

SOUTHERN TIDINGS



"Give All to God You Would Keep for Eternity"

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Medical Missionary Day MAY 1

CAN every member of the church be a medical missionary? Yes, why not? And on medical missionary day, in your church, you will learn how to start. Sabbath, May 1, has been set aside by General Conference action as the day for studying how to effectively train every church member to use the entering wedge. We already have the textbook for this course for becoming a medical missionary — a twelve-lesson outline for the book *Ministry of Healing*. Month by month you will have an assignment. When you have read this book and are living out the principles in its pages, you will be a medical missionary of the highest order.

Of *Ministry of Healing* we are told, "This book contains the wisdom of the Great Physician."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 71.

Do not forget May 1, and if you are the church medical secretary, send early to the conference medical or home missionary secretary for a supply of free material.

J. WAYNE MCFARLAND, M. D.
Medical Department
General Conference

"Signs" Leads Minister to Search For Truth

HERE is the personal testimony of one who has been greatly blessed because some friend realized the need of the messages found in our great "silent evangelist." The following story comes from Louisiana:

"I am delighted to receive the *Signs of the Times*. Some dear, unknown friend paid for a subscription for me. Before then I did not know such a wonderful magazine was being published.

"I have been converted 42 years and was a Methodist minister. In 1934 I joined with the Jehovah's Witnesses, but I was spiritually hungry and none of these religious doctrines seemed to satisfy my soul, so this past year I have been associating with the Voice of Prophecy. I have completed the senior Bible correspondence course, the Faith Bible course, and am at the 13th chapter of the Daniel and the Revelation lessons. I am much hap-

pier; have a greater peace of mind. I now keep the Lord's seventh-day Sabbath. . . . I bow in earnest and sincere prayer every Thursday at 10:00 o'clock in this great prayer circle. I am so happy that I have found God's true church."

Remember to take advantage of the special offer during this 80th anniversary *Signs* crusade of one free subscription for every five single subscription received from individuals. Now is your opportunity to lead another honest soul to search for truth at no extra cost to you.

Join Mass Choir at General Conference

AT THE forthcoming General Conference session in San Francisco, it is planned to have a large massed choir of at least 500 voices on the two week ends of May 29 and June 5. And this is *your invitation* to sing in this choir if you have had some experience in group singing of any kind. Special ribbons will be provided for members of the choir to admit them to the reserved choir section. What a privilege it will be to join in this great singing group ascribing praise to God!

New Book—Choir Melodies

Fill in coupon on next page and mail now to the director, Ben Glazer, General Conference of S.D.A., Washington 12, D. C. Be sure to state what part you sing and which week end you will be available, or if you will be there for both. As soon as your name is received a copy of the new *Choir Melodies*, which will be used for the first time in San Francisco, will then be sent you so you can become familiar with the selections and with your part. Be sure to write immediately while the matter is fresh in your mind and to allow time for the book to reach you before you leave for San Francisco.

GENERAL CONFERENCE CHOIR MEMBERSHIP

Please send me a copy of the new 96-page *Choir Melodies*. I will be at the General Conference session on the following dates that I have circled and will be glad to sing in the choir—May 28, 29, 30; June 4, 5.

I am a soprano, alto, tenor, bass: (Please circle your part.)

I will either return this book to the director at the General Conference Session, or if I decide to keep it, I will be glad to pay the special prepublication price of \$1.00 for *Choir Melodies*. (Regular price will be approximately \$1.25.)

Name

Address

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News of Southern Missionary College

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RICHARD HAMMILL, *Dean*

CHARLES FLEMING, JR., *Business Manager*

COLLEGEDALE, TENNESSEE

CLEVELAND'S SPRING REVIVAL

THE Collegedale Missionary Volunteer society had the privilege and responsibility of conducting the spring revival for the Cleveland church. Eight services were conducted from April 3 to 10. Lester Rilea, MV leader of the Collegedale church, led out in the program.

Upper division theology students gave the sermons which were built on the fundamental beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists. Special musical features added beauty and spiritual atmosphere to each service. Carl Ashlock directed the song service. Speakers for the week were: Ted Graves, Larry Hawkins, Obed Graham, Ferdi Wuttke, Gerard Gutekunst, Fred Wilson, Bob East, and David Bauer.

On Tuesday the Appollos Guild, composed of wives of ministerial students, gave a demonstration breakfast. The Collegedale physician, Dr. M. G. Anderson, conducted a health lecture on Thursday, by answering questions from the congregation.

The attendance by the Cleveland church members and their friends was wonderful. In fact, the church was practically filled each evening, and on the Sabbath, it was packed to capacity.

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A final Ingathering drive, by the

elementary school division of the school community, brought in over \$800. Practically the whole group of pupils and teachers, as well as some volunteer car owners who wanted another blessing in this work, went out. The cars ranged far and near, covering a large territory. The church is now at \$11,400, only \$600 to go to complete its goal.



Ferdi Wuttke, one of the speakers at the Cleveland revival.

Doctor W. B. Clark, for many years dean of men of this institution, and now field representative of the College of Medical Evangelists, is on the campus for the purpose of interviewing candidates for either medicine or dentistry. This college has always stood high in the number of students admitted when the size of the enrollment is taken into consideration.

