals have experienced outstanding growth under his leadership?

Of the total number of blacks enrolled on all campuses these days, how many of them are finally making it through to graduation day?

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	May 28	June 4	11	18
Boston, Mass	8:10	8:16	8:21	8:24
New York City	8:20	8:26	8:30	8:33
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:44	8:49	8:54	8:56
Atlanta, Ga.	8:40	8:44	8:48	8:52
Miami, Fla.	8:06	8:09	8:12	8:14
Charlotte, N.C.	8:30	8:35	8:38	8:41
Birmingham, Ala.	7:49	7:54	7:57	7:59
Jackson, Miss.	8:00	8:04	8:08	8:10
Memphis, Tenn.	8:06	8:11	8:14	8:17
Louisville, Ky.	8:57	9:02	9:06	9:09
Detroit, Mich.	9:00	9:05	9:09	9:12
Chicago, Ill.	8:15	8:21	8:25	8:28
South Bend, Indiana	8:10	8:15	8:20	8:22
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:49	8:55	8:59	9:03
St. Louis, Mo.	8:16	8:21	8:25	8:28
Kansas City, Mo.	8:35	8:40	8:44	8:47
Denver, Co.	8:19	8:24	8:28	8:31
Little Rock, Ark.	8:14	8:18	8:22	8:25
Dallas, Texas	8:28	8:32	8:35	8:38
New Orleans, La.	7:54	7:58	8:01	8:03
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:12	8:17	8:19	8:23
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:37	8:42	8:45	8:48

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

# THE CONFERENCES IN ACTION

## ALLEGHENY EAST

### TESTIMONIAL WITH A TWIST

Members of the Berea Temple church in Baltimore were assembled in the lower auditorium to honor a special member. However, due to the expert planning of Lucille Brown, the honoree had not the slightest suspicion of the importance of her presence.

The program included at least one selection from each of the church choirs. For this particular event, the sanctuary choir directress, Grace Lesane, was insistent about performing one particular musical work featuring tenor soloist Anna B. Cheatham Timpson.

Shortly after rendering her tenor solo, Timpson was crowned honoree of the evening after an extensive "search" by Brown (with crown in hand) for the "right person" throughout the hall. Moments later, the curtains on the stage were opened wide to reveal that they had been hiding her whole family.

Family members present included her parents, Laura and W. L. Cheatham, Sr., of Pine Forge (Pastor Cheatham is a former president of the Allegheny Conference); brothers Donald, Gus and W. L. Cheatham, Jr., of Maryland; sister Merle Cheatham Ford of Pine Forge; and brother Charles, pastor of the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia. Her four children, Lauren, Donna, Gerald and James R., were also present. In addition, there were nieces, nephews, grandchildren and in-laws.

Anna B. Cheatham Timpson was born in Baltimore and baptized at the age of eleven. Having been educated at Baltimore Junior Academy and Oakwood College, she later taught at both schools. The remainder of her education was received from Oakwood College, Morgan State and Towson State universities (Maryland); Andrews University (Michigan) and Drexel University (Philadelphia). She currently teaches at

Hamilton Junior High School in Baltimore.

A tireless worker, she has served the church in several capacities from junior usher and choir member to Sabbath school teacher, leader in the primary division and church organist, as well as president of the Baltimore chapter of the Oakwood alumni. She has been married to James E. Timpson, Sr., since 1946.

L. C. R. Carson  
Communication Secretary

## BEREA TEMPLE PLEDGES FUNDS

On a recent Sabbath, members of the Berea Temple SDA Church in Baltimore, Maryland, manifested their unity of purpose as they signed pledges of \$200 or more for the renovation of their church building.

The building is a 90-year-old edifice, the first structure erected in the United States with true Byzantine architectural design manifested by round arches and vault-supported domes. It is listed with the United States National Register of Historic Places and is a well-known landmark to Baltimoreans and other Marylanders.

According to Edward L. Richardson, the pledged funds will be used to clean the exterior and beautify the interior of this magnificent structure, which has a seating capacity of 1,100.

## FLEET PROGRAM BECOMES REALITY

FLEET, the conference lay evangelism program, coordinated by the conference personal ministries director, James O. Best, is in full gear. Five training rallies have been held in Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Roanoke and Charleston. Our goal was to train twenty percent of our membership. However, more than 2,000 attended the five training rallies.

