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RIVERDALE AVENUE YOUTH RECEIVES \$50,000 FELLOWSHIP TO HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL

How often are articles written about the good things that young people are doing, or have accomplished?

We are fortunate to have magazines such as the Columbia Union Visitor, Atlantic Union Gleaner and the Regional Voice, etc. These magazines afford us the opportunity to speak of the outstanding accomplishments of our youth.

Ms. Pauline Taylor is a very special young lady. She is the middle child of Enid and Joslyn Taylor. She was born into the Adventist faith and was baptized in 1979 at the Yonkers Way to Life Mission, now known as the Riverdale Avenue Church.

Pauline graduated from Woodlands High School and attended Rochester Institute of Technology where she received her BS degree in Computer Science. Following her graduation, she was employed with the General Foods Corporation in White Plains, New York.

At General Foods, Pauline went beyond the call of duty to help others achieve their goals. She organized a career planning and networking seminar for minority employees within the General Foods Information Management Department. She also represented General Foods at Stillman College in Alabama, where she presented a seminar to juniors and seniors, entitled, *Strategies for Success in the Corporate World*.

After working a year at the General Foods Corporation, her manager approached with a memo describing a new minority fellowship program being instituted by the General Foods Corporation. The fellowship is designed to help minority employees obtain a Master's degree in an area applicable to the company. It covers tuition, books, room and board in exchange for two years employment with General Foods following graduation.

Pauline received recommendations for the fellowship from her managers, a director and a vice-president of General Foods. One year later, in July, 1988, Pauline was one of the first few General Foods employees selected for a \$50,000 fellowship.

Pauline stated that "This is where being a Christian and working for the Lord and

my church made all the difference." In order to obtain the fellowship and be accepted into Harvard Business School, she had to demonstrate her potential for success through leadership, organizational and administrative skills. Pauline credits her experiences working at General Foods and in the church as AYS leader, children's choir director, youth Sabbath School teacher and organizing and coaching the church basketball team, helpful in receiving the fellowship. She also plays the piano. She gives God all the glory and honor for what has happened to her. "God really blessed me," says Pauline. "I did not have financial problems or the pressures of job interviews."

On June 7, 1990, Pauline graduated from Harvard Business School with a Master's degree in Business Administration and has returned to the General Foods Corporation where she combines her business and technical backgrounds in the area of marketing information systems, analysis and development.

God requires us always to do our best and to bless others with our talents. Sometimes we may forget that while we are helping others, we are being blessed in return. To God be the glory, great things He has done.

Pauline Taylor is a living testament of what God can and will do for his youth if they would only be used of Him. He has chosen the path. All one has to do is walk in it!

—Lavern Creech
Communication Secretary.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE

MOMENTS IN BLACK S.D.A. HISTORY

Magazine Street S.d.A. Church Celebrates 100 Years

Louisville, Kentucky—The City

Louisville is the largest city in the Bluegrass State. It was settled during the period of 1778-1779 and was first called the Falls of the Ohio. It is on the Ohio river. The name was changed to Louisville in 1882 to honor Louis XVI of France for aid he had given in the American Revolution. It is noted for the Kentucky Derby,

one of the world's most famous horse races. It is where bourbon whiskey is distilled, and is one of the large producers of cigarettes in that industry. Fort Knox is thirty miles south of Louisville. The United States gold vault is located on the grounds of the fort. Today some sixty members of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination meet each Sabbath to worship the Lord at Fort Knox.

Kentucky is a transportation center between the North and South and was a border state during the Civil War. The people of that state took a moderate posture on the slave issue during those days. It was in mountainous, hilly country where not too much cotton was grown. Tobacco was one of the principal crops that was produced throughout the state. There was very little need for slaves to pick the cotton.

Kentucky—the State

Kentucky was known as the bluegrass state and before the Civil war, many of the slaves who were found there lived better than some whites in other parts of the country. The race relations between the masters and slaves were somewhat cordial. Because it was hill country, there were not too many slaves to be found and a goodly number of them were house servants who listened to most of the family business at home and in the work place. Under those conditions, a goodly number of the slaves accepted the relationship as what was supposed to be. Harriett Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* depicts the trust that the slaves had in their masters only to later discover that hard times brought much disappointment to everyone when the existing conditions which led to their being sold to other masters came to the fore.

Uncle Tom's Cabin tells the story of a trusted slave who lived in the big house in Paducah and at one point in time was sent to Cincinnati, Ohio, to sell merchandise for his master. The goods brought \$5,000. He faithfully returned to Paducah with the money and gave it to his master. He did not seem to realize that when he had crossed the Ohio River into Cincinnati that he was in free territory to which many slaves had escaped from the abuses of slavery. Harriett Tubman had led many through this route into Ohio, but this believing, trusting soul returned to his slave posture with the \$5,000 for his master. The relationship was very trusting, but financial conditions became such that the slave had to be sold to another

master in one of the cotton picking states to the South and he experienced a very hard time before he died.

Stephen Foster was from the state of Florida but spent a goodly portion of his life in the hill country of Kentucky. He wrote songs of the slave experiences such "Old Black Joe," "My Old Kentucky Home," and "Way Down Upon the Swannee River." The masters and their families often loved to hear the darkies sing some of these songs as well as some of those of their own creation.

There were some white people who did not feel that the system of slavery was acceptable to God and raised their voices against it. **Henry Ward Beecher**, a notable Methodist preacher spoke against it. **Harriett Beecher Stowe**, his sister, campaigned against it. Julia Ward Howe wrote the song of the civil war days—"The Battle Hymn of the Republic." She spoke of having seen the Lord in the midst of the soldiers in their military camps as they sat around the fires at night.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a
hundred circling camps

They have builded Him an altar in the
evening dews and damps

I can read His righteous sentence by the
dim and flaring lamps

His truth is marching on. Glory!! Glory!!
Hallelujah!!

Ellen G. White spoke of how the Lord sent His angel to interfere in the war at certain times (1T:264). She was inspired to write:

God is punishing this nation for the high
crime of slavery. He has the destiny of
the nation in His hands. He will punish
the South for the sin of slavery, and the
North for so long suffering its overreach-
ing and overbearing influence.

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809 on a farm near where Hodgenville, Kentucky stands today. He, the 16th president of the United States of America, did not take a liking to the system of slavery and at one point in time it is said that he stated: ". . . if the opportunity ever presents itself, I will hit this and hit it hard." On January 1, 1863, he signed the Emancipation Proclamation which brought an end to slavery, but cost him his life.

There were some of the white people of Kentucky in days gone by, although the master/servant relationship existed, that lived together in peace as communities (blacks and whites) in their own boroughs, on their separate hills, and in their different valleys. It was different in Kentucky than in the rest of the southern states.

The Regions of Kentucky

The Methodist Church had found a good stronghold in the state during the earlier days. When the masters went to church on Sunday, they oftentimes carried their servants with them, thus, many of the slaves who were of religious conviction held that Methodism was their religious persuasion. However, during 1840, differences of Christian doctrine arose over the slave issue.

The basic ideas of the Christian faith—the doctrine of God, the doctrine of man, and the ethical teachings of Jesus Christ—were incompatible with the institution of human slavery. The Methodist Episcopal Church during the years 1796-1844, was made painfully aware of this fact. Heated discussions and actions taken by the church fathers brought about a separation and division in the church which led to the Methodist Episcopal Church South or the Southern Methodist Church 1845.

Committees from the North and South representing both factions were appointed whose responsibility was one of drawing up an equitable division of the assets of both areas. A convention of Southern Conferences met in Louisville to organize the Southern Methodist Church because the Southern Methodists refused to give up their slaves for religious beliefs. The slavery institution divided the church and later was one of the prime causes of the Civil war. That position of the church took place in 1856; the war began in 1861.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church had long come into being in the North. In the year 1786, Richard Allen, a Black Methodist preacher, while in Philadelphia preaching at St. George's Church, envisioned a vast opportunity in seeking out and instructing his African brethren who were a forgotten and neglected people. He would gather Blacks for prayer meeting and was known to conduct four to five sermons each day.

When large numbers of these religiously inspired Blacks began to attend St. George's Church, they were removed from their original seats and placed around the wall. On other occasions, they were sent to the gallery. Dissatisfaction with such arrangements steadily increased. One Sunday morning, a group of trustees at St. George's Church attempted to pull Rev. Absolam Jones up off his knees while in prayer. After making the statement, "We will go out, never to trouble you no more," Allen and his friends

walked out of the church in a body, never to return. In 1793, Richard Allen bought an old blacksmith shop and converted it into the Bethel Church (at the corner of Sixth and Lombard Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), the first place of worship owned by Africans in America. It was the beginning of the A.M.E. church.

