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An Appeal from President Eisenhower . . . *This Is Our Duty*

GEORGE W. CHAMBERS, *Secretary War Service Commission*

I AM very happy to speak on this program opening National Civil Defense Week. I do so in recognition of the fact that a new element has come into being in the total strength of the nation. The new element is the active and personal participation of every American family in building a trained readiness to cope with disaster of any kind—so strong that it will help deter aggression and constitute in itself a positive force for peace. We call it Civil Defense.

By it we recognize the facts of today, but we do not abandon the hope that eventually man can devote all his energies to the advancement of human health, wealth, and happiness, rather than destruction of his neighbor.

Our purpose now is to be strong enough to preserve peace, for weakness and unreadiness invite attack. That is why last year I recommended, and Congress approved, an appropriation of funds to enable the Federal Civil Defense Administration, in cooperation with the several states, to work out detailed, flexible plans for the defense of our communities.

These plans will require the understanding, support and participation of every American family. The observance of National Civil Defense Week will provide an opportunity for each of you to learn your part. You will find in the Civil Defense activities of your community a chance to acquire training that will make your family more self-reliant in the little emergencies of every day life. You will also find that a strong local *Civil Defense is a good investment in community readiness to meet any natural disaster.* Many towns and cities have

already proved its worth in assuring a quick mobilization of doctors, nurses, engineers—all the men and women and equipment needed—to save lives when a sudden catastrophe struck.

Through working together in Civil Defense we become better citizens. We earn the right to live in peace, purchased in large part by our own vigilance and preparedness. We make it plain, as only a united people can, that aggression will not pay; and by discouraging aggression we will strengthen the hands of men of good will in all nations. We will contribute—each of us in his own personal way—toward the realization of that for which men have yearned, but never achieved; universal peace.” —(Emphasis mine)

The above appeal from President Dwight D. Eisenhower was broadcast by radio and television as he opened the 1956 Civil Defense Week. His appeal is even more urgent now than it was then. Why? Because of the rapidly mounting world-wide preparations for war. Because of the ever-increasing number of so-called “natural” disasters, — earthquakes, fires, floods, and tornadoes—and the frightful toll of injury and death by accidents at home, in the shop, and on the highway. Because of these things we should awake to our responsibility and do our duty, for we have both to consider. We have a responsibility and a duty as Christians. The Bible teaches that part of the moral law hangs on our love to our neighbor. Can we claim that we obey that law if we fail to help our neighbor in time of disaster? Can we help our neighbor in time of disaster without making the proper preparation?

We have responsibility and a duty as members of a church which collected over four and a half million dollars in our 1957 Ingathering Campaign. A large portion of this money came from our neighbors who are not members of our church. Just how much longer can we expect them to support us in our humanitarian program if we fail to support them in a program which is calculated to save their lives—and ours?

We have a responsibility and a duty as citizens of this great nation. We have asked for—and received—government recognition of our right to serve in the Armed forces of the nation in harmony with our religious convictions. Our nation is one of the last strongholds of religious liberty. How can we convince the skeptical that we are loyal citizens if we fail to respond to its appeal for our help?

What can we do? We can do a great deal that will help us, our neighbor, our church, and our nation!

1. Our ministers can prepare and preach a sermon on our duty as Christian citizens.

2. Under the guidance of the ministry our people can offer their services to Civil Defense.

3. Every family can see that at least one of its number is trained in Red Cross First Aid. The more thus trained the better.

4. Many of our women can train as Nurses' Aides.

5. Our Dorcas Societies can step up the good work they are now doing in preparing for disaster.

6. All can know and be prepared to follow the basic instructions for home safety in time of possible disaster. The pastor can get these instructions from Civil Defense.

7. All can participate, in some way, in National Civil Defense Week, September 15-21.

THIS IS OUR DUTY!

Well Done Indeed

THE 1957 Ingathering is now in the past. It was the best campaign we have had in many respects—in shortness of time, in the number of pieces of literature used and in the amount of money raised in the North American Division.

The total for the Southern Union at the end of June, 1957, was \$734,056.38, a per capita of \$19.75. Last year the totals for the entire year were \$641,321.02, a per capita of \$17.91. The Southern Union made the largest increase of any union in the North American Division — over \$92,000. There are seven fields in all in the Southern Union. Every one of these seven fields shows a very nice increase over the previous year. That speaks very well for the leadership and the members of each conference in the Southern Union. Four of the conferences are minuteman conferences again this year.

Our missionaries and General Conference leadership join the Home Missionary Department in saying a hearty thank you to the children, youth, adults, pastors, district leaders, conference leaders, and home missionary secretaries. May our heavenly Father reward all of you for the noble work you did. You have greatly helped foreign missions and at the same time you have strengthened the work in the homeland. Once again we say "Thank You."

GENERAL CONFERENCE
Home Missionary Department

GOOD NEWS for Students of Nursing at Southern Missionary College

We have just received word that the Tennessee State Board has approved our plans for offering a B.S. in Nursing in four academic years of work. When this is approved by the Florida State Board, it will make it possible for a student of nursing to receive a degree in a similar time as that required for any other curriculum. This is another indication that the State Board of Nursing is intensely interested in the collegiate plan now being followed at Southern Missionary College where the finest nursing training possible is available in the shortest length of time. Now is an excellent time for any student to begin study in this very rewarding field.



