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Red Cross and Disaster Relief

By L. M. NELSON,
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WE know this program of Red Cross and Disaster Relief sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination is raising lots of questions in the minds of our members. I have tried to answer the queries which have come to me, and for the benefit of the hundreds it hasn't been my privilege to speak with personally, I have listed them here:

Question: What is the goal for each church in the Southern Union regarding the Red Cross program?

Answer: In the next six months it is the plan for every church member and every school student from the seventh grade up to take one of the Red Cross courses.

Question: What are the Red Cross classes to be taught?

Answer: (1) The Junior Red Cross—fifteen hours of instruction for pupils in the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades, or ages twelve to fourteen. (2) The Standard Red Cross—eighteen hours of instruction for adults and for students who have completed the ninth grade or who are fifteen years of age. (3) The Advanced Red Cross—12 hours of instruction for those who have completed the Standard Red Cross.

Question: Will the Red Cross send instructors into our local churches?

Answer: No, the Red Cross is not going to send instructors into our churches and we are not to bother them with such requests.

Question: How, then, is the Red Cross program of First Aid training to be activated in the church?

Answer: The National Red Cross Headquarters in Washington, D. C., has completed the training of personnel from your local conference and institutions. These individuals have returned to your field with full authority as Red Cross instructor trainees who will soon contact your church in the endeavor to instruct leaders within

your own church organization, who in turn will be given full Red Cross authority to instruct such classes.

Question: What are the qualifications needed by the local instructors who will be chosen by the church to teach these courses?

Answer: Your church board should give careful consideration immediately to the choosing of individuals with teaching ability who have already completed the Standard and Advanced Red Cross training or who will get in contact immediately with the local Red Cross Chapter and take this training at once in the Standard and Advanced Red Cross courses.

Question: What is the next step after the local church has selected its leadership and these individuals have secured their Standard and Advanced Red Cross training?

Answer: Your conference will make arrangements with these individuals and gather them together in a regular instructor's course and invest them with Red Cross authority to teach and give training in the Junior, Standard, and Advanced Red Cross classes.

Question: What department of the conference has charge of this vast program?

Answer: The War Service Department. Address all correspondence to your local conference War Service Secretary regarding information and regulations of the Red Cross First Aid program.

Question: Is the local Red Cross Chapter to be informed now of any of our plans?

Answer: Under no circumstances is this plan to be referred to the local Red Cross Chapter. The plan, as it has been outlined to us from National Red Cross Headquarters, is that we are to activate the program in selecting individuals from the churches and teach them with our own trained personnel. When these instructors are

ready to teach, National Headquarters, having been informed by the local conference, will thus inform the local Red Cross Chapter through our own regular channels. *If you bypass these regulations, it will cause serious difficulty.*

Question: What is the advantage to church members trained in the Red Cross Disaster Relief and First Aid program?

Answer: When disaster strikes, we as a church unit will be in a position to work together in saving life, even if disaster should strike on the Lord's

Sabbath. This will be a great aid to us in solving our problems rather than being confronted with the situation of being drafted to take part in demolition, road work, removal of debris, and the like which we would normally be asked to do in such an emergency. Here is a golden opportunity for us to be ready to help the wounded and dying both physically and spiritually.

Question: When do we begin?

Answer: Now. Tomorrow may be too late.

Naturalization and Bearing Arms

By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

To supply information to answer numerous inquiries regarding the possibility of aliens becoming naturalized citizens without the necessity of promising to bear arms if and when called to serve in the armed forces, we quote below the newly enacted National Security Act.

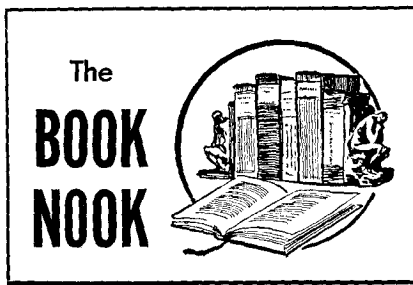
Heretofore, until a Supreme Court decision in the Girouard case was made, a refusal to bear arms barred an alien from citizenship. This barrier is now removed. The new law requires signature to an affidavit which provides an alternative to bearing arms. That alternative is noncombatant service in the armed forces. This affidavit is required in addition to the customary oath of allegiance.

The affidavit, which those seeking citizenship from now on must sign, reads:

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States or perform non-combatant service in the armed forces of the United States when required by law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: so help me God. In acknowledgment whereof I have affixed my signature."

formal system of religious instruction, but also to plan for the definite conversion of the children of the church who attend the Sabbath school. He goes beyond this concept, for he feels it part of the burden of the Sabbath school to use the school definitely as a means of evangelizing non-Adventist children.

The book meets a definite need and will play an important part in influencing the children to walk in right paths. This important volume is bound in beautiful light brown cloth and contains 256 pages with index. The price is \$1.75, postpaid.



THE CHALLENGE OF CHILD EVANGELISM

The author of this book, R. R. Breitigam, secretary of the Sabbath school department of the Pacific Union, has a burden for children. He conceives it to be the purpose of the Sabbath school, not only to carry on a



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M. V. LEADERS—ATTENTION

Recently I learned that a new song book of choruses has been written by H. A. Miller of Southern Missionary College. This new booklet contains eighteen new choruses that our youth will want to learn and sing—songs that will lead them to Jesus.

Why not order a copy for your local society and enjoy these spiritual treats? Write to H. A. Miller, Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee, for special rates on quantities. L. M. NELSON, M. V. Secretary
Southern Union Conference

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!

We would like to share with the readers of the SOUTHERN TIDINGS a portion of a letter just received from Elder D. R. Rose who heads the General Conference Relief activities throughout the Southern European Division.

"As you know, we have about six thousand members in Jugoslavia, many of whom have gone through very trying and difficult experiences. Added to this, a famine is now raging in the whole country, due to the poor harvest this year.

"It is not yet possible to send bulk shipments to Jugoslavia, but if private packages can be sent, the workers will in turn distribute these goods to their local churches, and in this way we can give a practical demonstration to our brethren and sisters in Jugoslavia of the ties that bind our hearts together in this Advent Movement."

Surely an appeal such as this cannot go unheeded. We trust that there will be many who will assist in sending food parcels to these needy fellow believers in Jugoslavia.

The food parcels prepared for overseas shipment by the Loma Linda Food Company are filling a great need in supplying food for those of our people who are enduring the suffering of hunger.

11-pound parcel \$ 5.00
22-pound parcel 10.00

We invite you to have a part in supplying one or more food parcels to those whose need continues to be so deserving of our support.

