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is someone who dreams great dreams for you, yet is willing to accept and support the paths you choose for yourself . . . and always loves you just as you are, even though you prefer daisies to her planned roses.



COVER STORY

REMEMBERING GRANDMOTHER ON MOTHER'S DAY

by Stephanie D. Johnson

Today let me loudly sing the praises of our forgotten grandmothers who reside in nursing homes, cramped senior citizen apartments or rickety government housing because there is no room in their children's houses. They are unwelcome strangers among their own flesh and blood. Their loneliness, anxiety, rejection and isolation from the circle of love can never fully be told. How easily we forget that grandmother kept us when we could not keep ourselves; she made room for us when there was no room.

In our selfishness we have failed to discern God's blessings. Within our grandmothers are a God-given treasure of wisdom and knowledge. Providence has sustained her that she might safely lead us through our stormy times.

Her wisdom we have judged as foolishness and her keen insight we have dismissed as senility. We've hid her from our sophisticated friends as we would a cracked piece of crystal or a stained linen tablecloth. We criticize her wardrobe—faded cotton dresses, garter-held stockings and an ever-present turban or head scarf.

She is never the guest of honor at our dinner table, but rather a tolerated intruder we grudgingly allow to eat in our kitchen far from our important guests. We talk down to her and treat her as a mindless child, not knowing right from wrong. The golden age has become the dark age for her.

"We love old cathedrals," wrote Lin Tutang, "old furniture, old silver, old dictionaries and old prints, but we have entirely forgotten about the beauty of old men (and women). I think an appreciation of that kind is essential to our life for beauty, it seems to me, is what is old and mellow and well smoked."

I have an appreciation for the true beauty that lies within a grandmother. I love my grandmother. Next to home, the dearest place to me is grandmother's house.

I still remember her taking us to the homes of her friends—Alice, Miss Mae and Mrs. Daniels—so we could meet them. Her friends became our friends.

Her home was always a sanctuary for us. She was never too busy for us. We were always welcomed. No one was more important than her "grandbabies." We were her pride and joy.

I can never forget our weekly Sabbath dinners at grandmother's house. Even now I smell the aromas of dressing, cranberry sauce, corn and apple pie that flowed from her kitchen. Those Sabbath dinners she prepared for us came from a heart filled with love.

There has never been a generation gap with our grandmother. Often we preferred her company to our own peers. I especially enjoy her sense of humor, calmness in crisis and warm, free-hearted spirit.

Beneath her lighthearted demeanor, one discovers that Delia Davis Johnson is no ordinary woman. Here is a woman who made real sacrifices to make sure that, during one of the darkest periods in American history, her six children would excel in their sphere of influence to uplift their fellowman.

Who would have believed that this child of Lowndes County, Alabama, would foster civil rights and religious liberty through her seed, or set such a rare example of a mother's undying love for her children. To me, she embodies the living principle that good children become great mothers and great mothers become extraordinary grandmothers.

Our grandmothers have such a short time on earth. Why not make her final days happy ones? Have you told your grandmother that you love her lately?

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PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland.

HASTE THE DAY!

Christians must understand that there is a difference in the Christian church and its corporation. To regard the two as one is to court confusion and possible disillusionment.

The Christian church existed long before the corporation and will indeed survive it. Originally, churches incorporated to satisfy certain business and legal concerns. It is the purpose of the corporation to sustain the church through its generated capital and guide the church through the legal jungle that it must traverse.

Often, the corporation makes investments that sometimes embarrass the church, but the church does not deserve the credit for these unwise business ventures. It may be argued that the church could not operate effectively without the finances generated by the corporation. History states otherwise. Indeed, the church seems to be richest when it is poor. In its infancy, the church spread like wildfire. Under persecution, the seeds of truth spread everywhere. Prophecy states that it will be so again!

Why must this be so? First, it should be noted that the Seventh-day Adventist corporation has distinguished itself in many ways in many lands:

Its health systems world-wide are second to none in physical plants and services rendered. I have often been benefitted by both, here in the homeland and abroad, and am I proud that we are there.

Its salary system, through under constant study, offers generous support of the world-wide work force.

The corporation's physical plant is in an ever-expanding program to meet present and future needs.

Its publishing and media interests are stable and growing. The corporation provides the logistics for all of this, though the church generates the cash through its tithe and mission-giving plan.

The corporation sustains the giant educational system that belts the globe. Seventh-day Adventists now operate the second largest parochial educational system in the world.

The Seventh-day Adventist corporate system is recognized by the business world for its structure, maintenance and financial solvency. It is just this good reputation that has stood many individual members in good stead when they have sought loans or other financial

help. Considering the scope of the corporate operation, malfunctions have been comparatively few.

The corporation must not be confused with the church—visible or invisible. The policies by which the corporation is governed are subject to majority vote. Neither the principles by which the church is ruled nor its doctrines are subject thereto. These are God-given and not subject to human approval.

That is why the church cannot and must not attempt to adopt a creed with which to bind itself. The Bible is its creed and the Spirit of Prophecy its inspired commentary. These contain unchangeable principles which do not need human approval. No majority vote on Bible doctrine is binding or valid. Human beings are free to study and discover truth with the aid of the Holy Spirit, but truth needs only the endorsement of Heaven to be valid. This freedom, under God, was the heart of the Reformation. Perhaps Ellen White was thinking of this when she wrote that "God can teach you more in one moment by His Holy Spirit than you can learn from the great men of the earth" (*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 119).

However, the corporation, while inherently a blessing, may actually hinder the progress of the gospel. It does this when its first interest becomes the perpetuation of its own interests. It does this when management uses racial and other synthetic criteria as determinants in decision-making and policy. It does this when it allows fear, distrust or suspicion to retard the delegation of authority and the sharing of responsibility. It does this when financial solvency becomes an *end* and not a means. It does this when it assumes that position is superior to function and that administration supercedes "seeking the lost." It hinders the progress of the gospel when it cannot focus on "first things" in the face of negative pressures from internal and external sources.

Finally, there are those voices, frequently heard, that call for the turning of the administration of the church over to trained businessmen. "You preachers preach the gospel," they say, "and leave policy-making to us." Thus far the Seventh-day Adventist Church has resisted these pressures for certain time-tested reasons.

To do so would turn the church into a corporation or make it subject thereto.

The New and Old Testament church was preacher-led.

If the church ever confines itself or the scope of its work to "living within its means," the work will never be finished. "Preacher-faith" is essential to a non-stagnating church.

It takes a preacher to administer preachers. God Himself established the ministry to guide His church.

History states that the unincorporated first-century church was clear in its purpose and effective in its witness. The incorporated body is not exactly static, its critics notwithstanding. Its seed-sowing activity is varied and wide-spread.

