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"Give All to God You Would Keep for Eternity"

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DECATUR, GEORGIA

REJOICE WITH US! THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE 1954 INGATHERING MINUTEMAN GOAL OF $130,169.95 HAS BEEN REACHED. THE COOPERATION OF THE WORKERS AND ALL THE CHURCHES IN THIS UPLIFT PROGRAM HAS BEEN WONDERFUL!

R. H. NIGHTINGALE, *President*
S. S. WILL, *Home Missionary Secretary*

Evangelism This Winter and Spring

V. G. ANDERSON

At the recent Autumn Council considerable time was given to the study of evangelism—ways and means of reaching a greater number of souls with the special message for these times. One of the methods studied was revival work in the churches. We quote from the resolution which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, There is need for frequent short revival and evangelistic efforts to be held in all our churches; and,

"WHEREAS, Such combined short revival and evangelistic efforts are a mighty factor in establishing our members in the faith as well as in leading many to a definite decision who have been on the verge of the kingdom but who have not taken a definite stand for Christ; and,

"WHEREAS, Through this means many backsliders are reclaimed and hundreds of children of Adventists are gathered into the churches;

"*Be It Resolved,* That during the coming winter and spring a supreme effort be made to conduct revival and evangelistic meetings of some seven to ten days' duration in every Seventh-day Adventist church throughout the world, in a mighty effort to gather as many as possible into the church during this period.

"That wherever possible, church officers and qualified laymen be associated with the ministry to assist in home visitation, Bible work, etc.

"That an effort be made to conduct a baptismal service in every church before the close of the meetings.

"That such subjects be covered as 'The Church Triumphant,' 'Signs of the Approaching End,' 'The Hope of the Resurrection,' 'Righteousness by Faith,' 'The Perpetuity of the Law,' 'The Sabbath and Its Meaning,' 'The New Birth,' 'The Spirit of Prophecy,' 'The Second Advent,' 'The New Earth,' and 'The Judgment.'

"That we set a goal of gathering 35,000 new members into our churches throughout the world during the period between December 4, 1953, and May 1, 1954.

"*Be It Further Resolved,* That beginning with the first Sunday in January, 1954, a supreme endeavor be made to have an evangelistic sermon preached in every Seventh-day Adventist church throughout the world where it is possible to hold public meetings and on every Sunday night thereafter."

We are happy to know that the administrations in the local conferences here in the Southern Union have taken seriously this resolution for an all-out effort to bring souls to the Saviour in the next few months. Already some of these revivals have been held.

Elder H. R. Murphy, president of the South Central Conference, has sent me a complete list of the revivals planned for that field. We are glad to publish them with the speakers and dates:

Birmingham, Alabama, J. G. Thomas, March 5 to 13

Montgomery, Alabama, J. G. Thomas, February 19 to 27

Meridian, Mississippi, J. G. Thomas, February 5 to 13

Knoxville, Tennessee, J. G. Thomas, March 19 to 27

Nashville, Tennessee, J. G. Thomas, April 2 to 10.

Huntsville, Alabama, E. E. Cleveland, January 17 to 31

Mobile, Alabama, E. E. Cleveland, February 6 to 13

Memphis, Tennessee, E. E. Cleveland, February 21 to 28

Jackson, Mississippi, E. E. Cleveland, January 3 to 10

Dothan, Alabama, C. S. Myles, April 2 to 10

Louisville, Kentucky, C. S. Myles, March 19 to 27
Hattiesburg, Mississippi, C. S. Myles, April 30 to May 8
Chattanooga, Tennessee, E. T. Mimms, January 8 to 16
Riverside Sanitarium, Tennessee, E. T. Mimms, January 22 to 30
Greenville, Mississippi, B. W. Abney, Sr., March 5 to 13
Clarksdale, Mississippi, B. W. Abney, Sr., March 14 to 21
Brookhaven, Mississippi, B. W. Abney, Sr., April 2 to 10
Selma, Alabama, A. D. Shorter, March 5 to 13
Sylacauga, Alabama, A. D. Shorter, March 14 to 21
Cleveland, Mississippi, G. H. Rainey, March 5 to 13
Yazoo City, Mississippi, G. H. Rainey, April 2 to 10
Soso, Mississippi, L. G. Newton, January 15 to 23
Greenwood, Mississippi, L. G. Newton, February 19 to 27
Columbus, Mississippi, W. J. Mitchell, March 5 to 13
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, W. J. Mitchell, March 14 to 21
Gulfport, Mississippi, R. C. Brown, January 15 to 23
Sumrall, Mississippi, R. C. Brown, January 29 to February 6
Paducah, Kentucky, C. E. Dudley, March 19 to 27
Jackson, Tennessee, C. E. Dudley, April 16 to 24
Florence, Alabama, N. A. Lindsay, March 21 to April 3
Indianola, Mississippi, N. A. Lindsay, April 11 to 24
Birmingham Institute, Alabama, C. S. Myles, May 9 to 15
Greeneville, Tennessee, H. L. Jones, February 19 to 27
Harriman, Tennessee, H. L. Jones, March 14 to 21
Berea, Kentucky, J. A. James, January 15 to 23
Covington, Kentucky, E. T. Mimms, April 30 to May 8
Lexington, Kentucky, E. T. Mimms, February 14 to 21
Clarksville, Tennessee, C. R. Graham, March 19 to 27
Bowling Green, Kentucky, C. R. Graham, April 16 to 24
Gadsden, Alabama, N. A. Lindsay, January 24 to 31
Hollandale, Mississippi, J. N. Richardson, January 24 to 31

We believe this list includes every church in the South Central Conference. It is our hope and prayer that every conference in the Southern Union will follow this worthy example.

Columbia University Professor Composes Prayer Hymn

"GIVE Us Faith for Today," a prayer hymn composed by Dr. Harry Robert Wilson, head of the Voice Department, Teachers' College, Columbia University, opened the Adventist telecast last Sunday, with Dr. Wilson among the thousands of viewers. The story behind this event is of interest to everyone concerned with gospel work.

Among Dr. Wilson's students this past year was Miss Elaine Meyers, voice instructor at Walla Walla College, who spent several months helping in the FAITH FOR TODAY Bible school prior to receiving her Master's degree in music from Columbia University.

