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# **Youth Congress Site**



## COVER STORY

### EARTH OUR CHALLENGE, HEAVEN OUR GOAL

#### Highlights of the United Youth Congress

The Crescent City, Queen of the South, the Big Easy; all are names for world-famous New Orleans, La., location of the United Youth Congress, April 12-15. More than 1,700 delegates and 20,000 non-delegate attendees from regional conferences across North America, delegations from Bermuda, the Bahamas, Canada, the regional constituency of Southeastern and Southern California Conference and Greater New York Conference, gathered in the New Orleans Superdome for four days packed with activity. In order to accommodate the large gathering, three big screens were set up at strategic points of the arena to enable individuals sitting great distances from the stage to get a close-up view of the programs.

The first general session for the congress took place Wednesday evening, with Pastor Jesse Wilson of the South Central Conference addressing the assembly. Dr. Eurydice Osterman of Oakwood College introduced the theme song, "Build on the Rock," written by Mr. Roger Ryan, a recent Oakwood graduate. To end the evening, delegates were taken on a riverboat cruise down the Mississippi River.

Because of all the activity planned for the congress, each day began early and ended late. Morning and evening devotion speakers included Eddie Polite, a chaplain in the United States Army Reserves; H. L. Cleveland, Jr., pastor of the Shiloh Church in Cincinnati, Ohio; Roy Brown, executive secretary for the Southeastern Conference; and Jack Morris, pastor of the City Temple Church in Dallas, Tex.

There were also daily workshops facilitated by various persons:

"Counseling Your Friends," Byron Dulan, Seattle, Wash.; "Too Young to Be Broken" (child abuse), Timothy Williams, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.; "Hot Issues in the Church", Delbert Baker, "Message Magazine"; "Is It Life or Death?" Russel Seay, Nashville, Tenn.; "Know Thyself" (self-esteem), Jack Morris, Dallas, Tex.; "The Substance is the Matter" (substance abuse), Emerson G. Miller, Baton Rouge, La.; "Alone, but Together" (singles), Linda Dulan, Seattle, Wash.; "Helping My Disinterested Friends Become Interested," Ron Vanderhorst, Prepare Our Youth, Inc.; "The Single Parent Privilege," Juliaette Phillips, Oakwood Col-



Shelton Kilby Workshop, "I Like the Beat."



Sabbath Speaker, Commander Barry Black



Regional youth directors planning committee chairman, Elder Trevor Baker



Elder Richard Barron, host president



Congress Theme. Backdrop by James Lamb, Atlanta, Ga.



Youth directors honoring Elder and Mrs. Danny Davis

lege; "Ministering to the Homeless and Handicapped," Earl W. Moore, Atlanta, Ga.; Harold Nesbitt; "Sensible Decision-making," Jessie Wilson, Memphis, Tenn.; "Creative Ministries" (puppets, clowns, etc.), Mike Faison, Oakwood College; "It's a Black and White Issue" (relating to racism), Yvonne P. Wagner, Portsmouth, Va.; "Deaf Ministries," Thompson Kay, Christian Record Services; "How to Relate to AIDS Victims," J. Douglas Simons, Memphis, Tenn.; "I Like the Beat," Shelton Kilby, Nashville, Tenn.; "To Be or Not to Be" (careers), Jan Ross.

A career fair, coordinated by Mrs. Janice Ross, featured booths with representatives from many educational institutions and businesses such as Kettering Medical Center, Atlantic Union College, Oakwood College, Southwestern Adventist College, Carnival Cruise Lines, Andrews University, Esig Manufacturing Company, Pine Forge Academy, Walla Walla College, North American Regional Voice, Oak Productions, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda School of Allied Health Professions, Review and Herald Publishing.

Mrs. Ross, former director of career development, placement and cooperative education at Oakwood College, is now director of development and institutional research at J. F. Drake Technical College.

Following the evening's general sessions when delegates retired to their various hotels, a program entitled "Afterglow" would begin. It consisted of games or dramatizations presented by different youth societies.

Other special features of the congress included a skating presentation put on by Mr. J. N. Mike Faison and students from

Oakwood College entitled "Celebration on Skates." The National Bible Bowl Competition tested the Biblical acumen of teams from the South Central, Northeastern, Southeastern and Allegheny East conferences. Placement of winners was: young adult — South Central, first; Allegheny East, second and Southeastern, third. Senior youth winners were Northeastern, first, and South Central, second.

A temperance oratorical contest included speeches by youth on the various aspects of drugs and alcohol, and the care of the body. Kimberly Lynette Francis of the Southeastern Conference was awarded first place. Justine Anthony of Northeastern Conference came in second, with Sophia Walker of the Allegheny East Conference placing third.

Sabbath was the highlight of the entire congress. It began with a musical prelude by Mr. Roland Gresham of Nashville, Tenn., and two singing groups, The Anointed Ones and The Chosen. The lesson study was given by Phase I of Pine Forge Academy. It included dramatizations of topics ranging from Sabbathkeeping and prejudice to attending movies and true conversation, interspersed with musical numbers by the group. Two extraordinary presentations given by Phase I during Sabbath School were the interpretive singing of the Shepherd's Psalm and the Lord's Prayer, accompanied by Ms. Linda Elliot of New York City, and the Child Sermon given by little L. J. Elliot.

Following Sabbath School, the Linden Ensemble of Laurelton, N.Y., and Benny Simmons provided a musical interlude. Music for the divine worship service was given by the Oakwood College and Pine Forge Academy choirs and Ms. Veronica Howell.

Dr. Barry C. Black, chaplain in the U.S. Navy, was the guest speaker for the Sabbath services. Chaplain Black is the only Adventist and the second Black ever to serve as chaplain at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Music was an integral part of the congress. Soloists, choirs and various singing groups from all over displayed the rich talent possessed by Adventist youth. To end the congress, a concert featuring Ms. Pat Barnes of Washington, D.C., and nationally acclaimed recording artist and pastor, Wintley Phipps, bringing an exciting and informative United Youth Congress to an end.

The youth directors and other individuals responsible for planning such an action-packed congress are to be congratulated for their devotion and insight.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL TEAMS WIN NATIONAL "BIBLE BOWL" AWARDS**

Two of the teams from the South Central Conference received trophies for being the winners in the Bible Bowl run-offs contest that were held at the time of the United Youth Congress that was held in New Orleans during the month of April.

During the course of the events, teams from each of the conferences from across the nation are challenged to give from

memory various passages of scripture that tell of the prophecies, the blessings and the promises that took place during Biblical days. Not only is the team required to tell the event, they must also tell where it is found in the Bible.

The first-place award went to the team from the Northeastern Conference; however, the South Central teams from Jackson and McComb, Miss., were happy for the blessings that came to them for the second-place championship awards.



## **DEATH IN THE POT!**

America has often been defined as the "melting pot" of nations. This is a tribute to its multi-racial composition. There is no nation on earth that has attempted this "amalgam," and it has lasted for over 200 years. America is a divine idea whose time has come.

But she has brought with her into the 20th century a disease that can be terminal. "Son of man, there is death in the pot!" Corporate racism is that disease. We do not here refer to personal racism, for while we know it is wrong to be prejudiced, the individual has a right to think what he pleases. We speak here of public policy sanctioned by government whether it be religious, political or economic. Whether it be national, state, local or private, the disease is pervasive.

I was on an airplane with an attorney who was busy examining some papers. I inquired as to her business. She said that she was on her way to Chicago to sue a national business firm for discrimination against minorities. I asked how widespread this was. She answered, "Have you any idea how many business firms are in America? This firm alone operates thousands of businesses, and they all have a problem." Were it not for the federal government, we would be in the position of the Union of South Africa.

Let me remind you how it was before the federal government stepped in. There was a Black wage scale before the federal government establishment of a minimum wage. There is still a wage differential, but things are better. Labor unions have helped a lot. Have you forgotten what happened in Anniston, Ala.? A busload of riders were nearly burned alive while the police watched. Their only crime was integrated seating. Remember Birmingham, Ala.? A busload of riders were beaten unmercifully, the police having agreed to give the perpetrators 15 minutes to do their bloody work. There were incidents at Oxford, Miss.; Tuscaloosa, Ala., and all over the South. But a firm federal government held the line and we survived it.

Southern governors preached the doctrine of "interposition," namely, that states' rights supercede federal law — forgetting that the Civil War had settled that question. But did it? Nagging voices from the past haunt us. Such phrases as "We must get the federal government off our backs," or, "We've had enough of big government," cover the real designs of the "Conservative" agenda.

