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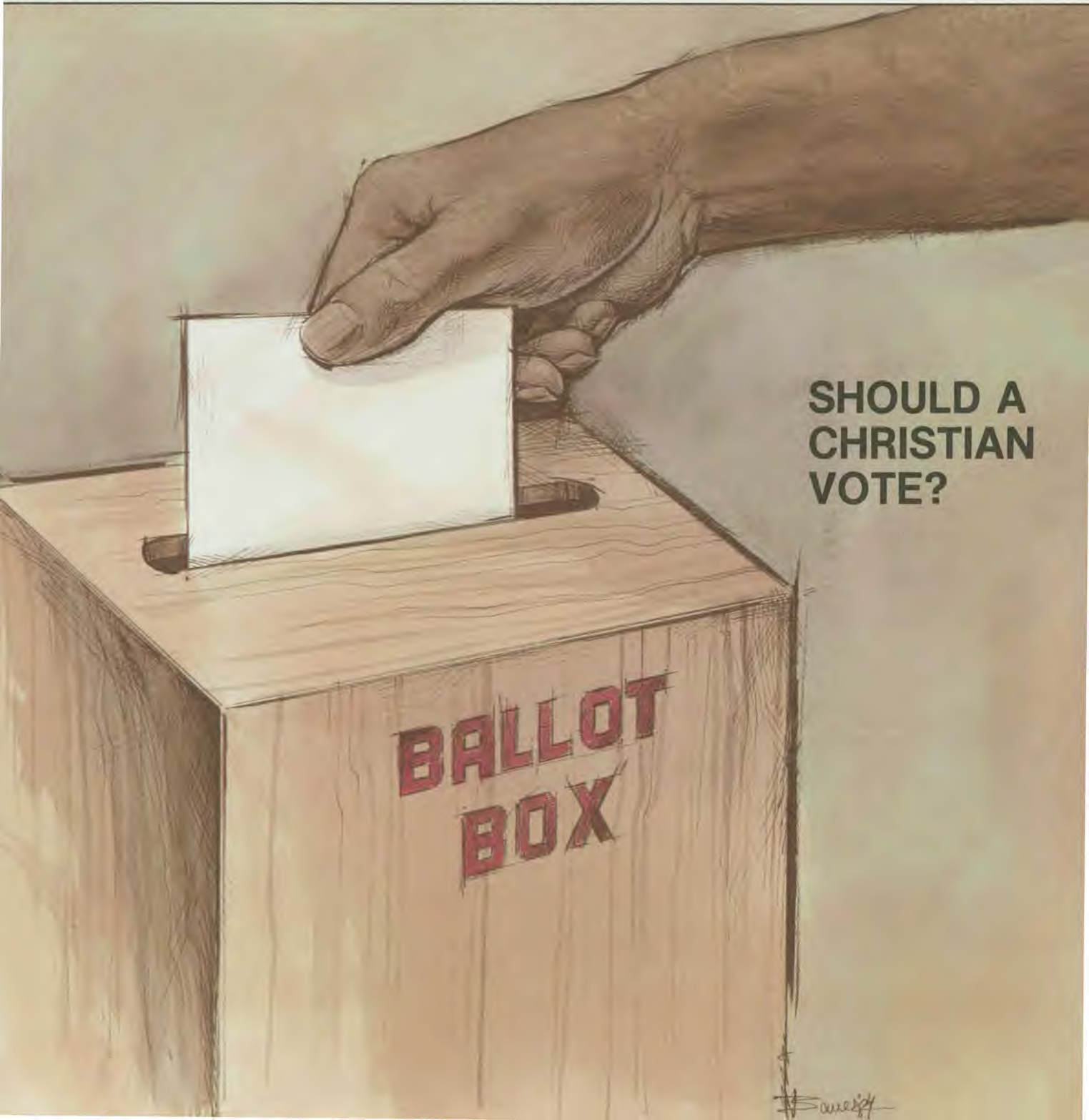


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COVER STORY

SHOULD I PULL THE VOTER'S LEVER?

By Stephanie D. Johnson

Next month the American people will go the polls to elect a President. Should SDAs vote in the upcoming election? Should we identify ourselves with a political party? In order to answer these questions let us examine within an historical framework the church's counsel in matters of voting and politics.

In the years following the Great Disappointment of 1844 the Advent Church was facing an identity crisis. They were torn between the duties and realities of the present world and their obligation to prepare and hasten the coming of a new world.

When confronted with these choices, they chose to temporarily live in the world but not act in conformity to the world. This attitude led them to deeply distrust organization and reject the gospel order. "The work was endangered by the introduction, in some regions, of strange and misleading teachings. A few sincere souls were in danger of being led into fanaticism.

"This situation was complicated by the fact that there seemed no way to prevent unworthy persons from traveling and teaching in the name of the little flock, and no way of disfellowshipping those in error.

"The believers in the various companies had been brought together by certain common beliefs, but there was no overseeing organization to recognize its teachers or direct in their activities." Arthur L. White, *Ellen G. White Messenger to the Remnant*, p 44, 45.

Their past experience also shaped their attitude towards politics and voting. In 1856 an upcoming election that dealt with two controversial issues—slavery and liquor prohibition threatened to divide the nation.

When faced with the choice to vote or not to vote, the Believers chose to remain on the periphery. Uriah Smith, Editor of the Review and Herald, in an editorial espoused the view of the majority. He counselled, "neutrality in politics" and urged our people to refuse "to take part in a contest so exciting as the one which is now agitating this nation." Review and Herald, Sept. 11, 1856.

In concluding his editorial he gave reason for his counsel. "To the question, why we do not with our votes and influence labor against the evil tendency of the times, we reply, that our views of prophecy lead us to the conclusion that things will not be bettered . . . And we feel it our duty to confine our efforts to preparing ourselves and others, as far as in us lies, for the great and final issue already pressing upon us—the revelation of the Son of man from heaven, the destruction of all earthly governments the establishment of glorious, universal and eternal kingdom of the King of Kings and the redemption and deliverance of all His subjects." Ibid.

From national issues to local affairs, three years later, the leading churchmen were forced to reevaluate the believers civic responsibilities to the Battle Creek community. E. G. White was in attendance at this meeting along with James White and J. N. Andrews. She made this entry in her diary of March 6, 1859. "It was thought by them best to give their influence in favor of temperance men being in office instead of by their silence running risk of having intemperate men put in office."

"Men of intemperance have been in the office today, in a flattering manner expressing their approbation of the course of the Sabbathkeepers not voting and expressed hopes that they will stick to their course and like the Quakers, not cast their vote. Satan and his evil angels are busy at this time, and he has workers upon the earth. May Satan be disappointed is my prayer." Quoted in *Temperance*, p. 255, 256.

An Historic Decision

After this meeting, it was thought proper that Adventists should vote but many were still not exercising their rights. A year later James White wrote, "The political excitement of 1860 will probably run as high as it has for many years and we would warn our brethren not to be drawn into it. We are not prepared to prove from the Bible that it would be wrong for a believer in the third (Angel's) message to go in a manner becoming his profession and cast his vote. We do not recommend this neither do we oppose. If a brother chooses to vote, we cannot condemn him, and we want the same liberty if we do not. But we do believe that he who enters into the Spirit of the coming contest, loses the spirit of the present truth and endangers his own

soul." Review and Herald, August 21, 1860 as quoted in Review and Herald, Sept. 12, 1968.

A number of Adventist did vote as evidenced by a Review article, Aug. 12, 1862. James White wrote, Those of our people who voted at all the last Presidential election, to a man voted for Abraham Lincoln. We know of not one among Seventh-day Adventists who has the least sympathy for secession." Quoted in Review and Herald, Sept. 18, 1980.

When James White wrote those words, Abraham Lincoln presided over a nation torn by Civil War, 11 southern states had seceded from the Union and the United States was fighting for its life. A year later, May 21, 1863, the Seventh-day Adventists became an organized body. At the third annual session of the General Conference held in Battle Creek, May 17, 1865, the delegates passed an historic resolution that dealt with voting.

