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COVER STORY

SPANISH CONGRESS IN MIAMI THEME: "THE TIME WILL BE NO MORE"

The Sabbath hours had arrived, and so had scores of God's children at the Methodist Church in Hialeah, Florida for the opening exercise of the first Spanish Congress held August 5-7 in the Southeastern Conference. Under the capable leadership of Pastor Charles Vento assisted by Felipe Cervera, the weekend activities were a resounding success.

The theme for the weekend was "Y el tiempo no sera mas." The music was superb, the preaching Biblical and dynamic, the seminars informative, the AYS play challenging, the testimony of those recently baptized in the church convincing, the luncheon delicious and the fellowship of hundreds of our Spanish brethren an unusual sight and experience.

One year ago the work began in the Spanish sector in Miami by the Southeastern Conference. Hundreds were in attendance to see and hear the list of personalities and to participate in the services. Pastor Jose Osorio came from Puerto Rico, as did Fred Hernandez and Israel Leito, youth director for the Inter-American Division. The Southeastern Conference personnel present were: President J. A. Edgecombe, Donald A. Walker, secretary-treasurer, K. Dennis, youth director, R. R. Brown, director of communications, Julio Astacio, pastor of the Tampa and St. Petersburg Hispanic churches, and Micky Santiago, office secretary for the Hispanic work. A number of other pastors from the area were in attendance.

President J. A. Edgecombe's closing message was translated by Elder I. Leito of the Inter-American Division.

His challenging appeal to the members requested a commitment to the finishing of the work so Jesus can come. The theme song, "El tiempo no sera mas," was sung, prayer was offered, and the end came to the first Spanish Congress in Miami.

R. R. Brown
Correspondent

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Beauty, unaccompanied by virtue,
was a flower without perfume.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ORGANIZES SPANISH WORK IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Just over a year ago in the Southeastern Conference the Spanish church was organized in the South Florida area. The Spanish Pilgrims church of Hialeah, Florida began with 106 members in July 1982. In one year the membership has grown to 165 members, and from their efforts a new church has been organized in Miami Beach, as has a company in Miami on Flager Street.

In December, 1982 President J. A. Edgecombe and the executive committee, seeing the growing needs of the Spanish work, voted to employ Charles Vento as pastor in charge and Felipe Cervera as a Bible worker.

The members of the Pilgrims church in Hialeah are a very highly motivated and missionary minded group of believers. It is not unusual to see Dukane projectors in their homes or being carried to give Bible studies to interested persons. Already, Pastor Vento has had campaigns in the months of May, June and July, 1983 in Hialeah, and with the help of these laymen, 20 new converts were baptized.

The population of Spanish speaking persons in South Florida is over one-half million, and the potential is great. For years there was no work developed on Miami Beach. On January 29, 1983 a church with over 30 members was organized. Seven months later, the membership stands at 65, and a number of individuals, lost in that resort city but reclaimed, await transfer of membership. During the month of July, Pastor Demetrio Hernandez came from Puerto Rico and spent his vacation holding evangelistic meetings in a hall which was previously a novelty store, but now remodelled for the worship of God. Ten precious souls were baptized as a result. That is only one chapter. Under Pastor Cervera's leadership on Miami Beach many more will be added.

The work on Flager Street in Miami will take on great proportions as God's people venture for them. A few months ago several families moved from Hialeah to the Southwest section of Miami, Florida. They wanted to work where there was no SDA church. Their efforts combined with Pastor Pascual Hernandez, who came from Puerto Rico and gave his vacation time, resulted in seven baptisms in July 1983. Each Sab-

bath 30 or more meet in a hall to worship God.

Statistics will not and cannot give an accurate idea of the tireless efforts and accomplishments of the Spanish believers. Moved by a spirit of urgency, giving sacrificially of their means at each call, possessing a dream that is possible, these brothers and sisters forge ahead. Under Pastor Vento's dynamic leadership, persevering efforts, undaunted spirit and drive to raise up many monuments, the work goes forth. Supported by the conference president J. A. Edgecombe, F. Cervera, Bible worker, and loyal laymen, the challenge is met daily, and the work goes forward in these 1000 Days of Reaping.

Maria Ortiz and R. R. Brown
Correspondents

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

SHARE THE MIRACLE

Let's look again at our goals: Our theme for 1983 in connection with the 1,000 Days of Reaping is "Share the Miracle." Share the Miracle is a call to dynamic discipleship in Central States. This is even more urgent in 1983. If we will be the servants, lifting our empty hands to Jesus, He will fill them, and we can Share the Miracle through a word-centered-worshipping-warm-self-giving-witnessing church.

Share the Miracle means putting a stop to backsliding by encouraging each member to make an attempt to see after the welfare of one another.

Share the Miracle calls for each church pastor to organize his elders, deacons, deaconess, etc., into a lay shepherding plan in order to make sure that each member is accounted for and cared for.

Share the Miracle means Sabbath school renewal and reformation. Sabbath schools are being encouraged to have one high Sabbath each month with an unusual program to which visitors can be invited with good results. Special emphasis is being given to program improvement in all divisions to make every division a soul winning agency of the church. Some outstanding goal device should be prepared so that each Sabbath school can chart its progress in four specific areas: attendance, offerings, lesson study and visitors.

Share the Miracle is a call for every church and every member to receive the infilling of the Spirit of God. Each pastor will lead out in an eight-day revival for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain power to be concluded with a day of fasting and prayer. Group prayer meetings will be established in each church.

Share the Miracle means public evangelism. Each pastor is being encouraged to conduct two crusades for each church in his district. In some instances, these will be conducted by our union evangelist. At least four tent efforts will be held in 1983. We expect at least two lay meetings.

Share the Miracle calls for bringing the principles of church growth as outlined in Faith-Action-Advance to each church. It is our goal to help each member find his particular aptitude in the area of soul winning and put his talents to use.

Share the Miracle calls for each church to establish a monthly baptismal objective, a date set aside by the pastor and the church, so that the members may be working and praying toward a harvest of souls.

Share the Miracle means an active community service program. Through five-day plans, cooking classes and health screening classes, we are anxious to let those living in our neighborhoods know that we are here by God's grace to help.

Share the Miracle means that Central States Conference will win 500 souls in 1983 to keep pace with the 1,000 Days of Reaping.

Share the Miracle calls for at least three pilot churches.

Share the Miracle calls for at least \$250,000 in sales from the literature evangelists.

Share the Miracle calls for each member of Central States to distribute a minimum of five copies of *Cosmic Conflict* (the *Great Controversy* retitled) per year during the 1,000 Days of Reaping.

Let's "Share the Miracle" in 1983 by walking with God, working with God, and waiting on God. Let's begin today, for tonight may be too late.

S. Haywood Cox, President
Central States Conference

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Pray without ceasing.

