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## Last Call For Youth's Congress

By C. H. LAUDA, *Secretary Youth and Junior Departments*

IT WILL soon be here! — the Southern Union Youth's Congress, which we have been looking forward to for many weeks. Thursday evening, June 3, at 7:30, the curtain rises on the most thrilling and greatest meeting ever held for our Southern Youth. Youth talent and inspiration will be there that will set the Southern Union youth on fire for God! Be there! You cannot afford to miss it. What a testimony to the world and to the saving power of God it will be when five thousand Adventist youth gather to bear witness of their faith in God!

The keynote of this Youth's Congress, "Share Your Faith," has always brought a thrilling response from our youth in all parts of the world field, and I am confident that our Southern youth will respond to this call, "Share Your Faith," for "Now Is the Time!"

Youth of destiny, this is *your* Congress, this is *your* meeting. Do not miss it! "Now Is the Time" to organize and "strike the heaviest blows for God" in the finishing of the work. We have been praying and planning earnestly for this great meeting. The "Share Your Faith" pageants, symposiums, and displays should inspire all of us to witness for Christ.

As your youth leader, it is my prayer and desire that each one of us will respond to the call of the hour, and that from this Youth's Congress great waves of "Share Your Faith" rallies, Youth-for-Youth meetings, Bible studies, branch Sabbath schools and Sunday schools, and many other effective enterprises will sweep over the Southland and hasten the return of our Saviour.

Do your part to carry to others the message and inspiration of this congress.

THRILL  
WITH THOUSANDS  
AS THE  
CURTAIN RISES  
7:30 P. M.  
JUNE 3

### Rooms Still Available!

Locating Booth, Memorial Auditorium  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

## We Urge--

THAT (1) those who have made reservations and know where they are to stay go direct to that place and get located, then come to the auditorium registration booth and receive the attractive Congress name badge free which we shall have waiting for you there.

That (2) those who have sent in reservations and do not know where they are to be located, should come direct to the locating booth at the

Memorial Auditorium to receive instructions.

That (3) those who have made no reservations should come direct to the locating booth, and our committee there will try to locate you.

That (4) everyone—juniors, youth, adults—come to the registration booth and receive an attractive Congress name badge.

That (5) everyone remember the first service of the Youth's Congress begins at 7:30 P.M., June 3.

### Special Notice

Those attending the Sabbath morning meeting at the Youth's Congress should remember that the doors of the auditorium will be opened at 8:00 A.M., but will close promptly at 9:00 A.M. for the Voice of Prophecy broadcast, which will be recorded for release on Sunday. The doors will open again at 9:45 for the Sabbath school and church services.

## The Draft and You--1

By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

As this is written provisions of the proposed manpower draft are not yet determined or enacted into law.

When the legislation is completed, information regarding these provisions as they relate to Seventh-day Adventist draft-age men will be placed before you.

While we are waiting for the legislation to be completed and its details to become known, it occurs to me that I may be of service to you by discussing some principles of relationship and procedure regarding the coming draft.

It is likely that if you are in the age group from eighteen to thirty you will be required to register for the first peacetime draft in American History.

If you are in the age group from nineteen to twenty-five it is possible you may face induction into the armed forces for a period of two years.

When men are faced by such contingencies they react in different ways, according to their differing temperaments and beliefs. Some take one course, some another.

If their information is inaccurate or inadequate their impulses are likely to point them in wrong directions, and they do hurtful things.

So while we are waiting let me talk with you a little and offer you some advice. I do so in order to help you avoid mistakes. I have seen a lot of mistakes made about this matter of the draft.

You see, I have been counselling young men a long time about such matters. And if you will let me help you, I want you to seek my help freely. Together we may be able to avoid some wrong courses which have led others into difficulty.

Thirty years ago, during World War I, I was secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist War Service Commission.

More recently, during World War II, I filled the same post and carried on the same work.

And now as we face another draft I remain in the same work, available

to you for any service in my power to render.

During these years I have learned some things about conscription, about war, about relationship to Government, about military service, about officers, about draft-age men, about human nature—and about God and His providences.

I have also learned some things about the mistakes young men are likely to make in relation to the draft and their attitude towards military service and right and wrong procedures regarding it.

Your church wants you to take the right attitude, to proceed on the right course, make the right decisions, act on right principles, and do your full duty to both God and country.

In order to help you your church has established and is maintaining a War Service Commission. Plan to use this in any way it can help. If you are perplexed or in doubt, seek its assistance. There is no need to be reluctant or to hesitate to do so.

Let me close this first bit of counsel by emphasizing a basic principle. It is this: The draft is not something to be alarmed about, or to get jittery about, or run away from, or dread. It is rather something about which to seek God's will, about which to look for great opportunities for service, about which to determine to maintain your integrity, your Christian profession, and honor your church and your God.

Look on it not as a calamity to be mourned over, but an opportunity to be seized upon.

God has a plan for you and your life. He has not lost control. He will carry out His plan for you—if you will let Him.

Someone has said that a literal translation of Zephaniah 3:17 would be, "He is silently planning for thee in love; for it matters to Him about you." Take that to your heart with confidence in this uncertain time of waiting.

## Evangelism News

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Elder H. T. Anderson, who is being assisted by Elder V. W. Collins and Robert Wood, reports excellent interests of many attending the effort now in progress in Jackson, Mississippi. Immediately following the Youth's Congress, Evangelists L. H. Pitton and Otis Graves will conduct a series of tent meetings in Gadsden, Alabama. The goal is to double the membership there within a year. Beginning about the middle of June, Evangelist Everett L. Marley and Pastor C. E. Wheeler will hold a series of meetings in Opelika, Alabama. Miss Mildred Baldwin of Mobile will be Bible instructor for the summer months. This is a city where there is not now a church. To date ninety-eight persons have been baptized as a result of the meetings conducted in Birmingham by Elders W. O. Reynolds and C. F. Graves. It is planned this summer to hold ten-day revival services in a number of the churches.

