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## COVER STORY

### "EARTH OUR CHALLENGE - HEAVEN OUR GOAL"

The United Youth Congress will be held April 12-15, 1989, at the Superdome in New Orleans, La. The theme is entitled, "Earth Our Challenge - Heaven Our Goal."

Youth and the young at heart from across the North American Division are invited to enjoy four days of activity planned especially for them. Seminars to be conducted include:

Singles, Linda Dulan; Positive Peer Counseling, Byron Dulan; Child Abuse, Timothy Williams; Suicide, Russel Seay; Substance Abuse, Emerson G. Miller; Self-esteem, Jack Morris; Helping My Disinterested Friend Become Interested, Ron Vanderhost; Single Parenting, Juliattie Phillips; How to Know the Will of God, Norman Miles; How to Relate to AIDS Victims, Douglas Simons; Decision-making, Jesse Wilson; Relating to Racism; I Like the Beat, Shelton Kilby; Relating to the Homeless and Handicapped, Earl W. Moore; Creative Ministries; Puppets, Clowns, etc., Mike Faison; Careers, Jan Ross.

#### FOOD AND SEMINAR INFORMATION

Non-delegate information concerning food and lodging is as follows: single Sabbath meal, \$7; single workshop, \$25; all meals and workshop package, \$100. Space in seminars is granted on a first-registered, first-served basis.

Participating hotels and prices are: Hyatt Regency Hotel, 500 Poydras Plaza, New Orleans, La., \$97; Fairmont, \$92; Palais Suite, \$61; Warrick, 1315 Grovier St., New Orleans, \$61; Avenue Hotel, \$71; Clarion Hotel, \$75 for single or double, \$81 for triple or quad; Economy Lodge with breakfast and parking, \$61.

For further information about the United Youth Congress, contact your local church AYS leader, conference youth director, or call 1-800-999-8710.

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE

### CHECK OUT THE JEWS!

Recently we viewed the annual showing of the sickening scenes of the Holocaust. Through the medium of television, it was all spelled out in painful detail. The gas chambers, sterilizations, mass killings and burials. It was all very hard to watch, but I paid my annual dues, for there are lessons there for all to see who look.

1. It happened in the 20th century. This was no inadvertent excursion into medieval bestiality. This was enlightened man at the height of human achievement. This was Germany — the seat of European technology, the nesting ground of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. If it could happen here, it could happen anywhere.

2. The Jews were thoroughly integrated into German life and felt secure. Their genius manifested itself in the scientific community and in the arts. Furthermore, intermarriage was so pervasive that tracing lineage was viewed as an exercise in futility. But with the rise of Adolph Hitler, remote possibility became present reality, and the search for Jewishness was on. One drop of Jewish blood was sufficient to stigmatize one. Soon the trains were rolling to Auschwitz, Dachau, and other points of death. And the Achilles heel of human culture lay exposed for all to see. The Jews know that it can happen again, and that those who forget the crimes of the past are destined to repeat them. They therefore insist on this annual recitation of atrocities to remove the last excuse for their repetition.

America has had its own Holocaust — its traffic in human flesh. Slavery ended officially in 1865. It actually continued in the tenant-farm system and social economic terms over 100 years beyond this. Indeed, vestiges of the "previous condition" continue to this day. Historically, Black people have annually reminded the nation of "the long journey" for a two-fold purpose.

1. That there be no repetition of the heinous crime of slavery.

2. To remind the nation that the Black man is still "500 miles away from home."

As it relates to the first, Black History Month and Martin Luther King birthday must not degenerate into an annual "progress reporting" ceremony. Slavery must be revisited in all of its dehumanizing reality. The brutality must not be glossed over. Whips repeatedly drawing blood from quivering human flesh must be portrayed. Slave masters' faces — livid with mingled hatred and bestiality — must be highlighted for their shock value. It will help some smug congressman vote for Affirmative Action.

"Go to the Jews, thou Black man — consider their ways." Annually, they reconstruct the Holocaust in awful detail. Naked bodies dumped in mass graves, the soap factories making soap of human fat, the snarling dogs, gas chambers, the work details, the cattle cars, and all are portrayed in stark factual film reproduction. Why? IT HAPPENED NOT LONG AGO and IT MUST

NOT BE REPEATED! The Jews know something. Let the world forget — and they will do it again.

The Black man awoke briefly during the showing of "Roots," then quietly resumed his slumber. We have all but let the nation off the hook in this regard. Right-wing philosophers are having a field day mainly because Blacks have chosen to "conform." Let me explain. Understandably, White people don't want to face the slavery question in all of its ugliness. They would like to "forget" it. Some have even "re-doctored" history to obscure the facts. They don't want to be reminded that even Thomas Jefferson and George Washington participated in this barbarism. "Let us look forward, not backward," some gullible blacks intone. "We can only create backlash by dragging up the past," others say. "We must be careful not to offend," they say.

And some, like the late Clarence Pendleton, claim that they have never been discriminated against. And he was born in Virginia. One White history teacher taught my son that "slave masters were kind to their slaves." Some blacks aid in the "cover-up" with such attitudes as, "Recounting the slave condition can only make us hate, and as Christians we should love." The author is a Christian minister of the gospel and believes wholeheartedly in the love ethic but not as a cover-up for the harshness of our previous experience.

So now Whites can arrogantly say, "Why should we have a Black History month? Why not have one for the Chinese and the Hispanics?" If they were reminded each year with Holocaust clarity of what slavery really was and did, THE SHAME would reduce hostility. In the absence of this, job-training programs are dismantled, Affirmative Action is threatened, child care funds cut, student loan programs cut, and government pressures on private firms to hire minorities are abandoned. And to add insult to injury, Whites have declared "open season" on Blacks on "integrated" college campuses. And every responsible study on race relations declares that the racial climate is worse than at anytime since emancipation. The Pat Buchanans and William Buckley's have given racial prejudice a respectable front. Bigots in this racial atmosphere are literally coming out of the walls, as it were. Ronald Reagan completed what Richard Nixon began. He produced an atmosphere that makes bigots comfortable and bigotry respectable. The hour is late — but not too late!

Let us not waste another Black History month! Along with the recitation of our prog-

# The Editor's Desk

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It is interesting to note the growth of the Black work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination during the year 1988. Baptisms reported from the pastors totaled 8,457; the membership stood at 179,960 or approximately 25 percent of the total membership in the North American Division; tithe income from the Black churches/conferences totals \$60,704,134 during the year, which is 20 percent of the total tithe that was paid in the United States of America.

Ofttimes it is thought by the members of the churches that these funds remain at the local conference level. Of the total tithe income, 20 percent or \$12,140,826 will be sent to the General Conference to help with the world mission program. This does not include the weekly Sabbath School offerings, Ingathering monies, Week of Sacrifice and Investment offerings. Of the total tithe income, 9 percent or \$5,463,372 was sent to the General Conference to help with the

Retirement Plan for workers who have served the church. It is interesting to observe that of the 9,590 recipients who receive benefits from the fund from month to month, approximately 100 are in the Black community. Of the total tithe income, 10 percent of \$6,070,413 was sent to the Union Conferences to help with their operations. A marginal number of Blacks serve at the union level of administration or departmental directors. Of the total tithe income, 5 percent or \$3,035,206.70 was sent to subsidize "higher education" programs and approximately 5.5 percent was spent for the operation of the elementary school programs. Members of the black churches should be mindful that after all of the percentages of the total tithe dollar are sent forward, very little is left with which to operate the local conference programs. But the Lord still blesses the efforts that are being put forth to "gather our own straw" with which to make the bricks.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	March 31	April 7	14	21
Boston, Mass.	6:01	6:17	6:24	6:32
New York City	6:19	6:27	6:34	7:02
Buffalo, N.Y.	6:40	6:42	6:56	7:04
Atlanta, Ga.	6:57	7:02	7:08	7:13
Miami, Fla.	6:37	6:40	6:43	6:47
Charlotte, N.C.	6:44	6:50	6:55	7:01
Birmingham, Ala.	6:07	6:12	6:17	6:22
Jackson, Miss.	6:20	6:25	6:30	6:34
Memphis, Tenn.	6:21	6:20	6:32	6:37
Louisville, Ky.	7:05	7:11	7:18	7:24
Detroit, Mich.	6:58	7:06	7:13	7:21
Chicago, Ill.	6:15	6:22	6:39	6:37
South Bend, Indiana	7:09	7:17	7:25	7:32
Minneapolis, Minn.	6:39	6:48	6:57	7:06
St. Louis, Mo.	6:23	6:30	6:36	6:48
Kansas City, Mo.	6:41	6:48	6:54	7:01
Denver, Co.	6:23	6:30	6:37	6:44
Little Rock, Ark.	6:29	6:35	6:40	6:46
Dallas, Texas	6:47	6:52	6:57	7:02
New Orleans, La.	6:18	6:25	6:27	6:31
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:27	6:32	6:38	6:44
Oklahoma City, Okla.	6:51	7:01	7:02	7:08

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

ress, let us dramatize the stark bloody details of our 250-year slave holocaust. It just may be that somebody, somewhere, will consider REPARATIONS. They paid the Japanese off in 1988. The debt for 250 years of free labor is still uncollected.