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Another grand visitation day was conducted on Saturday afternoon, April 10, in the neighboring towns, cities, and countryside. The part that distinguished this campaign was student participation. The Collegedale church, with this drive, completed its twenty thousand member goal for the School of Bible Study conducted by the union. At least forty car loads spread over the countryside, and only eternity can calculate the good done by these young people.

FOR THOSE ATTENDING GENERAL CONFERENCE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST throughout the Southern Union who are planning to attend the General Conference in San Francisco will be interested to know that Loma Linda Foods will again operate a convenient food service in connection with the session.

This food service, so popular during the last General Conference and the Pan American Youth Congress will be operated this year at 25 Grove Street, just one-half block from the Civic Auditorium. Look for the Loma Linda Food Company signs.

WERNER E. CARLSON

Alabama-Mississippi

Box 1311, Meridian, Mississippi

I. M. Evans, President

A. C. McKee, Secretary-Treasurer

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JACKSON MASTER GUIDE CLUB

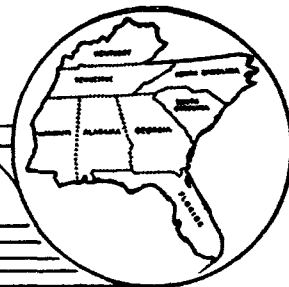
A most enthusiastic, active Master Guide club was recently formed in the Jackson, Mississippi, church under the leadership of Mrs. Freda Ford and her assistant, Mrs. Oscar Johnson. The club secretary, Mrs. Jewel Dubose, and

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Laymen Win Souls

IN THE SOUTHERN UNION



Members of the branch Sabbath school being conducted by Brother William Bray of Gainesville, Georgia.

More and More Souls Won

M. T. BATTLE

RECENTLY while itinerating in the Carolinas, we discovered that in one church four individuals were baptized on March 27, as the result of lay activities. Two were baptized in another church as a result of work done by laymen.

While in the Fort Lauderdale, Florida, church several weeks ago, five individuals came forward as a result of contacts made by laymen during the last several months; a large number of interested ones are already in the baptismal class. Brother W. Akers of that church states that one believer has been baptized and as a result of this person taking his stand, three more have taken their stand and are preparing for baptism.

Sister Willa M. Nixon of the Delray Beach, Florida, church states: "We are working in new homes and solicit your prayers that we may work as never before to help finish the work. We have four new individuals attending Sabbath school this month. Please pray with us that some of these will

take their stand for the truth before long."

Brother and Sister A. C. Ray of Lillington, North Carolina, sent in this report concerning one of their interests: "I am very glad you came with this Bible study. I want you to know that I have learned more about the Bible tonight than I have ever known." Brother Ray states that this was accompanied by a handshake that told you it came from the bottom of the heart. This family reports two new Sabbath school members.

Brother and Sister L. Brown of Plant City, Florida, opened a series of studies in a boy's camp. They meet each Sunday at 2 P.M., and look forward to the time when this will be a regular Sabbath school. There are about 150 men in this camp.

Brother W. Bray of Gainesville, Georgia, has sent us a picture showing members of the combined Sabbath school of Gainesville and Commerce, Georgia. Seven are planning to be baptized; and there are from 17 to

20 present at Sabbath school each week.

The men in the Columbus, Georgia, church have organized themselves into a laymen's club. Brother J. C. Christian, one of our very active lay preachers, is secretary of the club and he writes that they have very definite objectives and goals to reach in their soul-winning activities.

This spirit permeates the entire South Atlantic field. Men and women are working as never before to finish the work of God. Many are purchasing projectors each month, and are joining the soul-winning crusade. We solicit the prayers of every loyal reader for the laymen who are out on the march winning souls for God in South Atlantic. Now is the time to work "for the night cometh when no man can work."

ATTENTION, MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY ALUMNI!

Maplewood Academy will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary with a special alumni homecoming day Sunday, May 2, 1954. The program of the day will begin with the registration at 10:30 A.M. There will be an alumni-board-faculty banquet at noon, followed by the anniversary program, campus tours, Medical Cadet drill, and supper in the North Woods. In the evening a student talent program will be presented in which Maplewood's fifty years of progress will be depicted by decades. All the alumni and former faculty of Maplewood are cordially invited to visit their Alma Mater on this special day. If you cannot be present, a message from you will be appreciated. If you can be here, please send your name to the registrar, so that arrangements can be made for you at the banquet. A guest ticket will be mailed to you if you will indicate your plans to us.

VICTORIA LARSEN, Registrar

Alabama-Mississippi Conference

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the librarian, Peggy Robinson, together with the sponsor, Mrs. Henry Carubba, complete the list of officers for the club. At present there are approximately twenty members in the club, ranging in ages from 16 on up.

Elder Henry Carubba and Brother Halle Crowson are teachers on Bible doctrines and denominational history, respectively. Instructor in stars and planets is Mrs. Oscar Johnson; bandaging and health, Dr. R. A. Dunn; memory work, Mrs. Jewel Dubose; teacher of crafts, Oscar Johnson. Following the opening prayer and the repeating of the MV pledge, the program includes a denominational history class, a workshop, other class work and closing exercises. Members pay dues of 25 cents each month.