Describing one of her classes she reported, "Today our teacher introduced a song he had written entitled, 'Give Us Faith for Today.' He began by saying, 'If there's anything we need these days, it's faith. Have any of you heard of an organization called FAITH FOR TODAY? I just read one of their publications which refutes agnostics. It's a fine book, very interesting!' Then he began telling some of the things it said, especially mentioning the prophecies. It sounded like an Adventist sermon; the class listened with much interest. He had read *Search for Certainty,* a FAITH FOR TODAY book of the month. Another day in class he said, 'I'm looking for something and I don't know what it is.' So I gave him *Steps to Christ* which he told me he enjoyed." He is a very gifted composer and has many songs on the market.

After the telecast came on live again this fall, Dr. Wilson directed his publishers, The G. Schirmer Co. to send arrangements of his FAITH FOR TODAY song to our quartet. Composer and publishers were deeply interested in a recent presentation of the composition.

What a wonderful God we have who can take the witness of a college instructor, the talent of a Columbia University professor, the printing skill of a prominent music publisher, the consecrated voices of the quartet and weave them all into a fabric of truth to send out over the television airwaves! May the Lord bless Dr. Wilson as he continues to bear his witness in the university and across the land by means of his musical compositions.

FAITH FOR TODAY

TV LOG FOR Southern Union Conference

STATION	CALL LETTERS
Atlanta	WLWA-TV
Birmingham	WAFM-TV
Charlotte	WBTV
Knoxville	WTSK-TV
Louisville	WKLO-TV
Mobile	WKAB-TV
Montgomery	WCOV-TV
St. Petersburg	WSUN-TV
W. Palm Beach	WIRK-TV
Winston-Salem, N. C.	WTOB-TV

Consult local newspaper for time.

FAITH FOR TODAY

SCHOOL OF TROPICAL AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE OFFERS COURSE IN TROPICAL HYGIENE AND PARASITOLOGY

The School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine at the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California, is offering a course in Tropical Hygiene and Parasitology. This course is designed primarily for graduate nurses who are going to the tropics as mission appointees. Both men and women are eligible for this course established to help the workers in tropical service cope with the health hazards in the tropics. The length of this $65 course will be four weeks of lectures and laboratory work on a full-time schedule. Registration will take place on March 31 and applications for admission should be made by March 15, 1954. For an application form or further information write: Director, School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine, College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California.

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News of Southern Missionary College

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KENNETH A. WRIGHT, *President* RICHARD HAMMILL, *Dean*

CHARLES FLEMING, JR., *Business Manager*

COLLEGEDALE, TENNESSEE

The College Press recently installed another V-45 Miehle vertical printing press and a modern new Vandercook proof press. These items of equipment will greatly increase the speed and efficiency of the Press. A large volume of lithographing or offset printing is now being done on the new ATF chief offset press installed a number of months ago.

Although sales volume is now at an all time high, plans are being laid for a marked increase in sales in the months ahead. Mr. M. M. Rabuka formerly manager of the College Press at Canadian Union College, has joined the Press staff as sales representative.

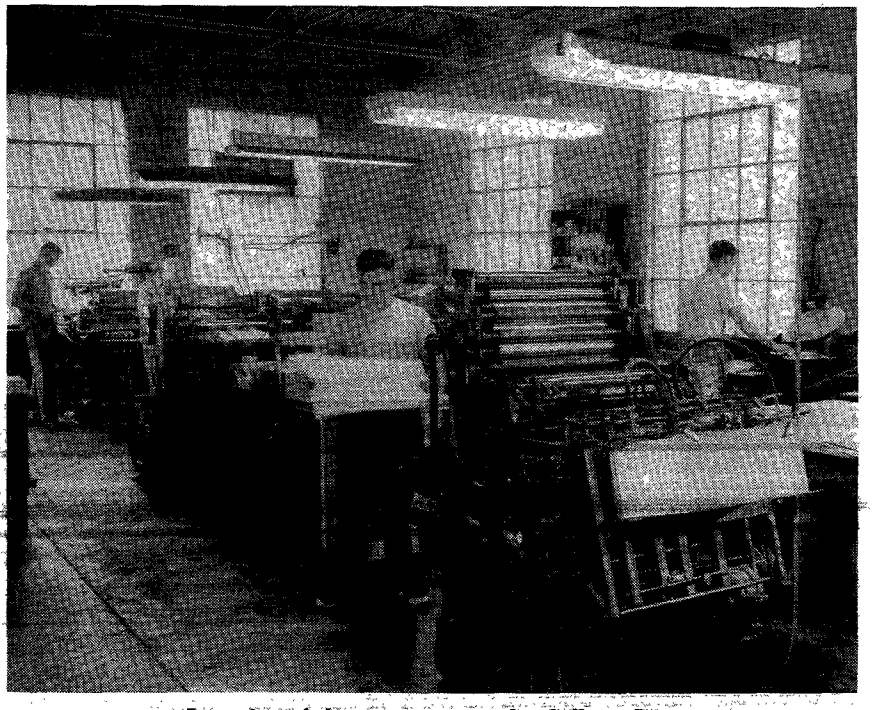
Mr. Kenneth Scott, who left the Press to serve in the Army in February, 1952, has returned from Korea and is taking up his previous work as bindery foreman. Mrs. Scott has also returned to her former work as office secretary.

An art and layout department has recently been added under the direction of Mr. Hank Langley. In addition to regular art and layout work, silk screen printing is being done on signs, posters, and specialty cards.

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It is with deep sorrow that we report the sudden death of Arthur W. Spalding who since 1949 has graced the campus of this institution with his presence. He died of a heart attack while returning home from Chattanooga where his faithful companion was confined to a hospital. His funeral service was held at the College chapel at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, December 17. Elder Henry T. Elliott, associate secretary of the General Conference, gave the funeral address.

This man of God, one-time helper of God's messenger, and author of forty books, now rests from his labors, but his works follow him.



A section of the pressroom at the College Press

At chapel, Wednesday, December 16, the centennial of Adventist Education, was fittingly memorialized. On this date, one hundred years ago, at Bucks Bridge, New York, under the direction of Mrs. Byington, the first S.D.A. church school opened its doors. The memorial service was under the direction of Doctor Thomas W. Steen, head of the division of psychology and education. President Wright gave the address. Teachers on the staff, who have spent many years in foreign service, also participated.