"Resolved, That in our judgment, the act of voting when exercised in behalf of justice, humanity and right is in itself blameless, and may be at some times highly proper; but that the casting of any vote that shall strengthen the cause of crimes as intemperance, insurrection, and slavery, we regard as highly criminal in the sight of Heaven. But we deprecate any participation in the spirit of party strife." Review and Herald, May 23, 1865 as quoted in Review and Herald, Sept. 12, 1968.

The church set forth the position that every believer is free to vote but must not enter into party strife or violence.

We have been uniquely fortunate as a Church for we have had the Spirit of Prophecy during the beginning to guide us safely through the crucial times we have faced as a nation and a church. Never once has the church deviated from the principle enunciated at the historic session of 1865.

SDA to be Principled Voters

Years later E. G. White maintained this principle. "In the early summer of 1881 at Des Moines, Iowa camp meeting, a resolution was placed before the delegates which read: "resolved, that we express our deep interest in temperance movement now going forward in this state; and that we instruct all our ministers to use their influence among our churches and with the people at large to induce them to put forth every consistent effort, by personal

labor, and at the ballot box, in favor of the prohibitory amendment of the Constitution, which the friends of temperance are seeking to secure.

"But some objected to the clause which called for action at the 'ballot box' and urged its deletion. Mrs. White, who was attending this camp meeting had retired, but was summoned to give her counsel.

Writing of it at the time she said, "I dressed and found I was to speak to the point of whether our people should vote for prohibition. I told them "yes" and spoke for twenty minutes." *Temperance*, p. 255. (see *Gospel Worker*, p. 384-388).

We are not merely to cast our vote on the strength of party or personality but rather "our vote should be cast on the side of temperance and virtue." "Intemperate men should not by vote of the people be placed in positions of trust." *Ibid*, p. 253. E. G. White further counselled, "The people of God are not to vote to place such men in office; for when they do this, they are partakers with them of the sins which they commit while in office." *Gospel Workers*, p. 392.

We cannot with safety vote for political parties; for we do not know whom we are voting for. We cannot with safety take part in any political scheme." "Let political questions alone." *Ibid*, p. 391, 392. (see *Gospel Workers*, p. 379, 391-396).

We are admonished never to wear "political badges, but badges of Christ." *Ibid*, p. 392 (see *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 475-484). In voting we must never vote a straight party ticket but rather we should carefully study the issues and then intelligently vote.

Workers to Abstain from Politics

In the middle and late 1890s, America found itself deeply divided over the currency issue. This issue was not without effect on the church, in fact, it became such a burning issue that a number of ministers used their pulpit to promote their views. (See *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 331-340). Ellen G. White was deeply disturbed by their actions. With prophetic insight she realized that this issue could divide the church. Ellen White gave a strong testimony in regards to this issue. She pointed out that ministers should not "engage in political speeches in or out of the pulpit" for God was not pleased. *Testimonies to the Ministers*, p. 331.

"I was surprised," she exclaimed,

"as I saw men who claim to believe the truth for this time all excited in regard to matters—which relate to the Lord Jesus and eternal interests? No, but they seemed to be wonderfully excited in regard to currency.

"Some ministers were distinguishing themselves by weaving these subjects into their discourses. They were excitably involving themselves, taking sides in regard to these questions, that the Lord did not lay upon them the burden to engage in." *Ibid*, p. 332.

"She also had strong counsel for church school teachers. "Those teachers in the church or in the school who distinguish themselves by their zeal in politics, should be relieved from their work and responsibility without delay; for the Lord will not cooperate with them. The tithe should not be used to pay any one for speechifying on political questions.

"Every teacher or minister or leader in our ranks who is stirred with a desire to ventilate his opinion on political questions, should be converted by a belief in the truth, or give up his work. His influence must tell as a laborer together with God in winning souls to Christ or his credentials must be taken from him. If he does not change, he will do harm, and only harm." *Gospel Workers*, p. 393.

In the preceding statement E. G. White is not discouraging our workers to vote but rather instructing them to stay away from political infatuation and controversy. "On these themes silence is eloquence." *Gospel Workers*, p. 391. "Keep your voting to yourself. Do not feel it your duty to urge everyone to do as you do. *Selected Messages*, V. 2, page 337.

In closing, we conclude with a portion of an editorial in the Review, Sept. 13, 1928 written by F. M. Wilcox. He writes: "It is the privilege of every individual to exercise the right of franchise. No one has authority to deny him this privilege.

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church does not seek to dictate to its members as to how they shall vote or whether or not they should vote at all. It is left for each to act on his own judgment in the fear of God.

"We have been told by the servant of the Lord that we should not link up with political parties, that we should not agitate political questions in our schools or institutions.

"On the other hand, we have been instructed by the same authority that

when certain moral issues, such as prohibition, are involved, the advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence by precept and example—voice and pen and vote—in favor of total abstinence. This instruction if not mandatory, it is still left for each one to determine for himself what he shall do.

"While an individual member of the church has a right, if he so likes, to cast his vote, the church should hold itself entirely aloof from politics.

"It is one thing for the individual members of the church to vote, and another thing for these same individuals in their church capacities to endeavor to influence political measures." quoted in *Seventh-day Adventists and Voting*, Arthur L. White, p.8.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



THE GOAL-ORIENTED CHURCH

by Pastor C. E. Bradford

We seem to be afraid of setting goals, though the whole trend of management theory and practice today is toward goal-setting. The excellent companies are goal-oriented, no doubt about it; we see it in all the literature. As a way to get things started, nothing can take the place of reasonable goal-setting. It must be done in keeping with the way human beings are put together. I repeat: To get us going, there will have to be a serious negotiation of goals stated specifically in terms of numbers (the only way we can measure objectively). What gets measured gets done.

Early Adventists had goals for everything: 13th Sabbath, Investment, In-

gathering, Big Week, mission offerings, territories to be entered, baptisms, churches to be planted, meetings to be held. With eyes on goals and spirits aglow, they were irresistibly drawn toward the "dream that had to be," and they got things done!

Let's stop kidding ourselves. Plans and programs without goal-orientation have no power to excite. We are made to be challenged. Goals give the future some form and shape. You have here the Biblical idea of hope—always looking ahead. This is why we need feedback, which one author calls the "breakfast of champions."

There is another fact that we will have to face. North America did not respond enthusiastically to the 1,000 Days of Reaping. Some of us even dragged our feet, but this attitude that bristles at the mere mention of goals and programs is a foreign element, contrary to the can-do Adventist pilgrim spirit. Thanks be to God; this is changing. The spirit of Adventism is too strong! We are prisoners of hope. We have a global assignment which we cannot escape. Nothing can change that. In our more honest moments we know that.

We are at one of those times in salvation history when our task is coming into sharper focus. "There's a new day dawning." Our self-esteem is affirmed by heaven's blessing on our efforts when we dare to obey "the voice." Already in North America soul-winning and goal-setting are in. The tide is rising.

Three-fourths of the 1,000 Days of Reaping are in the irretrievable past. No use mourning them, but we do have almost 300 days remaining (as of this writing). Let's be specific. Sabbath, September 29, 1984, to Sabbath, June 15, 1985, gives us 260 days, 38 Sabbaths to accomplish what has never been achieved in our history—to add 68,175 new members. This will put us on target for the 1,000 Days of Reaping.

The time is ripe and right. So many things are in place. The "caring church" strategy has taken hold. There is a broadly-based sensitivity, soul hunger and even eagerness among church members. "The time has never been better for aggressive truth telling" (*Leadership*, Spring 1984, p. 3).

I say to the people of God in North America, "Get at it—do not delay." Set goals. Be specific. Activate every force. Two hundred sixty days, thirty-eight Sabbaths until June 15, 1985!

The Editor's Desk

SOUTH CENTRAL INSTITUTES A NEW SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

More and more students are being baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith. With their baptisms comes the challenge to receive a Christian education. The city colleges in most towns offer good inticements to remain at home to receive the educational preparation, but the black youth usually develop a desire to spend at least some portion of his/her college days on the campus of Oakwood College. Many cannot afford to attend the school.

The administration and executive committee of the conference has developed a plan to grant a full scholarship to some student from the South Central Conference to attend Oakwood. The entire tuition is to be paid by the conference. The purpose of the Merit Scholarship is to afford the opportunity of attending college to one worthy member of the conference who other-

wise would not have that opportunity. The student who was chosen this year for the 1984-85 school year was Miss Mattie McDonald of Meridina, Mississippi.