WERNER E. CARLSON

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REMEMBER US

At a recent Georgia-Cumberland Conference executive committee meeting, the following action was taken:

"VOTED, That we invite all our conference workers and church members to unite in prayer each day at twelve noon for the workers and the evangelistic efforts throughout the conference."

Now, dear brother, dear sister, won't you join the many who will be "remembering us" at the throne of grace each day at twelve noon? In your secret chamber or on the busy street—wherever you may be—think of our great evangelistic program, remember the unsaved, and pray for those endeavoring to win them for Christ.

A ship's captain once had a dangerous task. He asked for volunteers, but no one responded. After a long pause, one young man inquired what time it was. The captain told him. The young man suggested that if he would wait until it was exactly twelve o'clock Boston time, he would be willing to respond. In a few moments the young man was climbing the iced pole. The old ship tossed and plunged. The young man's fingers became numb and cold and he almost fell several times. At last his task was completed and he slid down the pole to safety. The other sailors all praised him for his bravery. The captain then inquired, "Why was it that you wanted to wait till twelve noon in Boston?" The young man replied, "Mother told me when I left home that she would always 'remember me' at that time. When she is on her knees, I am safe and victorious."

So it is with us. If we can but know that you are "remembering us" constantly before the throne of grace, we will feel safe and know that God will lead us on to victory. Pray for us as individuals and pray for us as groups. Beseech the Father to give us wisdom to know how to do His will; pray that His spirit will work in us and through us to His name's honor and glory.

Matthew 24 cannot be fulfilled until the third angel's message has been

preached to the people of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as well as to the rest of the world. Remember that we have dark cities and dark counties where we have no established work. There are many openings and calls. We need divine wisdom to know how to do the work that has been entrusted to human hands. When we know that you are praying for us and sacrificing for us, we gladly rededicate and re-consecrate our all to the Master and push on with renewed courage, knowing that God has a thousand ways to accomplish His purpose of which we know nothing. We unite with you in praying, "Thy kingdom come," "even so come, Lord Jesus." G. R. NASH

WORKERS' MEETING

A most helpful meeting was conducted for the workers of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference at the Atlanta Beverly Road Church from December 18 to 20. Elder E. E. Roenfelt, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, led out in a very spiritual session. The part the Holy Spirit is to play in the lives of God's people for the finishing of the work was the subject of every presentation. Great emphasis was placed upon our need of receiving the power that comes with complete surrender. The Holy Spirit is in us, Elder Roenfelt stated, but the power for faithful witnessing will come only when we are willing to let the Spirit have complete control of us. That inward work of grace in our hearts will make us unafraid of the challenge of the unfinished task. When men see the Saviour living in our experience, they will be constrained

to inquire, "What must we do to be saved?"

Ingathering and other departmental phases of our program came in for short discussions, but the workers all felt that the spiritual refreshing they received will enable them to do these things better when they return to their districts. The work will be finished not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord. The Lord will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness when His people let Him reveal His power through them. That was the great longing of every worker present as he responded to the appeal of Elder Roenfelt in a long-to-be-remembered praise service.

We appreciate the type of workers' meetings Elder Nash and his committee are conducting. Our first spiritual retreat was held at beautiful Vogel State Park in north Georgia. There we were blessed by the ministry of Elder R. A. Anderson, of the Ministerial Association. It is our hope that we have many more meetings of this nature. L. G. FOLL, *Pastor*
Cleveland, Tennessee, District

NEWS

★ During recent weeks we have been happy to have two General Conference representatives conduct revival services in our field. Elder W. A. Butler held meetings in Bristol, Tennessee, from December 2 to 9, and at Waycross, Georgia, from December 10 to 16. Elder E. E. Roenfelt conducted meetings at Macon, Georgia, from December 8 to 17, and at Savannah, Georgia, from December 20 to 23. We are glad to have our General Conference brethren visit our territory at any time.



Workers attending the Georgia-Cumberland workers' meeting held in Atlanta, December 18 to 20.

★ Elder D. E. Kenyon reports that he held two evening meetings with the students of the Little Creek Academy during their Week of Prayer and that he has begun Sunday night meetings in the Lenoir City church. He also reports that the members at Lenoir City have launched their Ingathering campaign.

★ The McMinnville, Tennessee, Dorcas society and church school combined their Christmas sales and school program on Saturday evening, December 9. The first half hour was devoted to a very lovely Christmas program presented by the church school children under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Mabel Maguire. Following this, the Dorcas society conducted a parcel post sale as well as a sale of hand work. Members of the society had written their friends for packages which were sold, wrapped and with contents unseen, from an imitation post office window. Interest was keen, and a total of \$52 was realized. The school children netted \$12 from the sale of various articles they had made.

★ Recent arrivals in our field include Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Zigler, of Washington, D. C. They plan to locate at Vidalia, Georgia, where Brother Zigler will serve as a ministerial-colporteur intern.

★ Elder Nash was guest speaker at the Cleveland, Tennessee, church on Sabbath, December 23.

ANOTHER DOCTOR'S MEETING PLANNED

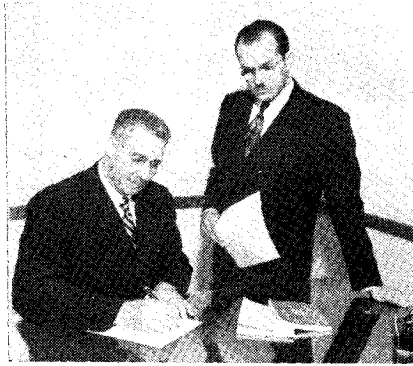
The physicians and dentists in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference territory are planning a meeting at Southern Missionary College on Sunday evening, January 14. We are happy to announce that Dr. T. R. Flaiz, Medical Secretary of the General Conference, will be with us for this meeting. The group will gather at four o'clock and dinner will begin promptly at 5:30.

We want all our medical doctors and dentists to be present for this occasion of Christian fellowship and inspiration. G. R. NASH, *President*

FIRST AID AND ATOMIC DISASTER RELIEF

For some years we have talked of the opportunities of the medical work within our church, but the time has come when we must make this an actuality.

Disaster to our nation and to our



Elder G. R. Nash, president of the Georgia - Cumberland Conference, signs up for Standard and Advanced Red Cross classes, as Elder Ward A. Scriven, War Service Commission secretary, looks on.

individual localities is imminent, according to news releases we hear from day to day. One of the greatest opportunities that has been offered to our people to prepare themselves to give assistance to their fellow men comes at this time through the organization set up in our midst for the training of every member throughout our churches in the Red Cross First Aid classes.

