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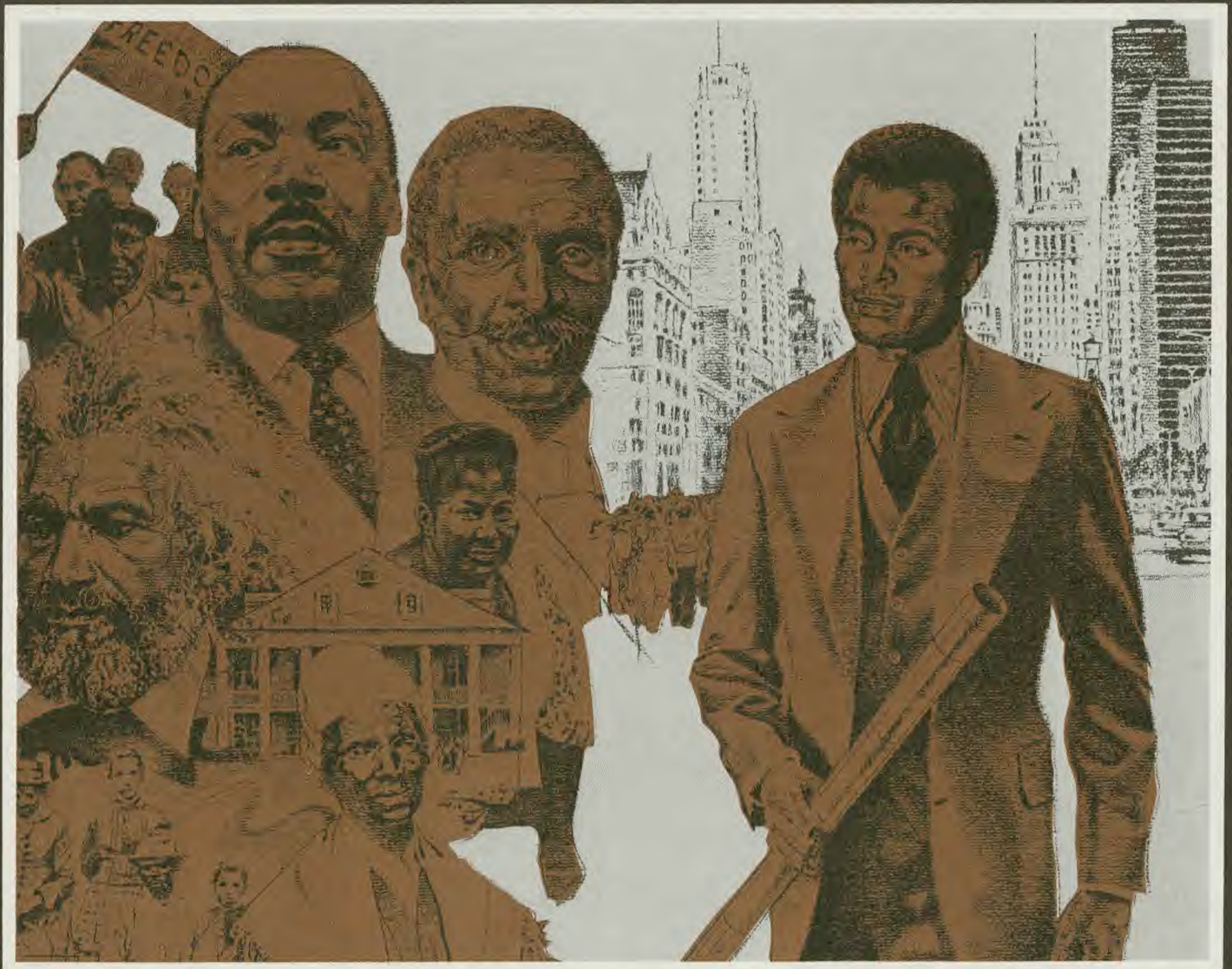
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By Edna Lett Williamson

BLACK HISTORY OBSERVANCE MARKS 58TH ANNIVERSARY

Some may ask the question, "Why black history observances?" My answer to them is, "Lest we forget."

It is fitting and proper that we acknowledge a "giant" in preserving our ethnic legacies in black history. He is the late scholar, teacher and historian, Carter G. Woodson.

Dr. Woodson was one of nine children born to slave parents. From this humble beginning, and working later in the coal mines of Virginia and West Virginia, he refused to be circumscribed by the bigotry of the racial discrimination of society.

He graduated from Douglass High School in Huntington, Virginia, attended Berea College in Kentucky, received a baccalaureate degree from the University of Chicago, studied at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, and earned a Ph.D. degree in 1912 from Harvard University.

His philosophy was, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." His life and work proved him to be a discoverer of truth, a contributor to truth, an organizer of truth, a disseminator of truth and a defender of truth.

This was reflected in his publications: *The Journal of Negro History*, *The Negro History Bulletin*, posters, Negro History Week kits and "The Mis-education of the Negro." He further established this fact in 1915, when he started the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. In 1926 he inaugurated Negro History

Week, which grew into February being designated as Black History Month.

Woodson was convinced that blacks needed to understand their history in order to appreciate their freedom and advancement. He was also convinced that white people and society in general needed to know this even more if they were to come to equitable terms with the growing black minority in their midst.

Despite what we seem to observe among some hopeless black youth today, there is a larger number of blacks who refuse to be beaten by an oppressive system. Minority enrollment in community colleges, four-year colleges and trade and technical schools prove we are still building steadily on hopes and dreams. Yes, the progress and advancement of blacks today refute the old cliché. We have reversed it and are making "silk purses from pigs' ears."

If the history of blacks in America had been included and truthfully portrayed in our textbooks in an equitable fashion with other ethnic contributions to society, there would be no need to set aside time each year to reflect on and appreciate the culture, history and contributions of America's largest minority.

This annual observance is not without pain as we critically look at our history. Agony, broken family ties, lynchings, disfranchisement, chains of slavery, poverty, shattered lives and inadequate educational preparation have all been part of our history. However, hope, courage and the determination to survive and succeed have superseded the discomforts. But, lest we forget, take time to review:

The conditions of the slave auctions in early America.

The Dred Scott Decision.

The Civil War.

The Emancipation Proclamation.

The Reconstruction Era.

The "separate but equal" philosophy of education.

The establishment, contributions and survival of black colleges.

The saga of the Ku Klux Klan.

The postwar riots.

The freedom riders of the '60's.

The marches for economic and social equality.

The biographies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and Paul Robeson.

The story of Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine.

All these and much more can be found in the Schomburg Center for Re-

search in Black Culture in New York City on Lenox Avenue (between 135th and 136th streets). Wendall Wray, curator, manages a national treasure of 75,000 volumes, 20,000 reels of microfilm, 1,000 rare books, 60,000 photographs, 5,000 oral history records, 10,000 recordings, 300 videotapes, 200 motion pictures, radio programs, clippings, art, artifacts, special studies, research notes, archival records and manuscripts.

Indeed, Black History Month gives us an opportunity to look back on what we have done, reflect on what we are doing, and consider what we must do to cope with the present and prepare for the future.

