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OF A
GREAT LADY**



COVER STORY

PORTRAIT OF A GREAT LADY

Dr. Natelkka Izetta (Edith) Burrell of Berrien Springs, Michigan; Professor Emeritus of Andrews University and of Oakwood College (Huntsville, Alabama); died at home at the age of 95 on Wednesday, February 21, 1990.

Natelkka was born in Brooklyn, New York to William Tad and Alberta Dabney Burrell on February 8, 1895. There was little hope that this sickly, premature baby girl would survive, but Alberta made a covenant with God that if He spared Natelkka's life she would dedicate her to Him.

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"... and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty..." (1 Corinthians 2:27).

This strong-willed child lived, although her health remained unstable for years. When Natelkka was 3 1/2 years old her father died, leaving the mother and child to struggle alone.

Natelkka was not indulged due to her poor health. On the contrary, as soon as she could walk, a wise mother taught her strict obedience by precept and example. As she grew, she learned to work, to take pride in a task well done. Alberta encouraged her to become an achiever!

Attendance at the Brooklyn Public School #11 was the beginning of Natelkka's formal education. Since she already knew the alphabet and numbers, could write her name and memorize very well, she was ahead in her class.

During the year 1907, Alberta was introduced to the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In due time, on July 4, 1913, both mother and daughter were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

One Sabbath morning, her pastor spoke on Christian Education. Natelkka

was deeply impressed. By the time she was ready for high school, her heart was set on going to the South Lancaster Academy, now known as Atlantic Union College. But there was no money available for her to go. Undaunted and with her mother's consent, she set out to work her way through.

It was a real financial struggle to remain in the academy, but providentially funds were made available. However, before she could finish the normal course, her mother passed away and Natelkka, age 20, had to leave school. Again, God intervened so that she could return to school and complete her training for His work. She attended South Lancaster Academy from 1910-11, and 1911-17, and graduated with honors!

Shortly thereafter, the Southern New England Conference asked Natelkka to take a one-room school in Guilford, Connecticut where she spent two happy years. When the school closed for lack of students, she was asked to teach a small group of Negro children in the New Haven church school. Before the year ended, a call came from the Baltimore Academy asking her to teach the upper grades and to accept the principalship.

It was in Baltimore that Natelkka met and married Joseph Hamilton Bishop, a highly respected and very successful businessman in her church.

Natelkka was called to Oakwood College to be Dean of Women in 1939. Not only did she revolutionize dormitory life, but challenged the students to develop their talents and use them to the glory of God, so that they could help spread the Adventist message to all the world. Based on her research of Mrs. E. G. White's



Elder C. E. Bradford holds the microphone for Dr. Burrell as she expresses her appreciation for the ceremonies given in her honor



Dr. N. E. Burrell still sought to train the minds of children and youth throughout her lifetime.



Dr. Frances H. Bliss, one of Dr. Burrell's students, shows a fondness for her major professor at the dedication of the Education Building—Burrell Hall—at Oakwood. Dr. Bliss had her doctorate in Education.



Katrena, daughter of Dr. Burrell, stands with her mother of many years. A book entitled "Katrena" was written by Dr. Burrell.

awritings on education, she constructed and successfully implemented a new curriculum for teacher education. Thus she upgraded Oakwood and fostered pride and dignity in her students for the art of teaching. Her tenure at Oakwood lasted twenty-one and a half years.

Eventually, Natelkka accepted work in Washington, D.C. at the General Conference to coedit the basal reading series with Ethel Young, a teacher with broad experience. Together they accomplished the impossible. They coauthored a total of 61 basal readers and guidebooks.

A prolific writer, Dr. Burrell has written volumes of letters and articles, many of which have been published in the official church paper *Adventist Review*, and various other Seventh-day Adventist periodicals. Two books were published since 1982: *God's Beloved Rebel*, her own autobiography, and *Katrina Stands Alone*, the story of her adopted daughter.

In spite of serious physical problems that have literally plagued her entire life "from the cradle to the grave," Dr. Natelkka Burrell, by God's grace, became a high achiever for all of her 95 years.

Some of the many honors and awards she received include: A Teacher's Life Certificate presented by Southern Union for the General Conference in 1945; A Professional Elementary Certificate, the General Conference's highest, in 1958; A Citation of Honor from the Education Department of the General Conference in 1982; Elected to Andrews University's Hall of Fame, the university's highest honor, in 1973; A Citation by the General Conference at its World Conference in Vienna, Austria, as one of the 10 Most Outstanding Women of the SDA Church in 1975; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities from EMC; Wisconsin University—Pi Lambda Theta; and the Columbia University Teachers College—Kappa Delta Pi.

Among her survivors are: Katrina V. Nesbitt, adopted daughter, Berrien Springs; Dr. Evelyn Ireland, cousin, Washington, D.C.; Esther Cooper, foster sister, San Francisco, CA; Ruth Beese, foster sister, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Harold Cooper, foster brother, Elmhurst, N.Y.; and a host of other "close relatives" and friends.

We will miss "Mother Burrell" as she was called by the young people she befriended. However, the impact of her contribution to the church and mankind will always live on.

"... Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yes, saith the

Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:13).

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland

"ROLL ON"

"Upon this Rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Let us understand from the outset that the Christian church is of divine origin. Christ is its head (Ephesians 5:23), and it will succeed in its God-given purpose. Those who join the church should embrace this philosophy and share this confidence. We often speak of the church as a large body of "Called-Out" persons who have embraced Christ as Lord and Savior. These transcend national, racial, and denominational boundaries. That God has sons and daughters in Christian and non-Christian communions, is a fact that must be faced and appreciated. And then, of course, there is the 7th-Day Adventist Church. Its legitimacy in philosophy and function is attested to in Scripture and its historical track record.

This church is known the world over for its commitment to Health-Care and Education, operating 159 hospitals, 5,218 schools, and 56 publishing houses.

That a church with a membership of 7,000,000 believers would and does support the second largest parochial school system in the world speaks well of its interest in education. A student may graduate with a terminal degree without leaving the Adventist system. There is, in addition, the World-wide Adventist Relief Program—designed to relieve human needs during disasters and in between. The Ad

ventist Church operates a nationwide fleet of disaster vans equipped for any emergency. The international crew of this effort is called ADRA. National governments are loud in praise of these humanitarian efforts. But the best advertisement of the church I know is its members. They live an average nearly 10 years longer than the average American. They are generally a happy, disciplined group of people, generous to a fault. While waiting expectantly for the Coming of the Lord, they are very much into the serious business of living in the here and now. They are loyal citizens under the governments to which they belong, yet realizing that politics cannot separate brothers. We have an integration policy that forbids discrimination, yet recognizes ethnic administration in those areas of numerical dominance.

The Seventh-day Adventist church is organized for efficiency. Its hired laborers are sustained by the tithing system that has world-wide acceptance. Now the visitor to an Adventist facility anywhere in the world would face a sameness in faith-practice that is remarkable. Also, the spirit of hospitality and helpfulness is everywhere evident. From the remotest mission station to the World Headquarters, this is so. The remarkable thing is the autonomy

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of the smallest organizational unit and its ability to function if isolated from the body. This was graphically illustrated when, during World War Two South Sea islanders operated the work of the local conference faithfully and efficiently in the absence of expatriate missionaries. Indeed, this is the only legitimate goal of missions, that indigenous peoples be trained to manage their own affairs within the framework of church policy. When large population blocks of races exist, either as nations, or racial subdivisions, this must be the goal of administration. This is both necessary and right. In some countries, the government will not admit a missionary to serve the church if a qualified nation can do the right job. Church have often been slow to recognize the necessity of upgrading non-white personnel. Often, demonstrations

and other similar pressures have to be exerted to break the stranglehold on power. Why must this be at this late date? In such struggles, there are always casualties. Broken friendships and damaged careers litter the trail of revolution. Reluctance to trust—power to forever subordinate—is the breeding-ground of dissension. At some point in time “a larger show must accommodate a growing foot.

Time will inevitably cause “developing” nations and peoples who now see through a glass darkly, to see face to face. What an opportunity for administration to plan for the explosive developments predicted for these times. With faith in each other, and love for God, “Let the Church roll on.”

