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## COVER STORY

### EVANGELISM COUNCIL DRAWS PASTORS AND LEADERS WORLD-WIDE

When the 11th Annual Regional Council on Evangelism convened at Oakwood College on Nov. 27 through 29, church leaders from many parts of the world joined with the pastors of the Regional churches for the celebration. Not only did they come from across the United States, as they usually do, but this year there were representatives from England, Canada, Inter-America, France and throughout the Caribbean. There were also representatives in attendance from the continent of Africa.

Others who were in attendance were the editors of the Review and Herald, Dr. William Johnson and Dr. Roy Adams; Dr. Richard Neal, M.D., of Loma Linda University; Elder W. C. Scales Jr. of the General Conference; Elder Joseph Espinosa along with a goodly number of the Hispanic leaders from across North America, and a goodly number of Haitian leaders and pastors. President C. R. Perry from the British Union brought cheer to the hearts of many.

Each year the leaders of the Regional work in the United States have elected Dr. E. E. Cleveland, Dr. E. C. Ward, Dr. M. A. Warren and Dr. J. Melancon to serve as the organizers and directors for the programs. This was another unforgettable meeting. The theme that was chosen was "Ministering to All for Him!!!" Each morning, devotional thoughts were given by E. J. Humphrey of New York, E. Richardson of Bermuda, and R. P. Peay of Atlanta, Ga.

Sessions were held to discuss contemporary issues. Dr. Hans LaRondelle, professor at the Andrews University Theological Seminary, lectured on "Christian Perfection"; Elder Harold Lee, the director of stewardship ministries at the General Conference, instructed the assembly on "Institutional Finances"; and the last of the series was given by Dr. Richard Neal of Loma Linda University, who dealt with "The Pastor and Human Sexuality." All of the lectures are on tape, and can be ordered from the religion and theology department at Oakwood College.

Discussions on the art of being a professional were held by doctors Roland Hill of Memphis, Tenn.; C. D. Brooks, field secretary of the General Conference; G. H. Rainey, evangelist from the Southern California Conference; and Mrs. Dorothy Smith of Oakwood College. Seminars were also

The evening services consisted of heartfelt preaching, which brought inspiration and challenge to those in attendance. Those who gave these messages were elders M. M. Young, Alvin Kibble and C. D. Brooks.

A special meeting was conducted for the Hispanic leaders and pastors. During these sessions, the Hispanic brethren were able to review the blessings of the Lord in giving the tremendous growth among their people, and to plan for future ministries to this fastest-growing group of people in the Seventh-day Adventist church today. They were happy for the opportunity to get together for planning and fellowship.

It was very revealing as to how the Lord is bringing leaders from all walks of life to join with the church leaders for a finished work in the earth. Several pastors of other denominations were present to give their testimonies of happiness in the Lord since they have become members of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

During the time that the meetings were being held on the campus, the administration of the college, along with some of its board members and faculty, were joined by the church leadership in breaking ground for a new \$4 million dormitory that is to be built to house more than 300 girls on the campus. The enrollment for the school is more than 1,200 for the first quarter of this year. Evangelism produces a goodly number of students who come to the school for training.

The council that is held from year to year, strengthens the work in the Black/Brown sectors of the church. It is interesting to note that since the beginning of these annual meetings, the membership of people of color around the world has grown to be 88 percent of the world membership. The inspiration continues to spread to others around the world. It was revealed that leaders and pastors from South Africa are desirous of attending these meetings.

When Dr. C. D. Brooks gave the parting message entitled "Guarding the Tower," the Holy Spirit brought a solemnness throughout the congregation; a soul-searching took place; leaders could be seen praying for one another and seeking the Lord for guidance and blessings as they return to their various fields to help with the preaching of the word for this time. With hand in hand they left the council determined that a greater work must be done during the days that lie ahead.

conducted for the ministers' wives and for the Bible instructors who were in attendance.

## ONE-OF-A-KIND-EVENT

By Delbert W. Baker

*Each year after Thanksgiving, hundreds of Black leaders attend a unique gathering. It impacts the whole church. Discover the details.*

It is almost 10 years old. Nine to be exact. And it has become the most celebrated focal point in the calendar year for the Black work in the North American Division. Recent indicators show it is also exerting strong international appeal as well.

Attendees came from every Regional conference, Canada, Bermuda, Jamaica, and, most recently, from England and even Paris, France. How many attended this gathering? More than 500. How did they get there? By plane, car, van, bus, train, boat (well, maybe). No one crawled or swam that I know of, but I was told that some walked and a few hitchhiked, at least from the surrounding community (smile). I think you get the point.

What event is able to evoke such a national and international response? Reviving preaching! Dynamic teaching! Practical instruction! Motivating awards! And, yes, to be sure, some of the best fellowship to be found anywhere, anytime, anyplace! But that's not all. Friends socialized. Hopefuls contacted. Presidents chose. Dates were exchanged. Issues were discussed. And news was made.

I know, I know. You're probably wondering what event I'm referring to. If you know something about news writing, you might even be saying, "You're not following the rules." I'm supposed to give the who, what, when and where in the first or second paragraphs. And here I am in the fourth paragraph, and I still haven't said what the occasion is, when and where it took place, and who attended.

Well, I had hoped to give enough hints that you might figure it out by now. If you haven't, I'll tell you. We just completed the Ninth Annual Evangelistic and Pastoral Conference, Nov. 27-29, held in the Oakwood College C. E. Moseley Religion Complex, Huntsville, Ala. It was sponsored by the Regional Conferences of the North American Division. And what an impressive meeting it was! The conference was attended by regional pastors, evangelists, administrators, departmental workers, Bible workers, lay preachers and representatives, Black institutional leaders and repre-



*Dr. Richard Nepe,  
Loma Linda University.*



*Elder W. W. Fordham*



*Stennett Brooks,  
President, Northeastern.*



*Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Oakwood College*



*Dr. C. D. Brooks, General Conference.*



*French-speaking pastors.*



*President of British Union.*



*Eleventh Annual Council on Evangelism.*

sentatives from the North American Division and General Conference.

Now you know the facts. You have an idea of its impact, but I can't stop here, because I haven't given you the particulars that will fill in the details of the big picture. As I am flying back to Washington at 30,000 feet (at least that's what the flight attendant told me), I can't help but reflect on how God blessed the conference. From the inspirational keynote address by Elder E. J. Humphrey of the Northeastern Conference to the dynamic closing charge by Elder C. D. Brooks of the General Conference, the spiritual electricity was high. And in between the start and finish of the conference, the Holy Spirit produced exceptional results through each speaker and presenter. Results that elicited a clear and dedicated response from the leaders in attendance.

The theme of the conference was Ministering to All for Him, and each day was divided into different sections designed to educate, enlighten and equip. There was a Contemporary Issues section that focused on such topics as "Christian Perfection," "Institutional Finance," and "The Pastor and Human Sexuality." The Professional Seminars section had workshops on theology, finance and evangelism. Bible workers had practical workshops on gaining decisions and conflict management. The ministers' wives in attendance were daily challenged to "be their very best." And, of course, the morning devotions and evening sessions were highlighted with dynamic preaching and inspirational singing and reports.

Monday evening the Black Caucus gave an overview of the Black Agenda for 1990, and on Tuesday the Black institutions (Oakwood College, Pine Forge, "Breath of Life," Hadley Hospital) and the Review and Herald Publishing Association gave their reports. And it was also during this time that MESSAGE magazine conducted its fourth annual Conference/Pastoral Awards program for the national MESSAGE church campaign—which brought more than 71,000 subscriptions (these are the most Church Campaign subscriptions raised in the history of MESSAGE magazine). The total worldwide circulation of MESSAGE is now more than 125,000.

Beyond information and fellowship, the conference was highlighted by certain themes that will doubtless influence the Black work as we enter the decade of the 1990s. I noticed seven major themes that ran throughout the messages and presentations at the conference.

**1. EVANGELISTIC PRIORITIES:** Evangelism, Global Strategy and church growth and nurture are the number one priorities for the new decade.

**2. DISTINCTIVE MESSAGE:** There is a need to return to or begin to more aggressively preach, teach and publish the distinctive truths of Adventism.

**3. PERSONAL EXCELLENCE:** Leadership excellence, spiritual integrity, effective interpersonal relationships and creative action for Christ is the foundation for a successful modern-day ministry.

**4. NEEDED POWER:** The Black work is healthy and growing. But it must be infused with additional Holy Ghost power to finish the work. Revival and reformation remain a great need for these last days.

**5. OPEN COMMUNICATION:** Close interaction and open communication between the threefold triangle of administrators, pastors and members is a must as we seek to face the challenges, issues and strategies relating to the Black work. Coordinated action will be the foundation of success.

**6. INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT:** The Black institutions of the church have made extraordinary progress in spite of obstacles, but they continue to need the nurture, feedback and support of the church leaders and laity to make an even greater impact on society.

**7. CULTURAL UNITY:** We must develop new bonds with all cultural groups. All obstacles to racial unity must be set aside as we seek to do the work of Christ and to reveal His love to the world.