Study is being given for next year's recipient.

LEGAL NOTICE NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that a special session of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on Sunday, November 4, 1984, at the Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church, 500 Woodland Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. The meeting will convene at 10 a.m. and consider reports, recommendations and transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

G. R. Earle, President
Harold W. Baptiste, Secretary

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Oct. 26	Nov. 2	9	16
Boston, Mass.	5:46	4:37	4:28	4:22
New York City	5:57	4:48	4:40	4:33
Buffalo, N.Y.	6:16	5:06	4:58	4:51
Atlanta, Ga.	6:52	5:45	5:39	5:34
Miami, Fla.	6:44	5:39	5:35	5:32
Charlotte, N.C.	6:36	5:28	5:22	5:17
Birmingham, Ala.	6:01	4:54	4:48	4:44
Jackson, Miss.	6:17	5:10	5:04	5:00
Memphis, Tenn.	6:12	5:05	4:59	4:54
Louisville, Ky.	6:51	5:43	5:36	5:30
Detroit, Mich.	6:35	5:26	5:18	5:11
Chicago, Ill.	5:53	4:44	4:36	4:30
South Bend, Indiana	5:48	5:39	5:31	5:24
Minneapolis, Minn.	6:11	5:00	4:51	4:44
St. Louis, Mo.	6:08	5:00	4:53	4:47
Kansas City, Mo.	6:25	5:17	5:09	5:04
Denver, Co.	6:06	4:57	4:50	4:44
Little Rock, Ark.	6:22	5:14	5:08	5:04
Dallas, Texas	6:42	5:36	5:30	5:26
New Orleans, La.	6:19	5:13	5:08	5:04
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:19	5:12	5:05	5:00
Oklahoma City, Okla.	6:42	5:35	5:29	5:24

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

ALLEGHENY EAST CAMP MEETING REPORT - 1984

The Allegheny East Conference constituents enjoyed another spirit filled camp meeting on the campus of Pine Forge Academy and the conference campgrounds. The theme for 1984 was "By His Spirit."

Highlights of this year's camp meeting were the many workshops. Some of the presenters were: Edgar T. Mimms, pastor of the Bethel SDA Church in Brooklyn; Dr. Agatha Thrash of Yuchi Pines Institute; Alice Lowe, Associate Director of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference; Harry and Nancy Van Pelt, authors of the *Compleat Marriage Seminar*; Doris Jones of the Family Life Department of the Allegheny East Conference and E. J. Royster of Shady Grove Hospital.

The Sabbath School hour was headed by R. L. Booker, the new Sabbath School Director for the conference. Elder U. S. Willis, the former director and new pastor of the Walnut Street SDA Community Church of Pottstown, was awarded a plaque by the Delaware Valley Churches for his contribution to the Sabbath School. The lesson was taught on the first Sabbath by Elder S. D. Meyers, Associate Director of the Stewardship Department, and by Elder C. L. Brooks, Associate Director of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference on the second Sabbath.

Carol Cantu, the new Director of Education, led out in the Education Hour which featured Elder E. C. Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College Church.

The Youth Department, under the direction of Daniel Davis, featured an outstanding program for the youth. The Pathfinder Fair was the main event for the youth. This year the Pathfinders participated in a Better Living Parade held in the city of Pottstown.

The Divine Worship service and Ordination Service are always highlights of any camp meeting. The Allegheny East camp meeting services were highlighted by the preaching of E. C. Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College Church and C. E. Bradford, Vice President of the General Conference for the North American Division, in the large pavilion on the first and second Sabbaths, respectively. Featured in the Senior youth tents on the respective Sabbaths were Melvyn Hayden, pastor of Washington, D.C.,

First church and Sherman Cox, president of Central States Conference.

Ordination services for Amos Hosten and R. L. Booker were highlighted by the preaching of DeWitt S. Williams, Association Director of the Health Department of the General Conference.

Elder M. C. Van Putten, Conference President stated that in spite of the rains which were prevalent during the 10 days, "this is one of the best camp meetings ever."



The long jump requires expert skill in timing and muscle control.



Exact time in passing the baton makes all the difference in relay racing.



The annual A.Y. Olympics brings crowds and Class A athletes together for a good time and many exciting events.

CONFERENCE HOLDS ANNUAL OLYMPICS

The International Summer Olympics are held every four years. Young people from all over the world train for many hours to compete with one goal in mind, to make the Olympic Team for their country of origin. Some make it, some do not. In short, that is the ecstasy and agony of it all.

However, the Allegheny East Conference holds its AY Olympics annually just prior to camp meeting so that any

young person who is willing and capable can compete for the "gold", in this case the "blue", "red" and "white" ribbons given to the winners of each event.

The 1984 AY Olympics were held at the Boyertown Senior High School in Boyertown, Pennsylvania.

Outside of the great competitive force of youth representing the various churches of the Allegheny East Conference, this year's Olympics featured two sideline stars, two young people who were participating as role models for other Adventist youth. These two young people were Michelle Bush, an Olympic hopeful in the 1500 meter run and Vic Washington, former all-pro wide receiver for the San Francisco 49er's. Bush had appeared earlier in the year at the United Youth Congress held in Atlanta, Georgia, where she told how it was to be a Seventh-day Adventist and compete for an Olympic medal.

Vic Washington is now a Seventh-day Adventist who gives his time and energy to the training of young people in the proper care of their bodies and minds.

The Olympics are over and each person who competed won a measure of self-respect even though they may not have taken home a blue, white or red ribbon.

Daniel Davis, Youth Director for Allegheny East Conference stated that the main purpose of the Olympics is to help Allegheny East Conference youth to develop a better self image and self esteem and to give glory to God through healthy, happy bodies and minds.

Robert L. Booker



Pastor Walter Fordham and his wife, Maybelle, cut the cake at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

W. W. FORDHAMS CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Walter and Maybelle Fordham celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in a gala occasion at the First SDA Church in Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

Nearly 300 guests and family members observed the couple as they re-

newed their vows after 50 years of marriage. Conducting the ceremonies were Elders E. T. Mimms, Herman Murphy and C. E. Bradford. The couple were originally married on July 19, 1934, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Walter W. Fordham is a retired minister and church administrator, having served as a pastor, an evangelist, the president of three conferences and finally as an administrator at the General Conference. He is currently a member of the zoning board of Douglass Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania and pastor of the Coatesville congregation.

Maybelle Fordham is a retired administrative secretary of the General Conference.

The Fordhams are presently living in retirement at Pine Forge, Pennsylvania.

Climax of the banquet was the presentation of airline tickets by their three children and families to a 21-day trip which includes the Bahamas, Mexico City, Dallas, Los Angeles and Kansas City.

The 50th Anniversary bridal party consisted of the Fordham's three children, Frankie Lester, Audrey Booker and Walter Fordham Jr., their children and spouses.

Robert L. Booker

PREPARING YOUTH FOR TODAY AND ETERNITY

"Our aim is to make witnessing for Christ a daily way of life," said Steve Vanderhorst, executive director of Prepare Our Youth, Inc. Since 1981 this organization has officially ministered to the needs of troubled young people from the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

The idea was born in 1979, when a group of young people with varied educational aspirations decided to extend their Christian service to other days of the week, as well as the Sabbath. The original group of founders consisted of a social worker, a psychologist, a doctor, a dentist and a theology student. Today this nucleus has expanded into a full-time staff of six, while fourteen members comprise its board of directors.

These directors of the organization, as well as a host of volunteers from a tireless work force who search out down-trodden young people and seek to make them whole physically, mentally and spiritually, are guiding them to God,

whose influence is quite obvious in every facet of this organization.

From its headquarters at 814 Shepherd Street in northwest Washington, the Prepare Our Youth organization fosters family enrichment, health programs, outreach ministry and tutorial services. Yvonne Vanderhorst and Ron Vanderhorst, sister and brother respectively of Steve, work side by side with him. Yvonne is the dedicated mainstay of the tutorial program, while Ron is the dynamic director of the outreach program.