I want to congratulate this fine group for the very excellent program they are carrying on in this field and to invite other churches to organize a similar program to encourage the senior youth to become Master Guides.

WAYNE P. THURBER

THE BOOK OF THE YEAR

Yes, it is just off the press. The special missionary edition of that fine soul-winning book, *Great Controversy*, and for just \$1.00 plus postage. *Postage will be prepaid on all orders of 10 or more.* These are obtainable immediately from the Book and Bible House here in Meridian. The thousands of people who have been converted to God by this book attest to its powerful spiritual appeal. One feels the inspiration of its pages from the very first chapter. The portrayal of the conflict between Christ, who is the

personification of truth, and Satan, who is the embodiment of evil, is graphic in its dramatic unfoldment. It interprets the meaning of past history since the dispersion of the Jews under Titus in relation to present and future developments of the church down to Eden restored.

Great Controversy down through the years has been a soul winner. Countless thousands of copies of this wonderful book have been placed in circulation. Yet, who will say that the work is finished? Indeed, there remains a mighty glorious accomplishment for God's people.

To help in this task *Great Controversy* has now been made available in a special edition. This will enable our people everywhere to buy and distribute this wonderful volume, thereby placing this message in the hands of those who know it not.

Why not order 10 or more of these outstanding soul-winning bargains right now from the Book and Bible House? *It has happened now but it may never happen again.*

GREAT CONTROVERSY

\$1.00 plus postage
CLOTH BOUND

Postage prepaid on all orders of 10 or more. Order from your Book and Bible House.

W. O. COE

Home Missionary Secretary

JUNIORS!

Dear Juniors:

Never before have juniors been so eager to attend junior camp as this year. Applications are being received almost every day.

A wonderful camp is planned—swimming, crafts, hikes, nature hunts,

Announcing
HOME-COMING DAY

May 1, 1954

Dothan, Alabama, Church

903 E. Washington Street

All-day services beginning at
9:30 A.M. (16)

campfires, and many other thrills. The camp will be held at Roosevelt State Park, Morton, Mississippi, July 25 to August 1. We wish that every junior could be with us, but of course that is impossible, but if you will send in your application now, you will be assured of a reservation. We cannot assure you of this if you wait until the last minute, because, from all indications, we will have to turn down applications before time for junior camp.

If you are interested in selling our attractive health and truth-filled magazines to earn your way to camp, just drop us a line indicating this desire and we will be glad to send you information.

If you are a junior between the ages of 9 and 15 and desire a wonderful week at junior camp this year, fill out the application blank below and send it to us with one dollar reservation fee.

WAYNE THURBER
MV Secretary

NEWS

★ Brother Hugh Leggett reports a fine attendance at the opening service of his evangelistic meetings being held in the new church at Panama City. There were 175 present, with over 100 non-members.

★ On Sunday night, April 18, Elder A. L. Dickerson began a tent effort in Piedmont, Alabama, where we already have a small group of believers. It is hoped that a new church can be organized as a result of the evangelistic meetings at this place.

★ Mrs. Donald Meyers, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is a recent addition to our office family. She will serve as conference cashier, replacing Mrs. Robert Northrop, who has resigned in favor of home duties. We welcome Mrs. Meyer and her husband to Meridian.

★ March 27 through April 3, Elder W. O. Coe, our conference home missionary and Sabbath school secretary, conducted an eight-day revival in the Prichard, Alabama, church.

JUNIOR CAMP APPLICATION

Name

Address

Age Boy Girl

We are in favor of the above-named junior attending camp and accept all conditions named and release the conference from all liabilities in case of accident or illness.

(PARENT OR GUARDIAN)

Brother W. M. Abbott is the pastor of the Prichard church. He led out in the inspiring song services and also planned the heavy visiting program carried on each day during the revival. During the course of the revival one lady with whom Brother Abbott had held studies, decided that she wanted to be baptized. There was a very good attendance throughout the revival and many victories were won for Christ. Because of the unusual interest, Brother Abbott is continuing with evangelistic meetings each Sunday and Wednesday evening and he also has a number of new Bible studies that he is conducting each week. The people of the Prichard church are of good courage and are looking forward to the return of Jesus in the clouds of heaven.

Carolina

Box 930, Charlotte, North Carolina
C. H. Lauda, President

B. C. Marshall, Secretary-Treasurer

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

CAROLINA'S "SERMON ON THE HOUSE"

Schedule of Progress

April 4, 1954

- 7:30 A.M. Worship hour
- 7:50 A.M. They all had a mind to work
- 8:30 A.M. Plumbing crew started work
- 8:45 A.M. Floor joists completed and sub-flooring started
- 9:00 A.M. Sewer line to septic tank
- 9:05 A.M. Studs going up
- 10:30 A.M. Wiring crew started
- 10:40 A.M. Side insulating sheeting started
- 10:45 A.M. Hardwood floor going on in first bedroom
- 11:10 A.M. Hardwood floor going on in second bedroom
- 11:30 A.M. Rafters going up
- 12:00 Noon Lunch - Elder I. W. Young, publishing secretary and colporteur leader for the conference, asked blessing.
Brother Neff arrived
Songs: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
"What a Fellowship"
- 1:30 P.M. Plaster board started in first bedroom



The worship hour to begin the day.