HE IS NOT ALONE, IF YOU'RE THERE

For a variety of reasons, including unemployment and the high cost of education, thousands of SDA youth have entered military service. Research shows that there are about six thousand to eight thousand military personnel listing Seventh-day Adventist as their “religious preference.” These young men and women need spiritual reinforcement and an assurance that the church does remember them.

The Servicemen's Fund Offering Project is the primary way the church can be with the service person and show they care during this significant time in their lives. Those on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, upon request, will receive the following at a cost of anywhere to

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\$120 to \$4200 per person for the two-year period: *Adventist Review, Insight, Listen, Message, Signs, The Sabbath School Quarterly, For God and Country*, sermon tapes, missionary book of the year, devotional book of the year, and other missionary literature. The fund also provides SDA Sabbath School groups meeting overseas a subsidy for the cost of their supplies. SDA military chaplains are provided with literature for their work. The Servicemen's

Fund Offering is taken up every even-numbered year and will be lifted June 9, 1990.

Let me quote from a few letters from servicemen who have appreciated the regular periodical visit: “Thanks much for the books and magazines. We especially enjoy *Lucifer Files*, and as soon as we are finished, plan to pass it on to some interested friends. Thanks again for your caring support. May God be with you” —*Irene Kay, Fulda, West Germany.*

“Please allow me to thank you for your concern and support of my spiritual growth during the first ten years of active duty service. The military life as a Seventh-day Adventist at times can be a very lonely and challenging existence. . . . The constant influx of church periodicals help to fill the void.” —*Captain Joseph C. Birdy, United States Air Force, stationed in New Jersey.*

“Even though we are far away from home, we have somewhere to go and someone who looks out for us through God's grace and gets us very much needed material. May God bless and keep you.” —*Dan B. Coleman USS SIMON LAKE.*

Do you have a son or daughter or other young person in the church who is presently on active duty with the U.S. military forces who would want the periodicals of the church? Send these names and addresses to your local conference office or to Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries, General Conference, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, silver Spring, MD 20904 and don't forget the offering on June 9, 1990.

This year's offering goal is \$175,000. I know it will be a sacrifice but remember, “He Is Not Alone, If You're There.”

—*E. E. Cleveland*

WRITING TO WITNESS

While attending a family life seminar at Alabama A & M University in November, several strangers, with a “seems-like-I-know-you from somewhere” look smilingly greeted me.

Vainly I searched my mind attempting to remember where I'd met or even seen these friendly strangers. Alas! I could think of nowhere. I decided to concentrate on enjoying the workshop sessions.

Later, while looking for the room in which the next session was scheduled to meet, another friendly stranger walked toward me and flashed a big smile.

“Don't I know you?” she asked.

Briefly, our eyes met as we studied

each other's features. I gave a quick run down of possible places we could have met, but none were the right ones.

When we were inside the room and seated, the stranger leaned toward me

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and introduced herself, still insistent that we had met. Suddenly, “I know where I've seen you. I see your picture in the *Speakin' Out News* every week! I read your column,” she stated.

The mystery unraveled, we began an animated conversation until the session began.

Only God knows the outcome of the thousands of words I've typed, but whether He reveals it to me or not, I'm committed to the task of witnessing for Him through the medium of writing.

My first two articles appeared in *Speakin' Out News* during February 1989. After a bout with the flu my writing ceased until July when at a church reception I learned that Mr. Smother, the publisher and editor of *Speakin' Out News* was present.

At the first opportunity, I introduced myself to Mr. Smother. He remembered my two articles and strongly encouraged me to continue writing. He invited me to be a staff writer for the paper.

His words scared me a little, but there was also a certain amount of challenge in the way he spoke. I prayed and asked the Lord for wisdom and ideas for articles. He has not failed me yet.

One article, “Who is Exploiting Your Child's Mind?” prompted a request from a county school principal for multiple copies which were distributed to the students. The article dealt with pornography.

In September, I was asked to do an article on Satanism. After much prayer and research, the Lord blessed me in writing a five-part serial. The response from readers has been encouraging.

Again, at Christmas, I was assigned to write a feature story dealing with “What Christmas Means to Me.” The editor told me there was no limit to the words I could

write, but to have at least one-half page.

For several days my mind seemed blank, but I continued my supplications and as usual, God supplied the inspiration. In addition to the history of Christmas and two personal experiences, the article had Christmas comments from a few of my church members. I asked them individually to write about what Christmas meant to them.

Comments concerning the Christmas article have been encouraging, for which God is given the praise.

What will be the outcome? Only God knows, but I'm, thankful for the opportunity of witnessing for God through the secular media.

A number of ladies feel called to the gospel ministry, but feel frustrated and defeated because calls and ordination are progressing at a snail's pace.

Ladies, let it be known herewith that all preaching needn't come from the pulpit. If you have something to say, "write it!" There is a great need for writers of inspirational, devotional and how-to articles, to name a few.

There is power in the written word, and it can be read over and over again. The spoken word is heard and often forgotten. Some of it isn't heard clearly or is often distorted. The written word is immortalized in books and periodicals. The writer's audience is larger than is found in any one church.

God calls writers, too, and the writing can be done in the home at your convenience.

So sisters, if you feel God has called you to spread His Word, consider writing. Think of what it will mean in heaven to have persons come to you, and say, "I read your article while on earth in *These Times*, or *Message Magazine* or the *Regional Voice* and now I'm here because of you." What a joy that will be!

*Mabel Norman,
Correspondent*

ROBERT H. CARTER—BIOGRAPHY

Robert H. Carter was one of four children born to William, Sr. and Elizabeth Carter in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He completed elementary school and two years of high school in the Bridgeport public school system.

Robert enjoyed school and was a "straight-A" student throughout his early education. His affection for the school week was so strong that he hated to see the weekend roll around when there

would be no classes. Included among his favorite subjects were arithmetic and English. He especially enjoyed diagramming sentence structure, an area in which he excelled, according to his teachers. His father hoped he would become either an architect or a dentist.

As far back as he can remember, Carter and his two older brothers were encouraged by their father to be active in sports. One of his most satisfying moments occurred when still a youngster. He finally outran his father in a foot race. The time soon came when he could run faster than any teenager in his neighborhood. He later went on to become a track and field star for Central High School. Basketball, baseball, and a football were likewise

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sports which came easy for him.

During his sophomore year in high school Carter was offered a scholarship to play football at a leading eastern university. It was then that his mother decided it was time to enroll him in a Christian institution. It was not long before she packed his bags and sent him off to Oakwood Academy to complete his last two years of high school.

The decision to prepare for the ministry was influenced by his older brother, Gene. When Gene would come home from Oakwood College on breaks, his younger brother would listen to him practice preaching around the house all day. Robert got so he knew verbatim Gene's sermons. Later, when he attended Oakwood College, he decided to follow in his brother's footsteps.

In 1950 Carter graduated from Oakwood College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology. Because of his excellent grades and good deportment, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary offered him a scholarship. Carter accepted the scholarship and received a Master of Arts degree in Religion in 1952.

The Northeastern Conference invited him to become the assistant pastor of the Ephesus Church in New York City in 1953. It was his privilege to work with W.

S. Lee, the talented senior pastor of that great church. Carter attributes much of his success in ministry to the excellent training he received during his association with Elder Lee. After pastoring churches in New Rochelle and Rochester, NY, he was invited to return to the Ephesus Church as senior pastor.

During his pastorate of the Ephesus Church the membership grew to 2400. In 1968 he was voted in as the Secretary of the Northeastern Conference. For four years he joined G. R. Earle, president, and S. H. Brooks, treasurer, in leading that rapidly growing field.

In 1972 Carter and his wife accepted a call to serve as president of the Uganda Field in East Africa. Political unrest cut short their term of service to that beautiful nation, situated on the equator in the heart of Africa. During the one year that they were there tithes and offerings increased by nearly 70%. Several new church buildings were completed and dedicated as well.

Following their return to the United States the Carters were invited to pastor the Hamilton Church in Bermuda. Only six months went by before he was requested to assume administrative responsibilities again as president of the Bermuda Mission. He led that field until a call came to serve as Secretary of the Lake Union Conference. Lowell L. Bock was the president, and George H. Crumley was the treasurer when Carter came aboard.