### Your Youth's Congress Room

Your locating committee is assigning rooms in harmony with the information cards which have come in and will notify you just as soon as possible where you will be located. Those who will be given accommodations at Southern Missionary College should remember that they must bring their own bedding, soap, towels, etc., as none of these things will be furnished. Rooms at the college will contain only a cot and mattress. Your cooperation with us in our problem of locating so many people at this time is greatly appreciated.

J. M. ACKERMAN, *Chairman*  
*Locating Committee*  
Box 4929  
Atlanta, Georgia

## CAROLINA

Elder L. P. Knecht has had a very successful effort in Marion, South Carolina, where a church of nearly fifty members has been organized. Elder V. W. Esquilla conducted a good effort in Sumter, South Carolina, resulting in the organization of a church of twenty-eight members. Elder W. P. Lockwood, assisted by Brother Max Ritchie, has held an effort in the tabernacle in Charlotte, North Carolina, and a baptismal service will take place soon. Elder G. W. Asher, assisted by Elder Herbert, successfully closed a church effort in High Point, North Carolina, with the baptism of twelve persons. Elder Esquilla and Brother Keplinger have been conducting evangelistic services in Columbia, South Carolina, and report a good interest. Brother D. G. Anderson has been holding Sunday night meetings in Durham, North Carolina, Brother Elliston in the northeastern part of the conference, and Elder Knecht has held a short effort in Hazelwood, where a new church of thirty-two members has been organized. A special college effort will be held in Asheville, North Carolina, this summer, as well as other evangelistic and revival meetings.

## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Since January Elder O. D. Cardev has been conducting an effort in Columbus, Georgia, which gives promise of a good number of new believers. Elder H. W. Walker is definitely planning to launch a tent effort in Chattanooga shortly after camp meeting. Evangelist Woodrow Larson, who will be ordained at camp meeting, will conduct an effort in LaFayette, Georgia, where we now have a branch Sabbath school and a number of interested people. Elder A. J. Hirsch will begin a tent effort in Elizabethton, Tennessee, this summer. Later in the season, it is hoped to pitch a tent beside the new church building in Albany, Georgia, and move the interested people right into this beautiful new edifice. Elder W. J. Keith has for some time been holding meetings in the Atlanta First Church, and there is evidence of many taking their stand for the truth.

## FLORIDA

Elder W. O. Reynolds writes from Miami: "The Lord is continuing to bless in the effort. Our crowds are still holding up, and now we can see

## Mat Service

The union office can now supply one-column mats to church and conference press secretaries for publicity work, of the following: V. G. Anderson, H. C. Klement, C. H. Lauda, B. E. Wagner, R. H. Wentland. Address your request to Press Department, Box 449, Decatur, Georgia.

very definite interest developing. One hundred twenty-five signed a decision two weeks ago to begin keeping the Sabbath. The church members are cooperating wonderfully. They have contacted between 60,000 and 70,000 homes since we started and have developed our Bible School to 2,000. About fifty laymen are trained so that they can enter into the follow-up work. Within the next two weeks we plan to have every home in Greater Miami and the county contacted with the Bible Course. The church is on fire to work, and we all are expecting a great harvest of souls by camp meeting time."

## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

This conference has already conducted three church revivals and plans more for later in the season. Evangelistic efforts are in progress in many places. At Owensboro, Kentucky, Elder H. R. Veach expects a baptism of about twenty soon. Elder Calvin Osborn is holding Sunday night meetings in the Louisville church, as are also Elder R. H. Hartwell at Memphis; Elder G. W. Valentine at Paducah, Kentucky; Evangelist Paul Felt at Lexington, Kentucky; Evangelist L. C. Strickland at Dyersburg, Tennessee; and Elder D. W. O'fall at Covington, Kentucky. Elder G. W. Ambler is conducting a thirty-day radio program at Paris, Tennessee. Evangelist Frank Ashby is holding meetings in Dayton, Kentucky, six nights a week, with a good interest. Proposed efforts for the summer include: Nashville, Tennessee, by Elder Stanley Harris; Madison, Tennessee, by Elder Glenn Coon; Murray, Kentucky, Elder G. W. Ambler and Evangelist R. M. Hillier; Henderson, Kentucky, Elder G. L. Stauffer; London, Kentucky, Elder J. D. Dobbs; and Powder Mills Hill, Elder J. L. Bowers.

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

Elder E. E. Cleveland, the conference evangelist, is having a very fine attendance at his meetings in Gainesville, Florida. He and his coworkers are encouraged over the outlook there. Elder J. F. Street in Miami, Florida, is having a good effort in that large city. In Dade City, Florida, which is virgin territory, Elder W. M. Starks is conducting a tent effort. It is hoped that a church will be organized there. Other efforts are planned for Charlotte, North Carolina, with Elder E. E. Cleveland in charge; and Atlanta, Georgia, with Elder J. E. Cox. Other South Atlantic ministers who have definite plans for efforts this year are: Pastor C. M. Bailey, F. S. Hill, J. B. E. Williams, W. S. Banfield, E. C. Ward, and D. L. Crowder.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

Two revival meetings are being conducted at the present time: Elders C. S. Myles and I. C. Thomas in Chattanooga, and Elder D. B. Reid and Brother P. C. Winley in Nashville. More of these are planned to precede camp meeting. Pastor Richard C. Brown, in his first year of internship, is conducting an evangelistic effort. Recent baptismal services are reported by Pastor E. T. Mimms, Pastor Horace Jones; Pastor Freeman at Montgomery, Alabama; Elder D. B. Reid at Knoxville; Elder C. S. Myles at Memphis; and Elder B. W. Abney at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

## CHURCHES REACHING EVANGELISTIC GOALS DURING FIRST QUARTER

*Alabama-Mississippi:* Churches having had a baptismal service during the quarter: Andalusia, Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama; Mobile, Alabama; Jackson, Mississippi; Pensacola, Florida; Panama City, Florida, and the conference church. Church baptizing a number equal to ten per cent of the membership: Andalusia, Alabama.