Stop . . .
Look . . .
Read . . .

PLEASE let me share with you one of the most thrilling letters I have ever received as MV secretary of the Southern Union. It is written by one of our pastors who really believes in the youth. Elder Carubba writes:

"The Voice of Youth meeting in Mobile opened Sunday night, July 14, in a beautifully decorated tent on Highway 90 West. When all the seats were filled, the ushers began to unfold chairs until every one was used and still people were standing outside the tent. The five speakers, Gail Stringer, Joyce Doyal, Dwight Hilderbrandt, Nancy McMichael, and Johnny McKee presented the message, 'Prophecies of Modern Science and the Atomic Age' in a most interesting manner, using colored pictures and songs as illustrations.

"There are nineteen speakers, ranging in age from 12 to 24 years, who are doing an excellent job. The junior ushers, neat in white shirts and bow ties, and the usherettes in white capes and dark skirts, alternate their services for each meeting. The song directors and special music are all planned and presented by the youth.

In all, eighty juniors and youth are divided into the various committees and are having some part in the meetings.

"The parents and entire church membership seem to be thrilled with the talents and leadership demonstrated by their own young people for they return night after night, making this the best attendance record at any meetings held in the district during the past two years. And the offerings these young people are receiving would be the envy of any young evangelist!

"Truly the youth of Mobile and Prichard, and the entire membership are gaining a rich blessing in presenting the message for these last days. Not only are they becoming more enlightened and interested in the doctrines of our great second advent movement, but the thrill that will be theirs at seeing their friends accept the message will never be forgotten. Pray for these dear young people as they 'lift up the trumpet' that it may ring loudly in Mobile."

Yes, we are praying for you youth in Mobile, and we are praying for the other eight youth efforts that are now going on. May there be scores baptized as a result of these youth activities. May other youth in other churches catch the vision and share with you such joys.

L. M. NELSON, Youth Leader
Southern Union

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"Character building is the most important work ever entrusted to human beings; and never before was its diligent study so important as now. Never was any previous generation called to meet issues so momentous; never before were young men and women confronted by perils so great as confront them today."—*Education*, p. 225.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT NEWS

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ERIC RISTAU, Secretary



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Beginners' Training School, Nashville, Tennessee

A very fine Literature Evangelist Training School for the third quarter was conducted recently in Nashville, Tennessee. The following were in attendance.

Alabama-Mississippi

Mack Avery

Carolina

Harcord A. Rahming, Mr. and Mrs.

John P. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd

Westbrook

Florida

Elizabeth Ramsdell, Irving Ramsdell

Georgia-Cumberland

H. Cary LeComp, Mr. and Mrs. E. N.

Grooms, Earl H. G. Robbins, Carolyn

Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff R. Maddox

Kentucky-Tennessee

Richard Bowman

South Atlantic

Jessie Warnack, Mrs. Eva Johnson,

J. C. McCarthy

South Central

L. A. Henderson

The Georgia-Cumberland Conference had the largest number present.

Our next training school for beginners will be November 22-26. If you are planning to become a literature evangelist, you will want to keep this date in mind.

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INTRODUCING W. E. HENSON

From W. P. Blake's district W. E. Henson relates a very fine experience. Brother Henson and his family are



W. E. Henson

devoted and consecrated to the task of the finishing of the work. He and his son, Jasper, are working together this summer; the son is out to earn a scholarship. His experience follows: "About three months ago I delivered *The Great Controversy* to a fine family, Mr. and Mrs. Forbes. A month later I stopped again at their home and they manifested such an unusual interest. As we were talking, Mrs. Forbes reached for *The Great Controversy* I had delivered to her and said, 'Mr. Henson, I wonder where that wonderful book has been all this time. I wish I could have had it long ago.' They both expressed an earnest desire to better understand the Bible. Now I am giving them a Bible study every Friday night. We have studied twelve lessons so far and they have accepted each truth as it was presented to them.

"Please pray that Mr. and Mrs. Forbes and their two fine children will be baptized into our church."

I. W. YOUNG

Publishing Secretary

Hats Off to Our Student Literature Evangelist

We are justly proud of our student literature evangelists in the Southern Union. Reports of their achievements are reaching us from many areas.



Bill Taylor

Five conference-wide student rallies have now been concluded and the young people have only about two weeks remaining to ring door bells for God.

Bill Taylor, pictured above, is working in Brother D. L. Chappell's district in South Miami. Bill is typical of all our youth.

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COLPORTEUR CONTACTS SABBATH INTEREST

Last Thursday, I canvassed a family who had been keeping the Sabbath since 1947. The mother and her children are strong believers in our doctrine. They have several of our books: *Desire of Ages*, *Early Writings*, and others. Please remember these dear people in your prayers.

W. B. LYLES

Georgia-Cumberland Colporteur

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LITERATURE MINISTRY



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FROM THE CONFERENCES

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

CRESTVIEW CHURCH BEING ORGANIZED

There are ten northwest Florida counties in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference. Three years ago we had three churches in three of the ten counties. Since that time, through the evangelistic efforts of Elders R. H. Woolsey, H. V. Leggett, and W. E. Peeke, four additional churches have been organized in DeFuniak Springs, Bonifay, Fort Walton, and Blountstown, Florida.