The eight years of the Reagan Presidency has eroded the hopes of millions of the underprivileged — and created an atmosphere that makes bigotry comfortable. His method was simple.

1. "Supply-side economics." Follow economic policies that benefit the rich while slashing government programs that uplift the poor.

2. Supreme Court appointments. To appoint to the Supreme Court bench candidates of proven "conservative leanings."

3. Catering to the "Religious Right." By giving undue favorable attention to "Right-Wing" media and non-media preachers whose legislative agenda may have negative consequences that even they may regret.

4. Crass neglect. Big Business as Chrysler got a "bail out." Small businesses, small farmers, small banks, and the thousands sleeping in the streets have all been stonewalled as it were, in what was the richest nation on earth.

5. Paid thousands in reparations to the descendants of Japanese who were interned during World War II. He (Reagan) cut every program that would uplift the descendants of former Black slaves. Entitlements were set aside and college loans and youth uplift projects.

"Son of man, there is death in the melting pot!"

Organized religion has not escaped this cancer. It was not 100 years ago that churches in America made headlines resisting church attendance on the part of Blacks at White congregations. We are past that now, but racism lingers. Visit the headquarters of most religious institutions and their subsidiaries and notice the lack of "color" in its hired clientele. This is true from Baton Rouge, La., to Chicago, Ill. It is true from Virginia Beach, Va., to Lynchburg, Va. It is true from Dallas, Tex., to Brooklyn, N.Y. And from the Tiber to the Potomac. And it is true from Wheaton, Ill., to Grand Rapids, Mich. And from Tulsa, Okla., to Dallas, Tex. Racism at the Christian workplace is evident while Blacks pour thousands of dollars into their tills. It amounts to a form of taxation without representation.

Add to this the specter of Swaggart and Falwell defending the Apartheid policies of the Republic of South Africa, and it amounts to double jeopardy in the name of Christ. Even less comforting is the knowledge that the majority of fundamentalist Christians vote the conservative agenda. Nor does it comfort us that Rome supported the Confederacy during the Civil War.

"Son of man, there is death in the pot!"

But we have been here before. In the past, when the future seemed "darker than a thousand midnights," when "hope, unborn had died," when "stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod," — deliverance came! And it will come again. Jehovah still lives and reigns. In a similar moment in our history, Frederick Douglass was in despair. Sojourner Truth turned to him and said, "Frederick, is God dead?" No, GOD IS NOT DEAD and in this we hope.

George Bush has promised better things. It seems at this point that he just may produce a climate in which good people may feel free to do good. His new Housing man, Jack Kemp, moved into a housing project to "get the feel" of poverty. Perhaps, for a few years, we will get a "kinder America." Perhaps, the poor may dare hope again. A strong federal government, humane in purpose, is essential to the welfare of the poor.

History reveals the peril to the underprivileged of states' rights activists. The inhumane segregationist laws that stripped Blacks of their dignity are there for all to see. Selective allocation of funds have contributed greatly to a more healthy racial climate nationwide. This same factor has cracked rigid racial exclusion in corporations and other institutions. A strong federal government is and has been a major deterrent to the human rights violations of states, corporations and institutions. And with the present Supreme Court weakening affirmative action requirements, there is some concern that the old behavior will recur.

Another thing troubles me. "Liberty and justice for all" has a short track record in history. It has never been perfectly practiced anywhere. Nor has it been more seriously attempted than in the United States of America. Let us, therefore, enjoy the degree of liberty that we have while stretching to its limits our tolerance level socially, politically and economically.

E. E. Cleveland

## **ALLEGHENY EAST**

### **THE BAY AREA YOUTH FEDERATION**

The Bay Area Ministerial District was organized in the fall of 1988 by the ministers of Delaware, Eastern Shore Maryland and southern New Jersey. The district was organized to provide an organized base of fellowship and spiritual growth for the churches of this geographic region.



Pastor Lyndon Elliot gives the morning message.

Elder Thaddious Privette, pastor of Mt. Olivet in Camden, N.J., is the ministerial area leader for the Bay Area churches, which include Bridgeton, Whitesboro, Newtonville, Salem, Camden and Pleasantville, N.J.; Dover, Wilmington, Millsboro, Milford and Georgetown, Del; Cambridge and Salisbury, Md.; and Chester, Pa. The first convocation of the Bay Area District was held Dec. 3, 1988, in Dover, Del., at which time the Bay Area Youth Federation was formally organized under the direction of Elder D. L. Davis, director of Youth Ministries for the Allegheny East Conference.

Youth Federation president, Elizabeth Nichols of Dover, Del., and the officers wasted no time in organizing the Bay Area Youth Federation on Sabbath, Feb. 18. The Mt. Olivet SDA Church in Camden hosted the first Bay Area Youth Federation convocation. With representation from more than 80 percent of the churches, more than 400 youth and young-at-heart attended the federation.

In Sabbath School, those in attendance learned of the conception and birth of the Bay Area Youth Federation and were ministered to through the music of Michele Smith of Cambridge, Md. The Divine Worship Hour featured the ministry in music of the Mt. Olivet Senior Choir and Elder Lyndon Elliott, dean of boys at Pine Forge Academy, as the speaker of the hour.

Afternoon workshops were planned with the focus in mind of providing sound counsel and instruction to the youth in attendance. Healthful cookery was presented by Dawn Adams from the Wilmington Sharon Temple Church. Pastor Claude Harris of Newtonville, N.J., arrested the attention and interest of the youth with the workshop on

# The Editor's Desk

## HAROLD L. LEE GETS G. C. POST

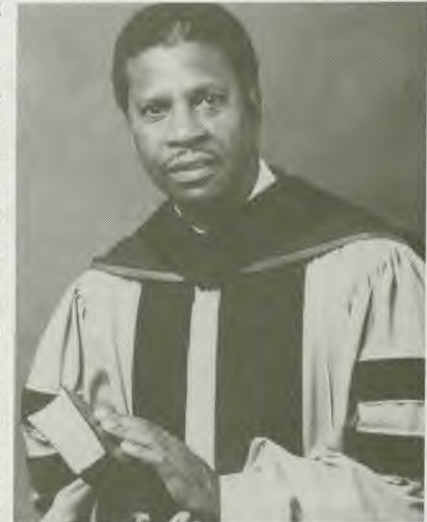
During the month of May 1989 the Executive Committee of the General Conference took an action to invite Elder Harold L. Lee, pastor of the DuPont Park Church in Washington, D.C., to serve as a member of the Church Ministries Department. His specialty will be in the area of Stewardship.

Lee comes to the post with a wide experience in pastoral and administrative ministries for the church. He has served as a pastor in the Allegheny West Conference, the South Caribbean Conference, the Southwest Region Conference and the Allegheny East Conference, where he presently was the pastor for a 1,500-member flock and operated a K-10 church school program with approximately 300 students.

He has served as director of Stewardship and Development in the Caribbean Union Conference in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad; the Allegheny East Conference; Pine Forge Institute; and in the Allegheny West Conference. He also served as the vice president of development and public

relations at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., from 1974 to 1977.

Dr. Lee will bring strong leadership to the denomination from his new appointment. He is married to the former Barbara Kilgore, and they have four lovely children.



Harold L. Lee

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	June 30	July 7	14	21
Boston, Mass.	8:25	8:23	8:20	8:15
New York City	8:34	8:32	8:29	8:24
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:58	8:56	8:53	8:47
Atlanta, Ga.	8:52	8:51	8:49	8:46
Miami, Fla.	8:16	8:16	8:16	8:12
Charlotte, N.C.	8:42	8:41	8:39	8:35
Birmingham, Ala.	8:01	8:00	7:58	7:55
Jackson, Miss.	8:12	8:11	8:09	8:06
Memphis, Tenn.	8:19	8:18	8:15	8:12
Louisville, Ky.	9:10	9:09	9:04	9:02
Detroit, Mich.	9:14	9:12	9:06	9:04
Chicago, Ill.	8:29	8:27	8:24	8:19
South Bend, Indiana	8:24	8:22	8:19	8:14
Minneapolis, Minn.	9:04	9:02	8:58	8:52
St. Louis, Mo.	8:29	8:28	8:25	8:21
Kansas City, Mo.	8:48	8:47	8:44	8:40
Denver, Co.	8:32	8:31	8:28	8:23
Little Rock, Ark.	8:26	8:25	8:23	8:20
Dallas, Texas	8:40	8:39	8:37	8:34
New Orleans, La.	8:05	8:05	8:05	8:00
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:25	8:24	8:21	8:18
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:49	8:49	8:46	8:43

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



*Pastor Claude Harris of Newtonville, N.J., talks to the youth on teen sexuality*



*Fernanda Smith*

years. The total value of this gift will be \$1 million. The portion awarded to the Columbia Union amounted to 16 for their nearly 500 teachers. Of this 16, two were from the Allegheny East Conference.