Through public evangelism, literature ministry, medical ministry, lay activities and community services, the corporation-supported outreach is clearly within the plan of God. Don't knock it, brother. The corporation shines brightly in providing logistical support for seed-sowing. This is its business. Cosmic events will initiate and complete the "finished work." Lord, haste the day!

Many have diverted tithe and offerings to other purposes in the wake of the Davenport investment problems. This practice is wholly unjustified in that the church must not be penalized for the sins of the corporation. My own giving has increased since that unfortunate publicity broke. Of course, it embarrassed me, for non-Adventists taunted me with the newspaper clippings. However, my parents taught me that "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." In the main, the Seventh-day Adventist corporation has a solid track record.

It was the Seventh-day Adventist church that brought me the message, and it was the message that brought me to Christ. It is against the church that the gates of hell will not prevail.

The corporation will not survive the great persecution. Seed-sowing is the primary purpose of the corporation. This involves the plowing of ground, sowing of seed, procuring of implements, hiring of support personnel, direction of procedures and projection of goals. The corporation simply must do a good job—better in every way, but its 140-year track record cannot be shrugged off or discounted. People who tend to do this are usually poor producers themselves, but we are rapidly approaching the day when the operation will eclipse the corporation.

Lord, haste the day!



Marketing Vice-president Robert Smith is flanked by his team. Left to right: Tom Kapusta, advertising; Charles Williams, marketing associate; Rhea Harvey, marketing representative for the Southern and Southwestern unions; Orville Driskell, marketing representative for the Atlantic and Columbia unions; and Luis Ramirez, marketing representative for special projects. Doug Anderson, marketing representative for the Lake Union was in Australia when this picture was taken.

ROBERT SMITH NAMED TO VICE-PRESIDENCY

Pastor Robert S. Smith is well known in the ranks of this church's denominational workers. He has held leadership positions with the Review and Herald since 1978, when he began his employment with the publishing house in the periodical department. In 1980 he was elected to manage this department, which is responsible for the publication and distribution of 33 journals.

On January 31, 1984, when the 44-member board convened at the new Hagerstown plant, Smith was elected to yet another post, that of vice-president for marketing and sales. Under this new plan of reorganization, he will head the marketing team at the publishing house, as well as manage the advertising and multimedia departments. His rich background of experience in the area of sales both in the field and at the publishing house, will enable Smith to give capable leadership to this team of skilled men and women.

This plan of reorganization also provides for a representative in each of the five unions in the Review and Herald territory who will market books and periodicals in their area. This representative will work closely with our Adventist Book Centers and the literature evangelist leadership staffs to meet the needs for literature in each union.

It is anticipated that this new plan will provide better feedback from the field to the publishing house as well. According to Smith "This new team is anxious to ascertain the needs in all corners of our field and then help shape future products to better meet these needs."

The Editor's Desk



For the majority it was their first visit to the new Review and Herald plant they represent. Thirty new Columbia Union literature evangelist recruits participated in a tour, which was one of the special features of the spring training school conducted by the Family Health Education Service. These committed men and women were inspired when they observed some of the products they sell being prepared for distribution as they followed the tour route through the Hagerstown plant. The program was under the direction of Pastor Robert LaGrone, associate director of the Columbia Union publishing department.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	May 25	June 1	8	15
Boston, Mass.	8:08	8:14	8:19	8:23
New York City	8:18	8:23	8:27	8:32
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:41	8:47	8:52	8:55
Atlanta, Ga.	8:38	8:43	8:46	8:49
Miami, Fla.	8:04	8:08	8:11	8:13
Charlotte, N.C.	8:28	8:33	8:37	8:40
Birmingham, Ala.	7:47	7:52	7:56	7:58
Jackson, Miss.	7:58	8:03	8:06	8:09
Memphis, Tenn.	8:04	8:09	8:13	8:16
Louisville, Ky.	8:55	9:00	9:04	9:08
Detroit, Mich.	8:57	9:03	9:08	9:11
Chicago, Ill.	8:13	8:18	8:23	8:27
South Bend, Indiana	8:07	8:13	8:18	8:21
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:46	8:52	8:58	9:01
St. Louis, Mo.	8:14	8:19	8:24	8:27
Kansas City, Mo.	8:33	8:38	8:43	8:46
Denver, Co.	8:16	8:22	8:26	8:30
Little Rock, Ark.	8:12	8:17	8:21	8:24
Dallas, Texas	8:26	8:30	8:34	8:37
New Orleans, La.	7:53	7:56	8:00	8:03
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:10	8:15	8:19	8:22
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:35	8:40	8:44	8:47

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

ALLEGHENY EAST

BITTERSWEET DAY AT BEACON LIGHT

December 31, 1983, will always evoke both sad and happy memories for members of the Beacon Light church in Annapolis, Maryland.

They were sad to hear Pastor Alonzo Wagner preach his farewell sermon prior to his transfer to the assistant pastorate of the Dupont Park church in Washington, D.C. Members expressed their deep love for the Wagner family.

As it was also Ingathering victory day, there was cause for rejoicing. All officers and members marched to the front as they sang, "Come, We that Love the Lord." Serviceman Charles E. Harris was one of the first to reach his goal and was home on leave to celebrate. The youngest participating member was four-year-old Lanika Wagner, granddaughter of the pastor. She brought in a jar of coins totalling \$73.14.

The new pastor of the Beacon Light church is George Thornton, who was introduced to the congregation by conference President M. C. Van Putten on January 7. Thornton's sermon was entitled, "How Do You Spell Relief?" After the meditation hymn, "Talk About a Child Who Do Love Jesus," sung by his wife Deborah, Pastor Thornton answered the question with J-E-S-U-S.

Samoa Green
Communication Secretary

ALEXANDRIA HOSTS GENERAL CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

The Emmanuel Temple church in Alexandria, Virginia, was fortunate during the month of February to have two speakers from the General Conference as special guests.

On Sabbath, February 11, Pastor Charles D. Brooks spoke on the subject of "Night Song." Then on February 25, Pastor Charles E. Bradford preached on preparing for a new heaven and a new earth.

On both occasions, many visitors were present and the Adventist witness in Alexandria was strengthened.

Neelie Thomas
Communication Secretary

NEWSPAPER FEATURES CHURCH

As a result of an interview with Pastor George Thornton and Samoa Green, communication director of the Annapolis, Maryland, church, an *Evening Capitol* reporter, Frances Jacques, ran a full-page feature article welcoming the new pastor and discussing vegetarianism.

In addition to the interview, Elaine and Evelyn Harris, wives of local elders, prepared a demonstration of vegetarian entrees which were sampled by the reporter. An entire page was devoted to the church, including recipes. Some community people are now awaiting a cookbook of favorite recipes to assist them in a plan for more healthful living.

Samoa Green
Communication Secretary



Pastor and Mrs. Alonzo Wagner with granddaughter Lanika. He is associate pastor of the DuPont Park church in Washington, D.C.