This summer Elder Leggett and Brother Don Holland have been conducting a very successful evangelistic campaign in Crestview, Florida. We are happy to announce that on Sabbath, August 24, these brethren conducted their first baptismal service and that Sabbath, September 14, has already been set aside as the day on which the new Crestview, Florida, church will be organized. Elder Leggett reports that we will have a church of nearly thirty members in this lovely city. This is really a wonderful accomplishment when one considers that we had only two Seventh-day Adventists living in Crestview before the effort started.

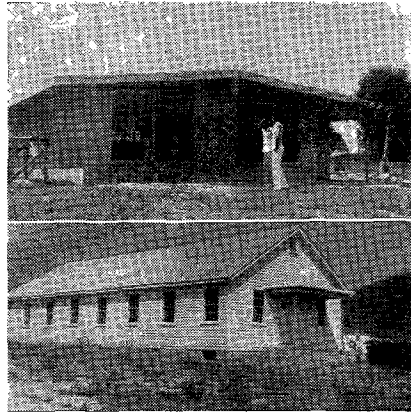
When the Crestview church is organized, it will mean that eight out of these ten northwest Florida counties will have Seventh-day Adventist churches in them. I know that our members and workers will continue to work hard until every county has a Seventh-day Adventist church in it.

LEROY J. LEISKE

NEW CHURCHES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

It is always thrilling to see Seventh-day Adventist congregations organized in new cities, but it is also good to see houses of worship erected for these congregations. Buildings have already been constructed in Ozark, Alabama; Bonifay and DeFuniak Springs, Florida; and Columbia, Mississippi. A church building has been purchased by the Greenville, Mississippi, congregation.

We are happy to show the Amory, Mississippi, and Fort Payne, Alabama, churches are presently under construction.



The Amory, Miss., Church (upper) and the Fort Payne, Ala., Church (below)

The Amory church is being constructed on a lot donated by the hospital through the good influence of Ray Weeks, an anesthetist. The congregation, under the direction of Elder W. D. Welch, is constructing a very modern, flat, white marble roof building.

CALLING ALL YOUTH! ! !

A youth rally for the Dothan, Alabama, district will be held in the new Ozark, Alabama, church, 500 Mathews Street, Ozark, Alabama, on Sabbath, September 7. All youth from the district, as well as those from other surrounding churches, are invited to attend.

Guest speakers will include Elders LeRoy J. Leiske, O. L. Heinrich, W. E. Roberson, and Brother J. H. Whitehead.

Services will begin with the Sabbath school hour at 9:30 A. M. and continue through the afternoon.

ing that is the talk of the city. The Sabbath services are already being held in this new church and Elder Welch is planning to begin an effort there early in September.

The Fort Payne church is located in the heart of a lovely residential section in north Fort Payne. Soon the steeple and front entrance will be finished, which will add greatly to the beauty of this commodious building.

Surely the Lord is blessing these new congregations as they establish the work in their communities.

LEROY J. LEISKE

CAROLINA

CHURCH SCHOOL OR SECULAR SCHOOL -- WHICH?

Which school will your child attend next year? You ask, "What difference does it make?" I will answer, "probably the difference between eternal salvation and eternal loss."

The messenger of the Lord in *Fundamentals of Christian Education* says,

"We are going to be greatly scattered before long; what we must do must be done quickly. The light has been given me that tremendous pressures will be brought upon every Seventh-day Adventist with whom the world can get into close connection. Those who seek the education that the world esteems so highly, are gradually led farther and farther from the principles of truth until they become educated worldlings. At what price they have gained their education! They have parted with the Holy Spirit of God." pages 535, 536.

True! Christian education does cost. Without question, you can save money by sending your child to a secular school. It is a question of which you prize most—your money or your child. Statistics compiled through the years demonstrate that approximately seven out of eight who are trained in our own schools remain true to the teachings of the church, while three out of four who are educated in the public schools are lost to the church. In the face of these statistics, some parents will still take the chance, asserting that "my son—or my daughter—will remain true." In my opinion, you must decide whether you would rather save your child or your money.

Although church schools are a heavy financial load, the churches cannot afford to go without them. The dividends are high. The conducting of a church school indicates a growing church. Families with children are usually looking for a church with a church school when they are moving from one place to another. What does

a Christian education mean to parents? It means joy in seeing their children baptized into the church and becoming workers in God's cause.

What does a Christian education mean to a boy or girl? In the great majority of cases it will mean salvation.

"One child, properly disciplined in the principles of truth, who has the love and fear of God woven through the character, will possess a power for good in the world that cannot be estimated."—*Child Guidance*, p. 163.

Children who receive the proper training will be able to stand for the right.

"Children should be so trained and educated that they will expect temptations, and calculate to meet difficulties and dangers. . . . If youth who have been properly educated make God their trust, their moral powers will stand the most powerful test."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 85.

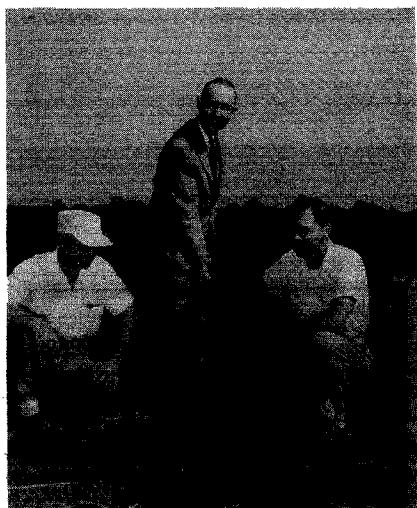
Let pastors, church officers, and parents work untiringly to gather all of our youth into our church schools; and where schools are not available, let us courageously arise and build.

