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Elder William M. Hilliard.



Elder Hilliard stands with Chicago's late Mayor Harold Washington.

SHILOH SDA CHURCH HONORS WILLIAM M. HILLIARD

On a literally bone-chilling night on the first Saturday of last February, a heart-warming gathering of Shiloh members and friends met in the Shiloh sanctuary to pay tribute to Elder William M. Hilliard. He served for more than three decades, principally as first local elder of the church. Altogether he faithfully and meritoriously served the church for 32 years.

In the course of those 32 years, he served two years as deacon, three years as local elder and 27 years as first elder. These 27 years are, by far, the longest period served by anyone in that office. The longest previous period was 10 years, served by Dr. Harry E. Ford, head of the radiation department of the Hinsdale Sanitarium in 1926 and co-founder of the Riverside Sanitarium, of which he later became its first director in 1935.

William McNeil Hilliard was appointed to the position of first elder under the administration of Elder Samuel D. Meyers. Elder Meyers was so impressed with Hilliard's eagerness to serve, with his conscientious and perceptiveness in serving and with his ready knowledge of the Spirit of Prophecy and its application to the problems of the church, that he tried to get him transferred to the Los Angeles Church with him when he was called to that field in 1969. This most unprecedented request for the transfer of a layman was not favorably acted upon by the conferences involved. Regretfully, Elder Meyers had to leave without his valuable first elder.

Elder Lindsey, who followed Elder Meyers as pastor of Shiloh, then became the beneficiary of the myriad services of

this tireless and ageless pastoral assistant. Without having to be reminded or prompted, he consistently assumed such major responsibilities as these: assisting the pastor in the formulation and carrying out of the order of service, assigning tasks on a systematic basis to the other local elders, overseeing the activities of other groups in the church, visiting the sick—both at home and in the hospital, attending to the needs of the bereaved, assisting them in their funeral arrangements, seeking aid for the needy, and being on hand to bid Godspeed to groups departing Shiloh for homecomings, camp meetings, etc.

His purposeful, bounding figure, moving with a steadiness and swiftness belying his more than four score years, seemed always to be in evidence whenever things had to be done.

There were times when unpleasant things had to be done—when there were differences of opinion. In such instances he was not given to hesitating or equivocating as to what should be done. His standard criteria for church action or policy was what the Spirit of Prophecy had provided in such instances. His superiors, as well as his colleagues, became accustomed to accepting his counsel pertaining to the pronouncements of the Spirit of Prophecy.

These pronouncements were not always popular, but, regardless, William Hilliard felt that he should please God rather than man. After all, he reflected, that is why he came into the church in the first place.

If his goal were simply to please people, he could have stayed out in the world. He was doing quite well out there as a crowd-pleaser. He had become a successful "worldly" musician. A very good bass horn and bass fiddle player, he performed

with a succession of orchestras and combos which took him throughout the eastern part of the United States, playing in theaters and dance halls.

His patrons were delighted, but he remained strangely unfulfilled. He thought the solution might be to join a church. This he did twice. He consecutively joined two popular Chicago churches, but could not identify with the doctrines in either one.

Then he recalled that his grandfather, Albert McNeil, had joined a Seventh-day Adventist Church in Memphis, Tenn., the city of his birth. Subsequently, his grandfather joined "Old" Shiloh in Chicago, later to be joined by his daughter, Sister Lottie Norman, William Hilliard's aunt. Still, this did not induce the "seeking" William Hilliard to come in.

It remained for his mother to join Shiloh for him to realize that this was what he had been yearning for most of his life. His mother joined Shiloh as a result of the tent effort conducted by Elder Earl E. Cleveland in 1956.

Even then, his joining seemed accidental and unplanned. He was merely escorting his mother to the baptismal service when Elder Cleveland dramatically and persuasively invited all who believed on the Lord to come up this very instant and join the candidates for baptism. "We'll furnish the robes," he assured them. With that, William Hilliard bounded up the aisle and joined the waiting candidates for baptism.

In spite of appearances, this was not an impulsive, precipitous act. He knew exactly what he was doing. This was what he had sought most of his life. At last, he was a Seventh-day Adventist!

His pastor was Elder Eric Dillette, who immediately put him to work as though he had been an Adventist all his life. And he didn't let Elder Dillette down, as he hasn't any of the other six pastors under whom he has served.

Despite the differing personalities of these seven pastors, their divergent approaches to ministerial work, their varying programs and goals, he got along harmoniously with them all. Each pastor seemingly felt comfortable and at ease with Elder Hilliard and left him to his own devices—which could have been undermining and self-serving, but which instead were helpful and benign.

Many a person who has exercised power for a very long time might have sought to establish his own agenda and to subtly—or not so subtly, oblige the person in charge to adopt his agenda. But Elder

Hilliard remained helpful, loyal, supportive and faithful, no matter who the pastor was.

Whatever he did—whether popular or not—he did only with the advice, consent and instruction of the leadership of the church. He did this in the face of ambivalent, or even contrary feelings that he might have harbored. Surely, in this attitude of submergence of personal ambition, he has set an exemplary behavior pattern for future first elders to follow.

At times he might seem abrupt or impatient and overly insistant on carrying out a pre-determined policy or procedure of the church. This, though, is often the nature of strongly dedicated individuals. Somehow, in this connection, I think of the old, rustic character described by the 18th century English poet Oliver Goldsmith in his poem "The Vicar of Wakefield." Of Him Goldsmith said, "Even his faults to virtue's side lean." In other words, the stern old Vicar, in his devotion to duty might commit wrong, but it was always in the interest of doing right.

Externally, there is a sternness to William Hilliard; upon closer inspection, however, one might see that internally there is a softness and a graciousness that lies beneath. He gives his understanding and appreciative wife, Mary Hilliard, the credit for nurturing and bringing to the fore this underlying graciousness. In time of misunderstanding and anxiety, she is always there to sooth and give reassurance. Of her Elder Hilliard says, "If I have had any measure of success in carrying out the will of the Lord in my various official duties, this measure of success has been achieved with the considerable help of my wife."

There, you have the soft side, the human side of this dynamo of a man who seems always to be in such a hurry for the Lord. May the Lord continue to grant him the strength and courage to serve him in whatever capacity he chooses until the Lord comes.

normal hearing, all equally qualified. The two deaf candidates were passed over. The one with normal hearing was appointed.

The board members suddenly discovered that the deaf were not dumb. Noisy demonstrations broke out on campus. Students blocked the entrances to the administration building. The school was shut down for weeks. Television cameras recorded the unfolding saga. The faculty joined the students. The board at last



E. E. Cleveland.

capitulated. A qualified deaf person is now president of Gallaudet University. But what was this all about?

First of all, it was all about self-worth. In passing over the two qualified deaf candidates, the board sent the wrong message to the students. To them the message read: "Because you are deaf, you can never expect to be president of anything. So, content yourselves with second-class citizenship." The student responded in kind. They shut down the school. Their message said, "Until you understand that we are preparing to lead normal lives, we will close up the school. And we will accept no imposed limitations based on our 'handicap.' You will accommodate our handicap and make room for us." One of the demonstrators shouted, "Now the sky is the limit!"

Secondly, Gallaudet was all about equality. Are people less equal because of a handicap? The handicapped are a minority, hence the majority must accommodate to be fair. Former President Jimmy Carter will long be remembered for his advocacy of the needs of the handicapped.

Thirdly, Gallaudet speaks to and of the human spirit. To be alive is to hope and to aspire. The students of Gallaudet could have indulged in self-pity, bemoaning the fact that they were "short-changed," as it

were, and could have become human vegetables. They have refused this luxury and opted for the tougher challenge of competing in the real world. Their courage commands respect.

Finally, Gallaudet was all about government. If it is legitimate for some people to govern, it is also kosher for others to desire to govern. Among human beings, there is no divine right of kings based on hearing, sight, speech or color. It is important for all people to understand this. Franklin D. Roosevelt was President of the United States of America, his paralysis not itstanding. Hats off to the student of Gallaudet University. Perhaps that's what Jesse Jackson is all about. He is forcing the system to confront itself. Can white America rise above color and do what is best for itself?

When Jesse's run is complete, we will know. Perhaps, some of us already do. You see, in my native state of Alabama, thousands of Republicans "crossed over" to vote in the Democratic primary to defeat Jesse. The large black vote pulled Jackson through, giving him a winning margin. In the presidential campaign, this will not be nearly enough—assuming that Jesse survives the Democratic Convention as the front-runner. In an "at large" election nationwide, a snowball's chances in hell-fire would better. The more practical objective is "clout" at the Democratic Convention in Atlanta. Jesse Jackson has succeeded in this. He will carry at least 700-800 delegates to Atlanta as a bargaining chip. This is the Civil Rights movement for now.

Perhaps the students of Gallaudet took a page from the black man's notebook. We are determined that being black shall not hold us back! The black man's struggles in America have helped a lot of people. Others may get "tired" of it all. We cannot afford to—for you see, the lives we save will be our children's!

E. E. Cleveland

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

THE GALLAUDET MATTER!

For almost 125 years Gallaudet College (now Gallaudet University) in Washington D.C. has functioned quietly as a school for students with hearing impairments. The school has never had a new president from among the deaf. Recently, the board met to plan for a new president. There were two deaf candidates and one of

REFLECTION OF 1888—A YEAR IN HISTORY TO BE REMEMBERED

In Nov., 1988, Seventh-day Adventist leaders will gather in Minneapolis, Minn., to reflect on some of the events that took place in the church 100 years ago at the time of the General Conference Session which took place that year. A new concept in the theology of the church was presented by Elders A. T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner which led to messages on "Justification by Faith" that proved to be

highly unwelcome by many of those in attendance.