When Lowell Bock agreed to join the General Conference staff in 1980, the Lake Union Executive Committee elected Carter to serve as his successor. His position as president of the Lake Union Conference requires him to travel extensively and represent the church on numerous committees and boards. Some of his



Robert H. Carter



The Editor's Desk

'A STAR GIVES LIGHT'

Seventh-day Adventist African-American Heritage

A Star Gives Light: Seventh-day Adventist African-American Heritage is the first organization of its kind designed to introduce K-12 students in the Seventh-day Adventist schools (both Black and White) to the very important role played by Blacks in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Realizing the magnitude of this project, the editors; Dr. Norwida A. Marshall, associate director of Education for the Southern Union Conference; R. Steven Normal, III, pastor of the South Central Conference; Zeola Allston, teacher of the Oakwood Academy; Charles E. Battles, principal of the Alcy SDA School, Memphis, Tennessee; Doris M. Gulley, Principal of Bethany Junior Academy in Macon, Georgia; and L. E. Mulrairie, professor of English at Jacksonville State University; along with several others, decided to limit this work to highlights of some contributions of Black men and women to the development and growth of Adventism. It is, therefore, not a complete history of the Black arm of the church, neither is it a "Who's Who" in Adventism., In an attempt to collect pertinent materials for this text, a variety of sources have been tapped.

Copies of the volume can be secured by contacting Dr. Norwida Marshall at P.O. Box 849, Decatur, Georgia, 30031.

responsibilities include service as:

Chairman, Lake Union Conference Executive Committee

Chairman, Hinsdale Health System and Hinsdale Hospital Board of Trustees

Vice Chairman, Andrews University Board of Trustees

Member of the Loma Linda University, Oakwood College, Adventist Media Center, Adventist Living Centers, Christian Record Services, Review and Herald Publishing Association boards of trustees.

During his years of pastoral work he was an aggressive soul winner. He conducted large evangelistic crusades in Albany, New Rochelle, Rochester, NY; and Bermuda. He also conducted continuous Sunday night evangelistic meetings during the six years he was pastor of the Ephesus Church. An average of 80 souls were baptized yearly during that period.

Carter believes that pastors should be involved in the affairs of communities where they labor. While in New York City he was a member of the Harlem Community Center Board and the Bronx Community Hospital. He also presented a \$1,000 check on behalf of the Ephesus Church to the Poor People's March on Washington in the early 1960s. He served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Interdenominational Minister's Alliance of both New Rochelle and Rochester, NY. He was also

SUNSET CALENDAR

	April 27	May 4	May 11	May 18
Boston, Mass.	7:39	7:47	7:54	8:02
New York City	7:49	7:56	8:04	8:11
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:11	8:19	8:27	8:34
Atlanta, GA.	8:18	8:23	8:28	8:33
Miami, Fla.	7:50	7:53	7:57	8:01
Charlotte, N.C.	8:06	8:12	8:17	8:23
Birmingham, Ala.	7:27	7:32	7:37	7:43
Jackson, Miss.	7:39	7:44	7:49	7:54
Memphis, Tenn.	7:42	7:48	7:54	7:59
Louisville, Ky.	8:01	8:37	8:43	8:49
Detroit, Mich.	8:28	8:36	8:43	8:50
Chicago, Ill.	7:44	7:52	7:59	8:06
South Bend, In.	7:39	7:46	7:54	8:01
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:13	8:22	8:30	8:38
St. Louis, Mo.	7:49	7:55	8:02	8:08
Kansas City, Mo.	8:07	8:14	8:21	8:27
Denver, Co.	7:50	7:57	8:04	8:10
Little Rock, Ark.	7:50	7:56	8:02	8:07
Dallas, Texas	8:06	8:11	8:16	8:21
New Orleans, La.	7:35	7:39	7:44	7:48
Albuquerque, N.M.	7:48	7:54	8:00	8:05
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:13	8:19	8:24	8:30

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



Mrs. Kate Anna Watson Mosley (seated center) surrounded by family members.

an active member of NAACP and the Urban League.

In August 19, 1951, he was married to the former Rose Marie Vaughn of Chicago, Illinois. She is a graduate of Oakwood College with majors in elementary education and music. For a number of years she has been employed as Medical Records Secretary of the Stevensville, Michigan, branch of Health Care at Home.

The Carters have one son, Kermit, who is vice-president of Student Affairs at Oakwood College.

daughters, Olwen, Julia and Susan; three sons: Archer, Coleman and Samue.

Mrs. Mosley lived in Farmville, Virginia for 63 years. The last 10 years she has lived in Richmond, Virginia with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Shields. Since her move to Richmond she became a member of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Her hobby over the years was raising milk goats.

Mrs. Mosley has a unique formula on "How To Live To Be 100." Over the years she has collected many articles dealing with living to be 100:

1. Stay out of crowds.
2. Eat well but not too much.
3. Pray every day.
4. Trust in God.
5. Drink goat's milk and you outlive all of your enemies.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE METROPOLITAN CHURCH

The members of the Metropolitan SDA Church of Plainfield, N.J. recently welcomed their new pastor, Frank Legette III. Legette stated that he plans to make the church a leader in soul winning. He emphasized the social and physical as well as the spiritual aspects of ministry.

Three former pastors were guest speakers for Homecoming at Metropolitan. Elder Milton Thomas was keynote speaker Friday night and the Sabbath speaker was Elder Stephen Boyce, now of Richmond, VA. Accompanying Elder Boyce was his youth choir under the direction of Rosalyn Johnson. The choir

also ministered during the Adventist Youth hour. Elder Melvyn Hyden was the last of the speakers. He presently pastors the Brinklow Church in Maryland.

The family Choir, directed by Donald Nicholas, observed its third anniversary. Many area choirs come to celebrate with them. New robes were also dedicated at this time.

Metropolitan members, under the auspices of the AY Department, attended a pre-Valentine extravaganza at the Embassy Suite Hotel. The affair included dinner, a fashion show and musical entertainment. All arrangements were made by AY Leader June Roberts, a recent Revelation Seminar convert. Home and School Leader, Ruth Trawick, purchased approximately \$400 worth of books from the Adventist Book Center. These have been presented to the AY department to serve as a lending library. The Home and School has also given out numerous scholarships to church school attendees.

*Ruth Trawick
Communication Secretary
Plainfield, New Jersey*

ALLEGHENY EAST

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Kate Anna Watson Mosley
Born: October 16, 1889

Kate Anna Watson was born on October 16, 1889 in Cumberland County, Virginia. She attended a one-room school there. From the age of 10 years old to 19 years she lived in New Rochelle, New York. After graduating from High School she attended and graduated from the Virginia Seminary and College in Lynchburg, Virginia in 1912. She then taught elementary and high school in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

While living in New Rochelle, New York Ms. Watson became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In 1916 Kate Anna Watson was married to the former Archer Wilson Mosley. To that union were born six children: three

CENTRAL STATES

SINGLES MINISTRY

The first Annual three hour Prayer Watch and New Year's Eve overniter for the youth was held at Community SDA in Denver, CO. The newly formed Singles

Ministry which includes members from Denver and Colorado Springs, held what they hope will be an annual celebration of the new year.

The evening began with a 3-hour Prayer Watch, with the whole church participating. There were testimonies, music and lots of prayer. All who attended received the mixed blessing that only prayer and fellowship can bring.

Directly after the Prayer Watch came the New Year's overniter for the youth. The events was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The youth enjoyed games, music, food and fun.

The Singles Ministry hopes to continue through the year with events that bring about fellowship, sharing and witnessing.

Tanya Marshall

Assistant Communication Secretary

PHILADELPHIA PRISON MINISTRY

The Philadelphia SDA Church of Des Moines, Iowa provides a prison ministry for the women at Mitchelville, Iowa. The laymen involved are: Melvin Moore, Gilbert and Piccola Randle, William Thomas, David Willis, Mava Willis, Beverly Jackson, Damarr Towers, Jean White and Pastor Albert White.

The services offered are singing, counseling, Bible study, preaching and health seminars.

For an entire year the inmates wanted a second Sabbath service or a Branch Sabbath School. The prison director will allow this service to begin in the middle of 1990, also a Five Day Stop Smoking Program. The laymen on this team donate their time and service.

God is leading in helping change the lives of many of the women at the prison.

Pastor Albert White



Mrs. Geneva Ryles (left) and Mrs. Bobby Black (right)

SENIOR CITIZENS HELPING SENIORS

The Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church of Des Moines, Iowa has an outstanding Senior Citizens Ministry. There are two Christian ladies that go out in the community and share their smiles, services, and plant a seed of hope in hearts.

