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East Hall—The Sanitarium.



East Hall—Offices.

EAST HALL/OAKWOOD SANITARIUM DEEMED HISTORICAL LANDMARK BY THE ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

It has often been said, "It helps to know where you are going if you know from whence you've come." Unfortunately, we cannot see from whence we've come in terms of original buildings remaining on Oakwood's campus. However, we do have one left - East Hall/Oakwood Sanitarium, which is the oldest building left. Many loyal Oakwoodites have clamored for years that it be preserved through restoration. With the march of progress and the erection of new buildings and campus renovation, we've lost the majesty of "ante bellum" Old Mansion, Oaklawn, Irwin Hall, Henderson Hall and, yes, even our unforgettable Chapel/Library.

The continuous systematic narrative of Oakwood's past would be incomplete without some tangible evidence of the historical saga through the presence and preservation of at least one of the original campus buildings. East Hall is left and East Hall can and will be preserved! An illustrious history is bound up in the story of East Hall - The Sanitarium. This story touched the lives and aspirations of our leaders, who saw the urgent need for medical work and training among Black citizens of Alabama and the South. This challenge of service to our people, training of nurses and the expanding of our health message was grappled with during these early difficult years. It was in this building that inspiration and historical perspective encouraged our people in the days of struggle for survival and progress.

Oakwood College, its staff and the facilities of the campus played a significant

role in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its influence on the educational and medical achievements among Black Seventh-day Adventists. Of the original buildings on the Oakwood College campus, only East Hall/Sanitarium remains. For some years there has been an attempt by the National Alumni and other interested persons to restore and refurbish this building which was erected in 1909 under the inspiration of Ellen G. White. She desired the expansion of the medical work among Blacks in the South. As a result of this concern, East Hall was dedicated as a sanitarium and nurses' training center under the direction of Doctors N.M. and Stella Martinson, both trained in the Battle Creek (Michigan) Sanitarium.

In the basement, a complete physiotherapy system and heating and sewer plant were installed. Full equipment was available for electric lights and for giving hot and cold sprays, salt glow shampoos, full bath fomentations, high frequency treatments, diathermy and heat treatments. Our people received both treatment and instruction in our health message and care of the body temple.

Since the days of the sanitarium, East Hall was remodeled and has been utilized in many capacities: the president's home (J. L. Moran), home for single faculty members, academy boys' dormitory, home of Dr. Eva B. Dykes, behavioral science building and general office building. Due to the unique history of East Hall and its significance in the early 19th century as a school for medical students and its use for the housing and treatment of Blacks during this period, it was deemed a significant landmark by the Alabama Historical Commission and added to the Alabama Heritage Landmarks on Aug. 13, 1987, by Alabama Gov. Guy Nunt and F. Oaks, executive director of Alabama Historical Commission.

East Hall is owned by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and Oakwood College has never changed hands since its construction. It is the only remaining original building on the Oakwood College campus and must be preserved as a significant hallmark of the original educational and medical work among Black Seventh-day Adventists in the South.

I repeat, "It helps to know where you are going if you know from whence you've come."

Edna Lett Williamson



E. E. Cleveland.

WHY GOOD PEOPLE SUFFER

If you listen to many media evangelists, Christians are not supposed to ever be sick, poor, oppressed, or even die. And many of their followers believe this. These ministers achieve credibility by reading certain texts and ignoring others. Some of the texts they read are as follows: "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19). "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." (Psalm 23:1). "That ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8). Passages ignored are many and abundant. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings." (1 Peter 4:12). "Fear none of these things which thou shalt suffer; Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison that ye may be tried..." (Revelation 2:10). "In the world, ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world." (John 16:33). "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." (Hebrews 12:6). There is a mixed bag here deserving further comment.

The truth is, "Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom." (James 2:5). "The common people heard Him gladly." (Mark 12:37). To dangle the "money carrot" before the poor as an inducement to faithfulness is misrepresentation at its worst. Isn't it interesting that many television preachers after preaching the prosperity doctrine launch into "begging sessions," threatening to have to cut certain stations if their needs are not met. The sight of these



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people — with jewel-bedecked fingers and “tax shelter” watches dangling from their wrists — should warn the gullible, but the cash flows in.

If the righteous must be prosperous, why was Jesus born in a borrowed manger, lived the life of a carpenter, rode into Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey, died on a Roman cross, and buried in a borrowed tomb? He said, “Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head.” (Matthew 8:20).

And, further, why is it that some of the worst sinners are most prosperous materially? David wrestled with this problem. “Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.” (Psalm 73:12). “I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.” (Psalm 37:35). Clearly, the prosperity factor is not the final determinant or the minimum criterion by which spirituality is measured.

The aforementioned broadcasters exploit to the fullest the “blessings of liberality” promise. “The liberal soul shall be made fat,” but the fatness is not always financial. “I will pour you out a blessing;” but there are greater blessings than the material. To encourage people to give to God’s cause in hope of some return reward is an appeal to less-than-honorable motivation. Love for God and His cause is acceptable to God as a giving motive, nothing less.

For those who believe that Christianity immunizes us against sickness and death - be it remembered that “It is appointed unto all men once to die, and after that the judgment.” (Hebrews 9:27). Paul also speaks of “the dead in Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16). Also, “whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.” (Hebrews 12:6). Nor is a shortage of cash-flow to be confused with lack of spirituality. Terrible times have often fallen on the saints. Lack of faith may have nothing to do with it. To conclude otherwise would be to join Job’s counselors in their mistaken conclusion. Would you have said to Daniel, “If you had faith you would not be in the lion’s den”? Or to the martyrs for Christ, “If you knew the Lord, you would not be burning at the stake”? Christians must not be evaluated on how they stand at given points in time, for all of us are subject to alternating currents. And there are times when we all cry out, “My God, My God, Why?” And the answer is not always intellectually satisfying. But it is soul-sustaining.

The truth is, character is developed in adversity. The airplane rises from the earth against the wind. Muscle is developed with tension. The God of heaven is deeply interested in character-development. “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. But rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings.” (1 Peter 4:12). “We glory in tribulation also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience.” (Romans 5:3). “And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: And He shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.” In tribulation, man discovers his own deepest needs, and, if he is wise, turns to God.

THE COLD WATER BRIGADE!

(1) “We don’t love each other like we should.” (2) “Our church is so cold.” (3) “The leadership is wrong.” (4) “The General Conference is rich.” (5) “The church is silent on issues.” The generalizations go on and on. Oh, one more: (6) “Things just aren’t going right.”

Back to number one—“We who?” Number two—Which is cold, the building or the people? Number three—Which leaders on the ship? Number four—Would you know the General Conference if you saw it? Oh, and did you know that it owns nothing? Number five—Do you mean the preachers? There are thousands. Do you mean the publications? Who printed them? Number six—“Things just aren’t going right.” Question—What things?

God gave us brains with which to think, to discriminate, to sift, and to decide. Of course, some love and some don’t. Some are cold and some are hot. All leaders are not always right: In fact, none are. Neither are you! Some in the Church are silent on “the issues,” others are not. And, of course, some things go right and other go wrong.

“I think that I shall never see
A church that’s all it ought to be,
A church whose members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way.
A church that has no empty pews,
Whose Pastor never sings the blues;
A church whose deacons always
“deac,”
And none is proud, and all are meek,
Whose gossips never peddle lies,
Or make complaints or criticize.

Where all are always sweet and kind
And all to others faults are blind.
Such perfect churches there may be—
But none of them are known to me;
But still we’ll work, and pray, and plan
To make our church the best we can.

We will thus experience the vision of the world’s last chance and final hope of redemption. What the Church is saying—the human heart must know. The Bible is the Mother of the Church and the Church is the custodian of the Bible. “In the beginning was the Word!” The Church exists because of the Word, and it exists to spread the Word.

This brings us to the crux of the matter. Have you ever seen a minister who baptizes scores of people per year sitting in the “scorner’s seat”? Acid drips from the tongue of the non-participator. Winners are essentially upbeat. Such people regard difficulties as challenges. They understand that “A brook would lose its song, if we remove the rocks.”

