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*Lynette Mays*  
"Miss Christian Education"

## COVER STORY



*"Miss Christian Education" Lynette Mays.*

Richard Dillon, Lynette Mays, Tracy Payne, Joy Pearson, Janet Roberts and Caren Williams. The winners were Miss Lynette Mays, Miss Christian Education, and Mr. Stephen Blair, Mr. Christian Education.

Miss Christian Education, Lynette Mays, is a sophomore at Northeastern Academy in New York City. She raised a total of \$10,214. Mr. Christian Education, Stephen Blair, raised \$675.00.

Elder Wilbur Mays, the Home and School leader, has a strong conviction and firm commitment that "All children should be taught of the Lord," and that an



*Dolores Etter, coordinator of the Christian Education fund-raising program.*

### **"MISS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION" LYNETTE MAYS RAISES \$10,215.00**

The First SDA Church of Teaneck-Englewood, New Jersey Home and School Association sponsored a most successful Education Weekend Nov. 22-23, 1987. The climax of the weekend was the crowning of Mr. and Miss Education. The guiding force behind the program which netted \$13,910.05 for Christian Education was First Elder Wilbert Mays who also serves as Home and School leader for the church. His assistants in the ambitious endeavor were: Mrs. Dolores Etter, general coordinator and publicity chairlady; Mrs. Margaret Wright, program chairlady; Andrea Payne and Janice White, contestant trainers, and Pastor Heywood T. Weatherford.

Seven young people, ages 12-16, participated in the Mr. and Miss Education contest. They included: Stephen Blair,



*Wilbert Mays (right) presents a cash award to one of the male contestants.*

opportunity to attend a SDA Christian school should be provided every child in the church without cost to parents. It is this dream that inspired Elder Mays and his committee to stage the brilliant and successful Education Weekend. The guest speaker for the Sabbath sermon and the Awards Banquet on Sunday was Dr. Rosa Banks, Vice President of Oakwood College.

The Awards Banquet was staged at the Loew's Glenpointe Hotel in Teaneck. The climax of the evening's activities was the crowning of Mr. and Miss Education. Each contestant received monetary prizes and 5 percent of the funds raised with the remainder going into an escrow account for their Christian education.

Highlights of the evening included the address by guest speaker Dr. Rosa Banks, solos by Mrs. Cecelia Gordan, accompanied by Mrs. Marian McGee, dinner music provided by Ed Hall, remarks by the chair-lady, Pastor Weatherford, several special presentations and the final crowning of Mr. and Miss Education.



*Dr. Rosa Banks.*

A Journal of Distinction made possible from the solicitations of contestants was edited and produced by Mrs. Dolores Etter.

Special guests attending the affair included Elder Lee A. Paschal, national president of the Oakwood College Alumni Association; Mrs. Ruth Paschal, principal of R. T. Hudson Elementary School in New York City; Mrs. Edna Lett Williamson, Alumni Association, New York City; Mrs. Sybil Gooden and Mrs. Valrie Bennett, officers of the Concerned Committee for Christian Education, and several relatives and friends of Elder Mays from Virginia.

Edna Lett Williamson

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

No man or woman in his right mind would deny the good that education has brought about. Today's education in secular society, ironically, is incomplete and deceptive. To many, education is a goddess, a desirable queen, before whom many are bowing and sacrificing money, morals, health, even God. To lay hold on her promised claims some have cheated on tests, lied about their address, abused their bodies, broken the Sabbath reverence and lived "in a far country" away from the God of their youth.

Once grasped, education has been like an illusive serpent's bite, unexpected and hurting. Like a mirage on a hot desert, promising cool water for our spiritual and emotional thirst, secular education did not make life qualitatively better, but only moved life to a higher decibel of conflict

and competition. Violence became sophisticated, and morality and spirituality became negotiable. Ethical behavior was liberated from godly restraints. But such education is a false queen, unreliable because her goal is to make us self-reliant and self-sufficient in the presence of "One" who had declared that without Him we are "nothing." Secular education is false, because we are led to believe that education is a goal to be pursued, a power that will recreate man.

The value of a good education is not a debatable issue. The irony is that there has not been a corresponding moral and spiritual advancement with improved education. Consequently education in secular society is questionable in terms of the contribution made to moral and spiritual behavior.

Haywood T. Weatherford

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## WILBERT F. MAYS...HOME AND SCHOOL LEADER, PAR EXCELLENCE!

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**"All our children shall be taught of the Lord"**

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First Elder and Home and School Leader, Wilbert F. Mays, believes in Christian Education. He not only preaches it, but he believes it. All of his children: Darrell, Jonathan, Julie and Lynette, attended Christian schools.

Elder Mays has served his church, the



*Mr. Wilbert Mays with daughter and wife.*

First SDA Church of Teaneck-Englewood, N.J., in many capacities: Assistant Sabbath School Superintendent, Personal Ministries Leader, Associate Elder, and now First Elder and noteworthy Home and School Leader. He was responsible for establishing the first subsidized program for tuition and transportation of the church children to church school. During his tenure, three new church vans were purchased to transport children to church school. For 18 years he has lugged oranges and grapefruit for the success of the Home and School program. His many acts reflect his heart-felt conviction that all children should have a Christian education.

Wilbert, with his wisdom and love for God and mankind, has been a moral, financial and Christian support to hundreds of people of all ages. His faith has been likened to that of Job and his obedience like that of Abraham. His often-quoted scripture is, "I will command my house by a thus saith the lord."

Three of his four children have attended church school from kindergarten through college. Presently, his youngest, Lynette, is a sophomore at Northeastern Academy in New York, and Jonathan (Kevin), an Oakwood graduate, is in his second year at Loma Linda University Medical College in California.

Wilbert Mays' religion is "real." He assists with evangelistic crusades, gives Bible studies, transports friends and family to nightly meetings, distributes tracts, participates in serious fund-raising campaigns to purchase land and build the church home. He is a man of many talents who is loved and respected by the church membership.

In describing Elder Mays' faithfulness and dedication to God and the church, the following statement was made by a member of his family, "We don't think he is God, but God is in him. God sent an earthly angel, a Christian in his heart, and made him wonderful, marvelous, special and kind."

The Home and School Association of Teaneck-Englewood is in good hands, and Elder Wilbert Mays will continue to work to make his dream of Christian Education for every child in the church a reality.

Faithfulness to God and his church has not hindered Elder Mays in a successful business adventure. Today, he is President of Wilbert's Enterprise and owner of Tuxedo Enterprises, Inc. Mays is a certified minority contractor, presently certified by

New Jersey and New York Transit System, New Jersey and New York Port Authority, and Minority Business Entrepreneur of Newark, N.J. Tuxedo Enterprises is one of the largest suppliers of fill materials and disposers of undesirable materials in the states of New Jersey and New York.

Surely, as in the days of Abraham, God is still blessing his faithful servants!

Edna Lett Williamson

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland.

### KING'S DREAM

By E. E. Cleveland

Martin Luther King's dream was one of brotherhood, not brother-in-lawhood. He said it again and again. "I want to be your brother, not your brother-in-law." He proved it by marrying Coretta Scott. All of his children are obviously Black. In none of his speeches did he waste time with the argument that association in school, church, and in the work place leads to inter-racial dating and marriage. It is significant that even in the state of Mississippi where the laws against inter-marriage were recently struck down, there has been no upsurge in marriage applications by "mixed couples." Those who wish to are doing it, and those who don't won't; And the great majority don't. King was interested in things far more fundamental.