*Carolina:* Churches having had a baptismal service during the quarter: Asheville, North Carolina; Charlotte, North Carolina; Columbia, South Carolina; the conference church; Greenville, South Carolina; High Point, North Carolina; Spartanburg, South Carolina; Wilmington, North Carolina. Church baptizing a number equal to ten per cent of the membership: High Point, North Carolina.

*Florida:* Churches having had a baptismal service during the quarter: Jacksonville, Florida Sanitarium, Sanford, Lakeland, Plant City, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Palmetto, Bradenton, West Palm Beach, Lake Worth, Okeechobee, Miami, Hialeah, Fort Lauderdale, conference church. Church baptizing a number equal to ten per cent of the membership: Bradenton.

*Georgia-Cumberland:* Churches having had a baptismal service during the quarter: Atlanta First; Bristol, Tennessee; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Gainesville, Georgia; Knoxville, Tennessee; Lenoir City, Tennessee; Macon, Georgia. Churches baptizing a number equal to ten per cent of the membership: Bristol, Tennessee; Gainesville, Georgia.

*Kentucky-Tennessee:* Churches having had a baptismal service during the quarter: Bordeaux, Tennessee; Centerville, the conference church, Franklin, Fulton, Lexington, Louisville, Memphis, Nashville, Paducah.

*South Atlantic:* Churches having had a baptismal service during the quarter: Atlanta, Georgia; West Palm Beach, Florida.

*South Central:* Churches having had a baptismal service during the quarter: Covington, Kentucky; Mobile, Alabama; Montgomery, Alabama; Vicksburg, Mississippi. Churches baptizing a number equal to ten per cent of the membership: Covington, Kentucky; Montgomery, Alabama.

#### REMEMBER THE TWO-FOLD GOAL

A Baptism in Every Church Every Quarter.

Every Church Baptizing Every Year a Number Equal to Ten Per Cent of the Membership.

### CAROLINA

Box 930, Charlotte, North Carolina

F. O. Sanders, President

R. G. Mote, Secretary-Treasurer

Make wills and legacies to the Carolina Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Incorporated.

### Practical Nurses' Course

Applications are now being received for entrance to the July 1 class in the Practical Nurses' Course offered at the Pisgah Sanitarium and Hospital. Age eighteen to forty. Education—sufficient for classwork on secondary level. Students completing the course may earn four units of high school

to apply toward graduation from the academic course at the Pisgah Institute which is accredited by the North Carolina State Department of Education. Graduates of the nurses' course are eligible to take state board examinations for practical nurses. If interested, write for Bulletin and application blank. Address the Director of Nurses, Pisgah Sanitarium and Hospital, Candler, North Carolina.

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### How Small

"I speak of the tithing system; yet how meager it looks to my mind! How small the estimate! How vain the endeavor to measure with mathematical rules, time, money, and love against a love and sacrifice that is measureless and incomputable! Tithes for Christ! Oh, meager pittance, shameful recompense for that which cost so much! From the cross of Calvary, Christ calls for unconditional surrender. . . . All we have should be consecrated to God."

*Testimonies, Volume IV, page 120.*

### Special Appeal

The accompanying article and picture tell the story. Here is a newly established church in a dark county. When the effort closed, they were unable to rent any building because of prejudice. In fact, for a number of

weeks they were unable even to have Sabbath services.

In this emergency we sought counsel from the union offices, and the present shell of the building is the result. As was expected, the building cost passed the original plan, which has made it a heavy load on the congregation.

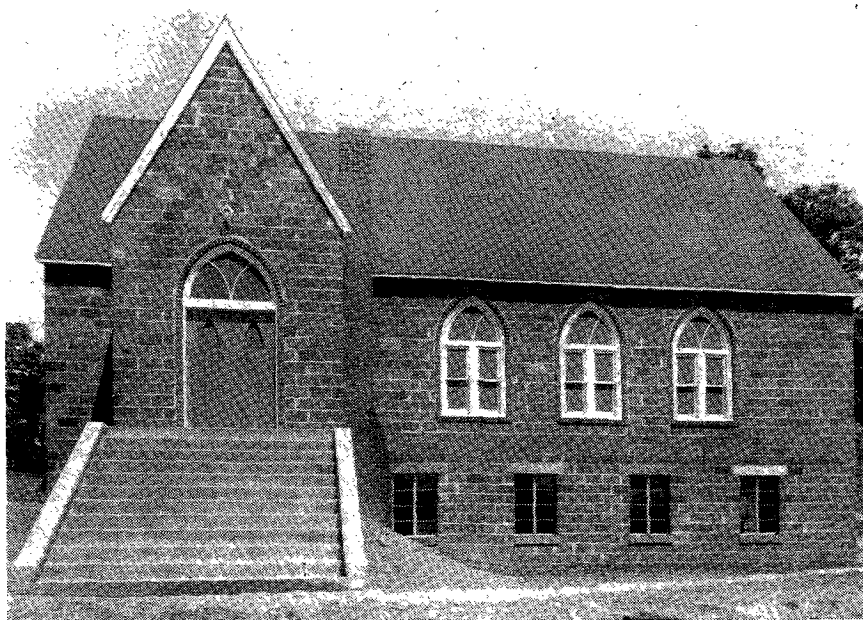
Both the union and local conferences have given liberally to this fund. After further counsel with the union brethren, our local committee suggested that we present this appeal through the TIDINGS and later also request all of our churches to take a special offering on Sabbath for this fund.

