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Child Is Born”**

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# COVER STORY

## THE DESIRE OF ALL AGES

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Nearly 2,000 years have passed since the birth of our Lord. For centuries God-fearing men and women looked for the offspring of David who would free man of his sins. This is the story of the Messiah. This is the story of the *Desire of all ages*.

"Mary his mother was betrothed to Joseph; before their marriage she found that she was with child by the Holy Spirit.

"Being a man of principle, and at the same time wanting to save her from exposure, Joseph desired to have the marriage contract set aside quietly. He had not resolved on this when an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream.

"Joseph, son of David," said the angel, 'do not be afraid to take Mary home with you as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child. She will bear a son; and you shall give him the name Jesus (Saviour), for he shall save his people from their sins.'

"All this happened in order to fulfill what the Lord declared through the prophet: 'The virgin will conceive and bear a son, and he shall be called Emmanuel,' a name which means 'God is with us.'

"Rising from sleep, Joseph did as the angel directed him; he took Mary home to be his wife, but had no intercourse with her until her son was born. And he named the child Jesus. Jesus was born at Bethlehem in Judea during the reign of Herod." *Matthew 1:18-25; 2:2.*

### The Shepherds and the Angels

"Now in this same district there were shepherds out in the fields, keeping watch through the night over their flocks, when suddenly there stood before them an angel of the Lord, and the splendor of the Lord shone 'round them."

"They were terror-stricken, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid; I have good news for you: There is great joy coming to all people. Today in the city of David a deliverer has been born to you—the Messiah, the Lord. And this is your sign:

You will find a baby lying wrapped in his swaddling clothes in a manger.'

"All at once there was with the angel a great company of the heavenly host, singing the praises of God: 'Glory to God in highest heaven and on earth his peace for men on whom his favor rests.'

"After the angel had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Come, we must go straight to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.'

"So they went with all speed and found their way to Mary and Joseph; and the baby was lying in the manger. When they saw him, they recounted what they had been told about this child; and all who heard were astonished at what the shepherds said.

"But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered over them. Meanwhile the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for what they had heard and seen; it had all happened as they had been told." *Luke 2:8-20.*

### Visitors from the East

"After his birth astrologers from the east arrived in Jerusalem asking, 'Where  
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## PUBLISHER'S PAGE



### "LET THE CHURCH ROLL ON!"

"1,000 Days of Reaping!"

Of course, it is less now, but the challenge is loud and clear. Between now and the next General Conference session, evangelism is the first business of the church. Fortunately for us, it always has been! For as long as I can remember, winning souls has been the dominant theme of workers' meetings, church services and spiritual retreats.

When I became a minister in 1942, this ideal was held up to us as "the work" of the gospel minister. Over the years, this process has remained unchanged.

Normally, as a denomination gets large and sophisticated, evangelism suffers. It is as though "bigness" becomes the objective of growth. Institutionalism supplants "soul hunger" and the religious movement becomes "muscle-bound." The denomination then exists to support itself. It becomes top-heavy with bureaucrats and obsessed with "control." Standards are relaxed and distinctivity de-emphasized. There occurs in consequence an internal decay that compounds the impotency.

But this hasn't happened to us. True, there are now, and always have been, distractions. It seems that some sinister, unseen force sees to that. How else can you explain—

1. The revival of the old Ballenger arguments about the sanctuary?
2. The revival of the old Canright attacks on Ellen White?
3. The violations of administrative policy with reference to investment funds?

As to the latter, while we are encouraged that no regional conference is involved, those who were are our brethren—and we hurt with them. But the impact at the street level has been devastating and the damage incalculable. It haunted my evangelistic campaign in Columbus, Ohio, this past summer.

But the reaping went on. The television interviews by the critics, the *Time* and *Newsweek* offerings and the running news accounts of the Davenport matter took its toll. But the truth cut through it all, and as in the past we have and will survive it all. There are, and will be, casualties—but the core of the movement is secure and its course set. Were it not for all that has gone before, the "1,000 Days of Reaping" could be regarded as a diversion to take our minds off the above-listed problems. But just the reverse is true. The problems are intended to divert us from our purpose, *namely the winning of souls*. Our General Conference brethren are to be commended for not being traumatized by "the problems" and, in the middle of them, "Sound the Battle Cry"—"1,000 Days of Reaping!"

One of the problems in our secular society is that no one is articulating ideals. As problems mount, there is



always the danger that we lose sight of our mission as a nation and hence we flounder.

But into the teeth of the storm of legal involvements, doctrinal contention and defense of the prophet our brethren hurled the slogan, "1,000 Days of Reaping." It is in keeping with the Adventist tradition. It is a call to manifest *faith* in taking aggressive evangelistic *action* to *advance* in new fields of labor. It says that there have been distractions before, with others to come, but nothing must be allowed to divert us from our central mission.

Nothing could please the enemy more than to tie up the church in problem-solving knots and thus keep us "fiddling while Rome burns." Now there are problems and they must be addressed. But these things must be kept out of the "main pavilion." We must not even slow down while we solve problems. Let tents be pitched, halls rented and Bible studies given while committees wrestle with knotty issues. Let hospitals heal and presses hum. Let our schools teach and our churches bustle with activity.

It is significant that when the black church leadership had its petition for regional unions before the church body, their conference baptisms were higher than at any time in our history. Nor was there any slackening of the financial advance. In short, problem-solving did not interfere with the soul-winning activities of our conference entities.

We are a people with a *message* and a *mission*—and it is no compliment to our good judgment that we debate the *message* and ponder the *mission* while the world goes down the drain.

We must shout the debaters with the call to evangelism—"Faith, Action and Advance," "1,000 Days of Reaping," and any other slogan pregnant with the substance of our mission. And for heaven and earth's sake, "Let the church roll on!"

Dr. E. E. Cleveland

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If you search for good you will find God's favor; if you search for evil you will find His curse.

*Proverbs 11:27*

Godly men are growing a tree that bears life-giving fruit, and all who win souls are wise.