King dreamed of unlimited access to the ballot box. He knew that a lot of problems can be cured on election day. Early in his historic mission he thundered, "Give us the ballot." It was the theme of

his first speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial Monument in Washington, D.C. He called it a "Prayer Pilgrimage." There weren't many of us there that day in 1957. The sight of Black men and women braving the wrath of the establishment and voting is in part attributable to him. There was Thurgood Marshall before him who risked his life in many Southern courtrooms to change unjust laws. His courage and brilliance paved the way for movements that followed. Martin King pushed this nation to it's moment of final decision. Before King, White America looked on it's Blacks as creatures "who could quietly endure, silently suffer, and patiently wait." Under King's tutelage the stereotype was destroyed. Neither fire hoses, dogs, billy clubs, tear-gas, nor paddy wagons could hold him back. The Black man made it to the ballot box! Things began to change.

King dreamed of ACCESS. Yes, open doors to men and women without regard to color. This covered transportation, housing, education, business, politics, and worship. Of course, he argued, we must for a time discriminate in favor of those we've discriminated against to catch them up. He was talking about "Affirmative Action" way back when. He spoke of how we spent billions to rebuild Europe and Japan after World War II. "Why not a *Marshall Plan* for the ones devastated by slavery?"

King dreamed of a day when the color of ones' skin would not be the basis of acceptance or rejection. Let us not confuse this with President Ronald Reagan's "color-blind" society. King understood that for a nation that has discriminated for so long on the basis of color to suddenly become "color-blind" would be disastrous to Blacks and Hispanics. We would be destroyed by the inadequacies produced by the "previous condition." We must "qualify him and hire him." Under Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, and Carter, this remedial work was begun. Before his death, King saw the backlash settling in. The dismantling of the humanitarian agencies that help the disadvantaged is now in full gear with nothing to take its place. King advocated guaranteed wages and work for every American.

King dreamed of a violence-free world. He insisted on non-violence in his movements activities. He spoke of suffering for a just cause as being redemptive. He was roughly handled in his own person without even a look of

resentment clouding his placid face. Arm twisting, rude and insulting remarks were all met with equal calm. He was pelted with rocks, stabbed, slapped, and his home dynamited; but he came back preaching, "Love your enemies." As I write this article, before me are pictures of Blacks in Cambridge, Maryland, being dragged unresisting from restaurants. Ultimately, the signs came down before the explosive power of non-violent love.

Finally, King dreamed of fellowship. He said it best. "I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-holders will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood." He lived to see a lot of this taking place. In religion, athletics, politics, business, education, and medicine—remarkable things are happening. Vast changes have taken place in this Nation since I was born in Alabama sixty-six years ago. But still, there is a long way to go. The forces of hate and oppression are very much alive. And the spirit of restitution is undergoing agonizing reappraisal. There are killers of the dream in high places—who want things the way they were before King. Vigilance and persistence is the high price of continued progress. As I pen these lines, thousands of voices are lifted in praise of the life of "the dreamer."

This is the government proclaimed national holiday in his honor. Ronald Reagan must be applauded for his support of this holiday against heavy pressures—that made this celebration a fact. As he spends his last months in office, he should know that we remember this. It would further enhance his stature among us if he would leave in place those support systems that make life bearable for those damaged by past insensitivities.

On this day, January 18, as we honor "The Dreamer," let us not forget those who went before him, namely, Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, Richard Allen, W. E. B. DuBois, Adam Clayton Powell, Thurgood Marshall, Earl Warren, Walter White, and Abraham Lincoln, to name a few. Harry Truman, Branch Rickey and others we should remember also. We can honor the dream and the long line of dreamers by taking advantage of the opportunities open to us, and creating new ones. In the long line of human progress there is no resting place. An opportunity is a terrible thing to waste. And where it does not exist, the Dreamer would say, "Create it."

E. E. Cleveland

# The Editor's Desk



*Dorothy Lee Young, retired teacher, and Norman S. McLeod were married Oct. 20, 1987 in Huntsville, Ala. Mrs. McLeod served as a teacher in the Northeastern Conference for 19 years.*

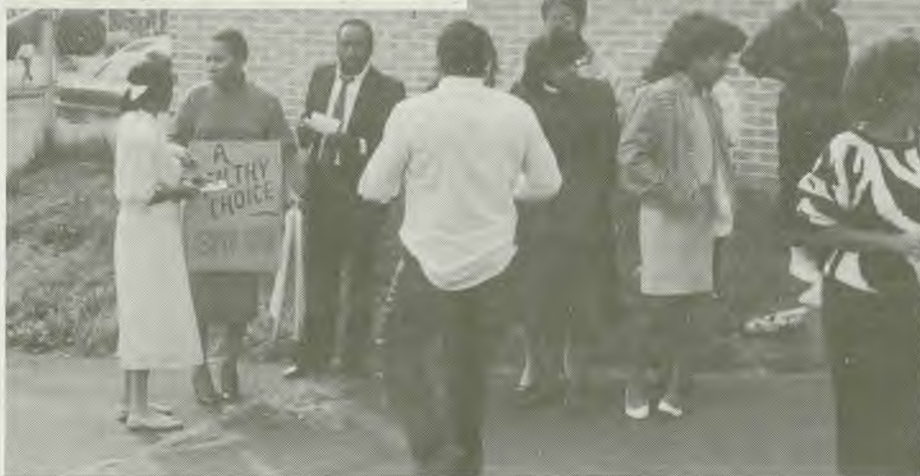
*Mr. McLeod is a retired minister, serving as an associate first elder; at the Oakwood College Campus Church. The ceremony was officiated by Elder Jonathan Roache.*

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Jan. 30	Feb. 5	12	19
Boston, Mass.	4:56	5:03	5:12	5:21
New York City	5:07	5:15	5:24	5:32
Buffalo, N.Y.	5:25	5:33	5:42	5:51
Atlanta, Ga.	6:07	6:13	6:19	6:26
Miami, Fla.	6:03	6:07	6:12	6:17
Charlotte, N.C.	5:50	5:56	6:03	6:10
Birmingham, Ala.	5:16	5:22	5:29	5:35
Jackson, Miss.	5:32	5:38	5:44	5:50
Memphis, Tenn.	5:26	5:33	5:40	5:46
Louisville, Ky.	6:03	6:10	6:18	6:26
Detroit, Mich.	5:45	5:53	6:02	6:11
Chicago, Ill.	5:03	5:11	5:20	5:29
South Bend, Indiana	5:58	6:06	6:15	6:23
Minneapolis, Minn.	5:18	5:27	5:37	5:46
St. Louis, Mo.	5:20	5:27	5:35	5:43
Kansas City, Mo.	5:37	5:44	5:52	6:00
Denver, Co.	5:17	5:24	5:32	5:41
Little Rock, Ark.	5:36	5:42	5:49	5:56
Dallas, Texas	5:58	6:04	6:10	6:16
New Orleans, La.	5:36	5:41	5:47	5:52
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:33	5:39	5:46	5:53
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:56	6:02	6:09	6:16

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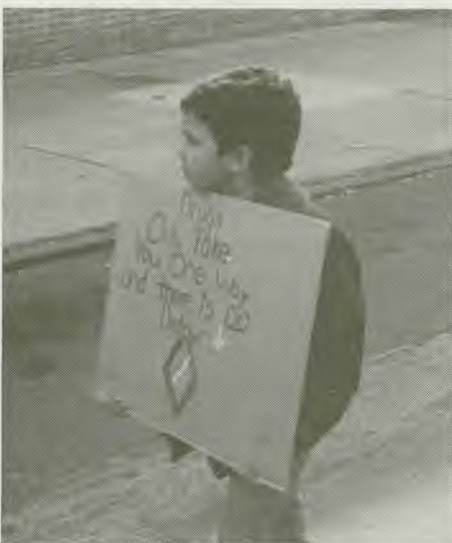
## ALLEGHENY EAST



*In church parking lot, participants prepare for parade. Carol Johnson and Ron Vanderhorst, second and third from left respectively.*



*Mrs. Judy Dent sings for meditation.*



*Carlton Gillis does his part to spread the message.*

banners and distributed anti-drug literature. In addition to the Pottstown church, representatives came from Pine Forge Academy, Norristown, Coatesville and York Penn. Participants included several babies in carriages, pathfinders, young adults and even a few senior citizens.

