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Literature ministers and their leaders who attended the institute at Southern Missionary College, December 27 to January 1.

Literature Ministers Meet

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

MONDAY afternoon, December 27, was a busy one for the locating committee as the literature ministers and their families of the great Southern Union began to arrive on the campus of Southern Missionary College. It was a thrilling spectacle to see the chapel of Southern Missionary College practically filled with these ambassadors of God, and to hear more than 250 voices swell into a loud anthem of praise as the opening meeting got underway.

Visiting Ministers Speak

Don Rees, president of the Florida Conference, in his opening address challenged us with the five M's—"Moment," "Message," "Men," "Methods," and "Motives." J. M. Jackson, of the Review and Herald; C. W. Christian, of the Southern Publishing Association; Robert H. Pierson, president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; LeRoy J. Leiske, president of

the Alabama-Mississippi Conference; W. W. Fordham, president of the South Central Conference, all brought spiritual help that was a real inspiration to everyone. Caris H. Lauda, president of the Carolina Conference, spent two days with us although he could not fulfill his speaking appointment because of a throat condition. Just his presence with us cheered us all.

Eric Ristau, our own Southern Union publishing secretary, took charge of our instruction periods each day. The first period he laid down the principles of personality development, and in succeeding periods Elder Ristau, in his enthusiastic way, covered the complete mental law of the sale.

School of Bible Prophecy Results

The publishing department secretaries and Book and Bible house managers all contributed their parts in the making of this institute highly success-

ful. Doctor Van Blaricum, College Dale's own doctor, gave a very helpful lecture and answered health questions. Elder Cardey's presence and encouraging remarks regarding the School of Bible Prophecy, stating that about 50 per cent of all baptisms in the Bible school have also read our large books, was indeed thrilling. The Southern Union literature evangelists are determined to greatly increase the number of enrollees for the Bible correspondence course.

As in all great gatherings of our literature ministers, the meeting that we all looked forward to was the experience hour on Sabbath afternoon. Our hearts thrilled again and again as fourteen Southern Union literature ministers related their experiences. And then to climax this great occasion, the glittering Southern Union Honor roll was unveiled. The honor roll was painted with black light paint and lit up with the black light. It was a thing of beauty and inspiration. Out of the darkness each name shone brightly.

Each conference honored the colporteurs who had worked the most hours and who had made the most deliveries, also, the ones who were second in hours and deliveries. The first and second among the ladies were also honored in both sales and deliveries. While it was good to see these names, the thought came to each of us, will our names be written in the book of Heaven?

If there was anything else that could have helped this institute, it would have been to have had you there. By "you" I mean, you to whom God has called these many many times and you have not yet said, "Yes." Why not make a decision now? Why will you continue to delay your decision when the world needs your message? Write your publishing department secretary today and you will always be glad you did.

Florida Conference Membership Passes 7000

H. E. SCHNEIDER, *Secretary, Southern Union Conference*

I WAS thrilled the other day to learn from Elder Don R. Rees, president of the Florida Conference, that their membership is now 7,027. During the year 620 individuals joined the church in this one conference either by baptism or by profession of faith. Surely this is cause for rejoicing.



Elder H. E. Schneider

The other conferences also had splendid records: South Atlantic, 955; South Central, 857; Georgia-Cumberland, 346; Carolina, 335; Kentucky-Tennessee, 268; Alabama-Mississippi, 254.

The Southern Union closes the year 1954 with a membership of 35,362 which is a net gain of 1,924 for the year. There were 3,635 joined the remnant church in this union during

1954 by baptism or profession of faith, which is higher than the highest previous record in the history of the Southern Union.

We believe we are truly in the harvest time of earth, and the leaders and workers here in this great union have caught the vision of the work the Lord wants to do for us in these closing hours of earth's history. May we rededicate our lives to Him for even greater service in this New Year.

GOD BE PRAISED

THE members of the Southern Union will be thankful to learn that the recent court-martial case of Melvin D. Christenson has been won to the honor of God.

Melvin was stationed at the Jacksonville Navy Base. In his heart he determined to live and follow his conscience as directed by His Lord. He was charged with a violation of Act 91,

disobedience of a lawful order. Though a court martial was ordered, and carried out, we thank God that the case was dismissed.

Much should be said concerning the service that Elder Foster and Elder Rea of the Florida Conference, gave in this case. They entered into this problem at its early stages and gave valuable counsel and leadership to this young man.

We are also most grateful to Elder C. W. Chambers, War Service Commission secretary of the General Conference, who we believe was led of God in securing an able attorney to represent us. We also appreciate the service of Elder A. W. Johnson, secretary of the Religious Liberty Department, who was most helpful in attending this court-martial case.

We are proud of our War Service Commission, as developed by the General Conference, and its men, who stand back of our boys who will make God first in everything and follow a conscience as directed by God.

L. M. NELSON
*War Service Secretary
Southern Union*

SOUTHERN UNION LITERATURE EVANGELIST HONOR ROLL

For Week Ending January 15, 1955

Conference	Literature Evangelists	Women 35 Hours	Men 40 Hours
Alabama-Mississippi	Henry Fitzner		48
	Mrs. F. N. Clark	36	
Carolina	Esther Black	37	
	M. J. Ward		43
	L. A. Ward		41½
	B. G. Maguire		41
	James Byars		40
	John England		40
	W. E. Henson		46
	E. E. Montgomery		40
L. A. Montgomery		40	
Florida	None		
Georgia-Cumberland	Alice Anglin	40½	
	George Anglin		45
	R. H. Kelley		40
	F. L. McKee		42
Kentucky-Tennessee	A. C. McClurg		44
	J. T. Sheron		43½
	O. B. Edens		42
	Harry Eastep		40
South Atlantic	O. B. Hall		48
South Central	T. Smith		49½
	W. S. Ward		48
	Sandy Robinson		45
	W. M. Lasley		44
	R. E. Wilson		42

SPECIAL BROADCAST

A special Tribute Broadcast to The Voice of Prophecy is being released by the Mutual and ABC broadcasting systems in honor of Elder Richard's 25th anniversary on the radio. Check in your local newspaper radio log for the station in your area for "Voice of Prophecy Tribute" or "Tribute." The times of the broadcast for the different time zones are listed below.

