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**James Hannibal Lewis,
a stalwart in the early SDA church.**

COVER STORY



Mrs. Elizabeth Matlock Proctor Taylor.

MOMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF SDA BLACKS IN THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

When the Adventist work among Blacks took hold in the Edgefield Junction community, just north of Nashville, Tenn., people would travel from miles around to join in the Sabbath worship services. Following these services, most of them would spend the afternoon with their brothers and sisters who lived nearby, because it was too far to return home for their mid-day meal and come back for the evening services.

The Allison family came from Clarksville, Tenn., with their children, Thomas, Jonathan, Florence and a foster son by the name of Samuel Thompson. Thomas became one of the original Fisk Jubilee Singers of Fisk University in Nashville and, in later years, one of the outstanding Black leaders of the church. He served as a pastor until his death in 1941.

Jonathan remained at home with his parents until their passing and then moved to the midwest. He finally received his high school diploma at the age of 80 in Denver, Colo. Florence, the sister, moved to Los Angeles, Calif., and became a teacher in the public school system where she served with distinction for more than 50 years. She was presented many metals of honor by the city of Los Angeles when she retired in the late 1960's.

Samuel, the foster son, became one of the original 16 students to enter the Huntsville School in Alabama in 1896. He and wife, Mary, another of the original 16 students, after completing the work at the school

settled in Knoxville, Tenn., and helped to build up the work there. People throughout the city knew him as the man who collected bucketfuls of money each year to help promote the church's Harvest Ingathering program.



James Hannibal Lewis of Battle Creek.

THE EDNA LETT WILLIAMSON FAMILY—Another family that journeyed to Nashville during the 1880's was Mrs. Elizabeth Matlock Proctor Taylor, along with daughter Jessie Lurena Proctor. Mother and daughter were both youthful and appeared to be sisters. Each week they journeyed from Lebanon, Tenn., to attend the Sabbath services. The afternoons were spent in the home of Mrs. Emma Jordon of Nashville, who was an old stalwart in the faith with an eagerness to help as many as possible to obtain not only a knowledge of the Bible teachings, but also some of the temporal necessities of life.



Benjamin and Jessie Lett of Battle Creek, Mich.

In 1896, a Black missionary, James Hannibal Lewis from Battle Creek, Mich., urged Mrs. Taylor and daughter, Jessie, to relocate in Battle Creek so that the child could enroll in Battle Creek Academy which had been established there by the Seventh-day Adventists. She accepted the invitation, and the two of them became members of the Lewis household. "Grandpa Lewis" and his wife were responsible for enrolling Jessie as the first Black student of the academy. She remained until her schooling was completed. She became an excellent student and a proficient pianist.

Mr. James H. Lewis, although born in Michigan, really had roots which reached back to a southern heritage. He was born Jan. 15, 1865, at Porter Center near Lawton, Mich., to Henry and Keziah Lewis, both of whom were children of white masters and colored slaves. Henry Lewis, who as a child went by the name of Wilkins, was born Dec. 26, 1826 in Franklin County, Ky. His father was the master of the plantation, named Wilkins, and his mother was one of Wilkins slaves--not a Negro, but an Octoroon, half Spanish and half Indian. Keziah was the daughter of an English slave-owner named Lewis, who made her "free" at birth. The parchment which Lewis signed at the time with a goose-quill pen is still existent.

Henry Lewis was not so fortunate, though his father-master eventually gave him a chance to buy his freedom by developing some waste land into a tobacco farm. In the meantime he had married Keziah, the free-born woman, and they had four children, all of whom were slaves under the law of Wilkins. When Henry raised \$650 through his tobacco venture, he went to the county seat at Hopkinsville and told the clerk, "I have come to buy my freedom." He was completely crushed by the clerk's statement, "The \$650 is correct, but don't you know that you have to post \$1,750 as a guarantee not to become a county charge?"

Keziah's white father, Lewis, had followed Henry to court and saw him apparently defeated in his purpose. Thereupon he stepped forward and said, "I will sign Henry's bond."

A freeman at last, Henry had the choice of a name. He chose the name Lewis, his benefactor, and that name was legalized. Later, Lewis, the master, gave to his daughter a span of horses, a yoke of oxen, some sheep, sows, hogs and money with which to buy a farm. The Civil War was brewing, and Henry and Keziah were fearful lest their four children, born in slavery, would be taken down the river to New Orleans and sold. They found the farm they wanted in VanBu-

ren County, Mich., and lost no time moving from Kentucky to the northern state. After they had settled in Michigan, eight additional children were born in to the family. One of them, James Hannibal Lewis, after studying his Bible, was convinced that Saturday was the day of worship for mankind. He went to various white ministers—Methodist, United Brethren and others—to ask why Sunday was observed. He was always given the same answer—that the church had changed the day from Saturday to Sunday.

He later heard of the Seventh-day Adventists and knew that Battle Creek was their headquarters. After considerable correspondence, he came to Battle Creek after working six years for his brother and enrolled at the Adventist College (the old Battle Creek College), of which Professor W. W. Prescott was the head. James was happy to be at the college among eager students of the Bible; several of them were colored men and women—the Cooks, the Harrises, et al. For a long time he lived in the boarding house known as South Hall. He never graduated, but he had between three and four years of good training before he went to Tennessee as a self-supporting Bible worker.

James taught, gave Bible readings, and soon founded a Sunday school for colored children in Nashville. The city had only one Seventh-day Adventist, and he proved to be a backslider. James, now a member of the church, was backed by the Battle Creek headquarters. Incidentally, his Sunday school developed into a church (Hillcrest—the off-spring of Edgefield Junction) which still functions in Nashville. The building for the congregation was erected after Mr. Lewis left the city and was not too far from Fisk University (the old Meharry Boulevard church).



Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor Taylor and daughter, Jessie Lurena Proctor.

In Tennessee, James Lewis met a sympathetic young woman, Lorena Crudup, who came from Lebanon, Tenn., 30 miles to the east of Nashville. She had become a convert at Lebanon and in Jan. 1898 she accompanied Lewis to Battle Creek where they were married. Lorena became an indefatigable worker with a marvelous philanthropic spirit. She solicited clothing, shoes, etc. in Battle Creek and sent them to Tennessee to the families with whom they had become acquainted. At a later time these dear missionaries brought Mrs. Elizabeth Matlock Taylor and her daughter, Jessie, back to Battle Creek with them.

Battle Creek was quite a center for the Seventh-day Adventists. The church leaders, James and Ellen G. White, had established a hospital that could serve hundreds of patients from all parts of the world. The place had become world renowned for its new health treatments which proved to be very successful. There was a church structure which seated 3,000 persons. Among the 10 Blacks who were members of the church was James Lewis and wife, the missionary to Tennessee and the renowned SoJourney Truth, who died in the faith and whose funeral was conducted by Uriah Smith. The name of the church was Dime Tabernacle. Lewis later organized a movement toward erecting a suitable monument for SoJourney Truth, the famous Black woman who was a friend of Abraham Lincoln and an honor to her race. A college and health food factory were also established at Battle Creek.



In the meantime, while Jessie Proctor attended academy, her days became lonely for her family back in Lebanon. Not too many of her people lived in that Michigan community, and it seemed so far from home. This picture changed when Mr. Benjamin Harrison Lett and his mother moved to the Battle Creek area from upper Michigan. He was born only a few miles from Cedar Lake Academy. He and Jessie met at the community well. He attended Mount Zion African Methodist Church where Jessie was pianist. Their relationship matured, and

they exchanged marriage vows and established a home in Battle Creek for 64 years of wedded life.



Benjamin and Jessie Lett and family.

