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## COVER STORY

### FORMER U.N. AMBASSADOR ACCEPTS CHRIST

by Clement Murray and  
Stephanie Johnson

When Franklin O'Brien Dollard, former permanent representative to the United Nations and the United States from Grenada, became a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in July of 1980, it was a powerful witness to the redeeming love of God.

Although Dollard respected the Adventist church and his wife, her parents and several friends were members, he had decided he would never become a Seventh-day Adventist. God moves in mysterious ways. Through a series of trials and triumphs the Saviour was redeeming him.

Franklin Dollard is the fifth of eight children born to Dennis and Una Bishop Dollard of St. Georges, Grenada, while they were living in Aruba, Dutch Netherland Antilles.

His parents had moved to Aruba because of the good economic prospects there, but a number of years later they returned to their country, where Mr. Dollard became a shop and land proprietor. It is here that Franklin received his education at a Catholic school. He attended the Presentation Brothers College and received a General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level (equivalent to an associate degree), in mathematics, physics and chemistry in 1965.

In his early years he followed Methodism, the faith of his fathers, but later became a Catholic because it was the fashionable thing to do. Everyone was Catholic. One of his Catholic teachers thought he would make an excellent priest, but Franklin had ideas of his own.

So after completing his education, he entered civil service. After three months, he left civil service and entered the world of banking. For six years (1965-1971) he worked at the Bank of Nova Scotia, where his career rapidly progressed until he was named assistant accountant of the bank and was responsible for its general management.

He would have remained in banking, but one day while at work he received a call from Sir Eric Gairy, prime minister of Grenada, asking him to take an active part in the Grenada Unity Labor Party



Pastor Clement Murray baptizes Ambassador Franklin Dollard.

(GULP). The prime minister wanted to nominate him for a Senate seat. He was reluctant to leave banking, but after giving the matter serious consideration, he decided to accept.

In 1971, at age 26, he became one of the youngest members of the Senate in Grenadian history and junior minister of France. General elections were held that year. Franklin was encouraged by party leaders to run as a candidate for the House of Representatives. With the full support of his party and his parents, he campaigned diligently in this area, one of the strongholds of the opposition party, the Grenadian National Party (GNP).

It was an uphill battle, but when the ballots were counted he had won the election, receiving 60 percent of the votes. In fact, 1971 was a very good year for GULP, since they won thirteen of the fifteen seats in the House of Representatives. The GULP was asked to form the



Franklin Dollard, former permanent representative to the United Nations for Grenada, presents his credentials to Kurt Waldheim, former secretary-general of the U.N.

government. Franklin was appointed junior minister to the prime minister responsible for planning and capital funding. For the next five years he would play a pivotal role in his country.

He traveled extensively throughout the world representing the interests and concerns of his country. Some of the most important meetings where he represented Grenada were: Commonwealth Parliament Association, Malaysia—sole representative; Commonwealth Youth Affairs Council, Kenya—sole representative; cultural and educational tour—Uganda; cross-country cultural and education tour—guest of the United States government; trade fair, Surinam—headed delegation; Caribbean Development Bank—Antigua, St. Lucia and Trinidad—alternate governor; Economic Community of Latin America, Guatemala—headed delegation; World Bank Conference, U.S.—alternate governor; and Caribbean Summit Meeting, St. Kitts—headed delegation.

His personal life also began to flourish in 1975 when he married Denise Moore, daughter of Iris Scott and Raymond C. P. Moore, Grenadian speaker of the House. The Moores were Seventh-day Adventists. Their lifestyle made a strong impression on Franklin. He often attended church with his wife. Although he enjoyed the fellowship and respected his wife's beliefs, he had resolved to remain a Catholic. Besides, he felt there were too many do's and don'ts in the Adventist religion that would hinder his advancement in the political world.

His future was bright! He was now 30 years old and a full-fledged minister of labor, youth development and sports.

In the midst of his triumph, tragedy struck. God would use this tragedy to draw Franklin to Him. While Franklin was attending a Caribbean Development Cooperation Committee meeting in the Dominican Republic, he received news that his father was terminally ill. He was shaken, since the night before he had spent partying and now needed the Lord to comfort him. He immediately went to a church and began to pray for his father, but somehow he felt as if God had forsaken him because he only prayed when he found himself in distress. He was only using God for his own convenience. He felt such an empty void. He needed a Saviour. Who could he turn to?

## PUBLISHER'S PAGE



Dr. E. E. Cleveland

### TRICKLE DOWN! TRICKLE UP!

Moses stood on the banks of the Red Sea. Pharaoh's army was closing fast. There were no visible means of deliverance. At that critical moment, there came a word from the Lord, "And Moses said unto the people: Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will shew to you today" (Exodus 14:13).

It was a critical moment in the history of the Israelites. They were on the verge of liberation. They would soon be able to function as *men, free and equal*. The paternalism of the Egyptians would be a thing of the past! Of course, there were some Israelites who were satisfied with their Egyptian experience. "Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians" (Exodus 14:12). They were happy with "trickle-down" economics and "trickle-up" leadership.

These are the comfortable ones. They maintain to the bitter end their hopes of full acceptance by the majority class—no matter how many of us die in the meantime. It's like Reagan's plan for economic recovery. With business bankruptcies averaging 450 per week, and unemployment among black youths standing at 51 percent, who will be around to enjoy the recovery? What shall it profit us if we balance the budget and lose the nation? What will a man give in exchange for the people?

The situation among us is critical. We have nine conferences that administer the black work. The nine presidents administer territories twice the geographical size of their white counterparts.

Nevertheless, the General Conference budgetary policies make no allowance for the difference in administrative expenses involved.

When a black conference president has done a reasonably good job, there is no *natural* promotional system for him. Not so with our white brethren. This "bottleneck" hurts the morale of developing leaders at the pastoral level.

Funds sent up to the parent bodies are administered by committees whose priorities are seldom in harmony with those in our black communities. Indeed, the American black is the second most liberal contributor to our cause in the world. To "hardline" us about our monies "sent up" is, to say the least, highly insensitive. Those blacks who see this and say nothing give silent sanction to the injustice.

Interconference pastoral movement is almost nonexistent. There are ordained ministers that need a move, but they are stymied by a system that has no machinery to effect such a change. Morale is a major consideration here. We seem to think that each individual should generate his own morale. However, organizations cannot escape the responsibility for providing incentives for increased productivity and worker "good will." If we were not organized, there would be no responsibility; but we are, and there is.

Really, folks, the brethren had a God-given idea in 1903 when the movement adopted its present form of organization. It is *flexible* enough to accommodate millions of adherents—but it works best when men are *flexible*. We are organized tightly enough to put out any fire, but how often can you do that without destroying the stove?

Recent movements to bring the above situation to the official church agenda were eminently successful. The annual council of the world church gave a full half-day to the black leadership to present its case. Rebuttal occurred in the afternoon. The vote was against the establishment of regional unions.

