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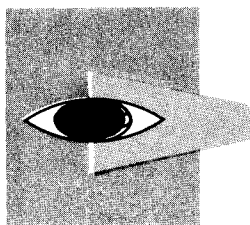
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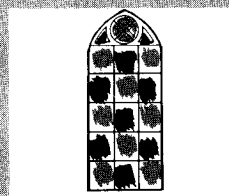
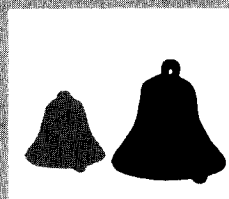
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By OSCAR L. HEINRICH

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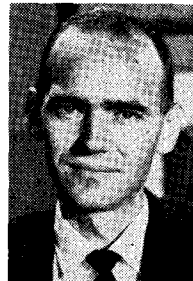
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A SALUTE

This year, from time to time, SOUTHERN TIDINGS will salute Seventh-day Adventists who have reflected, in a marked way, the image of Adventism. Today, we salute Dr. Stanley Sturges—missionary extra-ordinary.

Dr. Sturges, who recently was named by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Year, will be interviewed by Pastor and Mrs. W. A. Fagal on one of the forthcoming Faith for Today telecasts.



Dr. Sturges

On January 20 at Santa Monica, California, Dr. Sturges appeared with nine other outstanding young Americans to receive the "Jaycee" award for 1961. In the exclusive group were leading young scientists, businessmen and government officials such as Virgil Grissom, space astronaut; Newton N. Minow, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission; and Frank Ray Keyser, Jr., of Vermont, youngest governor of the U. S.

Dr. Sturges is admirably tabbed as "Mr. America" by the Nepalese where he serves as director of the Himalayan Medical Mission. He is the lone practitioner of Western medicine to the half-million inhabitants that reside in the eastern district of this land that lies near the Red China border.

Known in and out of missionary circles as "Dr. Stan," he has been tagged as the counterpart of the late Dr. Tom Dooley because of his pioneer medical work in this colorful mountain country. To begin his venture he had to overcome the tight security regulations which prohibited the setting up of enterprises by foreign interests.

Another regulation required the setting up of hospitals on government property, and available government land seemed to be non-existent. God's providence working through the people of Benapa, a village of 4,000 at an altitude of 4,700 feet, made the purchase of this land possible. Then a large gift of Clifford Scheer, a Springfield, New Jersey, construction engineer, provided the funds needed to erect the 20-bed hospital.

Dr. Sturges' physical stature of 6'4" makes him a giant among the men of this land whose average height is 5'2". He also reflects a tall image of the love of God through a medical missionary program which is making a strong and persistent spiritual impact upon the population of Buddhists and Hindus.

Initial telecasts of Dr. Sturges interview on Faith for Today are scheduled as follows:

Florida				
Miami	10	WLBW	Sunday	March 4 (see newspaper)
Tallahassee	6	WCTV	Sunday	March 18 11:30 A.M.
Georgia				
Atlanta	5	WAGA	Sunday	March 4 9:30 A.M.
Tennessee				
Chattanooga	3	WRGP	Sunday	March 18 8:15 A.M.

Because it is necessary to send the program from one station to another, other stations will receive the program at a later date. Future schedules will be listed when they are defined.

A Picture We Liked



Timmy Graves, son of Ted N. Graves, Georgia-Cumberland MV secretary, holds the MV torch of Truth for 1962 as he presented it to the MV officers of the Atlanta Kirkwood church at their recent installation program. At this service the new MV officers accepted the challenge to hold high the light of Truth in this new year.

