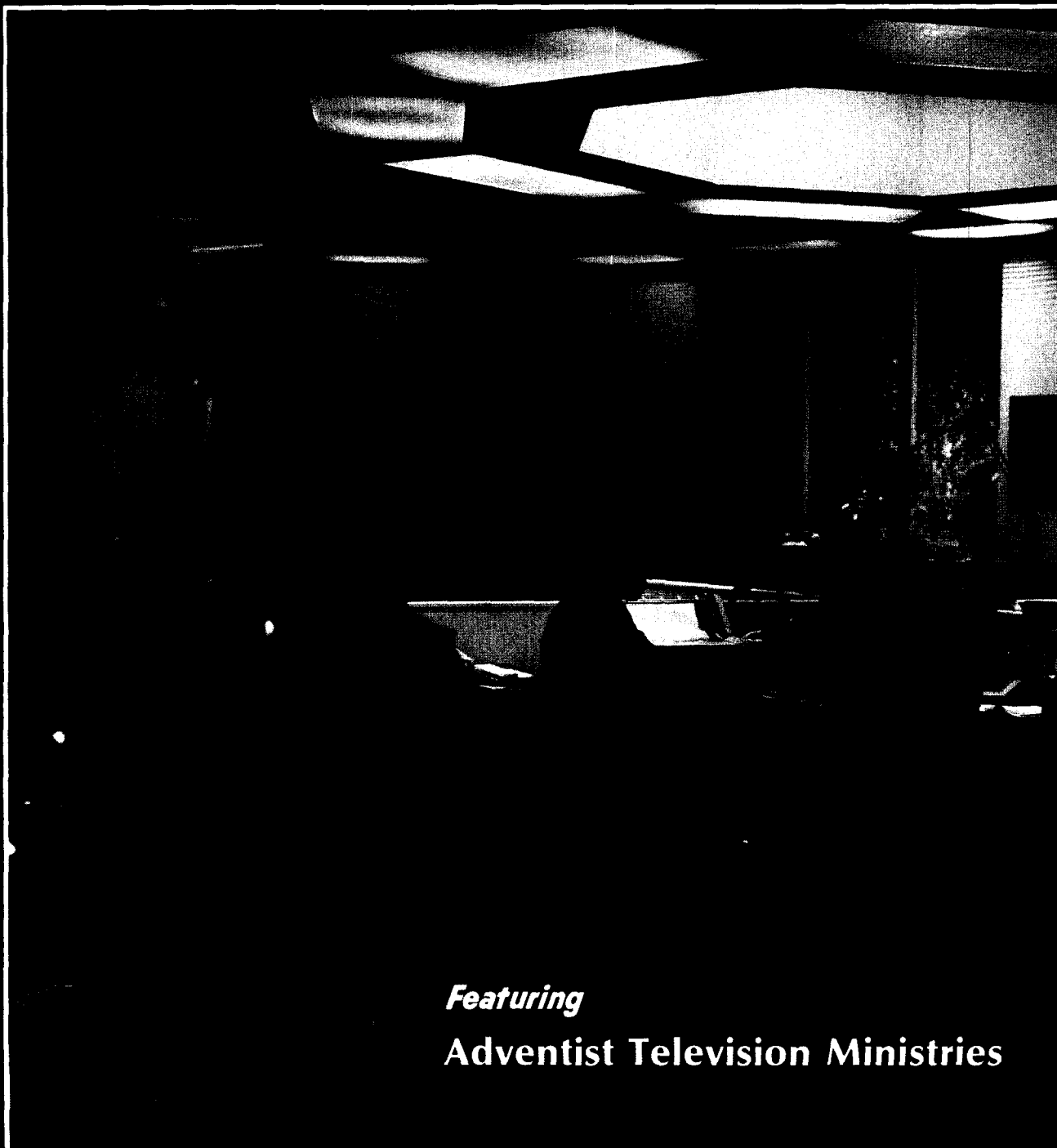


FEBRUARY, 1986

# SOUTHERN TIDINGS

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*Featuring*

**Adventist Television Ministries**

by Charles D. Brooks

Faith For Today, the Seventh-day Adventist Church's first television ministry, will mark its 36th birthday on May 21. According to founders William and Virginia Fagal (pictured as they appeared in the early years), when they first began no one ever dreamed that one day Faith For Today would be the longest-running religious program in the history of television. It Is Written celebrates 30 years of operation this year.



## TV: A Powerful Tool of

**P**ower. TV's got it.

The power of impact. This one simple fact cannot be denied: TV changes minds.

The power of potential. With the satellite technology of the 1980s, TV's potential almost defies comprehension. The whole world is, quite literally, tuning in.

Today our church stands at a crossroads of opportunity. In a world of burgeoning options—cable, satellites, VCRs, dish antennas—the average family turns more and more to television in search of solutions to life's problems.

Our church has the answers they're looking for. And the programs that present those answers.

What now? Will a watching world receive *our* message? Or will another message take its place?

The answer may be up to you.

On February 8 you are invited to consider an investment in Adventist Television Ministries.

It's sound advice. Adventist television programs have a long history of unsurpassed excellence and a future that's never been brighter or more challenging.

It Is Written, Faith For Today, and Breath of Life are poised to unleash the power of our Caring Church across the nation and around the world.

Our 1985 offering was instrumental in opening up several hundred new cities to the Church's message via satellite and cable distribution. But this was just the beginning; 1986 holds even greater promise. Allow us to share with you a brief preview of the dynamic impact we can anticipate from this year's Annual Television Offering:

***It Is Written:*** Now celebrating its 30th Anniversary Year as a full-message telecast, *It Is Written* currently presents a bold new dramatic series of telecasts on the book of Revelation. Evangelistic outreach continues to be a top priority, with the program "Truth for the End Time" videocassette ministry now also available in audiocassette format. Reaching out to an ever-widening audience, *It Is Written's* continuing commitment is to serve the needs of the whole man.

***Faith For Today:*** By more than doubling its stations and viewers with the all-new trend-setting series, "Christian Lifestyle Magazine," Faith For Today has launched its most ambitious evangelistic project ever to sow seed for "Harvest '90." Christian Lifestyle Magazine is a powerful opening wedge, sharing the right arm of our Church's message: health and spiritual wellness. Effective



Daniel G. Matthews, director/speaker of Faith For Today (second left); George E. Vandeman, director/speaker of It Is Written; and Reginald O. Robinson, associate director/speaker of Breath of Life, study a television coverage map with Connie LaJoie, manager of Transda, the Adventist Media Center's advertising agency, in order to target key areas as yet unreached by Adventist Television Ministries.



The scope of Adventist television ministries is not limited to North America. Charles D. Brooks, director/speaker of Breath of Life, speaks to 800 students at a high school on Palau, an island in the Southwestern Pacific.

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follow-up provided by newly developed Bible school courses attracts people at their level of felt need and puts them in personal contact locally with a Faith Associate—a friend indeed.

**Breath of Life:** Question-and-answer, lecture, health, interview, and church services are program formats now featured by Breath of Life. And, in response to mounting requests, more programs featuring the straightforward preaching of our message will be produced. This approach will speak in a special sense to our multi-cultural audience viewing the telecast on two satellite systems four times a week. Our conviction is that by expanding our potential audience, now exceeding 24 million households, more people will be attracted to our Lord and His church. Follow-up evangelistic meetings, through which thousands have been baptized and churches organized, will continue as the main thrust of reaching viewers—leading them to decision.

These three award-winning telecasts now have 81 collective years of television evangelism experience . . . a record no other church on earth can match. Nearly 100,000 men, women, and children have found Jesus Christ through the witness of Adventist

Television Ministries in partnership with local evangelism.

So you see, Adventist television is providing results never before available to our denomination. The potential for the future is staggering. But, so are the needs and the costs.

To purchase one-half hour of broadcast time in just one US city can cost as much as \$10,000 each week. That's half a million dollars a year! To produce one quality 30-minute religious program of the caliber of It Is Written, Christian Lifestyle Magazine, or Breath of Life can cost as much as \$1 million for a yearly series.

So you can see how important your support is. To continue these powerful, soul-winning television ministries, this year's offering goal is set at \$2.6 million.

Your gift, no matter how large or small, is vitally important to help produce the programs and purchase the air time that will penetrate millions of homes with our gospel message. Don't let this critical investment opportunity pass you by.

*Charles D. Brooks is director/speaker of Breath of Life.*



# Investing for God

*"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:21.*

by K. M. Mathews  
Photography by Alice Voorheis

**D**uring 1985 the Gulf States Conference Trust Services Department wrote 61 new revocable loan agreements for the Southern Union Conference Revolving Fund. To make it possible for church groups to borrow funds at a low rate of interest, \$214,618.24 was invested for the building or remodeling of churches and schools. An additional \$151,562.24 was added to existing trusts.

Trustors of these funds receive eight percent interest for any funds up to \$20,000 and eight-and-one-half percent for amounts exceeding \$20,000. These funds are always available to the trustor and may be withdrawn at any time without penalty as the agreement may be terminated at the trustor's bidding.

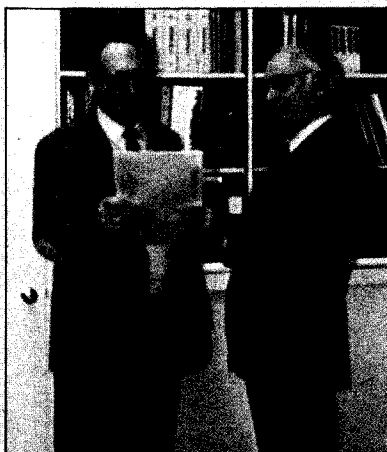
Many persons desire to have their means used to help to finish the work of God in their own areas and to feel the satisfaction of knowing that their funds are working for God while they are still living. In this way the trustor receives a part of the blessing that is also experienced by the church or school using these low-interest funds to construct or acquire a suitable building to be used as a memorial to God.