81 INMATES BAPTIZED

Eighty-one male and female prisoners were added to the Allegheny East Conference in 1982 and 1983 due to the dedicated work of its laymen.

In 1983 the Philadelphia team, then under the leadership of Daniel G. McManus, conducted their annual baptismal service at the Philadelphia House of Correction. Twenty-one men and five women were baptized in the prison yard by Pastor W. L. Pearson, Jr., who delivered an electrifying sermon prior to the baptism entitled "On the Back Road."

Some of the men were transported by prison staff from other institutions (Holmesburg and Detention Center) to



Candidates await baptism at the House of Correction in Philadelphia. In the last row are SDA members from northern New Jersey.

join the other inmates at the House of Correction for this event. Pearson, pastor of the North Philadelphia SDA Church, was assisted in the portable swimming pool by one of his local elders, Ronald Murphy.

Approximately 100 persons, including inmate candidates, relatives, prison officials and Adventist church members from Philadelphia, Chester, northern New Jersey and Delaware, attended the service. A Catholic chaplain, Father Francis Menei, was also present and, along with Jerrold Caughlan, volunteer services director for the prison complex, gave timely remarks. Also present to give remarks was Alice A. Humphrey, founder of the Philadelphia Adventist Prison Ministry.

Music was under the direction of Brenda Cooper, Herbert Brown and Norman Gibson and included selections featuring the female candidates. The male candidates gave inspiring testimonies, which included that of James Pierce, a recent graduate of Oakwood College. A former inmate, Pierce was himself baptized at the Detention Center in 1976 by Pastor R. W. Newman.

Preparation of the candidates was done primarily by McManus, who was assisted by Romel Briggs and members from Allegheny East Conference churches and the Chestnut Hill church in Philadelphia. The portable pool is set up every year by members of Philadelphia churches, some of whom are offenders.

Similar activities are being carried on in Baltimore, Maryland. The leader of the Baltimore team is Jimmie Martin, a former inmate who is now chaplain at the Baltimore City Jail. During 1983, Martin was instrumental in the baptism of fourteen men. Twelve others were baptized in December by E. L. Richardson, pastor of the Berea Temple church in Baltimore.

Throughout the Allegheny East Conference, there are 22 teams who visit

more than 35 prisons on a regular basis.

Norman Gibson, pastor of the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia, is the newly elected team director for the Allegheny East Conference, replacing Daniel McManus.

Daniel McManus
Allegheny East Prison Ministry

WEST PHILADELPHIA BREAKS GROUND—AGAIN

After originally holding formal groundbreaking ceremonies in the spring of 1979, little progress was made until now on construction of a new church because of the difficulty in obtaining financing. The economy went up and down, financial shocks hit the church and interest rates rose. The situation finally eased and, after much personal persuasion, American Bank agreed to enable West Philadelphia believers to start December by moving earth again, this time not only with faith, but also signed financial arrangements in hand.

After waiting for fifteen years, West is now seeing its prayers for a new place of worship being answered. Construction has finally started on the sanctuary itself, now being built on the lot at the northeast corner of 46th Street and Haverford Avenue, right down the street from Mill Creek.

For long years members have been praying, planning and working hard toward a new church, as their home in a converted rowhouse was very overcrowded. Visitors' Days could not be held because the members were in the aisles, standing in the back, overflowing into the second floor dining area and often visiting sister churches to be assured of a seat. Pastor Braxton lived in fear of the fire marshal and the floor measurably rose and fell as the congregation came and went.

By the summer of this year, these unsafe and uncomfortable surroundings are scheduled to become a thing of the past. The new building will seat 450, which will permit every member to bring a guest. Modern rooms for mothers, nursery, Sabbath school, choir, etc., will alleviate the problems of various groups. A large foyer and adjacent hall will accommodate fellowshiping and double the seating capacity.

Completion of this 13,000-square-foot structure is expected this summer.

Mark Frog Harris
Communication Secretary



J. D. Parker, pastor of the Capitol City church, left, with Jere Wallack, director of religious liberty for the Lake Union Conference. Pastor Wallack was guest speaker.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AT CAPITOL CITY

The Capitol City SDA Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, held Religious Liberty Day on February 25.

Edith Coleman, director, planned a full day of activities. Jere Wallack, director of religious liberty and communications of the Lake Union Conference, was the guest speaker.

Music was provided by the "New Day Shepherds," Capitol City's male chorus directed by Emil Parker, son of the church pastor.

After the morning service, a tasty meal was available for all guests and members.

In the afternoon a workshop was held. Members were given an opportunity to discuss and ask questions about the Bob Jones situation and the long-reaching effects of the recent appointment of a representative from the U.S. to the Vatican.

Charli Cartwright
Communication Secretary

THE TOUCH OF FRIENDSHIP

The community services department at the Beacon of Joy church in Chicago, Illinois, believes in demonstrating a touch of friendship. This department of active workers makes definite efforts to fulfill the command from Jesus Christ found in Matthew 25:40: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

During a recent Community Services Day at Beacon of Joy, a report was read by the assistant leader, Ella Shelley, which definitely showed that the community services department is a group of

caring members. The report stated that the department had assisted senior citizens in getting their social security checks reinstated and had also assisted senior citizens with securing their general assistance checks, food stamps and proper housing.

The community services department shows a touch of friendship by feeding those who have little or no food. They give clothing and household furnishings to fire victims.

Members of this very active group experience great joy when they visit senior citizens and help them prepare their breakfast, comb their hair, make up the seniors' beds, or just sit and listen to many of the senior citizens talk.

A touch of friendship is demonstrated when time is taken to make sure the senior citizens have taken their prescribed medication or ensure that they are taken to the clinic or doctor for monthly visits. Many hours are spent reading the Bible and praying for senior citizens in their homes.



Members of the community services department of the Beacon of Joy church in Chicago, Illinois.

The Beacon of Joy Community Services Department is listed as the Beacon of Joy Community Services Emergency Program along with such agencies as the Salvation Army, the Chicago Chapter of the Red Cross and the Social Workers of the Public Aid Association. These organizations send people to the Beacon of Joy program for help and assistance, and Beacon of Joy in turn sends members of the community to the other listed organizations for follow-up services.

Guest speaker for the special Community Services Day was James C. Wray, director of personal ministries and community services for the Lake Region Conference.

A chartered bus was used to bring senior citizens to the Beacon of Joy church, where they were honored. Many of the guests had been helped by the community services department.

SABBATH SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS CURRENT EVENTS

J. David Parker, pastor of the Capitol City church in Indianapolis, Indiana, recently presented a two-part sermon focusing on the establishment of United States diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

After hearing the first part of Parker's sermon and noting the interest and concern of the church members about this momentous event, Loy Warren and her Sabbath school council decided to expand the awareness of current events. On a weekly basis during the Sabbath school period, there is a current events spotlight. Significant events are reported that impact on the completion of prophecy.