Mrs. Geneva Ryles and Bobby Black are the Christian members who provide this ministry from door to door. They serve the seniors by driving them to the doctor's office and grocery store to take care of medical and household needs.

They also give Bible studies and general companionship.

Pastor Albert White



Front row, l to r: Sister White, Sister Randle, and Brother Thomas.

Back row l to r: Brother and Sister Willis, Brother Randle, and DaMarr Willis

LADIES' DAY—PALACE OF PEACE

A special day was held at Palace of Peace Church in Colorado Springs, CO. It was the Palace of Peace 2nd Annual Women's Day. The women (and girls), dressed in red and white, marched in for divine service to the tune of theme song "Walk In The Light." The banner over the rostrum read "Women Reflecting Christ." Yvonne Patmon-Grimes' prayer called for each woman's dedication to the Lord. The Palace of Peace men's group presented special music. In addition, music was rendered by Kareita Greene from Denver Community SDA Church and by Palace of Peace's Lynda Campbell.

The congregation was truly blessed as attorney Jackie Poole delivered the morning message. A member of Palace of Peace, Poole chose to investigate the

character of the Bible personality Rhoda, who knew the power of prayer; and a personality still "under construction." She likened the Christian life to a light socket with an analogy that one has to just plug into the socket to know and feel the power of the Holy Spirit. She reminded the church that with the help of the Holy Spirit, one can strive for perfection as the Spirit molds and teaches women to reflect Christ.

The men of Palace of Peace did not "sit back," but prepared a delicious, nutritious meal. Sandra Morgan is to be commended for her dedication, inspiration and insight in making this occasion possible.

Claudette Clarke

Communication Secretary

"THE LORD HAS SURELY BLESSED"

The year 1989 was an excellent year for the Health and Welfare Department at Linwood Blvd. Temple in Kansas City, MO. During the year, 2,098 half hours were spent in working, \$1095.50 was spent at Harvester's for food, over 1000 food baskets valued at \$500.00 were distributed, as well as \$1923 in cash, 554 articles of clothing, 117 pieces of literature, and 10 Bibles given away.

Sylvia Tyson, Health and Welfare worker, never forgets the students that are away at school when they come home for Christmas. With the support of the church members, she and the Health and Welfare Department were able to give 25 "Token of LOVE" Baskets to the students. Sister Tyson wishes to thank all those who have helped in this endeavor. Bernice Larry, Health and Welfare Leader, along with her helpers, Harriet Fondnen, Leslie Griffin, Eula Topps, Detra McClain and others who helped, look forward to a bigger and better year in 1990.

Rena C. Dixon

Communications Secretary

*For each one striking at
the roots of evil, a
thousand hack merely at
its branches.*

—Henry David Thoreau

NORTHEASTERN

"FAMILY LIFE AND BLACK HISTORY"

The Faith Church of Hartford, Connecticut combined the areas of Black History and Family life, during the month of February, to produce a unique series of A.Y. programs. This was accomplished by the efforts of the Family Life Director, Deborah Richardson.

"Going Home," the first of the series involved the church membership dressing in the garb of their country of origin. Dr. Godfred Ansah gave the welcome in Ashante, which was translated to English by his wife Priscilla. Prayers were offered in the native language of French and Ashante and songs from various homelands were sung. The audience experienced an imaginary "Going Home" to the motherhood of Africa through a fashion and artifact display and slide presentation coordinated by Mrs. Vernon McDonald. This program was concluded by all joining in the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

"How Do I Love Thee," the second program of the series, dealt with Filios, Eros, and Agape versions of love as viewed from the Black perspective. Recitations of selections from the Songs of Solomon and Elizabeth Barrett Browning illustrated the Eros version which was culminated by tributes to parents from youth of the church. For the Filios segment, achievements of several black Adventist heroes were depicted. A skit was performed showing possible responses to God's perfect (Agape) love, "Are We God's Witnesses of Weapon?"

"God's Trombones," the Black experience in James Weldon Johnson's "Trombones" set to music was the program for the third week. Wayne Dixon, well known musician, directed this dramatization of a small southern rural church complete with preaching and down home singing.

"Men Of the Movement," the fourth and final program, featured Dr. Richard Williams, author and lecturer from Rochester, New York, who spoke about the realities facing Black men and their families in the 1990's. This was followed by a special thought-provoking seminar/dinner for males only facilitated by Dr. Donald Blake. The day concluded with an open meeting which featured a series of skits and discussions relating to the challenge placed upon the Black male—placed by society,



Officers of the Nurses Association and nurses of the Faith Church in Connecticut

by the work place, and by the home.

A most impressive finale was witnessed as the younger males of the church were encircled by the other male members in a show of recommitment, love and support.

*Shirley Porter
Correspondent*

NEW ROCHELLE'S HEALTH EMPHASIS WEEKEND

From Sabbath evening through divine worship and Adventist Youth Hour to the Sunday cooking school, Chris Rucker, Director of Abundant Life Associates, kept all spellbound as she discussed the "Impact of Diet on the Body, Mind and Spirit." Her inspiring story was a testimony to the goodness of the Lord in healing her after she submitted herself to Him and determined to follow the Bible teachings on diet and health.

Fifty students were eager participants in the preparation and consumption of more than 10 "Fat Busters" recipes which included desserts. "Remember fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, nuts, seeds, and grains," they stressed.

*Gwen Bland,
Correspondent*

YOUTH DAY AT NEW LIFE

Youth Day at the New Life SDA Church was held March 17. All services from Sabbath School to Divine Worship were conducted by youth of the church. Pastor Kyron John of Connecticut was the guest speaker. He encouraged the youth to stay on the right side, choose their friends carefully, and maintain high moral standards.

Music during the divine worship hour

featured the Brooklyn Youth Choir along with the music of trumpets, saxophones, and steel pans.

*M. Simon
Communication Secretary*

NURSES ASSOCIATION RECRUITING MEMBER

The Northeastern Conference Nurses Association was officially organized in April 1989 with the purpose of providing health teaching to the church at large and the community. Since then, these nurses have been working ardently to set up health programs in the community, which will provide medical and spiritual services to those in need.

At this time, they are exerting their energies in promoting this newly organized body by going to different churches within the conference and recruiting their fellow nurses.

It is their determination to continue working together towards the finishing of God's work, thus hastening His coming.

Monthly meetings are held at the North Eastern Conference Office, the first Sunday of each month. Please feel free to come.

Officers:

J. Levy—President
V. Andrews—Secretary-Recording
M. Richardson—Secretary-Corresponding
D. Allenye—Treasurer

NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT BETHEL

Glenell Clarke became the new associate pastor at the Bethel SDA church in Brooklyn, New York on January 6, 1990. He was accompanied by his wife, Cecilia.

Pastor Clarke will serve under the direction of James L. LaMar, the current pastor.

Introducing the Clarke family was Pastor E. J. Humphrey, Ministerial Secretary of the Northeastern Conference.

Before coming to Bethel Pastor Clarke pastored at the City Tabernacle and New Hope churches in New York.

A graduate of West Indies College in Jamaica, W.I., and Andrews University Pastor Clarke focused his sermon on the experience of Paul. Referring to Romans 7:17-25, he expressed Paul's frustration in matters he wanted to accomplish but could not. "We can make use of the opportunities God made for us despite the difficulties of life. Man is responsible for his choices, therefore we can make use of the opportunities for new beginnings. Man needs a second chance, but the will alone and not having the action will not do," Clarke explained.

*Winston V. Perry
Communication Secretary*

MT. VERNON HONORS FOUNDING MEMBERS

In January of this year, Mt. Vernon paid tribute to four of its pioneer members for their outstanding contributions to the Church over the past years. They were all given plaques and the ladies were given corsages. The four individuals are listed below.

Elder Thaddeus Wilson, now 95 years old, continues to attend church regularly, including Wednesday night Prayer Meetings.

In 1928, a doctor had given Elder Wilson less than one year to live (due to a lung condition). While in his grief, he met with his pastor, Elder Straughn who was the pastor of the New York #3 Church and the New Rochelle Church were Elder Wilson was a local elder. A few days later Pastor Straughn organized some of his deacons and deaconesses to pray and anoint Elder Wilson.