January and February were dedicated to training lay soul-winners to confront souls for Christ.

The following speakers were featured: Southern Ohio—H. M. Wright (Oakwood), V. Joiner (South Central); Virginia—R. W. Bates (General Conference); Northern Ohio—S. D. Meyers (General Conference), S. Thomas (Columbia Union); West Virginia—J. O. Best



Pastor of the year was Buford Griffith and wife Carmen of Cleveland Bethel church with the highest total ever, 2124 points, which covers every aspect of church work with the highest points received in soul-winning. Officers look on in thanksgiving and congratulations.



Publishing Director R. C. Lewis, who brought the conference from last place to second in purchases and third in sales in the regional work in North America, thanks some workers and wife Eula at the year-end publishing convocation in Florida.



The FLEET rally congregation awaits a prepared lunch.

(Allegheny West); and Pennsylvania—E. E. Cleveland (Oakwood).

From these district training rallies, the pastors are making their first work, soul winning, priority and doing intensive follow-up in having training schools in every district to show laymen how to confront a soul to make a decision for Christ. The pastors feel, under God, the effectiveness of their training will be borne out in the souls garnered in this summer in their districts.

The conference has budgeted funds for a lay effort to be held in every district. These meetings will be supervised by the district pastors. In addition, it is hoped these meetings will be joined by a youth tent meeting. The summer months will see twenty tents flying for Jesus throughout our territory.

Participating pastors are: F. M. Davis, Erie; A. L. Teele, Cleveland; B. Griffith,

Cleveland; F. Russell, East Cleveland; E. Thoms, Akron; L. Shepherd, Youngstown; T. Henderson, Toledo; J. Smith, Pittsburgh; E. Brown, Pittsburgh; L. Palmer, Charlottesville; H. Cleveland, II, Danville; G. Anderson, Lynchburg; H. Hope, Beckley; P. Jennings, Cincinnati; J. Johnson, Springfield; D. Baker, Dayton; J. Palmer, Cincinnati; D. Trusty, Cleveland; Lay Meeting, Hamilton; E. E. Cleveland, Columbus.

It is our prayer, with this fully-coordinated evangelistic thrust featuring laymen and pastors alike, that FLEET—Frontline Evangelism Explosion—will occur in Allegheny West in 1982.

These activities will culminate at the laymen soul-winners awards banquet at the end of the year.

Elizabeth M. Cleveland  
Reporter



Central States literature evangelists.

## LITERATURE EVANGELISTS RALLY IN ST. LOUIS

The Central States Conference launched another successful rally in St. Louis, Missouri, February 27-29 at the Northside church.

Three of God's "mighty men" were present at the rally: Pastor T. S. Barber, father of the Family Health Education Service and publishing director in the Lake Region Conference; Pastor Ted Smith of the Southern Union, the Sabbath speaker; and Dr. S. Haywood Cox, president of the Central States Conference, present to personally thank those men and support the literature evangelists, in spite of the fact that he was engaged in an equally important personal ministries workshop in Kansas City.

Pastor T. S. Barber was the keynote speaker for the Friday night communion service. Afterwards, the literature evangelists engaged in a love feast as they fellowshiped together.

Pastor Ted Smith conducted a vitally important workshop and training seminar with many tips that reflected his Sabbath sermon, "Turning On The Lights For Jesus." He had slide presentations, films, demonstrations, rehearsal

sals and written and verbal instructions that proved to be valuable lessons for seasoned and newly recruited workers.

This rally proved to be a tremendous meeting, leaving behind four new literature evangelists to brighten the lights of St. Louis.

Barbara Roby  
S.A.L.E.R. Journalist



Pastor Ted Smith, Sabbath speaker.

## W. D. FELDER GIVES FAREWELL SERMON

On January 30, Pastor William D. Felder preached his farewell sermon. So begins a new era for Pastor Felder and family and the Park Hill and Community SDA churches in Denver, Colorado.

After devoted service and fellowship with them for five years, the members at Park Hill and Community will certainly miss the Felders.

During their tenure, a new church, Community Seventh-day Adventist Church, was born with a membership of approximately 100. The first elder, Gary Collins, is doing a fine job leading the church.

The combined choirs of Park Hill and Community paid tribute to Pastor Felder and his family by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."



Pastor S. Haywood Cox presenting a plaque to Pastor and Mrs. Felder with E. Bullock participating.

