

SOUTHERN TIDINGS



"Give All to God You Would Keep for Eternity"

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Florida Sanitarium Features Our Temperance and Civil Defense Work on Hospital Week Program

LEIGHTON T. HALL, *Administrator*

THE Florida Sanitarium and Hospital was happy to join with other hospitals in Central Florida in participating in the National Hospital Week. On the first Sunday the hospital had open house in the various service departments and, as a special feature, showed Dr. Alton Ochsner's colored sound moving picture "One in Twenty-Thousand," showing the relationship between cigarette smoking and cancer of the lung. Many fine people from the city saw the film, listened to a doctor's lecture in connection with it, and received "Smoke Signals" the official temperance bulletin of our American Temperance Society. Hospitality Guild women acted as hostesses, and served refreshments on the patio in front of the Sanitarium.

On the second Sunday hospitals in this area united in a joint program on the Sanitarium lawn, on "Disaster and Civil Defense." On the program were Captain Wright, administrator of Civil Defense of Orange County, one of the prominent doctors of the city, who is Medical Director of Civil Defense; Don R. Rees, president of the Florida Conference who is also vice-chairman of the Sanitarium board of directors, and others. Especially featured were the Forest Lake Academy forty-member band under the direction of Lyle Q. Hamel; and disaster casualty demonstrations by representatives of the six-platoon Medical Cadet Corps (made up of both young men and women) of Forest Lake Academy, in full uniform and patriotic regalia.

SOUTH AMERICAN GUEST

DOCTOR A. PIERON, who is acquainted with our mission work in the Dutch Antilles, where he is director of Public Health for Curacao, flew over to visit our country to study American health departments, and other medical hospitals, medical schools, public facilities. We felt quite honored that the Florida Sanitarium was the first hospital on his itinerary, and we were especially happy to have him spend two days with us, during which time it was also our privilege to introduce him to our public health department and other medical institutions here.

Doctor Pieron seemed impressed with the work of the Florida Sanitarium and expressed the opinion that as a result of his visit here he had received a great deal of information that would be helpful when he returned to his country.

SEND HIM TO CAMP DOSS!

IF the young man in your family is of draft age, and if he has not had Medical Cadet Corps training, by all means send him to Camp Desmond Doss for the training to be given there June 26-July 10. This training is of great value to our young men. Following are some of the points in its favor:

1. It supplies them with most essential information as to why they are non-combatants, and it strengthens their faith in those points of doctrine on which they will be especially tested when they go into uniform.

2. It places them in a military atmosphere. This eases the transition



Doctor A. Pieron of the Dutch Antilles confers with Don R. Rees vice-chairman of the Florida Sanitarium board of directors, and with Leighton T. Hall, administrator, on a recent two-day visit at the Florida Sanitarium.

from civil to military life. They get this introduction to military ways under officers who are interested in helping them prepare for their coming test. The unknown is somewhat robbed of its normal fear and the men thus trained can face life in the service with greater confidence.

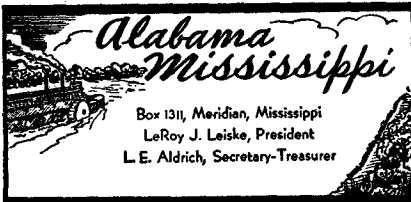
3. It gives them a "running start" on the essentials of military drill. This is of great value to our men when they have to miss drill periods because of the Sabbath. It also has value in making promotions easier to men who seem better skilled in drill than others.

4. It prepares them to approach officers in the proper manner. This is of great importance. Failure along this line would put a man at a most serious disadvantage in asking for release from Sabbath duty, while the proper approach helps materially in getting a favorable response.

5. It deepens the spiritual experience of the men. At every camp there have been those who have been baptized as the result of the influence there.

Contact your War Service Commission secretary and complete plans for your young man to attend this year.

G. W. CHAMBERS, *Secretary*
General Conference War Service
Commission



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PROGRESS IN EVANGELISM

We were thrilled to be in Pell City, Alabama, on Sunday night, May, 20, for the opening of a series of meetings, W. R. May, our conference evangelist, is conducting in the beautiful all-metal Bible auditorium-tabernacle.

Although Pell City is very small with only eight Adventists in the area, 151 persons, including the mayor of the city, were in attendance for this opening meeting. Of this number 107 were non-members.

The mayor extended a hearty welcome to Elder May and his staff of workers. Speaking from the auditorium platform the mayor stated that he was familiar with the fine work of Adventists and it was indeed good to have them holding these religious meetings in Pell City. He commented on the attractiveness of the tabernacle, which was truly outstanding for a building of this design.

The Criterion Quartet from Madison College, added much to the first part of the program with their beautiful vocal numbers. The music for the evening was beautiful, with Obed Graham leading the singing, Mrs. W. R. May at the organ, also playing the vibra-harp, and Mrs. R. A. Bata from Birmingham, Alabama, as guest pianist for the occasion. This meeting was indeed most impressive, and we would say that Elder May, Pastor Graham, together with Mrs. Mary Burdick, Bible instructor, Mrs. May and Mrs. Graham, are off to a fine start in Pell City, and we believe many souls will be won through the guiding influence of the Holy Spirit, which was strongly felt all through the meeting.

Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Norrell have been living in Pell City for quite a while. Dr. Norrell has a fine practice and a very fine clinic in this city. Mrs. Norrell and her sister wrote 1,000 personal letters inviting the people to the meetings. They, also, with the help of a few others, gave out several thousand handbills.

Mrs. Burdick invited several young high school girls to act as usherettes each night. These young girls, although not members of our church, took off their jewelry and makeup, and seemed so happy in performing this duty. They

were very attractive in their black skirts, white blouses, black and white capes, and we feel that the Spirit of God is truly there in Pell City. Sixty-three requests for literature were received on this night.