Other equally dedicated staff members are Lincoln Bernard, family enrichment director, Rosemary Scott, psychologist (won to the message through P.O.Y. efforts), Randall Douglas, senior counselor, and Gail McDonald, administrative assistant. Board members represent a cross-section of persons with professional expertise—ministers, lawyers, medical doctors, university professors, social workers, psychologists and many other professionals.

The success of a program is measured by its results. From time to time this organization emphasizes its work by way of newsletters, statistics, word of mouth and special programs presented in area churches. A recent report period from the tutorial services indicated that 96 to 98 students had fulfilled the requirements for the course. A successful evangelistic meeting was conducted by Ron Vanderhorst during the summer of 1983, with eighteen members added to the church.

The highlight of the organization's work is the awards banquet. This year it was held on February 5 in Arlington, Virginia. The rewards of the program were clearly outlined when two young men, Maurice and Eddie, were presented with special plaques to indicate definite progress in the personal lifestyles. Both of these young men had suffered serious encounters with the juvenile court system. Eddie is now in a loving foster home and an honor student in school, while Maurice has graduated from high school and is looking for a job.

Other honorees who have given special services to the organization were Dr. Ouida Westney, professor in the School of Human Ecology at Howard University, Jean R. Baker, president of Baker, Hames and Burkes Reporting and founder of Canwyck Pines Academy in Spotsylvania, Virginia, Yvonne Van-



Ron Vanderhorst of P.O.Y. strolls with young people on the Allegheny East Conference campground during the 1983 camp meeting session.

derhorst, an administrative secretary with the Office of Human Relations in the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and Wintley Phipps, international concert singer and special assistant to the president of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

And so the work of Prepare Our Youth, Inc., moves forward in spite of unusual circumstances. What started out as a faith venture and should have failed long ago, according to normal standards, continues to make progress.

Steve Vanderhorst, executive director, armed with a degree in social work as well as unmatched courage, zeal and faith, continues to make plans for the future. An explicit belief in God's direction and the worth of a human being seem to be the main thrust of the organization, which also works indirectly with families of young people. However, anyone who is hungry, naked, hurting, lonely and most of all in need of someone to direct them to God and His boundless love may find the answer in one or all of the services now being rendered by the Prepare Our Youth, Inc.

Lona Lea

CHURCH RAISES FUNDS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Preparation for the imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, warrants our total commitment to Christian education. This is evidenced by the tremendous emphasis given this vital doctrine by Pastor S. Peter Campbell and members of the Beth-El SDA Church of Jersey City, New Jersey.

A unique method of funding was established by this church to assist parents with their tuition payments. Their investment in a trucking business brings in much-needed funds for the specific function of relieving parents of the burdens of skyrocketing tuition costs.



Dr. Stanley Gellineau happily participates in baptizing his twelve-year-old daughter Robin.

chison, Kansas, the youngest of three children born to Robert and Julia Broussard.

From 1967-1969 he served in the army as Combat Medic during the Viet Nam war.

In December, 1975, he was wed to the former Joan Simmons of Niles, Michigan. He attended Oakwood College and graduated in June, 1979, with a B.S. in Sociology/Psychology. On September 30, 1983, they were blessed with a baby girl, Tiffany.

Those who knew and loved Phillip remember his jovial, thoughtful and kind spirit. He was willing to help anyone if he could. He loved the Lord and loved to sing his praises. The last words recorded by his attending physician were: "Feels good, all I can do now is praise the Lord."

He is survived by his wife, daughter, brother, mother, and host of relatives, as well as friends. He will be sorely missed.

DENVER PARK HOLDS EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

It was an exciting three-weeks for the Denver Park Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church during the week of May 29, 1984 through June 16. Elder Bill Zima from the Mid-America Union Conference, held a powerful evangelistic meeting. Each day Elder Zima and Elder Gabe Taylor, Jr., pastor of the Park Hill church, visited members who had not been to church for a period of time, or who had been ill and could not attend, and the Lord certainly blessed. Elder Zima's message was focused primarily on "salvation through Christ." As a result of the visitations and the Sabbath sermons, the attendance climbed and there were 30 baptized, including several rebaptisms. The evangelistic meetings proved to be a success. May God bless Elder Zima as he continued to do God's work.

Gwendolyn Walker
Communication Secretary

UPCOMING DATES

Central States Youth Fall Federations

September 20-21

Rocky Mountain Federation
Park Hill, Denver, Colorado

October 6

Eastern Federation
St. Louis, Missouri



Members of the Pathfinder club as they prepared for the parade.

October 19-20

Great Plains Federation
Des Moines, Iowa

October 26-28

Central Federation
Linwood, Kansas City, Missouri

OBITUARY

Philip N. Broussard passed away on Monday, July 16, after a long bout with cancer. He was born June 1, 1945, in At-

NEWS FROM BEREAN

St. Louis Berean Pathfinder Club prepares for the Annual Annie Malone Day Parade in St. Louis, Missouri. It was a rainy but joyful day when the Berean Trailblazers Pathfinder Club marched to the sound of Christian drummers as they paraded through the streets of St. Louis. The Annie Malone Parade is an annual parade that benefits the needy and poor in the greater St. Louis community.

RUPRIGHTS VISIT GETHSEMANE CHURCH

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rupright were recently special guests at the Gethsemane church in Danville. The Ruprights participated in Sabbath school services and the divine worship service.

Otis Rupright is a special friend of Gethsemane church members because he was instrumental in building their church.

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT PEORIA

March 10 was Sabbath School Community Guest Day for the Peoria church. With the consolidated efforts of the Sabbath school council and all members of the church, the sanctuary was filled. Charles Willis, pastor, also made it a District Day.

Two plaques were given out. The first was given to Henry Washington of the Park Avenue church in Champaign for his dedication as personal ministries leader for 1983. The second plaque was given to Ruben Hall of the Peoria church for his untiring service to the community and faithfulness to his church as personal ministries leader.

Pastor Willis was the speaker for the divine worship service. His message for the day was entitled, "Remember Lot's Wife." Many visitors from the community said they were very impressed with the church services and plan to return. The pastor's family was also present from Chicago.

The food committee was directed by Lillie Standifer and Laverne Parker.

The day ended with an Adventist Youth meeting directed by Sammie Horton, which provided a time of fellowship through musical selections, poems and testimonies.

Jean N. Still
Communication Secretary

YOUTH SOCIETY HOSTS MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA

The Adventist Youth Society from the Gethsemane church in Danville recently hosted a musical extravaganza.

The featured soloist was Don McNeal from Kankakee, Illinois. McNeal is currently a student at Southern Illinois University, where he is majoring in music performance.

Others who participated on the program were youths from the Mount of Olives church in Terre Haute, Indiana, and the Gethsemane youth society from Danville.

NUTRITION SEMINAR BY HUSBAND-AND-WIFE TEAM

An exciting nutrition seminar and cooking school was conducted at the Ypsilanti church for four consecutive Thursday nights beginning on April 12.

The two-hour seminars were directed by Mark and Jannine Williams. This husband-and-wife team has had several years of experience in conducting workshops, much of which was gained while operating their own vegetarian restaurant in Nashville, Tennessee.

Each session of the nutrition seminar consisted of a nutrition lecture and a food demonstration. Participants received generous servings of eight or nine dishes each night.

"The focus is on the 'how to' and the 'why,'" says Mark Williams. "We want to show people how to prepare vegetarian meals that taste good and we also want them to understand why they are superior."

The schedule for the four-week series was as follows:

April 12—lecture: whole grains, whole foods; demonstration: breakfasts.

April 19—lecture: sweeteners and sugars; demonstration: sugarless desserts.

April 26—lecture: proteins and carbohydrates; demonstration: meatless entrees.

May 3—lecture: fats; demonstration: bread night, hands-on experience in breadmaking.

The cost of the entire nutrition seminar was only \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. (Participants were strongly encouraged to bring their spouses along with them.) This small fee was used to help pay the cost of the materials provided during the four weeks.

"God has given us a great health message," commented David Williams, head of the church's health department. "The tragedy is that so many of us do not know or do not practice its principles. The coming of this exciting program to the church left us without an excuse!"