Carolina

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B. C. Marshall, Secretary-Treasurer
Box 930, Charlotte, North Carolina

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FLETCHER ACADEMY WEEK OF PRAYER

The week of December 13 to 19 was a week full of spiritual blessing for Fletcher Academy and other members of the Fletcher, North Carolina, church. Students, faculty, and community entered enthusiastically into this fall Week of Prayer which was conducted by Elder E. L. Marley, pastor of the Columbia, South Carolina church.

There is a wonderful spirit of unity and cooperation among both students and faculty and this prepared the way for a wholesome, spiritual atmosphere which helped to make this Week of Prayer a real success.

Separate services were held for the nurses, academy students, and the upper grades of the grammar school each morning during the week, then all united each evening for the inspiring service together.

God's marvelous love and grace were pictured night after night by Elder Marley, climaxing for the students in an altar call Thursday night and a testimony service Friday night in which the student body dedicated themselves fully and wholeheartedly to God. Sabbath morning a stirring appeal was made to the entire church on the subject, "Marriage and the Home." God's Spirit worked upon hearts in a very manifest way bringing a new experience into the lives and homes of many.

Counseling periods were held during the mornings and afternoons. The

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Laymen's Activities in South Atlantic

M. T. BATTLE, *Home Missionary Secretary, South Atlantic Conference*

DURING the past few weeks we have received some very heartening reports from members of the Projector-Commissioned Club and we would like to share some of them with you.

Brother Bookey Cobb, of Columbus, Georgia, has recently completed a small effort, during which time he used the Zima projector. The members of the local church have cooperated with him wholeheartedly and he has been very successful as a lay preacher. As a result of this meeting two are attending Sabbath school and we are confident that souls will be added to the church.

Sister Rosa Holmes, of Savannah, Georgia, is an active soul winner, and reports that just now four are attending Sabbath school since beginning studies with her.

From Jacksonville, Florida, Sister E Cummings writes that she is giving studies to a family, and that they have given up some of their bad habits, including smoking. She reports one new Sabbath school member.

Two of the commissioned laymen of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Brother and Sister W. Akers, report 17 studies during last month, with 116 present. The interest there is good and they have eight new Sabbath school members. In addition to their studies, they have a branch Sunday school. Six members of the branch school are attending regular Sabbath school now, and two of them have taken their stand and are in the baptismal class.

Brother W. H. King, of the Fort Valley, Georgia, church, says that he is studying with a correspondence course student who is 80 years of age. She enjoys the studies, and is willing to take her stand on the Lord's side.

Brother Collins of Savannah, Georgia, has been conducting an open air meeting. During the past month he gave 25 studies, with approximately 195 attending. He reports one new Sabbath school member.

From all over South Atlantic interesting reports are coming in showing the progress of the work of the laymen. We are making plans to begin the new year by establishing projector-commissioned clubs in every district of the conference.

We here in South Atlantic believe that Seventh-day Adventists have been entrusted with the last warning message, and are going all out to finish the work of God in this area of His vineyard.

CAROLINA CHURCH OFFICERS' INSTITUTES

Plan Now! **Attend the Institute Nearest You!**

Elders	Treasurers	Sabbath School Officers
Deacons	Church Clerks	Press Relations Secretaries
Deaconesses	Missionary Officers	Missionary Volunteer Officers

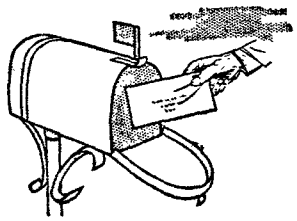
Sabbath School 10:00 A.M.—Institute 11:30 A.M. and 2:00-4:00 P.M.

January 9	Charlotte, N. C.	1011 E. Morehead Street
Morganton	Table Rock	Forest City
Laurel	Statesville	Shelby
Hildebran	Dockery	Albemarle
January 16	High Point, N. C.	212 Maple Street
Winston-Salem	Burlington	Asheboro
Greensboro	Salisbury	
Kernersville	Lexington	
January 23	Raleigh, N. C.	208 St. Mary's Street
Durham	Wilson	New Bern
Pittsboro	Elizabeth City	Wilmington
Fayetteville	Plymouth	Winter Haven
Rocky Mount	Greenville, N. C.	Delco
Roanoke Rapids	Goldsboro	
January 30	Mount Pisgah Academy	Candler, N. C.
Ashville	Hazelwood	Higgins
Marion	Banner Elk	
Sylva	Valle Crucis	
February 6	Charleston, S. C.	219 Calhoun Street
Florence	Sumter	Kingstree Orangesburg

We urge *all church officers* to attend the institute especially planned for them. Bring your lunch and plan to attend the full institute — 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Your Carolina Conference officers and departmental secretaries will lead out in these services. Guest speakers from the Southern Union or General Conference are planned.

C. H. LAUDA, *President*



PARENTS' EXCHANGE

MAIL YOUR QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS TO
ARCHA O. DART, Child Guidance Secretary
437 E. Ponce de Leon, Decatur, Georgia

How Is a Parent Like a Doctor?

THE DOCTOR does what is best for the patient, even if it hurts him. A good physician does not needlessly cause discomfort, nor does he give a medicine just because it tastes bad. But when someone needs help, the wise doctor gives it even though the treatment itself may be unpleasant.

Occasionally a parent says, "I love my child so much I can not bear to punish him." Does this same parent "love" his child so much that he will not allow a dentist to pull that decayed tooth? or the surgeon to remove his infected appendix? Parents who really love their boys and girls pay medical men to stick needles into their children, lance their sores, and fasten casts on their broken bones. Does all this hurt? Of course it does, and my guess is that it hurts the parents too. But they do it for the best interest of the children. Only ignorant or indifferent parents neglect their children and allow their decayed teeth and other infections to give aches and pains.

The New Year is here. It's time to get busy!



H. M. LAMBERT PHOTO

WHAT IS YOUR SCORE ON COURTESY?

First read the chapter on courtesy in *The Adventist Home,* pp. 421-429.

Write in your answers and see what your score is. Each correct answer is worth ten points.

1. What will banish half of life's ills? .....
2. If your child seems to be developing a hard, rough disposition, what will soften his nature? .....
3. What kind of words should *not* be spoken? .....
4. What kind of words *should* be spoken? .....
5. What has a greater influence upon your children than mere words? .....
6. What are the three elements of power? .....
7. .....
8. .....
9. From what homes do angels flee? .....
10. To what homes are angels attracted? .....