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church had its beginnings in the New York City area. A restlessness was growing among the Black race because many of the miseries of life were too much to bear, both individually and collectively. There were many Blacks who had fought through the Revolutionary War and had listened to slogans of the rights of man and that all men are created equal. In October, 1796, a group of Blacks led by James Varick and others withdrew from the John Street Methodist Church in New York to hold their own meetings. This marked the beginning of the A.M.E. Zion Church. They espoused a move to return to the African homeland.

The Colored Methodist Church was organized in December 15, 1870, in Jackson, Tennessee. It constituted the first Black denomination in the South after the Civil war. Its members had been a part of the First Methodist Church of Jackson, Tennessee. Mother Liberty, the CME Church, is only a stone's throw from the First Methodist Episcopal Church South in Jackson, Tennessee.

The first two Black bishops of the C.M.E. Church were William H. Miles of Louisville, Kentucky, and Richard Vanderhost of Charleston, South Carolina. Little is said about Vanderhost because he passed away just two years after he became bishop. Miles who served for a number of years, thus, has a goodly number of churches and institutions in the denomination named for him.

The C.M.E.'s did not want to join the A.M.E. or the A.M.E. Zion Churches, for they were considered separated denominations from that which had its roots with John and Charles Wesley back in England before becoming established in America. They refused to remain a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church-South after the war ended because of its ties to the institution of slavery. Therefore, their leaders brought into being what they called the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church whose roots (heritage) reached all of the way back to the mother church in England.

During the Civil Right Movement of the 1960's the Methodist Churches North and

South came back together to form the United Methodist Church-USA. The C.M.E. Church changed its name from Colored Methodist Episcopal Church to Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Both groups were affected by the movement.

After the 1870s organization, the C.M.E. Church began to spread all over the Southland. My grandparents Robert and Martha Talley were among the founding fathers of the C.M.E. Church in Hickman, Kentucky in 1895. The name of the church was Thomas Chapel C.M.E. Church. It is still there and remains as a historical monument in the state of Kentucky.

One of the families of Thomas Chapel whose heritage resisted the vestiges of slavery was that of Pomp and Annie Atwood who had seven children, including a boy they named Rufus Ballard. He was the sixth child who, through an interest in education, had gained inspiration for the high fundamentals of life. He served his country during World War I and later returned to become the president of Kentucky State University in Frankfort. This school had been established to train Blacks after the Civil War. Most of its students in the earlier days entered the teaching profession. Dr. Atwood served as the president of the school from 1929 to 1962, a period of thirty-three years. He was the hometown son of the Methodist church back in Hickman.

Another of Hickman, Kentucky's sons was Albert Gains Thompson, born in 1910 who later became a minister in the Methodist church but converted to the Seventh-day Adventist faith in 1929 after listening to the preaching of Evangelist J. H. Laurence in South Bend, Indiana. Thompson was my brother. His ministry with the Seventh-day Adventists was brief, for after only five years in its service, he passed away while pastoring the Beacon Light S.D.A. Church in Kansas City, Mo. Little did the family realize when he passed away in 1938 that I, his younger brother, would be called of God to help with the finishing of the ministries that he had begun to make ready a people to meet the Lord when He comes for His church.

The Seventh-day Adventist Movement was just coming into being when the stirrings and divisions among the Methodists were being discussed. However, Ellen G. White, who became the spiritual leader for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and most of the leaders at

that time had come from the Methodist Church. In *Early Writings*, she states:

At the age of eleven years I was converted, and when twelve years old was baptized and joined the Methodist Church. At the age of thirteen I heard William Miller deliver his second course of lectures in Portland, Maine.

It should be pointed out, just here, that Ellen Harmon listened to the preachings of William Foy, a mulatto preacher, before she heard William Miller. In his book, *Ebony Angels*, Jacob Justiss writes:

In 1911, just four years before her death, D.E. Robinson, her secretary, interviewed Mrs. White concerning William Foy. . . .

Then another time there was Foy that had had visions. . . . And he had all these before I had them . . . They were written out and published, and it is queer I can't find them in any of my books. The book was *The Christian Experiences of William Foy together with Two Visions* he received in the month of January and February, 1842. It was published in 1845 in Portland, Maine, by J & C.H. Pearson. . . . He came to give it (his lectures) right to the hall . . . Beethoven Hall . . . we went over to Cape Elizabeth to hear his lectures.

Adventism for Blacks in Louisville and Kentucky

Silas Osbourne was a Kentuckian who moved to Iowa in 1851, and became a Seventh-day Adventist. In 1871, he revisited Kentucky to see his brother. With the ardor of a new convert, he had written so much in his letters about prophecy and *The Truth* that his brother, upon his arrival, rented a hall and billed him as Rev. Osbourne. Later he was known as Squire, Judge, Colonel, and finally did become an ordained minister. In his meetings some Negroes accepted the faith. One of them was a former slave, Edmund Killen. Killen began to preach the message, but there is no record of him or his converts. Among the small group that Osbourne started with was the Mannis family, the descendants of whom hold membership in the Magazine Street S.D.A. Church today. Osbourne started the group. However, Brother A. Barry who was Black, shepherded them until a licentiate named C.M. Kinney was sent to promote the Kentucky work.

The Magazine Street Seventh-day Adventist congregation in Louisville, Kentucky, today is the oldest Black congregation in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. It celebrated its 100th anniversary this year, 1990, just before the

General Conference was held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The church is truly grateful for the way the Lord has led us through one hundred years of continued operation since the organization in 1890. It has been blessed with provision of pastors by the local conference for local church ministry since 1910, talented church members with the ability to successfully carry on the church work, outstanding musical talent from the beginning that is appreciated for its high quality throughout the city and beyond, and many other blessings that have followed this congregation through its entire existence. As the members face the future, they realize their commitments and they have rededicated their lives to help finish the work of God.

The Oldest Black S.D.A. Church Controversy/Debate.

A brief history of the First Church of Seventh-day Adventists of Washington, D.C. this account is given: The First Church of Seventh-day Adventists in the nation's capitol was organized February 23, 1889, with 26 charter members. In January 1886, Elder Willard H. Saxby of Vermont and his wife, a Bible instructor, who had been the first converts in Kentucky, were assigned to Washington. Assisted also by Elder Charles Parmele and his sister, Julia, of Illinois, and others, including apprentice Bible instructors from time to time, Elder Saxby operated what was called a city mission at 1831 Vermont Avenue, Northwest. In three years there was a church of 26 charter members, which was organized on February 26, 1889 by Elder John O. Corliss. During the following weeks, the church was visited by Elders Uriah Smith, L. McCoy and others.

Elder J.S. Washburn and Elder Charles Taylor held a series of evangelistic meetings in 1890 and 1893 and a small church building was purchased. The congregation was interracial, and among its members was Mrs. Rosetta Douglas Sprague, daughter of Fredrick Douglas.

This was an interracial congregation which was organized in Washington, D.C. in 1886. However, in 1873, E.B. Lane, a white layman also began the same type of congregation in a railroad station at Edgefield Junction, Tennessee. It was not organized until 1887 by Elder Fulton, and the charter membership listed nine persons. The congregation was later transferred into the city of Nashville and was located on Jefferson Street. At a later

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OAKWOOD GRADUATE, NANCY HOWELL, AWARDED \$25,000

1989 Oakwood College graduate, Nancy Howell of White Plains, New York was awarded a \$25,000 scholarship in the Coca-Cola "Share the Dream" Scholarship Sweepstakes. She was recognized as the National Newspapers Publishers Association 50th Anniversary Convention in Chicago, Illinois. The "Share the Dream" Sweepstakes grew out of the original celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's national birthday recognition observance three years ago.

As a result of this award, Nancy is now attending Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, majoring in Communications.

The Coca-Cola Sweepstake "Share the Dream" resulted in the granting of \$130,000 in scholarships to Black and Hispanic youth—offering them the opportunity to improve their chance for success through education. No purchase was necessary to enter the sweepstake.

All scholarships are awarded through NAFEO (National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education) member schools. NAFEO is an organization of 117 historically Black colleges and universities.

Mrs. Caddie Jackson Howell, Nancy's mother, her sisters and brother are all former graduates of Northeastern Academy in New York City.

There was only one other grand prize winner along with Nancy—Ronald Heslop of Blue Springs, Mo. Both young people were awarded the \$25,000 scholarship.



point in time (1894) the local conference president felt that the races should be separated; thus, he placed the white members in a building on Natchez Trace Parkway (the First S.D.A. Church) and the Black members in a building at Twelfth and Meharry Boulevard (The Second S.D.A. Church). Some of the young members left the church because of the action, never to return.