From the General Conference down through the union and into our local conference, we are placing emphasis on the plan for our entire membership to become qualified in the Standard and Advanced classes of First Aid sponsored by the Red Cross. You will be hearing much more about this program as it is fully organized throughout the field, but in the meantime you will be interested to know that at the recent Georgia-Cumberland Conference workers' meeting held here in Atlanta, the entire staff of workers throughout this field signed up to take Standard and Advanced training in First Aid.

The first to sign was Elder G. R. Nash, our conference president, and I am sure our members throughout the field will want to follow the example of the leaders.

If it is possible for you to do so, join your local Red Cross class in your community and take the Standard and Advanced courses. If this is not possible, counsel with your pastor for further information regarding the organization of the program of the Red Cross within your own church. On page three of the SOUTHERN TIDINGS of December 20, 1950, there was a very informative article by Elder L. M. Nelson, Director of Civilian Defense and Disaster Relief of the Southern Union,

and it would be well for you to refer again to that article. We also call attention to the article on page one of this issue.

May God grant us power as we prepare ourselves for ministry to our fellow men in time of need. Surely the time has come when we should take our rightful place in the forefront in preparation for service to God and country. WARD A. SCRIVEN, *War Service Commission Secretary*

1951 INGATHERING CRUSADE

The 1951 Ingathering Crusade in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference will officially begin on January 6. Many, however, have already entered into this great work with enthusiasm and report that the results are greater than ever before in the places worked. We have received late flashes that Standifer Gap, Albany, and Fitzgerald are over the top.

This year, as never before, there is a need for funds to carry on our great missionary program, and we know that every Seventh-day Adventist will rally to the task, not merely to reach the goal or to double the goal, but to make possible the greater winning of souls. Every church member should feel a personal responsibility in the Ingathering, for it is the Lord's plan for all to have a part in it and to share in the blessings He has for His faithful ones.

The crucial hour in which the world finds itself indicates the nearness of the end, and what we plan to do must be done quickly unless we would work under the most adverse circumstances. Surely the darkness of the hour is a call to every Seventh-day Adventist to do his part now in the great missionary program. How many will respond by soliciting or contributing \$20.41 to support our world mission program for one minute?

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NEWS

★ Elder and Mrs. C. A. Boykin and their son and daughter, who are stu-

dents at Collegedale, visited the office this week end and gave a good report of the work in Paducah.

★ The conference committee and Highland Academy board met on December 20 and voted to start work soon on the academy administration building. This is a *must* for the school, and we rejoice with the academy students over the prospects of having it ready possibly for the next school year.

★ Work on the Highland Academy laundry building is proceeding slowly. Cold and stormy weather have hindered progress. It is now under cover and the prospects are that within a few weeks it will be ready for use. We estimate that the cost of the completed building and its new machinery will be about \$8,000, which is moderate considering the size of the building and the equipment we must purchase.

★ Don't forget that you should have a part in your conference academy building program. Send your offering to the conference treasurer if you are not able to turn it in through a local church, and mark it "Highland Academy." Let's make our academy a place where our youth love to go because of its beauty and spirit of progress. We love our own children as much as those of other lands. Give what you can now. Make a sacrifice for the boys and girls of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

★ Tullahoma is the first church in the conference to reach its Highland Academy goal. We rejoice with them.

★ The following churches have had baptisms in December: Bordeaux, five; Madison, twelve; Louisville, ten; Memphis, ten.

FULTON CHURCH SCHOOL

We are happy to present in this issue of the TIDINGS the picture of the Fulton, Kentucky, church school. Through the untiring efforts of their former pastor, Elder R. M. Hillier, and all the members of the church, a school is being conducted by the Fulton church this year for the very first time. A very cozy, sunny room has been provided on the back of the church building. All the desks are of the latest modern type, and the children are really enjoying their school work under the supervision of Miss Linda Porter.

Miss Porter, whose home is in Mayfield, Kentucky, is a graduate of Highland Academy and attended Southern Missionary College last year and during the summer term of 1950. She is

doing splendid work in the school and enjoys the confidence of the patrons and church members.

Recently Elder and Mrs. C. C. Balser arrived in the conference, he to serve as pastor of the Fulton church. Mrs. Balser was chosen to be the Home and School Association leader and Mrs. Bill Williams, secretary. They have already begun a program of fund raising to improve their school. We look forward to big things as we watch the growth of the Fulton church school.

Surely such efforts will be blessed, for we are told, "Our church schools are ordained of God."

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



We are happy to submit the Fulton church school with its 100 per cent membership in the American Temperance Society. Here are the pupils of the school with their teacher, Miss Porter. We want to thank our church school leaders for their faithful work in behalf of the temperance cause.

J. O. MARSH

South Central

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A FINISHED TASK

On Sabbath, December 9, a Sabbath school association was organized in the Greenwood, Mississippi, church for the Sabbath schools in the Greenwood, Mississippi, area. The Yazoo City, Greenville, Hollandale, Greenwood, Cleveland, Columbus, and West Point, Mississippi, Sabbath schools are included in that area. Elders H. R. Murphy, B. H. Ewing and Pastors

H. L. Jones and C. R. Graham were ministers in attendance to effect the organization.

Brother George Guice, of Yazoo City, was elected president of the association, and Brother Robert Seard, Jr., of Greenville, Mississippi, secretary.

This finished the task of the Sabbath school department of organizing associations for all of the Sabbath schools in the conference. All of our schools are in area associations now and by the aid of these are destined to do a greater work for God.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, DORCAS FEDERATION

Recently the faithful believers of the Jackson, Vicksburg, and Brookhaven, Mississippi, churches met at the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church to organize a Dorcas federation. This was a real success and a step forward in helping to finish the work of the third angel's message. Present to bring inspiration to the group were Elders B. H. Ewing, Sabbath school secretary of the South Central Conference, and B. W. Abney, Sr., district pastor.

Elected to serve as officers were Mrs. S. D. Moore, president; Mrs. R. C. Willis-Murphy, vice-president; Mrs. Ethel W. Moore, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. L. Williams, assistant secretary-treasurer.

The Dorcas federation in the Jackson district will do much to serve humanity and to help to win souls into the kingdom of God. The Jackson church has done much in the past to fulfill its mission, but greater things are being planned by all the churches in our district to advance the cause of God.