ABC—February 8

Eastern Standard Time— 9:30- 9:55 P.M.
Central Standard Time— 8:30- 8:55 P.M.
Mountain Standard Time—

10:30-10:55 P.M.

Pacific Standard Time — 9:30-9:55 P.M.

February 9

Los Angeles area, KABC—9:00-9:25 P.M.

Mutual—February 6

Eastern Standard Time—10:30-11:00 P.M.
Central Standard Time — 9:30-10:00 P.M.
Mountain Standard Time—

8:30- 9:30 P.M.

West Coast, Don Lee Mutual—

5:00- 5:30 P.M.

News of Southern Missionary College

★ ★ ★ H. B. LUNDQUIST ★ ★ ★

KENNETH WRIGHT, *President*

:-: RICHARD HAMMILL, *Dean*

★ Why are we so particular to select a farm site for our boarding academies and colleges? Because Mrs. White set up the pattern under divine direction, and our pattern school was located on a farm in Avondale, Australia.

In various places in Sister White's writings we are told why our schools should be located on farms:

They are to be located in the country away from the contaminating influences of the city, and are to provide opportunity for work and recreation in the out-of-doors.

The land about the school is to become a lesson book from which teachers may draw material for classroom use, and illustrations of the continuous operation of the laws of God in everyday experience.

We are warned not to let difficulties discourage us in our farming and industrial activities, but study our methods, and God will help us solve these difficult problems.

Our college is located on a thousand acre farm eighteen miles from Chattanooga in the foothills of the Cumberland mountains. Much of the land is too hilly for farming, and is covered with trees and vegetation, making a beautiful site for the college. The college plant itself is built on a hill, overlooking a beautiful valley. This valley comprises the major portion of the tillable land of which there is about two hundred acres, most of which is used for raising forage crops.

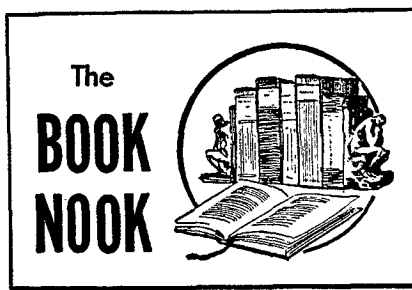
Southern Missionary College has one of the finest herds in the vicinity, consisting mostly of registered Holsteins and Jerseys. J. B. Pierson, our farm manager, is a consecrated man, well trained for his work. He and the college administration believe that our school farm contributes very much to the college program as well as being an object lesson to the community.

★ Dean Hammill tells us that it is with pleasure that the faculty and Student Association extend to all Seventh-day Adventist high school and academy seniors or anyone ready for college work an invitation to spend April 3 and 4 on our campus as guests.

This fully accredited liberal arts college has been established to give a

higher education for young people of our faith or others interested in our way of life. As one of this group we invite and urge you to come to visit our college and spend a day and two nights with us in order to see for yourself the type of training offered.

The local pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church of your town will be glad to arrange transportation. ★ James Ray McKinney, president of



Food-Health and Efficiency by Mrs. Marion W. Vollmer.

Do you want to learn to cook well-balanced, vegetarian meals? Then you will want this book which contains the best of the recipes and other suggestions which Mrs. Vollmer has presented in scores of cooking schools conducted across America. Even the most experienced homemaker will find many new ideas in these pages. The book contains 112 pages, and is looseleaf for easy reference in the kitchen. Best of all, the price is only \$1.50.

Zip the Coon, by Floyd Bralliar

Children of another generation thrilled to these interesting nature

the S.M.C. Student Association writes:

"Each high school and academy senior in Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida is invited to be the guest of the Student Association of Southern Missionary College, April 3 and 4, for the College Day celebrations.

"Registration begins at 11:00 A.M. Sunday, April 3. Make arrangements with your nearest Seventh-day Adventist pastor for your transportation. If there are questions, please write me.

"The students of Southern Missionary College are looking forward to the privilege of meeting you on Sunday morning, April 3."

stories. Present-day juniors may enjoy these same stories with beautiful new illustrations by Harry J. Baerg. There are eleven complete animal stories. Bound in a colorful, sturdy cloth cover, the price is only \$2.00.

Make Bright the Memories, by Eugenia Isabella Cunningham.

Few of us today realize the many sacrifices which went into the founding of Oakwood College. Here is a beautiful, heart-warming story of one who yielded her talents to the Lord and experienced the great satisfaction of seeing God's blessing on her efforts. The former dean of women at Oakwood College tells the story of divine guidance in her own life and her long association with our educational work. This book will be an inspiration and encouragement to those who wonder if God can use their talents in His service. A colorful paper cover, the price is just 50 cents.



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CHRIST CALLS BOTH MEN AND WOMEN

ELLEN G. WHITE

Jesus is calling for many missionaries, for men and women who will consecrate themselves to God, willing to spend and be spent in His service. Oh, can we not remember that here is a world to labor for? Shall we not move forward step by step, letting God use us as His helping hand? Shall we not place ourselves on the altar of service? Then the love of Christ will touch and transform us, make us willing for His sake to do and dare.

Many, both men and women, can do an excellent work by canvassing for books that are full of direct, simple instruction on practical godliness. *Colporteur Ministry*, p. 18.

Parents' Exchange

Sponsored by the General Conference Department of Education, Archa O. Dart, Assistant Secretary

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Question: If you had the responsibility of training the future president of the United States, how much time, thought, and effort would you give to your task?

Answer: "They (children) are placed in our care to be trained, not as heirs to an earthly empire, but as kings unto God, to reign through unending ages." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 244.

Ques. What has God given to every mother to enable her to train her child properly?

Ans. "Let every mother feel that her moments are priceless; her work will be tested in the solemn day of accounts."—*Idem*.

Ques. When the mother uses this time for other things, what are the results?

Ans. "A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."—Prov. 29:15.

Ques. When should this training be given?

Ans. "Too much importance can not be placed upon the early training of children. The lessons learned, the habits formed, during the years of infancy and childhood, have more to do with the formation of the character and the direction of the life than all the instruction and training in after years."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 380.