However, Ellen G. White called it "a most precious message...which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in large measure." For decades Seventh-day Adventists have been fascinated by the message presented in 1888, but for most, a mystery has surrounded it. Discussions are still taking place with regards to this famous meeting. 1888—THE YEAR OF MANY EVENTS

In volume 5 of the "Testimonies to the Church," a comment is made of the times when the book was written: "the eyes of Seventh-day Adventists were being turned more and more to the world field. For decades we had been carrying on work in Europe. Now, in 1885, Elders S. N. Haskell and J. O. Corliss, with a company of workers, were sent to Australia to open up work in that southern continent. Africa was entered two years later by Elders D. A. Robinson and C. L. Boyd, and the message was carried to Hong Kong that same year by a lay man, Brother Abraham La Rue. Then in 1889, colporteurs commenced their work in South America. Even Mrs. White was called overseas, leaving for Europe in 1885. There she spent two and a half years traveling, counselling, speaking, and writing. In June, 1887, at Moss, Norway, she attended the first Seventh-day Adventist camp meeting held outside the United States. Her ministry overseas was much appreciated."

Also during this decade, one of the church's leading evangelists, D. N. Canwright, lost his way and soon actively engaged in tearing down a work he had formerly labored to establish. While such attacks did not deter the work of the Seventh-day Adventists, it is clear that they were recognized as distracting elements that should be counteracted.

In the fall of 1888 the General Conference Session was held in Minneapolis, Minn. at which time a broader, fuller conception of the great truths of righteousness by faith were discussed. The memories of this meeting still linger.

Some have stated that the Lord was ready to close the work in 1888, but the church was not ready.

Ellen White wrote at a later time:

"It was not the will of God that the coming of Christ should be thus delayed. God did not design that His people, Israel, should wander forty years in the wilderness. He promised to lead them directly to the land of Canaan, and establish

them there a holy, wealthy, healthy, happy people. But those to whom it was first preached, went not in because of unbelief (Heb. 3:19). Their hearts were filled with murmuring, rebellion, and hatred, and He could not fulfill His covenant with them."

"Had Adventists after the great disappointment in 1844 held fast to their faith and followed on unitedly in the opening providence of God, receiving the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaiming it to the world, they would have seen the salvation of God, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts, the work would have been completed, and Christ would have come ere this to receive His people to their reward." SM, p.68

While the Seventh-day Adventists were feuding over Biblical interpretation of their beliefs, the stress was also placed upon the carrying the "truth" to many other lands; however, no thought was given to sharing the "truths" with those whose roots had been tied up in slavery for more than 400 years, but who had been blessed by Abe Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation to preserve the unity of the nation.

Eighteen hundred and eighty-eight—Andrew Carnegie harnessed the steel industry from his Pittsburg headquarters, and by 1889 the United States production had surpassed Great Britain's steel production at Birmingham, England.

Eighteen hundred and eighty-eight—John D. Rockefeller had started buying refineries and eliminating competitor, and his Standard Oil Company monopolized the American petroleum industry.

Eighteen hundred and eighty-eight—J. P. Morgan was providing money and expertise for ventures from railroads to U. S. Steel, the largest corporation in the world by 1901. Railroads burgeoned in the 1880's, and lines radiating from Chicago helped make Illinois the state with the most miles of track. The railroad industry provided employment for immigrants from Europe in setting ties as the trains moved westward to Oregon and Washington states as well as to California. Many of these immigrants became Seventh-day Adventists who started large wheat and cattle farms in the West and whose children later became outstanding leaders of the church during the twentieth century. The Old West was no more. By 1888 railroads had replaced wagon trains, surveyors were making farmland, Wells Fargo—no longer a stage line with armed outriders—was completing its trans-continental express service.

Eighteen hundred and eighty-eight—Cities burst their seams luring farmer's sons and daughters and immigrants with expanding industrial opportunities. Between 1880 and 1890 Chicago doubled in population to one million. There architects first built great steel-framed skyscrapers—like the Tacoma Building and the Stock Exchange buildings. Blacks came from the Southland, seeking employment and a better way of life. They followed the route of the Illinois Central Railroad line which began in New Orleans and went through the state of Mississippi—Jackson, Durant, Batesville, and onward to Memphis, Tenn.; to St. Louis, Mo., and finally ended up in Chicago. Chicago had been established by a Black named DuSable, and who would have thought that in later years a Black by the name of Harold Washington would become the mayor of Chicago.

Eighteen hundred and eighty-eight—Discoveries and inventions arose from the observation of little things, said Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone. In the 1880's inventive Americans were creating devices to make communications faster, labor less strenuous and life more enjoyable; electricity was the key. Thomas Edison invented the light bulb in 1879, but he stubbornly clung to direct-current motors, disdaining the invention of his one-time assistant Nikola Tesla, a Serbian immigrant, who in 1888 patented the alternamotor." George Eastman popularized photography by introducing roll "electromagnetic film and a simple box camera, the Kodak, as early as 1888. Lewis E. Waterman gave to us the fountain pen and William Horlick introduced malted milk.

Eighteen hundred and eighty-eight—In the spring of the year the country in its eastern part was overtaken by a terrible blizzard which left over 400 people dead.

Eighteen hundred and eighty-eight—This was an election year which saw all of the hoopla of a presidential campaign and lived up to James Bryce's observation: "In American elections everything is held to depend on organization."

The Democratic Convention selected incumbent Grover Cleveland by acclamation, while the Republicans wrangled through eight ballots before choosing Benjamin Harrison. Although Cleveland won the popular vote by 90,000 votes, Harrison was the victor in the electoral college. Because of the close election, the era has been called the "period of no decision."

The Editor's Desk

NORTH AMERICAN RAYON



Mr. Sam Teague (center), flanked by Oakwood's representatives at the seminar.

OAKWOOD HOME ECONOMICS STUDENTS VISIT RAYON FACTORY

Oakwood College home economics students are now on the cutting edge of rayon and acetate technology. Mr. Sam Teague, Executive Director of Rayon/Acetate Council, invited Dr. Ruth Faye Davis and members of the Home Economics Department to attend the annual North American Rayon Corporation seminar. It was held Feb. 18-19, 1988, in

Elizabethton, Tenn., home of the North American Rayon Factory. Other prominent colleges and universities throughout the eastern United States were also represented.

Mrs. Charmaine Godley, director of the Oakwood College Child Development Laboratory and four home economics majors, namely Shawn Allen, Rhonda Gunn, Selita Harpe, and Claudia Alcock, represented the department at the seminar.

During the first day, students listened to prominent members of the textile industry explain the rayon product from its chemical makeup to its practical uses. The seminar concluded Feb. 19 with a tour of the plant. Participants were guided through facilities by management personnel who answered questions raised by the visitors.

Opportunities such as this continue to help the Oakwood Home Economics Department in "Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today!"

Michael Hubbard

SUNSET CALENDAR

	April 29	May 6	13	20
Boston, Mass.	7:41	7:49	7:57	8:04
New York City	7:51	7:59	8:06	8:13
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:13	8:21	8:29	8:36
Atlanta, Ga.	8:19	8:24	8:30	8:35
Miami, Fla.	7:51	7:54	7:58	8:02
Charlotte, N.C.	8:08	8:13	8:19	8:24
Birmingham, Ala.	7:28	7:34	7:39	7:44
Jackson, Miss.	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55
Memphis, Tenn.	7:44	7:50	7:55	8:01
Louisville, Ky.	8:32	8:38	8:45	8:51
Detroit, Mich.	8:30	8:38	8:45	8:52
Chicago, Ill.	7:46	7:54	8:01	8:08
South Bend, Indiana	7:41	7:48	7:56	8:03
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:16	8:24	8:33	8:41
St. Louis, Mo.	7:51	7:57	8:04	8:10
Kansas City, Mo.	8:09	8:16	8:22	8:29
Denver, Co.	7:52	7:59	8:06	8:12
Little Rock, Ark.	7:52	7:58	8:03	8:09
Dallas, Texas	8:08	8:13	8:18	8:23
New Orleans, La.	7:37	7:41	7:45	7:49
Albuquerque, N.M.	7:50	7:56	8:01	8:07
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:15	8:20	8:26	8:32

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

One hundred years later sees Jesse Jackson, a Black minister, campaigning in a very serious manner to get the Democratic nomination as President of the United States of America. In 1863 Fredrick Douglas, whose daughter became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, visited Abraham Lincoln at the Whitehouse in behalf of the future of Black people in America; in 1909 to 1915 Booker T. Washington visited with Theodore Roosevelt in the Whitehouse and gave counsel about the future of Black people in America; in 1963 Martin Luther King, Whitney Young, and Phillip Randolph visited John F. Kennedy at the Whitehouse and spoke their concerns for the needs of Black people in America. In 1989 Jesse Jackson could be the President in the Whitehouse that others might be visiting about burdens that they have on their hearts.

Eighteen hundred and eighty-eight—Exhilarated by emancipation, Afro-Americans began to play a larger role in U.S. life in the 1870's and 80's. The great abolitionist Fredrick Douglas, U.S. Minister to Haiti in 1889, continually spoke for full equality, while Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, counselled accommodation.

Fleeing southern prejudice, a group of Tennesseans settled in Topeka, Kan., where in 1893 they founded the city's first black kindergarten. The first Sunday school was established to teach the ex-slaves how to read and to write and the only time that it could be done was on Sunday, thus, the "Sunday school" had its beginning. Jim Crow laws were proposed to help hold Blacks in check.

Eighteen hundred and eighty-eight—The Catholic church at the Vatican was deprived of its power by the Italian government, and there was no more "see." Jewish people began to migrate to America by the thousands as well as Catholics from all parts of the globe. This brought on the rise of the Klu Klux Klan which had its beginnings in Pulaski, Tenn., just 60 miles southwest of Nashville. Very few Blacks were found among the Seventh-day Adventist membership in 1888. In fact, there were just a few thousands of members in the entire organization.