The ceremonies ended at the church with a question/answer period and video presentations.

### POTTSTOWN MARKS EIGHTH YEAR

The Walnut Street SDA Community Church of Pottstown, Penn., marked the eighth anniversary in their present sanctuary with a special service on November 14.

The day's activities began with a mini-concert by the Ford Family Singers of Pine Forge, Penn., The Sabbath School, under the direction of Mrs. Inez Bush, followed the annual tradition of using the original charter members as program participants. The opening song was announced by Mrs. Edith Blanding, and prayer was by Mrs. Mary Hague. The progress report was given by Mrs. Ernestine Hall. Mrs. Ruth Watson brought the mission appeal after which Mrs. Edith Clark introduced Samuel E. Darby II, Pine Forge Academy assistant headmaster, who served as the lesson facilitator. The closing prayer was given by Mattie Foster. Marie Wamsley served as hostess, and Jayne Darby served as pianist.

### TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT HOLDS "SAY NO" PARADE

Carol Johnson, Health/Temperance director of the Walnut Street Church used Health/Temperance Weekend to foster a "Say No to Drugs" Parade in the city of Pottstown, Penn.

Ron Vanderhorst, Outreach Director of "Prepare Our Youth," a Washington-based group, was the featured speaker on both Friday night and Sabbath. He also helped organize the parade which started in Memorial Park, continued down the main business area of High Street and returned to the church.

Led by drum corps from Philadelphia and New Jersey, the paraders carried



*Delbert Baker and U. S. Willis (rear) stand with charter members of the Walnut Street Church (Pottstown) on the occasion of their eighth anniversary celebration. Left to right: (front row) Mattie Foster, Edith Blanding, Edith Clark, Ruth Watson, Carolyn Suddler. (second row) Mary Hague, Ernestine Hall, Marie Wamsley, Samuel Darby, Jayne Darby.*

Delbert Baker, editor of Message magazine, brought a strong challenge to the congregation in his sermon, "Anniversary Affirmation." Stressing love as the essential element, Baker led the audience in a personal rededication service. Musical selections were rendered by Judy Dent and Karl Ford.

The fellowship dinner prepared by Mrs. Corine Smith gave time for the renewal of old friendships and the recalling of memories. Mrs. Beatrice Poole served as program coordinator. Elder U. S. Willis is pastor of the church.

Each year the church designates a project for improvement through the anniversary fund-raising. This year the hall and children's classrooms were carpeted.

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### "THE DOLL HOUSE" LEADS TO BIBLE STUDIES

Two persons have requested Bible studies after taking a trip through the "Doll House," a colorful fund-raiser put on by the Pine Forge SDA Elementary School Board.

Jewell Elliot, teacher of grades five to eight that several persons had remarked about how well-trained and talented the children were. Two parents in particular expressed that they were very impressed with the education that their children were receiving at the "Seventh-day Adventist school." They then asked if there was any literature available to explain more about what the church's belief. Jewell was then able to make arrangements for Bible Study materials and lessons for the parents.

What the parents saw in the "Doll House" was a group of pre-schoolers who attend the Pine Forge SDA Day Care, under the direction of Geneva Fordham, and students from the Pine Forge SDA Elementary School sing songs, recite poems, play musical instruments and model clothing on behalf of the elementary school building fund.

The program, directed by Geneva Fordham, raised more than \$4,000.

Education brings results in many ways, but one of the treasures of the "Doll House" could be two persons, who were impressed by what they saw as the work of dedicated Christian teachers, actually being drawn into the family of God.

Robert L. Booker

### ONE SOUL LEADS TO ANOTHER, AND ANOTHER, ETC.

Prince Frederick, Md., is a small, peninsula town on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Historically, it was destroyed by fire three times, in the 1740's, 1812 and 1882. Ironically, it is also the home of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant.

These few facts are used to capture your imagination. Fires burning, nuclear reactions taking place set the perfect background for a most fascinating story. A fire once started spreads. Nuclear reaction is a chain-reaction process.

Emmanuel SDA Church is a small, friendly congregation that keeps the spiritual fire burning. On the first Sabbath of the fourth quarter, seven persons were baptized by Samuel Thomas, pastor of the church. Five of the seven were led to the Lord by one person, William S. Thomas Jr. Thomas, shared his faith the old-fashioned way—he lived it. Sylvia Ellis, who worked for the same employer as Thomas began to ask him questions about his lifestyle. This led to Thomas giving Ellis Bible studies. She enjoyed the Bible studies so much she invited Evelyn Mack, her mother, to sit in on the studies.

In the meantime, Johnny Thornton, who also works for the same corporation as Thomas, was pulled into the Bible study. As a Catholic, he was interested in finding answers to certain spiritual questions that puzzled him.

Williams S. Thomas Sr., Thomas' father, had been on his son's prayer list for years. One day during a conversation with his son, he decided that he would also join the Bible study group.

It was at this time that Tyrone King, the first elder of the church became involved, along with Lawrence Saunders and the pastor, Samuel Thomas.

Well, one thing led to another, until Williams S. Thomas Sr., Sylvia Ellis, Evelyn Mack and Johnny Thornton all agreed there was nothing left to do but to be baptized and join the church. Mary Jackson and Shivon McAll are two juniors who felt that they wanted to be full members of the church.

And so it goes in this small town. On Dares Beach Road there is a spiritual fire burning. It could spread in any or all directions with the lifestyle of persons such as William S. Thomas Jr, living witnesses.

Robert L. Booker  
Correspondent



Four angels, (left to right) Lillian Norwood, Kelly Darby, Kimberly Jones and Krystal Darby, sing "Talking to the Son."



Teachers Judy Dent and Jewell Elliott (in costume) receive adulation from audience at end of performance. Home and School leaders Diane Darby and Delphine Charles are to the far left.

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### CHRISTMAS EVE—PINE FORGE STYLE

'Twas the night before Christmas  
And all through the sky,  
Fluffy clouds and bright stars  
Hung from chandeliers high  
Miniature angels, their halos aglow  
Brought the crowd to their feet  
In this off-Broadway show.

This musical His-story lesson was a journey back in time. Church school pupils turned angels, staged a heavenly view of the first Christmas with their vivid, enthusiastic portrayal of pre-first Advent scenes.

The innumerable angel choir, represented by the 31 students of the Pine Forge Elementary School was led by eighth-grader Jason Kibble. This very captivating cantata, "Hark, the Herald Angel," was directed by teachers Judy Dent and Jewell Elliot.

The angel Gabriel we know, but Hark, the herald angel, as portrayed by fourth-grader Krystal Darby, gave a dramatic depiction of the corporate angel host's eagerness to announce the birth of Christ. The costuming and props with special lighting and sound effects lifted this performance far out of the category of the ordinary school play. Every song and role was rendered with professional poise from Gabriel (Franklyn Dent) to the littlest first-grade cherub.



Lyndon Elliott and Leslie Norwood sing to *Baby Jesus* before sending Him to earth. Parents made costumes and props.

Absent, but not missed, were the stammering speeches, half-memorized poems, stumbling instrumentals and embarrassing episodes too often characteristic of such efforts.

This was really a story about church school and a positive plug for christian education. That a small school with limited funds was able to stage such a major production, complete with a manger built by parents, was no mean feat.