Surely your dollars could go for no better purpose than to establish the work in one of the Dark Counties of Carolina. Why not send a liberal offering today? Perhaps that \$100.00 gift could go to no better cause. Regardless of the amount, mail it to the Carolina Conference, Box 930, Charlotte, North Carolina, and mark it for the Marion Church Fund. Why not mail that check today?

F. O. SANDERS

### The Light Now Shineth

One year ago today McDowell County, sixty miles southeast of Asheville, was a dark county. There was not a single Seventh-day Adventist in the city of Marion, the county seat, (Continued on page 6)



New Marion Church

## Time To Get It Finished!

As you look over the picture given us on the thermometers you will see that it is time we should be getting the Ingathering finished. Those call backs, that businessman who was out, the man who asked you to call later, the neighbor you haven't been to see, all of these calls will net you money and good contacts, so please, do not

postpone any longer. If you have some Ingathering calls to make, do it now.

Have you done your part? Have you been a real helper in the Ingathering for missions? Have you been one who has helped to make the church per capita look good? God is counting on you.

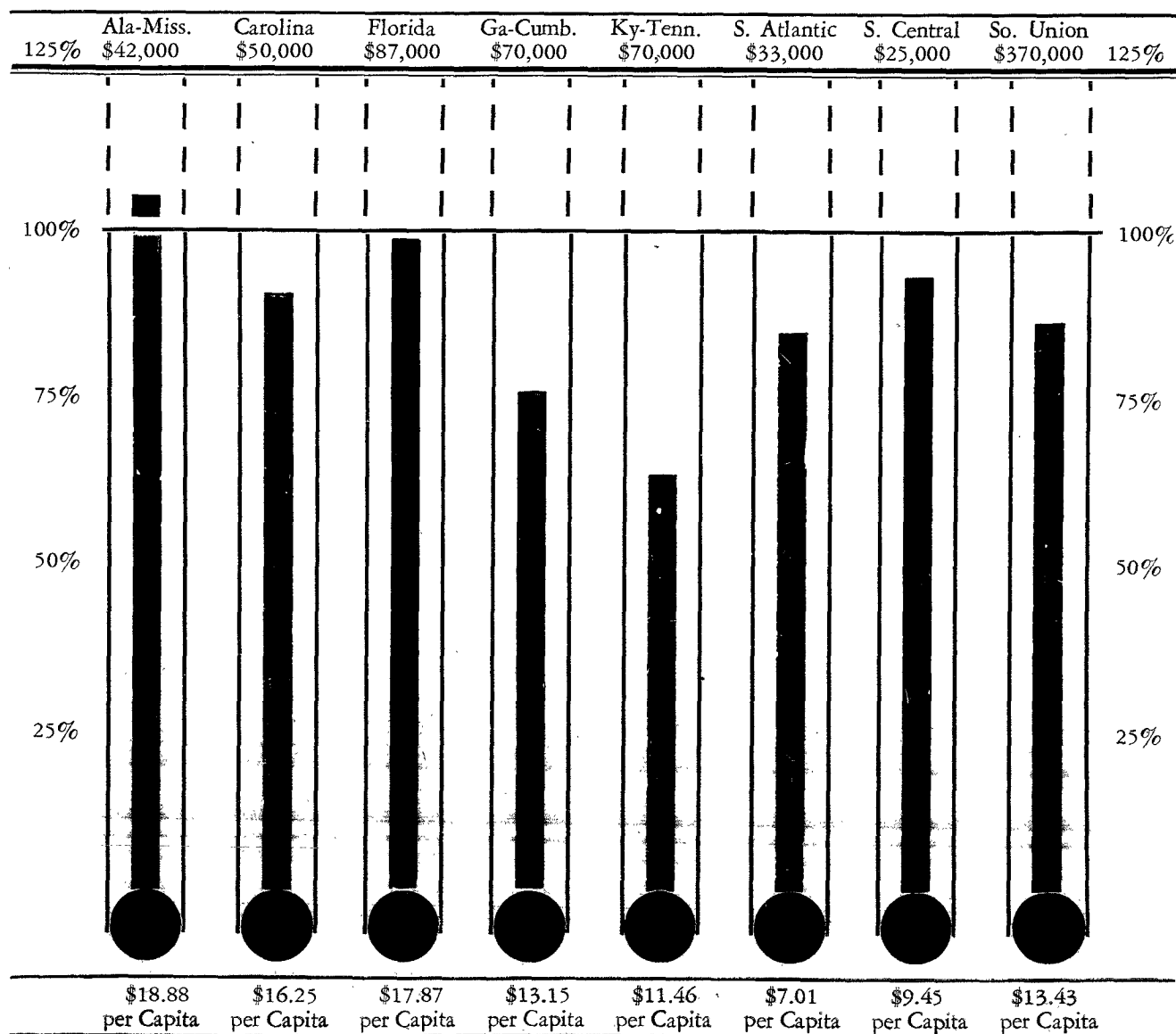
Have you a full and complete record

of your work so it will be easier and quicker when you do go out next year? If you haven't this record complete, bring it up to date while you still remember what people gave, etc. Then too, start now to make friendly contacts, looking forward to next year. And not only that, what about those people who showed an interest? Are you going to take more literature to them? What about those who showed so much interest that you felt they

## Ingathering Receipts to May 15

All goals are based on a Minute Man basis with the exception of South Atlantic and South Central.