G. R. NASH, *President*

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ANOTHER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL IN CAROLINA

Paul Jones, press secretary of the Winston-Salem Church, reports that



Breaking Grounds for the new Tri-City school building. Elder F. E. Spiess (center) pastor of the Winston-Salem church. Looking on is Uzell Bowers, building contractor, (left) and Fred Purdy, architect.

"Ground Breaking exercises for the New Tri-City ten-grade school near Colfax, North Carolina, was attended by a large crowd from the High Point, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Kernersville, Lexington, and Asheboro churches, as Elder F. E. Spiess turned over the first shovel of dirt on July 28.

"Elder Spiess, pastor of the Winston-Salem Church, gave the opening address, outlining the importance of church schools. He pointed out the importance of having such a school out from the city and among nature.

"Elder C. C. Cress, pastor of the High Point church, introduced the speaker and Elder J. V. Stevens, Greensboro pastor, pronounced the benediction.

"Blocks are even now being laid at the rate of one thousand a day to hurry up construction so that school can be held this year in the partially completed building."

We thank God for the onward march of Christian education in the Carolina Conference. This new three-teacher ten-grade consolidated school is a forward step in the tri-city area of Winston-Salem, High Point, and Greensboro. This is really a tri-district school as it involves churches in three districts and students will also be attending from the Kernersville, Asheboro, and Lexington Churches. May God add His blessing to this school program.

G. V. Yost
Educational Superintendent

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WELCOME HOME TO CAROLINA

We welcome home Elder and Mrs. Herman E. Davis and their two children, Mary Jo and Herman, Jr., to the Carolina Conference after spending eleven years in the mission field in Ethiopia. The Davises are now located in Charleston, South Carolina, and he is pastor of the Charleston Church and superintendent of the Charleston district.

Both Elder and Mrs. Davis are South Carolinians and state that they are glad to take up the work of God in their home state after serving two terms in the mission field.

Elder Davis is the son of E. M. Davis, 3 South Franklin Road, in Greenville, and his wife, the former Mary Sue Mullinax, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mullinax, Sr., 501 Perry Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina.



Herman E. Davis and family

Elder Davis received his B.A. at Washington Missionary College. Since his return from mission service, he has completed studies at the Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., and has received his M.A. degree.

We are happy to have this fine, devoted family as members of our working force in the Carolina Conference. May the Lord bless them in their work for Him.

G. R. NASH

FLORIDA

MEMO FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

Happy thoughts are made brighter by sharing them with others. Today we would like to share our happiness by telling you of the progress that the Florida Conference has made for six months of 1957. To do this, a list follows showing financial progress in every line of conference activity.

	INCOME FOR		
	6 mo. 1956	6 mo. 1957	Gain
Tithe	\$447,117.94	\$539,619.85	\$92,501.91
Missions	233,265.75	264,521.59	31,255.84
Sabbath School	69,332.43	76,130.35	6,797.92

The tithe and mission combined gains for six months amount to \$123,757.75. Certainly the Lord is good to give such an increase to the members of the Florida Conference.

Reports from the churches for July are excellent and these reports reveal that for the month of July an additional tithe increase of over \$20,000 has been received. For seven months our conference total gain in tithe and mission funds will reach nearly \$150,000.

God is good. As we test His goodness by paying our tithe and being liberal in our offerings, He will reward us with abundance.

H. F. ROLL
Secretary-Treasurer

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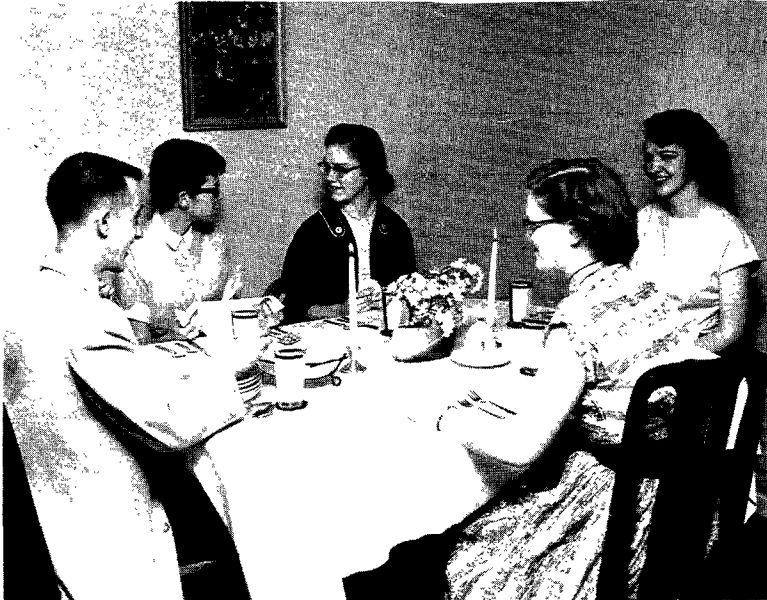
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A FELLOWSHIP HOUR

A fellowship hour for the German-speaking members and their friends was held in the Educational Building of the Kress Memorial church of Winter Park, Thursday evening, August 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heitmuller were hosts receiving the guests and conducting the evening's program consisting of musical selections, readings, etc., all in the German language.