This cantata was a present-day parable of what church school is all about—children able to perform with poise and excellence in every area of academics and a willingness to witness of their Christ-centered direction and heritage.

## ALLEGHENY WEST



Elder and Mrs. W. J. Lewis.

### “TOGETHER WE MARCH AS ONE”

Willie J. Lewis was elected president of Allegheny West by the conference executive committee on Nov. 1. He has served the conference since 1973 and has been conference executive secretary for the past five years. He has also carried the responsibilities of trust services and stewardship with his duties as secretary.

Lewis has been a literature evangelist, pastor and then departmental director for the Bermuda Mission and Allegheny West. He was president of his senior class at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., has been named “Pastor of the Year” and earned membership in the Centurion Club for baptizing more than 100 people in a single year.

After his college graduation, Lewis earned a master’s degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., and continues graduate studies at the University of Cincinnati and Andrews. In 1976 he received a doctor of laws degree from Henry W. Grant Theological Seminary in Birmingham, Ala.

The newly-elected president has a dream for Allegheny West that is wrapped in the theme chosen for the coming year: “Together We March as One.” He reinforces this by saying, “I believe that now is the time to unite in love as one for a finished work.”

Lewis is married to Barbara Stokes Lewis, an education specialist. The couple has two sons: William and Zachary, both college students.

Barbara S. Lewis, director of education, works to see academic standards fulfilled and church schools grow in the confer-

ence. Lewis believes in Christian education and said, “It unites us as a viable method of transmitting the Christian heritage to young people.”



Elder and Mrs. C. R. Rogers.

“Christian education provides a program that is highly effective in educating youth to be productive citizens who accept Christ as their personal Savior.”

C. Richard Rogers was selected by the conference executive committee on November 1 to be the executive secretary to fill the vacancy left when Willie Lewis became president.

“Carl” Rogers has a solid history with Allegheny West. He served in Erie, Penn., as a pastor from 1969-72. At the same time he pastored the Ashtabula, Ohio, congregation, part of the Erie district. He came to the Springfield and Delaware, Ohio, churches in 1972, then pastored the Cleveland Bethel church for four years until he was called to conference departmental work in 1979.

In each of the churches he pastored, Rogers directed renovation of existing facilities or helped put new building programs in place. He was particularly capable in renewing the commitment of members to act as faithful stewards by liquidating church debts and increasing tithes and mission offerings.

He has also been a youth pastor, small-book coordinator for Message magazine, school teacher and literature evangelist. Those activities, as well as his education at Oakwood College and Andrews University, prepared him for strong leadership in conference youth ministries.





*The Allegheny West Conference office in Columbus, Ohio.*

Pathfinder clubs grew from seven to 188, with registration leaping from 200 to more than 500 since 1979. Three Pathfinder drum corps were started, and Adventist Singles Ministries was organized. Nearly \$75,000 in summer ministries scholarships has been awarded to 50 students.

"I believe that the Adventist youth, ushers and health leaders—the people ministry—can unite us," said Rogers, "for love cures people, those who give it as well as those who receive it."

Rogers and his wife, Tecora, have two children: daughter Carla Lenier and son Kevin Lorenzo.

Tecora M. Rogers, conference health director, is also secretary for the youth ministries department.

Dennis C. Keith, treasurer, and Dorothy Keith, secretary to the treasurer, know the importance of faithful stewardship. Dennis said, "I believe that we can be united in tithing because it is recognized as a scriptural obligation we owe to God. It is important for me to claim the promises of God by being faithful in my tithes and offerings."

John C. Smith, Sabbath school director, believes that Sabbath School is a "school." "I believe in the Sabbath School, because it is the greatest instrumentality in training and uniting the church membership now and in the future," said Smith. "This is our plan."

James O. Best, ministerial and personal ministries director, and Nettie Best, secretary to J.O. Best, share a burden for evangelism. Said Best, "I believe in personal ministries, because it unites us



*Dennis C. Keith.*

and is the key that opens doors to personal and public evangelism. Ellen White said, "God expects personal service from everyone to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time."—Testimonies, Vol. 9, pg. 30.

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Walter L. Wright, director of communication, uses the tools of communication for the conference and in pastoring the Columbus Ephesus church. "I believe in communication, because there is a divine mandate that we present God's church, a united church, in the most favorable light possible to the onlooking world," Wright said.

Robert C. Lewis, publishing director, and Eula Lewis, secretary for publishing,

are encouraged by the foundation Ellen White gave for literature ministry. "I believe in publishing, because the servant of the Lord makes it clear: 'Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under his special supervision.'"

—Testimonies, Vol 7, pg. 138.

## CENTRAL STATES

### MUSICAL SHOWCASE AT SHARON CHAPEL

Even though the temperature soared outside, the Sharon Chapel Church, Sedalia, Mo., was filled as musical talent was put on display. Ms. Erma Curd served as mistress of ceremonies.

The audience was favored with an original composition from the church's own 10-year-old Shawn Jackson. Most of the other participants were guests from neighboring churches. Mrs. Alice Carter of Freewill Baptist Church, rendered a song, entitled, "God Is Not Dead."

Other participants included the Young Adult Choir from Freewill Baptist Church; Mrs. Naomi Erickson from Ward Memorial Baptist Church; Mrs. Penelope Kerr from Jones Holy Temple; Mr. Earl Gadsen, Ms. Letichia Hayes, Mrs. Ollie Jones and Mary Hill from Freewill Baptist Church, and Mrs. Bobbie Alexander from Quinn Chapel. The final selection was given by Shawn Jackson, accompanied by his mother.

Pastor Donald McPhaul was particularly impressed with the younger performers. He stressed that these youth chose to use their musical talents for the Lord.

Alona Boggess-Casey  
Communication Secretary

### PALACE OF PEACE'S OUTREACH ENDEAVORS

On Oct. 3, 1987, Portia E. Kent gave her life to God. She had been attending the Palace of Peace SDA Church, Denver, Colo., for some time. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the pastor and others visiting and studying with her, she decided to join the church.

Certificates for new believers and spiritual guardians were given out during the services and the book "To Have and to Hold" was given to the Kents, who are newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. Bostic, and Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Roy Morgan  
Communication Secretary

## SHARON PAYS TRIBUTE TO ELDER JAMES BRANTLEY SR.

Elder James Brantley was reared in the Adventist faith and for over 35 years has been a faithful member of the Sharon SDA Church in Omaha, Neb.



*Elder James Brantley Sr.*

Mr. Brantley had been conducting cottage meetings in Omaha, Neb., for the past 15 years and was presented a plaque in appreciation by its members. He says that his primary goal in conducting the meetings is to hold the members currently attending church and helping them to become rooted and grounded in truth.

Persons attending the meetings range from age 10 to 102! An 80-year-old gentleman, Lindsey Bonaparte, walks to the meeting every Sunday and expressed his eagerness to be fed of God's word. Brantley's subjects are limitless and cover all aspects of Adventist doctrines.

Brantley's health has declined during the past few years. Still he attends early morning prayer service, Sabbath School and divine worship service and other programs when his health permits. He also teaches a Sabbath School class and serves as honorary elder. His lovely wife has graciously consented to "lend her husband" to the members of the cottage meeting.

Gordon Sims  
Communication Secretary

## CRUSADE HELD AT SHARON CHAPEL

The Sharon Chapel SDA Church in Sedali, Mo., recently held a crusade entitled the "Back to the Bible Crusade." Pastor Roosevelt Williams was the evangelist, assisted by his wife Barbara as Bible instructor.

Two souls, Diane Jones and her son, were added to the church's membership as a result of the meetings.