Elder Wilson met with the group, and while on his knees, he promised God, that if he would heal him, he would go to Mr. Vernon and start the work there. Three days later, Elder Wilson was well enough to return to work. Six months later, he, along with two other church brothers, distributed tracts and gave Bible studies in the Mt. Vernon area. In 1930 they started the first tent effort. During the first year nine souls were baptized, the second year eight more souls were baptized. That



Pastor & Mrs. Glenell Clarke

small company started the Mt. Vernon Mission which is presently the Mt. Vernon SDA church.

Mrs. Corine Champion McCloud, was born in 1905 in Savannah, Georgia and was baptized at age 11. In 1923 she migrated to New York and became a member of the #2 SDA Church here she was an usher and pianist. When Elder Wilson started the tent effort he asked Mrs. McCloud to be the pianist. She became a chartered member and still serves as a piano accompanist for the Mt. Vernon Sabbath School.

Ms. Sallie Hamilton, born in 1905 in Tampa, Florida was baptized in 1930. In 1939 she migrated to New York and joined the then Mt. Vernon Mission which had a membership of about twenty. During the remarkable growth period from 1936 to 1989 she has served in many capacities, as Sabbath School Secretary, Head Deaconess and Choir Member. Though she is no longer an active church leader of any department, she is still an active church goer and honorary Deaconess, and one of the charter members.

Johnnie Bell Waters was born in North Carolina and migrated to New York in 1941. That same year, through the work of her aunt (the now Mrs. Thaddeus Wilson) she was baptized into the Mt. Vernon Mission. Since then she has held the following offices: Sabbath School Superintendent, Primary Division Leader, Junior and Early Teens Leader, and Sabbath School Secretary. Currently, she is a choir member, Personal Ministry Secretary, and deaconess.

From the beginning of 17 members, the Mt. Vernon church now has a membership of 516. In addition, the Mt. Vernon



*Front, l to r: Elder Wilson, Mrs. Hamilton
Back, l to r: Mrs. McCloud and Mrs. Waters*

Church is the mother of the Westbury Church.

*Winsome Dyer
Communication Secretary*

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT NEW LIFE

"A Celebration of Friendship" was the theme of Community Guest Day at New Life SDA Church of Brooklyn, N.Y. The friendship of Jonathan and David was depicted to show the characteristics of true friendship.

This year, the policemen and women of the 67th precinct in Brooklyn were honored for outstanding service to the community. Inspector Dever and Officer White accepted the award on behalf of the precinct.

Pastor Kevin Jenkins delivered a powerful morning message entitled, "The

Inconclusive Struggle." "We all know what we believe. Do others?" was the title of the Adventist Youth program presented in the afternoon.

SOUTH CENTRAL

NASHVILLE'S CHOICE AWARDS PROGRAM BIG SUCCESS

Nashville, Tenn., — The first "Choice Awards" program was recently held in Nashville at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center's Polk Theatre. The event honored Nashville residents who have given of themselves to enrich the local Black community as well as celebrating February as Black history month. The program was sponsored and hosted by the Grammy-winning group Take 6 and their management company, Choice Management.

"The 'Choice Awards' program was designed to salute those individuals in the community who have made a conscious, selfless effort and a definite choice to give of themselves," stated Gail Hamilton, president of Choice Management. "They've also given of their time, as well as their resources to enhance and enrich our Black community through the areas of Arts, Education, Business, Sports, Entertainment, Human Services and Religion." "We look forward to making this an annual event."

The recipients were:

Arts

Peal Cresswell, Curator of the Carl Van Vechten Gallery of Fine Arts at Fisk University.

Education/religion

Beverly Asbury, University Chaplain and Director of Religious Affairs for Vanderbilt University.

Business

Swett's Restaurant, Home-style cooking since 1954.

Sports

Cornelius Ridley, Long-time Nashville area high school football coach, Currently coaching at Whites Creek High School.

Entertainment

Jim Ed Norman, President of Warner Bros. Nashville.

Human Services

Bill Hall, WSMV (NBC) weatherman.

The program included musical performances by Donna McElroy, five-time



Ms. L. Simon (extreme right) presents plaque to Inspector Dever. Left to right: Pastor K. Jenkins and Officer White.



Nashville, Tenn.: Recipients, performers, and hosts of the first "Choice Awards" at a reception after the event sponsored by Third National Bank.

Standing (l to r): Pearl Cresswell—award recipient; Mark Kibble, Claud V. McKnight III—Take 6; Larnelle Harris—performer; Brian Williams—Third National Bank; Yolanda King, Mervyn Warren—Take 6; Bill Hall—recipient; Cedric Dent, Alvin Chea—Take 6; Diane Reeves, Kellie Williams, Donna McElroy—performers; and Gail Hamilton—president, Choice Management.

Grammy Award winning gospel artist Larnelle Harris, jazz vocalist Dianne Reeves, local radio personality Duane Hamilton, and the Nashville Symphony. Yolanda King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., was the special guest.

'QUEEN OF JINGLES' YOLANDA MCCULLOUGH, JOINS THE CHURCH

Her voice can be heard on television frequently singing the commercials "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," "G E, We bring Good Things to Life," "Snickers Satisfies You," "We're American Airlines, Something Special in the Air," and most currently, Saab "What's Become of the Broken Hearted." She is Miss Yolanda McCullough of Detroit, Michigan who



Yolanda McCullough

joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church four years ago under the ministry of Pastor Wintley Phipps of Washington D. C., but presently resides in Nashville, Tennessee. Following is her story.

Yolanda McCullough

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Yolanda began her solo career at the age of thirteen at the Jones Temple, Church of God in Christ, which was founded by her grandfather, Pastor Alexander Jones.

In 1970, she met singer/actress, Telma Hopkins of the now popular comedy show, "Gimme a Break," at which time she auditioned to sing as a background vocalist with Telma and Joyce Vincent Wilson for various Motown and Holland, Dozier, and Holland artists. Hence, her professional career began.

In 1973, Telma and Joyce departed to sing with the widely acclaimed group Tony Orlando and Dawn. Meanwhile Yolanda toured in Europe as a member of her all time favorite group the Honeycomb, who sang the number one hit record "Want Ads."

In 1975 Yolanda moved to New York to study at the Helen Hobbs Jordan Institute of Music. It was while in New York that she met and later toured with singing/writing duo, Ashford and Simpson for thirteen years. During this time she also established herself in the jingle business and her career skyrocketed as she became; in the words of comedienne, Joan Rivers, "The queen of jingles." You've probably heard her singing on popular commercials such as Coca Cola, "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," "We're American Airlines, Something Special in the Air," and most currently, Sabb "What's Become of the Broken Hearted."

Her T. V. appearances include: Wintley Phipps' Heart Song, the Joan Rivers Show, The Morning Show, Saturday Nite Live, The Martin Luther King Special, and Christian Outreach Ministries.

Throughout her career she has recorded with numerous artists; Ashford & Simpson, Dionne Warwick, Grover Washington, Roberta Flack, Bill Cosby Show L.P., Diana Ross, Carly Simon, Harry Belafonte, Patti LaBella, Luther Vandross and Michael Jackson. In the late seventies/early eighties, Yolanda signed a recording contract for three albums on Atlantic Records, one of which was written and produced by her friends Nick Ashford



Pastor Vincent White of Meridian, Brother Leon Peterson, and Pastor Benjamin E. Brown.

and Valerie Simpson.

During the 1985 Ashford and Simpson world tour, Yolanda had a touching conversion experience and is now a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Her career has since changed drastically. She has emerged with a new song in her heart. Although Yolanda has sung at the famous Carnegie Hall, the grand Radio City Music Hall and the culturally artistic Lincoln Center, nothing has fulfilled her dreams more than singing the Lord's praises during Sabbath services at the Oakwood College Church.

Miss McCullough's most recent accomplishment is that of writing and producing background vocals for the 1990 release of the Wintley Phipps L.P. Her most desired ministry is evangelistic crusades, assisting in winning souls for the KINGDOM OF GOD.