*Proverbs 11:30*

# The Editor's Desk

## SEMINARY CHANGES IN ADMISSION AND TUITION

Several changes have taken place in the last few months at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. The seminary is attended by students who have already completed a baccalaureate degree and offers programs leading to the master of divinity, master of theology, doctor of ministry and doctor of philosophy in religion (or doctor of theology) degrees.

Out of 388 students registered this year, more than 300 are in the master of divinity (M.Div.) program. This is the basic seminary program intended to prepare ministers for the SDA church in North America. Recent changes in admission and tuition apply exclusively to the master of divinity program.

Students who want to enter the M.Div. program *must apply before February 28*. Acceptances will be sent out no later than April 15. Application materials can be obtained by writing to the Office of Admissions, Andrews Uni-

versity, Berrien Springs, MI 49104 (or by calling, toll-free, 800-253-2874, or 800-632-2248 in Michigan).

Classes for first-year students will begin in the fall quarter. However, students who have a bachelor's degree but have not taken all required pre-seminary courses must attend the summer quarter in order to clear their deficiencies before they can register for the M.Div. program in September.

Students cannot begin the M.Div. program in the winter or spring quarters. Information on pre-seminary requirements can also be obtained from the Office of Admissions. The general GPA required for seminary admission is 2.50.

A recent decision of the General Conference changes the cost of tuition for M.Div. students. Instead of paying \$1,545 per quarter in tuition for a full load of fifteen credits, *the student pays only a quarterly registration fee of \$275*. Each M.Div. student pays the same, whether the course load per quarter is one or fifteen credits. The

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Dec. 31	Jan. 7	14	21
Boston, Mass	4:21	4:28	4:36	4:44
New York City	4:33	4:40	4:47	4:56
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:50	4:57	5:05	5:13
Atlanta, Ga.	5:39	5:45	5:51	5:58
Miami, Fla.	5:40	5:45	5:51	5:56
Charlotte, N.C.	5:21	5:26	5:33	5:40
Birmingham, Ala.	4:49	4:55	5:01	5:07
Jackson, Miss.	5:06	5:11	5:17	5:24
Memphis, Tenn.	4:58	5:04	5:10	5:17
Louisville, Ky.	5:33	5:39	5:46	5:53
Detroit, Mich.	5:11	5:18	5:25	5:33
Chicago, Ill.	4:30	4:36	4:44	4:52
South Bend, Indiana	5:24	5:31	5:38	5:47
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:41	4:48	4:56	5:05
St. Louis, Mo.	4:49	4:55	5:02	5:10
Kansas City, Mo.	5:05	5:12	5:19	5:26
Denver, Co.	4:45	4:51	4:59	5:06
Little Rock, Ark.	5:08	5:14	5:20	5:27
Dallas, Texas	5:31	5:37	5:43	5:49
New Orleans, La.	5:11	5:16	5:22	5:28
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:05	5:10	5:17	5:24
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:28	5:34	5:40	5:47

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





Andrew McDonald (center) takes the oath of office as East Orange Municipal Court judge from Superior Court Judge Donald King. Looking on are Mayor Cooke (left of King), Francis T. Craig (far left), Ralph Grant (far right), president of the Newark City Council, and Harold Lee (right), pastor of the East Orange SDA Church. Holding the Bible is Mrs. McDonald, a medical doctor, and the McDonald children.

### MCDONALD APPOINTED MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Andrew McDonald, an Allegheny East Conference layman, has been appointed to serve as an East Orange municipal court judge.

A native Jamaican and former high school principal, McDonald is "absolutely thrilled" about his new appointment.

McDonald obtained a B.A. and M.A. in history from Howard University in Washington, D.C. In 1968 he accepted the position of credit training assistant with Chemical Bank in New York. It was while working at Chemical Bank that he attended Rutgers Law School in New Jersey. He passed the New Jersey bar examination in 1972.

After serving for two years on the corporation council of the city of Newark, New Jersey, he was appointed acting judge for the municipal court in Newark.

In 1982 he was offered the job as acting judge for the East Orange municipal court, a position he held until his present official appointment on September 13.

McDonald is also a member of the Allegheny East Conference executive committee and has recently been appointed to serve on a special legal committee for the General Conference.

Wherever he goes or whatever walk of life he finds himself in, McDonald's goal is to "serve and honor God in all I do."



These persons successfully completed the weight control seminar. Temperance Director Ermalene Black is second from left.

### HEALTH SEMINAR CONDUCTED

For eight weeks Gwen Foster, health educator for the Allegheny East Conference, conducted a seminar at the Mt. Olivet church in Camden, New Jersey, to teach the use of eight natural remedies in fighting the battle of the bulge. The 27 people in attendance learned the bene-



Members of the Mt. Olivet breadmaking class.

fits of water, rest, proper diet, exercise, fresh air, sunlight and trust in God.

A non-Adventist African woman now testifies to the fact that living God's principles leads to a healthier, happier and slimmer life. Four members of the group were able to lose over 20 pounds by the use of nature's remedies. At the end of the eight weeks, all 27 people were awarded certificates.

Foster also instructed a class of 22 in how to make good bread. They desired to put into practice the statement from *Counsels on Health*, page 117: "There is more religion in a good loaf of bread than many think."

### TRINITY TEMPLE HONORS PASTOR KIBBLE

"What makes a man learn the art of respect, reach out like a brother, take time to listen, be truthful and kind, radiate rich warmth, challenge to aspire, reach out with patience, shepherd a flock?" This question was asked and answered with "love" by the members of the Trinity Temple SDA Church in Newark, New Jersey. On a recent weekend, they gave special recognition to their pastor, Alvin M. Kibble, and his family. The occasion also marked their fifth anniversary in the Newark area.

The tone was set by the Sabbath sermon preached by James Clements, Jr., pastor of the Richmond, Virginia, church. In addition, \$10,000 was raised for the building fund drive.

On Sunday the church honored the Kibbles with a dinner. Church members, friends and city officials were in attendance. In one section of the program, reflections were expressed honoring Pastor Kibble. Those comments included "Pastor K. as a Friend" by Pastor Peter Campbell, "Pastor K. as a Brother" by Pastor Jonathan Thompson; "Pastor K. as a Pastor" by Leslie Lane, "Pastor K. as a Son" by Pastor and Mrs. Harvey Kibble, and "Pastor K. as a Father" by Jason and Santos Kibble. This section was concluded with a duet of "You Light Up My Life" sung by the honorees, Alvin and Jewell Kibble.