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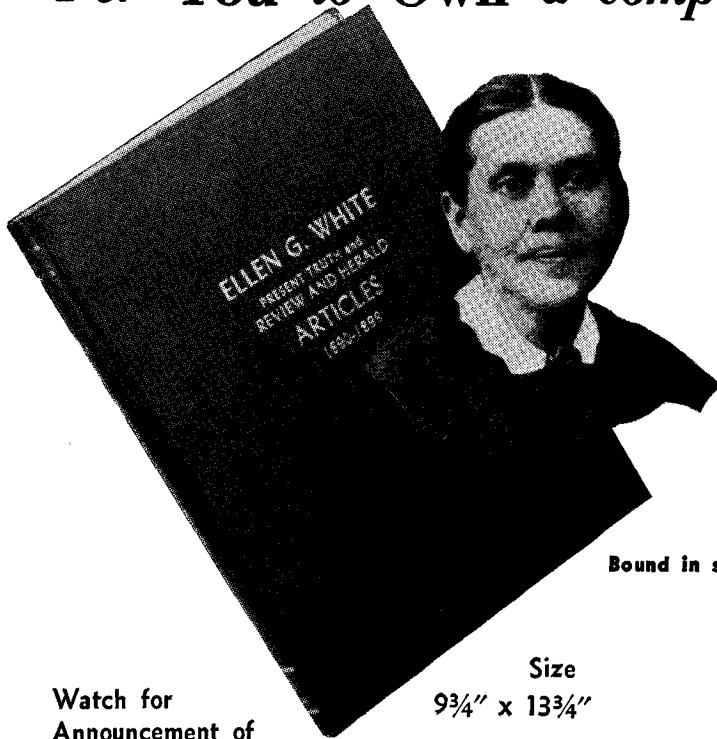
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NEWS FROM THE CONFERENCES

Alabama - Mississippi

Pathfinder Leaders Meet

A conference-wide meeting of Alabama-Mississippi Pathfinder leaders held in Meridian the week end of January 19 has resulted in a "determination to make 1962 the best year ever for the Pathfinder boys and girls," according to reports from the meeting.

Arranged and chairmaned by Elder W. E. Peeke, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the conference, the three-day session was attended by Pathfinder leaders from throughout the two states and by denominational officials from the conference headquarters and the Southern Union.

Speakers included Elder Don R. Rees, president of the Southern Union Conference; Elder Desmond Cummings, MV secretary of the union; and Elder LeRoy J. Leiske, conference president.

Women of the Meridian church provided the Sabbath lunch.



Elder Desmond Cummings, Southern Union Conference MV secretary, congratulates Mrs. O. R. Johnson, of Jackson, Mississippi, and the other Master Guides who attended the recent Pathfinder Leadership Convention in Meridian. All of these pictured had just been awarded the 1962 year tag for their Master Guide pins. Year tags are awarded to Master Guides who are currently active in youth work.

Nature study, missionary activities, plans for 1962 Pathfinder Fairs and personal religion were the major topics discussed.

Pine Forest Grows

By LeRoy J. Leiske

From a small beginning in 1935 Pine Forest Academy and Sanitarium located about 15 miles west of Meridian, Mississippi, has grown to be one of Alabama-Mississippi's leading self-supporting institutions.

As the academy enrollment and the sanitarium patronage have increased, the work has been expanded and the facilities enlarged. During the past year and a half the institution has carried forward an especially heavy construction program. Among other things erected during this period was an administration building containing two offices, two studios, four piano practice rooms, four classrooms, a library, a chapel and a furnace room. Completed at a total cash cost of \$7,775, this building has been estimated by conservative builders to be worth over \$20,000.

Last year the dean and the girls campaigned to remodel their dormitory. At a cost of \$2,000 the building was enlarged and the whole top story rebuilt. The dormitory is now insulated throughout and heated by hot water.

Campaigning has begun to provide the boys with a new, modern dormitory and about \$2,250 is now on hand to apply toward this project.

The food service group, at present located on the first floor of the girls' dormitory, is looking forward to a building of their own.

A new sanitarium building, started several months ago, is going up as funds are available. Under present construction is the clinical division, which will provide X ray, laboratory, minor surgery, treatment rooms, medical and dental offices and examination rooms.

The present temporary structure being used as sanitarium and hospital is enjoying full patronage and often has to turn patients away. This structure is now undergoing alterations and repair and will continue its function as a convalescent unit after the new sanitarium is completed.

Pine Forest is doing a wonderful work and serving a great need in our conference. In fact, until very recently, this institution provided the only twelve-grade school for SDA young people in our conference territory. From this institution through the years many youth have been graduated and have taken their places in various phases of God's cause. Now and during coming years others will need the services the institution offers and it must continue to expand and move forward. Our conference committee has therefore set aside Sabbath, March 10, as a day on which to call to the attention of all our people the needs of this facility and to encourage them to contribute freely to its advancement. We know every member can be counted on to do his share toward this special offering that day.