AN IMPORTANT GOAL REACHED

From the time that our first Dorcas federation was organized, on November 21, 1948, the conference home missionary department set as one of its important goals the organizing of Dorcas federations to include every Dorcas society in our conference. We recently reached that goal!

Recent Dorcas Federations

On December 3 a Dorcas federation was organized in the Oakwood College area. The following persons were elected as officers: Mrs. M. L. Brandon, of Huntsville, Alabama, president; Mrs. J. C. Emerson, Oakwood

College, vice-president; Mrs. M. J. Harvey, Oakwood College, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Mildred Otey, Huntsville, assistant secretary-treasurer.

A Dorcas federation was organized among the churches of the Greenwood, Mississippi, area, on Sunday, December 10. Churches in that area are: Greenville, Hollandale, Cleveland, Indianola, Yazoo City, West Point, Columbus, and Greenwood, Mississippi. Persons elected as officers of the federation were: Mrs. Clifton Dixon, Yazoo City, president; Mrs. Jackson, Yazoo City, vice-president; Mrs. L. N. Dickerson, Greenwood, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Brown, Indianola, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Sabbath, December 16, was Dorcas society day in the Nashville, Tennessee, church, at which time a federation was organized for the societies in that area. Officers elected for the federation were: president, Mrs. Hannah Jones, Nashville; vice-president, Mrs. Pallas Wilson, Nashville; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Jimmie Herron, Nashville; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Mary Crowder, Riverside Chapel. Churches in the Nashville area are: Bowling Green, and Paducah, Kentucky; Clarksville, Riverside Chapel, and Nashville, Tennessee.

With such an army of workers as the leaders and workers of our Dorcas federations and local societies, we expect the Dorcas welfare work to make rapid progress in the South Central Conference.

We appreciate the help given the home missionary department in reaching this important goal by Elders R. H. Wentland and H. R. Murphy, union conference home missionary secretary and local conference president, respectively.

Alabama-Mississippi

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PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD IN 1951

As we look back upon the year 1950 with all its attendant blessings, surely we can see the hand of God directing in the affairs of men and nations. To men of the world the year before us holds no bright prospects for prosperity, peace, and security. But to us, who share the "blessed hope," it un-

doubtedly will prove to be a year of challenge. "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget how the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."—*Life Sketches*, page 196.

In order for us to experience the greatest spiritual growth and the unlimited blessings of God during the days to come, it will be necessary for us to recognize and faithfully fulfill our obligations to Him. It will be our privilege to enter into partnership with God during this momentous year by systematic tithing. "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Heaven's spiritual blessings and earth's temporal benefits will be ours when we make a covenant with God. If you have been unfaithful in this respect, will you not test the Lord and give Him a chance to prove how gracious He can be when we are faithful?

A. C. MCKEE,
Secretary-Treasurer

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT

Our work began in the Brookhaven district on September 15, 1950. We had been helping Elder C. F.



Robert L. Chism

Graves in the Birmingham district up until that time. Brother Otis Graves, who was the district pastor before our arrival, had done a fine job of building up and establishing God's work in this district. It is a privi-

lege to build upon the solid foundation God has laid through the efforts of Brother Graves.

One of the most interesting phases of our labors in this district is that of following up the interest of Twentieth Century Bible Course students. One such experience I should like to relate.

While visiting a Twentieth Century interest one day, the lady very gratefully told me how God had answered both her own prayers and prayers of the Bible School staff in her husband's behalf. Several months before this student had begun taking the Bible Course, she had been very ill, spend-

ing much money and time in the hospital trying to get well. She was beginning to improve somewhat when her husband began to have terrific headaches, which daily grew in intensity. These headaches finally became so acute that he was unable to keep his balance when he tried to walk. He was examined by a brain specialist who said that he had a tumor on his brain and that it must be removed at once or his life would be endangered.

In the meantime, Mrs. Hardin, the student, had just begun to take the Bible Course, so she wrote to the Bible School requesting prayer for her husband. God marvelously answered these earnest prayers. The operation was a success, and he suffered no ill effects. This experience had a profound effect upon the hearts of these young people and they humbly realized their dependence upon God. As a result, the young man also enrolled in the Bible Course which he appreciates very much. Now, Mrs. Chism and I are giving them Bible studies each week.

Plans are definitely being laid to hold an evangelistic effort in each of the churches in the Brookhaven district during the year 1951. Mrs. Chism and I solicit your prayers that many souls may be won through the preaching of the third angel's message in this district.

ROBERT L. CHISM, District Pastor

NEWS FROM THE MONTGOMERY DISTRICT

★ Elder Allen Walker held a weekend revival in the Selma church from December 1 to 3. Many who attended Elder Walker's meetings a number of years ago came again to renew their consecration to God.

★ The same week Elder E. L. Cardey conducted a revival in Montgomery. His studies on the work of the Holy Spirit and the prayer circles that followed the meetings strengthened the entire church.

★ Beginning on Sunday night, December 17, the pastor of the district held a week's revival service in the Clanton church. The theme of these meetings was, "Looking in the Right Direction."

★ From January 25 to 28, a youth rally will be held at Montgomery. Elder E. C. Banks and the Southern Missionary College quartet will be there to carry out the program. Special

emphasis will be placed on Sharing Your Faith with the motto "Every One Bring One in '51."

★ The work in the state prison is being continued by the prison band. Misses Hilda Smith and Betty Sue Holman have been grading the Bible school papers. Eleven have nearly completed the course. One has been baptized. Two others have expressed their desire to join the remnant church.

★ Through the efforts of Sister Della Ballock and Brother W. I. Garrett, cottage meetings are being held in Wetumpka with a group of twenty attending each week. Two of the number, first contacted through the Voice of Prophecy, are now members of the church. There are others contemplating church fellowship. Most of the group are attending the Sabbath services at the Montgomery church.

★ Clanton has just finished raising a fund to redecorate the church both inside and out. Plans are being made to improve and equip the children's department.

★ Brother Cutter has four cottage meetings in progress. The church attendance has shown excellent growth. Brother J. F. Conerly is leading a literature distribution campaign at Jimmerson. Every home is to be contacted by the group.

★ Selma has been following up a number of interests from the Twentieth Century Bible School in and around Marion. Brother Henry Kirchner has been leading this work.

★ The Opelika group is laying plans to secure a meeting place. This small group sees a future for our work in that part of the state as soon as they secure a meeting place.

