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COVER STORY

NAD BLACKS ATTEND PAN- AFRICAN CONGRESS

Over one hundred Afro-American Seventh-day Adventist black members from the United States of America attended the First Pan-African Youth Congress that was held in Nairobi, Kenya, April 8 to 12 of this year. Among those delegates were two conference presidents, four youth directors, ten departmental leaders, two editors and a goodly number of laity along with five of the leaders from the General Conference headquarters in Washington, D.C.

This was the first such meeting which brought together African youth from many different nations from the African-Indian Ocean and East African Divisions. These divisions have as their presidents, Pastor Bekele Heye of Zimbabwe and Pastor J.J. Nortey of Abijohn - Africa. The organizers of the meeting were: Pastor B. Mubanda, Associate Church Ministries Leader of East Africa, Kenneth Bushnell of East Africa, and S. Gungadoo, the Associate Church Ministries Director of the African-Indian Ocean Division.

The youth came from Liberia, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Uganda, Ziare, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania, just to mention a few. The theme of the meeting was, "Friends Forever - Praise, Unity, Service." During the four-day meeting the principal speakers were C.D. Brooks, R.E. Barron, Phillip Samaan, M. Addisu, DeWitt Williams, Delmer Holbrook, Stenio Bungadoo and Babarka Muganda. Hundreds of youth came forward to give their hearts to the Lord in dedication and

reconsecration to the Lord when the appeal was made by C.D. Brooks at the close of the worship service on Sabbath. With challenges for a finished work all United Nations, in which he urged the youth of the church to get involved in helping to bring peace to all nations and to care for the unity, oneness and brotherhood universally.

President C.E. Dudley of the South Central Conference of S.D.A. in America and President Ralph B. Hairston of the South Atlantic Conference gave assurances of the concerns of the Afro-Americans in the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for helping to share the burdens, the needs and the hopes of our brothers and sisters on the continent of Africa. Dudley's text was: "Jambo" — greetings; "Muraho" — we wish all of you well; "Quacha" — a

new day has dawned — the scepter is being passed to a new generation; "Harambee" — let us walk together, work together, pray together, build together — 'that the kingdom will soon come'. Africa — Afro-America — Inter-America — 'together for a finished work' Maranatha. over the land, the youth left determined to carry the message of hope to the ends of the earth.

Others who spoke to the delegates were: the President of Kenya, President Daniel arap Moi, who charged the delegation with a concern for the needs of all mankind. "How can you say that you love God, whom you have never seen and not love your fellowman, with whom you live and see daily?"

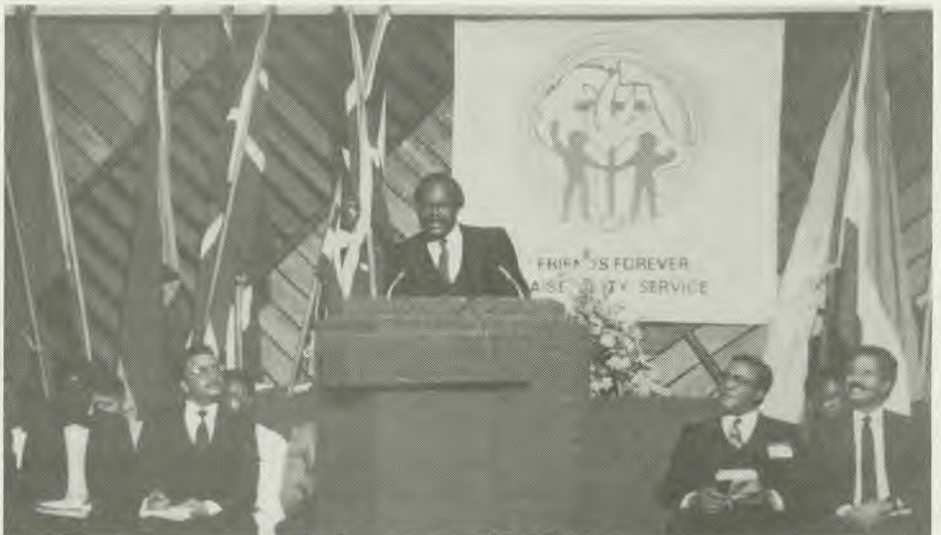
Greetings were sent from the U. N. Secretary-General, Javier Perez de Cuellar by Kenya's ambassador to the



American Missionaries to Kenya and the East African Division, the C.A. Dents, R.P. Staffords, T.A. Cantrells, K. Cass.



Ronald Lindsay, Treasurer, East African Division in Zimbabwe.



Pastor B. Magamba, Church Ministries Dir., East African Division Opens the Congress.



President J.J. Nortey, African Indiana Ocean Division and Dr. D. Holbrook, director of church Ministries, G.C.



Ethiopian Delegate in Attendance.



Richard Barron of the G.C. and one of the African Delegates.



Jericho Choir from Nairobi, Kenya sings for the worship service.



C.A. Dent, M.D. and nurses of the clinic in Nairobi, Kenya.



Part of the Eight thousand attendees.



E.E. Cleveland

A BRAND NEW GAME

By E.E. Cleveland

A Black man was elected president of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This historic action must in all honesty be viewed as a significant development in the history of our Church for it reflects the basic change in attitudes taking place among us. He resigned his post due to illness, but this cannot rob the original act of its luster. The Southern California Conference electorate "came through" when the chips were down.

All across the nation, even in the deep South, the leavening process is taking place. Blacks are playing significant roles at the Union and General Conference levels of the Church. At the church level Blacks are joining predominately White congregations and are welcome. This is true even in many southern rural areas. Evangelists are holding baptisms and the people are joining where they please.

Our schools are competing for the Black student. Southern College, where I was "unwelcome" as a student, now has 150 Blacks living on campus. Oakwood College has White students on its campus — and welcomes more!

And of course, the General Conference sets the pace for all of this, with a Black executive secretary of the General Conference, a Black president of the North American Division, and with Blacks serving throughout the Departmental system. And it must be added that the president of the Lake Union Conference is a Black man.

In the light of all this, some wonder why do we need Oakwood College — a Black controlled institution, or the nine Re-

gional Conferences — all Black controlled — with 150,000+ Black constituents. Some, in official circles have advocated their dismemberment for reasons of economy. The Methodists got rid of their central jurisdiction — why should we hang on? This article will provide some answers.

1. It should be noted at the outset that all of the gains mentioned above occurred after the organization of Regional Conferences, and indeed because of them. Let me explain. Before the organization of Regional Conferences, a Black representative, appointed by Whites, was all we Blacks had at the decision making level. Today, presidents with constituencies sit there. We have thus been able to exert the pressures necessary to effect the positive changes cited in this article. Black Conference presidents now sit on all of the controlling boards of every Seventh-day Adventist organizational entity. This includes college boards of schools which now so eagerly seek our students.

2. White controlled institutions cannot absorb all of the Black constituents now serviced by Black controlled entities, educational or otherwise. While this applies to elementary schools and colleges, it is especially true of church facilities. If all Black churches were closed and our members were sent to White controlled churches, chaos would result. Nor need we mention the tendency of Whites to "disappear" when large numbers of Blacks "appear". The situation in London, England is a case in point. Also the location of some White churches, so far from civilization that Whites cannot find them, is another. In England, the White Church population is rapidly disappearing as the influx of Blacks continues.

3. Most Blacks are culturally estranged from the musical and preaching forms of the White worship service. There are exceptions of course, but the above statement is also true in the reverse. Most Whites prefer a more European oriented worship form. Neither race should be criticized for this.

4. Large bodies of Blacks are concentrated in the inner-cities. It makes sense that our ethnic group should administer these territories. It also makes sense to have churches in these areas. We are "fishers of men." We fish where the "fish" are, and with appropriate "bait". It also follows that such congregations will be predominantly Black.

5. This provides the Church an opportunity to exploit the talents of Black leadership in meaningful administrative functions. This is important to the Church at large, and to Blacks in particular. To the Church, because it thus obtains maximum usage of available administrative talent. To Blacks, for it signifies inclusion at previously denied Church leadership posts.

California made a good step forward. A step away from the paternalistic set-up of the immediate past. Perhaps it is a bit too early to sing the song "California is a brand new game." But the election of Lorenzo Paytee is clearly a promise of better things to come. The election of his successor will tell us if "all the gold in California is stored in the bank in Beverly Hills in **Somebody Else's Name.**"



THE LOST SHEEP MAY HAVE BEEN BLACK

The color of the One Lost Sheep in the familiar metaphoric story Jesus used in the gospel of Luke was not indicated; leaving each one to identify and apply the lesson to himself.

For Afro-Americans — let's face it — many of the homeless, the unemployed and those who stray into pitfalls ending up in military and penal institutions are from ethnic minorities.

We remember how Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Who came to show us what the Heavenly Father is like, responded. He left the 99 in the shelter of the sheepfold to jeopardize and sacrifice His life, seeking that one percent of His flock which was lost.

According to the North American Division Summary of Progress for the 12 months ending June 30, 1985, approximately 2,000 Afro-American SDA's chose to depart or are listed as missing.

Assuming that a significant percentage are late-teenagers or young adults, not privileged to be spiritually-benefited from our Christian education, conceivably many volunteer for military service. About one out of every four in the Army, one out of five in the Marines, and one out of 13 in the Navy and Air Force are Afro-Americans.