Carolina

Group Canvass in Monroe

Carolina colporteurs, under W. P. Blake, publishing secretary, have organized to give assistance in the "Dark County" evangelistic program launched by Carolina ministers for 1962. Concentrated group canvassing will be conducted in the area to be worked.

Monroe, North Carolina, was the first target for group canvassing in the Carolinas. The week of January 29 to February 2 found ten colporteurs in this town preparing the way for an evangelistic series to begin there in April by Elder W. G. Ambler. Their sales were good, and they found 200 people who were interested in learning more about the Adventist faith.

Those who participated were: W. P. Blake, publishing secretary; C. W. Reed, assistant publishing secretary; W. E. Henson, Marvin Spivey, John Ewing, B. G. Maguire, John England, Mrs. H. S. McIntosh, Miss Marthene Bliss, all colporteurs; and W. G. Ambler, pastor of the Charlotte church.

The second group canvass began in Marion, N. C., on February 19.

Sabbath School Gifts

The Carolina Conference Sabbath School Department reports that for the first time in the history of the conference they reached and passed the forty cent per capita figure. When all

the receipts were in for the year, Carolina Sabbath Schools had a per capita of .414. Carolina leads in the Southern Union in Sabbath School giving in ratio to tithe.

An Ingatherer's 2nd Mile

W. O. Coe, Home Missionary Department secretary, reports on faithful Ingatherers, particularly one:

"We highly appreciate the faithful efforts of all of our people in our annual Ingathering program for missions. Recently the pastor of the Marion, North Carolina, district reported to us of the faithful work of Mrs. Eula Ward.

"With the blessings of the Lord she received \$308.80, with her largest offering being a \$5 bill. She had one or two \$2 gifts and a few \$1 offerings, but the rest of the donations were all in change.

"Mrs. Ward has walked uncounted miles up and down hills and mountains which surround the Marion area.

"One day while she was Ingathering in the beautiful mountain area around Banner Elk and Valle Crucis, she walked a mile up a trail three times before finding someone home. When the Ingathering program was finished in the district, she commented that she would have to find something to do now to take the place of Ingathering so that she might continue her close walk with the Lord."

Florida

The Forest Lake Church

The Forest Lake church, with a membership of 621, is now the third church in size in the Florida Conference. Elder H. V. Hendershot is the pastor. Twenty-two new members were added by baptism during 1961.

Since its membership outgrew the academy chapel, its Sabbath services have been held in the gym, which serves as the main auditorium for camp meeting.

Gradually during the past few years, improvements have been made in the gym and its facilities and equipment to make it as worshipful and church-like as possible on the Sabbath. The latest step in this program was the purchase of a Conn electric organ carefully suited to the size and acoustics of the building.

The feeling has been increasing, however, that a church building must eventually be erected. Although no official decision has been made, or plans laid, a recent church board action set

up an exploratory committee to study the possibilities.

The correspondence course on "Prophetic Guidance" is being followed as a theme for the weekly prayer meetings. More than 40 persons have enrolled to take the lessons.

Mrs. Clyde Williams, leader of the Dorcas welfare society, reports a busy year. Clothing distributed amounted to 1,432 garments. Welfare expenditures totaled \$243.64. The society gave out 73 food baskets and spent 712 hours helping 184 persons. They also gave 810 articles of clothing to other Adventist welfare centers. Two baptisms were a direct result of Dorcas work.

Highlands Lakes School

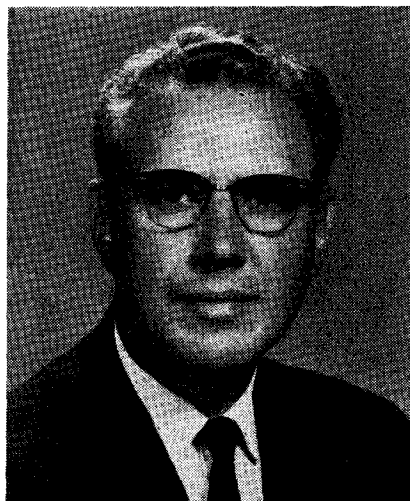
On Sunday, January 7, ground was broken for the new Highlands Lakes Junior Academy, in Avon Park, Florida.

At present the school is housed in a part of the church building, and the growing enrollment from year to year has made this space inadequate. The site for the new school was purchased about two years ago, and plans for the building have been under way since that time.