(answers on reverse side)

Just so it is that ignorant or indifferent parents are the only ones who neglect their children's moral disposition and allow bad habits to become a hindrance throughout life.

Correction is to the child's character what medical attention is to his physical anatomy. And here too, prevention is far better than cure. Wise parents will prevent as much punishment as possible, but when it becomes necessary, the one who loves his child will give him what he needs. Some children will require more "treatment" of this kind than others. One group responds readily to one form of medicine while others improve more rapidly with a different type. Just as the physician studies his patient and applies a remedy to cure his particular trouble, so the correction must fit the individual child and his specific ailment. One who calls himself a doctor, yet has one remedy for all aches and pains, is referred to as a quack. A parent who has one kind of punishment for every misdemeanor is also a quack!

Correction should be administered as intelligently as medical care. Medicine and surgery are given by a restricted class of individuals whose duty it is to know the proper thing to do and how to do it. Just so correction should be administered by those whose duty it is to know the proper thing to do and how to do it. This class is known as parents. Other relatives, neighbors, and friends are not the ones to punish or correct a child any more than do relatives or neighbors or physicians' prescribe for patients. This does not mean, however, that kinfolk, or even strangers, should not give "first aid" in an emergency. A total stranger once saw a little two-year-old running away from his home toward the railroad tracks. He caught the child and carried him back in spite of the little fellow's screams and protests.

Obedience is always associated with authority. It is essential, therefore, that the child learn who has the proper authority over him. It can become very confusing to a little fellow to be ordered around by everyone who is older. God gave two parents to the child and that is enough. Of course, children as well as adults are to show the proper respect and courtesy to others, but obedience belongs to parents.

When someone takes the place of a parent for an hour, a day, of a year, that individual becomes "mother" for that time and should be obeyed. When mother goes to town and leaves him with grandma, or the lady next door, he is to obey that "mother" during that time. The same is true of the teacher at school who stands in the place of the parent so long as the child is under his care.

Happiness is a wonderful cure and prevention for many ills. Keep your family happy. This is a difficult task in this age of complexities, but the true Christian will find a way.

COURTESY

"The Lord Jesus demands our acknowledgment of the rights of every man. Men's social rights, and their rights as Christians, are to be taken into consideration. All are to be treated with refinement and delicacy, as the sons and daughters of God.

"Christianity will make a man a gentleman. Christ was courteous, even to His persecutors; and His true followers will manifest the same spirit. Look at Paul when brought before rulers. His speech before Agrippa is an illustration of true courtesy as well as persuasive eloquence. The gospel does not encourage the formal politeness current with the world, but the courtesy that springs from real kindness of heart.

"The most careful cultivation of the outward proprieties of life is not sufficient to shut out all fretfulness, harsh judgment, and unbecoming speech. True refinement will never be revealed so long as self is considered as the supreme object. Love must dwell in the heart. A thoroughgoing Christian draws his motives of action from his deep heart-love for his Master. Up through the roots of his affection for Christ springs an unselfish interest in his brethren. Love imparts to its possessor grace, propriety, and comeliness of deportment. It illuminates the countenance and subdues the voice; it refines and elevates the whole being." *Ministry of Healing*, pp. 489, 490.

Seek for happiness at home.

ANSWERS

1. Courtesy
2. Christian courtesy
3. Bitter
4. Words of praise
5. Courtesy
6. A cheerful countenance
7. A gentle voice
8. A courteous manner
9. Where there are unpleasant words
10. Where there is kindness

MARRIAGE TODAY

Wife explaining to her employer why she is resigning as his secretary: "You see, I have ordered a carbon copy of my husband!"

BOOKS FOR THE HOME

Courtesy book—The fundamentals of social decorum are set forth in a way to meet the standard of Seventh-day Adventists. Cloth bound, $1.50.

Happiness and Health is written by Harold Shyrock, M.D. Everyone wants to be happy, and health is one of our greatest assets. Health is very definitely affected by the emotions. Bound in cloth the book is available at $2.75.

Counsels on Diet and Foods is a compilation from the writings of Ellen G. White. It is far more important to feed the children properly than to give them fancy clothes. The kind of food the mother prepares for her family has much to do with the success of the home. What mother does in the kitchen affects the child's disposition, his growth, and his ability to learn. Available in two bindings, the cloth at $2.75 and limp at $3.75.

Order from your Book and Bible House.

COURTESY CORNER



Archa Ray Liles is a good sport at play as well as at work.

Carolina Conference

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students took advantage of these periods, and it was inspiring to see the leading of the Holy Spirit in their hearts as they willingly laid aside the sins of a modern world.

The Week of Prayer was fittingly climaxed on Sabbath afternoon by a baptism of seven young people who united their lives with the life and power of their Saviour. Elder A. D. McKee, pastor of the Fletcher district, officiated in this lovely service. Several others expressed their determination to take this step of union with Christ in the near future upon further preparation.

May God bless every one of these young people in the surety of His love, and grant that each decision during this Week of Prayer may be a permanent victory in Christ Jesus, leading them on to have a part in the eternal home above.

C.H. LAUDA

CAROLINA CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN SHARE IN INGATHERING VICTORY

The 25 church schools of the Carolina Conference raised a total of $4,463.02 for the 1954 Ingathering. This was approximately $500 over the total goal for our church schools which was set up on the following basis: one fourth of the Minuteman goal for children 6 to 9; one half of the Minuteman goal for children ten to fifteen. Those who are church members raised the full Minuteman goal. The total for the church schools of the Carolina Conference on this basis is $4,284.54.

Surely, we should lift our hearts in praise and gratitude for this share in Ingathering on the part of the boys and girls of the Carolina Conference and also for the faithful leadership and inspiration of their Christian teachers.

WARD A. SCRIVEN

Florida

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SCHEDULE OF CHURCH OFFICERS' INSTITUTES

All church, Sabbath school, and MV officers are urged to be present at one of the Church Officers' Institutes listed below. Florida Conference officers and departmental secretaries will be present to lead out and give instruction.

Sabbath, January 9, 2:30-5:30, Tampa S.D.A. Church, 2909 Nebraska Avenue.

Participating Churches:

Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Plant City, Dade City, Zephyrhills, Lakeland, Winter Haven, Bartow, Palmetto, Bradenton, Sarasota, Ft. Myers, Arcadia, Punta Gorda, Brooksville, Walker Memorial, Wauchula, Ft. Meade.

