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## COVER STORY



Reginald O. Robinson, director of field services.

### THE BREATH OF LIFE'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY

by Reginald O. Robinson  
Director, Field Services

Today the Breath of Life faces challenges and opportunities for ministry which surpass its original goals. At this milestone, we pause in our rejoicing to assess the prospects for the future. In looking back and ahead, perhaps you will agree that the Breath of Life has reached the turning point.

In 1974 this telecast was organized to present the gospel in a special way to the black community. Blacks would see and hear persons with whom they could readily identify present the spoken word and music. Evangelistic crusades were scheduled as a follow-up of the telecast.

Of a certainty, God has blessed this method. Breath of Life crusades conducted by Pastor Charles D. Brooks have concluded with thousands accepting Christ through baptism. Churches have been established in Memphis, Tennessee, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, California. Pastors C. E. Bradford, J. Malcolm Phipps, J. L. Kyle and R. O. Robinson have also conducted Breath of Life crusades and added souls to the family.

#### Producing the Program

The talents of Brooks and Walter Arties were providentially brought together for television. As director/speaker, Pastor Brooks, customarily behind the pulpit, faces the cameras with an aplomb and sincerity that isn't mistaken for acting. This unsought role is a blessing to viewers of many cultures.

In addition to his ministry in music,

Pastor Arties produces quality Breath of Life programs on an extremely small budget. His background and experience in the technical arena of television are definite assets.

Limited resources allow the Breath of Life one week to produce new programs annually. In 1981 a record 22 tapes were completed. However, only 105 programs have been produced to date because fund shortages have forced the cancellation of production week. However, the abiding faith we have in God, our purposes and you has prevented these experiences from becoming overwhelming frustrations.

The baptisms, new churches, Bible course students, viewers' letters and telephone calls all testify that the Breath of Life is fulfilling its mission. This telecast is anointed of God to reach behind closed doors and speak for Him to an arrested audience.

#### Ministry Through Television

The Nielsen ratings show that the

Breath of Life is a program that brings families together. In a recent release, statistics revealed that 12,000 teenagers in New Orleans, Louisiana, are watching. Everyone can be proud of the positive role models the Breath of Life emits for black youth to emulate. The restoration of the family in black communities is a most important aspect of ministry today. We must and can do more.

The Niensens also reveal that the Breath of Life is cost effective in the purchase of air time. In the Montgomery, Alabama, market 3,000 households with 6,000 persons view the telecast regularly. These people are being reached at a cost of about .10 cents per home. Also, in New Orleans, Louisiana, 16,000 households with 34,000 persons are viewing the program at a cost of less than .10 cents per home. These facts are similar in most places where the telecast is aired.

Someone recently described the Breath of Life as being the church's

#### BREATH OF LIFE TV LOG

City	Station	Channel	Day	Time
PTL SATELLITE reaches 1,232 cities Nationally.	For the PTL CABLE STATION AND CHANNEL, please see your local TV Guide.		Saturday	6:30 p.m. EST*
			Saturday	5:30 p.m. CST*
			Saturday	4:30 p.m. MST*
			Saturday	3:30 p.m. PST*
<b>Alaska</b>				
Anchorage	KIMO-TV	13	Sunday	7:30 p.m.
<b>Alabama</b>				
Montgomery	WCOV-TV	20	Sunday	9:30 a.m.
<b>Bahamas</b>				
Nassau	ZNS-TV	13	Sunday	2:30 p.m.
<b>Bermuda</b>				
Hamilton	ZFB-TV	8	Sunday	5:30 p.m.
<b>California</b>				
Stockton	Big Valley Cablevision	10B	Wednesday	8:30 p.m.
<b>Florida</b>				
Cocoa	NCN-TV	7	Monday	12:00 a.m.
			Thursday	1:30 p.m.
			Saturday	10:30 a.m.
			Saturday	7:00 a.m.
Tampa	WTVT-TV	13	Saturday	7:00 a.m.
<b>Indiana</b>				
Terre Haute	WTWO-TV	2	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
<b>Louisiana</b>				
New Orleans	WWL-TV	4	Saturday	1:00 p.m.
<b>New York</b>				
Rochester	WOKR-TV	13	Saturday	7:00 a.m.
<b>North Carolina</b>				
Goldsboro	CTN-TV		Sunday	1:00 p.m.
Wilmington	WWAY-TV	3	Sunday	7:00 a.m.
<b>Ohio</b>				
Springfield	WTJC-TV	26	Saturday	5:30 p.m.
<b>Tennessee</b>				
Nashville	VIACAM-TV		Friday	4:30 p.m.
<b>U.S. Virgin Islands</b>				
St. Croix	WSVI-TV		Sunday	10:30 p.m.
<b>Washington</b>				
Wash., D.C.	WHMM-TV	32	Sunday	9:00 a.m.

\*EST—Eastern Standard Time  
\*MST—Mountain Standard Time

\*CST—Central Standard Time  
\*PST—Pacific Standard Time

most productive media ministry dollar-for-dollar, but to meet the demands of tomorrow, we need you. Friend, we need you as we seek to begin a new era of television ministry.

### To Succeed Tomorrow

Our history projects two noticeable challenges for the telecast: continuous airing of the telecast in target cities and producing more programs. These two objectives will expand our ministry and offer the necessary response to an ever-growing television audience.

To continually build our viewing audience and present them with the love of Jesus, the Breath of Life must remain on the air following the crusades. While thousands have been baptized through this approach, multiplied thousands have felt abandoned because our contract expired. The nurture provided by our telecast would result in changed lives and baptisms all year long.

Other media ministries have developed their audiences by continued programming on the same stations. These people become donors making it possible for these ministries to operate on healthy budgets of nearly \$10 million annually. Our work will also grow as we settle in to some target areas and stay.

Friend, the \$170,000 received in 1983 is appreciated but must be multiplied many times over if we are to meet the needs encountered at the turning point. Gifts from the community will increase as we stay and become familiar. Your gifts will help us tap this vast resource.

To limit re-runs, more programs are needed. With only 105 programs (and some of them need replacing), we would be into repeats within the second year of a contract. Also, programs dealing with current events and a host of other relevant specials could be produced. Pastor Brooks recently stated that "There is no shortage of ideas for programs. Our only holdup is more consecrated finances to work with."

### We Need Some Friends

These are just some of the items encountered as the Breath of Life comes to the crossroads (not to mention preparing programs and Bible studies for home video recorders and closed circuit television in hospitals and prisons). The Breath of Life is your television ministry and you're urged to help us accomplish these goals. The "Circle of Friends" is a nationwide group formed to insure the

continuance of these ideals. Your gift and/or request for information on the "Circle of Friends" can be mailed to:

Breath of Life  
P.O. Box 744

Newbury Park, CA 91320

We need you as the Breath of Life stands on the threshold of a bold, new dimension in television evangelism.

It has taken ten years for the Breath of Life to reach this stage of its development. It was in 1981 that the telecast first realized \$100,000 in contributions. Some have given large gifts, others small. If everyone would give something as God has blessed, the results would be astonishing. Just \$10 monthly would add up to \$1.2 million annually from 10,000 of our friends. Air time could be purchased and programs with support like that for one year.

