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"Give All to God You Would Keep for Eternity"

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Ingathering Progress Chart

CONFERENCE	GOAL	THIS WEEK	AMOUNT RAISED	
			TO DATE	PER CAPITA
Alabama-Mississippi	\$62,567.82	\$5,380.24	\$33,403.98	\$11.44
Carolina	80,090.00	1,949.52	80,090.00	21.42
Florida	143,728.20	12,753.81	44,464.70	6.63
*Georgia-Cumberland	90,000.00	809.98	72,127.29	12.39
Kentucky-Tennessee	111,005.84	5,170.64	22,972.43	4.45
South Atlantic	85,000.00	2,056.64	32,282.70	5.76
South Central	73,000.000	1,757.66	15,569.00	3.98

*Collegedale church campaign in December

"No One Ever Climbed a Hill by Looking at It"

TELEGRAMS

ELDER V. G. ANDERSON
ELDER H. E. SCHNEIDER
ELDER S. S. WILL

Charlotte, North Carolina, November 30, 1954

THANKS BE TO GOD! CAROLINA CONFERENCE MINISTERS, LAYMEN, AND YOUTH RESPOND AGAIN TO WORLD-WIDE INGATHERING CALL. FORTY-EIGHT CHURCHES AND TWENTY-ONE DISTRICTS REPORT 1955 MINUTEMAN VICTORY. SO TODAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1954, WE REPORT THE CAROLINA CONFERENCE A MINUTEMAN CONFERENCE FOR 1955!

C. H. LAUDA, *President*
M. B. ELLISTON, *Home Missionary Secretary*

ELDER C. H. LAUDA

Decatur, Georgia, December 1, 1954

ELDER M. B. ELLISTON

THE LORD HAS RICHLY BLESSED YOU AND YOUR FAITHFUL CO-WORKERS. WE SINCERELY CONGRATULATE CAROLINA ON BEING THE FIRST CONFERENCE IN THE SOUTHERN UNION TO REACH THE 1955 MINUTEMAN INGATHERING GOAL.

V. G. ANDERSON
H. E. SCHNEIDER
S. S. WILL

SAVE SIX DOLLARS

S. S. WILL, *Home Missionary Secretary, Southern Union*

THE Sabbath school lesson helps will appear in the *Review* in 1955. Formerly they were in special published books and had an average cost of \$1.50 per quarter. This year the *Review* and *Herald* will print these in

the church paper with no extra cost. On this alone you will be saving six dollars in a year.

You will observe a number of changes in this new 1955 *Review* and *Herald*, some of which are listed below:

It will contain 32 pages rather than 24.

The type will be larger.

Once a month page 3 will be called, "The President's Page," where a special message by the president of the General Conference will be given.

The secretary of the General Conference will frequently write concerning actions taken by the General Conference. "The more a person knows and understands the more loyal he is."

One page each week will be devoted to Sabbath school lesson helps.

Each week two pages will be devoted to presenting three articles, one each for three age groups—youth, juniors, children. Thus the younger members of the family will grow up with the *Review*.

Every other week the Medical Department will have a page devoted to some subject of healthful living and on alternate weeks this page will be devoted to answering Bible questions.

The center spread will have a feature story, generally a mission story.

There will be the church bulletin page which will be devoted to special programs and campaigns as they come on.

All of this is available for a full year for only \$4.75. Surely you will want to have the *Review* coming to your home in 1955.

While in Avon Park, Florida, I heard the missionary secretary say: "We believe in the value of the *Review*. We have 57 families in our church. Already 53 of these families have ordered the *Review* for 1955 and plans are that all families here shall receive the *Review*." Would it not be wonderful if all of our churches in the Southern Union could have such a percentage? Will you not subscribe today?

Subscribe to the REVIEW!

We "Can't" Deliver a Million in 1955

WM. L. CROFTON, *Secretary Publishing Department*
Georgia-Cumberland Conference

THIS was the slogan that met the eyes of all delegates to our recent publishing department council at the opening business session Tuesday morning, November 16. You can well imagine what effect this negative slogan had upon the minds of all. Elder G. R. Nash promptly demanded of our chairman, Elder Eric Ristau, what prompted such a slogan. Elder Ristau stated that since coming to the Southern Union he had been told repeatedly that we have tried and tried, but we just can't reach the million. It wasn't but a few moments until the word "Can't" was taken out and the word "Will" was

put in its place. Now the slogan read, "We 'will' Deliver A Million in 1955" and each conference publishing department group began to set goals with the determination that they "Will" reach their goal. The conference goals were set as follows:

Alabama-Mississippi\$130,000
Carolina 225,000
Florida 90,000
Georgia-Cumberland 185,000
Kentucky-Tennessee 150,000
South Atlantic 125,000
South Central 95,000
Southern Union\$1,000,000

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE

H. S. HANSON, *Educational Secretary, Southern Union Conference*

DEAR PARENTS OF THE SOUTHERN UNION:

The topic heading I have given this letter tells how important I feel your contribution is to the cause of Christian education in the Southern Union. I would like to write to each one of you personally and tell you how much I appreciate your prayers and support of Christian education.