Review and remember the contributions of our "all-stars:"

The United Negro College Fund, Inc. (U.N.C.F.).

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.).

National Council of Negro Women (N.C.N.W.).

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (S.C.L.C.).

The Urban League.

The Legal Defense Fund.

People United to Save Humanity (P.U.S.H.).

American Black Achievement Awards (Ebony).

Then consider a partial list of our national heroes and heroines:

W. E. B. DuBois

Booker T. Washington

Alain Locke

Frederick Douglass

Paul Lawrence Dunbar

George Washington Carver

James Weldon Johnson

Marcus Garvey

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thurgood Marshall

Ralphe Bunche

Whitney Young

Roy Wilkins

Walter White

Jesse Jackson

Langston Hughes

Adam Clayton Powell

Malcolm X

Vernon Jordan

Rayford Logan

Carter G. Woodson

A. Phillip Randolph

Paul Robeson

John Hope

Benjamin Mays

Frederick Patterson

Medgar Evers

Major M. Delaney

Norbert Rillieux

Jon Matzelter

Matthew Henson
 R. Nathaniel Dett
 Judge Hastie
 Robert Weaver
 Clifford Wharton
 John Johnson
 Benjamin Banneker
 Julian Bond
 Lester B. Granger
 Dr. Hale Williams
 Dr. Charles Drew
 Granville Woods
 Nat Turner
 Hiram Revels
 Elijah McCoy
 William G. Still
 John Russwurm
 Benjamin Davis, Jr.
 Col. Charles Young
 Jerome Holland
 Fritz Pollard
 Henry Tanner
 Joe Louis
 Jesse Owens
 Ralph Metcalfe
 Eddie Tolan
 Jackie Robinson
 W. C. Handy
 Satchell Paige
 Roland Hayes
 Henry Flipper
 James Meredith
 Arthur Ashe
 Louis Armstrong
 Duke Ellington
 Mordecai Johnson
 Andrew Young
 Leroy Bennett, Jr.
 John Murphy
 Rev. Leon Sullivan
 Sidney Poitier
 Harry Belafonte
 Alex Haley
 Sammy Davis, Jr.
 Muhammad Ali
 Stevie Wonder
 Christopher Edley
 Harriett Tubman
 Sojourner Truth
 Phyllis Wheatley
 Mary Church Terrell
 Nannie Burroughs
 Charlotte Hawkins Brown
 Mary B. Talbert
 Mary McLeod Bethune
 Dorothy Height
 Constance Baker Motley
 Patricia Harris
 Gwendolyn Brooks
 Marian Anderson
 Leontyne Price
 Althea Gibson
 Wilma Rudolph
 Madame Walker
 Lena Horne
 Fannie Lou Hamer
 Dorothy Manor
 Ethel Waters
 Carol Taylor
 Eva B. Dykes
 Merze Tate
 Barbara Jordan
 Cicely Tyson
 Coretta King
 Margaret Bush Wilson
 Eleanor Holmes Norton

Rosa Parks
 Shirley Chisholm
 Mary Johnson Lowe

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland

“JINGLE BELLS!”

From Thanksgiving to Easter, western man experiences more joy and less peace than at any other time of the year. Thanksgiving is a strictly American tradition, while Christmas and Easter are world concerns. Thanksgiving celebrates the founding of our nation and its bounties, while Christmas commemorates the birth of our Lord and Easter celebrates His resurrection. All three are worthy of our fullest participation.

As to Thanksgiving, we may rejoice as citizens of a nation that has made available *so much* for *so many* in so short a time. Christians everywhere owe their lives to the coming of Christ in history as the “Word made flesh” and that *He lives*, having died for our sins, is the mainspring of our faith. It is understandable, therefore, that in our celebration we encourage the bells to “jingle all the way.”

Notwithstanding all of this, there is a growing feeling that man's preoccupation with *persons*, *places* and *things* have long ago eclipsed the true meaning of all three celebrations. Further, so many have so little with which, and for which, to celebrate that these seasons are often the source of great sadness. It is not by accident that the suicide rate soars during these seasons. One factor contributing to this situation is the notion that *peace* and *plenty* are related. This picture is punctured by the fact that so many rich are miserable and so many poor are happy. The Christian, whether

rich or poor, has learned that peace is the presence of Christ in the life and that neither joy nor peace is seasonal. Of the *whole year*, the Christian sings, “’Tis the season to be jolly.”

Turkeys, Santa Claus, rabbits and boiled eggs have stolen the show. Tinsel, trees, presents and multi-colored lights charm the senses. Men sing tunes un-mindful of their words as carols spur the buying. Words, words, words from the lips of a people who are neither thankful nor peaceful. For the “in-between,” the rat-race continues and “caring” has, in the main, gone out of style. Non-involvement is the trademark of our culture. The involved make news since they are so rare, and quite a few who are have tax-break realities in mind. The truth is that genuine peace is possible only to those who give with no expectation of return, tax-break or none.

For the eight and one-half million unemployed Americans, ‘Tis *not* the season to be jolly. Many of these are veterans of foreign wars who risked their lives to protect the jobs we hold and returned to find none for themselves.

Others are so-called “unemployables,” men and women with no particular skills. They cannot even sing the “Tra-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.” Why? Many of the job-training programs that would have qualified them for the job market no longer exist. They were abolished in the name of “balancing the budget.” It is the old political trick of balancing the budget on the backs of the poor.

It was recently openly stated that between eight and ten percent unemployment was necessary to “keep down inflation.” Blacks, Hispanics and poor whites are the hardest hit under this plan. The by-products of this policy are predictable: more prisons, larger law-enforcement forces and proliferating crime. Someone in power ought to think about this. Those most devastated by “middle-age economics” would send this message to Washington: “*High inflation and more jobs beat low inflation and no jobs.*” A change here would enable the excluded to sing, “Bells of Bob-tail ring, making spirits bright.”

For black Seventh-day Adventists there are real reasons for growing optimism. The newly formed Southeastern and South Atlantic conferences are growing numerically and prospering financially. An increasing number of Hispanics and whites are joining our communions. Korean and Hispanic pas-

tors in increased numbers are joining our workforce, and blacks join white congregations as far south as Georgia and Florida.

However, the most heartening fact is the knowledge that regional conferences have succeeded! We are legitimate—a constitutional part of the whole. We are not an expedient but a natural product of phenomenal growth. Our presidents and regional department secretaries sit on boards of management because they are presidents and secretaries. This is integration with equality. We have our conferences. We have *Message* magazine. We have Oakwood with a multiracial faculty. We have our academies and elementary school system.

These black-controlled institutions exist for the natural reason that large black populations exist and nothing else can or will reach out to them. As I pen these words, I am sitting in an abandoned Jewish synagogue, sold to our largely black congregation in Hartford, Connecticut. Why have the Jews fled? For the same reason the other white churches flee: The neighborhood has turned black. Only black institutions can or will reach these judgment-bound souls with black skin.

Since "integration" the black principal has disappeared and thousands of black teachers have had to find other jobs. "Busing" has been *one way* out of the ghetto. Few whites are bused in. Integration has come to mean *us* joining *them*, seldom *them* joining *us*. This policy would strip the black community of all black-controlled institutions. Psychologically, this would give us, as it does some integrated blacks, an identity crisis. With no black father-figure, blacks would naturally assume an inferiority complex stance.