Our SDA church has recruited over 30 ordained ministers and a few added ones who volunteer, to jeopardize and sacrifice themselves and their families to leave the 99 percent of members in the security of our church "folds" to seek our one percent missing, as well as other sheep God has that are not of "this" fold, whom Jesus said in John 10 — He must also bring back.

Careful estimates indicate 6,000 military persons listing SDA as their religious preference (a far higher percentage than the one out of 100 Jesus spoke about). About 1,000 by computer read-out are receiving our church papers — ADVENTIST REVIEW, INSIGHT, LISTEN, MES-SAGE, SIGNS, Sabbath School QUARTERLY, and FOR GOD AND COUNTRY — at a cost of around \$200 per person every two years.

Our church operates three military church centers with five full-time civilian chaplains, augmenting military "missionaries" who are provided denominational literature for their evangelistic and SDA public relations work.

One method of being more cost-effective with church stewardship is by giving liberally in the June 14, 1986, Servicemen's Offering, which is requested only on even-numbered years, as one of twelve General Conference offerings. Benefits from this offering reach out into public relations and race relations. It helps the "good shepherds" who volunteer to leave the 99 percent of church members in the safety of the fold, while they jeopardize themselves in far-off, treacherous places seeking the one percent of the flock that is lost.

If your offerings facilitate the planting of one seed that saves any one of the two thousand potential apostates or missing sheep, Jesus assures that "there is joy in heaven over the one", rather than the 99 that need no repentance.

Remember, the lost sheep may have been Black.

CDR Herman Kibble
Chaplain, U.S. Navy

A MOTHER'S LOVE IS A GIFT FROM GOD

"Many years ago a sick woman lying on a crude pallet, with but a few days to live, dreamed a golden dream. Calling to her only son, a lean, lanky lad, to her bedside, she gazed into his deep dark eyes with her own dim sight and communicated to him her glowing vision and hope.

"Her own years had been few and unfavored. Her life has been occupied by the limitations of a pioneer life. Her castle, a log cabin; her hopes were bound by forest-clad hills and mighty streams —there was no chance for their realization. Her paths led only to deeper enclosures and darker dells. She had dreamed and hoped in vain. Life offered little or no rewards, and the day brought few actual joys.

"Her boy shall know no such imprisonment; he shall burn the barriers which enclosed her, and crash the gates of her imprisonment. In him her dreams shall come true, her hopes enjoy the highest fulfillments.

"Drawing the boy close to her bed she noted the print of the woodland life, and the crudities of their pioneer existence stamped upon his face and form. She despaired for a moment. Touching his brown, coarse cheeks with her soft, white fingers, she caught his gaze and held it with deep meaningful eyes. Drawing his face close to her own, she whispered the magic words — words that held her dreams: 'My boy, Be somebody.'"

Thus Nancy Hanks planted a golden dream in the soul of Abraham Lincoln. The result is known to the world. These magic words were the golden stairs upon which the son of Nancy Hanks climbed to fame and brought out of a mother's fears and disappointments the realization of a cherished dream.

Nancy Hanks' challenge to her nine year old was not easy to achieve, but dogged persistence won.

"When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature in Illinois and was badly swamped. He entered business, failed, and spent 17 years of his life paying the debts of a worthless partner. He was in love with a beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged. Then she died.

"Entering politics again, he ran for congress and was badly defeated. He then tried to get an appointment to the States Land Office, but failed. In 1856, he became a candidate for vice-president and was again defeated. In 1858, he was defeated for the Senate.

"It's about time you quit trying, isn't it?" inquired a friend.

"No time to quit," was Lincoln's reply. "I'm too busy preparing to make another attempt." Abraham Lincoln wrote his name indelibly in the history of the United States.

"Nancy Hanks' dream came true and her boy became 'somebody' — one of the most beloved Presidents."—Selected from Quiet Hour Echoes.

Who can measure the influence of a mother? The prosperity of a nation is dependent upon the character of the mother. Every man who has ever made an eternal contribution to the world can attribute his preeminence to his mother. It is true that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.

Whether we fail or succeed in life is dependent upon our mothers. If we reach some great height or slip into a world of darkness and disappointment is dependent upon our mothers. If we live a noble and unselfish life or if we become a curse on society, it is dependent upon our mothers. No one is more important.

Very few women realize their strength or the depth of their power. God has entrusted them with the supreme honor of molding and shaping lives for eternity. No work is more important.

Let's not forget to shower our mothers with love and affection not just on Mother's Day but everyday.

Stephanie Johnson

MESSAGE TO AFRICA PROJECT A BIG SUCCESS!

When Delbert Baker, editor of *Message* magazine, attended the Pan-Africa Adventist Congress in mid-April, he went with a special purpose in mind—to introduce the program "Message to Africa." Delbert carried with him 8,000 complimentary copies of the January/February issue featuring Bishop Tutu and distributed them in packets to all the delegates. The results were exciting! Both the Africa-Indian Ocean and the Eastern Africa Division took 10,000 subscriptions, and with an additional 2,000 subscriptions from other sources, the grand total amounted to 22,000 new subscribers for *Message* magazine.

The Editor's Desk

THANKS TO THE ADVENTIST FAMILY

The Gayle and Brooks Families wish to express their heart-felt appreciation and gratitude to the Adventist family in



Andrea Brooks Gale

North America for its caring and concern during the recent loss of *Andrea Brooks Gale*.

Andrea's final illness was marked by the formation of prayer chains and prayer watches throughout the Northeastern Conference, the Atlantic Union Conference, and the City Tabernacle Church.

Our families were strengthened through the heart-breaking days of bereavement by the innumerable cards, telegrams, telephone calls, floral offerings, and expressions of condolence that poured into the family home.

Former schoolmates, teachers, and administrators from the schools Andrea attended (R. T. Hudson Elementary

School, Northeastern Academy, and Atlantic Union College) were present and represented by tangible gifts, messages, and resolutions offered at the memorial service.

Among the many friends visiting the bereaved families were the president and treasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference, members of the Northeastern clergy, representatives from Manufacturer-Hanover Trust Co., Carver Federal Bank, Chemical Bank, Puchall's Architectural Firm, the General Conference of S.D A., the Southeastern Conference, and the Jamaica Conference.

The Brooks and Gayle Families reaffirmed their faith and confidence in God and his handling of the affairs of man. They take comfort with Job who lost ten children in one day and publicly declared through it all "our faith is unshaken."

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away—blessed be the name of the Lord . . . Let come on me what will . . . though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."

The Gayle and Brooks Families

SUNSET CALENDAR

	May 30	June 6	13	20
Boston, Mass.	8:13	8:18	8:22	8:24
New York City	8:22	8:27	8:31	8:33
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:45	8:51	8:55	8:57
Atlanta, Ga.	8:41	8:45	8:49	8:51
Miami, Fla.	8:07	8:10	8:13	8:15
Charlotte, N.C.	8:31	8:36	8:39	8:41
Birmingham, Ala.	7:51	7:55	7:58	8:00
Jackson, Miss.	8:01	8:05	8:08	8:11
Memphis, Tenn.	8:08	8:12	8:15	8:17
Louisville, Ky.	8:59	9:03	9:07	9:09
Detroit, Mich.	9:01	9:06	9:10	9:13
Chicago, Ill.	8:17	8:22	8:26	8:28
South Bend, Indiana	8:12	8:17	8:20	8:23
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:51	8:56	9:01	9:03
St. Louis, Mo.	8:18	8:22	8:26	8:28
Kansas City, Mo.	8:37	8:41	8:45	8:47
Denver, Co.	8:20	8:25	8:29	8:31
Little Rock, Ark.	8:15	8:20	8:23	8:25
Dallas, Texas	8:29	8:33	8:36	8:38
New Orleans, La.	7:55	7:59	8:02	8:04
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:14	8:18	8:21	8:23
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:39	8:43	8:46	8:49

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

ALLEGHENY EAST



The Sanctuary Choir in their newly purchased robes. Choir director Henrietta Christian, center.

ORANGE CHOIR PURCHASES ROBES

The Sanctuary Choir of the Church of the Oranges, Oranges, New Jersey recently held a choir rally day in order to purchase new robes.

Adventist and non-adventist musical groups were featured. A total of over \$1,200 was raised in donations. Each choir member pledged \$25 in addition to other efforts. The church contributed 50% of the balance.

Henrietta Christian is the choir director and Pastor J. Glenn Roberts, who officiated at the dedication is pastor of the Church of the Oranges.

Joyce A. Sampson
Communication Secretary

GUEST DAY HELD AT THE CHURCH OF THE ORANGES

The Church of the Oranges, Oranges, New Jersey held their community Guest Day Services on March 22. Sabbath School Superintendent, Jose Griffith showed a progress report film on the world church. Assistant Superintendent, Patience Ndumele gave an example with two calendars pointing out that Sunday is the first day of the week. The adult Sabbath School lesson was taught as a whole by Elder Andrew McDonald.

Special music was rendered by the Faith Singers of Hackensack, New Jersey. Maria Lazarro presented a flute selection. Fredretha Spann, Marion Robinson and Reuben Guy were the soloists.

Roy Thornburn was presented with the Community Service Award for dedicated service to the church and community. Mr. Thornburn is the founder and owner of the People's Dental Center in East Orange, New Jersey.

At the divine worship service, Pastor J. Glenn Roberts preached on "The Se-

cret of Joyous Living". Several visitors surrendered their hearts to the Lord. Lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall.

The AY Program was presented as a skit on creation. Several recitations and a duet were presented, followed by a Health Wise film on drugs.