C. M. Kinney, a fair-skinned man, who became the first of his race to be ordained to the ministry in the SDA denomination, attended the 1888 meeting and spoke to the brethren about correcting the conditions of the race question that were found in the churches at that time. Blacks

were denied entrance into the churches to worship, especially was this true in St. Louis, Mo., where he had witnessed this experience. When he stood on the floor to make his speech, he was admonished to not stir up the race question. He was not heard. The experience did not discourage Kinney; he just kept moving right along in the service for his fellowman.

During the 1880's Etta Littlejohn was born in Vicksburg, Miss., and later became a student on Edson's "Morning Star" floating church and school which he had erected for use in carrying the gospel to those whose parents had been slaves and seemed to be the rejected of the brethren. When the denomination finally began to give some consideration to the training of these people by constructing the Huntsville School, Ella was also one of the first 16 students to enroll near the turn of the century. With all of the tension that existed among the races during the childhood of little Etta, never did she dream that her youngest son, Charles Edward Bradford, would be the president of the North American Division of the world church of Seventh-day Adventists. And in 1988 he still serves as the first of

Blacks to hold the position. The Black membership of the world church in 1988 stands at 84 per cent of the total church population.

By the end of the 1880's Ellen G. White took a bold stand for the rights of Blacks in the church and often admonished the brethren against their treatments of this people.

In 1988, Blacks now hold leadership positions in the Regional (Black) conferences which has over 600 congregations with 81 church schools. The work among this group grows faster than among any other group in the United States. In 100 years we can say that the work has witnessed signal development and progress. Oakwood College exists to train leaders for the church around the world. Pine Forge is the only Black operated boarding academy. Hadley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C. is the only predominately Black SDA hospital which is operated by Blacks. In 1988, this sector of the church leadership reaches out to all lands to help make ready a people to meet the Lord when He comes again for His church.

Annie M. Johnson



Elder and Mrs. D. L. Davis recount amusing events from their early ministry at welcoming party for Andersons. Mrs. Beatrice Poole, left, serves as emcee.

greetings from all of the church's departments. Mrs. Beatrice Poole, church hostess, served as emcee. The Harmonaires, a quintet, composed of deacons and local elders, presented their tribute in song. Representing experienced ministers and their wives, Elder and Mrs. D. L. Davis and Mrs. Louis R. Preston Sr. offered Paul and his wife Debra words of advice and encouragement. Elder V. W. Mann, Allegheny East Conference Treasurer, welcomed Anderson as an employee of the conference. The evening ended with an old-fashioned march led by Ernest Norwood and Mrs. Preston. The following Sabbath, dinner for the congregation was hosted by the Anderson family with the assistance of the Jesse Ford family.

ALLEGHENY EAST

BEREA TEMPLE FEATURES MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIR

In celebration of Black History month, Morgan State University Choir, under the direction of Dr. Nathan Carter, performed a benefit concert at the Berea Temple SDA Church, Baltimore, Md., Feb. 6, 1988.

Berea Temple, which can accommodate up to 1300 individuals, was filled to capacity. Throughout the concert, the audience demonstrated its pleasure with standing ovations.

The concert featured music of Afro-American composers, traditional spirituals and gospel selections from the cultural experiences of Blacks in America. Dr. Carter has developed the choir to present a right, harmonious, full-bodied sound, thrilling audiences throughout America. Due to the wide acceptance of the choir this event promises to be a part of the church's annual schedule.

The Centennial Restoration Committee with Armada Grant as chairperson and Henry J. Fordham III as pastor, sponsored the concert. The church, which served the

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation from 1891 to 1951, has been designated by the city of Baltimore as a historical landmark due to its unique architecture.

WALNUT STREET SDA CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

Paul S. Anderson, recent graduate of Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich., has been assigned to pastor the Walnut Street Community SDA Church of Pottstown, Penn.

At a welcoming banquet, hosted by the congregation, Anderson received



The Pine Forge Harmonaires toast the new pastor in song. They are: (left to right) Alexander Poole, Calvin Taylor, David Sumter and Ernest Norwood. Franklin Sumpter is at the piano.



Paul Anderson with wife Debra and children Jared and D'Andria.

Pastor Anderson has already had an impact on the Pottstown community. He was recently featured in the Sunday edition of the Pottstown Mercury, the local newspaper, as "Clergy of the Week." He used that opportunity to give testimony of the soon coming of Jesus. He also stated, "I'm impressed with the Pottstown area and the community around the church. We are very interested in a revival in our church family as well as working with other churches in the area to foster a spiritual revival in the community."

BEREA TEMPLE HONORS FOUR FORMER LEADERS

Althea Simpson, Beatrice Camper, Lucille Brown and Clara Thomas are four ladies who have given outstanding service to the Berea Temple Church. The church, grateful for their past dedication, honors them.

Althea Simpson loves the little ones, and they love her. She has worked in the Cradle Roll Division for over 50 years, serving as the division leader for over 35 of those years. Many times she has been the first person to introduce the babies to Sabbath School. She can still be found in the Cradle Roll Department each Sabbath, although she no longer leads out. In addition, she is a deaconess. The members have expressed their feeling that she exemplifies the true Christian spirit.

Beatrice Camper was one of the first graduates of the Baltimore Church School, now known as Baltimore Junior Academy, and for 15 years served as a dietitian at that school. Although she has reached her golden years, she still serves as a Sabbath School teacher and has been a deaconess for over 20 years.

Lucille Brown served in the capacity of head deaconess for 17 years. During her administration, the deaconesses were especially diligent in emergencies and visiting the sick and shut-ins. Brown will always be remembered for her unique programs in the sponsoring of dinners, receptions and parties for various individuals.

For over 10 years, Clara Thomas served as general Sabbath School superintendent. It was obvious to all that she considered this portion of the Sabbath service the church at study. A strong believer and supporter of Christian education, she saw her five children through Baltimore Jr. Academy, Pine Forge Academy and Oakwood College. She was the initiator of the largest support project of Baltimore Jr. Academy, the fruit program, and gave emphasis to this project for 15 years.

The Berea Temple Church and their pastor, H. J. Fordham III salute these dedicated ladies.

Annie M. Johnson

But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Psalms 5:11.

CENTRAL STATES



Mrs. Hattie Anthony (left) receives a plaque from one of the dorcas leaders, Shirley Sutherland.



The A. Y. Department of the Pottstown Church under the direction of Deborah and Marcellus Smith, observed Black History month with a specially made cake. Posing with cake are Renee Clark and Cynthia Toussaint.



Pastor Larry Williams (background) stands with recipients of special visitor awards.



Elder C. Dunbar Henri, Ministerial Secretary of South Atlantic Conference.

TEMPERANCE RALLY

The Philadelphia SDA Church in Des Moines, Iowa, hosted the Central States Conference Temperance Finals, Feb 19 and 20, 1988.

Twenty youth from around the conference were in competition for certificates, trophies and monetary awards. Friday evening services at Philadelphia Church featured Pastor James White of Linwood Blvd. Temple in Kansas City, Mo., as keynote speaker. His message was entitled "Celebrating Healthy Choices."

Sabbath services were held in an area church, Union Baptist Church, pastored by H. I. Thomas. Pastor Thomas, a friend to area Adventists for many years, opened his church to accommodate the over 100 persons in attendance.

Pastor Conrad Gills, headmaster at Pine

Forge Academy, Penn., was the main speaker. Pastor Gills told the convocation, "Don't let the green grass fool you."

Winners in the Temperance Finals were: Etta Carney, Jeffery Harris, Kelli Taylor, Cedric Allan, Michelle Bowden, Judith Afuh and Reginald Dixon.

Pastor H. I. Thomas of Union Baptist Church, impressed with the youth and their presentations, expressed his intention of starting a similar competition at his church.

LITERATURE EVANGELISTS COME TO TOPEKA

Literature evangelists held their rally at Highland Crest Church in Topeka, Kan., Jan. 30, 1988. Awards were presented to top workers in this area.

A fellowship dinner was held and following this, Dr. Richard Williams, guest speaker for the day and author of the book, "They Stole It But You Must Return It" presented a three and one half hour seminar on the Black family.

BETHAVEN'S VISITORS' MONTH

February was Visitors' Month at the Bethaven SDA Church in Atchison, Kan. Pastor Larry Williams challenged each member to invite someone out to church with them each week. A tally was taken each week of how many visitors each member brought, and at the end of the month the member having brought the highest number of visitors would receive a special award.

As the month drew to an end, the members found themselves having invited nearly 100 of their friends to attend Sabbath worship services with them. A special leadership award was given to Donna D. Smith for inviting the overall highest amount of visitors for the month. The month was brought to a close with the presentation of these awards and a fellowship dinner at the church.

COMPASSION, THE GIFT

A memorial service was held at the United States Disciplinary Barracks in Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., recently for the late Donald H. Taylor. Elder Taylor had been active in the prison ministry for 15 years.

Several inmates gave testimonies in word and song as to what Elder Taylor meant to them and how through Jesus Christ, he had helped change their lives. Since Taylor's death, two inmates who had studied with him have been baptized into the Adventist Church. Others had

been baptized during his ministry there.

The Chosen Four, a young male quartet from the Shiloh SDA Church, Leavenworth, Kan., also sang several selections on the program.

Mrs. Barbara Taylor, wife of Elder Taylor, was presented with a plaque with the picture of Elder Taylor and the words, "Compassion, the Gift," engraved on it.