Some blacks are embarrassed when asked to explain the black institution. For me, this is no problem. It is the natural result of growth and financial capability. When a child reaches adulthood, he should be "on his own." Also, if a white institution need not be explained, why should a black one? Further, segregation exists when there is exclusion. Only when one is denied access may a group be termed "segregated." Black Adventist conferences are *open to all!* By church law, so are white ones. In fact, most of our white churches have black members. The black institution says, however, "We have something to offer

whites. Join us. You are welcome." For this we are thankful, and in this spirit may the bells of Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter "jingle all the way."

E. E. Cleveland



Aaron N. Brogden.

THEY ALSO SERVE: A PROFILE OF LEADERSHIP

Picturesque New England has played a significant role in the shaping of this nation, and also in the historic beginning of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Lancaster is a small New England village with a past dating back to colonial days and Indian attacks. Many of the pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church lived and worked in Lancaster, and here much of the denominational work began.

Here the Vigilant Missionary Society was organized, which later developed into the Book and Bible House and Lay Activities Department. From Lancaster the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary, J. N. Andrews, went overseas, and in 1899 the General Conference convened here.

In 1882 Stephen Haskell called an important meeting, which resulted in the founding of New England's first church school. This school became South Lancaster Academy in 1883. In 1918 it became a junior college and, in 1922, Atlantic Union College, the oldest Seventh-day Adventist college still on its original site.

The Atlantic Union of Seventh-day Adventists, composed of six local conferences, is the area office that gives direction to the Seventh-day Adventist churches, a college and three hospitals

in the northeastern states and Bermuda. The six local conferences are: Bermuda, Greater New York, New York, Northeastern, Northern New England and Southern New England.

The office is headquarters for the union officers and departmental men and their secretaries. The union officers also give direction to the medical institutions, elementary schools, boarding and day academies, office staff and ministerial workers in the local conferences.

In 1971 Aaron N. Brogden, then secretary-treasurer of the newly formed Allegheny West Conference, was called to serve as secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference. Quietly, efficiently, he has given leadership as an officer serving the entire constituency in his multi-faceted responsibilities.

Pastor Brogden is quite meticulous and conscientious in the office. He brings to the various institutional boards and committees a reservoir of wise counsel and keen insight based on broad experience. He is equally at home when preaching to a tiny mission group of new believers or when speaking at the college commencement weekend to the graduating class.

From October 22 until mid-December in 1983, the union president, Earl Amundson, left the United States for an extended itinerary on the continent of Africa. The president directed the officers to oversee the work of the union in his absence and requested Pastor Brogden to assume the chair. The job was well done. To be involved with men whose one goal is the advancement of the Kingdom of God is a tremendous experience.

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The Editor's Desk

WISDOM UNDER OUR FEET

by Fred A. Pullins, Associate Director,
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As a young child, seeing a colony of ants busy at their work always arrested my attention. In fact, I grew so fond of my little insect friends that I decided to disregard repeated warnings and sit among them to become closer acquainted. My too-close encounter will forever be a painfully vivid scenario in my memory. I have now forgiven my irritable friends for misunderstanding my innocent intentions. However, I have since learned to appreciate them from afar.

King Solomon must have also been impressed by the ant. Perhaps the insight he gleaned from studying them was a major pillow that added strength to his vast storehouse of wisdom. Was he divulging the priceless formula of his intellectual and managerial acumen when he penned, "Look to the ant—consider her ways and be wise" (Proverbs 6:6). I choose to believe a great deal of his ability can be attributed to the

tutelage of a hill of ants.

One characteristic attribute of ants is togetherness. Have you watched a troop of ants dismantle and transport an object that, from a human perspective, would seem an impossible dream. However, they turn your doubt and disbelief into astonishment by demonstrating that accomplishing the impossible is just another day's work. Is this what Solomon is trying to tell God's people through his admonishment to look, consider and be wise?

Oakwood College, like most private educational institutions, is being severely buffeted by our restless economy. A major portion of our students come from homes that are considered low income. Unemployment is nearly 50 percent for black youth. Consequently, Oakwood is being besieged by young people who want a Christ-centered education but don't have the means or the hope of realizing their quest.

Please make Oakwood College a part of your giving. Oakwood is the special place where God has chosen to educate our children to serve in His finishing work.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Feb. 24	Mar. 2	9	16
Boston, Mass.	5:28	5:35	5:43	5:52
New York City	5:39	5:46	5:54	6:02
Buffalo, N.Y.	5:58	6:05	6:14	6:22
Atlanta, Ga.	6:30	6:35	6:41	6:46
Miami, Fla.	6:20	6:23	6:27	6:30
Charlotte, N.C.	6:15	6:20	6:26	6:32
Birmingham, Ala.	5:39	5:44	5:50	5:55
Jackson, Miss.	5:54	5:59	6:04	6:09
Memphis, Tenn.	5:51	5:56	6:03	6:08
Louisville, Ky.	6:31	6:37	6:44	6:51
Detroit, Mich.	6:17	6:24	6:33	6:41
Chicago, Ill.	5:35	5:42	5:50	5:58
South Bend, Indiana	6:29	6:37	6:45	6:53
Minneapolis, Minn.	5:53	6:02	6:11	6:20
St. Louis, Mo.	5:48	5:55	6:02	6:09
Kansas City, Mo.	6:05	6:12	6:19	6:26
Denver, Co.	5:47	5:53	6:00	6:08
Little Rock, Ark.	6:00	6:05	6:11	6:17
Dallas, Texas	6:20	6:25	6:31	6:36
New Orleans, La.	5:56	6:00	6:05	6:09
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:57	6:03	6:09	6:15
Oklahoma City, Okla.	6:21	6:26	6:33	6:39

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

ALLEGHENY EAST



A frontal view of "the church that God built."

THE CHURCH THAT GOD BUILT

Sabbath, July 23, marked the ceremonial fulfillment of answered prayer—a dream come true—for friends and members of the Breath of Life church family of Fort Washington, Maryland. That day marked the commencement of the grand opening week of celebration designed to honor God for the newly constructed church home.

From hundreds of miles, and from around the corner, more than 700 members and well-wishers converged to rejoice, share sweet fellowship and glorify divinity for "The Church That God Built."

The sentiment, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done," emerged as the overriding theme of each service. Guest speakers and special guests included M. C. Van Putten (Allegheny East Conference president), C. D. Brooks (evangelistic father of the congregation),

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Is there a small group of Seventh-day Adventists who have land but have been unable to build a church building because of lack of funds? If so, and you are located within 1000 miles of Lafayette, Indiana, perhaps a group that I belong to can help you build a small building. For details write: Otis Rupright, 6101 St. Rd. 43 N.W., Lafayette, Indiana 47906.

Dr. Jerry Moore (pastor of 19th Street Baptist Church), David McCottry, Robert L. Willis, William Taliaferro, W. A. Cheatham, Richard Barron, the Ebenezer church choir from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Dupont Park Male and Female Chorus and others.