Felder was given a token of appreciation from the Park Hill family; the gift was presented by Albert Groves. President S. Haywood Cox presented a very beautiful plaque to Pastor Felder and family for his years of service in Central States Conference.

May the Lord richly bless Felder and family in their new field of endeavor.

Ivory Chalmers  
Communication Secretary



A quartet of singers during the Sabbath afternoon services.

## GRAHAM PARTICIPATES IN SEMINAR

Alberta Graham of the Allon Chapel SDA Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, recently had a unique opportunity to witness for Christ in that city. She was invited to participate in a seminar series on religions in Lincoln conducted at the Grace Lutheran Church.

Graham was the only woman who participated. Other participants included the bishops from the Mormon, Catholic, Methodist, Greek Orthodox and Baptist churches.

She gave an excellent presentation which stimulated many questions from her seminar group.

Pastor Jones, who was also in attendance, stated that "She demonstrated just how well the Lord can use our lay people to present His truth to the community. We must use every opportunity to witness for Him. She did an excellent job."



Pastor T. S. Barber, Friday night speaker.



The love feast and communion services.

**INKSTER CHURCH HOLDS DEDICATION SERVICE**

Dedication services for the Sharon church in Inkster, Michigan, are now in the past, but the memories still linger on. During the Thanksgiving season, God gave the Inkster church much to be thankful for. They paid off the mortgage on the church and most of the ministers who had come their way were at their "Inkster home" to help praise the Lord for His goodness to them.

Under the leadership of Pastor Joseph P. Lewis, the Sharon church paid

its mortgage one year ahead of schedule.

The church decided to pause and show a note of thanks in special tribute to 80-year-old Pastor Eric Dillett, who fostered the building of the church. They also extended appreciation to all ministers and local elders and their wives.

Pastor Richard C. Brown, executive secretary of the Lake Region Conference, had the least to say, but in the hearts of the members of the church he claimed a big spot. When the decision was made to sell the old Sharon school

building and launch into a building from the "ground up," he was there. When the march took place from the old to the new, he was there. When there were other occasions, he was there and finally, when the job was finished, he was there. Always quietly, not ever saying much, but supporting more, Pastor "faithful" R. C. Brown has always been counted on to be there. These and many more are the memories that Inkster church has of ministers whose lives have touched theirs.



Pastor Charles Bradford, vice president of the General Conference North American Division, was the principal dedication speaker.



This Is Your Life: Pastor Eric Dillett, the honoree, seated in a chair given to him by the Sharon church. Lake Region Conference officials participating were: Samuel Flagg, stewardship secretary, speaking; Pastor Reginald Barnes, education secretary; and Pastor Charles, president of the Lake Region Conference, seated.



A resolution is presented by the county of Wayne by Kay Beard.



A resolution is presented by Michigan State Representative Joe Young and Teola Hunter. All representatives were presented with a set of denominational books, including Bible Readings for the Home.



Reading, left to right, Pastors P. W. Jenkins, T. M. Kelly, J. P. Lewis, the present pastor, E. S. Dillett and James Dykes.



Ministers led out in a candlelight service. Participating, left to right: Pastors T. M. Kelly, S. Flagg, R. Barnes, C. Bradford, J. Haywood, R. C. Brown, E. S. Dillett and C. Woods.



Pastor Lewis presenting "the shepherdesses" each with a token of appreciation: long-stemmed roses. Left to right, J. P. Lewis, P. W. Jenkins, J. Dykes, R. C. Smith and T. M. Kelly.



Inez Shelton, chairperson of the dedication committee, presented gifts to former ministers and the current minister.



Unveiling the cornerstone for the Sharon church, founded by local elder Penland L. Dobbins and Winfield Stubbs in 1931, and organized by Pastor E. C. Atkinson. The new building was occupied in 1972 by Pastor E. S. Dillett and dedicated in 1981 by Pastor J. P. Lewis. It was put in place by local elder Thomas Maycock, who is also a contractor.





Pastor Mike Faison, left rear, manager and producer of "The Gospel Puppets" show, with co-workers and Pastor Ron Oden, right.

## THE GOSPEL PUPPETS

The Gospel Puppets is a new and innovative program intended for spiritual growth by nurturing the minds of children, young people and adult Christians, as well as those who want to be Christians. The program is designed to change our thought patterns through illustrating the eight natural laws of health.