**BLACK MAN, CHECK OUT THE JEWS!  
WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE!**

E. E. Cleveland

## ALLEGHENY EAST



Elder Campbell (right), Trinity Temple's current pastor, presenting tokens and gifts to former pastor and recently elected conference president, Alvin Kibble.

### TRINITY TEMPLE WELCOMES CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

To the Trinity Temple Church family of Newark, N.J., under the leadership of Pastor S. Peter Campbell, Jan. 7 marked the beginning of a new era. Elder Alvin M. Kibble, the new president of Allegheny East Conference and former pastor of Trinity Temple, had returned.

The Trinity Temple Mass Choir, a combination of the church's Senior and New Beginning Choirs, set the tone for the service.

Pastor Campbell presented Elder Kibble a box containing cards and other tokens given by the church family. This medium was used to communicate their love and best wishes to the new conference leader.

Elder Kibble greeted the congregation in his own inimitable style and commended Pastor Campbell for his leadership over the past four and one-half years. He challenged the church family to look for and depend upon God's "unexpected blessings" and prayed for divine guidance during his tenure as president.

A bouquet of flowers was presented to Elder Kibble for his wife, who was absent. Six-year-old Tarika Sullivan echoed the sentiments of the congregation in her address to the president as she said, "Trinity Temple loves you."

## BARBARA BLACKSTON NAMED WOMAN OF YEAR

Barbara J. Blackston was named 1988 Woman of the Year by the Association of Adventist Women.

Nominated Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1986, she has been an asset to her family, her church and her community as she volunteered to do jobs not everyone could handle.

Community involvement has led her to become a weekend foster parent, a chemical dependence counselor, a "family friend" to unwed pregnant teenagers, and a "big sister" to urban children. She has also volunteered her time and skills as a staff member of the Virginia Rehabilitation Agency. Her work with two agency departments dealing with disabilities, the Department for Rights of the Disabled and the Department of Rehabilitative Services, brought her to the attention of the governor of Virginia, who honored her with the 1988 Governors Award for Volunteering Excellence.

An active member of her church, Ms. Blackston has served on boards and committees, worked with children in Sabbath School and youth groups, been a Community Services Federation Officer, and even found time to sing in the Ephesians Choir — her church choir that she represents in a larger group, the Richmond Mass Choir, which is made up of church musicians from all over the city.

Perhaps it was involvement in the community that led her to study social work in her "spare" time. While doing "all of the above," Barbara remains fully committed to furthering her education, and after 15 years of part-time class work she recently received a bachelor of social work degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.



B. J. Blackston

As her pastor says, Ms. Blackston is "dedicated, unselfishly, to a life of helping people. She loves doing whatever she can for anyone, with no strings attached." Truly, Barbara Blackston is an undeniable role model for young and old alike.

## BEREA TEMPLE SPONSORS CONCERT

In an effort to obtain funding for the renovation of its edifice, the Berea Temple Centennial Restoration Committee of Baltimore, Md., continued its concert series with the Second Benefit concert of Morgan State University Choir, conducted by Dr. Nathan Carter. Acclaimed as one of America's most prestigious university choirs, Morgan has toured extensively throughout America, with visits to Helsinki, Finland; Leningrad, USSR; Copenhagen, Denmark; and London, England. In August 1988 this group was selected to perform at the White House.

The audience listened in awe as the melodious sounds permeated the sanctuary. Solo performances demonstrated the unique versatility and talent of the choir.

Dr. Carter, a true master technician, controlled the musicians and soloists with the twinkle of an eye, the movement of a finger or the slightest nod of his head.

The concert conclusion brought the audience to their feet with resounding applause for the performance.

Bettye Brock

Communication Secretary  
Berea Temple, Baltimore

## CAMDEN CHURCH EXPRESSES THANKS TO LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Traditionally at Mt. Olivet SDA Church in Camden, N.J., a Thanksgiving Day program is held. For Thanksgiving '88, Camille Archie, who annually organizes and plans the programs, decided to share the joy of Thanksgiving with a group of people whose services often go unnoticed and who are often the target of ridicule and criticism — the Camden Police Department.

Ms. Archie asked the Mt. Olivet Church members to donate various items to make up fruit baskets for the police. The members delivered fresh fruit, raisins, nuts, homemade cookies, crackers, etc., to the church. A 10-table assembly line was formed to make the baskets. Within three hours, 235 baskets had been made and beautifully wrapped for distribution to the Camden Police Force on Thanksgiving Day. In each fruit basket a small tract, "Your Friends the Seventh-day Adventists," was placed.



Juanita Jones, (left), and Angelique Archie, (right), wrap a fruit basket while Byron Cox and Timothy Privette look on.

On Thanksgiving Day the Chief of Police, Robert Pugh, and other Special Teams' Officers and policemen joined the members of Mt. Olivet in Thanksgiving services, at which time the fruit baskets were distributed. Capt. Pugh, who is not a stranger to Mt. Olivet, once played on the church's basketball team at the invitation of Robert Hubbard, then athletic commissioner for the Allegheny East Conference.

Nicceta Davis  
Communication Secretary



A portion of the over 200 baskets made for the Camden, N.J., Police Force.

## CENTRAL STATES



Elder and Mrs. E. F. Carter

### ELDER EUGENE F. CARTER RETIRES

Elder Eugene Francis Carter, Sr., a third-generation Adventist from Bridgeport, Conn., was among the graduates of the first class of Oakwood Senior College in 1945. Upon graduation, he became the first conference pastor of the Huntsville Church by request. There he built the first representative church building which was the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Huntsville, Ala., and increased the membership by several evangelistic meetings. The church was later sold in an Urban Renewal Project for \$86,000 and became the nucleus and financial base for the present quarter-of-a-million dollar church in Huntsville, built by Elder Hector Mouzon.

He was called to be the first full-time chaplain of the Riverside Sanitarium Chapel in Nashville, Tenn., in 1948 and led out in the erecting of the new church building which is still used today by the congregation. He and his wife, Mrs. Ollie Lee Carter began the first church school for the Riverside Chapel. Elder Carter also pastored the original Meharry Boulevard Church in Nashville. From there he was called to the Bethel Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1951, where he pastored for eight years. The membership not only flourished during his pastorate, but through an outstanding evangelistic cam-

paigned in 1958 approximately 100 precious souls were baptized. The church, school and parsonage were also completely renovated to the tune of \$100,000. After the renovation of the school, the enrollment increased from 98 to 140. After leaving Bethel Church in Brooklyn, he was called to Berea Church in Boston, Mass., where under his leadership they purchased a whole corner at Humbolt and Seaver. This property was purchased for \$55,000 cash, and was later renovated by Elder Thadeus Wilson, the pastor who followed Elder Carter, and it still houses the 800-member congregation today.

From Boston, Elder Carter went to Buffalo, N.Y., and from there came to the Beacon Light Church in Kansas City, Mo., in 1963. The membership grew from less than 300 to more than 400 during his pastorate. Beacon Light, also under his administration, became the first church in the conference to install a centralized air-conditioning system. In 1967, Elder Carter was transferred to the Berean Church in St. Louis, Mo., and under his leadership the church was completely renovated for \$75,000 and the membership was increased by several successful tent meetings. After eight years, Elder Carter was called to the Central States Conference office to take charge of the Stewardship and Trust Service departments. Later, he was asked to oversee the Personal Ministries, Sabbath School and Inner-City departments and subsequently became the executive secretary of the conference, from which position he retired Sept. 1, 1988. He still works on a part-time basis as Message/Ingathering coordinator and stewardship consultant for the conference. Elder Carter is also the regional vice president of the National Oakwood Alumni Association for the conference.