Joyce A. Sampson
Communication Secretary



Choir from the Pottstown A.M.E. Church provided special music for Community Guest Day.

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY CLOSES POTTSTOWN'S WEEK OF PRAYER

The Walnut Street Church of Pottstown, PA, ended its Youth Week of Prayer with a Community Guest Day.

Gaylord Brown, Pastor of the Hillside Church, Harrisburg, PA, spent a week of Spiritual Emphasis with the Pottstown youth. His theme for the week was "The Old Message to a Young People." Brown, who has been in the employ of the Allegheny East Conference since 1983 was voted the Allegheny East Pastor of the Year for 1984. At the end of his series, five young people indicated their desires to follow Christ. "When Thou Are Converted" was the concluding sermon for Week of Prayer and Guest Day.

Chosen as the special honorees for this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. James Ricketts, a prominent business couple in the Pottstown area. The Ricketts pioneered the way for other Black businesses in Pottstown. They operated a haberdashery and formal wear rental agency. Mr. Ricketts had the distinction of being the first Black from Pottstown inducted in the army in World War II. Dorothy Ricketts has served for nine years as a member of the Pottstown School Board, being the only person ever elected on both the Democratic and Republican ticket. Unfortunately, before the honor plaque could be presented, Mr. Ricketts died.

The presentation was made by Sabbath School Superintendent, Mrs. Gwen

Norwood to Mrs. Ricketts. Honored guests included the Bethel A.M.E. Choir under the direction of Dorothy Ricketts and their pastor, Albert Cobb. The choir gave special music for the service.

Most of the guests stayed to fellowship with the members at the vegetarian luncheon prepared by Mrs. Corine Smith.

Elder U.S. Willis is the pastor.

Jayne Darby
Communication Secretary

PIONEER PATHFINDERS EXPERIENCE FRIGID WINTER WEEKEND

March 7 was chosen as the date for a winter camp-out at the Pottstown, Pennsylvania Pathfinder Staff meeting in January. The weather previous to that date had been nearly perfect. On the designated weekend, however, the news was that the temperature was expected to register in the single digits. After many phone calls and much questioning, the decision was made to go ahead as planned.

Pathfinder Director, Joy Wilkes and her staff of five adults (Kenneth Brandord, Sophie Calhoun, Ike Phinessee and Gwen and Ernie Norwood) plus 18 Pathfinders and three four-year-olds from the Pine Forge and Pottstown Churches endured the first night of single digit weather. The groups of boys and girls were housed in unheated cabins on the Allegheny East Conference campgrounds. Wind gusts up to 50 miles per hour and a wind chill factor of below zero kept the staff constantly checking the children for proper attire and covering to prevent frostbite.

Sabbath School was conducted by Gwen Norwood who stated that she had never taught before in such cold temperatures. Ernie Norwood and Ray Cantu led out in the 11 o'clock worship service. Later, as the temperature rose the Pathfinders took a 10 mile hike. In the evening they enjoyed snacks and indoor and outdoor games.

After a Sunday morning breakfast of applesauce, hot chocolate, home fries and eggs cooked over an open fire, the campers were led on a tracking and trailing expedition by Kenneth Branford. By this time the temperature had risen to 20 degrees.

The children and staff are undaunted but plan their next adventure in warmer weather.

Gwen Norwood
Assistant Pathfinder Leader



Pastor Gene Donaldson with Steve Brinkley baptizes inmate Antonio Bubo in 2nd baptism at Hampton facility.



Elder St. Clare Phipps assisted by local elder Steve Brinkley baptizes inmate Jerry Cooper at South Hampton Correctional Facility.

ALLEGHENY EAST PRISON MINISTRY

Prison Ministry is alive and well in the Allegheny East Conference. From the eastern shores of Maryland to the western shores of Virginia, the prison teams are baptizing and constantly adding to the church.

During August of 1985, the first baptism ever was held in the South Hampton Correctional Facility in Capron, Virginia. Elder St. Clare Phipps, pastor of the Newport News Church, Newport News, VA and Earl Knight, Chapter President of the AEC Prison Ministry joined forces with Chaplain Bob Wooten of the institution to implement the Adventist program at this institution.

The Amazing Facts Bible Lessons were introduced to the residents. After weekly lessons by the team members, a total of six candidates were baptized. The establishment of an on-going SDA Church within the prison is a first. Another baptism is planned within six months.

A special Prison Ministry Rally was also held at the Breath of Life Church in Fort Washington, Maryland with Charles Jenkins, a Philadelphia Bible Instructor as the speaker. An informal afternoon program was conducted there by Edith Tucker of the Maryland Prison Ministry Team. Special music was rendered by The Remnants and police officers from the DC Police Force.

In a special ceremony at the Maryland State Prison, two Allegheny East Conference workers were awarded posthumous plaques for their involvement in Prison Ministry, Ronald A. Smith and George Hall. They had been instrumental in laying the foundation for Prison ministry in the Sharon Church, Baltimore, MD.

Their enthusiasm was shared by members of Berea Temple, Baltimore, MD. A joint team from the two churches pooled their efforts in order to ensure the success of this special day when a baptismal pool for the residents was also to be dedicated. The warden and chaplain worked beyond their regular hours to coordinate this venture.

The dedicatory address was given by M.C. Puten, president of the Allegheny East Conference. The awards were accepted by Mrs. Darien Smith and Mrs. Thelma Hall in honor of the work initiated by their husbands.

Warden Howard Lyles expressed a desire to see more programs of this nature, the joining of inter-denominational efforts. He said, "I didn't realize the Seventh-day Adventists were a truly organized group and I deem it a great pleasure to work with you. Thank you for allowing me to see how much organization can help make our job at the prison so much easier."

The daughters of George Hall rendered special music, following which Dr. E.L. Richardson, pastor of the Berea Temple Church, and Chaplain Macie O. Tillman baptized nine candidates. An additional plaque commemorating the services of Elder Smith and Mr. Hall was presented to the prison officials to be placed in their chapel.

Mrs. Eliece Colburn is president of the Maryland Chapter of the Allegheny East Conference Prison Ministry.

Edith E. Tucker
Communication Secretary



DeMarvia, Euthophia and Dorothea Hall, daughters of Thelma and George Hall sing for the dedication of the prison baptismal pool.

POTTSTOWN SPONSORS DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

The Community Services Department, under the leadership of Mrs. Esther Turman, recently sponsored a Red Cross Course in Disaster Relief.

Said Mrs. Turman, "The escalation in the incidence of major disasters such as fires, toxic waste spills, plane crashes, earthquakes, etc. underlines our need for preparation if we as a group are to be effective in a real disaster crisis."

The class was taught by Red Cross instructors, Christal Malmgren and Margaret Mott. Subject areas included: Introduction to Disaster Services, Damage Assessment and Setting up Temporary Shelters.

One phase of the session included a mock disaster drill so that the students could check reactions to a serious situation.

Approximately twenty people attended the all day session and the following received Certificates of Completion: Inez Bush, Sheri Calhoun, Sophie Calhoun, Mary Clark, Lawrence Dunn, George Foster, Joni Holloman, Shirley Sample, Elizabeth Shields, Marie Toussaint, Esther Turman, James Turman and Sue Wood.

In the near future, Red Cross classes will be conducted in Shelter Management and Mass Feeding.

Esther Turman
Community Services Leader



Marie Toussaint measures June Stubbs forearm to determine percent of body fat.

POTTSTOWN MEMBERS CHECK PHYSICAL FITNESS

Donna Davis, Health Educator and member of the Pottstown Church recently sponsored a fitness screening for the church and community members.

Supervising the whole operation was Dr. Chung Kim, a staff physician from the Reading Rehabilitation Center, Reading, PA.

Under Ms. Davis' direction, participants were moved from station to station as a different phase of fitness was tested. Members answered questions related to age, general health and types of regular medications. Next, their height and weight were taken. A bone measurement indicated body structure as small, medium or large. Those who passed the blood pressure and pulse standards were permitted to take the flexibility and stress tests.

Assisting were nurses: Mary Clark and Sophie Calhoun as well as lay persons Marie Toussaint, Bobbette Steward, June Stubbs, Dean Calhoun, Inez Bush, Johnnie Mae Holloman, George Foster.

Elder U.S. Willis, pastor of the church, is encouraging his members to monitor their health as this program is enhanced by weekly readings of "Ministry of Healing".

CHURCH HOLDS COMBINED WEEK OF PRAYER AND GUEST DAY

The AYS and Sabbath School Departments of the Maryland Breath of Life Church, Fort Washington, combined efforts to present a week of prayer and a community guest day.

Elder St. Clare Phipps, pastor of the Calvary Church in Newport News, Virginia used as his week of prayer theme "All the Way Home." Members stated that his message challenged the youth to consider the phases in the Christian walk that will ultimately lead to our heavenly home.

AYS Leader, Tamah Curry led out in the nightly services. The Friday night vesper service was a candlelight celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The closing Sabbath of the Spiritual Emphasis Week was used by the Sabbath School to recognize Community Guest Day. Superintendent D. Gail Bagley invited members of the Hadley Memorial Hospital staff to present the Sabbath School program and also to be special platform guests during the 11 o'clock service. Administrator Albert Dudley briefly outlined the objectives of the hospital and its twofold mission of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the southeast Washington, D.C. community.

Elder Phipps' final message invited those present to consider the joy of celebrating the Sabbath in paradise. Several persons including visitors expressed this determination.

Elder Lorenzo Grant is the pastor.
Mrs. Yvonne Curry

CENTRAL STATES



Elder W.S. Lee receives money tree from Sharon Church.