Corine teaches first grade at the Larchwood School in Philadelphia. A graduate of Oakwood College, she has taught since 1957 in Alabama, Florida, North and South Carolina, New Jersey and Delaware, as well as at the Pine Forge Church School.

Married to Gene N. Smith, Sr., she is the mother of four adult children and has one grandchild.

Fernanda is the fifth-grade teacher at the Dupont Park School in Washington, D.C., where she has spent her entire 18-year teaching career. A graduate of Columbia Union College, Fernanda holds a master's degree from Bowie State College in Maryland.

She is married to Vincent Smith and has two sons.

Criteria for selection include: respect for peers and administration, concern for students, competence in teaching, professional development and participation, involvement in church and community, as well as carrying a full-time teaching load.

The honor carries with it an award of \$1,000 in cash. Both teachers have received their awards in public ceremonies. Corine received public recognition for her accomplishments at the Unity Day Celebration at the West Oak Lane Center in Philadelphia. Fernanda was honored at a special Education Day held at the Dupont Park Church with Dr. Joseph Dent, educational superintendent for the Allegheny East Conference, and Dr. Adrian Westney, associate director of the Education Department of the Columbia Union.

They will be given public recognition again at the Educational Hour at Allegheny East Conference's upcoming camp meeting.

teen sexuality. A third workshop on Christian education was conducted by James Hampton, also of Wilmington.

This first Bay Area Federation ended the afternoon with Elder Davis interviewing on the "Today Show," Ellen White, Zipporah and John the Revelator.

Tapes of this first session may be obtained by calling Pat Hunter at 609/541-6124.

Nicceta Davis  
Communication Secretary

### TEACHERS RECEIVE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Corine and Fernanda Smith share more than a common last name. They are the two Allegheny East Conference teachers chosen to receive the nationwide Excellence in Teaching Award, given annually to Seventh-day Adventist teachers.

This award is the result of a \$140,000-per-year contribution by Thomas and Violet Zapara of San Diego, CA, which they are donating to the church for the next five



*Corine Smith receives her Excellence in Teaching Award with the accompanying check for \$1,000 at the Delaware Valley Unity Day held in Philadelphia. Joseph Dent, left, Allegheny East Conference educational superintendent, makes the presentation. On the right is Gene Smith, Sr.*

**ALLON CHAPEL IN THE NEWS**

For the past two years, the Sabbath School Department at Allon Chapel in Lincoln, Neb., under the leadership of Prudence Grayman, has sponsored two Valentine's banquets that were well attended by Sabbath School members, friends and well-wishers.

Freeman and Olga Davis of Lincoln, an exceptionally talented husband-and-wife team, entertained the group with their music and poetry. This year the film "Johnny Lingo" and Frank Peterson's "How to Get the Most out of Reading the Daily Newspaper" provided the entertainment. He is director of development for the Christian Record Services in Lincoln, Neb.

Prudence Grayman  
Communication Secretary



Frank Peterson presents "How to get the most out of reading the daily newspapers."

**THE POWER OF MUSIC**

Sabbath, April 1, marked the beginning of the Spring Week of Prayer at Linwood Boulevard Seventh-day Adventist Temple, Kansas City, Mo. The theme for the week was "It Is Time for the Coming of Christ." The speaker for the week was Elder Calvin Preston, pastor of the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church in Atlanta, Ga. Elder Preston is a very dynamic speaker. The first Sabbath of the week of prayer was a high day at Linwood.

After the meditation hymn was sung, the voice of Elder Preston rang out the words "Music — the power of music." Elder Preston told the congregation things about music that explained how the devil could have control and you not be aware.

There was a record-breaking crowd each night to hear Elder Preston speak. The main text for the week was "As a man thinketh, so is he." Several other topics covered during the week were "Pitching Your Tent Toward Sodom," "The State of the Blues" and "The Wheat and Tares."

The spiritual week was closed out on Sabbath, April 8, by Brian Mann, pastor of the Coffeyville district.

Rena C. Dixon  
Communication Secretary



Elder Calvin Preston

**RECIPIENT OF AWARD**

Alona Boggess-Casey recently was selected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America by the Board of Advisors in Montgomery, Ala. She is now automatically eligible as a candidate for the Outstanding

Young Woman Award for the state of Missouri. The primary purpose for the awards program is "to honor young women for their accomplishments of cultural, civic and professional achievement." Alona's most rewarding community service is her volunteer work for the American Cancer Society. She herself has been fighting the killer disease since 1983 and feels that her experiences have given hope to other young cancer patients, enabling them to cope with the trials, fears and anticipations that a cancer victim faces. Besides her other community involvement, Casey serves the Sharon Chapel SDA Church in Sedalia, Mo., in the capacities of Sabbath School superinten-



Alona Boggess-Casey

dent, children's division leader, pianist/organist, communication secretary, Pathfinder leader and editor of the church's first newsletter, "Starlight." A 1974 graduate of Oakwood College, she is preparing to enter the University of Michigan to pursue her master's degree later this year. She is commissioned as deputy sheriff for Pettis County and is administrative assistant to the works manager at Pittsburgh Corning Corp.

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Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. He who does good is of God; he who does evil has not seen God.  
III John 1:11 RSV

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## FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

Life has taken on a broader and deeper meaning at Allon Chapel since Pastor Kenneth Bushnell, personal ministries director for the Mid-America Union, presented his various "Family Life" programs.

A weekend "Christian Home and Marriage" seminar, conducted by Dr. Claude and Mrs. Jocelyn Thomas from Oakwood College, was concluded on Feb. 11. All who attended felt they were spiritually blessed by the well-balanced program.

More programs of this type are currently in the planning stage and will soon be announced. Allon Chapel is fortunate to have Pastor Bushnell as a member, because in addition to his counsel on stewardship and financial planning, his expertise in the field of family life has proven invaluable to the membership.

Prudence Grayman



"Couple of the Year," Jesse & Vernice Caffey, Allon Chapel SDA Church



Dr. and Mrs. Claude Thomas



Married couples of the Metropolitan Church renew vows.

## CELEBRATING MARRIAGE VOWS AGAIN

The Penuel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brandy Station, Va., observed and shared in celebrating the rites of matrimony on Feb. 11 during the Sabbath School program hour.

The superintendent, Elder Willie Taylor, read to all couples the message from the

"Celebration" magazine concerning the four C's for bonding two lives into one in marriage — Christ, Commitment, Consideration and Communication.

The Sabbath School presented gifts of flowers or books to each couple. Associate Pastor J. W. Warren officiated as each couple repeated their marriage vows to each other during Family Life Month.



**PASTOR KEVIN L. JENKINS BIDS FAREWELL TO ELIM CONGREGATION**

After serving Elim Congregation in Brooklyn, N.Y., for a year, Pastor Kevin L. Jenkins preached his farewell sermon on Sabbath, Jan. 28. "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down," (Neh. 6:3) was the text Pastor Jenkins used to admonish the church at Elim to stay on the wall, do not come down until the work is done.

Pastor Jenkins and his family will be greatly missed. His demonstration of love for God and his trust and faith in God's promises will ever remain in the hearts of the believers.

Appreciation for the warmth and love shared by Pastor Jenkins and his family was expressed as members wished them success and happiness as they continue to labor for the Lord.

M. Ambrose  
Communication Secretary

**PIONEER MEMORIAL YOUTH HONORED**

Asia Strother, an eighth-grade student at Wilson Central High School in Wilson, N.Y., was among three students recently named Students of the Month. The students received this commendation for outstanding scholarship and civic activity.

Asia is active in the Junior High Chorus, "Lakeman Journal" and International Cultures Club at her school. She is also active in the Adventist Youth Society and sings in the choir at Pioneer Memorial Church in Niagara Falls, N.Y. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Strother, also members of Pioneer Memorial.