1 *Thessalonians 5:17*

The Editor's Desk

CORRECTION

In the Central States section of the June 1983 issue of the *Regional Voice*, we misplaced the two pictures accompanying the articles "Higher Heights" and "Mary Thompson Honored for Dedicated Service." The picture captioned "Dorothy Woodson of Topeka, Kansas" should have been captioned "Valerie Johnson of the Parkhill SDA Church" and placed above the article "Higher Heights."

The picture of Mary Thompson and Pastor E. A. Pembleton should have been above the article "Mary Thompson Honored for Service." We regret this error.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY REPORT

Sabbath, May 7, was Community Service Day at the Glendale church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Community Service Department has developed a very energetic program for 1983 which has resulted in the formation of a working and functional

department. The members of this department are commended for their effort and diligence in promoting the welfare of others in the area.

The Community Service leader Birdie Williams informed the church of the activities and projects currently underway within the department. The current project involves a cooperative effort with the Minneapolis Welfare Department to procure names of families in need of food and clothing. She encouraged the church to continue support through donations of food, clothing and/or services. The leader also expressed an interest in establishing a junior division for the youth.

The day's events were highlighted with remarks from the guest speaker R. C. Brown, Sr., Lake Region Conference secretary. The congregation seemed truly blessed by the sermon he delivered that revealed the seven seals of the book of Revelation. The members are anxious for the return of Elder Brown. His presence enhanced our Community Service program as well as our worship experience.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	11	18
Boston, Mass.	5:43	4:34	4:26	4:20
New York City	5:54	4:46	4:38	4:32
Buffalo, N.Y.	6:13	5:04	4:56	4:49
Atlanta, Ga.	6:50	5:43	5:38	5:33
Miami, Fla.	6:42	5:38	5:34	5:31
Charlotte, N.C.	6:34	5:27	5:21	5:17
Birmingham, Ala.	5:59	4:53	4:47	4:43
Jackson, Miss.	6:15	5:08	5:03	4:59
Memphis, Tenn.	6:10	5:03	4:57	4:53
Louisville, Ky.	6:49	5:41	5:34	5:30
Detroit, Mich.	6:33	5:24	5:16	5:10
Chicago, Ill.	5:49	4:42	4:34	4:28
South Bend, Indiana	5:45	5:37	5:29	5:23
Minneapolis, Minn.	6:06	4:58	4:49	4:42
St. Louis, Mo.	6:06	4:58	4:51	4:45
Kansas City, Mo.	6:21	5:15	5:08	5:02
Denver, Co.	6:03	4:55	4:48	4:42
Little Rock, Ark.	6:18	5:13	5:07	5:02
Dallas, Texas	6:40	5:34	5:28	5:25
New Orleans, La.	6:17	5:11	5:07	5:03
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:16	5:10	5:04	4:59
Oklahoma City, Okla.	6:40	5:33	5:27	5:22

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



Mrs. Corine Smith, left, head teacher in charge of Joyland tent, receives flowers of appreciation from Mrs. Rudene Jones, the tent's music coordinator.



Mrs. Gwendolyn Foster, conference Health and Temperance director, introduces Bennie W. Mann, conference treasurer, as he models the new Fit and Free T-shirt and cap.



Noelle Leader renders inspiration through song.



Elder J. L. Butler, director of the Conflict Management Seminar at camp meeting, shares an intimate moment with Josephine Flowers, retired Bible instructor.



Mrs. Audrey Booker, head of nursing staff for the camp medical unit, checks a blood pressure.

CAMP MEETING '83

By Mary M. Chandler

In this valley, we have gathered—
From the North, the South, the East.
For ten days of Christian fellowship,
And a ten-day Gospel Feast.

Early mornings, we have listened
To the pealing of the bells,
Summoning us to rise and gather—
For the feasts we love so well.

'Tis the hour of prayer and power,
When the saints of God can state
How the Holy Spirit blessed them.
Answering prayers that they'd relate.

After this, we'd sit with Jesus
For the preaching of His word—
By the men whom He has chosen;
Some, the best you've ever heard.

Then to tone and strengthen body,
We took exercise or walked.
Circling this two-mile encampment,
Enjoying nature as we talked.

Sore, but happy, we'd then shower,
And betake some physical food
From Chef's Garden Cafeteria
And the food was really good!

Hardly had we time to travel
To planned seminars or workshops.
We had chosen as we needed,
Health or Doctrine—all were tops.

Stimulating were these sessions,
Where we grew, and loved and shared,
Giving and receiving stroking,
Letting others know we cared.

After mid-day physical nourishment,
Some of us relaxed a bit.
Others shopped, or cooked or visited,
Doing whatever they saw fit.

Waiting for the evening meeting,
And the preaching for that hour.
By God's man whom He anointed,
Who would preach His word with power.

Thus would end each day of camping,
Thanking God for blessings sent.
We'd retire as taps were sounded
To our rooms or to our tent.

This has been a blessed ten days,
With the conference personnel,
Seeing many as just people,
Just like you and me—that's swell.

We have sung and prayed and worshipped
With each other on these grounds.
We have talked and laughed together
And the love of God abounds.

We have heard the Lord's commission.
We have pledged ourselves to go
To a world in desperation
For someone to love them so.

As we leave this lovely valley—
All returning to our home,
May our pledge become our practice,
And we'll never walk alone.

Jesus promised to be with us
Even to the very end.
Let us take this Glorious Gospel
To a dying world. Amen.



Elder W. W. Fordham and Miss Dorothy Young were instrumental in organizing the Allegheny East Conference Senior Citizen Federation.



U. S. Willis, conference Sabbath school director, and wife present a plaque of appreciation to Geraldine Handy, center, in recognition of her retirement. Mrs. Handy has given many years of service to the Sabbath school department.



Faith For Today Spanish quartet from Puerto Rico delighted the audience with several spirituals.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

Elder E. F. Carter, Community Service director of the conference, recently completed his itinerary throughout the field, attending four Community Service Federations. The North Central Federation was held in Des Moines, Iowa. Participating societies were: the Sharon and Bethesda SDA churches, Omaha, Nebraska; Philadelphia SDA church, Des Moines, Iowa; Calvary SDA church, Davenport, Iowa; Allon Chapel SDA church, Lincoln, Nebraska; and Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The federation featured Chaplain David Scholes, who gave a very informative and inspirational discussion on prison ministry.

The Central East Federation, comprising the five churches of St. Louis, Missouri, and the four churches in the Bootheel of Missouri, convened at the Northside SDA church, St. Louis, Missouri. Pictured below are some of the articles and blankets made by the members of the federation.

Pueblo, Colorado, was the place that the four societies of Colorado met. Much emphasis was placed on the results of tornadoes that are so common in this part of the country, and a special motion picture was shown to help the missionary men and volunteer workers of the federation to learn how to prepare and deal with these devastating acts of nature.