"The destiny of your children rests to a great extent in your hands."—White.

RIGHT AROUND HOME

Mother, Timmy and Theresa had been shopping together. In fact, they did many things together, for Mrs. Kidwell knew *that* was the best way to teach her children the practical lessons of life. The children had had a delightful time looking at the pretty coats and trying on snow suits, and they could hardly wait to show their daddy what they had bought.

On the way home, Timmy came up with the question, "Why do we have to buy our clothes? I thought you said, Mother, that God supplies all our needs."

"Yes," agreed Theresa, "and you said this morning in worship that God puts a nice heavy coat on the sheep's backs, and gives warm feathers to the chickens."

"Indeed He does," answered Mother, "but He loves you and me more than He loves the birds and animals. That is why He lets us choose our clothes. He gives us the strength to earn money, and then we can select a coat or a snow suit, a blue dress or a yellow one. Isn't Jesus good to make it possible for everything alive to have good warm clothes in winter?"

"Everything except those naked trees," exclaimed Theresa as they drove past a wooded lot.

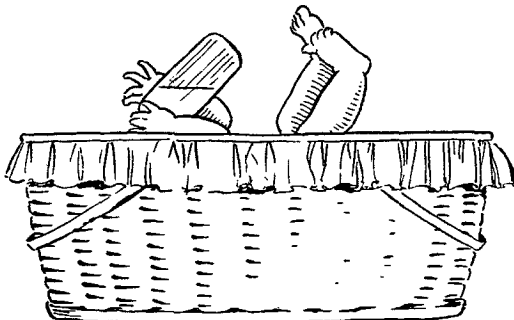
"That's a joke on you," declared Mother. "Every baby bud on those trees is neatly tucked away in his own little snow suit. We don't have time today, but perhaps next Sabbath afternoon Daddy can go with us to the big woods, and we can see how many different kinds of snow suits we can find."

Timmy and Theresa could hardly wait until Sabbath afternoon, but when it came they were right out in the woods with Daddy and Mother, looking at the hundreds and thousands of snow suits up in the trees. The flowering dogwood which has bark that looks like alligator hide has lovely gray suits on their shoe-button buds. The tulip trees studded with half-inch, spoon-shaped buds had their duck-bill scales glued to their sides. The willow buds, some dark red, some blue-black and others orange, were all covered with a single scale that appeared to be coated with sealing wax. The white oak, considered to be the noblest of all American oaks, had blunt, oval clusters at the tip of the twig.

The sun set all too soon on that winter Sabbath day, but never again did the trees appear to be empty and bare to Timmy and Theresa. They were object lessons of God's wisdom and love in protecting little things.

CHILD GUIDANCE

There is more to a baby than can be seen.



Every great man was once a baby. Moses, Paul, Esther, Ruth—All were babies once. Who is in your basket—A Preacher? A Teacher? A Missionary?

TINY THINKERS

Prayer of a little, four-year-old girl: "Dear Jesus, take good care of yourself, for if anything happened to You, I wouldn't know what to do with myself."

DID YOU KNOW . . .

That wise farmers will spend as much as an hour in a feed store selecting food for their livestock? Should we do less for our children? The Home and School program this month is one hour long. Topic: "Planning for Good Nutrition."

That questions from parents, directed to this department, will be answered in the columns of the *Review and Herald*?



MV Week of Prayer March 5-12

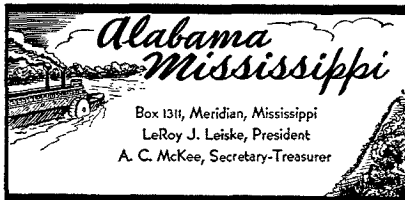
MINISTERS, YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE

CHRIST has appointed you to first feed the lambs, and then the sheep. This is revealed in His instruction to Simon Peter. (John 21:15, 16.)

We are asking every minister in the Southern Union to give his full support and personal attention to the MV Week, March 5-12 in which the lambs, God's youth, will be fed and led to Jesus. Last year, as a result of this week, 339 were baptized—to say nothing of the large number who were led in deeper consecration to Christ. This wonderful achievement was accomplished in spite of the fact that only 46 per cent of the ministers of the union participated. Oh, what could have been accomplished if all had dedicated this week to saving every junior, teen-ager, and youth in every church.

Let us beseech God with this challenge. Set your MV leaders to work now in plans for a nightly revival. May God pour out His spirit in a mighty way and give us 500 souls.

L. M. NELSON



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MOBILE BELIEVERS BEGIN BOOK-A-MONTH PLAN Carry 100 "Golden Treasury" to Neighbors

"The people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Ps. 110:3. What a wonderful thing to witness the power of God in the conversion of hearts today! It is also interesting to see the many different ways in which God works. I never think about the various instruments that God uses to reveal His love and make His message known, without thinking of that statement from the Spirit of prophecy which says, "Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God." *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 327. Then we have this statement in *Gospel Workers*, p. 352, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

The very fact that God's people are willing and ready to be led into greater soul-winning activities shows that we are nearing the time when the work will be finished and Jesus will come. What we do must be done quickly.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of God in Alabama-Mississippi for their faithfulness. I especially want to commend Elder Carubba and the Mobile believers for their response to the book-a-month plan.

Quoting again from the Spirit of prophecy, we are told, "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." *Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 80.

All who participate in the book-a-month plan are certainly doubling their usefulness because they are placing our literature in the homes of the people and at the same time helping the evan-

gelistic program. May God continue to richly bless you as you witness for Him. And if the Spirit of God should impress you to do more in the colporteur ministry please let me know and I will be happy to assist you in every way possible.

W. E. ROBERSON, *Secretary Publishing Department*

BOOK-A-MONTH PLAN

No doubt you have heard of the book-a-month plan which is being sponsored so enthusiastically by our churches throughout the conference to help in the raising of funds for our evangelistic program. Following is an outline of the plan as it is being sponsored:

1. Our Book and Bible House provides the missionary secretary with the number of *Golden Treasury* needed for the church, and bills these under a special account.