Alona Boggess-Casey  
Communication Secretary

## HOMECOMING AT SHARON CHURCH

Members of the Sharon Church, Omaha, Neb., had a burden for missing members and prayed about what could be done to encourage them to return. The idea of Homecoming '87 was conceived and immediately plans were begun to prepare for the event.

Elder G. H. Taylor Sr., a former pastor of the church, was invited to be the homecoming speaker. He was an inspiration to many of the older members who held fond memories of the years during his pastorate.

Elder Taylor's message dealt with the theme of love and left many with a renewed commitment to loving as Jesus loved.

Elder Taylor is now retired and resided in Atlanta, Ga., with his wife, Evelyn.



*Elder G. H. Taylor, former pastor and Homecoming '87 speaker at Sharon Church.*

## RETIRED TEACHER BRINGS JOY TO OTHERS

Mrs. Christine Thompson, a faithful member of the Bethel Church, Kansas City, Kan., spends her time bringing joy to other senior citizens.

Mrs. Thompson, a veteran teacher, served as principal of Shiloh Academy in Chicago, Ill. After resting a few years, Mrs. Thompson started a project of making lap robes. She has made over 150 robes and has given them to neighbors and patients at nursing homes. Much of the material used is donated by friends who appreciate the good work.

Thompson explained she wanted to continue to be constructive and decided to use her hands to help others. The lap robes are warm and colorful, and she thanks the Lord for the project and hopes that she will be able to bring happiness and joy to many others.

Mazie Mitchell  
Communication Secretary

## EVANGELISTIC SERIES HELD AT SHARON CHURCH

Elder Bill Zima, Mid-American Evangelist, arrived in Omaha, Neb., to conduct a four-week evangelistic series. His messages centered around the second coming.



*Elder Zima delivers sermon to Sharon Church.*

Elder Zima believes strongly in soul winning and in sharing the love of Jesus with his fellow men. He worked tirelessly with the local Bible worker, Mrs. Robbie Bass, conducting studies with members from the Sharon and Bethesda churches.

Elder Zima shared his musical talents, also, rendering selections on his trumpet. At the end of one of his Sabbath sermons concerning the representation of oil as the Holy Spirit, he shared with the audience some of his collection of lamps and oil-carrying vessels used in Biblical times.

Fifteen persons were baptized at Bethesda SDA Temple, and eleven persons were baptized at Sharon Church as a result of the meetings.

## NORTHEASTERN

### YOUTH DAY AT BEREA

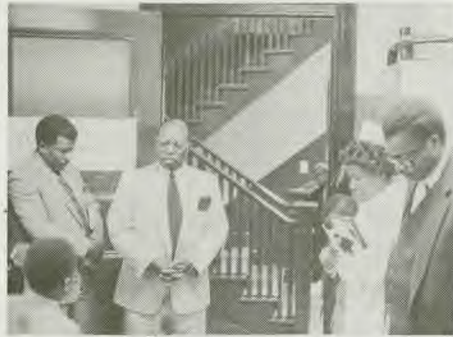
The Berea church in Boston, Mass., recently celebrated Youth Day. It began with several youth taking part in the Sabbath School program. Chris Tulloch led out the lesson study period.

Michael Duncan, youth pastor, delivered the message for divine worship. His message, based on Revelation 21, was entitled "New Jerusalem." Duncan emphasized the need for all to be ready for the day when "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither

shall there be any more pain."

The Evangelistic Host was in charge of the AYS program, bringing the day to a close.

Nicole Leta Brittingham  
Correspondent



*Pastor Gilbert Foster presents the dedicatory prayer.*

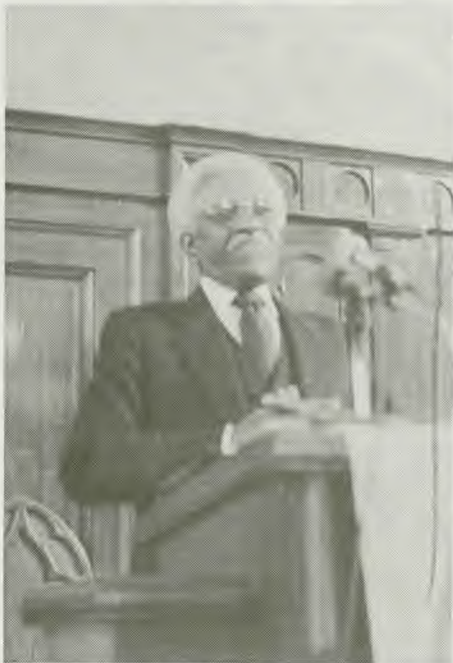


*Gladys Walton, Mr. of Olives Medical Department leader.*

After divine service, the congregation retired to the medical room for the dedication services. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Pastor Gilbert Foster of Brooklyn Temple Church, and the ribbon was cut by Mrs. Vernelle Earle.

A special luncheon was prepared for the guests following the services.

David Henry  
Communication Secretary



*Elder George Earle, guest speaker for the Mr. of Olives church.*

### **MT. OF OLIVES MEDICAL ROOM DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF LATE PASTOR**

The Mt. of Olives SDA Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., recently named and dedicated the church's medical room in honor of the late Sebert Anderson, former pastor of the church. The church's present pastor, Dr. Rupert W. Young and the medical department, headed by Gladys Walton, planned the special activities.

Elder George R. Earle, former president

### **CHRISTIAN COUPLE MANAGE TELEVISION OUTREACH PROGRAM**



*Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams of the Christian Outreach Ministry.*

Television evangelism is the here-and-now method of reaching into the homes of busy people to tell them of the love of

Jesus Christ! Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams of New York City's Ephesus Church have been putting this method to work since 1985. They produce, direct and co-host "The Christian Outreach Ministry," a cable television show aired four times a week in New York City and Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

During the past two years, several Adventist pastors, choirs and soloists have been featured on the show. Among them were: Elder George R. Earle, former president of Northeastern Conference; Pastor Richard Bryant of Zion Temple, N.Y.C., and Pastor Clement Murray of Ephesus. Soloist Raymond McKinnon of the Bronx Church is a faithful supporter of the program and has appeared on many shows.

"Christian Outreach Ministry" functions because William and Sadie Williams refuse to let their dream die. They believe that "God is at the helm of this ministry and that many hearts have been turned toward Him." Their major goal is to reach those "caught up on drugs and alcohol, those who have never heard of the Savior, Jesus Christ!"

Your continued support is needed to keep this show alive. For more information, please write to: Sadie Williams, P.O. Box 1195, New York, N. Y. 10037

Caroline Jones  
Communication Secretary

### **BEREA'S YOUTH SPEAK OUT AGAINST CRIME AND DRUGS**

In an effort to increase the awareness among our youth of the dangers of drugs and crime, local ministers of the Dorchester-Mattapan area in conjunction with the Boston Police Department organized an oratorical contest.

The contest was held Aug. 8 at the Berea SDA Church, Boston, Mass.; the theme was "What I Have to Say about Crime, Drugs and Guns." Contest winners were: Shanita Horton, first place; and Berea's own Alex Romain and Nicole Brittingham, second and third places, respectively.

At a "Unity Against Crime Day," Police Commissioner Francis Roache awarded the winners their prizes. Boston's Mayor Raymond Flynn also presented the winners with letters of congratulation. Also present at this service were: City Council President Bruce Bowling; Area B Commander, William Celeste; Pastor Michael Bernard, along with members of the Berea church. The program was highlighted on a local television station.

Gemma Williams  
Correspondent



*Ms. James addressed the Bronx Church, surrounded by the Pringle family.*

### WITNESSING PAYS OFF

One of the major forces of the Seventh-day Adventist religion is soul-winning. In keeping with this, Elder Leonard Newton, President of Northeastern Conference, launched a campaign early in 1987 in which he suggested each church set aside a day to give special emphasis to soul-winning.