The journey to July of 1983 was punctuated with overwhelming evidence of the direct intervention of God. The property was acquired at a very low price. In 1981, when fund-raising needed a boost, God sent a \$100,000 matching challenge which the church met—bringing \$200,000 into the building fund in just ten months. Construction commenced in November of 1982, during the winter predicted to be the most bitter on record. Instead, the winter proved to be one of the mildest in memory and the building was ready for occupancy in June of 1983.

The congregation, born in December of 1978 as a result of a Breath of Life crusade conducted by Pastor C. D. Brooks with 139 charter members, is grateful to God for His gift of 20,500 square feet of church housing situated on twenty prime acres in "evangelistic ripe" southern Prince George's County, Maryland.

The body of believers of Breath of Life is grateful to God for its faithful self and all who have contributed toward the placing of His milestone. Special gratitude is offered to the Dupont Park and 19th Street Baptist churches, which gave shelter when it was most needed.

May this church building and church body ever stand as a memorial to what God will do in answer to the prayer of faith. The present membership stands at 440.

J. Alfred Johnson, II
Pastor-Facilitator

HUNDREDS TO BE BAPTIZED FROM TENT GIFT

An Allegheny East Conference tent was used in successful evangelism in Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa. A 40' x 60' tent, which was originally used to house the youth services during Allegheny East Conference camp meetings, was donated to the Western Africa Division for their evangelistic use.

The tent arrived just two days before the meetings were due to start. Despite the fact that it was a gift, custom officials in Africa gave our workers some

problems by insisting on sales tax and duty. H. A. Cartwright, ministerial secretary for the Eastern Africa Division, had them place a local value on the tent in order to make the necessary monetary arrangements.

The people came to the tent despite rain, winds and small damage to the tent. Pastor Cartwright writes the following in his letter: "Our mass meeting will come to a close on November 5. On that Sabbath, we are hoping that we will be able to baptize between 500 and 800 persons."

Allegheny East Conference officials feel blessed for sharing in "remote evangelism."



Pastor William Hall.

WEEK OF PRAYER: OUTSTANDING!

During the week of October 24 William Hall, pastor of the Sharon Temple church in Wilmington, Delaware, was "on loan" to the Larchwood School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for its fall week of prayer. Students in grades K-8 and staff members were blessed as a result of this spiritual week.

The boys and girls will long remember the lessons gleaned from messages such as "Dead-end Street," "Thoughts, Language and Deeds" and "House Building." A special added feature came Thursday, when Pastor Hall held us spellbound as he played "We Shall Behold Him" on his flute. (All band members were encouraged to practice just a wee bit longer.)

Ronald C. Williams, principal of Larchwood, received these comments from students: "Great," "Best week of prayer we've had," and "Dynamite." From the very first day until the last, the atmosphere was charged with worship. The students were orderly and attentive and received praise each day from Williams and Hall for their behavior.

Ronald C. Williams



Marjorie Morgan, principal of Trinity Temple Academy, addresses the congregation.

TRINITY TEMPLE SPONSORS COMMUNITY RELATIONS DAY

The Trinity Temple church of Newark, New Jersey, observed Community Relations Day on October 15.

Pastor W. C. Scales, Jr., was the guest speaker, using as his topic, "Making the Most of Our Time."

Four persons were honored for their outstanding citizenship and community work.

Newark's central ward councilman, George Branch, has given 30 years of service to the ward. Branch was instrumental in reopening the recently rehabilitated Hayes West Part Pool. This important facility was an essential part of the community's recreational program.

Rebecca Doggett Andrade is the director of the Department of Citizen Services for Essex County. This department covers a wide range of community services.

Donnie Harper is the director of the 250-voice gospel choir composed of members of numerous Christian denominations residing in New Jersey. One member commutes to rehearsals from Philadelphia.

Associate Pastor Robert Woods is chaplain of the Kenneth A. Gibson Association. (Gibson is the mayor of Newark.) He is a next-door neighbor of the Trinity Temple church and has served as a crime watcher.

The program was organized by Connie Hood. Alvin Kibble is the pastor.

Connie M. Hood
Communication Secretary

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For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from law and sin and death.

Romans 8:2



S. H. Cox

STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL

Dear Co-worker:

"Striving Together for the Faith of the Gospel" is our conference theme for 1984.

Two small Indian brothers were sent by the tribal shaman to learn to use their bows and arrows without prior instruction or guidance.

One lad proceeded to fire away indiscriminately, with closed eyes and an expression of anguish, in every conceivable direction. It apparently did not occur to him that one arrow might have any relationship with another.

The other, younger boy deliberated for a time and then arranged, within a reasonable distance, a series of objects. When they were placed to his satisfaction, he began to fire his arrows methodically and continuously at one "target" after another, retrieving his arrows as they were expended, and carrying on with his practice hour after hour, day after day, and week after week.

What think ye? Which lad became the more effective in the use of his weapon?

May we then propose that we would do well to establish realistic "targets" for the exercise of our spiritual efforts? We are calling to your attention the basic requirements of "Striving Together for the Faith of the Gospel," for it seems to us that this could well be adapted as a "targeting" device for all of us. Consider the following in 1984:

"Striving Together" calls for each church pastor to organize his elders, deacons and deaconesses into a lay shepherding plan to make sure that each member is accounted for and cared for.

"Striving Together" 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. An 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.

"Striving Together" is a call for every church member to receive an 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.

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

"Striving Together" calls for each church to finish its 1984 planning by February 15.

"Striving Together" means public evangelism. Every 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 1984. We expect at least two lay meetings.

"Let Us Strive Together for the Faith of the Gospel," prayerfully and diligently to have all of our churches fully committed to functioning as effectively as possible in kingdom building.

Your brother in Christ,
S. Haywood Cox, President

LAKE REGION

HARRIS HONORED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

Cornelius Harris was given a plaque at the recent Lake Region officers' meeting for his outstanding and dedicated service as treasurer of the Shiloh church in Chicago.

Harris, who served as treasurer for 25 years, was congratulated by Charles Joseph, president, as Richard Brown, conference secretary, looked on.



PARTRIDGE VISITS SHILOH ACADEMY

Gaines R. Partridge, acting academic dean for Loma Linda University, recently spent a day at Shiloh Academy in Chicago.

Dr. Partridge is devoting some of his personal time to make visits to academies and give students vital information they will need as they make plans and preparations to enter professional schools.

EIGHT BAPTIZED AFTER BIBLE SEMINAR

After a recent Straight Answers Bible Course seminar that lasted for three weeks, eight people were received as candidates for baptism and one for rebaptism.

Members from the church went into the community each week to give Bible studies. Visual instructions were used nightly to emphasize the messages presented by Robert L. Smith, pastor.

Attendance at the seminars was good. Many more people from the community are studying the Straight Answers Bible Course and receiving help from church Bible instructors.

More than twenty people united with the Salem church in Waukegan during the year of 1983.

Roxie Ivy
Communication Secretary

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Gossip is a dainty morsel eaten with great relish.

Proverbs 26:22



Pictured from left: Juan Leon, evangelist in the St. Anne crusade; Delitha Boyd, a newly baptized member; and Edward Avinger, pastor.