2. Every church member is to be encouraged to take at least one of these books, with the canvass provided, to a friend, neighbor, or relative and leave it overnight for examination, inviting him to purchase it for his home, explaining that it is for missionary work.

3. Just as soon as the \$10.75 is collected, it is to be turned over to the missionary secretary who in turn sees that it is sent to the Book and Bible House. Then all the profit above cost of book is turned over to the conference to be used in evangelism. (Note: There may be some who will want to take the book but will need to wait until pay day to get it. Make note of this and carry them a book on specified day.)

You have noticed we call this a *book-a-month plan*. There will be those who will want to continue this each month. While it may not be possible for every member to sell one each month, we believe, if properly promoted the first Sabbath of each month, there would be many who would respond. Therefore, we would suggest that a man with good promotional ability be appointed by the church board to keep this before our people by planning for the missionary service one Sabbath each month giving those with good experiences opportunity to relate them.

After the first shipment of books has been placed with our people, the one appointed by the church board to sponsor this program should find out by a

THE DIRECTION YOU'RE GOING



Is More Important Than The Place You're Standing

Do You Face the Light?
Are You Headed For
Achievement?

Are You In Motion?
Let Us Help You

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show of hands or in writing how many books the members will need for that month and these can be shipped by return mail.

If our conference church members who are not privileged to attend church regularly want to enter into the program, they can do so by writing to L. E. Aldrich, of the Alabama-Mississippi Book and Bible House, and he will send books direct to them and they will then send the \$10.75 for each book to him, and the profit of \$5.37 will go for evangelism.

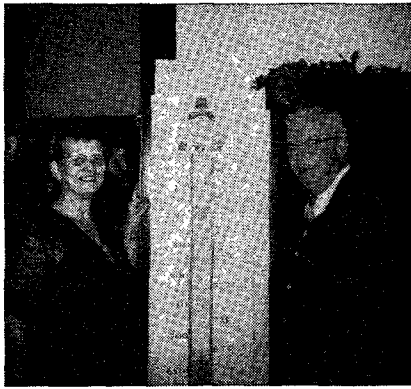
W. E. ROBERSON, *Secretary
Publishing Department*

INVESTMENT VICTORY

During 1954 a wide awake and enthusiastic Investment secretary, in the Pensacola, Florida, church by the name of Mrs. T. E. Tunison, inspired the Sabbath school to go over the top in their Investment goal of \$1,000. The final total was \$1,101.43. It is interesting to note that the membership of that church is 167. This represents a per capita of a little more than \$6.50.

She reports that the Pensacola Investment thermometer went up and up until it BURST on the morning of December 11 with the very high temperature of 1032 point 79! This continued to increase until it reached \$1,101.43—an all-record high!

This thermometer, which had grown to 8½ feet, was beautiful indeed to the Pensacola church with its sections of red, yellow, blue, green, purple, and maroon, indicating its weekly rise. What it lacked in artistry was amply



Brother and Sister T. E. Tunison with the Pensacola Investment thermometer.

compensated by the enthusiasm it engendered in the 187 happy investors. Old and young alike, visitors and members took part and received a blessing from their Investment during 1954.

There are 38 investors who reached the \$10 goal. Eight investors were blessed with two, three, four, and five times this goal.

Really this is wonderful and the members of the Pensacola Sabbath school are to be congratulated for their outstanding Investment achievement.

Sabbath school superintendants and Investment secretaries, let's make 1955 the best year yet in Investment and Sabbath school offerings.

W. O. COE, *Sabbath School Secretary*

FLORENCE EVANGELISTIC EFFORT

As Elder Coe and I entered the American Legion Hall in Florence,

Alabama, at seven P. M. on Sunday night, January 23, we saw about 25 non-members already seated near the front of the hall. By eight o'clock nearly all of the 230 chairs were taken.

The audience sang heartily with Elder G. S. Stevens. A men's quartet from Nashville, Tennessee, sang several numbers during the service. Elder May presented the subject of Daniel 2 in a clear, concise, and unique way, closing with an appeal that brought a response from the entire audience.

The whole service was beautiful and very well organized, from the drapes, palms, and flowers on the rostrum to the uniformed usherettes who greeted the people at the doors.

The service closed with Mrs. May playing, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," on the vibra harp, and Adventist laymen and workers left with a prayer in their hearts that this series of meetings will be blessed of God.

LEROY J. LEISKE

A CHILD SERVES

Although he is only four years old, Charles Ferguson wanted to have a part in raising funds to help the poor and needy. Accompanied by his daddy, C. R. Ferguson, who serves very capably as home missionary leader of the Birmingham Central church, Charlie Boy went out on Sunday mornings, as well as on Thanksgiving morning, and in only five week ends, raised over \$150. As a little Ingatherer young Charles surely has achieved, for although the weather turned cold or rainy, that didn't deter Charles in his



On the left Elder May stands ready to address the audience pictured on the right.



Charles Ferguson who raised \$150 for the 1955 Ingathering.

labor for the Master. When the ground was covered with rain or ice, his daddy carried him from door to door.

His speech was very simple, but effective: "I'm a little missionary out working for Jesus. How much will you give? Will you give a dollar?" Eyes brightened and the hands of the listeners would reach for their bill-folds as this little Christian lad extended to them the invitation to help others.

Surely the faithful efforts of such a zealous little missionary for Jesus should inspire us to achieve greater things in behalf of the Master. If each of us, as the little lad, would throw our full efforts untiringly into the task, the work will soon be finished and we can all go home to be with Him for whom we have labored.

T. J. MOSTERT, *Pastor*
Birmingham, Alabama
Central Church

Box 1313, Orlando, Florida
D. R. Rees, President
W. F. Miller, Secretary-Treasurer

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CHURCHES DEDICATED IN MIAMI SPRINGS AND HOMESTEAD

Sabbath, January 15, was a high day for the congregations and pastor of the Miami Springs and Homestead churches in Florida. Both buildings were dedicated on the same day.