Lester A. Parkinson
Pastor

DEACONESS DAY

Under the direction of head deaconess, Claudia Johnson, the deaconess' at the Berean Church in South Bend celebrated their first annual Deaconess Day. The purpose of the day was to highlight and educate the members about the work of the Deaconess'.

The deaconess took charge of the Sabbath School and divine worship services. Music was provided by a special all Deaconess choir singing an original song written for the day. Visiting Deaconess came from as far as Dowagiac, Michigan, and from the Pilgrim Baptist Church in South Bend.

A sum of over \$775 was presented to Pastor Marcus Harris, on behalf of the Deaconess, for the church boiler fund.

Guest speaker for the day was Allie Valentine from Benton Harbor. Allie is one of the first female elders in the Michiana area.

The host deaconess served dinner to all members and guests following the worship service.

NEWS NOTES

The Real Truth Bible Course graduation ceremony was held at the Philadelphia Church in Niles. Sixteen students graduated from the basic and advance course. This soul winning endeavor is a part of an over all evangelism plan for the Niles church.

Members from the Fairhaven Church in Flint and the Ephesus Church in Saginaw enjoyed a joint AY meeting at Dow Gardens in Midland, Michigan. This was a very special AY meeting since the members from the two congregations were also saying farewell to Vern Joyner, former pastor of the Saginaw and Flint district, and to his family. Elder Joyner is now pastoring in the Allegheny East Conference.

Youth from the Ephesus Church in Saginaw made a great showing in the 1984 Walkathon which was held at the Lake Region Campground on July 4. Seven year old Jackie Loster was awarded \$100 in cash as the first place winner. The second prize, a free week at junior camp, was won by William Bradley. Makeba Claggett was the third prize winner in the walkathon. Her prize was a \$50 cash prize. Last year members from these families were winners in the same order.

The Ephesus Church in Saginaw, Michigan is especially proud of Rochelle Bennett who recently won the Ed Higgins Music Scholarship for 1984. The secretary reports that she is the first Seventh-day Adventist and the first Black to receive the scholarship. In addition to the scholarship Rochelle was awarded a two week music workshop where she will study at Interlochen Center for the Arts in Traverse City, Michigan.

The Conant Gardens Church in Detroit recently enjoyed their annual picnic. It began at 5:30 in the morning with a walkathon around Belle Isle. Though it was early in the morning, the members enjoyed the beauty of nature and the bright sunrise. The walk around the Isle is a total of five and one half miles. Eight members were able to complete the entire walk. All the participants looked forward to the breakfast which had been prepared for them.

Sabbath School superintendent Glenn Roper was in charge of the organized games. After the members had worked up a big appetite, a most tasteful picnic meal was served.

J. D. PARKER PRESENTS REVELATION SEMINAR

J.D. Parker, pastor of Capitol City Church in Indianapolis opened the Revelation Bible Seminar on July 16. The purpose of the seminar is to lead participants to a discovery of what the Bible is all about. In this unique seminar those who attend will discover fascinating the timely truths unfolding from the entire Bible.

The class is filled to capacity and thus far attendance for the Revelation Seminar has been outstanding. Enthusiasm has been high and the studies have been well received.

Elder Parker states he is excited about the interest which has been shown. The seminar is held three nights weekly: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Charlie Cartwright
Communication Secretary

NILES COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

The Philadelphia Church in Niles recently held its annual community



Pictured left to right: A. Martin, C. Foxworth, Pastor and Mrs. L. Williams, instructors, and Dora Brann, graduate.

guest day services. The speaker for the divine worship service was Robert C. Conner, ministerial secretary for the Lake Union Conference. His topic was Jesus for President.

The Metropolitan Church in Evansville, Indiana is being relocated by the Division Street project in the city. The church members and members from the community recently celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony at the new church site located on East Mulberry Street.

Guest participants for the occasion included representatives from the Evansville clergy; James M. Landers, president Evansville City Council; Congressman Frank McCloskey and Rose Young, district manager, represented the 8th District; 3rd District councilman William Taylor and county recorder, Estella Moss; guest from the Lake Region Conference included Charles Joseph, president and the treasurer, Dennis D. Keith, Sr.

Ladies Day in September; Vivian Joseph has consented to be the speaker for Ladies Day program set for September 29th at the Ypsilanti Church. The theme for the day is "Women on the Move."

DORCAS AT WORK

The Community Service Department under the leadership of Essie Ollis is on

the move at Conant Gardens Church in Detroit. During the week a small group of women and some men are busy sewing and washing clothes to be distributed to the needy families. In addition they give bedding and food when the need arises.

Over the last year the families in need in the Detroit area have increased because of the high unemployment rate.

Sister Ollis and her group continue to meet the calls and demands when they come from people in need.

The members who are working diligently with community services have developed a love in sharing God's word in a nursing home. This particular home has become part of a weekly Sabbath visitation program. Sixty patients look forward to greeting them each week. They also look forward to the group's prayers, song service, and God's spoken words. The patients' favorite song is Father Abraham. If this song is not part of the song service, the patients will request it.

The most touching aspect of the visits is to hear the patients expressing their love of Christ through testimonies.

Because a small group of faithful community service workers are reaching out, other nursing homes are requesting their service.

Matilda Martin
Communication Secretary

ORDAINEES—1984



Pastor George W. St. John and family: Pastor St. John, Georgette, Betty and Andrea.

Pastor George W. St. John was born in Long Bay, Anguilla, British West Indies. He is a graduate of Oakwood College, where he received his B.A. in business administration and theology in 1976. Going directly to the SDA Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, he completed his studies in 1979.

He joined the Northeastern Conference, working with Pastor William McNeil in the East New York church of Brooklyn, New York, and was then appointed to serve the Shiloh SDA Church in Springfield, Massachusetts. In 1983 he was called to his present duties as pastor of the Bronx Temple in the Bronx, New York.

He is married to the former Betty J. Brewington of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Pastor and Mrs. St. John are the parents of two daughters, Georgette and Andrea.



Pastor Martin Benjamin and wife Aurelle.

Pastor Martin Benjamin was born in Brooklyn, New York. He is the son of Hilda and Duane Benjamin. He received his ministerial training at Oakwood College in 1976. After graduation, Benjamin was called to the Northeastern Conference and began his ministry in the Provi-

dence, Rhode Island, and New London, Connecticut, district. After almost two years, Pastor Benjamin entered the SDA Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, for further training.

Returning from the seminary, he pastored the New Hempstead church in West Hempstead, New York, and the Solid Rock church of Far Rockaway, New York.

Benjamin has also labored at the Bethel church in Brooklyn, New York, under Pastor E. T. Mims, in Jamestown and Buffalo, New York, and is currently serving at the Bronx church Better Living Mission, along with Pastor Norman Snipes.

He is very happily married to the former Aurelle Herard of Far Rockaway, New York.



Pastor Kenneth L. Green and family: Kenneth, Jr., Pastor Green, Alethia and Eleanora.

Pastor Kenneth L. Green is a native of New York. He was introduced to the SDA Church through the ministry of Pastor Harold Kibble in 1972.

The desire to become a minister for the denomination led him to attend Oakwood College, where he received a degree in theology.

In the spring of 1977, Green received a call from the Northeastern Conference to assist Pastor E. T. Mims at the Bethel church in Brooklyn, New York. His pastoral duties next led him to the Solid Rock church of Far Rockaway, New York. From there he attended the SDA Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, to further his training.

Pastor Green is presently assigned to the Mount Olive SDA Church in New London, Connecticut, and the Emmanuel mission of Providence, Rhode Island.

He is married to the former Eleanora J. Bradberry of Niagara Falls, New York. Pastor and Mrs. Green are blessed with

two lovely children, Alethia and Kenneth, Jr.



Pastor Lawrence S. Dorsey and family: Lawrence II, Pastor Dorsey, Alison and Beverly.

Pastor Lawrence S. Dorsey is the first-born of John and Constance Dorsey. He is also a native New Yorker, like his wife, the former Beverly Abrams, whom he met in 1971.

The following year they were united in holy wedlock and the Lord has blessed their union with two wonderful children, Lawrence II and Alison.