Benjamin worked as an independent, commissioned trucker to support his family. Jessie spent her days rearing and training the children. She also served as pianist and church clerk for the Battle Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church, established for Blacks by Carlyle B. Haynes, president of the Michigan Conference, and J. H. Laurence, a Black evangelist of renown. The Letts had 12 children—seven sons and five daughters, one of whom, Edna, attended Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Mich., and later became one of the most outstanding educators to serve the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. While serving as an instructor at Oakwood College during the 1940's, she met Professor Lester Williamson, an instructor in the sciences, who asked for her hand in marriage.

After leaving Alabama and serving in the New York City Health Department, Lester passed away. Edna became principal of one of the schools there, but left this post to direct the school operations of Northeastern Academy in the Northeastern Conference. She served in this position until retirement.

Edna Lett Williamson still takes a great interest in the cause of Christian education in helping to mold the hearts, minds and souls of today's youth. She serves as a member of the Oakwood College Board of Trustees; is president of A. S. Rashford Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association; is secretary of the National Oakwood Alumni Association; is a member of the United Negro College Fund Inter Alumni Council; is a dedicated member of the N.A.A.C.P. Chapter in New York City.

She is a faithful member of the Ephesus SDA Church in New York and on June 4th, 1988 she was honored by the church for "Decades of Love and Service" to the Adventist Church.

The Regional Voice salutes Grandpa and Grandma Lewis, Grandmother Taylor, Benjamin and Jessie Lett, who await the call of the Life-giver. They, along with Sojourner Truth, James and Ellen White and their family members are all buried in plots near each other in the Oakhill Cemetery in Battle Creek, Mich. We salute the Letts and Williamsons for the role each has played in "Moments in the History of SDA Blacks in the North American Division."

C.E.D.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

THREE ANGELS OVER KINSHASA, ZAIRE

Kinshasa—city of over five million people! Kinshasa—city that never seems to sleep! Kinshasa—a city that heard the Good News of the Three Angels Messages last summer and as a result, over 800 persons were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church!

The Real Truth Crusade team, under the direction of Evangelist William C. Scales Jr., Ministerial Association Secretary, North American Division, conducted a three-pronged evangelistic crusade in three areas of Kinshasa—Bandalungwa, Ndjili and Kinsuka.

Dr. Walton Whaley, Ministerial Association Secretary of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division was the project coordinator. Other members of the team included Elder and Mrs. Donald G. King, Mr. and Mrs. Artemus Tucker, Pastor Don McPhaul, Pastor Gerard Latchman, Mrs. Leola Whaley and Mrs. Lois Scales.

The meetings included a wholistic program of gospel, health and family life emphasis which was aimed at introducing a lifestyle change for people awaiting the second coming of our Lord.

Bandalungwa

At Bandalungwa, Elder Scales was the speaker assisted by his wife, Mrs. Lois Scales, as soloist and pianist. Elder King, a graduate of LLU School of Public Health and a pastor in the Southeastern California Conference, presented the health messages each evening while his wife, Mrs. Lois King, led out with the family life emphasis.



Real Truth Crusade balloons for the little ones at Bandalungwa.



The candidates line up to be baptized in the olympic-sized pool at Bandalungwa, Kinshasa, Zaire. Elder Kalume, Zaire Union representative, baptizing to the far left.

Ndjili

At Ndjili, Pastor Don McPhaul of the Central States Conference was the speaker. Pastor Gerard Latchman, an employee of the General Conference Education Department, presented health lectures and assisted in visitation and interpretation.

Kinsuka

At Kinsuka, Brother Artemus Tucker of the Allegheny East Conference was the speaker. His wife, Mrs. Joyce Tucker, served

as music coordinator and soloist. Mrs. Leola Whaley, wife of Dr. Walton Whaley, assisted with health lectures and conducted a Vacation Bible School.

Local pastors, literature evangelists from Ghana and dedicated lay persons gave strong support to the crusade. Between 3,000-4,000 persons completed the Real Truth Bible Courses due to the faithful work of our church members who did visitation and studied and lessons with interested persons.

Loss of Baggage But No Loss of Faith

Even before the team arrived in Africa, there were many challenges to face. Delayed flights (some even canceled), lost luggage and living out of carry-on bags became all but routine for the members of the team.

Looking back, however, it is amazing to recall how each challenge melted away under the power of prayer. As for our lost baggage, it caught up with us at just the right time before leaving Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on our way to Kinshasa, Zaire, where we were to spend four of the most exciting weeks in crusade evangelism.

Evidences of Guidance and Protection

One night, in the first week of the Bandaungwa meeting, the devil tried to smoke out our meeting. Suddenly, from some unknown source, a fire got started in the large football field where the meetings were held. Everyone in the audience, including the speaker, began to cough profusely because of the choking gusts of smoke created by the toxic fumes. We began to wonder whether the meeting could continue. Eventually, the fire and its fumes were put out and the meeting continued.

At the Kinsuka meeting, a fireworks-like display was seen one night as a flash of fire burned up the electrical cord which supplied power for the lights and public address system. The meeting continued in the moonlit night until power was restored.

On still another occasion, Elder and Mrs. Scales and Elder and Mrs. King were riding down the street in a vehicle driven by Elder Kalume, one of the Zaire Union workers. Out of nowhere, it seemed, a big, black, expensive-looking car rolled up along side us. As the darkened rear window on the side facing us rolled down, we noticed a hand as it slowly protruded through the window with a gun aimed at the occupants of our car. It was then that we realized we were looking down the barrel of a pistol. A few seconds passed, and without pulling the trigger, the hand was withdrawn, the window rolled back up and the big black car sped on its way, leaving no clues in its trail. Once again we were shielded from danger.

On the other hand, while the evil one worked against us, there was Another working for us. Our driver, who transported us to and from the meetings each night, testified how his car (which he named the "smoking chariot" because of an excessive smoking problem) would give so many starting prob-

lems throughout the day. However, "Whenever I arrive to take you folk to the meeting," he confided, "the smoking chariot is somehow transformed into a finely-tuned car, working without a problem. It's amazing!"

These incidents, however, only served to provide a deepened sense of protection and guidance by the unseen hand of God. Providentially, through all of these experiences no one was harmed.

The Miracle Bearer

Speaking of God's guidance, let me share a compelling experience which took place at the Ndjili location. For nearly three weeks, Elder Scales and the Real Truth Crusade workers had been praying for a miracle, asking God to supply a place of worship for the Ndjili group. Little did Brother Mabuaki Lema, a Baptist minister, know that he was that miracle. "My wife and I have decided to accept this message of truth," he stated humbly. "We are now ready to join the Adventist Church."

"Brother Lema filled our hearts with joy," recounts Pastor Mcphaul, "as he declared that they would like to make a contribution to the new Ndjili Seventh-day Adventist Church—a large parcel of land situated on a main thoroughfare."

Indeed, the words of Philippians 4:19 came to mind, "My God shall supply all our needs according to His riches in glory."

Not Enough Space to Tell

Space would not permit us to tell of the minister from another denomination who was baptized in Kinsuka. "I don't know about you," he said to the Adventist church members, "but I'll be at church early every Sabbath morning and every prayer meeting night." Or to tell of the joy in the Adventist lawyer's family when his wife and children, for whom he had been praying for years, were baptized. Or the man at Bandalungwa who worked for the president of Zaire. He came primarily to hear the health presentations each night, but when convicted by the preaching of the real truth, he was baptized in the first baptism. Or the thrill that came to our hearts as each night that Elder Scales showed picture slides of Jesus' death on the cross, His burial, resurrection and ascension, the audience would simultaneously burst into a thunderous and joyous applause. It was as though each night of the crusade became a celebration of hope for the people.

Yes, the preaching of the Three Angels Message in Kinshasa undoubtedly brought conviction to the hearts of thousands as

they contemplated the adoption of a new lifestyle and a new church. But for the city that never seems to sleep, the Three Angels over Kinshasa also became a symbol of hope, guidance and protection for His people.