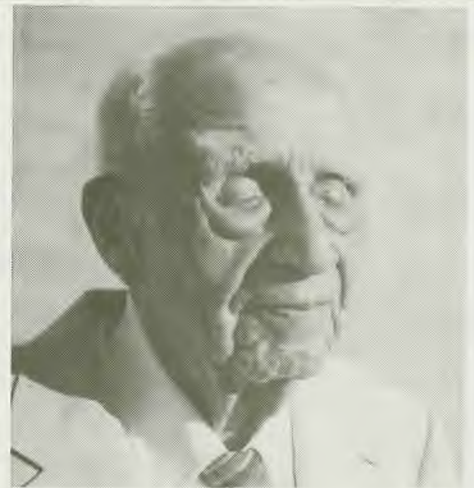
"Let us hear the whole conclusion of the matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:14.

MOMENTS IN BLACK SDA HISTORY

Meridian, Mississippi and Brother Leon Peterson

Although his sight has been gone for more than fifty years, Brother Leon Adam Peterson of Meridian, Mississippi still envisions the days when the work of the Seventh-day Adventists was established in that city. Peterson, in an interview with C. E. Dudley, the conference president gave the following account.

Leon Peterson was born May 31, 1893 in Meridian, one of the nine children born to Adam Craig and Annie Peterson. Thee family had come from nearby York, Ala-



Leon Adam Peterson

bama, to settle in this community to rear their children—five sons and four daughters: Otis, Eugene Willard, Curtis, Leon, Mimie, Ophelia, Hallie and Casandra.

After attending the Baptist Seminary in 1913 and the Wesley and Lincoln schools in Meridian, Leon left the area to study science and biology in preparation for becoming a physician. His advanced studies were taken at Howard University in Washington, D. C., and Columbia University in New York City where he became a schoolmate of the late James Weldon Johnson, composer of the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

He had been gone for almost twenty years when he learned that a preacher by the name of Brutus Howard Ewing, a graduate of Oakwood Jr. College in Huntsville, Alabama, and a resident of nearby Okalona, Mississippi, had come teaching a new doctrine about 'Sabbath-keeping.' His mother and father had become members of this new faith, along with Robert and Mary Emmerson and

Albert Johnson and wife of that city. These were successful business people who ran their places of business in Meridian. It was a 'must' for Blacks in those days. Both families later went to Oakwood to work in the development of the industries there.

When Peterson learned that his parents had become members of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, he immediately returned home to straighten out the thinking of his father and mother only to become overwhelmed himself with these Bible truths and to join the church. Unfortunately, his eyesight was failing him and later was completely lost. This did not deter him, however. From that time until the present, he has been a strong leader in the church throughout the state of Mississippi as well as in Meridian. He was baptized in 1942 by Elder B. W. Abney, Sr., returned missionary from South Africa, who served in the area at the time with the Alabama-Mississippi Conference. Although both Black and White congregations were under the direction of the one conference, it appeared that a feeling of superiority existed within the leadership, and especially so when it came to the handling of money. G. E. Peters, the leader of the Colored Work in Washington D. C., often spoke of this with the brethren. H. R. Murphy, the Black evangelist for the conference, also served in the conference at the time.

Peterson's father owned the property from fourteenth to fifteenth streets in Meridian but later sold some of it to Link Brown, a white gentleman, who later donated the site on which the present church building now sits. The members built the edifice themselves with the help of friends, white and black. Some of the faithful members of the church were: Mary Graham, who lived to be over one hundred years of age; Carry Bolden, a former member of the Baptist church who read herself into the truth; Dorothy Nelson Smith, who married Elder P. N. Smith, a minister of the South Central Conference; and M. Mayse and family, to speak of a few.

Some of the pastors who served the church were Charles Curtis; E. J. Humphrey; Earl Howard; Charles R. Graham B. W. Abney; Sr.; J. P. Willis; V. G. Lindsay; W. E. Adams; L. W. Williams; C. A. Meyers who instituted the program to build a new building; R. P. Stafford, who purchased much of the land around the church; B. P. Browne, who built the present structure. The mortgage was burned



The Riverside Chorus sing "The Messiah"

by the present pastor, Vincent E. White although Jesse Green had served the congregation when the final payments were made to liquidate the debt on the building. Others who served were O. J. Jackson, L. W. Blackwell, G. L. Byars and Steven Norman. The mortgage burning services were conducted by President C. E. Dudley on January 27, 1990. The work continues to grow in the city of Meridian, Mississippi.

RIVERSIDE CHORUS PERFORMS

They arrive faithfully at 4:00 p.m. every Sabbath during the months of October thru December. Like little children going to school carrying their books, the choir members of the Riverside SDA church walk hurriedly; sometimes trotting, a couple of rushing steps in between, to make their rehearsal. With books in hand, they are eager to usher in the Christmas season with *Handel's Messiah*. The rehearsal is replete with the humor of quotes, antidotes, giggles, and frowns as opinions (positive and negative) about last year's performance are compared with this year's. As the crescendo of the "hum" intensifies, the conductor (Dr. Gardner L. Dixon) strikes the podium. The organist launches into the fortissimo of her introduction and there is an explosion of excitement. Everyone cognizant of this final

dress rehearsal bristles with serious concentration to simulate what will happen the next morning at the 11:00 o'clock services.

On December 16, 1989, the Riverside chorus became the Hallelujah Chorus. With great exhortation they sang in celebration the birth of Jesus Christ, accompanied with celebration for the reunion of the Riverside oratorio society. Riverside's long tradition of good church music culminated in combined efforts of past and present choir members with soloist and musicians.

The guests included: Robbine Anderson, Duane Hamilton, Shirley Johnston, Sherrie Galley and Laurie Caymack accompanied by Brian Jones (pianist), Malita Herbert (organist), and Tommy Davis, (trumpeter). This *Hallelujah Chorus* reflected in its singing the glory of singing angels as they sang Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* in tribute to Jesus Christ our Lord.

SOUTHEASTERN

VOCAL POINT PRESENTS SUPPORTER WITH PLAQUE

P. J. Benton, a McDonald's Fast Food Restaurant owner, was presented with a beautiful plaque at her 4th store in St.



Pictured is the Vocal Point male a cappella singing group from St. Petersburg, with Ms. P. J. Benton, McDonald's Fast Food Restaurant owner.

Petersburg, Florida by Vocal Point, a singing group of six young men from the Elim and All Nations SDA churches of St. Petersburg.

The surprise presentation was made to Mrs. Benton in honor of her generous support of the group.

After the presentation, Vocal Point delighted patrons and employees alike by singing two spirited a capella selections.

In answer to the question, "Why did you help this group?" Ms. Benton replied that she had been impressed with the fact that they were young men with church affiliation, singing for the glory of God and helping humanity. She decided that they were deserving of some recognition, and handsomely uniformed the Vocal Point.

Vocal Point is looking forward to a demo release very soon.'

NORTH ORLANDO MOVES AHEAD

The North Orlando Church began the first quarter of 1990 by conducting a Stewardship Workshop. Elder Harold Lee, Associate Director, Church Ministries (Stewardship) for the North American Division, was the guest facilitator for this weekend.

The weekend's activities brought a host of visitors and friends. Elder J. M. Doggette, President-Southeastern; and R. R. Brown, Secretary, Southeastern; were in attendance for this occasion.

Stewardship deals with time, talent, money, and the body temple. Special recognition of these areas was given.

The Personal Ministries Department of the North Orlando, Florida, Church launched its 1990 "E" day program with pledged commitment and support from the Sabbath School Department. Philmon Campbell, Personal Ministries leader,



Gwendolyn Hill, Lifestyle Counselor guest speaker for Elim's Health Day Emphasis

presented a carefully planned program organizing each department into a SWAT (Soul-Winning Action Team) team, setting quarterly baptismal goals.

Elder B. L. Archbold, former president of the Inter-American Division gave the morning's message. Special music was rendered by the Harmonizing Five.

*Violet Dixon
Correspondent*

EMPHASIS DAY AT ELIM

The Elim SDA Church of St. Petersburg, Fla, began the year with the theme "Living Clean Lives in a Dirty World" under the direction of Mrs. Linda Mells, R.N.

An exercise and fitness class was begun. The classes will be held until the end of April. Many goals have been met and a banquet will be held to celebrate the victories gained through prayer and persistence.

Several non-SDA's attended the sessions as a result of newspaper advertisement and personal invitations.