I am glad to tell you that Christian education in the Southern Union is on the march. We have encouraging gains again this year. Notice the following two-year comparison:

Year	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
1954-55	166	273	4601
1953-54	165	267	4387
Gains	1	6	214

I desire to recommend our parents' magazine, *The Adventist Home and School*. This is a quarterly magazine published by the Southern Publishing Association, 2119 24th Avenue, North, Nashville 8, Tennessee. This journal is edited by our education leaders of the General Conference. This journal contains excellent counsel for parents and teachers, and also for Home and School leaders. The subscription price is only \$1.00 a year.

The following letter from a mother to a teacher expresses the feelings of parents generally:

"Dear Teacher:

"I wish to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for what you are doing for the children in your room. Your Christian influence is definitely felt in our home. The right principles you are instilling in the hearts and minds of the children are more valuable than all the book knowledge you can possibly teach.

"Teaching is a very difficult task, and at times one feels like giving it all up; but hold on, knowing that angels are by your side. Your reward will be far above anything you can possibly imagine. We are praying for you.

"Sincerely,
A Mother."

Let us join hands with our Christian teachers in the noble work of training our children for God.

Elder V. G. Anderson, our enthusiastic union president, challenged our hearts with his message and his support. Elder W. H. Branson, the former president of the General Conference, was our devotional speaker November 16, 1954. Elder R. J. Christian spoke to us the morning of November 17, and Elder D. A. McAdams was the speaker November 18. During the first morning of the council we were pleased that all our local conference presidents, treasurers, and Bible House men were present to give us the benefit of their counsel as we discussed some new plans that will help us reach that million-dollar goal.

Elder Eric Ristau, our union leader as chairman of this wonderful council, led out in the discussion of new plans: a new payment plan for the Southern Union literature ministers; a union-wide efficiency endeavor program in the spring for the literature evangelists; a greatly accelerated magazine program in the Southern Union; a new scholarship plan for all our day schools so that every Seventh-day Adventist boy or girl will have an opportunity for a Christian education, and of course, many items too numerous to mention here.

Every meeting was geared to one motive—that of seeking ways to improve the working efficiency of every literature minister, that the work of God entrusted to them may go forward with greater rapidity and that the name of God may be glorified.

Join us in prayer, dear fellow believers, that God will continue to bless the faithful literature evangelists in their mission, and while you are praying for them, why not respond by giving yourself to God in service through the literature ministry?

A BOON TO EVERY ALERT ADVENTIST

THAT Volume IV of *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers* has just been released by the publishers will be hailed as good news by a large number of our laymen, as well as by all workers. It is now available. The production of this four-volume set constitutes the most extensive research project in our denominational history. It required twenty years to complete it, and necessitated three extensive trips to Europe

to compass the Old World archives and great book collections, as well as combing all the leading libraries of North America. Even Mexico and South America yielded their quota.

Many thousands of dollars were invested by the General Conference in securing the seven or eight thousand "source" documents—originals, photostats, and microfilm copies—which constitute the matchless Advent Source Collection. These are the priceless documents upon which the *Prophetic Faith* set is based. And many additional thousands of dollars were added by the publishers, and the General Conference, in order to bring this great project to completion. But the results to date have already fully justified the investment.

These volumes correct popular misconceptions concerning Adventism. They lift our whole movement—and its fundamental teachings on the second advent, eschatology, the prophecies, the Sabbath and sanctuary truths, and the Spirit of prophecy—to a new level, and establish their historic soundness and certainty as never before. They remove us from the category of the cults, and establish us as the continuators and champions of the soundest and most orthodox interpretations of the Early Church and Protestant Reformation expositors. They show that we are their spiritual descendants, and constitute the present-day heralds of the truths they once held.

They provide the appealing approach to each leading religious group—Protestant, Catholic, and Jew—for all major contributions in our interpretation were anticipated and introduced by former leaders in these categories.

They provide a particularly favorable approach to all Protestant bodies, for each major group—Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Christian, Disciple—once held what we now hold on many vital interpretations. We are thus able to emphasize points of agreement with their spiritual forefathers, before noting present-day differences caused by modern departures.

They are already in the hands of hundreds of key non-Adventist religious and educational leaders, both in the Old World and in the New, and are now in over 1,000 of the leading university, seminary, college, public, and special private libraries of North

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News of Southern Missionary College

★ ★ ★ H. B. LUNDQUIST ★ ★ ★

KENNETH WRIGHT, *President*

-:- RICHARD HAMMILL, *Dean*

★ The Dorcas and Missionary Volunteer societies of the Collegedale church, ably supported by the Pathfinders of the community, joined for the purpose of sharing Thanksgiving cheer in 21 homes of those less favored in this world's goods. The Missionary Volunteers gathered in the food donations from the community as well as a money offering which was invested in foods, and the ladies of the welfare society of the church assembled these gifts in well-arranged and assorted baskets. Joel Tompkins, the MV leader of the church, and Ted Graves, the assistant pastor, were in charge of the distribution.