Sabbath, January 16, 2:30-5:30, Miami Temple Church, 862 S.W. 4th Street.

Participating Churches:

Miami Temple, North Miami, Miami Springs, Homestead, Ft. Lauderdale, Delray Beach, West Palm Beach, Lake Worth, Belle Glade, Ft. Pierce, Okeechobee, Key West.

Sabbath, January 23, 2:30-5:30, Orlando.

Participating Churches:

Sanitarium, Orlando Central, Winter Park, Forest Lake Academy, Cocoa, Melbourne, Titusville, Sanford, Deland, Ocala, Eustis, Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, Kissimmee, Taft, St. Cloud, Winter Garden.

Sabbath, January 30, 2:30-5:30, Jacksonville S.D.A. Church, Pearl and Cottage Streets.

Participating Churches:

Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Perry, Lake City, Gainesville, Jennings Lake, St. Augustine, Palatka.

INGATHERING IN THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE

The ministers and church members of the Florida Conference have responded again this year most heartily to an appeal for a vigorous, energetic and short Ingathering campaign for 1954. The Lord blessed the faith and desire of our people to have a successful campaign by favoring us with good weather and a hearty response from the people.

The official dates for the Ingathering were November 14 to January 2. The first report from the churches on November 21 revealed that we had $37,000 and an average of $20,000 reported each week thereafter with a total of $130,169.95 reported by December 26.

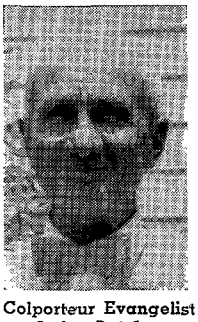
Think if you will not only of the amount of money that has been gathered in during this short period of time but also of the hundreds of thousands of people who have been contacted personally and have been told about the medical, welfare, and educational program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; and of the cheer and encouragement brought to many by hearing the Christmas carols sung; and of the hundreds of people who will enroll in the Bible correspondence lessons. We believe that the Ingathering program is highly valuable when all these and other objectives are considered.

We want to thank our people for their loyalty to the program. Hundreds of them have, after working hard all day, gone out night after night on the singing band. Where could one find such devotion to a cause and cooperation of purpose as is found in the ranks of the Seventh-day Adventist Church! We thank you again for this outward expression of your inward devotion.

S. S. WILL
Home Missionary Secretary

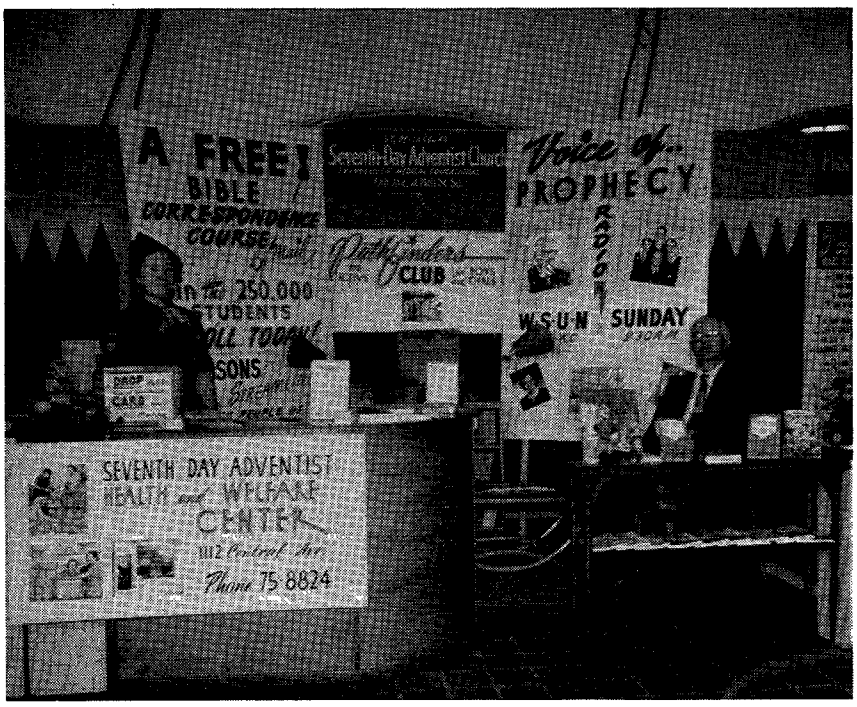
VETERAN COLPORTEUR EVANGELIST

Brother Irvin Butcher is one of our veteran colporteur evangelists. He has been a canvasser for about 16 years, having spent the major portion of this time canvassing the wealthier class of people in our large cities. At the present time he is in Jacksonville doing a wonderful job of selling our large subscription books to the people, and wherever he finds an interest he makes arrangements for the folks to have Bible studies.



Colporteur Evangelist Irvin Butcher

Now and then he hears of one of his customers being baptized. I received a letter from him just the other day in which he states that he had received a letter from Brother Miller, local elder of the Durham, North Carolina, church, saying that one of Brother Butcher's customers who had



Attractive display at the merchants' fair in St. Petersburg. Mrs. Adam Meister and Elder L. H. Gardiner are in the picture.

bought *Bible Readings* and had enrolled in the Bible course had been baptized.

It is becoming more and more frequent that our colporteurs hear such reports. Friend, do you have an urge to serve God in some manner and see someone accept this message? The colporteur work is a grand way to search out the honest in heart. Why not join Brother Butcher and our other Florida colporteurs and plan to be a colporteur during 1954. If you want information on how you may become a colporteur, write to:

J. T. MASON
Box 1313
Orlando, Florida

PUBLICIZE

About three months ago the publicity department of the St. Petersburg church secured the cooperation of many church members in putting on an attractive display at the annual merchants' fair on the municipal pier. They secured a booth in a prominent place and arranged it with an attractive display of various organizations and activities within the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

You will note that they advertised our welfare work, the Bible correspondence course, the Pathfinder club, the Voice of Prophecy, the medical work, and our literature. Thousands of pieces of literature were given away to the multiplied thousands of people who passed by the booth and hundreds of Bible correspondence course enrollments were received.

The reaction of the public toward this booth was very favorable.