Your gift counts. Please, help us finish God's work. Won't you respond today? Thank you.

NEWS FLASH: Pastor Charles D. Brooks to lead Holy Land tour—July 19 through August 5, 1984. Write to the Breath of Life for more information.

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland.

### BLACK POWER

In the twelfth chapter of Exodus, the Jews celebrated Passover. It signified two things. When the angel of death visited Egypt, the promise was made that "I will pass over you—when I see the blood." Israel later passed over the Red Sea in her escape from Egyptian bondage. Hence, Passover has come to

mean—to the Jews—a yearly reminder of their freedom march from Egypt to Canaan and God's miraculous deliverance. No one questions their right to do this. Their deliverance from their previous condition justifies their joy.

February has been designated Black History Month. It is in a real sense a black Passover, for it celebrates our long journey from American bondage to the banks of the Jordan of total acceptance. We have not yet crossed over, but the journey is and has been exciting and rewarding. It is a story that must be told and retold to our children and our children's children. They must not be shielded from the bloody realities of our previous condition (slavery) nor may we let the nation forget, for her hands are not yet clean.

"Black Passover" is nevertheless a celebration of mingled joy and hope; joy in the progress already made and hope that good men—white and black—will not tire of the struggle and conclude that enough has already been done, or that it is too late to deal with questions of prejudice that wither the human spirit.

There are those within the black race who resent the "backward look." They call it "living in the past." "We can only defend our white brethren by rehashing these matters." They say, "Let us look to the future and be content." There is one answer for these "out-of-touch" brethren: "We have nothing to fear, but that we forget how God has led us in the past." "Those who forget the past are destined to repent it." "History tends to recycle itself." Further, there are ominous signs that white America is beginning to retreat from its commitment to total equality for black people.

Some whites on and off college campuses resent this annual celebration on the grounds that we do not have a National Chinese History Week, nor celebrations for Hispanics, Indians, or Japanese. We ask, "When were these people slaves in America? When were they defined by American law as beasts of burden and treated as such?" Blacks were the only people so enslaved—and because Americans did it, all Americans should celebrate its passing, for it was a cancer that almost cost us the nation.

Remember the Civil War? It is significant that the North didn't begin to win the war until a decision was made to free the slaves. Then came decisive Yankee victories at Antietam, Gettysburg, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chattanooga,

Atlanta, Richmond and Appomattox. It was as though a Divine hand moved for the emancipation of the black as verily as He freed Israel of old. In the book, *The Southern Work*, Ellen White states this for a fact.

Why would the God of heaven have permitted the black man to be enslaved? Perhaps the answer lies in the Hebrew parallel. God permitted Joseph to be sold into slavery that he might share in the leadership of the greatest nation on earth—Egypt. It was while Joseph was prime minister of Egypt that Hebrews, in number, were admitted into the country. The prejudice of the Egyptians would never have allowed their admittance otherwise. Further, the Lord had a special ministry for the world that only Israel could perform. Perhaps our answer lies here.

A close look at present immigration policy clearly indicates that blacks in such large numbers would never have been admitted to these shores in any other way than slavery. African immigration is still the most restricted, but this nation, under God, was to be a microcosm of the world population and the secular base for a global missionary endeavor. In this, all nationalities would and must participate.

From these shores, black missionaries serve the world side-by-side with other nationalities. Wherever men walk the planet, their voices are extolling Jehovah in sermon and song.

Also, the black's presence has penetrated every level of the secular government. During "Black Passover 1984," we saluted these highly visible black men who reflect so favorably on black capability. From the Supreme Court of the nation to mayors' offices across the land, the "black march" continues.

Harold Washington, Andrew Young and Brother Goode in Chicago, Atlanta and Philadelphia brought new life to the political process in 1983. They joined Bradley, Gibson, Hatcher, Coleman Young, Moriale and Forde who already administers the businesses of big cities.

And so we celebrate—not with a sense of security, for we agree with Regan, "Democracy is a daily plebiscite," but with hope based on our own God-given ability to produce, in the never-failing love of God, and the good will of millions of whites who actively wish us well!

E. E. Cleveland

# The Editor's Desk



## NEW BOOK CENTER FOR SOUTHWEST REGION

For more than twenty years the idea of the Southwest Region Conference operating its own Adventist book center was dormant. However, at the last constituency meeting the delegates voted to give the administration a mandate that the time had come to put an ABC in operation.

On January 15, 1984, the all-new Adventist Book Center held its official opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Many pastors, workers and friends were on hand for the ceremony, along with the office staff. Special guests attending included W. B. Robinson, ABC director for the Southwestern Union, and Robert Smith, manager of the periodical department of the Review and Herald. A steady flow of customers all day marked the beginning of business. What was only a dream twenty years ago has become a living reality.

Olice Brown  
Reporter

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	April 27	May 4*	11*	18*
Boston, Mass.	6:39	7:47	7:54	8:02
New York City	6:49	7:56	8:04	8:11
Buffalo, N.Y.	7:11	8:19	8:27	8:34
Atlanta, Ga.	7:18	8:23	8:28	8:33
Miami, Fla.	6:50	7:53	7:57	8:01
Charlotte, N.C.	7:06	8:12	8:17	8:23
Birmingham, Ala.	6:27	7:32	7:37	7:43
Jackson, Miss.	6:39	7:44	7:49	7:54
Memphis, Tenn.	6:42	7:48	7:54	7:59
Louisville, Ky.	7:30	8:37	8:43	8:49
Detroit, Mich.	7:28	8:36	8:43	8:50
Chicago, Ill.	6:44	7:52	7:59	8:06
South Bend, Indiana	7:39	7:46	7:54	8:01
Minneapolis, Minn.	7:13	8:22	8:30	8:38
St. Louis, Mo.	6:49	7:55	8:02	8:08
Kansas City, Mo.	7:07	8:14	8:21	8:27
Denver, Co.	6:50	7:57	8:04	8:10
Little Rock, Ark.	6:50	7:56	8:02	8:07
Dallas, Texas	7:06	8:11	8:16	8:21
New Orleans, La.	6:35	7:39	7:44	7:48
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:48	7:54	8:00	8:05
Oklahoma City, Okla.	7:13	8:19	8:24	8:30

\*Time given is Daylight Saving Time.

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



Joyce Harris, Dorcas leader for the West Philadelphia church, in the "Soup Kitchen."

## WEST PHILADELPHIA CARES FOR THE NEEDY

The feel of fall weather reminds many of colorful pumpkins ripening in the fields and the vines soon to be covered with snow, but in West Philadelphia other orange objects came to mind—cheese, a whole ton of it!

When the West Philadelphia church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, learned of federal programs funded by the Food Stimulus Bill that makes surplus food available to community organizations that aid those in need, Pastor George Braxton was soon completing the necessary paperwork so West could take advantage of this largess. This initial effort resulted in the cheese and some rice and beans being donated through this church, four sister churches and two community organizations to more than 1,000 people throughout the area, under the direction of Dorcas Leader Joyce Harris.