Interest is one of the biggest expenses in providing a sanctuary, school building, or other conference institution. The Revolving Fund can reduce this expense by making funds available at a lower rate of interest than can other sources. This also results in reduced payments per month for the local church.

Anyone may participate in this Revolving Fund by entering into a revocable trust agreement with the Conference Association. The Conference provides this free service to its members as they remember the "cause of God" and His work in this field.

Interest is paid quarterly and no limit is placed on the amount which may be invested. According to General Conference policy, a portion or even all of the funds placed in trust may be withdrawn as needed when circumstances change or emergencies arise.

A number of churches in Alabama, Mississippi, and northwest Florida have benefited and some are currently benefiting from the use of these funds. The Adventist Health Center at Lumberton, Mississippi, is now a reality partly because of this source of funding.



Marvin Glantz (left), Gulf States Conference treasurer, rejoices with Trust Services Director K. M. Mathews over the increase in funds available to churches through the Southern Union Revolving Fund.

Maturities and gifts for the year 1985 amounted to \$34,384.57. These funds were used to provide scholarships for worthy students, for evangelism, and for other needs throughout the Conference.

In the interest of project "SAFE" (Student Assistance For Eternity), the Educational Endowment Fund, the Trust Services Department has called on several foundations throughout the Conference to present proposals for gifts for Bass Memorial Academy's student scholarship needs. No responses have come from these foundations as yet, and an interest in the prayers of God's people on behalf of these possibilities is requested.

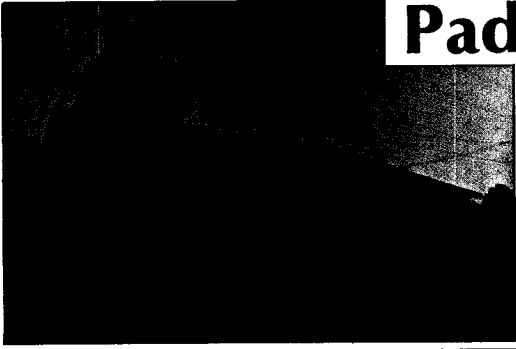
We have been assured that "Death will not come one day sooner, brethren, because you have made your will. In disposing of your property by will to your relatives, be sure that you do not forget God's cause. You are His agents, holding His property; and His claims should have your first consideration. Your wife and children, of course, should not be left destitute; provisions should be made for them if they are needy. But do not, simply because it is customary, bring into your will a long line of relatives who are not needy." (*Counsels on Stewardship*, page 328).

It is important that all funds generated by the Trust Services Department play a part in the total concept of Harvest 90.

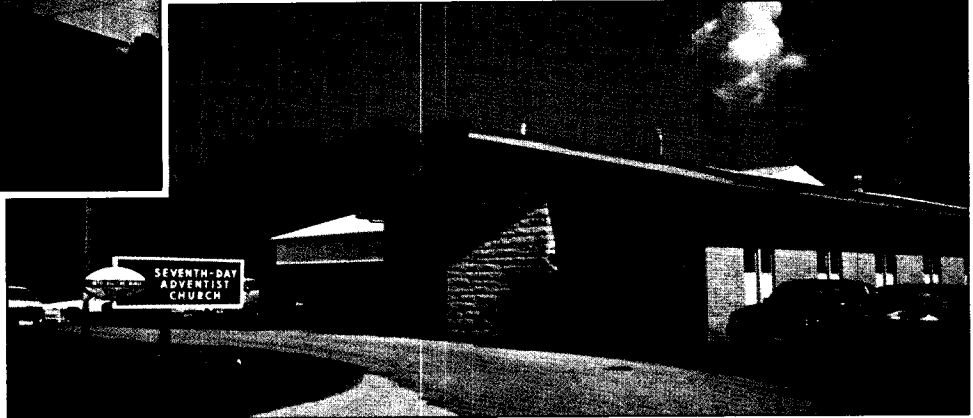
*K. M. Mathews is trust services director for the Gulf States Conference.*

# 70th Anniversary Celebration at Paducah, Kentucky, Church

by Lyle C. Anderson



The Paducah church, organized September 18, 1915, first met in this building.



The present church building was completed in 1963.

The 70th Anniversary of the Paducah, Kentucky, church was held September 20 and 21. Florence Harris, a member for many years, presented a report of God's blessings and the progress of church growth and development.

Three score and 10 years ago, on September 18, 1915, eight men and eight women at Paducah received the right hand of fellowship from W. R. Elliot, Tennessee River Conference president, for committing their lives to Jesus Christ. This group formed the charter membership of the Paducah Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The grandparents of Claudie English (a member of Paducah today) gave the land for the first church. Opposition to the strange doctrine brought the arrest of the first minister, who

served several days in jail, and was told by the law to leave town. But he went back to the same place and preached again!

Elder Veach held a series of meetings in the old wrestling arena in 1950. As a result of these meetings, the largest baptism of the church was witnessed with 92 baptized and nine being rebaptized, making a total of 101.

In 1963, the church building where the congregation is presently meeting was completed, without furnishings. The next two years saw the church filled with pews, pulpit furniture, and communion table. A church school room was included in the plan.

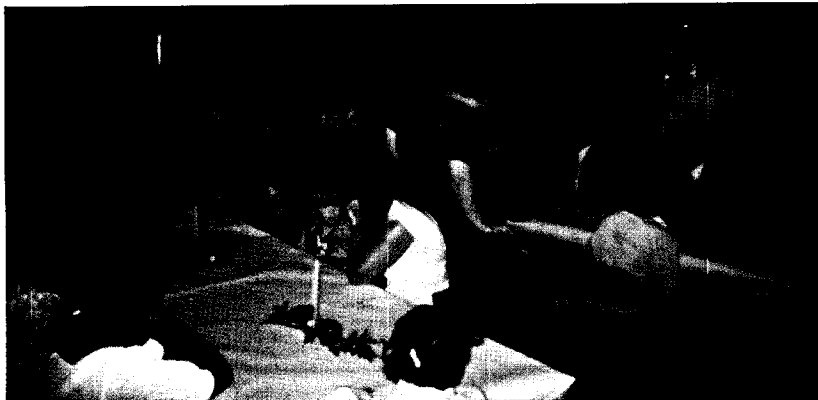
The church history records the names of 37 ministers who have served the church. Former

pastors who participated in the services that started Friday evening were: Bill Strong, who challenged the people to a rededication to the mission of the church; Sabbath school heard C. A. Boykin and his wife relate their mission experiences in India; the present pastor, Paul Hoover, delivered the sermon for the worship hour, joined by previous pastors, Dan Davis and Denver Cavins. Also sharing in the worship hour were Conference President Clinton Shankel and Conference Treasurer Dwight Hilderbrandt.

Sabbath afternoon, 200-plus people enjoyed the fellowship dinner after which a sacred concert was presented by David Pitt from Louisville, Kentucky, and Bernard Hamlet of Gary, Indiana. The Sabbath was closed with a sunset service delivered by Denver Cavins.

Like the acorn that grows into a mighty oak, the Paducah church has grown from its primitive beginnings, marked with struggles and blessings. Today a congregation of 149 worships in a beautiful church building that appropriately represents the God they serve. The members of the church family have committed themselves to let their light shine till Jesus comes.

More than 200 persons enjoyed the fellowship dinner.



by Gerald Kovalski

# The Design of Caring



The officers of the Georgia-Cumberland Professional and Business Association are O. D. McKee (seated left), Mertice Meyer, Charles Fleming, Glenn McColpin (standing left), Glenn Fuller, John Sines. Lloyd Lawing is not pictured.

The Master Architect has designed unparalleled beauty. Not only physical beauty, but beauty of purpose. In the heart of some, that beauty of purpose found its expression in a desire to see brick and mortar, board and nail transformed into places of worship and study.

Established in 1967, the Professional and Business Association organized in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference to provide a reasonable financing program for congregations struggling with the decision to build church homes. The first project of this organization was the Rossville, Georgia, church which opened in October of that year. Since then, 38 churches and seven

schools have been built with financial arrangements made through the Association. The current value of these facilities is in excess of \$21 million and membership of the 38 churches is more than 5,000.

Current financing projects of the Professional and Business Association include the construction of the Smyrna King Springs and Conyers, Georgia, churches; the final phase of development of the Dalton, Georgia, church; and the construction of the Collegedale, Tennessee, community services center.

Many thousands of dollars have been saved in financing costs because of the existence of the Association and members

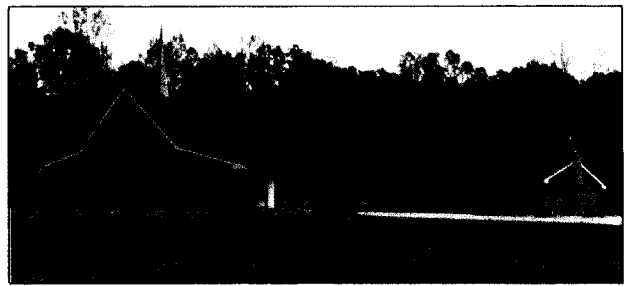
have pledged themselves to continue their services to congregations in the Conference territory. In fact, the Association is actively seeking new members so its resources can be expanded.

Current officers of the organization are: O. D. McKee, president; Charles Fleming, executive vice-president; Glen McColpin, general vice-president; Mertice Meyer, secretary; Glenn Fuller, treasurer; and Lloyd Lawing and John Sines, directors.