**FORTY-FIVE MEMBERS
ADDED TO ST. ANNE CHURCH**

According to the Spirit of Prophecy, God is calling for a revival in these last days. A revival certainly has come to the rural area of St. Anne, Illinois, which is located about 60 miles south of metropolitan Chicago.

A four-week evangelistic crusade was held at the Ephesus church by Juan Leon, evangelist, and his crusade team.

The church was filled each night when people from the community came to hear the word of God spoken at the United for Life Crusade.

During the crusade, visitors could be seen taking notes on the sermons. They were admonished to "study to show themselves approved. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth."

Forty-five new members were added to the church through baptism at the end of the crusade.

Twenty-five other people received the United for Life Crusade award for attending the evangelistic crusade for fourteen nights.

Sarah Ann Foster
Communication Secretary

**EPHESUS DUET
DELIGHTS MEMBERS**

Two young members of the Ephesus church in Marion, Indiana, thrilled the hearts of their parents and church members when they sang a duet during a recent Sabbath service.

Tedra Rowe, ten years old, and Chrissy Washington, eight years old, are students at the First SDA Church School in Marion. According to James Bradford, communication secretary, these girls enjoy their school, where they spend much of their time studying God's word

and learning new songs they'll be able to present together in church.

Tedra and Chrissy were baptized this past summer into the Marion church, along with their parents, Lonnie and Annie Rowe and Frank and Elaine Washington.

James Buford reports that senior members of the church are happy about the participation of Chrissy and Tedra as they sing their duets.



Carmelita Richardson.

**OUTSTANDING TEACHER
HONORED**

The United Ladies Society of Chicago recently honored Carmelita Richardson for her dedicated service as a teacher at Shiloh Academy since 1977.

Richardson is an outstanding teacher. She is loved and respected by her students and fellow teachers. Her example in punctuality and nearly perfect attendance is admired by the school administration.

The teacher of the eighth grade, she works diligently with Shiloh's yearbook staff by raising funds and supervising the production of the yearbook. She is a teacher, according to Principal Ivan Van Lang, who does more than is expected of her.

Richardson's hobbies include sewing, cooking and singing. She is a member of the Straford Memorial church in Chicago.

**ST. PAUL CHURCH
HONORS SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Sabbath school department in the St. Paul, Minnesota, church recently paid tribute to its senior citizens. Honored guests had to be at least 70 years old. Visitors came from all over the community.



Eric Dillett, a retired minister from the Lake Region Conference, is pictured with senior citizens who were guests for Senior Citizens Day at the St. Paul, Minnesota, church. Dillett was guest speaker for the occasion.

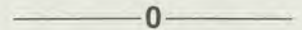
Guest speaker for this very special day was Eric Dillett, a retired minister from the Lake Region Conference.

Senior citizens were brought to church in wheelchairs, walking with the assistance of a walker, or walking on their own. They were assisted by members of the board of deacons and other members of the St. Paul church who went to their homes to pick them up.

Each senior visitor was presented with a corsage. The eldest senior was given a special gift.

After the divine worship service, the senior citizens were served a beautiful dinner. During this time they were able to fellowship with other members they had not seen in years and also with the guest speaker, Pastor Dillett.

This Senior Citizens Day will long be remembered by the guests and other members of the church. Members were made aware of how important it is to maintain contact with senior members who are not able to attend church on a regular basis. They also realized the importance of becoming acquainted with other senior citizens in the community.



Pretty words may hide a wicked heart, just as a pretty glaze covers a common clay pot.

Proverbs 26:23

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The ladies ensemble that performed during the worship service of the Women's Day program at the Ebenezer church.

EBENEZER'S FIRST WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Blue and white were the illuminating colors for the Ebenezer church in Freeport, New York, at its first Women's Day celebration on November 19, 1983. All women of the church were dressed in these beautiful colors. A red, white and blue sign suspended in front of the church set the theme for the day, "Christian Women on the Move."

The entire program was orchestrated and performed by women. At 9:30 a.m., with an already packed church, song service was beautifully directed by Icilda Mitchell. Pat Flynnwitter, the acting Sabbath school superintendent for the day, presented a program that was uplifting. Gwyneth Jackson presented the personal ministries emphasis on "The Role of Women in Old Testament Times and the Role of Women Today."

A ladies' ensemble under the able leadership of Juanita Champen sang for the divine worship. The speaker for the hour was Dr. Jessie Bradley, educator, instructor and woman of God. The title of her sermon was "I Walked in Your Footsteps." She admonished the congregation to set the right examples in dress, speech and behavior for their children and other children of the church.

The afternoon program was entitled, "The Role of Women in the Advent Movement," and featured four prominent Adventist women: Juanita Kretchmer, Ms. Baptiste, Joycelyn Johnson and Dr. Jessie Bradley. The talented women of Ebenezer interspersed the program with special music and poems about women.

Women's Day was the dream of Ebenezer's head deaconess, Ophelia Goldwirw. It was a successful day spiritually, mentally and physically, as well as financially for the building fund of the church.



Guest speaker Dr. Jessie Bradley.

CONVERSION BY THE GOLDEN WINDOWS

I was born in Toronto, Ontario, on November 25, 1903, and raised in Littleton, Massachusetts.

My father started me in music when I was five years old. At nine years of age, I was the Sunday School pianist. We were the only black family in that town.

Mother passed away when I was twelve years old and I had to leave school to take over the household chores. After being rescued from that situation by my half-brother Ernest (Dad was married before), I went to Cambridge, where I started playing for parties.

Then, "show biz." Oh, I had it made. I went to Canada with the show, came back to Boston, left the show and headed for New York.

I got there and went crazy, playing for parties and was married for a year and one day! I played for this party one Saturday night and was coming home Sunday at about 8 a.m., when between 118th and 119th streets on Lenox Avenue a voice said, "All right, you've been out there long enough now. Come in; I have work for you to do."

I walked up to 120th Street and across the avenue. I saw people going into a

building that had gold windows (so it seemed to me), then I walked on to 139th and Lenox. The Voice spoke again. This time I saw stars—"I said, you've been out there long enough. Come in; I have work for you to do."

Then I got scared. I went on to Seventh Avenue and 141st Street and started to turn into 2411, where I lived. He took me by my left arm and said, "You're going to join church today." All those years I'd been passing this church going to and from work. I'd never even looked to see what denomination it was. As God got Moses by the "burning bush," He got me by organ music. "Where in the world is that beautiful organ playing in the street?" I followed the sound and wound up in St. Charles. After the altar boys had come in, I eased out and went to St. Nicholas Avenue and sat on the bench.

Then He showed me all I went through after Mama died and asked me, "Who do you think brought you through all that? I have work for you to do."

Well, I sat there for about an hour. I walked down St. Nicholas Avenue to 140th Street. On that street, there used to be a stable where policemen kept their horses. I looked. The stable was gone. In its place was "Macedonia Baptist Church."

I thought about Paul getting a letter, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." I went and, when the door of the church was opened, I stood there.