The next project was to tap another program that supplies foodstuffs on a regular basis to neighborhood groups operating meal programs. West Philadelphia's Dorcas ladies soon donned their aprons and manned the soup pots to start serving Philadelphia's hungry. Plans were finalized that one meal a day—lunch—was to be served and that, with the small space available, only 25 persons a day were expected to be served. However, when word got around, the crowds started to come and by the first week in January the maximum number fed in one day was 225.

As we are often told, you cannot successfully preach to people with empty stomachs and so we have seen. After being fed and even invited off the street,

one lady now wants to join the choir and three other people are taking Bible studies.

Although the West Philadelphia church has joined the Philadelphia Food Bank, feeding the hungry is not the only gospel command. It is accompanied by the commission to clothe the naked. This work proceeds as fast as clothes can be obtained, at the rate of 375 pieces in December.

Other recent Dorcas activities include arranging a trip to the Philadelphia Zoo for the church's seasoned citizens, complete with transportation and free lunches, and holding a birthday party for three of the church's most active church members.

Mark Frog Harris  
Communication Secretary

## NEWARK DEFINES THE ROLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

A seminar entitled "The Role of the Christian Woman" and a weekend at Camp Kiamesha in Newton, New Jersey, was followed at the Trinity Temple church by a Women's Day program on Sabbath, November 12.

Frances Mitchell began to plan for the first annual women's seminar earlier this year. A committee of the following ladies selected the theme: Gloria LeGrand, Nellie Moore, Shelby McKnight, Debra Larkins, Bertha Holloway and Connie M. Hood. The theme selected reviewed the principles outlined in the Word of God for women and made plans to implement them in their daily lives.

During the uniting of talents and resources, many requests for an encore session produced the idea for another meeting rather than waiting until 1984, thus bringing about the fall weekend retreat.

The goals at this time were to worship God in the beauty of nature, witness to guests, fellowship and recreation. At Camp Kiamesha there were 25 church women and three non-members present.

Highlights of the weekend included vespers, a candlelight supper, worship, a discussion of the "love chapter" (1 Corinthians 13), music, prayer, testimonies, a nature hike and a film festival of women. There was even time for leisure activities. Some of the ladies went fishing in a nearby lake while others sketched its beauty, picked wild flowers and sneezed a lot.

Under the organization of Trevolyn Sullivan, the Women's Day Program on November 12 was another opportunity for the fellowship that is very evident at Trinity Temple. For this special day a large banner spelling out the words found in Proverbs 31:30 was displayed above the pulpit in the church. Special music was provided by the Teaneck Ladies' Chorale.

Rayette Dawkins received special recognition for her outstanding service in many areas to the local Pathfinder club.

Connie M. Hood  
Communication Secretary

## UNION WITH CHRIST CREATES HAPPY MARRIAGE

Esther Wood and Harold Bigger have found a beautiful new life in union with Christ. As a result of the evangelistic effort held last summer by Ronnie Vanderhorst in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, this couple was baptized and married in the Walnut Street church on October 29.

In Esther's words, "I was raised an Adventist and baptized at 24. I married an alcoholic and had four children that I had to raise myself. To support my family, I operated two restaurants which I kept open seven days a week.

"Later I married another nonbeliever and again my marriage and life went downward. I had absolutely no faith. I tried to do everything myself. I never took time to ask God to help me with this burden, even though I knew better. . . . When I did go to church, it only made me nervous and I came home with a headache.

"Two years ago I sold my restaurants and started to look at things a little differently. Last winter in Phoenix I met Harold, who at the time was a Mormon."

The two began to seek God earnestly. Last summer they attended the crusade being conducted in Pottstown by Ronnie Vanderhorst. They were among twelve baptized as a result of that effort. Their wedding was held the same day and a reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church.

Esther describes her new condition this way: "My house and my children (two of whom were baptized with her) turned from total turmoil into a beautiful Christian home. I now have a totally new life with a Christian husband and a loving God to steer our ship. Yes, I can truly say that Jesus lives in our home."

**NEWS NOTES FROM DENVER PARK HILL**

Terri Williams has been choir leader for the Angelic Echoes for the past three years and has done a commendable job. She did not realize how much she was loved and appreciated until she was told so by Billy Freeney, who was representing the parents of the children she had directed in the choir.

The card and trophy were only tokens of the love in the hearts of the congregation for Terri. Terri was joined by her mother, Marcellene Leon, as she received the card and trophy from Billy Freeney.

The program of appreciation was sponsored and planned by Leola Allen.

Five deacons were ordained during a recent eleven o'clock service. They were ordained by Pastor G. H. Taylor, accompanied by Pastors G. Christmas, F. Hatch, A. Groves, S. Gellineau and J. Robinson. The deacons ordained were G. Christmas, Jr., T. Hall, G. Nealey, J. Foree and D. Robinson.

D. Robinson was ordained as an elder.



*Local elders during a planning session for Earth's Last Warning Crusade.*



*Candidates for baptism.*

Many souls have come to Christ through baptism, rebaptism and rededication. Through a series of studies from the book "Preparation for the Final Crisis" during the Wednesday night prayer service, church members were made more aware of the soon coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pathfinders under the leadership of Lonnie Webber received a first-place trophy for their float entered in the Pathfinder fair at the Adams County fairgrounds. Locally, in a poster contest sponsored by the Adventist Youth Department, Robert White, Stephanie Jackson and Nikki Coleman won trophies for their posters.

Senior Citizens Day was very inspiring when senior citizens from the commu-

nity and Park Hill combined to bring a wonderful program.

Ivory Chalmers  
Communication Secretary



*L. B. Hampton, speaker for Senior Citizens Day.*

**NEWS NOTES FROM PHILADELPHIA CHURCH**

Pastor Nathaniel Miller, communication/youth director, presented a communication award honoring Philadelphia to Sharon Tate, communication secretary. Later that afternoon, Dr. Miller presented a marriage seminar.

Pastor Leroy Hampton, secretary-treasurer of the Central States Conference, brought greetings from President S. Haywood Cox and the conference. He was guest speaker for Senior Citizens Day at Philadelphia.

On Community Guest Day there was a presentation of a plaque honoring JoAnn Cheatom, founder of the KUCB (black) radio station in Des Moines, for devoted work in the community and her efforts in the Pre-Trial Release Program.

The speaker of the day was Pastor Dick Judson, director of personal ministries in the Iowa/Missouri Conference, who admonished the church to witness for the Lord and share his message with those around us.

As part of the 1,000 Days of Reaping, Philadelphia had a gospel crusade of lay preaching. "The Earth's Last Warning Crusade" ran for four weeks. Speakers were local elders Hugh Boston and Terrill Terrill. Both did a wonderful job.

Sharon Tate  
Communication Secretary



*Left to right: Lonnie Webber, Robert White, Stephanie Jackson and Nikki Coleman.*



*Ordination.*



## PASTOR SHARES PRINTING EXPERTISE

Richard Washington, pastor of the Eastside church in Indianapolis, Indiana, was invited to Bujumbura, Africa, to share his expertise in offset printing.