Pastor Dorsey is a product of Oakwood College, which he attended from 1976 to June of 1980. He majored in theology and communication.

In June of 1980 he was called to the Lighthouse Tabernacle church in Brooklyn, New York, where he presently serves. Pastor Dorsey is a member of both the Northeastern Conference executive committee and the bilingual committee, which serves the Hispanic and Franco-Haitian constituencies, and is the vice-president of the Northeastern Conference Ministerial Association.



Nancy and Harry Van Pelt presenting the Compleat Marriage Seminar.

THE COMPLEAT MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Harry and Nancy Van Pelt, codirectors and founders of Better Living Programs, Inc. of Fresno, California, made their debut in New York City, April 26-29, 1984, at the Christian Fellowship SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York.

The Van Pelts were the presentors of the Compleat Marriage Seminar, which lasted for a total of 12 hours throughout the weekend, and was based on the book, *The Compleat Marriage*, written by Nancy Van Pelt. Nancy also wrote *The Compleat Courtship*, *The Compleat Parent* and *To Have And To Hold*.

In order to illustrate the topics: Love Your Mate, Accept Your Mate, Communicate With Your Mate, Understand Your Mate, Sexually Fulfill Your Mate, and Have Fun With Your Mate, the Van Pelts used visual aides via an overhead projector, most of which featured the peanut series. Harry and Nancy also presented a movie on self-worth and love, and of course, their comical and entertaining way of presenting the seminar.

Attending the seminar to learn about the six key areas of having a happy marriage were 67 couples and 45 singles, totaling 179 people.

The seminar's attendees expressed receiving great benefits from the seminar, even though most in attendance already had happy marriages. In particular the seminar aided couples, and the singles who attended, in improving their interpersonal skills, and also in realizing that it takes work to maintain a great marriage.

THEY COME FROM THE EAST AND WEST

That familiar hymn was certainly appropriate for the Jamaica SDA Church, Jamaica, New Jersey, during their International Banquet. It was soon to be discovered that in this church alone, exists a metropolis of nations from virtually every corner of the globe. Places such as Barbadoes, Cuba, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Panama and Trinidad, just to name a few, were represented by their native foods, dress and even a few samplings of their music.

Mrs. Barbara Sealey was a very capable mistress of ceremonies, as she led the church from country to country, explaining how Adventism got its beginning there. To add to her information were very personal stories of how families took the message to various places.

The United States was represented of course, since it is the founding place and original home of Adventism.

Elder and Mrs. G. R. Earle, first family of the Conference, were the very special guests.



Pictured: Myrtle Smith and Pearl Smith (right).

MOTHER'S DAY/LADIES DAY AND HEALTH EMPHASIS

Ms. M. Myrtle Smith, bible instructor of the Bethel SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, was the guest speaker for Mother's Day/Ladies Day at Christian Fellowship in Brooklyn, New York, on May 12, 1984.

The morning's program, spearheaded by Veronica La Mar, wife of Pastor James L. LaMar, consisted of eight ladies on the platform (including the speaker) dressed in white suits with navy blue blouses and accessories. The deaconesses were also on duty to collect the morning's offering.

The children's and the youth's choirs lauded the morning's musical praise, along with a special meditational selection by Mrs. Kathleen Murrell. Lyndell Parris recited a poem she wrote entitled, "Which Mother Are You?" and dedicated it to all mothers.

The day's theme being, "God Created Woman," was addressed by Ms. Smith in her sermon entitled, "The Created Woman." Therefore, all women, who felt that they were created for a special purpose, sat down to a delectable lunch served by men.

The day was quite untraditional for two reasons. The first being that Mrs. Venelle Earle, wife of the President of Northeastern Conference, George R. Earle, was present and the second being that the afternoon's program took the form of Health Emphasis.

Dr. Agatha M. Thrash, director of Yuchi Pines Institute of Seale, Alabama, along with Yvonne Wilson (of Christian Fellowship but presently a student at Yuchi Pines) and two other students of the institute, presented facts on health and nutrition for those who desire to be, and those who already are vegetarians. The team used visual aids, lab samples, text book and syllabus to demonstrate the facts presented. Dr. Thrash also

drafted Terry Boyce of Shiloh (Brooklyn) Church to demonstrate exercises for menstrual, muscular, and lower organ problems. The team also shared some of the Bible songs that are sung at the institute.



Evangelist Charles McDonald.

HARLEM TO HEAVEN SUMMER CRUSADE

"When Freedom Ends," "Where Do People Go When They Die?," "Three Steps From Harlem to Heaven," and "The Unpardonable Sin," are just a few of the informative and inspirational sermons presented by Pastor Charles McDonald during the "Harlem to Heaven" Summer Crusade at the Ephesus Church in New York City.

Pastor McDonald re-affirmed the church's belief in the importance of keeping the whole Law of God including the 7th Day Sabbath. However, he emphasized the fact that the Law is a "looking glass" and only Jesus can wash away sin. In addition to the dynamic messages, good music was heard every evening from the audience under the direction of songleaders, John Tillman and Willie Bethea and from talented artists from all over the metropolitan area, including Ephesus' very own Ruth Nixon, the appeal singer for the Crusade. This phase was coordinated by Ms. Sylvia Williams.

Other special features included "Golden Health Nuggets" from Dr. David L. Moore, a mini-vegetarian cooking class by Joyce Rogers and Caroline Jones, an illustrated warning on the dangers of smoking by "Smoking Sam" and Temperance Director, John H. Tillman.

The Crusade closed on August 4th with a beautiful Sabbath Service and a Baptism. The Ephesus Church and the Harlem Community will not soon forget this Crusade and those very special words of Evangelist Charles McDonald: "There Is Hope For You, Dear Friend, In Christ!"



An aerial view of the campground.

NEW CAMPGROUND FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC

It was sixteen days before the arrival of summer, but the temperature at Orangeburg, South Carolina, was saying that summer was already at its peak. To the campers, however, the excitement of attending the first camp meeting at their new campground was so overwhelming that no kind of weather—90° or 9°—would matter.

For a large number, this was their first time attending a camp meeting. For another similar group, it was the first time ever spending ten days at such a meeting. For everyone, this day cannot be ignored when the history of South Atlantic Conference is written.

For the old-timers who know what is involved in developing a campground (particularly in a conference of such limited financial resources), it was nothing short of a miracle to see what has been accomplished in less than a year. The cafetorium, with more than 3,000 square feet of floor space, was a marvel to all who understood the implication!

Following the dynamic keynote message on Thursday by Pastor R. S. Smith was President R. B. Hairston on Friday night with a challenging question for the campers: "Where Is the Beef?" By this the president was underscoring the Christian's responsibility to prove to the world of non-commitment *their own fruits of an indwelling Christ*. In his opening remarks, he cited numerous incidents to prove divine guidance and intervention in the development of the campground. He also projected and inspired his constituency that, by God's help and continued guidance, "these

grounds will be the best in North America."

In response to invitations sent to civic leaders in the Orangeburg area and denominational leaders in other conferences, several were present to join Pastor A. C. McClure as he, on Sabbath afternoon, June 9, led out in the consecration service of the grounds to the service of the Lord.

As one listened to the many favorable comments (in spite of the many inconveniences some underwent) such as "This is the best camp meeting I have ever attended" and "Praise the Lord for providing us with this beautiful campground" one can understand how the pastors were able to report the largest evangelistic and development offering ever: \$92,000!

Following this report from the treasurer, the president made an appeal for help to pave the roads to keep down the dust. He got another \$5,000, bringing the total to \$97,000.

The first weekend was culminated by a rousing sacred concert by Wintley Phipps, presidential assistant at Oakwood College, and the second weekend by a music festival featuring the Prophetic Songs of Joy from Atlanta, under the direction of Sam Campbell.

This celebration attracted an array of spiritually bright stars and superstars; From the General Conference came Vice President C. E. Bradford, who is also president of the North American Division; a former treasurer of the South Atlantic Conference, F. L. Jones, who is now an assistant treasurer of the General Conference; W. M. Starks, stewardship director emeritus; and R. S. Smith, vice-president in charge of circu-

lation of the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

From the Southern Union Conference were: A. C. McClure, president; W. D. Sumpter, associate secretary; O. J. McKinney, director of stewardship; and T. R. Smith, associate publishing director.