This will be a completely modern fireproof structure of concrete block and steel, and will contain three classrooms, principal's office, and utility rooms. Future plans include the addition of an auditorium.

The church members are helping greatly in the building program, and are giving many hours of their time in free labor. The work is progressing nicely, and it is expected that the school will be ready for use at the beginning of the next school year.

GRACE PADEN, *Press Secretary*
Walker Memorial Church



Elder H. V. Hendershot

A pink envelope will bring you special information from the Florida Conference in a few days. Watch for it!

Forest Lake Funds

The raising of funds for the one-million-dollar, five-year plan for construction at Forest Lake Academy is under way. Elder R. E. Pleasants, Jr., the new Church Development Service secretary for the Florida Conference, is already working with four churches in every-member canvasses for this program.

The St. Petersburg church has voted a budget for their canvass of \$98,500, to be raised in three years. This will include the church's assigned objective for the academy fund, and the remainder will be used in the church's building program. The St. Petersburg church building is now being erected, but additional funds are needed for its completion.

Elder W. B. Johnson, pastor has announced the following chairmen of the canvass organization: Dr. F. C. Knight, general chairman; A. G. Meister, initial gifts chairman; Dr. N. C. Tomson, special gifts chairman; and W. D. Curtis, teams chairman. There are 12 teams participating.

The Eustis church canvass is also organized and in operation. The three-year budget there is for \$33,000. This includes the academy fund objective, and a budget of various obligations and improvements. Elder O. R. Henderson is pastor of the Eustis church.

Initial steps for a similar program have been taken in the Cocoa and Titusville churches.

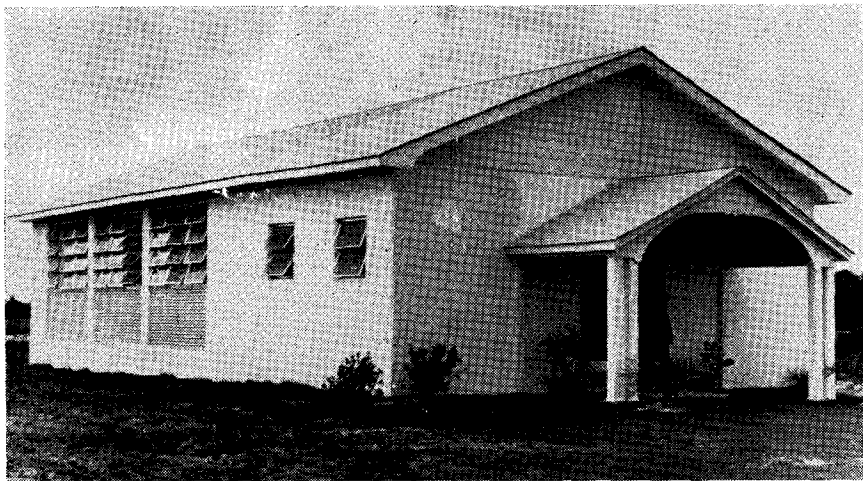
Pathfinder Program

The Second Annual Pathfinder Amateur Program for the Orlando area, under the direction of Mrs. Jenola Bradwell, saw 15 participant numbers—the grand prize going to Billy Richards, of the Sanitarium Pathfinder club. Proceeds went to the "Scholarship Fund" of the Central Pathfinder Club.

The program was sponsored by the Central Pathfinder Club and was supported by contestants from the Apopka, Forest Lake, Kress Memorial, Sanitarium, and Orlando Central Clubs.

Inverness Dedication

A dedication service was held on January 27 for the new Inverness church building. Elder H. H. Schmidt, Florida Conference president, preached the dedicatory sermon. Others partici-



New church near Inverness, Florida, dedicated on January 27.



Elder C. E. Weeks gives a history of the Inverness church at the dedication ceremony.

pating were: Elders D. G. Fleagle, pastor; H. F. Roll, conference secretary-treasurer; C. E. Weeks, and J. A. Rucker, local elders.

The church was organized two years ago with a membership of 17; now it has 28 members.

Construction was begun last September and was carried forward on a cash basis. Elder Fleagle, describing the experience, said, "We have had many evidences of God's goodness in the building of this church." The church is located in Eden Gardens, a development begun by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott about five years ago.