The Gospel Puppets was conceived by Mike Faison. Other members of the group are Wilbur Roe Jr., Tommy Blevins and Cyril Millett. It began as an outreach program for children, relating to them on their level in developing thought and behavioral patterns. It was also a role model to help them identify good and evil.

The setting was the Capital City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Albany, New York, and there was a fine welcoming audience from the church and community. The scenery was a beautiful, colorful image representing a story machine for the puppets. It was outlined with signs, arrows, windows and meters with the puppet stage located in the middle, draped in white cloth.

The program opened with songs to lift the spirits and a prayer of thanks to God. As I looked around, it felt so nice to see the audience filled with excitement and curiosity. As the show began, the air was filled with music, sound and visual effects to capture everyone's attention.

The Gospel Puppets was a reminder of God's wonderful love for his children. God gives each of us a talent. The gift of creativity, when used wisely, will help spread His word to others. The theme was to illustrate the eight natural laws of health, which are fresh air, sunshine, good diet, exercise, water, sleep, no bad habits and trusting in Jesus. It was also emphasized how important it is to love each other.

Keith Garland

## COUNTDOWN TO EVANGELISM

This year promises to be successful in soul-winning for the Ebenezer SDA Church in Freeport, New York. The personal ministries department, under the leadership of local elder Alvin Bernard, is promoting a three-fold concept of evangelism—church preparation, public evangelism and conserving evangelism.

January began with a preparation of revival and reformation. The church was divided into three groups. Each group received orientation so they could function more effectively.

A high point of the evangelistic preparation was Valentine weekend, February 12 and 13. The services began with a film on Friday evening, followed by a singspiration led by Pastor David Willis. Pastor Raymond Saunders taught the "how to's" of witnessing.

On Sabbath morning, E. Flowers, pastor of the church, preached part two of his sermon on "Excuses." He called for the members to rise and work diligently to save souls.

In the afternoon a communion service was conducted. It was a very moving service. The weekend proved to be a spiritual time. As this "weekend of refreshing" drew to a close, the members committed themselves to the united task of saving souls.

Joyce McClain  
Communication Secretary

## TEMPERANCE DAY AT GORDON HEIGHTS

Union evangelist Raymond Saunders was the Temperance Day speaker at the Gordon Heights SDA Church in Coram, New York, on Sabbath, February 13. For Pastor Saunders, his wife Ruth and children Nathaniel, Michael and Mark, it was a homecoming.

Saunders and his wife were members of the Gordon Heights church, where he served as deacon, choir director and local elder before going to Oakwood College to study for the ministry that he so dearly loves.

His theme was taken from 1 Corinthians 9:25-27, his subject being "Bridling the Wild Horse of Appetite." He urged the church to lay aside those things that affect our health. Saunders emphasized that good health goes hand in hand with being a good Christian.

In conclusion, Pastor Saunders told us that temperance covers the whole life

and read these encouraging words of Paul from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

James S. Spence  
Communication Secretary

## YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER

On March 13-19, Pastor T. H. C. Baker, director of youth ministries for the Northeastern Conference, was guest speaker for the annual youth week of prayer at Shiloh SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York.

The theme for the week was "To Know Him." Baker led many to the throne of God to rededicate their lives. As a result of that spirit-filled week, four precious souls gave their lives to Christ.

The youth week of prayer culminated on March 20 when the youth of the church conducted the Sabbath services.

God richly blessed!

Velta Holder  
Communication Secretary

## CONCERTED EFFORT AT SHILOH

The Shiloh SDA Church, under the pastorate of James Lamar, Sr., has begun a concerted effort to evangelize Brooklyn in 1982. Here is a brief survey of church activities.

During the month of March, 1,214 contacts were made and 1,200 tracts were distributed to hospitals, nursing homes, on the streets and house-to-house. Sixteen evangelistic sermons were conducted and seven Bibles given away.

Community Services distributed 41 pieces of clothing and \$1,365 in cash was administered to the needy poor. Two precious souls were baptized during the month of February.

Doris T. Williams, local elder at Hanson Place SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, conducted an informative Sabbath school teacher's class. The teachers have greatly benefited from her instruction.

The church is presently involved in an expansion program. Plans are being made to purchase the adjoining building to extend the church and renovate the interior.

