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# CHICAGO'S NEW ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL





## COVER STORY

### ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM NORTH ACQUIRES ASSOCIATED HEALTH MANAGEMENT

After approximately one year of negotiations, Adventist Health System North, Inc. (AHS North), announced that it exercised its option to purchase 100 percent of Associated Health Management's stock, a proprietary health care management corporation.

This purchase will enable AHS North to provide health care programs and activities in the inner city of Chicago and other urban settings. It can also serve as a vehicle for the development and acquisition of other inner-city and urban health facilities.

As a health care management firm, Associated Health has operated exclusively in the Chicago area since its organization six years ago. With the purchase of this management firm by Adventist Health Services, the 219-bed Illinois Central Community Hospital, located at 5800 Stony Island, will come under the direction of concerned Adventist leaders in the field of health care.

This purchase of Associated Health Management by AHS will serve as a first step in pursuing our desire to more effectively extend the philosophy of Adventist health care ministry to the city of Chicago and other urban environments. Irwin Hansen, president of AHS, Burrell Burns, assistant to the president, Joel Hass, marketing specialist, and Edward Robinson, attorney and secretary for AHS, all deserve very special thanks from members of the Lake Region family for their untiring efforts in reaching this milestone.

This acquisition represents a first in Adventist urban health care.

The facility will not experience an overnight change. However, the initial step of acquisition will now propel us forward to the day when the health care philosophy that we embrace can be effectively communicated to inner-city residents.

Charles D. Joseph, President  
Lake Region Conference



Everyone enjoys giving good advice, and how wonderful it is to be able to say the right thing at the right time!

*Proverbs 15:23*

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE



### CLEVELAND'S COMMENTARY: THE ISLAND CONNECTION

*Dr. E. E. Cleveland*

On the islands of the Caribbean and South Atlantic, thousands of people of African extraction live and prosper. These "islands in the sun" have fed the North American continent with millions of their sons and daughters. This has led to the cultural enrichment of the nation. This is a nation of immigrants. Each race, bringing its best to the whole, contributes thus to its strength and beauty. This is not only true of the nation, but also of the church.

Having travelled the world many times over, I have observed one significant fact concerning people of African origin. We tend to conform to the cultural patterns of the colonial or ruling nation that administers the territory. In Ghana the people were essentially British in thought and culture. In Zaire they were French. The North American black is rebel English, even in his language. Martinique is proud French. Bermuda, Jamaica, the Bahamas and Trinidad are British.

Also, the language one speaks seems to color the thought processes influencing tastes and preferences. This makes it easy for the ruling power to perpetuate divisions that are only cultural in nature. One need only tell each group that he is superior to the other to confirm the schisms. Indeed, this has been done and the results are with us to this day.

The "haves" (possessors of *power* and *money*) need only to tell the "have nots" that they are somehow different to

separate ethnic brethren. The ultimate foolishness occurs when we believe it!

In spite of our cultural differences, "Afros" have a common experience. Wherever we live on this planet, we all speak of an *emancipation date*, whether in Africa, North or South America, or the islands of the South Atlantic and the Caribbean. Some were freed before others, but we were all slaves at one time or another in history.

It is also true that we all have a common origin. The boat just dropped us off in different places. So whether you do or do not speak with an accent, Mother Africa has a claim on both of us—and so have we on each other! True, we come in all shades of color, due to others' love for us, but this too is an evidence of our common experience.

Another thing is that the American "melting pot" does not melt us. It just won't dissolve black. If you are one of the "leftovers" who still believe it does, just see what happens when we come in numbers, whether it be in a church, neighborhood, or school. So *integration* means few of us—not many—if any! In the West Indies and the Caribbean, the light finally dawned on the *Afros*, so they have their own union and local conference staffs and fewer of their graduates remain unemployed.

Nothing could please the power-brokers more than *Afros* fighting each other. This makes for an "easier" management situation. It also has a significant cash value to the controlling class. We need to "lay down our sword and shield down by the riverside to study war no more!" Black people need to get together. Everybody else does. We need to get together, not to plot, but to plan. While plotting can destroy, consecrated planning can only strengthen!

To those few *Afros* who are basking in the sunlight of establishment acceptance, I pen these words. "Remember why you are there. Don't sell us out. Black thou art—to black thou shalt return." You are there to make it easier for the rest and to ease the pressure on the many. If in the process you become "persona non grata," so be it. You will be able to live with yourself, which is the final satisfaction. But do not be embarrassed that you are who you are where you are.

Yours is a rare opportunity to educate others about us who will never meet us. You walk a lonely narrow path, but you do not walk alone for, try as they may,



who can understand you who has not had your experience? No, not one! And without understanding, how can there be total acceptance? You and the world will know when they pick your successor. Will it be another black? If not, what have we gained? We need black jobs in addition to the ones you occupy.

The establishment has done much to exploit the divisions among us. On our campuses, some teachers give better grades to blacks who are foreign-born. Some employing agencies give preference to the foreign-born. But North American blacks must not blame the beneficiary. We must take advantage of the opportunities that are ours and petition the establishment for justice. Conversely, the foreign-born must be careful not to adopt establishment views of his black North American brother. Nor must he fail to understand what blacks are shouting about. The commonality of our experience should preclude this. The superiority-inferiority thing among blacks is a "straw man" that should be burned.

Prejudice among blacks is ridiculous. It would be comical if it were not so tragic. When I was in Africa, a Lua and a Kisii were hopeful of getting married. But it was hopeless. "It just isn't done" was the verdict of the parents. These were two Africans unable to marry each other because of tribal prejudices. Both were black, but somebody was "better" than somebody else. White on black and black on white is the sin of the century. But black on black is unspeakable!