Elder C. E. Weeks, one-time secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, and now retired, made his home in Eden Gardens about three years ago. He has worked enthusiastically with the group there to establish the church and build the sanctuary. This is the second church he has helped to raise up since retiring

from full-time denominational employment.

Elder J. A. Tucker, also retired, who has served many years in the denomination's educational work, has recently moved to the community and is helping with the church's program.

"Dark" County Worked

A group of 37 people in 12 cars visited from one end to the other of Sumpter County, Florida, on February 3. Sumpter is a "dark" county, and most of the "visitors" were members of the Eustis and Leesburg churches, in adjoining Lake County.

Walter Welch, an employee of the Florida Sanitarium, and a member of the Sanitarium church, felt a concern for this county—the only one in Central Florida that is without an Adventist church. He had helped in some "dark" county work in the Carolina Conference, and was burdened for a similar work in Florida. With three or four others of the Sanitarium church, he helped Elder O. R. Henderson, pastor of the Eustis-Leesburg district, to organize those churches for the task.

More than 1,500 pieces of literature were distributed. Many enrollments for a Bible correspondence course were obtained.

10-Year Progress Report

By H. F. ROLL, *Secretary-Treasurer*

MEMBERSHIP in the Florida Conference has increased during the past decade to a total of 9,826 at the end of 1961. This represents an increase of 3,859 over the conference membership at the end of 1951, for the membership then was 5,967.



H. F. Roll

During this period many persons have been baptized and many have come to our conference from other areas. Occasionally, some may feel that the growth in Florida has come primarily from those moving into the conference from other states. While this has been a definite factor, it has by no means been the largest contributing factor to the conference membership growth.

To illustrate this, the conference has received 9,171 members by letter during the ten years involved but has dropped by letter 7,740. You will readily see that this has resulted in a net growth to our membership by letter during the last ten years of 1,431; but the remaining larger portion, or 2,428, of the conference membership increase has come from the soul-winning efforts of our conference members and ministry. To state it in a slightly different manner, the gain from membership in soul-winning has exceeded the gain in membership by letter by approximately 1,000.

Conference finances during the ten-year period have shown almost phenomenal growth. For example, during 1951 the tithe income of the conference totaled \$575,211; but in 1961 the tithe income attained to the total of \$1,418,217. Mission offerings compared in the following way: For 1951 the total mission offerings for the conference was \$226,739, but in 1961 the mission offerings totaled \$478,241. The tithe has increased much more than double in the ten years involved; and, likewise, the mission offerings have increased more than twice.

A further interesting portion of our conference financial progress is that during 1961, from percentages of conference tithe, appropriations, offerings, mission giving and assessments, the Florida Conference paid to its parent organizations \$1,135,407. This, incidentally, marks the third successive year in which the contributions from Florida to the union and the General Conference have exceeded a million dollars annually. The first year in which this excess of a million dollars to the union and General Conference was attained was in 1959, when \$1,002,661.54 was paid to the parent organizations.

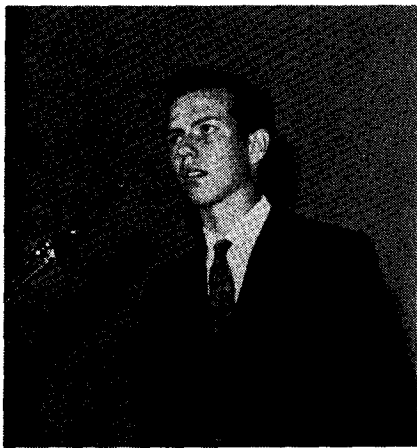
Loyal Seventh-day Adventists all over the world and also in Florida are interested in supporting God's work so that they may have a part in bringing the message of salvation to a very confused world. From the conference staff, we wish to express our thanks for what each has done during this eventful period of time to further the Seventh-day Adventist message to Florida and other parts of the world.

Foley Wins Oratorical

Joe Foley, a sophomore from Jacksonville, was the first place winner in the annual temperance oratorical contest at Forest Lake Academy. Second and third place awards were given to Janella Harvey of Orlando and Woody Whidden of Titusville, respectively.

Joe's oration emphasized the evils of cigarette smoking. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Foley of Jacksonville.

A panel of five judges selected the winners, according to the contest rules. Elder Ward A. Scriven, temperance secretary of the Florida Conference, made the awards, not only for the oratorical contest, but also the essay, poster and jingle contests.