Musical selections were interspersed throughout the program with soloists and the church choir. Program coordinators were Willie Moore, Olga Winfrey and L. Wise.

Connie M. Hood  
Communication Secretary



## BETHEL CELEBRATES PATHFINDERS' DAY

The Bethel SDA Church in Kansas City, Kansas, recently held their annual Pathfinders' Day. Sabbath school was conducted by the youth of the church with Pastor James White teaching the lesson. The strong Pathfinder organization conducted the morning service, with each Pathfinder participating in a phase of the program.

Pastor Nathaniel Miller, youth director, delivered a spirit-filled message entitled "Take Me Back." The afternoon program was a spirit-filled A.Y. hour and concert. God is blessing the Pathfinder ministry at Bethel. Praise God for the great things He has done.



*Pastors E. F. Carter and J. E. White with members of the Bethel church.*

## OPEN HOUSE AT ST. LOUIS SCHOOL

The St. Louis Junior Academy in St. Louis, Missouri, held its first home and school meeting this school term. So many wonderful accomplishments were made over the summer that the school held an open house to share with the public the great things God has wrought.

The school was completely painted inside, a new roof laid and the library renovated. Students, parents, teachers and friends worked hand-in-hand to accomplish so great a feat.

Under the leadership of Marie Gibson, home and school leader, A. Barrett, administrator, and E. Nelson, school chairperson, great things will be accomplished in Christian education in the greater St. Louis area.



*E. F. Carter, T. A. McNealey and Russell Bates at the laymen's rally.*

## CENTRAL STATES YOUTH IN ACTION

Central States Conference youth are engaged in their annual fall federations. Areas holding federations are the St. Louis, Missouri, Omaha/Lincoln, Nebraska, and Kansas City/Wichita, Kansas, areas.

The Eastern A.Y. Federation was held on October 2 in St. Louis, Missouri. Pastor David McCottry from Englewood, New Jersey, was the guest speaker.

The Central Federation was held in Wichita, Kansas. Pastor Marcus Harris

of Gary, Indiana, was the guest speaker.

The Great Plains Federation was held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Pastor Nathaniel Miller, youth director of the conference, was guest speaker.

All the federations proved to be a tremendous blessing to the youth of Central States. Central States youth are on the move!

## VBS IN TOPEKA

A week-long Vacation Bible School program was held August 2-6 at the College Avenue SDA Church in Topeka, Kansas. Dorsalene Boyd, who has been director of the Vacation Bible School for the past three years, said that 38 children from pre-school through the eighth grade attended.

The theme was "Come, Follow Jesus." All children participated in Bible study, crafts, singing and a puppet show.

Teachers for the various classes were: Betty Mitchell and Lucille Griffee, cradle roll; Michelle Sawyer, kindergar-

ten; Joan King, primary; Dorsalene Boyd, juniors; Amanda Mitchell, teens; Charlene Pembleton, crafts; and Susan Miles was in charge of the music.

A Sabbath program centered around the theme and displaying all crafts made during the week concluded the week-long activities.

## KANSAS CITY LAYMEN'S RALLY

A Kansas City, Missouri, laymen's rally was held recently in the Linwood church for the laymen of that area. E. F. Carter, personal ministries director for the Central States Conference, organized the rally.

Guest speakers included R. W. Bates, associate director of the personal ministries department of the General Conference, and T. A. McNealy, a pastor from the South Atlantic Conference.

Kansas City area laymen greatly benefited from the instructions that were given.





Juanita Stephenson gives the master guide kerchief to her husband, Curlly. Those pictured, left to right, are Hattie Washington, Sharon James, Curlly Stephenson, Al Jacobs, Tracie Jacobs, Carol Washington and Lela Williams.

## TWELVE MASTER GUIDES INVESTED

What was once a dim vision became a bright reality for twelve members of the Berean church in South Bend, Indiana. Twelve candidates were invested as master guides in an investiture service that took place on Sabbath, September 25. Pastor Conrad Gill, youth director for the Lake Region Conference, was present to conduct the service.

Under the guidance of Juanita Stephenson, who has been a master guide for more than fifteen years, the class began in January of 1981. However, because of various setbacks, the class stopped meeting.

Nevertheless, Stephenson gathered the class members together in January of 1982 to resume instruction. Pastor Gill mentioned the fact that this was a phenomenal master guide class to finish the requirements in such a short time.

Those invested were Geraldine Adair, Bernice Gray, Al Jacobs, Tracie Jacobs, Sharon James, Claudia Johnson, Marilyn Johnson, Rose Morris, Curlly Stephenson, Carol Washington, Hattie Washington and Lela Williams.

## REVIVAL SPARKS ECORSE CHURCH

The members of the Ecorse church in Detroit experienced an inspiring revival conducted by their pastor, John K. Grier. The theme for the meetings was "God's Calling You."

According to Vera Whitehead, communication secretary, Grier presented inspiring, soul-stirring messages each

evening. At the end of the revival twelve precious souls were added to the church by baptism.

Whitehead further states that the pastor has only been at the Ecorse church for about three months, but the wheels of the spirit are turning and the church members can see great things beginning to happen.

## ART CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

The Ladies Excelsior Art Club has awarded Cardoves Clark a scholarship for \$1,000, helping him to attend Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

The president of the club, Mattie Sinclair, and Doris Harris, chairperson of the scholarship committee, joined Robert Tolson, pastor of the Bethel church in East Chicago, in presenting the scholarship.

Cardoves Clark, a 1982 graduate of East Chicago Roosevelt High School, is now at Oakwood and plans to major in industrial arts and architecture.

At Roosevelt he was awarded the Rucinski-Miller Athletic Award for being an outstanding back on the football team, the Lewin Award for satisfactory citizenship and was selected as a member of the Indiana Lakeshore Conference all-star defensive football team. Clark also played guard on the basketball team, ran the 200-yard dash and the 440 relay on the track team.