An award presented to the most outstanding individual residing at the U.S.D.B. by the African American Cultural Organization, is being renamed "The Donald H. Taylor African American Cultural Award." This is the group Elder Taylor was worshipping with when he passed away.

The Taylor family, along with the Chosen Four, still carry on the prison ministry at the United States Disciplinary Barracks.

Roberta Williams

NORTHEASTERN

NEWS NOTES FROM BRONX TEMPLE



Members of Bronx Temple participate in Love Feast.

The Bronx Temple SDA Church in Bronx, N.Y., held a communion service and agape feast to close out 1987. Following Pastor Phillip Wesley's brief sermon, entitled "The Unworthy Participants," the congregation retired to the fellowship hall for a candlelight ceremony and the agape feast.

"Let Go and Let God," was the theme of Youth Day at Bronx Temple. Young persons led the services from Sabbath School through A.Y.S. with Andrea Moore serving as Sabbath School superintendent, Erroll Fray leading out in the discussion of the lesson, Leonara Wright performing a musical number, as well as Faith, a group from the Ephesus Church in New York City.

Elder Arthur Andrew, a member of Lighthouse SDA Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., was guest speaker for divine worship. He encouraged the youth to look to Christ as the Author and Finisher of their faith., He also led out in the afternoon program.

Andrea Moore serves as Adventist Youth leader of Bronx Temple.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth..." Ecclesiastes 12:1.

Northeastern Academy Choir led by Professor Lloyd Chung were guests of the Bronx Temple SDA Church, Bronx, N.Y., Feb. 19. Mr. Merille Weithers, English instructor at the academy, was the divine worship speaker.

Kathleen Hughes
Communication Secretary

NEW APPOINTMENT AT ELIM AND NEW LIFE CHURCHES

Kevin L. Jenkins accepted the call to pastor the Elim and New Life SDA Churches in Brooklyn, N.Y. Pastor Jenkins, a recent graduate of Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich., his wife and daughter look forward to a productive ministry at both churches.



Winners and runners-up of the "Essence of Winter Pageant."



(Left to right) Dr. Norma Nelson Dwyer and Pastor Oswald Euell present commendation to Mr. Arthur O. Eve.

ASSEMBLY DEPUTY SPEAKER HONORED AT CAPITAL CITY

Mr. Arthur O. Eve, Deputy Speaker for the State Assembly and highest Black elected official in New York State was recognized for his outstanding contribution to humanity as a worker in the legislature at the Capital City SDA Church in Albany, N.Y. recently.

Mr. Eve remarked he had visited many religious denominations, but never an Adventist church and was impressed with the work accomplished by the organization. He challenged it to continue to make a positive difference in society.

Oswald S. Euell
Correspondent

NEW ROCHELLE CHURCH HOLDS WINTER PAGEANT

The New Rochelle, N.Y., SDA church usher board presented "The Essence of Winter Pageant" January 31, 1988. Amid decorations of pink and white, two divisions of sub-debs and escorts walked down the aisle of the church's fellowship hall. The head escort, Michael White, gallantly received bows from the escorts and led the sub-debs to the stage. The tiny-tot division started at 3 years old to 10 years of age, and primary division ages ranged from 10 to 12. A photograph and unique characteristic of each child's personality was featured in a souvenir journal.

Winners of the tiny-tot division were Ingrid Brown and Williams Walker IV. Second runner-up was Sasha Swaine, and third runner-up was Shanel Hiland. Primary division winners were Noelle Burton and Michael White. Second runner-up was Althea Baker, and third

runner-up, Endira Reid. In the audience's sight, all the children were winners.

Other participants in the pageant included: Marsha Athil, Naomi Best, Eboni Hogan, Christina McCalla, Etta-Marie Richards, Chinyere Ukomadu, Bodean Hogan, Willie Hogan, David Josey, Daryl Lewis, Chris Mundle and Shane Swaine.

Lillie Arterberry, dedicated usher director, heads 16 senior, 2 young adult, 9 intermediate and 15 junior ushers. Cynthia Cromartie, pageant coordinator, and Arnita Reid, assistant, received well-deserved praise. Three thousand dollars was raised from the event. After paying expenses, the ushers presented the church with \$1,500 for the building fund. The remaining amount was put into the usher fund which is used to provide scholarships to deserving students and help to those in need.

"IMPOSSIBLE DREAM" PROGRAM PLANNED

The Sabbath School and Education departments of City Tabernacle SDA Church, New York City, are working together to sponsor a program entitled "The Impossible Dream" to raise funds for Christian education.

Paradise Island in the beautiful Bahamas is the venue. Thursday, July 21 through Monday July 25 is the date. Cost? Approximately \$600. Dignitaries from the Bahamian Community, government officials and church members will receive citations for humanitarian endeavors. Among those to be honored are Mrs. Margaret McDonald, Ambassador to the United States of America; Mrs. Dorothy Ford, Administrator, Bureau of Tourism; Pastor Silas McKinney, President, Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and Mrs. Zoe Lawrence, a member of City Tabernacle, who esta-

blished the very first SDA church school in the Bahamas.

During this five-day sojourn, the Sanctuary Choir of City Tabernacle, under the direction of Mr. Lloyd Chung, will be in concert at the Civic Center. The choir will also sing for divine worship services on Sabbath, July 23.

The whole program is designed as an outreach endeavor for soul winning and reclamation of former members.

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit these beautiful islands, have a fabulous vacation and be a part of this program.

For reservations you may write to the Communication Secretary, City Tabernacle of Seventh-day Adventists, 562 West 150th Street, New York, N.Y. 10031.

Joan V. Marsh
Communication Secretary.

ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE SECRETARY ATTAINS CPS RATING

Gwen Ashley has been granted the Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) rating by Professional Secretaries International (PSI) after passing the six-part, two-day certifying test. The examination, given by PSI since 1951, is acknowledged as the most distinguished merit recognition available to secretaries.

Miss Ashley is one of the few secretaries certified in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination and the only one currently employed in Atlantic Union Conference. A career office professional, Ashley urges every secretary to set as a professional development goal the attaining of the CPS rating.

COOKING CLASS AT CITY TABERNACLE



Mrs. Quintessa Williams instructs the City Tabernacle cooking class.



Participants in New Rochelle Church's "Essence of Winter Pageant."

The Health and Temperance Department of City Tabernacle SDA Church, New York City, sponsored a cooking class which was conducted by Mrs. Quintessa Williams of Living Springs Retreat. The 25 persons that attended learned how to prepare foods such as scrambled tofu, granola and nut milk, pecan nut loaf, tofu cheese cake with berry topping, pimento cheese spread and soy mayonnaise, just to name a few.

Dr. Jephtha Nwakanma, Health and Temperance Director, was pleased with the results of the class, as were coordinators Launey Mike, Gloria Lawrence and Joan Marsh. Future classes are planned to meet the many inquiries from members of the church and community.

Joan V. Marsh
Communication Secretary



Photo by Steve Edwards

Participants in the Sabbath School: (left to right) Laura Straker, Christine Demetrius, Samuel Martin. Percival Riley leads the congregation in singing.

NEW APPOINTMENTS AT CHRISTIAN RECORD

Christian Record Braille Foundation's Board of Trustees elected Thompson U. Kay and Tommie Low as vice presidents on Feb. 24, 1988.

Thompson Kay was elected vice president after having served as director of Deaf Services for eight years. He graduated from Oakwood College, Huntsville, Ala. and earned his master's degree from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. He does an extensive amount of traveling throughout North America, conducting Deaf Ministry workshops and seminars for civic and religious groups. He has interpreted for television, for North American Pathfinder Camporee in Vail, Colo., for President Ronald Reagan's 1980 inauguration, in evangelistic meetings for Billy Graham's Crusades, for C. E. Bradford, E. E. Cleveland and for C. B. Rock in Nairobi, Kenya. He and his wife Ethel have three children: Anthony, Myra and Sheldon.

Tommie Lowe was elected vice president and corporate secretary after having worked for CRBF in blind services since 1972. He has served as representative, area director, assistant field and camp director and director of field services in North America.

Lowe directs nine union area directors and 115 braille evangelists. He organizes 30 summer blind camps and one winter camp. His education (attained while he served in the United States Air Force) is in business administration.

He and his wife Ann have three children: Natasha, Anthony and Thyra.



Photo by Steve Edwards

Clerk Missilene Edwards reads inscription on plaque presented to Mrs. Vernelle Earle (center) while Mrs. Maureen Tapp looks on.



Elder Harold Baptiste uses chart to illustrate important points in his sermon.

SENIOR CITIZENS HONORED

At the end of 1987, Hanson Place SDA Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., honored their senior citizens. This annual event was initiated two years ago by the church clerks. The theme for the day was "Only What's Done for Christ Will Last."

Samuel Martin served as superintendent for the Sabbath School program which began with a singspiration, conducted by Percival Riley. The lesson study was conducted by Dr. G. O. Phillips Sr. Other participants on the program included Samuel Tate, Christine Demetrius, Laura Straker and Grace Warner.

In addition to the program, three persons were honored for their contribution to the church and their communities. They were Mrs. Vernelle Earle, who was lauded for her hard work on behalf of the senior citizens of Northeastern Conference, and Mrs. C. Anderson, who demonstrated great foresight in alerting the nucleus of 250 members in search of a church home in 1963 of the availability of the building at 88 Hanson Place. The group purchased the building, resulting in the organization of the Hanson Place Church. Also awarded was Bertram Straker, whose leadership of the group in the "early days" kept them together and fostered growth. Plaques were presented to each honoree by Mrs. Maureen Tapp.

To set the tone for the morning's sermon, Carmella Johnson, through the medium of song, reminded the congregation that "Only What's Done for Christ Will Last." Elder Harold Baptiste, executive secretary of Northeastern Conference was guest speaker for divine worship.