**JEFFERSON AVE MEMBER RUNS HEALTH CENTER**

Ms. Rosa Wims, a member of the Jefferson Ave SDA Church in Buffalo, N.Y., and a licensed practical nurse, is presently shouldering the responsibility of running the Jefferson Avenue Health and Awareness Center. The Center, previously government funded, was due to close because of the unavailability of funds. Ms. Wims spent \$200 of her own money and worked without a salary in order to keep the center. She stated, "When they said they couldn't fund it any more, I just couldn't close the door when there was a need for it."

Wims appealed to civic groups for help and gathered volunteers to help in the various aspects of the center. One of its most important services is daily blood pressure screenings. It also offers tutorial and crafts programs for neighborhood children, and field trips for senior citizens.

In response as to why she continues to work in the center, Wims replied, "I felt that if the Lord put me in this place, He wasn't going to let them close the door like that."



*Elder William McNeil addresses the Riverdale congregation.*

**PROMINENT YONKERS HUMANITARIAN HONORED**

March 11 was Community Guest Day at the Riverdale Avenue Church in Yonkers, N.Y. The guest speaker was Pastor William McNeil, associate director of church ministries for the Atlantic Union Conference, who preached a dynamic sermon entitled "The Turning Point."

The high point of the day was the honoring of Dr. Luther Evans, local civil rights leader who is also very active in the struggle between the City of Yonkers and the NAACP for desegregation of housing. As a longtime civil rights leader, Dr. Evans attended the 1963 March on Washington, supported the families of the victims of the 1984 Atlanta murders, promoted legalizing a national holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and worked for the desegregation of Yonkers public schools. In November 1988 he was honored by the State of New York with the establishment of a scholarship fund bearing his name, for Black students. Dr. Evans, who is the pastor of the Community Memorial Baptist Church in Yonkers, was accompanied by his church choir and usher board. The choir electrified the congregation with renditions of "One Day at a Time" and "Prayer Will Fix It."

On behalf of the Riverdale Avenue Church, Sabbath School Superintendent Phyllis Scott and Pastor Charles E. Creech presented Dr. Evans and his wife with a beautiful plaque and a personalized copy of "The Desire of Ages" by Ellen G. White.

The day ended with an inspiring concert at the Adventist Youth hour, featuring The Angelics, a quartet of young ladies from the Emmaus SDA Church in Brooklyn, N.Y.

LaVern Creech  
Communication Secretary

**N.E.A. PROFILES**

Earl Pickett, Jr., is the only son and youngest child of Earl and Myrtle Pickett. The Picketts are members of the Bronx SDA Church.

Earl is a very ambitious young man who



*Dr. Luther Evans receives plaque from Ms. Phyllis Scott as Pastor Charles Creech looks on.*



*Earl Pickett*

enrolled at Northeastern Academy at the beginning of his junior year. This act was partly of his own doing and his dire need to graduate from a Christian academy.

No sooner had he walked through the halls of the institution, than he felt that "his time had come"; so he fervently sought to set up a forum where his voice could be heard and dialogue could be entertained. His dream became a reality in September 1988 when the 62-member senior class elected him as their leader: Earl Pickett, the president of the senior class.

Earl is not only ambitious, but is also an intelligent young man with a very inquisitive and intuitive mind. On his recent national examinations, he scored 1130 on the SAT, and 22 on the ACT.

As a member of the Bronx SDA Church, his spiritual graces are evident. He has served in several capacities, namely, Pathfinder counselor, usher, assistant Earliteen Sabbath School teacher, and currently serves as A.Y.S. secretary. Earl has always wanted to help people, and at the academy has volunteered to work with weak students to remediate their deficiencies.

Earl attended the Mohegan Lake Elementary School in New York, and his first interest was to be a medical missionary. But today as he faces graduation and college, he is leaning toward becoming a physical therapist. He will attend Andrews University in the fall and pursue a course in physiotherapy and a minor in psychology.

Earl's philosophy of life is this - "Every day we see something we don't like. Complaining about these problems to yourself does not make them better or go away. We should

practice patience and prayer. Jesus is the only one that can make it better. He does a better job than you think."

Through this posture, Earl hopes to initiate change and make the world a more tolerable place in which the human family can function.

P. Bell  
Guidance Counselor



*L to R: Mr. Gabriel Alexis, Mrs. Alexis, Mrs. Sampson, Pastor Samuel Sampson.*

## GOSHEN CELEBRATES EDUCATION DAY

On April 22, the Goshen Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., celebrated Education Day.

Under the guidance of Miss Lois Martin, Sabbath School Superintendent for the day, and a member of the education committee, the children of Goshen were actively involved in the Sabbath School program. They provided special music and prayer, the welcome and the mission spotlight, which highlighted their schools.

Mr. Gabriel Alexis was the speaker at the Divine Worship service. Mr. Alexis spoke on the importance of making the right choices in life, and not taking the easy way out. He also stressed that through prayer, one should make God the focal point in life's decisions because the choices made may determine where one spends eternity.

Music was provided by the Young Adult Choir and the Children's Choir. The Children's Choir aptly rendered the song "Jesus, I'm Depending on You to See Me Through."

At the afternoon program, presentations were made by the principals and representatives from the Hebron, Bethel, South Brooklyn, Brooklyn Temple and Excelsior schools.

The Sound of Joy, Beloved, and the Children's Choir were the musical groups.

The day's activities were planned by Ms. Winsome Smith, the education secretary, who, at the end of the program, thanked the participants. Ms. Smith stressed the impor-

tance of Christian education, and encouraged everyone to develop their spiritual, mental and physical powers so that they will be prepared for God's service in this world and the joys in the world to come.

Beverly Moulton  
Communication Secretary



*The Nursing Corps director, Mrs. Winsome James, presents Elder Joseph Powell with award as his family looks on.*

## DRUG EDUCATION AT SPRINGFIELD GARDENS SDA CHURCH

Springfield Gardens SDA Church in New York celebrated its first health seminar for 1989. The program was planned and coordinated by Mrs. Winsome James, RN, Nursing Corps director. Guest speaker was the first elder of Hillside SDA Church in Harrisburg, Pa., Elder Joseph Willie Powell VI. Powell, a sociologist, is employed by the Department of Health Office of Drug and Alcohol Program Division of Licensing of the state of Pennsylvania. His message for the day was your body, "God's Temple." Music for the hour was provided by the Springfield Gardens Choir, which was directed by Mrs. Canton. Guest soloist was Elder Powell's talented wife, Mrs. Sandra Dobbins Powell, who is also a concert artist, a principal and the primary instructor of Hillside SDA School in Harrisburg, Pa.

Mrs. James presented Elder Powell with an award for outstanding community service with his wife and their two children, Antonette Marie and Joseph Willie VII looking on. Elder Powell concluded his sermon to the mass audience in a message of hope, singing "He Holds the Keys."

He was joined in the afternoon by Dr. Victor Blake, M.D., and Dr. Denise De Veranaz, M.D., in a panel discussion on prevention of drug abuse.

Several points were presented:

1. The cost of drug and alcohol rehabilitation varies from \$5,000 to \$30,000 for a 28-day stay.

2. The U.S. economy experiences a loss of \$20 billion per year because of substance abuse.



Elder Joseph Powell speaks out on substance abuse.

3. Parents, concerned others, churches, etc., can join the fight.
4. Dispel the myth - Everybody is Not doing drugs."
5. Establish an atmosphere in your home or church whereby your child can seek you for guidance.
6. Listen when your child speaks to you.
7. Demonstrate that you understand by rephrasing his/her statement.
8. Use words of encouragement; show enthusiasm in the activities of their day.
9. Make time for those joys and sorrows.
10. Teach your child or youth to resist peer pressure. Explore the values of individuality with him/her. Teach your children that God loves them and can break whatever chains or traps that Satan has. No matter what difficulty they may face in life, "God is the key."

When asked what one can do to break drug addiction, Dr. Blake replied: "The only effective method that works so far is if that person turns to God for help." The closing thought of the day was: Whatever we do, make God first and last in our life.

Mrs. Romeo  
Communication Secretary



Joe Harris, his son and Reginald Stapleton set up "Stop and Stay Sober" display.



Pathfinder Shannon Brown stops to chat with Charlene Sismith at information table.

## EPHESUS SPONSORS STREET FAIR

"Caring Enough to Stop" was the central theme of the Harlem Day Community Street Fair sponsored by the Ephesus Youth Church and the medical department in celebration of Harlem Week, held in New York City.