I've attended each of the annual conferences from their beginning. However, this had to be one of the more historic ones. Perhaps because we are approaching a new decade, a new century. Perhaps because there is a heightened desire for new direction. Perhaps because Jesus is soon to come. At any rate, as the conference ended and leaders left for their different places of ministry, there was a sense of nostalgia, but also a sense of anticipation. Nostalgia for the fellowship and the spiritual inspiration received, but anticipation to go back and do the the work of God—and if time should last, to once again meet next year.

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*Hispanic leaders.*

## REFLECTIONS ON THE CONFERENCE

"What's amazing about this council is not only the gathering of ministers and workers from across the United States, Canada and Bermuda, but it is the increasing global attraction of this conference as the inspiration of the Black work."

—C. E. Dudley, *President of South Central Conference and Black Caucus Chairperson.*

"This meeting, among other things, is the fuel of evangelism and soul winning. This emphasis remains the primary focus of the conference." — E. E. Cleveland, *Planning Committee/Church Ministries Department.*

"The council has become an integral part of the ministerial calendar of the Religion Department. We are privileged to work with it every year, and we see this as offering unlimited inspiration to young and old ministers alike." —M. Warren, *Planning Committee and Chairman of the Oakwood College Religion Department.*

"As a church family, we are pleased to join with the college in hosting this conference each year. It is history in the making."

—E. D. Ward, *Planning Committee and Pastor, Oakwood College Church.*

"This meeting annually reaffirms the vitality and importance of the pastor and the local church congregation." —*Institutional worker.*

"I received training at this conference to be a better worker, and a better Christian." —*Bible worker.*

"It's meetings like this that equip church leaders to do the real work of the ministry—winning, building and equipping. —*General Conference official.*

## CHRISTMAS HERE BELOW

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24:24

The most glorious things are blackened from man's view. There are strong delusions perpetrated on a mass scale which steal away the light and glory of the Truth. Substituting for the wonders of the incarnation of Heaven's king is the enchanting, jolly-spirited Santa Claus. He brings gifts and magic, and a special feeling of warmth and wonder. His right arm embraces the tender minds of children, while with his left arm, he greatly influences the grownup financial communities of the world. He is endeared in the minds and hearts. He is immortalized in song and lore. His spirit brings a marvelous impersonator whose myth has stolen the affections of countless millions from the God who parted with His Only-Begotten that He might redeem hopeless humanity from eternal loss. How easily will men render their affections to gross, manipulated errata!

If there is any "magic" to be associated with Christmas and giving, let it be the astounding story of God's consenting to give Christ to the sinner race, to be human like us. This truth, were it given to children at a young age, instead of St. Nicholas, would effect a strengthening of the mind that would help to develop a resistance to temptation in adolescence and beyond. Simplistic truth is the basis of sound intellectual development.

Doesn't it become evident why these things are? Who would expect Satan to allow the world to actually give a day to the worship of Christ's coming down to earth? The advent of the Babe in Bethlehem was what Satan dreaded most. Christ, in person, as a human being, came to destroy the rebel hosts of darkness. Would Satan thus permit the world a most-needed "Christmas" to celebrate the surety of his own overthrow? "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Matt. 7:15.

For Christ's resurrection we are given the Easter bunny, eggs, and the gods of fertility and fashion. In this end time we are given entertainment, computerized video wizardry, moneypassion, and all things bewitching. The counsel is: Depart not from the Scriptures. Learn to view the things of earth as the Heavenly watchers see. "...And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee

wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." II Timothy 3:15. Seasons greetings.

John C. Handy

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E.E. Cleveland.

### "THE POSSIBLE" - PART I

When the African was introduced to slavery in America, the American power structure was sure of his (the slave's) place in American society; namely, he would be America's permanent underclass. The only mention of him in the original constitution is in this vein. It would include the African in the economic growth of the new nation, but exclude him *socially, politically, legally, in ownership and in independent management*. These five areas define full citizenship. Denial of any or all of these constitutes a legitimate basis of protest on the part of persons thus excluded.

History records the sorry tale of nations holding slaves as a matter of permanent policy, dictatorships that allow neither protest nor peaceful evolution. Such nations would sooner kill a slave than swat a fly. I have read accounts of slavery under Egypt, Assyria, Babylon and Rome that benumbs the senses. In this, American slavery was no different. The *bestiality* of the slave system is the line of commonality that runs through every slave state, debasing both master and slave. But, while American slavery was no less cruel, the nature of its government gave American citizens a choice. This choice was not early apparent to those who held the reins of power. However, with the coming of the Civil War, it became apparent that the nation could not survive half slave, half free. It was decision time! What would America do with her former slaves? The North won the war, and this provided some relief. During reconstruc-

tion came the 13th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution. In this, America was different from Egypt, Babylon and Rome. Freedom-loving Americans in and out of government *changed the constitution!* The Lincoln government did not voluntarily free the slaves. Abraham Lincoln faced a practical fact. The South was winning the war despite Northern superiority in men and materials of war. He issued the Emancipation Proclamation as a war measure to deprive the South of its Black labor force. This document did not outlaw slavery in the North, nor in those Southern states loyal to the Union. That is why the escaped slaves tried to make it to Canada. Like the American Indian before him, the escaped slave found safety in the free atmosphere of our Northern neighbors.

Meanwhile, America pondered the problem of the newly freed Black man. What would his final place be in American society? Let it be fully understood that few Caucasians, North or South, *then or now*, believe in social, political, economic or *religious* equality. When Abraham Lincoln was shot, he was busy planning our deportation. But God has had a hand in all of this. The words of the Preamble to the Constitution are Heaven-inspired. The Bill of Rights is a fresh breeze from heaven. Some of the signers of the Constitution were slaveholders. Caught between the high platitudes of democratic utterance, and the low-level human practice, good men rose up to champion the rights of the oppressed.

Add to this the fact that the Black man was making his own moves to escape forever the slave condition. With the movement of Union armies through the South, thousands of Blacks emancipated themselves. More than 70,000 followed Sherman's march to Savannah. Generals Fremont and Butler issued their own emancipation proclamations long before Lincoln issued his. Armed uprisings among slaves were more numerous than early historians would acknowledge. Denmark Vesey, Nat Turner and Gabriel were most notable in this area. Thousands of slaves, alone and in groups, made their way North, proving that Blacks are no more inclined to be slaves than anyone else. Harriet Tubman is best known for her exploits in this area. Russell Lowell said it best, "When a blow is struck for freedom, there echoes across the earth's encrusted breast a note of joy supernal, and the slave wherever he cowers feels his soul within him leap."

Freedom is divine business, and the desire for it resides in the bosom of every man.

The Black man learned early not to rely wholly on his White friends to articulate his aspirations, for paternalism has its limitation. The *honest* aspirant, whether in the religious or secular society, has no limitations. If white men fly airplanes, what's wrong with a Black pilot? Must he be limited because he is Black to janitorial services at the airport? Or, as other ethnics arrive, may he be deprived of "these privileges," being replaced by people who are simply "glad to be here"? And this on the grounds that aspiring Blacks are dangerous to the status quo. Well, in all honesty, "The quo lost its status" when White America worked our forefathers for 350 years without pay. Our full citizenship was more than paid for by the slave experience. America owes us all the privileges of citizenship, for Blacks have overpaid her for these privileges. No other ethnic group was subjected to this sacrificial experience. The early economy of the nation was built on free labor. That labor was Black. Christianity does not require that we forget it any more than it required the Jews to forget Egyptian slavery. Passover became the catalyst of Jewish upward mobility. And to this day, they will not let their children forget.

To those Blacks faring sumptuously who say, "The past is behind us - we should be looking forward," I reply, "Those who forget the past are destined to repeat it!"

"Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget. Lest we forget."

(To be continued)

E. E. Cleveland

## HOW CAN THEY ESCAPE?

From the ridge of Olivet, Jesus looked upon Jerusalem, the doom of an entire city before Him, the center of all the hopes of Israel as a nation. It was a symbol of national strength and pride to its people. A nation which had once been the chosen of God, His peculiar treasure. He lamented over the rejection of Himself, the very "hope" of Israel, by the thousands who inhabited this capital city. He knew of the terrible calamities that would befall its people, under the indiscriminate hand of famine, pestilence and sword.

Forty years later, in A.D. 70, the Roman army under Titus besieged the city of David, and all of the awesome predictions of Christ came to pass. Signs and wonders appeared to God's elect, being alerted by unusual happenings (according to E. Harmon in her book, "Universe in Conflict"). "Unnatural light shone over the temple and the altar. Upon the clouds at sunset were pic-

tured chariots and men of war gathering for battle ... the earth trembled, voices were heard crying, "Let us depart hence." The great eastern gate which was so heavy that it could hardly be shut by a score of men ... opened at midnight without visible agency." The Christians who were prepared escaped to the City of Pella without the loss of one soul. For those who failed to escape, indescribable calamities befell them. Thousands perished as a result of infestation, diseases and the "Roman sword."

What about modern cities today, with their teeming millions, ensnared in a sieve of economic, social and political oppression? Is there an impending crisis facing these "city dwellers"? For countless thousands their plight is not impending. They are currently living a "hand-to-mouth," day-by-day effort to survive.

In spite of the wise counsel via the Spirit of Prophecy, relative to rural vs. urban living, the gravitational pull as stated, is towards the large cities. Consider the following statement from "Ministry of Healing": "It was not God's purpose that people be crowded into cities huddled together in terraces and tenements." P. 365

These 80-year-old statements describe the conditions of our cities. Let us consider briefly the current cost of survival in the inner city.