Rev. A. L. Hughes said, "Miss O'Banyoun, we're happy to have you join us. Where would you like to work?" I told him I was a musician. He looked at his organist, Ethel Miller, and said, "Here's your assistant."

I found myself playing for Rev. Paul F. Thurston in the church I had passed that beautiful Sunday morning with the (as I had thought) gold windows.

Rev. Thurston had let Zion Temple Adventists use the sanctuary one Sabbath. Pastor Philip Wesley asked me if I would be their organist. By so doing, God had me where He let me see the church with the "gold" windows. (It was the sun shining on them in a certain way; I haven't seen it since.)

I am now 79 years old, and God has cleansed me. I am forgiven. I am happier than I've ever been. God is making my last years my happiest, and "praise His holy name."

Bessie O'Banyoun



Pictured left to right at Community Relations Day at the Berean SDA Church in Atlanta on October 8 are: K. S. Smallwood, associate pastor of Atlanta-Berean; Kathy Loving, secretary and representative of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays; Gerri Elder, honoree; Linda Page, communication secretary of Atlanta-Berean; Carolyn Hinson, Sabbath school superintendent of Atlanta-Berean; and Ralph Franklin, pastor of the church.

COMMUNITY DAY HONORS DR. BENJAMIN MAYS

On October 8, 1983, the Berean SDA Church, Atlanta, Georgia, conducted its fall Community Relations Day program, at which members honored one of the most celebrated citizens of the United States, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays.

This noteworthy ordained minister of the gospel was president of Morehouse College in Atlanta for 27 years. The most progressive, modern and scientific high school in Georgia has been named after him, and Sewell Road, on which the school is located in southwest Atlanta, has been renamed Benjamin Mays Drive.

At the age of 89, he still reads without glasses and has received 700 awards and 55 honorary degrees. He is an international educator who is acclaimed as having embellished education in a Christian setting. In the history of South Carolina, Benjamin Mays is the second black person and the only living black who has earned the distinction of being inducted into the Hall of Fame of that state. Most recently, in House Resolution #17 of the United States Congress, Benjamin Mays has been nominated to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Dr. Mays was unable to attend the service, so he sent his secretary, Kathy Loving, to stand in for him. Loving listened to the sermon and, when the call was made, she took her stand to join the church.

A second honoree of the day was Gerri Elder, former commissioner of parks and recreation of the city of Atlanta. She is now the director of the

Atlanta International Market Place. She has distinguished herself by her special work for the youth and a senior citizens' program in the city beyond the call of duty.

Guest speaker for Community Relations Day was Pastor J. O. Best of Columbus, Ohio.



The four winners of the Senior Bible Bowl at the federation at Albany are: third from left, Herronald Alexander, Laurette Hall, Marv Smith and Janean Palmer. Flanking on the right is Pastor V. J. Mendinghall, conference youth director, and, on the left, Joyce Scurry, federation president, and Pastor K. S. Smallwood, director of the Bible Bowl.

GEORGIA YOUTH FEDERATION HELD

"Let no man despise thy youth" was the timely exhortation which the great apostle to the Gentiles gave to his Gentile-Jewish son in the ministry in I Timothy 4:12.

As I watched with amazement the dramatic effect of television and drugs on the youth of our church, which was presented at the E. S. Portis Youth Federation at Albany on November 12, 1983, and then learned that it was written and directed by a youth of our church today, the words of Paul to Timothy struck me. I had to agree that, with the dedicated youth of our denomination today, the church is in good hands. The fact is that I would like every young person in the Southern Union to get the benefit of seeing this presentation.

After Dick Barron, associate director of the Youth Activities Department of the General Conference, took that packed Baptist church with 2,000 in attendance up to the pinnacle of the rock where the eagle builds her nest to demonstrate his topic, "God on Eagles' Wings," in the morning, they were really in a frame of mind to appreciate "One Thing Leads to Another, and That's How It Is, Brother" in the afternoon.

The Sabbath school, the Bible Bowl run-off for both seniors and juniors and

the oratorical contest were all in preparation for the United Youth Congress starting March 28, 1984, and highly keyed in this spiritual uplift. The Christian fellowship which interspersed these dynamic activities gives one a view of a little Heaven below.

S. E. Gooden



Marie Griffin.

VOLUNTEER RECEIVES MEDIA COVERAGE

"Marie Griffin grew up in Brooklyn, New York, during the Great Depression and was taught to give despite the hardship that engulfed her neighborhood." This was the lead sentence in a story in the Greenville-Piedmont News on November 9, 1983, about a Seventh-day Adventist woman. The story was also on a local radio station all week long.

The occasion was a volunteer salute to Marie Griffin, a member of the Greenwood Zion Temple church of Greenwood, South Carolina, from the United Ministries Program, which is designated to "Help Educate Little People."

She seems to bring some unusual innovations to the children: "She is an active golfer and enthusiastic vegetarian. . . . In addition to diet and exercise, as a member of the Zion Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church, she is a Bible teacher and a primary teacher in the Sabbath school." She once took her whole class home for an overnight sleep-over and visited such places as the Greenville Hyatt Regency and other adult places of work and pleasure.

United States Congressman Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., having become aware of what she was doing and the impact of her work upon the community, wrote her an encouraging letter dated November 11, 1983, in which he said, "Our community is indeed fortunate that you give so generously of yourself to those greatly in need."

THE POWER OF A PENNY

I am a penny.

I am the smallest in value in the money world. Truly I can say, "If it's going to be, it's up to me." Like Jesus, I make myself small that others may grow larger.

Materially, I am made out of copper, an inferior material to gold and silver. Five of us pennies make one nickle, so there can be no nickle without five of us. Add another five of us and you have a silver dime. Somewhat smaller, but more valuable because of the material out of which it is made. Or we can increase ourselves five times for each one of us, making 25 cents, or what we call a quarter. When the quarter is doubled, it adds up to the 50 cents (50 pennies) that we call one half-dollar.

No one ever counterfeits us! We are too small, too insignificant, so people wait until we grow to the value of a half-dollar, then counterfeit us. Anything made out of the material of which I am made (copper) has no ring to it when it falls on a table. The same is true with lead and the fifty-cent piece. Drop a genuine fifty-cent piece and it has ring in the sound. The counterfeit has a flat, dull sound.

As we grow, we change in value and also other family names. Pennies change into dollars, silver or paper. Even when we are changed into paper (quiet money), we make no boast or sound. We are quiet, but powerful. I am just copper, but came from the same place as my sisters silver or gold: out of the dust of the earth, underneath the ground. Therefore, these precious metals have no prominence over me so far as birthplace is concerned.

I can help you in your financial problems and support your churches and Christian schools, but I cannot give you salvation. This must be done by the blood of Jesus.

Here are three examples of what can be accomplished with me:

Jasper Wayne started the Ingathering campaign with four dollars, 400 pennies. At this time, Ingathering brings in several millions of dollars or more each year.

Little Hattie Wyatt saved 57 pennies to help build a larger church and died before completing her mission, but her dedication paid off. Her little bag of pennies was found under her pillow, along with a note that said, "I was saving

these pennies to build a larger church building." An article that appeared in the news about this little girl's sacrifice appealed to many wealthy people of the little girl's dedication. In a short time \$250,000 was given in honor of her sacrifice.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta donated and consecrated three pennies to God for a project. This was her statement: "With three pennies and God, I can do anything." With three pennies and God, an orphanage was built.