Finally, there is the problem of self-hatred. For centuries the propaganda mills of the nation have spat out the tale of black inferiority. This has taken its toll on black self-esteem. With the world "down on us," the next stage of deterioration is to be down on each other and ourselves. A knowledge of history is a sure cure for low black self-esteem. But nothing really works like the Christian religion! "Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother . . .?" Malachi 2:10. This common tie with God makes all men brothers. Then "let us break bread together on our knees."

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Don't fail to correct your children; discipline won't hurt them! They won't die if you use a stick on them! Punishment will keep them out of hell.

*Proverbs 23:13, 14*

# The Editor's Desk



*Dr. C. B. Rock, president of Oakwood College, joined Calvin Preston, pastor of the Gethsemane church in Raleigh, North Carolina, in a seminar on courtship, marriage and the family. Rock is an expert on family relations and counseling. The emphasis was on the rising problems our young people are having with courtship, marriage and divorce within the church. They devoted a great deal of time to answering questions.*

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	July 30	Aug. 6	13	20
Boston, Mass	8:06	7:58	7:49	7:38
New York City	8:16	8:07	7:54	7:44
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:39	8:30	8:20	8:10
Atlanta, Ga.	8:40	8:34	8:26	8:19
Miami, Fla.	8:08	8:04	7:58	7:52
Charlotte, N.C.	8:29	8:22	8:15	8:07
Birmingham, Ala.	7:49	7:43	7:36	7:28
Jackson, Miss.	8:00	7:54	7:48	7:40
Memphis, Tenn.	8:05	7:59	7:51	7:43
Louisville, Ky.	8:55	8:48	8:39	8:30
Detroit, Mich.	8:55	8:47	8:37	8:27
Chicago, Ill.	8:11	8:03	7:54	7:43
South Bend, Indiana	8:06	7:58	7:48	7:38
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:43	8:34	8:23	8:12
St. Louis, Mo.	8:14	8:06	7:58	7:49
Kansas City, Mo.	8:32	8:25	8:16	8:07
Denver, Co.	8:15	8:08	7:59	7:50
Little Rock, Ark.	8:13	8:07	7:59	7:51
Dallas, Texas	8:28	8:22	8:15	8:07
New Orleans, La.	7:55	7:50	7:43	7:36
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:11	8:05	7:58	7:49
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:36	8:30	8:22	8:14

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





William H. Gray, III, U. S. Representative from Pennsylvania.

### CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM GRAY TO DEDICATE PFA'S RUTTER MANSION

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will officially recognize the 260-year-old Rutter mansion that graces the Pine Forge Academy campus as a historical site this fall.

Thomas Rutter, pioneer iron-master, Quaker, Sabbatarian and abolitionist came to this area now called Pine Forge in 1716 to erect the first iron forge for the infant colony of Pennsylvania. Between 1720 and 1729, he erected his mansion.

Over the years the estate was owned by various descendants of the Rutter-Potts-Bailey family. During the mid-1800's Pine Forge was a station on the underground railroad. Tunnels still run the length and breadth of the campus, but their entrances have long since been covered.

In 1945, the Allegheny Conference purchased the estate to establish the one and only black boarding academy in North America.

October 4, 1982, is the scheduled date for the dedication and unveiling of the historical marker that will be placed at a strategic spot on the lawn of the Rutter mansion. Douglass Township will also unveil a plaque and erect it on the grounds in connection with the dedication.

U.S. Congressman William Gray, III, a member of the United States House of Representatives and the Congressional Black Caucus, will be the keynote speaker for the ceremony. Other dignitaries from local, state and federal government will be on hand for this momentous event.

Descendants of the first Thomas Rutter, who are still living, including Thomas Rutter VII, who currently resides on the west coast, and other relatives from along the east coast are eager to see this long-overdue recognition.

The social studies department is busily planning for this significant occasion and is seeking assistance from the constituents of the Allegheny East and West conferences. A souvenir brochure will be published and individuals who have old photos and other memorabilia are asked to lend them to the social studies department for a spectacular display that will tie in the academy and conference role during the early days of Pine Forge Institute. Rutter family members are also gathering memorabilia tracing the family history.



The Rutter mansion.

The next step is to obtain national recognition and become listed on the National Registry. The ultimate goal of the social studies department is to see the mansion and other historical buildings restored to their 18th Century charm using PFA history students as tour guides.

For further information concerning the October 4 dedication, contact Charles D. Battles, historical projects coordinator (215) 326-1485 or 326-1486, 369-1860. Your assistance in helping make this event one of historical importance for not only the academy but the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the nation as a whole is greatly appreciated.

Charles D. Battles  
Social Studies Chairman

### PRISON MINISTRY FEDERATION HOSTS ANNUAL EVENTS

The Prison Ministry Federation of the Allegheny East Conference recently concluded two annual events.

Approximately 1,000 persons gathered in the Berea Temple SDA Church in Baltimore, Maryland, for the annual Prison Ministry Training Conference. Special programs were organized for and presented in several of the prison facilities of the greater Baltimore area. These activities generally culminate training gathered during the preparation session.

Daniel G. McManus, president of the Prison Ministry Federation of Allegheny East, feels it is important that church members who are interested in working in prison ministry receive as much training as possible for their own safety and the good of the prison ministry program.

The annual Prison Ministry Awards Banquet climaxed the three-day session and was held at the village of Cross Keys in Baltimore. Awards were presented to several chaplains and prison administrators from around Allegheny East for the "many courtesies extended to workers." Those who presented awards were: Peggy Rodman, director of volunteer programs at the Bucks County Prison in Pennsylvania, Chaplain David Turner of the Lorton Prison in Virginia, Chaplain Ferdinand Jones of the same institution; David S. Owens, superintendent of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Prison System, and Evelyn Woods of the Baltimore City Jail for Men.

The highlight of the banquet is always the presentation of the prestigious "Russell Williams Memorial Award" to the prison ministry worker best exemplifying the principles of Russell Williams—loyalty, faithfulness and dedication.