Elder Donald G. King

ALLEGHENY EAST

CHERRY HILL, BALTIMORE, BAPTISM

Elder M. C. Van Putten, president of Allegheny East Conference, performed the first baptism in the new font of the Cherry Hill SDA Church in Baltimore, Md., on Sabbath, Sept. 24.

Three and one-half months earlier, Elder Van Putten had preached the opening sermon in the newly built temple and made a call for the surrender of lives to Christ. Mrs. Marlene Cox, one of the respondents gave her heart to the Lord and began preparing for baptism. She also encouraged her husband, Willie Frank, to follow her example and both were buried with their Lord in baptism.

For the occasion, Mrs. Cox's mother, grandmother, aunt, uncle and three sons witnessed the rite, and she is hopeful that her mother will be in the next baptism.

Arthur A. Ward, Pastor
Cherry Hill, Baltimore

GLENDA BRATHWAITE EARNS M.S. DEGREE

Glenda Brathwaite, daughter of Ray Potter and Martha Potter, recently received her Master's of Science degree in Community Health from Old Dominion College at Norfolk, Va.

Brathwaite received a scholarship for her last quarter due to the fact she had a 3.8 average. She was nominated by the faculty of Community Health Education for membership in Alpha Eta, the National Honor Society for Allied Health. This honor indicated that she was rated in the top percent of her class and displayed leadership ability.

Brathwaite is a 1972 graduate of Richmond High School and received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich., in 1976. She was named in Outstanding Young Women in 1985.

She currently resides in Portsmouth, Va., and is employed as Coordinator/

The Editor's Desk

FIRST GRADER'S COURAGE LAUDED

Little six-year-old Rashida Johnson, accompanied by her father, started her journey to school. The trip required taking the city bus, and enroute Mr. Johnson suddenly became ill and passed out.

Rashida remained very calm. She informed the police with vital information

such as her full name and her father's name, her telephone number, her full address and name of her teacher and school.

The officers were greatly impressed with Rashida. They were eager to bring her to school and speak with her classmates about a job well done. All at R. T. Hudson School are very proud of Rashida Johnson.



Police officers describe Rashida's wisdom in an emergency situation to first graders as school principal, Mrs. Ruth Pascal (left) looks on.

Administrator of Home Health Care in Chesapeake, Va. She is married to Pastor Brathwaite, and they are parents of one daughter.

HADLEY'S HEARTPRINTS FELT BY COMMUNITY

Just as the boy David downed the giant Goliath with a little stone, Hadley Memorial Hospital, the smallest hospital in the Washington, D.C. area, is battling a host of looming societal giants who press in on the community. Instead of a slingshot, the vehicles doing battle are Hadley's Family Health Service and Community Health Program, together offering a multi-faceted outreach to help the urban poor who neighbor the hospital.

Three of the giants Hadley faces are drug abuse, sexually transmitted diseases and teenage pregnancy. This latter problem is becoming more pronounced. Ninety-nine percent of the mothers are unwed and range in age from 12 to 19 years.

Fourteen-year-old Yvette (not her real name) is typical of this bevy of mothers. She came to Hadley initially to have a physical in order to play basketball, only to be told that she was seven months pregnant. Her home environment did not offer much hope for a sunny future, since she is the second eldest of eight children living in a two-bedroom residence with a drug-addicted mother and stepfather.

With zero support from Yvette's home, Paul Williams, a Hadley clinical social worker, became part of her scenario. "Paul came to see me at home. I didn't expect that—and he was the first to come to the hospital when I had the baby. He's been so helpful, a good friend. Paul helps me to want to do better with my life," says Yvette.

Another good Hadley friend is Mary Twomey, a pediatric nurse practitioner. Says Yvette, "She gives me individual attention. It would have been a lot harder for me to take care of the baby without her help. I didn't even know about sterilizing the baby's bottles. I've learned a lot."

Yvette's son was born March 8, weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces—a healthy child. Without the prenatal care, the baby's birth weight would probably have been low, giving him a difficult chance for survival. Williams accentuated the emphasis Hadley puts on prenatal and postpartum care, due to Washington, D.C.'s reputation for having the nation's highest infant mortality rate. "We want the mothers and the babies to be healthy, not to be ill and the illness to present more problems."

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Nov. 25	Dec. 2	9	16
Boston, Mass.	4:15	4:13	4:12	4:13
New York City	4:27	4:24	4:23	4:25
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:44	4:41	4:40	4:41
Atlanta, Ga.	5:31	5:29	5:29	5:31
Miami, Fla.	5:30	5:29	5:30	5:32
Charlotte, N.C.	5:13	5:12	5:12	5:13
Birmingham, Ala.	4:40	4:39	4:41	4:41
Jackson, Miss.	4:57	4:55	4:56	4:58
Memphis, Tenn.	4:50	4:48	4:48	4:50
Louisville, Ky.	5:25	5:23	5:23	5:24
Detroit, Mich.	5:05	5:02	5:01	5:02
Chicago, Ill.	4:23	4:21	4:20	4:21
South Bend, Indiana	5:18	5:16	5:15	5:16
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:36	4:33	4:32	4:32
St. Louis, Mo.	4:42	4:40	4:39	4:41
Kansas City, Mo.	4:58	4:56	4:56	4:57
Denver, Co.	4:38	4:36	4:35	4:37
Little Rock, Ark.	4:59	4:58	4:58	5:00
Dallas, Texas	5:22	5:21	5:21	5:23
New Orleans, La.	5:01	5:00	5:01	5:03
Albuquerque, N.M.	4:56	4:55	4:55	4:56
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:19	5:18	5:18	5:19

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



New citizens receive constant monitoring with tender loving care.

Of the young mother, Williams says, "She's become special to the workers at Hadley, because, despite being a neglected child and pregnant, she's shown amazing courage and stamina. She's been very cooperative and learned to make responsible decisions." He added, "She's made quite a transformation from the 13-year-old we first met. She's getting good grades in school and has set goals for herself. Recently she moved in with her grandmother who's willing to help her. The future's looking brighter for Yvette."

Lawrence Hawkins, director of HMH's public affairs, emphasizes, "We certainly aren't saying to these teenagers that it's O.K. to have sex and get pregnant—but we're dealing with their existing problems. The Family Health Service fills the needs of the prenatal and postpartum care. It's a matter of babies having babies, and they don't know what to do. In teaching these new parents to deal with their child, it reduces possible child abuse."

Hawkins says, "We're a modern health care facility in the middle of a drug war-zone, but Hadley's people are committed to excellence—to help."

Hadley Hospital really cares about us teenagers," Yvette says. Because of this encouragement Yvette returned to school (a baby sitter is provided for her son), and she adds confidently, "I'm planning to finish, to do my best, to go beyond high school—I'd like to be an accountant."

Large heartprints are being stamped by HMH's employees through the caring outreaches, including those conducted by Yvonne Hodges, Community Outreach Director. Yvonne is enthusiastic about the programs she is conducting in the southwest area D.C. schools. "We offer subjects that school counselors and student themselves request, dealing with social conditions, such as drugs, alcohol abuse, sexual awareness and sexually transmitted diseases." To implement her presentations which are given to a gamut of ages in addition to the teens from day care centers to senior citizens centers, she uses videos; coordinates discussion groups; provides literature and conducts health fairs and health screenings—all with the aim of improving the quality of life for Hadley's neighborhoods.

And a unique approach which is helping Hadley to become more and more effective with all its "heartprinting" is the spotlighting of community needs by Hadley's Community Advisory Board. This board is made of area residents or those who work at the hospital, who have their fingers on the

pulse of the community. These busy, caring people from professional to blue-collar workers, focus in on modifying old ways and identifying new ways to approach Washington's poorest section, Hadley's Memorial Hospital's neighbors.