Ms. Isabelle Brown, of the Linwood Boulevard SDA church, Kansas City, Missouri, is the president of the Central Federation which consists of churches surrounding the Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, areas. Their federation conference was held in Leavenworth, Kansas, and was very well attended. One of the main things that Elder Carter stressed at each federation meeting was the involvement of each federation member in the SAWS program of the General Conference. The special SAWS boxes were distributed at each meeting and each society was urged to have a number of SAWS boxes packed and ready to be picked up by the conference truck every fall and every spring.

One of the main features of this meeting was the special number from the Senior Citizen's Ladies Chorus under the direction of Ms. Rose Robinson of the Linwood Boulevard SDA church in Kansas City, Missouri.



Chaplain David Scholes, guest speaker at North Central Federation.



Federation members from the Northside church displaying blankets and other articles made by members of the federation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT BETHEL

During the month of June, the Bethel SDA Pathfinders, Kansas City, Kansas, went out into the community and enrolled children for their Vacation Bible School. The VBS was held in the evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There were approximately 100 children enrolled with about 60% non-Adventists.

Deborah Carter was the director, and she has been directing VBS's at Bethel for seven years. She also directed VBS at camp meeting for Central States last summer.

Cradle roll teachers were Harry Small and Ardith Page. Kindergarten teacher was Linda Sims. Cherri Ewing and Rochelle Williams conducted the primary division, Dorothy Harvey and David Smith lead the juniors, and Anita Mobiley and Linda King taught the earl-teens.

Pictured below are some of the children and activities of the VBS.



VBS children engaged in arts and crafts class.



Pastor G. Jones and wife with Pastor E. Slocumb and wife, being ordained.

CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING 1983

It was new; it was different for the members of Central States Conference. The conference conducted a three area mini-camp meeting. These area camp meetings were held in three prominent locations of the conference, which included adult and youth meetings.

On June 17 and 18, under the leadership of Elder S. Haywood Cox, conference president, the area members enjoyed a spirit-filled meeting.

In St. Louis the guest speakers were Elders Delbert Baker of Allegheny West Conference, C. B. Rock, president of Oakwood College, M. VanPutten, president of Allegheny East Conference, Bob Thrower of the The Hour of Prophecy and Mr. Eugene Carter, II, from New York City, who was featured in concert that evening.

On June 24 and 25, camp meeting was held at Camp Shady Hill, the conference's campground. Elders W. W. Fordham, Samuel Thomas, R. S. Smith, Marshall Kelly and P. Pedersen inspired and electrified the members with rich, spirit-filled messages from God. The youth pavilion featured Elder R. Robinson from the Breath of Life.

The afternoon services featured an ordination service for two pastors with their wives: Pastor G. Jones of Lincoln-Omaha, Nebraska district, and Pastor E. Slocumb from the Pueblo-Colorado Springs, Colorado district. There was also a concert by Nina Brown, spelling bowl, Bible bowl and other programs.

The last series in the mini-camp meeting was held at the Park Hill church in Denver, Colorado. Guest speakers were Elders W. W. Fordham, D. Syme of SAWS, G. Timpson and W. E. Peeke of Mid-America Union.

The mini-camp meetings proved to be very enriching and spiritual. The constituents of Central States were filled with the challenge to serve God.

THE FAMILY OF GOD

"Welcome to the Family of God" was the sign which captured the attention of the campers at the camp meeting recently held at the Lake Region campground in Cassopolis, Michigan.

The administrators of the conference recognized the importance of their members becoming more concerned about their participation as a member of God's family. Because of this concern, they chose as the theme for the ten day encampment, "The Family of God."

The family was originally ordained of God that children might be trained for Him and His service. The family was formed before the church, or rather it was the first form of the church on earth.

One of the reasons why God established His family was that the mission of the believers could be accomplished in no other way. It is the business of the family of God to tell the world about a loving, compassionate God, to remind the world that Jesus saves, and to proclaim to the world that Jesus is coming again. While each individual member can testify to these truths, it takes the whole family to herald these messages to the whole world.

The family of God must be organized to carry out His commands. Only an organized family can carry on a missionary program like the one in Lake Region. Such an undertaking requires the concentrated efforts of the Personal Ministries director James C. Wray along with members from each church within the conference. Members from the Lake Region family demonstrated that they are concerned about the health, happiness and salvation of their neighbors.

Only an organized church family can operate a publishing program for the production and distribution of gospel literature. T. Samuel Barber and his core of workers demonstrated to the family that they are doing their part to keep the family of God working.

Only an organized church family can operate an educational system such as the one under the direction of Reginald Barnes and the Lake Region Conference. Elder Barnes' meeting on Sabbath afternoon gave him the opportunity to demonstrate the importance of Christian education.

Only an organized church family can be committed to the complete development of young people who are trained for service in this world and greater ser-



Mr. Tommie Braddock and Elder C. D. Joseph.

vice in the world to come. Conrad Gill, Adventist Youth director, believes in a well-rounded program for his youth. The highlight of their encampment is the youth day program. The youth of the Lake Region family are in charge of all activities from the early morning prayer meeting through to the evening worship service.

Only an organized church family has dedicated its means to Christ and His work. The stewardship program, under the leadership of Samuel Flagg, is quite alive and working. Thus when the appeal was made by Charles Joseph, president of the conference, for the members of the Lake Region family to help send Gloria Jones, a student missionary from Oakwood College and a part of the Lake Region family, to Korea, over \$1,300 was collected.

Activities such as these are dependent upon the united efforts of hundreds of individual Christians, made effective by an efficient organizational structure, the family of God.

The members of the Lake Region family left the encampment with the belief that God had called them to participate in Christ's own mission, to prepare the world for His imminent return.



Members of the recently organized Spanish Seventh-day Adventist church of Waukegan rejoice with Charles Joseph, president of Lake Region, and Richard C. Brown, Sr., secretary.

SDA SPANISH CHURCH ORGANIZED IN WAUKEGAN

The organization of the Waukegan Spanish Seventh-day Adventist church took place on June 1 of this year.

The history of this church began in 1979, when Mr. and Ms. A. Rivera, Mr.

and Ms. P. Mercado, Alica Borland, Margaret Boland and C. Marquez united with the Salem Seventh-day Adventist Church under Pastor Julio Astacio. Subsequently, a number of other Spanish members united with these believers. They continued to meet with the English believers until Elder Robert L. Smith answered the call to the Waukegan area later in 1979.

In the fall of 1980, Robert Robinson, lay preacher and teacher of Shiloh Academy, began to assist Pastor Smith with the Spanish group. At this time there were nine Spanish members of the Salem church. Mr. Robinson's missionary activities and his faithfulness to the cause of the Spanish work have brought a number of souls to the feet of Jesus. In 1982 Mr. Robinson was among the first to embrace the opportunity to establish a one-hour Spanish radio program in the city of Chicago entitled, "Prepare Ye to Meet Thy God." This program is also heard in the city of Waukegan.