He has three children by his late wife, Ollie Lee Carter: Eugene Carter II, deceased; Michael Carter of Huntsville, Ala.; Toni Carter-Horton of St. Louis, Mo.; and one grandchild, Stephanie Frances Rose. He is presently married to the former Willa Mae Burgess and now resides in Kansas City, Mo. He also has a brother and a sister in the work: Robert H. Carter, president of the Lake Union Conference; Elizabeth Carter-Cleveland, wife of Elder H. L. Cleveland, Church Ministries director of the South Central Conference; and an older brother, William Anderson Carter Jr., a thriving and outstanding masonry contractor in Huntsville, Ala.

### SECRET PALS

A small church sometimes has certain advantages over larger churches. One such advantage is in doing little "fun" things. Erma E. Curd of the Sharon Chapel SDA Church, Sedalia, Mo., suggested that the members have "secret pals" during 1989. Needless to say, everyone thought it was a good idea. It is called "Sabbath School Improvement." A personal "facts sheet" was prepared and handed to each member to take home and complete. The sheet contained such miscellaneous information as name, birthdate, favorite colors, etc. Then shortly before ringing in the new year, the sheets were brought back, placed in a large container, and the members drew names.

Each month, every member is to bring an inexpensive gift for his/her secret pal (something special during the secret pal's birthday month and at Christmas time). The fact sheet serves as an aid in determining appropriate gifts that the secret pal would enjoy receiving.

The gifts are placed in a special "Secret Pal Basket" and it becomes the Sabbath School Superintendent's responsibility to distribute them each week. This is just another way to demonstrate that it can be a delight serving the Lord.

Alona Bogess-Casey  
Communication Secretary

### COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT BETHESDA

The Bethesda Sabbath School department of Omaha, Neb., honored one of its own as an outstanding person in the community. Ms. Aleane Fitz Carter, the current church pianist, was the honoree. Ms. Carter was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and began playing the piano at the age of 7, receiving her first piano lesson from her mother. She later studied at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Roosevelt College of Chicago. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education.

Ms. Carter travels extensively throughout the United States, conducting choral workshops in contemporary and gospel music, and spirituals; holding instrumental music workshops for pianists and organists; and conducting directors' clinics for those who wish to learn more about choir directing.

Ms. Carter has received numerous honors and awards. She has written several plays. Her one-woman show has taken her throughout the United States and Ghana,

West Africa. She is the director of the church prison ministry and the founder and director of the Christian Actors' Guild, a group of actors and actresses from the Bethesda and Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Churches who perform plays throughout the community and in the churches.

### **PASTOR DRAGGON HONORS BETHESDA YOUTH**

Pastor Rodney Draggon presented Certificates of Honor to the youth of Bethesda Church in Omaha, Neb., for achievement in various areas. Parents were asked to submit a form explaining how each child in the home shared their faith.

Certificates were awarded for educational achievement, direct witnessing and having a Christian attitude, as well as many other categories. Elder Draggon expressed pride in the youth of Bethesda. He stated, "The young people of Bethesda work hard and know how to get things done."



Pastor Draggon honors Bethesda youth.

### **A CHRISTMAS GIFT OF LOVE TO LINWOOD SENIOR CITIZENS**

The senior citizens of Linwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Mo., are not to be ranked with the ordinary, average, rocking chair retirees. They don't sit home with a jar of Ben-Gay tending their aches and pains when the sun goes down and the weather gets chilly. Give them the opportunity! Give them an invitation! They will enjoy a full evening of fun.

On Sabbath, Dec. 3, 1988, Deroughous Larry, more fondly known as Uncle D., invited Linwood senior citizens to join him for an evening of fun — a pre-Christmas treat. That evening, Uncle D was at the wheel of the church van with many of Linwood senior citizens comfortably seated as they joined the throng of sightseers. They enjoyed every minute as they viewed the ever-popular Plaza Christmas lights and sceneries. He felt blessed to be able to bring pre-Christmas cheer to so many of his senior church members.

His thoughtfulness and generosity is to be commended. He had truly given a gift of love and had started a happy holiday season for the senior citizens of Linwood Boulevard church family.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS BRING CHRISTMAS SPIRIT TO LINWOOD**

Sabbath, Dec. 10, 1988, was a day of celebration for members of the Linwood Boulevard Temple in Kansas City, Mo. It



E. E. Cleveland speaking at A.Y.

was the annual Senior Citizens Day. The Linwood church family and their guests gathered to give recognition to the senior members.

The theme of the Sabbath School, "How To Be A Peacemaker," was dramatized by Eula Topps, Lessie Griffin, Bernice Larry, Grace Burnett and Gwendolyn Washing-

ton. A special musical number by senior soloist, Nadine Franks, was a perfect lead-in to the study of the Sabbath School lesson.

The Autumn Choir, consisting of senior citizens, directed by Rose Robinson and accompanied by church pianist, Geraldine Robinson, filled the sanctuary with music: "Let Me Tell You How To Move Mountains."

Elder W. R. Robinson of the St. Louis, Mo., Berean Church, a veteran worker, delivered an unforgettable sermon, endowed with many years of wisdom and a volume of knowledge and stories from his vast study and experience and extensive travel.



Elder W. R. Robinson

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS

Under the Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company's Dome, Terry Lee was inducted into the Omaha, Neb., North High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Terry is a junior at North High School, and is the pianist for the Bethesda Church choir. Miss Lee's brother, Densil Lee, Jr. was inducted last year and is treasurer this year. The National Honor Society is a national organization dedicated to maintaining high academic achievement, community involvement and extra-curricular activities among its members. Each member must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average. Only high school seniors and juniors are eligible for membership. Before being admitted, each applicant is judged on the criteria mentioned above. This year, the National Honor Society at North High School has raised money for educational scholarships, been involved in several community-wide service projects and started a no-smoking drive at the junior high schools in the area. Terry and Densil Lee are the son and daughter of Densil and Barbara Lee of Westmoreland, Jamaica, now living in Omaha, Neb.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DAY AT PARK HILL

"Dorcas Day" was a day of inspiration and encouragement at the Park Hill SDA Church in Denver, Colo. The guest speaker was evangelist E. E. Cleveland.

Elder Cleveland's sermon was entitled, "Don't Die on the Beach." He stated that America is becoming economically impoverished with many people sleeping on the streets. Cleveland commended the Community Services workers for what they are doing for the needy. On certain days during the year, the Community Services department of Park Hill gives sandwiches to those on skid-row and food baskets to the needy as well as articles of clothing. Food baskets are always given during the Christmas and

Thanksgiving seasons.  
Ivory Chalmers  
Communication Secretary

## NORTHEASTERN

### COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT MAJESTIC HEIGHTS MISSION

Majestic Heights SDA Mission recently celebrated its second Community Guest Day since the company was formed in



Special music being presented by a group consisting of, (from left to right): Lisa Abrahams, Robin Fields, Gwen Walker, Barbara Robinson and Donna Kelly.



Evangelist P. C. Willis delivers Community Guest Day message.

September 1987. The day's theme was, "God and I can do it."

The women of the mission were resplendent in peach and white outfits and the men in dark suits. Each guest was greeted at the door and pinned with a beautiful corsage.

As part of the celebration, the planning committee chose a member of the community to recognize for outstanding contributions and service in the neighborhood.

The guest of honor selected was Ms. Betty C. Rifkin, a principal in a neighborhood school and organizer of an Adult Training Center. Ms. Rifkin was instrumental in getting community leaders involved in meeting the need for adult education. She has given her time and effort and has helped hundreds of adults to further their ambitions and become supporting members of the community.

Ms. Rifkin received a beautiful plaque from the pastor and members of the mission and two books, "The Great Controversy" and "Education for Teachers, Parents and Students." Three members of the mission were singled out and honored for distinguished service as well.