A set of 24 pamphlets embracing all the tenets of our faith were distributed for the purpose of passing along to those interested. It is hoped that in this way a real soul-winning endeavor may be launched.

W. L. MAZART

THE CHALLENGE OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL

The great challenge of the Sabbath school is to teach the Bible so that Jesus Christ is loved and obeyed. The Sabbath school that accomplishes this goal is building the church of Jesus Christ. It assists in establishing the Christian family as an example not only for the children but for the community as well.

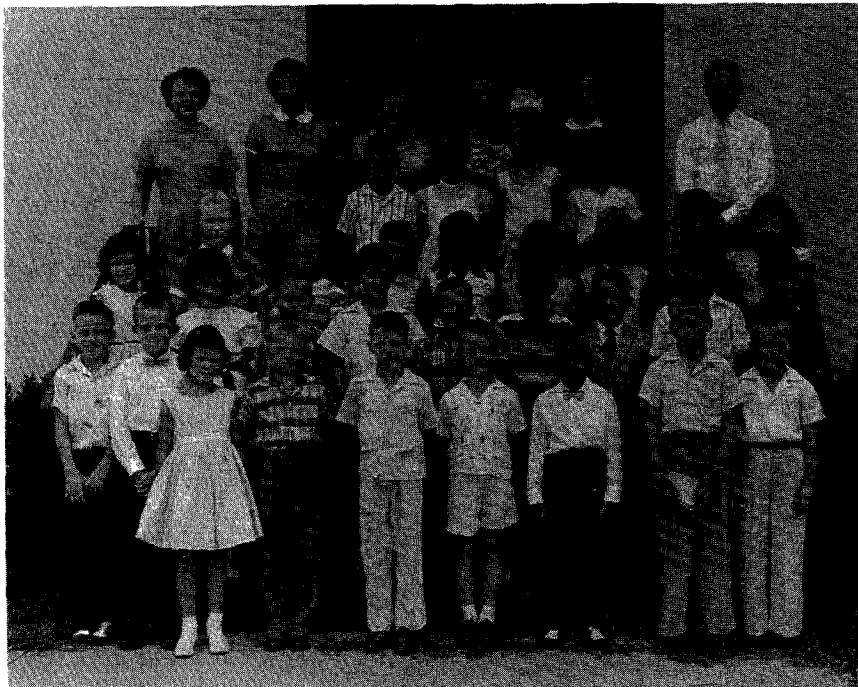
From Miss Betty Davis, Primary Leader for the Jacksonville church, comes this letter:

"Here is a picture of the children of the Primary Department. The four standing on the back row are the ones that knew all of their memory verses

for the past quarter. They all know some memory work such as the Lord's Prayer, the 23rd Psalm, the Ten Commandments, and etc."

We appreciate the splendid work of our Sabbath school teachers in the different departments of the Sabbath school.

W. L. MAZART
Sabbath School Secretary



Primary Division of Sabbath school, Jacksonville, Florida.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

PATHWAYS TO CHRISTIAN LIVING

Georgia-Cumberland Church Schools

Under the leadership of Elder H.W. Walker the Augusta church established a strong two-teacher church school with an enrollment of about forty students. This past year Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ashlock, Jr., conducted a fine intermediate school with twenty-six boys and girls. The school has made many improvements during the last two years. We appreciate what our churches are doing to provide better schools for our boys and girls where they will receive the training that will prepare them for the life to come.

Another one of our church schools which is to be complimented is the Albany school. With a church membership of 107 they have been conducting a two-teacher school for the last two years and another large school is planned for 1957-58.

We believe the Lord will bless a church that has a vision for its boys and girls. We read in the Spirit of prophecy:

"The future of society will be determined by the youth of today. Satan is making earnest, persevering efforts to corrupt the mind and debase the

character of every youth, and shall we who have more experience stand as mere spectators and see him accomplish his purpose without hindrance? Let us stand at our post as minutemen, to work for these youth, and through the help of God to hold them back from the pit of destruction. In the parable, while men slept the enemy sowed tares; and while you, my brethren and sisters, are unconscious of his work, Satan is gathering an army of youth under his banner; and he exults, for through them he carries on his warfare against God."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 47.

"When properly conducted, church schools will be the means of lifting the standard of truth in the places where they are established; for children who are receiving a Christian education will be witnesses for Christ. As Jesus in the temple solved mysteries which priests and rulers had not discerned, so in the closing work of this earth, children who have been rightly educated will in their simplicity speak words which will be an astonishment to men who now talk of "higher education."—*Ibid.*, p. 176.

It demands a sacrifice for a church to conduct a school, but if we follow the blueprint the Lord will bless our efforts.

VERN C. HOFFMAN
Educational Superintendent

BRUNSWICK DECISION SERIES

Elder L. O. Coon, pastor of the Macon district, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Coon, Jr. has just completed a two-week decision series in Brunswick, Georgia. In spite of the terrific heat we saw the attendance rise during the two weeks.

The meetings opened Sabbath, July 13. Elder Coon spoke at the eleven o'clock hour and conducted a most impressive service in celebration of the ordinances. A church fellowship dinner was held on Blythe Island and another meeting followed in the afternoon. The meetings continued every night through Sabbath, July 27, with a fine attendance each evening. Those who came were greatly blessed and many expressed their appreciation of the meetings.