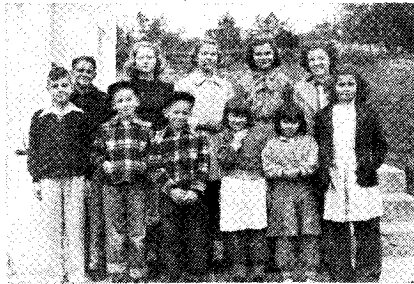
★ The youth group of the Montgomery church is holding meetings once a month at the Veterans' Hospital. Two services are held each time, one in the main chapel, and the other in the tuberculosis ward. They are also doing a good work as a singing band for Ingathering under the leadership of Brother and Sister G. E. Petty. The group has also finished the Junior Red Cross course.

★ During the first week in January twenty-two members of the Montgomery church will start taking the Red Cross first aid and home nursing courses. The pastor is endeavoring to make every home an emergency first aid station.

★ Two letters have been received—one from the County Welfare department, the other from Traveler's Aid—commending the Montgomery church for the efficient services rendered to the needy and for the cooperation given to these two organizations in meeting the needs of the community in cases that needed immediate attention.

K. M. KENNEDY, *District Pastor*

PINE HILL CHURCH SCHOOL



Another of our smaller schools is ideally located in a beautiful spot a few miles north of Birmingham. The Pine Hill school is operated in connection with the Pine Hill Sanitarium. Although the small company here finds it a real sacrifice to meet the operation cost of the school, they are happy to know their boys and girls are in a Christian school environment.

Mrs. Lorraine Vickery and her pupils are enthusiastic about their school. Four of the children come five miles each day.

MOBILE CHURCH SCHOOL



The accompanying picture was taken under the mammoth trees that skirt the playground of the Mobile school. Miss Mildred Baldwin, grades 1 to 4, and J. B. Kinder, grades 5 to 8, are making Christian education a large factor in the lives of the boys and girls who sit at their feet.

Mobile has just completed a beautiful new church. A productive evangelistic series is now in progress, and with the increased membership there will be many more boys and girls seeking membership in this school. The school plant has space for three

teachers, and it is our hope that the classrooms will be crowded next year. Perhaps a new school building will replace the one being used in order to meet the needs of a Christian-education-minded church.

SHEFFIELD CHURCH SCHOOL



One of our liveliest schools, and one of our smallest, is located at Sheffield, Alabama. The eight students, all boys, are happy to have as their teacher Miss Billie Turnage.

After being closed for some time, the school at Sheffield reopened last year. A number of improvements have been made in equipment. The new desks are especially noticeable.

With the additional emphasis on evangelism that is sweeping the conference, it is expected that the church serving Tuscumbia, Florence, and Sheffield will grow in membership, thus providing a larger enrollment for this fine school.

The accompanying picture shows Miss Turnage and five of her students. The other three boys were ill the day the picture was taken.

M. E. MOORE

Carolina

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

FIELD TRIP

Myron Harvey, manager of the book department of the Southern Publishing Association, and Page Haskell, of the Carolina Book and Bible House, have just returned from an itinerary through the conference. These brethren were thrilled with the spirit manifested in the churches visited and with the degree of success which attended them.

Well-known in the Carolinas, having served as manager of the Book and Bible House, Brother Harvey brought enthusiastic and inspiring messages to the Fayetteville, Wilmington, Morganton, Marion, North Carolina, Charleston, and Greenville, South Carolina, churches. He spoke of the soul-saving possibilities of our truth-filled literature and cited many interesting illustrations of individuals won by colporteurs, magazine workers, and the laity while using tracts and books, or supplying subscriptions to our periodicals.

Brother Haskell made possible a nice display of books from the Carolina Book and Bible House, with emphasis upon the use of our literature as holiday gifts. Special discounts were in effect. These same discounts will be extended to all who order before December 31. Also assisting with the book display over the week end was Brother C. R. Darnell, assistant manager of the Book and Bible House.

B. PAGE HASKELL, *Acting Manager
Carolina Book and Bible House*

WEEK OF PRAYER AT PISGAH

November 24 to 30 was the Week of Prayer date set for Pisgah Institute and Sanitarium, and it was my privilege to be with the school and sanitarium family at this meeting.

The faculty gave most loyal support in every way, they themselves setting aside time for prayer bands as a group. The young people were organized into prayer bands, too. I was privileged to have personal contacts with many. The teachers likewise held these personal interviews. God blessed this Week of Prayer. There was deep soul re-consecration with many new victories won for God and some new conversions.

This institution measures up most favorably with any of our other institutions in the Southland or elsewhere, with a fine faculty and a splendid body of young people. Pisgah has trained many loyal workers, some returning to serve there after advanced training, some in other parts of this country, and still others are serving overseas fields. WILLIAM A. BUTLER,

*Coordinator for Commission of
Self-Supporting Enterprises*

A WONDERFUL RECORD

This evening I completed the 1950 Student Colporteur Scholarship Record, and I felt that our friends throughout the conference would be

interested in the results of the faithful endeavors of these young folk who spent the summer with us. Approximately forty young men and women joined us and delivered \$39,799 worth of literature. Of this number thirty students qualified in hours to receive scholarship bonuses; two students, however, decided to remain with us for regular colporteur work. Twenty-seven have returned to school and have been granted scholarships totaling \$16,347.72. To reward the student for his faithful service throughout the summer months the Carolina Conference and Book and Bible House, the Southern Publishing Association, and the respective schools and colleges contributed thirty per cent of the above figure as bonuses.

Certainly this program provides an excellent means of assisting our young people with their education. And we feel that our students appreciate their school work more after having spent the summer working hard to earn the scholarship. We congratulate each one. While each receives a reward now in the form of a scholarship, their real reward will be revealed in eternity.

B. PAGE HASKELL

Florida

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INGATHERING FLASHES

We have just received a telegram from Elder Walter Rea, district leader for Fort Myers, Arcadia, and Fort Ogden. "\$2,242.29 is a lot of money to raise, but we have it. We thank the Lord and give Him all the praise."

We surely do appreciate the outstanding piece of work that Elder Rea and Brother Floyd Buckmiller have done in this district, and we wish to thank all who have worked hard to reach this goal. To our knowledge this is the first district over the top, although there are a number of churches over the goal. At the present time they are: Ft. Lauderdale, Wachula, Clearwater, Cocoa. We expect a number of others to reach their goal soon.

Congratulations and thanks again to the Fort Myers district.