Other participants in the divine worship service were Elder George Earle, former President of Northeastern Conference; Elder Bertram Straker; Herman Robinson; Sidney Williams; Mrs. G. Harris; Mrs. M. Dillon, and Pastor Charles Tapp.

Lunch was prepared and served to the seniors and guests by the clerks, young adults and others.

Maureen O. Burke
Communication Secretary

HANSON PLACE WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

Several hundred persons witnessed installation of R. Clifford Jones as minister of the Hanson Place SDA Church in Brooklyn, N.Y.

As the service began, uniformed pathfinders led the procession of the youth and



Pastor R. Clifford Jones.

church choirs, church officers and platform personnel into the sanctuary.

Pastor and Mrs. Jones and son, Clifford Jr., were introduced to the congregation by Elder L. G. Newton, president of Northeastern Conference. In welcoming the Joneses, Mrs. Emelda John, church clerk, stated, "The Hanson Place Church is made up of members representing varied economic, social and cultural backgrounds and hailing from the Caribbean Islands, the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, North, South and Central America, Europe and as far as Africa, and we all welcome you." As a part of the welcome Mrs. Jones was presented with a corsage by Rhonda Bedeau.



Photo by Steve Edwards

Bertram Straker receives plaque from Mrs. Maureen Tapp while clerk, Maureen Burke, looks on.

In accepting the responsibility of pastoring the 1,785 member congregation, Pastor Jones acknowledged that it was a weighty undertaking, but promised to allow God to be his leader.

Pastor Jones began his ministry in 1979 as associate pastor of the Emmanuel Temple and Victory Temple Churches in Buffalo, N.Y. Since that time he has pastored the South Ozone Park Church, Queens, N.Y.; the Brooklyn district comprising of Brooklyn Faith, New Life and Elim; and the Jamaica Church, Queens, N.Y. He has been instrumental in leading several hundred persons to the Adventist Church.

SOUTH CENTRAL

IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORTH IT?

It is often wondered what the end result will be of many years spent in a church school environment. The following is a personal testimony of Dr. Karla Montague-Brown of Nashville, Tenn., a product of the Alcy SDA Junior Academy.

We often hear the appeal to send our children to church school or to support Christian education by giving liberal offerings for church school. Sometimes we respond in a positive manner, yet at other times for various reasons, we do not.

Some may feel that it does not matter whether we have a church school or not, or whether our children go to church school. We have been admonished that our children are to be taught of the Lord and receive an all-around education. What better way is there to insure that this education is received than to have what is believed and taught in the home and at church reinforced in the school setting?

I cannot say for sure what difference there would be in my life had it not been for church school. However, I am grateful that Alcy was in existence when I was in grade school. I thank God and my parents that they had the wisdom, courage and faith to take advantage of the opportunity to send me to church school.

It was very difficult for anyone to be left out of activities at Alcy. One reason was because there was not a lot of students, so when things were done, all participated. When there was a class play, everyone was in it. When we wanted to play kickball or some other game, everyone was included.

The teachers in church school are a part of my fondest memories. Mrs. Minnie Branch, my teacher for grades 1-4, will always be associated with Psalms 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, oh Lord, my strength and my redeemer," which was recited daily. Mr. Daniel Carruthers, my fifth and sixth grade teacher had us recite Psalms 51:10 each morning. Even now when I hear the song "He Lives," I'm reminded of church school and Mr. Carruthers. Mr. Fred Pullins really know how to make learning fun. It was through the biology lessons received in his class that I decided in the



Dr. Karla Montague-Brown, product of Alcy SDA Junior Academy.

seventh grade that I wanted to become a doctor. But one of the things that stands out in my mind most is how, in addition to being a teacher, Mr. Pullins was a friend.

Memories of Ms. Naomi Yates' class are also special. I was a senior at Alcy by then, and since there were only three of us in the eighth grade, we were very important members of the class.

Not only did I develop socially and spiritually, but academically as well. After completion of the eighth grade and being tested for public school, I scored very high because of the advanced curriculum of the church school. When asked what school I had attended previously, it was a delight to say a Seventh-day Adventist School.

"Try church school for your children. You'll see a difference and will not regret it. It does cost, but it also pays."

Charles D. Battles
Principal

YEAR-END EVENTS AT NEW COVENANT

While many spent the last few hours of 1987 shopping, drinking, dancing or in other activities often associated with New Year's Eve celebrations, members of the New Covenant SDA Church in Memphis, Tenn., ended the year with prayer, praise, communion, baptism and church fellowship.

Pastor Roland Hill led his congregation in a period of song and testimonies followed by a season of prayer. After this phase of the service, members took part in communion.

First elder Tom Amour then administered baptismal vows to eight candidates. The New Covenant Church was in the middle of a building program, but their energetic pastor was determined to have this baptism in the new baptismal pool of the new sanctuary still under construction. The small portable pool that had been used for several years would not be used. So members and candidates bundled up as they proceeded to the new sanctuary several hundred feet away.

As the eight were baptized into the fellowship of the SDA Church and the final benediction was offered, each member present was satisfied to know that the last few hours of 1987 were spent in a meaningful manner.

Charles D. Battles
Communication Secretary

YOUTH FEDERATION HELD IN LOUISVILLE

The Middle Tennessee/Kentucky Youth Federation was held in Louisville, Ky., Feb. 13, 1988. The event, coordinated by federation president Joyce M. Houser, had as its theme "Getting it Straight in '88."

Elder Harold Kibble of Maranatha SDA Church, Jackson, Tenn., was guest speaker for the 11:00 o'clock service. The Witness for Christ Choir from the Louisville area and the Magazine SDA Church Young-Adult Choir of Memphis, Tenn., were musical guests.

The afternoon program featured oratoricals, Bible Bowl contests and a gospel extravaganza.

HILLCREST CELEBRATES 104 YEARS

The Hillcrest SDA Church, Nashville, Tenn., celebrated its 104th anniversary during 1987. The theme for the homecoming celebration was "Homeward Bound." For a week there was plenty of preaching, singing and fellowship. Former pastors from around the country gathered to reminisce about their stay with the Hillcrest family. Elder L. G. Newton of Northeastern Conference surprised himself when he asked that all members that he had either baptized or pastored stand. Nearly half the church stood.



The present pastor of the Hillcrest SDA Church, Pastor G. R. Seay Jr., shown with the chairperson of Homecoming, Doris Hill (right) and music coordinator, Martha Hardin.

Elder T. M. Fountain reached into his memory band and recalled moments during his stay at the church. The congregation especially enjoyed Fountain's rendition of "Grumbles Corner," a poem he wrote years ago. Elder H. L. Kibble presented the Thanksgiving message from the book of Job.

Hillcrest is the oldest Black SDA



M. L. Patton, shown with Pastor Russell Seay, one of Hillcrest's oldest members, is the church's historian.

church in the North American Division, dating back to the days of reconstruction. The church was started in Edgefield Junction, now known as Edenwold by Harry Lowe, his wife and 13 children. Lowe and his oldest son operated a horse-drawn ferry, transporting people back and forth from Edgefield Junction to Hadley's Bend, Tenn.

This is the church's history as recounted by C. E. Dudley, South Central Conference president. "On weekends Brother Lowe would invite his neighbors to come and study the Bible with them. Two families, the Owens and Websters met regularly. A little later, Brother William Allison, his wife Jennie and their five children started attending. In alter year San was known through the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as the 'Bucket Man' because of the buckets of money he would get during the Harvest Ingathering campaign which was conducted during the fall.

After several months of diligent study, these families decided that they were worshipping on the wrong day (Sunday). Therefore, they started meeting on Saturday.

The little farm house that Brother Lowe lived in soon became too small for the group to meet in, so he told them that he would provide the land, if they would buy the material and help with the labor to build the church. They agreed, and soon they had completed a neat little building. The church was organized in 1883 by Brother Lowe. They named the church Edgefield Junction SDA Church."

The church continued to grow. So many persons joined who lived in East Nashville that about 1898, the group opened a little mission. The mission kept growing, so the company had to move to larger facilities. In 1903 the church

became integrated. Elder Warnick and Elder Barry were sent to conduct meetings.

Former pastors of the mother church include: Harry Lowe, 1883; B. Barry, 1903; Franklin G. Warnick, 1903; Charles M. McKinney, 1908; David E. Blake, 1910-12; Sidney Scott, 1914; William A. Henri, 1917-18; James G. Dasent, 1919; Milton



Mrs. Elsie Freeman, assisted by her son, Elmer Freeman, receives plaque from Dr. William Coopwood (left). Mrs. Freeman is another of Hillcrest's oldest members.

M. Young Sr., 1920; Ronald Johnson, 1924; Louis H. Bland, 1926-19; Frank L. Peterson, 1929-30; John H. Wagner, 1930-32; Frederick F. Keiths, 1932-35; T. M. Fountain, 1937-44; Norman G. Simons 1942-43; R. F. Warnick, 1943-44; C. Sampson Myles, 1945-48; Paul C. Winley, 1948; Vongoethe Lindsay 1948-49; Eugene Carter Sr., 1949-50; Charles Graham, 1950-54; Ned Lindsay, 1954-56; Leonard G. Newton, 1956-61; Jeter Cox, 1961-65; Douglas C. Batson, 1965-67; Charles S. Josphe, 1967-75; Earl W. Moore, 1975; William H. Kibble, 1976-79; Isaac J. Johnson, 79-80; G. I. Pearson, 1980-82; Jospeh A. Jones, 1982-83; E. E. Cleveland, 1983; William R. Robinson, 1983-84; Harold L. Cleveland, 1984-86, and G. Russell Seay Jr., 1986 to present.