The brethren countered by electing a black vice president and subsequently a black president of the Lake Union. That this is *earth-shaking* is true, to say the least. We dared not think this was possible in our lifetimes. The present president of the General Conference must be cited for courageous leadership in effecting this change. The regional con-

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With his father's death, Franklin turned all his energies to his political future. In that same year, 1977, he was appointed ambassador to the United Nations and the United States. He was reluctant to accept this position because he was strongly involved in politics on the national level. He was persuaded to accept it because it would provide him with an opportunity to represent his country on an international level.

At the U.N. he began to build a rapport with other leaders. He spoke to the General Assembly on the concerns of his country. He established a relationship with Andrew Young, then U.S. representative to the United Nations.

But in the midst of his triumph, he had an ideological disagreement with the prime minister, who then decided to appoint him as Grenadian ambassador to Canada. After seriously weighing the matter, he decided to resign as the Grenadian ambassador to the United Nations and the United States in May of 1978. He was now on his own, yet he was not alone because God was watching over him.

After leaving his diplomatic post, he decided to remain in the United States. For six months he looked for employment. God used this time to prepare him to accept the Advent message. Because he could not find a job, he was able to do some serious thinking, something he had always neglected to do because he was always busy. As he began to reflect over his life, he realized he needed a Saviour. There was an empty void in his life he needed to fill, so he began looking for a church. He attended A.M.E. and thought of returning to Catholicism, but he couldn't, since the Catholic church held too many bitter memories for him. He remembered that while attending the Catholic church in Grenada, his heart was often burdened. He would enter hoping for words of truth and would receive only a discourse on politics and the ruling party.

He knew he had to find a church because his parents had made religion an intricate part of his life. He was the father of two boys and needed to direct their religious training. During his search he was living with Seventh-day Adventists and began to visit their church.

He enjoyed the fellowship at Springfield Gardens church. He was impressed as he listened to Pastor Willis Reed preach. He began to take Bible studies

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# The Editor's Desk

Following are the Northeastern Conference pastoral changes voted to become effective by October 16, 1982:

	From	To
Norman Snipes	Mt. Zion, New Haven	Bronx, New York
Lionel R. Arthur	Bethesda, Amityville	Mt. Zion/Hill Church
John Guy	Flatbush, Brooklyn	Shiloh, Brooklyn
Roy Ashmeade	City Tabernacle	Bethel/Brownsville
Larry Bailey	Lebanon, Jamaica	Mt. Vernon, New York
J. Milton Thomas	New Rochelle	Jefferson Avenue, Rochester
James Lamar	Shiloh, Brooklyn	Christian Fellowship
Leacroft Green	Ephesus (Associate)	New Rochelle, NY
Edgar T. Mimms	Bethel, Brooklyn	City Tabernacle, NYC
Clement Murray	Springfield Gardens	Bethesda, Amityville
Roy L. Hoyte		Flatbush, Brooklyn
Philip Wesley	Zion Temple	Lebanon/New Hempstead
Edwin Humphrey	Niagara Falls	Mt. Carmel, Syracuse
Erskine Bovell	Northeastern Academy	South Brooklyn
Charles Parker	Newburgh/Ellenville	Gordon Heights/Central Islip
Willis Reed	Bronx, NY	Zion Temple
Jerome James	Christian Fellowship	So. Norwalk, CT
Doctor Smith	Mt. Vernon, NY	Newburgh/Ellenville
Carlyle Langhorn	So. Norwalk, CT	Springfield Gardens
Ronald Smith	Seminary	Victory Temple/Niagara Falls
Ralph Williams	Bethany, Westbury	East New York, Brooklyn
Martin Benjamin	Bethel, Brooklyn	Emmanuel Temple/Jamestown
Stafford Byers	Seminary	Ephesus, NYC (Youth)
William McNeil	East New York, Brooklyn	Lay Training/Orion Mission

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Nov. 26	Dec. 3	10	17
Boston, Mass	4:15	4:12	4:12	4:13
New York City	4:27	4:24	4:23	4:25
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:44	4:41	4:40	4:42
Atlanta, Ga.	5:30	5:29	5:30	5:32
Miami, Fla.	5:29	5:29	5:31	5:33
Charlotte, N.C.	5:13	5:11	5:12	5:14
Birmingham, Ala.	4:40	4:39	4:39	4:41
Jackson, Miss.	4:56	4:55	4:56	4:58
Memphis, Tenn.	4:49	4:48	4:48	4:50
Louisville, Ky.	5:25	5:23	5:23	5:25
Detroit, Mich.	5:04	5:02	5:01	5:03
Chicago, Ill.	4:23	4:20	4:20	4:21
South Bend, Indiana	5:18	5:15	5:15	5:16
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:36	4:33	4:32	4:33
St. Louis, Mo.	4:42	4:40	4:40	4:41
Kansas City, Mo.	4:58	4:56	4:56	4:57
Denver, Co.	4:38	4:36	4:35	4:37
Little Rock, Ark.	4:59	4:58	4:58	5:00
Dallas, Texas	5:22	5:21	5:21	5:23
New Orleans, La.	5:01	5:00	5:01	5:03
Albuquerque, N.M.	4:56	4:55	4:55	4:57
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:19	5:18	5:18	5:20

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

## ALLEGHENY WEST

### EVOLUTION OR CREATION

On Father's Day, June 20, the A. Y. Society of the Paterson SDA Church in Paterson, New Jersey, sponsored a trip to the Bronx Zoo in New York.

At 8:30 a.m. prayer was rendered and the bus was on its way. Upon arrival at the zoo, the children were first greeted by the elephants, which set the pace for the rest of the day.

How wonderful it was to see all of God's creation. As usual, the monkeys stole the show. They were very fascinating to watch with their human-like behavior. Watching them for a period of time made everyone happy to know that God created man and that we did not evolve from these unsophisticated creatures.

Traveling on, we got to see the various creatures of the night, such as the bats, owls, rodents, etc.

A trip to the zoo is never complete without visiting the "king of beasts," the lion, along with leopards, tigers, jaguars, pumas, hyenas and other members of the cat family.

Among the other sites that were viewed were Wild Asia, Safari Land, a Wildlife Preservation lecture, the new children's zoo, a monorail ride, camels, polar bears, koala bears, grizzly bears, alligators, crocodiles, penguins, aviary, etc. Yes, it was a full day and the children and parents loved it!

O. J. Bell  
Correspondent

### MEN'S DAY HELD

Men's Day at the Paterson SDA Church in Paterson, New Jersey, was a huge success. On Sabbath, July 24, the men brought in more than \$1,200 to be donated to the building fund.

It was a day of great effort for the men as they were led by Pastor W. L. Ervin to be men and not boys and give a man-sized offering towards the purchase of larger facilities. The men marched on in recognition of the need of the new church.

Highlighting the day, Sabbath school was conducted by the literature evangelist from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. The speaker of the

worship hour was none other than the president of the Allegheny East Conference, Pastor Mead Van Putten. It was a glorious day of praises all returned to the Lord for the blessings He bestowed on each member and guest that came out to worship that day.

O. J. Bell  
Correspondent

### ... AND THE WOMEN SHALL LEAD

On June 26 the Paterson SDA Church in Paterson, New Jersey, held its first annual Women's Day. The women of the church took full leadership in all activities of the worship service.