S. S. WILL
Home Missionary Secretary

A RED-LETTER DAY

That's what January 24 will be! A red-letter day for Florida boys and girls. From all over Florida uniformed Pathfinders will be descending on Orlando for the big Pathfinder Fair. Flags, floats, march and drill teams, decorated booths, contests, bicycle races —these are just a few of the many thrills in store. And just think, it's all free! All you have to do is pile into the car and come. Don't even need to stay overnight.

SPECIAL FEATURE

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE
TUMBLING TEAM

See them do double somersaults in the air. Acrobatics that will keep your eyes popping.

Start talking about the big fair. Every Pathfinder will want to be there in uniform. All other boys and girls are invited, too. Dad and mother and all the rest of the family are welcome. Come one and all!

Hi-Ho, Come to the Fair!

F. W. FOSTER
Missionary Volunteer Secretary

Georgia-Cumberland

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ANNOUNCING
DR. A. H. RULKOETTER

Associate Secretary, Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference

We are most happy to announce that Dr. Rulkoetter will visit several churches in the Georga-Cumberland Conference during January in the interest of our world-wide work as it pertains to our liberties.



A. H. Rulkoetter

Those of you who were privileged to hear Dr. Rulkoetter at camp meeting last year will certainly want to hear him again. Those who did not hear him will definitely want to plan to avail themselves of the opportunity during his itinerary through our conference. He will have a real, live up-to-date message of interest. We urge all to attend the meeting nearest to your home and also to bring friends who are interested. The itinerary is as follows:

Cedartown, Rome, Calhoun, Georgia, January 15, 7:30 P.M.;

Atlanta Beverly Road, Georgia, January 16, 11:00 A.M.

Atlanta Kirkwood, Georgia, January 16, 5:00 P.M.

Pine Mountain Valley, Georgia, January 17, 3:00 P.M.

Columbus, Georgia, January 17, 7:30 P.M.

Albany and Moultrie, Georgia, January 18, 7:30 P.M.

Valdosta and Barwick, Georgia, January 19, 7:30 P.M.

Macon, Georgia, January 20, 7:30 P.M.

Cleveland and Athens, Tennessee, January 21, 7:30 P.M.

Wildwood, Georgia, January 22, 7:30 P.M.

Chattanooga, Tennessee, January 23, 11:00 A.M.

Knoxville, Tennessee, January 23, 5:00 P.M.

EDUCATIONAL AND MV NOTES

Greeneville Youth Rally. One of our most successful youth rallies was held December 18 and 19 at Greeneville, Tennessee. All the churches in that area of our conference were well represented. Special mention should be made of the Kingsport church which came 100 per cent strong.

Highlights of the day included the Collegiate Male Quartet of Southern Missionary College, and the Little Creek Band from the Little Creek Academy. The Sabbath school was ably directed by Elder V. W. Esquilla. Guest speakers were Elders L. M. Nelson, Southern Union youth leader, and G. R. Nash, president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Our very special thanks go to the host pastor, Elder D. G. Anderson, and to Dr. L. E. Coolidge and the Takoma Hospital staff for making our day a success.

Pathfinder Progress. There is considerable Pathfinder activity in the conference these days. Elder C. D. Wellman is teaching a group of the youth leaders of the Chattanooga and Standifer Gap churches the Pathfinder Officer's Course this month. Both clubs will officially organize January 23. The Pan-American Youth Congress delegate, William Merrideth, will direct the Chattanooga club and J. W. Henson, III, will lead out at Standifer Gap.

In Moultrie, Walter Earle is doing a good job with the club and in Pine Mountain Valley, Edward Swanson is club director. Thomas Stone is working hard with the Columbus group. The two Atlanta clubs now have their nice new Pathfinder flags in preparation for the forth-coming Southern Union Youth Congress. And, of course, Elder K. M. Kennedy is still keeping very much alive those Pathfinders at Collegedale. Just keep the good work up, directors and leaders!

Outstanding Educational Advance. A recent report from the General Conference should encourage every believer who supports so faithfully the cause of Christian education. The report shows that we have a gain of six schools, twelve teachers, and 135 students in 1953-54, over the previous year's record. This is the most remarkable gain shown by any conference this size in North America and is a tribute to the support of the entire constituency of Christian education.

1954 CAMP MEETING DATE

This is a preliminary announcement for the Georgia-Cumberland camp meeting which is scheduled for August 19 to 28, 1954.

Please mark this date on your calendar and begin to make definite plans to attend this great spiritual feast for God's people in 1954. G. R. NASH

NEWS

★ Word has reached the office that the Augusta church has installed a new electric Hammond organ. Congratulations Augusta! We trust other churches in the conference without church organs will follow your lead.

★ The Pine Mountain Valley church has placed five new reflecting church signs along the five highways leading to the Valley. Columbus has also bought five signs and placed them

KNOXVILLE OFFICER'S MEETING

Sabbath, January 16
Knoxville Church
Corner Luttrell and Lovena Streets

SERVICES:
Sabbath School ..... 9:30 A.M.
Preaching ..... 11:00 A.M.
V. G. ANDERSON
Officers' Meeting....2:00-6:00 P.M.

OFFICERS INVITED:
First elder, treasurer, clerk, missionary leader, missionary secretary, and head deacon. Other officers who can come are welcome to attend. Bring your lunch and plan to stay for all meetings.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED:
Knoxville, Lenoir City, Little Creek, Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport, Greeneville, Morristown, Newport, Crossville, Harriman, Coalfield, and Meister Hills.

VISITING MINISTERS ATTENDING:
V. G. Anderson, president of the Southern Union Conference, G. R. Nash, V. W. Esquilla, K. C. Beem, W. L. Crofton, and I. C. Pound.

THIS IS A MOST IMPORTANT MEETING. DO NOT MISS IT!

OBJECTIVES FOR 1954

Believing that the time is here for each church member to have a closer walk with God and for us to do a greatly enlarged work toward the finishing of our task here on earth, we hereby pledge ourselves to seek earnestly, under the blessing of God, to realize the following objectives during the year 1954:

1. Spiritual growth on the part of each member.
2. A greater spirit of reverence in the house of God and in all gatherings for worship.
3. A ten per cent increase in membership in each church.
4. A definite program of reclaiming lost members.
5. A baptism in each church each month.
6. A still greater interest in winning and holding the children and youth of the church.
7. Personal soul-winning efforts on the part of each church member.
8. One Bible school enrollment per month per member.
9. Faithful attendance at Sabbath school and other spiritual appointments.
10. The observance of family worship in every home.
11. The *Review and Herald* in every member's home.
12. A greater regard for, and faithful observance of the Sabbath.
13. The payment of a "just and honest" tithe by every member.
13. To plan carefully to contribute our share of the offerings for both home and foreign missions.
15. To *"consider Him"* in all we think, say, or do — "If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous, and tender-hearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where there is now only one." *Testimonies,* Vol. IX, p. 189.

along the highways. A number of people have mentioned they came to church because of the advertisement.