The U.S. government voted, less than 10 years ago, to close, by 1990, 1,000 hospitals across the nation. Approximately 300 were forced shut in the last three years. A large portion of these facilities existed in the "depressed" areas of the nation. No emergency services for millions, no trauma units, etc., for dependents in need of medical care.

Statistics show that the average hospital cost per day had reached an unprecedented \$370.34. How many can afford to engage this service? In Nebraska, the figure is a 22.8 percent increase over a four-year period. (Hosp. Statistics. 1985 and 1988 editions, American Hospital Association.)

Alan Beals, executive director of the National League of Cities, lamented over the plight of cities with populations of 50,000 and more. He stated, "The burden is shifted. Taxes are shifted, and the cities get clobbered, having to cope with a growing list of crisis issues of unfunded mandates." Beal's survey reveals that half of the 362 cities (pop. over 5,000) are spending more than they expect to take in in 1989; with 57 percent of them not keeping pace with inflation. Describing the cities' financial ailment, in human terms, Beal declares, "They

were suffering from high stress, high cholesterol level, and heart attack."

Here's the current situation: 69 percent raised fees and charges for municipal services; 41 percent raised property taxes; 36 percent imposed new fees and charges; 10 percent instituted new taxes.

In 1967, the North American Division officers saw the depressive storm clouds gathering, and began the Inner City Program. Elder W. W. Fordham, served as its first director. This ministry, since inception, has incorporated into, and enlarged upon some existing church-oriented programs, such as Community Service Centers, summer and day camps, camps for the underprivileged. Also under the umbrella of this "Caring Ministry," churches are actively involved in health screening, mobile units, street ministries, soup kitchens, tutoring programs, stress seminars, shelters for the homeless, family counseling, "Breathe Free" (stop smoking) sessions, cooking classes, and the distribution of tons of food, clothing, and furniture for the needy. We must acknowledge the yeoman's job these centers and mobile units have done to relieve so much of the hurt of thousands of inner city dwellers! Only eternity will disclose the "very present help" the Inner City Program has been to the masses.

The North American Division maintains a limited Inner City Fund, which has proven to be no match in satisfying the many urgent appeals for financial assistance, coming to its headquarters, from the local conferences. Just as cities with populations of 50,000 and more are financially suffering, Community Service Centers, and Inner City funds are being stretched to the limit.

Your help is urgently needed! I believe the Master is calling for every Seventh-day Adventist member to actively undergird this "ministry of mercy."

On Sabbath, Jan. 13, 1990, an offering will be received in all churches across the North American Division. Each one is urged to be "a very present help" to give "as the Lord has prospered you."

The Saviour mourned the impending calamity that befell Jerusalem. Let's join Him in His ever-continuing compassion for the perishing in the inner cities by sharing our means.

Rear Admiral Donald L. Sturtz, Medical Corps, USN, stated: "How easy it is to feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of need in this world. Some of us feel so helpless that we do nothing." How can they escape, if we do nothing!"

George W. Timpson

**CAMDEN'S HEAD DEACONESS GIVES AID TO VICTIMS OF HUGO**

Hardworking, pleasant, cooperative, quiet and consistent are words that depict characteristics of Mrs. Fidella Still, head deaconess of the Mount Olivet SDA Church in Camden, N.J. Those characteristics placed Mrs. Still in a position to go to Puerto Rico to aid the victims of Hurricane Hugo. Mrs. Still, a native of Puerto Rico and an employee of the Camden County Board of Social Services for many years, was chosen along with nine other individuals to assist the Red Cross with relief efforts in hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico. While in Puerto Rico, Mrs. Still assessed individual families' losses and distributed vouchers to replace some of the losses. She reports it was a pleasure and an honor to be chosen to represent Camden County, but thanks the Lord for the opportunity to relieve the suffering of his children.

Nicceta Davis

**OCTOBER EVANGELISM IN CAMDEN**

For the past three years, the Mount Olivet SDA Church in Camden, N.J., has participated in some form of evangelism during the month of October. In 1987 and 1988, Elder Thaddious Privette conducted three-week crusades which yielded more than 45 souls in baptism.

October Evangelism 1989 took a slightly different turn. The Sabbath School Department, under the direction of Corrine Nocho, began the thrust one Sabbath morning in August. That Sabbath, in lieu of the World Mission Report presentation, each Sabbath School member was given a card and instructed to write on it a message of hope or encouragement. Some wrote Bible texts, words of hymns or poems. Others pasted "What Seventh-day Adventists Believe" sheets to their cards. All cards were to have the name of the person sending the message and the church's name, address and phone number. Mrs. Nocho informed the Sabbath School that the cards would be attached to balloons filled with helium, and then launched.

On Sunday, Oct. 1, about 100 church members joined together to launch more than 100 green balloons. After local elder, Bill Morgan, offered prayer, the balloons were launched. Before the group left the

**The Editor's Desk**

**270 BAPTIZED AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE**

One of the most memorable Weeks of Prayer during this century was witnessed on the campus of Oakwood College during the month of November, when pastor Phillip Willis of the Lake Region Conference came to speak of God's saving grace to the faculty, students and community members. It looked as if it would be the regular

meeting that would take place; however, as the series progressed from night to night, the Holy Spirit came upon many, sins were confessed, wrongs were made right, hearts were converted for the first time, which led to 270 persons being baptized. Of these, 130 or 140 were baptized for the first time, and became members of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Those who attended have expressed

**SUNSET CALENDAR**

	<b>Dec 29</b>	<b>Jan 5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>
Boston, Mass.	4:20	4:26	4:33	4:42
New York City	4:32	4:38	4:45	4:53
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:48	4:55	5:02	5:11
Atlanta, Ga.	5:38	5:43	5:49	5:56
Miami, Fla.	5:39	5:44	5:48	5:55
Charlotte, N.C.	5:20	5:26	5:32	5:39
Birmingham, Ala.	4:48	4:53	4:59	5:06
Jackson, Miss.	5:04	5:10	5:16	5:22
Memphis, Tenn.	4:57	5:02	5:08	5:15
Louisville, Ky.	5:31	5:37	5:44	5:51
Detroit, Mich.	5:09	5:16	5:23	5:31
Chicago, Ill.	4:28	4:39	4:41	4:50
South Bend, Indiana	5:23	5:29	5:36	5:44
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:39	4:46	4:54	5:03
St. Louis, Mo.	4:48	4:54	5:00	5:06
Kansas City, Mo.	5:04	5:10	5:17	5:26
Denver, Co.	4:44	4:50	4:56	5:04
Little Rock, Ark.	5:06	5:12	5:18	5:24
Dallas, Texas	5:30	5:35	5:41	5:47
New Orleans, La.	5:10	5:15	5:20	5:26
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:03	5:09	5:15	5:22
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:26	5:32	5:38	5:45

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

church, two phone calls were received from individuals in areas of Pennsylvania, some 10 miles away, who had received the messages of hope. Later in the month, Elder Privette received a letter from Kathy Reihl in Doylestown, Pa., more than 40 miles away, saying she had received a balloon. The card's message read, "God is love. God loves you." Mrs. Reihl indicated that it was an encouragement to her, and that her son had tied the balloon to his bed's headboard for a constant reminder of God's love.

The far-reaching effects of the balloon launch will be known only in heaven, when, perhaps, someone can say to a member of Mount Olivet, "It was you who invited me here."

October Evangelism 1989 is continuing in Camden, with personal Bible studies being conducted by the laity.

Nicceta Davis  
Communications Secretary

## CENTRAL STATES

### PARK HILL HOLDS YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER

Youth Week of Prayer was held recently at the Park Hill Church in Denver, Colo. The guest speaker was Elder Donald McPhaul from the Washington, D.C., area. Each night, Pastor McPhaul revealed dynamic truths from the word of God, and stressed the profound importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Youth came out each night to hear the messages. Park Hill was richly blessed during the Youth Week of Prayer as they received God's love through Elder McPhaul.

Gwendolyn Walker  
Communication Secretary

### PARK HILL HOLDS ITS FIRST FAMILY REUNION

The Park Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Denver, Colo., recently held its first Church Family Reunion. Renita Hoard, Yolanda Hoard and Darlene Groves-Turner contacted people and organized this special event. Former members who attended Park Hill (formerly named Bethaven) during the 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s, traveled from near and far to celebrate the joyous occasion. This was a time for all to reflect on memories and experiences that were once shared as a church family.

Friday evening started off with song service, music and a sermonette given by



Group launching balloons.



Pastor Donald McPhaul

Park Hill's own, Pastor Barry Brandon. He reflected on growing up in the church and the impact this experience had on his life's decision to feed God's sheep.

On Sabbath, another of Park Hill's own, Pastor B. T. Rice, delivered his message on "Home But Not Home." He gave an inspirational message on the home God has prepared for all.

Dinner was served in the park, and everyone had a good time fellowshiping with one another and reminiscing about old times. AY was highlighted by film clips of pictures that were taken from 25 to 30 years ago.

The final reunion get-together was ushered in with Sunday morning breakfast. Here, most said their final farewells.