Qualified staff personnel use their life-saving skills.



Hospital technician Glorita Cortez brings her warmth of heart into her patient's room as well as her expertise.



Dr. Sherida Thomas, radiologist, checks her mother-to-be's progress with ultrasound.

WEST CELEBRATES NEIGHBOR'S DAY

On Sunday, Sept. 11, from 11 A.M. until 5 P.M., the Personal Ministries department of West Church sponsored an event called Neighbor's Day to acquaint the people in the surrounding community with the church and the community services it offers.

Attendees sampled vegetarian foods and chose from various life-style literature. Food and clothing were given away. A counselor was on hand to advise on personal problems and a lawyer to answer legal questions. Health personnel checked blood pressures.

A Pathfinder exhibition and drum performance and various singers entertained all, while the adults kept busy and the children clustered around the popcorn stand. Everything was free.



Two little ladies of West Philadelphia trying to decide whether to read or eat.

CENTRAL STATES



Pastor Larry Williams presents a message during Week of Prayer.

PALACE OF PEACE HAPPENINGS

The Palace of Peace SDA Church of Colorado Springs, Colo., recently purchased a new church sign. They worked long and hard in an effort to improve the appearance of the church.

Vacation Bible School, under the leadership of Minnie Rowe, proved successful. The children enjoyed the arts and crafts, recreation, snacks and Biblical instruction.

Pastor Larry C. Williams, currently attending Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., recently conducted an inspiring week of prayer.

Elder Maurice Taylor of the Community SDA Church was guest speaker for Sacrifice Day. Elder Taylor's message reminded all that God cares.



The newly-purchased Palace of Peace Church sign.



Vacation Bible School at Palace of Peace.



Youngsters participate in Vacation Bible School.

ALICE MONTANO LEADS CLAREMONT MESSAGE DRIVE

Alice Montano of Pueblo, Colo., is Claremont SDA Church's leading subscriber to MESSAGE Magazine. She paid for 10 subscriptions to be sent to families she wanted to learn about the truth. Claremont's MESSAGE campaign ended with 100 paid subscriptions collected.

BABY BLESSING AT KIRKWOOD

It is written, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Lee and LaKetia Carrell did just that in bringing little Holly Marie to be presented to the Lord recently at the Kirkwood SDA Church, Kirkwood, Mo. Pastor Paul Turner officiated.

Holly wore a special hand-made, double-length christening gown made by her mother LaKetia and Lana Vitale.

Lee Carrell
Communication Secretary



Abraham Jules, evangelist.

94 BAPTIZED IN SUMMER CRUSADE

The newly organized New Hope SDA Church in New York City concluded the "New Hope in Christ Community Crusade" with 94 individuals giving their lives to Christ. One of the new converts was a Pentecostal minister.

During the hottest, most humid summer on record, Evangelist Abraham Jules, along with a dedicated team, endeavored to exhort the residents of Harlem of Christ's soon coming. Associate Evangelists Creig McPherson and Roger Bernard, both from Oakwood College, assisted in the seven-week long crusade. Ms. Patricia Langley, conference Bible instructor, along with six full-time Bible workers trained from the church also assisted in the crusade.

Ms. Ullanda McCullough served as crusade soloist. Ms. McCullough, former pop singer, performed with such artists as Asford & Simpson, and Roberta Flack before giving her life to Christ.

Although the New Hope SDA Church was just recently organized, June, 1988, the church is very active in soul-winning activity.

PIONEER MEMORIAL SDA CHURCH SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

The Pioneer Memorial SDA Church of Niagara Falls, N.Y., presently under the leadership of Pastor J. Kendall Guy, is on the move and making a difference in the western New York community.

Pioneer Memorial was founded by Pastor Harold Kibble in 1972. After 15 long years

of prayer and sacrifice, the Lord blessed the members with their own church home in late 1986. Since that time there seems to be unending prosperity in the form of new members, fund-raising events, programs and most recently, community service.

Community Guest Day, July 30, 1988, will be fondly remembered by everyone present. Pioneer, which presently accommodates approximately 52 members, welcomed over 150 guests from Toronto, Canada, Buffalo, N.Y., and the community of Niagara Falls. Pastor Guy's sermon

entitled, "I Need a Drink," warmed the hearts and lifted the spirits of the entire congregation. A delicious vegetarian meal was enjoyed after the divine worship service. The afternoon program consisted of music rendered by Toronto's youth choir and vocalists from the Buffalo area. Community Service Awards were presented to the most faithful community service workers. To end the day's events, refreshments were served to all visitors.

Pioneer Memorial has become an asset to the needy individuals of Niagara Falls. The Community Service department, headed by Earline Jones, has begun a soup kitchen, open every Thursday between the hours of 12:00 noon and 2:00 P.M. Serving between 40 to 50 hungry men, women and children, the menu consists of: the soup of the day, bread, juice and dessert. The soup kitchen is looked upon as such a worthwhile cause that food donations from local bakeries and grocery stores can be depended upon. Being the only meal that some of the patrons will receive that day, the reward is seeing them eat heartily and leave with smiles on their faces.

To further emphasize the community work, this year also makes the commencement of a food pantry, open mornings and evenings on Tuesdays and at sunset on Saturdays. The pantry not only furnishes the food for weekly food-basket distribution, it also puts food on the table for between 100 to 150 underprivileged families per week.

In addition to physical food, spiritual food is also being administered. Pastor Guy has approximately 20 members of the Rainbow Senior Citizens Group enrolled in Bible studies. Often times totally forgotten and left without a family or church home, the seniors look forward to the studies. Other Bible studies are being conducted by the elders, deacons and various members as well.

With the guidance of Jesus Christ, Pioneer Memorial is on the move and looking

forward to greater goals and community service projects in the future.

The pastor and members are extending a standing invitation for anyone or church that wishes to come to Niagara Falls to visit Pioneer Memorial. The city's location is perfect for tourists and vacationers since Niagara Falls is known as the "Honeymoon Capitol." Address: 404 Cedar Ave., Niagara Falls, N.Y.—(716) 282-8991.

Ramona M. Sims
Communication Secretary

BAPTISMS AT BRONX CHURCH

As a result of a three-week crusade, conducted by Elder Raymond Saunders, and an eight-week long Revelation Seminar, 39 persons were baptized at the Bronx Church in New York City.

The Revelation Seminar was held at 14 different locations in the Bronx and a total of 76 persons graduated. Of this number, 10 were baptized, and there are many still making decisions.

The church has planned a series of soul-conservation activities to help the new members adjust to their new lives. Among them is the buddy system where each member has been assigned to a spiritual guardian from among the church members and plans have been made to have them involved in the various activities of the church. Some have expressed an interest in the choir, others in the usher board and many are interested in becoming involved in the work of the Sabbath School and the Personal Ministries departments.

An informational booklet for newly baptized members was developed by Bernadine Nicholas. The booklet highlights the operational components of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and particularly that of the Bronx Church.

A get-acquainted social is planned for the fall at which time each member will be given an opportunity to meet members of the church on an informal basis.

A newly baptized member, Kathleen Boetswair, is conducting an exercise class twice a week. Twenty persons have signed up for the class.

Each Sabbath afternoon at 4:30 a Bible class is conducted by Pastors Jonathan Straughn and Leroy Daley for the new members, as well as other members interested in reviewing church doctrines. Attendance ranges from 30 to 40 persons each Sabbath afternoon.



New Revelation Seminar graduate (far right) receives certificate from Elder Raymond McKinnon.



Elder Stennett Brooks, conference president (right), makes presentation to Gwendolyn Turner.