★ During the Thanksgiving recess Southern Missionary College was host to a convention of all the principals of academies within the Southern Union. L. R. Rasmussen, associate secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, from Washington, D. C., was present and brought inspirational and instructive counsel to those present. H. S. Hanson, educational secretary of the Southern Union, led out in the conference, the purpose of which was to help the principals solve their many problems and to bring unity of operation. Represent-

ed were: C. A. Johnson, principal of Pine Forest Academy; K. L. Berry, principal of Mt. Pisgah Academy; L. E. Nestell, principal of Fletcher Academy; R. L. Osmunson, principal of Forest Lake Academy; W. H. Wilson, principal of Madison College Academy; L. E. Straw, principal of Little Creek Academy; L. C. Strickland, principal of Highland Academy; Elder Don Hunter, MV secretary of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

★ President Wright, Dr. Hammill, Dr. Holm, Mr. Fleming, and Professor Higgins attended the Southern Missionary College board meeting held recently.

★ The annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is being held in Louisville, Kentucky, November 29 to December 2. President Wright, Dean Hammill, Principal Higgins, and Dr. Suhrie will represent the college at this session.

★ Work on the building for producing custom furniture is progressing rapidly and soon this new college industry will be manufacturing church and school laboratory furniture.

K. A. WRIGHT, *President*



Dorcas workers and students ready to spread Thanksgiving cheer.

A Boon to Adventists

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America, Great Britain, Europe, and other lands.

They are impressively illustrated with facsimile reproductions of title pages and key extracts from these older expositors, with original portraits of famous interpreters, scenes of historic episodes and dramatic moments specifically painted for this set. They are also an ornament to any library, as they are attractively bound in green Fabrikoid. Every progressive Adventist needs them.

A GIFT THAT WINS SOULS

THE brother and sister in the accompanying picture are members of the church largely as a result of the influence of *These Times*. They were baptized this spring and are hoping and praying their mother will soon be with them in the faith. Let us join them in praying for her.

A gift subscription to *These Times* could be the means of winning those loved ones and friends for whom you are burdened. While the low gift rate of only \$1.00 a year is available, secure an order form from your church missionary secretary and turn in your gift list. Upon request, which should be indicated when your list is sent in, an attractive Christmas gift notice will be sent to convey the season's greetings to all who are to receive *These Times* gift subscriptions.

This is an ideal way to remember those you are interested in. Your gift of *These Times* may mean someone will accept the gift of salvation and life eternal. Give *These Times* sub-

scriptions this Christmas, a gift that wins souls.

I. H. IHRIG,
Circulation Manager
Southern Publishing Association

Putting Christ in Christmas

ALL too often Christ is left out of Christmas. Although Christmas is supposed to be observed in commemoration of the birth of Christ, and the day is ostensibly dedicated to Christ, yet on that day many entirely forget Him, and others pay little more than brief and shallow lip service.

With many, everybody is remembered except Christ—grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, son, daughter, grandchild, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, cousin, friend are on our Christmas lists for greeting cards and presents. If Christ has been left off your list there is still time to put Him on.

As the Christmas season approaches, millions of dollars will be spent on Christmas presents for friends and relatives in a sort of mutual exchange. It may be well for us to remember our friends in moderation, provided we do not forget our best Friend, and Elder Brother.

As Christmas day falls again upon the Sabbath, let us make it a very special day. Surely if any people should place Christ in Christmas this year it should be Seventh-day Adventists. The messenger of the Lord has admonished us to "celebrate Christmas by remembering God." And further, we are counseled to devise "ways and means to show true respect to Jesus by bringing to Him gifts and offerings. Let every one remember the claims of God."—*Review and Herald*, Dec. 9, 1884.

On November 4 the General Con-

ference committee took action to make this coming thirteenth Sabbath, which falls on Christmas day, a very special day in all our Sabbath schools for the raising of a very generous offering for missions. Shall we not take as our Christmas motto this year, *Less for self and friends, and more for Christ and missions*. This will be one of the most effective ways of putting Christ in Christmas.

L. L. MOFFITT
General Conference
Sabbath School Secretary

SERVICEMEN'S SECRETARY TO BE ELECTED IN EVERY CHURCH

G. W. CHAMBERS

FORWARD steps in binding our young men in uniform closer to their home churches were taken at the recent Fall Council. Two of the important actions were as follows:

WHEREAS, It is most important that there be a closer and more regular contact between our young men who are called into military service and their home churches,

We recommend, That a servicemen's secretary be elected in all local churches in the North American Division.

Duties of Church Servicemen's Secretary

We recommend, That the duties of the church servicemen's secretary shall be as follows:

1. To keep an active list of the names of all Selective Service registrants from the local church and ascertain their date of induction.

2. To keep a personal record file of each draftee, which shall contain information concerning parents' names and addresses, the draftee's church membership record, service address, etc.



LaVon and DeVon Loevell.

Importance of Colporteur Work

MRS. E. G. WHITE

If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. . . . When church members realize the importance of the circulation of our literature, they will devote more time to this work. Papers, tracts, and books will be placed in the homes of the people, to preach the gospel in their several lines. . . . The church must give her attention to the canvassing work. This is one way in which she is to shine in the world. Then will she go forth "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 7.

3. To keep the local conference War Service Commission secretary informed as to each draftee's induction, new service address, discharge, or other vital information, in order that proper follow-up work may be carried on by the local, union, and General Conference.

4. To see that a supply of War Service leaflets, servicemen's kits, etc., are kept on hand at the church.

5. To arrange with the pastor and the MV leader of the local church for a servicemen's kit presentation service prior to the date of the draftee's induction.