The street was alive with excitement as neighbors and friends stopped by to see just what was happening. There were information and activity for everyone. Smoking Sam and Drinking Al were featured guests as they invited folks to "Stop and Breathe" or "Stop and Stay Sober." Dr. Frank Babbs, general practitioner, gave valuable medical advice to all who chose to "Stop and Ask." Joan Denihan provided up-to-date information on the Prenatal Care Assistance Program that is available at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

The medical department encouraged everyone to "Stop and Test" at the Blood Pressure Testing Booth. Sally Gaiter was also there with a big set of teeth to demonstrate just how to brush and floss correctly.

There were also volleyball, arts and crafts, financial planning and tasty vege-snacks. The Pathfinders and the Larkettes were also there with their very special booths. The Community Services Department gave away lots of clothing. In addition, more than 500 people were fed by those who work with the "Special Feeding Program."

At the end of the day everyone stopped to listen to the beautiful music provided by the Larkettes, Orion, Betty J. Holness and a special guest choir from Bermuda!

This very successful fair was co-sponsored by the Ephesus Youth Church and the

medical department. Coordinators Eidie Frett, youth church; Irene Bethea, medical department; Pastor Anthony Medley, advisor, and the committee members are to be congratulated for an excellent job.

Caroline Jones



Joe Harris prepares to give information on hazards of alcohol.



Keith Salmon, Chester G. Sparks, Benjamin F. Reaves, Haywood Thomas Weatherford, Jr., Youth Leader Lionel Pascall, Hon. James E. Young, Jr.



Lee A. Paschal

## BYKOTAS OF NEW YORK CITY HONOR "GENTLEMEN OF DISTINCTION"

The seventh bi-annual "Evening of Elegance," paying honor to seven gentlemen of distinction, was staged at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York City by the Bykota Club. All seven gentlemen had achieved much and given much to society through significant professions, careers and commitments. Staging these "Evenings of Elegance" has made it possible for the Bykotas to provide scholarships to deserving students and to contribute to many educational projects in our educational institutions in metropolitan New York.

Gentlemen honored included:

Mr. Lionel Paschal — Outstanding Youth Leader.

Elder Lee Andrus Paschal, Sr. Northeastern Conference— minister; director of communications; national president, Oakwood College National Alumni Association, and college leader.

Dr. Benjamin F. Reaves — pastor-evangelist, professor, educator, president of Oakwood College.

Mr. Keith Salmon — humanitarian, Outstanding Man of Ephesus Church, head nurse at Metropolitan Hospital.

Mr. Chester G. Sparks — philanthropist, founder and chief executive officer of Sparks Funeral Service, professional funeral director, certified nurse anesthetist, instructor of anesthesia.

Elder Haywood Thomas Weatherford, Jr. — pastor, counselor in alcoholism program, religious leader.

Hon. James E. Young, Jr. — civil servant, teacher, school administrator, lawyer, judge, consultant.

The honorees, presenters, hostesses, Bykotas and guests were elegantly attired in black and white.

Highlights of the evening included the brilliantly choreographed black-and-white balloon tribute paid the honorees by the attractive hostesses, the presentation of plaques to each "gentleman of distinction," gifts to their wives, and the impromptu modeling of the elegantly gowned guests.

A delicious dinner and a testimonial journal dedicated to the seven "men of distinction" made it a perfect evening for the Bykotas and their guests.

The officers of the Bykota Club are: Valrie Bennett, president; Mamie Davis, vice president; Bertha Polak, secretary; Ruby Jones, treasurer; and Marjorie Hill, corresponding secretary. Other members include Lynn Blackman, Sybil Gooden, Pauline Lynch and Eardell B. Rashford.



Stennett H. Brooks, president, Northeastern Conference, leads the honorees to the dais.

## NORTHEASTERN LAY CONSECRATION SERVICE A FIRST!!!

The Northeastern Conference Lay Consecration Service Committee successfully staged the first conference-wide consecration service Sunday, Jan. 22, at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, N.Y. A 112-page journal, historical and pictorial, delineating the conference operation which began 44 years ago, was published in connection with this event.

It was complete with photos and listings of all conference presidents — L. H. Bland, H. D. Singleton, R. T. Hudson, G. R. Earle, L. G. Newton and S. H. Brooks; secretary, H. W. Baptiste; treasurer, Leroy Hampton; the Conference Executive Committee; conference departmental directors — L. A. Paschal, Communications; Norman Snipes, Church Growth and Personal Ministries;

Jocelyn Johnson, Education; Gerard Mauze, Franco-Hâtian; Ireneo Martinez, Hispanic; Edwin Humphrey, Ministerial; Clarence Richardson, Publishing; Arthur Morgan, Sabbath School and Religious Liberty; Robert Lister, Stewardship; Carlos De La Pena, Temperance; Trevor Baker, Youth Ministries; Rupert Young, Family Life; James P. Willis, Trust Services, and Willard Hall, Community and Inner City.

The program included an impressive presentation of the colors by Northeastern Conference Pathfinders; musical selections from the Combined Children's Choir, Ephesus Collegiate Choir, the Cantata Choir, City Tabernacle Choir and Linden Choir; quartets, and soloists Lynda Elliott and David Willis. Hatian and Hispanic musical groups also participated, as well as Northeastern Academy choirs.

The singleness of purpose was felt by all present through the Consecration, Charge and Dedicatory service participated in by the conference officers, the departmental directors, executive committee, conference workers, teachers and the laity in attendance. The solemnity of the occasion was enhanced by the charge given by Dr. Charles E. Dudley. General Conference and Atlantic Union Conference representatives played a part in the services. Dr. Frank Hale gave the consecration address and Elder Frank L. Jones offered the prayer of consecration.

The idea, planning and execution of this historical event was a product of, and totally financed by, the newly organized Northeastern Lay Consecration Committee of 37 members representing various churches of the conference.

More than 2,000 gathered together for this very special consecration-dedication service.

Those chairing the committee included: Norel James and Desmond Mahoney, chairperson and associate; Helen Martin Griffiths, secretary and program; Louis Straker, treasurer; Desmond Mahoney, site selection; Edna Lett Williamson, journal; Novella Smith, ushers; Myrtle Pickett, receptions; J. P. Willis and L. A. Paschal, publicity; Benjamin Cummings-Gerry Stephenson, dress; Farrell Jones, official host.

Edna Lett Williamson

**Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.**

Revelation 1:7 RSV

**MOMENTS IN BLACK SDA HISTORY  
THE FOUNDATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

It is important that the Adventist youth of today be aware of how struggles and the influence of the little things of life shaped the development of character in the early pioneers. This knowledge will help to reassure them of God's promise to lead as long as they put their total dependence in Him.

One of the early converts to Adventism in Montgomery, Ala., was a young man, Louis Frazier. He was one of the charter members of the church and school organized by the Buckners on Early Street, about 1899. Louis Frazier was born in a small town near Montgomery. He was married to Julia Ann Price. To this union were born 11 children. His wife, Julia, graduated from high school. Louis did not have the opportunity for much formal learning, but he found that there were many worthwhile things in the world he could acquire vicariously. He worked at the courthouse in Montgomery as a janitor and general helper for many years. During this period he acquired rich appreciation, wide cultural knowledge and precise speech.

Louis imparted these admirable traits to his children. He insisted that whatever act or duty was performed, it should be done well and right.

Early in his marriage, Louis Frazier and his wife decided to try farming as a vocation. They acquired a few acres of land in the area of Court Street, where they lived. They became quite successful in this venture.

The one supreme goal Louis ever kept in mind was to set the right example for his family to follow. He and his wife worked side-by-side to get funds to give their children a Christian education.

Juliette, the oldest child, attended Oakwood Training School, graduated about 1918, and worked as a Bible worker and pianist for Elder North in his tent meetings. Louise and Alyce, the next daughters, also attended Oakwood Junior College and graduated. Louise lived in Detroit, Mich., with her husband, Espie Carter. She was a faithful worker in the church until her death.

Frazier was much impressed by a statement he read in Ellen White's writings that said, "Educate, educate, educate." He interpreted this to mean to see that your children finish elementary school, high school, then

college. Alyce was sent to Emmanuel Missionary College. She obtained her bachelor of arts degree in 1928. (Oakwood at this time was still a junior college.) Thorington received his advanced education at Union College. He and Celestine Reid were married in 1933. They served the denomination faithfully in several capacities: at Oakwood College, Riverside Hospital and in South Central Conference.