SHARON CHURCH BIDS FAREWELL TO ELDER LEE

On February 15, Pastor W.S. Lee preached his farewell sermon at the Sharon SDA Church, Omaha, NE. Pastor Lee is retiring after serving for 50 years in God's vineyard.

The Sharon members went all out to show their love for their pastor. After sunset, the members planned an elegant evening for Elder Lee. The meal was delicious, fine music was presented by artist from Sharon and Bethesda churches.

Gordon Sims, Sr.
Communication Secretary



Elder Billy Wright guest speaker for the conference-wide Temperance Rally.

LINWOOD TEMPLE SPONSORS TEMPERANCE CONTEST

The Temperance department of Linwood Blvd. Temple, Kansas City, MO, under the direction of Ulricka Seales, sponsored the 1986 Temperance Contest for young people between the ages of thirteen to twenty-one. Winners in the local church run-off and Federation were: Furman "Pucky" Fordham, Ronald "Sparky" Garnett, Etta Canady, Reginald Dixon, Rafael Frye and Leslie Miller.

Trophy winners at the Omaha conference finals were Ronald Garnett for his poster depicting the difference Christ

makes in the life—college category, and Furman Fordham for an oration against alcoholism—high school category.

Carolyn Monk
Communications Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMUNITY CHURCH

The month of February proved to be a very productive one for the Community Church, Denver, Colorado. The Adventist Youth department sponsored a Temperance Rally. Vince Peterkin, Lori Glapian, and Marsha Johnson represented the academy age groups.

The following week the Rocky Mountain Youth Federation held the Temperance Rally run-offs at the Community Church. Contestants from Community, Park Hill (Denver), and Colorado Springs churches competed. Those who qualified as winners went on to the finals in Omaha, Nebraska.

February activities concluded with an Awards Banquet given by Pastor G.A. Bryant, pastor of Community and Mr. Rudolph Mathis, Personal Ministries leader.

"Give me my flowers while I yet live," could have been the theme for the banquet. But Pastor Bryant put it this way, "The purpose of this banquet is to show appreciation to all the officers who have been faithful and dedicated throughout 1985."

The head officer of each department received a plaque. Members who had participated in the Ingathering Campaign received trophies, ribbons and pins.

Etta Collins
Communications Secretary

SDAS TRAINED FOR DISASTER

The St. Louis Area Disaster Emergency Services (SLADES), organized by the St. Louis area churches, held an "Introduction to Disaster" class. Pastor Thurman Petty of the St. Charles and West County churches arranged for the class, taught by the American Red Cross, to be held at the Hillcrest SDA School.

The instructors informed SLADES members of some of the important issues of dealing with disasters. Approximately forty people listened as the instructor focused on: medical needs, food, clothing and shelter that are needed in a disaster. The message given at the class is clear, that "when disaster strikes there is no place for the unskilled." The SLADES training committee has planned more

classes in the future. Lee Carrell is the chairman of the SLADES organization.

Magnolia Harris

CHURCH ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE OF 1986

The Berean SDA Church family, St. Louis, MO accepts by faith the challenges of 1986. Gratefully looking back at the year of 1985, we are assured that Our Lord, Jesus Christ "is able to exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think . . ." Ephesians 3:20. We would like to share with you some of our departmental highlights of the year 1985.

Sabbath School

Under Walter Arnold's leadership, each Thirteenth Sabbath program was both interesting and motivating. The Primary-Kindergarten, Junior-Earliteen, and Adult Divisions each sponsored a program at the end of one of the quarters. With every Sabbath School Class, both Adult and Youth, planning special money saving projects, the Thirteenth Sabbath offerings have greatly increased each quarter. Along with an excellent Investment offering in the Fall, twenty large Thanksgiving baskets were distributed to the needy persons in our community.

The Sabbath School's most exciting event for several years has been the annual Community Guest Day. With most Sabbath School members actively involved, 67 guests were in attendance at our last celebration. Rostrum dignitaries included: Captain Charles Alphin, a District Police Commander and Dr. Aubry Jones, a United Methodist minister and Community leader. Mr. Fred Rogers, a community layman, received the Community Guest Day Special Award for his outstanding service. Mr. Rogers and his wife enjoyed themselves tremendously and later donated a generous offering to the Berean Community Service Program. St. Louis Mayor Vincent Schomehl, Alderwoman Jo Ann Wayne and Alderman Steve Roberts sent congratulations, although they were unable to attend. Each of the 67 guests received a packet of SDA literature which included Message and These Times magazines, Steps to Christ and timely tracts.

Adventist Youth

The highlight of the 1985 AY Program was the Pathfinder Camporee in Colorado. The Berean Chapter received several awards and returned home with exciting plans for the future. Ophelia Roberts is the Pathfinder leader and Grace Jackson is the AY leader.

Other Projects

1) An ongoing Radio Bible Crusade Broadcast every Sunday morning. This broadcast is sponsored by the five churches in the area and features speakers from the various churches.

2) A successful new school year at the St. Louis Junior Academy. An increased enrollment and staff, plans for a new school building, and ninth and tenth grade classes are the featured highlights of the 85-86 school year. The five area churches sponsor the St. Louis Junior Academy. Grace Jackson is the school principal.

3) A recently completed Revelation Seminar conducted by the local elders of Berean. Elder Luther Maufas was in charge. Ten students received diplomas. A Daniel Seminar will follow.

Berean Church Pastor, O.A. Jackson, Jr. and the entire church family rejoice as we see that which the "Lord hath wrought" for us in 1985 and we "press toward the mark" in 1986. We accept by faith victory as a foregone conclusion, for "... He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6.

Eileen M. Nelson
Communication Secretary



The Kingsway College Symphonic Choir performing at the Sharon SDA Church.

KINGSWAY CHOIR PERFORMS AT SHARON

On March 15, the Kingsway College Symphonic Choir, Ontario, Canada, under the direction of Carl W. Anderson performed at the Sharon Church, Omaha, NE.

Gordon Sims, Sr.
Communications Secretary

BEACON LIGHT HOLDS COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

The members of the Beacon Light SDA Church, Kansas City, MO celebrated their annual Community Guest Day, March 22. Each guest received a free Message

magazine, nutritious vegetarian meal and free blood pressure screening. Thanks to qualified nurses: Helen Kanion and her daughter Neva Artis, church members and guests were brought to a new awareness of their health condition, as they flowed through the SDA medical van.

Other highlights of the day included presentations from Leisa Reid on the value of Christian education, Ms. Pettway on the service of the Better Living Center, Neva Artis on how to understand what blood pressure is and Juan Stricklan on the features and benefits of the SDA 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking.

Juan Stricklan
Communications Secretary



Mr. James Ward, guest at Community Guest Day program at the Berean Church.



The Berean Church held a Personal Ministry Prayer Breakfast, followed by a Prison Ministry Team Workshop. Seated at left is Mrs. Bennie Mulls, Prison Ministry Director.

GENEROUS DONOR CONTRIBUTES TO PARK AVENUE CHURCH

Park Avenue Church, St. Louis, MO was the recipient of a generous contribution from a donor who prefers to remain

anonymous. Elder Albert White, pastor of the church, met this kind, caring gentleman during the Ingathering season, last year, while the Community Services Committee was performing their weekly duties of dispensing clothing, household items and tracts to the needy families in the area.

The gentleman states he is quite pleased with the service Park Avenue is doing in the neighborhood. He donated five hundred dollars to help the cause. His friend donated one hundred dollars. In the month of December, while Pastor White was on vacation, he took time out to make contact with local businessmen who expressed interest in what we were trying to do for the needy. They noticed that our church roof was leaking and badly in need of repair. This same generous businessman wrote Pastor White a check for three thousand dollars, with the stipulation that the funds be used for the Park Avenue church projects. Pastor White and the dedicated Dorcas / Community Services Committee made quite an impression on the donor because he invited them to visit him again next year. We give God the praise for opening the heart of this humanitarian.

C. Daniels Johnson
Communications Secretary

SHARON CHURCH HOSTS TEMPERANCE RALLY

This year's annual AY Temperance Rally was held in Omaha, NE, with the Sharon Church serving as host. The temperance rally began Friday night with a dynamic sermon preached by Elder Billy Wright, Youth Director of the Southwest Region Conference.

All Sabbath services were held at the Salem Baptist Church. Elder Wright was, also, the featured guest speaker for the divine worship hour. A special prayer was given for Ms. Annette King-White of Omaha, who was hospitalized in a nearby hospital. A special prayer group and singing group were selected to go and worship with Miss White later that afternoon.

The temperance program featured youth from all over the conference and more than 1000 people were in attendance. After the sunset, the social activities were held at the Eppley Boys Club.

Gordon G. Sims, Jr.
Communication Secretary

LAKE REGION



Pictured from left is Christine Powell who recently joined the Mt. Clements Church in Mt. Clements, Michigan as a result of the kindness and love shown to her by Elder Madie Street (right), a local elder in the church.

CHRISTINE POWELL BAPTIZED

Elder Madie Street, formerly an associate minister in an Apostolic Church, was influential in leading Christine Powell, one of his former members, to Christ in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Madie Street is the personal ministries leader and a local elder in the newly organized Mt. Clements Church in Mt. Clements, Michigan.

Christine Powell had known the teachings of the Adventist church for many years; but she found it difficult to accept the seventh-day Sabbath. She was given Bible studies by the late local elder Cornelius Crawford and the church pastor, Royce Mentor. However, she still would not surrender her beliefs concerning the Sabbath.