Russell Williams, a former drug-dealer and user, accepted the message and was baptized while still in prison. Upon his release, Russell never lost an opportunity to "go back" and share the Good News with former associates for two years.

This award is the highest that can be received for prison ministry in the Allegheny East Conference and was presented to Byron McNeil of the Washington, D.C., prison team.

Receiving awards for "outstanding service" were Ralph Bannerman of Wilmington, Delaware, and Jimmie Lee Martin of Baltimore, Maryland.

The second event was the annual Prison Ministry Retreat, held this year in the Pocono Mountains prior to Labor Day at Camp LaDore, owned and operated by the Salvation Army.

The retreat, designed as a weekend





*Charles Cheatham, pastor of the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia, presented the Sabbath message at the camp retreat.*

of relaxation and training for prison ministry officers, featured many outstanding speakers.

Because of the work of the prison ministry federation, the Allegheny East Conference can boast the largest baptized membership of prison inmates of all conferences in the Columbia Union Conference.



*Federation President Daniel G. McManus, who is also employed by the Salvation Army.*

## TRINITY TEMPLE PRESENTS BENEFIT PROGRAMS

The Trinity Temple church in Newark, New Jersey, recently presented two benefit programs.

Carolyn Jordan, a new believer, directs the Emmanuel Sunbeam Singers, a group of children ranging in age from eight to twelve. She presented a concert in order to purchase robes for this group. Her renditions of classical, popular, sacred and gospel songs were pleasantly received by her audience. She was accompanied at the piano by Glenn Miller and Jewel Kibble, wife of Pastor Alvin Kibble.

The second benefit feature was a fashion show and vegetarian dinner sponsored by the "Jolly Followers of Christ," a choir of three- to ten-year-olds under the direction of Rachel Simmons. Monies from this affair aided the church building fund. Light and sound technicians were Daniel Edwards and Willie Moore. Music was provided by Glenn

Miller at the piano and Charles Drisdorn on the bass guitar. Models were from several area churches. Hat fashions styled by Sandra Thomas were modelled by Gloria Grant.

This program netted \$409 toward the church building fund.

Connie M. Hood  
Communication Secretary

## CENTRAL STATES

### GOOD TIMES AT BETHEL

This year has brought much excitement to the Bethel church in Kansas City, Kansas. Already many events have taken place to show God's work is alive and strong.

Fourteen precious souls have been baptized and a class is being conducted each Sunday to instruct several others who are planning for baptism. Each new member was assigned a "prayer partner" at a special Sabbath morning candlelighting ceremony.

"A little child shall lead them" is being proven at Bethel. The youth choir consists of more than 50 young people who sing praises to the Lord. They raise their own money to sponsor trips in and out of the city. Recently, they were the guests of Baker University at Baldwin, Kansas, for Black History Week.

Under the dynamic leadership of Daniel Conwell, these young people have been performing for over a year. The church looks forward each month as these young people march in, adorned in their wine-colored robes with bright yellow ascots.

Pastor Clarence Small has brought his youthful talent to Bethel by encouraging members to raise the Ingathering goal in two weeks. An elaborate Ingathering victory banquet was planned and executed by Pastor Small. As a special event, Ella Thomas was given an award for her tireless efforts in assistance to the church.

Senior citizens are on fire, too. A special day was planned and executed under the leadership of Christine Thompson and Johnnie Mae Booker. Special guest minister for the day was Pastor Warnick of St. Louis, Missouri.

Mission reports have been brought up to date because of the efforts of Carolyn Mitchell. She wrote letters to several overseas divisions for information concerning mission stories and to follow up some of the individuals mentioned. Reports were received from the Philippines, Australian and South American divisions.

March brought us to the cornerstone dedication and the special week of prayer. Pastor Willie Lee was the special guest for the cornerstone, with Pastor V. Lindsay, who planned and executed the program for the day. Pastor S. Lewis from Columbus, Ohio, was the guest speaker for the week of prayer.

Bethel was host church for the constituency meeting at which Pastor S. Haywood Cox was re-elected president for the Central States Conference.

James White is pastor of the Bethel church. He and Mrs. White are great inspirations to all members of Bethel. Through their dynamic leadership, the church is "Marching to Zion."

Carolyn Mitchell



*Baptizing at Bethel; Pastor J. E. White instructs the candidates.*





The Conant Gardens church in Detroit, Michigan, still under construction.

## NEW CONANT GARDENS CHURCH OPENED

The members of the Conant Gardens church in Detroit have now realized the long-awaited day when they would go into their new church home. Though the building is not completed, the experience of worshiping in their own facility was unforgettable.

April 24 was the first Sabbath service in the church. This dream was accomplished under the leadership of the pastor and builder, Zadock Reid.

Speaker for the worship service was Dr. Charles D. Joseph, president of Lake Region Conference. Dr. Joseph's topic was, "By Whose Words?"

The Sabbath services were completed when Reid performed the first baptism in the new church. Four new members were baptized.

According to the communication secretary, Matilda Martin, the members of Conant Gardens are glad to finally be in their new church home.



R. C. Connor

## ORDINATION CANDIDATES PRESENTED TO ORDINATION REVIEW BOARD

Lake Union candidates for ordination were presented to the Ordination Review Board on May 4 in the Lake Union board room.

The candidates from each conference, accompanied by their wives, were presented to the board by local conference presidents, ministerial directors and Lake Union President R. H. Carter.

Other personnel included G. H. Crumley, treasurer of the Lake Union Conference and Dr. Gerhard F. Hasel, dean of the Andrews University Theological Seminary. This gathering gave an opportunity for many of the pastors to renew acquaintances made while they studied at the seminary.