Joe Foley, delivering his award-winning oration on the cigarette.

Other winners—

Essays: Kay Carson, Carolyn McClanahan, Kathy Nielsen and Steven Van Buren.

Posters: Joan Sykes, Marquita Fowler, Gary Norman, George Sarver.

Jingles: Charles Ricks, James L. Strawn, Janella Harvey, Kathy Nielsen.

The winning jingle by Charles Ricks:

He opened the throttle, along with the bottle

And out in the rain he sped.
His speed became faster, he was
headed for disaster.

He's now in the graveyard dead.

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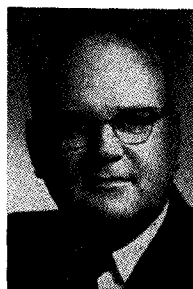
President's 1961 Report

The year 1961 has been a period of unparalleled blessings for the work of God in the Georgia-Cumberland



The temperance society at Forest Lake Academy is a branch of the Missionary Volunteer Society. The officers, from left to right: Elder J. L. Pogue, MV sponsor; Bunny Waggoner, temperance chairman; Sonny Ricks, MV leader; Joe Foley, associate MV leader; Marquita Fowler, temperance secretary; and Ted Chapin, temperance sponsor.

Conference. The spirit of liberality demonstrated by the constituency made available over \$360,000 for the building of new churches, elementary schools and the provision of funds for the first major building on the campus of our new conference academy.



A. C. McKee

New churches have been constructed in Chattanooga, Graysville and Thomaston. Lovely elementary schools have been completed in Dunlap, Marietta and Roan Mountain.

Yet this response to the needs in the local conference is only indicative of a deeper dedication to the cause of God around the world as indicated by the largest per capita ever given to the program of world missions. Sabbath School offerings amounted to \$144,499.64, the highest in the history of our conference. Ingathering reached an all-time high of \$130,948.16.

In 1960 our people gave \$90,636.02 more in tithe than the previous year. In 1961, with one Sabbath less in the calendar, they still gave \$65,049.45 more than in 1960, or a per capita of \$147.31, the highest in the Southern Union.

The membership of this conference has claimed God's promise that "Whenever God's people . . . have cheerfully and willingly carried out His plan in systematic benevolence (tithe-paying), they have realized the standing promise that prosperity should

attend all their labors just in proportion as they obeyed His requirements. *Testimonies*, Vol. 3, page 395.

Every conference worker, with the loyal membership of their churches, dedicated every effort during 1961 for the winning of souls through distribution of literature, through evangelistic meetings, revivals and Branch Sabbath Schools and through enrollments in our School of Bible Prophecy.

As a result, 481 precious souls took their stand for Adventist truth and were baptized into God's remnant church. This number was the highest on record for this conference—a 3.4 per cent gain over the average annual baptisms during the previous ten-year period.

Our membership stood at 6,923 at the close of the year, reflecting a net gain of 455 and the year of greatest membership growth in the history of the conference.

We praise God for His abundant blessings, but these accomplishments are not sufficient for the future. Under God, 1962 must be a year of much greater achievements for God in soul winning. Our ministers and laymen have accepted the challenge of completing two major buildings on the campus of the academy. \$1 million in tithe, 100 branch Sabbath Schools, 500 baptisms and the organization of at least ten new churches by the close of this year.

Believing that we have no other business in this life than to exalt the Saviour and to advance His kingdom and build up His church and that, as co-workers with Christ, our sufficiency is of Him, let us unite our hearts and

hands in the accomplishment of this thrilling task God has assigned to us in Georgia-Cumberland for 1962.

A. C. McKEE
President

News Briefs

- Georgia-Cumberland Conference camp meeting will be conducted at Southern Missionary College from June 14 to 23. Further announcements of speakers and features will appear in SOUTHERN TIDINGS during the next few months.

- Several adult members of the McMinnville, Tennessee, church have begun a Children's Story Hour on Sabbath afternoons for the children of Spencer, Tennessee. Being held in the second story of a drugstore building, the program is featuring Bible stories, quizzes, songs and games for children. Adults are also urged to join their children, reports Mrs. Homer Dever, church press secretary.