The picturesque Miami Springs

FLORIDA PROJECTOR COMMISSIONED CLUB DISTRICT MEETINGS

PLACE	TIME	DAY	DATE
Lakeland church 414 N. Massachusetts Ave.	7:30 P.M.	Thursday	February 3, 1955
St. Augustine 19 Riberia St.	10:00 A.M.	Sunday	February 6, 1955
Daytona Beach Corner Halifax and Ora Sts.	3:00 P.M.	Sunday	February 6, 1955
Sanitarium Florida Sanitarium Grounds	7:30 P.M.	Sunday	February 6, 1955
Bradenton 2106 - 17th Avenue	7:30 P.M.	Monday	February 7, 1955
Tampa 2909 Nebraska Avenue	7:30 P.M.	Tuesday	February 8, 1955
Jacksonville Pearl and Cottage Streets	7:30 P.M.	Wednesday	February 9, 1955

We invite all Projector Commissioned Club Members and those conducting Bible studies to attend the church nearest your location. Elder S. S. Will, our Southern Union home missionary secretary will be our guest speaker.

W. L. MAZART

church with the park grounds and lovely landscaping presents an invitation for all who pass to enter its portals for worship. It is truly called, "The Friendly Church on the Corner."

Elder W. H. Branson, former president of the General Conference, gave the dedicatory address. The burning of the mortgage was supervised by W. F. Miller, secretary-treasurer of the Florida Conference. Elder Don R.

Rees, president of the Florida Conference, led out in the act of dedication, and Elder C. O. Franz, secretary of the Inter-American Division, led in the dedicatory prayer. Appropriate music was rendered by soloist Edith Roop, singing "Open the Gates of the Temple"; violinist, Otto C. Racker, M. D.; and the pastor singing, "Bless This House." Others taking part in the service were George Egger, first elder;

CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

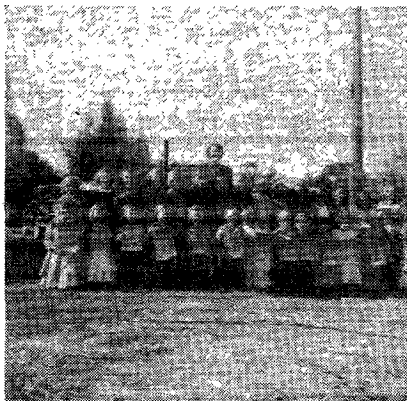
The picture on the left shows our faithful second graders of Orlando who went out with *Life and Health* and in two and one-half hours sold 427 copies. As a reward for their labors they have a beautiful new water cooler.

The picture on the right shows our

eighth graders. They also are on fire for the Lord. In two hours they sold 400 copies of *Life and Health*. They now have a new encyclopedia.

We are very thankful for our young people and we feel they are doing a wonderful work in Orlando and other parts of this state. We want to thank our teachers and principles for the help and cooperation they have given.

BESSIE VINCENT





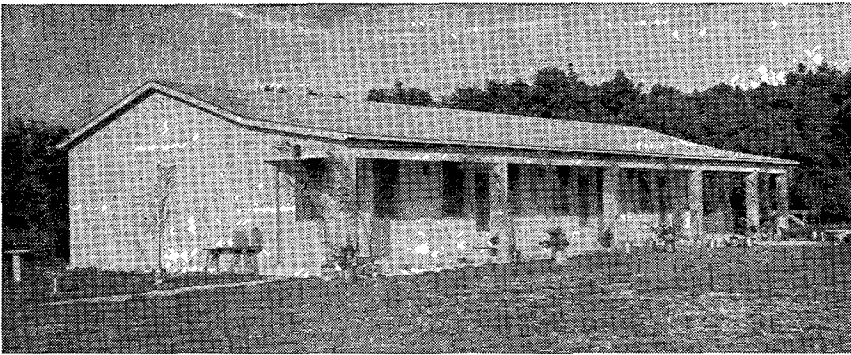
Miami Springs Church, dedicated on January 15.

A. J. Kribs, charter member; Jack P. Facundus, elder; and A. J. Skender, Florida ministerial intern.

The Miami Springs church was built in 1951 under the leadership of Elder W. G. Ambler, now of the New York Conference. Elder Herbert, the pastor since 1952, states that through the heavy strain of paying off the mortgage and buying the pews, also an

organ, the congregation has lifted a heavy burden and the people rejoice now that in their faith they persevered. The church seats 250 in the sanctuary. The present membership stands at exactly 200.

The order of service for the Homestead dedication, at four o'clock, followed the same pattern with a few exceptions. Elder Don R. Rees, Florida



Homestead church school and Sabbath school rooms dedicated January 15. This will also serve as the temporary church building.



On the left W. F. Miller and George Egger, first elder, burn the mortgage at the Miami Springs dedicatory services. On the right are Elder W. H. Branson and others who participated in the dedication.

COMBINED FLORIDA AND CAROLINA CHILD EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

February 28 - March 4
METHODIST YOUTH CAMP
Leesburg, Florida

Division leaders of the Sabbath School (Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior) should be making plans to be there.

Miss Louise Meyer — General Conference. Elder W. J. Harris—General Conference. Elder S. S. Will—Southern Union Conference.

These officers will be with us to give instruction and help from the Sabbath school department.

YOU NEED TO BE THERE

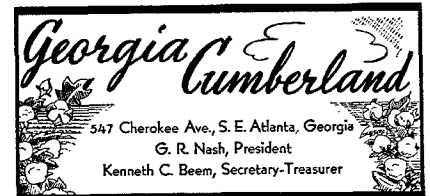
W. L. MAZART, Sabbath
School Secretary

Conference president, gave the dedicatory sermon.

The beautiful, long, low structure, to be used as Sabbath school rooms, when the sanctuary is built, was dedicated as Sabbath school and church school units, but temporarily our people will meet here for Sabbath services.

A year ago, with \$3,000 from the sale of a disbanded Adventist church, the members went to work with a will. They purchased lots in a new section of Homestead, and soon the building was up. It is estimated to be worth \$20,000. Most of the labor and much of the material was donated.

The end of this perfect Florida day saw two church buildings, in the same district, dedicated to the glory of God and for the furtherance of His work.