Elder Street, who recently became a member of the Mt. Clements church through a Revelation Seminar, refused to give up hope that Christine Powell would some day join the Adventist church. Madie Street brought her every night to the New Life for Christ Crusade conducted by Samuel Flagg, stewardship director for Lake Region Conference.

The evening that Elder Flagg presented the Sabbath, Mrs. Powell joined the Seventh-day Adventist church was later baptized. He credits her decision to Elder Flagg's powerful preaching and to the kindness and love of Madie Street.

INVESTITURE SERVICE HELD AT SHARON CHURCH IN MILWAUKEE

A beautiful candlelight Investiture Service was held at the Sharon Church, in

Milwaukee, Wisconsin recently. A total of eighteen persons were invested.

Highlights of the program included a first aid skit, the "Six Days of Creation" with mammals on display, a scene depicting Orion and the Holy Duty, and a demonstration of the "Fire Builders Song."

Elder Leon Simmons, Lake Region Youth Director, conducted the Investiture, while Ronald Bell, pastor of the Sharon Church and James E. White, Jr. offered the consecration prayers. Those invested in the following A.J.Y. and A.Y. classes were: *Friends:* Cornelius Bright, Salina Brown, Cory Jones, Kiesha Means, Melanie Armstrong; *Companions:* Kenneth Armstrong Julius Briley, Kofi Robinson, Basiela Shearron, Mwandishi Shearron, Lisa Smith; *Explorers:* Cheryl Blue, Francisca Murff, La Cresha Sanders; and *Master Guides:* Dorothey Byers, Judy Pottinger, Lovernai Byers, Jennifer Shearron.

The program was sponsored by the A.J.Y. society, the Badger Pathfinder club and Master Guide Class.

EPHESUS HOSTS VISITORS DAY

The Ephesus Church of Marion, Indiana recently welcomed visitors from the Haughville Church in Indianapolis and the Muncie, Indiana Philadelphia church. Among the visiting members from the Haughville Church were the ordained church elders, one of whom is a lady. These special guests were introduced by Hosie Hatchett, pastor of the Ephesus Church.

The guest speaker for this special visitors' day was Alfonso Greene, pastor of the Haughville Church.

Following the worship service a fellowship dinner was held in the fellowship room of the Prince Hall Apartments.

The evening Adventist Youth program was hosted by Nancy Johnson from the Muncie, Indiana Philadelphia Church.

After the program a televised tape of the *It Is Written* program was shown by Brother Thomas Nukes. This tape was entitled "The Anti-Christ."

James Buford
Communications Secretary

CONANT GARDENS HOLDS YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER

Over, but not forgotten. This is the feeling of many who attended the youth week of prayer held at the Conant Gardens church in Detroit, Michigan.

The guest speaker during this eventful week was Gregory Jackson, pastor of the

Dale Wright Memorial Church in Germantown, Ohio. His nightly messages seemed to have left the youth on a high spiritual plane for Christ. This was also the sentiment of many adults who attended the meetings nightly.

Pastor Jackson emphasized the following subjects: "Who am I?", "Righteousness By Faith", "Bridge The Generation Gap", "Love and Marriage", and "Permission To Triumph".

Special music during this week was given by the Heavenly Lights, a singing group made up of Sheila Bailey, Yvonne Davis and Melody Roper. Julie Moore and Avery Hayes also contributed special music.

All the participants who served during the week of prayer services received a token of appreciation from the A.Y. Department. The leader is Henry Walker.



Carlos Blake, a seminary student at Andrews University, recently conducted a youth weekend of prayer at the Bethel Church in East Chicago, Indiana. The theme for the weekend of spiritual emphasis was "A Wish Is Not Enough". The A.Y. leader, Joyce Abrams, worked with the youth of the church to make the weekend a success.

"AUNT ESTHER" HONORED

Known by such endearing terms as "Aunt Esther", "Sister Esther" "Sister Lowe" and "Mother", although she bore no children of her own, Esther Julia Lowe is very dear to all who know her. She has learned well the lessons of self-discipline and personal piety. She was taught by precept and example the responsibility of Christian womanhood. Esther is truly a grand lady and a wonderful person.

In culmination of Black History Month "Aunt Esther's" family, friends, and members of her church deemed it an honor to pay tribute to this noble person on

Sabbath evening, March 8, at the City Temple Church in Detroit.

Esther was a pioneer in the field of Black Education. She taught for 37 years in the Detroit Public School System, where she helped mold the minds of hundreds of Detroiters. Thirteen of those years were spent in the Department of Special Education.

In June of 1943, "Aunt Esther" was one of three recipients and the only black chosen by the National Council of Protestants, Catholics and Jews and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) to receive a scholarship for her outstanding contribution to humanity. This workshop formerly called "Intercultural Education", now known as "Human Relations", was conducted at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

A Resolution of Tribute, No. 115, to Renowned Educator, Lecturer and World Traveler, Mrs. Esther J. Skinner-Lowe was given on April 17, 1975 by the Michigan Senate. This legislative body offered a unanimous accolade to Ms. Lowe.

Esther, along with eight other persons, helped to organize the Victory Loan and Investment Company in 1944. This was the first company of its kind to be organized, owned, and operated by black people in the Detroit area.

Ms. Lowe was the first lady elected to serve on the Oakwood College Board of Directors in Huntsville, Alabama. She served in this capacity for nine years, 1967 - 1976.

She is one of the founders of the Peterson-Warren Academy located in Detroit and Inkster, Michigan.

At the General Congerence Session held in Vienna, Austria, in the spring of 1975, Esther had the distinct honor of being the first black woman elected to serve as a member of the General Conference Excutive Committee from 1975 - 1980.

Esther is a woman of many talents. Since she is gifted with a deep melodious contralto voice, she has sung at many functions and is always willing and ready to share her talent at a moment's notice. Many who have listened to her sing, declare that her singing is comparable to that of the famous contralto, Marian Anderson. At the ripe old age of eighty-seven the resonant sound of her voice is still strong.

Sister Lowe is a conscientious Christian, a morale lifter and always

willing to serve her fellowman. She has worked assiduously with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She holds a life time membership in this organization. She has also served on the Y.M.C.A. Board for years. She organized the first King's Daughters' Club in metropolitan Detroit. This organizaion is now known as the King's Daughters' Federation.

Her home has been likened to "The House by the Side of the Road." For over a period of 35 years it was a haven of rest to the weary, visiting ministers and colporters. It was also a shelter for the needy. Indeed she has been a friend to mankind.

Many more wonderful things could be written about this gracious lady's deeds of kindness and acts of love, whose goal in life is to serve humanity as He served.

In the words of King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, we salute thee, Esther Julia Skinner-Lowe, O daughter of Isreal. "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is above rubies . . . She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. . . . The openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the low of kindness. . . . Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." (Prov. 31; 10,20,26,29) KJV

PARK AVENUE OBSERVES 12TH ANNIVERSARY

On Friday, April 18, and Sabbath, April 19, 1986, the Park Avenue SDA Church in Champaign observed the 12th anniversary of the church. This was the first such observance held by the church.

Elder Jerome Davis, former pastor of Park Avenue and currently pastoring the Capitol City SDA Church in Indianapolis, was the speaker on Sabbath evening, and Elder R.C. Brown, Sr., Executive Secretary of the Lake Region Conference, was speaker on Sabbath morning. Also in attendance on Sabbath morning was Dr. Calvin B. Rock, of the General Conference.

Other guests included members from Mt. Sinai SDA Church, Peoria; Independence SDA Church, Chicago; Sharon SDA Church, Milwaukee; and the Maywood SDA Church. Also, there were guests from local churches.

After a lovely pot-luck dinner, which was served by the members of Park Avenue, slide presentations were shown by Pastor Samuel Thomas, Jr. of a trip sponsored by the AY Department to Oakwood College, Chattanooga, TN and Atlanta,

GA. The day concluded with a beautiful program by the AY Department of Park Avenue, under the leadership of Ms. Carla Thompson.

Ann Thompson

MASS RALLY ATTRACTS SOUL WINNERS FROM TEN AREA CHURCHES

For the first time in the history of Lake Region Conference, all of the Motor City area churches came together in a gigantic rally to spur an April evangelistic effort on behalf of the fledgling Southfield Church. The rally and subsequent soul-winning campaign was conceived by C. W. Drake, III, pastor of the City Temple Church, and was coordinated by Henry Holt, now pastor of the Flint-Saginaw churches.

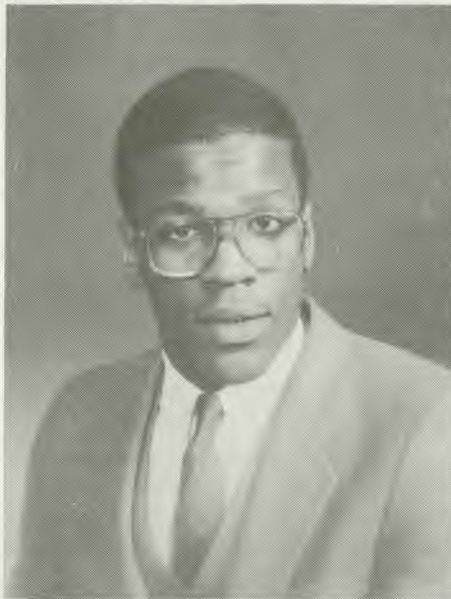
The rally began promptly on Sabbath at four-thirty p.m., with a mini concert by Maxine Logan Jones. The church auditorium was filled. But by five o'clock, the building was literally packed and the overflow crowd had to be channeled into the fellowship hall where they were able to hear the proceedings going on in the main auditorium.