- Sixteen junior youth have entered a baptismal class which began January 20 at the Atlanta Kirkwood church. Assistant Pastor Don Short is conducting a class for the older juniors and Mrs. O. B. Cray is conducting a class for the younger juniors. Meeting while other juniors discuss the lesson at Sabbath School, these youth study the Junior Voice of Prophecy correspondence course. The course will be concluded in May, reports Elder John Hayward.

- An MV leadercraft course will be conducted at the McMinnville church, 516 N. Spring St., March 9 and 10, reports Elder Ted Graves, conference MV secretary. A requirement of the Master Guide course, the leadercraft class will begin at 7 P.M. Friday and be continued through Sabbath.

"We would like to invite all those in surrounding churches to attend who are working on the Master Guide course," says Mrs. Homer Dever, church press secretary.

S. S. Records Smashed

M. Donovan Oswald, Sabbath School secretary, reports for 1961:

A modern book of Acts was written in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference by the designated leadership of the Sabbath School Department in every church during 1961.

Our splendid membership loved God's world-wide mission program enough that they liberally contributed an all-time high of \$144,499.64 for a year-long average per capita of 43.5
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Medical Ministry in Albany

By Elwyn Platner

AFTER GIVING 6½ years of service in African medical missions, an Albany physician and his family are giving southwest Georgia the sweet taste of Seventh-day Adventist medical ministry.

An Adventist from his youth, Dr. Mark W. Fowler did colporteur work to help himself through college and was graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists in 1940.

Before coming to Albany in 1955, Dr. and Mrs. Fowler and their three children, Alice and Virginia, who are now attending Southern Missionary College, and Marquita, who is in academy, were in mission service in three African locations. They had been at Malamulo Mission in Nyasaland, Kendu Hospital in Kenya Colony and Kanye Hospital in Bechuanaland.

Purchasing a pecan farm near Albany, he put his children in the local church school and went to work witnessing for the Lord. Within the next few months he had spoken to most civic organizations and showed them pictures of Adventist missions in Africa. This opened the way for invitations to speak at church services of other denominations.

"The whole effect of these contacts was immediately felt in diminished prejudice and an increase in ingathering contributions," the doctor said.

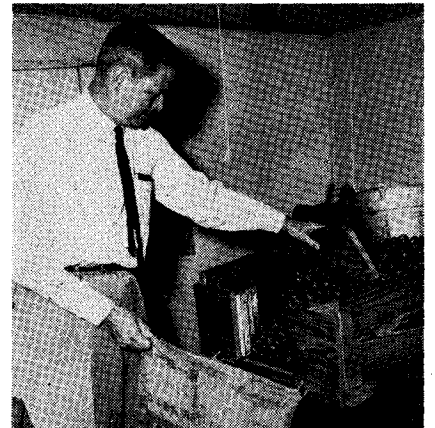
Sabbath School Investment each year receives the Fowlers' full support. In order that the pecan trees will be properly pollinated, they have several hives of bees which during 1961 produced about \$100 worth of honey for investment.

This year they sell a litter of six collie puppies for investment.

"We came to Albany to work for the Lord," Dr. Fowler maintains. "But we still want to go back to Africa when we find someone to take my medical practice here for a while."



Bee-keeping is a hobby which nets good returns for investment, explains Dr. Fowler.



After a long day at the office Dr. Mark W. Fowler takes a few minutes to sort a sack of pecans gleaned from his grove.



Dr. Fowler holds one of six parts of his 1962 Investment project while the others get their dinner.

cents. This was an increase of \$7,212.40 over our record-breaking year of 1960 which itself showed a \$15,500 gain over the previous year. Our wonderful people have liberally joined in making 1961 another banner year for God.

Special notice for outstanding achievement of per capita for the year should be given to the following districts: Meister Memorial, 86.2¢; Dalton, 76.5¢; Ellijay, 66.3¢; Gainesville, 65.4¢; Cascade Road, 59.7¢; McMinnville, 54.6¢; Augusta, 54.5¢; Kirkwood, 52.3¢; Pine Mt. Valley, 50.7¢; and Greeneville, 48.9¢.

Noteworthy churches who have contributed most per capita toward establishing this record includes: Walter Memorial, 97.5¢; Calhoun, 93.5¢; Dalton, 87.4¢; Meister Memorial, 86.2¢; Monteagle, 70.6¢; Dunlap, 70.2¢; Morristown, 68.2¢; Ellijay, 67.8¢; Apison, 66.4¢; and Dahlonega, 65.5¢.