Carol Wilder from Trenton, New Jersey, was the speaker of the day. The Spirit of the Lord moved mightily as this beautiful young woman was used as an instrument of the Lord in the outpouring of His word.

The offering collected for Women's Day will be forwarded towards the church's building fund. As the day came to a close, the Paterson Gospel Choir had its third anniversary as the Paterson SDA Church praised the Lord in song to close out the day.

Betreda Rodgers  
Correspondent

### OBITUARY

Ethel Mae Braxton Ervin of Camden, New Jersey, passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday, August 11, 1982, at the St. Joseph Hospital on Main Street in Paterson, New Jersey.

She was the wife of Pastor W. L. Ervin of the Paterson Seventh-day Adventist Church. The couple resided in Hackensack, New Jersey, with their daughter.

Funeral services were on Monday, August 16, 1982, at the Mt. Olivet SDA Church in Camden.

Ethel is survived by: her husband, Pastor William "Roy" Ervin; one daughter, Dawn Ethel; one brother, Pastor George Braxton of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania; two sisters, Norma and Inez of Camden; two sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; and a host of relatives and friends throughout the Allegheny East Conference.

### FAITH ACTION ADVANCE + REAL TRUTH REVIVAL = 105 BAPTISMS

While pastoring the Emmanuel Temple church in Alexandria, Virginia, H. D. Singleton saw a need, had a dream and decided to do something about it. The need was for a major evangelistic meeting to greatly strengthen the work of God in the city.

In the fall of 1981, the pastor met with his church board and proceeded to contact Pastor M. C. Van Putten, president of Allegheny East. The idea of a major evangelistic meeting in Alexandria, Virginia, was then approved by the Allegheny East conference committee.

The president then processed a request to secure the services of W. C. Scales, Jr., North American Division Ministerial Association representative of the General Conference, and his father, Pastor W. C. Scales, Sr., a retired field evangelist who is still faithfully serving in Virginia. After prayerful consideration, these men responded favorably to the request that they hold a major evangelistic meeting in Alexandria.

The pre-effort planning soon began. The opening date for the Real Truth Revival was set for July 18, 1982. Seven monthly evangelism rally days were designated and held in the church prior to the beginning of the Real Truth Revival.

John Anderson, a recent ministerial graduate of Oakwood College, began knocking on doors and enrolling hundreds of people in the Real Truth Bible Course. Two weeks before the Real Truth Revival began, he was joined by Steve Gibson, Mitzi Smith and Hyveth

Williams, who are presently studying theology at Columbia Union College. Dennis and Hattie Waters, who recently finished studies at Oakwood College, also joined the enrollment teams in personal visitation. Carl Hinds, a ministerial graduate of Columbia Union College, served as general coordinator for the entire pre-effort preparation.

Allegheny East Conference Bible workers who gave invaluable service during the meetings were Lois Miller, Edwina Williams and Joseph Davidson. Others who worked faithfully in personal visitation were Joyce Hicks, Mary Reaves, Lauriana Griffin, Catherine Wagner, Sandra Posey, James Jackson, Hollis and Elizabeth McDade, Thelma Pierson and Alice Jeter.

Interpreting services for the deaf or those who had impaired hearing were provided by Aaron Norwood and Ronda Davis.

One of the miracles which took place during the meetings was that 1,500 Bibles were donated to the Real Truth Revival project. More than 1,000 persons completed one or more Real Truth Bible courses during the evangelistic thrust and received beautiful Bibles.

The baptismal services were most beautiful and inspiring. Among those baptized was a husband-wife medical team (both doctors) from Egypt.

Follow-up plans and services are now being implemented by the new district pastor, Dr. Amos Hosten, and his associate, Carl Hinds.

R. L. Dale  
Administrative Assistant  
North American Division



Pastor W. C. Scales, Jr. (standing in center), encourages newly-baptized members from Alexandria's Real Truth Revival to be faithful and cooperate with the new pastor and his associate, Carl Hinds (microphone in hand) is associate pastor and Amos Hoster (right) is pastor.

## THREE ANGELS OVER COLUMBUS!

The summer of 1982 was a memorable one for the city of Columbus, capital of the state of Ohio. It was the fulfillment of a dream for H. L. Cleveland, president of the Allegheny West Conference.

He had envisioned a giant cooperative effort involving the local conference staff and pastors, as well as three churches in the area. Over a three-year period he planned and prayed since the evangelist he wanted was unavailable. During those three years, he reminded me of "the needs of the field," my "indebtedness" to the human family, and—when none of these worked—my "blood relationship." His persistence paid off, for soon, through prayer, I shared his vision.

He insisted that the giant 60 x 120 foot tent be located on Broad Street, in the center of the city. This miracle came to pass. By July 11 we were underway. Crowds ranged from 1,000-plus on Sunday nights to 700-850 on weeknights in the early weeks. To date, there have been 197 baptisms, with three more scheduled. Professionals of all classes are heavily represented in the above number.

A balanced program greeted those attending the meetings. Pastors K. S. Smallwood and Willie Lewis coordinated the medical van program which utilized local doctors and nurses. Pastor Carl Rogers conducted a full-fledged "day camp" in the tent for five weeks. This program drew an average of 60 children daily. Over \$10,000 in food and food coupons were distributed to the poor and needy. More than 100 people were known to come to the tent on any given day seeking help. Thus, the tent became a focus of attention, even in City Hall.

Pastor Walter Wright was minister of music and his rousing song services were most impressive. Guest artists added to the impact of the meetings with their talents. They were Eleanor Wright, Clifton Davis, Pastor Wintley Phipps, C. L. Brooks and T. Marshall Kelly. These busy people turned aside to help us, for which we are grateful. Clifton Davis stayed with us three weeks.

Pastor R. C. Lewis, publishing director for the conference, brought in more than 50 student literature evangelists to help in distributing handbills on a weekly basis. This army of enthusiastic young people was a distinct lift to the program.

The conference office secretaries served as ushers and are doing some follow-up visitation. Doris Willis of Birmingham, Alabama, directed the tedious business of name processing and visitation assignments. It was a taxing chore—but very well done. Clara Shellbourne, also of Birmingham, served as one of the Bible instructors.

The media gave unusual attention to these meetings. Television channels 4, 6 and 10 devoted over five minutes to our work on the six o'clock and eleven o'clock newscasts. Channels 6 and 10 did follow-up programs near the end. All of this was free of charge. The *Columbus Dispatch* sent a reporter out to do a feature story on the meetings. After satisfying herself that the meetings were "kosher," she wrote a most favorable article about the meetings and our work there and her impressions of the same.

The members of the three churches in the area really stuck by the meetings. They forsook the comforts of home for eight weeks, six nights per week, to engage in this missionary activity. Laodicean church members who leave their pastors to "walk alone" on the street corners of the cities need to visit Columbus, Ohio. These faithful pastors and laymen have a story to tell!



*The Cleveland evangelistic team in Columbus.*



*The Canvas Cathedral.*

Our first and second baptisms were so large that we could not accommodate them. But the members and pastor of the Ohio Conference church in the area came to the rescue! Like true Christians should, they opened their doors and gave us free use of their ample facilities.