(Dotted lines represent overflow)



would like Bible studies? Are you going to do something for those people?

In looking over the various bulletins, occasionally we see where a church has almost reached the goal—perhaps forty cents per member short. How can a church stop that near the goal? Sometimes churches stop nearer to the goal than that. Why not send out a few cars for one day and make a little extra effort to get that goal. There is nothing like reaching the goal where it is reasonably possible to do so. Study your campaign results, and remember it is *time to get it finished* if you have not already done so.

R. H. WENTLAND

### *The Light Now Shineth*

(Continued from page 4)

except Brother and Sister Lawter, who had moved there to canvass and give light to those in darkness. Believing that the time was ripe, because several had taken the Twentieth Century Bible Course, a large tent was pitched in Marion the last of June, 1947. As a result of the work here thirty-eight precious souls were baptized into the Third Angel's Message.

Prejudice made it impossible to rent any quarters to house this growing congregation. After counsel with the officers of the Union and local conferences a lot was purchased last November and plans laid to erect the shell of a church. The work went slowly. The winter was rough. The husband of a baptized believer, who is a mason, offered to take charge of the mason work with no charge for his services, if we would pay the wages of his helpers. By the time it was erected to the roof the cost of labor did not exceed \$200. The cost of material, however, especially windows and roof, with the high cost of other materials, has made our building cost about \$5,000. There still is some work to be done, the ceiling to be put on, the stairs and rest rooms to be put in, and the outside of the building to be stuccoed.

At the present time we are holding a series of meetings in the church, which now has a church membership of about fifty and a Sabbath school membership of seventy-five. As you look at this, a beautiful structure in a place where there was not a single believer, I am sure you will say, "What hath God wrought!"

It has meant a big sacrifice to the

believers. In order to obtain this beautiful church and to have a place in which to hold together this congregation, it was necessary for me to borrow from my own friends the sum of \$2,000. Three hundred dollars of this was lent by the mason, who give his services free. The rest of the fund is now due.

I am, therefore, making an appeal to every believer in the Carolina Conference to have a part in this worthy project in this once dark county. Please don't read this article and feel you cannot help in such a worthy enterprise. If every believer would give just \$1.00, it would wipe out the entire indebtedness. Of course, some of the conference-wide membership are youth and children, so if many will give \$10.00, \$5.00, or even more, in two months we can meet our obligations.

Won't you send that liberal offering to the conference office now and mark it Marion Church Fund? The entire project was begun in faith, and we believe it can be finished in faith if you will only have a part in this worthy missionary enterprise. Don't delay. Do it today. Keep the light burning in this once dark county of North Carolina.

L. P. KNECHT



Elder L. P. Knecht and group baptized on the day of the church organization.

### *A Dark County Opened*

Another dark county was opened about two years ago when Elder Knecht held a tent meeting in Hazelwood, North Carolina. Prejudice developed so that one church actually burned some S. D. A. books publicly on the church grounds. But "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Sabbath, May 1, was a memorable day for the company of believers reaped as a result of the meetings held in this place. We were privileged to have with us Elder F. O. Sanders, his



Members and children in the newly organized church at Hazelwood, N. C.

wife, and son. Our president gave an inspiring sermon on the "Sure Foundation of the Church." He, assisted by the evangelist, organized the thirty-two believers as charter members. They chose as their name the "Hazelwood S. D. A. Church," and officers were elected.

At the close of the service five precious souls were led by Elder Knecht into the watery grave to follow their Lord in baptism. Our hearts have been thrilled within the last two weeks to see nine baptized as a result of meetings held on Sunday nights in the tabernacle. The tabernacle is a quonset building, painted white with black trim. A cement floor and walk have been a recent addition.

Due reward will be received in heaven by Mrs. Knecht for her faithful assistance in the labors of her husband and her continual prayers. Brother Glenn Henriksen and the writer has been assisting in the work.

Recently a great interest has grown so that the last Sunday night of meetings extra chairs had to be put up to accommodate the crowd. As an evidence of this interest, one of our recently baptized members, Brother Clyde Morgan, had a marvelous experience.

Brother Morgan asked for release from his job on the Sabbath but was refused. Relatives said he would starve to death. The union leader heard of this refusal because of his religious belief, so he came to Brother Wiggins, who was formerly a Baptist preacher, and whose job was at stake also, and asked him what he would do in case of a strike. He told him he would go home and stay until it was over. The whole plant was aroused. He then went to the assistant superintendent about the matter. There he was told Mr. Morgan was to be fired. The union leader said, "That man went

across the sea to fight for his religious rights, and he is going to have it here. When that man walks out of this place 199 other men will walk out with him." The assistant superintendent went to the office and returned with the agreement to keep the man on the job in the yard for less money. There he went. In an hour they took him back on his old job. So our brothers still have their jobs.

"Dare to be a Daniel. Dare to stand alone. Dare to have a purpose true and dare to make it known."

We ask your prayers, for we are confident that a new day has dawned, and under the latter rain a greater day has come for the church in Hazelwood.

DOROTHY DETWILER

## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

547 Cherokee Ave., S. E., Atlanta, Georgia  
I. M. Evans, President

P. S. Blackburn, Secretary-Treasurer

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## Georgia Conference Association Of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the regular session of the Georgia Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the auditorium at Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee, on Wednesday, June 9, 1948, at 10:00 A. M. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of this corporation.