Luke 24:20 says: "Show me a penny. . . ."

With the background story of Hattie Wyatt and her 57 pennies, we organized a T. M. Fountain Penny Club in the Bethany church in Montgomery with \$10.53 (1,053 pennies). That amount has now grown to over \$2,000.

We brought into focus a statement as follows: "Nothing remains small with God and nothing grows large without Him." The venture has been so inspiring to a fine Christian gentleman in Montgomery, whose wife is a member of the Bethany church, that to date he has contributed to the Penny Club fund more than any other individual. This gentleman is Bobby Jackson, a highly respected citizen in our city.

In several places and on several occasions we have promoted the idea of a penny club and the penny club plan was accepted in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Jackson, Mississippi, by the retirees at Oakwood College and, just recently, by the little company of believers in Union Springs, Alabama. The club started with 24 dollars, 2,400 pennies.

A look at the penny. . . .

On the penny we find the words, "In God we trust," and Abraham Lincoln, one of the most humble, God-fearing presidents of our country. To me this shows simplicity and also growth.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt started the "March of Dimes," which has brought millions to the nation for the help of the unfortunate. Why not help start the "March of Pennies," which will bring in millions for the education of our boys and girls or to help those who are less fortunate in our churches?

Don't forget the saying, "Take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves."

Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17



Pictured with Judge Branch is Pastor H. L. Cleveland, coordinator of the 1,000 Days of Reaping program for the regional conferences of America, and Pastor C. E. Dudley, president of the conference.

THE JUDGE COMES TO CHURCH

William McKinley Branch is the pastor of two Baptist congregations in Eutaw, Alabama, and has served in this capacity for a number of years.

The uniqueness of his ministry comes to the fore when one learns that he works not only for his congregations in Green County, Alabama, but has also served as judge of the probate court in Green County for the past thirteen years. Judge Branch is the first black to be elected to such a distinguished post in America, and he serves his constituents well.

Pastor Ronsard Brussard of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Eutaw invited this friend of long standing to the Means family to join in the worship service when Dr. C. E. Dudley, conference president, came to organize this new company of believers. His honor not only came to the meeting, but he also remained throughout the service and pledged to help this new Seventh-day Adventist group in Green County to construct a new house of worship when the time comes.

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It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes, the liberal man shall be rich! By watering others, he waters himself.

Proverbs 11:24, 25

FOOTPRINTS OF PROGRESS

For the Southeastern Conference, 1983 will undoubtedly be remembered as a banner year. Here is a kaleidoscope of their activities.

On December 25, 1982, after more than five years of searching for a suitable place of worship, the members of the Tabernacle church of Miami, Florida, entered their new church home, a renovated bank. They had encountered a number of difficulties in obtaining a mortgage from several banks and so decided to buy a bank (an abandoned one, that is).

Without the funds needed to renovate and transform this building into a beautiful house of worship for all people, the church members volunteered their labor. On Sundays and evenings during the week, men, women and children, under the direction of architect Carlton Decker and builders Austin Benjamin and John Haynes, worked on the renovation project.

Less than a year later, on November 11, 1983, the dedicatory service was held. On Friday evening Pastor L. Herbert Fletcher, director of education for the Inter-American Division, led a service of consecration. On Sabbath, approximately 1500 guests, including the 280 members, heard the featured speaker, President J. A. Edgecombe, exalt the ministry of Christ and His position as the Chief Cornerstone. Other conference participants were: D. A. Walker, secretary-treasurer; K. Dennis, youth director; R. R. Brown, communication director; and former pastors D. McCalla, D. Ross, Jr., and C. Matthews.

The officiant for the ribbon-cutting ceremony was the honorable Maurice Ferne, Miami's mayor, who, with other county dignitaries and accompanied by an area Pathfinder drum corps, preceded the 25 founders into the beige and burgundy sanctuary.

Recognition was given to members and volunteers. Victor Kelly, founder and director of the Miami Oratorio Society, presented Vivaldi's "Gloria in Excelsis" and Handel's "And The Glory" and "Alleluia."

Paul Monk, editor of *Message* magazine, ended this opening activity with a challenge to the church that this was only the beginning, so they ought to forge ahead.

During the renovation process 33 precious souls were baptized into the

fellowship. They demonstrated that the church's business is to preach the gospel. Here is a church caring enough to invest over \$500,000 for the saving and caring of souls.

French Convention Held in Miami

Southeastern has thousands of French-speaking persons within its borders. They too must be reached and saved and cared for.

On the weekend of November 24-26, the French churches in Miami, joined by those in adjoining cities, held the first French convention in the Northwestern High School. More than 1600 were in attendance.

Pastor Nathaniel Myrthil, personal ministry and Sabbath school director for the Franco-Haitian Conference, was the principal speaker. Pastor D. McCalla, convention sponsor and coordinator in conjunction with Pastor Roland Brise, produced and executed moments of worship and consecration and a commitment to the unfinished task that was never before experienced or done among the French believers.

The work, which began in 1974 under Pastor I. L. Harrell with a few believers, has now multiplied to hundreds. In turn, they have through various caring concerns brought many to Christ.

Youth Work

Southeastern's strength is its youth. Every effort is addressed to conserve this greatest resource. The Southeastern Youth Federation meeting held in Pompano Beach, Florida, saw representatives from the 64 churches and companies. Every activity was a highlight.

Katie Garrett, president of the federation, and her noble and cooperative of-

ficers did a commendable job. Pastor Samuel D. Meyers, director of stewardship from the General Conference, captured the hearts and minds of all as he electrified them with the urgency of finishing the work so Christ can come.

The workshops, musical items, oratorical contest, basketball game and skating party were added attractions to this magnificent weekend, entitled "Be Steadfast—Immovable."

Pompano Beach's mayor, Thomas Flynn, and Chief of Police Schuyler Meyer, who welcomed the youth to the area, remarked on the spirit of the meeting.

A number of pastors, their families and conference office staff joined the youth to register their appreciation and concern for them.

Church Officers' Meetings

Southeastern cares. To further underscore this fact, church officers' meetings were held in Tallahassee, Miami and Orlando. Personnel from our churches were beneficiaries of new methods and perspectives for 1984. The conference staff, union officials and resource persons from the field led out in the assignments.

President Edgecombe, apart from giving the devotionals, made each officer aware of the commitment needed to make Southeastern's dream a reality and the importance of unity in completing the gospel commission. "Evangelize! Evangelize! Evangelize!" were the keywords.

The caring church idea will be carried forward in Southeastern by the loyal, faithful and dependable laity and pastors. Through our loving Christian fellowship, hundreds will be welcomed into the family of God. The program is on its way. It will happen.



President J. A. Edgecombe at the officers' meeting in Tallahassee.



Pompano Beach's Mayor Thomas Flynn welcomes Southeastern youth at the federation.



The Dallas Trailblazers Pathfinder Club, with Ronald Thibodeaux (left).