Charles M. Kinney in a letter written to Elder O. B. Edwards in 1938 gives this account of the First official effort for the colored people.

1. November 1887—Edgefield church was organized by Elder Fulton with nine charter members.

2. February 16, 1890—Louisville church was organized by R.M. Kilgore with ten charter members. (This was the first totally Black S.D.A. congregation to be organized in the denomination).

3. June 13, 1891—Bowling Green church was organized by C.M. Kinney with eight charter members.

4. June 4, 1892—New Orleans church was organized by C.M. Kinney with ten charter members.

5. September 15, 16, 1894—Nashville church was organized by C.M. Kinney with nine charter members.

6. Fall of 1894—Elder (James Edson) White began work in Memphis then in Vicksburg and Yazoo City.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Oct. 26	Nov. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16
Boston, Mass.	5:46	4:37	4:28	4:22
New York City	5:57	4:44	4:36	4:29
Buffalo, N.Y.	6:16	5:06	4:58	4:51
Atlanta, GA.	6:52	5:45	5:39	5:34
Miami, Fla.	6:44	5:39	5:35	5:32
Charlotte, N.C.	6:36	5:28	5:22	5:17
Birmingham, Ala.	6:01	4:54	4:48	4:44
Jackson, Miss.	6:17	5:10	5:04	5:00
Memphis, Tenn.	6:12	5:05	4:59	4:54
Louisville, Ky.	6:51	5:43	5:36	5:30
Detroit, Mich.	6:35	5:26	5:18	5:11
Chicago, Ill.	5:53	4:44	4:36	4:30
South Bend, In.	5:48	5:39	5:31	5:24
Minneapolis, Minn.	6:11	5:00	4:51	4:44
St. Louis, Mo.	6:07	5:00	4:53	4:47
Kansas City, Mo.	6:25	5:17	5:09	5:04
Denver, Co.	6:06	4:57	4:50	4:44
Little Rock, Ark.	6:22	5:14	5:08	5:04
Dallas, Texas	6:42	5:36	5:30	5:26
New Orleans, La.	6:19	5:13	5:08	5:04
Albuquerque, N.M.	6:19	5:12	5:05	5:00
Oklahoma City, Okla.	6:42	5:35	5:29	5:34

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

7. June 19, 1896—Birmingham church was organized by Elder Hottel with fifteen charter members. All of the above listed congregations were total Black congregations with the exception of the churches at D.C. and Edgefield Junction. It would appear that the Magazine Street S.D.A. congregation's claim to be the oldest Black congregation in the world is justified. Happy 100th Birthday, Magazine Street congregation. You can take your rightful place in the Moments of Black S.D.A. History.

CENTRAL STATES



Steven Sims

OMAHA YOUTH NOMINATED FOR WHO'S WHO AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Steven Sims is a student at Platte Valley Academy in Shelton, Nebraska. He also attended grade school at Fullword Elementary S.D.A. School.

Steven is an Omaha native and the son of Fayette and Gordon Sims. The family has been members of the Omaha Sharon S.D.A. Church for many years.

The objective of Who's Who is to recognize the achievements of the nation's outstanding students. This is an honor reserved for only 5 percent of the nation's high school students each year.

Steve recently received his congratulatory letter after submitting the required biography form.

Nominations for this award are received from over 14,000 high school

faculty membership agencies, youth club administrators and similarly qualified educators and advisors.

It is with great pride that the members of Sharon and the parents of Steven Sims announce the receipt of this great honor by their son.

—Gordon B. Sims
Communication Secretary

GRADUATION CAP STRUGGLE

Reginald Loggins had to take three painful steps up to the stage to receive his high school diploma, but that was the easy part. Getting there is what took guts.

In October, doctors told Loggins he had bone cancer in his right leg. He had been unable to attend classes at Widefield High School since November 28, when treatments were started to fight the disease.

But the 18-year old with the good head and the big heart kept studying and persevered through surgery and five chemotherapy treatments to earn his diploma. Wednesday before graduation, he had to go into the hospital again, this time because of lack of disease-fighting white blood cells in his body. The chemotherapy treatments had brought on the condition.

But he was released that Friday, just in time to join his 436 classmates at the commencement.

In the audience were Loggins' proud parents, Raymond and Bobbie Loggins, who adopted him at the age of 7 months.

There were times when I felt like giving up, and then I would think about the rest of my life, Loggins said after the graduation. "It's not worth giving up the rest of your life for a stupid illness like cancer."

The sudden knowledge the he had cancer interrupted Reginald's busy life. I had been playing tennis and I fell. I just thought I had twisted my knee, but I was so busy with school, work and clubs that I didn't go to the doctor.

When my mom insisted I go, the doctor found a spot on the bone.

Loggins underwent four chemotherapy treatments that hospitalized him for 10 days at a time. In February, he underwent a relatively new limb-salvage procedure at Children's Hospital in Denver. Eighteen inches of cancer-infected bone was replaced by a light metal alloy and a plastic knee cap. That was followed by more chemotherapy.

One of the things that impresses me the most about Reggie is his ability to

reach out and help other kids in the hospital, said Rick Dunworth, a social worker in the oncology unit at Children's Hospital.

He'll go into other kids rooms, introduce himself, sit down and talk to them. Many of the kids are afraid of losing their hair (as a result of chemotherapy). Reggie will say, "Look at me, I have no hair and I'm getting by." He's an exceptional young man.

Loggins is president of the Colorado chapter of Canteen, an acronym for the worldwide support group Cancer Teen. He recently authored an inspirational article for the group.

"When you smile, the world smiles back," Loggins said simply, explaining his desire to help other young cancer patients.

"Reggie reaches out to other kids," said his tutor, Jane Knudtsen. "He often asks me about the other students with cancer that I teach."

With Knudtsen's tutoring, Loggins successfully completed classes this year in college-prep biology, German, world history, literature, composition and American Government by studying at the hospital or at home.

He was president of the school's German club and Young Republicans. And he was a member of the all-state choir.

He has a wonderful voice, a good head and a big heart. Knudtsen said.

Loggins plans to attend the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in the fall.

—Written by Dave Curtin,
Gazette Telegraph
Submitted by Carletta Bolden,
Palace of Peace S.D.A. Church

PASTOR WILSON VISITS OMAHA SHARON CHURCH

There was excitement in Zion when Pastor Willie Wilson visited with the Omaha, NE Church congregation recently.

Pastor Wilson was brought into the church by an Adventist layman who sponsored him through the S.D.A. Theological Seminary.

Pastor Wilson was a college teacher before coming into the Adventist Church.

He felt compelled to go into the ministry. His list of achievements consist of the newly founded church in Davenport, Iowa.

From Davenport, he went to the Leavenworth-St. Joseph district. For a

one-year period, while serving as the Pastor of the Leavenworth church, he also served as a teacher in the Kansas City school.

CHOIR DAY

The Palace of Peace Praise choir of Colorado Springs, CO. recently held their first annual choir day. The evening was filled with soul-stirring, foot-tapping music. The Praise Choir under the direction of Sarah Mann sang to everyone's heart content, and by doing so netted over \$300.00 to go toward the church building fund.

Guest soloist, Kayreita Green of Denver Community S.D.A. Church rendered two melodious numbers. Vanessa Lawrence, mistress of ceremonies for the evening, helped to keep the mood lively and the saints moved.

—*Carletta Bolden*
Correspondent

NEW LIVES IN MITCHELLVILLE PRISON

Eight women from the Mitchellville Prison for Women in Iowa City, Iowa, were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith. Although some of these women are serving life sentences, they decided that they wanted to be released from their spiritual prisons and start new lives with Christ. Elders Gilbert Randle and Melvin Moore conducted services at the prison for several months.

The Mitchellville Women's Prison is normally a constrained and rigid place. However, on the day of the baptism rules and regulations were loosened so that everyone that wanted to be involved could be. Even the prison guards were enthusiastic about taking part. As a matter of fact, the day before, guards went into the room where the baptism was to take place and found the pool empty. Seeing what was needed, they filled the pool with water so the it would be ready for the service.

The women put a choir together, sang a few hymns and were then baptized by Pastor Albert White of the Philadelphia S.D.A. Church of Des Moines, Iowa, with the assistance of Elder Gilbert Randle. According to the prison chaplain, this was the first baptism performed there. Following the service, four more women decided to be baptized as well.