On the following Tuesday night there were 119 present, with 101 non-members; and on Thursday night there were 195 present, with 107 non-members. We ask our believers throughout the conference to especially remember this series of meetings in their prayers as our conference evangelist and his team of workers present the message and endeavor to establish another new church in the Alabama section of our territory.

★ In Huntsville, Alabama, Halle G. Crowson had 88 in attendance on his opening night about two weeks ago. Pastor Crowson has a fine new tent, with an attractive front, located on a prominent lot in Huntsville. With his wife as pianist, Pastor Crowson is leading his own singing; Sidney J. Sweat is operating the movie projector, and Robert Warren the still projector. Thirty-three requests for free literature were received on the opening night. There were 120 present the second Sunday night and the attendance is holding up fine in this city. We feel that God is truly sending His Spirit into these meetings in Huntsville.

★ W. E. Peeke has pitched a tent in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, with Bob Ammons assisting him. Elder Peeke reports they had sixty in attendance on opening night and that the interest is very good. He is of good courage in the Lord and things look upward in DeFuniak Springs.

★ H. V. Leggett is finishing up his meetings in the Pensacola, Florida, church. He states that he has had a very good non-member attendance, with more than 200 in attendance one night.

★ W. D. Welch has begun a series of meetings in Tupelo, Mississippi. He spearheaded these meetings with a large Bible school enrollment program early in the year, and he states his attendance has been very good from the start.

SOUTHERN UNION CAMP MEETINGS

CONFERENCE	CAMP MEETING DATE
Ala.-Miss.	May 31-June 9
Carolina	May 25-June 2
Florida	June 7-16
Ga.-Cumb.	May 31-June 9
Ky.-Tenn.	June 8-16
S. Atlantic	June 7-17
S. Central	August 9-18



Mrs. Sadie Liles, Col. U. N. James, Mrs. R. E. Vance, and Mrs. D. E. Robinson

★ H. D. Bennett reports a well filled tent of interested listeners as he presented a message from Daniel 2, in his attractive tent in Montgomery, Alabama, on Sunday night, May 27. Elder Bennett is using a combination of pictures on the screen and black light. Mrs. Bennett and Frank Beeson are assisting in the meetings.

★ We praise God for the fine number of baptisms during the month of May thus far. On Sabbath, May 19, Elder Mostert baptized eight, and Elder Bata baptized two in the Birmingham district. On Sabbath, May 12, Elder Chism baptized two in Gulfport, Elder Spangler in a district meeting baptized five, (two in the Natchez, Mississippi, church and three in the McComb Church), Brother Benson reported one baptized in the Greenville Church, Brother Wampler reported one on profession of faith in Hattiesburg, Brother Graham reported three baptisms in Anniston, Ala., and Elder Turner reported one baptized in Floral Crest. On Sabbath, May 26, Elders Chism, Mostert, and Peeke re-

ported new additions to the churches in their districts by baptism or on profession of faith.

★ God is richly blessing us here in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, and we give Him the praise and glory for these precious souls, and for the fine spirit of the brethren in this field.

LEROY J. LEISKE, *President*

PREPAREDNESS

FROM the Birmingham First Church comes this report of preparedness. Mrs. Sadie Lilies, Alabama Dorcas Federation president, is pictured on the left as Civil Defense Chief Col. U. N. James is inspecting the disaster kits, and other disaster preparations. Such preparedness is being carried on throughout the Alabama-Mississippi Conference Dorcas societies and welfare centers.

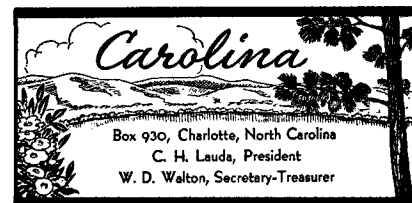
The accompanying picture shows a group of ladies at the Birmingham Welfare Center, located at 415—16th St., S.W., packing Disaster Kits to be sold to the members of the church, or kept at the center for emergency use.

Civil Defense Chief Col. U. N. James visited the center one morning and commended the ladies very highly on the work they are doing to prepare for an emergency. Less than two weeks later the outskirts of Birmingham were hit by a severe destructive storm and the two welfare centers of Birmingham combined their efforts and resources and were able to do a splendid piece of work visiting the stricken areas, giving personal help to seventy needy families.

Last week Robert Santini of the Pine Hill Sanitarium was guest speaker at the Chalkville Civic Club and he presented the Disaster Kits to them. They were very favorably impressed and plan to order several for their own use.

The health and welfare centers of both the Birmingham First Church and the Birmingham Roebuck Church were well prepared when the recent disastrous tornado struck a suburb of that city. Let us all be prepared because disasters will increase.

M. B. ELLISTON, *Secretary*
Home Missionary Dept.



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SINGING EVANGELIST

We are pleased to introduce to our Carolina members Brother and Sister Fred Speyer who are now in the Caro-



Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Speyer

lina Conference serving as singing evangelists. Both Brother and Sister Speyer are southerners, Brother Speyer having been born in New Orleans and Sister Speyer in Oklahoma City. They attended Southwestern Junior College, and Brother Speyer is a graduate of Union College.

They come to us from Oak Park Academy where they have been in charge of the music department. Brother Speyer was also teaching a class in English and Bible while at the Academy.

We welcome this enthusiastic couple to our conference, and we are sure all of you join us in wishing them the Lord's blessings in their evangelistic work here in the Carolinas.

C. H. LAUDA

SIX BAPTIZED AT SALISBURY

On Sabbath afternoon, May 19, C. H. Lauda conducted a baptism at Salisbury, N.C., when two adults and four young people were buried in the watery grave. The Salisbury pastor, L. A. Ward, says that this precious fruitage is the result of the combined efforts of lay members, church school teacher, and pastor.

