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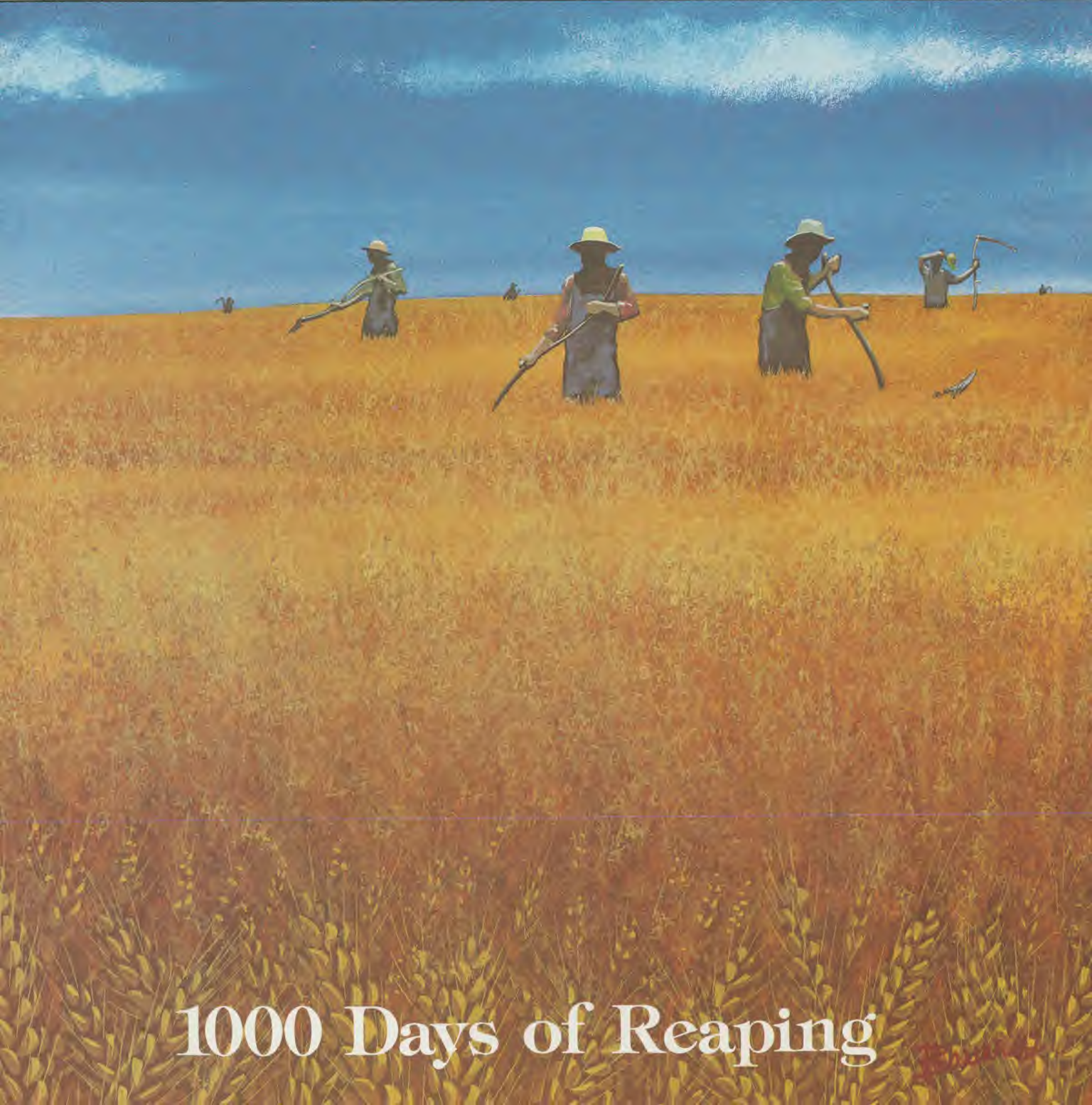


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1000 Days of Reaping

COVER STORY

1,000 DAYS OF REAPING

Sensing the lateness of the hour, as supported by the relevance of current events, the world church is being called upon and challenged to finish the work on earth so Jesus can come. With this in mind, the following actions were taken:

1. To launch an unprecedented world-wide soul-winning thrust, placing unquestioned priority on evangelism in all forms and at all levels; by dedicating the 1,000 days preceding the 1985 General Conference session in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the claiming of one million souls for Christ. These 1,000 days of reaping were launched on Sabbath, September 18, 1982, in churches throughout the world and will conclude on June 15, 1985, two Sabbaths before the General Conference session. "One thousand souls a day for a thousand days" will be the world goal during the 1,000 Days of Reaping.

2. To conduct a program on the first Sabbath of the General Conference session with reports/trophies for all world divisions to inspire the church to surge forward to ever-increasing emphasis on reaching the world for Christ.

3. To call upon God's people everywhere to join us as leaders in an enlarged dimension of commitment to prayer, repentance, Bible study and witness, uniting all workers and lay leaders to receive the promised blessing of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

4. To call upon all ministers and lay leaders to increase the spiritual thoroughness of their evangelistic work so that baptismal candidates are well grounded in the principles of salvation and doctrinal truth and train new members to labor for souls so that they may quickly join hands with the church in redemptive outreach.

5. To encourage ministers to give personal and professional priority to the winning of souls by evangelistic preaching, opening the Scriptures to families/individuals, employing programs that various departments of the church may provide for either pre-evangelistic or evangelistic outreach, and urging all church employees to join with ministers/lay leaders in inspiring, training and leading all lay persons into seed-sowing, cultivating and reaping for God's kingdom.



S. D. Meyers

6. To accept the goal of proclaiming the gospel and following up in all unentered territories, in harmony with the prayer offensive voted at the 1980 Annual Council, employing the principles of territorial assignment and small group organization of all believers.

7. To request each division to select a director and committee to give oversight and direction to the 1,000 Days of Reaping, the General Conference to select a director and committee to give overall direction and assist all divisions in the 1,000 Days of Reaping.

8. To recognize the time period beginning with the close of the 1981 Annual Council and reaching to October, 1982, as a crucial implementation period during which each division may effect a transition to giving unquestioned priority to evangelism. As a result of the evangelistic thrust of the 1980 Annual Council, divisions have proceeded to set quinquennial goals. The 1,000 Days of Reaping program now comes to assist in achieving/surpassing these goals and expressing our "one church, one world" approach to a finished work. All evangelistic programs envisioned by General Conference leadership for world-wide implementation within a later time frame should now be rescheduled so as to aid in the preparatory period prior to October, 1982, for the 1,000 Days of Reaping.