Guest speaker for the day was Pastor P. C. Willis, the brother of Majestic Heights' own Pastor David Willis. Pastor P. C. Willis stated, "You are an integrated whole ..." He explained that God wants the body as He wants the soul.

Majestic Heights is a working team as evidenced by the response to Community Guest Day. At the close of the midday service, there were 150 guests present. They all were invited to a specially prepared lunch following the services.

Regina Buntin-Cameron.



Principal Betty C. Rifkin addresses the Majestic Heights congregation.



Pastor Desmond Francis

music was provided by Ms. Lorna Percy, Christopher Tramel and the Mt. Vernon Male Ensemble.

Winsome Dyer  
Communication Secretary



Pastor David Willis instructs a Sabbath School class.



(Left) to (right) Lavern Ramkisson, Margaret Dennison (Health and Temperance leader), Hollis McEachrene.

## MOUNT VERNON HOLDS CONSECRATION CEREMONY

A service of consecration and dedication for 1989 officers was held at the Mt. Vernon, N.Y., SDA Church on Sabbath, Jan. 7, 1989. The program was organized by the Personal Ministries Department and was conducted by Elder Desmond Francis, the church's pastor.

The highlight was a candlelight ceremony during which the officers and many members rededicated themselves to the Lord.

The service ended a day of fasting and prayer which began with a consecration service for Sabbath School teachers, and continued with a special prayer service after the Divine Worship Hour.

During the afternoon one person, Lewiston McDonough, was baptized; a local elder, Hollis McEachrane, and a deacon, Jeffrey Goulbourne, were ordained. Special

## MT. VERNON CONDUCTS ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN

On Nov. 5, 1988, the Health and Temperance Department of the Mt. Vernon, N.Y., SDA Church under the leadership of Mrs. Margaret Dennison launched a stop-smoking campaign to coincide with the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout.

Magazines, buttons, pamphlets and other materials acquired from the American Cancer Society were packaged and sold at cost to church members who in turn distributed them to non-Adventist family members, friends and co-workers who smoke.

Two of those who took part in the campaign were Mr. Hollis McEachrane and Mrs. Laverne Ramkisson. Mr. McEachrane, a local elder, used his materials to help five of his co-workers kick the habit. Others attended the stop-smoking seminars he conducted on his job. Mrs. Ramkisson suc-

ceeded in getting two people to stop smoking, and she continues to work with others.

Mr. McEachrane and Mrs. Ramkisson were awarded T-shirts imprinted with "Great American Smokeout, American Cancer Society," as a reminder of their efforts to further the Seventh-day Adventist health message.

Winsome Dyer  
Communication Secretary



Dr. Dwyer presents the Education message



Home and School Leader Maurice Scarlett addresses the congregation.

## EDUCATION FOR BOTH NOW AND FOR ETERNITY

The Christian Fellowship Church of Brooklyn, N.Y., celebrated Education Day using the theme, "Education for Both Now and for Eternity." Music provided by the Youth and Children's choirs, a dynamic presentation from guest speaker Dr. Norma Nelson-Dwyer, and comments from Pastor Ralph Williams on achievements and greater aspirations were all high notes of the day.





The Christian Fellowship renders special music during the Divine Worship hour.

The day's activities were planned under the leadership of Mr. Maurice A. Scarlett, secretary and program coordinator of the Home and School Committee. When asked why he believes the Christian Fellowship Home and School program differs from any other, Mr. Scarlett replied, "... We keep in contact with our students. During the past three years, we have contributed approximately \$30,000 in educational assistance. We annually honor our teachers for their sacrificial devotion to our children's future."

He was then asked how he regards his office. Scarlett answered, "... We see it as a means of preparing citizens not only for this life but for the life to come."

Other members of the Christian Fellowship Home and School Committee include: Hazel Golden, Etta Liddell, Audrey Mortley, Pearl Robinson, Elsa Scarlett and Patricia Still.

Austin H. Tuitt  
Correspondent

## BROOKLYN CHURCHES CELEBRATE KING'S BIRTHDAY

On Jan. 16, nine Brooklyn churches gathered together to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The annual program entitled, "Fulfilling the Dream," was held at the Brooklyn Faith Church, and was attended by members from the Brooklyn Faith, Christian Fellowship, Emmaus, East New York, Flatbush, Goshen Temple, Hebron, Mt. of Olives and New Life churches.

The program's M.C. this year was Pastor R. Lister, stewardship secretary of Northeastern Conference. Participants included the Brooklyn Faith Choir; The Beloved, of Hebron; and Gordon Fraser of Brooklyn Faith, who gave tribute in song. Two poems of upliftment were given by Claudette and John McQueen, both of Brooklyn Faith. Various speeches of tribute and personal experiences were given by Pastor Jenkins of New Life; Eva Boykin and James Herry, both of Brooklyn Faith; Noel Berke of Emmaus; and Pastor Bevel and Ms. Spickles, both of East New York.

The highlight of the evening came in the form of a soul-stirring speech given by Pastor Flowers of Brooklyn Faith. Pastor Flowers reminded all to rekindle the Fire of Love, for



Coordinators of the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration among the Brooklyn churches (left to right): Elder Robert Lister, Stewardship Director for Northeastern Conference; Pastors E. Flowers, K. Jenkins and J. Bevel, Jr.

love is the key to ending racism, poverty and war. Rekindle the Fire of Unity, "for united we stand, divided we fall." And rekindle the Fire of Education, for through education ignorance is conquered.



Dr. G. Oliver Phillips (left) and Pastor R. Clifford Jones (right) enjoy a light moment during Mayor Edward Koch's question and answer period.

## NEW YORK CITY MAYOR VISITS HANSON PLACE

On Jan. 14, Mayor Edward I. Koch addressed an audience at Hanson Place Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., The church, a city landmark, was purchased from a Baptist congregation some 30 years ago.

Mayor Koch came in answer to an invitation extended by Pastor R. Clifford Jones, who stated, "I would like the church to establish a relationship with city government, and this meeting, I think, is a good first step in that direction."

Koch, accompanied by Jim Harding, his special advisor, spent more than an hour answering questions from the floor and defending his administration's past performance. The mayor responded to issues such as the city's homeless, drugs, alleged inequities in nurse's salaries at Kings County Hospital, education, busing, his approach to his job, the emergency medical services,

housing rehabilitation, and the Atlantic Terminal Renewal project.

Koch was welcomed by Maureen Burke, director of the church's Communications Department, and introduced by Dr. Milton O. C. Haynes as "the person with both the power and the moral authority to make Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream come true in New York City." Thus did Haynes place the meeting in the context of city-wide celebrations commemorating Dr. King's birth. Following this, the Hanson Place Church choir gave a spirited rendition of Lewandowski's "Hallelujah."

Taking his cue from Dr. Haynes, Koch prefaced his own remarks with a recounting of his experience as a young lawyer representing civil rights workers in Laurel, Miss., in 1964, at great personal risk. He also recalled being aided by a Black neighbor at about 7 a.m. one day when he was being jostled in the street near his home by a vagrant, shortly after he became mayor. He said he recalled the two incidents to emphasize how important it is that people should help one another.

In the ensuing lively question-and-answer session, the audience, which numbered about 1,000 including several neighborhood residents, heard the mayor predict cuts in city services in the next budget, except in education, special services for children and the Health and Hospital Corporation. He also said there would be no increase in city income tax. He further said the cuts were necessary because New York State, which has its own budgetary problems, would be giving less money to the city this year.

Koch, who is seeking reelection to a fourth term, expressed dismay at certain communities' disapproval of his performance.

The meeting, moderated by Dr. Oliver Phillips, was punctuated with applause, contrasting sharply with other strident sessions the mayor has had in other parts of the city. When asked to return, he promptly promised to do so.

Lloyd Goodridge  
Correspondent

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### MOMENTS IN BLACK SDA HISTORY - Vicksburg, Mississippi

*"Eternity alone will reveal the work accomplished for the colored people by the small schools at Vicksburg, Yazoo City, and other points in the South. In this field we*



Pastor and Mrs. James Young, and Mrs. Merlyn Edwards, Mrs. C. E. Dudley.