Velta Holder  
Communication Secretary

**EVANGELISM—THE CHURCH'S LIFE-BLOOD**

by S. E. Gooden

Upon accepting the presidency late in the fall of 1980, R. B. Hairston announced "a new beginning" for South Atlantic Conference. This exploded in evangelistic meetings in 69 churches during 1981 and more than 1,200 baptisms. Tithes for the "new beginning" was more than \$2,500,000.

Encouraged by the enthusiasm and cooperation of workers and laity alike, President Hairston announced "Phase II of the new beginning" for 1982. The intent is for each able member to win two souls during 1982.

Each department director sees his role in Phase II as a winner or holder of souls.

The education department, under the direction of S. E. Gooden, with the aid of 50 professional teachers and others in classified roles, is determined to hold the winnings in Phase II of '82. In her book, *Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, p. 165, Ellen White said, "Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people." The primary role of the department of education is holding.

F. W. Parker, director of youth activities of the conference, reports that the young people are taking their motto and pledge seriously. They feel there is a great responsibility not only to their fellow youth, but also to God. Therefore, being ever mindful of the commission given to them by God, they are engaging themselves in Bible studies even at their social functions. That is real fire for the evangelistic cause.

"Soul-winning is at the very foundation of literature evangelism," says Robert T. Smith, director of the publishing department. The literature evangelist, with his books, tracts, prayers, kind words, helping hands and best of all, his Bible in hand, is the advance guard of the evangelistic thrust of the conference. "The very life-style of the literature evangelist," he said, "is soul-winning." He would like to have a hundred literature evangelists where there is now only one.

G. H. Taylor, Sabbath school director for the conference, said that the Sabbath school, rightly organized and conducted, with its continuing Christian education flavor, can be the greatest and most positive type of evangelism.

Because of its diversification and flexibility, it maintains a very interesting and far-reaching evangelistic thrust. Thousands are now rejoicing in Christ who found their way into the church through the soul-winning efforts of the Sabbath school.

Joe Hinson, director of personal ministries, has as his prime objective of Phase I and II to be adherent to the task as enunciated by Ellen White in *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 9, "The church is God's

appointed agency for the salvation of men. It is organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world." In 79, p. 126, "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God." "Therefore, we are determined under God," he said, "to undertake the task of enlisting every member of the South Atlantic Conference in some form of contact evangelistic ministry."



R. B. Hairston, president of South Atlantic Conference.



G. Herfin Taylor, Sabbath school director for South Atlantic Conference.



F. W. Parker, director of youth activities for South Atlantic Conference.



Samuel E. Gooden, superintendent of education for the South Atlantic Conference.



Robert T. Smith, publishing director for South Atlantic Conference.



Joe Hinson, director of personal ministries of South Atlantic Conference.

**FIRST SDA CHURCH RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

The First SDA Church of Dublin, Georgia, recently received a certificate of appreciation from the Lakeview Nursing Home.

Solomon Pittman, local head elder, began this outreach program under the leadership of the Holy Spirit ten years ago. He realized this gospel must be preached to the disabled and elderly

before this world comes to an end.

These 110 patients and employees look forward to the spiritual hour each Sabbath afternoon at 3 p.m.

Lakeview Nursing Home is the largest nursing home in Dublin and Laurens County, Georgia.

Pittman's family has been a great help to him in getting this program started. Grady Johnson and John Kyles, who are also elders of the First church in Dublin, are also assistants in this outreach program. Ted Ellerbe is pastor.

## HARAMBEE NEWS

"Harambee News" is a newsletter written quarterly by the president to South Central Conference workers. It presents unique and fresh glimpses of the work around South Central and other fields. Harambee is an African word meaning "let us build together." Here are some notes from Harambee News.

### 1981 Tithe Increases

We are not able to give a breakdown by districts for total tithe income in the conference during 1981, but the tithe for the year stands at \$2,878,911.35, which is a 14.4 percent gain over 1980. This was the highest gain ever for the conference. Let us ask the Lord for a better year during 1982 in spite of inflation.

### Doctors to Visit Churches

These are the scheduled visits that Dr. C. A. Dent and Dr. M. Lester will be making to the South Central churches this year; January 23, Memphis; February 20, Oakwood College church; March 20, Knoxville, Tennessee; April 24, Pensacola, Florida; May 22, Birmingham, Alabama; June 12, Lexington, Kentucky; July 24, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; August 21, Montgomery, Alabama; September 25, Louisville, Kentucky; October 23, Greenville, Mississippi; November 20, Mobile, Alabama; December 18, Jackson, Mississippi.