Charles D. Joseph, president of Lake Region Conference, desiring to see the Spanish work progress enthusiastically, supported Mr. Robinson's work in the Waukegan area. This work promoted the establishment of a Spanish Seventh-day Adventist church.

The establishment of the Seventh-day Adventist Spanish church of Waukegan is a dream come true for Dr. Joseph of Lake Region Conference, Elder Robert L. Smith, pastor of Salem church, Mr. Robinson and the Spanish members.

Mr. Robinson in unity with and under the supervision of Elder Robert L. Smith projects greater achievements by the grace of God for the Spanish work. This church, established under the Lake Region Conference, began with seven members and now has a membership of twenty-seven members.

To God be the glory!

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JAMAICAN OFFICIAL MEETS WITH CCCE

By Stephanie Johnson

The Honorable Edmund Bartlett, minister of culture for Jamaica in the West Indies, met with members of the Concerned Committee for Christian Education (CCCE) on May 1st at the Barclay Intercontinental Hotel in New York City to discuss the upcoming Christmas musical benefit concert to be sponsored by CCCE in Jamaica.

Bartlett expressed to CCCE members his appreciation for their continued support of Christian education in Jamaica. "Your interest in humanitarian areas I have watched with great care and much pride the efforts of this time." He commended CCCE for its generosity and commitment to provide scholarships for Jamaicans. "The message came very strong that this group wasn't just interested in making a show but had indeed a genuine and abiding interest in Jamaica."

The CCCE is an international organization composed of Seventh-day Adventist men and women who are committed to fostering Christian education. The CCCE provides scholarships for Adventist youth attending Christian institutions from elementary school to college. They also assist in providing housing, food and shelter for the elderly and needy. This year CCCE sponsored the Rosebud Coronation under the patronage of the Northeastern Conference Education Department. Proceeds from the coronation will benefit Northeastern Academy and West Indies College in Manderville, Jamaica.

Wilfred G. Gooden, the Jamaican-born chairman of CCCE and president of the Wilfred G. Gooden Construction Company in New York City, is the guiding force behind CCCE. Gooden has always been a firm supporter of Christian education. He is known for his philanthropic endeavors. His generosity and commitment to sharing his financial resources are direct results of a vow he made to God. "I have always asked the Lord to give me not necessarily riches, but whatsoever he gave me I would dedicate quite a portion to Him."

His vow to God has led him to provide summer employment for Adventist youth through his corporation. He has given financial support to SDA missions programs and assists in financing Northeastern Academy students to attend College Days at Oakwood College.

In December of 1981, CCCE presented a yuletide musical extravaganza in Jamaica to rebuild the North Street Primary School in Kingston, Jamaica. During Jamaica's socialist experiment, the school was closed and Christian education seemed as if it would be terminated, but God intervened, socialism was rejected and once again Christian education flourished.

When CCCE came to Jamaica, it reaffirmed the lofty principles of Christian education and put hope in the hearts of the people. During this time the Wilfred G. Gooden Scholarship Fund was established to assist students at West Indies College, his alma mater. Also, CCCE provided funds to subsidize the first year of teacher's salaries at North Street Primary School.

At this time Lucille Seaga, one of the first students at the North Street Primary School and mother of the present prime minister, along with Lucille Walters, one of the leading Adventist educators, were honored by CCCE.

The program was warmly received and it made a strong impression on the people. The meeting was attended by Edward Seaga, prime minister of Jamaica, and his family, who enjoyed the three-hour musical program. The yuletide extravaganza featured a 70-voice cantata choir under the direction of Lloyd Chung, Homer Wade and Everyl Chandler Gibson.

As a result of the tremendous impact the program had on the island, the Jamaican government has asked CCCE to present a musical program during the Christmas season of 1983 featuring a 100-voice choir. Proceeds from this program will go to help the Jamaican government build an amphitheater.

During this time CCCE will honor the widows of the founding fathers of modern Jamaica, Mrs. Buster Manley and Mrs. Norman Manley. Also, CCCE will sponsor a second concert to be held at West Indies College in Manderville. Proceeds from this concert will go to assist in the construction of a new library for the school.

MEDICAL EMPHASIS WEEKEND AT GOSHEN

The Goshen Temple SDA church, Brooklyn, New York medical team under the leadership of Mrs. Sampson conducted its first Medical Emphasis Weekend on May 20-22, 1983.



Members of the Concerned Committee for Christian Education with Jamaican government officials. Left to right: Mr. Lorrell Bruce, consul general for Jamaica in New York, Homer Wade, Charles Gadsden, Everyl Gibson, Edmund Bartlett, minister of culture for Jamaica, Wilfred Gooden, committee chairman, Roy W. Ashmeade, Joseph Merriweather and Lloyd Chung.

On Friday evening, the first day of the Medical Emphasis Weekend, Dr. E. T. Mims, pastor of the City Tabernacle SDA church, New York City was the guest speaker. The Sabbath services were held in a school auditorium to accommodate members and guests. Sabbath school was conducted by Sue John, a health care professional and assistant superintendent of Sabbath school. Elder Aaron Brogden, secretary of the Atlantic Union, was the divine worship speaker. In his sermon, "The Lamentation of Jesus," Elder Brogden challenged the congregation to get totally involved in doing the will of the Master.

The AYS meeting was chaired by Mr. Ludlow Symes, AYS leader for the church. The auditorium was filled to the capacity as choirs and medical personnel from the SDA metropolitan areas came to give their support. The evening consisted of a musical program followed by a lecture given by Dr. Alvin Stenfeld, a nutrition expert.

On Sunday, the final day, a large tent was pitched on an open lot adjacent to the church. Inside the tent an International Food Fair presented a wide array of foods and drinks that were prepared in the natural way.

Two medical vans, one from Northeastern Conference and the other from Greater New York Conference, were on hand to provide free urine tests and blood pressure and general checkups to the community. The people were serenaded by the Steel Orchestra under the direction of Ken Wallace. At the close of the weekend festivities, Elder Samuel Sampson, pastor of Goshen Temple, thanked the medical team for the role they played in making this weekend a tremendous success.

Goshen Temple
Communication Department



Pictured here is a portion of the candidates at Oscar Lane's second baptism in Atlanta on August 6, 1983.

NEARLY 1,300 BAPTIZED IN ATLANTA

By S. E. Gooden

Oscar Lane, a 6'6" Texan coming from Los Angeles, California, is seen by many as the modern "Voice in the Wilderness." Like Elijah of old, this man appears on the evangelistic scene as if "out of the blue," from nowhere preaching the Advent message with a style, a power and boldness that has rarely been witnessed in modern times.