The invitation to Pastor Washington was extended by Robert Patterson, treasurer of the Central African Union. Patterson had heard of Washington's desire to donate his offset printing press to the mission field and invited him to teach the proper use of the machine to his constituents.

While Pastor Washington was in Bujumbura, he conducted two one-week evangelistic series at sister churches in Kamenge and Bujumbura. He was assisted by an interpreter.

Washington was overwhelmed by the warmth of the people in the Central African Union and commented, "My trip was one of the greatest educational experiences of my entire career in the ministry. I saw the dire needs of many of our people and felt particularly blessed to have had an opportunity to share with them the riches of the grace of God."

Michael Tibbs  
Communication Secretary

## GLENDALE CHURCH SPONSORS MUSIC SEMINAR

Shelton E. Kilby, III, music director for the department of music ministry of the South Central Conference, conducted a week-long seminar at the Glendale church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The purposes of the seminar were to lead participants to worship God in spirit and truth, and to create biblical, cultural and musical reverence in worship.

Participants learned the place of music in the plan of salvation. They also learned how to distinguish pure from impure music and how to use God's word

as a guideline in the selection of music. Pastor Kilby pointed out the differences among anthems, hymns and spiritual songs, as well as the importance of choosing appropriate music for an occasion.

The final session was devoted to how the church can make the proper selection of a minister of music for a local congregation. Kilby offered vital information for the minister of music, as well as for worship and music committees.

Participants left the seminar with a deeper sense of the importance of music in the worship of God and a commitment to glorify the Lord through music.

Julie Boney



*Thelma Harris, left, receives a corsage from Charlotte Stuart, Shiloh church communication secretary, for her dedication to church work and the support of her husband, Cornelius Harris, while he served as church treasurer of the Shiloh church in Chicago for more than 20 years.*

## EASTSIDE CHURCH GAINS NEW MEMBER

One new member was added to the Eastside church's membership roster at the conclusion of a ten-week effort conducted by Richard Washington, pastor.

The theme of the evangelistic series was "Science of Salvation." The meetings were a series of seminars with a health lecture series to encourage bet-

ter physical and mental fitness through a wholesome lifestyle.

The lecturers were Carolyn Washington, wife of the pastor, and Louise Daniels of the Glendale church in Indianapolis, who is a registered nurse.

Music for the meetings was provided by the Voices of Heaven Choir under the direction of Betty Winder, home and school leader.

Cynthia Prime

## YOUTH DAY HELD AT PEORIA CHURCH

Charles Willis, pastor of the Peoria church in Peoria, Illinois, recently instituted Youth Day at the church.

A choir consisting of eight young people was conducted by Jean M. Still, church clerk and communication secretary, who provided music for the worship service.

The special Youth Day speaker was Cinnamon Boyd, a member of the Peoria church. Her subject was "Christmas Versus Fairytales of Christmas."

Junior Deacon Thaddus Franklin provided the services of a deacon for the worship service.



*The Capitol City church in Indianapolis, Indiana, honored the Witnessing Class for faithful service during 1983. The personal ministries leader, James Yates (left, second row), received a plaque from class members for his support. The Witnessing Class was conducted by Judy Crawford (front row, second from right), Lake Region Conference Bible instructor.*

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When a man is gloomy, everything seems to go wrong; when he is cheerful, everything seems right!

Proverbs 15:15



*The Ministerial Chorus, under the direction of Pastor Earle, sings at the senior citizens' program.*

## SENIOR CITIZENS' ORGANIZATION REACHES OUT

By Stephanie D. Johnson

In this dark and cruel world, where the elderly person has become the victim of physical abuse, violence, neglect and poverty, it is comforting to know that the Northeastern Senior Citizens' Association (N.S.C.A.) exists to sustain, honor and appreciate the elderly.

N.S.C.A. had its beginnings in 1974. During a telephone conversation, Vernelle Earle told Fannie Oliver of Pastor G. R. Earle's desire to see a special tribute given to Marion Munroe, a faithful member of the Bethel church in Brooklyn, New York, for her unselfish and loyal devotion to the cause of God. It was decided to have a party to celebrate her 78th birthday.

Somehow the party didn't seem to express the depth of their appreciation, so during the next year the Concerned Admirers of Senior Citizens Organization—Vernelle Earle, Antionette and Hugh Garrett, Fannie Oliver, Henry Small and Jeanette Wilson—conceptualized and orchestrated "A Stewardship of Love Program." The program was an evening of tribute through words and music to Marion Munroe and thirteen other senior citizens in Brooklyn area churches. Of the estimated 1,500 tickets sold, Munroe was personally responsible for selling at least 400.

It was a memorable evening, with senior citizens dressed in formal attire, a style of dress that several had never worn before. The program was so well received that it was decided to establish a senior citizens' organization for the benefit of members of the Northeastern Conference and that every two years a program would be held to honor senior citizens. Proceeds from the program would assist a worthy project and sustain senior citizens who need help.

The 1977 program, "After 40 Years,

Farewell!" saluted a number of laymen and three denominational workers who were retiring: Zilda Forde, after 43 years; Rosa Lee Jones, after 30 years; and Pastor E. H. Lockett, after 40 years of service.

By this time the organization was firmly established and plans were being laid for 1979. In that year a most unique program was presented, a commencement convocation in which 52 senior citizens received certificates for outstanding work in soul-winning. For a number of the senior citizens this was a first, for they had never participated in a graduation exercise or received any type of certificate or diploma.

It was an awe-inspiring experience to see the men and women march down the aisle. The commencement speaker was Pastor Noel Fraser, president of the West Indies Union.

At this time the N.S.C.A. launched a program to help rebuild the Victory Lake Camp dining room, which for seven years had laid in ruin after a destructive fire. This was a most important project, because it would provide dining facilities for members and guests attending camp meeting, summer camp and seminars held at the campground. Immediately, N.S.C.A.'s president, Vernelle Earle, began to visit churches in the conference to acquaint them with the importance of contributing to this project.

### N.S.C.A. Donates \$75,000

In 1981, the N.S.C.A. sponsored "Walk Into A Miracle," which honored twenty senior citizens with special recognition given to visually impaired senior citizens Isabel Gill and Jean Sykes, as well as two senior citizens over 100, Norman "Pop" Hardy, 101, and Cynthia Fitzpatrick, 116. Fitzpatrick was among the performers, since she sang a solo. Not once did her voice falter.

During the evening, the N.S.C.A. honored Pastor and Mrs. Silas McClamb for their 44 years of faithful service to the church. Those in attendance were greatly rewarded. The N.S.C.A. also accomplished an important goal; they were able to contribute \$75,000 towards the completion of a new dining room.

The following year the N.S.C.A. presented "An Evening With James White," a one-man show about the life of one of the pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The show was edifying and acquainted the audience with the "humanness" of James White.