We are cheered by the good reports that come in about our Ingathering

campaign. In spite of the cool weather, the second bulletin which reports the work done to the week end of December 9, shows that we had \$25,469 gathered in. This represents one-fourth of the entire goal. We look forward to the close of the year and believe that we will have over half of the goal in hand by that time. Many of our people are planning to sing the victory song by December 31, 1950. We express our appreciation to our members and to the boys and girls in the church schools for what they are doing. If ever there was a time when we need to respond to the calls from the mission fields to help finish our work, that time is now. Let every member be faithful. R. H. NIGHTINGALE

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

Elder Donovan Oswald has accepted a call to serve as the home missionary secretary of the Nebraska Conference. He left this field several weeks ago and has entered upon his new duties in Nebraska.

Elder Oswald has given good service in this field as pastor and district leader in St. Petersburg and Clearwater. We wish for Brother and Sister Oswald and Jerry Heaven's richest blessings as they enter upon their duties in this new field.

In considering the vacancy at St. Petersburg we have asked Elder W. C. Hatch to take the work there. He has already moved and last Sabbath entered upon his duties in his new field of labor. R. H. NIGHTINGALE

NEWS FROM F. L. A.

Forty-four students were reported on the scholastic honor roll. Jerry Williams of Jacksonville headed the list with four "A's" and one "B." Twenty-five were on the attendance honor roll and ten on the double honor roll. The double honor roll is composed of those who appeared on both the scholastic and attendance honor rolls.

Forest Lake Academy laundry has openings for more young people who wish to work part or all of their way through school. Any who are interested should write to Elder J. M. Ackerman, Forest Lake Academy, Maitland, Florida.

On Friday night, December 15, Elder Stanley Will gave a very timely and inspirational talk on the present need of the world. He said the world is in need of young men who will

stand for truth though the heavens fall and who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole.

On Saturday night the music department, under the direction of Mr. Cosentine, director, Mr. Walper, organist, and Mr. Bell, leader of the orchestra, presented a very pleasing program. The mixed chorus, numbering over ninety voices, the boys and girls glee clubs, and a number of individuals had part on the program.

On Sabbath evening at five o'clock the second organ vesper service was held. Mr. Walper was at the organ and Miss Rogers was the reader.

THRILLING COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCES

On my way home from the Fall Council I stopped in Detroit to see Brother O. H. Rausch, to invite him to come to Florida and join in the colporteur work. Brother and Sister Rausch arrived a few weeks ago, and it is interesting to see how they are taking hold of the work. The report he has sent in for the week ending December 16 shows that he worked forty-five hours and took orders for \$346.85 worth of books and his deliveries for the same week amounted to \$221.00. Best of all are his experiences in finding souls who are hungry for the truth and need help. I will quote part of his letter.

"The Lord has been very near to me this past week. It seems angels were speaking to the people's hearts. I could just feel the power of God. I told Mrs. Rausch that I am sure, beyond a doubt, that God has called us to this place. We are very happy to be used by God in a small way to help others learn of Jesus.

"As I was talking to one lady, her next door neighbor came in and asked if she could look at the books I was selling. While we were talking they both said, 'Mr. Rausch, why you should have been a minister!' I smiled, and one of the ladies said, 'I believe he is doing just as good work as if he were a minister.'

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FIRST AID TRAINING

These serious times call for unusual moves — moves which may mean the difference between life and death for you, for your family, and for your neighbors.

The Government has recommended Red Cross First Aid training for everyone as the first major step in Civil Defense preparations. In an effort to implement this First Aid training program for the Seventh-day Adventist

churches, the Red Cross, in cooperation with the General Conference Medical Department, is perfecting special plans.

Someone in every church is to be trained as a Red Cross First Aid instructor. This person is to offer First Aid classes to the members of his church. Thus everyone can receive this vital training.

The importance of this work should not be minimized. Seventh-day Adventists believe in the Bible prophecies. They know that "There shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation." They should be ready.

Prepare now to serve. It will be too late to prepare when disaster strikes—when bombs fall. Please read Elder Nelson's article on page one of this issue.

K. D. JOHNSON

Southern Missionary College

"The School of Standards"
Kenneth A. Wright, President

S.M.C. ACCREDITATION

Southern Missionary College is now a fully accredited senior college, by action of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools taken at Richmond, Virginia, on December 7.

Students and teachers held a short spontaneous praise service when the decision was announced. It means that premedical students may now complete their training here before going to Loma Linda, students planning to teach may be fully certified by the state, and other colleges and universities will accept our graduates without question.

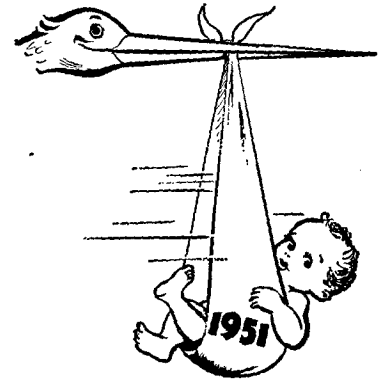
God has blessed the faith and works of those who have planned and built during these seven years of preparation. The college as a whole has benefited by the progress necessary for meeting accreditation standards, yet at no time have any of the peculiar tenets of our faith been sacrificed.

A committee of the association inspected the college on October 2 and 3. President K. A. Wright, Dean Floyd O. Rittenhouse, and Charles Fleming, business manager, appeared before the Commission on Higher Education on December 3. Recom-

mendation of this commission was accepted on December 7.

"This is no time to rest on our oars, however," asserts President Wright. "Expansion of our industries to permit greater earning power to students is the next step in our growth."

HOW NEW WILL THE NEW YEAR BE?



It Will Be As New As You Are
As New As Your Viewpoints
Your Plans, Your Outlook

Be Ready for Changes in 1951
Plan Now for Progress

Write for our latest Bulletin

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE
Takoma Park, Washington 12, D. C.

CHANGES COME

Babies grow up, automobiles wear out, winter follows summer, and the old year gives place to the new. Nations rise, make their gifts to men, and pass on into the history books. The great of one day are the forgotten of another. The undefeated give place to the conqueror from an unexpected source.

Some changes are good. Babies must grow up to become men, summer must come in order to have harvest, new captains sometimes inspire new conquests. Sometimes people weary of hearing someone called great, and demand a change even though it be to the unseasoned.

Fortunately, the new is not limited to material things but appears also in the realm of the mind. Someone thinks out a new channel to a desired goal and a better method is developed. Shortcuts to clearer answers

appear, and measurement of results becomes more accurate and comparable.

The pressure to improve teaching skills, to shorten learning time, to develop measuring devices, and to increase studying pleasure, has produced remarkable changes in school work by correspondence. The old-timer must look again if he would recognize the courses offered today. They are new, they stimulate, they please.