From Oakwood College came Dr. C. B. Rock, president; Dr. E. E. Cleveland, director of church missions; Dr. Ruth Davis, chairman of the home economic department; S. C. Robinson, director of the Literature Evangelists Training Center; Dr. G. J. Millett, former college president, now retired; Dr. J. M. Hammond, chairman of the psychology department, Columbia Union College; Dr. R. C. Connor, ministerial director of the Lake Union; Thompson U. Kay, coordinator of deaf services at the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc. These all made valuable contributions in preaching and conducting workshops and seminars.

CHURCH CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The Rose of Sharon SDA Church of Columbus, Georgia, celebrated the anniversary of its first year of service on the weekend of May 25-27. It started out at the home of Michael and Helen Thibodeaux with a fellowship dinner on Friday evening at six o'clock. Elder D. M. Jones, the then pastor of Shepherd Drive, who, along with President R. B. Hairston, organized this church a year ago, was invited back from Wilmington, North Carolina, to be the guest speaker for the day. Among the many things he did, in keeping with the theme of the day, he challenged the forty-two member church and the large number of guests, to a second year of productive work for the cause of God.

From the eight o'clock Friday evening service with Elder Emanuel Jackson, the pastor of Shepherd Drive, to the Sabbath School, where the superintendent, Annie Thomas, was in charge, and Willie Hubert from Phoenix City conducting the Sabbath School lesson, to the visitors' pot luck dinner at the home of local elder, William Chatmon, to the challenging A.Y.S. meeting under the leadership of Helen Thibodeaux, to the special vesper service conducted by Elders Jones and Jackson, to the closing scenes on Sunday morning with a prayer breakfast at the home of Elma Reynolds,



Alexander and Vera Warner Grace.

GRACES CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Alexander and Vera Warner Grace celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on July 1, 1984, at Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

The wedding ceremony, officiated by Elder Roland Hill, was highlighted with a "letter of Love in Retrospect" with tributes, a reaffirmation of commitment, and an exchange of mementos. Twenty-five candles (twenty-one yellow and four silver) were displayed representing the years of marriage.

The bridal party was composed of their two sons, Regi and Eric; three of the brides sisters, Deborah Smith, Daisy Scott, and Havis Carr; eight nieces, Hilda Myers, Selma Ford, Betty Davis, Serelda Smith, Gustinette Thomas, Patricia Tate, Wanda Myers, and Mary Jackson, a daughter-in-law, Charron Grace; three cousins, Evalette Patton, Yolanda and Renee' Martin; a sister-in-law, Gertrude Grace; two brothers-in-law, Redic Smith and Freddie Carr; two nephews, Anthony and Daniel Ford; a cousin, Henry Key; and five friends, Catherine Harris, Kisiah Nolan, Joyce Holly, Evelyn Cole and Michael Owens.

"What God has joined together, let no man put asunder."

MRS. E. M. DUDLEY SPEAKS FOR WOMEN'S DAY

Mrs. E. M. Dudley, the wife of the conference president, was the guest speaker for the Women's Day Program at the eleven o'clock worship hour at

Knoxville College Hill church. She used as a theme 'Character Models' for the ideal woman in times like these. Dudley's challenge was for rebuilding a strong Christian mother/womanhood role in today's world. The message was quite moving.

Music was supplied by the Calvary Missionary Baptist church choir with guest soloists, Mrs. Terry Bailey and Mrs. R. Robinson. The afternoon was spent in fellowship and visitation. Dr. T. L. Hemingway is the pastor.



Pastor M. Johnson and members at the Fayetteville, Tennessee, church completion.



J. W. Jones and Decatur, Alabama, members at the new school building site.

BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN DECATUR AND FAYETTEVILLE

Pastor Marion Johnson of the Fayetteville, Decherd and Pulaski district, brought his entire memberships of these churches together in Fayetteville, Tennessee, on Sabbath, May 3, to celebrate the completion of the new church facility. One of the greatest joys that come to the heart is to see members doing most of the work themselves.

Pastor Johnson has been an "Infiltration" worker for the South Central

Conference for a year. The conference committee has voted to hire him on a permanent program.

On the same afternoon Pastor C. E. Dudley, the conference president, journeyed to Decatur, Alabama, to be with Pastor J. W. Jones and the district there in celebration of the opening of their new educational facility. Members of the Decatur congregation did all the work on this structure also. It is their plan to open a day care center and an elementary school in the fall of the year.

Pastor and Mrs. Jones joined the South Central family one year ago. Earlier in the year, he and the members of the Triana, Alabama, church opened their new building of worship. The project was begun by Pastor Roy Rugless, who presently attends Andrews University. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rupright donated the building. The Ruprights have donated nine new buildings to the South Central Conference through the years.

NUTRITIONAL SEMINAR CONDUCTED AT CAMP MEETING

Country Life "Something Better" Nutrition Seminar and Vegetarian Cooking School was held at South Central camp meeting this year.

Each class began with a nutrition lecture covering many principles of health and diseases. Then, a variety of dishes were demonstrated, followed by an abundance of samples eagerly tasted by the class.

The Lord richly blessed as we all learned and fellowshiped together. At the close, many testimonies of appreciation warmed our hearts. Many determined to forget those things which are behind (eating between meals, sugar-laden goodies, meat, etc.) reaching forth unto those things which are before, and to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:13)



The class sampling food.



Left to right, front row: A. Moorehead, Rosa Fondel and her son, Pastor W. E. Humphrey. Back row: G. Young and Pastor L. R. Phillips, all standing in front of the new edifice in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

NEW CHURCH EDIFICE IN LAKE CHARLES

In 1944 the late Pastor J. H. Williams organized the Sharon chapel in Lake Charles, Louisiana, with a charter membership of 36. They met in the Woodbury Congregational Baptist Church because they did not have their own meeting place.

Others who worked in the area were Pastor D. C. Batson and the late Birdie McCluster, a Bible instructor. L. B. Baker, another pastor, purchased the first property, and L. D. Henderson built their first church.

The successive pastors were: C. M. Bailey, V. Runnels, J. A. James, the late J. R. Wagner, J. C. Hicks, H. C. Crider and G. J. Chissell, each in his turn giving guidance and leadership. During the late seventies, Leroy Phillips became the pastor. The church grew under his leadership, and 25 souls were added.

On November 14, 1981, the church was destroyed by fire. This was a crushing blow, but the pastor encouraged the believers and launched a building fund drive for rebuilding the sanctuary.

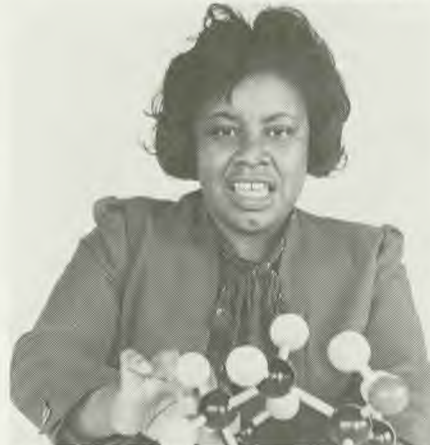
In May of 1982, Pastor W. E. Humphrey, II, came to the Lake Charles district, and he worked untiringly with the conference administration, architect, Walter Ard and his corps of workers to construct this new building for a grand opening on Sabbath, May 12, 1984.

The Sabbath services were edifying and conference President W. C. Jones delivered the divine message. Jesse Smith rendered special music, and many visitors from the city, along with out-of-town guests, journeyed to witness the wonderful structure.

This new edifice has the following features: a seating capacity of 250, vestibule, dressing room for the baptistry, a pastor's study, an assembly room, kitchen, heating and air condition-

ing, burgundy carpet to blend in with the cushioned pews and color scheme. This facility is valued at \$200,000.

Doris Jones
Correspondent



Dr. Barbara Crutch Jones, associate professor of chemistry at Southern Adventist College, honored by the Piper Foundation of San Antonio, Texas.

PROFESSOR HONORED BY TEXAS FOUNDATION

Dr. Barbara Jones, associate professor of chemistry at Southwestern Adventist College, in Keene, Texas, had been named a Piper Professor for 1984 by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of San Antonio.