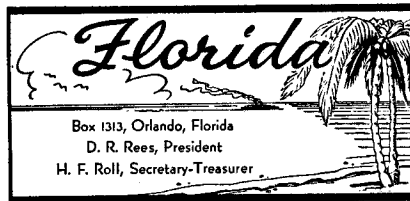
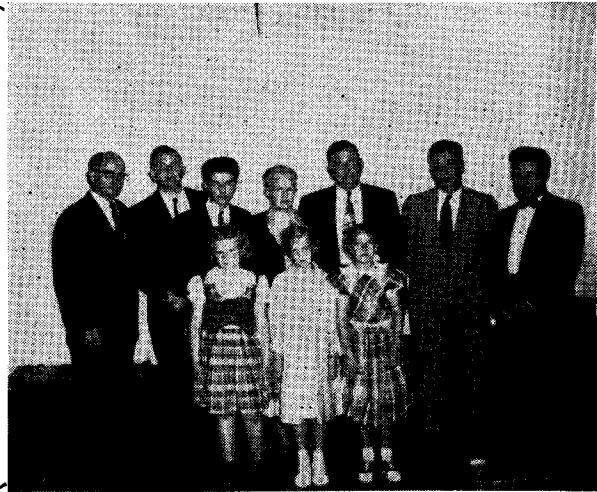
Several months ago Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spencer were given our literature by Dr. J. A. Oliver, and later were contacted by a faithful layman, George Garrick. Brother Garrick gave some studies with the SAVE machine which greatly increased their interest in the truth.

It was the privilege of the pastor to bind off this interest by giving a series of studies on the fundamental doctrines of this precious truth. The Spencer's young granddaughter, Ada Miller, was present and followed the studies, and she, too, accepted these truths and desired baptism.

The pastor met with the upper grades at the church school on Friday mornings. All the students were enrolled in the junior Bible course, and their teacher, William Nesbitt, faithfully helped and encouraged them and sent their lessons in regularly. Two of the students, Billy Ward and Mary Garrick, were baptized. Kathy Behre, another missionary volunteer, was instructed and made her decision also to be baptized.

We pray God's blessing to be with these new ones in the faith, that they in turn may share their faith and win others to Jesus.

C. H. Lauda, Wm. Nesbitt, and L. A. Ward with the six who were baptized at Salisbury on May 19.



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REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

To "save from sin, and guide in service." This is the two-fold purpose of your young people's department.



F. W. Foster

In these days of increased sinfulness the church must devote itself to saving its young people from sin. Woe to the twentieth century church which is so intent upon the business of saving others that it neglects the saving of its own youth. Our business is to hold the young people who are growing up in our churches, and to train them in saving others.

Statistics will prove that the greatest field for evangelism is right in our own churches. We are glad that the ministry of the Florida Conference is alert to the spiritual needs of our youth and that we are seeing increasing numbers baptized at an age when their hearts are tender and the years lie ahead of them for fruitful services to God's cause. Every year, as a result of meetings held for young

people during the MV Week of Prayer, scores join the church. Following the two such special weeks in 1954 and 1955 a total of 253 were baptized. Reports which are not yet complete indicate well over 100 baptized this spring after our special youth week.

With these, and many others who are baptized in connection with evangelistic meetings, it appears that we are bringing our own youth into the church. Now the question arises: What are we doing to keep them in the church? We must offer them worthwhile and challenging activities to make up for the "don'ts" which they sometimes associate with religion. To some degree, our Pathfinder Clubs fulfill this need. At the present time thirty of our churches are providing these clubs for their junior youth. More than 150 consecrated adult leaders are devoting their time and talent to showing our boys and girls that the church cares for them. Over 600 youth are members of our Pathfinder Clubs. They are learning skills such as campcraft, hiking, woodcraft, cooking, sewing, and other things which keep hands busy.

A tremendous step taken a year ago was the purchase of a conference campsite. Part of the land is cleared for camping, a modern kitchen and a bathhouse have been constructed, the swimming area has been developed, and we will operate four camps this summer with an anticipated attendance of 300 and baptismal candidates numbering 100 or more. Many of our people, with contributions large and small, are helping to get the building completed. This fall work will

begin on the cabins, and other buildings and facilities will be provided as you make the funds available. Summer camping is one of our greatest soul-winning programs and in our two camps conducted last summer, 82 young people joined baptismal classes.

Among our senior youth the emphasis during the past two years has been Outpost Evangelism—the task of going into little communities and establishing “outposts.” Eighteen of our young people’s societies have conducted meetings using evangelistic films and SAVE machines and 72 baptisms have resulted. Plans are now being made to launch a new, fresh approach whereby our older youth will do the preaching and carry on regular evangelistic meetings. This plan will be known as the “Voice of Youth.” Two of our larger societies are beginning these meetings in September. Others will follow.

In efforts to strengthen and build up the “know-how” of our young people’s leadership, statewide officers’ councils have been held for both our MV Society officers and our Pathfinder leaders. Four of these councils have been held during the past two years with approximately 500 in attendance. District and local councils have also been held.

If we tried to sum up these things we would, in humility, say that we are just scratching the surface. We haven’t yet set the world on fire. There are so many urgent things which need to be done in behalf of the spiritual needs of our young people. We thank God for what has been accomplished and only pray for wisdom, grace, and strength to do greater things; not for the “record,” but for the saving of our youth and the very real advancement of His kingdom.

F. W. FOSTER

THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT REPORTS Biennial Period Ending December 31, 1955

The achievements for the past two years could never have been reached were it not for the earnest prayers, faith, and courage of our literature evangelists.

J. T. Mason served as Publishing Secretary of the Florida Conference for a number of years, and through his influence and leadership many found their way into the colporteur

work. In October, 1954, Brother Mason connected with the Texas Conference and the Florida Conference Committee called us to serve in the publishing department. We arrived in the beautiful state of Florida in November, 1954.

In December, 1954, Mrs. Bessie Vincent accepted a call to become the magazine leader of our conference and through her enthusiastic and faithful leadership our magazine sales have increased tremendously. The total deliveries for 1954 were only \$8,558.50 but with the good assistance of Sister Vincent and her group of consecrated magazine workers, the total magazine deliveries for 1955 were \$29,387.50, an increase of \$20,829. From the sale of our truth-filled magazines approximately 33 church schools have benefited from the magazine program under Sister Vincent’s leadership, the children selling our journals, *These Times*, *Life & Health*, and giving the profits to the schools for purchasing school equipment.