A Sabbath School class has been formed, conducted by the pastor and



Women of Mitchellville prepare to be baptized

Sabbath School Superintendent, Mr. David Willis. Members of the Prison Ministry Team are: Beverly Jackson, Melvin Moore, Piccola Randle, Gilbert Randle, William Thomas, Marva Willis, David Willis, Jean White and Albert White.

—*Billie Jo Williams*
Correspondent

GRADUATION OF JOHN L. LINDSEY III

John L. Lindsey III graduated from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri on May 18, 1990. He is an Omaha native and the son of Margaret and John L. Lindsey, Jr., director of pharmacy at a local hospital. The family has been members of the Sharon S.D.A. Church for many years.

Dr. Lindsey had aspirations of becoming a physician from a very young age, and diligently worked toward that goal. He attended grades 1 through 6 at the Bedford Elementary Seventh-day Adventist School, and completed his high school training at the Platte Valley Academy in Shelton, Nebraska. Dr. Lindsey studied for one year at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, then transferred to Creighton University in Omaha where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry. As an undergraduate he applied and was accepted at several medical schools including Loma Linda, Creighton, Nebraska, Howard and Washington. However, he chose to pursue his medical training at the Washington University Medical School.

While in medical school, Dr. Lindsey was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy and spent a portion of his time training in Rhode Island, Virginia,



John Lindsey III, M.D.

and California. Upon graduation from medical school, Dr. Lindsey was promoted to the rank of Navy Lieutenant.

Dr. Lindsey is now serving as a medical intern at the Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. His outside interests include basketball, lifting weights and other spectator sports. Dr. Lindsey currently resides in Silver Springs, Maryland.

—*Gordon B. Sims*
Communication Secretary

NORTHEASTERN

DUGALD T. LEWIS SPEAKS AT EPHEBUS' MEDICAL DAY

The invaluable contribution of individuals who are health care professionals was recently acknowledged at the

Ephesus S.D.A. Church of New York City during their Medical Day on Sabbath, August 18. The weekend was devoted to healthy living with the theme: DON'T WORRY, BE HEALTHY! The health message was presented to the Harlem community the following day in a festive street fair.

The speaker for the Sabbath worship service was the distinguished Dugald T. Lewis, M.D., General Vascular and Trauma surgeon primarily at Buffalo General Hospital and Erie County Medical Center. He is also a clinical instructor in surgery at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and is an elder in his home church, Emmanuel Temple, in Buffalo, N.Y.

Dr. Lewis is known and respected in the medical field as an avid health reformer and an advocate of quality, affordable health care for the urban poor and African Americans in particular. He has devoted his practice to helping this segment of the community, often grossly neglected due to rampant racial discrimination by the health care system in this country. As a result, over 60,000 excess deaths occur among African Americans yearly due to cancer, cardiovascular diseases, chemical dependency, diabetes, homicides, accidents and infant mortality as revealed through a study done by the Task Force on Black & Minority Health and brought to light by Dr. Lewis.

With a firm belief the Adventists received special instructions from God through the Spirit of Prophecy he challenged the congregation to reverse this dismal trend in the poor health conditions of African Americans. The hope lies in a church mobilized, dedicated and armed to do battle on a grass roots level. Dr. Lewis encouraged everyone to get involved and become individuals committed to change, to be used by God, for God.

—Basil Daley
Communication Secretary

WITNESSING IN BRIDGEPORT

What do Communication Services and Personal Ministries have in common? Well, at Calvary S.D.A. church in Bridgeport, CT, both departments have sounded the call to take to the streets in order that they might share their faith in a loving Savior.

One very hot Sabbath afternoon in early August, members of the Community



Blood pressure screening was conducted throughout the day



Children receive instructions on fire safety from members of the New York City Fire Department



Clothing give-away was another feature of the health fair

Services department, their leader, Elder Ralph Gardner, and several other church members, gathered at the Evergreen Apartments in Bridgeport for a scheduled blood pressure screening and weigh-in. There were also opportunities to pass out literature and talk with many residents.

In September, Elder Henry Wilson, Personal Ministries leader, organized a field day at the same apartments. Enthusiastic witnesses went into each building to conduct religious surveys that would help to assess the spiritual needs of the community. Literature was also passed out.

Pastor Earnest Flowers has played an active role in Calvary's soul-winning endeavors, and there are more to come.

—Michele Fowler
Communication Secretary

SOUTH AFRICAN CHOIR VISITS JAMAICA CHURCH

Pastor David Glover and the members of the Jamaica S.D.A. Church, Jamaica, NY, were host to 41 members of the 100-voice Seventh-day Adventist Student Association Choir (SDASA) of Soweto, South Africa, on Saturday, July 14, 1990. During the 11:00 a.m. service, the choir sang an anthem in two dialects, Zulu and Xhosa; the hymn of meditation, and joined in the congregational singing.

Dressed in their native attire, the choir shared more of their music at the AYS hour that evening. The emcee, Mr. Dan Afrikan, stressed throughout the program that while the group was Adventist, they were still Africans. This was evident throughout their performance. Among the songs sung were: "Twelve Gates to the City," "The Lord's Prayer," and "Um Tandasp Ne Nkoe." To close the Sabbath and the program at sunset, they sang "Thu Ma Mina," "Send Me," "The Beauty of the Sunset," and "Ilanga Lishona." The term "Zulu" translated "Heaven" was mentioned often in the songs shared.

The choir was formed in 1975, with the following objectives:

1. To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in song
2. To develop communication between American and South Africans, and
3. To provide scholarships for students.

As a result of the SDASA's ministry, many individuals have accepted Christ as their Savior, and three students have received scholarship funds to finance their



Kindergarten children recite for the New Rochelle congregation

studies here in the United States. Each choir member speaks at least 9 dialects and two official languages, English and Afrikaans. The choir has performed before Adventist and non-Adventist audiences in various cities including Atlanta, GA; Los Angeles, CA; and Chicago, IL. This group was among the many choirs featured at the General Conference of SDAs held in Indianapolis, July 6-14, 1990. Messrs. Victor Koapeng, Percy Mapela, and Ronald Sethole are the choir's three conductors, with Messrs. Gideon Mkhonza and Samuel Motsobane serving as its chairman and vice chairman, respectively.

Groups or organizations wishing to sponsor the choir for Christian education may write to: Mr. Victor Koapeng, P.O. Box 8162, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa.

May God bless the Adventists in South Africa and the many Christians who live in that region of the world.

—Henry J. Brooks
Correspondent

NEW ROCHELLE CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day was celebrated recently at the New Rochelle, N.Y. Church. The Adventist Junior Youth, under the leadership of Janice Burton, Betty Hogan, and Felicia Ukomadu, organized the event. Aware of the need to recognize and encourage talented young people, the day's activities were conducted by the youth and their leaders.

After a stimulating Sabbath School program which included special music performed by the Cradle Roll and Kindergarten departments, divine worship commenced with several young persons



Children's procession on Children's Day at New Rochelle

taking part in the service. The Children's Choir, under the direction of Donna Walker, participated musically in the worship hour as did Victor Acevedo. The Creation was eloquently recited by Beverly Burton, Denise Josey, and Uzoma Ukomadu. Also participating were Emeka Etugugh, Royce Hodge, Noelle Robinson, Ugoeze Ukomadu, Renee Wilkerson, Pastor S. Byers, David Josey, Betty Hogan and Cynzi Walker.

The message was delivered by Mrs. Deborah Scott Richardson, a noted educator from the Faith Church of Hartford, CT. The subject, entitled "Are All the Children In?" was enhanced by Mrs. Richardson's use of an alphabetic acrostic (A-Z), which exhorted the youth to continue to strive to attain their highest potential by allowing God to influence their lives.

Remarks made by Felicia Ukomadu began the afternoon program. Vocal and

instrumental musical selections, a choral reading, and a skit, helped to showcase the multi-talented young people of the New Rochelle Church.

—Claire S. Wood
Communication Secretary

A HEALTHY AFFAIR AT EPHEBUS

The Ephesus Church joined forces with the American Health Foundation, NYC Fire Department, NYC Department of Social Services and Harlem Hospital to sponsor its third Annual Street Health Fair on Sunday, August 19, 1990. The purpose of these fairs, according to Clement Murray, senior pastor, is to take the health message to the Harlem Community.

The community responded enthusiastically with a large turn-out to receive free blood pressure screening and counseling, prenatal counseling, substance abuse counseling, medicaid and public assistance information, voter registration, cholesterol counseling, fire safety instructions and to register for Bible studies. Free clothing was distributed along with a nutritious meal. The atmosphere was festive which gave members of the church a perfect opportunity to witness to their neighbors. The day ended with a shower, but that did not seem to dampen anyone's spirit. There was good fellowship, good food and fun.