6. To organize letter writing among church members to servicemen and see that the local church bulletin, and other periodicals of interest are sent to men in the service.

7. To see that a welcome is afforded returning servicemen.

8. To make arrangements for the entertainment of visiting servicemen in the homes of church members.

9. To keep the church servicemen's honor roll up to date.

10. To send to the local conference War Service Commission secretary the names of all eligible young men who should take Medical Cadet Corps training.

We hope that every church in the North American Division will elect a servicemen's secretary for 1955, and that this secretary will begin work at once by sending to the conference office a list of the names and addresses of those young men who are now in uniform. As soon as the conference War Service Commission secretaries send these names and addresses to the General Conference War Service Commission we will place the men thus named on the mailing list for the *Review and Herald*, *Youth's Instructor*, and the servicemen's *News Letter*.

Let's get into action for our boys!

Carolina

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

W. D. Walton, Secretary-Treasurer

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GOD CALLS

"The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 41. "God calls the canvassers back to their work. He

calls for volunteers. . . . The canvassing work should no longer be neglected. . . . Canvasser-evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls."—*Ibid.*, pp. 26, 30, 31. "We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. . . . The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I; send me.'"—*Ibid.*, p. 27.

There are literally hundreds—yes, hundreds—of cities and towns in the Carolina Conference where the people need to have the opportunity of purchasing books such as *Great Controversy*, *Bible Readings*, *Desire of Ages*, *Drama of the Ages*, and many of our periodicals which would help them to understand the meaning of present-

day conditions, and also help them to find the right way of giving their hearts to the Lord and preparing for a better home in God's coming kingdom.

God is now calling for workers. He is calling for men who have been in the work. Will you not give of your time and talents to help turn on the great floodlight of truth in many of these dark areas of the Carolina Conference.

Let us remember our union-wide institute which begins Monday night, December 27. Many will be attending for the first time. Why don't you respond to the call and enter the colporteur ministry? Should you desire to lay plans for entering the work and be ready to attend the institute please let me hear from you right away.

I. W. YOUNG
Publishing Secretary
Carolina Conference

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

We were made sad to hear that our dear brother, J. A. Neff, had fallen asleep in death November 28, 1954, after some months of serious illness.

Jennings A. Neff was born August 5, 1909, in Ohio, blessing the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Neff as their fifth child. He was married in 1936 to Norma Jean Cowman, and to this union three children were born: Ruth Ann, Rosemary, and Johnny.

In 1939 Brother Neff accepted Christ as his Saviour and was baptized into the membership of the Seventh-day Adventist church. He loved this truth; and as he meditated on the sufferings and the sacrifice of Christ, he desired to tell others of the same story of Christ's love that meant so much to him. Therefore, in 1944 he dedicated his life to the work of a literature evangelist, and he pledged that nothing would end his ministry as a colporteur-evangelist, save death; and this pledge was kept until serious illness made him bedfast.

Brother Neff's death is the first in his immediate family, for his mother and father are still living. They mourn his death, along with

his five brothers; two sisters; his beloved wife, Norma Jean; his three children; and a host of friends, including his fellow literature evangelists with whom he has been closely associated.

In Brother Neff's hand was placed his last prospectus, which he used fruitfully in placing truth-filled books in the homes of the people. Through the years he labored faithfully and joyously in his soul-winning work. In his ministry, Brother Neff enjoyed praying in the homes of the people, sharing their burdens, and pointing them to the great burden bearer, Jesus Christ, who says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." It has been the privilege of Elder I. W. Young, publishing secretary of the Carolina Conference, to visit many homes with Brother Neff, and to observe his habit of offering prayer in the homes of the people.

Services were held at the Fletcher, North Carolina, chapel, and interment followed at Hendersonville, North Carolina. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder C. H. Lauda, assisted by Elders J. L. Everett and I. W. Young.

C. H. LAUDA

Florida

Box 1313, Orlando, Florida
D. R. Rees, President

W. F. Miller, Secretary-Treasurer

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

BOOTH AT FLORIDA FAIR

Just recently the members of the Palatka church conducted a booth at the Putnam County Fair in Palatka. The city officials were very anxious that we have this booth at the fair. They have been very much impressed with the type of work that is conducted at our sanitariums and hospitals, especially the Florida Sanitarium, at Orlando, so that the space was allotted at this fair free of charge.

An attractive booth was erected advertising our Bible correspondence school. Over 1,300 were enrolled in the Bible course. Elder Beach and the members of the Palatka church worked together, decorating the booth and organizing the operation of it throughout the week of the fair.

Brother Ostman and his wife, from Sanford, and Brother and Sister Yates, from Orlando, with members from the Palatka church worked in shifts in order to get as many people as possible enrolled in the Bible course.

Surely the Lord will bless every effort put forth in order to lead souls to heaven.

W. L. MAZART

FLORIDA YOUTH

Look to 1955

January 7, 8, 9
Conference-Wide MV
OFFICERS' COUNCIL

Methodist Youth Camp, Leesburg,
Florida

All MV leaders, assistant leaders, sponsors, secretaries plan to be present. Ideas, plans, projects will be presented. Conference will furnish accommodations — travel expense and meals to be cared for by local church or society funds.

April 8, 9

FLORIDA YOUTH CONGRESS
City Auditorium, Orlando

Color sparkle, inspiration.
Watch for more announcements.
Start making plans to attend.