Ruth chose elementary education and nursing for her career. She graduated from Hinsdale, received a bachelor's degree from P.U.C., and obtained a master's degree from Fisk University.

Louis, Jr., attended Oakwood College several years, but did not graduate. He worked closely with his dad to help his brother and sisters. Hurley and Ellen chose teaching as their field of labor. Mary, the youngest of the family, graduated from Meharry in nursing, worked many years at St. Helena in California, later attended the University of Cincinnati, and received her master's degree.

Julia, wife and mother, passed during a flu epidemic in Montgomery. Louis was left alone to care for the family. During several years, he acted as mother and father to the seven remaining children. At the same time, he kept the doors of his home open to other young people who needed financial help to obtain a Christian education. After a few years, Frazier was joined in wedlock with Grace Diggs-Roberts. Grace was a great help with the family. She had their love and respect.

Since Frazier's first daughter, Juliette, attended Oakwood, every year since then some offspring of the family has been in attendance. Garvin and Kim Dean, the latest to be enrolled in college, are Ellen Frazier's grandchildren. Now, 1988-89, Ruth Frazier-Stafford's five-year-old grandson, Justin Stafford, is enrolled in kindergarten.

During all the years, from the time he became a part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the latter 1890's, Louis Frazier studied the fundamental principles of the message. He worked side-by-side with every minister, because he felt they were called of God. He heartily supported their programs, beginning with the T. B. Buckners. Some of the other ministers were Elders J. H. Lawrence, T. H. Allison, W. H. Baker, B. W. Abney, Emanuel Wilkins and G. E. Peters.

Frazier's utmost desire was to be a faithful pillar of the church, and a constant witness for Jesus until his death.

Mrs. Alice Frazier Follette



*Elder Benjamin Cone*

**LITERATURE EVANGELISTS' RALLY DAY**

Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted the literature evangelists as they observed their annual rally day, Saturday, Feb. 4, 1989. Leading out in the Sabbath School, Elder Eugene Anthony welcomed those who had traveled from long distances to come and share in this special rally. They came from many cities in Alabama and Florida to share their experiences with the Bethany family. A welcome was also extended to those who were visiting from surrounding areas as well.

The study of the lesson was presented by the following persons, who shared their thoughts on Leviticus, chapters 8, 21 and 22: Misters A. Miller, Jr., Melvin Johnson, Thomas Ray, Willie Moore, Curtis Gran, James Spraggins and Ms. Mahalia Hassell. Special music was provided by Ms. M. Hassell.

The following thoughts were shared with the Sabbath School by Mrs. Doris Gliittens, "The Master Key to Success," "A key can open many doors. One of those doors is the door of determination. Be determined in everything you do, no matter what the cost may be. Another door that can be opened is the door of willingness. Being successful is knowing that you are willing to work at a task, no matter how hard the task may be. The door of willingness will lead to the door of patience. Being patient means not rushing time. If you are busy working hard, time will pass quickly. Patience leads to the door of forbearance. Forbearance is being willing to wait, long-suffering.

"Determination, willingness, patience will lead to the door of courage. This quality enables people to encounter danger and difficulties with firmness and without fear. Never let anyone or anything discourage us from putting our best foot forward. Opening the door of courage, will lead to the door of wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

"After opening these doors, they will lead to a double door, and they represent the door of faith. Faith to believe that we can make it, we must make it, and finally, we have made it. After opening the double doors of faith, you will find the last door open to you; and that is the door of success. You will have accomplished all that you have set out to accomplish."

Elder Isadore Desouze, associate publishing director, South Central Conference, stirred the minds of the congregation during divine worship, and special music was rendered by Mrs. Carolyn Jordan.

Dinner was prepared and served by the hospitality committee of the Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church, under the leadership of Mrs. Missouri Milton. After a book sale on Sabbath evening, a banquet was enjoyed by the literature evangelists. Awards were presented to those who had gone above and beyond expectations.

Elder William Smith, publishing director, and Elder Eugene Anthony both expressed their appreciation to the pastor, Roy L. Patterson, and Bethany for hosting the literature evangelists for the day.

## LITERATURE EVANGELISM EXPERIENCES

Elder James Spraggins is a full-time literature evangelist in Mobile, Ala. For the month of March he has delivered, by God's grace, \$2,769.50 worth of truth-filled literature and in April he delivered \$2,534.18. He and his wife, Mattie, have been a very productive team for a number of years in the state of Alabama. In addition to his literature ministries, he served as the organist for the Emmanuel Church of Mobile and also engages in soul-winning crusades and revivals for the local church.

Recently, James Spraggins was canvassing in Daphne, Ala., just across the bay from Mobile. At suppertime, he decided to go to Quincy's Restaurant to eat. When ordering his meal, he inquired of the waitress which of the dishes were prepared without pork seasonings so that he could avoid this type of dish. The waitress inquired what were his reasons for asking that of his diet. It was not long before she invited him to show her his

books that dealt with diet and health. When he kept the appointment and gave the canvass in her home, she invited her neighbor to hear the discussion. The discussion on the effects of pork on the body found an immediate response, for the lady went to her kitchen and disposed of the pork she had there. She took the books to her neighbors in the community and read her findings to them. As she continued to study other biblical teachings at the feet of Mr. Spraggins, she made a decision to be baptized into the Adventist faith. Her son is now awaiting baptism.

## ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SDA (ABAN) NURSES HAVE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

Once again Black SDA nurses throughout North America convened at Oakwood College during Alumni Weekend for the annual meeting of ABAN. Nurses were challenged by keynote speaker, Althea Kennedy, RN, nurse administrator for Sunbelt to unite in Christian love in an effort to reverse the staggering statistics stacked up against Black people. Those present accepted her challenge.

Special recognition was given to Mrs. Ruth Stafford, RN, for untiring years of service to Oakwood College and community. There was a rousing round of applause as nurses in the audience reflected on Mrs. Stafford's influence in their career choice. She is indeed loved and revered by all whose lives she has touched.



*Mrs. Sheila Davis, president of the South Central Conference Chapter of the National SDA Black Nurses Association.*

Presently, four chapters of ABAN have organized and are operational. The chapters are Birmingham, Ala. (Veronica Edwards, president); Huntsville, Ala. (Mary Epps, president); New York and San Diego. ABAN's president, Kathleen W. Bradley, is optimistic that additional chapters will be established during the coming year.

Officers for 1989 are: Kathleen W. Bradley, RN, MPH, president; Gwendolyn Nicolas, RN, president-elect; Charlie Jo Morgan, RN, Ph.D., vice president; Michelle Washington, RN, treasurer; Althea Kennedy, RN, MS, secretary; Edna Roache, RN, MS, secretary; and Frankie Cantrell, RN, MS, parliamentarian.



*South Central Nurses Association*

Directors at large: Lucy Parlor, RN, MPH, South Atlantic; Sheila P. Davis, RN, MSN, South Central; Laura Thompson, RN, Pacific Union; Bobbie Porter, RN, Lake Region; Jean Levy, RN, North Eastern; Gladys DeGuzman, RN, South Eastern; Valarie Baynard, RN, Allegheny East; Josephine Phillips, RN, Allegheny West; Japhena Hall, RN, North Pacific; and Elizabeth McKinney and Susan Whaley, Southwest Region. Sheila P. Davis

## MEMPHIS PASTORS RECEIVE CITATION FROM CITY FATHERS

When the Seventh-day Adventist congregations of Memphis came together for their Christian Education Day on April 22, the school children — 175 strong — took a very active role in demonstrating some of the benefits that are derived from attending a church-sponsored school. Many students have passed through these doors at Alcy Junior Academy to become leaders and role models in this western Tennessee community.

It is noteworthy that the city fathers have taken note of the product that the school produces and on this day the commissioner of the city police department was on hand throughout the service. At its conclusion the commissioner presented an award of gratitude to Dr. Isaac Frodjour; Mr. Charles E. Battle, the principal; Elder J. A. Jones, pastor of Longview; Elder Dana Edmond, pastor of Breath of Life; Elder Donald Gwin, pastor of Word of Faith; and lay pastor Charles E. Brooks, of the Eads congregation.

The teachers of the school are also to be highly commended for their molding of the minds and hearts of the children. The staff members are JoAnn Wade, senior teacher of 15 years; Lynn Middleton; Queen Robinson; Michael Thimpkins; Jill Edmond and Mary Brown.