★ During the past two week ends, December 19 and 26, thrilling victories were gained in the Ingathering campaign which are as follows:

Brayton, Coalfield, Crossville, Dayton, Graysville, Greeneville, and Wildwood.

To date 52 churches are over their goals. We feel assured that by December 31, every church will be over the top, with the exception of Collegedale. Heartfelt thanks and sincere congratulations!

★ On November 22, 1953, Miss Joyce Frances Anderson, daughter of Elder and Mrs. V. G. Anderson, and Mr. H. Brooker Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Mills, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, exchanged wedding vows at the Beverly Road church in Atlanta with Elder Elmer R. Walde officiating. After a short wedding trip to Miami, Florida, the couple is now living at Parris Island, South Carolina, where Mr. Mills is stationed in the U. S. Navy. We wish for this fine young couple an abundance of heaven's blessing as they unite their lives to establish their Christian home.

Kentucky-Tennessee

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, REVIVAL

A delightful fellowship was enjoyed during the Memphis, Tennessee, revival recently conducted in cooperation with the ministers of the Memphis churches.

One hundred eight special victories were reported by the members of the church. Included in these victories were release from infatuation, the settling of misunderstandings, victory over Sabbath-breaking, robbing the Lord in tithes and offerings, and many others.

Between 25 and 30 applied for baptism, 11 of whom were baptized by their pastor, Elder E. E. Carman, on the closing evening of the revival.

In addition to the regular evening services, two special meetings were conducted each school day for an entire week with the Memphis Junior Academy youth. The response on the part of the youth was most heartening in every way. Their victories were many, including power to break away from sinful radio and television programs, release from infatuation, and a complete breaking away from company with those whose society the Word of God forbids. The type of surrender made by the youth of the Memphis Junior Academy speaks in glowing terms of the most excellent work being done by Brother Ralph Bailey and his associates.

Some declared that they had never known real peace of mind or joy in the Lord before. Their faces reflect the same attitude. Their lives seem filled with a consciousness of the presence of Jesus. They declared that for the first time in their experience Jesus actually seems precious to them—a true friend, a daily companion. This is promised by the Lord to us as we near the close of time, if we seek in faith with perseverance.

The scores of definite victories experienced, together with the many decisions for baptism in this short series of meetings are but a partial reward of the pastor's constant preaching of Christ for more than four years in the city of Memphis. Elder Carman has made it a practice to emphasize the Lord Jesus in all his preaching.

May we seek the Lord while He may be found that at His coming we may be like Him and shall see Him as He is.

G. A. COON

Alabama-Mississippi

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WATCHING FOR SOULS WHILE INGATHERING

After timidly consenting to go on an Ingathering field trip, one of our Floral Crest ladies didn't come to the church the next morning, her backwardness having won out. That night she did not feel as happy about it as she would have had she gone, so she asked the Lord to send someone to get her the next day if it was His will that she go. The pastor came to her home and again she consented.

While she was working in a little cross-roads place, a lady said to her, "You believe like our preacher. He preached for the ———— church but they turned him out for preaching the Sabbath, so now we have our own Sabbath school. Some of you folk ought to come and meet with us." At the close of the day she reported the incident and I called on the preacher. I have begun Bible studies in his home and he is inviting interested preachers and former members. He has his own radio program, on which he presents the Sabbath, the state of the dead, and many other distinctive truths of our message. This man is the third and he brought the fourth minister with whom I am studying. One has already joined the baptismal class. I checked with another last Sunday and he says he is ready just as soon as he presents the truth to the church where he is now preaching. He and his family have accepted the whole message.

Our experience here is verifying the promise of the Lord in *Evangelism*, page 562: "Our ministers are to make it their special work to labor for ministers. They are not to get

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Minuteman Churches	*Overflow*
Birmingham First	$657.85
Birmingham Central	293.19
Natchez	151.42
Dothan	552.22
Gulfport	487.27
Columbia	31.18
Laurel	31.20
Greenville	
Tupelo	10.00
Prichard	70.85
Bay Minette	
Jackson	
Florence	.61
Vicksburg	
Brookhaven	
Selma	43.25
Meridian	
Hattiesburg	
Gilbertown	165.38

Minuteman Districts	*Leader*
Tupelo	Bert Benson
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Gulfport	R. L. Chism
Birmingham First	L. R. Holley
Jackson	H. J. Carubba
Birmingham Central	C. R. Lickey

OUR GOAL	$57,281.38
WE HAVE	50,281.38
WE LACK	7,000.00

VICTORY BY JANUARY 16!

I. M. EVANS, *President*
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Home Missionary Secretary

into controversy with them, but, with their Bible in their hand, urge them to study the Word. If this is done, there are many ministers now preaching error, who will preach the truth for this time."

We are hoping that soon some of these may be proclaiming this last message of mercy. Pray for us in our work for them.

A. L. DICKERSON, *Pastor*
Gadsden, Alabama, District

EVANGELISM

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"Originally this building was used as a clubhouse, but it has been converted into a comfortable place of worship. Besides the main auditorium, it has six Sabbath school rooms, a mother's room, a pastor's study, two schoolrooms, a chapel, and two apartments. If we should build such a structure today it would cost approximately $75,000. Indeed it seems that the Lord providentially permitted this church to be established in this community to be a lighthouse so that the work may also be finished here in preparation for Jesus' soon return."

THE JOURNEY'S END

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

LEVERING:—Bessie Acton-Levering was born October 4, 1883, at Payne, Ohio. From her early girlhood her one aim was to be a missionary and teacher. Her 46 years of active service in the organized work of Seventh-day Adventists began when she entered her first school as a teacher at the age of 18. Soon she was invited to become the educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Ohio Conference. She was a delegate at the Mount Vernon convention that organized the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department in the year 1907.