Esmee Bovell, principal.

Pastor Daley and his family will be leaving this fall to attend Andrews University. They will be greatly missed.

Myrtle Pickett, Director
Communications Department

GWENDOLYN TURNER LEAVES FOR NEW POST

Ms. Gwendolyn Turner, former assistant treasurer for the Northeastern Conference, assumed duties as part of the Southeastern Conference Treasury Department. She served Northeastern for over 14 years and will be greatly missed.

NORTHEASTERN ACADEMY EXPERIENCES TREMENDOUS GROWTH

Enrollment at Northeastern Academy for the 1988-89 academic year has reached record proportions. Principal Bovell termed this growth "an all-time high" for the academy. Of the 165 students, 81 are freshmen, the largest ever enrolled. Also, a senior class of 65 potential graduates is the highest for the academy.

In April, 1988, a representative of the New York Department of Education visited the academy, and, after reviewing the records for the past five years, re-registered the

academy, granting it once again full state accreditation. In addition, the finding determined that the academy has a competency rate of 93.2 percent and a retention rate of 90.2 percent. Students must pass at least four competency exams to qualify for a high school diploma.

The state representative expressed admiration for the overall school programs, praise for the administrative leadership as reflected in the enthusiasm and qualification of the faculty and lauded the exemplary behavior of the students.

This summer, for the first time, the academy conducted a six-week summer school program. Students received tutoring in reading, writing and basic mathematical concepts. The purpose of this program is to provide the necessary preparation for the Regent's Competency Tests and the other tests required by New York state.

Another asset for the academy is the involvement of the Stanley Kaplan program, a program feared primarily for providing superb aid to seniors and juniors as they prepared for the SAT examination. These students receive their training on campus. The program began to fall of 1987 through the summer of 1988 and continues twice a week during the school year up to the time of the sitting of the SAT exam. The principal expresses the gratitude of the academy to the Stanley Kaplan Institute.

Recently, the academy's music department, the Concert Choir and Gospel Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Alan Chase and Mr. Lloyd Chung respectively, produced its first ever audio cassette tape. Included in this meritorious production is the rapidly developing school band. Northeastern Academy is proud of its music and request you, reader, to secure your copy or two of this tape. Contact the academy for purchase information.

With the introduction of the Stanley Kaplan program, the availability of the resources of the Columbia University, N.Y.C., through the Double Discovery, the principal, with full support of the faculty, intends to defy and negate statistics that indicate that blacks have the lower scores on the SAT.

Northeastern Academy is strong academically, spiritually, and socially. It is the intentions of all, students and faculty, to maintain this growth and convince the predominantly white neighborhood that Northeastern Academy is, indeed, a different school with a different message—a message of LOVE and HOPE.

Merille Weithers
Journalism Teacher

SOUTH CENTRAL

CONCERT HELD IN LOUISVILLE

On Sept 3, 1988, the Magazine Street Young Adult Choir of Louisville, Ky., celebrated its 14th anniversary by presenting a reunion concert. The idea originated when Ralph Ford, director, began to compile a list of people who had once sung with the choir. He discovered that while some had relocated and others had simply stopped participating, a large number of former members still resided in Louisville, but no longer attended church regularly. Ford envisioned the reunion concert as a means to encourage young people to come back to church.

Every person who had sung with the group since 1974 received information regarding the concert and encouragement to participate. Singers from all parts of the country expressed positive feelings for the concert to materialize. People who lived too far away to attend rehearsals were sent a tape of songs to learn at home.

The outcome was tremendous. Although many of the former choir members could not attend because of the distance involved, others traveled from such places as Washington, D.C.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Nashville, Tenn., and Huntsville, Ala. The ranks of the 40-voice choir swelled to nearly 100 as they sang together "One More Time."

The choir offered a wide variety of songs, many of which had nostalgic significance. The audience expressed appreciation for an old favorite, "Old Ship of Zion," which was dedicated to the memory of Elder John Wagner.

At the end of the concert more than a dozen came from the audience and the choir in response to a call to renew their relationship with Christ. Others who did not make the public stand privately indicated a determination to come back to church.

The Young Adult Choir has had many recent opportunities to sing for both Adventist and non-Adventist congregations. They seldom close a concert without an appeal being made and pray to continue to be used as a soul-winning vehicle.

FALL ENROLLMENT SOARS AT ALCY

One hundred fifty-three students have enrolled at the Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tenn., for the '88 fall semester. This shows an increase of 32 students from the last school year. The belief that "Chris-



Reunion Choir sings "One More Time."



Carolyn and James Ford presented with a plaque for years of dedication.



New faculty at Alcy. (Left to right) Elizabeth Perkins, Carlton Powell and Merle Brooks.

tion Education is an Adventist Essential" is growing within the Seventh-day Adventist community in Memphis. Non-Adventist families are also electing the educational philosophy of Adventism as seen by the 22 non-Adventist students enrolled this year.

The classrooms and building are literally "bursting" at the seams. It was quite evident on the first day of school that various adjustments and transitions would have to be made to accommodate the growing student body. An additional teacher was secured as well as another teacher's aide. Two classes had to change rooms to provide more classroom space, Grades 1 and 2 were divided into two separate classes this year.

Five new faces are a part of the Alcy faculty and staff for the 1988/89 school year. Merle Brooks who teaches grade 2 comes to Alcy from Andrews University by way of the Caribbean. She joined the staff three weeks after school began. A graduate of Caribbean Union College and Andrews University where she completed her master's degree in education. Elizabeth Perkins who is a native of Memphis assumed the reigns of the kindergarten division. She joined the staff in late July and her energetic enthusiasm has been manifested since. She graduated from LeMoyne-Owen College with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Carlton Powell is serving as our part-time school treasurer. He is also a native of Memphis. Marva Wilson has returned home to Memphis and is serving as our Early/Late Duty Child Supervisor. Sharon Smith, a graduate of Alcy, the most recent addition to the staff, is serving as teacher's aide for grades 3 and 4.

The returning staff include: Michael Tompkins, grades 7 and 8; Queen Robinson, grades 5 and 6; Lynne Middleton, grades 3 and 4; Jo-Ann Wade, grade 1; Jill Edmond, Pre-K; Brenda Renfroe, teacher's aide; Hazel Farwell, Secretary; Nancy Scott, building engineer and Charles Battles, principal.

Parents and teachers met for the annual parent/teacher workshops where the goals and objectives for each respective class, along with expectations from parents and students, were shared and discussed in each room. The physical education program for grades K-4 has taken on a new dimension this year. For 12 weeks the Alcy students are able to participate in either swimming or a gym program through the Davis YMCA near the school. The gym program exposes the child to physical fitness, individual and group team skills.

Grades 5-8 also had this experience for the past two years and will once again be able to participate for 12 weeks during the months of January through April.

The school library is taking shape under the leadership of Lynette Blanchard, a parent who also serves as librarian for one of the public schools in the city. All are proud of the church school here in Memphis, for it is God's school. He has a special work for Alcy to accomplish in these last days. The future looks optimistic as Alcy moves forward with plans to develop its curriculum offerings that would provide a full K-12 program for constituents.

Charles D. Battles
Principal



NEW LIFE CHURCH PROVIDES FOOD BANK FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

"I need to get some food for my family," a middle-aged mother with three children tells Rena Majors. As Rena completes the women's application for an emergency food box, she discovers more. Her husband is disabled and the \$173 worth of food stamps the family receives are just not enough to feed a family of five for an entire month. Such are the needs of the people that the Nashville, Tenn., New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church and Pastor Steven Norman are trying to serve through the New Life Food Bank.

Knowing that almost 46 percent of the residents of north Nashville live below the poverty level, the New Life Church opened the New Life Food Bank in March of 1988. Because a varied approach is necessary to alleviate hunger, the New Life Food Bank has a three-part program of assistance in



the form of emergency food boxes, education and advocacy.