Oakwood College was heavily represented in this program. Pastors C. T. Richards and H. M. Mouzon came out of retirement, as it were, to help us in this great endeavor for God. We will ever be grateful to these brethren for their unselfish contribution to the work of this campaign. From Oakwood College we had Phillip Salisbury, Michael Mendinghall, Michael Andrews, Jerry Warren, Gary Jouvett, Albert Frazier, James Benton, Edward Spangler and James Young, who bore their responsibilities well.

Al Smith and Cheryl Jones came to help us from the Berrien Springs, Michigan, area. Pastor Jethro Lester, Gloria Todd and Rebecca Bremmer did excellent work with their visiting lists. K. C. Jones came to help us from California.

Mrs. H. L. Cleveland, in addition to her already heavy responsibilities at the conference office, served faithfully as Sabbath school superintendent of the Sabbath tent services and did vital work in visitation.

Pastor James Best served ably as the coordinator of the campaign and made many difficult matters easy.

The Ambassadors, a Columbus-based quartet, provided music that was varied, harmonious and spiritually uplifting nightly during most of the campaign. From Birmingham, Alabama, came the Ambassadors Quartet of the South Park SDA Church, who served the effort for one week. Their music was appreciated by all.

The Spirit of the Lord was upon us from the start! The churches were revived and souls were saved—and the words of one of the Columbus saints are true—"Columbus will never be the same!"

E. E. Cleveland

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People curse the man who holds his grain for higher prices, but they bless the man who sells it to them in their time of need.

*Proverbs 11:26*



*Emanuel L. Bullock, Sr., and his wife before his death.*

## OBITUARY

Emanuel Lee Bullock, Sr., age 56, died on Friday, June 25, 1982, at the Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Kansas.

Born and educated in St. Louis, he united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1950. In 1968 he began working in the literature ministry. At the time of his death, he was the publishing director of the Central States Conference.

Pastor Bullock leaves to cherish his memory his wife, two sons, his mother, five grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.



*The Denver Park Hill Youth Choir in concert.*

## YOUTH CHOIR IN CONCERT

The Park Hill Youth Choir gave an inspiring musical concert at the Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church in Boulder, Colorado. The concert marked the climax of Youth Day at the Denver Park Hill church.

The featured speaker during the worship hour was Mark Paris, a ministerial student at Oakwood College and the son of Laverne and Louise Paris. Our hearts were lifted in thankfulness to God as we listened to the message given by this young man. We ask God's continued guidance and blessings for our youth.

Ivory Chalmers  
Communication Secretary



*Pastors awaiting baptismal candidates: B. T. Rice, R. F. Warnick, M. A. McCleary and N. Miller.*

## UNITED WE STAND

No experience gives as much joy to God and His faithful children than that of uniting precious souls to His family through baptism. The joy of an individual coming to Christ and claiming Him as Lord and Master is a glimpse of eternity.

In the greater St. Louis, Missouri, area, General Conference evangelist Kenneth Cox brought his evangelistic team to conduct a six-week crusade. The experience for both the Central States Conference and Iowa/Missouri was unbelievable. Never have two conferences worked so diligently together to win souls for Christ. Through the efforts of area pastors, Bible instructors and a host of volunteers, the crusade proved to be successful.

On the calm banks of the Meramec River in Fenton, Missouri, on August 23, a beautiful baptism was planned and executed with the aid of the police department and the city fathers, who granted permission to utilize the park. Twelve pastors assisted Pastor Cox in baptizing more than 120 souls! To God be the glory!

Assisting in the baptism from the Central States conference were Pastors B. T. Rice of the Northside church, R. F. Warnick of the Berean church, M. A. McCleary of the Park Avenue church and N. Miller, youth/education director for Central States.

It was refreshing and revitalizing to see God's children work hand-in-hand in seeking the lost and directing them back to God.

## PATHFINDERS ENJOY RETREAT

Sixty-five Pathfinders and their counselors recently held a beautiful fall retreat at the Central States campground, Camp Shady Hill. It was a beautiful ending to a long, hot summer.

Pathfinder groups present were Beacon Light and Linwood of the Kansas City, Missouri, and Leavenworth, Kansas, area and the Bethel SDA Church of Kansas City, Kansas.

Pastor Nathaniel Miller, Central States Conference youth director, presented the Sabbath message entitled, "All of God's Children are Young and Restless."

The evening program was conducted in the form of a seminar presented by Dr. Zavon Kanion and Jackie Canady. Kanion, a dentist, gave instruction regarding prevention of tooth decay and Canady illustrated first aid techniques to the Pathfinders.

God richly blessed the Labor Day weekend retreat.



*Pathfinders with counselors Haskell Hart, Sr., and Henry Martin of Leavenworth, Kansas.*



Sarah Bufford, church clerk (in the foreground), and the men in the background were responsible for the lovely Mother's Day dinner.

## MOTHER'S DAY AT BETHEL CHURCH

Sarah Bufford chaired the Ladies' Day program at the Bethel church in Lansing, Michigan, to celebrate the Mother's Day holiday. A special tribute was paid to senior citizen mothers. Each lady received a corsage and a book of poems by Helen Steiner Rice.

Platform guests were Carolyn Washington, Mae Peake, Marcia Walker, Eloida Jones, Sarah Bufford and guest speaker Bernadine Archer from Flint, Michigan. Archer was introduced by Merle Bennett. A special Ladies' Day choir consisted of Christine Johnson, Nola Bell, Evelyn Guiste, Sheryl Colley, Alberta Garrett, Melody Bennett-Ennis, Sarah Bufford, Mae Peake, Evelyn Thomas, Marcia Walker, Sharon McCullough and Carolyn Washington. The ladies' choir provided music for the divine worship service.

The ladies were served dinner by the men of the church, who were headed by gourmet chef Paget Maynard, church pastor. Each lady was escorted to her seat in the beautifully decorated dining room. Menus were available. The cuisine was prepared by the loving hands of the men, thus making it more than memorable. The dinner hour was well organized and served in such an attractive way.

The special Mother's Day ended with a musical program emceed by Gregory Best and Sarah Bufford. The day was a pleasant experience and the presence of the Lord seemed to have been felt by all.

Carrie Owens  
Communication Secretary

## ROSADO KEYNOTES BAPTIST CONVENTION

Caleb Rosado, pastor of the All Nations church in Berrien Springs, Mich-



Caleb Rosado.

igan, was the keynote speaker at the annual conference of the American Baptist Convention on September 18 in Detroit, Michigan. Rosado addressed the subject, "The Challenge of Cultural Diversity in a Global Community."

In addition to the keynote address, Rosado also conducted a workshop for the conference on the "how-to of developing a mission statement" for the Baptist pastors and leaders in attendance. As a model for the development of a mission statement, Rosado used a sample statement of missions of the All Nations church and the process used by the congregation to arrive at this statement.

Rosado lectures frequently for different universities and to non-SDA groups, conducting workshops, seminars and keynoting conferences on such subjects as cross-cultural communication, racism, sexism, education that is multicultural, Hispanic and black issues and cultural pluralism, as well as minority leadership.

