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JAMES CLEVELAND DAY proclaimed Sunday, January 27, will be marked at Greater New Harvest Baptist church where the Rev. Cleveland is Minister of Music. Out of town visitors and noted gospel groups will be

on hand to take part in the celebration. Pictured, from left, Thurston Frazier, director, Voices of Hope, goes over number with his co-worker and choir accompanist, Mrs. Gwendolyn Cooper Lightner; Rev. James Cleve-

land, honored guest is shown in pose during one of his New York appearances at famous Apollo theatre; the Rev. Clarence H. Cobb of Chicago, pastor of the First Church of Deliverance, will be among star-studded

guests; the Metro-Tones, one of the many groups trained by Rev. Cleveland, will pay tribute to him along with others who have also been under his direction.

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Sunday, January 27, 3:30, will mark one year that Rev. James Cleveland came to this city as the Minister of Music of the Greater New Harvest Baptist church. Since then he has done a great work training and molding the Harvest radio choir.

Rev. Cleveland not only has been an asset to Los Angeles, but many top singers, groups and choirs have been lead to fame by his training.

Among them are the Great Voices of Tabernacle Choir of Detroit, Mich., the famous Carvans of Chicago, Ill., the popular All Stars of New York, N. Y., and the Roberta Martin Singers of Chicago, Ill.

Some of the accomplishments made by Cleveland since arriving include: "The Gospel Academy Awards", a project designed to help and encourage young Gospel Singers and groups to stay with the church; organizer of Los Angeles' fastest moving groups, who in the very near future will tour the Eastern cities. This is probably the first group to become National since the Simmons Akers Singers.

Rev. Cleveland, along with popular choir director Thurston Frazier, has formed a new publishing Co. for Gospel Music which will write and publish all of Cleveland's music along with many other writers.

Some of the talent that will appear on the program Sunday will include, the Capitol recording artists Voices of Hope, The Rev. Clarence H. Cobb of Chicago, Ill., Bishop Louis Naveisse of Oakland, Calif., the Kendrick Specials,

the Cogics, the Church of Divine Guidance Trio, Rev. Calvin Kellar, the Messengers, the Savants, L. A. All Stars and many others.