*Fannie Oliver, vice president of the senior citizens' association, presents Edna Cyrus with a gift.*

### N.S.C.A. Donates \$12,000 to Pine Forge Academy

In 1983 the N.S.C.A. turned its energies toward helping Pine Forge Academy. P.F.A. is the only black SDA boarding academy in North America. In the past it has been responsible for developing and training a number of men and women now serving in the Northeastern territory. A number of students from the conference are attending the academy, so when the appeal was made to assist P.F.A., the N.S.C.A. responded immediately.

On Sabbath, November 19, the N.S.C.A.'s officers, Vernelle Earle, president, Fannie Oliver, vice president, Robert Lister, secretary-treasurer, and Robert Jackson, associate secretary-treasurer, along with supporters, traveled to Pine Forge Academy to make a special presentation on behalf of the organization. To the surprise of faculty and students, they received a check for \$12,000 to be used in purchasing much-needed choir robes for the 150-voice choir. It was a most joyous occasion as Augustus Cheatham, principal of the academy, and Gwendolyn Foster, choir director, accepted the contribution.

The N.S.C.A. has received requests to assist in a number of worthy projects. As Mrs. Earle points out, they must choose projects that will benefit a majority of people. They have now turned their attention to Northeastern Academy and are laying plans to assist in one of their projects. They are also contemplating the idea of purchasing a number of motorized carts to transport senior citizens around the campgrounds during camp meeting.





*Burning the mortgage at Atlanta-Maranatha are four former and present pastors. Left to right: W. D. Sumpter, associate secretary of the Southern Union Conference; C. D. Henri, retired vice president of the General Conference and assistant to the president of South Atlantic; M. W. Warfield, current pastor of Maranatha; and T. A. McNealy, who preceded Warfield. Back row, looking on are: R. B. Hairston, president of South Atlantic; J. A. Simons, secretary-treasurer of South Atlantic; Artie Davis, head local elder; and Joe Hinson (partially seen), director of personal ministries of the South Atlantic Conference.*

## ATLANTA-MARANATHA BURNS MORTGAGE

The Atlanta-Maranatha church can be justly, righteously and humbly proud of its accomplishment under Jesus, the good and true Shepherd of the flock, through four faithful and dependable under-shepherds. The under-shepherds are W. D. Sumpter, T. A. McNealy, C. D. Henri and M. W. Warfield.

Their righteous and humble pride stems from the fact that not many congregations of persons whose wealth is only measured by faith and Spirit will make the sacrifice that it took to start with \$60,000, including conference subsidy, could buy a church for \$205,000 and burn the mortgage in seven years and four months.

That is why the date of August 28, 1976, when W. D. Sumpter bussed his 700-member congregation from the overflowing Boulevard location to the present church, is of such importance. It must be noted that more than 100 who represented the mother church returned to Boulevard to rebuild the congregation.

The other blue-letter day, which came seven years later, was December 31, 1983, when they managed to pay off the mortgage and dedicate the church free of debt.

The membership of this church has grown by leaps and bounds. It has been blessed with top evangelists in its short history. The first was Pastor W. D. Sumpter, who was a consistent centurian, then Pastor T. A. McNealy, who followed

Sumpter, was a consistent triple centurian.

C. D. Henri was an interim pastor who was a great blessing to the church in stabilizing things until the arrival of their present pastor, M. W. Warfield, who obviously made the burning of the mortgage his first priority and had it done in less than a year after his arrival.

The members of Maranatha are very strong in their evangelical pursuit. That accounts for the fact that the church has been the fastest-growing congregation in the conference. Consequently, McNealy has been characterized as the outstanding pastor-evangelist in America.

All of the past pastors were present for this grand occasion, plus President R. B. Hairston and Secretary-Treasurer J. A. Simons, who led out in the act of dedication. The president, in addition to other congratulatory remarks and the like, offered the dedicatory prayer. Pastor McNealy delivered the morning message at eleven o'clock.

The weekend activities began with a consecration on Friday night with Pastor Sumpter bringing the message and ended with the dedication prayer on Sabbath evening.



*Carolyn Gadson is a literature evangelist residing in Savannah, Georgia.*

## THE SILVER LINING

by Carolyn Gadson

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man" (Psalm 118:8).

As the youngest in a family of ten children, in that oldest coastal city of Georgia—Savannah—I had to experience all the usual joys and sorrows of my place in the clan. Growing up in that size family without the knowledge of the Advent message, the public schools were the only thought for my education.

After two and one-half years at Savannah State College, I went out on my first job at Coordinated Vocational Academic Education as a teacher's aide, with a

second job as a cashier at Revco Drug Stores. The Lord had His eyes on me all along, because He had a special job He was preparing for me.

Five years ago, I answered the pleading of the Holy Spirit and became a Seventh-day Adventist. With pastors E. J. Lewis and H. M. Mouzon as my religious guardians, I started a spiritual growth.

Just as I was in a quandry, the Lord sent Isaac Cummings, a veteran literature evangelist, who introduced me to this "high and holy calling." After much prayer, I accepted the call and challenge to join this band of valiant soldiers of the cross. After Cummings explained the work of literature evangelism to me, I resigned both of my jobs and went full-time to work for the Lord.

My first adventure took Cummings, my oldest sister and me to New York City. After three weeks of hard work on this campaign, I returned home with a grand total of eight dollars in my pocket. I had already given up two well-paying jobs where I had enough money to care for all my responsibilities. Many days of depression ensued, at which time I was tempted to contact my former employers for reinstatement in my jobs.

By this time my mother, who was constantly praying for me, said to me, "Carolyn, man may fail you, but God never fails; and behind every dark cloud, there is sunlight." Those words lifted my spirit and gave me courage to go forward.

Pastor Walter Hawk, associate publishing secretary for Georgia, and Cummings arranged for me to go to Atlanta for further training. There Ruth Bussey opened her home to me. Pastor Hawk, who was just recovering from surgery in his bed, counseled me, renewed my courage, completed my training (along with the Robinsons), and I went once more in the "battlefield for my Lord."

From then on, with prayer and perseverance, it has been success all the way. I was able to meet all my expenses, qualify for all the benefits accorded successful literature evangelists, travel all over Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina and Florida carrying the printed pages with the Lord as my constant companion and guide.

The word of the Lord in Joshua 1:9 has been my constant reminder: "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."



Regina Jenkins, a member of the East Cleveland, Tennessee, church, at work with the Knoxville Trinity church in passing out literature and Bible school enrollments. Together the five small churches combine their efforts and cover a town in one afternoon.

### CHURCHES COMBINE WORK EFFORTS

Small churches have one problem in common. They have to struggle for survival. With this in mind, Pastor Benjamin Jones of the Chattanooga, Tennessee, district, and Joseph F. Milner, Jr., local elder of the East Cleveland church in East Cleveland, Tennessee, worked together in a plan to revive the small churches of the East Tennessee areas.

Churches in those districts include the East Cleveland, Harriman, Knoxville, Morristown and Greenville congregations. The pastors, W. P. Monk of Morristown-Greenville, F. Hill of Harriman-Knoxville and Ben Jones of East Cleveland, said that they have noticed a difference in their congregations since these meetings began. "There seems to be a new zeal for the finishing of the Lord's work."