“Difficulties strengthen the mind as labor does the body.” —Seneca.

“The important thing about a problem is not its solution, but the strength we gain in finding a solution.”

One of the basic characteristics of the Christian is that he/she has an abiding sense of well-being, whatever the situation. This positivity carries over to the outlook. When all is well within us, we tend to view others and other things more hopefully. After all, God views us not only as we are, but with reference to our possibilities. Thus may we view ourselves, our families, our fellow man, and, indeed, our church. “So the Lord will make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field.” (Zechariah 10:1). It is true that “By beholding we are changed.” We tend to be obsessed by that which claims our attention. Only by dwelling on the positive may we insure any relationship. This does not say that we should be blind to the negatives. The negatives are the objectives of our problem-solving efforts. The knowledge that what we have is so valuable that we will strain every nerve to perfect it, undergirds our polity.

From this platform we strive, trust, work, pray, believe, sorrow, and rejoice till we’re caught away to a place of endless positives.

E. E. Cleveland

The Editor's Desk

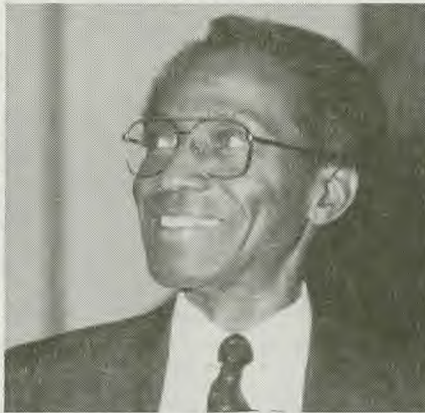
R. P. PEAY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

At their regular constituency meeting that was held on April 17, 1988, Elder Ralph P. Peay, the associate secretary for the Southern Union Conference, was elected to the post of president. He succeeds Elder R. B. Hairston, who has served the conference as its leader for the past seven years. Peay a native of the conference, began his ministry in Montgomery, Ala., during the changing 1960s as associate pastor of the Bethany S.D.A. Church. He has since served as pastor in the South Central Conference, as youth director for that conference as well as the Northeastern Conference before accepting the assistant leadership of the Youth Department in the Southern Union. He was elected to the associate secretary post in 1986.

He is married to the former Juanita Jackson of Jacksonville, Fla. They have one daughter, Rolita, who is married and lives in Atlanta.

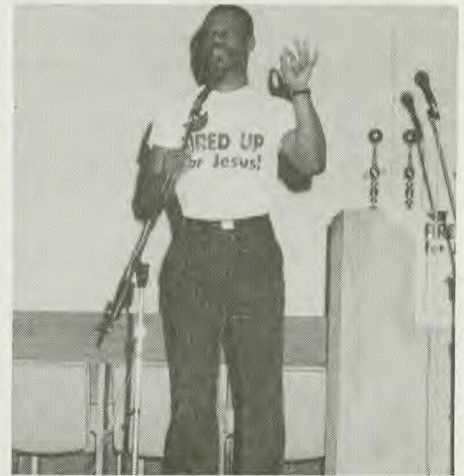
Elder R. B. Hairston's presidency brought the South Atlantic Conference's membership to more than 20,000, the

second largest conference in the Southern Union. This was done after the division of the field about five years ago when the Southeastern Conference was organized. That field has a membership of over 13,000. Under the leadership of Hairston, the tithe income of the conference reached the \$5 million mark. A new conference campground was purchased in South Carolina and many churches were organized and congregations added to the field. A job well done. Salutes to a valiant warrior.



South Atlantic Conference's new president, Elder Ralph Peay.

ALLEGHENY EAST



Bruce Patterson, president of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Allegheny East Conference Youth Federation, introduces theme "Fired Up for Jesus!"

DELAWARE VALLEY YOUTH FEDERATION

Feb. 27, the West Oak Lane Community Center in Philadelphia, Pa. was "Fired Up." The event was the Annual Delaware Valley Youth Federation. The theme for this year's federation was "Fired Up For Jesus." Chapter president, Bruce Patterson, led out the day's festivities, which began with Elder Daniel McManus teaching the Sabbath School lesson. Elder Gaylord Brown, pastor of the Hillside Church, Harrisburg, Pa., was the speaker for divine worship.

Following lunch, two seminars were held. The first, "Teen and Single Sexuality," was conducted by Ms. Helen Peace, Education Director for the chapter, and Ms. Pam Jones, editor of the singles' newsletter J.O.Y. The second seminar featured a film on the prevention of the disease AIDS. Elder Carl Hinds, pastor of the Southwest Philadelphia Church, taught that living according to God's guidelines was the best way to avoid AIDS as well as other diseases.

The Germantown Church, Philadelphia, Pa., sponsored a Black History play depicting Blacks in the Bible. This was followed by a Festival of Music featuring soloists Carlton Gillis and Clovia Dunn of the Pottstown, Pa., Church; the Chester, Pa., Youth Choir; the Sermonettes from Milford, Del.; the Christian Rappers of the Ebenezer Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; and others.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	May 27	June 3	10	17
Boston, Mass.	8:10	8:16	8:20	8:23
New York City	8:19	8:25	8:29	8:32
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:43	8:48	8:53	8:56
Atlanta, Ga.	8:40	8:44	8:47	8:50
Miami, Fla.	8:05	8:09	8:12	8:14
Charlotte, N.C.	8:29	8:34	8:38	8:40
Birmingham, Ala.	7:49	7:53	7:56	7:59
Jackson, Miss.	8:00	8:04	8:07	8:10
Memphis, Tenn.	8:06	8:10	8:14	8:17
Louisville, Ky.	8:56	9:01	9:05	9:08
Detroit, Mich.	8:59	9:04	9:09	9:12
Chicago, Ill.	8:14	8:20	8:24	8:27
South Bend, Indiana	8:09	8:15	8:19	8:22
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:48	8:54	8:59	9:02
St. Louis, Mo.	8:16	8:21	8:25	8:28
Kansas City, Mo.	8:34	8:40	8:44	8:47
Denver, Co.	8:18	8:23	8:27	8:30
Little Rock, Ark.	8:13	8:18	8:22	8:24
Dallas, Texas	8:27	8:32	8:35	8:38
New Orleans, La.	7:54	7:57	8:01	8:03
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:12	8:16	8:20	8:23
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:37	8:41	8:45	8:48

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

The evening concluded with a social. Once again, as always, the Delaware Valley was "Fired up for Jesus."

Marcellus Smith

POTTSTOWN CHURCH MOBILIZES BLACK CHURCHES FOR WAR ON DRUGS

The Walnut Street Church of Pottstown, Pa., and students from Pine Forge Academy mobilized the churches in the area to declare war on drugs.

In the fall of 1987, these two groups staged a Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Jesus parade through the main business district of Pottstown. The response was difficult to measure, although spectators lined the streets.

Since the six-block area immediately surrounding the church is the highest area of drug activity, Pottstown pastor, Paul Anderson, in conjunction with Eustace Morrison, chaplain of the Pine Forge Academy, decided to target this zone for their next Say-No parade. In addition, the churches in the area were also contacted, resulting in a marching force of 350.

Included in this group were members of Second Baptist, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Church of the Living God, NAACP and the SADD Chapter from the Boyertown Area High School.

The approach of the marchers was boldly announced by the strident cadences of the Ebenezer (Philadelphia) Drum Corps under the direction of Elder D. L. Davis, conference youth director. Next came the color guard formed by students from Pine Forge Academy. The ministers of the various churches in their robes joined Pastor Anderson as the next group in the parade.

In preparation for this extensive march, the young people of each group made their own posters. People of all ages were

involved, from babes in their strollers to senior citizens riding in vans. Along the parade route, the marchers stopped to talk to members of the watching crowd. Literature was passed out and at least one person that day declared himself on the side of Christ and signed into a drug rehabilitation center as a direct result of this parade.

Encouraged by the neighborhood response, the church plans to repeat this event at least once every six months.



Ebenezer Church Drum Corps, leading the processional for the Divine Worship Hour.