9. To provide adequate funding for the 1,000 Days of Reaping project at each level of the church.

There is no attempt to limit the Holy Spirit, for we know that all things are possible with God. We also recognize the benefits of prayer objectives. Therefore, the divisions of the world have prayerfully set the following goals:

Africa-Indian Ocean	150,000
Australasian	25,000
Eastern Africa	65,000
Euro-Africa	42,000
Far Eastern	125,000
Inter-American	208,748
North American	144,000
Northern European	6,000
South American	170,000
Southern Asia	100,000
Trans-Africa	100,000
Middle East Union	301
Total	1,136,049

Challenges have been issued. Goals have been set. Now is the time for organization and planning, prayer and work. The greatest soul-winning weapon in God's arsenal is prayer, according to the Bible. Intercessory prayer is the key! We have the following counsel:

"Why do not two or three meet together and plead with God for the salvation of some special one, and then for still another? In our churches let companies be formed for service. Let different ones unite in labor as fishers of men. Let them seek to gather souls from the corruption of the world into the saving purity of Christ's love." 77, p. 21.

In keeping with the realization of the power of prayer, fasting and unity, the opening day of the 1,000 Days of Reaping, September 18, 1982, has been designated as a world day of prayer and fasting.

Now that divisional goals have been set, the challenge must be accepted through the ranks. It is good to hear of administrators and department heads planning to hold meetings and give Bible studies. It is good to hear of laymen conducting public evangelistic meetings. We must all join hands for the finishing of the work. What a mighty army—pastors and other workers, laymen, department heads and administrators all on the battlefield for our Lord. "Like a mighty army moves the church of God."

Let us move forward; let us set sights on a specific goal of person or persons. It may be a relative, neighbor, fellow worker or mate. Like Jacob, lay hold on God and vow, "I'll not let Thee go except Thou bless me."

In Civil War days the musket was the main hand weapon for hunting and war. The musket had to be kept clean. It had to be muzzle-loaded. The powder, ball and cotton had had to be tamped in with a rod. As the hammer struck the flint, the powder was ignited and hurled the ball from the muzzle. The condition of the

powder was critical to the firepower. If the powder was moist or damp, or if it were insufficiently tamped, it would misfire and fizzle.

We are in spiritual warfare with the enemy of our souls. Some of our spiritual powder has been dampened by the vicissitudes of life. Sophisticated idolatry and worldliness have moistened the powder of others and has reduced our firepower. Let us gird up the loins of our minds and fight the good fight of faith.

Keep your powder dry!

Samuel D. Meyers, Assoc. Director
Ministerial/Stewardship Assoc.
General Conference of SDA

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

REGIONAL STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM ANDREWS OFFERING

Commitment to service—the gospel depends on it. Christian education inspires it.

And there is no shortage of that kind of commitment in students from the regional conferences taking graduate or seminary training at Andrews University.

Tommy Blevins, a graduate of Oakwood College, is enrolled in the seminary following three years of pastoring in the Cleveland-Clarksdale district and other churches in the South Central Conference. He says his primary interest at the seminary is training for public evangelism. His dedication to this calling is very evident when he says with an earnest smile, "It wouldn't matter to me if I never set foot in an Adventist church as pastor. Public evangelism is my thing."

And Blevins makes that evident in the activities he engages in along with his classes. He is one of the producers of "The Wonderful World of Gospel Puppets," a series of puppet shows aimed at teaching Christian values to young people. Blevins says that the idea for the Gospel Puppets originated with Mike Faison, also a seminary student at Andrews, when Faison was pastoring a district in Mississippi in 1980. Faison and Blevins produced a show at the campmeeting at Oakwood in 1980, and when they both came to Andrews in the fall they decided to try it in Berrien Springs. They put on a performance at the University Manor Recreation Center.

"That started the program," Blevins says with a chuckle.

"Since that time we've put on programs in churches in Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Mississippi and Illinois, with other appointments scheduled for New York and a workshop to present at the Fellowship of Christian Puppeteers Convention in Glorieta, New Mexico."

Blevins says that the Gospel Puppets, recently joined by two other seminarians who assist in production, has two shows in its repertoire. One is called "This Way to Health" and emphasizes the eight laws of health. The other is called "Urukundo," an African word for love. The puppet shows, which feature hand puppets operated by the producers, are written by Faison and pre-taped at WAUS, Andrews' FM radio station.

Blevins says that in his seminary classes, two instructors really stand out. He says he has especially enjoyed his classes from Dr. Raoul Dederen and Dr. Hans LaRondelle. "They present information in a very organized way and their teaching has given me deep insights into the topics we discussed in class." He also says that his class, "Perspectives in Communication," taught by Victor Cooper, associate director of the General Conference communication department and visiting lecturer at the seminary, helped to spark his interest in evangelism.

Other students from the regional conferences are preparing for Christian service by studying at Andrews University. Glenda Yarde is enrolled in the School of Graduate Studies, taking an M.A. in educational and developmental psychology. A 1980 graduate of Oakwood College and a native of Trinidad, she now calls Brooklyn, New York, her home, and the Flatbush church her home church.

"I always wanted to come to Andrews," Glenda says. "Dr. Brantley, head of the education department at Oakwood, encouraged me to apply for scholarship money. When Dr. Williams, dean of Andrews' graduate school, came to Oakwood, he said to me, 'If you want to come to Andrews, you will come to Andrews.'"

Glenda says Williams arranged for a Weniger scholarship for her and agreed to hold it for one year while she stayed out of school to work. "I wouldn't have come to Andrews without an award and I'm very grateful for it."



Glenda Yarde is a graduate student at Andrews working toward a master's degree in education.



Tommy Blevins, a ministerial student sponsored by the South Central Conference, will finish an M.Div. degree at Andrews this year.

"Some people think that Christian education is second-rate," Glenda continues. "Well, I don't. I want to be where God wants me to be, and that's why I am at Andrews."

Church members in the regional conferences can help assure the continued success of graduate and seminary education at Andrews University. The Andrews biennial offering was taken in the spring. Your offering will go directly into endowed scholarship funds for graduate and seminary students. And this year your help was more important than ever.

Esther Hare, financial aid officer at Andrews, points out that belt-tightening in the general economy and especially in student loan programs is drastically changing the picture of financial aid for graduate education. "While the details of future aid programs are not clear at this point," she says, "there is strong talk of cutting out all loans for graduate

students." She adds that due to new regulations, fewer students will be eligible to receive the limited amount of aid available.

"As difficult as it may seem, our constituency will need to make even more sacrifices personally," she continues. "I'm not painting a bleak picture. Things have changed very rapidly for graduate students needing financial aid. But we've always made it before and I'm optimistic that we're going to make it now. That's why the Andrews offering has become so much more important."