For the past year and a half these small churches have been meeting together once every four months. All churches combine their resources and work with the host church to accomplish a program of soul-winning that the smaller churches could not accomplish on their own, such as giving out literature to every house in the area and enrolling hundreds of people in a Bible course. This work is done after the joint worship service.

The speakers for these meetings are local elders of the churches. The meetings are similar to the Federation meetings.

On occasion, conference departmental leaders are invited to come and present procedures and programs of soul

winning that are taking place in other areas. On one such occasion, Public Ministries Director M. Joiner challenged every member to be a soul-winner in 1984. The membership accepted the challenge and they are praying and working toward that goal.

At one of the meetings in Morristown, Tennessee, there was standing room only. This church only has five or six members. The pastor looks for the membership to triple in 1984.



Officers of the East Tennessee small church evangelism rally in a planning session for the next meeting, to be held in Cleveland, Tennessee.



Joseph F. Milner, Jr., local elder and founder of the East Cleveland SDA Church, conducts a demonstration with Smoking Sam to show the harmful effects of cigarettes on the human body at the Knoxville Trinity SDA Church. M. E. Joiner, conference personal ministries director, looks on.

### 1983 IN REVIEW

During the year of 1983 the following observations are made:

The South Central Conference ended the year with 110 congregations and a membership of 16,659. The pastors reported 1,763 baptisms, but church clerks listed only 1,360 on their reports. It is the clerk's report that is official.

A total of 667 persons were dropped from our rolls during the year. Pastors, this is too many to lose during one year. If you visit with members, they will stay closer to the church and the Lord. Remember: "A house-going preacher makes for a church-going people." Four new congregations were organized during the year: Huntsville, Poplarville,

Tunica and Sylva.

Tithe income during the year was \$3,398,861.11, which is an increase of \$325,189.25 over 1982. There were still almost 30 treasurers who were too late to be included in this accounting. The tithe per capita for the year was \$204.02. The tithe per church (average) was \$30,620.27, although some entire districts did not pay enough tithe to equal the salary and expenses of the district pastor.

There are fourteen schools in the South Central Conference with a total enrollment of 1,060. We have 45 teachers employed in teaching grades K to eight. Another 123 students attend Huntsville Union Academy, where another fifteen persons teach.

Our literature workers delivered \$259,656.03 in books and magazines during the year. The records show eleven full-time, 31 part-time and four licensed literature salesmen.

The total of salaries and expenses paid to workers during 1983 amounted to \$1,838,417.81. The total paid to elementary teachers was \$802,645.63, and another \$204,000 was paid to the teachers in the Huntsville Union school, which was paid completely by churches in the Huntsville area.

Let us ask the Lord to make 1984 a better year to His glory as we seek to be used for a finished work.



### A NEW GROUP IS FOUND IN SCOTTSBORO, ALABAMA

Members and students of the Oakwood College and Mt. Calvary churches in Huntsville are conducting a continuous program of evangelistic outreach.

A new congregation of about twenty persons has been formed in Scottsboro, Alabama. Just a few miles to the north, in the city of Stevens, Alabama, another group is rejoicing in the Lord each Sabbath. Still another group of approximately 25 has been organized in Athens, Alabama.



D. A. Walker, secretary-treasurer, and J. A. Edgecombe, president, are the chief operating officers of the Southeastern Conference.

## CONSIDER THE GROWTH

In January of 1981, the Southeastern Conference began operations after the mighty South Atlantic Conference was divided with James A. Edgecombe as the president.

It has been said that "some persons are born with a golden spoon." Constant reference is made that Southeastern is the baby conference in the Southern Union with a golden tooth, and it appears to be so. Actually, it is by the grace of God we are what we are. His Spirit has been evidenced in a number of ways, and God's name is to be glorified.

Consider the growth of the baby on its third anniversary:

	Jan. '81	Dec. '81	Dec. '82	Dec. '83
Membership	8,511	9,112	10,312	10,034
Churches	51	53	57	66

President Edgecombe projects that, at the close of the 1,000 Days of Reaping, church membership should be over 14,000.

Consider the stewardship:

	1981	1982	1983
Tithe	\$2,237,286	\$2,549,009	\$3,013,584
Missions	117,354	128,498	137,036

This phenomenal growth is due to the faithfulness of God's people in Southeastern Conference who envision a finished work. This figure will continue to show an increase as deeper commitments are made.

Two interesting highlights must not go unnoticed. The tithe for 1983 represents an increase of 18.22 percent over 1982. Secondly, the Southeastern Conference led the Southern Union in percentage increases for 1983.

Consider the growth in education, for it has an important place in this development:

	1981	1982	1983
Students	630	660	760
Teachers	31	34	36
Schools	5	5	6

The kindergarten program in five areas has an enrollment of 258.

Oakwood College has 76 of our fine Christian young men and women, training them to take their places in service for Christ. Christian education, a priority, receives more than just lip service. The record shows that for financial support to non-constituent students, church schools, education subsidy, Oakwood College appropriations and three-way scholarships, the investments are as follows:

	1981	1982	1983
	\$271,955	\$295,697	\$246,273

Consider the major accomplishments in 1983. The Orlando Mt. Sinai complex, costing nearly \$1 million, opened its doors. The Miami Tabernacle church, costing more than \$500,000, celebrated its joy. Other accomplishments include the West Palm Beach church school, a first, the dark county evangelism in Waycross, Georgia, with a church building already procured, nine churches organized, over 1,000 precious souls buried with their Lord in baptism, \$128,692 of truth-filled literature delivered by the faithful colporteurs, every church attaining its goal in Ingathering (\$69,000), a total force of 80 workers with Vernon Braithwaite, Roland Brise and Gregory Mack in infiltration evangelism, and the beat goes on.

"Go west, young man, go west" was once the plea. It is now "Go Southeastern, go Southeastern." With God's help, every county in Georgia and Florida within the Southeastern Conference territory and under its jurisdiction shall hear the Messiah's name.

R. R. Brown



The literature evangelists responsible for \$128,692 in deliveries with General Conference and regional conference personnel.



Pictured is the Southeastern Conference committee. Front, left to right: Theus Young, Dennis Ross, Jr., David McCalla, D. A. Walker (secretary-treasurer), Vera Edwards, Marie Washington, J. A. Edgecombe (president), B. W. Powell, R. R. Brown and H. A. Davis. Back, left to right: I. L. Harrell, Charles Backey, W. C. Byrd, W. Taylor, Clarence Wright, Jimmie Brown and O. H. Paul.



Pastor O. J. McKinney, director of stewardship for the Southern Union Conference, presents a plaque to Beverly Rachel for her unselfish contribution to dark county evangelism in Waycross, Georgia, on the first anniversary celebration and opening of church facilities.



Roland Brise, new pastor for the Jerusalem and Philadelphia churches in Miami.



Participants at the winter camp held at Lone Star Camp.