"ONE-A-DAY-BAND"

You will soon be hearing about this band. Be one of the first young people to join. Leaders will be selected in each church. A new and unique plan of systematic Share Your Faith.

NEWS

★ Elder B. L. Hassenpflug, evangelist conducting the auditorium effort in Miami, tells us he had his first real baptism Sunday night, November 28. There were 25 baptized and 46 signed decision cards asking for baptism. The three local pastors baptized the candidates, each one baptizing those who

were to join his local church. The Lord was near during this touching service and there was scarcely a dry eye in the audience. Let us pray for this effort as it has now come to the point of decision.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Orlando is taking advantage of the opportunity to raise funds for school equipment through the sale of *Life and Health*. Mr. William Hall, principal of the Orlando church school, reports that the eighth grade made \$45 in three hours recently. Other rooms are planning to raise funds in the same way.

Ingathering is in full swing in the church schools. The goal is \$11 per student. The following teachers have already led their children to victory—Mrs. Jean Stewart, Lake City; Mrs. Grace Padgett, Melbourne; Mr. Donald Rima, St. Petersburg; and Mrs. Elizabeth Carawan, Sanford. Others are close to victory, Enthusiasm is running high.

The conference educational superintendent visited the Ft. Myers school recently. While there he worked with Elder Cherry, the pastor, Mr. John Hiser, the principal, and Mr. Blake, the local elder, in grading the school.

Mr. William Barney, who teaches grades five and six in Miami, holds the distinction of having the largest number of students in his room. His enrollment is 39.

Homestead is operating a church school for the first time this year. Mrs. Nell Baker is the teacher. The enrollment is five at present. Reports indicate that other families will be moving

YOUR LAST CHANCE

When the present edition of *The Great Controversy* in the Christian Home Library size is exhausted there will be no more. It is being discontinued from the present \$1.00 size. The special \$1.00 offer expires December 31, 1954. Take advantage of this biggest book bargain in our history NOW. Order several copies to give this holiday season; lay in a supply for future giving. Make your holidays happy by giving books that will win souls. THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE. Remember 10 copies or more are only \$1.00 prepaid to your door. 1-9 copies are \$1.15 each. Order TODAY from

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Orlando, Florida



Elder C. W. Beach with church members at the Putnam County Fair.

into the Homestead area, so the enrollment should grow.

K. D. JOHNSON
Superintendent of Education

Georgia-Cumberland

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THE CHALLENGE OF THE COLPORTEUR MINISTRY

For many years I have been an enthusiastic booster of the colporteur ministry. My interest dates back to my youth when I personally served as a colporteur and experienced the joy of seeing souls won to the kingdom of God as a result of my ministry. I feel that the colporteur is serving this cause in a distinctive way by taking our message directly into the homes of the people. Many of these people might otherwise be deprived of the opportunity of receiving the special gospel invitation for this hour.

There are millions of people living here in the territory of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference who must be warned. The task is gigantic! However, the Lord is at the helm and is guiding and directing in this great work. He has a thousand ways of performing His work, one of which is the colporteur ministry.

Christian Service, page 147, says, "Canvassers are needed to take up the work of carrying these silent messengers of truth to the people." While we have done much, there is still a great deal of work to be accomplished. We need more colporteurs—many more.

In *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 315, the messenger of the Lord wrote, "From the light given me I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred." What would actually happen if this instruction became a reality? Just think how many more families would be contacted by these messengers of truth. The hundreds and thousands in our territory would be warned.

Will you not prayerfully consider joining the colporteur army and go forth sowing the precious seeds of truth? Then at the end of all things when the Master of all gathers in His sheaves, you will have many to present because you have made it your business to warn those in darkness.

With deep respect to our colporteurs and what they are accomplishing in the literature ministry, we extend a most urgent invitation to consecrated men and women who at present are occupied in other lines of service not directly connected with the Lord's work, to join the wonderful work in this most challenging time.

G. R. NASH

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

I recently read an article that I believe you will want to share. It follows:

The old man fell asleep early that night. Getting the papers in order had been tiring. There were so many of them—the will, trust agreements, insurance policies, land deeds, transfers. He had studied and signed papers all day long; and he was tired. Happy tired—for he believed that the fruits of his lifetime of labor would be enjoyed by his grandchildren.

He woke suddenly with sharp awareness of another presence in his room. Switching on the light, he saw only the familiar bedroom furnishings. Then he heard a Voice.

"Heaven't you forgotten something?" The words came as clearly as any the old man had ever heard.

"Who's there?" He peered about the empty room. "I don't see anything."

"Of course not. It's hard enough being heard, let alone being seen."

"I suppose I'm dreaming."

"If it makes you feel better to call this a dream, it's all right with me."

"Why are you here? If you are here."

"Because you forgot the most important thing when you were preparing for your possessions to be passed on to your grandchildren. Here, I'll show you. We're going to take a little trip. Come on."

Before he could protest, the old man found himself standing in what appeared to be an office in a bank. He decided that the man sitting at the desk must be the president. As he approached the desk, he discovered that he had also traveled through time, for he saw that the date written on the paper before the banker was 1935. Then he saw that the paper was a will.