### New Life Bible School

The New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church of Fayette, Mississippi, has inaugurated a Bible school as a follow-up to the effort held this past summer.

Thirty-eight persons are presently enrolled in the course, which will run for thirteen weeks, earning certificates for those who complete the course.

Fifteen were baptized at the close of the summer effort and the pastor, Dr. T. L. Hemingway, hopes that the Bible school will produce baptisms as well.

The classes are conducted each Tuesday night. Dr. Hemingway is the instructor.

## NEWS NOTES

The Jordan Street Seventh-day Adventist Church in Pensacola, Florida, sponsored a Sabbath school leaders seminar on December 12, 1981. Pamela Patterson conducted the seminar. She was aided by Jean Dukes, Sabbath

school superintendent, and Aletha Hendrieth. Eighteen people were awarded certificates.

Pastor D. C. Hatcher of the Lintonia Chapel SDA Church in Yazoo City has entered his second year of broadcasting on the local radio station.

## CORRECTION

In the March issue of the *Regional Voice*, we incorrectly credited Willie Mae Cooper with being the "leading literature evangelist in North America." Sum Kam Kang of the South Atlantic Conference is the leading literature evangelist among all the regional conferences in North America. In 1981 she delivered \$60,000. Cooper had the second highest deliveries, \$52,450 in 1981.

## 1981 BAPTISMAL REPORTS

Although 1,391 baptisms were reported by the pastors during the January

workers' meeting, when the clerks' reports were all in, the figure totaled 1,284. It was a good year in soul-winning. In fact, this was the best year in the history of the conference. This is how the report stands:

D. C. Batson	2	J. Bell	57
V. L. Brooks	55	W. E. Bussey	6
W. Cleveland	78	W. Freeman	11
J. L. Grider	14	D. C. Hatcher	75
Roland Hill	12	H. S. Holt	24
R. L. James	18	B. E. Jones	9
A. Maycock	13	C. Monroe	1
M. Patterson	6	R. Patterson	57
E. E. Rogers	10	R. I. Rugless	57
S. Simms	38	A. Thompkins	—
E. C. Ward	267	A. Sanders	32
R. Bell	85	P. E. Vincent	103
X. Butler	14	L. W. Blackwell	6
W. Gaillard	9	G. L. Byars	35
T. Hemingway	27	F. S. Hill	7
C. Houser	3	S. J. Jackson	60
W. H. Kibble	10	I. Lester	7
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W. C. Jones, president.

### SOUTHWEST REGION'S FOURTH TRIENNIAL SESSION

On Sunday, March 21, the Southwest Region Conference held its fourth triennial session at Southwestern Adventist College in Keene, Texas. Pastor W. C. Jones was re-elected president by 550 delegates.

Others elected were: M. M. Young, secretary; Helen L. Turner, treasurer; S. L. Green, auditor and assistant treasurer; R. E. Brown, personal ministries and inner city director; James Marshall, publishing director; James Ford, education and Sabbath school director; and B. E. Wright, youth ministries and temperance director.

M. M. Young, the newly-elected secretary, came from the Tulsa, Oklahoma, district. He began his ministry in the Southwest Region 26 years ago and has labored in the South Central and Central States conferences. He has served as youth and education director of South Central Conference and baptized many souls through evangelism.

Helen Turner, the newly-elected treasurer, has labored untiringly in Southwest Region for many years. She is the first black woman to hold this distinguished office.

S. L. Green, newly-elected auditor, comes from the Muskogee, Oklahoma, district. He holds a B.S. in accounting from Oklahoma State University, a degree in theology from Southwestern Adventist College, and has done graduate studies at Andrews University. Green has also taught church school and labored as a literature evangelist.

R. E. Brown, newly-elected personal ministries and temperance director, has worked in the Southwest Region for eighteen years. He is a Greek scholar and a distinguished evangelist.