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| 1:30 P.M. Started flooring in third bedroom | 3:20 - 4:20 Roof shingling completed within approximately one hour's time |
| 1:45 P.M. Roof sheeting started | 4:20 P.M. Painters started painting |
| 2:20 P.M. Four windows set | 6:00 P.M. Supper |
| 2:45 P.M. Siding going on | 8:15 P.M. Some furniture moved in |
| 3:00 P.M. Electrical work all roughed in | 8:20 P.M. The Neff family and workers gathered in house for benediction on |
| 3:15 P.M. Kitchen sink and cabinets taken in | |



4:30 P.M. Last window frame set. Mrs. Neff and daughter watch.

a most wonderful day and project.

Truly the laymen and ministers of the Carolina Conference demonstrated the Golden Rule in action, and they all agree "it's more blessed to give than to receive."

C. H. LAUDA

WINSTON-SALEM DORCAS SOCIETY ON THE JOB

From all over the Carolinas come reports of Dorcas work that is being done to extend a helping hand in time of need. The following is a report of the work that was done by the Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Dorcas society under the leadership of Mrs. P. H. Hicks. Pastor George V. Yost and the Dorcas society were the first group to give help in this case. And we are happy to learn that this contact is being followed through with an interest being shown on the part of those who were helped.

"March 1, 1954, was a disastrous day for seven members of the Pike family and the Gordon family of five. Up until March they were neighbors. Then their homes were burned.

"The flames had not died before the Winston-Salem Dorcas society, along with other civic groups, was on the march, under the direction of Mrs. P. H. Hicks. The members were contacted and what a wonderful response—pots, pans, dishes, cutlery, silver, a toaster, linens of all kinds, curtains, rods, shades, food, and clothing of every variety, among which were nine good coats. Even furniture was donated by the members!

"Of course, a Bible and several pieces of literature were tucked in among the gifts delivered to the stricken families by Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Carter, and Pastor G. V. Yost."

M. B. ELLISTON
Home Missionary Secretary



The ladies in the picture are (left to right): Mrs. L. L. Carter, Mrs. J. S. Simmons, and Mrs. H. P. Hicks.

Florida

Box 1313, Orlando, Florida

R. H. Nightingale, President

W. F. Miller, Secretary-Treasurer

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

EVANGELISM SPREADS

We are happy to announce that for the first quarter of this year 124 people were baptized. Eighty came into the church in March, and a few of these were received on profession of faith. With the present evangelistic campaigns we believe the month of April will be a very good month and that many more will be added to the church.

Elder Ray Davidson has started a tent campaign in St. Petersburg, and we understand there was a very good attendance on the evening of April 11. Some time ago we listed sixteen revivals and evangelistic meetings. At this time we would like to call attention to a few more, some are already underway and others are about to begin.

17. Elder Ray Davidson, St. Petersburg. Tent meetings began March 28.
18. Elder A. V. McClure, Tampa. Meetings in the church on Sunday nights.
19. T. J. Mostert, and Youth Preaching Films, Gainesville church.
20. Youth and T. J. Mostert, Hawthorne. Two nights a week.
21. Youth and A. Mote, Lake City. To start about April 18.
22. Youth and A. Mote, Near Lake City. Films. Two nights a week.
23. Elder O. Graves and David Wagner Bartow. Running three nights a week.
24. Elder W. G. Larson and D. Mote, Wauchula. Tent meetings to start Sunday night, April 18.

You will note that at a number of places the youth, together with the preaching films are taking an active part. We urge all of our members to support these meetings in a strong way.

R. H. NIGHTINGALE

EVANGELISM IN FT. MYERS

The spring evangelistic series in Fort Myers, Florida, opened February 14, with a full tent, and the attendance has remained very good. We

have felt that the Lord has been leading in the plans here from the very beginning while endeavoring to secure a location on which to erect the tent. We were definitely led to the present location even though there were obstacles which at first seemed insurmountable. It is on the main highway east and at the entrance to a new and large residential area, so that many hundreds of people daily see the large sign erected in front of the tent.

With the fine assistance of Brother Jack Price, who leads the music and shares in the heavy visitation program, a good interest is developing. Present plans call for a baptism within three weeks. Several have already made definite decisions to keep God's commandments and unite with the remnant church. As is usual in Florida evangelism, some have returned to the north, but it was very encouraging to have them tell us before leaving that they felt the Lord had definitely led them to this place so they might learn God's last day message. These people are being enrolled in the correspondence course so they may continue their studies at home.

The faithfulness of many in the church supporting the program has meant very much in the effort. It is good when our people realize the responsibility they have in sharing the burdens of a major evangelistic effort. Then the Lord surely counts them in as sharing in the results of souls won to Christ. They have been faithful in bringing friends and those to whom they have been giving Bible studies. Surely the Lord is blessing as the projector club members tie their interests in with the public meetings. Please pray that the Lord will grant us many souls, and that the enemy will be overcome in the battle for those for whom Christ died.