Colporteurs in Action

The following report shows a comparison for this biennial period over the previous biennial period.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

Year	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
1952-1953	42,484	\$160,552.85	\$130,106.07
1954-1955	45,450	177,019.52	156,076.08
Gain	2,966	\$ 16,446.67	\$ 25,970.01

During 1954-1955 our colporteurs worked 45,450 hours. If the colporteurs averaged calling on three homes per hour it would indicate that more than 100,000 homes have been visited, and thousands of prayers have ascended to the throne of God from our colporteur evangelists while visiting in the homes of the people.

During 1954-1955 our colporteurs delivered \$156,076.08, an increase of \$25,970.01 over the previous biennial period. We can certainly thank God for such wonderful progress in the publishing work. We wish to thank our colporteur evangelists for their untiring efforts, and we deeply appreciate the cooperation given by our pastors, teachers, Bible workers, and all other conference employees.

This figure of \$156,076.08 represents a tremendous number of pages of our truth-filled books and magazines that people are either reading now or will take down from their

shelves before long to find an answer to their problems. We are reminded by the Spirit of prophecy that “If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our truth-filled publications before the public, and thus leading them to search the Scriptures.”

Not only have our colporteurs been faithful in placing our books in the homes of the people, but they have distributed more than 10,000 pieces of free literature and enrolled over 8,000 people in the Bible course during the past biennial period. As a result of their missionary activities, many of our colporteurs have reported that a number of people have been led to accept the faith and have been baptized into the church. From the pen of inspiration we are told: “God will soon do great things for us if we lie humble and believing at His feet. More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of them will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications.” *Colporteur Ministry*, page 151.

J. C. GREENE,
Publishing Secretary

FLORIDA BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE

Biennial Report for Period Ending December 31, 1955

During this period our members have purchased and circulated a total of \$166,352.12 of our truth-filled literature. This includes trade books, tracts, and our periodicals.

Following is a comparative report covering the last two biennial periods which will give a comparison of our total sales:

Year	Church Sales	Col. Sales	Total
1952-1953	\$137,468.91	\$65,053.03	\$202,521.94
1954-1955	\$166,352.12	\$78,038.04	\$244,390.16
Gain	\$28,883.21	\$12,985.01	\$ 41,868.22

We thought you might be interested in how the church sales for the last two years figured out on a per capita basis. The figures for 1952, when divided by the membership at the end of that year, average \$10.91 per member. Following are the figures for the past three years:

1953	10.75
1954	11.07
1955	11.85

The trend for the last two years is going in the right direction and it

does indicate that our members realize the importance of securing our books and periodicals—both for their own use and for distributing among their friends. This year the figure should go well over \$12 per capita. This increase in per capita figures is inspiring of the increased prices on our books and periodicals. It shows that our members are including our literature as a "must" in their budget.

We should say just a word about the missionary book of the year. *Desire of Ages* is our book for 1956 which makes the fifth year of this program. In previous years we have had *Bible Readings*, *Drama of the Ages*, *Great Controversy*, and *God Speaks to Modern Man*. Approximately 1,150,000 copies of those four volumes have been sold. The publishers tell us that around 800 copies of the trade edition was the average number of *Bible Readings* and *Great Controversy* that were sold during any one year. Dividing the large number of the missionary books sold by the quantity that is usually sold, we find that in our years we did what ordinarily would take 1437 years, or in each year our members circulated the same number of these books that ordinarily would take 359 years. We are told that the last movements will be rapid ones and that the work will be quickly finished.

May the Lord richly bless each one of our members as they continue to purchase our literature, which is one of the best ways of making sure of

winning souls for the kingdom of God.

H. W. BRICKER, *Manager*

DID YOU REACH YOUR GOAL?

Temperance education in our church schools is a part of our curriculum. We are happy to report the fine response from many of our schools here in the Florida Conference and the strong support many of our teachers have given to the temperance program in our church schools.

This year there was a Certificate of Merit for those rooms which reached 100% membership in the American Temperance Society. To date certificates have been awarded to the following:

Warren Strawn, Grades 1 to 8, Belle Glade
William Arnold, Grades 9 and 10, Jacksonville

Miss Nova Padgett, Grades 3 and 4, Jacksonville

Mrs. Audrey Beale, Grades 1 and 2, Jacksonville

Mrs. Wilma Reams, Grades 1 to 8, Leesburg

Mrs. Mary Bateman, Grades 5 and 6, Miami

Miss Violet Calloway, Grade 2, Miami

Mrs. Stella Hadley, Grades 7 and 8, Ocala

Mrs. Iona Strawder, Grades 1 to 6, Ocala

Mrs. Jean Pleasants, Grade 8, Orlando

Mrs. Savilla Lownsbury, Grade 6, Orlando

Miss Anne Lowe, Grade 4, Orlando

Miss Flora Savelle, Grade 2, Orlando

Miss Elizabeth Hudak, Grade 1, Orlando

Mrs. Winifred Kestlake, Grades 1 to 7, Taft

We know that there will be more who will eventually receive this award as the returns come in.

Surely the statement, "A little child shall lead them," is a good example

to us in our temperance program; and as parents and adults, may we accept the challenge of our youth and become members of the American Temperance Society and thus help the temperance work of our great evangelizing message to the world.

WARD A. SCRIVEN,
Temperance Secretary

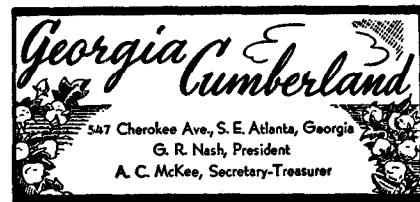


Clearwater church school children who earned the equipment shown.

SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH MAGAZINE SALES

Did you ever hear of church school children earning scholarships? Well, it is possible, and it is being done. Some of our church school children in Clearwater are selling *Life and Health* toward winning a scholarship. When they have sold 400 copies they have a \$70 profit, to which can be added a \$30 bonus, making the \$100 deposit necessary for a church school scholarship for one year. Yes, it can be done and *You* can do it too.

BESSIE VINCENT, *Magazine Leader*



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REMEMBER THE OFFERING FOR DARK CITY EVANGELISM ON JUNE 16

This work of carrying the gospel to the world can sometimes be encouraging and at other times, in the face of abundant success, terribly discouraging.

Blairsville, Georgia, is a small



These teachers of the Greater Orlando Church School are holding the Certificates of Merit which their rooms received for attaining 100% membership in the American Temperance Society. From left to right are: Mrs. Jean Pleasants, 8th grade; Miss Anne Lowe, 5th grade; Mrs. Savilla Lownsbury, 6th grade; Miss Elizabeth Hudak, first grade; Miss Flora Savelle, 2nd grade.

mountain town of about 500 that marks the hadfway point between Ellijay, our eastern most church in the Dalton district, and our junior camp at Clayton, Georgia. Highways 19, 129, and 76 all pass through here. It is predominantly a farming community. There are no Seventh-day Adventists even nearby.

The abundant success is this. The Bible school has produced a number of outstanding interests in and around this community. One family knows and believes the message; another family is studying; one lady is on the verge of baptism; a young man is now trying to make his decision. Here is the discouraging part—these souls are hard to claim because we have no earthly tie with them. There is no church close enough, there is no branch Sabbath school available. Seventh-day Adventists in the area live so far away it is extremely difficult to keep in touch with these souls. The district pastor can manage to visit only once or twice a month. What is the answer?

More funds are needed to enable the conference to send an evangelistic company into this area to garner the ripening harvest and organize the church that is so desperately needed here. When the next conference evangelism offering is taken in your church, won't you give more that the truth of God may reach even into the back areas of the mountains of north Georgia?

TED N. GRAVES, *Pastor*

WEEK OF PRAYER AT LITTLE CREEK

As we gave of our time and service during the spring Week of Prayer at the Little Creek Academy, God's spirit seemed very near and we experienced heaven's blessings in a special way.

Srvices were conducted each morning for the church school and a combined meeting was held each evening in the chapel for the entire group.

Our main goal for the week was to try to help the young people see the plan of redemption in its certainty and simplicity, and to have hope and faith in the future life. As the appeals were made, the response was almost one hundred per cent. On the closing Sabbath afternoon one of the students was baptized and a baptismal class was organized from which a number more should be baptized before school closes.

There is a wonderful spirit of cooperation on the campus and our prayer is that the decisions for Christ that were made during this Week of Prayer will be decisions for eternity.

H. V. HENDERSHOT

INVESTITURE AT CUMBERLAND HEIGHTS

On Thursday evening, May 17, the Cumberland Heights School gave a very excellent closing program of readings, songs, and instrumental music before an appreciative audience of church members and friends.

To climax the hour an impressive investiture service was conducted by Brother Amundson and Miss Rachel Amundson, teachers at Cumberland Heights, and Sister Clayton, instructor at the neighboring Whispering Pines School.

Twelve students were invested from Whispering Pines—three Busy Bees, four Sunbeams, and five Friends. Eight honors were issued. A very splendid record following a large class last year.

From the Cumberland Heights school ten were invested—six Busy Bees, one Helping Hand, one Builder and three Companions. Eight honors were awarded as follows: three for the fifty-mile bicycle race, two cooking, two physical culture, and one cat study.

Both of these schools enjoyed a happy and profitable year and are aiming for greater accomplishments in the year to come.

A FEAST OF GOOD THINGS

"I have received a greater blessing from these meetings this past week than any meeting I have ever attended in my life." This is only one testimony of the many given by the members of



Group invested from the Cumberland Heights and Whispering Pines Schools.

HOME COMING AND CHURCH SCHOOL DEDICATION

Rome S.D.A. Church School

SABBATH, JUNE 23

Sabbath School	9:45 A.M.
Sabbath Worship	11:00 A.M.
Dinner for all	12:30 P.M.
Dedication Service	2:15 P.M.

A CORDIAL INVITATION
TO ALL!

the Graysville Church and others nearby in a testimony service closing a series of revival meetings in Graysville recently.

O. D. Wright, of the Beverly Road Church in Atlanta, held this series with the theme, "Jesus and Complete Consecration of My Life." The attendance grew each evening until additional chairs had to be supplied to accommodate the large group.

During the day homes of members and interested ones were visited and special meetings were held with the school groups. All felt the sweet influence of God's spirit in the ministry of Elder Wright. A number of young people came forward for the first time to give their lives to God and are planning on baptism. On Sabbath morning a large group responded to an appeal for a deeper experience and the putting away of sin in preparation for Jesus' soon coming.

Sharing the noon meal together after church afforded further opportunity for fellowship, personal contact, and additional words of encouragement from Elder Wright. Following the dinner a short service of song, scripture, and testimony was enjoyed together with a final appeal that we all meet in the kingdom.

T. E. HANSEN, *Pastor*
Graysville, Tennessee

"God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law. Even now they are appearing in every nation among every tongue and people; and in the hour of deepest apostasy, when Satan's supreme effort is made . . . these faithful ones, . . . will shine as lights in the world. The darker the night, the more brilliantly will they shine."—*Prophets and Kings*, pp. 188, 189.



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"PRAY FOR POWER AT THE NOONDAY HOUR"

PROGRESS AT STEARNS

Two great things have happened to us in Stearns, Kentucky, recently. The first was the arrival of Doctor Earl R. Williams, on January 18, 1956, to establish medical practice here. He had five and half years Naval experience as a medical officer on carriers and with jet squadrons in the European, Korean, and Mediterranean theaters of war. Later he was associated with the Westminster Medical Group in California. Seldom has a new doctor found such wide favor in an entire community in so short a time, and he is now called by some, "The Praying Doctor."