Graduate and seminary education at Andrews University is a profoundly powerful force in spreading the gospel to the world. Students who come from the regional conferences and around the world leave to serve as leaders and workers in other countries as teachers of our children and pastors in our churches.

Nineteenth century writer John Ruskin once said that "Education is the leading of human souls to what is best, and making what is best out of them; and these two objects are always attainable together, and by the same means; the training which makes men happiest in themselves also makes them most serviceable to others."

Ronald Knott, Staff Writer
Andrews University



Pastor Naasson M. Belzair Prosper, pastor of the Bethlehem-French church in Chicago.

3,000 HAITIANS IN AMERICAN DETENTION CAMP

Dear brothers and sisters, I come to you with the plight of 3,000 unfortunate Haitians oppressed in your country. I need your help in my desperate struggle to set them free.

I need your contributions to help pay the expenses of my trips to prisons, where I bring them consolation and collect facts that will serve in their hear-

ings. I need your lawyers to take their cases before judges.

I need your prayers to get the Lord to intervene in their behalf. I need your letters to Congress and President Reagan to stop the fury of the oppressors.

I need you standing beside us, for the cause of the Haitians is the cause of all Americans. We are all children of God and need to give a hand to one another.

The American people are now witnessing a stupefying phenomenon. The greatest nation of the world, the country which for centuries has been considered the champion of Christianity, the theater of the most passionate fights for civil rights, the biggest defender of freedom and maintainer of peace in the world, holds impassively in detention camps 3,000 helpless black people whose only crime is to land on its shores in flight from suffering and death.

For more than a year, in spite of the outcry of concerned people of the country, church, press, lawyers, judges, etc., the American administration keeps shutting its heart, leaving these poor Haitians prey to the most vile oppression.

Right on the American soil where Puritanism has made its greatest impact, husbands are separated from their life companions, parents don't know where their children are incarcerated, women are committing suicide, mental illness is ravaging many, hundreds of others are experiencing uncommon diseases and above all, 3,000 men, women and children stand behind the cyclone fences, wondering if they will ever see the world again.

But who are these people? "Boat people" from Haiti who have risked their lives coming to the United States in search for life. While I write this letter, I see Barnave Campas, who left Haiti on June 3, 1981, along with 37 other Haitians on a frail boat. After 31 days of perilous navigation, 27 of them arrived in Miami. The other 11 died at sea and the 27 survivors have been thrown in the Krome Avenue Detention Camp.

About the same time, Saint Juste Ronald left with 333 companions. More than 110 died of heat, hunger, thirst and nervous breakdowns, while the other 223 are still waiting behind the fences.

Willy Theodore embarked with 62 Haitians. After a month of wrestling with the forces of nature, they finally arrived on the American shore. Thirty-three bodies were picked up on the shore of Fort Lauderdale, and Willy Theodore is still

dreaming behind the walls of the federal Institution at Lexington, Kentucky. Nearly 300 other men are working at Lexington, Kentucky, their wages amounting to about \$31 a month.

Not all of them are "boat people." Among the 900 persons I have already interviewed, there are 12 teachers, 8 civil engineers, a large number of accountants and other people with business skills. They paid their fare on board Eastern Airlines, Air France, Air Bahamas, etc. and came with an American visa. The main reason they are in detention is that they were unfortunate enough to arrive in Miami after the famous decision of President Reagan.

Erick Lumen is one of those. He left Haiti on November 3, 1981, on an Eastern Airlines flight. Along with fourteen other Navy men, he had obtained a job offer from Panama Shipline. With this job offer they went to the American Embassy in Port au Prince and were issued a multiple visa for one year. In addition, his sister is an American citizen, and four brothers and sisters live in the United States as permanent residents.

There were fifteen men standing in front of an immigration booth in Miami. The first seven presented their papers and were admitted into this country. Eric was the eighth. When he presented his papers, the officer questioned the fact that so many people have job offers from Panama Shipline. She then decided to stop the interviews and phoned Panama Shipline, who confirmed all the job offers.

In the meantime, however, her mood had changed. She would not admit this kind of people into her country. "The visas are good," she said, "but the ship on which you are going to work is in repair. Go back to Haiti. You will have to wait there until the company notifies you that the ship is ready."

When they refused to fly back to Haiti, they were informed that their visas were cancelled and they were placed in Krome Detention Camp. And this story would be buried in total obscurity if I did not interview Eric Lumen in the Federal Prison of Lexington, where he has been detained for the last nine months.

These people are all asking the same question: "Why? Isn't this America?" But I want to ask another question on their behalf. Has America forgotten that it is a country of boat people and refugees? Have we burned the image of the Mayflower? Have we forgotten that

The Editor's Desk



Pastor Pembleton and Pastor and Mrs. Carter seated with members of the Bethaven church.

STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED IN KANSAS

The stewardship director of the Central States Conference conducted two successful stewardship programs, one at the Bethel church in Kansas City, Kansas, and the other one at the Bethaven church in Atchison, Kansas.

The members were inspired by the

meetings and well informed as to their duties and responsibilities as far as tithe and stewardship are concerned. They were also advised as to the blessings that accrue to the faithful steward in God's cause.

Each church reached its commitment goal and rejoiced in the Lord because of the blessings and knowledge received as a result of these valuable, pragmatic programs.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	12	19
Boston, Mass	5:42	4:33	4:25	4:19
New York City	5:53	4:44	4:37	4:31
Buffalo, N.Y.	6:12	5:03	4:55	4:48
Atlanta, Ga.	6:49	5:43	5:37	5:33
Miami, Fla.	6:42	5:37	5:33	5:31
Charlotte, N.C.	6:33	5:26	5:20	5:16
Birmingham, Ala.	5:58	4:52	4:46	4:42
Jackson, Miss.	6:14	5:07	5:02	4:59
Memphis, Tenn.	6:09	5:03	4:57	4:52
Louisville, Ky.	6:46	5:40	5:33	5:28
Detroit, Mich.	6:31	5:22	5:15	5:09
Chicago, Ill.	5:49	4:41	4:33	4:27
South Bend, Indiana	5:44	5:35	5:28	5:22
Minneapolis, Minn.	6:06	4:56	4:48	4:41
St. Louis, Mo.	6:05	4:57	4:50	4:45
Kansas City, Mo.	6:21	5:13	5:07	5:01
Denver, Co.	6:02	4:54	4:47	4:41
Little Rock, Ark.	6:18	5:12	5:06	5:02
Dallas, Texas	6:38	5:33	5:28	5:24
New Orleans, La.	6:16	5:10	5:06	5:03
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:16	5:09	5:03	4:59
Oklahoma City, Okla.	6:39	5:32	5:26	5:22

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

the Pilgrim fathers left the shores of Europe fleeing persecution and took refuge among the Indians of America so they might have a land of freedom and justice? Have we forgotten? No, no! We have not forgotten. The Polish, Russian Jews, Cubans and Indochinese witness to the fact that we have not forgotten. The only thing is that Haitians are not the same kind of people. They are black and poor. We don't feel obliged to treat them as we treat white Europeans or brown Asians and Cubans.