Cardoves plans to become a professional architect and someday design his own home.

Magdalene McNair  
Communication Secretary

## BE A BEACON BUILDER

The first project given by the Building Fund Committee for this year was an open house held on Sabbath, October 2. Members from the Beacon of Joy church in Chicago invited friends, relatives and neighbors to the church.

Tyrone Boyd, pastor of the church, invited Cloie and Leroy Logan to participate in the program. Local elder Douglas Taylor, Sr., invited his friend and co-worker, Irwin Milton, who gave a special musical selection during the divine worship service. The song was

"Rise Again." He also sang during the evening's concert.

Boyd preached a spirit-filled sermon, using as his text Matthew 22:1-10. A luncheon was held in the dining hall where members were able to fellowship with their guests.

The Logans gave a mini-concert in the afternoon. They sang a number of songs which caused the members to remember their first Sabbath with Leroy and Cloie eight years ago when the Beacon of Joy church was first formed.

Clora Warren said the offering raised during this special day was certainly blessed by God.

Clora Warren  
Communication Secretary

## SHARON BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Sharon Bible Institute concept is an inreach evangelism approach to soul winning. Inreach as opposed to outreach is more than a play on words. Inreach is just what it says, in-reach.

Just as Acts 1:8 prioritized the areas of witnessing in Jerusalem, then Judaea and Samaria and the uttermost parts of the world, the Sharon Bible Institute prioritizes its ever-widening ring of witnessing.

Starting with the streets immediately surrounding the church as the initial target area, the witnessing teams of Sharon have attempted to give Bible studies to every home within a ten-block radius of the church.

They first survey the target area, determining local religious awareness. This is followed by ten weeks of Bible studies in homes. The students continue with advanced studies for five weeks at nightly seminars in order to graduate and receive certificates.

Recently, 26 people were baptized and more Bible students are in the valley of decision. During the past twelve months 97 people have been baptized.

Yvonne B. Harvey  
Communication Secretary

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The man of few words and settled mind is wise; therefore, even a fool is thought to be wise when he is silent. It pays him to keep his mouth shut.

Proverbs 17:27, 28



## CRUSADE FOR CHRIST HELD

A city-wide Crusade for Christ was conducted by Pastor Jerry D. Lee in East St. Louis for the Reid Memorial church. Lee is pastor of the Capitol City church in Indianapolis.

As a result of this evangelistic crusade, which lasted for five weeks, 50 new members were added to the church through baptism.

Lee's team consisted of Leroy Logan, Lake Region Bible worker and organist, Gene Smart from Indianapolis, who served as a Bible worker, and Judy Crawford, also a Lake Region Bible worker.

Charles Gibson, pastor of the East St. Louis church, worked as the associate minister. The members of Reid Memorial church worked along with the team in a number of related jobs.

The Echoes of Faith, a youth choir from the Capitol City church, Cloie Logan from Benton Harbor, and members with musical talent from the East St. Louis church presented special music during the five-week crusade.

According to Earline Sims-Lewis, communication secretary, words are inadequate to express the blessings received from the Crusade for Christ campaign held in East St. Louis.

## GARY WEST CHURCH IN COMMUNITY FORUM

"The Harmful Effects of Smoking" was the subject discussed at a community forum held recently at the Gary West church.

This event was sponsored by the church temperance secretary, Odies Mae Peterman. The discussion was conducted by Margaret March Phillips of the Saint Mary Medical Center. Phillips is also a member of the Gary West church.

Constance M. Hinton, communication secretary, urged all people concerned about their health to take advantage of these meetings. Marcus Harris is pastor of the church.

## WAUKEGAN EVANGELISM RESULTS IN NEW MEMBERS

On Sabbath, June 11, the Shalem Seventh-day Adventist Church in Waukegan, Illinois, celebrated the first baptism of its 1982 evangelistic series. Twelve souls gave their public, verbal commitment to

the baptismal vows, descended into the watery grave and rose up to begin their new lives in Christ.

Pastor Robert L. Smith has been presenting sermons during the worship service on Sabbaths and also held meetings on Tuesday evenings that focused on Bible doctrines. Members of Shalem have been enrolling people in the Waukegan-North Chicago area in a Bible course designed by Pastor Smith called "Straight Answers."

The course consists of ten lessons designed to lead the student to conversion. The last lesson stresses the importance of being in God's family. The course is unique and appeals to both old and young because of its simplicity with the Bible as its only textbook.

Each "Straight Answer" lesson is carefully corrected and returned to the enrollee. When the lessons are completed, Shalem members contact the students and invite them to the meetings, where what they have studied for themselves is reinforced in a prophetic seminar. The doctrinal subjects are continued through the "Bible Says" series.

Besides the twelve students who made their decision and were baptized on June 11, others are presently studying and waiting to take part in the next baptism.

Roxie Ivy  
Communication Secretary

## MEMBERS DONATE GIFTS TO EPHEBUS CHURCH

The Ephesus church in Saginaw has received three beautiful gifts from members of the church. One gift was a complete videotape cassette recorder and a 24-inch color television set. The gift was donated by the William Justice family.

This year's campmeeting services were videotaped and the tapes are taken to the homes of sick and shut-in members who were not able to attend campmeeting.

Also, whenever there is an overflow crowd in the sanctuary, the worship services can be viewed in the lower auditorium. Sick and shut-in members are thrilled about this gift. They now are able to enjoy church services in their own homes.

The second gift donated to the Saginaw church was land given by the Charles Lewis family. The properties,

which are occupied by two houses, provide rental income to the church each month.

The third gift, a total of \$2,000, was donated by an anonymous member of the church with the specification that the money be used to remodel and beautify the women's restroom.

The Lord would have us all be faithful stewards of our time, talents and means which we can share with others unselfishly. By doing this we bring glory and honor to God's name.

Carlene Bradley  
Communication Secretary

## ALL NATIONS SIGNS STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR FREEZE

Members and friends of the All Nations church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, signed a statement on "nuclear freeze" recently.