Doctor Williams is the son of Hugh W. Williams, of La Sierra, California, pastor of the Mira Loma Church. Mrs. Williams, mother of six-year-old twin boys, is the daughter of Doctor L. N. Holm of Southern Missionary College. She is greatly appreciated for her talents and cooperation in our church work. Doctor Williams will help in our church Pathfinder organization which we are now developing, and in special medical-welfare projects as we gradually enlarge our fine Dorcas work among the needy, into a full scale welfare and medical center. He is also very helpful in directing music in our evangelistic meetings.

Second has been the splendid help given us in a three-week decision effort by F. F. Schwindt, of California, beginning April 8. His messages were powerful and a spirit of revival and courage gripped our hearts. From an average attendance of 75 he obtained among former members, new interests, and children, 33 Sabbath decisions, the majority of which we expect to be victoriously prepared for baptism in the very near future. Elder Schwindt's burden for souls and his hard personal work were outstandingly responsible for the fine results obtained.

After considerable work on the basement of our school building by

a large group of members we held a church social gathering attended by 100 people in which we bade Elder and Mrs. Schwindt farewell. We are continuing evangelistic meetings on

Church provided a fitting climax to the afternoon program.

After supper there was opportunity to stretch tired muscles in a volley ball game at the park.



Group invested at London on April 21

Sunday, Tuesday, and Sabbath with fine attendance in our follow-up work at the Stearns Church.

M. J. JACKSON

CUMBERLAND MV ASSOCIATION

On Sabbath, April 21, the young people of the Lake Cumberland area gathered in London, Kentucky, for the first meeting of the recently organized Cumberland Missionary Volunteer Association. Those in attendance came from the Oneida, Grove, Celina, London, Sewellton, Somerset, Barbourville, Stearns, and Cave Creek Churches.

The guest speaker for the day was R. E. Finney, editor of the *These Times* magazine. His timely message inspired those who listened to rededicate their lives to the service of the Master.

The afternoon program began with a singspiration conducted by D. E. Kenyon, Jr., and V. A. Chilson. The special music consisted of solos, duets, and instrumental numbers. Following the singspiration the children of the entire area put on an interesting investiture program. The charge, certificates, neckerchiefs, and pins were presented to those who earned them by Elder Finney and D. E. Kenyon, Jr. For many in attendance this was their first investiture program either to take part in or to see. A baptismal service in the beautiful baptistry of the London

The last part of the day's program was an evening of pictures given by Elder Finney showing points of interest from his recent European trip.

Everyone went home tired, but looking forward with anticipation to the next association meeting to be held in the Grove Church July 7, 1956.

D. E. KENYON, JR.

DECISION EFFORT AT MADISONVILLE

The two week's decision effort proved to be a blessing at the Madisonville, Kentucky, Church. This was the first series of meetings to be held in the new auditorium. With its newness and beauty the members thrilled to see the people fill up the seats to listen to the wonderful messages given by C. G. Edwards, pastor of the Madison Boulevard Church.

With an average nightly attendance of fifty and with 50 per cent non-members, decisions were made to follow the Lord or to return to Jesus. Many more asked for special prayer.

At the close of the first week one precious soul was baptized in the newly built baptistry. At the close of the second week three more were baptized and one received into the church on profession of faith. These dear ones were from the young to the old, ages 15 to 83. All rejoiced that they had given their hearts to Jesus.

With this climax to the two weeks

CAMP MEETING ORDINATION SERVICE

SABBATH, JUNE 16, 2:00 P.M.



H. W. Spiva

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Mr. Spiva graduated from Southern Missionary College, class of '53, with a major in religion. He has served both in the Tullahoma and Jackson districts. He has also served as assistant publishing secretary in Oklahoma and as assistant pastor in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Mr. Spiva is married and has one child.



Harold Robbins

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Before Mr. Robbins attended Southern Missionary College, where he graduated, he served in the Northern California Conference as a colporteur evangelist. Before entering the ministry in Kentucky-Tennessee he was a colporteur evangelist and pastor-teacher. At present he is pastor of the Dyersburg district. Mr. Robbins is married.

Preston Wallace

Mr. Wallace graduated from Walla Walla College, '50, and has served as singing evangelist with several of our pastors. At present he is located in Memphis where he will become pastor of the Walnut Grove and Raleigh churches immediately following camp meeting. He has also served in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. The Wallaces have one child.

N. K. Shepherd (Not pictured)

Mr. Shepherd is a native of Kentucky-Tennessee. He is a graduate of S.M.C., class of '51. He has served as district pastor in both the Belcher and Elizabethtown districts. He has also served as a teacher-pastor as well as assisting in evangelism for a short time. The Shepherds have two children.



Preston Wallace

NEWFOUNDLAND!

Before Christmas, 1955, Mrs. May Robinson of Newfoundland, Kentucky, asked me to hold some meetings in the community church in her home town. As soon as the Ingathering was over we started a regular series of doctrinal studies, with a consistent attendance. Because of other responsibilities we held these meetings only one night a week, but we were not out anything for advertisement or rental of the hall. After three months we invited Wm. C. Hatch, the home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, to spend two weeks with us in a decision effort. The night Elder Hatch arrived we found that we were locked out of the church building and a great deal of excitement was aroused as to what should be done. At the last minute we obtained permission to hold our meetings in the school house within sight of the building which had been closed to us. Public sympathy was on our side and it was the best advertisement that we could have had. We packed the school house every night, with folks even standing in the hall. From the first we let the community know that we were Seventh-day Adventists, and the prejudice was held to a minimum. The very first Sabbath after Elder Hatch started his decision effort we started Sabbath afternoon services. The first Sabbath we had 22 non-Adventists from the community. The second Sabbath we had fifty. That Sabbath we had a baptismal service for three, and it was held on the property of the lady who

of meetings, there was joy in the hearts and tears in the eyes of the many friends as they rededicated their lives to service.