The Professional and Business Association is men and women who care—who want to help—because the Master Architect gave them a beauty of purpose.



A current financing project of the Professional and Business Association is the construction now being completed by the Smyrna King Springs, Georgia, church building.



This church, located in McDonald, Tennessee, is representative of the 38 churches and seven schools already in use which arranged financing through the Professional and Business Association.

# Meeting the Challenge in the Carolinas

by Herb Crawley

**H**ow do you quickly tell the one million people in the area you live how positively Seventh-day Adventists fit into the gospel of Jesus Christ when there are so few of you to do it? This was the challenge undertaken by the 900 members of the Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point, and Kernersville churches of the Carolina Conference.

A plan was formulated to spend \$24,000 for a six-week advertising blitz to tell the people of the Triad area about Seventh-day Adventists. Twelve thousand dollars was raised for the Adventist Awareness Advertising Campaign by the local churches, the other \$12,000 was matched by the Carolina Conference as approved by the Carolina Breakthrough Committee.

The advertising campaign, which began January 10, has been a long time in the planning. The pastors from the four churches first met in early '85.

A total of five radio stations are airing the announcements. The stations (AM and FM) selected reach every major segment of the population, including country, ethnic, and three adult contemporary stations. The advertising plans also include 10-column-inch ads running twice per week in each of the cities' newspapers: *The Greensboro News*, *Winston-Salem Journal*, *High Point Enterprise*, and the *Kernersville paper*. The ads feature topics such as "Why Not Do Something Different Saturday—Go to Church," "Is This Your Time to Get Things Together With God?", "Ever Think About Coming Back to Church?"

Revival meetings have been held, a visitation training program, Bible study training classes, and Bible studies are underway in preparation for the upcoming meetings. Members of the Kernersville congregation sponsored "Health Expo '85" in their city. Health education classes have been offered by several of the area churches.

To follow up the advertising blitz, evangelistic meetings are planned in each of the cities beginning March 8. These will cost about \$36,000, for a total investment of \$60,000.

On November 16, church board members from all four churches were invited to an informational rally at the Kernersville church. They were shown on-the-street interviews which were videotaped several weeks before in their cities. The interviews indicated a high level of religious interest and that a good number of people realized that Seventh-day Adventists go to church on Saturday. However, a significant percentage of people

had absolutely no knowledge of Seventh-day Adventists. Some even had very negative impressions of the denomination.

At that meeting, the combined church boards were encouraged to give thought to organizing an evangelism council: 1) to coordinate all evangelistic events within the Triad area, and 2) to provide long-range planning, working a minimum of one year in advance. A constitution committee was formed with each church represented.

The church boards voted in December to proceed with the evangelism council approach. Other areas of the Conference who have formed their own evangelism councils are Asheville, North Carolina, and Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina. (The Greenville/Spartanburg area of South Carolina, the Charlotte area of North Carolina, and the Raleigh area of North Carolina are prospective sites for other evangelism councils.)

"The evangelism council provides room for churches to communicate," says Benny Moore, Carolina Conference secretary. "It also ensures making the best usage of each advertising dollar."

In the Carolina Conference all evangelism monies are handled by the Carolina Breakthrough Committee, which is 75 percent laymen. In turn, each evangelism council throughout the Conference is 66 percent laymen and handles the funds for evangelism at the local church level. Each church works in conjunction with its evangelism council within its area. "This method of evangelism provides a forum for each church to work out its own method of evangelism and to do so on a coordinated basis with other churches in its immediate area," says

Robert Folkenberg, president of the Carolina Conference. "We get maximum utilization of each evangelistic dollar, and that's what every person in the Carolina Conference wants."

The evangelism council for the Triad handled all money for the advertising awareness campaign. It, in turn, received its shared part of the budget from the Carolina Breakthrough Committee.

An ambitious project? To be sure. But the people of the Carolinas these days are looking challenges squarely in the eye. Their goal is to tell the people within the Carolinas about Jesus Christ. They have chosen the Adventist Awareness Advertising campaign as the way to achieve their goal of reaching all people in their area in early '86.

## Is this your time to get things together with God?

There are special moments in everyone's life when we can feel God's tug at our heart.

These are the times when we pause from our busyness, then all too frequently rush back into the fray.

As time passes, our ability to respond becomes blunted. The moments come and slip away unanswered. In time they occur less often.

If you are feeling God's tug in your life just now, why procrastinate any longer? All you have to say is Yes. He will do the rest.

From your Christian friends the Seventh-day Adventists. Get in touch if you would like to know more.

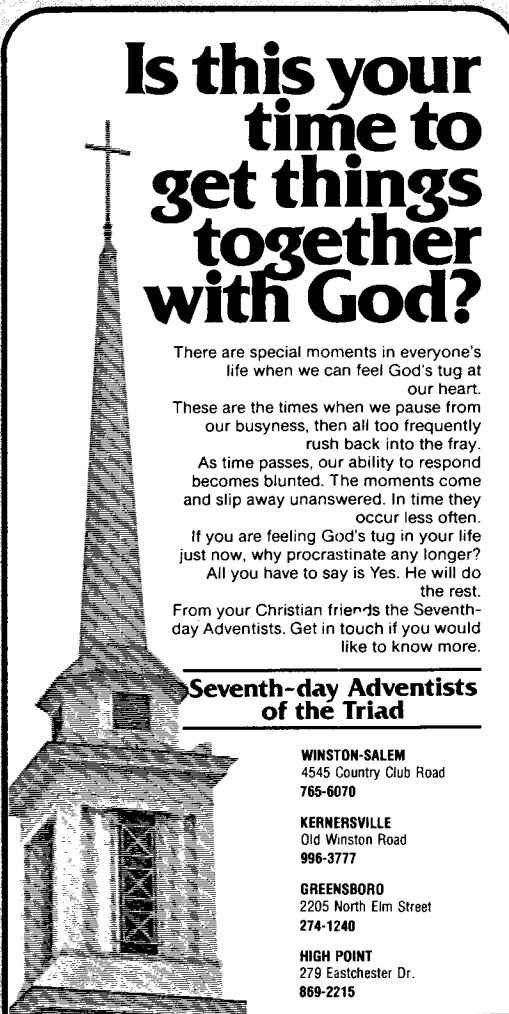
### Seventh-day Adventists of the Triad

**WINSTON-SALEM**  
4545 Country Club Road  
765-6070

**KERNERSVILLE**  
Old Winston Road  
996-3777

**GREENSBORO**  
2205 North Elm Street  
274-1240

**HIGH POINT**  
279 Eastchester Dr.  
889-2215





# Hastening the Harvest

by the Editor

I am through talking about righteousness by faith." If Morris Venden didn't already have the attention of those attending the Literature Evangelist Convention in Daytona Beach, Florida, he certainly got it with that statement.

Over the years the man and the subject had become almost

synonymous. "I think it's time we went on to something better," he continued. "Faith can be an end in itself. 'Positive thinking. You can do it! Believe in yourself.' Salvation doesn't come from righteousness by faith. It comes from righteousness by faith in Christ."

For the literature evangelists and

their families attending the January 2-4 meeting, Venden's three presentations were blended with other highlights, including two messages by C. Mervyn Maxwell and the music of Roy Drusky and David Castro.

A tradition at the annual convention is the Friday night candlelight



Connie and John Kent (with plaque), of High Point, North Carolina, were first in book deliveries, with \$47,430. With them are G. S. Culpepper (left); Ron Davis; H. E. Davis, assistant to the president of the Carolina Conference; and A. C. McClure. Mary Armstrong, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, was second, with \$46,309.



Clyde Brooks, (center) of Stone Mountain, Georgia, obtained sponsors for \$103,827 worth of *Listen* magazine subscriptions to be placed in public schools. With him are G. S. Culpepper (left); Eugene Juhl, Georgia-Cumberland publishing director; W. A. Geary, Georgia-Cumberland Conference president; and A. C. McClure.



Carolina Publishing Director Ron Davis holds the coveted cup for top conference in literature sales, with \$722,444 in 1985. Carolina has led the Southern Union for seven consecutive years.



The top district in 1985 was Alfredo Gonzalez' south Florida district, with \$241,913. Pictured are G. S. Culpepper (left), Southern Union publishing director; Bill Beckworth, Florida publishing director; Alfredo Gonzalez; M. D. Gordon, Florida Conference president; and A. C. McClure, Southern Union Conference president. (Photograph by W. E. Miller).



A high point of both conventions was the Friday night communion service. The Daytona Beach service included candles placed on tables arranged in the shape of a cross.



Publishing Director Robert T. Smith reports deliveries of \$274,416 for South Atlantic, the highest FHES sales in the Southern Union. (Photograph by S. Gooden).



Approximately 320 were present January 4 to hear Morris Venden's last of three presentations at the Daytona Beach convention.



Recognition was given at the Tampa convention to literature evangelists who experienced special success. (Photograph by S. E. Gooden).

communion service. H. E. Metcalf emphasized the necessity for leaders in God's cause to be servants of the people. Focusing on the work of literature evangelists in going from home to home seeking to place truth-filled literature, Metcalf emphasized Paul's statement that he and Apollos "should be looked upon as Christ's servants who distribute God's treasure, explaining God's secrets to others." (I Corinthians 4:1 LB). "You and I have been called to be distributors of God's grace," said Metcalf.

#### FHES Meets in Tampa

While the literature evangelists affiliated with the Home Health Education Service (HHES) were meeting in Daytona Beach, across the state in Tampa Family Health Education Service (FHES) workers were enjoying similar blessings. Speakers included R. E. Appenzeller, publishing director of the General Conference; E. E. Cleveland, director of missions at Oakwood College; and Robert S. Smith, associate publishing director of the General Conference.