*need many more such schools."*

Ellen G. White - 7T:p.231

### A REMAINING STUDENT FROM THE "MORNING STAR" BOAT SCHOOL

Maggie Shop of Vicksburg, Miss., attended school on the "Morning Star" boat between the years of 1895 and 1901. Edson White had built the boat to use in teaching the Black people in the South after the Emancipation Proclamation was made. He felt the burden for "mission service" and chose this as his field of labor. The daughter of Maggie Shop gives the account (she still lives in Vicksburg.)

#### VICKSBURG ON THE MISSISSIPPI

It is a city in the state of Mississippi situated halfway between Memphis, Tenn., and New Orleans, La., on the Mississippi River. It is historically famous as the site of one of the most decisive campaigns of the American Civil War. It owes its importance in peace and war to its geographic location. It was settled in 1718 by Frenchmen who built Ft. St. Pierre on this high bluff and began commercial activity for many of the settlers. By 1825 it had become a lusty frontier river town warring with gamblers and claiming five heroic and individualistic newspaper editors by violence in a period of 22 years.

During the Civil War this city became another key point of fighting between the years of 1862 and 1863. It was here that General U.S. Grant and his troops broke the "back" of resistance and brought the war to an end.

#### ALONZO PARKER AND THE MESSAGE

After the war, Alonzo Parker, a Black



Dr. & Mrs. A. Edwards & Son

preacher from Newelton (or) St. Joseph, La., crossed the Mississippi River at Vicksburg in 1894 and began preaching a different doctrine from that which the Blacks had been accustomed to hearing (Saturday was the Lord's day of worship; Jesus was coming to earth soon; healthful living was a part of serving the Lord.) To his surprise, those with whom he labored mobbed and beat him and left him dying in the streets of Vicksburg. As he placed his Bible upon his chest, he proclaimed to his assassins that "the Lord will give you another opportunity in about a year." In 1895, one year later, James Edson White, the son of James and Ellen White, sailed his "Morning Star" boat into Vicksburg.

#### THE MORNING STAR SCHOOL

After the war, millions of slaves had been left homeless to roam from place to place. To teach them to read and to write had been against the laws of the land throughout the Southland. The needs were many; however, the Seventh-day Adventist denomination was the last religious body to set in motion plans to help with the problem and this was done by laymen of the church such

as E. B. Lane, Silas Osborne, P. T. Magan, Nell Drulliard and others.

Edson, who was considered a maverick by many in those days, chose the Southern field to work among Blacks and the poor whites. He built a floating classroom from which to get the job done. The reason for this type of structure was to help him to have a place in which to live and also to be able to move from place to place up and down the Mississippi, the Yazoo, the Ohio and the Cumberland rivers that flowed through the South. Some of the cities that were entered and work among Blacks established were, Memphis, Tenn.; Nashville, Tenn.; Greenville, Vicksburg, Natchez, Columbus, Yazoo City and Chalmer, Miss.

In Vicksburg, a site was selected at the foot of First Street in the front of Mr. A. Irvin's (Black) logging company. There still lives in this city a lady by the name of Madlyn Edwards, the wife of the late Dr. A. Edwards, who recalls the days when the floating church and school docked there. She was just a small child, but she still remembers that her grandmother, Maggie Shop, and her mother, Margaret Maxie, became members of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination under the teachings of James E. White. Her sisters, Lillian and Laura, attended the school and she, Madlyn, attended the church with the family along with the Ketterjohns, the Edmonds, the Murphys, the Buckners (cousins to the mother of Charles E. Bradford), the Irvins, the Johnsons (mother of G. J. Millett) and others.

After the passing of Mr. Maxie, Madlyn's father, her mother remarried a gentleman who became a member of Bethel Baptist Church of Vicksburg. This relationship caused the family to drift from attendance at the Seventh-day Adventist meetings, but the girls had been taught the teachings of Adventism which remained with them until this day. The youngest daughter, Madlyn was blessed to see her 96th birthday on Jan. 20, 1989. She had been married to Dr. L. Edwards, a dentist who practiced in the city for more than 50 years until his passing. Mrs. Edwards is among the last of the survivors who attended Edson White's floating school on the Morning Star boat.

It was at Vicksburg that Ulysses S. Grant's Union Army broke the back of the Confederate Army during the Civil War and brought slavery to an end. Roots of bitterness were still very strong and deep when Edson arrived. His mission, however, was to help bring healing and hope to an underprivileged and downtrodden race of people whose forefathers and mothers had been

incarcerated in slavery for over 400 years. When it was noised about as to what his mission really was, the colored students came from far and near to attend, for this was a real opportunity for them at that time. There were no schools for Blacks in this area. In fact, when the school was opened at Natchez, it was the only school where these students could attend to receive an education. Some of the students who came to Vicksburg were Harry Gray from Memphis, Tenn.; T. B. Buckner; Thomas Murphy, the barber who later became a preacher; Ann Edmond, grandmother of Dana Edmond, the pastor of the Breath of Life congregation in Memphis; Margaret Ship, mother of Madlyn Edwards; Etta Ketterjohn, the mother of C. E. Bradford, president of the North American division of the General Conference of SDA, and Cynthia Johnson, mother of Garland Millett.

It is interesting to note that many of the future colored leaders of the SDA church have their roots among the students who attended school on the Morning Star boat at Vicksburg.

## THE BANKSES SERVE IN PRISON MINISTRIES

Since their return to Hattiesburg, Miss., from Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Banks have given themselves totally to missionary outreach in sharing their faith with the people of the Hattiesburg community. In recent months, the prison ministry, under their leadership, has proven to be very fruitful. Each week they are there doing what they can to cheer, instruct and to help the inmates. Some of

these individuals have taken a stand for the truth and have been baptized into the church membership.



Mr. and Mrs. Harris, center; Pastor M. Johnson, right.

## MRS. DORA HARRIS BECOMES CHURCH ELDER AT HATTIESBURG

The members of Hattiesburg, Miss., voted to have Mrs. Dora Harris, former treasurer of the church to serve as a church elder with all of the rights and privileges that come with the office. She becomes the first woman in the church to be ordained as one of the local elders after having functioned for quite some time in this capacity.

Through the years, women have played important roles in the establishment of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Ellen G. White was the prophetess to whom the Lord gave visions and dreams to help keep the fledgling group encouraged and on track from time to time. Anna Knight, missionary to India for 16 years oftentimes directed in the services of churches throughout the South after the turn of the century. She worked to establish schools in many places in the Southern Union. Christine Thompson, a retired school teacher and wife of an Adventist minister served in every capacity of



church work, with the exception of pastor, and would have done that successfully if granted the opportunity. Sojourner Truth, the great abolitionist who spent many days in the White House talking with Abraham Lincoln, was one of the mothers in Israel who served the Dime Tabernacle congregation in Battle Creek, Mich., during the days of Uriah Smith and James and Ellen White.

Women have played a very significant role in helping to establish the work among Blacks across the land. We salute these great women of history.



R. L. Willis baptizes at First Church, Huntsville.

## A DAY AT THE FIRST CHURCH IN HUNTSVILLE

Baptismal services, baby blessings, soul-stirring music from the home choir and the visiting choir from Shiloh in Chicago, Ill., and some moving preaching all helped to make a Sabbath at the First Church in Huntsville a day that will long be remembered.

Since he came to serve as the shepherd of the flock, Elder Robert L. Willis, the pastor, finds it difficult to seat all of the people who attend the services from week to week. Plans are in the making to expand the facility to accommodate all the people who attend.

If you ever are blessed to visit the First Church in Huntsville, Ala., on Sabbath at the time of the 11 o'clock services, the memories will ever linger in your mind and on your heart.



Fifth and sixth graders sing one of the early Adventist hymns during the Home and School program.



Alcy students during morning devotion.

## ADVENTIST HERITAGE MONTH IS CELEBRATED AT ALCY

November was designated as "Adventist Heritage Month" at the Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tenn. "Catch the Vision" was the theme for the month. A part of the Harvest '90 Project of the General Conference Department of Education, activities were incorporated during the morning devotional periods, Bible, reading and social studies classes as well as during special assembly programs. The SDA Hall of Fame was another feature in the building during the month.