Ronnie Rosado  
Communication Secretary

## "DAVID, THE HARPIS"

The harp, often used in the temple service, was the national instrument of the Hebrews. Its invention can be traced to before the Antediluvian world, for we read in Genesis 4:21 that Jubal, the younger son of Lamech by his wife Adah, "was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ."

City Temple is a church blessed with music talent galore, but the most extraordinary talent is that of a fourteen-year-old harpist, David Keith Williams.

What an appropriate name for such an individual! David, usually interpreted to mean "beloved," also means "chieftain or commander." This is just what Williams is endeavoring to do, command the harp.

His mother, Richitine Williams, noticed his keen interest in the life story of King David, the son of Jesse, a Bethlehemite. She also became aware that her son's knowledge of the king appeared to be limited to that of the boy who killed the lion, bear and Philistine giant, Goliath. So, she declares stoutly, "I wanted to introduce him to the other achievements of King David, the achievements of the harp."

Thus, at the age of eight, David Williams began to pursue the study of the harp, beginning with the Troubadour and advancing five years later to that of the Pedal Harp.

He is honored to have as his instructor Mary Bartlett, a renowned harpist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and world traveler. Bartlett is very proud of the young artist.

David spends at least two hours daily rigorously rehearsing on the harp. His advice to other young people is, "If you have the talent, don't waste it. Pursue it with all your might. For you are not only doing it for yourself and others, but you are doing it to the glory of God."

"An Evening of Music" was recently presented by the Le Teba Club at City Temple featuring David, the harpist. A hush seemed to settle over the audience as listeners were charmed by his rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" by Betty Paret and "Ava Maria" by Franz Schubert, two of his favorites. One person was overheard to remark, "He must have the Master's touch."

David is the youngest of three children. He has an older brother, Timothy, and a sister, Kelly.

Little David, we salute you as King David of old was known as "the sweet singer of Israel" (2 Samuel 23:11) K.J.V. May you come to be known as the sweet singer of modern Israel. "Little David, play on your harp. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"

Elsie Knox  
Communication Secretary



David Williams playing his harp.





Elizabeth Martin.

### “THE HARVEST IS RIPE”

When Jesus Christ gave signs of the times in Matthew 24, he must have had Brooklyn, New York, in mind. When the Big Gospel Tent was pitched on Pacific Street between Albany and Troy Avenues by Pastor Lawrence Dorsey and the Lighthouse Tabernacle congregation, the signs were at their height. Men and women were engaged in evil-doing on a daily basis. Sin reared its ugly head . . . but who was to know that some of these same people would join the church of God?

Flyers were circulated in the neighborhood constantly. Caring, smiling faces were seen doing God's work. Members attended each night, encouraging people to come out to the tent. Residents began to come, each night bringing friends and families with them.

Area residents said that “when the tent first went up I was ready to call the city authorities to see what we could do about the loud noise we anticipated from a tent like that.” Others remarked how at 7:30 each night they would at first turn down their televisions and radios, then eventually find themselves sitting in the congregation learning new truth, bending to the will of the Spirit of God.

All over the neighborhood a change was taking place. “The best thing that ever happened to this neighborhood is the coming of the Reach Out to Jesus Crusade.” People weren't hanging out and drinking, gambling was disappearing and the ears of the “willingly deaf” were opened to hear the word of God.

The services were beautiful and uplifting for those who had forgotten what God could do. One night couples re-

newed their marriage vows. Another night visitors dined on natural foods. There were always surprises and gifts for visitors. The boldness of the Spirit shone through His manservant and the dedicated team and members who worked so hard to make all things decent and in order. At the end 41 souls surrendered to the Lord. Men, women and children reached out to Jesus.

On the closing night a concert was held. There were tears in the eyes of the evangelist, the team, members and new believers as they sang that “In times like these, you need a Saviour.”

Valarie Blyden  
Communication Secretary

### AN UNUSUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

Ernestine Hancock, a member of the City Tabernacle church in New York City, had the distinction of being the oldest of 7,000 graduates of Hunter College, also in New York City, when she graduated with a master's degree in administration in June.

This is her second master's degree as twenty years ago she received her first in human relations and taught mathematics in the public schools of New York for several years. She was considered an excellent teacher of the “new” mathematics.

You may ask the question, “What was so unusual about this accomplishment?” The uniqueness lies in the fact that in addition to being a senior citizen soon to reach her 80th birthday early in 1983, she has been seriously ill for almost two years. Confined at home and unable to walk, she was in constant pain and under constant medical supervision while writing her thesis.

While writing it, she did not think she would be among the June graduates. She had determined to complete what she started while able to attend college before she became ill.

To her surprise, however, she received word from the college that she was eligible to graduate and had more credits than necessary for the master's degree.

This accomplishment was hailed by the president of Hunter College as worthy of notice, and he was anxious for her to be present at the graduation to receive her diploma with the other 699 graduates.

To ensure this, he offered to provide a wheelchair and whatever else might be necessary to make her comfortable.

Hancock is a most unusual person in that she dislikes recognition or publicity when it involves her in any way. So she thanked the president for his gracious offer, but declined to be present in a wheelchair, feeling that would be an obstacle to the marching of the graduates. Such an extraordinary woman.

Elizabeth V. Martin  
Communication Secretary

### SEMINAR ON HEALTH SUCCESSFUL

On Sabbath and Sunday, September 11 and 12, a seminar on health was held at the City Tabernacle and Ephesus churches in New York City.

The guest speaker for Sabbath, September 11, was Colonel Leonard Johnson, vice dean of the Uniform Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. This service was held at City Tabernacle.

During the seminar about twenty subjects dealing with health were discussed by the following participants: Preston Alexander, B.S., a certified physio-therapist; June Croft, R.N., B.S.; Robert Farros, M.P.H.; Vincent Gardner, M.D.; George Pelote, B.S.; Myrtle Pickett, R.N., M.S.; Betty Swanson, B.S., A.D.A.; and Pastor S. W. Stovall, M.A.

The emphasis of the seminar was directed toward various health professionals in the New York City area, the community services leaders and health secretaries of the churches. The attendance at both Sabbath and Sunday meetings was very good.

### THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN . . .

What shall I render unto God for all His mercies? What shall I give? Lighthouse Tabernacle is becoming well-known in Brooklyn for its Clothing Giveaway Days. Such a day was held September 19.

New, used, old and beautiful things were given away. Some people in the community came prepared with shopping carts, while others brought their own shopping bags. Passers-by stopped in to mull over the wares and to their surprise this wasn't a junky place to shop!

At the close of the day 1,200 pieces had been given away!

## MENDINGHALL DAY IN SAVANNAH

What could induce a large, conservative, southern Georgia city to proclaim a day in honor of a young Seventh-day Adventist minister?

July 31 will long be remembered by the Savannah West Broad Street SDA Church. Longer still to be remembered is their 39-year-old pastor, V. J. Mendinghall. Representatives of the Chatham County Commissioners and the city of Savannah surprisingly and unannounced appeared in church on Sabbath morning amid a packed church and announced that "This day has been proclaimed by this county and city as V. J. Mendinghall Day."