G. F. CHERRY

Georgia-Cumberland

547 Cherokee Ave., S. E., Atlanta, Georgia

G. R. Nash, President

Kenneth C. Beem, Secretary-Treasurer

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SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

In soliciting funds for local church projects we earnestly request our members not to solicit and send appeals to any Seventh-day Adventist groups in

other cities or conferences such as Dorcas societies, church officers, conference headquarters, or membership lists. Each church, wherever it is located, has its own financial duties and each conference has a carefully planned program that involves all its churches.

It is considered proper for individual church members to solicit their personal friends who might be interested in a particular project but not church groups of any kind.

The regulation that the General Conference has set up against all such solicitation has only for its purpose the preservation of order in our fine God-given organization and the co-operation of all our members in re-

specting it will save much embarrassment.

We appreciate and admire the enthusiasm of our members in making the endeavors successful but we are expected to keep within the borders of our own local church territory aside from individual personal friends.

G. R. NASH

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

1. The Georgia-Cumberland Conference has 37 schools, which is a gain of six over the last school year? This means that we are in first place for the Southern Union and fourth place for all of North America.

2. The Georgia-Cumberland Conference has 58 school teachers which

TIFTON CHURCH ORGANIZATION

May 1, 1954

Presbyterian Church, Tifton, Georgia, on North Park Street

Sabbath School 9:30 A.M.

Preaching Service and Organization 11:00 A.M.

Bring lunch and stay for afternoon singspiration.

G. R. NASH

The Top Place

The *Signs of the Times* has the top place with the magazines on my desk. I find its writings very interesting and instructive.

Colonel J. L. G.

Saint Petersburg, Florida

I surely have enjoyed the *Signs of the Times*. It has been a bright spot in my week, and I have been blessed by the different articles in them. My youngest brother is a layman, and they have certainly helped him, too. I am renewing my subscription, and with all my heart I wish to thank whoever has sent it to me during the past year. God bless them and you.

Mrs. R. G.

High Point, North Carolina

My present courtesy subscription runs out in March. Am being profited by reading your paper. Thanks. (Enclosed is order for renewal.)

Rev. C. A. M.

Belzoni, Mississippi

Thousands are waiting for you to "brighten their week with *Signs*." They need the messages of hope it brings, and the life-giving truth which it presents.

More Signs—More Homes—More Souls

Home Missionary Department

Georgia-Cumberland Conference

No. 2 in "Signs" Evangelistic Series

is a gain of 12 over last school year? Florida ties with us for first place in the Southern Union and we take seventh place for North America.

3. The Georgia-Cumberland Conference has 817 pupils enrolled in church schools? We take second place to Florida in the Southern Union for enrollments and tenth place in North America.

4. For intermediate school examinations the Georgia-Cumberland Conference reached the high score in four subjects—Algebra, English I, English II, and New Testament History? Only two other conferences reached the high score, and that was in one subject in each conference. Let us continue to pray for our educational work that it may accomplish all that God has in store for us.

G. R. NASH

NEWS

★ The MV Society of the Knoxville church is sponsoring a program of sacred music to be given by the Collegiate male quartet from Southern Missionary College at their MV hour, 5:30 P.M., Sabbath, April 24. They will also sing on several radio programs in Knoxville that week end.

★ The church members at Dunlap, Tennessee, are looking forward to the time when they will have a church building of their own. They have approximately \$3,000 in their building fund at the present time.

★ The members of the Meister Hills church, under the direction of their pastor, Brother James Fulfer, are conducting a branch Sabbath school near Oneida, Tennessee. They have a nice group attending, many of whom are students of the Voice of Prophecy Bible school and our own School of Bible Prophecy.

★ Brother Warren T. Skilton, dis-

1954 CAMP MEETING

Georgia-Cumberland Conference
August 19-28

Collegedale, — Tennessee

trict leader of the Brunswick area, is conducting evangelistic meetings in Ludowici, Georgia. The people there are showing an interest in this message and Brother Skilton is very much encouraged with the prospects for baptisms.

WHY AM I BECOMING A COLPORTEUR

God in His strange providence saw fit to take me out of my home state to teach me this message.



Charleen Reynolds

My husband and uncle are always trading. Somehow a *Bible Readings for the Home* had been traded to my husband for some object. After being baptized into the church and surrendering my life to God as best I knew how, I began

to read and search the Scriptures. The more I read the more I could clearly see that that denomination did not teach the whole Bible truth. I began praying for light.

Never having heard of Adventists before, I read the chapters on the Sabbath from that old *Bible Readings*. Oh what light! What knowledge! I found there truth indeed. I knew that my prayers were being answered. Through another miracle, in fact many other miracles, I learned the third angel's message. Would to God that I might meet the faithful colporteur who sold that book! I shall probably never meet him until we reach heaven.

Since *Bible Readings* was the first beam of light that kindled the flame in my heart, I want others who are groping in darkness to find the way.