Tyrone A. Boyd



Philip C. Willis



Claude Shaw



Emanuel Foxworth

Dr. Charles D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, presented five candidates who will be ordained on June 26 at campmeeting. These are Ronald Bell (not pictured), Tyrone Boyd, Emanuel Foxworth, Claude Shaw, Jr., and Phillip Willis.

Hasel reminded each candidate of his responsibility to "feed the lambs and sheep of the Lord's fold." The charge was given by Pastor R. H. Carter.

Each candidate was given an opportunity to respond to the challenge given by Pastor R. C. Connor, ministerial director for the Lake Union Conference. His words were a source of encouragement and challenged each pastor to do the work required of an ordained minister.

They were reminded of E. G. White's admonition found in *Gospel Workers*, page 31, where she states that "God's ministers must come into close companionship with Christ and follow His example in all things . . . To win souls to the kingdom of God must be their first consideration. With sorrow for sin and with patient love, they must work as Christ worked, putting forth determined, unceasing effort."

## FIVE-DAY PLAN IN CASSOPOLIS

As a result of publicity by newspapers, posters, radio and personal invitations, eighteen smokers in the Cassopolis, Michigan, area registered for the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking held May 1-5 at the Cass County Library.

After five nights of well-conducted group therapy sessions, films, demonstrations, literature and a daily personal control program, fifteen men and women received certificates. The Plan was sponsored by the Calvin Center SDA Church of Cassopolis with Pastor Roger Lindo as director, and Dr. Richard Carlsen of Dowagiac, Michigan, as associate director. Nancy Lindo, health secretary, and Ruby Johnson, temperance secretary, combined their efforts to carry out this program.

Members of the church gave full support with their prayers and financial aid as well as serving as counselors, such as Beatrice Hampton, Gussie Smith, Janice Morris and Cecil Johnson. At the reception table were Bernice Lilly and Ruby Johnson. Ushers were Winifred Jones, Irma Wallace and Clareather Crenshaw.

Pastor Lindo and Dr. Carlsen presented a positive approach to licking the



smoking habit and featured the psychological and physiological aspects, using films, models and giant medical pictures.

A follow-up session was held May 15, but severely inclement weather prevented the majority of the group from attending. One enthusiastic participant, who had tried several other methods to stop the habit, was so pleased with her progress that she wanted to serve as a counselor at the next Five-Day Plan, which will probably be in the fall. She will be asked to assist.

Counselors will continue to contact members of their group periodically to offer encouragement and assistance, possibly developing lasting friendships. Emanuel Foxworth is pastor of the Calvin Center church.

Pastor Frank Williams  
Communication Secretary

## NORTHEASTERN

### BSI INGATHERING BANQUET

On March 7, more than 200 members of the Brooklyn-Staten Island Laymen's Federation gathered for the fourth annual awards banquet held at Hanson Place Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York.

Thirty-seven persons from nine churches in the Brooklyn-Staten Island area received plaques or certificates for outstanding work in Harvest Ingathering and soul-winning.

Topping the Ingatherers was Ida Brown of the South Brooklyn SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, who gathered \$2,260 and was crowned "queen for 1981."

The title of "king" went to Alemlis Griffin of the Bethel SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, who Ingathered \$745. The "princess" was Sandra Mucius of the Coney Island SDA Church in Brooklyn and the "prince" was seven-year-old Terrence Wilmott of Shiloh SDA Church in Brooklyn, who Ingathered \$144.95 and received a special round of applause.

Standing head and shoulders above every other soul-winner was Aubyn Edwards of Hanson Place, who was instrumental in leading seven precious souls to the Lord in 1981.

Among the many persons present were Pastor and Mrs. G. R. Earle. Pastor Earle, president of Northeastern Con-



Dinner guests await service at the Laymen's Federation awards banquet. Left to right: Mrs. Earl Parchment; George Earle, conference-president; Mrs. V. Earle; Karon Young; and Rupert W. Young, Karon's father.

ference, stood in for Pastor R. Lister, director of personal ministries for the conference, who was speaking in Louisiana. Earle disclosed the conference's plan for initiating on September 18 "A Thousand Days of Reaping," an intensive evangelistic campaign which would continue until the next world-wide session of the General Conference scheduled for New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1985.

The president admonished the federation to stand tall in the endeavor of soul-winning and go preach the gospel.

Pastor and Mrs. Parchment were also present. Parchment, who serves as director of personal ministries for the Atlantic Union, encouraged the federation to keep up the good work. He also stated to the audience that despite the present economic conditions, the ingathering field is still quite fertile.

Lloyd Goodridge  
Communication Secretary



Carl Benjamin conducting the Hanson Place church choir and string orchestra in the Bishop Laughlin High School auditorium.

### HANSON PLACE CHOIR IN CONCERT

On a cold, bleak, rainy evening, a large group of music-loving New Yorkers

gathered in the warmth of the Bishop Loughlin High School auditorium in Brooklyn, New York, to hear the Hanson Place church choir in concert.

The concert, a fund-raising as well as cultural event, was the culmination of weeks of intensive rehearsals under the direction of Edward Daniel, choir director.

As has been the case for almost two decades, the choir went to the masters for its concert material, selecting for this year's presentation "Zadok the Priest," "Coronation Anthem" by George F. Handel and two sacred cantatas by Felix Mendelssohn: "Hear My Prayer" and "Hymn of Praise."

The 88-voice choir, resplendent in their maroon robes with gold-colored collars, was in fine voice and in harmony with the instrumentation (piano and string orchestra), rendering one of the most powerful and inspiring presentations ever heard at these concerts.

Guest soloists were: Cynthia Franklin Brown, a dramatic soprano and a perennial at these concerts; Camella Johnson, contralto, making her second consecutive appearance with the choir; and Durward McDonald, no stranger to the audience. Each lifted the evening's performance to new heights of excellence, and the audience showed their appreciation by applauding tumultuously.