The students learned many of the old Advent hymns and songs, studied the lives of pioneers and viewed two special videos, "An Evening With James White" and "View on the 1895 General Conference Session." Studying Adventist heritage is vital. Many of

the young people in church schools are first-generation Adventists, which means that their knowledge of this history is very limited. During the month they were able to learn about their church and its mission. It is hoped that Adventist Heritage will become an annual event throughout North America.

To end the month, a special Home and School program featured each class which presented a special aspect of Adventist Heritage.

Charles D. Battles  
Principal

**There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.**  
**Romans 8:1,2 RSV**

## NEW LIFE CHURCH CELEBRATES HOMECOMING

New Life SDA Church of Huntsville, Ala., celebrated its first homecoming on Nov. 11 and 12. The theme for the weekend was "Bringing the Family Together."

Pastor Sargent Simms and members welcomed old and new members as well as a host of visiting friends. The program included the history of the church, presented by Mrs. Joyce Harris, a member who has been with the church since its origin.

Friday evening, Elder Don McPhaul of Washington, D.C., was the first speaker of the weekend. His topic was "Somebody is Missing." Sabbath began with early morning prayer service and the speaker was Pastor Dwight Eric Haynes. He is currently studying at Andrews University. His sermon was a question that affects all, "How Are You Going to Get Home?"

The divine worship service was the high point of the day, with Elder S. J. Jackson, New Life's first pastor, who presently lives in Orlando, Fla. He reminded all that "He Knew Us Before We Were Formed."

The music for the weekend was inspirational. It included local talent from the city and New Life church. A reunion choir was formed under the direction of Derrick Ramey and Diane Rugless. Delores Ruff and Thomas Hartsfield were the featured singers.

A lot of hard work went into putting the homecoming program together. Members worked together repairing and cleaning the church, housing the visitors and cooking the food.

Even though the monetary goals were not reached, the spirit moved some old members to return to New Life, which was worth all the money on earth.

## FORTY STUDENTS MAKE DECISION FOR CHRIST

A very important Seventh-day Adventist tradition was experienced once again at Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, Tenn. The Fall Week of Prayer featured Pastor Marcus Taylor, associate pastor of the Longview Heights SDA Church.

During the week, the lives of various young people in the Bible were emphasized, such as Daniel, Joseph, David and Samuel. Just as God used each of these individuals in a special way, God wants to use the young people today.

The morning devotions were held separately for grades Pre-K through four and grades five through eight. On Friday, the



Pastor Marcus Taylor speaks during morning devotion.

student body met together for the final devotion period. Approximately 40 young people made decisions for Christ. Follow-up Bible studies by the respective pastors of the constituent churches will commence with a baptismal class being formed for those who wish to be baptized.

Charles D. Battles  
Principal

## OUTREACH IN GADSDEN/ ANNISTON DISTRICT

Under the auspices of the Personal Ministries Department, Pastor Washington Johnson, Jr., and the members of the Gadsden/Anniston, Ala., district have set up a small clinic in the church. They are

being aided in this project by newly baptized member June McMullen, a registered nurse. Ms. McMullen's impression with the health message of the Adventist church led to her conversion.

After Sabbath services, members as well as community residents are invited to have their blood pressure checked and have any health-related questions answered. If there are any medical problems, they are advised to visit their physician.

Cholesterol charts and advice about diet are also available upon request. Bible study courses are offered to everyone.

Thus far, this form of outreach has been effective. The church is presently planning a medical day program which will involve the city health department.



Alcy students enjoy their own Thanksgiving dinner at school.



(Left to Right) - Pastor Washington Johnson, Jr. and Nurse June McMullen.

## SEASON OF THANKSGIVING AT ALCY

A special Thanksgiving program and dinner were planned and executed by the students and teachers of Alcy SDA Junior Academy in Memphis, TN. The day before Thanksgiving, students and teachers spent the morning sharing with each other "The Season of Thanksgiving." Each class made a special presentation which included poems, recitations, skits and music. Two films were viewed that focused on the background and origin of Thanksgiving.

The highlight of the morning activities was the Thanksgiving dinner which included baked vegetarian turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, buttered green beans, sweet corn, buttered rolls, sparkling juice, ice cream and cake. Mrs. Aubrey Thomas, an Alcy parent, along with Mrs. Ruby Aldridge, Home and School president, and her husband, Mr. Flenoid Aldridge, served the dinner.



Pastor F. Murray and lay Bible instructor.

## OVERTON PARK/EADS, TENN., DISTRICT MOVES FORWARD UNDER ELDER F. MURRAY'S LEADERSHIP

More than 50 persons were baptized in the Overton Park/Eads district during 1988, under the leadership of Pastor Famous Murray and his assistant lay pastor, Charles Brooks. The membership at the Eads, Tenn., church has more than doubled during the past year. A new church choir has been formed, and the church quartet makes regular appearances on the radio from Sunday to Sunday. Individuals are awaiting baptism within the next few weeks, and a summer

tent effort has been planned in the nearby community.

On Sabbath, Jan. 14, at the Overton Park church, two additional members were added to the faith through baptism, one of whom was a former Baptist minister from the Eads area. The pastor spoke of the literature outreach programs that are being conducted in the community through the Revelation Seminar programs. He also spoke of the productive work that is being done through the ministries of the lay Bible instructor. A new cabinet industry has been instituted in the basement of the church to help with the funding of various church projects. The Overton Park and Eads churches have come alive under the Lord's blessings that are being showered upon the lay and ministerial leadership there.

McBath continues to excel in her appeal to the community for help in the worldwide Ingathering for the less fortunate. As personal ministries director, she has committed herself to a personal monetary goal of from \$800 to \$1,000 from solicitation in the Knoxville community.

Jones gives away hundreds of baskets to the needy each year. Last Christmas, she gave away more than 300 baskets. Smiling faces come to College Hill for their baskets as Hattie Wright and other loving helpers serve them.

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**For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.**  
**Romans 11:36 RSV**

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Ada Jones in the background displays food that will be given to the needy during the Christmas holidays. Members pitch in to help.

## COLLEGE HILL IS A CARING CHURCH

College Hill Church at Knoxville, Tenn., is a "caring church." This caring is best expressed by Ada Jones, who is the director of the church's Community Service Department. Jones is a caring person who makes herself a committee of one to personally contact Knoxville's business community.

Ms. Jones has been a mentor for Ms. Luella McBath since McBath joined the church about 20 years ago. Ms. McBath, who is now the church's personal ministries director, continues to work along with Ms. Jones in an effort to bring Christ to a dying world.

## SOUTHEASTERN

### TENTH ANNIVERSARY AT PALM BAY

Palm Bay SDA Church, Palm Bay, Fla., recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. Ruby Davis, one of the charter members served as the Sabbath School superintendent, Harvey Ebanks, reviewed the lesson for the week and F. Lindo and E. Gace gave special music.

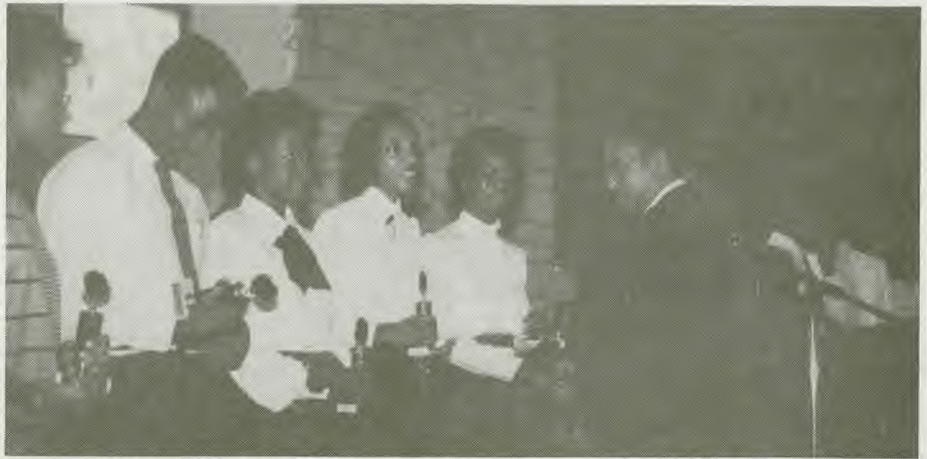
James Best, the evangelist who conducted the crusade in which 43 persons were baptized was presented a plaque by

Cleveland Holness, pastor of the church. Charter members Mandlyn, Jacob and Ethline McCalla and 24 other members who shared in the dream of a church building at its present site were also presented plaques by Pastor Holness.