The signing came after a weekend emphasis on the church and society presented by All Nations. The leader for the two-day program was Dr. Roy Branson, editor of *Spectrum* magazine and senior research scholar of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University, Maryland.

Branson's theme was "Adventism Confronts the Dragon." He challenged members and friends who attended the sessions by speaking on nuclear weapons and their ability to destroy the enemy 20 to 30 times over. As a result of these sessions, All Nations members "called for peace."

## NEWS NOTES

The Reid Memorial church in East St. Louis conducted a two-week Vacation Bible School program. Approximately 130 children attended each day. Many newly-baptized members worked as helpers.

The Lake Region family took part in the Jewel Food Store Shop and Share Program. Shop and Share participants made purchases at Jewel Food Stores on July 12-14. In return, the Chicago chapter of the Pine Forge Academy Alumni Association earns a five percent cash return, based on the total amount the participant spent. Pine Forge is a Seventh-day Adventist academy in Pennsylvania.



**CRUSADE NETS 40 BAPTISMS**

Members of the Gary West church, under the leadership of Pastor Marcus Harris, saw the fruits of their labors when 40 new members were added to the church during a recent crusade.

The pastor was assisted by local elders Jerald Hall and Floyd Shelton. The Bible workers for the meetings were Carolyn Drake and Vanis Johnson.

Special music was a very important part of the nightly meetings as presented by Ericka Harris, the pastor's wife, Doris Baker, Alvena Crump and Carla Cherry. Minister of music was Anthony Cherry.

The church still rejoices over the blessings received during this crusade.

**CLIFTON DAVIS WITNESSES IN SAGINAW**

The former actor and star of the television series, "That's My Mama," gave an unprecedented witnessing program in Saginaw, Michigan. Davis' schedule was as follows:

Friday, October 22—Davis toured a halfway house for drug addicts. He met the staff and residents, gave words of encouragement and prayed with them.

He then proceeded to another facility known as "Insight." There he met with the staff and shared his triumph over substance abuse.

He then addressed more than 4,000 high school students on the subject of substance abuse. Davis advised students to look to God and education rather than booze and drugs for fulfillment.

Davis was treated to a very special luncheon sponsored by the Saginaw Steering Gear Division of the General Motors Corporation, where he discussed substance abuse with personnel and department representatives.

He conducted a radio and television press conference, where he also spoke on substance abuse. These interviews reached thousands of listeners in the tri-county area.

Sabbath, October 23—Davis visited the Saginaw Seventh-day Adventist Church's Sabbath school. He spoke briefly and ministered in song. He then went to the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he was the speaker of the day. Davis and his accompanist, Michael Andrews, were

given certificates of appreciation for their outstanding community service to Saginaw. Davis delivered a wonderful message in word and song, inspiring members and guests alike.

The evening proved to be as exciting as the previous day. More than 600 persons heard Davis give his testimony, "A Modern Miracle of Grace."

It can truly be said that it was a witnessing endeavor second to none.

Davis is still a star. However, he has a new act and a different stage. The script has changed and so has the man. He is a servant of God!

We are grateful for the vehicle provided by the Saginaw Steering Gear Division of General Motors Corporation and special assistance from County Commissioner Al Holiday.

The Lord truly blessed the Saginaw area!



*Pictured from left to right: James Parker, pastor of Burns Avenue in Detroit, Bernadine Archer, guest speaker for the Ladies' Day program, and Clifton Davis, a former television star presently attending Oakwood College, where he is studying for the ministry.*

**BURNS AVENUE HOLDS LADIES' DAY**

Ladies' Day was recently held at the Burns Avenue church. The ladies were in charge of the entire day, from Sabbath school through the divine worship service.

Guest speaker for the special day was Bernadine Archer, formerly a member of the Burns Avenue church and a former teacher at the Peterson-Warren School in Detroit. Archer now resides in Flint, where she is a member of the teaching staff in the Flint church school.



## COURAGEOUS YOUTH SAVES LIVES

A recent baptism at the Springfield Gardens Seventh-day Adventist Church in Springfield Gardens, New York, included a young man named Ricky Walters.

Ricky Walters and his cousin, Brian Locker, were instrumental in rescuing a man and his wife from the blaze that destroyed their home in Jamaica, Queens.

A few weeks ago Ricky and Brian, while walking to their aunt's home, noticed a cloud of smoke coming from a nearby house. Emerging from the smoke was a woman who staggered and fell. Ricky and Brian ran to help her up. She appealed to them to help her husband, who was an invalid and still inside the burning house.

While Brian ran to his aunt's to telephone the fire department, Ricky followed the woman to a smoke-filled room and found a man coughing and choking. Though Ricky struggled with the weight of this man, he successfully brought him safely outside. But his wife had disappeared into the house, which was beginning to feel like a furnace.

Ricky realized that he had to act fast to get himself and the woman out before the flames reached them. He almost panicked. The hot air was getting more and more difficult to breathe, so he pulled his jacket over most of his head and tried to locate her by following the sputtering sound that evidently was coming from the almost-suffocated woman.

The smoke by this time was so dense and visibility so poor that the search for the woman seemed to take an eternity. At last they stumbled through the front door. Ricky had done it—both individuals had escaped a horrible death when the fire department arrived at the scene.

Denise Dolland  
Communication Secretary

## VISITOR'S DAY AT LEBANON

On April 10 the Lebanon SDA Church in Laurelton, New York, held its Sabbath School Visitor's Day under the direction of Lillian Griffith, Sabbath school superintendent.

The church was filled to capacity with visitors and friends who were invited by

the members. Larry Bailey, pastor of the church, delivered a timely message.

The Cedars of Lebanon, under the direction of Joyce Hudson and assisted by Donald Logan, rendered "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Faithful Shepherd, Guide Me."

Following divine worship, lunch was served to visitors, friends and members. Among the special guests was Councilman Archie Spigner of the 17th Council District of Southeast Queens and chairman of the Economic Development Committee.

At the luncheon, as well as the divine worship hour, he spoke to the congregation. He commended the church on its progress and offered his assistance to the listening audience for aid in any way possible. He spoke of the development and progress of the community and the role the church can and should play in that developing process.