The people of Madisonville and Central City are grateful for the spiritual help they received and wonderful fellowship of Elder Edwards in the decisive effort. We also rejoice over the answered prayers we experienced on different occasions.

With seven taking their stand to study more of the truth we pray that they will soon be baptized and will be teaching the Three Angels' Messages.

We are thankful for the way the Lord has led us and ask an interest in your prayers.

K. M. MATHEWS

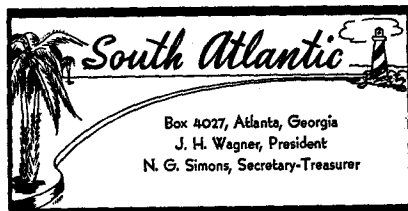


The happy group of 86 people who attended the second Sabbath service ever to be held in the Newfoundland community. Fifty of those who attended are not Seventh-day Adventists.

had locked us out of the church!

Meetings are continuing three nights a week, with our regular Sabbath afternoon services. Although our attendance has fallen off some from the peak attendance during the time that Elder Hatch was here, we still have the same consistent group of about 35 who never miss. We are inquiring now about a vacant church building that is available about five miles from the present meeting place. It is a new block building that was built for a church and never used. Located in Sandy Hook, it would make a nice center for work in that area. We have faith that within the next few months we will organize a strong church. Pray for us that God will continue to bless the efforts put forth in this needy part of the field. Mrs. May Robinson was baptized after our meetings started, and her husband was one of the three baptized on the second Sabbath of our decision effort.

R. R. OSBORNE



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LOCAL ELDER RECEIVES STATE MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Charles L. Anderson, local elder of our Bartow, Florida, Church, and an instructor at Oakland High School in Haines City, Florida, is one of ten students selected to receive state medical school scholarships under a new law intended to increase the number of family doctors in Florida's rural areas.

The scholarships were established by the 1955 legislature. Students receiving them must agree to practice medicine for at least five years in one of Florida's smaller communities or rural areas where doctors are needed. From the 42 students who applied for the first annual scholarships, an advisory committee of the State Board of Health selected ten.

The scholarships, which amount to \$1,000 a year for four years in medical school, were awarded on the basis of scholastic records and the need for

financial assistance. Brother Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adkin Anderson of Haines City, has served as science teacher at Oakland High School for the past six years. He has also served as coordinator of the evening school for adults. He is a veteran of World War II and was graduated with a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, and has done graduate work at A & T College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

A devout Seventh-day Adventist, Brother Anderson is active in church and civic affairs; he has served as chairman of the Negro Division of the Red Cross Area Drive for several years. He is married to the former Thelma Lewis of East St. Louis, Illinois, who is presently employed as a secretary in New York. She will be transferred July 1 to serve as secretary to a staff member of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D. C. where they and their sons will live while Brother Anderson matriculates at Howard University's College of Medicine.

CAMP MEETING SPEAKERS

Two local conference Presidents will be guest speakers at South Atlantic's 10th Anniversary Camp Meeting: W. L. Cheatham of the Allegheny Conference and Frank L. Bland of the Central States Conference.

Elder Cheatham's conference comprises the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, and Maryland. Prior to becoming president of the conference he served as pastor of several of the large churches in the area.

Elder Bland is familiar to many of the older members of the conference for he served in the Carolinas some years ago as a pastor-evangelist.



F. L. Bland

These men will bring a wealth of experience and godly devotion to the messages that they will deliver at this camp meeting.

N. G. SIMONS

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE SIXTH BIENNIAL SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the sixth biennial session of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Hawthorne, Florida, on Sunday, June 10, 1956. The first meeting is called for 10:00 A.M. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the session.

Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each ten members or major fraction thereof.

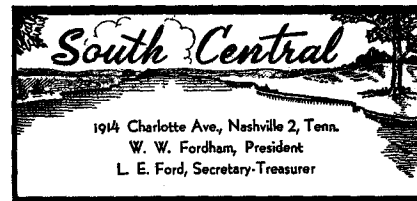
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N. G. SIMONS, *Secretary*
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SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that there will be a legal meeting of the South Atlantic Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, incorporated under the laws of the state of Georgia, in connection with the sixth biennial session of the South Atlantic Conference which will be held at Hawthorne, Florida. The first association session will convene at 2:00 P.M., on Sunday, June 10, 1956. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and trustees and to transact such other business as may come before the association at that time.

The delegates to the sixth biennial session of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates to this association.

J. H. WAGNER, *President*
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DORCAS—HOME MISSIONARY SABBATH SCHOOL

1956 Summer Institutes

Sabbath School 9:30-12:15
Home Missionary 1:45-2:30
Dorcas 2:45-3:45

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT—Greenville, Morristown, R. C. Brown; CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT, J. R. Wagner, at Chattanooga, June 17.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT—Paducah, N. Lindsay; Riverside, V. Lindsay; Bowling Green, L. E. Ford, at Nashville (Meharry Blvd.), June 24.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT—Bessemer, Birmingham Inst., Sylacauga; D. L. Crowder; Tuscaloosa, E. L. Howard, at Birmingham, July 1.

SUNSET TABLE

	June 8	June 15
Atlanta, Ga.	7:46	7:50
Birmingham, Ala.	6:56	6:59
Charlotte, N.C.	7:36	7:39
Collegedale, Tenn.	7:53	7:56
Huntsville, Ala.	6:58	7:01
Louisville, Ky.	7:05	7:08
Memphis, Tenn.	7:13	7:16
Meridian, Miss.	7:00	7:02
Nashville, Tenn.	7:02	7:05
Orlando, Florida	7:20	7:23
Wilmington, N.C.	7:22	7:25

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT—Selma, E. J. Humphrey; Dothan, J. Jackson, at Montgomery, July 15.