Elder Best, who also serves as personal ministries director of Allegheny West Conference, brought a challenge to the more than 250 persons present, entitled "Ebenezer-Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

A fellowship dinner was served in the multipurpose hall added a year ago. The church choir and invited guest artists presented a sacred concert to conclude the day's events.

Rosa Marie DaSilva,  
Correspondent



(Standing left to right) Ava Murray, Willie Owens, June James, Mae Orr and Jennifer Cooper receive trophies from Benjamin Browne, pastor of Mt. Sinai.

## YOUTH HOLD BIBLE BOWL

At the Southeastern Youth Federation Bible Bowl contest held Dec. 3, 1988, in Ft. Myers, Fla., young persons from Orlando-Mt. Sinai were the first-place winners in the junior and senior division. Winners of the local contest were selected according to National Bible Bowl Rules.

Mt. Sinai winners will represent Southeastern Conference in the United Youth Congress to be held in New Orleans, La., April 12-15, 1989.

Junior division winners were Ricky Wilson, Andrew Morgan, Natalie Barclay, Melvin Hosten, Tashsa Robinson and Nadine Henry.

Senior division winners were Ava Murray, Willie Owens, June James, Mae Orr and Jennifer Cooper.



Elder A. C. McClure, Southern Union Conference President, shared words of greeting assisted in translation by Pastor Jean-Claude Brutus, pastor of Orlando/Tampa French district.

## "UN MESSAGE DE SALUT POUR UN MONDE EN PERIL"

Emblazoned across the stage said, "A Message of Salvation for a World in Peril." It was the sixth annual French Convocation in Miami, Fla.

Hundreds of Haitian believers from the 16 churches and companies across the Southeastern Conference territory came to praise the Lord and fellowship with brothers and sisters of like faith.

A sacred concert was held as well as an Investiture Service for 45 Pathfinders.

As the message of salvation must go to a world of peril, this sector of the church reassessed their priorities for 1989. They heard words from Elder A.C. McClure, Southern Union Conference president. This was the first visit from the Southern Union at the annual convention. It was a most rewarding experience for the president to have



Pathfinders being invested representing the French sector of the work in Southeastern Conference.

first-hand information and observation of the work.

The keynote address delivered by Elder Naason Prosper, French Coordinator, Greater New York Conference, served to make the believers commit themselves to the unfinished task.

The entire staff of officers and departmental persons of Southeastern Conference was represented; J. M. Doggette, president; R. R. Brown, secretary; D. A. Walker, treasurer; I. L. Harrell, Personal Ministries/Sabbath School; O. H. Paul, Education/Trust Services; W. L. Taylor, Youth Ministries/Health & Temperance; J. L. Wells, Publishing/ABC and S. J. Jackson, Ministerial/Stewardship.

Jean-Claude Brutus, pastor of the Orlando-Beracah/Tampa-Beersheba churches, chaired the activities for the weekend. Cooperation from all the French pastors was evident. The services were well planned and executed.

Two meaningful highlights were the presentation of plaques to David McCalla, who on the suggestion of Edner Joseph, member at Miami-Philadelphia Church, began the annual convocation, and the other to A.C. McClure. The scene was rather picturesque. The banners identifying the churches seemed to raise the thought, "like a mighty army with banners." And incidentally, that it is, as the Haitian believers march on to the kingdom.

## USHER FEDERATION IN OCALA

Shiloh SDA Church in Ocala, Fla., was host for the North and Central Florida Fourth Annual Usher's Federation. The theme "Ushers Steadfast and Unmovable" was also the topic of deliberation by Elder V. J. Mendinghall, secretary, for South Atlantic Conference. Calvin Robinson, host pastor, delivered the opening address on Friday, and Joseph Harris, pastor of Elim SDA Church in St. Petersburg, taught the Sabbath School lesson.

Appropriately enough the theme song chosen was "I Shall Not Be Moved."

Federation president, Clarence Curry, and a host of ushers served in a number of meaningful activities during the weekend.

## NEWS NOTES

**Elder Herman A. Davis**, pastor of the Jacksonville, Fla.-Ephesus and Breath of Life churches and Berea-St. Augustine, Fla., is the newly appointed pastor for the Miami-Bethany SDA Church to replace J. M. Doggette, now president.



(Standing left to right) Pastor Joseph Harris, Elder V. J. Mendinghall and Clarence Curry-Usher Fed. President, and ushers from Central and North Florida.



Evelyn Lomas tutors children in the community of Jacksonville, Fla.

**Elder Clarence Wright** of the Delray Beach, Belleglade, Fla., district will replace Elder Davis in Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Fla.

**Elder W. Don Edwards** of the Florida City and Key West congregations will serve the Delray Beach and Belleglade churches.

**Benjamin Oyortey**, recent graduate of Oakwood College who worked as an auditor of churches during the summer, will be accountant/secretary to John Wells, publishing director and ABC manager.

**Edythe Doggette** was voted as secretary to the president, J. M. Doggette. She formerly worked as a teacher in the Miami Union School.

## COMMUNITY CENTER OFFERS TUTORING

Tutoring classes in reading and math under the direction of Evelyn Lomas are being held each Monday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ephesus Community Center, Jacksonville, Fla.

Other services offered are free health checks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. Blood pressure, eye and urine checks are given by doctors who make themselves available.

The community-wide service is designed to give assistance to all who are in need without reference to race or religious affiliation. All help is given by volunteers without remuneration.

Georgia Blount, community service leader directs the program.



## NEWS NOTES

At the annual Dinner for Philanthropy in Minneapolis, Minn., awards including BECA grants, senior class participation and class agent program were presented to our North American colleges and universities. Oakwood received a check for \$20,000, the fifth largest among the 12 SDA institutions.

## NEWS NOTES

The University of Wisconsin-Madison and Oakwood College will begin a faculty exchange program for two weeks — one in March and the other in May 1989. The participants are Dr. E. A. Cooper and Dr. Arthur B. Ellis. Dr. Ellis received the B.S. degree in chemistry from California Institute of Technology and the Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He will teach Dr. Cooper's class in general chemistry. He presently advises 16 doctoral students at his home institution.

The program is funded entirely by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The plan is designed to increase the cultural diversity of the university. Dr. Cooper has taught courses at the university over the past three summers.

## SANDRA PRICE CO-AUTHORS SECOND TEXTBOOK ON BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

Dr. Sandra Price, Chair of the Business and Information Systems Department of the college, along with co-authors Dr. John J. Stallard of Western Kentucky University and Dr. E. Ray Smith of Western Illinois University, recently produced a new textbook entitled "Business Communication: A Strategic Approach." The three writers were honored at the National Business Education Conference in Indianapolis.

"Business Communication: A Strategic Approach" is a composite of principles, concepts and activities designed to assist students with the development and refinement of their communications skills. This text embraces a five-part strategy that helps students steer logically through any situation — evaluating options, avoiding confusion and turning communication into a powerful business tool.

## MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES CAD SYSTEM

The Department of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science has received a gift of a Computer Aided Design (CAD) system for its pre-engineering program. The system was donated by Mr. Herring of Jones and Herring, Architects.

This system will be used for computer-aided drafting, and will replace manual drafting as is currently done in Engineering 211 and 212 courses. Computer-aided drafting represents current technology in the fields of engineering and architecture. It is used in disciplines such as mechanical drawings; electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic schematics, and the like.

The department was fortunate to find highly technical services in Messrs. John and Joseph Jeres, instructors at the college. Their work entailed dismantling and reassembling the system.

The department greatly appreciated this contribution.

## CHURCH PRAISES INTERN AUDITORS

Two Oakwood students, Raymond Baynard Jr., and Robert Patterson Jr., audited the Zion Temple SDA Church in Greenwood, S.C. on Dec. 5, 1988. According to the pastor, Fred Nealy, and treasurer, Marie Griffith, they did a thorough job of auditing the church's financial records, and made suggestions for improving bookkeeping procedures. As a result of the work of these young men, "We will be able to come in line with the conference's expectations ...," said Pastor Nealy.