The prestigious award was announced by college President Donald McAdams. The award has been given annually since 1958 to ten top professors at accredited colleges and universities in Texas. It carries with it a \$2,500 honorarium, a gold commemorative pin and a certificate.

According to the Piper Foundation, the selection committee "seeks out the well-rounded, outgoing teacher, devoted to the profession, who has made special impact on his students and the community."

In announcing the award, Dr. McAdams said that Dr. Jones has brought great honor to S.A.C. as the institution's first Piper Professor. In his nomination, Vice President for academic affairs Gerald Colvin rated her "superior as a teacher and scholar, and very superior in her contribution made to the achievement of the institution."

Before coming to southwestern in 1977, she served as assistant director of the American Foundation for Negro Affairs, where she managed a program of tutorial and preceptorships for black

high school students, preparing them to pursue medicine as a career. "The program is an attempt to alleviate the shortage of black doctors," she explains. "At the same time, there is a great desire to improve the quality of health care in the minority communities. Prior to her work with the A.F.N.A., she served as a chemistry instructor in the New Orleans school system and as a research biochemist for the Dow Chemical Company, the Tuskegee Institute, the District of Columbia and Alabama A&M College.

She holds a doctor of philosophy degree in biochemistry from Howard University in Washington, D.C., and a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Alabama A&M College in Normal. Her doctoral dissertation was entitled "Structural Influences of Behavior for Thiozalum Salts and their Analogs at the Dropping Mercury Electrode."

She is married to Floyd Jones, director of patients' business at Huguley Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth. They have one daughter.



The need for a second church in Dallas has been the topic of discussion for years because of the rapid growth of the city. A group of City Temple believers with a missionary spirit decided to accept the challenge. Three years passed quickly, filled with disappointments, heartache and a constant change of address. During the same period, the group was growing, raising funds and increasing in faith. A milestone was reached when a desirable parcel of land became available. Things began to happen when denominational builders came to town, Nebraska contractors who joined hands with conference administrators and the Dallas Fellowship Building Committee. Pictured: I. W. Thomas, L. D. Henderson, R. Reed, H. Alexander and R. Blackburn standing in front of the new sanctuary.

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IN THE NEWS

OBITUARY

Cartwright, Briton T., 93, born March 28, 1891 in Booneville, Tennessee, died June 27, 1984, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was a member of the Capitol City Church.

Survivors include: one son, James B. Cartwright; two daughters, Fannie L. Jackson and Ruby Cartwright; a daughter-in-law, Charlesetta Cartwright; a granddaughter, Donna Simons; two grandchildren, Richie and Nikki Simons, and many nieces and nephews. Services were conducted by Pastor J. D. Parker and interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Charli Cartwright
Communication Secretary

OBITUARY

Herdisene Theresa Harris was born in West Columbia, South Carolina, on January 20, 1932, and died unexpectedly at her home in Blakely, Georgia, on November 19, 1983.

Her professional experience included more than 29 years of service in the Early County, Georgia, public school system as a classroom teacher and guidance counselor. Throughout her lifetime she was an active member of the SDA church. She was youth oriented, as evidenced by her involvement in local and regional youth activities of the church. In addition, she was instrumental in establishing scholarship funds for deserving youth to further their education. She demonstrated her commitment to community service by participating in outreach programs such as visitation to nursing homes and juvenile correction centers. She also willingly rendered her services to area churches. In spite of chronic health problems, she frequently expressed a desire to be remembered simply as one who had done what she could. On April 19, 1984, the conference room in the John R. Harris Media Center at Early County Middle School was dedicated in her memory.

She is survived by her husband, John R. Harris; three children, Jon Michael of Merced, California, Cheryl Lynette Wandambi of St. Louis, Missouri, and Wayne Benard of Loma Linda, Califor-

nia; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Robinson of Columbia, South Carolina; four brothers, Benjamin A. and Edward E. Robinson of Chicago, Illinois, Earle B. Robinson of Austell, Georgia, and Kirkman Robinson of Columbia, South Carolina; one grandson, Matthew Allan; nieces and nephews and many other relatives, loved ones and friends.

OBITUARY

Richard James "Sassafras" Curd, Jr., died recently at Bothwell Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Rural Pettis County, Missouri, on April 30, 1901, the son of the late Richard and Daisy Curd, Sr.

He was educated in Georgetown, Missouri, attending the Georgetown school.

On October 20, 1928, he was married to Erma Lee Riding, who survives at the home.

Curd was a faithful member of the Sharon Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church and was head deacon for many years. He was a self-employed farmer and also sold sassafras tea bark in Sedalia and surrounding areas for more than 50 years.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Leona Curd and Clara Gunn, and a son, Richard Curd, III.

He is survived by seven sons: James, Alan and Malcon Curd, all of Pomona, California, Charles Curd of Bellville, Illinois, Herbert Curd of Denver, Colorado, Jerry Curd of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Gary Curd of Sedalia, Missouri; four daughters, Leona Lester of Des Moines, Iowa, Minnie Jackson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Erma E. Curd and Mary Jackson, both of Sedalia; four brothers, Wilbur Curd of Kansas City, Missouri, Walter Curd of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Lewis and David Curd of Sedalia; three sisters, Dovie Anderson of Kansas City, Missouri, and Carrie and Winifred Wilks of Detroit, Michigan; 27 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, two sons-in-law, four daughters-in-law, a host of other relatives and many friends.

Erma E. Curd
Communication Secretary

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5:28

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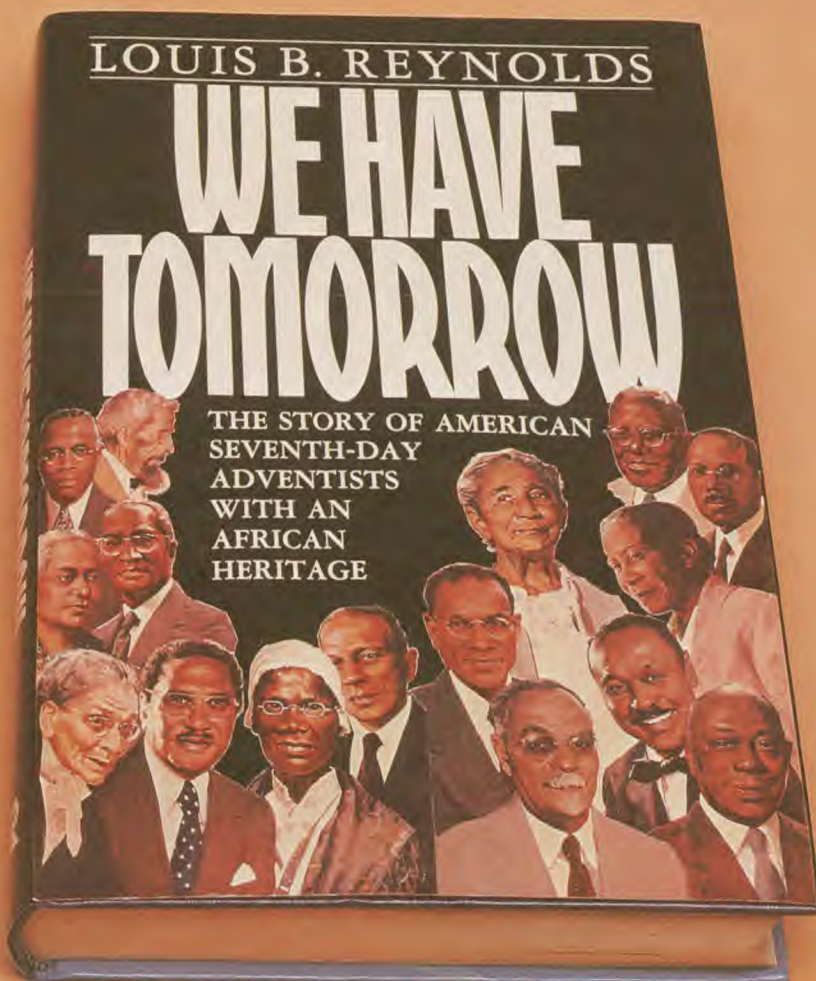
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