Carlton Gillis, Soloist, Walnut Street SDA Church, Pottstown, Pa.



Armed with megaphone, Pastor Paul Anderson organizes marches in front of bar on Walnut Street, an alleged locale of high drug activity.



Pastor Gaylord Brown of the Harrisburg-Hillside Church.



Led by Lawrence Martin, Allegheny East Conference Undertreasurer, the marches cross Walnut Street. Color guard are students from Pine Forge Academy.

ALLEGHENY WEST



Elder W. J. Lewis, president, challenges the lay members to greater soul winning.

ALLEGHENY WEST CHURCH OFFICERS' MEETING

Elder S. Robinson, Marketing Representative for Review and Herald, was guest speaker for the Allegheny West Conference Officers' Meeting and the Area Pastors' Meeting for members and workers of Virginia and West Virginia.

The meetings, held in Roanoke, Virginia, were well attended. Elder Robinson challenged the members to greater commitment to the MESSAGE Magazine.



Elder Seymour Cole leads out in training session for church officers in Virginia.



James O. Best, Personal Ministries Director instructs the members in the Pittsburgh area on the "How to" of soul winning.



Elder John C. Smith instructs the Sabbath School officers at the Officers Meeting.



Elder Sandy Robinson, Marketing Representative for Review and Herald.

CLEMENTS SPEAKS AT LAY SOUL-WINNING RALLY

Elder J. Clements, Associate Church Ministries Director for Columbia Union, was the guest speaker for Allegheny West Conference Lay Soul-Winning Rally in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Hundreds listened as Elder Clements challenged Pittsburgh area members to become personally involved in the business of soul winning.

The Lay Soul-Winning Rally under the direction of Elder J. O. Best, Personal Ministries Director for Allegheny West Conference, was hosted by Elder E. Thomas, pastor of the Ethan Temple church in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Elder Thomas led the conference in baptisms for the month of January 1988. He baptized 12 persons into the Ethan Temple Church in Pittsburgh.



Elder J. Clements speaks to congregation at the Lay Soul Winning Rally.



Elder J. Clements, Associate Church Ministries Director of Columbia Union.

ALLEGHENY WEST MEMBER FEATURED IN CONCERT

"Tribute to a King" was the theme of a celebration held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday at the Masonic Auditorium in Toledo, Ohio. The event was sponsored by Pastor Floyd Rose of Family Baptist Church. One of the featured soloists was Allegheny West's own Bessie Ratliff White, wife of Pastor Lacy White, of Parkwood Avenue Temple SDA Church in Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. White held the audience spellbound with the song "If I Can Help Somebody." The spirituality of her solo came through loud and clear.

Mrs. Bessie White feels that Seventh-day Adventists can witness to the world with their God-given talents.



Mrs. Bessie R. White, performs in Toledo, Ohio.

CENTRAL STATES

PALACE OF PEACE HAPPENINGS

Palace of Peace Church recently hosted the Rocky Mountain Youth Federation Temperance Run-off in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Claremont, Community and Park Hill churches of Colorado all took part in the competition. Orations, cartoons, posters and jingles were on the anti-drug and alcohol theme.

Michelle Bolden of Palace of Peace came in first in the senior high cartoon and oration divisions; Randy Young of Claremont won the poster contest. The winners qualified to compete in the conference-wide Temperance Rally in Des Moines, Iowa.



The Sisters perform during the federation-wide Temperance Run-offs.

The Sisters, a vocal group from Palace of Peace Church, rendered a few selections at the run-off. They also made an appearance on "Involvement," a local television program in Colorado Springs. Their appearance was in celebration of Black History Month.

CONFERENCE TREASURER VISITS HIGHLAND CREST

Elder L.B. Hampton, Central States Conference treasurer, recently held a teaching session at the Highland Crest Church of Topeka, Kan., answering for many the question of what happens to money turned in at the local church. He explained that every church department received a percentage of the funds.

Elder Hampton also described how tithe was broken down in much the same way at the conference level. He illustrated that a percentage is sent to the General Conference and part is used to help in evangelistic meetings and other church-sponsored projects.



Pastor Maurice Valentine greets the Palace of Peace congregation.



Pastor Reuben Roundtree and family farewell gifts from the Palace of Peace church family.

PALACE OF PEACE RECEIVES NEW PASTOR

Not long ago, Pastor Reuben Roundtree delivered his farewell message to the Palace of Peace Church in Colorado Springs, Colo. During his stay, Pastor Roundtree gave strong direction to all church departments. He will be missed by many.

Pastor Maurice Valentine was introduced as the new pastor of the Palace of Peace Church. He was transferred from the Community SDA Church in Denver, Colo.

PARK HILL HOLDS TEMPERANCE RUN-OFF

The Park Hill SDA Church, Denver, Colo., recently held local church Temperance Run-offs. Participants included: Nicki Coleman and Celissa Brunson at the high school level poster competition; Colleen Christmas and Stephanie Jackson at the high school level oration competition; Robin Gellineau and Leslee Anderson for the high school jingle competition; and Olivia Webber and Jeffrey Harris for the college level oration competition.

The winners were Jeffrey Harris, Robin Gellineau, Celissa Brunson and Stephanie Jackson.

The Youth Choir and the Angelic Echoes Choir provided music for the program.

Ivory Chalmers,
Communication Secretary



Jeffrey Harris, one of Park Hill's temperance contestants.



The Park Hill Youth Choir perform during their local Temperance Run-off.

Run-off.



(left to right), Pastor Jim Doggett and R. Draggon.

PROJECT BREAD BASKET

Because of the growing number of poor and homeless in America, it is becoming more evident that government programs are not enough. Where do Christians fit into the scheme of things as far as being "brother's keepers"?

This is just one of the questions that the members of the Highland Crest SDA

Church of Topeka, Kan., found themselves struggling to answer. Out of this struggle was born Project Bread Basket.

The project, sponsored by the deaconness department of the church, involves giving bread away to needy of the Topeka area. Project Bread Basket, founded by the Community Services Department, gives away 150 loaves of bread, purchased from a local bakery, every month.



Project Bread Basket director, Tammie Graham preparing to distribute the many loaves of bread to the needy.

According to the director, Tammie Graham, there is not a long screening process to qualify to receive bread. Recipients merely sign a registration card with their name, address and number of individuals in the family.

In addition to receiving bread, each person is given a tract on ways to a healthier lifestyle.

HIGHLAND CREST HONORS AN OUTSTANDING CHURCH LEADER

Pastor Larry Williams and members of the Highland Crest SDA Church in Topeka, Kan., recently honored Mrs. Debra Davis for extraordinary contributions in the service of the church. She was involved in the Sabbath School department as a Cradle Roll teacher, sang in the choir, served as crusade soloist during a summer tent meeting and hosted Sabbath evening socials.

Ms. Davis came to Highland Crest a year ago from Danville, Ill. Debra and her family will be greatly missed.

Gail Johnson
Communication Secretary

THE WALTON SISTERS OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

During the earlier part of this century, when Elder R. L. Bradford, the father of President Charles E. Bradford of the North American Division, moved to Kansas City, a small congregation was formed among the colored people of that community. They were different from other religious bodies, for they worshipped on Saturday and preached of the coming of the Lord to earth a second time to receive His waiting church.

Among this group were the Henry Hudsons, the Vertis Barneses, the Brown family, the Clemons family, the Mathews family and the Walton family, just to mention a few. Mrs. Carolyn Elizabeth Walton, cousin to Mrs. Thomas Allison, one of the founders of the church in the early days, accepted the teachings and taught her children to believe the same. There was Christine, Theresa, Ivan and Mazie. These all grew up in the faith and became strong leaders for the Lord. Never did these three sisters dream that they would complete their life's professions and reach the years of retirement.

Christine married the late Albert Gaines Thompsen, a former Methodist minister who had become a Seventh-day Adventist minister; Theresa married Brother Jesse Reid, one of the pillars of the church in East St. Louis, Ill., and reared a family; and Mazie became a teacher in the school systems in Kansas. Christine also became an educator in the Seventh-day Adventist church school system, where she served for 40 years as teacher, principal and administrator. Her daughter, Carolyn, her only child, presently serves as principal for the Shiloh Academy in Chicago, Ill., a post that her mother held for almost three decades.