## WINTER CAMP HELD AT LONE STAR

On January 27-29, B. E. Wright, youth director for the conference, sponsored the fourth annual winter camp. Eight clubs attended with more than 100 Pathfinders present from Austin, Baton Rouge, Cleburne, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston-Belfort, Houston Hebron and Oklahoma City.

With pleasant weather they were able to accomplish much in the out-of-doors. The following honor classes were taught: first aid, basic first aid, stars, orienteering and edible wild plants. Two campers passed the wintering camping test.

Two of the guests were Ronald Thibodeaux and Opal Caleb, who served as instructors for the weekend.

Doris Jones  
Reporter



Dr. Rosa Banks of Oakwood College was one of the speakers at the workers' meeting.

## SOUTHWEST HOLDS WORKERS' MEETING

The Southwest Region Conference held its annual one-day workers' meeting on Monday, January 16, at the conference office, 2215 Lanark, Dallas, Texas.

The emphasis of this special meeting was on Christian education. Special guests included devotional speaker Robert Smith, periodical department manager of the Review and Herald, and Dr. Rosa Banks, executive assistant to the president of Oakwood College. Dr. Banks held the workers spellbound as she deliberated on "Preference or Conviction."

Awards and accolades were given to workers for accomplishments attained during the year, and the highest baptismal record was reported in the history of the conference: 864.

Doris Jones  
Reporter



The Alamo City Rangers, the Pathfinder club of the Ephesus church in San Antonio, Texas.

## PATHFINDERS CONDUCT INDUCTION SERVICE

The Alamo City Rangers/Cubs Pathfinder Club of the Ephesus SDA Church in San Antonio, Texas, held its induction awards ceremony on January 21, under the direction of Tom Waters.

Malick Harvey, Kim Unger and Tamara Waters were inducted into the Pre-Pathfinders Club (Cubs). They were administered the oath of induction by Stephanie Bradford.

William Unger was promoted from the Cubs to the advanced club (Rangers).

Joe Henderson, Jr., was promoted from the Rangers to the position of junior counselor.

In addition, 52 honors were awarded to several members in amphibians, birds, cats, dogs, first aid, Christian citizenship, drilling and typing.

Certificates for primary reading and a staff leadership management course were presented.

The following plaques were also awarded: most cooperative, first place—Carmen Bradford, second place—Keisha Unger; Cub of the Year (1983): William Unger; Ranger of the Year (1983): Carmen Bradford; staff members of the year (1983): Patricia Bradford and Vieta Caldwell.

The induction/awards ceremony, scheduled three times each year, gives boys and girls an opportunity to become part of the Pathfinders and be honored for their individual accomplishments.

Robert R. Brown, Jr.  
Communication Secretary

## EPHESUS CHURCH HOLDS COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Seventy-nine people were healthier and happier as a result of the free medical screening that took place at the Mobile Health Clinic, sponsored by Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church of San Antonio, Texas. This screening was conducted December 5 through 7 as the final activity of a community health fair.

The fair featured Doctor William Coopwood, professor and former chairman of the department of psychology at Meharry Medical College. Coopwood spoke twice on December 3. His topics, "How to Live in a Dying World" and "Stress Management," dealt with basic principles of healthful living and positive mental attitudes as prescriptions for success and happiness.

A health careers fair on December 4 offered exhibits, movies, literature and career counseling and attracted many teenagers and young adults.

Significant health problems were picked up in the clinic, including iron-poor blood anemia, sickle cell anemia, diabetes mellitus, glaucoma, high blood pressure and obesity. A total of 52 females and 27 males were examined. The oldest patient was 84 years of age and the youngest nine months. All patients were referred to their private health care specialists for follow-up care of the illnesses identified.

Doctor Joshua Smith, program coordinator, said that the health fair was a success. He applauded the cooperation of many who participated in the events and worked in the clinic. He also noted the appreciation of the patients and visitors who were served.

Van Runnels, pastor, has named the first week in December as Community Health Ministry Week at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church. He thanks the community for a very positive response and plans bigger health services in 1984.

Joshua Smith  
Reporter

# OAKWOOD COLLEGE

## OAKWOOD TRAINS LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

The Literature Evangelist Training Center (L.E.T.C.) at Oakwood College recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. According to its director, Sandy Robinson, it is growing by leaps and bounds.

The program began in August of 1983 and that year reported revenues totaling \$75,000. Last year it netted \$265,000, and when you plug in the factors of current inflation, loss of jobs and a decreased work force, Robinson said, "We're doing great."

L.E.T.C. is an industry at Oakwood which offers instruction and employment to students and serves as a marketing subsidiary to various religious publishing houses. The program trains young people in the art of leadership, marketing and successful public relations. More importantly, they learn effective means of furthering the work of Christ and spreading the gospel.

The program employs three full-time workers: Director Sandy Robinson; Assistant Director Isadore DeSouza; and Secretary Shirley Youngman, as well as one part-time accountant, Savannah Robinson. It employs six full-time students, twelve student leaders and approximately 98 students on a regular basis. However, during the calendar year, as many as 250 students may participate in the program.

The Center offers a wonderful opportunity for students to take care of their tuition and expenses. The program started in August of 1973 and, since that time, it has grossed over \$2,400,000. The students earn 52 percent of their sales and the college matches it with twelve percent. Most of the students who are consistent in their efforts have no problem with their finances. The students are mainly in a training program



Director Sandy Robinson goes over figures for the L.E.T.C.

during the school term, then work full-time during winter, spring and summer breaks. However, some students are enterprising enough to work on weekends.

Some people may confuse the L.E.T.C. program with old colporteur activities. They are not the same. L.E.T.C. is the only program of its kind in existence. The aim of L.E.T.C. is to reach the masses of people with small books and magazines.

His goal Sandy Robinson said, is to enhance the 1000 Days of Reaping as well as train individuals for the publishing ministry. Also, he hopes to add to the already established courses given in this area and eventually create an associate degree in publishing at Oakwood. Efforts and plans are already underway.

His graduates include doctors, lawyers, nurses, ministers, accountants and missionaries, just to name a few. When asked what the greatest achievement of the program has been in its ten-year history, he never once mentioned the millions of dollars the Center has earned under his leadership. What he does mention is that he is working with "the

church of tomorrow," training young people in discipline and how to be helpers for God, giving an opportunity for personal development and spiritual growth, and providing a means by which students can attend college who would not be able to otherwise.

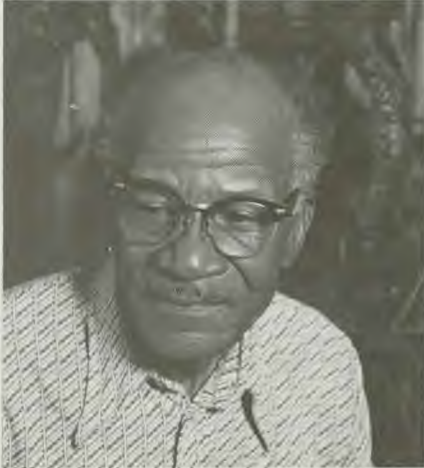
It is estimated that more than a million people have been contacted through the L.E.T.C. program. There is no way of knowing exactly how many have been saved as a result, but what we do know is that this work is vital and necessary. A current goal of the L.E.T.C. program is to contact 500,000 people during their spring 1984 campaign.