Sabbath, Oct. 2, 1987, the Bronx Church, presented such a day with Elder J. Milton Thomas, Church Growth Director for Northeastern Conference, as speaker.

Ms. Ethlyn James, a member of the Hanson Place Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., shared her faith through Bible studies which resulted in the conversion of the Pringle family. She also used telephone contact as a means of inviting visitors to tent meetings held during the summer.

Dr. Sidney Samuel, professor of Mathematics at City University and Personal Ministries Leader at the New Rochelle Church, New Rochelle, N.Y., is never too occupied with secular duties to share his faith. A unique opportunity presented itself when he answered his telephone to hear the voice of a woman, pleading for prayer for her husband who was at the point of death. The ailing man was Mr. Louis Santiago.

This contact proved fruitful. It led to Bible studies which eventually resulted in the conversion of Mr. Santiago, his wife and younger daughter. Santiago's older daughter is presently in baptismal class, preparing for the next baptism.

Myrtle Pickett  
Communication Secretary



*Elder J. M. Thomas, Church Growth Director for Northeastern Conference.*



*Mr. Louis Santiago (right) addresses ;the Bronx congregation as Dr. Sidney Samuels listens.*

### BEREA-BOSTON CHURCH CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

With speeches, song and reminiscences, Berea SDA Church, Boston, Mass., celebrated its 75th anniversary the weekend of Oct., 23-25, 1987. Founded in 1912, Berea is one of the oldest Black Adventist churches in the country. Since its beginnings with only a few members, Berea has grown into a congregation of 830, while boasting three new churches spawned through its efforts in Cambridge, Brockton and Mattapan, Mass.



*Cecelia Roster, chairperson of the anniversary planning committee, makes remarks during the celebration.*



*Mr. John Morris speaks to congregation as Mrs. Eugene Carter, Pastor Michael Bernard, and Mrs. Lillian Morris listen.*

The celebration began Friday night with a well-attended vesper service, lead by Dr. Jonathan Thompson of New York City, one of the many young preachers with beginnings at Berea. His message focused both on Berea's past and its present. Reflecting on the events of the past 75 years, a tumultuous time in Boston's history, he praised Berea for being a survivor of both World Wars, the depression, segregation and integration.

Elder Thompson indicated that the greatest impediment to the work today is the belief among its members that God's miracles are locked up in the past, that they are not for today. Focusing of Acts 3:1-11, he exhorted the audience to take their talents and place them in the service of the Lord.

The Sabbath School program was led by Elder Jerome Crichton, another young minister with roots at Berea. Elder Crichton brought out a number of important points, one of which was that the relationship between Ruth and Boaz can be seen as a prototype of one's relationship with Christ.

The program also featured special music by Berea teacher Carol Gore and Nolette Leader. Elementary school teacher Wilma Germany reflected on her own mission experience as an inner-city missionary to the Berea school.

Two divine worship services were held: one for younger Bereans, featuring Pastor Dedrick Blue, and a senior service, led out by Elder Eugene Carter of

Central States conference. Carter was pastor of Berea at the time the current church building was purchased, and gave a nostalgic look at the past in his sermon to the delight of many.

Sabbath evening, the celebration continued with a mini-concert that featured a variety of Berea's musical talent, including: the Starlights, the Icebreakers, and the Golden Harmonizers. In addition, well-known singer Nolette Leader, another product of Berea, performed on the program.

A gala banquet, held Sunday at the Sheraton Tara in Braintree, Mass., brought the weekend celebration to a close. Older Bereans, such as Esther Ford and Mr. and Mrs. John Morris were honored and remembered for their pioneering work at Berea. The banquet speaker was Shirley Owens Hicks, Boston School Committee member.

Pastor Michael Bernard expressed gratitude for the excellent work of the planning committee under the leadership of Cecilia Foster.

Solveig Turner  
Correspondent

### PRISON MINISTRY PROGRAM AT EMMANUEL TEMPLE

For over 15 years, Emmanuel Temple SDA Church, Buffalo, N.Y. has been conducting worship services at Attica Correctional Facility, Attica, N.Y.; Wende Correctional Facility, Alden, N.Y., and Erie County Correctional Facility, Alden, N.Y. On Oct. 17 the church held their third annual prison ministry program.

The program was conducted by Ms. Ruby Graves, whose prison ministry began as a result of her mission experience in West Africa. A slide presentation of her more than 14-year ministry was shown during the program. Included was a picture of the church choir, singing at the Attica Correctional Facility during the ministry of Pastor Harold Kibble.

Graves shared how her ministry was blessed financially during the months of June 1986 through Oct. 1987. Funds she received came as a result of an article published in The Buffalo News (June 1986), as well as offerings donated from several churches, including: United Methodist, Presbyterian, Non-denominational, Baptist and Seventh-day Adventist. Ninety-four Bibles were purchased (74 English, 20 Spanish) and distributed to inmates. Ruby also shared that the needs of the prison ministry are on-going. Money is needed to purchase English and Spanish Bibles of



*Deputy Superintendent Eugene Pierce addresses the Emmanuel Temple SDA Church.*

the same edition to facilitate the usage of time in Bible study classes. By using page numbers to find scriptures, those in charge can correspond with inmates in both languages.

Other individuals participating on the program included: Mrs. Dawn Thomas, an ex-offender; Chaplain Roger Smith of the Wyoming Correctional Facility in Attica, N.Y.; Ms. Tommie Mae Reynolds and Ms. Sarah Carter, both active in prison ministry for 10 years, and Ms. Olive Foster.

The Gospel Choir, under the direction of Mr. Norris Weathington and accompanied by Marie Foster, presented a musical selection. Marie, a teenager, has been using her talents at the Erie County Correctional Facility. Mr. Bill Willis played the hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" on his musical saw. Elder Mark Holman ended the program with a vesper thought.

In attendance were several individuals who support or participate in various institutional ministry programs. Deputy Superintendent Eugene Pierce of the Erie County Correctional Facility was instrumental in starting the Spanish Bible study classes, and Ms. Lisa Davis conducts monthly quizzes with the inmates at Erie. Mr. Harry Reed transports individuals to the various correctional facilities and has for over five years. Ms. Darlene Perry, a member of Victory Temple Church, Buffalo, N.Y., faithfully assists Ms. Graves with the female Bible study classes at the detention center.

Currently a male inmate at the Wende Correctional Facility is requesting baptism. In addition, several other inmates wish to resume Sabbath services at the Attica Correctional Facility.

Willis Reed  
Pastor

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### ALCY FEATURES OUTSTANDING STUDENT

Michael Ray Tompkins Jr., a well-rounded nine-year-old student at Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tenn., has achieved outstanding recognition during the past few months. He is the son of Michael and Betty Tompkins.



*Michael R. Tompkins Jr. Alcy Honor Student.*

Michael, an honor-roll student, was selected by fourth-grade teacher Lynne Middleton as the "Most Courteous Student" during the month of September. He attends the Longview Heights SDA Church in Memphis where he serves as a junior deacon. In October, Michael was the winner of the temperance poster contest

sponsored by the Mississippi-Tennessee Youth Federation of South Central Conference.

His extracurricular activities include gymnastics, karate, football, singing and playing the piano and cello. A gifted cellist, Michael recently appeared on television with the Suzuki String Orchestra of Memphis State University. The following week, he performed a solo recital at the university.

Although very active, Michael retains a modest Christian character.