"I know your feelings at the moment, sir, for I have just completed my will," the old man said to the banker. "It's good to be able to pass on your holdings to your family."

"Yes indeed. My property will be divided equally between my two sons. The older boy will handle the bank, and the younger will handle the rental properties."

"Sir, there is a rumor that the new Nazi government of your country will nationalize some of the business houses." The words came from the mysterious Voice.

The banker, thinking it was the old man who had spoken, replied, "Nonsense. Such a thing cannot happen in Germany."

"You are Jewish, are you not?" asked the Voice.

"Yes."

* * *

In the next instant, the old man saw that he was now standing on the rich soil of a fine farm. He spoke to the elderly man sitting beneath a tree close by.

"Is this your farm?"

"It will be my farm only a little while longer. I know I have not much time left. Soon my sons will take over in my place."

"May I ask how you acquired the farm?"

"It was my father's before me and his father's before him."

"I understand, sir, that the new Communist government plans to take over many of these farms." It was the Voice which spoke.

"Those are just rumors," replied the farmer. "I spit on the Communists. Such things cannot happen here in Russia."

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And now the old man found himself entering a large store bustling with many customers. A white-bearded gentleman approached him, saying "I am the owner of this store. May I help you?"

"I wanted to ask you what will happen to your business holdings when you are no longer here?"

"There will be little change. When I join those who have gone before me, my eldest son takes over as head of the business."

"I see."

"I am happy to leave such a flourishing business. It means my sons will honor my memory with rich gifts. It is the Chinese custom."

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The children of the German banker, the Russian farmer, the Chinese mer-

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chant inherited rich property. They also inherited governments with unlimited power.

The banker's sons died in a concentration camp. The farmer's sons are mine workers in Siberia. His daughter still lives on the farm—as a field worker on the land which is owned by the government. One of the merchant's sons works in a collective rice paddie. The other digs graves in a large field which is the final resting place for the liquidated "enemies of the people."

We add only one brief statement from the Spirit of prophecy:

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

R. E. CRAWFORD, *Secretary
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NEWS

★ Elder and Mrs. D. W. Hunter were guests on the "Today in Georgia" program over WSB-TV Monday, November 29. Mrs. Hunter was dressed in a Sari, the dress of most Indian women. A number of Indian arts and crafts were televised and described. An invitation has been extended for them to appear at another time. They were introduced as Seventh-day Adventists and now connected with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

★ A new Pathfinder club has been organized at Crossville, Tennessee. Mrs. Paul Schwab is the director and other leaders are now being chosen. The young people are very anxious to attend club meetings and it is hoped that several of the Vacation Bible School students will become Pathfinders now and Seventh-day Adventists later.

★ The week of prayer was conducted in the Atlanta Union Academy, November 29 to December 3, by Elder Hunter. He will also conduct the Week of Prayer at Little Creek school, December 12 to 17.

★ Elder Nash spoke at the eleven o'clock service in the Atlanta Bever-

ly Road church on Sabbath, November 27.

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"PRAY FOR POWER AT THE
NOONDAY HOUR"

"THE CENSOR — 10 RUPEES"

Elder Kimble recently told me a heart-warming story that I would like to pass on to all of our believers in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. The wife of one of our missionaries in Bengal, India, was a chronic arthritic sufferer. For years she had suffered patiently and cheerfully. Though confined to her home, she was nevertheless anxious to have a part in every program of the church.

Came the Ingathering campaign and our sister spent many painful hours writing letters to friends and acquaintances who might help her reach her goal. One letter went to an American soldier boy then stationed in India.

Some days later the soldier boy's reply came with the usual "Opened By the Censor" stamped on the envelope. Out tumbled several crisp new ten rupee notes with the letter. Our sister eagerly read the letter and found that the soldier had approached five of his friends and with him they had decided to send a ten rupee note. All of the boys' names were included in the letter.

When the notes were counted, there were seven instead of six. They were counted the second time. The number of names was checked again. There was no mistake, there were seven notes and only six names. The names were scrutinized once more and the explanation was found! In between two of the names she read, "The Censor—ten rupees." The censor had been impressed with the Ingathering news in the soldier's letter and had decided to have a part in the good work too, so he had added his ten rupee offering.

Yes, Ingathering is God's work. He blesses the means gathered in to further His work at home and abroad. He blesses those who have a part in bringing in these needed funds.

How about it, friend of mine, are you missing a blessing by failing to have part in the Ingathering program now under way in our conference?

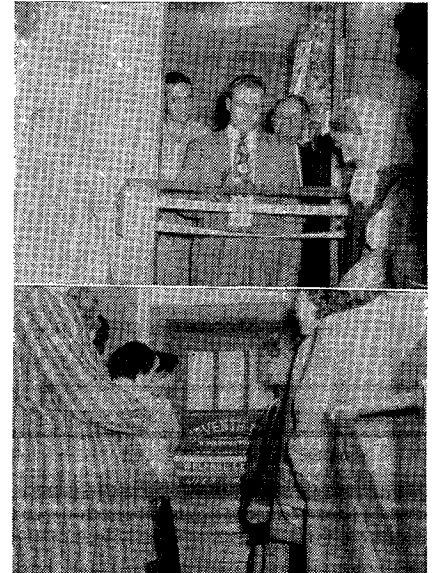
If you aren't sharing in this program, you are the loser and God's work is the loser and someone else has to do your share! Respond *now* and determine to solicit or give your full Minuteman goal this week! Don't make it necessary for someone else to do *your* work and receive *your* blessing. God is counting on you. Won't *you*, yes *you*, do your part now so that we can finish up our Ingathering before December 31 and have a clear program for soul winning from January 1 until camp meeting? Thanks a lot, friend o' mine, for doing your part and may the Lord richly bless you for your faithful service.