The three Walton sisters have all retired from their life's work and are living in Kansas City once more. They are thankful to have been blessed of God to be 80 years and over and are still able to help to promote the kingdom of heaven in a number of ways.

Christine makes lap robes and distributes these to patients in rest homes in that community. Theresa is employed in the Foster Grandparent Program and Mazie teaches in the Kansas City Adult Education Program. She also occupies her time administering to the sick and shut-in people of the church by seeing to it that fruit, cards, calls and visits reach those affected each week.

Each of these sisters has a daughter that serves in the teaching profession, following in the steps of their mothers. Among their friends, Christine, Theresa and Mazie (now retired) are known as "the sisters" and sisters they are. They check on each other on a daily basis to be aware of their welfare. They express thanks to God each day for His keeping power and for allowing each of them to be supporters of the 'cause' of Christ. They join you in the blessed hope of looking for the soon return of Jesus for His waiting people.

Mrs. Christine E. Thompson, retired



(Left to right), Theresa Reid, Christine Thompson, and Mazie Mitchell.

LAKE REGION

1988 - A YEAR IN RETROSPECT OF SHILOH ACADEMY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AFTER 75 YEARS

1988 marks the anniversary for the Shiloh Academy of Seventh-day Adventists. The school is located at 70th Street and Michigan Avenue in Chicago, Ill. It had its beginnings in 1913, when Pastor Wilburt Durant Forde, the pastor of the 'colored' S.D.A. congregation saw his three-year-old dream become a reality.

Church schools were beginning to be established by the denomination and one had been opened in Chicago. However, none of the children from Pastor Forde's congregation were in attendance. In viewing the situation, he carried a burden and a dream for his children to receive a Christian education also.

He had been a former school teacher back in Barbados in the West Indies and habitually made his top priority the establishment of a church school. However, upon his acceptance of the invitation to oversee the work of the colored people in Chicago, he was mindful that his intense preoccupation must first be centered upon tent efforts and other evangelistic activities to help build up the work there. The membership was only 19. His dream for the education program had to be placed in a holding pattern until the congregation could increase its membership, and the Lord prospered it to grow from 19 to nearly 100 in a very short time.

He then sought to find new quarters in which to worship, and a new facility was located on the corner of 48th and Dearborn streets. Not only was there space for the worship services, but there was also room in the basement where the Christian Education program could be established for 'my children' who numbered 20, with ages ranging from 6 to 14. These conveniently were all taught in the same room; the grades were from one to six. Marie Asey, a professionally-trained teacher, offered to take the responsibility of teaching and training this fine group of youth. She had been trained at Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Mich., and had been awarded the two-year teaching certificate upon the completion of her studies there. This was common practice for persons to teach who had received this bona fide certificate for

teaching which continued until the late 1940s.

Miss Asey bravely accepted her responsibility with five 'worn' blackboards, and used desks that had been obtained from the Board of Education of the City of Chicago. A world globe was donated by a church member and the wall maps had been presented as gifts by the publishers of the Literary Digest Magazine in exchange for a promise to help them to get subscriptions for their journal. The frayed books mostly consisted of 'handouts' from benevolent members. Ofttimes obsolete editions of 'readers' or geographies from the book depository were secured from the board of education.

It would seem that all of this would not help the fledgling school to become successful, but through faith and the determination of its backers who were willing to make many sacrifices, this school became well established. The teacher made numerous amounts of homework for the students and also required each one to do a considerable amount of research outside of the classroom. To buttress her efforts, the pastor invited the parents to attend the school in the evenings and he and his Bible instructor, Mrs. Mary Graham, the mother of the Graham family of Chicago, taught adult education courses. He taught courses in English, Bible and denominational history and she, a registered nurse, taught health and hygiene.

These extracurricular activities, coupled with the patience and indefatigable efforts of the dedicated Miss Asey, assured the successes of the school venture that had been entered upon. Seventy-five years of its longevity testifies to this fact.

It appears that Miss Asey carried the programs on until 1918 when the school's growth in the small quarters compelled the leaders to seek larger facilities in which to continue the work. Another building was obtained on the corner of 43rd Street and Prairie Avenue. When the congregation moved into this facility, two rooms were set aside in the rear to be used for the education program. Two additional teachers were employed: Miss Nellie Jordan and Mr. Eli Lane. Mr. Lane, it is alleged, became the first principal, inasmuch as the Chicago Conference records of 1918 indicate that he was in charge of the Dearborn School, as it was called at that time.

Miss Violet Hall, the mother of the late Elder Fred Slater, joined the staff in 1920 and her addition to the group reflects signal growth from 1918 to 1921. Hearts were saddened when Pastor Forde, their first pastor and founder, was transferred to another field to help establish another church and school. This had become his forte. When he left, the Prairie Avenue S.D.A. Church for colored people had an increased membership of 300, which was a large congregation for the times and even until this day. Few of the white congregations had grown to this proportion.

Two new pastors came during the year 1921: Elder M. G. Nunez stayed for about 11 months until Elder George Edwards Peters was assigned the responsibility. Elder Peters served as the spiritual leader until 1929. Peters was an evangelist and the membership was increased to more than 450 in a very short time. The seating capacity of the church building was only 400; this brought another challenge for still



Intermediate Group of Shiloh Church School, October 16, 1941—Mrs. A. G. Thompson teacher.

larger quarters to be obtained. A building that would seat at least 800 members was thought to be ideal, thus property was secured on the corner of 46th and St. Lawrence streets on which a brand new facility would then be built. One of the masons who worked to erect this structure was the uncle of Elder Albert Gaines Thompson, whose name was Albert Talley. Talley had moved to Chicago after the Emancipation Proclamation and had taken up the building trades and had become quite successful.

In the planning for the new facility, five rooms in the basement were reserved for the operation of the church school, which for the first time became named The Shiloh School. Mrs. Lula Derrick, the first teacher to have earned the B.A. degree, became the principal. She was fondly remembered by successful ministers, such as Elder R. T. Hudson and Elder Harold A. Lindsey, who were some of her students at the time. They described her as being a very strict disciplinarian and a staunch devotee of the fundamentals in education. (Taken from the local Chicago Conference unit before the establishment of the Lake Region Conference in 1944.)

Mrs. Derrick's tenure was from 1922 through 1931 or 1932. In 1932, Professor George Murphy of Memphis, Tenn., was principalship of the school. The program that he pursued was very similar to that of Mrs. Derrick. However, whereas she promoted drama as a vehicle for the development of the social graces of the students, Mr. Murphy's emphasis was placed upon music appreciation for these same purposes.

Under his leadership, a prized goal for the growth of the school was realized

when the grade level was increased to grades 10 and 11 and the school was granted the academy status. It was then known as Shiloh Junior Academy. The year was 1933. Mr. Murphy served as principal of the academy until 1936, when Prof. Arna Bontemps assumed the leadership. Professor Bontemps was a very close friend and co-author with Langston Hughes, the famous poet during the Black Renaissance. He later became the librarian for the Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., until he retired.

Bontemps had been an instructor of English and literature at Oakwood Junior College in Huntsville, Ala., during the student 'holiday' that took place there in 1931. He also was the brother of the late Ruby Troy and the uncle of Elder Owen A. Troy, Jr., of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C. His forte was language arts and it is understandable that he would tend to place great emphasis in this area for the students. He kept the students busy with the development of diagramming of sentences, composing essays, the writing of poetry and with participation in oratorical contests. He finally extended these contests to include many of the youth who lived in the states that bordered the Great Lakes area. Some of the winners of these oratorical contests were Harold Lindsey, Leon Cox and Samuel David Meyers, all of whom later became pastors for the Shiloh Congregation.

Prof. Fitzgerald Jenkins of Washington, D.C., a cousin to Alma Blackmon, brought leadership to the school when Professor Bontemps left in 1938, and he served only one year before accepting a call to the

ministry of the Oakland, Calif., colored congregation. However, history will reveal his contribution as having restored the school to a more conventional system of education.