Interestingly enough, the God who knows the heart of man has laid down in the Bible the rule of conduct that they should refer to when they would have to deal with such issues. Let me quote for you a few verses of the Book, leaving the interpretation to your own care.

Deuteronomy 24:14—You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brethren or one of the sojourners who are in your land within your town.

Leviticus 19:33-34—When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

Proverbs 22:22, 23—Do not rob the poor because he is poor, and do not crush the afflicted at the gate, for the Lord will plead their case and despoil of life those who despoil them.

Deuteronomy 23:15, 16—You shall not give up to his master a slave who has escaped from his master to you; he shall dwell with you in your midst in the place which he shall choose within one of your towns where it pleases him best; you shall not oppress him.

Jeremiah 7:5-7—For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly execute justice one with another, if you do not oppress the alien, the fatherless or the widow, or shed innocent blood, I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat, I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink, I was a stranger, and ye took me in, naked, and ye clothed me, I was sick, and ye

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W. W. Fordham (right) is assisted by H. J. Fordham, III, in the baptism of two brothers in the recent Coatesville effort.



Baptismal candidates being examined.

COATESVILLE EFFORT NETS 25 BAPTISMS

W. W. Fordham, pastor of the Coatesville, Pennsylvania, First SDA Church, decided to repeat what was done there a year ago: hold a three-week church revival. He asked his nephew, Henry J. Fordham, III, pastor of the Brinklow, Maryland, church, to assist him. The younger Fordham did the preaching.

At the end of the three-week period, 25 persons were baptized. Many looked on as husbands and wives, brothers, mothers and daughters, musicians and athletes went into the watery grave.

The Coatesville First church has the winning spirit. Its plan is to triple its membership before the next conference session. Within the last three years membership has nearly doubled.

R. L. Booker
Correspondent



"On your mark! Ready! Set . . ."



Thaddious Privette, pastor of the Germantown church, finishes second in the mile run.



Bridgeton, New Jersey's "Super Flash."



Brooke Hull of Coatesville studies (above) and attempts a broad jump (below).



Pastor D. L. Davis, Allegheny East youth director, greets the 500 persons who either watched or participated in the A.Y. olympics. On his right is Pastor Ronald Edmonds.

OLYMPICS HIGHLIGHT PATHFINDER CAMPOREE

What does Boyertown, Pennsylvania, have in common with Los Angeles, Moscow, Montreal and Munich? Olympic activities: the Allegheny East Conference A.Y. Olympics!

More than 500 fans, spectators and athletes from various churches gathered for a field day of "fun and games." From the moment the starting gun sounded there were challenges to be overcome by those who had come to "run the race."

Daniel Davis, Allegheny East youth director, stated that "We feel the A.Y. Olympics sponsored by Allegheny East Conference are among the greatest held anywhere. They provide an opportunity for those young boys or girls to join in physical events that they cannot otherwise participate in because of Sabbath observance."

"We have young people who could be varsity letter athletes if they were in outside competition. Here we give them a chance to run, fellowship and be appreciated for their God-given talents."

The events featured were individual and relay races, broad jumping and other track and field events.

If a trophy were to be awarded for the church that won the most events, it would go to the Coatesville First church. This was the first year Coatesville participated in track and field events.

Davis was assisted by local A.Y. leaders, such as Robert Hubbard, Robert Booker, Ronald Edmonds and Benjamin Norwood.

The Allegheny East A.Y. Olympics is a yearly event held in conjunction with the Pathfinder camporee.

Allegheny West Conference
Announces a

HARVEST CELEBRATION

November 26-28, 1982
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Columbus, Ohio

- Pastors/Workers Meeting
- Elders Retreat
- Church Officers Convention
- Televised Evangelistic Service
- Great Preaching
- Soul Winners Banquet
- Lay Soul Winning Reports
- Choir Festival
- First Anniversary—FLEET
- Great Fellowship
- Launching 1,000 Days of Reaping
- Awards
- Youth Evangelism

Plan now to spend Thanksgiving weekend in a mighty Harvest Soul Winners Victory Celebration. All of the above events will be combined into one gigantic celebration of the 1982 harvest.

Pastor Harold L. Cleveland
President



Pastor T. A. McNealey of Atlanta, Georgia.

LAYMEN'S RALLY AND SOUL-SAVING SEMINAR

In an endeavor to implement the "1,000 Days of Reaping" program, the Personal Ministries Department of the Central States Conference, under the direction of E. F. Carter, director, sponsored a laymen's rally and soul-saving seminar.

The rally was conducted by T. A. McNealey, pastor of the Maranatha church of Atlanta, Georgia, and former pastor of Linwood SDA Temple in Kansas City, Missouri.

More than 200 laymen were present at the Linwood church for this session. McNealey, an outstanding soul-winner in the South Atlantic Conference, was very explicit and inspiring in his presentation regarding lay involvement in the saving of souls. His messages were very well received by the laymen and all vowed to go back to their churches and get more involved in a definite, ongoing soul-saving program.

McNealey was assisted in his presentation by Pastor R. W. Bates, associate director of the General Conference Lay Activities Department, and Pastor E. F. Carter.

PRISON MINISTRY INSPIRES INMATES

"This is wonderful! This is my first time at one of these meetings, and I'm coming the next time—and the next—and the next. It seems like the Spirit just kept urging me to come this evening and I'm sure glad I did!"

The above were the elated remarks of a very inspired first-time visitor at the Prison Ministry Fellowship. These meetings are conducted under the leadership of M. E. Taylor, a local elder at the Linwood Boulevard Temple in Kansas City, Missouri.

Taylor and his faithful Prison Ministry Fellowship group conduct meetings at the Municipal Corrections Institution every other Saturday evening. The group started out in November of 1981 with about fifteen members and has grown to an average of 75 members, of which about 45 percent are inmates of the center. It is a never-to-be-forgotten experience to attend one of these meetings.

The program consists of group singing, special music, poetry, Bible study, scripture reading, prayer, testimonials and a sermonette. The men are pleasantly greeted at the door by Richard Ware with a piece of literature and a kind word. M. E. Taylor greets them with an encouraging handshake while the congregation is triumphantly singing about the love of God.

The Prison Ministry choir encourages the hearts of each one present as they sing praises to God under the direction of George Davis, accompanied by Angela Leverette at the piano. Phyllis Ware, with her beautiful Christian manner, has no difficulty getting everyone enthusiastically involved in Bible studies.