ROBERT H. PIERSON

WELFARE CENTER AT SCOTTSVILLE

The new welfare center in Scottsville, Kentucky, marks the opening of another dark county to the proclamation of the third angel's message.

The apostle James is very clear about our approach in new fields. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. . . . What does it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them,



(Above) The mayor of Scottsville cutting the tape at the opening ceremonies of the SDA Welfare Center. (Below) Dorcas workers standing at the entrance of the Welfare Center

Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not of those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" James 1:27; 2:14-16.

When the Saviour was here on earth, He ministered to the needs of the body of those with whom he came in contact and then spoke to them of spiritual things. He fed the hungry multitude and healed the sick among them. He gave us the story of the good samaritan for our example of love for our neighbor.

When we went to Scottsville, we visited the homes of the people and told them we were from the Seventh-day Adventist welfare center. We told them of the work we do and asked them to contribute clothing and food. We received such contributions from over half the families visited. The pastor from one of the largest churches in town gave a large box of clothing and wished us well.

How different is this approach from the way it has been done, when we went to a place for the first time and were so afraid the preachers would find out who we are. Isn't it much better to build up the name of Seventh-day Adventists in this *kindness* way, so we shall be glad for them to know we are Seventh-day Adventists?

The pictures show the mayor cutting the ribbon on the opening day. Beside him on the left is the son of the owner of the room. The use of it is rent free.

Elder J. O. Marsh came up from Nashville to be with us at the opening. His counsel and help were greatly appreciated, along with the untiring services of the sisters from the Bowling Green church and from Scottsville.

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PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD

Through the courtesy of the conference, each family is being sent a copy of the inspiring book by D. E. Rebock entitled, *God and I Are Partners*. In forthcoming issues of the TIDINGS we will present reviews of the chapters from that book.

We cannot too strongly urge that you read this book. It would make good reading for the family worship hour. It deals with our privilege and responsibility as stewards of, and partners with God. Your personal prosperity and that of your family are directly linked with your response to this invitation to share the blessings of partnership with God.

Listen to this counsel from God, "Whenever God's people, in any period of the world have cheerfully and willingly carried out his plan in systematic benevolence and in gifts and offerings, they have realized the standing promise that prosperity should attend all their labors just in proportion as they obeyed his requirements. When they acknowledge the claims of God, and complied with his requirements, honoring him with their substance, their barns were filled with penty. But when they robbed God in tithes and in offerings, they were made to realize that they were not only robbing him but themselves; for he limited his blessings to them, just in proportion as they limited their offerings to him." *Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 395.

Make the most of your privilege of partnership with God.

N. G. SIMONS

EVANGELISM

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just been baptized as a direct result of this welfare ministry. Others are studying preparatory to this sacred rite. This labor of love for the poor is also making a deep impression on a very fine class of people, including a number of businessmen throughout the city. The men of the church are anticipating our newest venture, the organization of an active society of missionary men for 1955.

"The church members are just completing a \$2,000 remodeling and re-decorating project of the childrens' Sabbath school departments, the ladies' rest room, and the mothers' room.

"On November 13 the Ingathering drive for missions was launched, and with their customary dispatch, the church members expect to be finished within three weeks. It is a joy to carry on pastoral-evangelism with such splendid support, and we earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people as we reach out for greater accomplishments for God in the year to come."



UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

"Say not, Good Night, but in some brighter clime bid me, Good Morning."

ALLRED: — Marion Colbert Allred was born in Franklinville, North Carolina, December 21, 1920, and passed away at the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital, April 11, 1954, at the age of 33. Death was caused from a heart ailment.

Brother Allred moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, at the age of twelve. He was with his family and lived in that city until moving to Orlando in 1945. He had a very close experience with his Master and attended meetings held in West Palm Beach in 1945 by Elder Melvin Eckenroth who baptized him in February, 1945. It was there that Brother Allred met Violet Sevon who invited him to attend Elder Eckenroth's meetings. They were united in marriage in Lake Worth, Florida, in June, 1945, after which Brother Allred did colporteur work in Orlando and Sister Allred was a secretary in the Florida Conference office. Most of his work after that was in accountancy. In September, 1952, Brother Allred bought the Clear Lake Manor Convalescent Sanitarium and before his death was devoting his full time to that work.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Violet Sevon Allred; a son, Marion Glenn, age 4; and a daughter Valerie Mildred, age 1. He is also survived by his mother, Annie Allred, his father, Henry F. Allred, Sr., six sisters and two brothers, all of North Carolina.

The service was conducted by Elder Mazart and he was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery, Orlando, to await the glad morning of the first resurrection.

W. L. MAZART

POUND:—Sallie Clark Pound was born in Metcalfe County, Kentucky, on October 18, 1855. In the year 1882 she was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist truth and was a faithful member for 72 years.