Michael R. Tompkins Sr.  
Assistant Principal

## HOME AND SCHOOL PROGRAM FEATURES CONSTITUTION

"Two hundred years with the U. S. Constitution" was the theme for the first Home and School Program at Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tenn. Jill Edmond, Home and School leader, coordinated the program, utilizing each class.

The seventh and eighth grade class recorder ensemble, under the direction of Michael Tompkins, performed a special rendition of "America the Beautiful," along with the original "preamble" to their class constitution.

Grades five and six sang "This Is My Country" and "God Bless America." The class also recited the preamble to the U. S. Constitution. Queen Robinson is their teacher.

Lynne Middleton's third and fourth grade class, along with Jo-Ann Wade's first and second grade class joined together to sing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." They also presented a unique oral recitation of the U. S. Constitution.

The pre-kindergarten division, under the leadership of Myrtharyn Powell and Jill Edmond, highlighted various of the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the constitution.

As our country examined the constitution and its significance during this year, the Alcy students with their various patriotic recitations and songs were also able to see its relevance in their lives today.

Charles D. Battles  
Principal

## WHAT A FELLOWSHIP!!!

When John Lewis, minister of the Gulf States Conference, came to serve the congregation in Montgomery, Ala., Bob Mounter was concerned about the churches in the area working jointly for a



finished work. Bob called Pastor Lewis and extended warm welcomes to him and his family, as they were new in the community.

Each week for the past nine months, the pastors of the city, R. E. Patterson of Bethany, Pastor J. Lewis of Montgomery Central, Pastor Milton Johnson of Prattville and Pastor M. R. Mounter of Maranatha-Montgomery, have been joining together for fellowship and for planning sessions of togetherness for a finished work in the area. The work has been strengthened between the races in this city which served as the capitol for the confederate government during the Civil War. God is still leading the work. Mounter stated: "We must reach out to our brothers and sisters of all races and join hands to labor for the preaching of the Word, so that Jesus can soon come." It is good to learn to know people!!

## 1ST SDA CHURCH OF THOMASVILLE, ALABAMA, CELEBRATES DEDICATORY SERVICES

Five years after its construction, the newly erected building of the First SDA Church of Thomasville, Ala., celebrated its dedicatory services. The date was Dec. 12, 1987.

The First SDA Church of Thomasville was organized on Sept. 9, 1978, under the leadership of Pastor R. S. Norman III with the cooperation of Elder Bettis Phelps, a layman who had returned to his hometown from California after 20 years, and with the help of Elder Famous Murray, who was a student of theology from Oakwood College at that time. His hometown was also Thomasville.

The first members to accept the teaching of the SDA church in this city were Sister Lillie Mae Robinson, the sister-in-law of Elder Sandy Robinson of the Review and Herald Publishing House, who sold Message magazines there over 30 years ago, and Sister Willie Ann Murray, the mother of Famous Murray.

These faithful souls journeyed to Selma, Ala., for the worship services for many years, but later became inspired that a house of worship and a congregation should be established in their hometown. The Lord blessed their efforts. Today a congregation of over 30 members can be found there worshipping the Lord each Sabbath.



The congregation was accepted into the sisterhood of churches of the South Central Conference in April, 1981, at the time of the triennial session. In 1982, Brother and Sister Otis Rupright of Lafayette, Ind., answered Pastor R. S. Norman's appeal and brought the shell of the building to Thomasville. It was their gift to the onward progress of the work of the Lord. These dear people have donated more than a dozen such buildings to the South Central Conference congregations. The interior of the buildings have been completed by the volunteer labor of the members as funds for materials became available. Such was also the case in Thomasville.



Following Elder Norman's term of service at the church, came Pastors Jesse Green, Garfield Powell and Ronssard Broussard. Pastor Vincent Perry, who recently was appointed to serve the church, is credited with the dedication of this building. Members and friends came from many places to join the celebration. Dr. C. E. Dudley, President of the conference, gave the dedicatory prayer.

Ann M. Phelps, Historian

## “HARAMBEE”

After flying approximately 22 hours, the airline stewardess asked us to fasten our seat belts as we were in our final approach to Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa. Elder Wintley Phipps and I were invited to Solusi College by the East African Division in cooperation with the Solusi College Alumni and Friends of Solusi, for a series of benefit concerts. It was also our responsibility to host a week of prayer with Elder Phipps as speaker, while my responsibilities centered around class lectures and the organization of a college choir. Before going to Solusi, we were invited by the Division Office to preach at the local SDA churches there in Harare.

Elder Phipps preached at the Highland Church (a Caucasian church), while I preached at the Arcadia Church (a Colored church). Elder Abdulla Mohammed is the pastor of that church and is presently in the building stages of a new church. Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia) is an infant still nursing the milk of independence while trying to disavow effects of the evil phalanges of apartheid, which manifests itself in the seeming reluctance of some Coloreds, Whites and Blacks to worship together.

Our itinerary was very rigorous as we spent only two days in Harare. While there, we visited a lion reserve, where we watched lions devour the carcass of a dead cow for an afternoon meal. As we were about to leave the reserve, one lion roared and the others followed in concert. The guide informed us that the lion will find prey at times by putting his head to the ground and roaring, startling any living thing out of hiding and, because the animal becomes fearful, it will start to run and become the lion's next meal. It certainly reminds us of the scriptures in II Peter 5:8, "...your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour."

After our brief stay in Harare, we traveled on our way to Solusi by van. We stopped in the cities of Gweru and Bulawayo (approximately 200 km). In Gweru, we gave our second concert which was sponsored by the Friends of Solusi. We had the privilege of attendance by the mayor and his wife. Traveling on to Bulawayo, we stopped and visited the Zimbabwe Union Office, where Pastor Lester Parkinson, the Ministerial Secretary, introduced to us the workers and showed us the church school.



*Albert, a tonnist, "Witch Doctor."*



*Elder and Mrs. Abdul Mohammed, pastor of the Arcadia SDA Church, Harare, Zimbabwe.*

At Solusi College it was our joy to help organize a college choir. One hundred persons registered, and it was our privilege to share with them some American music in the form of Negro spirituals. They readily and with sensitivity accepted the pathos of a liberated people and empathized their own liberation as they interpreted this Afro-American art form. It was exciting to

hear the reverberation and resonance of Black Africans singing in the college chapel.

The work at Solusi is advancing rapidly. A new administration building is under construction with appropriate space for departmental personnel. This construction has been made possible by the beneficence of the NCR Corporation. Under the able leadership of Dr. Roland McKenzie, Solusi has become a self-contained institution. There is a dairy producing butter, cheese and milk; orchards producing fruit such as peaches, apples and oranges; a vineyard that produces enough grapes to bottle the juice and sell it on campus, as well as in the city; a bakery that produces whole-wheat bread and pastries; and a garden, employing a new gardening method that provides fresh vegetables in a drought-stricken area. Solusi is well-sustained and potentially self-supporting through the continued blessings of our Lord.

How good it was to see this institution thriving and surviving in a way that Black African Seventh-day Adventists can receive a Christian education. We will always be grateful for the Eastern African Division, Solusi College, President Roland McKenzie and Elder Lester Parkinson for such a

beautiful visit to the East African Division. We accept President Dudley's encouragement to unite with our brothers and sisters Black and White. Harambee!

### MR. JAMES HERBERT OF GREENVILLE, ALABAMA MOVES TOWARD HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. James Herbert of Greenville, Ala., was born in that city almost 100 years ago. The son of a farmer and share-cropper who was blessed to attend Alabama Normal School in Huntsville, Ala., during his youthful days, Mr. Herbert decided to return to his native town to work in behalf of his people. He followed the plastering trade and later sought to provide housing for many of the citizens of that community. Many today are still enjoying the benefits of this vision.