"The Friday night communion service was highly spiritual," says T. R. Smith, associate publishing director of the Southern Union Conference. "The testimonials following the service were truly inspiring.

"The speaker was J. Paul Monk,

former editor of *The Message* and now president of the Central States Conference. He drew comparisons between the earth today and the New Earth. He made it so real you could almost see it in living color. You could almost see yourself standing on the sea of glass singing the song of victory! You could visualize yourself sitting down with Jesus at that welcome table."

Prominent among those rendering musical selections was the Linden Boulevard choir from New York City and Gail Murphy, wife of Memphis, Tennessee, Literature Evangelist William Murphy.

#### Sales and Souls

Both meetings recognized those whose sales were especially noteworthy and rejoiced in the reports of souls won to Christ and His church.

Total sales for the Union came to \$3,210,770. A significant footnote to the sales figure is the fact that the year showed a sharp decline in cancellations and delinquent accounts, meaning that literature evangelists are writing better contracts.

Individuals known to have been added to the Church through the witness of literature evangelists totaled 152.



The FHES Convention in Tampa drew some 600 from throughout the eastern United States. (Photograph by S. E. Gooden).



re cosmopolitan nature of the Florida Conference literature team was illustrated by this group which ng in French, Portuguese, Spanish, and English.



William Tryon, MD (left), of Marietta, Georgia, challenged the literature evangelists at the Daytona Beach meeting to provide funds to erect a historical marker at the grave site of Ellen White in Battle Creek, Michigan. Approximately \$1,500 came in, enough to fund the project. Counting the offering are Tom Brito (seated) and Ed Lynn, district directors in Memphis, Tennessee, and Louisville, Kentucky, respectively. Looking on is C. Mervyn Maxwell, professor of church history at Andrews University, who will oversee the placement of the marker.



Soulwinning is the essence of literature evangelism. But few experiences could be more rewarding than Bonnie Ryherd's in bringing former literature evangelist Bruce Miner back into the Church and the literature ministry. Bruce's wife, Cindy, wants to get involved in the *Listen* program. At right is C. L. Shankel, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference president. The South Atlantic Conference reported the most baptisms, 46, followed by Southeastern with 40.

# late news of the conferences



CAROLINA

The boys dorm, the girls dorm, and the cafeteria at Mount Pisgah Academy and Pisgah Manor Nursing Home now have a SOLAR WATER-HEATING SYSTEM installed the last part of November. Savings of 25 percent off the usual electrical cost are expected.

A New Start COOKING CLASS was recently conducted at the Burnsville, North Carolina, church. Diane Collins and Gayla Skender were the instructors.

The 30-member Gastonia, North Carolina, church held a COOKING SCHOOL at the All Saints Episcopal church. The meetings were held the first three Sundays in November. Registered dietitian Jeannie Mazat led out.

More than 300 people participated in a HEALTH-AGE APPRAISAL during this year's Brushy Mountain Apple Festival in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. Members of the church used the computerized health-age appraisal program used during the Knoxville World's Fair.

Five churches and one school joined forces to collect food for THANKSGIVING BASKETS. As a result more than 2,000 items were collected from throughout the community. Churches in the western part of North Carolina, including Laurel, Morganton, Table Rock, Lenoir, and Marion, together with the Silver Creek school, participated. The food was distributed through the Better Living Center in Morganton.



FLORIDA



Figures through November, 1985, show Florida Conference Association trust services personnel handling 555 REVOCABLE TRUSTS, 88 annuities, and hundreds of wills. In 1985 alone 165 wills were prepared. The denomination requires trust services personnel to be certified. Preliminary certification examinations were administered to Southern Union personnel at an April meeting at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, by Dr. Alva Appel, then director of General Conference Trust Services. The top three scores at November departmental meetings were by Florida staff members.

Eighty-four-year-old former car salesman Billy Wynn set an INGATHERING RECORD in Florida by collecting \$5,455 in just eight days. Most of his donors are car dealers who remember that he was honest in his transactions. Florida is second in per-capita Ingathering funds in the Southern Union.

Twenty-three people were baptized following an EVANGELISTIC SERIES at the North Miami church. Pastor Harold Friesen invited Miami Temple pastor and evangelistic team Dan and Gloria Bentzinger to present a Prophecy Lectures series.

New Port Richey members and Pastor Bradley Galambos had a special CHRISTMAS TREE OFFERING December 21. Last year they generated \$28,000. This year they raised \$31,274.80 (including pledges) which will be used for their building fund.



GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

The Andrews, North Carolina, and Dayton, Tennessee, Ogden Road congregations have PURCHASED LAND for new church buildings.

Wolf Jedamski, Cohutta Springs Adventist Center superintendent, and John Davis, ranger, were presented the 1985 VICTOR AWARD by the Dalton, Georgia, area Child and Adolescent Psychoeducational Program (CAPP). Cohutta Springs has hosted activities for children served by CAPP.

Student achievement TEST SCORES in the Conference show an overall increase from the 74th percentile to the 77th. The national average is at the 50th percentile.

Guam Radio/Adventist World Radio OFFERINGS from Georgia-Cumberland Conference churches totaled \$70,183 as of October, 1985. The conference goal is \$95,115. Those desiring to give should write "Guam Radio" on their offering envelopes.

The BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOL at Sevierville, Tennessee, has leased a building on Dolly Parton Parkway.

Some 268 Conference K-12 EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL met at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center November 24-26 for their annual convention. Superintendent of Education Jim Epperson and associates Henry Farr and Elaine Plemons organized the event which featured Morris Venden.

BAPTISMS reported through December 20, 1985, totaled 481.



ALABAMA

The Floral Crest (Bryant, Alabama,) SCHOOL CHOIR, Mary Hill, director, presented "Come to the Manager" on December 13. Grades 1-5 had presented a program the previous week, under teachers Mary Hill and Carole Hoekenga.

Clarence Berg, known at Mobile, Alabama, Junior Academy as 'CB' sold more than \$1,400 worth of MERCHANDISE during the school's recent fund-raising drive to buy three computers and an electronic keyboard. CB was awarded the grand prize—a new bicycle. Then, on December 17, CB was proclaimed the leading student salesman in the southeastern United States.

Approximately \$5,000 worth of food, clothes, and toys were DISTRIBUTED through the

Tupelo, Mississippi, community services center in the month of December. Faye Moreland, community services director, reports that Food World supermarket contributed \$200 worth of food, the US Marine Corps helped with toys, and the Tupelo Junior Auxiliary assisted in the collection and distribution of many items.

A family relationship SEMINAR was presented to the Montgomery, Alabama, church January 4-6 by Bob and Marian Reiber of Spokane, Washington. Bob, manager of the Upper Columbia Adventist Book Center, and Marian, assistant conference association treasurer, have been conducting seminars for several years.

## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



Ten precious souls were BAPTIZED into the Ashland, Kentucky, church as a result of very successful Revelation and Daniel seminars conducted by Pastor Terry Grimm.

The Ingathering issue of *VIBRANT LIFE* was used as an insert in the *Bargain Browser*, a weekly shopper. The White House, Cross Plains, and Ridgetop, Tennessee, churches cosponsored this project.

The COMBINED CHOIRS of the Bordeaux (Nashville) and Ridgetop churches presented "Let the World Rejoice"—a musical celebration of Christmas—December 20 and 21, at the respective churches.

On October 19, the St. Matthews church in Louisville, Kentucky, sponsored its annual HOMECOMING. Mrs. C. A. Chacko, a member of the Frankfort church, spoke of the spiritual needs of her native India. The morning sermon was by Lester Keizer, former pastor.

PROJECT YOUTH is the invitation to constituents of Kentucky-Tennessee to participate in providing for our future leaders of the Church. Great things are happening as the mail comes in daily to the office. We know you want a part in Project Youth. Your response is appreciated and needed.

Harland, Kentucky, Pastor Bill Underwood reports his REVELATION SEMINAR has an attendance of 30 people every night. Eight are presently attending the baptismal class.



## SOUTH CENTRAL



The Riverside church in Nashville was packed, as usual, for the yearly PRESENTATION of Handel's "Messiah," December 14. Guest soloists were Dave Walker, Tennessee State University; Dian Poe, Baptist Theological Seminary; Gren Brown, Fisk University; and Dwayne Hamilton.

Oscar Lane, a former Pentecostal minister who became an Adventist a few years ago, conducted a ONE-WEEK REVIVAL in Louisville, Kentucky, at the Magazine Street church in December, 1985. Some 37 persons came forward for baptism.

Shelton Kilby, Conference minister of music, conducted a WEEK-LONG REVIVAL in Cleveland, Tennessee. Twelve persons requested membership in the church by baptism.

December 14, 1985, Elder and Mrs. W. J. Cleveland received a TESTIMONIAL SERVICE honoring them for their 45 years of service in the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Cleveland came to Birmingham, Alabama, in 1976 to pastor the Ephesus church, where he labored for three and one-half years. The combined efforts of W. J. and E. E. Cleveland led to the organization of the 600-member South Park church in Birmingham. He pastored this church for five years. He began his ministry in 1940 in Louisville, Kentucky.

## SOUTHERN COLLEGE



Orlo Gilbert, professor of music, has been NAMED an assistant conductor of the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra for the 1985-86 season. He is also the newly appointed musical director of the Chattanooga Youth Orchestra. On December 10 he conducted that group in a special pre-concert holiday program. WTVC Channel nine covered a rehearsal of the youth symphony on a six o'clock Sunday newscast.

A \$20,000 PLEDGE from a major Chattanooga insurance company has been received toward the \$10 million goal for the Century II scholarship endowment. Gifts from faculty and staff, board members, parents, friends, and organizations will endow continuous funding for much-needed scholarships.