In 1939, Mrs. Julia Baugh Pearson, wife of Dr. J. Price Pearson, of Birmingham, Ala., also a former instructor at Oakwood Junior College, was appointed to the principalship, where she served until 1942 in a quite constructive period which was found to be in keeping with her own gentle nature.

During the years of 1942 though 1949, three men, Phillip Giddings, Murray Harvey and Gaines Partridge, served and provided quality educational leadership, although it was a period of educational conflict. The earlier part of these years were complicated by the United States government's being drawn into World War II. Many of the young men were called to the service of their country.

By 1945, the school had to move a third time because of spatial limitations. At this time an old mansion was secured on the lakefront at Lake Park and 39th streets. It was housed here until 1952, when T. M. Rowe, the pastor at that time, sold the 46th and St. Lawrence properties and carried the congregation to its present location at 70th and Michigan streets. This facility provided adequate space for the church services, the operation of the academy and even had a parsonage for the ministers.

During this period, the times had demanded a structural change for the Blacks in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Soldiers who were returning from the war had put the church on notice and had especially put the nation on notice that at the end of the war, they would not return to conditions that were 'business as usual.' Approaches to leadership for Blacks must be dealt with. Challenges were made for complete integration in the church, but instead, the church fathers and leaders thought it best to organize the Blacks into a new sector of their own that would be planned for and directed by them rather than integrate them into the mainstream. Not a few Blacks felt that it was the same 'soup warmed over' and refused to have a part in these newly-formed conferences for their ethnic group. However, the structure offered tremendous growth and development and places of leadership for not only the preacher, the evangelist, the business student, but for the teachers and educators as well.



After the death of her husband, the late A. Gaines Thompson in Kansas City, Mo., during 1938, Mrs. Christine Thompson was provided employment as a teacher at Shiloh where in the passing of time she became the principal and served as a renowned educational leader and principal, not only at Shiloh but also in other parts of the Lake Region Conference.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Thompson were Miss Dorothy McClellan of Florida, a cousin to the late Charles Cunningham; Mrs. Ida Johnson, who later became a missionary to Africa; Mrs. Thomas Longware of Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Avie Joseph of Birmingham, Ala., the mother of Elder Charles D. Joseph; Mr. D. Cosby of Soso, Miss.; Miss Maxine Norman of Merced, Calif.; Prof. H. T. McHenry; Mr. Van Lange and many other strong educators. Mrs. Thompson's strengths brought the school back to the strict disciplinarian orientation days of the Derrick administration.

Mrs. Ida Johnson also served as the principal for the school when Mrs. Thompson was placed on leave to help the school program in Detroit to be placed on a stronger footing. She was in the same mold as was Mrs. Thompson, with insistence upon steadfastness in pupil regularity and an adherence to the curricular fundamentalism against the 'worldly' cries for pupil permissiveness and experimentation. In addition to these strong women educators, there later came two stalwart men to serve as principal for the school from 1954 through 1962. One was Prof. Charles A. Gray, who has served as the dean of men at Oakwood as well as having taught in New Orleans, La., and other cities across the land.

Discouragement had caused him to leave the church. But Gray brought blessings to the school. After Professor Gray, Professor Howard T. McHenry, a son of Shiloh and graduate of Oakwood College, also showed himself to be a traditionalist and strong disciplinarian.

By 1962, Elder Samuel David Meyers, another son of Shiloh, had returned to serve as the spiritual leader and pastor of the church. He had a rich background in the workings of the Seventh-day Adventist school system. He had lived at Oakwood during his childhood days; he had grown up in the Shiloh school system; had attended Oakwood and Emmanuel Missionary colleges; had served as an evangelist, as a caring pastor, and could relate with the immediate needs that existed at Shiloh Academy. He remained the pastor for a

seven-year period at the time when Prof. William Brown and Mrs. Christine Thompson returned, at his request.

William H. Brown, Jr., had an easy demeanor and a conventional approach to educational administration, which maintained the status quo as he sought to get a concept of the church school program. He had served as an educator for the school system in the state of Louisiana before serving the church. Caution was a good posture to assume.

Mrs. Thompson, brought back for a second time, once again conducted a proverbial 'tight ship' and, upon retiring, left the school in the hands of Mr. Reginald Barnes as a well-functioning institution.

Mr. Barnes held forth from 1967 to 1968, when he was asked to serve as the superintendent of education for the Lake Region Conference. Mr. Van Lange succeeded him in 1968, when a number of significant steps occurred in the academic progress of the school under his leadership: (1) the Cook County Board of Education issued its seal of approval to the elementary section of the school. (2) the General Conference of SDA's Board of Regents temporarily restored the academy status to the school. This had been suspended earlier. (3) The State of Illinois formally issued papers of accreditation for the school (1975). (4) The State of Illinois issued a seal of approval to the school as a bona fide K-12 school. (5) Finally, the school was granted its official accreditation as a senior academy by the prestigious North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

When Mr. Van Lange accepted the post as superintendent of education for the conference, the board of directors for the academy promptly appointed Mrs. Carolyn (Thompson) Palmer to serve as the principal of the school. She had served as a teacher on the staff under her mother's administration as well as having been a product of the Shiloh elementary and secondary school systems, and had graduated with a bachelor's degree in education from Oakwood College and a master's degree in school administration from Andrews University. She had the credentials and dedication and the vision along with the spiritual graces. She also has earned the master of science degree from the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Palmer, a traditional Seventh-day Adventist, is confident that she can solidify the gains that have already been realized and to move the school, under God, to the

next level envisioned by the members of the board and the parents and church members of Shiloh. There is presently a need to house the school, once again, in a more educationally-suitable surrounding. Most observers share this confidence with this quiet, poised, capable educator.

NORTHEASTERN

BROOKLYN FAITH CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Brooklyn Faith SDA Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., celebrated Black History Month with several different programs.

Pastor Earnest Flowers began the month with sermons entitled, "Handicapped Lives" and "The God Who Takes Off Chariot Wheels."

Using the life and work of George Washington Carver, Pastor Flowers illustrated how faith in God can overcome any handicap. The chariot wheels represented that which make a nation strong, but which can be used against God's people. Using this analogy, Pastor Flowers explained how God will intervene for the cause of freedom and justice.

The AYS department hosted a program entitled "Who is Who Among Great Leaders" and a debate on the admittance of children with AIDS in Christian schools.

The highlight of the month was presentations given by Drs. Clarence and Sylvia Barnes of Oakwood College, Huntsville, Ala.

Dr. Clarence Barnes illustrated the beginning of the Black race in the Bible with Cush. He used the text Psalms 68:31. He also gave illustrations of how many slaves who preached the gospel were able to convert their masters and thereby gained their freedom.

Dr. Sylvia Barnes' contribution, entitled "Forget at the Risk of Losing All," illustrated the importance of developing the minds of the young. She cautioned against two



Dr. Sylvia Barnes leads out in Children's Church.

types of forgetfulness a) forgetting your history as a people, as a race, b) forgetting your history as a church and as an individual. Dr. Barnes stressed that history could repeat itself because of such forgetfulness and Blacks would be enslaved by their own ignorance.



Dr. Barnes makes his presentation to the Brooklyn Faith congregation.

MOTHER HALE HONORED BY NORTHEASTERN ACADEMY

Each year during Black History month, Northeastern Academy has the opportunity to celebrate the occasion by presenting various programs that spotlight the culture and heritage of the Negro.

This year, to mark the occasion, the Black Awareness Club of the academy chose to honor Mother Clara Hale. Mother Hale has been acclaimed as an "American hero" by President Reagan for her work in treating drug-addicted infants.

The program, consisting of musical selections by students and the academy choir, was enjoyed by all. The highlight was the presentation of a plaque to Mother Hale from the Black Awareness Club as well as a bouquet of flowers and a monetary contribution from the students and staff members.

The program ended with a rousing and inspirational address by Dr. Lorraine Hale, the executive director of Hale House and daughter of Mother Hale.