Since 1910 she has served as preceptress of the Fox River Academy in Illinois, MV and educational superintendent of the East Pennsylvania Conference, and in the Normal Department of Washington Missionary College. While there she assisted in the preparation of some of our textbooks, especially as co-author of our seventh grade Bible book.

At the close of the spring term in 1924, Sister Levering united her life with John Marshall Levering, and together they have worked in the educational and building work until the years brought feebleness of body that forced their retirement from active labor. However, even as the shadows of life continued to lengthen, her happiness was in serving her church and in giving counsel, which was so often sought.

SUNSET TABLE

	Jan. 8	Jan. 15
Atlanta, Ga.	5:46	5:53
Birmingham, Ala.	4:55	5:02
Charlotte, N. C.	5:28	5:34
Collegedale, Tenn.	5:45	5:52
Huntsville, Ala.	4:51	4:57
Louisville, Ky.	4:40	4:47
Memphis, Tenn.	5:05	5:11
Meridian, Miss.	5:07	5:13
Nashville, Tenn.	4:50	4:56
Orlando, Fla.	5:44	5:50
Wilmington, N. C.	5:20	5:26

LISTEN EVERY SUNDAY TO THE



BOX 55, LOS ANGELES 53, CALIF.

Sermon Titles

January 10—Consider the Heavens
January 17—Our Lord's Great Prophecy

She passed to her rest in the flames of her home at Brayton, Tennessee, on Sabbath, December 5, 1953. Funeral services were conducted in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Graysville, Tennessee, with Elder H. A. Welklin officiating.

H. A. WELKLIN

JOHANSON:—Mrs. Louise Charlotte Johanson was born in Gothenburg, Sweden, 77 years ago, on January 11, 1876, and died November 28, 1953, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Risetter who had provided a home for her for the past several years.

She came to America at the age of 21 and one year later became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Early in life she was bereaved by the death of her husband.

During the 55 years as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church she was an ardent worker. Because of very poor health she was not permitted to realize her life's ambition to become a missionary. However, she determined within her heart to help others to be trained in her place. As a result she was instrumental in helping to educate a doctor and a minister. She helped raise up ten churches in central Africa, one of which is named Charlotte in honor of her.

This sister was a diligent and faithful welfare worker. She sent many pounds of hand work to the Voice of Prophecy which they gladly used in their work, and made many garments for the poor and needy.

Funeral services were conducted in the Coalfield S.D.A. church.

E. E. MESSINGER

CHURCH CALENDAR

January 16-23 — Religious Liberty campaign

January 23 — Religious Liberty OFFERING

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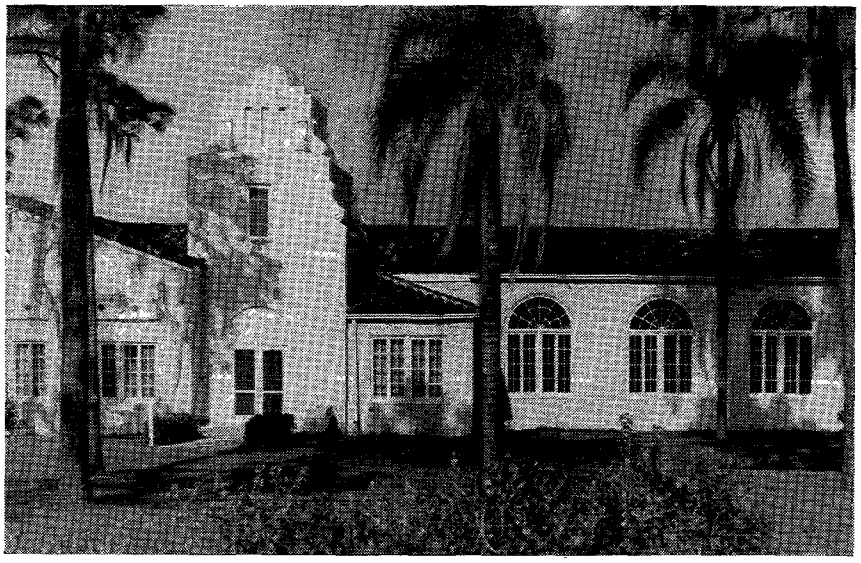
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Evangelism



IN THE SOUTHERN UNION



Walker Memorial Sanitarium Church.

Church Dedication at Avon Park

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

THE medical institution at Avon Park has meant much to the growth of the Seventh-day Adventist cause in that area. Only a few years ago a handful of Seventh-day Adventists were trying to spread the message. A retired worker, in his habitual round of Ingathering calls, made a contact which later resulted in the denomination taking over the buildings which now house the Walker Memorial Sanitarium and Hospital.

The Lord has blessed the work in the city of Avon Park. Personnel to manage the institutional work have moved in, and patients from the hospital have responded to the message so that the membership now stands at 114. A strong program of lay evangelism is under way and we believe that the present group of believers is only a token of what God is going to do for His work in this area.

On Sabbath, afternoon, December 5, the Walker Memorial Sanitarium church was dedicated. Elder W. H. Branson, president of the General Conference, was the speaker for this occasion. A record crowd filled the auditorium and several of the Sabbath school class rooms. Elder W. G. Larson, pastor of the church writes:

"We felt it a great privilege indeed to have our beloved Elder W. H. Branson with us for this memorable event. His thrilling message stirred our hearts with a greater desire to dedicate ourselves anew to Jesus and His work and be ready for His soon return. After Elder R. H. Nightingale led out in the act of dedication, Elder V. G. Anderson offered the dedicatory prayer. While the congregation was still kneeling, Brother Harold Phillips sang, 'Bless This House.'

"Miss Reuline Nightingale initiated the new Hammond organ on this occasion. It was a thrilling moment for the members of the church when the participating ministers filed onto the rostrum and the congregation rose to the strains of 'With Reverence Let the Saints Appear.' An outstanding feature of the program was the unique church history by Mrs. C. J. Larsen. It was very cleverly written in Biblical style and quoted as from the modern Book of Acts.

"The mayor of Avon Park could not be present but he sent a message of greetings. Dr. C. H. Bolton, pastor of the First Baptist church of Avon Park and president of the local Ministerial Association, gave an appropriate address, after which Brother Herman Ray and Miss Pearl Gillis sang a duet.

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Lift up the message, and loud let it ring!

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