Donna Lynn GRADUATED *Summa Cum Laude* with a bachelor of music degree at the December 19 commencement. Three students graduated magna cum laude: Sondra Snider (B.A. music), Paul Cannon II (A.S. computer science), and Alva Jean Young (A.S. office administration). Cum laude graduates were: Gaye Colvin (B.S. behavioral science; Edward Lyons (B.A. religion); Dale Morgan (B.A. religion); Vivian Ott (B.S. nursing; B.A. German); Claire Weise Blum (A.S. nursing); Sue Crews (A.S. allied health); Becky Everett (A.S. office administration); Reba Sherrill (A.S. nursing); Eva Wilkinson (A.S. nursing). There were 106 graduates, five of whom had more than one major or degree.

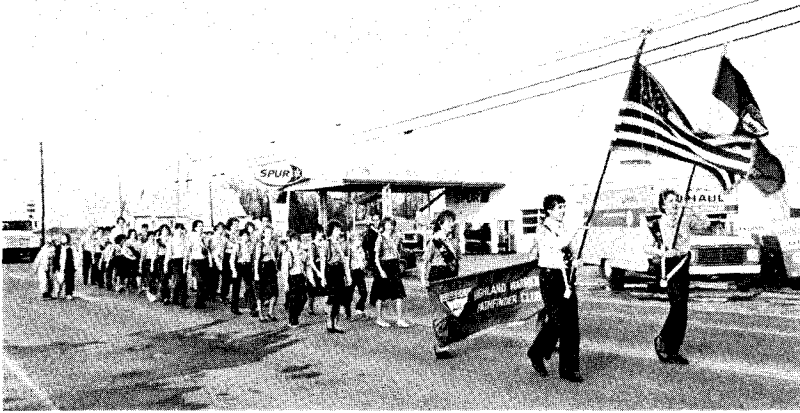


Leona Gulley, assistant professor of nursing shared her EXPERIENCE of "giving that perfect gift to someone very special" in the December issue of *The Kidney Konnection*. In 1976 Mrs. Gulley gave a kidney to her identical twin, Valmae Read, wife of Peter Read, now a Chattanooga pastor. At the time, the Gulleys were on furlough from the Far Eastern Division and the Reads were living in Ohio.

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE



The Oakwood College medical student ENTRANCE RATE exceeds the national average. Ninety percent of Oakwood's pre-med graduates in June, 1984, who applied to medical schools were accepted, whereas the national average per school is 30 percent. Thirteen were accepted into the summer programs of major institutions like Harvard University School of Medicine, New Jersey School of Dentistry and Medicine, North Carolina University, and Loma Linda. Each of the graduates who went to medical school is concentrating in medicine rather than other medical specialties such as dentistry.



Brian Weisner and Christian Smith lead the Highland Warriors Pathfinder club in the annual Holi-Feast Parade through Portland, Tennessee, December 1. The bus and chuck wagon belonging to the club follow behind. The club won second prize in the parade for a marching unit. Dr. Albert Dittes, an Adventist physician, was Grand Marshall and Highland Church Pastor John Estrada was Parade Marshall of the city-sponsored event.

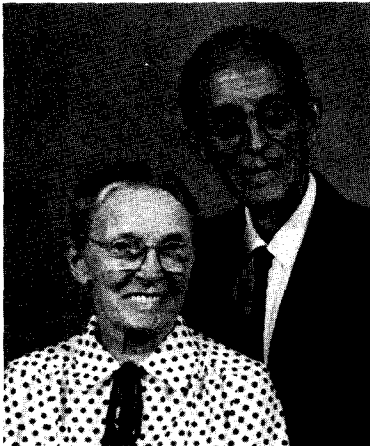


The news spread around Huntsville, Alabama, that children would be lifting up the name of Jesus in sermon and music. Children choirs and children soloists sang at the New Life church and four child ministers proclaimed the gospel to some 300 eager listeners: Robby Sullivan, of Mt. Calvary church, Russell Fields, Adrian Lane, and five-year-old Charles Brooms (pictured).



## Pictorial

A group of the visiting team from the Apison, Tennessee, church stands beside the late-model van made available for their transportation. The group has made 400 visits to shut-ins and others needing encouragement. They try to make about six visits per week.



Avon Park, Florida, residents Clifford and Evelyn Howe celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary October 12, 1985. They met in 1923 as nursing students at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital in Illinois. Beginning in 1927 they operated a nursing home in Banner Elk, North Carolina, and later worked in the Midwest. From 1945-1955 they managed the Glen Alpine, North Carolina, Nursing Home. Their years together have been teamwork. Mr. Howe said, "When I first met her, I knew she was the one for me."



More than 700 area residents filled the sanctuary of the SDA Church at Florida Hospital for the Third Annual Festival de Noel, which included performances by the Orlando Deanery Boychoir from the Cathedral church of St. Luke in Orlando, The Wesley Ringers of the First United Methodist church, and The Sanctuary Choir of the St. Paul's Methodist church, both also of Orlando. Handmade ornaments depicting the 27 fundamental beliefs of the Adventist Church were made by Pastor Andy McDonald and adorned the Christmas tree. The program also featured organist Bruce L. Adams, the Forest Lake Brass Ensemble, and pianist Laurel Im.



The November Teen Invitational was a Big Cat Hunt spent at the Seminole Indian Reservation in Tampa, with 37 Pathfinders and staff participating. The Florida Pathfinders are endeavoring to do their part in protecting the Florida Panther, an endangered species. Paul (pictured), the group's 18-year-old Indian guide, not only informed them of his tribe's many beliefs and customs, but he demonstrated his expertise in alligator wrestling. This sandy area is surrounded by a moat filled with alligators. Paul reached in and pulled one out by the tail to wrestle while the group watched.



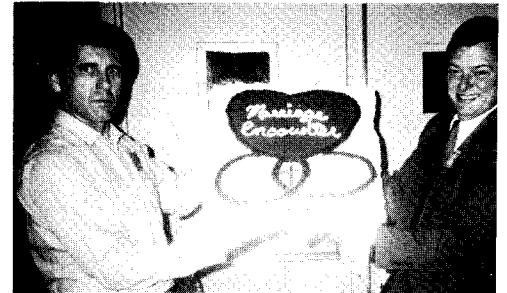
Helping to bring cheer to a child at the Chambliss Shelter are Gari Cruze (left), Beth Parker, and Raji Blocker. Collegedale Academy students raised \$1,000 to buy toys and to meet the needs of the children at the center during the Christmas season.



The end of November marked the Revelation Seminar Banquet at the Owensboro, Kentucky, church. Seven people were baptized as a result of these meetings. There were 67 church members and guests who attended the banquet. Pastor John Hood is shown standing.



The family of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Taylor of Greeneville, Tennessee, gathered to celebrate their parents' golden wedding anniversary on August 11, 1985. The event was held in the Seventh-day Adventist church fellowship hall in Greeneville. Ruth and Ray were married in Kingston, New York, in 1935, after which five daughters were born: Carol Coppock of DeQueen, Arkansas; Elaine Talerico of Boca Raton, Florida; Dolores Fox of Pleasant Valley, New York; Lynda Welch of Morganton, North Carolina; and Winona Rupe of Lawrenceville, Georgia. They have ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



The first SDA Marriage Encounter weekend for Memphis was held recently at the Holiday Inn with an overflow attendance. Bill Woodruff and Pastor James Thurmon display the large cake served Sunday evening. Enthusiasm is high and another weekend is scheduled for March 14-16.

# Stories



Pathfinders from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference are canoeing for a canoeing trip through Okefenokee Swamp Georgia. Hurricane Kate moved out to provide clear water. Twenty-two Pathfinders and staff, representing 10 clubs, are on their way to the "land of the trembling earth" on November 22-24. (left) and Margaret Toomey, from the Smyrna, Georgia Springs club, maneuver one of the 34 canoes used for which included stops at islands and sightings of alligators and other wildlife.



Graysville, Tennessee, church school students won their community's poster contest during Fire Prevention Week in October. Pictured presenting and receiving the first-place trophies are Jo Keltch (left) and Harold Heckler, of the Graysville Volunteer Fire Department, and Billy Ervin, Greg Prince, teacher Lezah Stevenson, and Allen Burton from the Adventist school.

# The Church In Action

## Education

### BMA Students Conduct Revelation Seminar

**Gulf States** — Eight young people, Henry Brown, Debbie Clark, Stephanie Loeks, Terri McFarland, Troy McFarland, speakers, and Marvin Brinkly, Sandi Griffith, and Tim Cross, volunteer helpers, all students of Bass Memorial Academy in Lumberton, Mississippi, conducted a Revelation Seminar at the Adventist Health Center from October 13 to December 3, as an evangelistic outreach to the community surrounding BMA. The plans to hold this unique seminar were made last summer by Tui Pitman, pastor of Bass Memorial church.

Five thousand brochures advertising the seminar were mailed to residents in both Lumberton and Purvis, Mississippi, about one week prior to the opening night. Students and faculty expected 12-to-15 nonAdventists to attend by statistical reckoning, so they were happily surprised to welcome 38 visitors after registration was complete.

The students are now visiting in the homes of the people with Tui Pitman, pastor, and Alden Hunt, associate pastor. Three people have already made decisions for baptism and others are still studying.

### Oakwood Conducts First Phonathon

**Oakwood College** — The very first phonathon ever attempted by Oakwood College brought in

\$88,717 in pledges from 848 people around the country, according to Minneola Dixon, alumni affairs director. The phonathon began November 3 and ended December 3. Alumni, faculty, staff, and students volunteered their help during the phonathon. The theme of the phonathon was "Give 86 in '86."