The young preacher has been pastor of this 900-member congregation for less than two years, but his selfless concern and compassion in giving of himself to the needs of the people who came within his ken could not go unnoticed. Job 29:15 and 16 says that "I was eyes to the blind and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor and the cause which I knew not I searched out."

A letter from an inmate of Reidsville State Prison said, "Elder Mendinghall, who I believe is a minister of one of the churches there, is very faithful. He brought my wife to visit me at Reidsville—he explained the difference between the first-day churches and the Seventh-day Adventist church in the courthouse at Savannah. The judge was impressed. Praise God for this God-sent man."

The Resolution of Proclamation of the County of Chatham is as follows:

"WHEREAS, Pastor V. J. Mendinghall was born on November 3, 1943, in Charlotte, N.C., and received his education at the West Charlotte High School, and;

"WHEREAS, Pastor Mendinghall readily understood the need to develop and further his educational and religious training, he went on to Central Piedmont Community College, A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C., receiving his B.S. in education in 1970, and on to Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, receiving a master of arts in religion, and;

"WHEREAS, Pastor Mendinghall has a rich and full experience in the Christian teaching and pastoral ministry, having served as teacher-principal in the South Atlantic Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, pastor of the Mt. Olive

Seventh-day Adventist Church of Athens, Georgia, and here to Savannah as pastor of the West Broad Street Seventh-day Adventist Church, and;

"WHEREAS, Pastor Mendinghall will be leaving the Savannah community for duties in Atlanta, and;

"WHEREAS, his presence in Savannah will be greatly missed by the Savannah, Chatham County, community, and;

"WHEREAS, his presence has made a great impact not only in Savannah and Georgia, but in this country as well.

"Now therefore be it resolved by the commissioners of Chatham County and ex-officio judges thereof that we do hereby commend Pastor Mendinghall for the fine qualities exhibited to God, this community and man. And we do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 31, 1982, as V. J. Mendinghall Day in Chatham County.

"This 30th day of July, 1982."

S. E. Gooden

## CHURCH IN ACTION

Sandy Smith is a local elder and director of personal ministries in the Asheville Bethel SDA Church. He wanted to do something different in the form of witnessing which would not involve verbal expression, but would cause people to ask questions. He prayed to the Lord to give him an idea. The Lord answered "T-shirt."

The T-shirts bear the insignia, "Maranatha Our Lord Cometh," or "Athletes for Christ." These two emblems seem to catch on because members in the church, from the oldest to the youngest, are wearing the T-shirts. When they go walking, jogging, to a picnic, or any recreational activities, they wear the T-shirts, which evoke questions from the curious onlookers. By this they are able to witness silently, which leads into the oral sharing of the faith.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Church Officers' Conventions

November 13—Georgia in Atlanta, Georgia

December 4—North and South Carolina in Charlotte, North Carolina

### Youth Federations

November 6—Burlington, North Carolina

November 27—Griffin, Georgia

### Rally

November 6—Religious liberty—Savannah, Georgia



Pastor V. J. Mendinghall, newly-elected educational superintendent of South Atlantic Conference, who succeeds the retiring superintendent, Pastor S. E. Gooden, holds the certificate signed by Bill Stephenson, chairman of the commission, and Richard McNamara, clerk.

## A MIRACLE OF GRACE

Lois Allen would be a member of the Baptist church today, but for her epileptic attacks enroute to church. She lives across the street from James Steward, head elder of the Asheville-Bethel church, who invited her to his church. She suffered no such attacks enroute or anywhere else since. She studied the 21 lessons from the C. E. Ward series, after which she attended an evangelistic crusade conducted by Harold Gaskins, pastor of the church. She made her decision for baptism, and is now rejoicing in the blessed hope.

## SENIOR CITIZENS DAY HELD AT CHARLOTTE-BEREAN

The Charlotte-Berean church celebrated July 10 as Senior Citizens Day.

The church was packed to capacity as a former pastor, R. C. Connor, now ministerial director for the Lake Union Conference, brought the morning message. In his message on the united family, he reminded the church to be diligent in caring for its senior members, because they are the human pillars of the church.

After dinner for the whole church, there was a musical program for Connor and his family, followed by a banquet in the evening in honor of the senior citizens of the church.



Judge I. H. Murphy of Memphis, Tennessee.

## I. H. MURPHY ELECTED TO JUDGESHIP

On September 1, Attorney Ira H. Murphy, a member of the Longview SDA Church in Memphis, Tennessee, was sworn in as judge of General Session Court Number 4 for the city of Memphis to serve for eight years.

Murphy was born and reared in Memphis. He and his brother George are products of Christian education, attending the local church school and later Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

After receiving his law degree from the University of Tennessee, he practiced law in Memphis for a number of years. He has served for more than fourteen consecutive years as a member of the House of Representatives in the state of Tennessee.

Those present at the swearing-in ceremony, in addition to Mrs. Murphy and their three lovely children, were Congressman Harold Ford of the United States House of Representatives, Attorney Lois DeBerry, a member of the Tennessee State House of Representatives who also served as mistress of ceremonies for the occasion, Dr. C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, Victor L. Brooks, pastor of the Longview Heights SDA Church, several members of the Tennessee Black Caucus in the state House, students from St. Jude Catholic School, fellow judges and many friends.

It was wonderful to observe the judge officiate on his first day. We are asking God to grant him the wisdom of Solomon.



Attorney Lois DeBerry shown with Judge Ira H. Murphy and his wife.

## SECOND CHURCH OPENED IN KNOXVILLE

The Trinity SDA Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, was officially opened on Sunday, September 19.

For three years, faithful members headed by the Wilbert Sims and Nathan Wright families were challenged by the university church to work in outreach evangelism. God rewarded their hard work and prayer. Souls responded to the message and a lovely building was found in East Knoxville, making it the second black SDA church in Knoxville.

Although Sims did not live to see the full fruits of his labor, he will certainly enjoy them in the earth made new. Dr. F. S. Hill is the pastor.

## LAUREL CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

September 18, 1982, was a memorable day for members of the Laurel SDA Church in Laurel, Mississippi, and their pastor, Steven R. Norman, for this was the time of their mortgage burning. Dr. C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, led out in the mortgage-burning ceremony.

It was a dream come true because for so many years these faithful members worshipped in funeral parlors and lodge halls until their former pastor, R. P. Stafford, began a building program. Most of the construction work was done by members skilled in the building trades.

The members announced that they plan to establish a new congregation in the city of Silverena, Mississippi.

## SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Members of the Albert Brooks family from around the nation gathered in Memphis, Tennessee, for the weekend of August 23 to celebrate the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mom and Dad Brooks.

According to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, "it may seem like a long time, but the years have been brief ones. Serving the Lord, His church and His people have brought many happy years to us as we have lived together and reared our children." By their noble example and self-sacrifice, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have chosen to serve God.

Several of their children have entered denominational work, such as Pastor C. L. Brooks, associate Sabbath school director for the General Conference, and Paul Brooks, who has retired from the military after serving for more than twenty years. He is presently employed by Pine Forge Academy in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Olive Brooks Cheatham is married to Pastor Oliver Cheatham of the Allegheny East Conference. Victor L. Brooks is pastor of the Longview Heights SDA Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

In addition to their own children, they have reared more than 100 others. Some of these were present, along with friends and church and government officials, at the celebration.