Among the new courses of the Home Study Institute that have felt throbbing new life are: "Life and Teachings of Jesus," designed particularly for college students but of value to mature Bible students; "Techniques of Teaching," prepared to meet certification and classroom needs of elementary teachers; "Work of the Church Elder," ten studies of special help for the leaders of the local churches; and many others fitted to the needs of the wage earners and home keepers who want something challenging to their capacities and fascinating enough to keep them climbing toward a goal until they reach it.

It's winter now. The evenings are long. Renew the promise you made yourself last January or July and enroll for a course that will brighten the way and give a becoming confidence in the powers of your mind. At this season of the year "ring in the new" with its promise of growth and progress, with its challenge of the strongest and best.

W. HOMER TEESDALE, *President*
Home Study Institute

LEGAL NOTICES

QUADRENNIAL SESSION OF THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF S. D. A. AND THE SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF S. D. A.

Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the quadrennial session of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists and of the Southeastern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in the Municipal Auditorium, Chattanooga, Tennessee, at 2:00 P. M., on February 19, 1951, for the purpose of electing boards of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the constituency. The members of these associations are the accredited delegates in attendance at the meeting of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (unincorporated).

V. G. ANDERSON, *President*
H. E. SCHNEIDER, *Secretary* -3

FIFTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION OF THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE OF S. D. A.

Notice is hereby given that the first meeting of the fifth quadrennial session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in the Municipal Auditorium, Chattanooga, Tennessee, at 7:30 P. M., on February 18, 1951, for the purpose of electing officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the constituency.

By order of the executive committee,
V. G. ANDERSON, *President*
H. E. SCHNEIDER, *Secretary* -3

CHURCH CALENDAR

January 6—Home Missionary Evangelism Offering

January 13 — Foreign Mission Offering

January 27—Religious Liberty Offering

January 6 to 27—"Liberty" Magazine Campaign

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VOICE OF PROPHECY

Sermon Titles

January 7—An Approaching God
January 14 — "Do You Believe in Signs?"

Invite your friends to listen in.

GOD HAS A WAY

A dear seventy-nine-year-old lady, a shut-in who is almost blind, sat in her home one Sunday feeling very lonely. She was a regular listener to the Voice of Prophecy broadcast, but on this particular day her radio refused to work.

Disappointed and blue, she sat before her useless radio when suddenly her doorbell rang. As she went to the door, a fine-looking gentleman stood before her with a tract in his hand. Handing it to her he said that he felt she would enjoy reading the little paper. She thanked him for it and returned to her chair. Picking up her magnifying glass, she read the title,

"Keep Looking Up," and was amazed to see that the author of the tract was H. M. S. Richards, the speaker on her favorite broadcast, the Voice of Prophecy. Notice what she later wrote to Elder Richards: "Wonderful! I can't tell you how much I enjoyed that tract. It seemed like a personal message from you, which I needed so much. So you see, your precious sermons have wings, radio or no radio!"

And here is another experience. A colporteur evangelist, while canvassing near Oshawa, Canada, called on a lady who didn't seem particularly interested in what he had to sell. He finally talked to her about "Bedtime Stories" and then introduced the book "Bible Readings." Not knowing that he was an Adventist, she said with an air of finality, which she hoped would dismiss him, that she thought the Seventh-day Adventists were the nearest right. Then he made himself known and learned that she had just completed the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course.

Before leaving that territory, the colporteur stopped again to visit this family. The husband was home very ill as the result of a drinking bout. The colporteur talked with him for an hour and a half, but even then the man would not let him go until he had promised to return and give him more spiritual help. On writing to his conference president for permission to follow up this interest, he learned that the conference had already received this lady's name from the Voice of Prophecy office as one that should be followed up.

Soon afterwards, the husband improved in health and got hold of himself. The colporteur evangelist visited this home again and took the family to church one Sabbath. In response to a call for consecration, the entire family publicly acknowledged their need of God.

Word has come that the father and mother are to be baptized very soon, and the son is now a student in one of our Seventh-day Adventist schools.

So God has a way. He knows where His jewels are—those who will accept Him and His message of salvation.

May we ask that you, dear friend, continue to pray and to give that the Voice of Prophecy Bible Schools and broadcasts may continue in their search for others such as these?

D. V. POND

SUNSET TABLE

	Jan. 5	Jan. 12
Atlanta, Ga.	5:44	5:50
Birmingham, Ala.	4:53	4:59
Charlotte, N. C.	5:25	5:31
Collegedale, Tenn.	5:43	5:50
Huntsville, Ala.	4:49	4:55
Louisville, Ky.	4:37	4:44
Memphis, Tenn.	5:02	5:08
Meridian, Miss.	5:05	5:10
Nashville, Tenn.	4:47	4:53
Orlando, Fla.	5:42	5:47
Wilmington, N. C.	5:16	5:23

"The consecration to God of a tithe of all increase, whether of the orchard and harvest-field, the flocks and herds, or the labor of the brain or hand, . . . tended to keep fresh before the people the truth of God's ownership of all."
—Education, page 44.

ADVERTISEMENTS

RATES: \$2.00 for each insertion of 40 words or less, and 5 cents for each additional word, including address. No advertisement accepted for more than fifty words. All copy for proposed advertising should be sent to the conference office in which the advertiser is located, accompanied by a note of introduction from the local church elder or district pastor. Although care is exercised in accepting advertisements, the publishers do not assume responsibility for such advertising.

WANTED:—Two copies of book "Healthful Living" by Mrs. E. G. White. Write Harry Vought, Ardmore Sanitarium and Hospital, Ardmore, Oklahoma. -1

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WANTED: — A Seventh-day Adventist woman would like to have work with an elderly couple or a young couple, doing light housekeeping. Mrs. E. C. Savage, Cold Water Road, Murray, Ky. -1

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Navel Oranges	9.50	7.30	4.50	5.75
Hamlin Oranges	7.50	6.00	4.00	5.50
Marsh Seedless G. F.	7.50	5.50	4.00	5.00
Mixed Fruit	9.50	7.30	4.75	5.75
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WANTED: — Registered nurse (male or female) capable of giving anesthetics. Also, registered nurse for general duty. Please write, giving experience and, if possible, enclose photograph. Forsyth Memorial Sanitarium and Hospital, Box 1109, Tallahassee, Florida. -3