The elected members of the executive committee are: W. C. Jones, chairman; M. M. Young, secretary; Helen L. Turner, treasurer; James Ard, Monroe, Louisiana; A. Booker, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Willie Brown, Navasota, Texas; Carnie English, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Eugenia Foster, Albuquerque, New Mexico; M. A. Jemison, Little Rock, Arkansas; Elbert Moore, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Attorney Frederick L. Risker, Jr., Houston, Texas; Roosevelt Smith, Kenner, Louisiana; G. N. Wells, Dallas, Texas; C. Williams, III, Hobbs, New Mexico. These individuals were appointed to a three-year term and are responsible for the financial operation of the conference and the overall direction of the 72 churches in the Southwest Region



M. M. Young, secretary.

Conference area. The president reviewed in his report the progress of the conference during the last three years. Some of the outstanding accomplishments are:

1. Church growth—seven newly-organized churches.
2. Conference expansion—seven new church buildings.
3. Church dedication—three churches dedicated.
4. Publishing department—total sales: \$509,124.17, compared with \$298,783.58 during the previous triennium—shows a gain of \$210,340.67.
5. It took 34 years (1947-1975) for tithe to reach \$900,000 annually. Tithe increase from 1976-1981, the next six-year period, doubled with an increase of \$1,265,845.89. We have now exceeded the \$2,000,000 mark with \$2,165,845.89 in 1981 alone.
6. Wills and trusts—we are now approaching the \$2,000,000 mark in monetary value of wills and trusts in one year.



Helen Turner, treasurer.

7. Lone Star Camp—indebtedness will be settled this year, 268 acres at a cost of \$450,000. Purchased 1978—paid 1982.

8. Evangelism—a record number was baptized in three years: 1855, constituency standing at 8796.



James Ford, left, Sabbath school and education director.



B. E. Wright, youth and temperance director.



R. E. Brown, left, personal ministries and community services director.



James Marshall, publishing director.



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At the Victory Lake Nursing Center, we constantly monitor the many services provided within our doors. To strengthen and improve these services is our mandate, fulfillment of which requires sensitivity to shifts in patient needs, awareness of changing community expectations and the ability to adapt and modify services accordingly.



George H. Pelote, administrator, and Robert C. Farrow, assistant administrator, in a strategic planning session.

Consequently, we at Victory Lake undertook a process of self-examination and inquiry in 1981 as part of an overall effort to plan for the decade ahead.

Strategic planning involves the difficult tasks of reconciling the desirable with the impossible. To strike this at best precarious balance involved several in-depth studies of specific areas of nursing center activity. From these studies, a few of which are still in progress, a number of detailed work plans have already evolved.

Among these plans, designed to strengthen Victory Lake's services, are the following: 1) Adding a fourth floor so we can provide services to patients who have improved to the point that skilled nursing care is no longer needed; 2) Expanding our office space to provide adequate room for our business staff; 3) The development of the concepts of "ambulatory care" for the elderly and "home care." A feasibility study of these ideas is underway. This, we believe, is a necessary first step toward future expansion.

We are undertaking this strategic planning fully aware of the need for change, but equally cognizant of two immutable facts fundamental to the nursing center's present existence. The first, already alluded to, is an unwavering commitment to our patients and our immediate community. Second and equally important is that Victory Lake Nursing Center, like all nursing homes in Dutchess County, must operate under serious financial constraints.

Therefore, in planning for the future our focus has been of necessity on strengthening, not expanding services.



Pharmacy committee members.

Administrative and organizational solutions to problems have been given preference over major increments in operating expense or costly construction. Wherever possible, better, not bigger, is our byword.

Despite current constraints, we have weathered 1981 commendably due to the resourcefulness and commitment of the many individuals and groups that make up Victory Lake Nursing Center. With renewed confidence, we look forward to another decade of accomplishment. There will be occasional obstacles, of course, but we will regard them as challenges to be met. Obstacles are an incentive to ingenuity—and ingenuity has long been a Victory Lake Nursing Center family trait.

George H. Pelote  
Administrator  
Robert C. Farrow  
Assistant Administrator

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Wisdom is a fountain of life to those possessing it, but a fool's burden is his folly.

Proverbs 16:22



## OAKWOOD COLLEGE BOARD MEETS

The annual winter meeting of the Oakwood College board of trustees convened on February 11 and 12. Following are a number of significant actions taken:

1. Dr. Mervyn Warren was given the responsibility of writing an Oakwood history. Inasmuch as this assignment will require significant research and writing, Warren will be temporarily released from duties as dean of academic affairs beginning June 8, 1982, and ending September 15, 1983. During his absence, Dr. Roy Malcolm will serve as acting dean of academic affairs and Lovey Verdun, formerly dean of women, will serve as acting director of admissions and records.