THE EDMOND FAMILY HERITAGE 1985 (Roots in the Vicksburg Morning Star Boat Mission)

Charles and Nancy Edmond were born and reared in Vicksburg, Miss.; they were married there in 1903. When the Morning Star boat, under the direction of James Edson White came to this mid-western Mississippi town, Charles and Nancy became students at the school that had been established to help train the sons and daughters of former slaves to read and to write in order to be able to make it in life during the days that lay ahead for them. They were also given religious training aboard the church school boat that had come from the North.

Before their older son, Harry, was born in 1905, the couple began to receive Bible

studies in a cottage meeting that this missionary band began conducting and Nancy accepted the teachings, became a member and was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith. This as all new for the colored people, as well as the Whites in Vicksburg, and the people were not too eager to become a part of this new religion—most of them were members of the Baptist or Methodist churches. Charles, along with many others, lacked the faith to believe that he could care for his family unless he worked on Saturday, the day that they were taught was the correct day on which to worship the Lord and to attend the church. In those days Black men worked seven days a week.

But mother Nancy courageously grasped these truths and taught all these teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to all of her children. She established a Seventh-day Adventist home for the family and Charles did not object, but continued his work daily in seeking to provide the things that the family needed to make it.

After Annie Mae was born in 1907, the Edmonds remained in Vicksburg until 1910 when they moved to Texarkana, Tex. Having been taught of the blessings that come to one who is faithful in returning the holy tithe to the Lord's storehouse, Nancy faithfully mailed her tithe and offerings to the North Texas Conference, whose offices were located in Keene, Tex.

Although isolated from other members of the newly-found faith, the Edmonds served the Lord at home from week to week. Anne recalls that before she started to school, Elder Taylor, the conference president passed through Texarkana on his way to visit with his brother, the owner of an ice cream factory in the city. On that Sabbath he stopped to visit in the Edmond home and to pray with the family. Mother Edmond was so very happy for the visit and often reflected on the blessings that the president had brought to the family. At that time there were just the mother, her son Harry, and her daughter who were members of the church. She would often sit on the front porch in the big rocking chair with her arms around the children and sing to them, tell Bible stories and testify of her hope in the soon-coming of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. All of her life she looked for the Lord to come. Her family was the only one in that community that lived with these views in mind, as far as they knew.

Somehow, Nancy found a White lady who was a member of the SDA church by

the name of Mrs. Gaines who gave the "Little Friends" Sabbath School lessons to them, but not long after this meeting, the lady moved away. This left the family all alone once again, but they continued to rejoice in and to serve the Lord and to keep the Sabbath as the day of worship for Christians to keep.

Another girl was born into the family in 1914, the year when World War I began in Europe. Her name was Teresa. Another girl by the name of Lorraine was born in 1920, but in 1923 the Edmond family left Texarkana and moved northward to Cleveland, Ohio, where the father, Charles, could find better employment for the sustaining of the family.

James, the youngest son, was born into the family in January of 1925, but sadness came a little later in the year when Mother Nancy passed away in October. She was only able to attend the church services in Cleveland just once and due to her illness was never able to return again. This had been the hope of her life, to be able to worship with a group of her brothers and sisters who kept the seventh-day Sabbath, studied their Bible and looked for the coming of the Lord. The family accepted the workings of the Lord, but the vacancy left by Nancy brought concerns to the hearts of that dear family.

Although Charles, the father, was still not a baptized member of the church, he faithfully insisted that Anne, the older sister, who had been baptized in 1924, got to Sabbath School with Teresa, Lorraine and James "Buddy" every Sabbath. Imagine the joy that came to the young hearts in 1940 when Charles, the father, was finally baptized into the SDA faith and joined with his children in church attendance every week until his passing in August of 1981.

Anne met and married James Hill and reared a family of four, James Jr., Halcyone Glenn, Carl and five foster children.

James met and married Marcell Hall and the two of them reared four children in the SDA faith. All were students at Oakwood College. Nancy, named for her grandmother, is married to Albert L. Dudley, the administrator of the Hadley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., and she teaches in the school system in the city. They have one son by the name of Albert Jr. President Dudley is the son of Charles and Etta Dudley of Nashville, Tenn., in the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Dana C. Edmond, James and Marcell's son, is a SDA minister who is married to Jill Robinson of Lexington, Ky., and they have

two children. Dana served the church as a missionary to St. Thomas for seven years and later returned to the states where he now pastors the Breath of Life congregation in Memphis, Tenn.

Lorie, the daughter, is a nurse in Washington, D.C. and the other son still lives with the parents.

James Edmond, who is known as "Buddy" serves as a lay-pastor for the Harvest, Ala., congregation which the Lord blessed him along with others from the Huntsville, Ala., area to raise up about four years ago. The membership is almost 100 in number, and they are presently constructing a new church facility.

Much has taken place in the Edmond family since 1895 when the Morning Star Boat docked at Vicksburg, Miss., but the message that was preached to that little band of people then still continues to sustain the ripple effect: one person telling the another the story of the grace of God and His saving love for all people. The bread was cast upon the water. It is returning in manifold numbers. We praise God!

RICHARD BOYD IS BAPTIZED IN HARRIMAN

Ruby Jean Boyd is the church elder in Harriman, Tenn., and has served in this capacity for a number of years. The members have no problem with the idea, and she has served well in leading the work of the church there. You can imagine the joy that came to her heart when her husband



was baptized into the faith after a goodly number of years. He supported her and the church in all of the plans that they had in mind, but felt that he should continue to worship with his Baptist brothers and sisters where he had been through the years. Ruby continued to witness and to pray, and when Brother Smith, a layman, settled in the area with his family, studies were given to Richard Boyd. He was baptized along with six other persons. It was a day to be remembered.

The work in this eastern Tennessee town had its beginnings at the turn of the century when some few people accepted the truth there. History was made in the state when the Sunday laws were passed and two SDA brethren were arrested for wearing their overalls on Sunday through the streets of Harriman. Ellen White admonished the SDA people not to wash their clothes and things of this nature on Sunday, but to use the day as a time for witnessing.

In later years, 1947, D. B. Reid journeyed to the city to establish a company with Mrs. A. McMorris, who stood as the only member in the town for a number of years. Later Sister Boyd and other ladies joined the faith, built and paid for a lovely church building. The challenge now is to add as many members as they possibly can. They have begun with their families.

ANNA KNIGHT TO BE PLACED IN THE "HALL OF FAITH"

Sabbath, Feb. 27, 1988 stands as a day to be remembered by the members of the Soso, Miss., congregation. On this day Miss Anna Knight, one of the pioneers of the denomination was inducted into the "Hall of Faith" of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Oscar and Judith Heinrich, along with their son, Jerry, founders of the program met with the church members for the celebration.

Miss Anna Knight, whose home is Soso,



Miss., left this community as a young lady and went to Chattanooga, Tenn., to be

baptized into the SDA faith. She had read about the beliefs of this organization after having received a book from a literature evangelist who was going through the state, making his literature distribution. Chattanooga was the nearest place where she could join, thus, it was off to Tennessee where she attended school and later enrolled at the Battle Creek School in Michigan.

When she completed her work in Michigan, the leaders of the church invited her to serve as a missionary to India for 16 years. While there, she was moved to return home to help her own people and later returned to Soso and began a school for the family and children of the community. This met with disfavor from the people of the community and oft times she found her teaching days uneventful when her shot gun was placed in the corner of the room.



She later became the superintendent of education for the Southern Union Conference whose offices were in Atlanta. While serving in this city and surrounding areas, Anna led many souls to Christ. One of the families that joined the movement was the A. T. Maycock family, all of whom became members of the church and later served in leadership roles. A goodly number of schools were opened from which to train the children. At one time there were more than 40 church schools in the state of Mississippi alone where the children were being trained.

Many of the well-trained teachers that the church produced began their labors under the leadership of Miss Anna Knight. At times, she as also called upon to serve as the church leader in various places.

Many of the offspring of the Knight family attended school at Oakwood in Huntsville and became leaders for the church. It was often said by the students at Oakwood: "There was never a time that we could say that there is no Knight there."

Anna Knight sleeps in the cemetery with her sister, Gracie and other members of

the family which is located just a short distance from where she was born. Her life proved to be a blessing for the upbuilding of the work of the Lord throughout the SDA denomination. In the "Hall of Faith" memory lane, the children will always be able to read about this great leader of her people and builder for the church.

SPARKS FROM HEAVEN

The Sabbath of Feb. 13 was a cold, snowy, icy day that gripped the minds of middle Tennesseans and Kentucky Youth Federation members with reservations and fears that their long-awaited meeting, scheduled to be held in Louisville, Ky., would be canceled. Satan felt victorious, because he thought that he had thwarted the plans of God. Little did he know about the rude awakening that he would encounter. The federation was on, and the youth filled the church.

This well-orchestrated middle Tennessee/Kentucky Youth Federation under the direction of its dynamic president, Joyce M. Houser, along with the federation officers, was the most dynamic and most heart-touching federation that has ever been witnessed in the South Central Conference.



Mrs. Joyce M. Houser, Federation leader for Tennessee/Kentucky, pictured with daughter, Danyielle.

Sparks of fire commenced to fall from heaven at Sabbath School. We all began to sense that this was going to be a high day. As the eleven o'clock hour commenced, little did we know the magnitude that the Holy Spirit would descend upon the congregation. Pentecost was relived, when Keith Hunter and the Witnesses for Christ Choir from the Louisville Community, and the Magazine Seventh-day Adventist Church young-adult choir, under the direction of Ralph Ford, led the

church into exalted praises that stirred every soul.

The ministry of these choirs set the stage for the message entitled "Nevertheless," delivered by Elder Harold Kibble, pastor of Maranatha SDA Church, Jackson, Tenn. There were rejoicing and praises throughout the church. Men and women came forward for membership and rededication of their lives to Christ.