(Left to right), Mother Ckara Hale, Professor Lester Valentine, and Dr. Lorraine Hale.

Northeastern Academy is proud of Mother Hale and her accomplishments, and wishes her well as she continues to develop institutions and systems to fight drug addiction and its effects.

YOUTH ELECTED TO COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

The Brooklyn Faith SDA Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., nominated Donna Dwyer as their representative to the newly-organized community task force. The task force, formed by Councilwoman Whotten, will discuss problems peculiar to youth in the neighborhood and suggest solutions to those problems.



Black Awareness Club member presents plaque to Mother Hale.



Donna Dwyer.



Northeastern Academy Choir performs during Black History Celebration.

NEW HISPANIC CHURCH IN ROCHESTER

Work recently began on the construction of a Hispanic church in Rochester, N.Y. Ground breaking, held Feb. 24, 1988, was attended by Rochester Mayor Tom Ryan; Glenn King, city councilman; Tom Frey, county executive; Ronnie Thomas, county legislator; Nancy Padilla of the School Board; and Roberto Burgos, Puerto Rican Youth Development Executive Director.

Leonard G. Newton, Stennett Brooks and Harold Baptiste, president, treasurer and secretary, respectively, of the Northeastern Conference, also participated in the ceremony along with Irenio Martinez, conference Hispanic coordinator; and Matias Solis, pastor of the local congregation.

The Seventh-day Adventist work among the Hispanics in Rochester was pioneered by Northeastern Conference in 1966. Siro Sepulveda served as the first pastor of a small congregation of 25 persons. In 1969,



County Executive Tom Frey, Mayor Tom Ryan, School Board member Nancy Padilla, Councilman Glenn King, and County Legislator Ronnie Thomas (left to right) participate in Rochester groundbreaking ceremony.



(Left to right), Elder Stennett Brooks, Councilman Glenn King, Pastor Matias Solis, Elder Harold Baptiste, and Elder Leonard Newton.

the church was organized and today has a membership of 114.

There was a sense of joy and pride in the community, as this will be the first church to be constructed in the Hispanic community. The mayor and other local government officials cooperated with church officials in their efforts to secure land and obtain approval for the construction.

The congregation is pleased at the prospect of having a building that would afford wider and more effective service in the community.

LOCAL PERSONAL MINISTRY LEADER HONORED

Ms. Marjorie Burnett, a nurse, Sabbath School teacher and former lay Bible instructor, served as the first female Personal Ministries Leader for the Bronx SDA Church, Bronx, N.Y., during 1986 and '87.

During this time the MESSAGE Magazine Campaign realized its' greatest gains. A total of 1,872 subscriptions were raised in 1986.

Pastor John Guy, a former Personal Ministries Director for Northeastern Conference and the church's current pastor, has demonstrated by his untiring support of Ms. Burnett that he is committed not only to the Personal Ministry work, but to MESSAGE Magazine in particular.

Also, during Burnett's tenure, the church body was organized into bands whose primary functions were literature evangelism and ingathering. She has always been successful in getting the cooperation of the church body in various areas of soul-winning.

In 1987, band members distributed 1,000 pieces of literature and registered 200 persons in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course. Not only did they excel in literature evangelism, but they surpassed the conference-assigned ingathering goal by nearly \$3,000.

A Revelation Seminar, launched in 1987, gained momentum when 16 persons volunteered the use of their homes for part of the Revelation Seminar Outreach Program. Two teachers were assigned to each home and at the end of eight weeks, 70 persons graduated from the course, five of whom were baptized into the church. A second seminar was taught later on in the year, which resulted in 15 persons graduating and three baptisms.

In keeping with the goals of the Personal Ministry Department, Sept. 5, 1987, was set aside as Evangelism Day. On that day,

150 persons were registered for the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course.

Ms. Marjorie Burnett received, from the Laymen Federation, an award naming her the most outstanding Personal Ministry Leader for 1987. The members of the Bronx Church wish Ms. Burnett continued success as she works for the Lord.

NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

On March 27, approximately 100 pastors, conference administrators, and Church Risk Managers checked in at the Concord Resort Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, N.Y., for a Risk Management Seminar led by Elder Stennett Brooks, conference treasurer. The theme of the seminar was "Risk Management is Good Stewardship." Concern for the conservation of the resources entrusted to man was the main thought expressed by Elder Leonard G. Newton, conference president, in his keynote address.

The main objectives of the seminar were:

1. To raise the consciousness of Risk Management at the church and school level;
2. To encourage all churches and schools to establish or increase their vigilance in Loss Control Management by a. conducting loss control meetings frequently, b. reviewing and investigating all accidents and incidents, c. setting up loss control seminars and workshops in all



Ms. Marjorie Burnett, Personal Ministries Leader for the Bronx Church.



(Left to Right), Elder Stennett Brooks, conference treasurer; Elder Leon N. Spears, Jr., Risk Management Specialist and Employee Benefit Manager for the General Conference.



(Left) Elder Stennett Brooks, seminar coordinator. (Center) Mr. George Pelote, Risk Management Coordinator for Northeastern Conference, welcomes the assembly to the Seminar. (Right) Mr. Larry Holland, attorney for the General Conference Risk Management Services, addresses seminar attendees.



A partial view of the Risk Management Seminar.

churches and schools, d. rehearsing fire drills often at church.

3. To complete a current inventory of all assets annually (take pictures of valuable assets).

4. To complete a building self-inspection annually of all property (take pictures of all the buildings and the additions, if any).

During the three-day seminar and conference, personnel from the General Conference Risk Management Department, a local attorney, representatives from the Social Security Administration, and an investment company covered Clergy Liability; Legal Liability — Who pays the claim; How to avoid slips, trips, and falls in your churches and schools; and many other important topics.

Representatives from the General Conference Risk Management Services included: Keith Ruybalid, ARM; John Dougan; J. Victor Elliott, attorney; Larry Holland, attorney; and Leon N. Spears and Stoy Proctor from the Health/Temperance Department of the G.C. Atlantic Union Conference President Phil Follett was also present.

George Pelote
Correspondent

during the daylight hours. As the month was coming to an end, he spoke with the Lord. "If you really sent me here and will give success to me, Lord, then help me to get a job to care for my family!" The next day he got employment at the airport and an offer for a house, provided he would fix it up. He could live in it rent-free for the next three months.

After this challenge was met, he then sought to witness to people. Some Bible school interest that had been left by members of the White SDA church's Revelation Seminar was his starting point. This led to some 20 or more people worshipping in a house from week to week.

Donnell stayed in touch with Elder E. C. Ward, the outreach director for the South Central Conference, who guided him each step of the way in the venture. On Sabbath, March 5, 1988, some 10 or more persons were brought to Oakwood College Church to be baptized into the faith. This marked the beginning of a new work in the city of Tupelo. Elder R. P. Peay, Associate Secretary from Southern Union Conference in Atlanta, Ga., is to conduct an evangelistic crusade in the city this summer.

Elder B. E. Cone and his team of literature evangelists are also selling a goodly number of books throughout the area. God's truth still marches onward.



The new New Covenant Church takes shape.

NEW COVENANT MEMBERS BUILD NEW SANCTUARY

Over six months ago, ground was officially broken for the building of the New Covenant SDA Church in Memphis, Tenn. Members are now eagerly awaiting the official grand opening which is scheduled to take place in September 1988. This will mark the 11th anniversary of the organization of the New Covenant Church.

According to Pastor Roland Hill, the sanctuary will seat approximately 400 persons. Other features include: a sound/technician room, television studio (for the Power of Faith telecast aired in the Memphis area), a pastor's study, secretary's office, library, deacons' room and

choir room. The new educational wing will include four Sabbath School rooms and a media room.

Upon completion, the New Covenant Church will hold the distinction of being the first Black Seventh-day Adventist church in the city of Memphis to build from the ground up.

The total cost of construction was approximately \$540,000. The members have rallied behind this building venture with true dedication.



Students learn from newspapers at Alcy.