After learning the message in Ohio, God sent me back to Tennessee. The little corner He reserved for me is very dark. For a long time I only heard His voice calling me to some special work. Now I know what work it is. When the calling was pressed, I was employed in a box factory. My family has no income at all since Daddy be-

came unable to work. I give them all they have. They are sending five children to school on the small sum I provide weekly.

I must be a success. God gave me the "go ahead" signal flashing His promises of providence before me. "Seek ye first the kingdom. . . and all these things shall be added unto you," He constantly reminds me. "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." (James 5:20.) Knowing the hunger one has without this message, my desire and only hope is to have a part in finishing the work. This is my true calling. I must go where He leads to gather the lost hundreds from town and country.

CHARLEEN REYNOLDS

This sister heard, accepted and has gone forth to proclaim. Oh! my friends, what would happen if every Seventh-day Adventist who has heard would go forth to proclaim. The Lord has blessed Sister Reynolds. The first week, in 39½ hours, her sales were \$296.75.

Listen, my friend, you too can work for the Lord. Why not write to me today.

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Atlanta 2, Georgia

Kentucky-Tennessee

3208 West End Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee
W. E. Strickland, President

Myron J. Harvey, Secretary-Treasurer

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THE CLARKSVILLE GROUP

The accompanying picture shows most of the people who attended Sabbath services at Clarksville, Tennessee, Sabbath, March 27. When the total



was counted it was found that 63 were there.

The Clarksville church was organized September 26, 1953, with a charter membership of 20. Today the membership is 30 and the group is worshipping in the partially completed building in the background. When finished the building will be a colonial brick church. A church school room and welfare center will also be housed in the same structure.

The spiritual health of this group is exceptional, and Christian love and fellowship is enjoyed by all. The work is going forward with four of the lay members actively engaged in giving Bible studies. Two S.A.V.E. machines are in use and two S.V.E. projectors. Hopes are high for much good to be accomplished when the building is completed.

The city of Clarksville is cognizant of the church, and a feeling of friendship exists. Many of the merchants and supply houses have gone out of their way to be of help to the church.

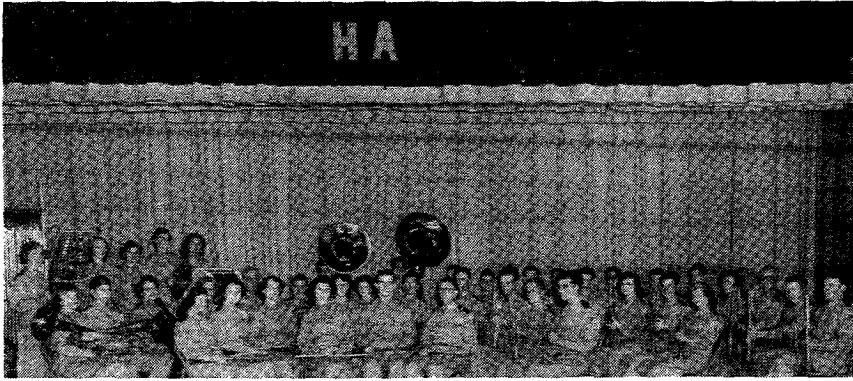
Close to Fort Campbell, the church supplies the needs of Adventist boys in service. Several of the boys who have gone from Fort Campbell still feel the influence of the group here, and out of the deep gratitude of their hearts are helping in a material way: \$50 a month coming from Washington state and \$25 a month from Tripoli, Libya, for a period of a year, toward the church building.

There is a lot of musical talent in the group, and efficient officers care for their duties to make the services very inspirational. A strong MV program is being conducted on Friday nights with between 30 and 40 attending. When we consider that a little over a year ago we didn't have a company in Clarksville the group feels very happy over what they have. Pray for us that God's spirit shall continue to hover over Clarksville.

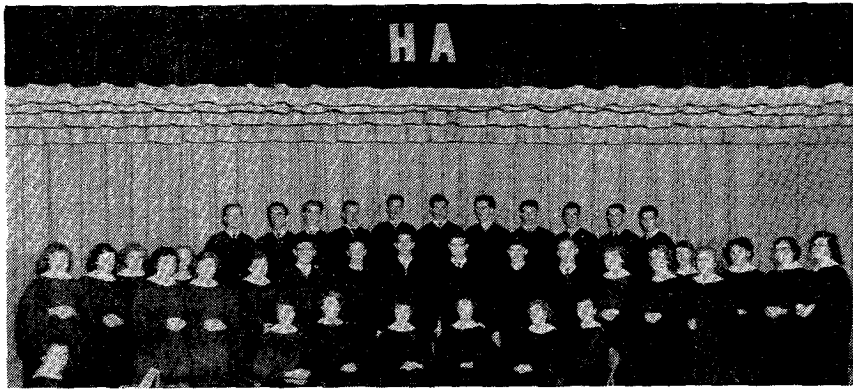
HENRY WILMOT, Pastor

HIGHLAND ACADEMY CHOIR

We are very pleased to present the Highland Academy band and choir. Both of these organizations are under the direction of Mr. F. G. Hepple, head of the music department. Miss Ruby Jean Lynn, instructor in piano, is the accompanist for the choir. Music is a very important part of student life at Highland Academy. These two excellent instructors are giving it the emphasis it deserves.