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brooks on their sixtieth wedding anniversary.



**Former youth directors honored.** During the recent South Central youth congress held in Memphis, Tennessee, three former youth directors were honored. Pictured are (left to right); Pastor J. M. McCoy, present youth director for the conference, Pastors M. M. Young, R. P. Peay and L. A. Paschal, all former youth directors for the conference.



The first baptism at the new Mt. Sinai.

### CRUSADE YIELDS PRECIOUS HARVEST

Seventy-one precious souls were baptized this summer as a result of an evangelistic crusade conducted by Dennis Ross, Jr., pastor of the Bethany SDA Church in Miami, Florida.

It all began on January 2, when Pastor Stanley Major and Lucille Croumel, leaders of the personal ministries department for the church, presented their 1982 evangelistic plans.

The members shared this task by going house-to-house to prepare for the crusade.

As a result of their diligence, on opening night, July 4, 1,000 people attended. The crusade offered a variety of special features, including special prayer for the sick, distribution of food for the needy, health information and free blood pressure examinations. Each night the medical team, led by Pastor and Mrs. Willie Glenn, shared health tips with the audience. Dr. Joseph Evans and several other doctors presented lectures on preventive medicine.

God richly blessed His children's efforts.

Vivian Davis  
Communication Secretary

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Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

### WEST PALM BEACH CENTER HELPS NEEDY

One afternoon, two young ladies approximately 20 years old entered the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Community Center in West Palm Beach, Florida. They needed food and had been directed to the center.

For ten years the center has served as a beacon of light for the hungry and the needy in the heart of the inner city. For six of its ten years the center was housed in the church, but the needs of the people were so great that they had to move to a two-story building.

Lillian Moody, director of the center, epitomizes the very essence of commitment. Moody gives her time freely to the center. She is a domestic worker whose employer allows her time off to open the center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There are other volunteer workers, such as Lucille Crumb, who freely give of themselves and their time.

The center works in cooperation with the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Travelers' Aid and government agencies. Times are tough and the demand is up. The center turns away no one with a legitimate need. "It doesn't matter who it is . . . Puerto Rican, white, black, Mexican, whoever," says Moody. Because of the great need, Moody confides that "I catch myself spending quite a bit of my own money. You know, the money ran out. I just pitched in whatever I had."

However, the center does receive assistance. "Most of the food comes from outside donations and a grocery chain that provides some of its damaged canned goods," according to Ronald Leonard, a spokesman for the center.

"In the last six months, the center has dispensed \$2,019.83 in food and 753 clothing articles," Leonard said. With the hurricane season here, Leonard has written the United Way asking for a grant to restock the shelves.

Aside from dispensing food and clothing, the center helps those with personal problems. Edith Frazier, wife of the church's pastor, F. T. Frazier, is a social worker and does some voluntary counseling there, Leonard said. The center also refers people to agencies better equipped to render aid.

Vivian Davis  
Correspondent

### MEMBERSHIP QUADRUPLES IN LAKE CITY

The Macedonia Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lake City, Florida, was richly blessed in the five-week evangelistic crusade conducted by Dr. Lewis W. Edwards, pastor of the Gainesville district.

In addition to the 21 souls who went into the watery grave of baptism and boosted the membership from five, the crusade became the main channel for more than 30 souls to participate in a graduation program upon completion of the "Amazing Facts" Bible lessons.

It was a marvelous experience to see the "faithful five" Lake City members fully support the effort. There was also great support from the entire Gainesville district.

There are still others who are interested and continuing to engage in Bible studies. On Tuesday nights these studies are conducted by Edwards. Others are preparing for baptism. Many prayers ascend daily for them.

The evangelistic crusade in Lake City was a glorious blessing shared by many, many souls. God's richest blessings be upon Dr. Edwards and his team.

Nancy W. King  
Communication Secretary



Left: E. Evans, Bible worker, singing an appeal. Center: Dr. L. W. Edwards, evangelist, making an appeal. Seated left to right: B. Cobb, M. Blackman, C. Alexander and L. Long.



Some of the graduates who completed the Amazing Facts Bible lessons on graduation night at the Bible Palace Crusade conducted by Dr. L. W. Edwards and his team.

## NEW EDIFICE IN PINE BLUFF

For 40 years the believers in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, have struggled in rented and dilapidated quarters with just a few consecrated ladies leading out in the church services.

Mr. Deadmon, a member of the Little Rock, Arkansas, church, answered a call to go over to the Pine Bluff church. He drove there weekly without repayment to help and encourage the ladies on their Christian journey.

Pastor P. Williams and Wanda Donaldson, a realtor, worked feverishly in a few weeks to finish the final negotiations. The officers and members busied themselves to build a platform, paint the interior of the church, refinish pews on the rostrum and clean the sanctuary and educational building. Sabbath morning arrived all too soon, but they were ready (though tired) to greet relatives and friends from the city and distant places.

Early Sabbath morning, August 21, the saints gathered at the old structure and conducted devotions. Then a motorcade of cars journeyed to the new building where a ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted to enter the new edifice.



*Pastor J. Philip Williams worked untiringly with his membership to acquire the new complex.*

What a joy to worship in the spacious new edifice with the following features: seating capacity to accommodate 300, a spacious vestibule, baptismal dressing rooms, a pastor's study, a secretary's office, adequate Sabbath school rooms, an education building with a dining area, central cooling and heating, plus carpeting. The price of this building was \$110,000.

Among the 350 persons present for such a beautiful occasion were W. C. Jones, president, who delivered the spoken word on "The Church," Treasurer Helen Turner, who made an appeal for the gifts in offering, Pastor M. A. Jemison from the sister church in Monroe, Arkansas, Little Rock's con-

gregation, guests from Oakwood College with Pastor and Mrs. D. J. Dixon, Cheryl's mother from Kansas City, and other visitors from coast to coast.

Plaques were presented to Wanda Donaldson and Helen Mowney, the school principal in the city, who assisted Paul Bryant in getting the church school ready to function.

Visitors and members mingled over a delicious fellowship dinner and then hurried into afternoon services, a church history review and musical. Other special meetings were planned during the following week.

You should have seen the happy faces of Pastor Williams and all the faithful members who sacrificed so untiringly for this special week. We rejoice with Pastor Williams and the dedicated membership of the North Side church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for an outstanding accomplishment to God's glory.

Doris Jones  
Reporter



*The North Side Seventh-day Adventist Church and educational facility in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.*

## SOUTHWEST WORKERS' RETREAT

Conference workers met for their annual retreat at Lake Murray Lodge September 12-15 in Ardmore, Oklahoma. For the workers and their families, this is a time for recreation as well as inspiration and instruction.

Speakers included R. L. Woodfork with appropriate devotional counsel and S. D. Meyers, who conducted a seminar on stewardship. These General Conference leaders gave an excellent account of themselves.