Lizzette Churchwell, volunteer coordinator for the food bank, schedules some 20 or more volunteers from the New Life and Riverside Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Churches as well as the community. These volunteers interview clients, fill and serve food boxes and make referrals from 1:00-3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

The typical food box contains enough food to feed a family for three nutritionally balanced meals per day for three or four days. Some of the items included in each box are bread, fresh milk, eggs, margarine, flour, cornmeal, green vegetables, yellow vegetables, soup, macaroni and cheese, mayonnaise, dry cereal or oatmeal, peanut butter, rice, dried beans, meat and crackers. Where infants are present in the home, baby food and formulas are provided. Sensitive to clients with special diets, volunteers listen for indications of diabetes or hypertension and serve sugar-free or low-sodium food items as available.

After seven months of operation, the New Life Food Bank now serves approximately 300 food boxes per month and has a clientele of over 2,000 families.

Many people come to the bank suffering from malnutrition or have habits that are harmful to their health. To assist these persons in reaching a higher level of wellness, Mrs. Hattie Griffin and Dr. Lou Pearson have made recommendations in the coordination of a health education program.

On certain days, video presentations about exercise, the importance of a balanced diet, how to stop smoking, the benefits of water or some other such topics are available for applicants to view while they



A client selects fresh vegetables and fruit.

wait to be served. To supplement the video presentations, Voice of Prophecy enrollment cards, Message Magazines or health brochure are placed in every box. A young man returned one afternoon and asked, "May I have another one of those magazines for my mother? She wants one also."

The third part of the program is advocacy. In Proverbs 31, King Lemuel's mother said to him, "Open your mouth for the dumb, for the rights of all who are left desolate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, maintain the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31:8,9 (RSV).

Since a major cause of poverty is laws that are insensitive to the needs of the poor, Pastor Norman works as a liaison with hunger coalitions.

Other ministries that the New Life Church has sponsored or cooperated with are The Room in the Inn, in which meals were provided for homeless men, health screenings and the Shoes for Africa Campaign.

The Shoes for Africa Campaign which it sponsored, raised money for and purchased 10 barrels of new shoes for the students at the Gitwe SDA College in Rwanda and for community service work in the Trans-Orange Conference in South Africa.

As of Aug. 1, the New Life Food Bank became the distribution center for Second Harvest, a national food bank network.

Perhaps the greatest joy that comes to volunteers is when a client expresses a desire to accept Christ. A depressed lady walked into the church to discuss with Pastor Norman how she could get help with her house note. She noticed that the name of the church is New Life. Then with a tearful sigh she said wistfully, "I need a new life." After assisting with her house note, Pastor Norman shared how Christ had given him a new life. They then prayed as she began a new life in Christ.



Hensworth Weaver and Barbara Phillips of New Life fill a food box for a client.



Mrs. Dent, wife of Dr. C. A. Dent, and a member of Riverside Chapel Church interview a client.

1888 EVENTS TO BE RELIVED IN MINNESOTA

When the "Year-end" meeting of the North American Division is held in Minneapolis, Minn., at the first of November, four days have been set aside to review the events that took place in the church back in 1888. These were the days when discussion on "Righteousness by Faith" were the big issues of the day. The leaders at that time had some interesting debates that almost divided the church, but the Lord kept His hand on the movement, and we are still continuing to work toward the mission that has been assigned to us—"making ready a people to meet the Lord."

One of the greatest needs that we face today is to see to it that we understand the beliefs and teachings of the church and to make this one of our prime objectives to see that each member understands the "truths" as they are taught in God's word. The current Sabbath School lessons are meaningful. Study them well. Pastors and Bible instructors, let us seek to establish the Bible study groups and baptismal classes among our members as it was in days gone by. Preach the message, teach the message, live the message!! Believe the message!!

CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP PASSES THE 19,000 MARK

The Lord has blessed the growth of the South Central Conference considerably through the years. During the third quarter of the year, the membership reached an all-time high of 19,374. This is an objective that we have been asking the Lord to help us to reach for quite some time. We give glory to Him! Lord, help us to make it to 20,000!

F. H. JENKINS SCHOOL NEARS COMPLETION

The new F. H. Jenkins School building is nearing completion in Nashville and should be ready for occupancy on the third day of January when the opening celebrations will be instituted. Plan to join them for this fete.

MEMPHIS PLANS FOR A NEW SCHOOL PLANT

The members of the congregations in the Memphis area are discussing plans to secure a new facility in which to house the school there. There are several buildings on an eleven-acre tract of land that are available. Let us pray for this venture.

CHURCH SCHOOLS' NOTES

When the K-12 Board met on Oct. 26, Elder N. G. Higgs reported that the opening enrollment in all of our schools for grades K to 8 stood at 1,004. This does not include the academy students at the Huntsville area. The enrollment for Oakwood College is 1,239, of which 500 students are freshmen.

The past school year revealed that 74 of our children were baptized into the Adventist faith, all of whom came from SDA homes except for two. Our schools must become evangelistic centers whereby the children can be taught of the Lord and allowed to make decisions for Christ.

Under a new program that is being sponsored throughout the Southern Union Conference, entitled "ANGEL," a program is being offered to each school to help build its library. Under this program the school/church is required to pay \$20 per student, and the amount will be matched by the conference with another \$20. This will be meaningful in helping to build the library for your school. We would hope that pastors will take a greater interest in the church school program and in the future of the children of the church and the community.

"I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." John 17: 20,21 RSV

PASTORS BAPTISMS THROUGH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988

Here is the baptismal record for the 59 pastors and 2 lay pastors in the conference:

Allen, Raynard, 2; Bell/Cleveland, 135; Blevins, T. L., 2; Broussard, R., 8; Brown, J. M. III, 12; Bussey, W. E., 8; Butler, X., 9; Byars, G. L., -; Carter, R., -; Edmond, D. C., 30; Edmond, J., 4; Frazier, A. (Lester), -; Gaiter, R. E., -; Green, J. L., 4; Grider, J., 18; Gwin, D., 15; Hill, A., 3; Hill, F. S., 13; Hill, R. J., 20; Holland, M., 1; Jenkins, A. C., 2; Johnson, D., -; Johnson, Marion, -; Johnson, Milton, 4; Johnson, W., Jr., 8; Jones, V. E., 13; Jones, J. A., 47; Jones, J. W., 44; Kibble, W. H., -; Lester, I. L., 15; Lynes, D. L., 2; Lewis, T., 52; Mann, R. L., -; Maycock, A., -; Milner, J., 2; Monroe, C. E., 1; Murray, F., 43; Norman, R. S., 23; Oakman, C. A., 1; Mounter, MN., 14; Patterson/Morgan, 24; Patterson, R. L., 1; Perry, Vincent, 16;

Powell, G., 6; Rose, W., 2; Rudley, O. E., -; Rugless, R. I., 15; Sanders, A. R., -; Seay, G. R., Jr., 2; Shepherd, L., 4; Simms, S., 6; Smith, P. N., -; Sorrells, P., 2; Thompkins, A., -; Vincent/Ross, 66; Wagner, A. S. III, 9; Ward, E. C., 35; White, V., 4; Willis, R. L., 20; Wilson, J., -; Young, J., 8;TOTAL 779.

HUNTSVILLE SCHOOL PLANS FOR A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Elder E. C. Ward, Elder S. Sims, Elder F. S. Hill, Elder R. L. Willis and other pastors in the Huntsville area are considering the possibilities of constructing a new school plant for the operation of the church school programs there. The K-12 program that was conducted by the college and the General Conference since its inception in 1896 was terminated several years past, and it became the lot of the local church members and the conference to take up this challenge to keep the program afloat. The Lord has blessed. The school has grown.