After the death of his wife, Macie, Mr. Herbert erected and donated a lovely church building to the South Central Conference in memory of her dedicated life and service and for what she stood for. Through this gift the work of the church has been established in Greenville.

"If I live to see July, 1988, I shall be 100 years old," Mr. Herbert stated recently when we paid a visit to his home. The C. E.

The Herberts were very community-minded and loved people. Throughout their life-times they have been known to adopt and educate some of the children in the community and surrounding areas of their city. This was their life and joy. At the age of 99, the burden continues.

Early in life he met and married his lovely wife, Mrs. Macie Herbert, who became a devoted member of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination where she served until her death in 1963.

Dudleys were also a part of the children that were adopted by the Herberts when Elder Dudley first began his ministry in the church and served as pastor in the little funeral chapel at that time. The year was 1948. The work has grown considerably since then.

We look forward to the birthday celebration in 1988. To God be the glory.

C. E. Dudley

### LITERATURE EVANGELIST JAILED IN SELMA, BUT STILL WORKS FOR GOD!!!

Pastor Garfield Powell and Literature Evangelist Smith gave a heart-rending account of his experience of having been jailed for selling literature for the church in Selma, Ala.

More and more often, our literature ministers are meeting with opposition in the work of Christian literature salesmen and saleswomen. During the summer, when a group of children from the churches in southern Alabama were selling magazines to help with their schooling, approximately a dozen of them were held by the authorities in Montgomery until late in the night when their parents could come from several cities to get them. Many charges were leveled at the literature evangelist directors by the authorities in the city and the county, however, the Lord is blessing. The directors have had charges dismissed against them in some areas, but some postures must still be defended in the courts. Pray for the work there.



L. E. Smith was also detained in Selma, Ala., for selling literature in the shopping mall of that city. While detained, he witnessed for the Lord to those with whom he came in contact. He is now back at his post of duty and spreading the message with "truth-filled" literature "like the leaves of autumn."



The literature ministry will be a strong force for the finishing of the gospel in the earth before the end comes.

## PATHFINDER WEEKEND IN TALLAHASSEE

The M. C. Strachan Youth Federation Chapter had a weekend of celebration Nov. 20-21, 1987. The Maranatha Church in Tallahassee, Fla., hosted the event. Pathfinder Clubs from South Georgia and North Florida were in attendance.

The theme for the weekend was "God's Love in Uniform." Host Pathfinder Director and Hostess A.Y.S. Leader Marie Chatman coordinated the vesper program on Friday to commence the activities.

Youth Ministries Director Elder Keith Dennis' sermon for the divine hour was titled "When God Hides." At 3:30 P.M. a parade in downtown Tallahassee near the State Capital Building was followed by a special event in front of the Vietnamese War Memorial. Approximately 350 balloons were released with stickers which read "Just Say No To Drugs."

President J. A. Edgecombe; Ivan Sankey, Area Pathfinder Coordinator, Region I, II and III; Martha Walker, Master Guide Coordinator, Areas I, II and III; Georgia Blount, Area Coordinator, Region I, and Charlie Hamilton, Area Pathfinder Coordinator, Region III, were among those in attendance.

A drill team competition between two pathfinder clubs and a basketball game between Tallahassee, Fla. and Fitzgerald, Ga., brought the weekend activities to a close.



President J. A. Edgecombe, Mayor Arthur Hamel and Pastor Dennis George.

## SOUTHEASTERN

### BRICK SALE AT MARANATHA

Maranatha Church, Tallahassee, Fla., recently concluded its "Brick Sale" which served as a church building-fund project. Certificates were printed depicting bricks, and each was sold for a \$5.00 contribution.

Charles Holmes raised over \$2000 and was given SDA Bible Commentaries in recognition. The "Conflict of the Ages Series" was presented to Moses Hardin who raised in excess of \$800. Pastor Tyrone Boyd made the presentations.



Charles Holmes (left) receives Bible Commentary from Pastor Tyrone Boyd.

### FT. MYERS HOLDS CELEBRATION

The Ft. Myers, Fla., congregation has met in that city since 1944. Many pastors have given distinguished service to that community over the years.

Oct. 24, 1987, was a day of celebration and thanksgiving. After years of worship in crowded quarters and constant growth, the congregation was fortunate to procure the facilities of another SDA congregation which relocated. The new site is located at Second Street and Crandon Ave., Ft. Myers, Fla. Sitting on an acre plot is the new sanctuary and two additional buildings for education and community service programs.

Persons present for the celebration were: Elder E. E. Cleveland of Oakwood College; J. A. Edgecombe, Conference President; R. R. Brown, Conference Secretary; D. A. Walker, Conference Treasurer; O. H. Paul, E. Mason and Mrs. Melinda Muganzo from the conference office; retired workers, and Elder Silas McClamb, a former publishing secretary.

The mayor of Ft. Myers, Honorable Arthur Hamel, and a host of visitors came to participate in the triumph of courage.

Pastor Dennis George was assigned to the Ft. Myers/Sarasota, Fla., district in 1985. Since his arrival the growth and achievements have been unprecedented.

### INGATHERING, NOT JUST FOR MONEY

With great enthusiasm, the members of the Pilgrims Spanish Church, Hialeah, Fla., started the Ingathering campaign. A burden for the reasons behind Ingathering



Youth Ministries Director, Keith Dennis (forefront left), along with other conference officials, prepare to release "Just Say No to Drugs" balloons.

sent them into the streets in spite of the fact that the city did not grant permission for the activity.

The members had T-shirts, imprinted with their motto, "Give For Love," and solicited at street lights. This seemed somewhat dangerous, but was very effective. After two Saturday night expeditions, the church goal was reached.

Ramon Rodriguez, a recent ministerial graduate from Costa Rica, lent his support to the Ingathering campaign by being responsible for the Ingatherers. One night

he found a family that showed immediate interest in the church. The following day, Ramon went to study the Bible with them. Upon arrival, he discovered that they had invited another group of friends. Since then, seven persons are attending church services regularly and preparing for baptism.

Without question, during the Ingathering season the opportunity to relieve human suffering is present, but the opportunity to meet those in quest of a better way of life is there also.



*Pastor Charles Vento and Ramon Rodriguez (rear), along with individuals taking Bible studies as a result of Ingathering campaign.*

## GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY IN TALAHASSEE, FLORIDA

It seems like decades since the Maranatha Church in Tallahassee, Fla., had its own church home. The former church building was sold years ago, but four acres of land, located at the corner of Paul Russell and Jim Lee Road was purchased to establish a new church home.

Under the leadership of Pastor Tyrone Boyd, building plans have been drawn. The 350-seat sanctuary and multipurpose building for classrooms, pastor's study and kitchen area will become a reality in the near future.

Nov. 22, 1987, conference officials J. A. Edgecomb, R. R. Brown, D. A. Walker, I. L. Harrell, K. A. Dennis and R. T. Smith joined Pastor Boyd, members and friends during an official ground-breaking ceremony.

The congregation now awaits the consummation of their dreams.



*(Left to right) Dr. James Hawkins, first elder; Andrew Madison, building chairman; Pastor Tyrone Boyd; President J. A. Edgecombe; Treasurer D. A. Walker; Secretary R. R. Brown.*

## CITY OFFICIAL HONORED

On Oct. 10, 1987, Bethany's Community Service Department honored Palatka's City Commissioner, Mary Lawson Brown. Mrs. Brown was chosen because of her willingness to help others whenever and wherever she could. Her involvement in the community is carried on professionally and politically.

Wesley Bruce, pastor, discussed the Sabbath School lesson and Pastor Walter Boyd of Gainesville, Ga., was the speaker for the divine hour.

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*Pastor Wesley Boyd of Gainesville, Ga.*

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