Baron O. Levy  
Communication Secretary

## MARCH OF FAITH

The Brooklyn Faith SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, has entered several programs for this year. The personal ministries department, under the leadership of J. Drummond, has embarked upon a visitation program. Members of the church visit hospitals and nursing



A warm welcome was extended to Councilman Springer by Lillian M. Griffin, Sabbath school superintendent for the Lebanon church, and Myrtle Rainey, who invited the councilman to attend Visitor's Day.

homes. They contact their neighbors and witness to people on the street in an effort to "Win 2 in '82."

The church has launched a fund-raising drive to assist in the church building program. The growing membership is inspired by the consecrated efforts of their minister, Pastor C. Jones.

In the area of youth ministries, on May 22 youth were officially inducted in an investiture service as Pathfinders. God is richly blessing Brooklyn Faith as they continue their march of faith.



Councilman Springer joined Pastor and Mrs. Bailey and family, along with other guests and church members, for lunch during Visitor's Day.



## EVANGELIST BAPTIZES 135

New Bern, North Carolina, a historic city located on the southeastern seaboard, experienced a spiritually wonderful phenomenon for six weeks.

Evangelist C. L. Watkins, a man of God, preached and taught from the Bible under the canvas cathedral nightly. He was assisted by Evangelist Roy Willis, a recent ministerial graduate from Oakwood College.

Attendance each night reached a maximum of more than 200. People not only came from New Bern, but from surrounding counties as well. Many nights spiritually hungry people traveled a round-trip distance of 30 to 60 miles.

Nightly, when the evangelist asked those who brought Bibles to raise them high, the response resembled fireworks shooting in the air on the Fourth of July. The Holy Spirit moved through those in attendance as expressions of joy flowed freely from the lips of a refreshed and enlightened congregation, since Watkins taught them as they had never been taught before.



*Calvin Watkins, pastor of the New Bern district.*

By the end of the third week, there were those who indicated they wanted to give their hearts to God and walk all the way with Him. Pastor Watkins has baptized 135 souls with future baptisms scheduled for the remainder of the year.

"Praise be to God" are the words of those who came weeping, smiling and sometimes shouting to Jesus Christ. As a result of this tremendous spirit-filled effort, the church has outgrown its edifice. We are presently making arrangements for new and expanded areas of worship and fellowship.

Delores Johnson  
Communication Secretary



*Pastor R. H. Pierson, former president of the General Conference, left, and Sandy Smith, Bethel personal ministries director, right.*

## PIERSON SPEAKS FOR PERSONAL MINISTRIES DAY

Pastor R. H. Pierson, former president of the General Conference, now retired and residing in the Asheville, North Carolina, area, was the guest speaker for Personal Ministries Day at the Asheville-Bethel SDA Church on September 18. Sandy Smith, church personal ministries director, used the theme, "Maranatha, Our Lord Cometh." In addition to a very inspiring message in the morning, Pierson engaged the church in the afternoon in a question-and-answer period in which he and his wife shared many of their world-wide experiences with the church.

## TESTIMONY

I have been known in the New York area as Bishop G. N. Brown for the past 30 years. In 1950 I was blessed by the Lord to establish a Sunday school in my living room in Brooklyn, New York. From this class of fifteen children two buildings and a lot were bought and paid for. Many souls came and received the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour during this ministry.

One Sabbath morning in 1980 I visited the Orangeburg Adventist church. Local Elder Edward Rewine was preaching and during his message said that the commandments have a law within them-

selves. That was the turning point in the ministry for me.

For almost 40 years I have been in the ministry of the Lord Jesus, teaching people that the law was done away through the death of Christ. I didn't know or understand about the ten commandments and I am sure that there are many other ministers who don't understand. But how can they except someone show them (Acts 8:30-31)?

As soon as the Lord opened my eyes to this most wonderful truth, I began to call my friends to tell them about it. They couldn't believe me, but I continued to tell the story. One of the ministers, David Glover of Brooklyn, New York, became convinced. He was baptized last February, and is now, along with his family, at Oakwood College.



*Bishop G. N. Brown.*

I praise the Lord for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the commandment-keeping church of God. I have had two Bible study courses; one with B. Jones of Orangeburg, South Carolina, and one with H. M. S. Richards of California. I am now studying Daniel and Revelation with him.

Please continue to pray for me.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT OAKLAND AVENUE

Fred Nealy, pastor of the Florence-Oakland Avenue church, has reported a very rewarding Vacation Bible School conducted June 21-July 4.

Under the leadership of D. M. Hanna and E. M. Johnson, along with a large staff of young people from the church, they ministered to the spiritual and social needs of 85 children from the community and 35 from the church.





Cheryl Harris.

## CHOIR BIDS FAREWELL TO DIRECTOR

Choir members of the Hillcrest SDA Church in Nashville, Tennessee, sang farewell to Cheryl Harris at a farewell banquet held in her honor. Harris is leaving Nashville to accept an appointment as a nursing instructor at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California.

Harris was the director of the Hillcrest choir for nearly two years. When she first came to the Hillcrest church, there was no choir. G. I. Pearson, then pastor of the church, heard her sing and asked her to form a choir.

At first Cheryl hesitated and said, "Let me pray about it." Finally she accepted and became the director of the Hillcrest choir. God richly blessed her efforts, but now she must leave to face new challenges. We are confident that God will continue to bless her.



Lucy Cunningham of Bessimer, Alabama.

## SQUARING UP WITH GOD

Lucy Cunningham of the First SDA Church in Bessimer, Alabama, gave Pastor C. E. Dudley a check for \$1,363.41, representing back tithes accumulated over a three-year period.

Cunningham described it as the "happiest day of my life."

Although the 80-year-old Mrs. Cunningham is on a fixed income, she felt it was her duty to "square up with God."

"I don't want to be lost," she said, "because I did not pay my tithes." Her act of love and devotion to the Lord's command has caused others in the Bes-simer church to determine to square up their accounts.



Left to right: Robert Thompson, Robert Edwards, Ron Broussard, Ronald Berry and Michael Ross.