Truly God is leading and blessing this prison ministry activity and its participants. Many men have expressed interest in attending church. Some are now taking individual Bible studies. We are looking forward to continuing our fellowship with them here and meeting them in heaven.

Please pray earnestly for this phase of God's work.

Sylvia Stafford
Communication Secretary



E. F. Carter, Alice Lowe and William Peeke at the Sabbath school workshop in Charleston, Missouri.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP HELD

Pastor E. F. Carter of the Central States Conference, Alice Lowe of the General Conference Sabbath School Department and Pastor W. E. Peeke of the Mid-America Union Conference

recently conducted a successful Sabbath school workshop in the Bootheel area of the conference. This meeting included officers and Sabbath school teachers of the Sikeston, Charleston, Caruthersville and Howardville churches and convened at the Charleston church in Charleston, Missouri.

Alice Lowe discussed the cradle roll, kindergarten and primary aspects of the Sabbath school. Peeke dwelt on the junior and senior divisions. Carter talked about "How To" relating to Vacation Bible Schools and Branch Sabbath Schools. The meeting was very well attended and all were pleased with the success of the workshop.

YOUTH FEDERATION AT DES MOINES

The Great Plains Youth Federation was held at the Des Moines Philadelphia church.

Friday night's program began with song service, followed by a welcome and remarks from Alfred Thomas, GPAYF president. The theme song was "Far and Near the Fields." Pastor J. D. Parker of the Burns Avenue church in Detroit, Michigan, delivered the sermon.

On Saturday morning Pastor Webb and Elder Smiley of the Davenport Calvary church presented the Sabbath school program, with special music provided by the Calvary Ladies Quartet.

During the eleven o'clock worship service, Cecelia Johnson, assistant city manager, gave a very warm welcome to members from the Bethesda and Sharon churches of Omaha, Nebraska, Cedar Rapids, Allon Chapel of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Calvary of Davenport, Iowa.

Pastor S. Haywood Cox, president of Central States, introduced the speaker of the day, Pastor J. D. Parker, who delivered an inspiring sermon on the "One Thousand Days of Reaping."

Other events included youth outreach and a special musical program presented by the Des Moines church featuring skits and singing from the visiting churches. The AY program was presented by the Allon Chapel church.

Wrapping up the eventful evening was a social at the YMCA, with activities such as basketball, volleyball, swimming and racquetball.

Sharon Tate
Communication Secretary

LAYMEN'S TRAINING INSTITUTE HELD

A few weeks ago members of the Lake Region Conference enjoyed a new landmark of progress in the field of lay evangelism as they came together in Indianapolis for the first Laymen's Training Institute.

James C. Wray, director for personal ministries, pointed out that "soul-winning by laymen is the very essence of Christian service, the secret of vitality and growth in the remnant church." He further stated that although members have busy schedules vital to the success of secular work, they must also realize that they are essential to the success of God's work.

Conference administrators, pastors and laity joined hands and hearts for three days, determined to leave with new zeal to work for their Master in soul-winning.

Pastor Samuel Flagg, director of stewardship and development, worked with Wray as his associate. According to Flagg, a laymen's training institute had been anticipated with amazement, wonder and excitement.

He said that "We firmly believe in what the servant of the Lord has said: 'The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.'"

Flagg further stated that it was the combined efforts of conference officers, faithful members and departmental leaders that made this gathering a reality. This was indeed a great step toward a holistic approach to a finished work.

The institute theme song was "In the Service of the King." Delegates were admonished to make this song part of their everyday experience. Many of them were heard repeating the song:

I am happy in the service of the King,
I am happy, oh, so happy;
I have peace and joy that nothing else
can bring,
In the service of the King.

The general session started on Friday evening, featuring Cloie Logan and the Echoes of Faith in a mini-concert. Guest speaker for the evening was Pastor Samuel Thomas from the Columbia Union Conference.

The speaker for the divine worship service was Pastor Samuel D. Myers,

associate stewardship director for the General Conference.

The weekend meeting was divided into 30 different workshops. Delegates were encouraged by Conference President Charles Joseph to participate in the workshops that had been prepared for them. He further stated that with just a little effort the delegates would leave the laymen's institute refreshed and motivated to finish the work assigned to the church.

The personnel for the workshops included Victor Brooks, Thomas McNeely, James P. Willis, Ernestine Sampson, Harry Williams, Clarence Thomas, Judy Crawford, Dr. Eugenia Franklin Springer, Clyde and Vera Groomer, Robert and Ellen Tolson, Thomasine Wright, Ronald Anderson and Arthur Scott, Leroy Logan, Muriel Wray, Crystal Drake, Vesta Bell, Fred White, Sadie Watkins and Keitha Sutherland.



Left to right: Platform guests included Richard C. Brown, Sr., Samuel D. Myers, guest speaker for the divine worship service, and Samuel Flagg.



Clifton Davis, former actor and popular singing star, giving special music during divine worship.



Evelyn Robinson receives a plaque from Pastor Charles Joseph for outstanding service as a lay person in the Lake Region.



From left to right: James D. Parker accepts a check for the building fund from Jacqueline Martinez for \$786 as Georgia McMillen looks on.

BURNS AVENUE LAUNCHES BUILDING FUND DRIVE

The Burns Avenue church in Detroit recently started a building fund drive under the leadership of James D. Parker, pastor of the church. Members look forward to the day when enough funds have been raised to purchase land and eventually build a new church home.

Several groups within the church have rallied together to raise funds for this most worthy project. The fundraising drive was "kicked off" by the Bake Sale Committee, which reported \$300. Mabel Beal is the project leader.

A second group, the New Believers Committee, raised \$786 in their first report. Georgia McMillen, a Bible worker for Lake Region, is the leader of this group. Jacqueline Martinez is secretary-treasurer.

Additional reports were made by individual church members as they joined hands in pledging to work together until they are able to realize their dream, a new church home.

Dexter Pierce
Communication Secretary

PULPIT FURNITURE DONATED TO BURNS AVENUE

New pulpit furniture was purchased for the Burns Avenue church in Detroit by Lucille Wright, who now resides in Berrien Springs, the late Minnie Collins and members of the Hostess Committee. Lucille Shade is president of this committee.

Dexter Pierce
Communication Secretary

SHILOH SALUTES ITS SENIOR CITIZENS

The Shiloh SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, held its first Senior Citizen's Emphasis Weekend on June 5 and 6. Veronica B. LaMar, the pastor's wife, was the coordinator.

On Sabbath, June 5, the senior citizens were greeted at the door of the church with the words "Happy Senior Citizen's Day" and a beautiful corsage. The men received boutonnières. One of them, Oscar Williams, 81, was teaching the pastor's Bible class.