Under the name of Last Days Revival, Incorporated, Lane and his team of 15 stormed the city of Atlanta, Georgia. Pastors, Bible workers and church members with their friends and loved ones streamed into that big red tent on opening night—Saturday, July 2, 1983. There was one thing that was not in doubt when the audience entered the large 90x190 tent: the spirit of the Lord was present.

By the end of the second week in the big red tent, the South Atlantic Conference, who is sponsoring this evangelistic team, had to add another tent to accommodate the overflow crowd that was standing on the outside to hear this modern John the Baptist.

By Saturday, July 30, 1983 the man had revealed his identity as to who he was and had 14 ministers and helpers in two portable pools in front of the podium, baptizing 553 persons. By the next Sabbath, August 6, a repeat of the same action swelled the number of baptisms to 950. One would not dare to predict the end result for fear one might appear to be limiting the power and work of the

Holy Ghost. However, there is no doubt in anybody's mind that by the time you read this story the number of baptisms will be well over 1,300 souls in Atlanta, Georgia.

A SOUL WINNING WORKSHOP AT COLUMBIA

On February 26 and 27, a Bible Study and Soul Winning Workshop was held at the Ephesus SDA church, Columbia, South Carolina, to direct members in proper planning and implementation of a campaign. Ms. Ruby Perry, Bible instructor, South Atlantic Conference, conducted the workshop.

Ms. Perry's presentation, designed to enlighten each church member on how to win souls for Christ, consisted of two phases which were further divided into eight lessons. She sought active involvement through role play and group participation.

Although it is impossible to share the entire workshop with you, we would like to give a few excerpts from a few of the lessons which inspired each member to build a stronger determination to go out and win souls for the Master.

The first lesson, "Life's Wisest Choice," expressed the magnitude of soul winning. Ms. Perry stated, "The most wonderful work in the world is the work of soul winning."

In the second lesson, "The Power of Soul Winning," it was stressed that the power to win souls comes from being on our knees pleading with God for the salvation of souls.



Among the first baptisms of Oscar Lane's first baptism in Atlanta are evangelist James P. Gresham, his wife Willie Mae and their four children—front, left to right James, Gerald, Dondra and Janet. Evangelist Gresham has turned his resignation in to his bishop in the Church of God in Christ, and it was received under protest. He will still continue his weekly radio broadcast on WXLX/1380 on your radio dial at 4:45-5:00 every Friday.

"The Supremacy of Soul Winning" was the topic for the third lesson. This lesson emphasized why Jesus left heaven and came to this sin-cursed earth to seek and save lost men. Two of the key scriptures used were Psalms 126:5 and 6: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth reaping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

In addition to her workshop presentation, Ms. Perry left the members with an abundance of resource material which will aid them in preparing to work for Jesus, our Guide to success in soul winning.

Expressions of appreciation were given by Elder Kenneth Moore, the pastor, at the conclusion of this most interesting and motivating workshop. Elder Moore told Ms. Perry that "the Lord had surely used her to rekindle the flame of love and service for Christ at our church. The church is now revitalized with renewed interest and energy to finish the work of the gospel and hasten the coming of our Saviour."



Participants in the Soul-Winning Workshop at Columbia conducted by Mrs. Ruby Perry, the South Atlantic Conference Bible worker.



East Cleveland Tennessee church honors James C. Morgan and wife. Pictured are left to right: Barbara Grier, chairman and Public Relations director; J. W. Henson, Mrs. J. W. Henson, supporters; Mr. James C. Morgan and wife, honorees; Joseph F. Milner, Jr., local elder and founder of East Cleveland church; Elder Roy Caughron, speaker and director of Georgia Cumberland Conference Ministerial and Stewardship Departments; Pastor Mark Brese, associate pastor of Bowman Hills church; and Pastor Benjamin Jones, pastor of East Cleveland and Orchard Park in Chattanooga.

MORGANS HONORED BY EAST CLEVELAND CHURCH

On Sunday, June 12, the members of the East Cleveland church, Cleveland, Tennessee, gave a testimonial banquet for the James C. (Pappy) Morgans. The Morgans have been in the forefront in supporting the East Cleveland church in their drive to build their own facility.

Elder Roy Caughron, director of the Ministerial and Stewardship Department of the Georgia Cumberland Conference, was the guest speaker. The theme of the celebration was "Sermon in Shoes," based on Psalms 37:23.

Joseph F. Milner



Mr. Nathaniel Higgs, newly appointed director of education for South Central Conference.

HIGGS' PRINCIPALSHIP THE FOCUS OF TESTIMONIAL DINNER

On June 7, the faculty and the staff of the Oakwood College Academy held a testimonial dinner for its principal

Nathaniel Higgs, who has accepted a call to serve as director of education for South Central Conference. The testimonial dinner held at the Oakwood College cafeteria recounted the progress made during the seven years he served as principal.

Higgs' first goal was to set a strong spiritual tone. Mr. Higgs worked in harmony with Elder Marshall T. Kelly, Bible teacher for the academy, to lead students to rededicate their lives to God. Some of the many spiritual activities—agape suppers, youth days, suppers for senior citizens and student week of prayer—led a number of students to baptism.

Students reached their peers by sponsoring a temperance booth at county fairs which allowed them to come in contact with 15,000 high school students. As a result of this project, the academy was invited to give temperance programs at a number of local high schools. The academy has also received top awards in the Southern Union Temperance Rallies.

The physical plant has been greatly enhanced under the Higgs' administration. Student workers are employed by the industrial coordinator to maintain the physical environs of the academy and the surrounding community.

The physical education department was improved, new equipment was purchased, an athletic field constructed and a physical fitness program qualified a number of students for the President's Physical Fitness Award.

NEWS NOTES

Dr. E. E. Cleveland, Director of Church Missions for Oakwood College, has accepted a call to serve as interim pastor of the Hillcrest SDA church, Nashville, Tennessee. The present pastor, Elder Joseph Jones, was given a three month leave. During the summer months Dr. Cleveland conducted an evangelistic revival at Hillcrest.

O.C.A. STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Oakwood College Academy graduated 15 of the 27 students this year named to receive scholarships amounting from \$250 to \$1000. The fifteen scholarship winners were: Karen An-

draws, Carla Braxton, Michelle Crawford, Sandra Roper, Rodney McClellan, Milton Brown, Patricia Thongs, John Wright, Monique George, Marilyn Epps, Jana Jones, Renee Higgs, Carmen Bolden, Larry Jacobs and Yvette Sullivan.

Renee Higgs, honor graduate of Oakwood Academy, was selected to participate in the Health Care Opportunity Program at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. This all-expenses-paid program will permit her to gain practical experience in a wide variety of medically related fields. Renee was one of 15 high school students chosen from a four state area.