Should one question that we are living in the closing scenes of this earth's history? We as Christians should be aware of the fulfilling of the signs of the times, which so plainly say the Lord is soon to come.

Loy is doing her part to bring about this awareness. Pray for Loy Warren as she leads the Sabbath school department in Indianapolis.

Charli Cartwright

BLACK AWARENESS MONTH AT CAPITOL CITY

The Capitol City church Sabbath school department, directed by Loy Warren, marked Black History Month in a unique manner.

During this significant month, information was presented during the Sabbath school period about black leaders in our denomination. Basic statistics were given, such as date and place of birth, faith affiliation and the major contributions to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Warren felt that much emphasis has been on nationally known individuals during Black History Month, but very little focused on the leaders of our denomination, especially at the local level.

These presentations were well received by the Sabbath school and members found them informative and interesting. "Adventists should be aware of the valuable contribution of our black leaders" was the motivation for Loy Warren, superintendent of the Capitol City Sabbath school in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Charli Cartwright



Forty-four pastors from eleven northeastern states gathered in New York for the first one-week intensive seminar leading to a master's degree in pastoral ministry. (Photo by D. A. Thorne.)

HISPANIC PASTORS PARTICIPATE IN BICULTURAL EXTERNAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Forty-four Hispanic pastors from the northeastern United States met the week of January 15 in metropolitan New York to begin studies for the first bicultural and bilingual external degree seminary program to be offered by any denomination in North America.

The Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, in cooperation with the Atlantic Union Conference, is offering the master of arts degree in pastoral ministry through the Center for Continuing Education at Atlantic Union College, under the directorship of Dr. Sharlene Tessler.

This professional program is designed for pastors whose ministerial duties make it impossible to study at the seminary for extended periods. They will attend a one-week intensive seminar each January in the New York area, a two-week intensive seminar on the campus of Atlantic Union College early each summer, and complete assignments for classes at home between seminars until the requisites of the degree are met.

Emphasis for the first seminar was a course on public evangelism for Hispanics taught by Dr. Salim Japas, resident dean and professor of religion at Antillian College in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Completing this study was a course in cross-cultural communication taught by Dr. Lynn Sauls, academic dean and professor of English at Atlantic Union College, and Pastor Pedro Geli, Jr., assistant to the president for Hispanic ministries of the Atlantic Union

Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Funding for this program was provided by the General Conference, the Atlantic Union Conference and local fields. The next seminar will be conducted on the campus of Atlantic Union College May 27-June 7, 1984.

The Hispanic membership of the Atlantic Union Conference is approximately 5,000, according to third quarter 1983 statistics from the union office. Additional Hispanic membership was represented by pastors attending the program from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, states outside the Atlantic Union.

Study is being given to future expansion of graduate continuing education to meet the various needs of all ministers in the Atlantic Union.

MORTGAGE BURNED IN HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

The week of December 9-18 was a time of jubilee at the Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hartford, Connecticut. It was then that Pastor Johnathan Thompson, members and friends of Faith celebrated the mortgage burning of the church, located at 500 Woodland Street.

The membership entered the Woodland Street building in 1977 under the leadership of Pastor Keith Dennis. The building, which has more than 25 rooms, was purchased for \$150,000. It was during the seventh year of the mortgage (1983) that members celebrated freedom from debt. It was a jubilee celebration for Faith.

The pastor and membership began preparing for the week-long celebration

at least a year in advance. Former pastors were invited to come, along with a number of very special guests. Participants for the week included Dr. E. E. Cleveland, Pastor David Glover, Pastor Dudley Thorne, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor and pastors Raymond Saunders, James Edgecombe, Lloyd Wilson, Norman McLeod and Keith Dennis, as well as Dr. G. R. Earle, Pastor R. L. Woodfork and Pastor A. N. Brogden.

Communion services were held on the first evening of the celebration and members enjoyed a sacred concert featuring Wintley Phipps and Edwina Humphrey on the second evening. Several departments in the church were honored each evening during the week.

The members thank God for blessing them to see this victory, and not only for this, but also for numerous other blessings they've enjoyed since acquiring the new church home. Among them are the establishment of the Nurture Nest Day Care and Elementary School, the organization of the Hope mission, which became the Hope church in September of 1983, and the nearly 300 souls that have been baptized under the leadership of pastors Dennis, Saunders and Thompson.

Without God's hand in the program, we could not have celebrated this jubilee. Faith is the victory!

Ruby J. Burgis
Communication Secretary



Pastor John Guy of the Shiloh church presents Pastor John Nixon of the Berea church, guest speaker for Youth Day, with a T-shirt.

SHILOH YOUTH DAY BRINGS 300 VISITORS

On Saturday, January 28, the Shiloh church in Brooklyn, New York, celebrated its first youth day of the year with more than 300 visitors in attendance.

Youth Day at Shiloh is unique because while the majority of the day's activities are conducted by young people, they also realize the necessity of including seniors who enhance their program. They are becoming more aware of the

fact that unity is strength. Thus, there is a continued and combined effort of prayer and work.

Shiloh's youth ministry has been laboring constantly to keep youths involved in finding themselves and seeking the needs of others. It was stated by the youth leader that "most people feel that you cannot get the young people out to Wednesday night prayer meetings or on Sunday mornings," but if you were to visit Shiloh on any of these days, you would find that young people are present and seeking a closer walk with God.

Upon entering the sanctuary, one could sense that something special was going to take place. The congregation was told that the Shiloh church was about to enter its divine service. Everyone sat with keen interest as the message, entitled "God in a Box," was soberly and most eloquently presented to the waiting congregation by Pastor J. Nixon of the Berea church in Boston. Many were moved to rededication, while others were determined for the first time in their lives to learn about Jesus' love.

Daisy Fraser
Communication Secretary



Attending the Cantata Choir concert in honor of Jamaica's 21st independence celebration are (left to right): Michael Manley, former prime minister of Jamaica; Edna Manley, the honoree; Vernelle Earle; Pastor G. R. Earle and Wilfred Gooden. (Photo by Lloyd Patterson.)

CANTATA CHOIR CLIMAXES JAMAICA'S 21ST ANNIVERSARY

by Stephanie D. Johnson

Britain's flag, the Union Jack, fluttered in the Jamaican sun for the last time on August 6, 1962, after 307 years of colonial rule. Britain, however, was not Jamaica's first colonial master. The Spanish were. Discovered by Columbus in 1494, Jamaica remained a Spanish possession until taken by the British in 1655.

In commemoration of Jamaica's 21st independence anniversary, the government hosted a year-long celebration. The 100-voice Cantata Choir of New



The Cantata Choir of New York City performing at the National Arena in Kingston. (Photo by Lloyd Patterson.)