An Oakwood literature evangelist student preparing to drive one of the L.E.T.C. vans.

## IN THE NEWS

### OBITUARY



Wash Joseph.

Wash Joseph was born July 11, 1913, in Selma, Alabama, to Phil Joseph, a Baptist minister, and Cora Joseph. He was the fourth of ten sons and two daughters.

He was baptized at the age of nine into a Baptist church in Alabama. On October 30, 1935, he was united in marriage to Avie G. Smelley in Bibb County, Alabama. To this union was born three sons, Charles, James and Paul.

Upon moving to Chicago, Wash joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church. However, in June, 1983, he publicly accepted the Adventist faith and was baptized at the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church by his son Charles and Pastor Fred White.

He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted wife, Avie, whom he fondly called "A.G.;" three sons, Charles David of Chicago, Illinois; James Edward of Chicago, Illinois; and Paul Steven of Nashville, Tennessee; Brenda Brown of Washington, D.C., a niece who was reared in the home of the Josephs, was a daughter to him.

He has fourteen grandchildren, Reginald, Kim, Kenna, Deidra, Tina, Roderick, ElJess, Cheryl, Gina, Sean, Carla, Charles, Jr., Elisha and Paul; two daughters-in-law, Vivian and Mitty; six brothers, Thomas, Willie, Nathaniel, Phillip, David and Matthew; two sisters, Cliff and Martha; many relatives; and many friends.

At 8:40 a.m., Wednesday morning, February 29, 1984, Wash was pronounced dead in his home where he was

being cared for by his family and extended family of the Shiloh church.

He entered into a final relationship with his Lord, preparing him for his final moments before slipping into rest to await the call of his Master. "He has entered into that rest."

### WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS

The 1984 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* will include the names of five students from Oakwood College who have been selected as national outstanding leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from Oakwood College are Nancy Alta Benjamin, Wanda Faye Davis, Kathryn Jones, Edson Heraldo Joseph and Kim Alicia Smith.

### OAKWOOD RECEIVES GIFT FROM 3M

Oakwood College has announced that it has received over \$84,000 in office equipment from the 3M Company via the United Negro College Fund (U.N.C.F.) as follows: ten Model 483 copiers, one Model 565 copier, five Model 595 copiers, one Model 787 copier and eleven Model 400 electronic typewriters.

Headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, 3M made this generous contribution in recognition of the service that it provides to many of the communities in which its employees live and do business—a gesture that is also indicative of its continued commitment to higher education and the colleges which serve these areas.

Moreover, this gift is an unprecedented \$4 million tangible demonstration of 3M's interest in and concern for

the United Negro College Fund, its 42 member institutions and the more than 50,000 students which these institutions serve.

Oakwood College, a member of the Fund since 1964, is a fully accredited, four-year, private, co-educational liberal arts college that is owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. With a current enrollment of 1,465, it serves students from 41 states and 38 countries, providing a unique and challenging educational opportunity that fosters a holistic view of educating the whole being through the harmonious development of the physical, cultural, intellectual, mental and spiritual faculties.

The 28 pieces of new, first-class equipment received by Oakwood from 3M will greatly enrich its academic program as well as other departments and programs institution-wide.

Dale A. Penn, Director  
Public Relations

### KEEPERS OF THE FLAME— A COMMITMENT TO OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Homecoming Oakwood College style is a reunion time, a special occasion when time-separated friends are drawn together to remember, update and dream delightful dreams about the promises of tomorrow. It is a happy time, punctuated by countless squeals of surprise and joy as more than 8,000 graduates, former students and dedicated friends of the college converge on the campus that has indelibly touched their lives.

It's also a serious time of reflection and assessment, of commitment to sustaining, strengthening and perpetuating Oakwood's contribution to a special people and a special work. Homecoming is a time of giving or, better stated, a time to individually and collectively invest in the legacy that was ours to enjoy and the one we wish to enhance and give to our children.

The present economic times are much more than serious, they are threatening! Our national leaders are announcing that all is well, but we are eyewitnesses to many who are still falling wounded, some fatally, by ingeniously designed and accurately aimed guided missiles of economic devastation. Oakwood has been mercifully

spared any direct hits, but the time for fortifying our defenses is imminent. It is now!

April 19-22, 1984, will witness more than 8,000 who are determined to keep Oakwood's flame of service burning brightly and proudly. It promises to be a special time, overflowing with pleasant memories of the past, memorable fellowship of the present and commitment for the future prosperity of Oakwood College.

We are the "Keepers of the Flame."

Fred A. Pullins

## PATHFINDER CLUB RECALLS 1983

Viola Williams, director of the Mountaineers of Ashville, North Carolina, Pathfinder Club, reported that her club had a banner year in 1983.

Their Pathfinder Day program produced five baptisms, including the mother of a Pathfinder, Justin Reid, a Pathfinder counselor, brought the message that Sabbath.

The club also led out in a temperance parade through the town of Ashville and ended up at the courthouse. They sponsored a family picture-taking fund-raising drive, which netted \$500 toward the church remodeling program.

The club participated in the summer evangelistic campaign, which was conducted by their pastor, James Parham. In their uniforms, they were the ushers for the whole crusade, in which eighteen persons were baptized.

They also sponsored a three-day, two-night campout in the Great Pisgah National Forest, where they completed their camp craft honors.

At the conference-wide Pathfinder retreat sponsored by the South Atlantic Conference at the new campground at Orangeburg, South Carolina, Pastor Mendinghall, youth director of the conference, conducted a Master Guide Investiture on September 10, 1983. The following directors and counselor of the Mountaineers were invested: Pastor J. F. Parham; Viola Williams, director; John Williams, deputy director; and Geraldine Baird, deputy director.

## PATHFINDER CLUB DISTRIBUTES FOOD

"For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me

drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in" Matthew 25:35. With those solemn words resounding in their minds, the Milwaukee-Sharon Badger Pathfinder Club launched a unique food basket distribution program to be carried out within the church community.

It all began with the Halloween canned goods drive. The Pathfinders enjoyed that experience so much that Anthony Kelly, the Pathfinder director, decided to seek a way to make the drive an ongoing project.

Kelly was directed to Pamela Grove, an employee at one of the large food stores in the area. Arrangements were made for the Pathfinders to come to the store at least twice a week to collect as much surplus food as they could carry. They could also collect dented canned goods and merchandise with missing labels.

Ronald Smith, one of the Badger counselors, has been very active with Kelly in collecting the food items.

With the help of the Community Services Department, the collected food was placed into baskets and distributed throughout the community during the holiday season.

This food collection and distribution program continues to be the Badger Pathfinder Club's number one project.

Yvonne B. Harvey  
Communication Secretary

## CLASSIFIED AD

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 if 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:

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