I. M. EVANS, *President*

R. S. BLACKBURN, *Secretary*

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## Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the eighth session of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the auditorium at Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee, on Tuesday, June 8, 1948. The first meeting is called for 7:30 P.M. This session is called for the election of officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the conference. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one

additional delegate for every ten members or major fraction thereof.

I. M. EVANS, *President*

R. S. BLACKBURN, *Secretary*

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## Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the regular session of the Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the auditorium at Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee, on Wednesday, June 9, 1948, at 10:15 A.M. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of this corporation.

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R. S. BLACKBURN, *Secretary*

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## Calling All Juniors!

We are planning for four big days for the Juniors in our Junior tent in the Valley at camp meeting this year. We are going to have special guest speakers each morning and lots of interesting things every afternoon. And of course there will be plenty of good stories, morning, afternoon, and evening. We are planning for a special craft hour each morning that you will not want to miss.

Brother Milton Connell is going to have charge of the Junior music, and he is anxious to have a Junior orchestra with special music for each meeting. If you play any musical instrument that can be used, be sure to bring it with you to camp meeting.

We shall be looking forward to meeting each one of you at the Junior tent for the opening meeting, Tuesday evening, June 8.

MRS. O. D. CARDEY

## Mutual Burial Association

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the mutual Burial Association constituency is called to meet on the Georgia-Cumberland campground immediately following the eleven o'clock meeting on Sunday, July 13, 1948, for the purpose of electing three members of the Board of Directors and such other business as should come before the constituency. All members of the Mutual Burial Association are members of the constituency.

C. A. WILLIAMS, *President*

G. N. FULLER, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## Governor Thompson Speaks at Waycross District Rally

The believers in the Waycross district were favored by having Governor M. T. Thompson of Georgia speak words of encouragement and commendation to them at the district rally held on May 15 in the beautiful, new Baxley church. By special invitation of Brother Bidwell, pastor of the churches in the Waycross district, Governor Thompson attended the rally and congratulated the Baxley believers on the erection of such a nice house of worship and also praised Seventh-day Adventists for their spiritual foresight and their willingness and ability to work with others.

Others attending the rally included Elders Evans, Scriven, and Thompson and Brother Blackburn from the conference office. At the conclusion of the sermon by Elder Evans, two were baptized and united with the Baxley church.

A very tempting and delicious lunch was served by the ladies of the church to the crowd that attended the rally. The offerings of the day amounted to over \$50.00 and everyone felt the Lord's blessing was abundant throughout the meetings. To close the day's program, a beautiful motion picture portraying the scenes of Daniel 2 was shown to a packed church.

The new Baxley church is now officially completed, and meetings are in progress, which are being well attended by the general public. The church has two nice church school rooms, and it is hoped that a thriving church school will shortly be in operation. Any family wishing to locate in or near Baxley in order to have church and school privileges are invited to correspond with either the district leader or Brother W. M. Stone, Route 1, Baxley, Georgia.

ALLEN T. BIDWELL,  
*Pastor, Waycross District*

## FLORIDA

Box 1313, Orlando, Florida  
R. H. Nighthale, *President*  
W. F. Miller, *Treasurer*

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## Special Camp Meeting Interests

We have been told by the servant of the Lord that our camp meetings are to increase in interest and success.



There will be many things of interest at the Florida camp meeting, which will be held from June 10 to 20. Preachers from the General Conference, union, and local conferences will give inspiring messages. Keith Argraves, World War II paratrooper, will be present and give his thrilling experiences.

Notice these striking statements from the servant of God:

"Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them."

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp meetings."

"Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people."

The opening meeting will be June 10, and the closing meeting will be Sunday night, June 20. Get your tent or room reservation in at once. In the meantime pray that this will be the most successful camp meeting we have ever had in Florida.

R. H. NIGHTINGALE

### Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the forty-fourth session of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on the grounds of the Forest Lake Academy, Maitland, Florida, on Wednesday, June 16, 1948. The first meeting is called for 9:00 A.M. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one additional delegate for each ten members or major fraction thereof. -24

R. H. NIGHTINGALE, *President*

W. F. MILLER, *Secretary*

### Florida Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Florida Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet on the grounds of the Forest Lake Academy, Maitland, Florida, on Wednesday, June 16, 1948, at 4:00 P.M. The delegates to the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituents of this corporation. -24

R. H. NIGHTINGALE, *President*

W. F. MILLER, *Secretary*

### Evangelism in Florida

The fires of evangelism are burning brightly in the Florida Conference. I am sure that a few reports from our evangelists will be an inspiration to all of our believers in the Southern Union.

Elder Garrett writes from Tampa: "It looks as if we should have thirty or more in the first baptism which is scheduled for Sabbath, May 22."

Elder Nelson, who is in charge of a tent effort in West Palm Beach, writes under date of May 6 concerning his baptism of a previous Sabbath:

"We have now baptized twenty-one this year and have another baptism scheduled this coming Sabbath of about twenty more. There are many more good prospects for another baptism. God is greatly blessing. The best news is that most of these we are baptizing are young people in the twenty-eight to thirty-two age bracket. We are baptizing three complete families of Dunkards who are all related, and there will probably be a fourth family coming in also.

"These numbers do not include but two of our own children. They are all new members, and there are also a number of backsliders attending who we are hoping will take a definite stand. There are a number of Catholics attending, and one family is coming in this coming Sabbath. I do not tell you these things to boast in any way, for it is God who is giving us the latter rain. Many have gained the complete victory over tobacco and other habits."

Word has been received that twenty-three more have been baptized.

He further states that they have a list of some seven hundred names of people showing continued interest.