The afternoon meeting witnessed a continuation of the breath-taking morning worship that took us to a place where the telescopes couldn't reach. The afternoon program was interspersed with oratories and Bible Bowl contests. After such a dramatic evening, the day was consummated by a gospel extravaganza.

We shall never forget this federation; nor shall we ever forget those who worked to bring to us such a spiritual federation. To God be the glory, as we continue to live by the theme of the Middle Tennessee/Kentucky Youth Federation, "Getting It Straight in 88."

SOUTH CENTRAL SETS SIGHTS FOR EVANGELISM—1988

Nineteen eighty-eight is to be a very eventful year for evangelism in the South Central Conference. President C. E. Dudley often quotes Revelation 18:1 that "all of the world is to be lighted with God's glory."

"The message must be carried to all people," he states. With this vision in view, the executive committee of the conference is projecting meetings throughout the conference this year. The funds are few, but "faith" is the key.

Meetings are to be held in the following places:

Natchez, Mississippi: Byron Spears, former evangelist for the Voice of Prophecy.

Mobile, Alabama: E. E. Cleveland, the evangelism "spark" for the conference.

Lexington, Kentucky: G. H. Rainey, evangelist for the Southern California Conference.

Birmingham, Alabama: Dennis Ross, director for church growth in the Southern Union Conference.

Tupelo, Mississippi: Ralph P. Peay, associate secretary for the Southern Union Conference.

Memphis, Tennessee: Joseph A. Jones Sr., pastor of Longview Heights Church

Knoxville, Tennessee: Randolph P. Stafford, returned missionary/evangelist from Africa.

A goodly number of pastors of the conference will be conducting tent and hall meetings throughout the year. The gospel is being preached—Jesus soon will come. The funds are very meager, but the Lord will provide.

MEMBERS BUILD CHURCH IN DAPHNE, ALA.

Elder J. R. Bell, Church Elder M. Lester, along with the members of the First SDA Church in Daphne, Ala. have joined hands to erect a new church home for the Lord. The church, formerly known as "Smiley's Chapel" is presently lodged in a little cottage-like structure that was built and donated by Brother W. Smiley, deceased more than a quarter of a century.

When the members who lived across the bay from Mobile, Ala., were unable to attend the weekly church services, they came together in the home of Brother Smiley. The fires of evangelism began to burn within their bones as they sought to get others to join with them for worship from Sabbath to Sabbath. The efforts were blessed of the Lord, and today's congregation is the outgrowth of their witness. Upwards of 50 or more people come to this spot for worship from week to week.



Brother Smiley donated an acre of land on which the building is being constructed. This was done before his passing. The conference has subsidized the project to the tune of over \$10,000 with the remainder of the cost being provided by the members on a pay-as-you-go basis. It is hoped that the edifice will be completed by the summer of this year as the funds come in. When it is completed it should be worth more than \$80,000.



SOUTHEASTERN

INVESTITURE SERVICE HELD AT EPHESUS

The Ephesus SDA Church, Jacksonville, Fla. invested 24 Pathfinders during the celebration of Pathfinder Day, Jan. 30, 1988. Three Sunbeams, one Busy Bee, three Builders, six Helping Hands, five Friends, three companions, four Explorers, five Rangers and four Guides were pinned.

Dollie Wade serves as Pathfinder director and Dolores Davis as deputy director.

MACEDONIA PURCHASES BUS

The members of Macedonia SDA Church, Ft. Pierce, Fla., experienced the realization of a dream. They recently purchased a bus which was needed to transport members and visitors to and from church.

Elder I. L. Harrell, Personal Ministries/Community Services Director for Southeastern, spoke for divine worship services

at Macedonia following which the bus dedicatory services took place.

INMATES PRESENT FOR PRISON MINISTRY DAY

On Sabbath, Nov. 7, 1987, for the first time in the history of the Bethel SDA Church, Florida City, Fla., special guests for Prison Ministry Day were four inmates from the Dade Correctional Institute in Florida City.

Ella Gibbons, Prison Ministry Director, Vice President of the South Florida Prison Ministry and citizen volunteer at Dade Correctional Institute, was granted permission to personally escort these four brothers to church.

Letters of testimonies and thanks from six others who attended the Friday night Bible study were read by members of the congregation.

Sylvester Ross, Thaddeus Robinson and Therman Parker sang "Jesus is the Answer," gave their personal testimonies and did a gospel rap. As of this date, all three have been released.

In Jan., 1972, Larry Ries was in the Brevard county Jail, Titusville, Fla. A lay Baptist preacher went by weekly preaching



(Left to right) Dollie Wade, Pathfinder Director; K. A. Dennis, Director, Youth Ministries, Southeastern; and Dolores Davis, Deputy Director.



(Left to right) Therman Parker, Thaddeus Robinson, Sylvester Ross and Larry Ries, inmates from the Dade Correctional Institute in Florida City.

to the prisoners through bars. Sabbath, Nov. 7, was the first time Larry had been out of prison walls, other than being transported, in 16 years. Larry sang "There's Something about that Name" and gave a talk on citizen volunteers from an inmate's perspective and exclaimed that we were a part of a miracle. Larry, sentenced to die in jail, this year will be a free man.

Each inmate was presented with a "Steps to Christ" and introduced to a good, home-cooked vegetarian lunch.



Elder I. L. Harrell.

MESSAGE MAGAZINE RALLY IN HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA

Records are made and broken everyday. In Southeastern Conference, excellence is attempted in the multi-faceted work of God and achieved from time to time. Each year new methods are adopted by the workers to maintain the new heights desired.

In 1987 the eight churches in South Georgia united to raise the MESSAGE Magazine goal in one day. South Georgia is only a part of District #1. Eight churches in North Florida would comprise the entire district.

Elder Russell Bates, Tyrone Boyd, Wesley Bruce, Herman Davis, Claude Matthews, Antowyn Mells and Hubert Morel, pastors of the 16 churches in North Florida and South Georgia, planned a MESSAGE Magazine Rally Weekend at the Southeastern Conference Campground in Hawthorne, Fla., March 4-6.

It was an overwhelming success. The 1,461 subscription goal was raised, and the one-day activities expanded into three. The 16 churches closed their doors and friends and members spent the weekend at the campground in a time characterized by spiritual and physical refreshing.

Special guests were: Elder C. E. Bradford, President, North American Division, who spoke for the divine worship hour on Sabbath; Elder S. C. Robinson, keynote speaker Friday evening; and Elder Joseph Hinson, Sunday's devotional speaker. Special mention should be made of Quantrilla Carter, whose messages in song made Christ's presence evident.



Elder C. E. Bradford, President, North American Division, delivers the Divine Worship sermon.



Quantrilla Carter of Jacksonville, Fla., brings Jesus near through song.



Elder I. A. Christian (extreme left) reports MESSAGE Magazine goal for Brunswick, accompanied by Elder I. L. Harrell, PM Director, Southeastern; Elder J. A. Edgecombe, President, Southeastern, and Elder Sandy Robinson, Marketing Representative, MESSAGE Magazine, North American Division.

The officers of Southeastern Conference, President J. A. Edgecombe; Secretary R. R. Brown; Treasurer D. A. Walker; other workers Eugene Mason, Assistant Treasurer; secretaries Janet Oston Cobb, and Melinda Muganzo, who served as the

musician, were eyewitness to this historical event.

Southeastern Conference, which now holds the MESSAGE Magazine Cup of Excellence Trophy, has vowed to hold it in the conference. The rally in Hawthorne underwrites this determination.



Standing left to right: Willie Erwin, Pastor Claude Matthews, and Pastor Wesley Bruce, making sure things flow smoothly.

HISTORY IN A HISTORICAL CITY

The Berea SDA Church of St. Augustine, Fla., adhered to Christ's admonition to "Let your light so shine before men," Pastor H. L. Davis Sr., of the Jacksonville/St. Augustine district, accepted the invitation to conduct a revival at Dawson Chapel C.M.E. Church, Feb. 7-12. This was the first time in the area that a SDA minister occupied the pulpit of a Methodist church for a series of preaching services.

Pastor Davis delivered sermons on the importance of healthful Christian living, law and grace and several other pertinent Biblical doctrines.

Each night members commented on the enlightenment they realized.



Featured center: Elder H. L. Davis, pastor, Jacksonville/St. Augustine district, with members of the Dawson CME Church.

W. C. BYRD SPEAKS FOR EPHEBUS WEEK OF PRAYER

Youth Week of Prayer at the Ephesus SDA Church, Jacksonville, Fla. was conducted by Elder W. C. Byrd, pastor of the Mt. Olivet SDA Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Cheryl Lomas serves as the church's Adventist Youth Society leader and Elder H. Davis is pastor. Together they planned a

unique spiritual experience for the youth of Ephesus.

In appreciation for outstanding services rendered, Cheryl Lomas presented the speaker with a plaque. Attendance awards were presented to Paul Furlow, Shernette Anderson and Dondrea Armstrong.



(Left to right) Cheryl Lomas, AYS leader, Jacksonville, presents a plaque to Elder W. C. Byrd.

CHURCH ORGANIZED IN RIVIERA BEACH

For over 10 years members of the Ephesus SDA Church, West Palm Beach, residing in Riviera Beach desired to worship in their own community.

Interest was first inspired in the mid 70's when Elder O. J. McKinney, then pastor of the district, conducted a tent effort in Riviera Beach. This resulted in many new members of the Ephesus Church with residence in Riviera Beach.