Conducting the choir, as he has done through the years, was Carl Benjamin, tall, impressive and a dedicated musician whose lissome baton seemed to make the choir an extension of his own musicality as he elicited every feeling and emotion enshrined in the music.

No less worthy of mention was the performance of Edward Daniel on the piano, playing under great stress because of his mother's illness and yet



captivating the audience with his skill and finesse.

Pastor Rupert W. Young of the Hanson Place church, who had heard the choir for the first time in concert, echoed the feelings of the packed auditorium when he said, "I am really thrilled with the quality of the performance." He also added that he was proud to be associated with such a choir.

Lloyd Goodridge  
Communication Secretary

## A KALEIDOSCOPE OF EVENTS

So far the members of Jamaica SDA Church in Jamaica, New York, have experienced an interesting year. The Adventist Youth Society, under the direction of Doris Shorey, has organized the youth of the church into three missionary bands that visit nursing homes in the area the first Sabbath of every month.

The spring week of prayer, March 13-20, was conducted by Joseph Rodriguez, a theology student from Oakwood College. The topics of his sermons were: "The Guiding Light," "As the World Turns," "Search for Tomorrow," "All My Children," "The Days of Our Lives," "Another World" and "General Hospital." The messages were unforgettable.

The following Sabbath Pastor E. Parchment, personal ministries director for the Atlantic Union, conducted an evangelistic workshop. The response was tremendous!

Speaking of soul-winning, the personal ministries department, under the direction of Doris Walker, has involved church members in door-to-door evangelism. As a result of their witnessing, seven precious souls were baptized.

The church is using every avenue to communicate the gospel. Outside of the church is a large bulletin board that informs the community of news items, special events and programs being given by the church. People from the community read the announcements and visit the church. The church members are excited when they think of the influence a bulletin board can have in the community.

Zilphia M. Burke  
Communication Secretary

## MOUNT VERNON BLACK HISTORY WEEK

Roscoe G. Brown, a lay evangelist from Chicago, Illinois, conducted a spirit-filled week of black history at the Mount Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mt. Vernon, New York, from February 6 through February 13.

This was the second time this gifted speaker conducted a series at the Mount Vernon church. While here, he also spoke at the R. T. Hudson Elementary School and Northeastern Academy.

Brown is very popular with young and old alike. His sermon, "Hey Blood! What It Is?" which was geared toward the young people, stressed the importance of obtaining an education and abstaining from drugs, drinking, illicit sex, etc., in a language that youth can relate to.

On both Sabbaths, Brown filled the church with powerful sermons on "Christianity: Black or White" and "Jesus Included Me." These sermons were a review of American history, black history, slaves and salvation.

He also conducted a well-balanced rap session for youth and a very informative marriage seminar for adults. The Pathfinders were amazed with the slide presentation Brown gave them of his unusual animals.

After listening to Brown, seeing his slides and receiving his informative material, many youth and adults were not only proud of the black race, but also had a better understanding of the black man and his relationship with God.

Sylvia West Thomas  
Communication Secretary

## GEORGE SAUNDERS RECEIVES PLAQUE

George Saunders, the Bronx-Manhattan area Pathfinder coordinator, is truly one of Ephesus' "unsung heroes." He has been Starlighter Pathfinder director for the past nine years and is still dedicated to the cause of "our youth rightly trained." He distinctly likes Pathfinding and regards it as something "really beautiful." His untiring efforts, sincere loyalty, time, expense and love expended cannot be measured.

In recognition of all this, and to his great surprise, at the end of the investiture service held at the Bronx Washington Avenue church, Coordinator Saunders was presented with a most attractive plaque from the Ephesus Starlighters by Leander Callwood and James Stewart.

Earlier in the service, counselors Leander Callwood, Carmen Commack, Laurette Dawkins and Vanessa Warner qualified as Friends, Companions and Explorers. In addition, Arlene Fogarty was invested as an Explorer. Pastor Trevor H. C. Baker, Northeastern Conference youth director, officiated.

## ORDINATION SERVICE HELD

On January 9 two elders and six deacons were ordained at Capital City SDA Church in Albany, New York. A. E. Morgan, former pastor of the church, conducted the ordination service.

Following the ordination service a special program was given for department leaders in 1982, which promises to be a rewarding year.



Pathfinder Director George Saunders, front right.



## SOUTH CENTRAL VILLAGE: A DREAM COME TRUE

For years the South Central Conference had planned to be the sponsor of housing where senior citizens could have a feeling of security and safety in the comfort and convenience of individually controlled environments. The plan was to have the elderly walk on carpeted floors, be transported in air-conditioned vans and have places to play shuffle board or grow a garden.

It's no dream now. South Central Village is a 134-unit apartment complex with 110 one-bedroom and 24 two-bedroom units, some especially designed for the handicapped.

Mayor Ted Crozier joined President C. E. Dudley and Lucille Patton, an 84-year-old, in cutting the ribbon and leading the crowd into the building on Sunday, May 23. Many members, bankers, builders, architects and others gathered in Clarksville to witness the colorful opening service of South Central Village.

At 1420 Paradise Hill Road, the majestic L-shaped building adds its stately structure to the gently rolling landscape. The three-story building is near shopping centers, drug stores, physicians' offices, the county hospital and health department, banks and downtown Clarksville, Tennessee. It's a convenient, comfortable and friendly place to live, a dream come true.

## SOUTH CENTRAL NEWS NOTES

The Clarksville, Tennessee, housing opening for the elderly was well attended on Sunday, May 23. Hundreds of people from Clarksville and nearby cities joined in the celebration. The complex will house 134 residents and Ronald Reid, manager, stated that more than 100 applications have already been received. Dr. C. E. Dudley, president, informed the mayor and citizens that the housing venture of South Central Conference is the Seventh-day Adventist way of demonstrating "religion in overalls."