A large campaign has also been in progress in the city of Jacksonville, and Elder Hoffman informs us that they have some twelve hundred homes on their visiting list.

We also hear good news from the large campaign in Miami. They have about three thousand enrolled in the Bible Correspondence School, and practically every home in Greater Miami and the county have had opportunity to enroll in the Bible School. Elder Reynolds has trained about fifty laymen to help follow up this great interest. In the last report we had from Elder Reynolds he stated that one hundred twenty-five signed de-

cision cards to keep the Sabbath. It looks now as if another church will soon be organized in the Greater Miami area.

We are working and praying for a great harvest of souls in Florida during 1948.

R. H. NIGHTINGALE

### Tithe

"Christians are required by the Scripture to enter upon a plan of active benevolence which will keep in constant exercise an interest in the salvation of their fellow men. The moral law enjoined the observance of the Sabbath, which was not a burden, except when that law was transgressed and they were bound by the penalties involved in breaking it. The tithing system was no burden to those who did not depart from the plan. The system enjoined upon the Hebrews has not been repealed or relaxed by the One who organized it. Instead of being of no force now, it was to be more fully carried out and more extended, as salvation through Christ alone should be more fully brought to light in the Christian age." *Testimonies, Volume III*, page 391, 392.

### The Blessing of Hope

No man is ever defeated so long as he has hope. It has been said that hope springs out of the soul just as water springs out of a fountain, or light out of a candle. Hope does not believe in sunset, but is forever facing toward the east, waiting for the sun to rise. The contribution that hope has made to the world is incalculable. It has been the great encourager to every enterprise under the sun, scientific or otherwise.

The farmer plants his seeds with the hope of reaping a harvest. The teacher gives instruction to the boy with hope of his being better equipped for successful living. A business man fills his store with merchandise with the hope of selling it to the coming customers.

Hope has been the great saviour of life. Man knows he is down today, but he hopes to come back tomorrow. Sickness lays one low, but hope saves a man's spirit and is able to bring him back again. Hope builds around him the atmosphere of success and gives him staying power that carries him on to victory. Hope sees beyond the cloud, the obstacles, the hardships, the weakness, the failure, and the diffi-



culty, and cries, "Never accept the verdict of defeat, but keep on going and you will reach the desired goal."

Christianity charges a man with hope; the hope that he can come back; that he can recover; that he can be remade. Great cities have been destroyed but have risen again, and so can man by taking Christ into his life. Let hope come to a man when he finds himself frustrated and overwhelmed with all kinds of difficulties, and he will fight his way out to victory. This is what hope is for. Therefore, do not let go of God's golden key to the unlocking and rehabilitating power that is given to you in hope.

Dear colporteur friends, if you are having difficulties and facing seeming defeat, get a new vision of what hope can do for you and PRESS ONWARD!

HELEN HUGHES,  
Office Secretary Publishing  
Department.

## The Journey's End

*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Revelation 14:13*

### ELDER H. A. VANDEMAN

ELDER HERBERT ALLEN VANDEMAN was born June 19, 1878, in Ashland, Nebraska, and fell quietly asleep in Jesus at the Washington Sanitarium, on March 6, 1948, at the age of 69 years.

Elder Vandeman was graduated from the University of Michigan, where he met Miss Nina M. Roys. They were married August 12, 1902. Soon he entered business in Denver, Colorado. He organized a group of business men of the Methodist church for active social service in the city of Denver. The message came to him through Elder Anglebarger and associates. Shortly after this he went to Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, to prepare himself for the ministry.

After Brother Vandeman was graduated in 1912 from Union College, he labored in the Colorado Conference and was ordained to the ministry at Boulder. In 1919 he was called to the East and labored in the New York Conference. In 1923 he was called to labor in the East Pennsylvania Conference. He was a very successful city evangelist and won many souls for Christ's kingdom. Brother Vandeman pioneered the way in the use of radio by broadcasting his sermons in connection with his evangelistic efforts. He occupied the unique position of baptizing the first one hundred people who had accepted the message through the medium of the radio.

In 1937 he accepted a call to the Michigan Conference and later to the Minnesota Conference, where he served as pastor of the Minneapolis church. Four years later he accepted a call to the pastorate of the Nashville, Tennessee, church. In 1945 he was called to the Florida Conference and

served as pastor of the Orlando Sanitarium church and also of the Winter Park church, also acting as chaplain of the Orlando Sanitarium for a part of the time in the closing days of his ministry. He gave thirty-six years of his life to the gospel ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist cause, raising up a number of new churches and greatly strengthening the churches of which he was settled pastor.

He was active and ministered to others until the day he was compelled to go to the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital last November 6.

Five weeks ago he and his wife came to make their home with their son, Elder George Vandeman, in Takoma Park. His condition made it necessary for him to spend his last days in the Washington Sanitarium. He rests from his labors. He leaves to mourn: his widow, Mrs. Nina Roys Vandeman, a daughter Mrs. Dorothy Lemmon, of Lynwood, California; and three sons, Herbert, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Allen, of St. Louis, Missouri, and Elder George E. Vandeman of Takoma Park, Maryland, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Besides these, he leaves a host of friends in every place he labored, where he was greatly beloved by all who knew him. He will have many stars in his crown of rejoicing as a result of the many souls he won for the kingdom of glory.

C. S. LONGACRE

RECORD:—Una Victoria Record for the past thirty years has been a faithful member of the Memphis First Church in Tennessee. She died January 30, 1948, after a period of severe sickness, at the age of fifty-six years. Her husband, three children, a brother, and two sisters survive her. The writer, assisted by Brethren A. R. Friberg and W. E. Starnes, conducted the funeral services on February 1, and she was laid to rest in the West Union Cemetery to await the call of the Master.