FOR SALE:—Self-service laundry. Cash price, \$5,000. Closed Saturdays and Sundays. Monthly average intake, \$375. Monthly average expense, \$110. Well equipped and in good condition. Serves all of Hernando County. Only laundry in town. Grand opportunity for increasing the business. If interested, write to R. A. Hamm, Box 436, Brooksville, Florida. -3

HANDCRAFT leather goods made by blind Adventist craftsman constantly on sale: men's, ladies' belts; billfolds with and without zipper; coin purses of various kinds; key holders, suspenders and comb cases. Get your order in now for Christmas. C. Henry Ulrich, Coalmont, Tenn. -1

WANTED IMMEDIATELY: — Lady office worker. Must be experienced, a typist, neat in appearance, able to meet public, and must have a pleasing personality. Pleasant working conditions. Apply H. L. Nielsen, Assistant Manager, Washington Sanitarium, Washington, D. C. Ph. 8800. -1

FOR SALE:—Newly decorated house, hot and cold water, butane gas. Situated in beautiful pine grove fifteen miles from Jackson on old Highway 49. Thriving Adventist community, church, and school. Ten acres, seven in yard, garden and orchard; 450 fruit-bearing trees, peaches and apples. \$5,500. I. L. Butler, Florence, Mississippi. -1

FOR SALE:—Screen, beaded, 10x12, two tripods. Good condition. Excellent for evangelist, church, or institution. Cost, \$130. Will sacrifice for \$50. Stanley Harris, Box 59, Nashville, Tenn. -49

WANTED:—Adventist man to work in nice, modern service station in Cleveland, Tennessee. Church and church school privileges. Would like someone who is mechanically inclined. Located just fifteen miles from Southern Missionary College on Highway 64. If interested, write to Homer's Pan-Am Service, Cleveland, Tennessee. -1

FOR SALE:—Our home place is for sale at \$9,000. The business goes to the buyer. We plan to open up work in another dark county. Charles L. Collison, Pine Mountain Valley, Georgia. Phone: Hamilton 2943. -2

FOR SALE:—Home 19 miles from Hendersonville, North Carolina. 25 miles from Spartanburg. Heart of "Thermal Belt Tourist Center." 1 1/2 miles from Tryon. Three bedrooms, two baths, picture window. Five acres. Dishwasher, washing machine, electric heater with house. Hot air heat. Furnished \$14,000. Unfurnished \$11,000. C. F. Leonard, Box 177, Tryon, North Carolina. -4

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Glad Tidings of *Evangelism*

God's Blessing in Fort Lauderdale

By V. G. ANDERSON, *President, Southern Union Conference*

ELDER W. M. Starks is pastor of one of our largest churches in the South Atlantic Conference. He is pastor of the Miami church and has a large district. His work is successful as a pastor and as an evangelist. From a letter telling of an evangelistic tent meeting this past summer we have gleaned the following:



W. M. Starks

"From the very beginning it was evident that the hand of God was directing in the course of events in the launching of the evangelistic endeavor in Fort Lauderdale, on July 2, 1950.

"We wanted a desirable location but were informed that the lot had been sought a number of times by other evangelists and with no success. Nevertheless, we found the owner and in God's providence we were granted permission to rent. God also worked in a special way in the securing of the permit from the city. Accordingly the meetings started with a number of obstacles already surmounted.

"July, August, and September are key months on the east coast for torrential rains and the famous Florida hurricanes. Several times the storms started at the beginning of the week, timed, as if by satanic ingenuity, to break on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. These are key nights in an evangelistic series. Each time the evangelistic company sought the help of Him who stilled the tempest on that stormy voyage on Galilee.

"Once the storm came within two hundred miles of the area of the meetings. Windy gales lashed the mainland, then suddenly the storm made a right angle turn, lashed its way up to the west coast, and blowed itself out in the gulf. Eight storms headed our way. None of them broke. The radio theologians said it was an act of God, that never had the like occurred in the history of the state of Florida. People in the area of the tent proclaimed the tent a blessing to the community. We of the tent company believe this, for each storm forecast found us on our knees in consultation with One who never fails. And the ninth storm, that finally did hit the mainland, found the harvest garnered and sheltered. We say glory to God for His goodness.

"Associated with me in this evangelistic meeting were Mrs. Ruth Strother, Mrs. Bennett, Brother E. Lewis, and Mrs. W. M. Starks. Much credit is to be given to these faithful workers for their untiring efforts, which God richly rewarded with sixty-one souls.

"We came to the Miami district in March of 1950. Already God has added seventy-one souls, with others to be baptized. We thank God for the privilege of laboring together with Him, and appreciate the many prayers that have ascended in our behalf."

The harvest truly is ripe but the laborers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send many laborers to gather in the sheaves here in the Southern Union.

"We are to be consecrated channels, through which the heavenly life is to flow to others."—*Volume IX*, p. 20.

COLFORTEUR EXPERIENCES

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"At one home where I called, the lady was very sick and her husband listened to me for a few minutes and walked out of the room. The lady told me of her troubles and she looked at my books. I told her I had a Friend who could help her. I spent about an hour in her home talking with her. Her husband came back in and said, 'Mr. Rausch, I surely appreciate the time you have spent with my wife.' I replied, 'My time is your time for I am working for God.' We had prayer together and I asked God to heal this good lady and to bless their home. When we finished, she asked what church I was a member of and where it was located. I told her I was a Seventh-day Adventist Christian and the location of our church. She said, 'If I can get my husband to take me I am coming to your church.' She did not take the books, but as I left I told her I would continue to pray for them. The morning after, which was Friday, she and her husband came to my home and asked my wife for the books. She paid five dollars down and said I should call back for the balance.

"Brother Wilber, people want our books and I am sure angels attend them while they are read. It seems I can pray in almost every home. God is finishing His work in the hearts of men and women. I tell people we are living in the time of the end of this world's history and that Jesus is coming soon. They want to know what is coming, and when I tell them I am a Seventh-day Adventist Christian many tell me they know Seventh-day Adventists are good people.

"Two days this week I worked until ten o'clock in the night. One night I didn't have my supper until after I came home and that was about 10:15."

Last week we also had a wonderful report from Brother Neal. He delivered \$735.18 worth of our books. This shows that our books and periodicals can be sold in Florida, and we are laying plans to make 1951 one of the best years in our Florida book work. We invite our laymen, who are interested in taking up this work, to contact Elder C. L. Wilber, Publishing Department Secretary, Box 1313, Orlando, Florida.

R. H. NIGHTINGALE

"Lift up the trumpet, And loud let it ring!"

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