Highland Academy band.



Highland Academy choir

The choir is presenting a program in Memphis April 10; the band will be at Louisville April 24 and in Nashville May 8.

TEDDRIC MOHR

NEW SABBATH SCHOOL

A new Sabbath school has been organized called the Hardin County Sabbath school, with Brother Lyle Gray as the superintendent.

A few months ago Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray and Mr. Lyle moved to Olive Hill, Tennessee, thinking that they were the only Adventists in several counties in that section. However, to their happy surprise they have found several who are either Adventists or who are interested in the message. One of the charter members of the Memphis church, Mrs. Lily Ascough, is now making her home with her granddaughter in Adamsville, and since she is practically confined to her room, the Sabbath school group plans to meet there each Sabbath afternoon.

We expect to see this group expand until the present membership of five triples in size. Pray for these earnest lay workers.

J. O. MARSH

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INGATHERING MOVES FORWARD

Yes, the Ingathering work continues to move forward and we are asking you to please continue your good work until we have reached our goal.

Louisville is now working hard to finish its \$4,000 goal in a few weeks. They are reporting on an average of over \$300 per week. Keep it up, Pastor M'ims and Brother Fischer, as you lead Louisville on to victory.

Pastor Rainey is doing well in his district. Indianola, Mississippi, is his most recent church to reach the goal. Good work Pastor Rainey! God will help you and all of us to put His program over for Him!

Let us all rally to finish the Ingathering by May 3, 1954. Come on Knoxville, Birmingham, Louisville, Memphis, Montgomery, and all of you who have not reached your goals! Let us rise up as one man and finish God's Ingathering work.

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TEMPERANCE ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNERS

The South Central Conference, temperance contest in the Ephesus church, Birmingham, Alabama, March 28, 1954, was a great success.



Miss Gracie Smith, first prize winner in the oratorical contest.

Twelve of our churches had young people of the high school level who qualified for taking part in the conference final. Nevertheless, there were only nine of these twelve who attended the conference finals and took part.

The nine contestants who took part at Birmingham, and the churches they represented were: Miss Coridence Amos, Leland; Miss Doris Daniels, Greenwood; Mr. J. Epps, Clarksdale; Miss Mina J. Hicks, Selma, Alabama; Miss Dorothy Mabry, Yazoo City; Miss Pauline Pearson, Indianola; Miss Lula Roberts, Hattiesburg, Miss Bess Robin-

LAST CALL to the

Southern Union Youth Congress

OPENING SESSION: Friday, April 23, 7:15 P.M.

Howard High School
Gymnasium

551 Houston Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

CONGRESS FEATURES

Oakwood College Choir
SMC College Band
Pine Forge Institute Choir
Book and Bible House Display
Evangelistic Demonstrations
Temperance Oratorical Contest
Live Radio Broadcast
Youth Talent in Action

Young people of the South Central and South Atlantic Conferences: You will want to say, "I was there!"

son, Mobile; Miss Gracie Smith, Birmingham, Alabama.

Each contestant made a good showing in delivering his oration for the glorious cause of temperance.

Dr. J. King Chandler III, president of David Payne College; Mrs. A. W. Plumb, president of the W.C.T.U. of Alabama; and Mrs. Jeanette Williams, instructor in the Booker T. Washington Business College were the judges.

In their decision Miss Gracie Smith of the Birmingham church was awarded first place; Miss Bess Robinson of Mobile, Alabama, second place; Miss Mina J. Hicks of Selma, Alabama, third place; and Miss Pauline Pearson representing Indianola, Mississippi, fourth place.

These four youth received from the conference cash awards of \$25, \$15, \$10, and \$7.50, respectively. Three of these, Miss Smith, Miss Robinson, and Miss Hicks will represent the South Central Conference at the great temperance oratorical contest that will be held at the Youth Congress, April 24, in Atlanta, Georgia.

B. H. EWING

DORCAS FEDERATION MEETING

The Dorcas Federation of the Nashville, Tennessee, area will hold its semi-annual session in the Riverside Chapel, Sabbath, May 8, 1954, at 3:00 P.M.

The Paducah, Bowling Green, Clarksville, Riverside, and Nashville churches and companies are in this area, and are expected to have their Dorcas workers well represented at this meeting.

MRS. HANNAH JONES, *President*

MRS. ALBERTA JORDAN, *Secretary*

SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Sabbath school association of the Birmingham, Alabama, area will meet, Sabbath, May 1, in the Birmingham, Alabama, church at 3:00 P.M. The churches in that area are: Sylacauga, Gadsden, Dothan, Selma, Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, Birmingham Institute, and Birmingham.

We are expecting all of these churches to be well represented at this meeting. By all means have Sabbath school officers and teachers in attendance. We want the pastors and church elders to be there, too.

The Greenwood, Mississippi, area Sabbath school association will meet in the Yazoo City, Mississippi, church, Sabbath, May 8, at three o'clock in the

afternoon. Churches in this area are: Yazoo City, Indianola, Cleveland, Lealand, Belzoni, West Point, Columbus, Greenwood, Greenville, and Hollandale, Mississippi.