The Meharry BAMDA Student Association held its annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, on May 17 with Dr. E. E. Cleveland of Oakwood College as the guest speaker. Hundreds of SDA students have attended this school of medicine and dentistry since Drs. W. E. Coopwood and L. R. Brooms joined the staff. A. Peolte is president of BAMDA on campus.



Mayor Ted Crozier speaks at the opening of South Central Village.

The Triana, Alabama, First SDA Church was organized at the beginning of the year and has since purchased land on which to erect a lovely house of worship for God. At the organizational meeting the group began with the presentation of the first tithe remittance to the conference. It is hoped that this group will be housed before the end of the year. Pastor Roy L. Rugless is the minister.

A group of almost two dozen concerned black leaders from across the nation met at Riverside Adventist Hospital during the weekend of May 23 to look at the operation of this institution, which has been offered for sale by the Adventist Sunbelt Hospital System of Orlando, Florida. Five years ago the General Conference urged this group of hospital managers to take Riverside and successfully operate it for them with the understanding that if this was not realized it could be returned to the G.C. After this sixty-month period, the Sunbelt organization is returning the hospital to the G.C. Because of the increasing debts that have been incurred since 1978, this



group is also seeking a buyer for the hospital, but has not been successful.

The concerned group of lay and church leaders feel that Riverside Adventist Hospital was established by God for the purpose of helping souls to the kingdom. It must not close. Proposals were laid for its continuation. These are to be sent to the General Conference, the parent body. The black membership of the church is requested to join with us in prayer for continued operation of this institution.

Infiltration evangelism is another program that has been instituted in the South Central Conference to open new work by inviting the non-sponsored graduates from Oakwood to move into an area and ask the Lord to preach up a church. Five cities are to be entered this summer by these ministerial graduates: Owensboro, Kentucky; Dyersburg and Kingsport, Tennessee; Corinth, Mississippi; and Phenix City, Alabama. Already signs of blessings with this venture are being realized. Pray for these, our brethren, as they answer the call.



## SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE SESSION REPORT

The Southeastern Conference constituency meeting was conducted May 2 at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. The president and secretary-treasurer re-elected were James Edgecombe and Donald Walker. All departmental directors were re-elected.

Southeastern is a growing conference. The president reports that during its first year of operation, five new churches were organized.

The treasurer's report also shows a tithe increase of approximately 42 percent over a twelve-month period. Also, a 21.4 percent increase in mission offerings was noted.

Personal Ministries Director Ira Harrell stated that, "Our 1981 *Message* magazine report of 7,500 subscriptions was the highest per capita of any conference in North America and our baptismal report of 918 souls was the highest percentage (10.87 percent) of membership gain in the Southern Union."

The theme of the session was "To God be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done." Certainly, these words of praise should resound throughout our land and especially in the Southeastern Conference.

Keith A. Dennis

### EPHESUS CHURCH IN ACTION

On Sunday, February 7, a crowd of more than 300 persons assembled to take part in the three-week crusade held at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Pastor R. C. Connor, associate ministerial secretary of the Lake Union Conference, was the evangelist of the hour. Other members of the team were Ruby Perry of Charlotte, North Carolina, Alma Vaught, Shirley Smith and ministerial interns Layton Palmer and Lyndon Elliott. Pastor Elliott's wife also assisted.

Pastor T. Fraser and the laymen of the church publicized the meetings not only by special invitation, but through coverage from radio spots and handbills delivered by mail and volunteer workers.

As the meetings progressed, the crowds continued to come and on the night the Sabbath was preached every available chair in the church except the



*The West Palm Beach crusade, with evangelist R. C. Connor preaching.*



*A scene from the West Palm Beach evangelistic crusade.*

pastor's chair was called into service. The count that evening was more than 500.

The evidence of the Holy Spirit was felt in the city as a result of the meetings. During the third week 78 persons were baptized. On that beautiful day whole families, boys and girls, young and old took part in that baptismal service. On Wednesday evening of the fourth week, another 33 precious souls were also baptized.

During the crusade visitors from the community commented that never was such a thing manifested in West Palm Beach. The word preached was plain, the presentation pointed, the program well planned, and the power of God manifest.

On the last Sabbath the stage was set for a joyous occasion in the Ephesus church. Another baptism of 17 souls was performed. A church fellowship meal was provided for new members.

That evening the crusade came to an end with Pastor James Edgecombe receiving the 128 newly baptized members

into the fellowship of the church. Connor admonished the new believers to hold on until Jesus comes and asked the church to be faithful and love the new members into the church.

The Ephesus church was aglow and several weeks later the church was still buzzing with excitement with what God had done through His servant, R. C. Connor, and his team of workers.

The church is looking forward to next year's evangelistic season. The pastor and members plan to work for souls on a round-the-year program. The program will begin with the major crusade and continue reaping and planning for the coming year. The Ephesus church plans to contribute significantly to the 1000 days of reaping in their part of the vineyard.

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People curse the man who holds his grain for higher prices, but they bless the man who sells it to them in their time of need.

*Proverbs 11:26*



OAKWOOD

COLLEGE



*Enter to learn;*

*depart to serve.*

### INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND 1982

Slightly more than nineteen percent of Oakwood's student population for the 1981-82 school year is composed of international students representing 34 countries around the world. This puts Oakwood College in the very enviable position of being an institution of international repute. In recognition of this fact, the college has included in its calendar of events an International Students Weekend.

January 30 was a high day, not only for international students, but also for the college community at large. It was an unseasonably pleasant day. The campus family hurried to church as if they expected an unusual blessing. Indeed, they were not disappointed; all indications were that International Weekend 1982 promised to be bigger and better than ever.

This indication was evident not only during the Sabbath school period, but also at the Friday evening vespers conducted at each dormitory by international students.