Pastor Drake welcomed all the churches and briefly outlined the statement of purpose for the rally: to help the Southfield Church to broaden their reach into a territory where there is no other Adventist church within a radius of one hundred miles.

In his sermon that evening, Elder Holt explored the four master soul-winning techniques: selection, association, demonstration and reproduction. He pointed out that when Jesus began His ministry, He selected twelve disciples, knowing that success does not depend upon numbers alone. He influenced those disciples by precept and example in a pleasant day-by-day association, until His character began to be reproduced in them.

Elder Drake then presented this charge, first to the platform pastors: "Do you, as pastor of a church in the Motor City area, pledge your support to the evangelistic effort in Southfield; and will you do all that you can to help make this program a success?" After so charging the elders, Drake presented the charge to every Bible instructor, every lay elder, church officer, and finally to the people of the ten churches represented there. Both the charge and the response to it had an electrifying effect, as all those polled spoke with one voice.

The Burns Avenue mass choir closed the rally with their now-famous rendition of *Watch Ye Saints*. This selection was accompanied by drums, cymbals and trumpets.



Pastor Samuel Ray Hutchins.

HUTCHINS NAMED OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN

Congratulations are in order for Samuel Ray Hutchins, a former Ephesus (NYC) Youth Church elder, who was selected as one of America's Outstanding Young Men of the Year for 1985.

The OYM Awards Program is a "tribute to young men for professional achievement and exceptional service" and seeks "to honor young men from all segments of society whose efforts are dedicated to enriching communities in which they live, and to bring recognition to the groups with which they are affiliated."

Samuel was educated at R.T. Hudson Elementary School, Greater New York Academy, Southern College and Oakwood College. During high school he received the John F. Kennedy Citizenship Award and the Junior Chamber of Commerce Achievement Award. While at college he was Student Government Association Religious Vice President, SGA President, newspaper editor, yearbook photographer, and recipient of the Outstanding Speaker Award.

He is presently pastoring the Enid and Langston, Oklahoma, churches in the Southwestern Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Thus far he has been busy with public evangelism, the Revelation Seminar, Bible studies and baptisms, prison ministry, and has met all Conference goals.

In addition, he has been involved in the NAACP, the Booker T. Washington Community Center, the Ministerial Alliance, and other civic activities.

The church membership appreciates the endeavors of Pastor Hutchins and his wife, the former Miss Sharon Gayle White of Chicago, Illinois. The believers are particularly pleased that their city paper, The Enid Daily, has selected him twice as the minister to write a Holiday message for front-page publication to the citizens of Enid — Christmas 1985 and Easter 1986. The newspaper staff has made such selections each year but has never before selected a black pastor.

Ephesus Church salutes Pastor Hutchins and continues to pray for him and all of its young people.

GUEST DAY BRINGS 200 VISITORS TO CHURCH

Community Friendship (Guest) Day is an annual event at City Tabernacle Church, New York City. But excitement actually builds the week before, as ideas gel and final plans cement.

This years program, attended by 200 visitors, directed one to recognize, during Sabbath School and the Divine Hour, that in the midst of evil there is hope.

Pastor J. Milton Thomas spoke on "God and the Cities". He stressed the need for Black people to educate their children to turn from dope and move towards hope—Jesus Christ. "We cannot afford", he said, "to waste our minds and bodies." Having pastored for 38 years in major urban centers, from the midwest to the east, Thomas in retrospect concluded, "Let the church be the church and start preaching the word of God."

In the afternoon, members with guests returned to the church for a musical vesper service. A number of talented singers from all age groups, selected a wide range of standard and new compositions to perform. The broad variety of songs satisfied everyone and were sermons in themselves.

The Treblephonics began with "I'll Fly Away on the Wings of Prayer", and "That's the Way to Find Happiness". Pamela Mann, who is a graduate of Julliard School of Music and has studied at La Scala Opera House in Milan, Italy, sang, "Teach Us to Pray", "Oh, Divine Redeemer", and "If I Can Help Somebody". New Direction, a 16 member choir, combined the old and new contrasting styles and forms. Joe Forster, a tenor soloist in the Sanctuary of City Tabernacle, per-

formed next followed by the Holmes Trio, a sister group, and Tabernacle's Ladies Chorale who sang, "Fill My Cup". Other selections were offered by visitors, Kevin Quattlebaum, Jennifer Huie, and Lloyd Chung on the organ.

LaMarr Renee
Correspondent

12 YEAR PRISON OUTREACH CONDUCTED BY LAYMEN

After the final benediction ends the 11 o'clock service at City Tabernacle Church, New York, four members gather quietly at the rear of the sanctuary. Outside they take their weekly 45 minute drive north to The Bronx House of Detention where private fellowship meetings are held with inmates seeking spiritual counseling.

This is an individual effort to reach the minds of young black and hispanic men convicted of petty crimes. Many are repeat offenders with personal histories that reject Christian values completely. However, James Simmons, John Holmes, with Francis and Leslie Garrett have not been deterred. By encouraging attendance at private worship services, chapel services, and Bible studies, these prisoners have begun to realize that people in the community care about their well-being.

Additional visits to inmate families reinforce the teachings introduced behind bars and helps to alleviate some of the familial pressures which develop. To date one family has been converted. Stationery is also provided for those men who don't have or cannot afford it. This 12 year personal ministry outreach is part of the Bronx/Manhattan Prison Federation of the Northeastern Conference.

LaMarr Renee
Correspondent

YOUTH ENSEMBLE PERFORMS AT CITY TABERNACLE

Dr. Virginia Rittenhouser, conductor and violinist with, the New England Youth Ensemble, presented an indepth classical music program at the City Tabernacle Church, New York City.

Dr. Rittenhouser's selections were chosen from Europe's great heritage of sacred music established primarily by the master composers of Italy and Germany. These men depended greatly on the financial support of the church hierarchy and individual sponsorship of the aristocratic class in order to dedicate their lives completely to music. Most of them suc-

ceeded privately, but it was not until centuries later that the public willingly received and recognized their contributions.

Rittenhouser included on the program, three Black American Spirituals. Fresco Vivaldi's Boroque "Tocatta for Organ", reflected the liveliness of this ornate golden period of church music.

"Concerto for 2 Violins" by Johann Sebastian Bach played next, emphasized order and symmetry. History records that his strong spiritual beliefs influenced every composition. He wrote not for self but to the glory of God, signing each manuscript, "written for the angels", as a lasting testimony.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Sonata" written for performance in Dome Cathedral, Salzburg, Germany, where he conducted his own choir and orchestra showed the musical versatility of the 35 member group.

Many of the musicians attend Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Dr. Rittenhouser has created an atmosphere of intellectual growth and opportunity which appeals to all.

Stephanie Beadle, soprano soloist sang, "Give Me Jesus", arranged by Carl Purdie, a member of the Ensemble. Alexander Henderson, tenor, sang "Holy, Holy", and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand". Two numbers from Sibelius repertoire permitted Dr. Rittenhouser to lower her baton and join the Ensemble in concert. George Frederick Handel's "Oratorio", featuring two oboes, demonstrated the emotional drama common to 18th century compositions, based on Biblical themes.

Although the New England Youth Ensemble has traveled extensively throughout Europe and has performed in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Crystal Cathedral and in numerous churches in the United States, they hope to extend their travels to China and South Africa this year.

This group of talented young people show what can be accomplished if one has a dream and is willing to sacrifice in order to achieve it.

LaMarr Renee
Correspondent

FUND RAISING CONCERT AIDS VAN DRIVE

A fund raising concert was held at the Victory Temple SDA Church, Buffalo, New York on December 1, 1986 for the purpose of purchasing a new van. This transport is needed to assist in the vari-

ous activities of the church—community services, pathfinders, evangelism, etc.

Concert coordinator, Vonnie Gambrell, invited all area SDA churches as well as other denominations to attend. The program was well attended with 15 groups performing. A substantial offering was collected, but the goal was not reached until March 8, when a second offering was collected. Finally a 15 passenger van was purchased for the church.

Barbara Winfield
Communication Secretary

GREEN SPEAKER FOR AYS WEEK OF PRAYER

The First Church of White Plains New York, held its first Youth Week of Prayer, under the pastorate of Farrell Jones on March 15-22, 1986. The theme for the week was, "Youth United In Christ." The speaker for the week was Kenneth Green, pastor of the Norwalk and New Haven Connecticut churches. The opening subject, "What's Troubling Our Youth?" investigated the causes of their troubles. Was it the one parent home, the latch-key children or urban living? Pastor Green explained that the farmer worked with his family and thus counseled them. Other topics included, "The Family and the Church", "Considering Marriage?", "Sex and Saints", "Ethics in Christian Philosophy", "The High Cost of Low Living", "Mary and Martha", and "Transcending Your Crisis".

The Youth responded to the invitation to rededicate their lives to God. "Heavenly Father We Appreciate You" was the theme song for the week.

Dorothy Toppins
Correspondent

CHURCH LAYS PLANS FOR HARVEST 90

The leaders and members of City Tabernacle Church, New York City, are aggressively responding to the General Conference Harvest 90 program.

Ambitious goals have been set throughout 1986 in order to more effectively respond to the many recognized needs of a vast and bilingual upper west-side community.