NO BOOKS DAY

School without books? The students at the Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tenn., spent the entire day of March 9, 1988, studying without books. The teachers placed the traditional textbooks aside and the local city newspaper, *The Commercial Appeal*, became the textbook for the day.

Reading, language arts, mathematics, science/health, spelling and social studies were studied from the newspaper. Each student was provided with their own individual copy. They were introduced to the newspaper in their perspective classrooms before the actual subject was studied. As the day progressed, the students were amazed at the wealth of information found in the newspaper, as well as how they could use it as their textbook.

At the end of the day, students and teachers agreed that "No Books Day" was a success and are looking forward to it again next year.

Prior to "No Books Day," the teachers had an inservice day whereby they were able to learn how to gain the maximum from the newspaper in their classroom. Teachers who are not familiar with the NIE (Newspaper in Education) Program should contact their local newspaper.

Charles D. Battles
Principal

SOUTH CENTRAL



Donnell Morgan Infiltrationist Baptizes ten in Tupelo, Miss.

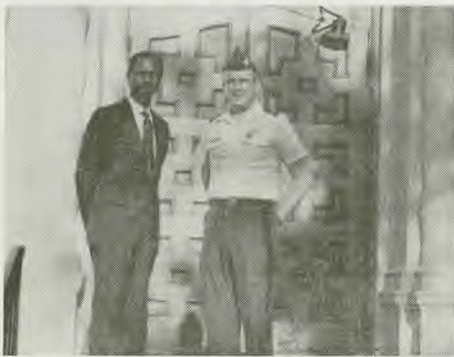
EVANGELISM PRE-INFILTRATION PRODUCES IN TUPELO

It was an act of faith that led Donnell Morgan to carry his family to the city of Tupelo, Miss., last summer after graduation from Oakwood College. None of the conferences were able to hire him along with a goodly number of his classmates. However, he was not to be disturbed. "I know that the Lord has called me to preach," he stated as he left the school in search of a place in which to labor.

When he arrived in Tupelo, he knew no one, he had no place in which to live and no promise of a job. For 30 days he spent the nights in his car and looked for work

NEW CHURCH PURCHASED IN ANNISTON, ALABAMA

After a 10-year period of worshipping in other facilities, the members of the Anniston, Ala., congregation are rejoicing after the purchase of their new church building. The building is located about three miles from Fort McClellan, Ala. Lt. Col. Doggett, chaplain at Fort McClellan, visited with the congregation when they instituted their 'new door' outreach ministries program for the community. He is pictured with the pastor, Washington Johnson, Jr., who has recently returned to the field from Andrews University.



Lt. Col. Donald Doggett—Ft. McClellan Pastor Washington Johnson, Jr.

GREETINGS FROM THE DECHERD SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

We recently had our Community Guest Day program and during that time the church presented Elder Hardden and Sylvia Weech with a plaque for their dedication and services in the community.

Elder Weech and his wife have done so much for the church as well as the community ever since they arrived four years ago. They are ones who believe in sacrificing for the work they have been called to do. Whenever emergency food, clothes or money was or is needed for someone, or someone just needs prayer, a good listener, or some encouraging words, they are always the first to lead out. The church is truly blessed to have these two dedicated people working with the church and the community. They set the example for a Christian family as well as individual dedication to Christianity.

Elder Weech is one who puts God first in everything and demonstrates it. During the time he has been in Decherd the church members have grown to love him. It's because he cares about us as God's flock and has no respect of persons. Whenever something is wrong in the church, whether it's a faithful member or not, he deals with

it, according to the teaching of Christ. He rebukes sin and is not afraid to call it by its rightful name, but yet in love lets the people know that God loves them and forgives sin. Elder Weech is a very patient, compassionate, loving, forgiving and humble man, but above all a Christian.

He's been there through the hard times and good times. But in the hard times he has remained strong and encouraged us to be steadfast in the faith, that no matter what may come, we must not lose our faith or let anything separate us from the love of God.

It has been because of his love for Christ and the church that we have such admiration for him. He never has a discouraging word to say because he knows and has demonstrated time and time again his faith in God.

C. A. Oakman, Reporter

SPEARS HOLD CRUSADE IN NATCHEZ

Evangelist Byron Spears, former evangelist for the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast in Thousand Oaks, Calif., has responded to a request made by Pres. C. E.

Dudley to come to Natchez, Miss., and conduct an evangelistic crusade for Pastor Dwight L. Lynes and the membership of that district. The meeting will bring reformation and revival to the field.

In 1972, the different departments of the conference entered into a concerted effort to help establish a new work in this city where Edson White had brought his Morning Star boat almost 100 years ago. A total of 110 souls were added to the church through the S.J. Jackson team, but time and conditions have taken their toll on the group. Those that remain still have high spirits.

It is hoped that the Spears crusade will once again put new fever into the work in this city. Spears has the same fire as in days gone by when thousands were added to the church through his preaching of God's word from memory. Never a man speaks as this man.

The meetings are being held on the campus of the Natchez Junior College and promise to bring good results. Pastors and Bible instructors from surrounding districts have joined with the team to bring the message of hope for this time.



Byron Spears/Dwight Lynes crusade team in Natchez, Mississippi.



Church Elder Weech honored by Decherd congregation on guest day.

SOUTHEASTERN

WHAT JESUS PRIZES MOST

Jesus did not seek the admiration or applause of the world. He commanded no army, He ruled no earthly kingdom. He passed by the wealthy and honored of the world. He did not associate with the leaders of the nation. He dwelt among the lowly of the earth. To all appearance He was merely a humble man, with few friends. Thus He sought to correct the world's false standard of judging the value of men. He showed that they are not to be estimated by their outward possessions, their real estate or bank stock. With Him there is no respect of persons. The attributes that He prizes most are purity and love, and these possessed only by the Christian.

Ellen G. White
Southern Work, p. 2.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SDA NURSES ORGANIZED

Some 50 to 100 Black SDA nurses from across the United States came to Oakwood College for the Annual Alumni week-end, but, more than that, to structure their new association of nurses to help with the finishing of the work of the church in preparing a people to meet the Lord when He comes again.

The idea was formed in the mind of Mrs. Kathy Woodfork Bradley of San Diego, Calif., more than two years ago. She realized how many registered nurses the church has across the country who sit in the congregation from week to week with no challenge from the church body to become active in witnessing for the Lord. She felt these nurses could also help younger members set their sights on becoming nurses to help to fill the many needs that exist today for nursing care. The call went out and these "angels of mercy" responded in a signal way. It is a new and significant organization for the SDA church in America.

Mrs. Kathleen Woodfork Bradley was elected to serve as the president, Mrs. Charlie Jo Morgan, the vice president, Mrs. Michelle Washington, the treasurer and Mrs. Edna Roache, the secretary. It represents another good organization where Blacks in the SDA church in Amer-

ica can demonstrate their talents and expertise to the glory of God.

Every nurse who attends a church in the Regional churches and conferences across the land is urged to support the newly-founded association with an enrollment and in supporting the chapter that is located in your locale. In the event that there is none to be found in your area, contact Mrs. Bradley, the president, for information as to how you should proceed in establishing one. She can be reached through the nursing department at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala.

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Mrs. Kathy Woodfork Bradley,
President.



Officers of Black SDA organization.



Black SDA nurses of NAD meet at Oakwood.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Ada Peavy of Mobile, Ala., passed away on Thursday, March 22, 1988 in her home. She had been a member of the Emmanuel SDA Church of that city for more than 50 years. She was best known by the members of the conference and that church as "Mama Peavy." She leaves many relatives and friends.

Mrs. Alyce Scruggs of Greenville, Miss., parted this life in that city during the month of February. She was one of the families that helped to establish the work in New Orleans at the turn of the century. She taught church school for more than 15 years when the times were very difficult, but she persevered and trained the minds of many of the youth who hold her in high esteem until this day.

Later when she and her sister, Mrs. Scales, moved to the deltalands of Mississippi, the two of them became teachers in the school systems there. She was a faithful member who helped to stabilize the work of the church throughout this part of the state.

She leaves a goodly number of relatives, her daughter Charlesee, and friends.