Contributors were encouraged to give \$86 or more, which entitled them membership in the '86ers Club. Members of the Club receive a special gift, a membership card, and special privileges. One such privilege was provided by area motels and hotels. Seventeen motels and hotels are providing free lodging during Alumni Weekend for individuals who received an '86ers Club Card before January, 1986. Throughout the phonathon several eating establishments provided the callers with food.

Funds received will be channeled to student scholarships, academic equipment, and endowment. Another phonathon is scheduled for early spring.

## Youth

### 300 Attend Youth Ministries Convention

**Southern Union** — More than 300 youth leaders met in Toccoa, Georgia, December 6-8 for the fourth Youth Ministries Convention.

About 30 workshops were divided into general interest, junior youth and Pathfinder, senior youth, and health/temperance ministries, each taught by experts drawn from throughout the eastern United



Karen Flowers (right), as associate director of the Church Ministries Department of the General Conference, discusses new materials with Lillian Ingram (left), of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Deborah Fewell, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, during her workshop on "SDA Family Life Resources."

States. "Each workshop was well attended and enthusiastically received," according to Ralph P. Peay, Southern Union director of youth ministries and health/temperance.

Principal speakers for the general sessions were Richard Barron, associate director of church ministries of the General Conference, and Richard O'Fallon, health/temperance director of the Florida Conference.

"One of the paramount challenges facing the Church is 'mobilizing the young people for the forefront of God's initiative in the closing decades,'" says Peay. "This convention was planned so that our approach to our mission might become a 'magnificent obsession.'"

### Nosoca Slated For Improvements

**Carolina** — Plans are being made for a new face lift for Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty Hill, South Carolina. A \$20,000 donation specifically for the purchase of equipment and for the implementation of new youth programs at the camp has been received.

It will provide for the carpeting of the west end of the dining hall to create a more worshipful atmosphere, new round tables and padded chairs, computers for computer camp, a horse arena, a challenge course, and rafts for white-water rafting.

In addition, clean-up workshops have been scheduled for Nosoca Pines for April 4-7, April 25-28, and May 9-12 of 1986. Pastors and laymen are invited to set aside time to spend helping spruce up the camp. Retirees and others with more time available are invited to spend several days or even a week or two.

## Health

### Nutrition Booth Has Spiritual Thrust

**Carolina** — The members of the Raleigh, North Carolina, church were active this year in the state

fair. More than 1,200 people registered at the booth for a free gift. The display at the booth focused on nutrition. Many laymembers manned the booth during the fair week, October 18-26.

Charles Hindman, pastor of the district, says, "This year our exhibits made more of a spiritual impact on the community. We had the name Seventh-day Adventist out there and emphasized the fact that Adventists live up to six years longer because of their health habits. This brought about quite a number of discussions with people and resulted in quite a few asking for specific information."

## Progress

### Jellico Dedicates Church

**Georgia-Cumberland** — The Jellico, Tennessee, congregation and friends joined to dedicate their church free of debt on the weekend of December 6 and 7. This 120-member congregation owes its beginning to the Jellico Community Hospital.

The first services were held in July, 1974, and on August 10 of that year a company of 26 members was organized. This followed the acquisition of the hospital by the Adventist Health System. Although considerable prejudice existed initially, the warmth, caring, and love expressed by the Adventists who moved into the community eventually brought about a genuine bond of friendship.

Through the efforts of Dr. and



Georgia-Cumberland Conference President W. A. Geary (second left) discusses the progress of the Conyers church with Belvedere district Pastor David Dobias (left), building committee chairman Eric Ristau, and district Associate Pastor Bryan Aalborg.

Mrs. Charles Wilkens and others, a farmhouse and 40 acres of land were made available. The farmhouse doubled as church and school for a few years. In 1976 the Jellico congregation was organized into an official church with 62 charter members. Construction was underway on the new church building and services were first held there in April, 1978.

This congregation has only had three pastors during its existence and each was present and participated in the dedication: David Merling, Ed Reifsnyder, and Current Pastor Lewis Brand. Conference President William Geary presented the dedicatory message.

### Conyers Converts School to Church

**Georgia-Cumberland** — One-and-three-quarters years after its organization as a church, the Con-

yers, Georgia, congregation opened its first building. The December 14 service featured Southern Union Conference President A. C. McClure, Georgia-Cumberland Conference President W. A. Geary, and former Associate Pastor Mark Fowler.

Purchased from the Atlanta, Georgia, Beverly Road church, the building, which had served as a school, was moved approximately 35 miles to Conyers in two pieces and reassembled at the site.

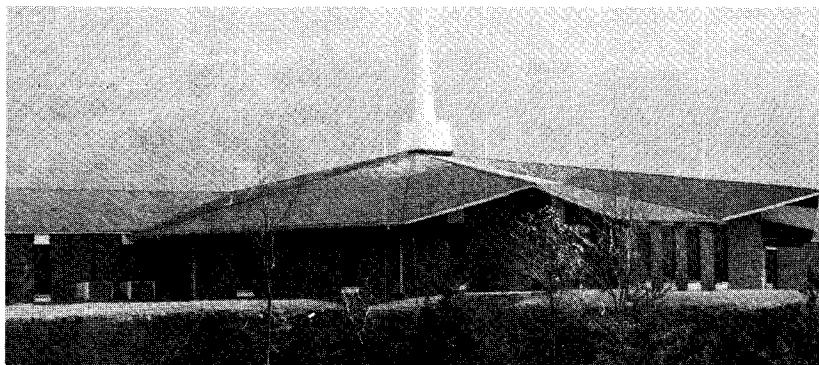
"It was cheaper to go this route than to put up a building from scratch," says Bryan Aalborg, who serves the Conyers congregation in his capacity as associate pastor of the Belvedere district. The total cost of building, land (20 acres), and improvements has been about \$120,000.

David Dobias, senior pastor; Eric Ristau, former Southern Union publishing director; Jerry Whitehurst, and many other members and friends of the church worked very hard and solved many difficult problems to transform the old school building into a church.

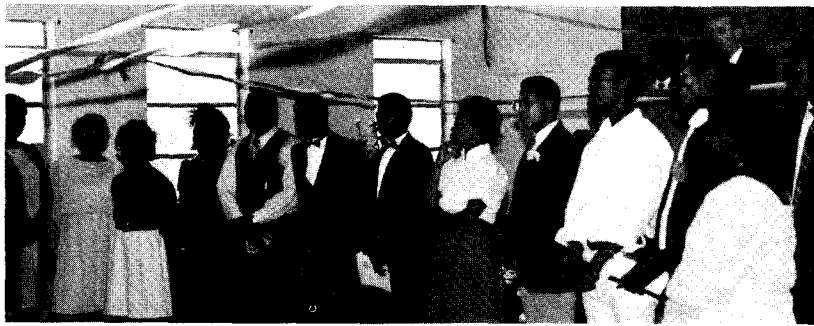
### French Church Established in Orlando

**Florida** — From a Sabbath school class to a branch Sabbath school to a church organization with 55 members is the progress of the newly formed Bethel-French church in Orlando, Florida.

Having its beginnings at the Or-



The Jellico church is located on a hill overlooking the countryside in this northeast Tennessee community.



These were among the 55 charter members of the new Bethel French church in Orlando.

lando Central church, the predominantly West Indian congregation grew to 24 members and formed the branch Sabbath school in April, 1984.

With services in French, translations were made for Conference administrators and guests during the November 30 organization by Pastor Jean Daphnis and Conference Executive Committee member from Miami, Wilne Audain. The Pine Hills church also participated in the event, with Pastor Louis Wisdom on the platform and the Pine Hills choir and organist adding to the musical portions of the program.

Baptized members walked to the front of the church as charter members, with many others going forward to signify their intentions of baptism.

## Mobile Dedicates Community Service Center

**South Central** — A new Community Service Center was opened and dedicated by the Emmanuel church, Mobile, Alabama, under the leadership of Ann Parker, on November 12, 1985.

The center, located behind the church, is equipped and stocked to meet the needs and emergencies of the community, with clothing, canned goods, and other necessities.

Herman Taylor was the master of ceremonies of the dedication program.

Ann Parker, community service leader, introduced the guest speaker, S. B. Williams, of the Mobile chapter of American Red Cross, who gave the dedication speech. Carrie Sanders, RN, the

head nurse of Springhill Memorial Hospital, gave a lecture on health, showing the causes of strokes and heart attacks. She gave some preventive body-care pointers.

The Mobile Center sent hundreds of cans of food and boxes of clothing to victims of Hurricane Elena in Mississippi. More than 200 hours of work were given by members in sorting and distributing clothing and other materials.

## Who and Where

### Tampa Holds Spanish Crusade

**Florida** — "Although Tampa has a high Spanish population, it is not an easy group to reach," states Walter Cameron, Spanish evangelism coordinator and associate secretary for the Florida Conference. "Since Tampa is very difficult we held two Revelation Seminars before the meetings."

As is the usual procedure, dedicated lay people took Bible studies to the homes beginning in March. This was independent of the Revelation Seminars. Also, six home evangelistic centers were established with people attending these Bible classes. At the end of the lessons, classes, and seminars, the graduates were invited to receive their graduation certificates. This graduation evening was also the beginning of the Tampa Spanish evangelistic campaign. Cameron conducted the campaign with the help of Tampa Spanish church Pastor Orlando Lopez and Bible worker Fernando Paulin. Paulin has since been appointed pastor of the

Ft. Lauderdale and Miami Beach First Spanish churches.