Robert Blake and Ashlie Gibbons, seniors at Oakwood Academy, have been accepted into the SHARP (Summer High School Apprenticeship in Research Program) at the Marshall Space Flight Center—NASA in Huntsville. They will be conducting experiments, completing research projects assigned to them and assisting in projects already in progress. Both students will be assigned to an engineer or scientist who will monitor their progress. At the end of the eight week program each student will prepare a formal report summarizing what they have done at Marshall. Past Oakwood Academy participants were Margo Cooper and Robert Watkins in 1980; Christopher Gibbons, Rodney McClellan and Audrey Robinson in 1981. The 1981 participants have been accepted into the Federal Research Apprenticeship Program at NASA. They will work at the Space Flight Center summers while attending college.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN RESEARCH PROGRAM

Margo Andrea Cooper, a 1981 Oakwood College Academy graduate and Westinghouse National Achievement Scholarship winner, was chosen to participate in the Bell Laboratories Summer Research Program in Murry Hill, New Jersey. Her research project dealt with studying properties of photoresis using lasers.

Miss Cooper, now a sophomore at Oakwood College and 1983 Truman Scholar nominee, has been offered scholarships to Vanderbilt University and the University of Wisconsin, where she will pursue a degree in chemical engineering.



President J. A. Edgecombe shakes hands with Mr. H. Loy Anderson, president of the Royal Trust Bank of Palm Beach County, a recent convert to Adventism.

BANK PRESIDENT JOINS SDA CHURCH

Mr. H. Loy Anderson, president of the Royal Trust Bank of Palm Beach County, Florida, was baptized on April 1, 1983 at the Ephesus church in West Palm Beach, Florida. His baptism came about through his governess, Ms. Alberta Illidge, a member of Ephesus, who consistently shared her faith with Mr. Anderson.

His baptism culminated two years of unceasing prayer on the part of Ms. Illidge and the church's prayer band. In fact, Ms. Illidge started the prayer band for the purpose of praying for Mr. Anderson and his family.

In 1982 at the invitation of Ms. Illidge, Mr. Anderson attended an evangelistic crusade conducted by Elder R. C. Connors. The following year he heard the gospel presented by evangelists Oscar Lane and Rod Perry. However, these evangelistic meetings at the Ephesus church closed without a decision from Mr. Anderson.

The Holy Spirit was still moving on the heart of Mr. Anderson. He continued to attend the church and joined Pastor Trevor Fraser's Bible class. Finally, on April 1, 1983, Mr. Anderson gave his heart to God and became a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Today Mr. Anderson is an active member of the Ephesus church. He serves on the church's communication committee and has given substantial support to the church's expansion program and newly established church school. When he served as president of the Red Cross Chapter of the Palm Beaches, he was instrumental in Pastor

Fraser's election to the board of directors for the Palm Beach chapter of the Red Cross.

Trevor Fraser
Correspondent



Annetta Wilson (left) accepting Community Service Award from Marcia Armstead.

PATMOS CHAPEL SALUTES WOMEN'S ROLE IN CHURCH GROWTH

Women's Day '83 activities were celebrated in the Patmos Chapel SDA church, Winter Park, Florida, with Eugene G. Armstead, Sr., pastor. The theme, "The Role of Women in Church Growth," was addressed during the 11 a.m. divine worship hour by Rosa Taylor Banks, Ed.D., assistant to the president at Oakwood College and director of Institutional Advancement and Planning for the college.

Special recognition was given to the two oldest female members of the church, Edna Joyner and Rebecca Lofton and also to the "mother" and one of the founders of Patmos Chapel, Mrs. Ernestine Mike. Mrs. Mike was a deaconess during the 25 years her husband Robert Mike, Sr. was head elder of the church. She has won several souls to the Advent message; has served as counselor and instructor in church decorum to many members over the years, and is greatly admired by the membership. Ernestine is the proud mother of eight children and 16 grandchildren. Four of her children reside in Orlando and are very active members in the Winter Park church and community.

The community service award was presented to Annetta Wilson of Seminole County, Orlando. Mrs. Wilson is an anchorwoman for WCPX-TV, Channel 6, in Orlando and is also producer and host of the station's black affairs program aired every Sunday morning. She was born and reared in Florida.



Dr. Rosa Taylor Banks addresses Patmos Chapel congregation.

The day's activities concluded with an afternoon musicale. Musicians included the Singing Evangeleers from Tampa, Florida, guest choir; Lorraine Armstead from Washington, D.C., guest soloist; Winifred Rivers, from Orlando, Florida, guest organist; and Elaine McKnight, pianist from Patmos Chapel.

Women's Day '83 was an occasion that renewed and enlightened the consciousness toward a united church mission and increased the church's financial standing by \$1,000 in free-will offerings. "We're glad that our church members support such programs promoting better relationships among our membership as well as within the community," remarked Marcia Armstead, coordinator of the Women's Day program.

Marcia Armstead
Correspondent

IN TRANSITION

Willie Taylor has been transferred to Miami Northside, Philadelphia and Perrine, Florida district.

W. C. Byrd replaces Taylor at the Ft. Lauderdale, Pompano and Dania, Florida district.

J. Harris is assigned to St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Sarasota, Florida district, replacing W. C. Byrd.

Calvin Robinson is transferred to the Tallahassee, Bainbridge, Quincy district, replacing J. Harris.

Roy Parham, the assistant pastor in Orlando, assumes C. Robinson's district of Daytona Beach and Deland, Florida.

Gerard Nozea is assigned to assist C. Wright in the growing Haitian work in Belleglade, Florida.

Cleveland Mair now assists Elder O. H. Paul in the Orlando, Kissimmee, North Orlando, Florida territory.



Education Day was sponsored at the Ephesus church in New Orleans, Sabbath, April 23, with James Ford, education superintendent, as guest speaker. To culminate the activities for this special occasion, a conference-wide spelling bee was held Saturday night. The members in the New Orleans area housed all the participants and their sponsors from out-of-town. First place winner Ronrico Cook, City Temple, Dallas; second place winner Tina Moore, Ephesus, New Orleans; third place winner Franklin Evans, City Temple, Dallas. Trophies were presented to the winners, and as a motivating influence, all those who were a part of the spelling bee received gifts. Professor Ford was overjoyed to have had such a successful program, and was appreciative of all who worked so diligently to make this program possible.

BETHEL MEMBERS DISTRIBUTE CHEESE

On March 17 members of the Bethel church's community service department were busy distributing 37,000 pounds of cheese, along with denominational literature.

L. R. Phillips, pastor of the Bethel church in Texarkana, Texas, believes that a church either lives or dies according to its outlook on literature. That afternoon a lady came into the church and was greeted by what she called the shock of her life. When she looked up, she saw a tract on the bulletin board entitled "Smoking and Your Mouth" that really caught her attention. She said that she wanted that tract and was told that the pastor would bring it to her.