The young auditors went the second mile by visiting and speaking with the pupils in the church school on the value of education, and what it takes to enter the world of work. "The proof is in the product."

## JUSTIN C. HAMER PH. D.

Dr. Justin C. Hamer has been Professor of Chemistry at Oakwood College since 1975. Although he officially retired in 1979, he has continued to teach full time in the chemistry department. He obtained the B.A. and M.A. degrees in chemistry at Pacific Union College and the Ph.D. at the University of New Mexico in 1962.

Before joining the Oakwood faculty, Hamer's work experience included:

Senior Post Doctoral Fellow in research, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, Howard University, College of Medicine, Washington, D.C., 1974-75.

Chairman of the Science and Mathematics Division, Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon, 1968-74.

Chairman, Chemistry department, Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Md., 1964-68.

Chemistry teacher, Columbia Union College, 1960-68.

Graduate studies, University of New Mexico, 1958-60.

Head, Science Department, Colegio de las Antillas, Santa Clara, Cuba, 1956-58.

Science teacher, Sandia View Academy, Albuquerque, N.M., 1953-56.

Science teacher, Colegio Vocacional, Alajuela, Costa Rica, 1949-53.

In 1974-75, Hamer engaged in significant research in lipids and prostatic cancer in Blacks at Howard University School of Medicine where he was a post-doctoral fellow. He also co-authored two major published works entitled "Relationship of Urinary non-Esterified Cholesterol and Prostatic Cancer," in July 1976, and "Lipids and Prostatic Cancer in Black and White Americans," July 1976.

In addition, he has presented research papers at professional association meetings, including the Academy of Science in 1958.

Apart from his expertise as a scientist, Hamer is also a skilled workman in carpentry, plumbing and electrical services. By putting these talents to work, he has repaired, corrected, installed and built many items in the department that would otherwise have resulted in delays and hundreds of dollars in cash to the college.

Mrs. Hamer passed in March 1986. The Hamers' three sons are: James, who is maintenance director of the Central Zaire field; Jon, a doctoral student in botany at Ohio University; and Bill, a teacher of graphic arts at San Pascual Academy in California.

## WOODFORK ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

When the Oakwood College Board of Trustees convened Feb. 1-3, it regrettably said farewell to one of its most beloved, respected and devoted members, Elder R. L. Woodfork, its vice chairman, and associate secretary of the General Conference.

Elder Woodfork attended Oakwood Academy and Oakwood College in the early 40s,

graduating from Union College in 1944 with a bachelor's degree in theology. From 1953 to 1954, he studied systematic theology at the SDA Seminary.

His pastoral experience extends over a long period from 1944 to 1971, except for three years (1952-55) when he served as dean of men at Oakwood College.

From 1971 to 1981, Elder Woodfork was president of the South Atlantic Conference. During his presidency, the conference membership doubled, and tithe increased from \$1 million to \$4 million annually.

He was awarded an honorary doctorate by Daniel Payne College in 1973. In 1980, the North Carolina SDA Ministers' Association cited him for outstanding leadership.

Elder Woodfork has held membership in numerous professional organizations and has served as trustee of the following institutions: The National Urban League, Oakwood College, Florida Hospital, Riverside Hospital and Smyrna Hospital.

In 1981, he became a field secretary of the General Conference. Committees on which he has served at this level include: the General Conference, G.C. North American Division Officers, Committee on Appointees, Ingathering, Tithe Percentages, Faith Action Advance, Inner City, Regional Scholarship and N.A.D. Publishing Council.

Elder Woodfork and his wife, Jean, have three children, Robert Jr., Kathleen and Ronald. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.



Carla Annette Jones

After working for a year in Philadelphia, she decided to continue her education at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich., pursuing both master's and doctor's degrees. These experiences brought both trials and rewards. She received a master of arts degree in 1980 and then began work on the doctoral program.

The pathway to this goal was not smooth, but was an ongoing process covering several years. The most challenging part of that involvement was being faced with the enormous amounts of work which had to be worthy of the doctoral status. The work was exacting, and often she despaired of completing her program. However, through God's help, and with the encouragement of family, friends and professors, Carla successfully completed the requirements for the Ph.D. degree on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1988.

She and her family were elated over her accomplishments, and looked forward to the day that she would actually receive her diploma. In discussing this event with her advisors, it was discovered that the graduation date would fall on a Sabbath. Carla never wavered in her determination not to desecrate this holy day, and advised her professors that she would not march on Sabbath, but accept her honors in absentia. One of her professors questioned her wisdom with "What will your mother think of this?" Carla answered that her mother would agree with her decision to honor God and His holy day.

With the elation of these achievements in their hearts, she and her family looked for-

ward to the Christmas holidays, when, unexpectedly, on Monday, Dec. 19, 1988, her life was ended in an automobile accident on a snowy Michigan road.

Wherever she was, Carla gave of her time and talent to the work of the church as Sabbath School superintendent, church clerk, Pathfinder counselor or just in cleaning the church. She was imbued with the belief that God's work should reach the pinnacle of perfection. Not satisfied with mediocrity, she was always upset when she thought she had failed at something.

She was a lovable person and tried to pass this love on to all whom she met. In her work as a counselor, she sought to manifest a Christian spirit toward her clients. They, in turn, loved her because of the warmth, sincerity and dedication she shared with them.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her parents, Charles and Mildred Jones; a brother, Michael; a sister-in-law, Averil Pearlita Jones; a niece, Kimberly; a nephew, Michael Jr.; an aunt, Katrina Nesbitt; a grandmother, Natelkka Burrell; two uncles, Joseph G. Jones Sr. and Arthur J. Evelyn; and many cousins. She leaves also a host of very close friends, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Her happy smile and cheery laughter will be dearly missed by family and friends. We look forward, as she did, to the time when we will meet again, nevermore to part. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

**Pastor Robert Lee Jones** was born on Oct. 18, 1938, in Longview, Tex. He was the son of David and Essie Jones. Because of his love for the truth, he gave his heart to the Lord at the age of 23. He was baptized in August 1963, and shortly thereafter accepted the call to the ministry. He graduated from Oakwood College, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in theology in 1970. His love for knowledge led him to pursue a master of arts degree in education and a cognate in Afro-American history. At the time of his death, he was working on a doctoral degree in education.

In 1970 he became part of the Lake Region Conference family where he was loved and respected. His initial call as a minister was as an assistant pastor at the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church. Since then he has pastored a number of churches, including Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Idlewild Seventh-day Adventist Church, Idlewild, Mich.; Niles Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church, Niles, Mich.; Highland Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church, Benton

## IN THE NEWS

### OBITUARY

**CARLA ANNETTE JONES** was born in Wilmington, Del., on Sept. 5, 1950. Her parents, Charles and Mildred Jones, welcomed this tiny three and three-quarter pound addition to the family. She was an answer to her brother's prayers for a little sister. She, in turn, maintained a lifelong admiration for her brother, Michael.

Carla attended elementary school in Jackson, Tenn.; Miami, Fla.; and Pine Forge, Pa. While living in Miami, she committed herself to God through baptism in Biscayne Bay by Elder Calvin Rock.

Carla attended Pine Forge Academy for her four years of high school, graduating in 1968 as valedictorian of her class. She then entered Andrews University, and graduated in 1972, with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She lived during her college years with her "aunt," Ms. Katrina Nesbitt and "grandmother," Dr. Natelkka Burrell.

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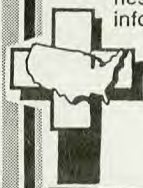
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Church in Chicago, Ill., at the time of his  
death.

Throughout his life, he remained a faithful  
and tireless soldier for the Lord. Because of  
his leadership quality, his passion for knowl-  
edge and his love to minister to God's people,  
he was not only loved by his colleagues, but  
by all who knew him. As a pastor, he lived for  
the purpose of spreading the Gospel, and  
as a soldier, he died in the battlefield with his  
sword in his hand. He never failed to ac-  
knowledge the goodness of his Maker, as  
his last words were "God is good."

He leaves behind his loving wife, Bonnie;  
his four children, Phyllis, Keith, Stephanie  
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