York City, under the patronage of the Concerned Committee for Christian Education (C.C.C.E.) was asked to climax the celebration on December 25, 1983, at the national arena in Kingston, the island's largest city and capital.

C.C.C.E.: One Man's Dream

The C.C.C.E. had its beginnings in 1981, although the seed was planted in the heart of its founder, Wilfred G. Gooden, as a lad in Jamaica. His parents, Edburn and Ethel Perrin Gooden, were lay missionaries traversing the whole island raising up small companies of believers.

It was Wilfred and his brother, Samuel (who later served as a missionary to Africa and director of education for the South Atlantic Conference), who carried the storm lantern to light their parents' pathway as they climbed the hills and dark passageways of the island. This made a formidable impression on young Willie's mind.

As a young man he made a vow to the Lord, "I have always asked the Lord to give me not necessarily riches, but whatsoever he gave me, I would dedicate a portion to him." True to his vow, in 1960 the Wilfred G. Gooden Construction Corporation, now a multimillion dollar concern, was formed and he and his wife, Sybil entered upon his work to promote and sustain Christian education.

A Heralded Event

The coming of the Cantata Choir was a heralded event. They received television coverage and made the front page of the *Jamaican Gleaner*, the daily newspaper. On Christmas Eve morning, thousands packed the Hagley Park church in Kingston (one of the churches founded by his parents) to listen to the C.C.C.E. and supporting friends present the Sabbath school program.

Dr. G. R. Earle, president of the North-

eastern Conference, was the speaker for the divine hour. The Cantata Choir, under the direction of the associate director, Homer Wade, provided music for worship.

C.C.C.E. Honors Wives of National Heroes

On Christmas evening a grand concert was held at the national arena. The choirs, directed by Lloyd Chung, rose to the occasion. It was their finest hour.

In light of the independence celebration, the C.C.C.E. honored the widows of the founding fathers of modern Jamaica—Sir Alexander Bustamante, first prime minister of Jamaica after independence (1962-1967), and Norman W. Manley, chief architect of Jamaican independence and its first and only premier (1955-1962).

Manley Commends the SDA Church

I was impressed by the strong impact that SDAs have made on the island. Of a population of 2,318,000 Jamaicans, one out of 23 persons is an Adventist. There are 433 churches and 495 branch Sabbath schools headed by laymen.

SDAs sit in Parliament and hold important governmental posts: Pearnel Charles, minister of public utilities and transport, Errol Anderson, minister of public service and social security, Dr. Neville Gallimore, minister of state in the ministry of foreign affairs, Dr. Sydney Beaumont, member of Parliament and deputy speaker of the House of Representatives, Princess Laws, a member of Parliament and Haynesworth Campbell, a former member of Parliament.

Michael Manley, although not having an Adventist background, is yet well aware of the church and its ministry in the island. "I think," he said, "they've been a meaningful group and have introduced a very great sincerity and commitment to Christian witness."



The Americus church opened February 18, 1984.



South Atlantic's 1983 centurions were Calvin Watkins and T. A. McNealy. Pictured are, left to right, R. B. Hairston, president of South Atlantic, Calvin Watkins, T. A. McNealy and O. J. McKinney, associate ministerial secretary of the Southern Union.



Officiating at the Americus opening are, left to right: Demetrius Jones, assistant pastor of the district; Neet Smith, first local elder at the Americus church; Pastor Joe Hinson, personal ministries director of South Atlantic, who raised up that church in 1976; Pastor J. A. Simons, secretary-treasurer of South Atlantic; Pastor R. B. Hairston, president of South Atlantic; Pastor Raven, a visiting minister from the city; and Oscar Sherrod, the pastor of the church.

1983 IN RETROSPECT

The cold wave in December of 1983 and January of 1984 is purported, according to the news media, to be the coldest in United States history. This chilling weather was not reflected in the record of workers of the South Atlantic Conference.

January 7 through 12 brought 450 district pastors of the Southern Union Conference together at Lake Lanier, Georgia, in a gigantic seminar to study their responsibilities as shepherds of "The Caring Church."

This convocation with their colleagues replaced the long-standing January workers' meeting. It did not replace the encouraging report for 1983 and the stating of objectives of the "New Horizons—Phase II" for 1984. These are also quite exciting.



Ground-breaking for the cafetorium at the River Oaks campground. Left to right: Pastor Horace Malone, Pastor H. Gaskins, Pastor J. Parham, Pastor and Mrs. G. H. Taylor, President and Mrs. R. B. Hairston, Secretary-Treasurer J. A. Simons, Pastor and Mrs. C. D. Henri, Pastor P. Florence, W. H. Winborne and Pastor Joe Hinson.

Indeed, "New Horizons—Phase I" 1983 was a banner year with landmark accomplishments: 1,940 baptisms; \$3,003,160 in tithe; \$52,385 in conference development offerings; \$92,753 in Sabbath school offerings; \$85,024 in Ingathering; F.H.E.S. delivered \$236,378 worth of literature in its efforts to spread the Third Angel's Message; and the Adventist Book Center's sales amounted to \$314,551.

With all this, the new Bible school was enrolling 3,500 new prospects, *Message* magazine got 7,574 subscriptions and *Liberty* magazine got 1,676. There were 22 evangelistic meetings.

The centurions of 1983's evangelistic blitz were D. M. Jones, along with his assistant, Frank Harrell, in the Wilmington district with 111 baptisms; T. A. McNealy in the Charleston district with 228 baptisms, Calvin Watkins in the New Bern, North Carolina, district with 101 baptisms (plus his first offspring—a son), and Oscar Lane with 850 new converts in Atlanta. With a fourth-quarter baptism of 39 by F. W. Parker, pastor of this new congregation, along with assistants C. D. Henri and Carl Nesmith, they have a congregation at present of 839 members.

The quinquadrinarians who contributed their quotas were: Ted Ellerbe in the Hemingway, South Carolina, district with 50 baptisms, R. Franklin and K. S.

Smallwood (his associate in the Atlanta-Berean district) with 71 baptisms, and Richard Long in the Charlotte-Berean district with 51 baptisms.

The 839-member West End church, which was organized on August 20, 1983, at Dr. Ralph Abernathy's West Hunter Street Baptist Church, is still struggling to find a church home—either to build or buy. Meanwhile, the principal of Brown High School opened the doors of the large auditorium to them.

On December 10, 1983, they had a Community Relations Day with three honorees: President R. B. Hairston, Oscar Lane and William H. Cleveland, principal of Brown High School in Atlanta.

The hard work of 1983, which spilled over into 1984, gave the new year a brilliant start: For the first time, Atlanta-Berean had a religious liberty rally with Pastor Mitchell Tyner from the General Conference, who raised 500 subscriptions for *Liberty* on January 28.