Tim Gardner, an engineering Ph.D. candidate at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, and his wife Sherry, treasurer for the Burns Avenue church in Detroit, introduced a system to be used by local church treasurers in keeping records by using a basic home



*W. C. Jones was excited and grateful for the marvelous presentations S. D. Meyers gave on stewardship.*

computer. Tim has spent many hours developing this program and they gave a fantastic presentation.

The Shepherdesses conducted their yearly meeting and colorfully decorated the banquet hall for the "birthday party." Gifts were exchanged and a beautiful birthday cake was the center of attraction. All children had fun with all types of recreation.

The teachers' convention was held jointly with this workers' meeting. Their speakers and topics included: Dr. Robert Sheppard, a Bible instructor from Southwestern Adventist College, who gave them "Teaching Tips for the Bible Period;" Mary Powell from Matcho Educational Material in Dallas, "Unique Ways of Teaching Basic Math;" Dee Anderson from Southwestern Adventist College, "Relationship Between the Teacher, the Administrator and the School Community;" and Francis Clark, educational superintendent from Southwestern Union Conference, "Levels of Communication—Problem Solving." The days were filled with meetings, recreation and fellowship.

Professor James Ford is not only excited about this successful convention, but he also has three new schools in Marshall and Texarkana, Texas, and Alexandria, Louisiana, to be added to the number of schools in the conference. He is very proud of the teachers and asks for your prayers for a successful school year.

According to W. C. Jones, conference president, this was an enjoyable and restful retreat for the workers and their families. The president also expressed his appreciation for dedicated workers.

Doris Jones  
Reporter

OAKWOOD



COLLEGE

*Enter to learn;*

*depart to serve.*

## ENROLLMENT UP AGAIN AT OAKWOOD

With a final head count of 1,419, this fall's enrollment exceeds last year's by 24 students, resulting in the need for finding additional housing units off campus for some young men. Student housing for married as well as single students remains a great need here at Oakwood. Significant steps have already been taken, however, with respect to the building of married student housing units on the campus.

Most of us hoped for, but hardly expected, the enrollment to climb to the highest peak in our history this fall, inasmuch as several students were denied readmission, while a much larger number forfeited the privilege of obtaining financial aid due to unsatisfactory academic progress.

With so many of our students needing financial aid, when denied, very few are able to continue in school on their own. However, the college is very serious about its mission and therefore holds every student accountable for the large sums of money, time and effort invested by parents, the church and government for their training and development. The college reserves the right to deny admission to any student who in the judgment of the admissions committee may not benefit from the total program.

### Recruitment Strategy

Thanks to the Division of Institutional Advancement and Planning for its rigorous recruitment program both here and abroad. With our east and west coast representatives actively involved in recruitment, the college choir, the Aeolians and other local college personnel visiting our academies and churches systematically, and new and improved financial aid packages and scholarship awards to students with outstanding academic records, skillful and prompt processing of applications by the Admis-

sions Office contributed to the excellent harvest.

### International Students

International students continue to be a significant portion of the enrollment, augmented this year by the visits of Dr. Rosa Banks and Dr. Emmanuel Saunders to the African continent. The record shows approximately 80 students enrolled from various countries of Africa, 36 from England, 23 from the Bahamas and 32 from Bermuda, where the Aeolians visited last spring. The total enrollment represents 30 different nations.

### The Seniors

The Class of '83 is expected to exceed in number the 193 who "departed to serve" last June. The administration and faculty are very pleased with the spirit of urgency and academic seriousness which characterize the Class of '83 since day one of the new school year.

### The Freshmen

The freshman class is receiving special attention this year through the Inner College Program directed by Linda Webb and supported by the faculty through a well-coordinated and structured arrangement of academic advising.

### Success

The campus atmosphere is perfumed with the essence of success. If you are a high school graduate who was unable to enroll in college for the fall, plan on joining us at Oakwood in January for the next term. Join the majority who say:

"O. C.—for me—in '83."

## THE CONSCIENCE PROJECT

Unemployment, financial concerns and other problems are causing many Seventh-day Adventist youths to volunteer for military service. We are con-

cerned because they will immediately be faced with Sabbath-keeping problems and related difficulties.

The National Service Organization (NSO) is responding to this situation because of indications of an impending military draft. The NSO has recently developed a plan called The Conscience Project. It is part of a three-way plan to help our young people successfully face these issues.

The Conscience Project is a ten-hour, seminar-type training program that will usually be conducted over a weekend. Making it more youth-appealing and fast-moving, the program utilizes slide/cassette presentations, four motion pictures, role-playing, small group activities and other training methods. The Conscience Project deals with such topics as: decision making/values clarification, the Christian's relationship to government, the taking of human life, options available in a military draft, and the church's position regarding military service.

An extension of the project is an NSO computer program to provide Selective Service information to our youth. A new series of attractive leaflets on military service is also being introduced.

During November, youth directors across the United States will be trained, and subsequently The Conscience Project will be conducted in local conferences.

If you have any questions concerning military service or any of the new features mentioned above, contact your local conference youth director.

C. D. Martin, Director  
National Service Organization

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Wendell Carpenter (holding microphone), Christian Record's coordinator of reading services, interviews 120-year-old Alex Jones as Luther McHenry, a nurse's assistant, looks on. Jones was treated at Nassau General Hospital in Fernandina Beach, Florida, for a recent sickness. He was listed in stable condition and was expected to improve and increase his longevity.

## FORMER AMBASSADOR

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from Irene Brown. At first he began to take them so that he could learn more about the Bible, though he had no intention of joining the church. The Holy Spirit was working on his heart and before long he began to accept the words of life. In July of 1980, he became a baptized member of the Springfield Gardens Seventh-day Adventist Church in Springfield, New York. According to Dolland, his acceptance of Adventism gave his life "new direction and a peace that passes all understanding."

Presently, he and his wife, Denise, are actively involved in the church, serving as a deacon and Junior Adventist Youth Society leader. Farand, age 4, is a student at the Jamaica SDA Nursery School in Jamaica, New York, and Damon, age 6, attends the Linden SDA School in Laurelton, New York. He is presently employed by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in New York City as an insurance salesman.

## TRICKLE . . . TRICKLE

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ference presidents, the president of Oakwood College and the writer fingered the thermostat that produced the "atmosphere of change."

But none of the above movements have in any sense relieved the problems that continue to plague the black work-

The problems mentioned earlier in this article will not just "go away." They grow more aggravated with time and neglect. Yes, we believe that the black work has just been put on the "back burner." The tendency of church leadership to, in a sense, reflect the "policy posture" of our secular government is not reassuring.

Can it be that the Reaganomics "trickle down" fiscal policies make it easier for our own leaders to "stone-wall" us in those areas of "social programming?" How many of our own white leaders are Republican? In answering our requests for funding, to what extent are they thus influenced?

Is it merely coincidental that my last three public evangelism campaigns received not a single nickel from the unions involved? Brethren, the money doesn't "trickle up!" Why does it trickle down, or not at all? The time has clearly come for another meeting—a pertinent agenda. The date for the meeting—day before yesterday!

E. E. Cleveland

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Being happy-go-lucky around a person whose heart is heavy is as bad as stealing his jacket in cold weather, or rubbing salt in his wounds.

Proverbs 25:20

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