According to Mrs. Eadie Frett, coordinator of the event, despite the rain we still experienced showers of blessings. A follow-up to the Health Fair took place September 19, 1990, at the Ephesus Church with cholesterol testing conducted along with the distribution of school supplies and clothing.

—Basil Daley
Chairperson, Communications

NEW ROCHELLE YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER

A heart warming reception greeted Pastor David Willis when he returned to The New Rochelle N.Y. Church to conduct the spring Youth Week of Prayer. It was in 1976 that David Willis first became acquainted with The New Rochelle Church after accepting an invitation by Pastor Raymond Saunders to participate in his evangelistic effort. Willis, thrilling all with his excellent renditions of favorite



Pastor David Willis gives mini concert at New Rochelle

hymns, helped many to surrender their hearts to Christ.

After studying theology at Oakwood College, Pastor Willis is now assistant pastor of the Mt. of Olives Church, and pastor of the Majestic Heights Mission, both in Brooklyn.

Throughout the week, Pastor Willis delivered spirit-filled sermons, proving to all that not only can he sing praises unto God, but that he can speak praises with equal effectiveness. As a result of this effectiveness, five persons made commitments to Christ at the close of the week.

In the afternoon at a mini-concern, Pastor Willis and local talent, including Pastor S. H. Byers, the Gospel Psalms Chorale, the Williams Family, and the Youth Choir performed vocal selections, ending the week on a high spiritual note.

—Claire S. Wood
Communication Secretary

SOUTH CENTRAL

EVANGELISM BLESSINGS IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Ellen G. White, the prophetess, wrote of the work in Nashville, Tennessee in 1902:

Nashville as a center—As a people we should take a special interest in the work in Nashville. At the present time, this city is a point of great importance in the Southern field. Our brethren selected Nashville as a center for work in the South because of the Lord in His wisdom directed them there. It is a favorable place in which to make a



beginning. Our workers will find it easier to labor in this city for the colored race than in many other cities of the South. In this city, much interest is taken in the colored people by those not of our faith. In and near the city are large educational institutions for the colored people. The influence of these has prepared the way for us to make this city a center for our work. —7T:232

It is interesting to note that for a goodly number of years there was a feeling that this city could not be reached through the evangelistic programs of Seventh-day Adventists. However, the Canvas Cathedral under the direction of Dr. E. E. Cleveland helped to change the picture this summer. Upwards of 200 people were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith during his five-week tent crusade that was held there.

Cleveland is a 69-year old professor of religion at Oakwood College in Huntsville,



Alabama. For the past 47 years he has been preaching revivals on all continents around the world, and to people of many different languages and dialect. Although he is officially retired, Cleveland says that he left retirement to come back to the street corner to preach this summer because he cannot sit back and do nothing in the face of the upward spiral of homicides, drug abuse, child and wife abuse, and divorce in America. He has a commission from God to make ready a people to meet Him when He comes for His church.



During the five weeks that he ministered under the tent he says, alcoholics were dried up, drug addicts and smokers quit their habits, and many marriages that were in trouble are happier. Above all, men and women have accepted Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. The members of the Seventh-day Adventist churches in Nashville and surrounding areas were given a clearer outlook of what the church is all about. Unity among the believers from all of the churches and from both conferences could be seen. Every church benefitted from the meetings.



Many will remember this tent crusade as one of the largest in Nashville's history. The prophetess' vision of what could be done in Nashville is coming to fulfillment.

There is this difference between happiness and wisdom: he that thinks himself the happiest man is really so; but he that thinks himself the wisest is generally the greatest fool.

—Francis Bacon

IT STILL PAYS

Evangelism is not tent meetings, cottage meetings, Revelation Seminars, crusades and the like alone. Surely it is that, but much more. Evangelism of the highest order is the Christian education imparted to boys and girls in the seven church schools within the conference territory. Christian education, it is said, does not cost, but it pays.

A candid look at the system reveals that a number of boys and girls from the Southeastern Conference attend already established Christian schools within several other communities. Only seven schools, but enrolled elsewhere are boys and girls who seek to follow God's plan.

There are distinguishing features about Christian education. For example, the schools are measured not only by finance or enrollment, but also by the commitment of their faculty, staff, and students to Christ. Christian commitment is not a measured or weighed characteristic. It is the dedication and scholastic achievements reached due to the untiring efforts of staff. Each center shows a different commitment. In review, several features will be observed.

In Ocala, Florida, two teachers satisfy the demands of all eight grades. This year, Mr. Barry Daly will join hard-working Eileen Pilliner, principal. Despite two teachers and eight grades, this school has consistently scored at the top of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in the Conference. That is commitment. Christian education pays.

Commitment is seen in Jacksonville where Shirley Green, principal, will forge ahead against serious odds to instill confidence, secure the support of the Ephesus Church and still maintain the basic qualities of Christian education.

Fort Lauderdale now has a new principal, Jocelyn Bonaparte, and a new school board chairperson. The leaders of this center of learning are committed to aggressive efforts to increase enrollment and maintain financial credibility, for education still pays and someone must carry the cause.

The new principal in West Palm Beach is Dr. Garnet Spence, who succeeded Gilbert Cooper who served for five years.



Mrs. A. Coleman, a member of the Lima Drive SDA Church in Lexington, Kentucky, celebrated 100 years of life recently. Still active in the church, Mrs. Coleman holds firmly to the belief in the Lord's soon return. She is the last of the pioneers in the area; joining the church under the leadership of Elder Thomas Murphy in the 1940's.

Pictured (l to r) are Elder Joseph Caise, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. L. Marby, and Elder Milton Johnson, the church's pastor.

This school has always experienced growth, but had to drop grades 9 and 10. The elementary school maintains its steady enrollment. The pastor, former Education Superintendent, Southeastern Conference, K. A. Dennis, will encourage members to give support spiritually, financially and otherwise, as all the children must be taught of the Lord.

St. Petersburg distinguishes itself for it provides a newly constructed building, with new classrooms and facilities. That

environment will give structure and lessons of appreciation to children who must learn by precept and example.

Tyrone Boyd, principal, J. Harris, pastor and church members are aware of the fact the Christian education still pays and have sacrificed to demonstrate their commitment.

Elisa Young is a quiet, soft-spoken lady who believes in quality education and shares it with her ever-increasing Day Care Center and elementary school.



Miami Union Academy seniors

Tampa, Mt. Calvary School has now moved to grades 9 and 10 for this school year. Because of the prevailing winds in the public schools, grades 9 and 10 will provide the critical alternative. The hours may be longer, the sacrifices greater, but they maintain it still pays.

Miami Union Academy has had its days of unrest, of success, of failure, of test and seeming unsurmountable odds. Amidst the changing tides in education and human affairs, commitment on the part of faculty, staff, constituency, pastors and an indefatigable school board chairperson, Sharon Lewis, rose to new heights. The students were shielded from the blasts of closure when it seemed inevitable. The dominant will to survive, and that Christian education pays went center stage.

Miami Union Academy's school year bears the record of unnumbered blessings which only God could bestow and for which student and faculty alike requested and are grateful.

Mrs. Regina Harris, principal, and Mrs. Anderson Sandiford, Assistant Principal, during the last school year were committed administrators. Mrs. Ester Adames, the new principal, is enthusiastic, hopeful and challenged by the yet untapped resources in Miami.

The Education Budget for 1990 of \$1,175,000 is only a raindrop in the ocean. It shall not cause a tidal wave. But little becomes much when placed in the Master's hands.

Thirty-seven teachers, pastors, church members, the Superintendent of Education, and conference office staff are joined together in pursuit of excellence in Christian education. More appropriately stated, Christian education offered by the Seventh-day Adventist church is more than the 3 R's. The R of religion challenges students and faculty to a higher response. The commitment makes citizens for aggressive, productive lives here, and life everlasting in the world to come.

It is that goal committed teachers seek. It is for that reason parents sacrifice. This is the goal, the prize, and it still pays.

MORTGAGE BURNING AND GROUND-BREAKING IN FLORIDA CITY

The Bethel, Florida City church voted in July, 1989, to develop a Community Center and gymnasium that would meet the demands of a growing community.



Members of the Bethel SDA Church, Florida City, at the groundbreaking ceremony

The fund raising which began in October, 1989, would provide the wherewithal to purchase 2 1/2 acres, including the already acquired portion on which the church sits—4.7 acres total.