Sabbath school was unusually well attended. The mission emphasis was uniquely presented through a focus on educational systems around the world as seen through the eyes of Maxine Sharpe (London), Martin Ekoumow (Cameroun), Astrid Thorpe (Trinidad and Tobago) and Derrick Bowe (Bahamas).

The Sabbath school welcome was particularly interesting as it was given in different languages and dialects by Stephanie Moffat (Martinique), Denford Musvosvi (Zimbabwe), Nozzie Nxumalo (South Africa), Rosmond Williams (St. Croix) and Alladina Oliver (Bahamas).

The college band, under the direction of Allen Reid, also added a distinctive flavor to the morning's proceedings.

Along with the blessing brought through the speaker at worship, the most anticipated moments were during the flag procession. Thirty-two flags paraded to the front led by the American flag as the organ played. As is custom-



*Pastor Hugh Roach, speaker for International Students Day.*

ary, the flag representing the country from which the speaker of the hour hails was brought up last and placed in front of the desk.

Pastor Hugh Roach, president of the Bahamas conference, preached the sermon. The theme selected for the weekend was "One Origin, One People, One Destiny." The speaker expounded from the seventeenth chapter of Acts, tracing Paul's steps to Athens, where he made his famous speech declaring that from one man God made every nation. He emphasized the oneness of man through creation and salvation, and quoted one of the meditations of John Dunn, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral:

All mankind is of one Author, and is one volume. When one man dies the chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language and every chapter must be so translated. God employs several translators. Some theses are translated by age, some by sickness, some by wars, some by justice, but God's hand is in every translation, and his hand shall bind up all his scattered leaves again for that library where every book shall lie open to one another. No man is an island entire of itself. Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.

After a sumptuous meal prepared in international styles by cafeteria personnel, the Archers, a Caribbean quartet now studying at Andrews University, took us heavenward with their melodious voices.

### OAKWOOD CHOIR TO PERFORM AT WORLD'S FAIR

The Oakwood College Choir, under

the direction of Eurydice Osterman, has been selected to perform at the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee, on Sunday, September 19, at 10:30 a.m. The performance site is yet to be announced.

The choir was chosen from hundreds of applicants throughout the country and rated "a very select group" by World's Fair personnel. Groups from elementary, junior and senior high schools, college, music academies, community centers, recreation departments, various clubs and the military have been selected and will represent more than 40 states and Canadian provinces.

This is the second time that such an opportunity has presented itself for the Oakwood College Choir. In 1964, under the direction of Joni Mae Pierre-Louis, the choir was selected to perform at the New York World's Fair.

The choir is preparing a patriotic program of music and poetry for the 1982 World's Fair entitled, "America the Beautiful." Among the themes to be presented are: the quest, the voyage, the arrival, a special people, etc., which will briefly trace the historical development of the country.

During the program the choir will perform works by: Irving Berlin, *Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor* and *God Bless America*; Otis Skilling, *Americana Sing-along*; Earl Robinson, *The House I Live In*; Burt Bacharach, *All Kinds of People*; Negro spirituals; poetry by Nevilon Meadows; and Osterman's composition, *Love, It Comes In All Colors*, to name a few.

### OAKWOOD COLLEGE CHOIR RECORDS ALBUM

The Oakwood College Choir has recorded an album, *Roll, Jordan, Roll*, which was released in early April. The album contains a well-chosen variety of music ranging from anthems to spirituals to gospel.

Several of the songs were written or arranged by Eurydice Osterman: Alleluia, which recently won an award at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan; Good News; and Ol' Time Religion, an arrangement in conjunction with Shelton Kilby, III.

For information on how to obtain a copy of the album, write to Eurydice Osterman, Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL 35896.



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E. Reid, social services director.

## SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SETS GOALS

The objectives of the Social Services Department at Victory Lake are multifaceted. They could possibly be capsulized in the following statements:

To help patients and other important people to accommodate illness and loss of functioning beyond the limits of the rehabilitation process.

To aid the staff responsible for the delivery of direct care to comprehend the implications of social, emotional and economic factors relative to patients' well-being.

During 1981, the quality of care was enhanced partly because of the department's fulfilled objectives. Inservices that served to sensitize staff to the psychosocial needs of the aged were given, 530 patient care plans were written and updated, 233 progress notations were written in the medical records, contacts with significant others totaled more than 350, and all goals detailed in latter reports were achieved.

State Department of Health survey revealed a "no deficiency" report.

### Departmental Goals—1982

1. Possible implementation of the personalized care model program (in cooperation with Nursing and Administration).

2. Continuation of weekly patient care conferences.

3. Group work to promote social interaction between patients as well as free expression of ideas.

4. Unrelenting support for the welcoming committee.

5. Inservice training.

6. The provision of monthly reports on the functioning of the department for management; and psychosocial histories/systematic evaluations for staff.

7. Continue to scrutinize the multi-functions of the Department during daily routines and to effect or recommend changes where it is seen that affirmative results are achievable.

History is a great teacher. It magnificently reveals that when God is given full recognition, all things are possible. Thus, I ask Him to extend wisdom to make judicious decisions so the aforementioned goals can be satisfactorily realized.

## CORRECTION

The cover credit for the June issue of the *Regional Voice* should have listed John Bauer instead of C. E. Dudley.

## NURSING DEPARTMENT REVIEWS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As I assumed the position of director of nursing services at Victory Lake Nurs-

ing Center on August 1, 1981, I recalled Psalm 118:6, "The Lord is on my side, I will not fear; What can man do unto me?" With this inspiring and reassuring thought I readily accepted the challenge and responsibility that lay ahead.

### Accomplishments—1981

1. For cost containment, stock levels and ordering points for all supplies were reviewed and reduced on all units.

2. The rehabilitation unit continues to discharge residents home who have reached their maximum functional level as a result of the excellent care they have received.