During the middle of the worship service, a roll call of all 42 senior citizens 60 years old and over was made. Those present came to the front of the sanctuary and stood facing the congregation. Appropriate words were spoken from the pulpit in their honor and a prayer of thanksgiving was uttered to God on behalf of those who had lived three scores and more.

The sermon for the morning, which was preached by the pastor, was entitled, "Let us rise up . . . and honor . . ." It was based on Leviticus 19:32, where God admonishes us all to "Rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man."

Directly after the benediction, the senior citizens were ushered out of the sanctuary first and escorted to the lower auditorium, where a tasty brunch was prepared for them and visiting senior citizens.

On the following day, Sunday, June 6, we celebrated with our senior citizens by honoring five of their peers whom they had elected many weeks before. After opening exercises and introductions, the program proceeded with the reading of life sketches of the honorees. Following the reading of their life histories, each was given a plaque which expressed the church's appreciation for their many years of faithful and dedicated service. The honorees were Oscar Williams, Orville Anderson, Clarabel Smith, Esmeralda Sylvester and Providencia Wilson. Between each sketch, a song or poetic selection was rendered.

Soon after the awards were given, the M.C. had the audience of more than 200 people play a guessing game. Inside the sixteen-page memorial brochure of the program were pictures of sixteen senior citizens as they were 30 to 64 years ago. Each table was assigned a picture and asked to guess which senior citizen's

photo it was. This part of the program was a great deal of fun and full of applause. One of our 80-year-old seniors was featured in the brochure with a picture of herself taken when she was only fourteen years old. (Hilma Foster stood proudly when the audience could not guess who the fourteen-year-old was.)

Following the game, a lovely dinner was served by the youth of the church, who served as waiters and waitresses to give the dinner a catering style. The dinner and the brunch were prepared by the church social committee. Before the close of the program, many citizens were approached by the members for autographs, especially those who had their pictures in the memorial brochure.

We at Shiloh-Brooklyn shall never forget this occasion nor our senior citizens, whom we will cherish and love always.

J. L. LaMar
Pastor

EARLY MORNING MINISTRY

The last command Jesus gave His disciples was, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Members of the Lebanon church in Laurelton, New York, are heeding this

command. Every Sabbath a group of dedicated members gathers at 5 a.m. at the church and for 90 minutes enters into a prayer and praise service, followed by tract distribution at subway stations and on streets. They have contacted hundreds of people.

Leading out in this "Early Morning Ministry" are Vincent Dixon, Winston Ross, lay activities director for the church, and Alton Jacob. These men were so strongly convicted of their duty to witness that they spent their own money to purchase tracts.

They believe that not everyone can preach, but everyone can play a part in the finishing of God's work by person-to-person witnessing. They know that one who studies the beliefs of our church will prove to be a firm and unwavering believer. They also believe there will be no starless crowns in heaven, so they work diligently to reach lost souls and leave the conviction and conversion of the Holy Spirit.

God has richly blessed their endeavors. During June a number of students completed the Twentieth Century Bible Lessons and received diplomas. Presently, several candidates are taking the Bible studies and awaiting graduation.

In addition, the lay activities department spent \$2,000 for literature, Bibles and the Twentieth Century Bible Lessons.

Baron O. Levy
Communication Secretary



Pastor L. Bailey of the Lebanon church speaking to the congregation.

SOUTH ATLANTIC OPENS TWO CHURCHES

To open two churches on two consecutive Sabbaths is a feat which every president enjoys because it is a sign of progress. Pastor R. B. Hairston was no exception as he attended the opening of the Mount Olive church in College Park, Georgia, on May 8 and the Calvary church in Blakely, Georgia, on May 15.

The College Park congregation is the fastest-growing money-raising body in the conference. It was organized in 1978 as a little family church with the following charter members: Mr. and Mrs. James Dorsey and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Denham and family, Eular Moreland, Mexie Dean, Estella Childs, Luther Beasley, Dianne Glass and Pastor and Mrs. O. W. Mackey.

Nearly all of these came from the Atlanta-Berean church and remained part of that district until January of 1982, when P. J. Jones became their pastor.

The Calvary SDA Church came into being in 1935 when Cornell Powell returned from Savannah, Georgia, where he had been attending school. There he learned from a Ms. Palmer about the true Sabbath as part of the Three Angels' Messages. He taught it to his family, who accepted it in stages.

Melvin B. Powell, baptized in 1936, is Cornell's brother, the only living charter member of that little flock which met in homes and rented quarters for almost 50 years until May 15, 1982, when, with a membership of nearly 50, a formal opening was held for their 200-seat sanctuary.



Baptized in 1936 (bottom) are Fannie and Melvin Powell, the oldest and only surviving charter members of the Blakely-Calvary church. Top row: left to right, Odessa Best, Melva Gallon, Deloris Gatson, Irene Gallon and Katherine Hailey. Second row: Calvin Coleman, Sylvester and Martin.



Insert of the Mt. Olive church shows where they worshipped on May 1 compared to May 8, 1982.



Hard-working fund-raisers of the College Park church (renamed Mt. Olive) who received certificates of merit from Pastor P. J. Jones, directly behind them. They are Sherrie Fowler (\$1000) and Ethel Glaze (\$700).



Left to right: Dr. R. E. Tottress, veteran radio evangelist and associate pastor of the Atlanta-Berean church, from whence came the College Park group. Next to Tottress is Pastor J. A. Simons, secretary-treasurer of the South Atlantic Conference, President R. B. Hairston delivers the morning message.



Pictured above is the building committee. Left to right: Calvin Powell, John Harris, Kate Slaton and William Hailey. Standing behind at left are President R. B. Hairston and Oscar Sherrod, district pastor.



The new Calvary SDA Church of Blakely, Georgia, opened May 15, 1982.

STUDENT LITERATURE EVANGELISTS AT THE WORLD'S FAIR

"Christian salesmen from Oakwood College, the nation's only black Seventh-day Adventist college, which has a history of training Christian leaders and producing community workers." This statement introduced fourteen student colporteurs to the Knoxville area as it appeared in the Saturday, July 3, edition of the *Knoxville News Sentinel*.

"Fourteen students from the college have been stationed outside the World's Fair site, shopping centers, supermarkets and other public locations passing out literature and entreating the public to learn more about the Bible.

"The students are participating in a scholarship/community work program sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Family Health Education Services program. The college in Huntsville, Alabama, annually sends out 200 students to various cities of the country to establish community health programs."

Steve Ruff, FHES leader for the five-state conference, South Central, said that "We train church members to do health work and literature work for a living. However, I am especially glad to train students to do this work since I went through Oakwood College on just such a program." When asked if the program would produce enough money to pay the students' way through school, Ruff added, "It will if he works hard enough. But the church and the school adds a dollar to every dollar that the student earns for scholarship. This makes it easier for the student to learn and earn at the same time."