Commissioner Juanita Smith interceded on the church's behalf, the contract was signed, and the purchase made January, 1990.

The sale price, \$40,000 was paid off in full by August, 1990.

On September 1 and 2 the church had a mortgage burning and ground-breaking ceremony to celebrate the accomplishment of the project.

Pastor John Damon gives able leadership to this community-minded congregation. His dream, vision, leadership and direction has drawn church and community together.

Present for the activities were J. M. Doggette, President; R. R. Brown, Secretary; I. L. Harrell, Director, Church Ministries; Ted Place, Miami Christian Radio; the Mayor of Florida City, Otis Wallace; the Chief of Police, Willie J. Duncan; the Vice Mayor of Homestead, Roscoe Warren; and Miami Dade Community College, Dr. J. Phillips.

The facilities, when built, are estimated by architect Carl Decker to cost approximately \$1.2 million and will have the following outreach ministries:—A drug abuse clinic, survival seminars, weekly soup kitchen, tutorial classes for French/Spanish in the 3 R's, a multi-purpose room, gymnasium, a bowling alley, and a counseling center.

SOUTHEASTERN PUBLISHING DIRECTOR DIES

John Lee Wells was born on May 1, 1941 in Jacksonville, Florida, to Malachi and Helen Wells.

He graduated from Oakland Elementary and Matthew N. Gilbert High Schools. In 1972, he attended Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, where he received his B.A. degree in Theology in 1977 with a minor in Biblical Languages.

The South Atlantic Conference called him to be a sponsor in the Publishing Department for South Florida. His publishing ministry as an Associate Publishing Director, 1980-1986, and Publishing Director/ABC Manager as of 1987 in the Southeastern Conference, was confined to the State of Florida and South Georgia. He was responsible for 80 baptisms.

On June 23, 1990, he was ordained to the gospel ministry at the close of campmeeting in Hawthorne, Florida. On June 24, 1990, he passed away.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite Joseph of Georgetown, South Carolina, who he married in 1964; three sons, John Jr., 22; Byron Joseph, 16; and Kevin Nathan, 13; four brothers—Isaac, Charles, Robert and Lucious; two sisters—Altamease Brown and Elizabeth McGauley; and a host of relatives and friends.



Elder John L. Wells, former ABC/Publishing Director

Southeastern Conference's loss cannot be measured, but will be felt. On June 29, 1990, at the Ephesus S.D.A. Church, Jacksonville, Florida, President J. M. Doggett eulogized him; the workers lamented his passing and God holds the future.

IN TRANSITION

One feature of the Advent ministry is the change of districts which occurs from time to time as leadership must be provided and for growth.

The Executive Committee has made the following changes:

Roy Parham from Daytona/Deland to Apopka/Kissimmee; Eugene Armstead from Clearwater/Tampa Town & Country to Daytona/Deland; Jonathan McCottry from Lakeland/Plant City to Clearwater/Tampa Town & Country; Lewis Edwards from Apopka/N.Orlando to Lakeland/Plant City; Cleveland Holness from Cocoa/Palm Bay to Miami-Tabernacle/W.Hollywood; Milton Sterling from Miami-Tabernacle/Hollywood to Pompano Beach/Fort Lauderdale-Lighthouse/Deerfield Beach; David Long from Pompano Beach/Fort Lauderdale-Lighthouse/Deerfield Beach to Cocoa/Palm Bay; Fred White will pastor North Orlando.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

OAKWOOD COLLEGE AWARDED \$105,000 INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Oakwood College is one of 12 historically Black Colleges and Universities selected as a Lilly Endowment Inc. grant recipient in the third round of a three-year \$3.8 million effort to strengthen the institutions and their faculties.

Oakwood will use the grant to strengthen its link with the local technological community, further develop grant writing expertise of the faculty, and increase indirect cost revenue in grant writing.

The Indianapolis-based charitable foundation awarded this year's recipients a total of about \$1.3 million. Selected institutions include 10 private and two public

schools concentrated in the southern United States.

In announcing the grant program, Dr. William C. Bonifield, Endowment Vice President for Education, said, "Our preliminary assessments indicate that this program met a genuine need felt by these Universities, particularly in the area of institutional development. As we complete the third round of grant awards, we are beginning to evaluate how we can best help these institutions in the future."

Bonifield said the Endowment supports a number of programs at a wide range of colleges and universities, but national research demonstrates that a significant proportion of minority students prefers to attend historically Black institutions. Bonifield said, "These schools continue to successfully graduate and send on to graduate schools large proportions of minority students. Helping these institutions is a vital part of our commitment to help minority students participate in post-secondary education."

The Endowment board of directors selected proposals that seemed to suggest effective solutions to the needs of the institution at this particular time in its development. The majority of proposals focused on institutional development, an area rarely funded by other sources.

In explaining the thrust of the new grants for faculty and institutional development, Bonifield said, "Quality education pivots on the fundamental strength of an institution's faculty and on administrative skill in identifying a mission, recruiting students and fund raising."

FORDE TO HEAD OFFICE OF TRUST SERVICES

The college has established an office of trust services which will be directed by Mr. Winton Forde, former dean of men. In addition, Forde will serve as a key figure in the newly organized development team consisting of the president, director of alumni affairs and dean of college relations. The team will be responsible for any major fund raising drive undertaken by the college. Plans are being made now for a fund raising campaign early in 1991.

\$30,000 RECEIVED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation has given the sum of \$30,000 to Oakwood for scholarship grants. These grants are

for Christian young ladies from the states of Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. The president of the foundation plans to visit the campus.

NORTH PACIFIC

NEW IMAGE SPOTS TV CAMPAIGN

Seventh-day Adventists. There, because we care.

Over and over again this fall, citizens in the Spokane, Washington area will see that TV message attractively presented in a variety of new image spots. A major media campaign to heighten community awareness of the Adventist Church will build interest in a variety of current health and family programs being offered by area churches.

"These spots are going to capture attention!" predicts Walter Arties, executive producer, who directs Adventist Media Center research for new ministries.

"They have a bold colorful look and freshness to them that we believe will create widespread interest in our churches' community services."

"It was a Sunday night," says a young Spokane mother who appears in one vignette. "I'd been sleeping on the couch; I fell asleep watching TV and my little boy came in. He said, Mommy! Mommy! There's a fire in my room."

"Well, after the fire, I got in touch with the Seventh-day Adventist Church and they gave me everything I needed to start all over."

She concludes: "It's nice to know that people care."

Three additional spots made up the scheduled rotation for the upcoming campaign. Just during the first week of saturation advertising, local churches can expect up to 300 gross rating points, which means that 100 percent of the people in Spokane will see the new image spots an average of three times each. The airtime costs for the campaign will be approximately \$50,000.

The image spots, filmed on location in Spokane, were produced and directed by Stew Harty and a crew from the Adventist Media Center. Also from the Center, Warren Judd, vice-president for production,

served as executive co-producer for the new project.

"Focus groups like these spots because of their realness, their genuineness," says Kermit Netteburg, who directs the United Marketing Task Force. Netteburg, who helped design the ad concepts, reports that advertising brochures and a toll-free phone service will be a part of the overall strategy.

A recently formed TV Spots Committee at the Media Center is presently studying the development of new image PSA public service announcements that will air across North America twice each year. Similar campaigns in the past have given the Adventist Church millions of dollars worth of free airtime.

GENERAL CONFERENCE VICE PRESIDENT VISITS TACOMA

Re-elected vice president, C. B. Rock, Ph.D. was in the Tacoma, WA area for a special day. It was a high day at the Mt. Tahoma S.D.A. Church. Dr. Rock preached on Christ our Righteousness and compared it to the metaphor of the good shepherd. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Clara Peterson Rock. Elder E. Wayne Shephard and his wife, Joyce, were present as well representing the North Pacific Union office.

A Family Life workshop was presented in the afternoon by Dr. and Mrs. Rock. The seminars made a powerful impression upon those attending. A question and answer period followed as well as Dr. Rock informing the congregation of his responsibilities in the General Conference.

—Rodney Draggon
Correspondent



Mrs. Clara Rock addresses the Mt. Tahoma congregation



Dr. Calvin B. Rock presents the divine worship message to the Mt. Tahoma Church

IN THE NEWS

BARBARA JACKSON-HALL TO SERVE AS EDITOR FOR VIBRANT LIFE MAGAZINE

Barbara Jackson-Hall, editor of the *Cornerstone Connection* and former assistant editor of *Message* magazine, has been asked by the Review and Herald Publishing Association Board of Directors to serve as the editor of the *Vibrant Life* magazine. The journal, formerly titled *Life*

and *Health*, is one of the oldest magazines published by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The appointment is historic inasmuch as Mrs. Hall will be the first Black and first woman to fill such a post.