3. Formation of a standing committee to periodically review, revise and update our policies and procedures as necessary.

4. The acquisition of a Gomco suction machine, an important piece of equipment used to maintain a patent airway.

5. The Nursing Department achieved a level one rating for the first time. There were no deficiencies found by the Periodic Medical Review Survey in 1980-1981.



Gloria E. Bolling, R.N., director of nursing services.



## BREATH OF LIFE



Pastor and Mrs. Walter Arties.

### WALTER ARTIES ORDAINED

Walter E. Arties, III, manager/producer of the Breath of Life, was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath, April 24. The solemn, sacred service was held during the annual black convocation of the Southern California Conference at Lynwood Academy in Lynwood, California.

For years Pastor Arties has been engaged in public evangelism and Christian outreach ministry. His special gifts as a vocal soloist, choral director and music arranger have been uniquely utilized to the glory of God and the blessing of mankind.

In 1974, Breath of Life, Arties' brainchild, was born—a direct result of prayer, fasting, counselling with church leaders and divine intervention. His gifts in media production make the Breath of Life telecast possible for approximately 50 million potential viewers every week. Record albums and tapes of Christian musicians have been produced for distribution by Arties.

It was, therefore, a joy to acknowledge the gifts set apart by God in Walter Arties. Pastor C. D. Brooks, general field secretary of the General Conference and speaker/director for Breath of Life, preached the sermon. The Breath of Life Quartet and Pastor James L. Kyle offered appropriate musical selections. Other participants included Dr. W. L. DeShay, director of black affairs for the Southern California Conference (ordina-

tion prayer), Pastor R. R. Frame, president of the Adventist Media Center (ministerial charge), Pastor R. S. Watts, president of the Southern California Conference (ministerial welcome), and Pastor L. W. Paytee, executive secretary of the Southern California Conference (coordinator, ordination service).

Arties is married to the former Beverly DeShay of Columbus, Ohio. Beverly is a homemaker and office secretary in the personal ministries department of the Pacific Union Conference. Also present at the service were Catherine Arties, Elvira Arties and Otyvee Dyer—his mother and sisters respectively. Pastor and Mrs. Arties reside in Thousand Oaks, California.

R. O. Robinson  
Director, Field Services  
Breath of Life

### BREATH OF LIFE CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL CRUSADE

On April 3 at 9:30 p.m., the curtain came down for the last time on the Los Angeles crusade that began March 7. Pastor Charles D. Brooks, director/speaker of the Breath of Life, and the entire team of workers rejoiced as God honored their labors with 126 precious persons added to the church through baptism. What a glorious conclusion to the meetings conducted at the recently renovated Los Angeles Trade Technical College Auditorium.

During the week hundreds attended the well-planned meetings with capacity crowds on weekends. The spirit-filled preaching of Pastor Brooks and the music of Pastor Walter Arties, manager/producer, Breath of Life, directed the hearers to decide their eternal destinies. And what a wonderful review and reinforcement these meetings were for Adventists of long standing.

Faithful pastors and Bible instructors daily visited the homes of guests, encouraging them, praying and answering their questions. Our prayers continually ascend for those in the valley of decision that they will soon yield to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

With nearly 4,000 persons having contacted Breath of Life for Bible studies and prayer after viewing the telecast, and scores more in baptismal classes, we certainly conclude that the Los Angeles "field is white already to harvest." Could it be that the 126 persons

baptized are but the first fruits of a great harvest to be realized?

God has blessed Breath of Life to touch a very wide cross-section of people. Despite social, economic and occupational variances, people came to hear Pastor Brooks proclaim the gospel in his own inimitable way. On Monday, March 15, Muhammad Ali attended and referred to Pastor Brooks as "The Greatest." The sermon that night, "Black Sky! Bleeding Moon! Falling Stars!" was of particular interest to him.

Many fine people of Los Angeles and the Southern California Conference faithfully labored in this crusade. Their efforts, including acts that seemed insignificant and unnoticed among heavier, more visible responsibilities, made this harvest of souls possible. God has a reward to dispense that man cannot, and His account will contain the beautiful ministry of the associates in this meeting.

The Breath of Life telecast ministry is in need of your continued prayers and financial support. Sustained by prayer, your gifts will enable us to enter more cities with the three angels' messages. Thousands yet await in darkness and despair the light and hope brought by Breath of Life. Help us reach them.

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Director, Field Services  
Breath of Life

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The occasion being celebrated had its genesis on Saturday, April 9, 1932, when Una Grant, daughter of Henry and Ursula Grant, and Ivor, son of Simeon and Henrietta, were joined in holy matrimony in the Trinity Methodist Church, Georgetown, Guyana.

Since that time the Meertens joined

the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Mrs. Meerten in 1942 and Mr. Meerten in 1964. From their union were born ten children (eight still living), seventeen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

When Mrs. Meerten was asked to advise married couples on being and staying married, she said, "Give a lot of love and this will keep your marriage going." Both the Meertens see love and lots of it as the key to a lasting marriage relationship. When asked for his formula for a happy marriage, Mr. Meerten replied, "I just keep on loving my wife more and more every day."

Lloyd Goodridge  
Communication Secretary

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I've found that love  
Has strength of days  
To fill the nights  
And know its ways.

I've learned that love—  
When born within—  
Can give a man  
The heart to win.

Though fear may grip

And wrestle the soul,  
Love has the power  
To gain control.

Love—the power  
Has made men strong,  
Inspiring them on  
With depth of song.

Love—the power  
Like a mighty steed,  
Racing the wind  
With lightning speed.

Holding life's torch  
That men may see  
The Power that leads  
To eternity.

—Charles H. Daniels\*

\*Charles Daniels is a poet and writer living in Newark, New Jersey.

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