Health Day was celebrated with Ms. Gwendolyn Hill, Lifestyle Counselor from Orlando, Florida, speaking for the divine worship service. All of Elim's many health related professionals provided valuable health screenings and pamphlets in the afternoon. At the Adventist Youth hour, nurses made presentations on proper food combinations, diabetes, and heart disease.

Ms. Hill encouraged all to live healthful lives and present health reform in its proper light.

*Yvette Harris,
Correspondent*

NEW MARANATHA CHURCH EVANGELIZES

Elder Dennis Ross, Southern Union Conference Revivalist and Temperance Director, visited the Marantha SDA Church in Tallahassee, Florida.

This congregation recently opened the doors of their new church. Evangelism is a key concern. Pastor Tyrone Boyd and members are at work during the closing moments of Harvest '90 to increase the church's membership.

Elder Ross will lend evangelistic support. In his message, he declared that "if the church is going to make an impact, the church must unite together to reach a lost people because God established a united church."

Phillippa James

BROOKS SPEAKS AT SCLA

Elder C. D. Brooks, "Breath of Life" speaker and General Field Secretary for the General Conference, was the keynote speaker for the 7th Annual Ecumenical Service sponsored by the St. Petersburg chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The service commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was held in St. Petersburg, Florida at the 20th Street Church of Christ.

In his message Elder Brooks shared with the audience that God has called all men to a high purpose and some to a high destiny," and that "God has chosen leaders and given them the tools, gifts, to perform special tasks."

Present were city councilmen, commissioners, school board representatives and other prominent members of the community.

Elder Brooks was presented with a "key to the city," a Pinellas County shaped pendant, and made an honorary citizen of Pinellas County by City Councilman, Charles Shorter and Commissioner Barbara Todd, respectively.

*Yvette Harris,
Correspondent*

PATHFINDERS CELEBRATE

Elim's Orion Pathfinder Club and drum corp and the Elim Junior Academy youth welcomed and participated with the Tampa, Clearwater, and representatives of the Orlando, FL Pathfinder Clubs and drum corps on the 5th Annual SCLC/Dr. Martin Luther King parade held in St. Petersburg, Florida.



Left to right: Seville Brown, St. Petersburg SCLC Chapter President/Co-founder; C. D. Brooks, Field Secretary, G.C.; and Darryl Brown, SCLC Board Member.

Several pastors joined the youth and 1,400 other participants as they marched the parade route lined by thousands of cheering spectators. In a practical way the SDA church demonstrated their concerns in community and national affairs.

One notable participant in the march was Florida's Senator, Bob Graham, former governor of Florida, who marched side by side with Seville Brown, President and Co-founder of the St. Petersburg Southern Christian Leadership conference (SCLC) Chapter. He is a member of the Elim SDA Church.

Participating pastors included D.A. Walker, Orlando, T. Young, Tampa; E. Armstead, Clearwater; and J.E. Harris, host pastor, St. Petersburg.

The parade ended a week long celebration sponsored by SCLC.

*Yvette Harris
Correspondent*

PENIEL CHURCH CRUSADE REAPS SOULS

The Peniel SDA Church, Ft. Myers, is active in making the reaping of souls a reality for Harvest '90. A four-week crusade was held from which twelve individuals were baptized.

Pastor Barry Bonner accompanied by two Bible workers, Georgia

Addison and Sidney Parris headed the crusade.

*Maxine Moore
Correspondent*



Orion Pathfinder Club from Elim SDA Church, St. Petersburg, march during SCLC/Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade



Pictured are newly baptized members. Pastor Barry Bonner is standing on the extreme right.

OAKWOOD

PAULA WILSON

"I would like, some day, to have my own business in desktop publishing," states Mrs. Paula Wilson, secretary to the Assistant V-P for Finance. She has already demonstrated her proficiency in this line of work by the quality publication—IMPACT!—she produces and manages. IMPACT! is the newsletter of the Oakwood Secretarial Association, an organization that is making an IMPACT on the college.

Dr. Roy E. Malcolm recalls Paula as a top student at the Bermuda Institute. She completed her high school work at Kingsway in Canada. Paula attended Oakwood College from 1971-73, majoring in business education. She returned to Canada in 1975 but came back to Hunts-

ville in 1977 and was employed in the Financial Aid Office at Alabama A & M University. She was invited by Dr. Malcolm to join the staff of Admissions & Records in 1981. Later she transferred to the Extended Ed. Center, but when that program closed, Alumni Affairs quickly engaged her services.

Paula, who was a Wilson, is married to James Wilson, a musician and systems analyst. They have three children: Sean 14, Dana 12, and Justin 9.

Paula has served in the Accounting Office, since 1986. Her supervisor, Mr. Ornan Bailey, describes her as competent and professional with an excellent attitude in service to people—generally. In other words, she understands and practices "second-mile service."

OAKWOOD TO HOST AACAOOR

Mrs. Lovey Verdun, director of Records

at Oakwood College, was elected president of the Adventist Association of Collegiate Admissions Officers and Registrars (AACAOOR), at the organization's annual meeting, held at Andrews University. AACAOOR also includes Recruitment and Marketing personnel. AACAOOR consists of approximately 62 professionals in these categories from the 12 Adventist colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

A formidable task for the president of AACAOOR is to plan for and host the annual meeting during the year that the national conference is held in the proximity of his/her campus. Plans are well under way for the AACAOOR conference on the Oakwood campus April 13 - 15, 1990. The national meeting will be held in New Orleans, LA.

According to Mrs. Verdun and her planning committee, members attending the 1990 conference will have a unique

opportunity to blend some of the events of the Oakwood College National Alumni Homecoming Weekend with the Space City flavor, topped with the professional meetings on Sunday. They are looking forward to coming to Oakwood College, some to return and others for the first time.

AFRICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

At a special ceremony held in Moran Hall on Thursday, February 22, 9:30 a.m., many students, faculty, staff, administrators, and college officers joined the African Student Association in recognition of the release of Nelson Mandela from prison in South Africa.

The program included a video presentation on Mandela's release and a panel discussion entitled "Political Freedom of Blacks in South Africa." News crews from channels 31 and 48 were on hand to cover the event.

All salute the African Student Association for planning and directing an event that was timely, informative, and interesting.

IN THE NEWS

REVIEW 7 HERALD LEADERS HOLD PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION MEETING

John Wilkens, the president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Inc. of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination held his second meeting of the President's Commission set in place by Harold Otis about three years ago. The purpose of the commission is to serve as a human relations and equal employment opportunity council for the organization.

Although the Southern Publishing Association was merged with the Review and Herald during the 1980s, the number of Blacks who worked there were few in number. In counselling with some of the leaders, the commission was established to bring about a balance of Blacks to work there. The goal of not less than twenty was set and Elder Wilkens reports that as of its February meeting the number of this group that works there presently stands at eighteen. Some are in administration, some in departmental directorships; some in the art department and some in the press rooms. It was pointed out that at the sister house only one is employed.

At times there are openings for jobs to be filled, but no applications are being received from the Regional churches of the organization. It is the plan of the leadership to list these openings with the placement office at Oakwood College and in the North American Regional Voice as well as with the conferences officers.

BRADFORD HONORED DURING R. & H. BOARD MEETING

A luncheon was held by the board of directors for Dr. Charles E. Bradford, vice chairman of the Review and Herald Board during its last meeting to honor him for the

Bradford has announced that he will be retiring at the time of the next General Conference Session in Indianapolis in June.

twenty years he served as a member and director of the organization. Bradford has announced that he will be retiring at the time of the next General Conference Session in Indianapolis in June. Because this was the last meeting of the board before that time, Elder John Willens, president of the Review, planned for the organization to express appreciation at that time.

Many milestones have been achieved under Bradford's leadership.

Not only has he served on the board, but has also made a goodly number of contributions to the publications that come from this publishing house. Presently another book that he has written will be published before the coming G. C. Session. His leadership and counsel has proven to be a blessing to the many boards on which he has served through the years.

At the time of the board meeting it was pointed out by John Wilkens that the Message Magazine is the only periodical out of thirteen that are published in the house that shows a gain for the year.

AN EDUCATOR'S JOURNEY

Somehow it seemed strange that the 1989-90 school year for Shiloh Academy in Chicago—its 77th—began without the regular presence of its revered veteran teacher, Howard T. McHenry. After 36 years as a Shiloh Academy faculty mem-

ber, Howard was formally retiring.