Americus, Georgia, opened its brand new 200-seat church on February 18, and on February 25 the Burlington, North Carolina, church opened its new facility for worship, which was bought in 1983. Rounding off the significant activities of 1983 was the groundbreaking on December 4 for the new cafetorium at the River Oaks campground in South Carolina.



Dr. Carl A. Dent, a pillar of Riverside Hospital, will soon assume duties in Kenya, East Africa.



Lavetta Dent, wife of Dr. Carl A. Dent, will accompany her husband on his missionary journey.

DENTS HONORED FOR SERVICE

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6).

In May of this year Dr. Carl A. Dent and his wife Lavetta will embark for Nairobi, Kenya. For Dr. Dent it will be the realization of a dream first conceived 60 years ago. It was as a teenager that young Carl dreamed of being a missionary physician.

During the course of that 60 years, Dr. Dent has become an institution in Nashville and black Adventism. To this end, February 25, 1984, became "Dr. and Mrs. Dent Day" in Nashville at the Riverside Chapel church.

That date was also Men's Day, and Dr. Dent brought the eleven o'clock message. It was a somber church as Dr. Dent rose to speak. Dent remarked, "This is like a tree being pulled up by its roots, and there are so many roots to be broken." The message centered around

attainment of goals, personal, social and spiritual. Related Dent, "If you set no goals, you will reach them."

That night Dr. Dent and his wife were honored at a farewell banquet at the local Howard Johnson's. A total of 236 people packed the ballroom, making it a "standing room only" affair. Dr. G. L. Dixon, Dr. Dent's partner in medical practice since 1969, was the toastmaster. Dr. Dixon kept the program lively with humorous stories and timely comments about the guest of honor.

It was a "toast" in the finest tradition as lifelong friends and more recent acquaintances related impressions and remembrances of the Dents. The evening was highlighted by the presentation of a scrapbook from Pastor X. Butler to the Dents with cards, letters and pictures from the Riverside church family.

A touching moment came when Dr. Dent passed an olympic-type torch to Dr. Michael Lester, who has assumed the responsibility for Dr. Dent's medical practice.



Dr. Dent stands with the Olympic-style torch to pass it on to Dr. Michael Lester.



Passing the torch to a new generation.



Dr. Lester accepts the Olympic-style torch to carry on the work of Dr. Dent.



C. A. Dent and fellow doctors.



E. C. Polite, new pastor of the Corsicana-Athens churches.

YOUTH DAY IN CORSICANA

Sabbath, January 21, was Youth Day at the Bethel church in Corsicana, Texas. B. E. Wright, youth director, was the special speaker for the divine worship hour. The Dallas Pathfinder Club journeyed all the way to Corsicana to march in the parade. They also conducted the A.Y. meeting and assisted in organizing the Pathfinder club.

E. C. Polite is the new pastor for the Corsicana-Athens, Texas, district. He was born at Fort Hood, and his educational background consists of schooling in Newark, New Jersey, Germany and Oakwood College. He is married to the former Donna Walker, who is a nurse, and they have one son, Michael (ten months old). The congregation is very pleased in having Polite as their leader, for he is doing a tremendous job.

Youth Day ended with a lively social. The membership took pride in experiencing a joyous and spiritual Sabbath.

Doris Jones
Reporter



B. E. Wright, youth director, speaker for Youth Day at the Bethel church in Corsicana, Texas.



"THE MANAGEMENT OF LIFE"

Pastor Harold Lee of the Allegheny East Conference was recently the guest of the Berean church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It was his response to an invitation extended by Pastor M. V. Singleton that resulted in the week-long seminar of "stewardship emphasis."

The week began with a much-welcomed home budgeting seminar that instilled in the participants the need to be

more conscientious in the management of their own monies. The meetings reminded us that "Stewardship is the management of life—not just the management of money. It is the heart of the third angel's message."

Pastor Singleton and the believers stated the week provided good spiritual meat that is helping to shape the lives of church members.

Evelyn Edwards
Reporter



Pastor W. G. Downes recently conducted a Revelation Seminar at a skating rink in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After careful study of God's Word, eleven souls joined the Unity church. They were baptized at the officers' meeting, and the food service committee (above) prepared a tasty meal for all to enjoy following the divine worship hour.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



The Edmund Julius family.

OAKWOOD ASSISTS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Oakwood College story is continually being told over the great waterways of this earth. As a result of administrative travel and the public relations efforts of the Oakwood College Aeolians, international student enrollment has increased from 66 students in 1977-78 to more than 325 in 1983-84.

From 43 different countries, speaking more than 20 different languages, international students have come and made a significant cultural contribution to campus life at Oakwood College. The American student receives first-hand knowledge about cultures he may never have experienced had it not been for these students.

Oakwood College also responds to the needs of some of these students by providing special programs that assist them in receiving a Christian education here in the United States. Through scholarships and student/teacher exchange programs, Oakwood has established a cooperative relationship between various schools and conferences in the three divisions of Africa, since a large number of international students come from there. This is just one of the programs that help students fulfill their academic dreams.

One student on a scholarship program from South Africa, Edmund Julius, came to Oakwood with his wife Averil and daughter Helene on December 29, 1980, from Johannesburg, South Africa, to pursue a course of study in theology (They now have a son named Charles).

"I was so impressed when I was in my homeland to enter the ministry. However, I couldn't afford to attend college in the United States, but the Lord worked it out through the cooperative efforts of Oakwood College and my union," says Julius, now a senior who plans to graduate in June of 1984. "My wife and I have been absolutely impressed with Oakwood College. The beautiful campus and the spirit and attitude of the people have thoroughly convinced me to encourage other South African students to attend this school." When asked what he plans to do when he has finished his studies here, Julius states that he would like to return home to work for the Adventist church and eventually form the first Oakwood alumni chapter in Johannesburg.

International Student Weekend is a special event at the college. Held during the month of January, it is accompanied by a colorful flag procession, in which students dress in their dazzling native attire, representing the various countries from which they have come. An international guest speaker is also featured. This year's speaker was Pastor Mack Wilson of the Southwest Region Conference.

Huntsville-Madison County also caters to the needs of the foreign student by providing such programs as language banks, host/family programs and tours. The council for international visitors sponsors an annual reception for foreign students who attend colleges and universities in the Huntsville area.



A few of Oakwood's international students.

This year Huntsville Mayor Joe W. Davis designated January 23-28 as Oakwood College International Student Week. The international students of Oakwood always utilize this opportunity to share the splendid talents that they have brought to our country.

Geographical Distribution

Africa	101
Caribbean	124
Central America	9
South America	12
United Kingdom	44
Philippines	1
Canada	13
France	8
Bahamas	24
Bermuda	27

PROFESSOR DYKES AWARDED POETRY PRIZE

The following sonnet was written by James Dykes, associate professor of English and communication at Oakwood College. Dykes was awarded sixth place in the World Poetry Competition for this work and it was published in the volume entitled *Our Western World's Greatest Poems* in December of 1983.