Ms. Dixon visited the following week and started taking Bible studies. After completing the first one, she was asked by a member if she would like to come to

prayer meeting. After attending prayer meeting, she decided to start attending church weekly.

On Sabbath, May 7, Ms. Dixon took her stand for the truth and began preparing for baptism. Bethel has passed out more than 8,000 pieces of literature in the distribution of cheese.

Doris Jones
Reporter

FAITHFUL WITNESS SPARKS A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS

It was during the 1950s that a contact was made in Elgin, Texas, by Ms. L. J. Egleston. This dear soul, who has always loved children, would look for an entering wedge to teach them about Jesus. One bright day as she was strolling in the community looking for an opportunity to witness, she was attracted to two boys about the ages of seven and eight

playing in the yard. She talked with them and later began a Story Hour with these two boys and other children in the neighborhood. Then she met the parents, and they accepted studies and became a part of the Three Angels' Message. Several years have passed since this contact was made, and the family has multiplied and scattered across the country, engaged in different phases of the Lord's work.

Today, Ms. L. J. Egleston, who is 83 years young, is still an active member of the City Temple SDA church in Dallas, Texas. She not only sparked the Howard family, but she has lived a life of service and praise and she has touched scores of lives, influencing them for good. What a life to emulate and a pattern to duplicate. God bless you, Ms. Egleston, for your dedicated and faithful service in helping others.

Doris Jones, Reporter



The Raymond Howards—faithful members of the Seventh-day Adventist church as a direct result of Ms. L. J. Egleston.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



Dr. Sandra Price, Oakwood College, Business Education.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Teacher of the Year Award for 1982-1983 at Oakwood College was presented at commencement on June 5 to Dr. Sandra F. Price, head of the department of business education. Dr. Price has been at Oakwood for sixteen years during which she advanced from an instructor to associate professor, having completed studies for the doctor of education degree.

The award emphasizes classroom instruction, academic advising, professional expertise and commitment to the total college program. The selection was arrived at by a vote of junior and senior students and scored by a formula developed in the Office of Institutional Research so as to give every teacher a fair chance.

The administration endorsed the students' choice by virtue of the following accomplishments of Dr. Price:

During the 1982-1983 school year, Dr. Price served on eight different committees including the honors council, which she chairs. She continues to conduct workshops on campus for faculty and staff development in the area of computer literacy.

The SDA Business Education Association, as well as the General Conference, puter literacy and information systems management for the benefit of their workers.

As a result of a proposal written by Dr. Price, Oakwood received a five-year federal grant to develop a unique program in information systems management which is drawing the attention of numerous colleges and universities around the country.

Dr. Price was primarily responsible for Oakwood's participation in the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program for the first time. As a result, an Oakwood student received a \$20,000 award for a period of four years of study up to the master's degree.

Teachers are expected to do research and publish on a regular basis. Two publishers—McGraw-Hill and Wiley—have asked her to develop for publishing learning materials for information systems courses in addition to other works she has already developed in the area of business communications.

Dr. Price is loyal and cooperative and very much dedicated to the advancement of Oakwood College. In order to see the business program become stronger in its curriculum and faculty, Dr. Price willingly gave up the chairmanship of her department in a merger with the department of business administration.

Winners of this award over the past two years have included Pastor Henry Wright, Ronald Campbell, Frances Bliss and Dr. Bernard Benn. A period of five years must elapse before a teacher qualifies for the award a second time.

OAKWOOD STUDENT RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Wilma Tiger, a junior business administration major at Oakwood College, has been selected as a recipient of the pres-



Miss Wilma Tiger being presented Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholarship by Margaret Truman Daniels. Malcolm C. McCormack, executive secretary of the Scholarship Foundation, stands in background.

tigious Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholarship Award.

She was chosen from a selection process which involved hundreds of college students from every state in the union and all American territories. As a result of being a winner, she will receive a maximum scholarship of \$20,000 to cover her tuition and college expenses over the next four years.

The Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholarship was awarded this year to 104 candidates representing all 50 states and American territories. The awards ceremony took place at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Missouri. Presentations were made by Margaret Truman Daniels, daughter of the late 33rd president of the United States.

The award was established and funded by an act of the U. S. Congress in 1975 and it is given to prospective juniors who have the potential for outstanding leadership in government, and have exhibited a high standard in academics, as well as an active concern for politics and government in America.

Wilma was nominated for the scholarship by Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, where she resides.

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DIETARY AND NUTRITIONAL SERVICES MEET CHALLENGES OF TOMORROW

Dietary:

The Dietary Department at Victory Lake Nursing Center served 140,201 meals with 29,538.92 staff hours.

On December 1, 1982, Nutrition Management Services Company assumed responsibility for the food service operation. Our goals are to provide highly nutritious food items under a clean environment that is cost effective.

Goals for 1983:

1. To provide high quality food items that are desired by the residents of Victory Lake Nursing Center.
2. Implement Nutrition Management's food production system and controls.
3. Implement Nutrition Management's purchasing system and specifications to acquire the best possible product for the lowest possible price.
4. Implement a sound patient care program to fulfill the dietary commitment and need of the residents.
5. Rewrite and implement sanitation schedules in order to insure a clean and sanitary dietary department.

Nutrition:

Research studies have indicated that the average resident in a skilled nursing facility is 81 years old and will stay in the facility for two years and eight months. It was stated that 86% of the residents suffer from general debilitation and at least one chronic disease.¹ A list of frequent admitting diagnoses are as follows: Cardiac insufficiency, strokes, organic brain syndrome, diabetes and Parkinson's disease.

An aggressive approach to nutrition therapy has been suggested which can help prevent decubiti and aid in healing of



E. Viglione, Diet Manager, with B. Swanson, Dietician.

the same. Also, to provide adequate nutritional intake for an individual with swallowing difficulty takes careful planning and adequate follow-through.

At Victory Lake Nursing Center, attempts are being focused on an aggressive nutrition therapy program for 1983.

Toward the end of the year 1982, the Nutrition Management Service Company was hired to help maintain quality food service to residents and staff alike. New recipes, menu extension sheets and new menu cards were adopted to assure accuracy of meals.

A Certification Program was developed to test nutritional knowledge and practical knowledge necessary to perform tasks assigned to dietary workers. Most of the workers scored in the above average category.

The Dietary Quality Assurance Program was maintained throughout the year and included weekly test trays, plate waste studies and Health Care inspection check list monthly.

Regular and clinical menus are posted on all resident floors for the benefit of staff and residents alike.

Nutrition seminars were attended throughout the year.

The student from the Dutchess Community College successfully completed her externship program (February and March 1982) at the Victory Lake Nursing Center under the supervision of the dietitian on staff.