Counting the 12 years that he had been a student in the Shiloh school, his total connection with the school actually totals about 48 years. During his years as a faculty member, he has served as principal, assistant principal, business manager, and chairman of the Bible department.

Though born an Adventist, Howard formally joined the Shiloh Church as a pre-teen. The pastor was Elder T. H. Allison, the founder of the youth and regional camp programs. From the beginning, the youth program had a great attraction for Howard.

With considerable nostalgia, Howard recalls his years as a student in the original Shiloh Church School—"just three doors south of where I was born."

They were presided over by such beloved teachers as Rugh Frazier Stafford, Lovada Lockhart White, Bernice Johnson Reynolds, Iris Shelton Stewart, Christine Thompson, and Marie Biggs Warnick in

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the elementary grades; and in the academy by Phillip Giddings, Julia Baugh Pearson, Price Pearson, Nathaniel Banks, Frances Howland, and Julia Goss.

In each of his classes Howard pictured himself as a quiet, obedient student. However, he confesses that on one occasion when his teacher, Sister Christine Thompson, stepped out of the room, he talked and the eager monitor placed his name on the chalkboard.

When the surprised Sister Thompson came upon his name and fixed him with her "special" gaze, Howard blurted out, "I can't be an angel all of my life," to which Sister Thompson joined the class in forgiving laughter.

In 1944, Howard graduated from Shiloh Academy. At Oakwood College he majored in education and theology and graduated in 1947.

Howard was then invited to Yazoo City, Mississippi, to assist the veteran missionary, Elder B. W. Abney, in a tent effort. He worked primarily as the tent master, though he also served as song leader,

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assistant evangelist, and Bible worker.

After a successful tent effort, Howard headed for Dothan, Alabama, to serve the Dothan Church as pastor and as teacher of their one-room school. His stay in Dothan was soon interrupted by a call to teach in the Morgan Park Church school in Chicago. There he found a larger and perhaps more challenging student body.

He had the stimulating experience of teaching the talented children of Shiloh's retired local elder, Lee Chester Willis. Three of these children have become successful Adventist ministers: Elders David, Philip, and Charles Willis.

From Morgan Park, Howard was invited to join the staff of the expanding and reorganizing Shiloh Academy. The academy then was in the midst of many problems stemming from its relocation from temporary quarters on 39th and Lake Park Avenue to its present site on 70th and Michigan. This move was also attended by an unexpectedly large enroll-



Howard T. McHenry cherishes his 36 years of service to Shiloh Academy

ment. Some of the problems included a shortage of furniture and supplies.

Howard's first assignment was co-teaching a demanding seventh-eighth grade split. His partner in this split was the late Reginald Barnes. Together they were able to successfully handle the sticky problems usually associated with a split upper-grade division, especially one lacking adequate provisions.

Many parents were grateful for the stability the even-tempered Howard brought to the situation. He credits the attitude of the parents as a major factor in the relatively smooth transition.

He remembers how helpful and cooperative they were, not only in the face of the sudden move, but in handling the problems of over-crowdedness that emerged. Families even brought furniture to the new school location to accommodate the growing number of new students knocking on the door for admission.

Such a spirit, he felt, was a great morale booster and did much to free the staff to deal with the central problems of education.

Asked what he most cherishes about his many years of educational service to

Shiloh, he promptly points to the achievements of his numerous former students. He says, "Some of them are successful doctors, dentists, teachers, nurses, accountants, ministers, etc."

He seems equally pleased at the easy, natural relationship he enjoys with his former students, many of whom became his colleagues, literally teaching alongside him.

While maintaining respect for him they affectionately address him by a variety of homey nicknames: "the brother," "Uncle Mack," "Uncle Cuz," plain "H.T.," and "Brother Mac."

All this, of course, bespeaks an inner humility, coupled with a sense of humor that obscures the achievements of this somewhat mystical Shiloh achiever. May his contributions, like those of his own heroic figures of Shiloh Academy's past be recalled and cherished by the supporters of Christian education.

*Herman Clayton
Associate Public Relations Leader
Shiloh Church, Chicago*

OBITUARY

NATELKKA BURELL

Dr. Natelkka Izetta (edith) Burell of Berrien Springs, Professor Emeritus of Andrews University and of Oakwood College (Huntsville, Alabama) died at home at the age of 95 on Wednesday, February 21, 1990. She was born February 8, 1895 in Brooklyn, New York, to William Tad and Alberta Dabney Burrell.

Her formal education began at the Brooklyn Public School #11. After graduating, she went to South Lancaster Academy in Massachusetts. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1943; a

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—René Descartes

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Master's Degree in Elementary Education and English from Wisconsin University in 1947; and a Doctorate in Education and English from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1959.

Dr. Burrell coauthored 61 basal readers and guidebooks with Ethel Young, another teacher of wide experience at the General Conference Education Department. A prolific writer, she wrote many articles, some of which were published since 1982: *God's Beloved Rebel*, her own autobiography, and *Katrina Stands Alone*, the story of her adopted daughter.

This remarkable Educator, Teacher, Author, Counselor and Friend made a tremendous impact on each life she touched. Her work in Christian education has become world renowned. In her lifetime, she received many honors and awards.

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There must be faith;
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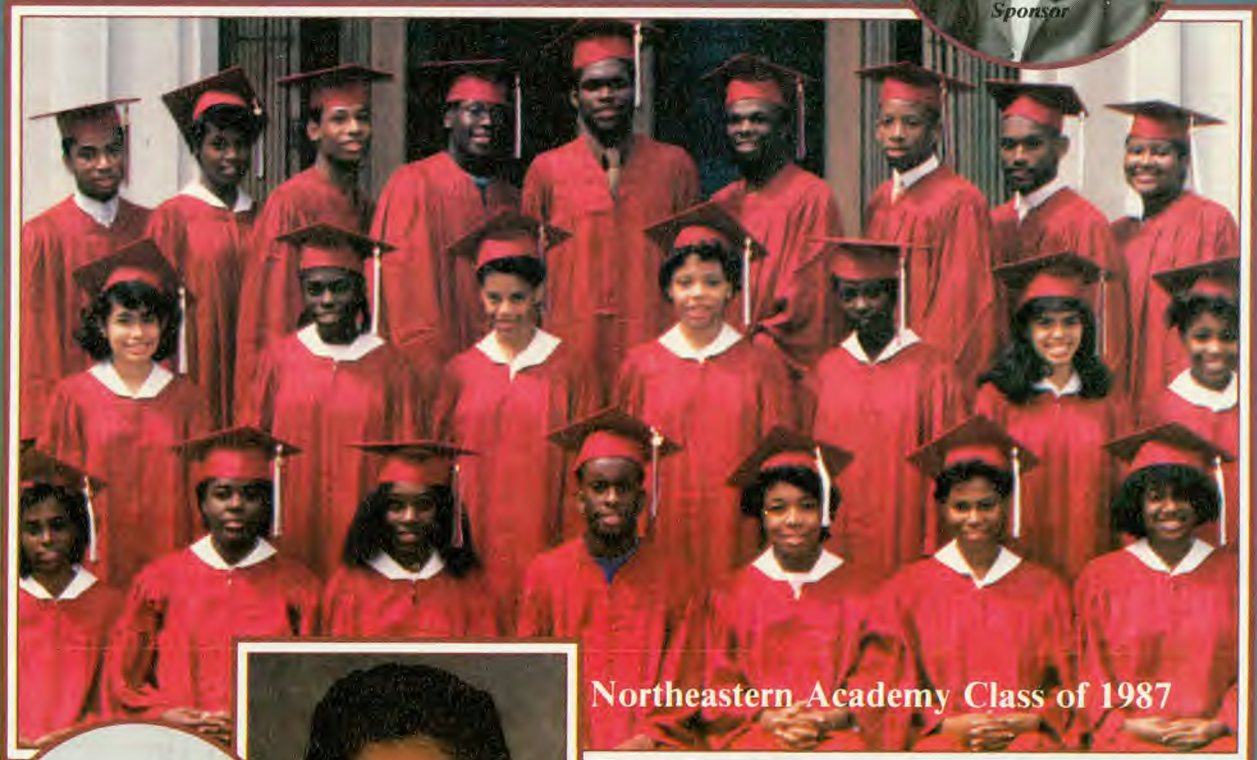
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