Sabbath, July 27, six new members were baptized into the church, two were rebaptized, and one came in on profession of faith. This was a beautiful and fitting climax.

JOHN F. HARRIS, Pastor
Brunswick District

NEWS FROM THE KURTZ-CROOK EVANGELISTIC TEAM

Two evangelistic campaigns have been held during the past few months in the city of Marietta, Georgia, in the all-steel tabernacle which is owned by the conference. The first series began last September with Elder B. L. Hassenpflug assisted by Mrs. Thelma Kotecki, W. C. Earle, Jr., Mrs. Gertrude Battle, and Don Crook. This series closed just before the Christmas season with a fruitage of fifteen new members.

Then early this year Elder Arnold Kurtz returned from the Seminary and held a new series of meetings in the same location assisted by Mrs. Gertrude Battle and Don Crook. Ten new members were baptized at the close of this second campaign, and there are other families presently studying under the direction of Mrs. Battle who, we feel sure, will make their decisions soon.

Elders Kurtz and Crook are now engaged in a tent effort in Lenoir City, Tennessee. The attendance at these meetings has been good, averaging about one hundred nightly. The majority of this group are attending regularly. It seems the interest has actually grown since the Sabbath truth was presented.

The members of the Lenoir City church, in expectation of new members have redecorated the church and made arrangements to purchase a new piano, new pews, and pulpit furniture. Pray that there will be a rich harvest of souls in this area.

J. DON CROOK

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

NEW CLINIC ESTABLISHED IN DARK COUNTY

Another branch of the right arm of the message has been established in a dark county in the Kentucky-Tennessee conference. Dr. and Mrs. Don Campbell, pictured above, held open house in their new clinic at Big Sandy, Tennessee, Benton County, on Sunday, August 4, 1957. This is another step forward in our program of dark county evangelism. The clinic was built by a man in the community, and the people are very proud of it and happy to have a doctor in their midst.



Dr. and Mrs. Don Campbell in front of the new clinic at Big Sandy, Tennessee.

Dr. and Mrs. Campbell attend the Paris, Tennessee, church and are taking an active part in missionary work. We wish them God's blessing as they enter on a soul-winning program in this dark county.

E. L. PINGENOT
Public Relations Secretary

VBS IN MADISON BOULEVARD, TENNESSEE, DISTRICT

The splendid plan of the Vacation Bible School was recently carried out with great success in the Madison Boulevard District in Tennessee.

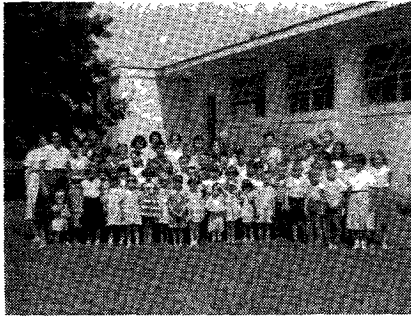
The Madison Boulevard church members held their Vacation Bible School June 24-28 at the church. It was directed by Mrs. Dixie Wilcox, and a very able staff assisted in making it an interesting program for the young people. Seventy-five students attended the school, and of these, about ten per cent were not members of the church.

The small Ridgetop church, about 12 miles from Madison, was not to be outdone. Their Vacation Bible

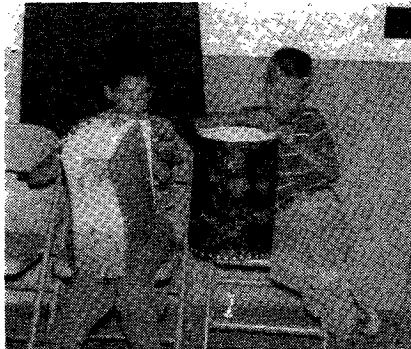


A part of the kindergarten department.

School was held from July 22-30 with Mrs. Yvonne Gray as director. Included in their well-planned program for the children was a daily continued story told by the pastor, Elder Edwards. Nature pictures were shown by A. H. Face, and a very strong craft and instruction program was carried on under competent teachers. Although the Ridgetop church has less than 50 members, there were 55 in attendance at the VBS almost every day, and about half of these were non-Adventists. On Tuesday night, July 30, the children



Students and teachers of Ridgetop V. B. S.



Larry Thrall and Jimmy Edwards enjoy their crafts at Ridgetop V. B. S.

put on a closing program for parents and friends, and the small church was jammed with 120 people.

There is great enthusiasm for the Vacation Bible School plan in the Madison Boulevard District, and every worker is greatly gratified at the goodwill which it builds with friends and neighbors.

CHARLES G. EDWARDS

SOUTH ATLANTIC

NEW BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE MANAGER

B. H. Ewing, a former pastor of the old Louisiana-Mississippi Conference and also of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, served as associate



B. H. Ewing

publishing departmental secretary in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference and in the South Central Conference from 1945 to 1947. He was elected home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the South Central Conference in 1947 where he labored until July, 1954, at which time he became a field representative of the Southern Union School of Bible Prophecy. Elder Ewing served in that position until he was called by the South Atlantic Conference to become Book and Bible House Manager which became effective at our recent camp meeting.