Several other efforts were made to encourage growth in the Riviera community. In 1983 a branch Sabbath School was held at the home of Elsa Fletcher, led out by Lynette Barnes, Lola James and Elsa Fletcher. In 1985 Vincent Shand, Vincent Lendo, Lloyd Maragh and Granville Woodbine, along with their families and other members of Ephesus, joined their efforts. They converted a garage at Ms. Fletcher's home into a House of Prayer. Donald Gibson, James Bagley, Gia Hendrix and the Singing Choraleers' Choir were also very active in this project.

Early in 1987, the Personal Ministries Department at Ephesus directed their efforts on developing a church in Riviera Beach. Pastor Browne and Elder Eric Ebanks instructed the church and street

evangelism was encouraged month by month.

In June, 1987 Elder O. J. McKinney, Southern Union Ministerial Director, began a crusade with a graduation exercise for over 50 Bible students. The campaign continued with 44 individuals being baptized at its conclusion.

On Nov. 14, 1987, the Southeastern Conference President, Elder J. A. Edgcombe conducted the organizational service of the First SDA Church, Riviera Beach, Fla. Seventy-four members were voted in with Benjamin Browne as pastor. The five charter members selected were Elder James Bagley, Hubert McKenzie, Elaine McKenzie, Vincent Shand Sr. and Elsa Fletcher.

IN THE NEWS

SERVICEMEN'S FUND OFFERING, JUNE 11, 1988

Six thousand five hundred people comprise a body of persons larger than our most populated campus, Loma Linda University (4,569 students), larger than the combined graduating classes (3,604) of all North American Division schools of higher education in 1987, larger than the entire Adventist population of the States of Wisconsin, Indiana, New Jersey, Oklahoma and a number of other states, and, in fact, larger than 19 of the 61 local conferences in NAD.

In addition to the 37 Seventh-day Adventist military chaplains, salaried by Uncle Sam, the church provides six full-time civilian chaplains, dedicated to caring for the religious needs of our church members in uniform. Through these chaplains, we supply our active duty personnel Bibles, books, tapes, films, Sabbath School quarterlies, Bible study guides and the newsletter For God and Country. Where heavy concentrations of SDA servicemen and women are found abroad, we also maintain special retreat facilities. These servicemen's centers are in Seoul, Korea; Okinawa, Japan; Tokyo, Japan, and in Frankfurt, West Germany.

The offering that provides primary support of these activities is received every other year. The last offering, taken in 1986, provided \$162,000 and was greatly beneficial in supplying the services mentioned above. However, the needs are growing. The high unemployment rate of teenagers as well as the escalating costs of education are pressing more and more of our youth

into military careers. These are our youth, products of our homes and objects of our special concern. On June 11, 1988, we will have the opportunity of making a statement to them and to the world concerning the practical love of our caring church. The goal this time is \$165,000—a modest increase indeed for a membership of 600,000 in our division. We ask you to mark the date and to remember this often-forgotten segment of our church family, not only with an appropriate gift, but with your earnest prayers as well.

OBITUARY

Elder Theodore X. Perry, who was born in Wilmington, N.C. on Nov. 23, 1906 to James Henry and Satira Perry, was called to his final resting place on Nov. 28, 1987.



During his 43 years of service in God's vineyard, Elder Perry pastored 13 churches in the Northeastern Conference. He was a firm believer in preaching the "Christ our Righteousness" message, because he saw the urgency in these troublesome days. Elder Perry's primary goals were that of soul winning and church revival. He was often referred to as the "Holy Ghost Preacher" as was well recognized as an excellent singing evangelist.

While attending high school in Wilmington, N.C., Elder Perry gave his heart to the Lord at the early age of 16 and was subsequently baptized in the Seventh-day Adventist message. Immediately after baptism, he attended Oakwood College where he completed high school and later graduated from the

college in 1932. It was during his years at Oakwood that he met Ms. Susie Roberts, who eventually became his companion. From this union, the Lord blessed them with 10 children.

He first became involved in the Adventist work by working with Elder Boyd in conducting tent efforts. In 1934 he and his family moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., where he became an active member as the first local elder to Pastor U. S. Willis Sr. at the Brooklyn #2 Church. Today, this church is known as the Bethel SDA Church. Subsequently, through divine inspiration, he started another church in Brooklyn, N. Y. with Susie Cooper, Lucille Collins, Catherine Ortiz, Ina Kitchen, his mother, wife and the six older children as the first church members.

Elder Perry continued pastoring this small congregation for 11 years. The fruits of his labor resulted in the group becoming an organized church now known as the Mount of Olive Church, located on Bushwick Avenue in Brooklyn, N. Y. His next assignment was the Brooklyn Temple SDA Church in which he guided the 150 members in paying off a \$42,000 mortgage debt within three and one half years. When he completed his work at Brooklyn Temple, the membership had increased to 450 members. From this congregation, five of the members eventually became ordained SDA ministers.

In 1972 Elder Perry had a desire the begin another church in Bronx, N.Y. Through earnest prayer and dedicated workers, he and Elder George H. Rainey worked tirelessly in a tent effort where approximately 100 souls were baptized. Two churches were formed from this effort: the Bronx Temple and the Apocalypsis "14" SDA Church.

Elder Perry often praised God for His guidance and answered prayers in his successful ministry. Because this old soldier was satisfied with Jesus, he has laid down his armor and gone to rest. He, along with the other faithful saints, now await the trumpet call from the Life Giver.

MRS. ALYCE SCRUGGS DIES IN GREENVILLE

Mrs. Alyce Scruggs, one of the pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in the Southland passed away in Greenville, Miss., on Monday, Feb. 22 after a brief illness. She had made Greenville her home for a number of years, although she was a native of New Orleans, La. She served the church as a church school teacher for a goodly

number of years during the earlier part of this century in New Orleans and in Mississippi. As a devout member of the SDA church, Mrs. Scruggs has helped to bring many precious souls into the truth. She was one of several brothers and sisters who became members of the fourth Black SDA church in America at the turn of the century. She will be buried in New Orleans.

Robert Wisdom

LEGAL NOTICE: SIXTH TRIENNIAL SESSION—SOUTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the regular Triennial Session of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Leiske-Pultar Gymnasium, Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, Tex., on May 14-15, 1988.

Registration for the meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 P.M. on May 14, 1988. The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports for the triennial period then ending, to elect officers for the ensuing term, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Session. Each church is entitled to one delegate to represent the church at the Session of the Conference, and one additional delegate for each 35 members or the major fraction thereof.

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Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Region Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its constituency meeting at the Leiske-Pultar Gymnasium, Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, Tex., on May 14-15, 1988.

Registration for the meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 P.M. on May 14, 1988. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a Board of Trustees for the ensuing triennial term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Association. Delegates to the Southwest Region Conference Session are also delegates to the Association.

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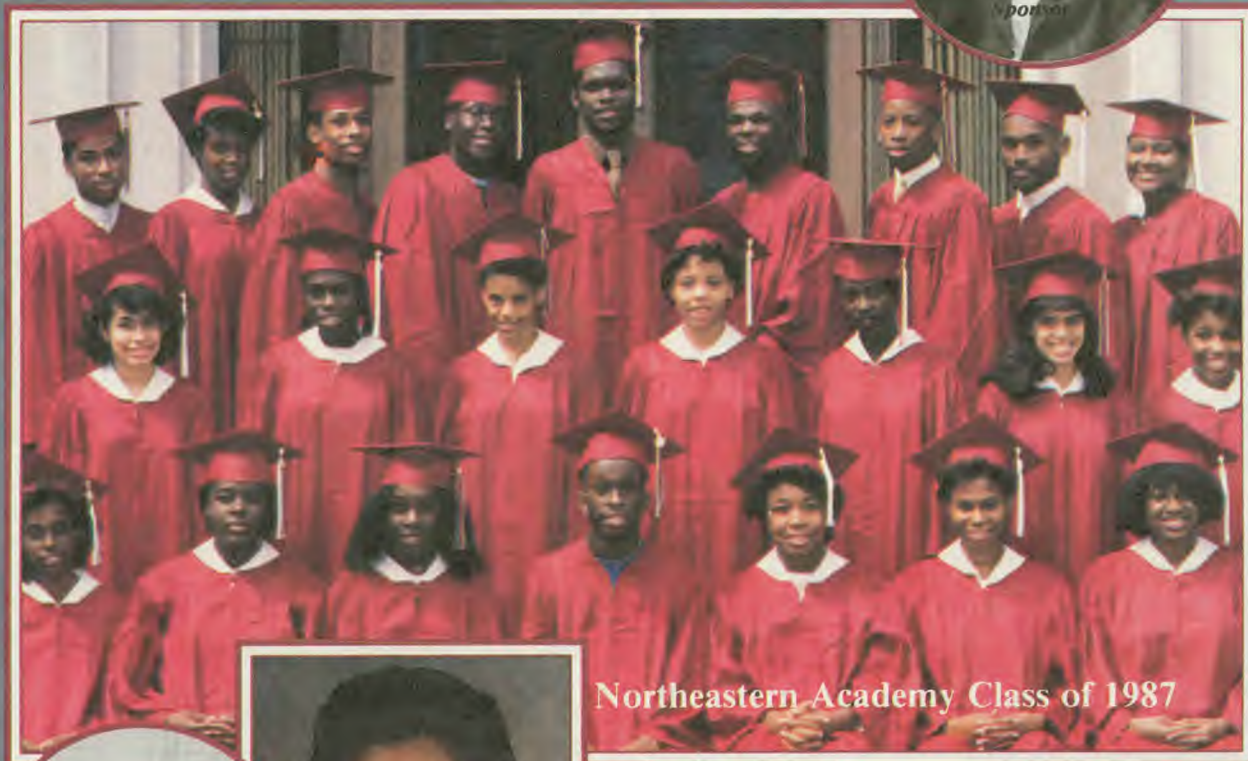
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