## INFILTRATION EVANGELISM IN SOUTH CENTRAL

The South Central Conference has instituted infiltration evangelism, a program designed to give ministerial graduates who haven't received a church post the opportunity to prove their calling by establishing a new church in a dark county.

Each graduate receives a small stipend from the conference to defray living expenses. In addition, he is encouraged to seek employment in the dark county where he plans to establish a church. He starts by building a relationship with the people in the town, then presents the advent message. Through the workings of the Holy Spirit people are baptized and a new congregation is established.

So far three students have been accepted in this program and have entered three towns—Owensboro, Kentucky, Dyersboro, Tennessee, and Phenix City, Alabama. On September 24 a new 58-member congregation was organized in Phenix City, Alabama.

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Putting confidence in an unreliable man is like chewing with a sore tooth, or trying to run on a broken foot.

Proverbs 25:19

## VBS IN PENSACOLA

The Jordan Street SDA Church in Pensacola, Florida, conducted Vacation Bible School from July 19-24. The children were taught wood burning, memory verses, songs, arts and crafts.

The theme of the VBS was "Let It Shine," which put new zeal in the hearts of the children. Their goal is to work until Jesus comes.

A closing program was conducted in the multipurpose room. Mrs. Gilda, director of the VBS, served as mistress of ceremonies. Attendance reached nearly 40.

## "WHAT VBS MEANS TO ME"

To me, Vacation Bible School means teaching children about Jesus. It is a challenge to us from God: "Feed my lambs." It is a great and marvelous chance to lead a small flock from the known to the unknown through hand-work, pictures, stories, songs, games and finger plays. The teacher has the joyful privilege and great responsibility of revealing the wonders of God's word to the ever-inquiring mind and heart of a little child.

Vacation Bible School to the teacher means days of hard work, planning and selecting proper illustrations from stories and songs, as well as hours of prayer and asking for guidance to carry out the challenge, but the reward is a soul saved for God's kingdom and eternity.

This past year, I taught the cradle roll children at the Hillcrest church in Nashville, Tennessee and this summer served as kindergarten teacher at Vacation Bible School. The word kindergarten means "children's garden." One author referred to small children as tender plants in the Master's garden.

Each child is an individual with a definite personality. Impressions and attitudes made and formed at this time will provide a foundation for future decisions. This is what the teachers at the Hillcrest Seventh-day Adventist Church sought to do as they worked for seven days with 45 children.

We are nourishing the tender plants. One day these plants will be ready, by the grace of God, for harvesting.

Catherine Harrison





Prison inmates in Gainesville, Florida.

## PRISON MINISTRY YIELDS SOULS

On Thursday, July 29, the Bethel SDA Church in Gainesville, Florida, witnessed its second baptismal service for inmates of the Gainesville Road Prison Camp. Pastor Keith Dennis, director of youth ministries for the Southeastern Conference, and his wife were present to witness the event.

The services were conducted by the church's pastor, Dr. Lewis W. Edwards. The two inmates baptized join others from an earlier date, while still others are making decisions to be baptized in the near future.

The prison ministry work and Bible lectures are being conducted by Nathan Edwards of the Bethel SDA Church in Gainesville, Florida.



Inmate Arthur Smith, Jr., being baptized by Dr. L. W. Edwards, pastor of the Gainesville, Florida, district. Also in the baptismal pool is Head Deacon Bobby Jones.

## IN TRANSITION

Jean-Claude Brutus accepted a call to the Southeastern Conference to serve as pastor of the newly-organized French church in Orlando, Florida. Brutus is a graduate of Oakwood College. Pastor Brutus and his wife have three children: Rochelle, 12, Claude, 10, and Jean, 4.

James C. Hicks, former personal ministries director of the Southwest Region Conference, has assumed duties as pastor of the Clearwater, Florida, district. Hicks is a graduate of Oakwood College and Northern State University. He and his wife, Lois, are the proud parents of three children: Shannon Erroll 11; Terry Sean, 19; and Johala Shavonne, 10.

Donald Edwards accepted a call to serve as pastor of the Tabernacle church in Miami, Florida, and the Ephesus church in Hollywood, Florida. Edwards is a graduate of West Indies College in Jamaica and Andrews University. The Edwards family includes one child. They are anxiously expecting the arrival of another.

## PROGRESS REPORT ON MT. SINAI CHURCH

June of 1980 marked the beginning of an exciting era for the pastor and members of the 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, six restrooms and a general 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 also the opening day sermon at the eleven o'clock worship hour the next morning.

Pastor O. H. Paul, along with Pastor J. A. Edgecombe, 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 May 23, 1981.

On the following morning ground was broken for construction of the sanctuary, which will seat more than 1,000 and cost more than \$350,000. Construction began in August of 1982. 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 during 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 to God is being erected on seven acres of land.

The Lord has richly blessed Mt. Sinai. Much hard work, many sacrifices and many prayers have made this possible. Without pausing for a very deep breath, the congregation plunged into building the sanctuary. Now they are poised on the verge of another and more glorious occasion when the sanctuary opens in a few months.

Sandra Lewis  
Correspondent

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## DESIRE OF AGES

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is the child who is born to be king of the Jews? We have observed the rising of his star, and we have come to pay him homage.'

"King Herod was greatly perturbed when he heard this; and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called a meeting of the chief priests and lawyers of the Jewish people and put before them the question: 'Where is it that the Messiah is to be born?'

"'At Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied; and they referred him to the prophecy which reads: 'Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are far from least in the eyes of the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a leader to be shepherd of my people Israel.'

'Herod next called the astrologers to meet him in private and ascertained from them the time when the star had appeared. He then sent them on to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and make a careful inquiry for the child. When you have found him, report to me, so that I may go myself and pay homage.'

'They set out at the king's bidding; and the star which they had seen at its rising went ahead of them until it stopped above the place where the child lay. At the sight of the star they were overjoyed.

"Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and bowed to the ground in homage to him; then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned home another way." *Matthew 2:1-12.*

Thus was the beginning of the greatest love story in the universe.

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only limitation is that all credits have to be taken at the seminary in the master of divinity program.