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**WANTED: A RESIDENT
COLPORTEUR**

I liked the picture of Germany's "singing colporteurs" on the front page of a recent issue of the *Review and*



Elder Arnold Kurtz

Herald. Of any activity promoted by the church today, this is to me the nearest reproduction of the mental picture I have of the early Christians going from house to house "with gladness" bearing the exciting and

thrilling good news of a risen Christ. As we remember to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth reapers, let us include a petition for more of these house-to-house evangelists. Visitors in Germany are surprised to find large churches of our faith in even the smaller towns and villages. More "singing colporteurs" would help answer the challenge of thousands of unmanned outposts which our towns and villages present to us in this fair land.

In a few weeks it is the plan to open a series of public evangelistic services in Dalton, Georgia. How much freer of mind we could be as to the ultimate results were it not a fact that for more than four years we have had no regular colporteur here. Our greatest need, now, aside from the always-coveted blessing of heaven upon our plans and work, is the need for one or two consecrated colporteur evangelists to visit thousands of homes in this area in search of sin-sick souls for whom Christ died.

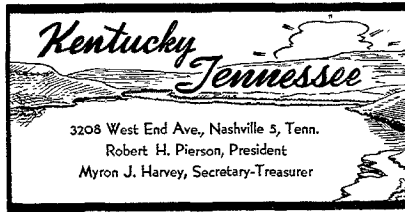
If you are interested in literature evangelism in this area write to me. Or, if you prefer, write to Elder Wm. L. Crofton, Box 4929, Atlanta, Georgia. The need is great, do you hear the call?

ARNOLD KURTZ, *Pastor*
Dalton, Georgia

NEWS

Major improvements are being made in the Sabbath school rooms of the Kirkwood church in Atlanta. New paint has been applied, a new set of loudspeakers installed, some changes in the overall arrangement have been made and new tile is being laid on the floor. The old pews have been removed and new chairs will take their place. Elder W. B. Johnson, the pastor, and the members have worked many long hours to bring about this welcome change.

"On the clock of time there is but one word — Now."—Selected.



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**"PRAY FOR POWER AT THE
NOONDAY HOUR"**

PROGRAM OF THE HOUR

The official dates for the Kentucky-Tennessee Harvest Ingathering campaign are just before us. Many of our churches, we are happy to say, have already reached their goal and have turned their attention to other soul-winning endeavors. However, there are still 39 churches that either have not started or still have some ways to go until the full Minuteman goal has been reached. I know that many such churches were waiting until the turn of the year so that they could contact their regular donors and reach their full goals.

I want to make an earnest appeal to all of our workers and members throughout our conference to rally to the Ingathering program and let us finish it at the earliest possible date.

We hope that every member will loyally support his district pastor in reaching the full Minuteman goal. Many will be able to go far beyond this figure. We are counting on every worker and every member to put Kentucky-Tennessee over the top within the next few weeks. Let's all do our part.

ROBERT H. PIERSON

DISTRICT CHANGES

At our recent conference committee meeting a number of district changes were effected that will be of interest to the field.

To take Elder A. D. Burch's place as pastor of the Madison Boulevard and Ridgetop churches, Elder C. G. Edwards has been called. Elder and Sister Edwards are now settled in their new home in Madison and are already hard at work.

Elder and Mrs. K. M. Matthews have responded to our call to fill the vacancy in the Henderson-Owensboro district. The Mathews' arrived in their new district January 17.

In order to develop the good interest in Somerset, Kentucky, and to re-

vive the work in Cave Creek, Kentucky, Brother and Sister Donald Kenyon are locating in Somerset to care for these interests and to pastor the Stearns and Grove churches. This move will be effected the latter part of February. We believe that 1955 will see a new church in Somerset and a revived church work in the Cave Creek area in addition to a strong work in Stearns and Grove.

The Sewellton church will now become an addition to the Celina-Peytonsbury district where Brother and Sister Clarence Wolff are carrying on so faithfully.

The London church members have certainly responded in the plan of the committee to arrange for strong evangelistic work in some of the dark counties nearby. Elder and Mrs. J. M. Jackson have been called to carry on a well-planned evangelistic program in nearby counties while caring for the London Church.

Ever since arriving in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference I have felt a burden for our nearly 300 conference church members. Our district pastors and conference departmental men have done their best to keep in contact with these isolated believers, but with their busy program our conference church members have not been visited as much as we would like.

At our recent conference committee meeting Elder and Mrs. J. A. Tucker were invited to take over this important work.

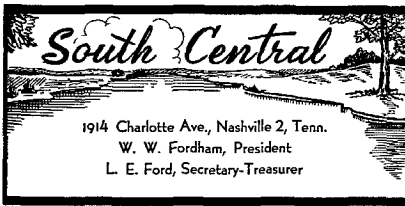
Until the Madison College school year is finished the Tuckers will be able to devote only three to four days a week to their program of visitation. After school is out we are hopeful that they will be able to visit our conference church members about once a quarter.

The following schedule has been worked out for the next two months:

February 5, Nashville. February 12, morning, Stearns, Kentucky; afternoon, London, Kentucky. February 19, Savannah, Tennessee area. February 26, morning, Stearns, Kentucky; afternoon, Somerset, Kentucky.

March 5, Altamont. March 12, morning, Stearns, Kentucky; afternoon, London, Kentucky. March 19, Lexington, Kentucky, area. March 26, morning, Stearns, Kentucky; afternoon, Cave Creek, Kentucky.

Any conference church members with problems or information can contact Elder Tucker in care of the conference office.



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SOUTH CENTRAL IS MARCHING ON!

1954 was a great year in the South Central Conference and many things happened.

We have now started our Church Officer's conventions, which are being held in order to acquaint the officers in the church with their specific duties. The first one was held in the Memphis area with Pastors J. P. Willis, W. S. Jackson, B. W. Abney, Sr., G. H. Rainey, and E. L. Howard. The churches represented were Tutwiler, Clarksdale, West Point, Columbus, Greenwood, Greenville, Hollandale, Leland, Indianola, Belzoni, Yazoo City, Humboldt, and Jackson, Tennessee.