This year Knoxville was selected as one of the cities, and the students have organized a series of preventive health-care workshops with a religious perspective for inner-city residents.

However, John Jones, one of the group's leaders, said they have multiple goals, some of which are distribution and selling of religious and health-related literature, offering prayer and counseling, conducting Bible-study seminars and baptizing new converts as well as educating the public about health concerns. Jones said, "Hopefully, we would like to form a new church here."

Traditionally, Seventh-day Adventists emphasize health care and education. The church has approximately 153 hospitals. Two of these are in Nashville, Tennessee.

The students give lectures and visuals on such topics as smoking, venereal diseases, cancer, drugs and nutrition. In addition, they plan to meet with city officials to assess health problems in the area. They have already met with Earl Nash, assistant mayor of Knoxville.

The College Hill SDA Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, has extended a helping hand to the students. The church provides free transportation for individuals interested in attending any of the programs and will also send church members out to do follow-up counseling for those who request it.

Oakwood College has a long history of training "Christian salesmen" and "community workers" for the mission field. The college sends missionaries to many nations and has students from 27 nations enrolled at the school. The college was organized in 1896, during the days when college education for blacks was considered a luxury. Calvin Rock is president of the college and Sandy Robinson is director of the student "Christian salesmen." Both are graduates of Oakwood.

EPHESUS S.W.A.T. TEAM

During the personal ministries period on the last Sabbath of campmeeting, Patrick Vincent, pastor of the Ephesus SDA Church in Birmingham, Alabama, introduced the **Soul Winning Action Team**, an evangelistic method that involves every member of the church.

This method of soul-winning does not require a large budget, only the dedica-

tion and love of church members to invite someone to church weekly.

The members give Bible studies to their guests, the pastor visits members and nurtures their new knowledge and as a result many of the guests are baptized. The new members are asked to be partners to other members. The two help each other remain faithful.

In one year, the newly-won members are encouraged to win others. Hundreds have been won by the S.W.A.T. team method.

CRUSADE YIELDS HARVEST OF SOULS

One hundred and two people were recently baptized during a summer evangelistic crusade conducted by Pastor Ward Sumpter, evangelist for the Southern Union.

The ministers of the two area churches, Richard Bell, pastor of the New Height SDA Church, and Pastor Roland Hill of the Berean SDA Church, and their members worked in concert with the crusade.

The meeting served as a school of evangelism for Pastor Roy Gaitor of the Salem SDA Church in Columbus, Mississippi, Pastor Tommy Blevins of the Natchez Triumphant SDA Church in Natchez, Mississippi, and Washington Johnson, Jr., a senior ministerial student at Oakwood College.

Dr. Mildred Johnson, Bible instructor for South Central Conference, served as the Bible instructor for the crusade. God richly blessed the combined efforts of His workers.



Pastor and Mrs. Robert Mann and family were welcomed to the South Central Conference family by conference workers in the Memphis, Tennessee, area. He will serve as pastor for the Overton Park and Eads churches. Left to right: (front row) Mrs. Juanita Jenkins, the Mann family; (second row) Pastors Victor Brooks, L. C. Rowan, Sargent Sims and R. L. Patterson.

CHURCH REPRESENTED AT WORLD'S FAIR

The Trinity Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church will be represented May 1 through October 31 at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Denise McKenzie, an Adventist and assistant to the director of economic development for the fair, assisted fair officials responsible for rental of the church's booth space. With her help, prime space in the 120,000 sq. ft. Life-style and Technology Center became available for use by Seventh-day Adventist churches around the world. Local businessmen of Knoxville put up \$85,000 to reserve the space until planning could proceed through proper church channels.

The theme of the booth will be, "Seventh-day Adventists—People Helping People Around the World." The booth will feature an integrated, holistic approach to Adventist lifestyle, beliefs and works. The display will include a slide presentation of Adventist activities, everything from worship to missions to medical. "A miniature theater will tell of the benefits of healthful living," said Denise McKenzie.

"More than 60,000 people will pass this booth daily," said Jane Sines, a church member and the fair project director. "Twenty-two nations will be represented at the fair."

MAUREEN E. WALKER EXPIRES

Maureen Ethel Adams Walker, a loving and devoted Christian wife and mother, was born in Washington, D.C., on June 24, 1929, to Mildred and Homer Adams. When she was three, her mother died and she was raised by her grandparents, Ethel and Louis Phillips, and her aunt and uncle, Thelma and Fairley Skipper.

Her formal education was received in the public schools of Washington, D.C., where she graduated as a certified teacher from the D.C. Teachers College (Miner Teachers College) in 1951. She taught several years in the public school system as an elementary teacher.

She married Donald Alfred Walker, also of Washington, D.C., on June 15, 1952, and their union was blessed with two daughters, Ellyne and Donna, who are married to Dwayne Williams of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Eddie Polite of Huntsville, Alabama.

Upon her husband's graduation from Howard University as a career infantry officer in the U.S. Army, Maureen lived in many states as an Army officer's wife for ten years.

Three months after her husband was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Maureen accepted the good news of the everlasting gospel through Jesus Christ and was also baptized by Pastor Daniel Davis in January of 1960 in Trenton, New Jersey.

In April of 1961 her husband was forced to resign from the military because of conflict over Sabbath worship privileges. A call was extended to the family to serve as dean of boys and treasurer of Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. There Maureen was asked to serve as a church school teacher and for five years gave outstanding devotion to the training of young minds for the Master Teacher.

In 1969 Maureen moved to Takoma Park, Maryland, where for two years she served as fourth grade teacher of the Sligo Elementary Church School in the Potomac Conference.

Upon her husband's call to the South Central Conference in 1972, she again served as teacher and principal of the F. H. Jenkins Elementary School until 1974.

Following the loss of her sight and illness, Maureen devoted her life to being at her husband's side, serving the church as Sabbath school superintendent, home and school leader and encouraging her daughters through college, then on to marriage.

She closed her eyes to rest in Jesus on Friday, July 30, 1982, in Florida Adventist Hospital in Orlando.

Other family members and relatives survive her: Ethel Phillips, Fairley Skipper, two cousins, Karleton Skipper and Karen Curtis, mother-in-law Matilda Walker, other in-laws and relatives.

We will remember her words, "I can make it" and "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philipians 4:13.

ORLANDO CHURCH COMPLEX TO OPEN SOON

June of 1980 marked the beginning of an exciting era for the pastor and members of Mt. Sinai Seventh-day Adventist Church in Orlando, Florida, as they gathered for the ground-breaking of phase one, a fellowship hall that consists of

fourteen classrooms and offices and has a seating capacity of 559.