Each church department is reassessing itself in an attempt to develop strong evangelistic programs. These programs will involve both the community and congregation, and confirm that City Tabernacle is a caring meaningful church.

Well attended Sunday evening evangelistic services, emphasizing our great

need of God's mercy, combine the talents of the Elders and youth within the church.

Throughout the Spring, a Revival led by Pastor Milton Thomas, will be held to awaken dormant members and encourage prospective members to commit their lives to Christ. The Personal Ministries department is launching a neighborhood canvassing campaign to nurture new spiritual friendships and win new converts. Also in the planning stages are health fairs and special music programs with City Tabernacle's youth very much involved. A weekly feeding program for the hungry will strengthen this collective effort to make Harvest 90 a true success.

COUPLES RENEW WEDDING VOWS AT VICTORY TEMPLE

On Sabbath, February 15, seven married couples renewed their wedding vows at Victory Temple SDA Church, Buffalo, New York before a standing room only congregation of members, friends and relatives.

In his sermon, Pastor Jesse Bevel linked the creation story with the marriage ceremony. The only two institutions which survived the fall and are still binding upon man.

The audience was very solemn as they observed this sacred rite. The beautiful scene was highlighted by the participation of the first family, Pastor and Mrs. Bevel.

After sunset a reception was held in the lower auditorium for everyone. "It was a day to be remembered by all," stated the coordinator, Mrs. Pearl Wilkins, as she gave a sigh of exhaustion.

Barbara Winfield

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS PRESENTED AT CITY TABERNACLE

Music is an integral part of City Tabernacle Church and as more members recognize their individual talents, smaller singing groups are being formed to broaden the range of selections presented during service.

The music department, under the direction of organist/chorister Lloyd Chung has adapted itself to this new directive. This season the sanctuary choir sang Dubois "Seven Last Words" for the sermon. Between specific segments pastor J. Milton Thomas shared scriptural words to accompany the music and add to its meaning.

LeMarr Renee
Correspondent

SOUTH CENTRAL



Mrs. E. Dunstan, (2nd L.), one of the charter members of the church, presents Dr. & Mrs. Coopwood a plaque as an expression of gratitude from the members.

CHURCH HONORS DR. W.W.E. COOPWOOD

Twenty years ago, Dr. and Mrs. William E. Coopwood settled in Murfreesboro, Tennessee to begin his practice of medicine among the people of that community. This small college town is located just thirty miles east of Nashville. There were no members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church living there at the time. These medical missionaries set about to share their hopes in the Lord's soon return as well as to help heal their physical needs.

The back room of their office became a place of worship for interested persons who appeared to be seekers of the 'truth'. Interest in the study of the Bible grew among the citizens in the community and later Elder E.W. Moore along with Elder N.S. McLeod came from Nashville and pitched a tent under which a public meeting was held. Over thirty persons were baptized and the new congregation was established.

During the following months, Dr. and Mrs. Coopwood set about to secure a house of worship for this lovely Christian band. Property was secured on which to erect a building. They then donned their work clothes and helped the contractors to put the building up. Twenty years have past since that time, but the good labors of these medical missionaries, under God, still stand as a witness to the concerned burden that they brought to this place. One of the interesting high points of the twenty year celebration, that the church held in their honor, on March 1, 1986 was to see a young man who Dr.

Coopwood delivered as a baby, now serving as an officer of the church.

Lay-pastor Charles Terrel and wife are presently serving as the spiritual leaders of the flock for the congregation there and souls are still being added to the church.



Dr. Coopwood stands with a young man he delivered twenty years ago.

PAGEANT PRESENTED FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On Sabbath afternoon, February 22, 1986, the Jordan Street Church of Pensacola, Florida presented a beautiful pageant entitled, "A Search for Freedom" for the Black History month final program.

This program portrayed the various struggles of Afro-Americans from their native villages in Africa, the capture and sale of slaves, the Underground Railroad and the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In using the young members of the congregation it allowed them to experience the various struggles of the Black forefathers in a positive respect.

This program sponsored by the Black History Committee, with Mrs. Deborah Williams, chairperson, and assisted by Ms. Kathlene Jones and Mrs. Alethea Hendrieth provided the audience with various scenes of realistic settings and characters.

Prior to this program, the congregation enjoyed a fellowship meal after the morning service that consisted of a "Soul Food Buffet".

Kathleen Jones
Communication Secretary

FOUR HONORED AT SHILOH

The Shiloh Church of Greenwood, Mississippi hosted their first Community Guest Day. It was coordinated by Solomon Outlaw, the Sabbath School Superintendent and an elementary school principal, and Mrs. Ruth Gray, who is coordinator of the lower division of the Sabbath School. She is known for her diligent work behind the scenes. Members from Indianola and Belzoni, Mississippi were present.

Four outstanding community activists were honored. Mr. David Jordan, who was instrumental in initiating legal proceedings against the city government of Greenwood concerning unfair hiring practices and representation of Blacks. After seven years in the courts, Greenwood, Mississippi obtained a Mayoral Council form of government in the summer of 1985. Mr. Jordan is a science teacher in the Greenwood public school system. Miss Judie Kammer, who works with The Catholic Center, which has provided basic necessities for the very poor of the community for the past twenty years. Dr. Amanda Elzy, an outstanding educator in the community, came from New York to teach one year but stayed a lifetime. An elementary school bears her name in the Leflore county of Greenwood. She has retired but is still very active, caring for the elderly, serving on the executive boards of the Boys Club, Greenwood-Leflore Library, Greenwood City School Board, among other community activities. Pastor J.L. Hall, who

pastors the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, has only been in the area a year, but has already organized a local youth center to provide after school activities for the youth of the city. The center was instituted to keep the young people off of the streets and out of the drug traffic. It provides organized games, rap sessions, and spiritual exposure.

Pastor C. Monroe along with Solomon Outlaw awarded the guests for their service to the community.

Nadine Monroe
Correspondent

PATHFINDERS SPONSOR VALENTINE BANQUET

On February 9, 1986, the Pathfinder Club of the New Heights SDA Church, Jackson, Mississippi, held their second Pre-Valentine Banquet.

The setting was red and white, with cupid arrows on the walls and red and white centerpieces on the tables. The theme was "You and I". The Master and Mistress of Ceremonies was Pastor and Mrs. T.L. Blevins. Elder Blevins is pastor of the church. The children served as waitresses and waiters. They also entertained with songs and skits.

The first course was served while the pathfinders entertained with a skit entitled, "My Name", which was based on being called a Christian. During the second course, Audry Cone entertained by singing, "Truly". During the third course, Antonio Gordon recited a poem and Shunda Michaels, Andry Cone, and Latonya Hudson sang, "That's What Friends Are For".

During the salad course, another skit, "Who's on the Lord's Side?" was presented. A duet by Shunda and Audry entitled, "Up Where We Belong" followed.

The entree, Manicotti, was served, along with another serenade by Tondra Newsome and Christopher Blevins singing, "Endless Love". Dessert, ice cream, was followed by a dramatization by Benjamin Newsome. The closing song was presented by Mrs. Vierie Young, who also prepared the meal. The closing was done by Miss Lennie Gordon, Pathfinder leader, who coordinated the event.

Geneva Young Thomas
Correspondent

NEW HEIGHTS INSTALLS OFFICERS

On January 4, 1986 the New Heights Church of Jackson, Mississippi installed its newly elected officers of the year 1986.

Upon accepting, the new officers were reminded of their responsibility to God and to His church.

Pastor T.L. Blevins used texts from Nehemiah chapters one through four to illustrate what the attitudes of church leaders should be while serving. The officers were challenged to evaluate the positions they were elected to serve, and to evaluate themselves, and depend on God for the needed wisdom, strength and courage to do the job well.

It was pointed out that in order for the work of the church to be successful, each department must function at its best. This will represent the Spirit of Christ at work. After the sermon, the officers were brought to the front to vow to do their best. The church received the officers and promised to work with them. Prayer was offered for God's blessings.

REAL TRUTH HOSTS MAJOR EVENTS

At the height of the holiday season, the Birmingham, Alabama Real Truth Church was host to two spectacular events. (The Real Truth Church was organized after the summer evangelistic crusade ended in August of 1985.) The first event took place to open the Christmas season, with the Cathedral Choir of Oakwood College presenting excerpts from Handel's Messiah. The Sabbath morning service featured Elder C.E. Mosley. A theology professor at Oakwood College for many years, Moseley taught the new congregation that the Adventist Church was the only one out of more than 400 Protestant and Catholic persuasions, to preach the "Three Angels Message of Revelation 14". He also instructed them that the message of the Three Angels includes a warning of the Judgement, the Beast, and the Mark of the Beast. Elder Moseley emphasized the uniqueness of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The next major event was near the end of the year when Lay-leaders congregated for the annual South Central Conference officers training session. Delegates and elected officers came from Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi. Along with the basic fundamentals of leadership and the joy of fellowship, the newly elected officers divided into groups to study the job description of their particular office. The newly elected officers set visions and goals for 1986.

CLERK HONORED FOR DEDICATED SERVICE

On Sabbath February 15, 1986, the Jordan Street Church presented Mrs. J.W. Carroll a plaque for her dedication and unending service to the church in the position of church clerk.

Mrs. Carroll has served the church as a clerk for the past seven years. During this time she has kept an accurate record and researched the church history, since its early beginnings in the Pensacola area in the early 1900's.

In addition to this award by the church, Mrs. Carroll was also presented with the book, "Women of the Bible" by Dr. and Mrs. T.L. Hemingway, for the fine church records they received upon their arrival in the district.