This was a good school year. The enrollment increased to the extent that students are having to be turned away because of lack of space. It is planned that portable classrooms will be installed for the next term until definite plans can be made for the future growth of the school.

## INDIANOLA IS EXPANDING

Pastor Aaron Thompkins and the Indianola, Miss., SDA congregation are presently enlarging the church facility there. The work is continuing to grow in the deltalands of Mississippi. Indianola is located just 25 miles from Greenwood, and the membership here has long witnessed for God in this



*Memphis pastors honored by police department*



*Faculty of Alcy Junior Academy*



*Indianola, Miss., church building.*

central Mississippi town. A number of pastors have served here; however, when Pastor and Mrs. Thompkins came to serve a year or two ago, he immediately started to work to help the members get a larger facility. The building should be completed by the early summer.

## T. M. FOUNTAIN HONORED

In every generation God has those who faithfully serve Him and upon these individuals that He bestows special spiritual gifts. One such person is Elder Tim Fountain, pioneer and trailblazer for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

The Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church, colleagues, family members and friends recently gathered at the Montgomery Civic Center in Montgomery, Ala., to pay tribute to this outstanding man. Mrs. Loretta Gill served as chairman and mistress of ceremonies at the occasion.

Elder Fountain has ministered in many conferences in the states as well as serving as a medical missionary. He has served in many capacities — teacher, minister, evangelist, conference president.

Whatever capacity he served in, he has always been a positive force for good. He is a man of patience and perseverance. Over the years he has yearned to share the love of Jesus with people. He has served as president of the Lake Region Conference; pastor/teacher in the Carolina Conference; pastor in Nashville, Tenn.; Washington, D.C.; Montgomery, Ala (infant church); Tyler, Tex.; and as interim pastor in Los Angeles, Calif.

Upon retirement, he moved back to Montgomery, Ala., with his loyal and dedicated wife, Mildred, who has served by his side. Elder Fountain served as assistant pastor of Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church where he is fondly remembered as the one who introduced the "Penny Club" to Bethany. Later the name was changed to "T.M. Fountain Penny Club" in his honor. During the pastorship of Elder G. L. Byars, thousands of dollars were realized for education with this concept. Mr. Bobby Jackson, a very close friend of Elder Fountain's, has become the largest contributor to the "T. M. Fountain Penny Club." Bethany expresses its sincere appreciation to Mr. Jackson for his graciousness. Mr. Jackson is also a very civic-minded person and leader in Montgomery.

Although retired, Elder Fountain has not been idle. Until his health began to wane, he was active in the church, in the community and in civic affairs. He actively worked with senior citizens, holding Bible classes with

them each week. He was in demand as a guest speaker in many of the local churches.

The members of the Bethany Church along with colleagues, family and friends were proud to honor Elder Fountain. His devotion and loyalty to Christ, his untiring and unselfish service to mankind have been an example to all who know him. He was cheered by the presence of Dr. O. J. McKinney, Jr., who related to those present that it was Elder Fountain's example that marked his life as a young lad, and he was baptized by Elder Fountain at an early age.

The theme was "The Workman is Worthy of His Hire." Tributes were made to Elder Fountain in the persons of pastors B. Mounter, M. Johnson, G. Byars and wife, G. I. Pearson and wife; elders T. McReynolds, B. L. Smith, M. Ross, Mrs. Mary Wuick, B. Jackson and others.

Special music for the occasion was provided by Bethany's Gospel Choir, Bethany's Youth Choir and Dr. Dorothy Riggins of Alabama State University.

Elder Patterson, pastor of Bethany, beautifully summed up the qualities of a true man of God: "He is a man of prayer. He believes that we should pray as though everything depended on God, and work as though everything depended on us. He is a man of faith. Faith grows only in the dark. We have to trust God when we cannot trace Him. That is faith. Take Him at His word, believe Him, and grip his nail-scarred hand a little tighter. He is a man of commitment. Elder Fountain has always been available to go and speak for the Lord. And finally, he is a man of humility. In the Christian life, we must lose to gain; we must be humble in order to be exalted; we must be least to be greatest; we must die to live!"

**LAURENE WILLIAMS CLARE**, secretary for the Sabbath School and Youth Ministries department, left South Central Conference to take up new responsibilities in the state of California. Laurene grew up at the conference office and has worked here under the supervision of her mother, Irene Williams, who was then assistant director of the Adventist Book Center. She will certainly be missed. The office wishes for her God's choicest blessings as she and her husband embark upon this new phase of their lives.

**For I would have you know, brethern,  
that the gospel which was preached by  
me is not man's gospel. For I did not  
receive it from man, nor was I taught it,  
but it came through a revelation of Jesus  
Christ.**

**Galatians 1:11, 12 RSV**



*Dr. S. Mark Cox*

## MOMENTS IN SDA BLACK HISTORY

### DR. J. MARK COX, SR. AND DR. ELAINE B. UTLER COX STILL WORKING FOR PEOPLE

Dr. Mark and Elaine Cox of Orlando, Fla., are still busily engaged in pursuing that which they always dedicated their lives to doing — serving all of mankind. This husband-and-wife team, one a physician the other an educator and counselor, have set up their own practices in their own suite of family offices in this central Florida town, which is also the home of Disney World, the fun capital of the world. Located not too far from the Kennedy Space Center, the area has become a haven for retirees in recent years.

Not only do these lay leaders have their offices in the complex, but so do their two sons, one a physician practicing with his father, the other a business tycoon who serves as the manager for this family practice. Dr. Mark Cox, Sr. is not only the founder of the 60-bed Guardian Care Retirement Center, but also serves as one of the directors for the Washington Shores and Savings Bank in that city. Both businesses are being blessed of God in a signal way today.

When Mark Cox completed his training at Loma Linda University in the early 40s, his path led him and his family to Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., where he served as the administrator for a number of years. Riverside was the only



medical institution that the Seventh-day Adventist denomination provided where "Blacks" could receive medical treatment in times of illness and then not too many could afford to take advantage of the services that were offered. It was the pride of the Black membership of the church. Other health institutions to serve "Blacks" came into being when an unfortunate incident took place in Cox's home town, Washington, D.C. The Washington Sanitarium and Hospital refused to attend a critically ill Black member of the church who later expired at the Freedman's Hospital in the same city. Outraged "White" laity moved to establish places where "Blacks" could receive medical treatment in time of need. One such place was born in Orlando, Fla., when Dr. J. Phillips made a sizable contribution to establish the Phillips Memorial Hospital to help people of color.

Unfortunately, during the movement of the 1960s when integration was the theme of the day, the leaders of the church moved to close the "Black" institutions that had been established to serve this people. Phillips Memorial was sold for approximately \$300,000. The community leaders felt that there would always be a need for this building and the services that it could bring to their people of that city and surrounding areas. They finally were blessed to raise enough funds to purchase the building which today serves as the Guardian Care Retirement Center and Nursing Home for all people. Dr. J. Mark Cox was the first president and still serves as the secretary of the governing board of directors. It was a project that was born in the minds of the laity and community leaders.

Today the plant has had a new wing added to the old facility and 60 new beds have been added to make the institution capable of housing more than 120 patients. The center was opened in April 1986 at a cost of \$1.46 million. It also provided a new residents' activities area and a larger rehabilitation center that is serving 120 residents very well. Funds to help with the program were provided by the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, which gave \$450,000; Central Florida Capital Funds Committee, \$176,400; and the Magruder Foundation, \$10,000. The founders of this Guardian Care Retirement institution are to be saluted.

Another institution which Dr. Cox helps to direct is the Washington Shores Savings Bank of Orlando, Fla., another owned and operated "Black" institution found in that city. During 1984, this institution, once known as Washington Shores Federal Savings and Loan Association became Washington



*Offices of Cox & Cox & Cox, Orlando, Fla.*



*Senior citizens in Orlando, Fla.*

Shores Savings Bank, F.S.B., but a name change was only the beginning of many new and exciting changes to come — changes that have clearly demonstrated that WSSB is an institution dedicated to providing a higher quality of service to the community.

In June 1984, WSSB purchased new equipment and became fully computerized. With computerization WSSB was able to offer faster and more efficient service to all customers. Automation allowed the bank to offer new services in checking and NOW accounts, as well as placing all savings, checking and mortgage customers on a statement basis. In addition to these new services, WSSB began offering IRA's and consumer loans. Computerization and the addition of many new services were giant steps toward making this a full-service financial institution in all areas. Its assets today total more than \$10,000,000, and it has a capacity to serve people and institu-

tions in other areas outside of Orlando.