Gwendolyn Walker  
Communication Secretary

### EMMANUEL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE IN ACTION

Because of deep empathy with brothers and sisters in deplorable distress and suffering in South Carolina, six women, three men and six Pathfinder children assembled 12 boxes of clothing, a case of canned goods, shoes, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste and washcloths to send to the people who were victims of Hurricane Hugo.

One of the large department stores (Wal-Mart) was sending a large truck to the area, and the church was happy to add these supplies to the load, for delivery to the people OF South Carolina.

Julia M. Williams  
Communication Secretary



## AGAPE CHURCH NEWS

Agape, in University City, Mo., the church of love, can also now be rightly called the church of education. A strong commitment to education has been displayed by Pastor E. F. Pembleton; Charlene Pembleton, school principal; and Marie Thomas, school business manager. Members have united under their leadership for an incredible success story. This school year, 100 percent of the elementary-school-age children of Agape are enrolled in St. Louis Junior Academy. Many of these children have left so-called superior public schools with magnet-school programs and gifted classes. Every one of the children expresses a strong love for the school and the Christian education all are receiving.

The school has been improved inside and out. Inside, new carpeting has been laid in all classrooms. New ceiling tile is visible throughout. Brand-new colorful desks invite students. A beautiful restroom with ceramic tile is provided for students' use. Most of the interior work was done by Agape's master carpenter, Jesus Jarmillo, who has two youngsters attending the school. Outside, the playground equipment and fence are freshly painted. Fine gravel has been poured on the play area. The play area is bounded with decorative railroad-type ties. Agape members have pledged to help parents keep children in the school. Year-round programs, including the fruit drive, are planned to assist financially in this process.

In addition, Agape has six youth enrolled at Sunnydale Academy in Centralia. Another non-Adventist youth who attended Christian schools with these children is enrolled in Sunnydale, along with his friend, also a non-Adventist. Finally, Agape has one student leaving shortly to begin her freshman year at Andrews University. Agape, a small church with a large commitment to Christian education, looks forward to answering the Lord when He asks, "Where is thy flock?"

Anita L. Clay  
Communications

## PARK HILL HOLDS GRADUATION FOR DANIEL/REVELATION SEMINAR

The Park Hill Church in Denver, Colo., graduated 28 people from the Daniel/Revelation Seminar under the instruction of Pastor E. A. Hyatt. Pastor Hyatt held weekly meetings for individuals in the community and members of Park Hill. At the end of the



*Elder Hyatt baptizes one of the members of the Daniel/Revelation Seminar.*

seminar, six people gave their hearts to Christ and were baptized. A graduation was held during the divine worship hour, and certificates of completion were given to those who attended the meetings.

Communion services were held, followed by baptism and a fellowship dinner.

Gwendolyn Walker  
Communication Secretary



*(Left) Sergeant and Mrs. Gary King present their son to the Lord as Pastor and Mrs. R. W. Draggon look on.*

## BABY BLESSING AT BETHESDA

A special baby blessing was conducted at the Bethesda Church in Omaha, Neb. Sgt. Gary King, a recruiter for the United States Army, had his son dedicated to the

Lord. Sgt. King has been the number one recruiter in the state of Nebraska for the last two years.

Sgt. and Mrs. King attend the Bethesda Church regularly. Their son, Dominic Joshua, has been suffering from a breathing disorder. The Kings believe the Lord can heal their child, so they had him dedicated. Pastor and Mrs. R. W. Draggon are the godparents of Dominic. It is hoped that the Kings will one day become members of the church.

## NORTHEASTERN

### FAMILY/FRIENDS DAY AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Nov. 4 was a high day for Community Church in Utica, N.Y., under the leadership of Pastor Neil Reid. The celebration was Family/Friends Day, also graduation for Community Bible School. For several weeks the church had been actively involved in conducting Bible studies under the direction of Mrs. Charlene Tarver, personal ministry leader. Eleven students completed the studies. Several baptisms are anticipated from the graduating class.

The guest speaker for the day was Pas-

tor Sherwin Jack from the Mt. Carmel Church in Syracuse, N.Y. The Mt. Carmel Ensemble provided music for the service.

Following the spiritual food, all gathered for physical food at the nearby Cosmopolitan Center.

Sophia J. Townsend  
Communication Secretary

## HARVEST 90 FINAL CHALLENGE

God in His love is giving Harvest 90 a harvest of souls beyond expectations. Probably by the end of November 1989, we will have reached the basic goal of 2 million baptisms. The South American and Inter-American divisions have reached their total Harvest 90 goals along with approximately 40 unions and local fields. We have surpassed the mark of 6 million church members. In 1880 there were only 11 Seventh-day Adventists per 1 million of the world population, but in 1985, there were 975 Adventists per 1 million of the world population.

We are now in the final stretch of the Harvest 90 race. Now is the time to accelerate our efforts to the maximum.

What is the next move? Elder Neal C. Wilson, General Conference president, in a special message to the world leaders, wrote, "Only a little time remains to conclude Harvest 90. We invite the world church to unite in an unprecedented evangelistic outreach by dedicating the last six months of Harvest 90 for a gigantic program of soul winning. We would like to produce a global evangelistic explosion in which all administrators, departmental leaders, pastors and church members actively participate in some soul-winning activity."

The October 1989 General Conference Annual Council voted the following plan of action: 1) To produce, in the last six months of Harvest 90, a powerful movement of evangelism and soul-winning activity involving all the forces of the church, and 2) To involve the 16,284 pastors around the world in aggressive evangelism, transforming each of the 29,000 churches into evangelistic centers and to mobilizing and training 1.5 million church members as soul winners and reach 2.5 million baptisms by the end of Harvest 90. All the divisions accepted this challenge and are making plans to create a big evangelistic thrust to culminate Harvest 90:

"January-March 1990 — a global evangelistic explosion in which administrators, departmental leaders, institutional directors, pastors and at least 1.5 million lay persons will participate in some kind of evangelistic activity. Each church will implement an ongoing evangelistic program that includes public campaigns, Revelation Seminars, baptismal classes, homes as evangelistic centers, and at least 20 percent of members active in soul winning.

"April-June 1990 — 90 days of reaping

dedicated to doctrinal, decision-based sermons, calls to accept Christ and connect with His church; and frequent baptismal ceremonies. Set a faith goal of baptizing 2,000 souls per day or 180,000 during the last 90 days of Harvest 90.

"Sabbath, May 26, 1990 — a worldwide Harvest 90 victory baptism in which churches throughout the world will join in baptizing all possible candidates, with a faith goal of 100,000 baptisms in one day, the largest number in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"Sabbath, June 30, 1990 — Harvest 90 victory celebration featuring a service of celebration, thanksgiving and reconsecration. Each division will prepare its own celebration program.

"In view of the times and our Lord's call to reap the fields that already are white to harvest, we appeal to all church members to dedicate themselves to preaching the gospel, thus culminating Harvest 90 with a mighty offering of precious men and women to present to God at the General Conference session."

We have before us a great opportunity to conclude Harvest 90 with a memorable victory. But let's not stop or rest. The challenge is to go forward with even more zeal. Please give evangelism priority, and mobilize all workers and thousands of church members in a worldwide evangelistic thrust.

In conclusion, Elder Wilson sums it up well when he said, "Harvest 90 has been a great blessing in focusing the priority of the church where it should always be — completing the great commission to evangelize the world. Let us unite in culminating this program by an inspiring festival of evangelism, which will produce the most wonderful harvest of souls in the history of the Adventist church — all to the honor and glory of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!"

Carlos E. Aeschlimann

## YOUTH CHURCH IN NIAGARA FALLS

Pioneer Memorial SDA Church in Niagara Falls, N.Y., started a youth church on Oct. 7, 1989.

Pamela L. Green, who enjoys working with the youth, presented this idea and put it into action. The ages of the children range from birth to 14 years. Ms. Green arranged a complete order of service to be carried out by parent volunteers rotating weekly.

The youth of the church have special needs, and should be trained and involved. The youth church is the way that Pioneer has decided to accomplish this. The chil-

dren are on the program to pray and sing; they usher, testify and ask questions. So far, this project is proving beneficial for the great number of youth in attendance at Pioneer Memorial.

Ramona M. Sims  
Communication Secretary

## JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Pioneer Memorial SDA Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y., conducted a five-week summer evangelism crusade in July and August called "Jesus the Light of the World." The grounds where the tent was erected was donated by the Rainbow Senior Citizens Group.

The topics of discussion were delivered to the public by Pioneer's pastor, J. Kendall Guy. Pastor Guy's influence on the community through his hard work and dedication has left an impression on the north-end community that will not be forgotten.

Some of the residents in that area have already been asking if the "Bible Palace" (the name given to the tent) will be back next year. Plans have already been discussed for the next tent effort.

Through this effort, nine new souls were baptized. Several potential baptismal candidates are still receiving Bible studies, and are attending regular worship services.