He recently authored a 210-page book of poetry entitled *The Cosmos Electric*. This work unmask the conflict

of the ages between good and evil and explores the universal questions relevant to our time.

In addition to being an instructor in creative writing, journalism and various other communication courses at Oakwood, Dykes is also pursuing a doctoral degree from the University of Miami.

He has the distinction of being a fellow of the International Poetry Society (London, England) and is included in the *International Who's Who in Poetry*, *Who's Who in the South and Southeast*, and five other volumes of biographical recognition.

This poet and author holds membership in several professional and honor societies. They include: Phi Delta Kappa, the American Association of University Professors and the Southeastern Association of the Modern Language Association (S.A.M.L.A.).

In his foreword to *The Cosmos Electric*, Dr. Henry King Stanford says of Dykes: ". . . His bouyant, confident outlook makes his verse and his life an inspiration."

Congratulations, Professor Dykes! Once again Oakwood has been made proud.

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THE PIGEON FEEDER

The nameless pigeon feeder, day
by day,

sits on the same park bench,
time-worn, time-bent,
time-bound; yet, timeless in
his way.

The sidewalk crowds know not
the time he's spent
in learning's vast domain; nor
can they see
the flocks of birds that soar
inside his mind—
the birds he wrote about for
a Ph.D.

He's barely noticed by the
cheerless crowd,
but pigeons count on him for
daily fare.

A gentle heart, a spirit still
unbowed,
he takes a nap to "knot the
sleeve of care,"
and when imprisoned by cold,
mundane things,
he smiles, knowing just
"why the caged bird
sings."



Dr. Esther Gill, one of the computer science teachers, working with a student on a computer terminal.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS FORMED

Keeping pace with the growth and development of our highly technological society, the department of business and information systems has instituted some major changes in its entire curriculum.

The departments of business administration and business education have merged to form the newly titled department of business and information systems. Also, the bachelor of science degree is being expanded to include majors in management, accounting, information systems, computer science, economics and business education.

Because there has been such a great demand for programs in economics as well as computer science, the business department is especially excited about the newest majors being offered. Oakwood is among the first to have a major in information systems. This program prepares the student for the electronic office, with special emphasis placed on word processing, data processing and electronic mail.

In response to the demand for computer and quantitative skills in the modern workplace, all business students are required to complete a new standardized core of business courses. In addition, all Oakwood students, regardless of major, are required to complete at least one course in computer literacy.

To accommodate those seeking a two-year degree in business, associate degrees are offered in accounting, computer science, general office technology and office administration. For those desiring a general knowledge in a particular business discipline, we have minors in accounting, management, economics, computer science and office administration.

The placement office is an excellent complement to all the departments at

Oakwood. The opportunities for business majors are many and our students enjoy seminars and interviews with some of the major employers and graduate schools in the United States. So far this year we have been visited by representatives from State Farm Insurance, Ford Motor Company, General Mills, IBM, Columbia University, George Washington University and Howard University, just to name a few.

The department of business and information systems has made significant strides in acquiring much-needed office space for teachers and facilities for students. Three faculty offices have been constructed, along with a new computer laboratory to house the 40 microcomputers and ten printers which have recently been purchased. Dr. Sandra Price, associate professor of business and information systems, was greatly instrumental in this endeavor.

The staff of the business department is extremely well qualified. Six of the ten full-time teachers have doctoral degrees. In recognition of the accomplishments of this department, we salute their faculty and extend special congratulations to Dr. Leon Higgs, department chairman.



Dr. Higgs, chairman of the business and information systems department, observing some of the students in business communication class.



A student assisting another in a computer literacy class.

The method of success begins and continues with adequate preparation. The faculty and staff at Oakwood College are eagerly and ably equipped to meet this challenge in the educating of our youth.

C. Denise Morales

EURYDICE OSTERMAN CITED FOR AWARD

Eurydice Osterman, assistant professor of music at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and director of the Oakwood College Choir, was cited as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America in 1983 and was given an award to that effect this past January.

Osterman has been a member of the Oakwood College faculty since 1978. Her professional skills include not only those of conductor, instructor, pianist and organist, but also that of composer and arranger.

She began studying piano at the age of six and has continued her musical career ever since. It was while matriculating at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, that she began composing her own music and since that time has won awards from Andrews University for two consecutive years (1982 and 1983) for her arrangement of *O What a Beautiful City* and her composition, *Alleluia*, which was also performed on Alabama Public Television.

Osterman presently directs the Oakwood College Choir and has done so since 1978. She has performed with the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Bach's *Magnificat*, Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*, to name a few. The choir has also released an album, *Roll, Jordan, Roll*, has traveled to several cities giving concerts, and was selected to perform at the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee. She is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana.

IN THE NEWS

OBITUARIES



Ronald A. Smith, Sr.

He was the most energetic, outgoing, friendly and lively person—shaking hands vigorously, hugging and kissing his members. Every now and then you would hear the phrases, "Have mercy!" and "God bless you now!" This was Pastor Ronald A. Smith, Sr., of the Mt. Olivet Seventh-day Adventist Church.

We would watch him on Sabbath, marching in with the other pulpit members and he would be serious and sober in his robe. However, when the choir sang a rousing song, we would see him hitting his leg in time with the music, a smile covering his face and saying, "Sing on, folks! That's all right now!" His enthusiasm was a wonderful thing to behold.

We are aware that, in the midst of life, death comes with cruel icy fingers, severing a loved one from the family circle. At other times when death came, Ronald had been with us, trying in his frail humanity to ease the burdens of our grief. Now we lean steadfast on the secret of his love—God, the source of his strength.

Ron's life began on July 5, 1933, in Kansas City, Kansas. There he attended elementary school and attended Cole High School in Denver, Colorado. His college years were spent at La Sierra College in Riverside, California, where he received his B.A. degree in 1955. In August of 1957 Ronald received his master's degree from the Washington Theological Seminary in Takoma Park, Maryland. Finally, he earned a doctoral degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

In 1952 at a prayer service, he met his beautiful wife-to-be, Darian McCloud, and married her on March 8, 1956.

During that year, Ronald entered the denominational work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. His first district was in the Southwest Region from 1957 to 1960. His next district was in the Central States Conference, where he served from 1960 to 1969. On June 20, 1964, he was ordained a servant of God, to which he dedicated his personality, character and total life. From 1969 to 1974 he pastored in the Lake Region Conference, spreading his ministry throughout the region.

His spirit of love was felt at the Mt. Olivet Seventh-day Adventist Church in Camden, New Jersey. This April Ronald was looking forward to the official grand opening of the new church home—but it was not meant to be. However, he has

been promised a far better home—one with his Lord.