In the year 1883 Sister Pound was united in marriage to R. M. J. Pound in Louisville, Kentucky. For many years she was a faithful and devoted mother and an active home missionary.

Just a few days before she was laid to rest she repeated with her daughter one of her favorite Bible texts, John 14:1-3. On Sunday morning, October 31, Sister Pound quietly laid down the burdens of this life at 99 years of age.

Three children survive: Mrs. H. E. Beck, Hendersonville, North Carolina; Ira C. Pound, St. Augustine, Florida, David Edison Pound, Collegedale, Tennessee.

The service was conducted by the pastor, assisted by R. L. Hammill, F. D. Wells, and Ted N. Graves. Interment was in the Collegedale Memorial Park.

H. R. BECKNER

SCHARLAN:—Mrs. Betty Scharlan was born in Berlin, Germany, on August 17, 1881, and passed away at her home in

Miami, Florida, on November 3, 1954. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for many years and was faithful to the day of her death. Those who survive her are her husband, Dr. A. A. Scharlan, a son, Edward Swanson, and several grandchildren. She was laid to rest in Flagler Cemetery, in Miami, where she waits for the resurrection morning.

HAROLD H. SCHMIDT

DELAINE:—Fred Delain was born November 17, 1879, and passed away August 24, 1954, at Palatka, Florida. Brother Delain embraced the third angel's message forty years ago, and has been a faithful worker in the church for a number of years. He has been local elder and more recently treasurer of the Palatka church.

Brother Delain married Grace Osteen, January 15, 1949. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter. He was much loved and respected in his community and leaves a host of friends.

Services were conducted at the Palatka Seventh-day Adventist church by the pastor. C. W. BEACH, *Pastor*

REGISTER:—Stephen P. Register was born in Aiken, South Carolina, June 16, 1863, and passed away in St. Augustine, Florida, November 22, 1954. Brother Register, affectionately known as Uncle Steve, embraced the Seventh-day Adventist faith fifteen years ago and has been faithful to his belief until death.

Brother Register was united in marriage to Marie Manning. To this union was born twelve children, six of whom survive: Mrs. Bessie Barney, and Mrs. Margaret Shaffer, of St. Augustine; Mrs. Gladys Moore, Mrs. Angie Williams, and Mrs. Bernice Soliday, all of Miami; and Ben S. Register, Hartsville, South Carolina; 14 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Services were conducted in St. Augustine by Elders C. W. Beach and I. C. Pound.

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Atlanta, Ga.	5:30	5:32
Birmingham, Ala.	4:39	4:41
Charlotte, N. C.	5:11	5:13
Collegedale, Tenn.	5:30	5:31
Huntsville, Ala.	4:35	4:37
Louisville, Ky.	4:23	4:24
Memphis, Tenn.	4:48	4:50
Meridian, Miss.	4:51	4:53
Nashville, Tenn.	4:33	4:35
Orlando, Fla.	5:30	5:32
Wilmington, N. C.	5:03	5:04

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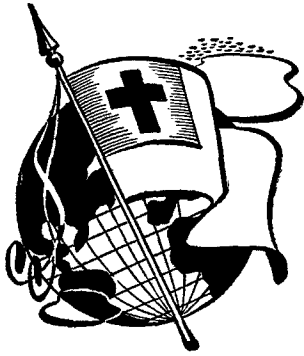
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Evangelism

IN THE SOUTHERN UNION



Ten-Day Evangelistic Efforts Bear Fruit

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

ELDER LEIGHTON R. HOLLEY and the faithful members of the Birmingham First church have been carrying on several types of evangelism with periodic ten-day evangelistic efforts to bring those interested all the way into the church. He writes an interesting account of the work thus far in 1954.

"A double portion of God's richest blessing has been poured out upon

the members of the Birmingham First church during 1954. So far 32 precious souls have signified their heart's surrender to Jesus by baptism, with another six in the present baptismal class.

"The fruitage of all types of evangelism is seen in these baptisms. Lay Bible studies; welfare ministry; the labors of our faithful Bible instructor, Mrs. Edna J. Cardey; the good neigh-

bor policy practiced by our devoted church members; and, last but not least, an intensive ten days of evangelistic meetings.

"The third series of these 10-day evangelistic meetings this year has just been climaxed with a beautiful baptism of ten. With faithful laymen witnessing for Christ in between times, this short and inexpensive method of evangelism is ideal in bringing friends of the faith to a definite decision and into God's remnant church.

"The faithfulness of these consecrated laymen is pointed up when one realizes that during the entire summer months their pastor was out of town most of the time; first at the general conference session and then holding a summer series of evangelistic meetings in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Brother Halle Crowson is continuing to carry on a strong program of pastor-evangelism in that beautiful university city, and we expect to see a church organized there of between twenty and thirty members before this year is over.

"Our health and welfare center has expanded to the place where we've done more this last month than during the first six months of its operation one year ago. There have been 1,892 people helped so far this year and many of them have been in desperate need; 5,500 articles of clothing have been given away, and 446 food baskets. The estimated cash value of help given is over \$10,000. One lovely young couple with six children has

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Elder Leighton R. Holley and the Bible instructor, Mrs. Edna J. Cardey, (right) with the group baptized on October 30 in the Birmingham church.

Lift up the message, and loud let it ring!

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