Ramona M. Sims  
Communications Secretary



Mattie Johnson

## SPOTLIGHT ON - MATTIE JOHNSON

For more than 69 years, Mattie Johnson has practiced what she was baptized to do — win souls in the true sense of the word. This small woman, now confined to a

## NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE HAITIAN DEPARTMENT REPORT

During the three quarters of 1989, the Lord has blessed the soul-winning efforts and accomplishments of the Haitian work in Northeastern Conference. With the alert vision of President S.H. Brooks, Secretary H.W. Baptiste, and Treasurer L. B. Hampton, they have received the support that has assisted in making this progress possible. The extent of these blessings is reflected through the following report from the 21 churches making up the Northeastern Conference Haitian Community.:

CHURCH	PASTOR	MEMBERSHIP	PROGRESS
Beer sheba	Elder J. Innocent	25	Health Rally Education Day Mobile Library - Revelation Seminar
Beraca	Elder J. Blaise	25	22 Baptisms - Home Bible Studies, Free Food Distribution
Bethanie	Elder E. Laguerre	344	20 Baptisms - Church Bus, Closing on \$650,000.00 Sanctuary, 2 auditoriums, one gym, 15 classrooms
Bethel	Elder M.J. Pierre	70	Ready for organization
Bethlehem	Elder M. Charles	50	12 Baptisms - Revival week
Brockton	Elder E.A. Mondestin	84	Crusade 14 Baptisms, Revelation Seminar, 2 Sabbath School Guest days
Eben-ezer	Elder Serge Lamour	183	3 Crusades yearly, Revival week - 17 Baptisms
Eden	Elder M. Augustave	70	Renovation of church
Emmanuel	Elder J. Innocent	40	Two Education Days, 2 Health and Temperance, One week Family Revival, One week Stewardship Revival, 3 week Crusade - 10 Baptisms
Ephese	Elder E. Mondestin	42	Revival Week, Crusade - 17 Baptisms
Hebron	Elder L. Homicile Asst. Elder J. Cantave	1297	82 Baptisms, 10 Weddings, 20 Baby Blessings, Weekly Food Distribution
Horeb	Elder M. Thevenin	512	27 Baptisms, 6 Profession of Faith, 2 Transfers, Vacation Bible School - 80 enrolled, 300 weekly Sabbath School attendance
Laodice	Elder L. Homicile	101	21 Baptisms - Tent Effort, Revelation Seminar
Maranatha	Elder J. Saint-Jean	494	Family Enrichment classes, 10 Baptisms, Youth Week - 7 Baptisms
Morija	Elder M.J. Pierre	214	Plans for Million Dollar Construction, 2 Crusades - 13 Baptisms
Philadelphie	Elder J. Saintus	165	Vacation Bible School - 72 enrollees, Crusade - 27 Baptisms, 20 Home Bible Studies
Sinai	Elder J. Renaud Joseph	142	Crusade - 16 Baptisms, Home Bible Studies, Tithe \$25,000.00
Stamford	Elder A. Jean-Louis	96	Crusade - 8 Baptisms
Temple Salem	Elder E. Mondestin	602	Crusade - 75 Baptisms, Stewardship Seminar, Youth Revival, Revelation Seminar

wheelchair, has been a tremendous worker. And even at more than 80 years of age, she continues to teach her Sabbath School class.

Ms. Johnson came to New York in 1935, and became a member at the First Jamaica SDA Church. Immediately, she became supervisor of the church's pre-school while serving as a Bible instructor for Northeastern Conference. She has also served as Community Services Federation president for 19 years, and filled capacities of Sabbath School superintendent and treasurer of the Linden Church in Queens, N.Y.

Ms. Johnson retired from conference work in 1974, but is still willing to be used wherever she can.

### THE BEAUTIFUL WAY COOKING SCHOOL

The Health and Temperance Society of the Mount of Olives SDA Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., sponsored The Beautiful Way Cooking School. Corolla White Clarence (leader) and Sarah Baptiste (assistant) administered the program.

Instruction was presented by lecture and the hands-on approach. Nutritional values of food were stressed in the preparation of the vegetarian dishes. Sophia J. Townsend was the instructor, with Sarah Baptiste assisting.

Twenty individuals were enrolled, and 13 completed the course. A graduation banquet was held, with class members preparing the dishes served. Graduates received certificates.

The nutritional cooking classes were an evangelistic outreach activity for the community and church members.

David E. Henry  
Communication Secretary



Rodolfo Archibald (left) receives his certificate of completion from Elder Edward Kenton.



(Left to right) Sarah Baptists, Corolla White Clarence and Sophia Townsend.



Graduates of the cooking class.

## A LETTER OF BLESSINGS IN THE EUTAW/THOMASVILLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

Pastor Vincent B. Perry works as an Infiltration Worker in the South Central Conference. He is not a full-salaried worker, but does receive a small stipend to help supplement his monthly income to care for his family. Infiltration Ministries originated in the South Central Conference. Persons who chance to read this letter may be impressed of God to help meet the challenges of Infiltration Ministries by giving financial support to the program.

Dear Elder Dudley,

Since accepting the call to serve as pastor of the Eutaw-Thomasville district, I have labored with the desire to win souls for Christ.

Upon arriving in Thomasville in 1987, I began going door to door, conducting Bible studies in the community. This culminated in my organizing a Bible-study class. I began the Bible class with the objective of baptizing 12 souls before the end of 1987. The Lord rewarded our (because this involved the active participation of the membership) efforts with three young people who were baptized, giving us three for the year.

For 1988, I set a goal of 25 souls to be won to Christ. I challenged the members to find some creative ways to win souls. Putting our heads together, we devised a program called Adopt-A-Family Evangelism. Each member was challenged to adopt a family from the community and begin loving, caring for and studying with them in an effort to win them to Christ. Our plan worked. I am happy to report that as a result of this ministry, I baptized a family which includes a mother, five daughters and the daughter of one of the daughters that was baptized, seven all told. We have to win the only son, age 25, and a son-in-law.

With very little happening in Eutaw during late 1987-88, I appealed to the membership to begin a Bible-study class, as there was some interest shown in the community. The members then began a jail ministry, preaching and giving testimony to the inmates. In November 1987, I organized a Bible-study group there in the jail, giving studies to many of the inmates who were long-term there. Our efforts culminated in July of 1988, by which time we had baptized three young men.

As a result of the various studies that were given and the revival meetings that were held during 1988, the Lord blessed us

2 Sabbath School Workshop  
Education Day, 2 weeks  
Family Enrichment Seminar

New groups formed include: Mattapan, MA - 46; Smyene Church - 70; Mid-Hudson - 35; and Danbury, CT - 20. In addition, an entity called Christian Solidarity was formed to assist their fellow countrymen with social and educational services. The SDA Bilingual Elementary School in Brooklyn, N.Y. has a present enrollment of 375 pupils, with 19 teachers and 10 supporting staff members.

Elder Gerard Mauze,  
Franco-Haitian Coordinator

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP - 20,072

It actually happened during the third quarter of 1989! When all of the church clerks' quarterly reports were tallied, it was cheer-

ing to see that the membership of the South Central Conference had reached the 20,072 mark for the first time in the history of the conference, and had all of the reports from every church been in, it would have been higher. If the reports that were given by the pastors at the time of the workers' meeting were also sent in by the clerks, there would have been another 312 members reported on the statistical report that was sent to the General Conference.

with a total of 15 souls that were baptized.

The first quarter of 1989, I baptized four young people as a result of a Bible class which we sponsored for the community in Eutaw. In Thomasville, the Lord blessed us with two young women, who were baptized as a result of Bible studies conducted by the members themselves.

But the year is not over, and we continue to labor for souls in both of our churches. At present, besides the efforts of the members, I am presently conducting three in-home Bible studies, which I hope will evolve into cottage meetings.

It was our hope to conduct or sponsor a Revelation Seminar to be held, for the first time ever, in Eutaw, in November. But there is groundwork yet to be done, I feel, before we begin.

We are planning to begin in March 1990. Elder I. J. Johnson will be working with us in this endeavor.

#### FUTURE GOALS

For 1990, we are also planning our first-ever Revelation Seminar for Thomasville, Ala. We also plan to pitch a tent in Thomasville this coming summer. Our goal for these two efforts is to baptize 75 souls.

By fall 1990 into 1991, I plan to involve both churches in starting a work in Demopolis, Ala., with the objective of raising up a company of Seventh-day Adventist believers there.

These are my objectives and goals, both short and long term. I yet am hopeful of realizing a church building in Eutaw, as the members have begun again to make plans.

I solicit your prayers and support in these endeavors.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Pastor Vincent B. Perry

### MEMPHIS MASS CHOIR SUPPORTS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Approximately one year ago, the Memphis SDA Mass Choir under the direction of Gale Jones Murphy and Claude Jones, Jr., were the first-place winners in the Mazola Corn Oil Choir Competition that was sponsored by KFTH 107.1 FM in Memphis, Tenn. As first-place winners, the choir was awarded a record contract that would provide 1,000 free record albums. The choir decided that all proceeds from the album would go toward Christian education — Alcy SDA Junior Academy.

Over the past two years, Alcy SDA Junior Academy has experienced an explosion in student enrollment. For two years, the school facility has been overflowing with students, and taxed to the limit. The mass



*Memphis SDA Mass Choir, Gale Jones Murphy, directress.*

choir recognized that they could make a contribution in helping Alcy raise funds to provide larger facilities that are desperately needed.

On the evening of Education Day Sabbath, the mass choir was recorded live at the famous Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, where Gale Jones Murphy also served as minister of music for many years.

There are more than 100 members in the mass choir, who came from the six churches in the greater Memphis area: Bethany, Breath of Life, Longview Heights, New Covenant, Overton Park and Work of Life. The members come from various backgrounds: professionals, non-professionals, parents, single adults, college students, high school students, and one student from Alcy.