DALLAS PATHFINDERS WERE ACTIVE IN 1983

Ronald Thibodeaux, director of the Dallas Trailblazers Pathfinder Club, reports its activities of 1983.

During the first six months Pathfinders visited nursing homes in the Dallas Metroplex every Sabbath, encouraging the senior citizens.

In August the Trailblazers were involved in the urban campout in Fort Worth. They used as a theme, "Renewing of Your Mind." The 150 Pathfinders paraded two miles, displaying posters on health. The field activities gave them credit for physical fitness requirements.

Trick or treat is always an exciting time for the Pathfinders to solicit canned goods. This year they had large bags printed up with the Pathfinder emblem. They passed out pieces of literature, which netted them 85 cans and 100 pieces of clothing. This was given to the Community Service to add to their Thanksgiving baskets.

On November 4-6 a Pathfinder staff retreat was conducted at Lone Star

Camp. This retreat was to enlighten the leadership. Clubs represented were Fort Worth, Houston, Little Rock, San Antonio and Shreveport. They discussed arts and crafts, nature and camping, and devoted much time to spiritual lessons. Their nature hike was extraordinary in that the instructor dealt with the five senses, isolated each individual and required him or her to explain the different experiences related to the five senses. At the end of the retreat, ten certificates were awarded for campers completing the basic staff training course.

The culmination event for the year was the annual banquet held at Kidd Springs Recreation Center. The center was tastefully decorated with Christmas colors, while the delicious food was tasty and blended with the season. Activities consisted of a musical program and a movie. They concluded with the awarding of certificates for high achievement to Palela Dugano, Yolanda Roberson, Robert Jackson and Hillary Green, as well as three honorable mentions for Shelby Brown, Robert Steward and Willie Brown.

DALLAS CHURCH HONORS MILDRED WEDGEWORTH

Mildred Wedgeworth, an Adventist for 36 years, was honored December 11 by her Sabbath school class and members of the Dallas Fellowship church in Dallas, Texas, at an "appreciation dinner."

Arthelia Alexander and others made the arrangements for the gala affair. Members worked together to prepare beautiful decorations and delicious food for the occasion.

Wedgeworth has served as North Texas Federation leader for eight years. Through the years she has served as a deaconess, medical unit leader, choir member and is presently serving as a Sabbath school teacher. A biographical sketch of her life was read.

The climax of the evening was the presentation of personal gifts and other accolades. Members and the pastor, L. D. Henderson, are blessed to have such a dedicated person at their church.

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THE NURSING DEPARTMENT MEETS THE CHALLENGES OF TOMORROW

The Nursing Department made commendable strides toward goal achievements in 1982. It is the largest department in the facility. Our staff of 82 persons works diligently to provide good care for our patients.

Through the year we explored and implemented a variety of methods to maximize nursing resources for greater productivity and efficiency. The patient care assignments for the nurses' aids have been extended to a minimum of two days to provide continuity in care and accountability. This was beneficial to our patients, adding stability to their environment. The patients' needs for geriatric or rehabilitation skilled nursing care are met by the professional staff.

An outstanding seminar was given to our staff by Dr. Clara Nicholson, anthropologist, on the personalized care model. This new concept is aimed at reducing the dehumanizing effects institutions have on the elderly. Elements of the concept have been meshed with

the team nursing concept and implemented.

We will continue to support and encourage our nurses to improve their special skills and areas of interest in psychiatry, geriatrics and rehabilitation, which will ultimately enhance care given to our patients.

Major Accomplishments:

1. The acquisition of the unit dose drug administration system.
2. The new annual state survey reported minimal deficiencies.
3. More proficient methods have been utilized for dispensing medical supplies and drugs.
4. Orientation programs have been revised and improved.
5. Increased staffing on weekends to ensure quality care.

Goals:

1. Five-day Stop Smoking Clinic.
2. Physical fitness ongoing program for employees.
3. A viable rehabilitation nursing program.
4. Improved quality care for all residents.

5. A quality assurance program.

6. Enhancing the skills of the staff to meet the spiritual needs of the patients.

7. A geriatric aid certification program.

1983 was a year of challenge and change. Programs must be restructured and goals prioritized. Negative expectations must be reversed and replaced by expectations for positive outcomes. We must continue to provide a truly therapeutic environment for our residents, where human dignity and self-esteem are espoused, where the patients' spiritual needs are recognized and met, where each patient can be treated as an individual with the right of choice and given as much independence as possible, where the nursing staff has an obligation to implement new concepts through new approaches to patients.

Perseverance, determination, commitment and a deep faith in God will make these aspirations a reality.

Gloria Bolling, R.N.
Director of Nursing Services

IN THE NEWS



Mr. and Mrs. Gary S. Adams.

VAN PUTTEN-ADAMS WEDDING

Darla Nadine Van Putten became the bride of Gary Steven Adams in the Mer-ner Pfeiffer Kline Chapel of Albright Col-lege during a ceremony officiated by pastors Henry Wright and Meade C. Van Putten, father of the bride.

The bride, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Meade C. Van Putten in Douglassville, is a graduate of Daniel Boone High School and a summa cum laude gradu-ate of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, where she received a bach-elor of science degree in natural sci-ence. She is a senior at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and was awarded the Gateway Medical Society Academic Achievement Award for scho-lastic achievement.

The groom, son of the Reverend and Mrs. John A. Adams in Pittsburgh, is a graduate of Penn Hills High School in Pittsburgh and received a bachelor of science degree in natural resources management from Slippery Rock State College. He is employed by the Depart-ment of Defense, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Mrs. Gary S. Miller, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Joan Bedney, Mrs. Donald Bedney, II, Candace Pullins, Mrs. Meade C. Van Putten, Jr., Alexandra Samuel and Chris-tine Livingston, sister of the groom. Jobina Jackson and Charlene Jackson were junior bridesmaids. Deana Franklin was the flower girl.

Derek L. Adams, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were John E. and Joseph Adams, broth-ers of the groom, Dr. Meade Van Putten, Jr., brother of the bride, Milton Nebblett, Lawrence Van Putten and Valentino Bell. Ushers were Gary S. Miller and William

Green. Romon Livingson was the Bible bearer.

A reception was held at Stokesay Castle, followed by a wedding trip to Jamaica. The couple will reside in Pitts-burgh.

INGATHERING WAS SHORT AND SWEET

"He Can Count on Me in '83" was the theme that seemed to spur on the Boulevard SDA Church in Atlanta, Georgia, to effect what seems to be the shortest Ingathering campaign, with one report exceeding over \$6,000. Marion Roberts, personal ministries director for the church, said that "the members took the theme to heart and earnestly desired the Lord to 'count' on them during this campaign."

The strategy of this 300-member church included concerted prayer, care-ful deliberation and constant communi-cation and may be summed in three words: short, simple and sweet. In five weeks it came to a grand and triumphant end. The simple theme was a rallying point.

Toward the close of the campaign, Pastor J. Malcolm Phipps remarked con-fidently to the congregation, "I can smell victory and indeed it has a sweet savor." President Hairston, who brought the stir-ring morning message, and Personal Ministries Director Joseph Hinson from the conference, were on hand for this very memorable celebration.

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