2. Promotions in rank:

*To professor:* Dr. John Blake, Dr. Nigel Barham, Dr. Paul Brantley, Dr. Ruth F. Davis, Dr. Ashton Gibbons, Dr. Rosa Hadley, Dr. Janneth Lewis.

*To associate professor:* Sylvia Barnes, M.Ed., Frances Bliss, M.S., Kathleen Dobbins, M.S., James Dykes, M.Ed., Dr. Esther Gill, Ed.D., Artie Melancon, M.Ed., Sandra Price, M.S., Dr. Emmanuel Saunders, Ph.D., Pastor Henry Wright, M.Div.

*To assistant professor:* Constance Irving, M.A., Eurydice Osterman, M.M., Anthony Paul, M.S., Jean Reaves, M.S., Barbara Warren, M.Ed.

3. Acceptance of the resignations of Dr. Danny Blanchard as instructor in psychology and E. O. Jones as departmental chairman. Although Jones will remain as an instructor, Dr. Ashton Gibbons will assume the chairmanship.

4. Alma York, M.P.H., is being hired as chairman-elect of the nursing department. York, who is a native of Bermuda, presently serves as consultant in management, health and organization skills in Lincoln, Nebraska.

5. Replacing South Central Bell as telephone vendor for Oakwood College will be the Business Telephone Systems.

Of special interest to the board were reports of the college regarding significant advances in institutional growth. Dr. Malcolm noted a healthy increase of 132 over September 1980 enrollment. Awards were presented to C. E. Dudley for having the highest conference per capita enrollment (South Central Conference) and George Earle for having the highest conference total enrollment (Northeastern Conference). Also, Dean Warren reported that Oakwood College now has the highest percentage of doctorates (35 percent) in its history.

President Rock, who, along with his wife, visited Africa in 1980 and 1981, made special reference to the African proposal now being implemented. As a result of his visits to Africa, 57 students enrolled in September 1981.

Members of the board present were: C. E. Bradford, chairman; R. L. Woodfork, vice chairman; C. B. Rock, secretary; Earl Amundson, Jessie Bradley, Earl Canson, Robert Carter, Harold Cleveland, Charles Dudley, George Earle, J. Edgecombe, Ida Ford, A. Goulbourne, D. K. Griffith, R. Hairston, Frank Jones, Charles Joseph, A. C. McClure, William Murraine, W. L. Murrill, Lee A. Paschal, Erdel Rashford, Ellsworth Reile, Womack Rucker, Jr., Ward Sumpter, Stuart Taylor, Meade VanPutten, E. A. White, J. H. Whitehead, Edna L. Williamson, Thomasine Wright. Those unable to be present were L. L. Butler, W. O. Coe, S. H. Cox, F. Hale, W. C. Jones, Frank Knittel, B. E. Leach, Neal C. Wilson.

## NEWS ITEMS

The 1982 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* will carry the names of fourteen students from Oakwood College who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding

campus leaders: Carmen Collins, Patricia Holness, Magna James, Denise Jones, Jeanette Lucas, Johnny Mack, Gloria Mann, Kevin Maupin, Walesia Robinson, Carlton Sampson, Esther Smith, Angela Stovall, Norman Usher, Samuel Wilson.

The United Student Movement (USM) elections were held recently; following are the officers elected for the 1982-83 school year: President—Mark Washington; General Vice President—Melwyn Mounter; Parliamentarian—Kingsley Palmer; Treasurer—Ryan Chandler; Religious Vice President—Malcolm White; Academic Vice President—Lauritta Smith; Athletic Vice President—Keith Paschal; Cultural Vice President—Vanessa Pinnix; Social Vice President—Patrick Morris; Spreading Oak Editor—Elfreda Hines; Acorn Editor—Stephen Williams.

The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) visit of the campus on March 1-3 exceeded all expectations! The team gave the college a favorable rating on 100 percent of the 27 standards which, according to the team chairman, was "unusual" for an initial site review. The college was lauded on the unique campus atmosphere, student characteristics, faculty and administrative support of teacher education, and quality of the Institutional Report. The NCATE acceptance in June of the favorable team report would place Oakwood among the recognized institutions in the country offering first-class education programs and would represent Oakwood College's first national subject area accreditation.

Dr. Rosa Banks, executive assistant to the president, left for Africa on March 8 for a one-month visit. Banks will be pursuing negotiations with various schools in Africa as set forth in the Oakwood College African Proposal.

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