The second convention was held in Mobile, with Pastors B. W. Abney, Jr., E. J. Humphrey, J. A. James, and C. R. Graham present. The churches in this area are Canton, Meridian, Vicksburg, Natchez, Brookhaven, Laurel, Hattiesburg, Soso, McComb, Gulfport, Jackson, Mississippi and Pensacola, Florida. Here we witnessed a larger attendance and all seemed to be determined to go home and help the churches to put on a stronger program.

Birmingham will be the center for those who are to meet on January 29. This will include Bessemer, Birmingham Institute, Tuscaloosa, Sylacauga, Huntsville, Oakwood College, Florence, Chattanooga, Gadsden, Selma, Montgomery, and Dothan, with Pastors L. G. Newton, C. S. Myles, E. E. Rogers, R. L. Woodfork, C. E. Dudley, and A. D. Shorter. The week end of the 5th of February will wind up the conventions in Nashville, Tennessee, with the following churches and pastors represented: Berea, Riverside, Paducah, Louisville, Knoxville, Covington, Lexington, Morristown, Danville, Bowling Green, Clarksville, and Greeneville, Tennessee; N. A. Lindsay, V. Lindsay, L. E. Ford, E. T. Mimms, and H. L. Jones.

Our Ingathering is coming along very nicely and we are hoping to close the campaign about the middle of Feb-

ruary. We lack only \$4,000 of the total amount of last year's campaign.

We have just received word from Vicksburg that they are planning on moving into their new church by the first of February, and as soon as the painting is finished the church in Montgomery will be completed.

HATS OFF!! SOUTH CENTRAL IS MARCHING ON.

CAMP MEETING FOR 1955

Do not forget the South Central camp meeting scheduled for August 4 to 13. Those who did not attend last year missed a great treat. Plan now in order not to lose a spiritual blessing. Many of the churches have started a Camp Meeting Club, so why not start yours NOW? You have plenty of time to arrange for your vacation to be taken at that time. We will be looking for you and your family. L. E. FORD

NEWS

★ Word has just reached our office of the death of Mrs. F. B. Slater, wife of Elder F. B. Slater, who was once one of our workers in this conference, but who is now pastoring in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The workers and laity of the South Central Conference extend to Elder Slater and daughter, Joyce, our heartfelt sympathy, and pray that God will give him comfort during this hour. Condolences and words of encouragement may be addressed to:

Elder F. B. Slater, 1412 5th Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

EVANGELISM

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ing permits. The fire and police departments have been friendly and co-operative. This phase of the campaign will open on Sunday night, February 13, and will run until the latter part of May. Meetings will be held four nights a week and later on Sabbath afternoons. The work at the site is now organized so that the volunteer carpenters, plumbers, electricians and others from the churches can give their help.

Let us continue to pray for Elder Hassenpflug and his co-workers as they launch into this second phase of the program in Miami. Let us also pray for Elder J. L. Shuler as he conducts the short effort in Bradenton, beginning also on February 13. Yes, let us remember all our evangelistic efforts that the Lord may use them to win many souls to present truth.



UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

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

GILMER:—Captain William W. Gilmer, retired U.S. Navy officer and one of the oldest living graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy, died January 8, 1955, at the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital, Fletcher, North Carolina. He was born May 21, 1863, and would have been 92 years old in May of this year. He had been in ill health since suffering a heart attack last year while on a visit to his sister in Texas.

Captain Gilmer was a native of Chatham, Virginia, a son of the late John and Elizabeth Patton Gilmer. He was a cousin of General George Patton and a descendant of General Mercer. He entered the Naval Academy in June, 1880, from Virginia and was graduated in 1885. At that time the Academy course was for five years and graduates went to sea for two years before receiving commissions as ensigns.

He went to sea for the first time in 1885 in a wooden sailing vessel and during his long career he saw service on all types of ships, from tugs to battleships.

In 1912 he was promoted captain and in 1915, after graduation from the Naval War College, he was Commandant of the 12th Naval District on the West Coast. He visited the district headquarters during a tour last year.

During World War I he commanded the battleship U.S.S. South Carolina in the Atlantic and performed the first crossing convoy duty assigned to a battleship.

After World War I he served as governor of Guam from November 1918 until June 1920. He retired in 1921.

Captain Gilmer accepted the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist church twenty years ago. He really believed and lived his religion. When he was a young man, starting to the Naval Academy, he promised his mother that he would never use alcohol or tobacco, and he never did.

He was a member of the Hendersonville Seventh-day Adventist church at the time of his death and had been very active in church work. He had held the office of deacon until recently. Captain Gilmer was greatly beloved by all who knew him, in the church, in the neighborhood in which he lived, and his wide circle of friends. He leaves to mourn his sister, Miss Mary R. Gilmer, of Orange, Texas.

Funeral services were conducted in the Hendersonville Seventh-day Adventist church January 11, 1955, with Elders C. H. Lauda, A. J. Clark, and J. L. Everett officiating. His body was removed to the National Cemetery, at Arlington, Virginia, where, with military honors, he was laid to rest beside his companion, who passed away in 1948. A. J. CLARK

GOULD:—Florence May Gould, nee Williamson, was born May 30, 1855, in Cleveland, Ohio, and died December 3, 1954, in St. Cloud, Florida. She was married to

SUNSET TABLE

	Feb. 4	Feb. 11
Atlanta, Ga.	6:12	6:18
Birmingham, Ala.	5:21	5:27
Charlotte, N. C.	5:55	6:02
Collegedale, Tenn.	6:12	6:20
Huntsville, Ala.	5:18	5:25
Louisville, Ky.	5:09	5:17
Memphis, Tenn.	5:32	5:39
Meridian, Miss.	5:31	5:38
Nashville, Tenn.	5:17	5:24
Orlando, Fla.	6:07	6:12
Wilmington, N. C.	5:45	5:52

Havens Wilbur Gould in 1889 who preceded her in death in 1921. She moved to St. Cloud in 1932 and in August, 1935, during evangelistic services conducted by Elder Milton St. John, she and her three daughters united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. She was a faithful member of the St. Cloud church to the time of her death.

For the past year Sister Gould was in poor health, but seldom did she remain away from the church services. Faithfulness in paying her tithes and offerings, and carrying her share of the responsibilities for the advancement of God's cause, brought genuine satisfaction and joy to her soul.