"*Vibrant Life* presents a tremendous challenge for me, but the magazine also has tremendous potential. One of my goals is to make it more ethnically balanced to give it broader appeal," Mrs. Hall said.

We feel that she will bring blessings to this publication, stated John Wilkens, president of the publishing house.

In addition to serving as the editor of *Vibrant Life*, Mrs. Hall will also serve as director of the Equal Employment Oppor-

tunity program established by the Board. In this area she will be dealing with human relations issues. The selection was made, not just because she is a North American Black, but because she is well qualified to get the job done.

At a special committee of representative Black leaders, it was pointed out that the goal of no less than 20 Black employees at the Review & Herald Publishing Association has been reached. This means that 8% of the work force is now Black.

It was pointed out to the Board of Directors that the Black leadership of the N.A.D. deeply appreciates the hiring practices that have taken place.

However, since 33% of the business of the publishing house is done in the Regional congregations, a Black should also serve as one of the vice-presidents to give input at the highest level where meaningful decisions are being made on a day-to-day basis.



Barbara Hall

RUCKER RETURNS TO 'SUNBELT' AHS

Former corporate officer staff members Mack Rucker and Duane Higgins have returned to the Sunbelt office in Orlando, Florida. Rucker is a vice-president, and Higgins is working on a special computer project to standardize the purchasing program in Adventist Health System Sunbelt.

Rucker has served as assistant to the president for the past year under special assignment to recruit physicians for Tennessee Christian Medical Center. He will continue this responsibility as part of his new appointment.

Rucker brings a great deal of experience to this position. He has been a hospital president (Riverside Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee), corporate vice-president, and from 1986 to 1989 was vice-president of health services at Meharry Medical College and chief executive of Meharry Hubbard Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

L.R. PALMER INVITED TO SERVE BOL CHURCH IN D.C.

Elder Luther R. Palmer, president of the Lake Region Conference has been invited to serve as the pastor of the Breath of Life S.D.A. congregation in Washington, D.C. Palmer has not made a public statement as to what his decision will be in

response to the call that has been extended by the executive committee of the Allegheny East Conference.

ELDER W. HAROLD KIBBLE TO ALLEGHENY EAST CONFERENCE

Elder W. Harold Kibble, pastor of the Pulaski/Decherd/Fayetteville, Tennessee district of churches in the South Central Conference, has been introduced as pastor for one of the Allegheny East Conference churches in the Baltimore area. He has served in the South Central Conference territory for the past fifteen years or more.

REGIONAL NAD PRESIDENTS MEET WITH NEW DIVISION PRESIDENT

When the Regional Presidents of the North American Division met with the new president for the division, Elder A. C. McClure, they expressed concerns about the following challenges of the church in this division.

1. Concerns over the Regional Conferences on the West Coast that appear to have gotten out of hand and should be addressed by responsible leadership at higher levels of the church body.

2. Concerns over the attitudes and postures taken by the G.C. auditing staff as it relates to the work in the Regional Conferences and their moves to secure outside auditors to examine the records of their conferences from year to year.

3. A request that the Review & Herald Association elect a Black to serve as one of the vice-presidents for the publishing house, inasmuch as some 30% of its business comes from the Black community of the church.

4. In an effort to do a more effective job of spreading the gospel to the people whom we serve, that the NAD and the G.C. set in motion the proper study groups to establish Regional Unions in the NAD. This will provide greater representation in the decision-making levels of the church, provide more input in the dispensing of its resources for the building up of the work, provide more jobs and meaningful positions for this large ethnic group of the church and strengthen the work in this sector as we move towards the coming of the Lord.

DR. DEWITT WILLIAMS RECEIVES APPOINTMENT IN G.C.

A new practice was begun at the recent General Conference Session that was held in Indianapolis. Previously, at the sessions all of those who were to serve the World Church were elected during the meeting. However, the current procedure is to elect only those persons who will serve as department heads. The associate and assistant directors will be appointed by the General Conference Committee when it convenes at the denomination's headquarters after the sessions have ended.

The committee has asked Dr. DeWitt Williams to serve as the director for the Temperance Department for the North American Division. He will solely be responsible for the work in this division. The needs for temperance education in the NAD are challenging. Williams will bring new innovations to the church in the area of temperance.

Harold Lee was appointed to serve in the Church Ministries Department to head up the Stewardship programs.

ROCK TO CHAIR LOMA LINDA BOARD

When the constituents of the Loma Linda University came together during the month of August to elect persons to serve in developing the institution for the next five years, Calvin B. Rock, the first vice-president of the General Conference was elected to serve as the chairman of the Board of Directors. It is the first time in the history of the school since it was established in 1905 that a Black has served in this capacity. Rock comes with the credentials of two doctoral degrees, and has served as a pastor, an evangelist, a student missionary, a college president for eighteen years, and as a vice-president of the General Conference for the past five years.

Earlier this year, the campus of La Sierra was returned to the status of an undergrad school and separated from the Loma Linda University. La Sierra is located in Riverside, California. With this separation came a reduction in the number of board members for Loma Linda which previously had been some forty-eight, but has been reduced to twenty-three. Four of the members of the present board are of African-American background, Dr. C.B. Rock, Dr. M. Reese, Mrs. Gwendolyn

Foster and Elder G. Ralph Thompson, the secretary for the General Conference.

There are approximately eight Blacks in each of the four classes of medicine at the university, but only two are in the school of dentistry. The Blacks from the NAD are minimal.

The Regional Conferences give \$50,000 annually to assist with matching funds to help its students who are attending LLU.

TAKOMA ACADEMY STUDENTS DESIGNATED OUTSTANDING

Takoma Academy students, Kteba Dunlap and Anthony Sebro, have been designated semifinalists in the 1991 National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

This is the second year that TA has had two students become semifinalists. We are very proud to have two students representing Takoma Academy as semifinalists again this year. Both students are academically top-notch, and we are happy to recommend them. Our prayers are with them as they compete to become finalists, says Frank Jones, Vice Principal for Curriculum.

There were also seven commended students from TA in the 1991 Merit Program; Brandon Breckenridge, Kteba Dunlap, Michael Feldbush, Clare Johnson, Rebecca Munson, Kirsten Schneider, and Anthony Sebro.

In last year's competition, Shana Visser was a finalist, and received a National Merit Scholarship; and Nadine Mottley, a finalist in the NAS for Outstanding Negro Students, received a four-year scholarship from Yale, and she plans to attend the highly acclaimed university this year.

More than 90,000 Black students took the 1989 PSAT/NMSQT, and entered the 1991 Achievement Program. Kteba and Anthony, both in their senior year at TA, are among approximately 1,500 students who were named semifinalists on a regional representation basis.

Approximately 725 Achievement Scholarships worth about \$3 million will be awarded in 1991. These include awards of three types:

1. 350 National Achievement \$2,000 Scholarships—for which all finalists are considered—are supported by business organizations, donor contribution, and the Achievement Program's own funds;

2. Some 200 corporate-sponsored Achievement Scholarships that are

specified for finalists who meet a company or business grantor's preferential criteria; and

3. About 175 college-sponsored Achievement Scholarships that are available only for finalists who will attend their respective sponsor institution.

Funds for Achievement Scholarships are limited, so only about 60 percent of some 1,200 finalists will win an award.

To ensure that able Black students throughout the nation would be included among the semifinalists, the 50 states (and the District of Columbia) were grouped into several geographic regions, with an allocation of semifinalists assigned to each. The semifinalists are the highest scoring participants in the states that make up their respective regions, and finalists will compete with all others within his or her geographic region.

The Achievement Program was established in 1964, specifically to recognize able Black youth, but also works to honor academically-promising high school students who are Black Americans and to encourage them to continue their formal education; as well as to provide Achievement Scholarships for a substantial number of the most outstanding participants in the annual competition.

OBITUARIES

SHERWOOD GENE WEIR, III

Sherwood Gene Weir, III (1932-1990) was the third son born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Theodore Weir, Sr. on December 9, 1932 in Memphis, Tennessee. He was an active member of Mississippi Boulevard Church. During his early adult life, he served as a medic in the U.S. Army in Germany. He later was Chief Histochronologist of Physicians Hospital in California. Continuing his study and further training, he became a certified member of the American Society for Clinical Pathology.

Mr. Weir passed away Sunday, May 6th. Cherishing his memory are his devoted wife (Rebecca), son (Sherwood IV), two daughters (Dawn and Tracey), his loving mother (Audrey), a brother (Andrew), a sister (Joy), and many relatives and friends.