One thing that the choir members have in common is that they enjoy singing. One choir member, Willis Tillman, who also serves as the choir director for his home church, Breath of Life, sings tenor. He has been a member of the mass choir since its conception. Willis states that he enjoys singing with the choir, and the fellowship that is gained by being a member. The rehearsals, as well as the performances, are always different, special and unique. He also feels that the decision of the choir to donate the proceeds to Alcy is worthwhile.

Orders are being taken for the record album and videotape. Write Alcy SDA Junior Academy, 1325 Alcy Road, Memphis TN

38106, or call 901/775-3960 during school hours, or 345-8329 during evening hours. The price for the record album is \$10. The videotape is \$25. If one orders both, the price is \$31.

Your support in the Memphis SDA Mass Choir, as well as Christian education and Alcy SDA Junior Academy would be greatly appreciated in helping us provide a larger facility for our children.

Charles D. Battles

### SOUTH CENTRAL WORKERS WELCOMED TO JACKSON

Mayor Charles Farmer of Jackson and Pastor William D. Smart Jr., director of the NAACP chapter of Jackson, Tenn., and pastor of the St. Paul C.M.E. Church of that city, came to the annual fall workers' meeting of the South Central Conference to extend their welcomes and best wishes of their city. This meeting was held at the new Wilson World Hotel.

This meeting brings together not only pastors, but all the members of their families. It is a family retreat. President C. E. Dudley stated that this is needful for the strengthening of family ties and the good of the work of the church within this conference. While attending this meeting, the pastors and evangelists reported almost 1,000 baptisms during the first three quarters of 1989. The membership marked the 20,000 level. Evangelism and a finishing of the work was the main theme of the meeting.



Mayor of the city of Jackson, Tenn., extends warm welcomes to the president, C. E. Dudley, and the workers of the South Central Conference who gathered there for their Fall Workers' Meeting.



Pastor and Mrs. Clarence Wright, responsible for mortgage burning; Elder C. D. Brooks, Field Secretary, General Conference, and speaker for the day, and Elder and Mrs. Keith A. Dennis, builder of the Daughter of Zion SDA Church, Delray Beach, Fla.

The celebration climaxed with C. D. Brooks, general field secretary, General Conference, and speaker for the "Breath of Life Telecast." The highlights of the day were the mortgage-burning, a candlelight memorial service and Southeastern Con-

## SOUTHEASTERN

### "GREAT DAY, GREAT DAY, GOD HAS BUILT UP ZION'S WALLS"

Delray Beach, Fla., was the scene of a mountaintop experience.

The Daughter of Zion SDA Church members held eight days of celebration for their mortgage liquidation. Who would have envisioned a small congregation founded by Charles Farrington in 1933, who began worship in his home, would reach a membership of 410, and would dedicate a half-million dollar edifice debt-free to the Lord?

In 1980, under the untiring leadership of Elder Keith A. Dennis, the congregation took on the task of building a sanctuary. This goal was reached in eight months. The doors of the church were opened on Dec. 13, 1980.

In 1983, the late Ira Harvey, along with Frank Dooley and church treasurer John Times, shared their dream of paying off the church mortgage within five years. Under the leadership of Pastor Clarence Wright, and Frances Albury as mortgage-burning chairperson, this dream became a reality.

The theme "Together in Love, Sacrifice and Dedication" rang from the hearts of the Daughter of Zion members during the eight days of celebration, with each day representing a year of worship in the sanctuary.

The speakers were former pastors K. A. Dennis, E. Dorsey, O. H. Paul and O. J. McKinney; community guest speaker R. Lee from St. John Missionary Baptist Church; David King, a former member and current ministerial graduate; and C. L. Wright, current pastor.



Present and former pastors, General Conference, Southeastern Conference officers and Mortgage Burning Committee personnel.



Mortgage Burning participants: John Times, church treasurer; C. L. Wright, church pastor; D. A. Walker, Treasurer, Southeastern; J. M. Doggette, President, Southeastern; K. A. Dennis, former pastor and builder; Frances Albury, mortgage building chairperson; R. R. Brown, Secretary, Southeastern; O. J. McKinney, Ministerial Director, Southern Union; and C. D. Brooks, General Field Secretary, General Conference, and speaker for Breath of Life Telecast.

ference president, Jackson Doggette, as afternoon speaker.

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## OAKWOOD COLLEGE

### O.C. STUDENTS IN CLINICAL PASTORAL TRAINING

For 10 weeks during the summer of 1989, four ministerial majors from Oakwood College participated full-time in a training program at the Florida Hospital in Orlando, directed by Elder Don Riesen and his chaplaincy staff. The purpose of the annual internship is to take the students through a course in clinical pastoral training for developing skills necessary not only for the hospital setting but for the regular pastoral ministry as well. The students, Alexander Seawood, James Sutton, Tyrone Douglas and Keith Jones, were granted scholarships to do the intensive course of grief-recovery classes, calling and caring ministry, clinical reflection, and a series of didactics on the broad areas of concerns facing clinical ministry. Dr. Mervyn A. Warren, chairman of religion and theology at Oakwood, made an on-site visit and spent a full day at the Florida Hospital in conferences with both students and staff. He congratulates the staff for their excellent program and the students for signs of growth in their ministerial perceptions.

Roy E. Malcolm  
College Relations

### FUND-RAISING LEVERAGE

According to a study in the September 1989 issue of "CASE Currents," Oakwood ranked among the top 50 colleges in the nation for fund-raising leverage. Fund-raising leverage is the average annual gift income as a percentage of institutional budget from 1979 to 1986. Church appropriations are included.

Other SDA colleges mentioned were Union in Lincoln, Neb., and Columbia Union, Md.

Union ranked 30th with a 55.7 percent average, while Columbia Union ranked 48th with a 47.3 percent average. Oakwood's percent average was 53.9, or 34th in rank.

Roy E. Malcolm

### NATIONAL ZAPARA AWARD WINNER

Ephraim Gwebu, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry at Oakwood College, is one of the three national winners of the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching, according to a letter by Dr. Gordon Madgwick, executive secretary of the Board of Higher Education.

Thomas and Violet Zapara, in support of Adventist education, made a generous gift which grants 36 \$1,000 awards annually to outstanding teachers in the 12 SDA colleges and universities in North America. From among the 26 winners, three (representing different disciplines) are selected for the national award of \$3,000 each.

Dr. Gwebu is the national winner this year in chemistry.

The other winners are Larry W. Williams, associate professor of religion, Loma Linda University, La Sierra campus.

Dr. Gwebu became a candidate for the national award along with Dr. Oliver Davis and Dr. Agniel Samson, who were the 1989 Oakwood College Zapara Award winners.

Roy E. Malcolm

### ALABAMA SECRETARY OF STATE VISITS CAMPUS

Secretary of State Perry A. Hand was guest speaker at a special assembly of Oakwood Academy upperclass students on Wed., Oct. 18, in Moran Hall. Secretary Hand, who is an engineer and former senator from Baldwin County, took office on May 11, 1989, through appointment by Gov. Guy Hunt.

The secretary is seeking return to the office in the 1990 election. The invitation to speak was arranged by Principal Don Monroe and Danny Blanchard, Ph.D.

Secretary Hand spoke commendably of Oakwood. He also praised the leadership of the governor in bringing new jobs to citizens of the state. Blanchard praised the secretary for his support of the East Hall project which has resulted in some funding from the state as a historical landmark.

Inasmuch as the visit was an academy event (according to Blanchard), college presence and participation were noticeably absent.

Following the assembly, the secretary and his party visited the Career Fair that was in progress under the direction of Mrs. Marcia Keller.

Roy E. Malcolm

### WARREN ADDRESSES ADVENTIST ATTORNEYS

On Sept. 9, 1989, the Association of Adventist Attorneys of the Southern Union convened at the Daytona Beach Hilton in Florida for its annual confab. Included among their special guests were Elder A. McClure, president of the Southern Union Conference, and Dr. Mervyn A. Warren of Oakwood College, the latter of which made two presentations relating the claims of the gospel on the legal world of Christian attorneys.

Roy E. Malcolm

### PERSON NAMED GENERAL MANAGER OF WOCG

David T. Person has been named general manager of WOCG, replacing Haller Hill, who left recently for the U.S. Virgin Island of St. Thomas. Person has been with the station as program director for approximately one year. He was also a top student announcer while a communications major at Oakwood.

President Reaves made the appointment at the recommendation of Dr. Roy E. Malcolm, who sees Person as "serious, responsible and capable of taking the station to higher levels of excellence."

Mr. Person graduated from Oakwood in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in communications and theology. He also had previous experience working at WLRH Public Radio.

Roy E. Malcolm

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**For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38,39 RSV**

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### HADLEY PRAISED FOR INNOVATION IN EDUCATION

Bringing together excerpts from various aspects of her professional careers, Rosa L. Hadley, Ed.D., in a video entitled "Miracles in Education," received praise from colleagues following a special presentation on Oct. 1 in the worship room of Peterson Hall.

"Miracles in Education" captures innovative bulletin boards designed by Dr. Hadley and her students, as well as scenes from her musical programs and student recitals.