CHURCHES OF LESS THAN 100 ARE CHALLENGED TO REACH THE 100 MARK

There are a few of our congregations in the conference with less than 100 members on their rolls. If each of these groups were blessed of the Lord to increase the memberships to at least 100 or more, over 340 new members would be added to the church. Likewise, each congregation should seek to bring its membership to the next 100 level. It would be beautiful if this could be done before the end of the year. The Lord will help us to do this. Ellen White states that the Lord is more interested in the work than we can ever be. He will give successes in ministry and service to Him and His cause.

CHURCH OFFICERS' MEETINGS

One of the things that helps to strengthen the operation of the church's program is to have informed officers who understand what their duties and responsibilities are. A goodly portion of this information is given at the time of the Annual Church Officers' Meetings. It is meaningful that all officers of the church who are elected to serve for the next year, 1989, be in attendance for these meetings.

This year the meetings will be held as follows: Dec. 4—Jackson, Miss.; Dec. 11—Oakwood College; Dec. 18—Louisville, Ky. You will note that these are held on Sunday in order that we may have enough time to cover the agenda items.

GRIDER BAPTIZES 170 IN SWAZILAND

Elder Joseph I. Grider was blessed to add 170 souls to the church by baptism in Swaziland during his evangelistic crusade.

SDA DOCTRINES BOOK—A GOOD BUY

The book entitled "Seventh-day Adventists Believe...27" should be placed into the hands of every member of your church. It will help each one to better understand what the beliefs of the denomination really are. Every home should have a copy. Every person that is baptized should be given a copy. The investment is worth it. We seek to help establish members in the faith. The price is just \$4.95 per copy. Order a supply today from the South Central Conference Adventist Book Center.

BIRMINGHAM TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON ITS SCHOOL

The chairman of the school board of the Ephesus SDA Church school in Birmingham states that their plans are to begin construction on their new extension by January of 1989. The plans have been off of the drawing board for a number of months now. We are waiting for the approval from the union and the General Conference to proceed.

SOUTHEASTERN

TAMPA AREA CHURCHES UNITE UNDER THE BANNER OF "PRISON MINISTRY"

Throughout Florida's prison system, there are very few institutions in which Adventist worship services are held each Sabbath. Zephyrhills Correctional Institution (ZCI) is one of the few where this takes place. This has been brought about through the efforts of the churches in Dade City/Zephyrhills, Ruth Johnson; First Church of Tampa, Norman Gibson; Mt. Calvary, Johnnie Williams; Progress Village, Dorothy Norton, and Emmanuel Spanish, Pablo Montanez. Each of the above churches has dedicated itself to hold both Sabbath School and divine worship services at ZCI on one Sabbath of each month.

In addition to the Sabbath services, a Bible study class is held each Friday under the direction of Norman Gibson and Pastor Julio Astacio.

The Pathfinders of the Tampa First Church, under the guidance of Beverly Wirz

and Pastor Darrell Cyphers, presented a program at the prison. The response was so favorable that the Pathfinders have been invited to return in the near future.

Chaplain Archie Bright of ZCI expressed his appreciation for the Adventist participation in the overall spiritual program of the institution and interest in doing all he could to insure the continuation of such a needed ministry.

Other institutions are being explored for this type of ministry in Florida. Permission has recently been given for Bible study / worship to be held in the Sumter Correctional Institution.

Norman Gibson
Correspondent

NORTH ORLANDO CHURCH COMPLETES NEW BUILDING

Pastor Lewis Edwards pastors the North Orlando and Mt. Olive-Apopka, Fla., churches. The North Orlando church recently completed the construction of a new and modern house of worship in order to serve a larger congregation. Edwards held an evangelistic meeting this summer and membership was significantly increased.

Pastor Edwards has also finished an assigned writing for CELEBRATION Magazine, published by Review and Herald. It will appear in the November issue of Program Helps and is entitled, "Building People Through Appreciation."

100TH BIRTHDAY

The Present Truth Spanish Church celebrated the 100th birthday of Magdalene Flores with many of her family present.

Magdalene Flores joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cuba in 1924. She was a founding member of the Cerro Spanish Church, Havana, Cuba, and the Forest City Spanish Church in Florida. Before coming to Forest City, she held church membership in New York City, Miami and Washington D.C.

The members of the Present Truth Spanish Church are grateful to God for the Christian love manifested by Magdalene Flores, who still encourages the members, especially the youth of the church.

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

The following changes have been made in the Southeastern Conference territory:

Elder S. J. Jackson, former pastor of the Orlando-Mt. Sinai Church now serves as the director of Stewardship/Ministerial.

Elder W. L. Taylor, former pastor of Mi-



Magdalena Flores in center with five generations of SDA's. (Extreme right) Oliver Mastrapa, pastor of Present Truth Spanish Church, Apopka, Fla.



Pastor Lewis Edwards baptizes candidate.

ami-Northside, is now director of Youth Ministries/Health & Temperance.

Elder Benjamin Browne, former pastor of West Palm Beach-Ephesus/Riviera Beach churches now pastors Orlando-Mt. Sinai.

Elder M. M. Young, who pastored the Coconut Grove/Miami-Perrine district, is at Miami-Northside.

Elder Hubert Morel, pastor of the Fitzgerald/Hazelhurst district is now pastor of the Coconut Grove/Miami-Perrine district.

Pastor Dennis George leaves Ft. Myers/Sarasota and goes to Ft. Pierce and Pastor Barry Bonner leaves Ft. Pierce and goes to Ft. Myers/Sarasota.

LAY EVANGELISM IN FT. LAUDERDALE

The Lighthouse SDA Church of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., true to its name, illuminated the pathway of nine newly baptized individuals.

The Light of the World Crusade, conducted by layman Clinton Thompson, was held for three weeks at the Grace Baptist Church in Ft. Lauderdale. Health lectures by doctors, quizzes and donations formed a part of the nightly activities.

Pastor David Long conducted the baptismal services.

Clinton Thompson
Correspondent

LAYMEN MEET AT SINAI CHURCH, ORLANDO

On Sept. 30 through Oct. 1, laymen from all points of the compass in the Southeastern Conference territory met at Mt. Sinai SDA Church in Orlando, Fla. They joined in giving reports and receiving pertinent information to be more qualified servants.

The facilitators were:

Ron Halverson—Southern Union Conference, co-director church growth, keynote speaker and lecturer on "Witnessing to Backsliders."

Murray Joiner—associate church ministries director, Southern Union Conference, lecturer on "House to House Evangelism."

Joseph Jones—pastor, longview Heights, Memphis, Tenn., and lecturer on "Dark County Evangelism."

E. C. Ward—pastor, Oakwood College Church, speaker for the divine worship and lecturer on "Lay Evangelism."

T. A. McNealy—pastor, West Broad St., Savannah, Ga., lecturer on "Qualifications for a Bible Worker."

Tyrone Boyd—pastor, Maranatha SDA Church, Tallahassee, Fla., conducted in-



(Left to right) Clinton Thompson, lay evangelist and nine souls recently baptized. David Long (right), pastor of the Lighthouse SDA Church, Ft. Lauderdale.



(First row) R. R. Brown, interim president--Southeastern; I. L. Harrell, director-Personal Ministries/Sabbath School--Southeastern; Murray Joiner, associate director-Personal Ministries--Southern Union; E. C. Ward, pastor-Oakwood College Church, Huntsville, Ala. (Second row) Joseph Jones, pastor-Longview Heights Church, Memphis, Tenn.; T. A. McNealy-pastor, West Broad St., Savannah, Ga.; S. J. Jackson, director-Stewardship/Ministerial--Southeastern.