SAMUEL THOMAS

SOUTH CENTRAL

SOUTH CENTRAL MOVES TO TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS

It is with pleasure that we announce to the constituency of the South Central Conference that the old office building has been sold. We are now in our temporary quarters located on the grounds of Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital.

The administrators of Riverside were very gracious in arranging accommodations for us. In a few weeks we hope to begin the erection of our new building. The new location will be across the road from the Sanitarium building.

Our mailing address remains the same.

The new telephone number is CAnal 8-3403.

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE
P. O. Box 936
Nashville, Tennessee

"If His people are watching the indications of His providence, and stand ready to cooperate with Him, they will see a great work accomplished."—T. vol. 6, p. 24.



UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

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

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RISCH: Helen Ewert Risch was born April 12, 1903, near Bingham Lake, Minnesota, and died June 25, 1957, at Wildwood, Georgia. She is survived by her husband, J. L. Risch, manager of the Wildwood Sanitarium; three brothers; and three sisters.

BARTLETT: Sally Gatewood-Bartlett was born August 11, 1871, in Bedford, Kentucky, and died at her home in East Bradenton, Fla., June 11, 1957. She is survived by her husband; two sons: Howard Gwyn, of Detroit, Michigan, and Roscoe Gardner, of Pittsburgh, Penn.; one daughter, Mrs. Carl Eddy Baker, Brandon, Fla.; three brothers; two sisters; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

CRUISE: Leah Dean Cruise was born at Red Clay, Georgia, July 30, 1880, and died in Atlanta, Georgia, June 16, 1957.

She is survived by her two sons, Dr. Joe S. Cruise of Atlanta, and Dean R. Cruise of Cedartown; a stepson, H. B. Cruise, of Rome.

GERBER: Mabel Hicks Gerber died May 27, 1957. Sister Gerber spent two years as educational secretary of the Illinois Conference and twenty more in the classroom with our boys and girls.

HARTLE: Kathaleen S. Hartle, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart E. Hartle, died June 29, 1957, in Orlando, Florida. Funeral services were held at Fairchild's Chapel, and interment at Woodlawn Cemetery.

SATTHEERTHWAITE: Vance Lafayette Satherthwaite was born September 24, 1946, and came to a tragic death June 4, 1957, at the age of 10. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Satherthwaite, seven sisters, and three brothers.

PITTS: John W. Pitts, born near Laurel, Mississippi, April 27, 1878, was killed in an automobile accident May 5, 1957. Brother John, as he was affectionately called, served as elder of the Ellisville church until health failed.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Justice W., and four daughters: Mrs. Bessie Ashley, Hazel Pitts, Mrs. Arabelle Hastings, and Sybil Frailly.

HAWKINS: G. C. Hawkins was born in Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 9, 1888; and died at the Mountain Sanitarium in Fletcher, N. C., June 14, 1957.

On Jan. 8, 1913, he was married to Bertha Underwood, who survives him.

FREEMAN: Marie Mae Bassinger-Freeman was born June 22, 1884, in Lock Haven, Pa. and passed away quietly at her home in Winter Park, Florida, June 10, 1957. She is survived by her companion of forty-eight years; two sons, Frederick M., Jr., of Newark, Ohio; John D. of Berrien Springs, Mich.; two daughters: Mrs. Rose Pratt, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Jean Chappell, of Miami Springs, Fla.; seven grandchildren; three others; and three sisters.

S. A. WELLMAN

JONES: James Lonnie Jones, born in Cason, Miss. He was killed instantly in an auto accident May 16 while returning from work. He is survived by his wife, Demetria Owen; two brothers, F. A. Jones of Mobile, Ala., and J. A. Jones of Manafalia, Ala.; and five sisters.

RANDALL: Henri Mina Pitt Randall, born April 1, 1878, in Kings County, New Brunswick, Canada, died July 28, 1957.

She is survived by her husband, five step-sons, two step-daughters and one cousin, Mrs. Augusta M. Butler of Winter Park.

MEEKER: Bertha Anderson Meeker, born August 23, 1870, died July 11, 1957, at the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital. She worked for years in our sanitariums in Orlando, Fla. and Fletcher, N. C. Her husband, Willie Meeker, survives her.

FAUROTE: Earnest C. Faurote, born in Iroquois, Illinois, February 28, 1885, passed away at his home in Micco, Fla., on July 22, 1957.

Brother Faurote is survived by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Faurote, and three daughters.

WHY TAKE A CHANCE?

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"Since reading is the chief subject in first grade and basic to all other activities, a pupil entering the first grade should certainly be ready to learn to read. Fortunately, we do have reliable tests for reading readiness. If, then, a child has reached the age and has had the home training and care that give evidence that he is physically, emotionally, and socially ready for school, he should be given a reading readiness test by a competent teacher. Unless this test shows that the pupil is ready to learn to read, his entrance into school should be delayed. . . .

"Let us as parents take courage to follow the plain counsel of the Spirit of prophecy on this, as well as on other matters. It is God's way, and we shall not do wrong if we follow His way!"

ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED: Active realtor with offices in Fort Pierce and Vero Beach, Florida, needs two aggressive SDA salesmen or saleswomen, full time. College graduates preferred. Contact Laura B. Hancock, 127 North Fourth St., Fort Pierce, Florida. (32-34)

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FOR RENT: Nice, air-conditioned, one-bedroom 37-foot house trailer on private property at Forest Lake Academy. Adults only. No pets. \$50 per month. Write Mrs. Ruby Ward, Route 2, Box 208, Maitland, Fla. (34)

WANTED: All retired SDA's who would like fellowship with one another in a community for SDA's in sunny Florida. All interested in assembling together, write for further details. Robert Scott, Route 1, Box 468, Inverness, Fla. (34)

PRINTER WANTED: Have immediate opening for all-round printer or pressman, familiar with Vertical and Kluge. If interested write all details and references in first letter, or phone collect TRIangle 8-4470. Roscoe Printing House, Essex Junction, Vermont. (34,35)

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SUNSET TABLE

	Aug. 30	Sept. 6
Atlanta, Georgia	7:07	6:58
Birmingham, Alabama	6:16	6:07
Charlotte, N. Carolina	6:53	6:43
Collegedale, Tennessee ..	7:11	7:01
Huntsville, Alabama	6:16	6:06
Louisville, Kentucky	6:16	6:05
Memphis, Tennessee	6:30	6:20
Meridian, Mississippi	6:22	6:13
Nashville, Tennessee	6:18	6:08
Orlando, Florida	6:48	6:41
Wilmington, N. Carolina ..	6:41	6:32

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Parents . . . Why Take A Chance?

NO PARENT would knowingly harm his child, but many are guilty of doing just that by hurrying them off to school before they are physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially ready. I desire to call your attention to a timely article in the August 22, 1957, number of the *Review and Herald*—"Is Your Six-Year-Old Ready for School?"

"Is your six-year-old ready for school? Probably not! And if he is not ready and you send him to school, you are doing him a great disservice, from which he may never recover! . . .

"One parent wrote to the workers in the famous Gesell Institute of Child Care and Development as follows: 'Dear Doctors: Could you possibly help me? My problem is my son, age six and in first grade. Ever since we moved here last winter he has been absolutely miserable about going to school.'—*Los Angeles Times*, Sept. 20, 1956. This mother went on to describe the great unhappiness of her boy, his strange periods of terrible sickness, and she asked whether she was somehow at fault.

"The doctors replied, 'Your letter presents an almost classic picture of a little boy who just isn't ready for . . . first grade. This is not surprising, since he is still only six. And, as you know, we find that the average boy is not ready for first grade until he is fully seven.'—*Ibid.*

"Physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially he was simply not ready for school. The Creator, who gave us our children, fixed the rate of maturation of each phase of their wonderful bodies and minds so that each phase would mature at the time most propitious for its development. Whenever we tinker with God's timetable we cause serious problems. If we help

a baby chick out of its shell, we weaken it, often permanently. . . . If we force a child into experiences for which he is not ready, not sufficiently matured, we are also tampering with God's timetable for him. . . .

"In God's plan for the development of our children all four of these phases develop more or less together, although not at the same rate. For example, *tests reveal that approximately 50 per cent of children who are six and one-half years old still lack the eye coordination necessary for reading*, the chief subject in first grade. *Other tests show that only 41 per cent of the children with a mental age of six and one-half years make satisfactory progress in reading, whereas 87 per cent of those with a mental age of seven and one-half years to seven years, eleven months, make satisfactory progress* (*Collier's*, Sept. 4, 1948).

"Scientists are now saying that of these four phases of development, the physical, especially as it pertains to the eye, is the most important (*Ibid.*) . . . The chairman of the committee on children's vision of the American Optometric Association says:

"When the child goes to school, where new visual demands are made, he finds that he must do totally new things with his visual pattern. As he starts to learn to read, he must learn to change his focus from general observations at intermediate and far distance to a close focus and to hold it there, to keep his print from blurring. . . ."—*Marguerite Thoma Eberl, O.D., Has Your Child's Vision Really Been Examined?* pp. 4, 5.

"But children's eyes are not ready for these complex activities until their eyes have reached a certain stage of maturation, which most investigators put at eight years of age, some at ten. Forcing them to do so before they are

ready results not only in great mental strain and nervousness but in actual damage to the eyes. *Tests reveal that not more than 5 per cent of children have eye troubles when they enter school.* Dr. Wilbur J. Cohen, of the U. S. Public Health Service, found that fifteen thousand pupils in the Washington, D. C., schools showed an increase of 600 per cent in myopia (nearsightedness) between the first and fifth grades in school. Other investigations reveal increases in nearsightedness among school children up to 1,600 per cent! (*Magazine Digest*, July, 1948, pp. 109, 110).

"Again and again the Spirit of prophecy urges parents not to send their children to school until they have strong, robust bodies. The physical growth during this period is far more important than the intellectual. . . .

"The entrance into school is one of the most critical and momentous experiences in the young child's life. . . . Specifically, is he able to assume his share of responsibility when he gets into trouble? Is he *friendly, cooperative, willing to take turns, courteous and thoughtful of others? Does he talk freely? Does he respect the rights of others*, or use force to get his own way? A child who enters school with negative answers to the above will certainly be a problem to himself and his teachers.

Testing for Readiness

"Valid tests for each of the four phases of development—physical, mental, emotional, social—have not as yet been perfected. The best procedure is to accept the conclusions of science and the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy and keep your child at home until he is at least seven years of age. And, remember, he is not to receive formal school instruction during this period. He is to be as free as a lamb and is not to be confined to a school program. . . .

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