The worship room was beautifully decorated with news releases about the work of Dr. Hadley and pictures of her piano students over the years. There was also an abundance of excellent food prepared by Robert Hines for Dr. Hadley's guests. Plaques were presented to those who assisted in the video preparation.

Hadley gave credit to Roy E. Malcolm, Ph.D., who, as vice president for academic affairs at the time, suggested that she produce a video of her very creative works.

The production is equivalent to the preparation of a small book. Dr. Hadley has set a good example, and deserves high praise.

Roy E. Malcolm

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**I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1 RSV**

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Roy E. Malcolm

## NEW STAFF MEMBER — WOCG-FM

Victoria L. Joiner, '87, is the new program director of WOCG, replacing David Person, who has been promoted to the position of general manager of the station.

Ms. Joiner gave up her position with National Business Crime Information Network, Inc., Norcross, Ga., to return to WOCG where she interned as a communications major. "Vicki," as she is known to friends and colleagues, is genuinely courteous, friendly and professional. Her work experience with NBCI Network, where she was primary interviewer, has enriched her people skills and accelerated her professional development.

Joiner is ready for the Tennessee Valley and the challenges of WOCG-FM.

Roy E. Malcolm

## CAREER FAIR

The 1989 Career Fair directed by the placement office was a great success, according to students, guests and other participants. Among the major highlights was the address by Deborah Harris, Ph.D., at the chapel exercise. Harris is a member of the faculty of the University of South Florida in Tampa. She is active in the church, and recently received an award for teaching excellence from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Dr. Harris admonished the student assembly to focus on God and to not allow obstacles to divert attention from their goals. "Keep your eye on the prize," she insisted. She spoke from personal experience on how God helped her to achieve her educational objectives by trusting in Him.

Student response to Dr. Harris' presentation was very enthusiastic.

According to Mrs. Keller, of the 28 companies that registered for the fair, 25 came. Several of these representatives expressed appreciation and admiration for the caliber of students they met.

Companies such as General Accounting Office in Atlanta, Bell South, Indiana School of Dentistry, Eckerd Family Youth Alternatives and Huntsville City Schools are committed to provide job openings or internships or return in the winter or spring for interviews.

We salute Mrs. Keller and the placement staff again for a job well done.

Roy E. Malcolm

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**In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Romans 8:37 RSV**

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## SECRETARIAL ASSOCIATION SPONSORS BOSS' DAY

Monday, Oct. 16, 1989, will long be remembered by "bosses" at Oakwood College for the memorable luncheon given in their honor by the Secretarial Association. The event was held in the banquet room of Quincy's Restaurant on Sparkman Drive and North Memorial Parkway.

In attendance were the president, college officers, department heads and their secretaries.

Sonia Paul, president of the association, presided over the occasion. Mistress of ceremonies and immediate past president, Lorna Harrison, paid special tribute to bosses generally and to her boss in particular, Charlie Jo Morgan, Ph.D.

A salute to bosses was presented by Benny Armstrong, Shirley Iheanacho, Diane Rugless, Carole Washington and Paula Wilson, followed by tributes to bosses by Dorothy Keith, Renee Heard, Henrietta Lathon, Marie Payne, Rene Carnegie, Shirley Scott and Lynda Bartholomew.

President Reaves commended the association for the careful planning, the excellent meal and the delightful setting of "this convivial occasion." Vice president Dennis Keith and Sylvia Germany were exuberant over the surprise of being taken to the luncheon in a limousine by their secretaries. Mrs. Linda Webb (DLRC) was winner of the door prize.

The luncheon was coordinated by Lynda Bartholomew, assisted by Beverly Preston and Deborah Andrews. The beautiful corsages and boutonnieres were made by and under the supervision of Anne Smith-Winbush, director of Institutional Research.

Expenses for the event were covered by members of the Secretarial Association.

Roy E. Malcolm

## O.C. STUDENTS IN CLINICAL PASTORAL TRAINING

For 10 weeks during the summer of 1989, four ministerial majors from Oakwood College participated full-time in a training program at the Florida Hospital in Orlando, directed by Elder Don Riesen and his chaplaincy staff. The purpose of the annual internship is to take the students through a course in clinical pastoral training for developing skills necessary not only for the hospital setting but for the regular pastoral ministry as well. The students, Alexander Seawood, James Sutton, Tyrone Douglas and Keith Jones, were granted scholarships to do the intensive course of grief-recovery classes, calling and caring ministry, clinical reflection, and a series of didactics on the broad areas of concerns facing clinical ministry. Dr. Mervyn A. Warren, chairman of religion and theology at Oakwood, made an on-site visit and spent a full day at the Florida Hospital in conferences with both students and staff. He congratulates the staff for their excellent program and the students for signs of growth in their ministerial perceptions.

Roy E. Malcolm  
College Relations

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**For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5 RSV**

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**G.C. OFFER TO BE LIFTED**

Many of you know that the General Conference session offering will be used to build radio stations that will direct signals to the Middle East, USSR, Europe and North Africa. This territory that has little or no knowledge of Christ, and even less of Seventh-day Adventists. Afghanistan with 16 million, Albania with 2.8 million, Libya with more than 4 million, and Saudi Arabia with more than 8 million are presently without any known SDA's. And other countries have only a handful.

Radio can present the gospel to people who cannot be reached in any other human way. If we do not build and use a radio station, many in this area will never have the opportunity to hear the "good news." It would be a tragedy if we fail to use radio to accomplish the God-given task.

Just about everything costs more today, and radio stations are no exception. It will cost more than \$7 million to construct a station that will be able to transmit to the one billion people in this territory. But keep in mind that the Lord has given us our assignment, and He has made radio transmission possible.

The GC committee has divided the \$7-million among the divisions according to tithe income, and NAD, of course, must carry the heaviest load. We are responsible for \$3.5 million. This is not a light load. It appears to be impossible. But don't forget that it was impossible to build a sanctuary in the wilderness, it was impossible to cross the Red Sea, and it was impossible to destroy Jericho.

But with God's help, IT WAS DONE!!

"There must be constant enlargement and progress. The work must extend from city to city, from country to country, and from NATION TO NATION, moving continually onward and upward, established, strengthened and settled." 9T 228

Please help us by doing two things. 1) Talk to the Lord and find out what He would like for you to commit for His station, and 2) use your newsletter to keep before your readers the need for the station, and remind them of the blessings received when we go into "covenant relation with God by sacrifice."

Owen A. Troy  
NAD Communication Director



*Theodore R. M. Howard, physician, Civil Rights leader, 1908-1976*

**MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY**

**THEODORE R. M. HOWARD, M.D., OF MURRAY, KY.**

Theodore R. M. Howard was born in Murray, Ky., in 1908. He had six other sisters and brothers, and their parents worked as sharecroppers to help sustain the family. Those for whom they worked were Seventh-day Adventist physicians by the name of Mason, who had attended the Medical Institute in Battle Creek, Mich., earlier during the century. They were acquainted with and believed in the prophecies and instructions of Ellen G. White, one of the founders of the church. There were three brothers of them who, upon completion of their studies relocated in western Kentucky in the city of Murray to practice medicine and to serve the communities in that part of the United States. The Howard family lived on their "place."

When sudden illness took Mrs. Howard from the family, her husband was left alone to care for his seven children as mother and father. The Mason family, in an effort to help with the Howard family plight, decided to make the education of Theodore their challenge, for they felt that his capabilities, if properly trained, could help him to become a valuable leader among his people as a physician, teacher or preacher. He possessed all of the "gifts." They adhered to the counsel that had been given by Ellen White: "Thousands of colored people in the South may now be uplifted and become human agents to help their own race if they can receive the help God is calling upon us to give them ..." 9T:226.

**C. M. KINNEY'S PREACHING**

During this period, Charles M. Kinney, a traveling mulatto preacher, was sent by the Seventh-day Adventist Mission Board to evangelize this part of the country. He set up his base of operation at Mayfield, Ky., just a few miles away from the town of Murray. Kinney walked to the nearby communities, selling and spreading his books like the leaves of autumn. The titles were:

"Bible Readings for the Home Circle," "Beacon Lights of Prophecy," and "Bible Footlights" and the "Gospel Herald." From Mayfield, he went to Paducah, Fulton, Murray, Hickman and surrounding areas in western Kentucky. He not only sold his books, but he also invited the people whom he met to become members of the church which he represented. Because of his ethnic background, he could move in and out among both races of people in an acceptable manner. The race relations were very good in this community since the days that followed the Civil War.

**KINNEY'S CONVERTS IN WESTERN KENTUCKY**

Among those who became adherents to the "Adventist" teachings of C. M. Kinney, was Theodore Howard, who had also become knowledgeable of the truths through the influences of the Mason family. In Hickman, he walked through the "hills and bottom lands" among the people who lived in the rural communities and on the farms. This section of the state was plagued with the Ohio and Mississippi rivers overflowing their banks at various times. Hickman was popular because of its river trade. Boats frequently stopped here to load cotton and other crops for transporting to Cincinnati, St. Louis, Paducah, Memphis, Vicksburg, Greenville, Natchez and New Orleans. Ellen G. White, the prophetess of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, had stated in 1907 concerning witnessing that should have been done in this part of the Southland: "There are cities in the South — New Orleans, Memphis, St. Louis — in which but little has been done, and there are others that have not been entered. In these places the standard of truth is to be entered. With might and power we are to carry the truth to the people," she stated. (Manuscript 56, 1904.) Kinney had come from St. Louis in response to this plea that had been made by the prophetess. In his quest, he sought to witness for God and to give the Three Angels' Messages wherever he met people, whether it be in the city or the rural community.