With joy-filled hearts and lifted spirits, souls were inspired to proceed with the work of laying the foundation for the church on August 11, 1980.

On May 22, 1981, a candlelight service was held at the old Mt. Sinai. Pastor C. D. Brooks, field secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, brought the vesper thought and preached the opening sermon at the eleven o'clock worship hour the following morning.

Pastor O. H. Paul, along with Pastor J. A. Edgcombe, president of the Southeastern Conference, R. L. Woodfork of the General Conference, Ralph Hairston, president of South Atlantic, Frank McMillan, church attorney, and many friends and fellow ministers, witnessed the ribbon-cutting to the fellowship hall on Sabbath, May 23, 1981.

On the following morning ground was broken for the construction of the sanctuary, which will seat over 1,000 and cost more than \$350,000. Construction began in August of 1981. After the floor was poured, with no walls and no roof, the pool was installed and the first baptism held on January 1, 1982. By the end of May 23 souls had been baptized in the new pool in four different baptisms.

The first phase having cost \$347,000, the structure will cost more than \$700,000 upon completion. Situated on a four-lane highway, nestled in the shadows of towering oaks and wrapped in a mantle of charming man-made stone, the Mt. Sinai church presents an aesthetic charm unmatched among black Seventh-day Adventist churches.

This monument in God's name and to His glory is being erected on seven acres of land on Orange Center Boulevard.

The Lord has brought us a long way. Mt. Sinai members witnessed a glorious fellowship hall opening. Much hard work, many sacrifices and prayers made this possible. Without pausing for a very deep breath, the congregation plunged into building the sanctuary. Now we are poised on the verge of another and more glorious occasion when the sanctuary opens in a few months.

God is able and willing to bring to pass the work of our hands, provided that we put Him first. We cannot stop giving thanks to our heavenly Father for the strength that dwells within and the blessings to move forward.

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Joyce E. Reddick,
activities director.

DOORWAYS TO HEALTH . . . THROUGH QUALITY LEISURE ACTIVITIES

In 1981 we, the Activities Department, stepped out into some "new horizons." In July, for the first time in the history of Victory Lake, our residents presented a play entitled "Snow White and the Seventh-day Dwarfs" with props and costumes. Three months of time, study, anxiety, perseverance, patience and lots of love and prayers went into this performance to make it a success. Another first was holding "mock" auction sales using items donated by residents' families, friends and members of the nursing center staff.

When we take our residents on outings, only a small percentage can take part at any given time due to the lack of necessary equipment to get them into the van. Therefore, the resident council decided a lift is needed and they started a "Van Lift Fund." Just before the Christmas holidays a bazaar was held and \$107.57 was raised from objects residents make. This was the beginning of the fund-raising program for their "lift."

There have been on-going studies in pet therapy and what effect animals have on the elderly. It is common knowledge the aged love to have children around them, but we often forget how important a dog, cat or bird was to them. We set aside a day in September and asked staff members to bring in their pets for a contest in which our residents viewed, petted and judged each animal.

There are eighteen programs scheduled on a monthly basis, plus special events, such as outings, luncheons, parties, picnics and various religious activities. This department served 19,340 residents in 1981. Thanks to the Nursing Department for their support in these endeavors!

Accomplishments for 1981:

1. Instituted four new major programs.
2. Revised the patient attendance record.
3. Set up a log for documenting all activities held on a daily basis, stating the time, location, number of participants, activity and all pertinent information dealing with the actual programs.
4. Set up a log for residents involved in remotivation and their progress weekly.
5. Revised the "Chatterbox" newspaper written and published by residents.
6. Resumed the kitchen band and started a glee club.

Community Projects:

1. Rock and roll jamboree for the Heart Association. Residents raised approximately \$400 in March of 1981, involving a local radio station, WEOK.
2. Nursing Home Week—proclamation signed by the supervisor of Hyde Park.

3. Balloon lift-off involving about 60 residents.

4. County of Dutchess recreation naturalist presented a slide program, artifacts of animals and her pet crow.

5. Cosmetology instructor of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and sixteen students came in and cut and styled all residents' hair.

Volunteers:

Approximately 1,054 hours of volunteer work was realized in 1981. Hopefully, 1982 will be a better year for volunteering.

Future Goals—Short Range:

1. Increase more voter registration of our residents.
2. Involve residents in more community projects.
3. Continue to improve involvement and progress of residents who are room bound.
4. Continue interest in the house newsletter, "Chatterbox."
5. Engage more outside entertainment.

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I walked by the field of a certain lazy fellow and saw that it was overgrown with thorns, and covered with weeds; and its walls were broken down. Then, as I looked, I learned this lesson: "A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest"—means that poverty will break in upon you suddenly like a robber, and violently like a bandit.

Proverbs 24:30-34

IN THE NEWS

WEDDINGS



Pastor and Mrs. Stephen Richardson.

On Sunday, August 22, 1982, a host of friends and relatives met at the Ephesus SDA Church in New York City to celebrate the uniting in marriage of Margaret Earnestine Humphrey and Stephen Andrew Lincoln Richardson.

Margaret is the second daughter of Edwin J. Humphrey and Margaret Daniels Humphrey, who now pastors the Pioneer Memorial SDA Church in Niagara Falls, New York. Stephen is the second son of Edward L. Richardson and Marjorie Richardson, who now pastors the Berea SDA Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

The wedding ceremony, performed by the fathers of the bride and groom, was brought to higher heights as Steve and Margie gave expressions of love to each other in the presence of hundreds of people in word and song. The couple was attended by 30 relatives and friends in the wedding party.

Margie and Steve will reside in Berrien Springs. They are completing graduate studies in their respective fields, Margie in home economics and Steve in theology. We are praying that God will richly bless their new life together.

NEWLYWEDS AT 82

On June 3, 1982, Mabel Gill and Clyde Clemons were married at the Jefferson Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rochester, New York. Both are 82 years old. Gill and Clemons had been widowed for seven years and two years respectively. They met each other many years ago when both were married to their first spouses.



Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clemons.

The couple was married by Pastor Clarence A. Richardson and Conrad Gill, director of youth ministries of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Pastor Gill, along with his sister, Dr. Esther Gill, professor of business at Oakwood College, and four other brothers and sisters, are products of Oakwood College.

The couple was attended by a retinue of 38 sons, daughters, grandchildren and friends. The couple will reside in Rochester, New York, at the Clemons home.

Van Brathwaite
Public Relations Secretary

HAITIANS IN DETENTION CAMPS

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visited me, I was in prison and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto thee, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:34-40.

May God help you, as the Christian of Macedonia, to first give yourselves to the Lord and then give us your support by the will of God.

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Gossip is a dainty morsel eaten with great relish.

Proverbs 26:22

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