Spouses of regular seminary students (including doctoral students) who qualify academically will have the opportunity, beginning with the winter quarter of 1983, of taking up to nine hours of seminary credit per quarter paying the nominal fee of only \$15 per credit. All spouses of seminarians are encouraged to audit one class per quarter at no cost. The only limitation in both instances is the availability of space in the classroom.

## ELDERS' AND DEACONS' RETREAT HELD

Approximately 100 lay leaders gathered for the fourth annual Southwest Region Conference Elders' and Deacons' Retreat at Lone Star Camp in Athens, Texas, September 17-19. The retreat was sponsored by the personal ministries department under the direction of Pastor R. E. Brown.

The purpose of this annual retreat is to instruct and inspire laity to take an active role in spreading the gospel. Pastors W. C. Jones, president, and M. M. Young, secretary of the conference, served as devotional speakers.

Special guests who instructed the elders and deacons in soul-winning and homiletics were Dr. Benjamin Reaves, chairman of the theology and religion departments at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and Dr. Patrick Vincent, pastor of the Ephesus SDA Church in Birmingham, Alabama, who gave instructions on organizing S.W.A.T. teams (Special Witnessing And Tactics).

On Sabbath evening the deacons and elders were given the opportunity to participate in a door-to-door witnessing program in Tyler, Texas. They gave each interested person an Amazing Facts card.

Several persons present at the retreat were direct results of effective lay witnessing. John Lewis, a former Baptist minister, was baptized because of the faithful witness of Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Sanders. Lewis came to dissuade the Sanders family from building their house on Sunday. Providentially, Mrs. Sanders persuaded him that the Sabbath was the true day of rest. He began to take Bible studies and before long was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church at 97 years of age.

After being baptized, Lewis shared his faith with Mr. and Mrs. Eules Warren. They too were baptized.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos McConico were baptized during an evangelistic crusade conducted by O. A. Jackson, pastor of the Emmanuel SDA Church in Marshall, Texas. Today the McConicos are actively involved in the church.

It is the hope of the personal ministries department that this retreat will accomplish its purpose and bring forth a harvest of souls.

Doris Jones  
Correspondent



## SOUTHWEST'S 1,000 DAYS OF REAPING

In cooperation with the General Conference's "1,000 Days of Reaping" program, the Southwest Region Conference has launched a three-year effort to establish 25 new congregations in dark counties. The program is known as "One Down, Twenty-four to Go."

At present, one new church has been established, the Caffin Avenue church in New Orleans, Louisiana. This 30-member congregation came about as a direct result of a summer evangelistic crusade conducted by Franklin S. Hill, pastor of the Ephesus SDA Church in New Orleans. Literature evangelists and dedicated members laid the groundwork for this crusade.

On September 4 the Caffin Avenue SDA Church was organized. Pastor W. C. Jones, president of the conference, was there to initiate the congregation into the sisterhood of churches in the Southwest Region. "One Down, Twenty-four to Go."

Doris Jones  
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Officers of the company are: James L. Hagle, Chairman and Treasurer; Allan R. Buller, President; and George T. Harding Jr., M.D., Vice President and Secretary. It is the purpose of the company and its management to serve SDA consumers and institutions in the most effective manner possible. This includes providing foods which meet SDA dietary standards and the needs of a health-minded general public. The company intends to offer superior products and good service along with employment and investment opportunities for church members.

At the present time there are approximately 20 Adventist business and professional persons who are shareholders in the new corporation. It is anticipated that others will be joining the group in the months ahead.



# IN THE NEWS

## CHICAGO'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT

The building pictured on the back of this issue represents the fruition of two and one-half years of intense negotiation and hard work. The structure is the future home of Shiloh Academy.

The building contains over 150,000 square feet, which is large enough to house the entire academy, grades kindergarten through twelve, with facilities for all of its activities, including a full-sized gymnasium for recreational activities.

For many years now, the academy has been under constant pressure to relocate by either building a new school or purchasing some facility with adequate space for the full job of properly educating youth in the Chicago area.

In 1980 the facility for the Continental Can Company was closed and the company moved into a new building located in an industrial park near the O'Hare Airport.

When the old building was closed, the company donated the entire 24 acres and all of its buildings to Loyola University of Chicago. The property was then placed on the market for sale for \$8,000,000. After several efforts, all the potential buyers, for one reason or another, were unable to purchase it.

The location of this property made another approach possible. The administration of the Lake Region Conference approached the university with an offer to develop eighteen acres of this property into a 164-unit senior citizen complex, along with 128 units of two-bedroom townhouse apartments.

The development process was to come through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. A proposal was submitted to H.U.D. regarding this potential development. After several months of waiting, the proposal was accepted and an insured loan was obtained through a bond issue totalling approximately \$16,000,000.

One major obstacle to this proposal was community resistance to having the property rezoned for residential use. This resistance remained strong until the ministerial alliance of that area heard of the efforts and cast their full support with the conference.

The alderman of that ward, Allen Streeter, examined the proposal care-

fully and concluded that the development would bring in good quality housing and shopping. He supported the zoning efforts. The second hearing in the city council of Chicago brought a positive response to the zoning push.

With passage of the rezoning, the building was donated to the conference to house Shiloh Academy.

Another building was donated to the Beacon of Joy church to be used as a place of worship. The Beacon of Joy church now worships in a rented facility.

With minor renovation, Shiloh Academy can now expect to begin its 1983 school year in a beautiful facility with all the space needed to do an excellent job of educating our children and "polishing them like palaces."

## HASKINS HONORED AS ACHIEVER

James W. Haskins, local elder of the Emmanuel Temple SDA Church in Buffalo, New York, was recently honored by his employer, Buffalo General-Deaconess Hospital, Inc., at a dinner for black achievers in industry for excelling in medical photography and communications.

Haskins is as much an achiever in his spiritual life as his professional life. A baptized member of Emmanuel Temple, he was active in establishing the Cold Spring Mission in Cold Spring, New York, that later evolved into the Victory Temple in Buffalo, New York.

Haskins is also active in the medical missionary work and has been responsible to a large extent for the annual "Spring For Better Health" health fairs.



James W. Haskins.

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