"A very large group of church members were preparing for the campaign and worked faithfully during the campaign," says Cameron. "At the opening night, graduation ceremonies for nonmembers only was conducted for 86 graduates. With good attendance of members and visitors to the meetings and as a result of the lay and pastoral work, 33 were baptized."

## Richmond Honors Medical Volunteers

**Kentucky-Tennessee** — On November 16 the Richmond, Kentucky, church honored two local doctors for their many hours of volunteer work in Christian Flights International. This volunteer project, coordinated by Barry Benton of the Lexington church, flies volunteers to Haiti to provide free medical and dental care as well as other needed assistance to residents in poverty stricken areas.

Dr. Raymond Jackson, a Richmond physician, helped establish a garden project in Haiti to provide better nutrition for the residents. There are now more than 200 gardens in Haiti as a result of his work. Jackson also provides medical care to Richmond jail inmates and is active in volunteer work at the First Methodist church, where he is a member.

Dr. Stanley Todd, a Richmond dentist, has worked with the residents in Haiti in planning and digging wells to provide safe drinking water. He also helps support several Haitian children in obtaining an education in the school system there. He is active in volunteer work at the Richmond First Christian church, where he is a member.



Dr. Raymond Jackson (center) accepts volunteer award from Dr. Fred Gibbs, local physician and member of the Richmond church. Pastor David Ritter (left) presided at the service.

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# Calendar Events

## FLORIDA

### Evangelistic Crusades

March 1 - April 5

Sarasota  
Leesburg  
Tampa Carrollwood  
Ft. Pierce

George Carpenter  
Robert DuBose  
Lester Pratt  
David Weigley

### Youth Ministries

Feb. 7-9 — Freshman/Sophomore Bible Conference, Camp Kulaqua  
Feb. 7-9 — Pathfinder Teen Survival, Ocala National Forest  
Feb. 14-16 — Collegiate Bible Conference, Camp Kulaqua  
Feb. 20-23 — Big Cat Hunt - Trip to Everglades, Big Cypress Swamp  
March 1 — Orlando Youth Rally, Orlando  
March 2-6 — Horsemanship Camp, Camp Kulaqua

**Forest Lake Academy Alumni Homecoming** — Feb. 21, 22. Honor classes: '36, '46, '56, '61, '66, '76.

**Raphael and Jean Valerio Piano and Organ Concert** — Feb. 8. 5 p.m. Kress Memorial Church. Jean Valerio was the first organist for Faith for Today.

**Southern College Orchestra** — Feb. 15. 8 p.m. Forest Lake Academy.

**Atlantic Union College Buffet Luncheon** — Feb. 16. 4:30 p.m. Forest Lake Academy cafeteria.

### Adventist Singles Ministries

Feb. 22 — Canaveral National Park. Canoeing in this wildlife preserve. Meet at Forest Lake church, 12:30 p.m. Reservations a must: Bill Alvarez, (305) 774-0990, or call the Park, (305) 867-0634.

March 4 — Planning/Business Meeting. Forest Lake Church Library. 7:30 p.m.

March 8 — Fellowship Dinner. Forest Lake Church Youth Center. 1 p.m.

**First Hispanic Youth Retreat** — May 23-26. Camp Kulaqua. Ages 16-30.

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## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

### Area Camp Meetings

March 7-8 — McMinnville, Tenn.  
March 14-15 — South Georgia/Lakeland  
April 4-5 — Savannah, Ga.  
April 18-19 — Greeneville, Tenn.

**Georgia-Cumberland Academy Alumni Weekend** — April 11-13.

**Vacation Bible School Workshop** — March 21, 22. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

### Adventist Singles Ministries

March 2 — Tour of Ruby Falls on Lookout Mountain. Meet at American National Bank, Collegedale, 2 p.m.

March 8 — Singles Day at Ellijay, Ga. Contact Jim BeDell, (615) 265-4881.

March 15 — Area-Wide Singles Day, Cleveland, Tenn., Bowman Heights church, 300 Westview Dr., Ocoee North. Call Jim BeDell, (615) 265-4881.

**Collegedale Academy Alumni Weekend** — April 11-12. Honor classes: 1946, '56, '61, '66, '76 and '81.

**Atlanta Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend** — March 15.

## GULF STATES

**Youth Leadership Workshop** — Feb. 7, 8.

**K-10 Area Teachers In-Service** — Feb. 10-12.

**K-10 Music Festival** — Feb. 20-22. Bass Memorial Academy.

**Health Ministries Workshop** — Feb. 27 - March 1. Camp Alamisco.

## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

**Business and Professional Foundation Winter Retreat** — Feb. 21, 22. Paris Landing State Park, near Paris, Tenn.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Community Service Federations

Feb. 1 — South Mississippi Hattiesburg  
Feb. 2 — South Alabama Mobile  
March 22 — North Mississippi  
March 29 — West Tennessee

**Literature Evangelist Rally** — Feb. 1. Jackson, Miss.

**Afro-American Regional Music Congress** — Feb. 5-8. Nashville, Tenn.

**Lay Advisory Council** — Feb. 9. Oakwood College.

**Communication Workshop** — Feb. 15, 16. Jackson, Miss.

**Sabbath School Workshop** — Feb. 15.

### Housing Board Meetings

Feb. 18 — Nashville, Tenn.  
March 12 — Nashville, Tenn.

**Family Finance Workshop** — Feb. 22.

**Publishing Survey Meeting** — March 5.

**Clerk's Training Weekend** — March 7, 8. Montgomery, Ala.

**Laymen's Congress** — March 7-9. Joe Wheeler State Park, Florence, Ala.

**K-12 Board Meeting** — March 13. Nashville, Tenn.

**Basketball Playoffs** — March 15.

## AHS/SUNBELT

**Highland Hospital Homecoming 86** — May 11, 2 to 5 p.m. All persons formerly associated with the Hospital are invited to attend.

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE

**Oakwood College Constituency** — Feb. 5. 9 a.m. C. T. Richards Chapel.

**Black Emphasis Week** — Feb. 3-7.

**Regional Conference Day** — Feb. 8.

**Student Association Banquet** — Feb. 13.

**Winter Week of Spiritual Emphasis** — Feb. 16-22.

## SOUTHERN COLLEGE

### Artist Adventure Series

Feb. 1 — Rudi Thurau, "Condor Over America," 8 p.m., PE Center.  
Feb. 8 — Southern College Pops Concert, 8 p.m., PE Center.

### E. A. Anderson Lecture Series

Feb. 6 — Dr. Ziad Keilany, "Critical Issues in the Economy," 8 p.m., Brock Hall, 3rd floor, E. A. Anderson Seminar Room.  
Feb. 13 — Thomas F. Gaines III, "Relations Between Managers and the Board," 8 p.m., Brock Hall, 3rd floor, E. A. Anderson Seminar Room.

### Special Events

Feb. 10-15 — Black History Week.

### Chapel

Feb. 18 — Dr. Myron Augsberger, Staley Lecture Series, 11:05 a.m., church.

Feb. 20 — Ron Graybill, communication director, Columbia Union, 11:05 a.m., church.

**Vespers** — Feb. 21. Ron Graybill, 8 p.m., church.

**Church Service** — Feb. 22. Ron Graybill.

**Adventure in Europe Tour** — June 12 - July 11. Directed by Dr. William Wohlers, Division of Humanities.

## SOUTHERN UNION

**Collegians Winter Retreat** — Feb. 7, 8. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

**Adventist Television Ministries Offering** — Feb. 8.

**Health-Temperance Seminar** — Feb. 14, 15. Forest Lake Academy.

### Lay Evangelism Training Seminars

Feb. 17-25 — Florida (Camp Kulaqua)  
Feb. 21 - March 1 — Carolina (Nosoca Pines Ranch)  
Feb. 28 - March 8 — Southern College

**Christian Home and Family Altar Week** — Feb. 15-22.

**LISTEN Magazine Emphasis** — Feb. 22.

**Tract Evangelism** — March 1.

**Adventist Youth Day** — March 15.

**Adventist Youth Week of Prayer** — March 15-22.

**Southern Union Session** — March 17-19. Knoxville, Tenn.

**Southern Union Music Festival** — March 19-22. Forest Lake Academy.

**Sabbath School Community Guest Day** — March 22.

### Adventist Singles Ministries

Southern Union Spring Retreat — March 28-30. Camp Kulaqua, near High Springs, Fla. Bradley Galambos, speaker. Contact Dr. Wynett Scott, 42 Trouble Creek Rd., New Port Richey, FL 33552. (813) 842-3233.

Singles Camp Meeting — June 26 - July 5. Southern College.

### Heritage Singers Concerts

Feb. 8	Greater Miami Academy	4:30 p.m.
	Miami, Fla.	
9	Bethel Temple	11 a.m.
	4320 S. Congress	
	Lakewood, Fla.	
	Exciting Riverside Baptist Church	7 p.m.
	Ft. Myers, Fla.	
11	First Baptist Church	7:30 p.m.
	36 Washington Avenue	
	Indianapolis, Fla.	