Louis Wally Brantley of Chicago, Ill., passed away Thursday, March 3, 1988 just after family devotions in his home. He had served in the organized work of the church for more than 37 years as a literature evangelist, publishing director and ABC manager before retiring in Chicago.

Mrs. Sallie Bell Coopwood widow of the late pioneer SDA minister Elder Thomas Coopwood, passed to her rest March 13, 1988 in Nashville, Tenn. She was 104.

She frequently expressed her fervent hope in the soon-coming of her Savior, Jesus Christ. Her mind remained bright until the end with the memories of God's providential leading in her life. She was sustained by daily reciting from memory the treasured texts of scripture that provided for her strength, courage and hope. These she had learned as a child, as a teacher, as a mother, as a nurse, as a pastor's wife, as a friend to all people.

Born Oct. 1, 1880, in the land of Abyssinia (Ethiopia), **Norman Hardy** was known to friends and neighbors as "Pop Hardy."

From 1887 to 1898 "Pop Hardy" lived in Germany with his adoptive parents, Mr. and Mrs. Quinn. Under their guidance, he received his education to become a chemist.

In 1899, Pop was first exposed to segregation upon his arrival in America. He learned quickly that work was given to the colored man only after the "other people got their work."

"Pop Hardy" married his first wife in 1899 in Savannah, Ga., where they lived, worked and parented six children. He and his wife were as one until her death in 1927.

In 1947, he met a lady who was looking "all beautiful" coming out of her church. He invited her to dinner and that was it! Soon after that, they were married.

In 1980 he met another lady on her way to church and advised her to be careful about churches because they will "take your money and then kill you." He was remembering the Jonestown tragedy. The lady, Ms. L. Pegram, assured him that her church would not do such a thing. Soon after this brief meeting he was hospitalized and the lady went to visit him. Finally, he visited her church and he liked it because the "people seemed like they knew something." He decided to be baptized into the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, making this the first church that he ever joined!

"Pop Hardy" lived and worked in Germany, Alaska, Georgia, Africa and New York City. He retired when he was 91 years old. Pop believed in God, and loved the whole Bible. He said that a man should live by it and God will bless him.

At the age of 100, "Pop Hardy" received a letter of congratulations from President Jimmy Carter and a special tribute from the Ephesus Church.

God called "Pop Hardy" to rest on March 5, 1988 at 9:30 a.m. He leaves as advice for his fellow man: "Live easy, live agreeable, live so that you can meet your brother in the morning."

Many friends and relatives mourn his passing and look forward to meeting him when Christ calls us all home.

—Willie Bagby and Caroline Jones

David Beresford Reid, - the son of Charles and Jane Reid, was born in Darliston, Jamaica, West Indies, on April 16, 1906. His educational years were spent in the Cornwall Mountain Elementary School, Manning High School in

Savannah-la mar and, finally, in the West Indies Training College, where he prepared for his life's work as God's "Ambassador." Always a very resourceful person, "D.B.," as he was affectionately known, supported himself while attending college as a literature evangelist and as a baker of bread — the only bread of its kind in the world. Into his later years he prided himself as "the best in the business," an assessment with which his family and others lovingly concurred.

After graduation, Elder Reid began his work for the Lord in the Bahamas Mission as a pastor-teacher. He was instrumental in the founding of what was then known as Bahamas Junior Academy, of which he became the principal. Subsequently, he was asked to assume the post of Superintendent of Education for the mission, which he accepted and held concurrently with his other responsibilities.

On March 16, 1936, after a whirlwind romance (you know, D.B. always was known to get right to the point in anything that concerned him), he married the former Bernice Mae Palmer of Jacksonville, Fla. Two children were born of this union: Bert B. and Jocelyn Bernice.

Elder Reid's penchant for hard work and his uncommon zeal for the cause of God did not go unnoticed. After 10 years of diligent labor in the Bahamas, he and his family accepted the call to serve in the Jamaica Conference, where he labored as pastor of the Portland district, comprising some 27 churches. He later transferred to the nation's capital, where he assumed responsibilities as director of all churches in the metropolitan area of Kingston, including the large and prestigious North Street Temple. Finally, in 1945 he was asked to assume the presidency of the work in British Honduras.

His work in the U.S.A. began in 1946, when he had the distinction of being the first man of color to receive a direct call from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to serve as a missionary to the United States of America. For the next 27 years he labored in the South Central, Central States and North-eastern Conferences, conducting successful pastorates and evangelistic campaigns in the cities of Knoxville, Tenn.; Birmingham, Ala.; Kansas City, Mo.; Denver, Colo.; St. Louis, Mo.; Buffalo, N.Y.; and at several locations within New York City.

He retired from active duty in 1973, whereupon he and his wife moved to Huntsville, Ala. They chose this area for two reasons. They knew Oakwood College to be the educational headquarters of God's mission to Black America. Here they could be at the "heartbeat" of the work and be favored by a continuous contact with friends and former colleagues as they passed to and fro throughout their remaining years. In addition, they could be near his beloved "Jo" and her family, who were working at the college.

Elder Reid's "retirement" was official but unrecognized. He was soon "retreaded," as he loved to call it, and was pressed into service, actively pastoring churches throughout the South Central Conference in Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama, including several wonderful years at The First Church in Huntsville. Finally, at the urging of his family, he lay down his mantle and contented himself to work as a faithful associate to Elder Eric C. Ward at the Oakwood College Church.

Elder Reid was a lover of people and a pastor's pastor. He was open to all and loved by all. Wherever he traveled throughout the world, for business or pleasure, he carried the "good news of God's grace and soon return." He loved to present himself as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, "the greatest work in the world," and thousands of precious souls are enjoying the sweet blessings of God's grace because of his devoted and untiring labors.

In October 1987 Elder Reid became aware that he had developed a serious illness. After the initial shock, he "girded up his loins," donned his cloak of faith, wrapped it tightly around his heart and mind and began to practice for himself what he had been preaching to others for more than 50 years. He continued to speak only good words for the Lord and resolutely set his sights on the glorious kingdom to which he aspired. And God did not forget his aged warrior. One day a lady named Florette Smith walked into his life and said to him and his dear wife, "I'm here to take care of you." God had sent his angel, in answer to his servant's prayer, to become part of his family and be a companion to his wife — a gift for which we shall be forever grateful.

On April 4, 1988, after having enjoyed the cherished visits and prayers of relatives, friends and well-wishers, and with his dearly-beloved wife and children at his bedside, Elder D.B. Reid lay down his weapons of warfare and accepted his

Lord's invitation to rest from his earthly pilgrimage amid a chorus of affirmations of faith and love along with the assurance that we would see him in the "morning" of God's own "Homecoming" in the Promised Land.

He leaves to rejoice in the treasured recollections of the love and service he bestowed so freely upon family and friends, his loving wife, Bernice Mae; his sister, Mrs. Etta Hewitt of Grand Terrace, Calif.; his children, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Reid of Columbia, Md.; and Elder and Mrs. Claude Thomas, Jr., of Huntsville, Ala.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of relatives and friends.

IN THE NEWS

MR. JAMES BEAMAN REMEMBERED

The Bronx Temple SDA Church in Bronx, N.Y., hosted the 1988 Gospel Showcase Musical Festival on March 5. The event, coordinated by Mr. Charles Burroughs, was planned in memory of Mr. James Beaman, former president of Caravan Enterprises, a company which showcases local musical talent.

Featured on the program were the Ecstatistics, the Three M's, the Anchored in Christ Choir, the Chosen Few, Dana and Tony Reed and many others associated with Caravan Enterprises.

Proceeds of the concert were donated to the Beaman family.

Kathleen Hughes
Communication Secretary

BETHESDA PLACES FOURTH IN NATIONAL BIBLE BOWL

Central States Conference's 1987 Bible Bowl champions recently placed fourth in the national competition held in Dallas, Tex. Participants on the winning team were members of the Bethesda SDA Church of Omaha, Neb. They included: Captain Ruth Williams, Midge Duncan, Teri Lee and Densil Lee. Thomas Bennett was their coach.

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.

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