RICHARD VINCENT SIMPSON

Richard Vincent Simpson (1956-1990) was born in Bronx, New York, October 30, 1956 and died July 16, 1990 as the result of a tragic motor vehicle accident. He was en route to Andrews University after attending General Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Richard's entire professional life was devoted to teaching science and mathematics in Seventh-day Adventist schools in Texas and Georgia.

He is survived by his wife and college sweetheart, Ralita Peay Simpson; two lovely daughters, Vinita and Mariana; his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Simpson of New Rochelle, New York; three sisters, Dr. Anna Maria O'Reggie, Mrs. Laura Purdis, Miss Iris Louise Simpson; two brothers, Kenneth Jr. and Robert Reginald; his father and mother-in-law, President and Mrs. Ralph Peay of Atlanta, Georgia; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

KENNETH JETT CLARK

Kenneth Jett Clark (1970-1990) was born December 15, 1970 in Mt. Vernon, New York, and departed this life August 18, 1990 on the campus of North Carolina General State University in Durham, North Carolina. He was the son of William and Evangeline Clark of New Rochelle, New York. Along with his parents, he leaves to treasure the memory of his life, his brother, William II; his sister, Tiffani Alice; his daughter; Porcha's mother; his grandmother, Ella Jett; five aunts, three uncles and a host of cousins and friends.

ROBERT MADISON WISDOM, JR. (1937-1990)

On August 24, 1937, Robert was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wisdom, Sr. in New York City. He attended Manhattan Elementary School and Northeastern Academy. He served in the U.S. Army and married Satire Perry, daughter of the late Pastor R. K. Perry and Mrs. Susie Perry. Robert earned both a B.A. and a M.A. degree. He was active and tireless as a church member and a community citizen. At the time of his demise, he was a member of the Church of the Oranges and also served on the Allegheny East Conference Committee.

Robert Jr. leaves to mourn his passing, his father and mother (Robert Sr. and

Barbara), his wife (Satira), a son (Madison), a daughter (Shalene), four brothers, an uncle, an aunt, three nieces, five nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

BIRDYE GRINSTON BAKER (1898-1990)

Mrs. Birdye Baker, native of Yazee, Mississippi, was the wife of the late Warren Baker and mother of thirteen children (three daughters and ten sons). She was a true matriarch providing educational, social, and spiritual opportunities and challenges for her children. She left a legacy of courage, devotion, dedication, and faith in God. Birdye is survived by her daughters, Jackie Sanders, Willola Gray, Helen Williams of the Detroit Area; and her sons, Warren, Clemon, Roger, Harlem, Caruthas, Thomas, Lamar, Laurence, and many other relatives and friends.

CORDELIA W. LAURENCE

Cordelia W. Laurence (1883-1990) was the 17th of 18 children born to Caleb and Cecelia Smith Walter, June 20, 1883, in Henderson, Kentucky. In 1919 she married Fred Morton who preceded her in death in 1938. She later married Elder Joseph Laurence who died in 1987. Following a lengthy illness, Mrs. Laurence passed away, June 7, 1990. She leaves to mourn their loss: one stepson, three stepdaughters, seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren, nieces, other relatives and friends.

VERMELL CROSBY MOFFERT

Vermell Crosby Moffert (1916-1990) was born to Fred and Almeda Crosby on August 29, 1918 in Laurel, Mississippi. She joined the Soso S.D.A. Church at an early age and later became a member of Mizpath S.D.A. Church in Gary, Indiana, where she was an active member. She married Isaiah Moffert.

Surviving her are her husband, Isaiah, six children (Maida Sanders, Veita Grand, Kenneth Moffert, Benita Moffert, Joseph Barras, Nancy Purter) one sister (Lillian Jackson), 13 grandchildren, one great grandchild, several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

DR. VICTOR GRIFFITH

Dr. Victor Griffith, associate director of the Department of Education for the General Conference was overcome with smoke inhalation on August 23 and passed away in his home in Washington, D.C.

FRANKLIN VINCENT MORGAN

May 4, 1969-July 28, 1990

Specialist Franklin Vincent Morgan was the second child and only son born to Pamela and Vincent Morgan on May 4, 1969.

Franklin spent his early school years at Emerson Elementary School, Brooklyn, New York. He entered Teaneck High School in the 10th grade and graduated June 1987.

Upon graduating from high school, Franklin decided to enter the military and do service for his country. Consequently, he enlisted in the Army in his senior year and in September 1987 he entered Fort Wood, Missouri, where he spent one year.

In November 1988, Franklin was stationed in Germany as a specialist where he did yeoman service for his country.

He was a member of the Army basketball team and prized himself as being the team's Patrick Ewing.

In his early years, Franklin was an active member of the First S.D.A. Church, Teaneck, and was involved as a member of the Children's Choir, Pathfinder Club and took part in Adventist Youth activities. He was baptized at an early age with his sister by Pastor Clements.

Franklin re-enlisted in the Army for an additional two years and was looking forward to the second term of service. Unfortunately, before this desire could be realized, his life was suddenly cut short on July 28, 1990.

He leaves to mourn and sorrow, his mother, father, his loving sister, Patricia with whom he enjoyed a very close relationship; his sister Loletta, two brothers, Alphonso and Keith, his paternal grandmother, godmother, godfather, a number of aunts and uncles, a host of cousins and numerous relatives and friends.

Asleep in Jesus, rest in Jesus, Franklin dear.

LEON GARFIELD COX, SR.

Leon Garfield Cox, Sr. was born to Elder and Mrs. Jeter Cox on January 6, 1916 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was the fourth of seven sons.

He spent his early childhood in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and attended the Ebenezer Church School. After graduating from one of the local high schools he responded to a very special calling to attend Oakwood College in preparation for the gospel ministry from which he graduated in 1936. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the Union Baptist Seminary of the Daniel Payne College in 1974.

In 1946, Elder Cox was extended his first call to the Lord's work by Elder W.W. Fordham, who was president of the Southwest Region Conference. After serving in several churches, Elder Cox was ordained in 1951. He served successfully as pastor and evangelist and during his years of service in the Southwest Region Conference, scores of precious souls became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Lord's calling was not limited to the Southwest, as he was called to many other conferences during his pastorate. He was called to the Allegheny Conference where he served in many churches. He also served in the Allegheny West Conference as Ministerial Secretary, Lake Region Conference as pastor of the Shiloh Church in Chicago, Illinois. In the Northeastern Conference he pastored the Ephesus Church in New York and was Conference Ministerial Secretary. Still eager and willing to serve, Elder Cox accepted a call, once again, to Allegheny West to pastor the Glenville Church. He enjoyed his pastorate there until the Lord called him to rest. He loved the Lord and chose to serve as long as health permitted.

Leon met and married the late Blanche Beatrice Wells. Out of this union were born seven children: Patricia, Leon Jr., Norma, Earl, Joyce, Phyllis and Hilton. He was a loving husband and father.

We thank God for the memory of Elder Cox, for he was a man for all seasons. Besides having a gentle hand, even with seven children, he could soothe the hearts of troubled souls through counseling. He could bring refreshing thoughts with his expository talent, with which he was blessed.

Realizing that man should not be alone, Elder Cox married Violet Greaves,

who brought joy into his life and was constantly at his side during his entire illness.

We will miss him. No one can ever really take his place. But we sorrow not as those without hope, for we know that death is a sleep that will be broken soon when Jesus appears. He fell asleep on Friday, August 10, 1990. We look forward to that blessed day of reunion.

Leon's presence will be truly missed by his beloved and devoted wife, Violet; seven children, Patricia Berry, Voorhees, New Jersey; Leon, Jr., Norma, Earl, Phyllis and Hilton of Baltimore, Maryland; Joyce of Arlington, Virginia, Lee Bowen, step-daughter, Cleveland, Ohio; two brothers, Bennett Cox, San Diego, California, Earl Cox, San Francisco, California; three sisters-in-law, Ethel Cox, Baltimore, Maryland, Marlene Cox, San Diego, California, Marion Cox, San Francisco, California; two daughters-in-law, Jane and Denise Cox, Baltimore, Maryland; one son-in-law, Larry Berry, Voorhees, New Jersey; twelve grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

*Joke with him who jostles you,
Smile on him who hurries you,
Laugh at him who pushes you,
It doesn't cost a cent!*

*Don't be carrying around that chip;
Wink your eye and curve your lip.
And from life's sunshine take a sip;
It doesn't cost a cent!*

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