Dr. Roland J. Hill, pastor of New Covenant Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

NEWS NOTE

Dr. Roland J. Hill, pastor of New Covenant Seventh-day Adventist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, finished requirements for the Doctor of Ministry degree at the Reform Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. The title of his dissertation is "A Biblical and Practical Economic—As a Possible Solution to the Economic Dilemma of Modern Christians". Dr. Hill did his undergraduate work at Oakwood College and his graduate studies at Andrews University and the University of Tennessee. The doctoral degree 'Doctor of the Ministry' was conferred on May 23, 1986. Dr. Hill is the first Black and the first Seventh-day Adventist minister to receive the doctoral degree from the Reform Theological Seminary. He is the third son of Dr. and Mrs. Franklin S. Hill, II, Huntsville, Alabama.

SOUTHEASTERN

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OF SDA CAMPMEETING SCHEDULE

June 19-28, 1986 Southeastern Conference Campgrounds, Hawthorne, FL.

Main Pavillion Speakers:

Sabbath, June 21-11:00

To be filled

Ordination Service 3:00-p.m.

Ralph Hairston, President

South Atlantic Conference

Sabbath, June 28-11:00

C.E. Bradford, President

North American Division

Youth Speakers:

Sabbath, June 21-11:00

Dr. Norman Miles

Sabbath, June 28-11:00

Alwin Humphrey

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

July 13-26

Junior Camp ages 10-15

August 29-September 1

Senior Camp age 16-up

Both camps will be held at Southeastern Conference Campgrounds, Hawthorne, Florida

SOUTHEASTERN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 13-15

Conference-Wide Graduation,
Orlando, FL

CHURCH IN SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OPENS ITS DOORS

After five years of hard dedication and labor, the Progress Village SDA Church, Tampa, FL was formally dedicated on March 15, 1986.

The occasion brought Elder J.A. Edgcombe, President of Southeastern, Elder Herman Davis, former pastor and Elder Theus Young, pastor. The members rejoiced over the opening of their new home.

CHURCH PROJECT ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY CHILDREN

An annual event, the Mt. Calvary SDA Church, Tampa, FL Pathfinder Club held its Bicycle Rodeo recently at the Archie Hamlin Center.

This Pathfinder Club not only provides character-building programs for boys and girls in the church, but also seeks to provide wholesome recreation for the children in the community.

The rodeo gave the children the challenge of testing their bicycle riding skills by riding through obstacle courses. Trophies were then awarded according to how they handled their bicycles.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE



Dr. Emerson A. Cooper.

DR. COOPER RECEIVES TENNECO AWARD

Dr. Emerson A. Cooper, professor of chemistry at Oakwood College, has been selected to be the recipient of the 1985-86 \$4,000, Tenneco Excellence in Teaching Award.

The award came in a program sponsored by the United Negro College Fund in order to recognize excellence in teaching in the fields of business, mathematics, and science among the 42 UNCF member institutions. A three-member Selection Committee enthusiastically recommended Dr. Cooper for this award. The criteria for the award included such factors as academic training, teaching expertise, ability to inspire and motivate students, student and peer evaluations, honors received, professional stature, and contributions related to advancing the art and science of teaching.

For 28 of his 38 years of service to Oakwood College, Dr. Cooper has been the principal driving force in the development of the chemistry department. He has also held the positions of Vice President for Academic Affairs and Interim President. Dr. Cooper has been a visiting lecturer at Alabama A&M University, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Kentucky State University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

As a result of his long, effective, and dedicated teaching ministry, the premedical program at Oakwood College received national recognition in 1979. In addition, more than 100 Oakwood students, many of whom took all their chemistry courses from him, have gone on to earn doctoral degrees in the fields of medicine, dentistry, chemistry, and economics.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE RECEIVES HIGH MARKS IN PRE-MED PROGRAM

According to the findings of the 1986 Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Report, Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL, ranks 6th in the nation in supplying black applicants to medical schools. The findings also revealed that Oakwood is 10th out of 539 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada in students accepted into medical schools. Among this group are universities such as Yale, Harvard, and Princeton. It is important to note that most of the institutions ranking higher than Oakwood have medical schools on their campus.

While the national average Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) score is 48 and 42 for blacks, Oakwood's average MCAT score is 41. No other predominately black college or university scored higher than Oakwood.

Oakwood was also, recently, described along with 22 other historically black institutions and 11 predominately white schools as "the most productive" of black scientific talent in a report prepared by the Educational Testing Service for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of Princeton, N.J.

Oakwood is continually stepping up its pre-med program. One such step occurred in February of this year as the result of entering into a loan agreement with the University of Alabama in Birmingham and Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA, becoming the first undergraduate school to receive a cadaver. This acquisition will undoubtedly prove to provide tremendous exposure and valuable experience for Oakwood students.

Another significant step is Oakwood's Pre-Med Reinforcement and Enrichment Program offered between January 2 and May 8. This program has been designed to enrich the backgrounds of freshmen. The program emphasizes preparation for the MCAT. Areas of emphasis include

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the Lake Region Conference will no longer be able to supply the Regional Voice to its members each month at conference expense. The Voice is one of the items that must be surrendered in order to bring some financial relief to the conference as it faces a few economic challenges. Those members of the Lake Region Conference as well as those of the Southwest Region Conference will be able to subscribe to the monthly journal for just \$6.75 per year by writing to

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scientific reading, workshops on learning skills, and test-taking strategies.

Oakwood College is certainly making great strides in its goal toward academic excellence.

OBITUARY



Andrea Rosamond Brooks-Gayle.

OBITUARY OF ANDREA ROSAMOND BROOKS-GAYLE

Andrea Rosamond Brooks-Gayle, the first of three daughters of Elder Stennett H. and Erma Parchment-Brooks, was born in Bronx, New York on June 29, 1963. All of her educational years were spent in Seventh-day Adventist institutions. She attended and graduated from R.T. Hudson Elementary School, Northeastern Academy and Atlantic Union College. She received a Bachelor's Degree with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Accounting.

In her early youth, Andrea gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized by Pastor Roy Ashmeade at City Tabernacle of Seventh-day Adventists, where she was a loyal member.

During her collegiate years at Atlantic Union College, Andrea served as Reader for the Business Education Department, enjoyed aerobics, and was a member of the choir. She was warm, friendly, and well liked by both students and teachers. Gregg Gayle, a member of the Bronx Temple of Seventh-day Adventists, and Andrea, were friends for eight years which culminated in their marriage on

July 14, 1985. Gregg is employed as a draftsman at Berger Lehman Associates, P.C. Their marriage was short-lived due to Andrea's decline in health.

Though brief, Andrea found satisfaction working at Victory Lake Junior Camp, as a receptionist and Computer Operator at Northeastern Conference, as a part-time travel agent for Express Travel & Tours Agency, and at Topliss & Harding Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Lloyd's of London.

She completed a course at Bronx Community College and had plans for a career as a travel agent.

During her brief but acute illness, Andrea was the subject of countless prayers by the family, Northeastern ministers, Northeastern Academy faculty, staff and students, the Oakwood College Alumni Association, prayer groups, prayer chains, and the memberships of churches throughout the Northeastern Conference. Despite all modern medicine and science could do, Andrea slipped away from us Wednesday evening, April 16 about 8:30.

She leaves to mourn a loving family: Husband, Gregg Gayle; her mother and

father, Stennett and Erma Brooks; two sisters, Audra and Amalia; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Simon Gayle; four brothers-in-law, Raymond, Franz, Trevor and Melvin; two sisters-in-law, Cynthia and Mauver; seven uncles, Kellman, Wilbert and Oril Brooks; Garnet, Stuart, Russell and Vaughan Parchment; an aunt, Redella Hodge; two great aunts, Sadie Bryan and Rosa Bent; one grandmother, Evadne Parchment; many cousins, a host of other relatives, and countless friends.

One of Andrea's last acts was joining with her family at her bedside repeating the 23rd Psalm together.

"God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills were hard to climb.
He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered Peace Be Thine.
The weary hours, the days of pain
The sleepless nights are past,
The ever patient worn-out frame,
She found sweet rest at last."

Submitted in love and sorrow
The Gayle and Brooks Families

MRS. DELIAH CUSTARD EXPIRES

Mrs. Deliah Custard, wife of Marvin Custard and sister of H.T. Saulter passed away in Nashville, Tennessee after a long illness. She served the church as a church school teacher for many years and was one of the founding families of the Lexington, Kentucky church which was organized in 1894. Brother Custard still resides in Nashville. Both of them worked at Oakwood College and Riverside Hospital until their retirements.

ELDER V. LINDSAY PASSES

Elder Vongerth Lindsay, of Kansas City, Kansas is dead at the age of eighty years. Elder Lindsay had been ill for a number of years in his home in Kansas City. He served the church as the first treasurer for the South Central Conference in 1946. He also was a successful pastor and soul-winner in the South Central and Central States Conferences. He was a native of Birmingham, Alabama where many of the members of his family still reside.

NEWS NOTES

Seven members from South Central Conference went to Africa to the Youth Congress in Nairobi, Kenya. They are C.E. Dudley and wife, J.W. McCoy and wife, J.A. Jones and wife, and Antoine Maycock. The dates were April 9-12.

CLASSIFIED AD

Oakwood College has an immediate need for a Computer Programmer/analyst. Applicants must have a B.S. degree in mathematics or computer science, be able to program proficiently in the BASIC programming language, and have a minimum of at least two years programming experience.

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