MOBILE DISTRICT—Gulfport, Pensacola, H. L. Jones; **HATTIESBURG DISTRICT**—McComb, B. W. Abney, Jr., at Mobile July 29.

MEMPHIS DISTRICT—Clarksdale, Humbolt, C. R. Graham; Jackson, Tennessee, C. Woods, at Memphis, August 26.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—Florence, Gadsden, J. R. Wagner; Oakwood, C. T. Richards, at Huntsville Church, September 9.

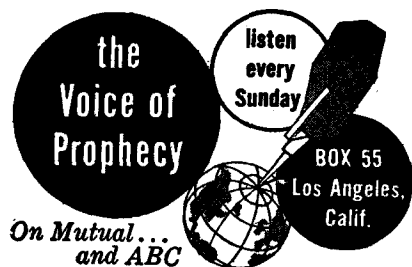
BELZONI DISTRICT—Greenwood, Indianola, Yazoo City, J. P. Willis; **GREENVILLE DISTRICT**—Cleveland, Leland, Hollandale, R. P. Peay, at Greenville, September 23.

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT—Lexington, Berea, Covington, Richmond, E. T. Mimms, at Louisville, October 7.

CHURCH CALENDAR

June 23—College of Medical Evangelists Offering

July 7—Medical Missionary Day and Home Missionary Offering



Sermon Titles

June 10—The Man God Told to Stop Praying

June 17—The Man Who Whittled the Scripture

EVANGELISM

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DARK COUNTY EVANGELISM

"May 12, 1956, was a happy Sabbath for Brother and Sister Larry Cheever of the Savannah Company when they witnessed the baptism of a couple brought into the truth as a direct result of their lay work.

"Several months ago Brother and Sister Cheever moved into this dark county with the intention of letting their light shine. Shortly after arriving they were brought in contact with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Walker. After a complete series of Bible studies with the SAVE machine, the Walkers began to plan to unite with the Seventh-day Adventist church. They too had caught the zeal of lay evangelism and before they were baptized they purchased a set of equipment and had started cottage meetings. The day of their baptism there were several present whom they had invited.

"Brother and Sister Cheever's first interest is the soul's of lost men. Brother Cheever attempts to enroll all he comes in contact with, in his daily work, in the School of Bible Prophecy. He is holding four regular cottage meetings each week with many additional hours spent in visiting the sick in the hospital and doing other missionary work.

"These folk desire the prayers of all that their labor may be fruitful in this dark county."

H. W. SPIVA, *Pastor*

How grateful we are for these consecrated laymen who are a strength to our ministering brethren. We pray that more of our lay brethren will join the ministers in direct evangelism and lighten these counties where our work has not entered.

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MY HOME FOR SALE:—Safest investment in Collegedale. Rent from 3-room cottage and two other apartments assures permanent income to care for monthly payments. Approximately \$3,000 needed. If interested write: Frank D. Wells, Collegedale, Tennessee. -22-25

FOR SALE:—Combination gas station and grocery store with living quarters. Five acres land with good lake; in sight of Adventist church and school. Bath, electric pump, Butane hot water heater and phone. Priced at \$4,500, plus inventory and fixtures. Located just off U. S. Highway 49. I. L. Butler, Route 2, Florence, Mississippi. -22,23

OPENING for S.D.A. delivery and yard man in our local retail lumber business. Also have opening for man at our food plant. If interested contact Worthington Foods, Inc., Worthington, Ohio, for details regarding job, housing, church and school opportunities. -23,24

GARDNER or FARMER needed at Pine Hill Sanitarium, Route 12, Box 780, Birmingham, Alabama. Single or married. If married, we have work for wife also. House available near work. Conference church school on grounds. Practical nurses also needed. Contact Robert V. Santini, Manager, at above address. -23

LUMBER SALESMAN wanted to handle outside selling for S.D.A. retail lumber business. Salary plus commissions. Opportunity for advancement. Excellent church and school in community. If interested write Village Lumber Co., Box 45, Worthington, Ohio. -23

READY FOR MAILING NOW—Mimeographed Bible texts for July, August, September lesson quarterly. Made by ladies of Monroe Dorcas to raise money for a church building. If you like it, ask to have one mailed each quarter. Send \$1 to Monroe Dorcas Society, Box 282, Monroe, Wash. -23

LANGE'S NEW TERKETTES. Delightful flavor and texture protein pieces in rich golden broth. Fine companion for Lunch'n Loaf, the nut loaf with outstanding flavor. Trial can of each postpaid for \$1.00. Save Lange Labels, one-cent redemption. Nu Vita Foods, 1325 S. E. 9th, Portland, Oregon. -23-25

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Evangelism



IN THE SOUTHERN UNION

Work Enlarged by Faithful Laymen

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

EVERY week the material coming to the SOUTHERN TIDINGS contains special stories regarding faithful laymen. Elder LeRoy J. Leiske, president



Jack Landers, local elder at Phil Campbell

Landers, a layman who at one time or another has conducted studies in the home of everyone who became a charter member of the church. Brother Landers was ordained as the local church elder. J. Edgar Garrison and Orbie Turner will serve as deacons.

"These believers meet in a community church in the country and are very active missionary workers."

LEROY J. LEISKE

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H W. Spiva, pastor of the Jackson district in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, tells of the work of



Brother and Sister Larry Cheever and Brother and Sister Arch Walker.

Brother and Sister Cheever of the Savannah Company: (*Cont. on page 11*)

of the Ala-Miss. Conference this week gives us the story of Jack Landers, of Phil Campbell, Alabama, who is largely responsible for the development of our work there to the extent that a church was organized April 28.

"Brother and Sister W. M. Abbott, Jr., of the Muscle Shoals district, rejoiced when a fine group was organized into a church at Phil Campbell, Alabama, on Sabbath, April 28.

"This was the first new church to be organized in our conference during 1956 and came about as a direct result of the missionary endeavors of Jack



Brother and Sister Abbott with the group organized into a church at Phil Campbell, Alabama.

Lift up the message, and loud let it ring!

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