EVANGELISM

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Brother Chandler of plumbing, Brother L. W. Blassius of electrical work, Brother R. F. Gilman of painting, and Brother Ted Burris of the hardwood flooring.

"At the noon hour when the Dorcas ladies served the working men such a delicious lunch 112 men and 60 automobiles from North and South Carolina were counted.

"Individuals who read of the work in the newspaper or heard about it over the radio stopped by and gave donations to assist. The Dorcas societies of the nearby churches presented the Neffs with fresh and canned fruits and vegetables. The Skyland Dorcas Federation provided the noon and evening meals.

"Brother Neff was brought to the scene of activity at noon and was greatly touched by this manifestation of love for him and his family. No one needs to tell me this is an act of love. This is the greatest manifestation of love I have ever seen outside the sacrifice of our Saviour."

"On April 9, Brother Neff wrote: "I am beginning to realize how God has blessed me and answered our prayers. I lay awake last night thanking God for His goodness to me through you folk. Now I have a nice home near the school where my children can finish their education. Dear friends of Carolina, if I must die of this illness, I shall die a happy man—but I still hope to live to see the work finished and the last book sold to sort of repay you all and the Lord for what has been done for me and my family. I wish I could thank every one personally; but since I can't, will you accept this expression from the bottom of my heart? May God bless you all abundantly. There is no family like the Adventist family. Let us all be faithful."

I can understand why this project was called Carolina's "Sermon on the House." It was truly the golden rule in action. The Lord has blessed Brother Neff's colporteur ministry and this action on the part of his brethren is another indication that God does remember His faithful children.

OBITUARY

BANNER:—Elizabeth Anna Mae McAlexander Banner was born in 1930 and with her husband, William Ray Banner, passed away in March, 1954, as a result of an automobile accident. Elizabeth was born in



The men had a mind to work. At 8:50 A.M. they were already putting down the sub-flooring.

Tennessee and was well known in the Cedar Grove and Nashville churches. A few years ago she, with her mother and grandparents, moved to Granger, Washington. She graduated from Auburn Academy. It was here she met her husband.

Brother and Sister Banner were Christian young people who found joy in serving the Lord. They leave to mourn two children, Judy and Michael, and many other loved ones and friends. Elder E. R. Jolliffe officiated at the funeral services. Interment in the Outlook cemetery, Outlook, Washington.

SUNSET TABLE

	April 23	April 30
Atlanta, Ga.	7:15	7:20
Birmingham, Ala.	6:24	6:29
Charlotte, N. C.	7:02	7:07
Collegedale, Tenn.	7:20	7:25
Huntsville, Ala.	6:24	6:30
Louisville, Ky.	6:26	6:33
Memphis, Tenn.	6:39	6:44
Meridian, Miss.	6:30	6:34
Nashville, Tenn.	6:27	6:33
Orlando, Fla.	6:55	6:59
Wilmington, N. C.	6:49	6:54

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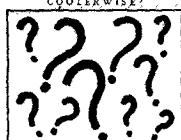
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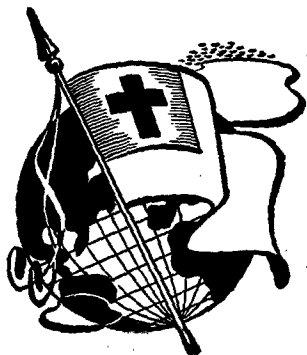
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"Love Thy Neighbor" Evangelism

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

RECENTLY one of our consecrated, faithful colporteurs was stricken with what may be a fatal disease. He was concerned for the welfare of his family. He purchased the material for a little home for them near one of our schools so that his children's education

could go right on. His fellow workers in the Carolina Conference decided to give him a lift and in one day they built the home. Elder Lauda tells the story:

"Brother J. A. Neff has been one of our faithful, full-time colporteurs

for over seven years here in the Carolina Conference. He has been instrumental in delivering thousands of dollars' worth of truth-filled books. His great aim through these years has been to hasten the return of Jesus.

"During 1953 Brother Neff became ill. Examinations proved that his condition was serious. The elders of the church were called in and a special anointing service was held. 'Thy will be done,' was their prayer.

"Although in failing health Brother Neff has continued his colporteur ministry. However, he has been anxious that his wife and three children be cared for and that the children be privileged to continue their Christian education. He purchased property near the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital and had hoped to build and supervise the building of a modest home. His suffering and weakening physical condition made this impossible.

"Elder M. B. Elliston decided this would be a wonderful laymen and Dorcas project. He worked with Brother Neff in making the plans for the house and Brother Neff purchased the materials. An announcement was made in our churches for all who would like to help build this home to be on hand Sunday morning at 7:30, April 4.

"Elder Elliston was general contractor and manager and under him he had Brother Harland England as foreman of the carpenter work, Earl Spalding foreman of the cabinet making,

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The Neff family has just stepped across the threshold of their new home. They find words inadequate to tell Elder Elliston and the others of their gratitude.

Lift up the message, and loud let it ring!

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