The Coxes grew up in Washington, D.C., but have served in many places in helping to meet the needs of mankind. They are to be saluted as they take their places in "Moments in SDA Black History."



*Washington Shores Savings*

**O. C. STUDENT NAMED UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER**

The University of Alabama in Huntsville has named nine undergraduates to assist in research projects as part of a National Science Foundation grant. One of the participants is Melonie Otey, mathematics major at Oakwood College. Seven are from UAH, and one is from Calhoun Community College. According to UAH Research Institute's associate director Terry Long, "The intent of the program is to encourage undergraduate students in their early years of study to pursue research careers."

Melonie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onezean Otey of First SDA Church in Huntsville.

**PRICE WINS 1989 TENNECO AWARD**

The United Negro College Fund has notified its member colleges that the 1989 Tenneco Excellence in Teaching Award winner is Dr. Sandra Price of Oakwood College. This is a real honor for Dr. Price and Oakwood College, considering that there were 41 other competing institutions.

The award carries with it a plaque and a check for \$4,000. Dr. Emerson A. Cooper of the Chemistry Department was the winner in 1986.

Dr. Price has been at Oakwood since 1967. She chaired the Business Education Department before it merged with Business Administration. She is currently interim chair of the Business Information Systems Department.

Dr. Price was teacher of the year in 1984, and has published a text on business communication and co-authored a second. She is in great demand as a speaker and lecturer nationwide.

Dr. Price is to be congratulated for her excellent contribution to American higher education generally, and to Oakwood College in particular.

**DWAYNE WILLIAMS JOINS THE GROWING RANKS OF ADVENTIST RECORDING ARTISTS**

"The Lord has provided a way for a dream of mine to come to reality and at the same time to be able to be a part of His work," said Dwayne Williams when asked about his new album, "My Hour of Prayer."

Dwayne has been involved in promotional activities such as radio interviews and solo performances at church-related activities. He also performed at the Oakwood College Alumni Homecoming Weekend this year, and was interviewed by Hallerin Hill at the college radio station, WOCG.

His message of music ministry is a message of love, reminding the audience of Christ's ultimate gift of salvation and how He wants all to come and experience a love transformation through a personal relationship with Him.

A graduate of Oakwood College in the class of 1978, Dwayne lives in Oklahoma City with his wife, Elleyne, and their two-year-old son, Lyndon.

Mr. Williams is available to assist churches with their fund-raising activities, by presenting a musical concert. For scheduling of concerts and other information, contact Golden Life Productions, 1908 Pawnee Dr., Yukon OK 73099, or call (405) 354-1602, or 354-4581.

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**SPEAKER FRED PULLINS CHALLENGES COLLEGE SENIORS**

The traditional Senior Presentation at Oakwood College was conducted in the College Church on Wednesday evening, March 29. The speaker was Principal Fred Pullins of Oakwood Academy.

Pullins told the class of '89 that in June they would cross a major threshold of their lives. He added, "Your dreams of success, wealth and happiness will be available to you. The ideal spouse, the complete family, the prominent position, the comfortable bank balance, the expansive house in the select community will be within your reach. Your credentials entitle you to stake your claim, but the real test — the deciding factor — is whether your ambition, your determination, your preparation and preparedness validate your credentials. Just as faith without works is dead, so are dreams without work — Dead!

"For the most part you have been sheltered to this point in your life by family and other concerned persons who wanted to see you make it. But when you enter the real world — the career world — you've got to be prepared to run interference for yourself.

"Your rise or demise is based upon your resources, choices, decisions and get-up-and-get."

Pullins ended his presentation with these words:

"Now fly away, little bird, soar high,  
Falter not, make your nest among the stars,  
Where demons are few.  
Choose well to whom you pledge  
Your life, your dreams, your care.  
For you shall always remain my child —  
The essence of my joy."

**OBITUARIES**

**GARLAND PENN WALKER** was born Oct. 5, 1905, to Bailey Walker and Gloria Phillips Walker in Freestone County, Tex. He was an only child who was orphaned by the age of 8. The following eight years he spent living with various aunts in Texas. He departed this life on Friday, April 14, 1989, at 5 p.m. in Sorrento, Fla.

Garland, or "G.P.," as he was affectionately called, attended elementary school in Freestone County, Tex. Later, he met and married Alice Huckleby. This union was blessed with one child, Garland Walker, a beautiful bundle of joy.

At the age of 26, G.P. was converted and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Later, Pastor Stanley Huddleston taught him how to become a colporteur, and encouraged him to attend Oakwood Academy in Huntsville, Ala. He adapted well. In June 1941 Garland Penn Walker graduated from high school. He was 33 years old.

He went to Washington, D.C., and worked during the war years for the United States Defense Department. He received a "call" from Elder Huddleston asking him to help in the work of the Lord in Montclair, N.J. Here he labored as a lay pastor and did colporteur work to support himself for almost two years. Dr. Eva B. Dyke of Oakwood College encouraged him and insisted that he return to Oakwood to complete his education.

So, in September 1944 Garland returned to Oakwood. He graduated four years later with a B.A. degree, having majored in theology.

He met Loretta Warrick Roberson in 1946 at Riverside Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. Elder Fred Crowe performed the wedding ceremony in Chicago, Ill., on Feb. 14, 1948, and Garland and Loretta promised "until death do us part." With this ceremony he became a family man with a ready-made family of two children, Walter C. Roberson and Olean L. Roberson.

Garland dedicated his life to the Lord and worked as a self-supporting lay minister and local church elder, teacher, missionary, Bible worker and soul-winner until his health failed.

He served as lay pastor in Montclair, N.J.; Brinklow, Md.; Prince Frederick, Md.; and Sedalia, Mo. He carried on extensive missionary work wherever the Lord placed him — on the job, in the home, in the field, in his church. He helped young ministerial students get experience in church work when he was pastor of the new church started at Olney, Md. (now the Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brinklow, Md.). He started the prison work in Washington, D.C. It is now being carried on in five states and in the Caribbean Islands under leadership of one of his trainee/helpers, Byron McNeil. Garland worked for the U.S. Hydrographic Office as a cartographer. He retired after 30 years of diligent government service. He showed initiative when he created his own business in 1945, and worked for the U.S. House and Senate, senators and representatives.

Garland P. Walker is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Loretta of Sorrento, Fla.; two sons, Garland Walker of West Covina, Calif., and Walter C. Roberson, Sorrento, Fla.; one daughter, Olean L. Roberson, Sorrento, Fla.; one sister-in-law, Beatrice Ordell Garrett, and a brother-in-law, James P. Garrett, both of Markham, Ill.; one daughter-in-law, Ruby Love Walker; three grandchildren, Robert Louis Walker, Alice YoSandra Walker and Don Reginald Walker; granddaughter-in-law, Charlotte Walker; one great-grandson, Eli Love Walker, all of West Covina, Calif.; and several cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

**TERRENCE M. BRADFORD**, the brother of Dr. Charles E. Bradford, president of the North American Division of SDA, passed away on Monday, Feb. 6, 1989. Terrence, one of the eldest children of R. L. and Etta Bradford, was reared in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and attended Oakwood College during the early 1920s, from which he graduated with honors. He later settled in the Detroit, Mich., area where he lived until his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Ima Jean McChristian Bradford of Southfield, Mich., a daughter, Lois Stewart-Morse of California; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother Charles of Washington, D.C.; two sisters, Mrs. Eva Bradford Rock and Mrs. Vera Braxton.

**I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints.**  
Philemon 1:4,5 RSV

## IN THE NEWS



### GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE NEARS COMPLETION

The new headquarters for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is nearing completion and is scheduled to open its doors to the many visitors and friends at the end of May. The cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$30 million. It is located on Highway 29 near Columbia, Md.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT CAPITOL CITY

Dr. Ivan Warden was guest speaker for morning service recently at the Capitol City Church in Chicago, Ill. At that time Dr. Warden pastored the Berean SDA Church in Los Angeles, Calif. His message focused on the family. He stated three theological factors that make the church a family: 1. A common Father; 2. spiritual kinship. and 3. being bound by the blood of Jesus Christ. He also stated that Christians have a responsibility to other family members to lead them to Christ.

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