Goals for 1983:

The dietary staff at Victory Lake Nursing Center is working together taking a little extra time to document cost savings and improved patient outcome. For example: progression of diets. A pureed diet costs less than 1/2 as much as a tube feeding formula. Also under consideration is the cost of laxatives and stool softeners as compared with the cost of buying whole wheat bread and the adding of bran to certain foods.

It is our aim to continue to provide optimal nutrition to the residents by providing less restrictive therapeutic diet regimens to those residents who are able to tolerate the same.

Working closely with the medical staff, nursing staff and other disciplines remains ongoing for the benefit of all concerned.

The dietetic technology student program with Dutchess Community College will be continued.

Having the dietary workers become efficient and effective workers in all areas of the Dietary Department, through adequate supervision and inservice training, are just some of the goals of the clinical dietary staff for the year 1983.

Respectfully submitted

Erin Viglione
Food Service Manager
Betty Swanson, ADA, R.D.
Clinical Dietitian

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IN THE NEWS



Miami Beach church organized January 1983. Thirty members swelled to 65 in July. In the rear, president J. A. Edgcombe, Israel Leito, youth director for the Inter-American Division, and Pastors C. Vento and F. Cervera.

NEWS NOTES FROM NORTHEASTERN

The South Brooklyn SDA church, Brooklyn, New York, held its Vacation Bible School on July 18-30 under the leadership of Mary Clement and her co-workers A. Dickerson, M. Wells, K. Lewis, J. Smith, M. McCoy, P. Watson, H. Emery, I. Ferguson, M. Colley, M. Allen and B. Johnson, who worked diligently to instill within the hearts and minds of the young people a true love for Christ. VBS graduation exercises were held at the close on July 30. A well planned and executed children's program consisting of songs, skits, poems and recitations was presented. Ninety-five percent of the children who attended VBS were non-Adventist. After graduation services, refreshments were served in the lower auditorium where parents and friends had an opportunity to view the arts and crafts made by the children.

Mary A. Gborkorquellie
Correspondent

NEWS NOTES OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Oakwood College (AL), having just completed its fourth year in the Bush Foundation's alumni fund challenge grant program, raised \$79,700 from 24.3 percent of the 5,300 alumni during the 1982-83 fiscal year. This qualifies Oakwood, one of seven historically black colleges receiving Bush challenge grants this year, for \$26,000 from the foundation.



Southeastern Conference has just completed a 3 bedroom, 2 car garage house in Hawthorne, Florida for Jasper Dawkins, campground superintendent. This beautifully appointed residence was built for \$55,000. Office space has been provided for all matters dealing with the campground activities. Frankie and Jasper Dawkins in front of new home.

The Bush Foundation has given Oakwood College \$132,000 since it became part of the challenge effort in 1979, reports Fred Pullins, director of alumni affairs. Oakwood alumni have increased their giving from \$11,000 in 1978-79, when only 5 percent were contributing to the annual fund. Next year's goal is to raise \$91,000 from 26 percent of the alumni.

NEWS NOTES LAKE REGION

HAUGHVILLE MISSION ORGANIZES OUTREACH

Members of the recently organized Haughville mission in Indianapolis, Indiana, are proud to report their involvement in an outreach program.

They have gone into the neighborhood around their church and enrolled 58 people in Bible study programs. The church is preparing for a summer tent effort.

The Haughville mission also held a flea market and bake sale to raise money for the purchase of a church van. The van will be used in the outreach program.

NEWS NOTES ALLEGHENY EAST

"REAL TRUTH" WORKS AT WEST PHILADELPHIA

West Philadelphia's Bible workers reached out into the nearby lanes and rowhouses to gather another class for the Real Truth Bible Course.

On June 25th they graduated 41 people, which is one-tenth of the church

membership, and then put three of them in the baptismal pool. This so moved one witness that she decided that she too had to know Jesus and is now studying to follow their lead. Additionally, one student found the strength to overcome tobacco.

Especially commendable for her efforts was Julia May, a Bible worker student, who taught herself the Real Truth course, recruited eleven neighbors as her students, and then managed to get them up on Sunday mornings at eight o'clock for her branch class!

The highways and byways of Philadelphia are yet teeming with lost souls. West is spreading a net to save them.

WIELDERS SHARPEN SCYTHES

Filmstrips on doctrines of the church have grabbed the attention of many members of the West Philadelphia church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with both living color and sound.

Originally starting with a two-part film on the life of Ellen G. White as a method of enlivening the Monday evening Bible worker's training class, they drew so many other interested church members that it was decided to have them nearly every week.

A short series on doctrines will lead into a longer set of 30. When this is finished, an illustrated study of Daniel and Revelation will begin and extend through the summer as members come out and pack the church on weeknights!

A second section had to be added to accommodate the interest. The first and original section taught techniques on sharing our beliefs with others. The new

one follows up with the doctrines to communicate to them. These doctrines are vividly displayed on easy-to-see filmstrips. Unfortunately, fear of overcrowding prevented issuing a wider invitation.

After the viewing, our distinctive beliefs are reviewed via discussion, which is stimulated by a quiz that also aids in reinforcing the film contents. Explanations of why we hold to them strengthens faith. Supporting the Scriptures may chase any lingering doubts and teach rebuttals to share with those who challenge our strange-seeming Biblical practices. Can you give a text to explain why Sunday is not a memorial of Christ's resurrection? (Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21)

Mark Frog Harris
Communication Secretary

NEWS NOTES SOUTHWEST REGION



L. D. Henderson baptized 25 souls for the first quarter, which makes him the number one soul winner. He stands with three of his new converts: Debra Walker, Vernell Spiller and Frances Whitehurst. Frances has been witnessing on her job and is excited about her new found faith.



Elder L. R. Phillips, pastor of the Bethel SDA church, Texarkana, Texas, worked in cooperation with the Sharon SDA church, Lake Charles, Louisiana, to put SDA books in all the libraries in the district.

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5:28

1,000 DAYS OF REAPING PAY OFF

When the pastors and workers of the conference came together at the end of May, the baptismal report for the year thus far stood at 805, and summer crusades had not yet begun.

At the time of campmeeting, Pastor M. E. Joiner had some of the soul-winners share with members some of the fruits and blessings in soul-winning. Thrilling reports were given by Pastor A. C. Jenkins and his wife of Jasper, Alabama, with three baptisms; Pastor Robert Edwards of Owensboro, Kentucky, where more than twenty people have begun to attend the services each Sabbath (some were attending the campmeeting); Dr. T. L. Hemingway had Pastor A. Hall (a former Baptist minister) give his convictions on joining the church; church elder C. Armour presented a husband and wife who are now rejoicing in the church fellowship; Pastor V. L. Brooks and J. Jenkins introduced Pastor A. Porter (another former Baptist minister), who was baptized into the church earlier this year; Pastor S. J. Jackson told of the more than 400 souls baptized in Huntsville, Alabama, during the spring. A new congregation has been organized there.

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