God allowed him to see his 28th wedding anniversary on March 8, 1984, in New Mexico, where he laughed and enjoyed the time with his lovely wife and daughter. Early the next morning, the Lord ended his great work and laid him to sleep.

Rejoicing in the hope of salvation, he leaves his darling wife, Darian, his precious children, Ronald, Jr., Michael, Tamara and Karen. God had taken his son Jethro, but in return had blessed him with a precious grandson, Demerious, whom he loved very much. He leaves his younger brothers Philip, Andrew and Matthew, as well as his sister Allegra, brothers-in-law Jethro and Thermond, and sisters-in-law Ruth and Ella Will. Ronald also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many pastoral associates, the Mt. Olivet church family and many friends.

At this point one might think death conquers all, but we know this is not true. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has conquered death and when He appears to take us home, there will be no more death and we will see our loved one again.

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Beryl Lucille Crosby was born in St. John's, Antigua, on January 6, 1911. After her early educational days, she migrated to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. She became a naturalized American citizen and came to the U.S.A. in 1955.

Beryl loved New York City, where through the years she won many dear friends. She enjoyed the literary and culinary arts and was an avid reader.

On her retirement, after an active and full life in New York, she returned to St. Thomas to be with her sons, Denzil and Cleofoster. It was while living with Denzil and family that she accepted the Third Angel's Message and was baptized by Dr. Samuel Joseph at St. Thomas "City" SDA Church.

She elected to return to New York City with Denzil and his family, who relocated in New York. At that time Beryl, along with other members of the family, joined the Ephesus SDA Church, where she remained a faithful member. Despite her failing health, she was seen weekly in her Sabbath school class, in worship services and other activities of the

church. She loved her church and was loved by many.

Beryl, who was affectionately known as "Grandma," "Nenee," "Goddie" and "Miss Beryl," bore her final illness with dignity and Christian grace, falling asleep peacefully early Thursday morning, February 16, 1984.

She leaves to mourn her loss: a son, Cleofoster of St. Thomas, V.I.; a son and daughter-in-law, Denzil and Celeste Bridges; several grandchildren, including Leslie, Conrad and Neill with whom she resided; two sisters, Claire Crosby of Florida and Alice Macklin of N.Y.C.; several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, godchildren and a host of dear friends, including Pat Hodge of N.Y.C. and Eunice Horsford of St. Thomas, V.I.

BLACK ADVENTIST HISTORY TO BE RELEASED

A major work on the history of black Seventh-day Adventists will be released in June by the Review and Herald Publishing Association. *We Have Tomorrow*, an authoritative account of the contribution Adventists of African descent have made to the mission of the church, was authored by the late Louis B. Reynolds.

According to Reynolds, Seventh-day Adventist history texts have some noticeable gaps in their record of the denomination's black members. Reynolds tells the story of these men and women, both laymen and ministers. He pays tribute to hundreds of black ministers, evangelists, educators, health professionals, missionaries and laymen from all walks of life who have held the gospel banner high through the years.

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Reynolds, a General Conference field secretary and twice editor of *Message* magazine, spent more than 25 years researching this book. Two full years toward the end of his life were devoted to interviews, writing and rewriting.

Pastor Reynolds died on September 12, 1983, soon after completing the manuscript for *We Have Tomorrow*.

Harry Anderson was commissioned to illustrate the book, and his four beautiful, full-color paintings and colorful dust jacket enhance this significant volume. *We Have Tomorrow* will be available at Adventist Book Centers in June.

ALUMNI DAY AT CAPITOL CITY

Capitol City's Oakwood College Alumni Day featured Calvin Rock, president of Oakwood, as guest speaker. A full day of activities was planned. Pastor Rock used as his topic "This Kingdom Business."

All central Indiana churches convened at Capitol City for the afternoon meetings. A reception was held for the Oakwood guests and supporters of Oakwood College Saturday evening. Thomasine Wright, president of the Indianapolis alumni chapter, stated that there were about 25 representatives from Oakwood who participated in the Capitol City Oakwood Alumni Day. Wright, a former instructor at Oakwood, planned the alumni day activities.

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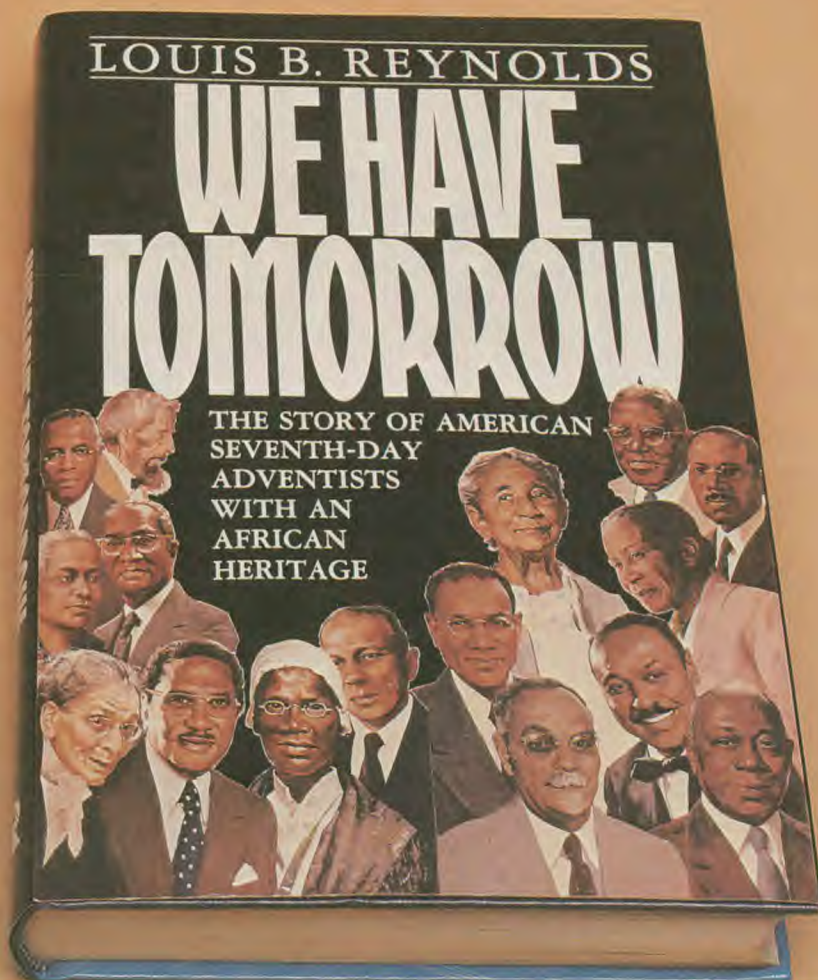
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