R. H. HARTWELL, Pastor

GREENLEE:—William Arthur Greenlee was born in the state of Pennsylvania, March 8, 1854, and passed to his rest at the age of ninety-four, on March 22, 1948, at the home of his grandson, Herbert Greenlee, in Eustis, Florida. As a young man Brother Greenlee moved to the state of Indiana where he made his home until old age and failing health caused him to come to Florida. He accepted the message in 1884 and was a devoted Christian until his death. He leaves to mourn his passing, three sons and two sisters, and a number of grandchildren. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer at Eustis, Florida. Interment was in Indiana.

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### Attention, Veterans

Attention, veterans and soldiers planning to attend the Southern Union Youth's Congress! We are very anxious to have all of you Saturday night, June 5.

CARIS H. LAUDA, *Secretary*  
*Youth and Junior Departments*

### KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

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### News Notes

★ Four juniors were recently baptized at Ashland, Kentucky: Virginia White, Rowena Rye, Coles Rye, and Joe McDowell. We are happy to see these young people taking this step early in life.

★ On Sabbath, May 15, seven were baptized at Leach, and two others were rebaptized. On the same day, one was baptized at Paris, Tennessee.

★ Elder W. G. Ambler has been broadcasting over the radio at Paris the past month, and his message has stirred the entire area. Some of our colporteurs are finding a real interest in the truths of Seventh-day Adventist doctrine as a result, and one lady asked to attend church.

★ Elder Veach and Brother Karolyi have just paid a visit to the office. So far twenty-nine have been baptized at Owensboro, Kentucky, and they expect at least that many more from the effort there.

★ Brother and Sister Melville Hillier of the Jackson district have accepted a call to be the deans at Highland Academy. The new dormitory is being divided so as to accommodate both boys and girls next year.

★ The conference committee met last Monday and laid plans for the coming camp meeting and summer evangelism.

★ Brother Frank Barrow, maintenance man of the conference, is taking his vacation in Idaho.

★ Elder Glenn Coon will soon be returning to his Madison church duties following a vacation in New York.

★ Brother Irving Young has been visiting the colporteurs up in the Ashland, Kentucky, district: Brother

Sparks, Brother Rye, and Mrs. Witten. He found them of good courage in spite of a lengthy coal strike, threatened railroad strike, and floods, and these workers are determined to press on, helping to spread the printed page. We appreciate the fine cooperation that Brother Johnson, the pastor, gives to these literature evangelists.

### SOUTH CENTRAL

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### Camp Meeting

Everyone who comes to camp meeting this year will be delighted to hear Keith Argraves, "The Paratrooper," who will tell of his wonderful experiences of deliverance through the war. His book, which has been read by many in the conference, is so interesting that one can hardly start in without wanting to finish it the same day. God was with him step by step during his army days. Many of our people want to know the thrilling stories of how God preserved Seventh-day Adventist young people during the war.

Elder J. A. Buckwalter of the General Conference Temperance department will be another one of the interesting speakers at the camp. His sermons will benefit all.

Elder W. P. Bradley was for many years a missionary in the Far East. His stories of the great work God is accomplishing among the Orientals will thrill every heart. Many years ago Elder Bradley worked among the churches of our territory.

Elder Meade MacGuire is a man who can always make the plan of salvation so plain that everyone thoroughly appreciates the love of God whether he be sinner or Christian. His devotional topics will inspire all.

All Dorcas Societies of the South Central Conference are asked to bring along samples of their work. There will be a Dorcas display room at the camp meeting. This is going to be an interesting feature of the camp.

Special discount will be given on books at the camp meeting. A wonderful display of books and Bibles will attract all book lovers. Come prepared to get a good supply.

The first meeting of the camp will begin at 7:30 P. M., Thursday night, June 10. This will be the opening of

the conference session. All delegates are expected to be present and on time.

### Southern Missionary College

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### Teachers of Tomorrow

The Collegedale chapter of the Future Teachers of America Club on April 7 attended the initial meeting of the state conference of this nationwide organization.

This gathering took place on the campus of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute at Cookeville. Included on the agenda were speeches by the president of the host institution and the national chairman of the F. T. A., Dr. Joy Elmer Morgan. The leader of the S. M. C. delegation, Miss Dixie Reeder, also spoke.

Included in the Collegedale group were Dixie Reeder, Mary Lynn Coulson, Mrs. Ostman, Marvin Salhany, and Mrs. G. B. Dean, sponsor of F. T. A.

### Your Opportunity To Help

The Investment force of Collegedale Sabbath school will feature the Crusaders, popular S. M. C. quartet, in a program on Saturday night, May 29, according to Robert Kistler, general superintendent of the Sabbath school's tabernacle division.

Included on the program will be other vocal and instrumental numbers. Masters of ceremonies are Wayne Thurber and Lawrence Scales. Both of these men and Mr. Kistler will graduate from S. M. C. in the commencement on May 30.

Investment at Collegedale has been carried forward by special Investment superintendents. In the tabernacle division a dollar bill was given to applicants who wished to invest it for the Lord, and one of these brought in \$30.00 to May 15, said one of the Investment leaders.

### SUNSET TABLE

Friday, May 28, 1948	
Atlanta, Ga. ....	7:40
Charlotte, N. C. ....	7:28
Collegedale, Tenn. ....	7:46
Huntsville, Ala. ....	6:49
Memphis, Tenn. ....	7:05
Meridian, Miss. ....	6:52
Nashville, Tenn. ....	7:54
Orlando, Fla. ....	7:14
Wilmington, N. C. ....	7:14