While passing through the bottomlands of Hickman, he met Martha Miller Talley, the mother of a large family that lived on the farm. She had been a slave since 1833. When the Emancipation Proclamation was given, however, she, being eager to learn to read and write, made the sacrifice of her meager means, and purchased one of Kinney's books, which became her "reading" textbook for her as well as her Bible teacher. In her studies, she discovered a

discrepancy in her worship on Sunday as opposed to Saturday. She spoke with her husband, Robert, known as "Doc Talley," and her children in this manner "... We are keeping the wrong day of worship." Although she continued to serve the Lord religiously on Sunday, the seed had been sown. She and her husband were "founding pillars" who had helped to found and establish the Thomas Chapel C.M.E. Church in Hickman at the turn of the century.

#### **KINNEY IN HUNTSVILLE, ALA.**

Kinney went to Huntsville, Ala., in 1894, and found a place which he encouraged the church fathers to purchase and to establish a school where "colored" youth could be trained to give the message to their people. When Elder Olson arrived from the General Conference, the place that had been the Jacobs plantation was secured. This marked the beginning of what is known today as Oakwood College.

He was knowledgeable of the church's actions to transfer the medical school from Battle Creek, Mich., to Loma Linda, Calif. Inasmuch as he was abreast of the operations of these institutions that were operated by the church, when the doctors Mason spoke of helping young Howard to get an education whereby he could help his people, Kinney recommended the Huntsville School and later the College of Medical Evangelists in California.

#### **HOWARD - FROM MURRAY TO HUNTSVILLE**

Howard was sent to the Huntsville School for training. During the summer months, he would spend his time selling books, as he had seen C. M. Kinney do, in order to get enough money to help with his tuition. He ventured southward of Murray and Mayfield, into Jackson, Tenn., the hometown of Lane College, where he canvassed with Artie P. McNichols of Paducah, Ky., and Joseph H. Lawrence, a fledgling young preacher from the West Indies who served as an understudy to evangelist Sydney Scott, another profound evangelist of the church. He found warmth and kindness in the home of Edgar and Savannah Randolph, while he worked in that city. McNichols later became a teacher in the school system. Lawrence became an outstanding evangelist. Both of them had been students at the Huntsville School in Alabama, which had been established to train these youth as well as others in Christian service.

After receiving his training at the Huntsville School, Howard attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb. (a school that had been established by the church for "white" youth,

but the "colored" were allowed to attend). While there, he often attended the church services in St. Louis, Mo. After receiving his medical degree from the College of Medical Evangelists in California, he returned to do an internship at the Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, and at a later date he studied and worked at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. His skills and attentiveness had helped him, by the blessings of heaven, to become a surgeon par excellence. However, he had met with some disappointments when he arrived at school at Loma Linda and was informed that a quota system was maintained, and the number of "Blacks" admitted was minimal. This brought loneliness and sometimes resentment to his heart, but he was blessed to complete the courses of study, to have his medical degree conferred upon him, and to begin his practice.

#### **HOWARD BEGINS HIS PRACTICE OF MEDICINE**

In 1935, Nellie Druillard, founder and director of the Riverside Sanitarium of Blacks, an institution located in Nashville, Tenn., reached her 80th birthday. She decided she could carry the load no longer, and sought to be relieved of this new health institution venture on which she had embarked in 1927. By 1935, she had invested more than \$250,000 of her personal funds into the project, but now turned it over to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to operate for the colored people.

With the need for a good physician to help develop Riverside, the church leaders sent Dr. Howard to serve as the director after he completed his studies at the College of Medical Evangelists. Here was to be his mission field — serving the "colored people" of the Southland. Unfortunately, the program and relationships did not fare as well as he had envisioned. The relationship with the church leaders was not the

same as it was with the Mason doctors back in Murray, Ky. He finally left to serve at the George W. Hubbard Hospital of Meharry Medical College.

#### **A CHAMPION IN MOUND BAYOU, MISS.**

In 1942, Dr. T. R. M. Howard, then only 34 years old, a surgeon at the G. W. Hubbard Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., and one-time trainee at the Mayo Clinic, was appointed chief surgeon at the Mound Bayou, Miss., Taborian Hospital, an outreach training school of Meharry Medical College. Under Dr. Howard's supervision, Taborian grew to 76 beds and two operating rooms within four years. The success of Taborian was a feature article in the Feb. 23, 1946, issue of the "Saturday Evening Post," an outstanding magazine that was published at that time.

Mound Bayou, Miss., was an "all-colored" town found in the heart of the Mississippi Delta. It was run by Blacks, but was not too far from the city of Merigold, which served as a support municipality. Because of his service at Taborian, this place became world renowned. Differences arose, however, between Howard and the leaders of the hospital. He secured a plot of land across the street from Taborian, and established his own clinic for the people of the community and surrounding areas from as far as Greenville and Clarksdale. They came from far and near to be treated and to be attended to when the need arose.

#### **FRIENDSHIP CLINIC IN THE DELTA LAND OF MISSISSIPPI**

"Serving the spiritual, mental and physical needs of mankind" was the burden that had been placed within his heart by doctors Mason and C. M. Kinney and the C.M.E. training. This he sought to do in Mound Bayou.

A home for unwanted children had been established in Berea, Ky., by Grace Frazier, which she had named Friendship Home. Howard followed her lead, and named his project Friendship Clinic. He established an insurance program for these disfranchised, humble, but eager people. They would pay just 50 cents each week into a fund, and would receive all of the medical attention they needed without additional cost, when such arose. His clinic was always full from morning until night. He lived among the people and served their needs, and later became their leader in the struggle for civil rights in that cotton belt of Mississippi and elsewhere during the freedom movement days. He was elected president of the National Medical Association in 1956. Although he did not attend the Sabbath



*Nellie H. Druillard*

church services as he had wished, Dr. Howard always held to the teachings and beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination within his heart. He supported the church oftentimes when appeals were made of him.

#### CHAMPION OF HIS PEOPLE

Few, if any, of the church leaders know of the devotion that Dr. Howard maintained for the truths that the old pioneer, C. M. Kinney, had taught him back in Murray, Ky. He held them within his soul until his dying day.



C. R. Kinney

Not only did he serve the church of his youth, but even before the days of Martin Luther King, he was outspoken for the rights of his people. In the delta lands of Mississippi, when it was unsafe to criticize the system of segregation, he was leading the struggle for civil rights. He became president of the Regional Council of Negro Leadership, in which capacity he fought the citizens' councils and those plantation owners who fought vigorously to retain the status quo by fear and reprisals. When he realized that it was no longer safe for him to remain in Mississippi, even in the all-Black town of Mound Bayou, he moved to Chicago, where he built the Friendship Medical Center, and operated it until his death in 1976. In Chicago, he was able to continue to serve a goodly number of his patients who had also left Mississippi to settle here when they fled the oppressions on their native soils. During the closing years of his life, he continued to actively serve as a medical leader, a community leader, a political leader and spokesman until he suffered a stroke and passed away.

#### REFLECTIONS OF DR. T. R. M. HOWARD

He was born Theodore R. M. Howard in Murray, Ky., one of seven children in the

family who listened to the preaching of C. M. Kinney of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. He became an adherent of these teachings. Later he received his formal training at the Huntsville School in Alabama and at the College of Medical Evangelists in Loma Linda, Calif., and became a trainee at the Mayo Clinic. He served as director of medical staff at Riverside Sanitarium, and as a surgeon at the George W. Hubbard Hospital of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. He used his skills and wisdom in the service of his people. He donated large portions of his wealth to help the youth who came after him to receive an education. He believed in and loved his church throughout life, and never ceased to claim it as "his people." Adventism was his Christian religion. Unfortunately, at the time of his passing, the local church leaders refused to let his body be eulogized from the local church. It must never be forgotten, however, that one of the most influential persons to make a contribution in service to his people and to mankind was Dr. Theodore R. M. Howard. This man must not be forgotten as we write the "Moments in Black Adventist History." C. E. Dudley, Sr.

## OBITUARIES

**HAROLD D. NELSON JR.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Nelson Sr., was born in New York City on June 21, 1949. His early education was at P.S. 147, Manhattan, and he graduated from Manhattan Elementary School. His academy days were spent at Pine Forge Academy in Pottstown, Pa.

He was baptized by Elder R. T. Hudson at Ephesus, where he served as a youth usher and was a member of the youth choir.

Harold was married to Carol Fitzpatrick, and they were the parents of one son, Miles Dixon Nelson.

He was employed as a computer operator until his health began to fail about six months ago. After several bouts of illness, he returned to Bellevue Hospital, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1989, where he expired early Wednesday morning, Oct. 11, at 2 a.m.

Harold leaves to mourn his passing a devoted mother, Eleanor; a loving father, Harold; a son, Miles; two adopted sons, Derrick and Allavalle Fitzpatrick; an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Davis Jr., of Wilksburg, Pa.; two nieces, Jezelle M. and Shaundell Nelson; a nephew, Cory Nelson; and a host of relatives and friends.

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