Elder Ron Halverson, co-director of Church Growth--Southern Union Conference, demonstrates "Witnessing to Backsliders" with Lewis Barnes from Plant City, Fla.

sights into the scheduled worship during personal ministries period.

S. J. Jackson—ministerial director, Southeastern, conducted the vesper service.

E. G. White in Vol. 6, Testimonies, page 450 said, "Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God."

This statement created an urgency in the minds of laymen. Day by day they forge ahead under difficult and trying circumstances, but hopeful that their personal involvement in the ministry of reconciliation will indeed hasten the Lord's return.

Clinton Thompson in Ft. Lauderdale-Lighthouse received \$750 from the conference for lay evangelism. When his three-week campaign was over, nine souls were baptized and revival achieved in his church.

Osmond Baptiste yearning to see the work finished, started a church in Deerfield Beach and eight souls are already baptized in that new outpost. Dr. Herman Mills, who is assigned to the West Hollywood Ephesus Church, yoked up with George Murray in a tent meeting and seven souls are now a part of the family of God.

Testimony after testimony reveal God at work through the consecrated efforts of Southeastern Conference laymen.

Elder I. L. Harrell, director, Personal Ministries/Sabbath School/Community Services and his secretary, Mrs. Janet Cobb, showed efficiency and organization in the week-end's activities.

After a challenge to work together during Harvest 90 by R. R. Brown, interim president, the scores of laymen circled the church and joined in notes of praise "When we all get to heaven..."

CALENDAR

November 6, 1988

Southeastern Conference Session

December 4, 1988

Church Officer's Meeting—Orlando

December 11, 1988

Church Officer's Meeting—Miami

December 18, 1988

Church Officer's Meeting—Tallahassee

December 2, 3, 1988

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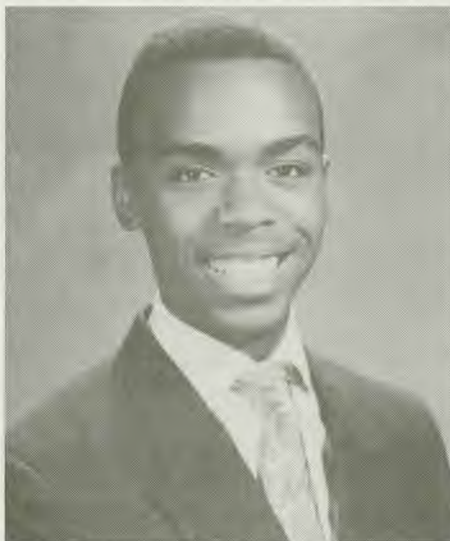
French Convocation—Miami

FIJI SDA WORK GROWS

The Fiji Islands are valuable tourist attractions these days, and the work among



Elder T. A. McNealey, pastor of the West Broad St. Church, Savannah, Ga., lectures about "Qualifications for a Bible Worker" during Layman's Rally held in Southeastern.



Gregory Mims, Oakwood Academy.

church, it may be that the leadership of the church should take another look at the organizational structure that exists there. Conferences should be developed and nationals elected to serve as the leaders. This is a point of view.

GREGORY S. MIMS—A SEMI-FINALIST IN NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Gregory S. Mims of Oakwood Academy is a semi-finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship for Outstanding Black Students, according to a report in the Huntsville Times. Only two other schools in the Huntsville area were named as winners along with Oakwood Academy. They are Huntsville and Lee High Schools.

The four Huntsville teenage winners will compete with 1,5000 other students for \$3 million in scholarship money next year.

Greg is the son of the director of admissions at Oakwood College, Hattie Mims, and Mr. Gregory Mims, assistant professor of social work, at the College.

Roy E. Malcolm
Dean of College Relations

IN THE NEWS

the natives by the SDA denomination is on a steady increase. Today there can be found 80 Fijian SDA churches throughout the islands, and the work would increase at a faster pace if the natives could be allowed a stronger voice at the decision-making table where policies are being put together. It is said by some who have recently visited the islands that the division leaders of the church hold absolute power which keeps the national from exercising growth and leadership opportunities, even among his/her own people. The struggles are many.

If the gospel is to be finished in all of the earth that the Lord may soon return for His

DENNIS KEITH TO RETURN TO AFRICA

Elder Dennis Keith, treasurer of the Allegheny West Conference, and his wife are returning to Africa where he will serve as the assistant treasurer for the East African Division. They have served overseas during previous years and will prove to be a blessing to the onward progress of the work of the church on this continent. Let us pray for

these dear workers as they leave the homeland to serve in other parts of the world field.

Elder James Lewis, pastor in the Allegheny East Conference has been asked to serve as the treasurer for the Allegheny West Conference. Lewis, a financier and pastor, holds the M.B.A. degree in business. He is married to the former Sharon Bradford of Washington, D.C.

NOMINEES TO SERVE IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

At the time of the Annual Council of the church which was held in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa, the following persons were nominated to serve the world church: Elder M. C. Van Putten, president of the Allegheny East Conference, has been asked to serve as associate secretary to succeed Elder R. L. Woodfork, who will be retiring in January of 1989. Dr. Rosa Banks, assistant to the president of Oakwood College has been invited to serve as the director for the Human Relations Department. She will succeed Elder Warren S. Banfield, the founder of the department.

BLACK STUDENT ENROLLMENT DECLINING

Black student enrollments of campuses is declining this year; however, the enrollment at Oakwood is at an all-time high. Five hundred freshmen have come to Oakwood for the first quarter of this year. One hundred seventeen Black students are in attendance at Southern College and 47 are attending Pacific Union College.

THIRTEEN BLACKS SERVE AS PRESIDENTS OF LOCAL CONFERENCE IN NAD

Of the 58 local conferences that are located in the North American Division, it has been noted that 13 of its presidents are of African descent: C. E. Dudley, South Central Conference; J. Paul Monk, Central States Conference; M. C. VanPutten, Allegheny East Conference; Willie Lewis, Allegheny West Conference; L. R. Palmer, Lake Region Conference; R. Barron, Southwest Region Conference; J. A. Edgecombe, Southeastern Conference; Stennet Brooks, Northeastern Conference; R. P. Peay, South Atlantic Conference; David Richardson, Bermuda Conference; A. Parchment, Ontario Conference and the newly elected leader for the Quebec Conference. E. A. Canson serves as the director of the Regional Affairs in the Pacific Union Confer-

ence and E. Shepherd serves in the same capacity in the Pacific Northwest Conference. Let us continue to pray for the leadership of the church.

OBITUARY

Wiley C. Perry was born in Newbury, Okla. He spent the early part of his life there and later attended Oakwood College where he met Henrietta Knight. They were later married and moved to Oakland, Calif.

Wiley became a member of the Market Street Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1946. He was a faithful and devoted member until his death. He served as Sabbath School superintendent, youth leader, deacon, elder, as well as head elder. He will be remembered for his love for the church, for people and his sense of humor.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Henrietta; his son, Rick; daughter-in-law, Regina; his two precious grandchildren, Adam and Ashley; four sisters: Margaret Nelson of Las Vegas, Nev., Gloria Johnson of Pasadena, Calif., Florence Penick of Las Vegas, Nev., Sylvia Canson of Newbury Park, Calif.; his dearest friend, Cecil Reeves and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

"I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also." John 14: 18, 19 RSV

CORRECTION

In an earlier edition of the North American Regional Voice, there appeared an article entitled: "The Edmond Family Heritage (Roots in the Vicksburg Morning Star Boat Mission)." A correction must be made in the paragraph which mentioned the four children of the James Hill family. "Four" children was stated, but only three were named. The paragraph should read: Anne met and married James Hill and reared a family of four, James Jr., Halcyone Glenn, *Thomas (omitted)*, and Carl Hill and five foster children.

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