Three daughters are left to mourn the loss of a beloved mother, Bonnie Jean Baugh, Florence Marguerite, and Lexie.

Services were conducted by Harry B. Taylor. The blessed hope of the soon return of the Master, when families shall be reunited in a better world than this, comforted the relatives and friends. Interment was at St. Cloud, Florida.

HARRY B. TAYLOR, *Chaplain*
Florida Sanitarium and Hospital

CHURCH CALENDAR

- February 5 — Christian Home and Family Altar Day
- February 5—Home Missionary Offering
- February 12-19—"Signs of the Times" Offering
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WILSON:—Mrs. Lizzie Jenkins Wilson was born March 7, 1895, in Bourbon County, Kentucky, and passed away January 3, 1955, at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, at 59 years of age.

Sister Wilson has made her home in Harrison County, Kentucky, near Cynthiana, for the past 28 years and has been a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for 29 years. She loved her Lord and her Lord's church and among her last words were those expressing her hope in the return of Christ in the clouds of glory at His second coming.

Sister Wilson is survived by her husband, Wesley Wilson; three daughters, Mrs. William Jewett, Mrs. James Price, and Mrs. Malcolm Mahorney; two brothers, Earl Jenkins and Alex Jenkins; and four grandchildren. Many loyal friends also mourn her passing.

She was laid to rest in the Battle Grove Cemetery in Cynthiana, Kentucky, with the Christian's bright hope of the Lifegiver's call at the resurrection morning.

O. R. HENDERSON

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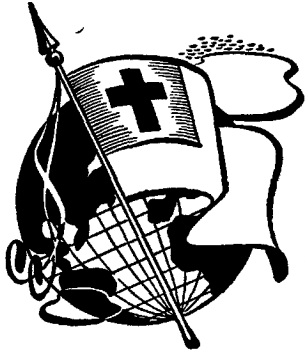
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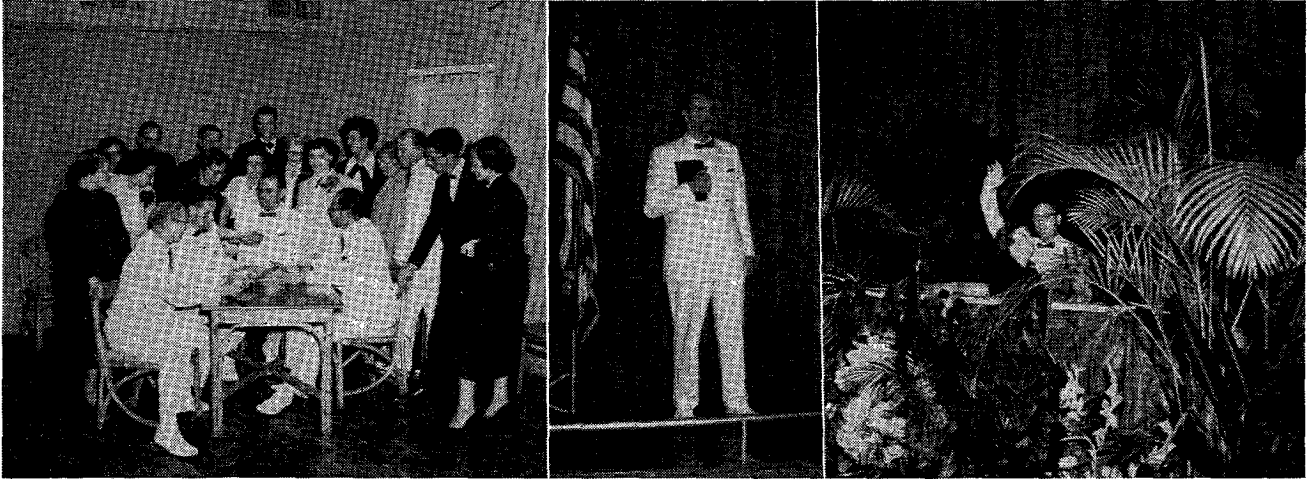
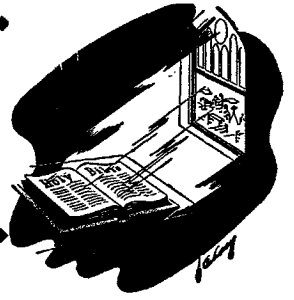
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Evangelism

IN THE SOUTHERN UNION



Left: Elder Hassenpflug and his corps of workers in the Miami effort. Center: Elder B. L. Hassenpflug, Southern Union evangelist, ready to address the audience in the Dade County Auditorium. Right: Elder Schmidt baptizing a convert who is to become a member of the church in Miami of which he is the pastor.

Seventy-Seven Baptized in Miami

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

WE praise the Lord this morning for the 77 new members who have been added to the Miami churches as a result of the faithful efforts of our laymen, pastors, and the recent evangelistic effort conducted in this metropolis by Elder B. L. Hassenpflug, Southern Union evangelist.

This evangelistic campaign, held in the beautiful Dade County Auditorium, has just closed with the first phase of the campaign completed. God has been good and His blessings have been abundant. Elder Hassenpflug, the Miami pastors, and other workers have

truly worked diligently to gather in souls for the kingdom. Thus far 77 have been baptized but quite a large group are still preparing for this sacred rite. There is a continued strong interest in the city. The Miami churches have given enthusiastically and continue to give their support to the evangelistic program.

Along with this major effort these churches have faithfully carried on the Ingathering campaign which was completed by the end of the year.

The new members have been warmly received into all three of the Miami

churches. Many youth and adults were baptized. Entire families were united in the faith and brand new families have accepted the message.

In all this effort we are not unmindful of the faithful laymen who used their projectors and their Bibles previous to the effort to bring a knowledge of the truth to their friends and Bible school interests.

Now the workers in Miami are laying plans for the second phase of the campaign. A fine location in the northern part of the city has been secured upon which will be pitched a tent auditorium, 60' x 120'. The city officials have been most cooperative in granting the many building and zoning

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Lift up the message, and loud let it ring!

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