## sunset table

	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	Mar. 7	Mar. 14
Atlanta, Ga. ....	6:15	6:21	6:27	6:33	6:39	6:45
Charlotte, N.C. ....	5:58	6:05	6:11	6:18	6:24	6:30
Collegedale, Tenn. .	6:16	6:23	6:29	6:36	6:42	6:48
Huntsville, Ala. ....	5:21	5:28	5:34	5:41	5:47	5:52
Jackson, Miss. ....	5:40	5:46	5:52	5:57	6:03	6:08
Louisville, Ky. ....	6:13	6:20	6:28	6:35	6:42	6:49
Memphis, Tenn. ...	5:35	5:42	5:48	5:55	6:01	6:07
Miami, Fla. ....	6:09	6:13	6:18	6:22	6:26	6:29
Montgomery, Ala. .	5:24	5:31	5:37	5:42	5:48	5:53
Nashville, Tenn. ...	5:20	5:27	5:34	5:41	5:47	5:53
Orlando, Fla. ....	6:09	6:14	6:19	6:24	6:29	6:33
Wilmington, N.C. ...	5:48	5:55	6:01	6:07	6:13	6:19

12	First Baptist Church 118 N. Palmetto Avenue Daytona Beach, Fla.	7 p.m.
15	Walker Memorial Church Hwy. 27 on Lake Lillian Avon Park, Fla.	7 p.m.
16	Cypress Cathedral 1801 Haverdale Blvd. Winter Park, Fla.	6:30 p.m.
22	Anderson Gymnasium Atlanta Adventist Academy 3870 Cascade Road Atlanta, Ga.	5:30 p.m.
23	Evangel Temple 5350 Beallwood Connector Columbus, Ga.	7 p.m.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### REGULAR SESSION OF THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the membership of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Hyatt Regency Knoxville, 500 Hill Avenue, S.E., Knoxville, Tennessee, at 7:30 p.m., March 17, 1986, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the membership.

The members of this association are the accredited delegates in attendance at the regular session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (unincorporated).

A. C. McClure, President

W. D. Sumpter, Secretary

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The regular delegates to this session are appointed by the local conferences of the union on the basis of one for each 600 members or major fraction thereof, plus one for the organization.

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# in transition



## On the Move

### Florida

A new district has been formed encompassing the Ft. Lauderdale Spanish church and the Miami Beach First Spanish church. **Fernando Paulin** will pastor these two congregations. Evangelist **David Weigley** and his wife, Rebecca, from the Iowa-Missouri Conference, replace Evangelist Harmon Brownlow, who has accepted a call to the Mid-America Union.

### Out of Union

**Chris Blake** is *Insight's* new editor. Chris and his wife, Yolanda, have two sons, Nathan, 6, and Geoffrey, 3. Chris follows **Dan Fahrback**, who edited *Insight* since 1981.

**Robert R. Frame** retired as president of the Adventist Media Center in Thousand Oaks, Calif. at the end of December, after devoting 50 years of active service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The new president of the Media Center is **Bob Jacobs**, former associate secretary of the General Conference.

**1. James Hayward**, president of the Wisconsin Conference since 1982, has been appointed manager of the Voice of Prophecy. He replaces **Daniel R. Guild**, who retired recently after 16 years of service at the VOP, including 13 years as manager.

## Weddings

### HANSEN — RADKE

**Julie G. Radke** and **Richard Alan Hansen** were married May 15, 1985, at the Staples, Minn., church. Julie is from Rome, Ga., and Richard is from Central, Minn. The couple is making its home in Verndale, Minn.

### THEUS — TWOMBLEY

**Deborah Lynn Twombley** and **William Leon Theus** were united in marriage on June 15, 1985, in Aliceville, Ala. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Twombley, of Aliceville, and the groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Theus of Columbus, Ga. The ceremony was performed by David Smith, of Mobile, Ala. The bride and groom are both graduates of Southern College and are presently residing in Augusta, Ga.

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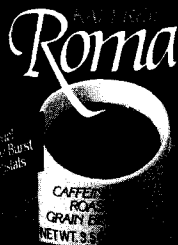
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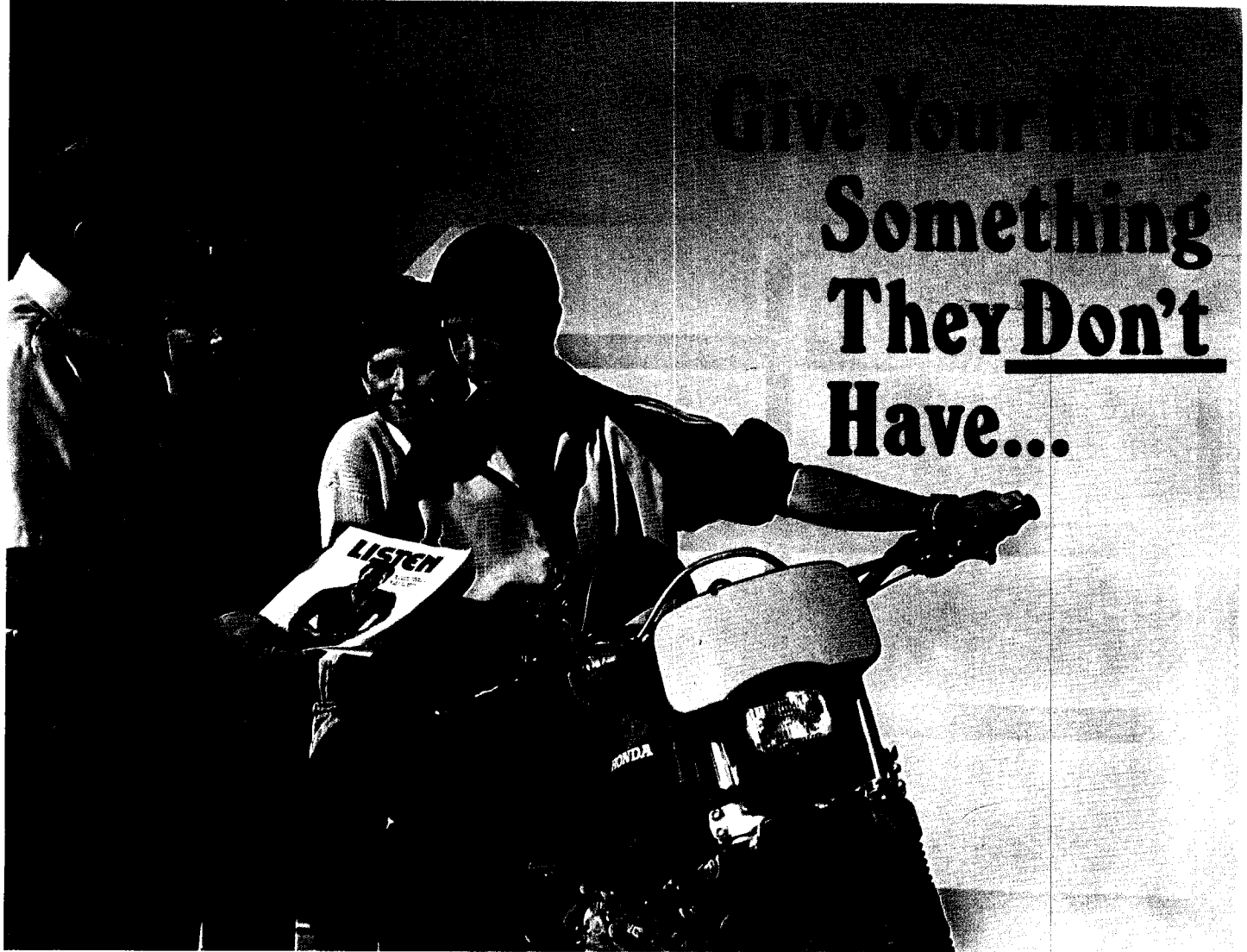
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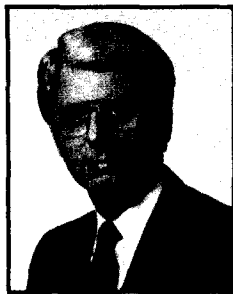
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## State of the Union

*A. C. McClure*

President, Southern Union Conference

### The Rest of the Story

On pages eight and nine of this SOUTHERN TIDINGS the annual literature evangelist conventions in Daytona Beach and Tampa, Florida, are reported. At these events the exuberance of these dedicated workers for God comes to the fore. One would have to search long and hard to find greater enthusiasm and commitment. I rejoiced with them in victories won, in souls contacted, and deliveries made.

However, to see the full picture, we must look beyond the sales totals, the trophies, and the joyful camaraderie to observe the single literature evangelist making his or her way up the steps of home after home to knock on door after door, touching life after life.

As with all salesmen, literature evangelists are often met with disappointment, but each one can tell many stories of persons whom he has visited at just the time they needed a friend. Whether or not he made a sale became secondary to meeting the need of some lonely person.

Literature evangelists knock on more doors and pray with more people outside the Seventh-day Adventist Church than ministers, simply because nearly 100 percent of their time is spent doing just that. They have no building programs, no schools to oversee, no boards to chair. They are able to devote their full energies to reaching people.

Last year, literature evangelists in the Southern Union distributed nearly 150,000

pieces of free literature. Prayers were offered in nearly 45,000 homes in the eight states of the South. Many times literature evangelists stumble upon persons who were at one time Seventh-day Adventists, but for one reason or another are no longer a part of the Church. More than 1,000 of these visits were made last year. Such a visit could be the turning point for some discouraged soul. More than 150 persons followed their Lord in baptism as a direct result of the work of Southern Union literature evangelists last year, even though theirs is primarily a seed-sowing rather than a reaping ministry.

We can be proud of our army of bookmen as they go out burdened for souls, not just sales. However, our pride can extend to their sales ability. As one examines the records, he can see a reduction in bad debts, cancellations, and collections. Better contracts are being written with the result that the Seventh-day Adventist literature they sold will stay in more homes, which is what we all want.

Recently, the phrase "bless the missionaries and colporteurs" has been dropped from many persons' prayers because of a desire to avoid clichés in prayer and we certainly should desire to make our conversations with God fresh and meaningful. However, I hope we have not stopped praying for the missionaries and colporteurs, or literature evangelists as we now know them, for, as they make their lonely way up to that next door, they need to know there are many prayers ascending for them.

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