Also Baxley, 65.4¢; Rankins Cove, 64.6¢; Pine Mt. Valley, 63.5¢; Postell, 63.2¢; Harriman, 60.9¢; Cascade Road, 59.7¢; Portal, 57.3¢; Cumberland Heights, 56.9¢; Cedartown, 56.7¢; and Barwick, 56.3¢.

It is interesting to note that no church among the "Top Twenty" contributed less than 56.3 cents a week per member for the entire year. In fact, nearly half our churches gave 50¢ per week or more per member.

The Dalton district registered the largest single gain with \$1,701.89. Next in line was Kirkwood with \$1,488.09 gain, then Marietta with a registered gain of \$1,032.05. Cleveland was next with \$961.81. Albany showed an increase of \$671.08 and Cascade Road \$655.41 increase. We take off our hats to the marvelous accomplishments for God made by the loyal people.

We are proud of the wonderful work our Sabbath School members did for God in connection with the Branch Sabbath School program. During 1961, 64 Branch Sabbath Schools were in operation—some of which became so successful that they have been accepted into fully organized churches. The churches that have been organized into church bodies from our Branch Sabbath School program during the last year are Austell, Apison, Rankin's Cove, Roan Mountain and Walden's Ridge.

Before the end of 1962 we want, with the co-operation of the MV Department of our conference, to have

100 Branch Sabbath Schools in operation weekly and would like to further contribute another eight organizations to the family of churches of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Please work, pray and further contribute for the over-all success of every phase of the soul-winning work sponsored by the Sabbath School Department of your church. We must finish the work quickly before it is forever too late.

No goal is too high, no task too great for the faithful membership of our strategically located conference deep in the heartland of the South. Under God the best days of growth and accomplishment lie directly ahead. We must continue to move forward, using our past accomplishments as stepping stones to even greater success.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Voice of Youth Rally

The Voice of Youth rally for the Nashville area will feature Elder E. L. Minchin as the speaker and Elder Gery Friesen as song leader. The meetings begin March 10 and run nightly until March 24. The location of the meetings will be announced in the churches of the area. Elder Minchin is an associate secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference. Elder Friesen is coming from Atlanta for the meetings.

Preparation for a large attendance is being made by dozens of Friendship Teams who are inviting non-Adventist youth to enjoy the services.



E. L. Minchin

16 Won in Cumbo Meetings

E. E. Cumbo sends in an evangelistic report:

A series of evangelistic meetings was conducted in the Portland, Tennessee, church January 21 to February 4 by Elder Everett E. Cumbo, district pastor, assisted by several Highland Academy students and David Hyzer, local elder.



E. E. Cumbo

At the close of the meetings 16 people had made their decision to be baptized and join the remnant church. The meetings were held every night during the two-week period, with the attendance ranging from 40 to 60 on week nights, and 70 to 80 on week ends.

One fact stands out very clearly from these meetings—the tremendous importance of daily contact by all members of our churches. The membership of the Portland church went out and gathered in their friends, neighbors and loved ones and brought them to the services. Thus folk were united and many took their stand for the Lord.

Before the public meetings the church was challenged in a consecration service to do greater things for God. A spirit of earnestness and solemnity swept the entire church as each member surveyed his own experience and sought a new life from God. The results of this renewed consecration was clearly evident in the powerful working of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of all who attended the meetings. A baptism was planned for Sabbath, February 17.

The Portland church was organized in March, 1961, with 33 charter members. The membership has grown to 58, 20 of whom were added by baptism during 1961.

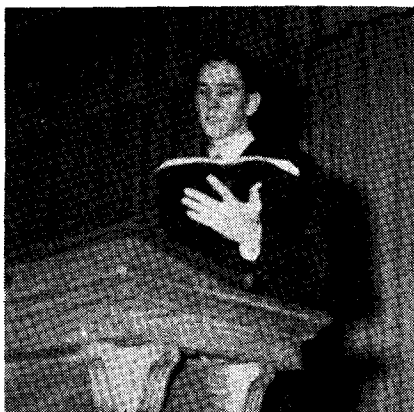
A new church has been built, seating 150. This was the first series of meetings held in the new building.

As we rejoice over those who have made this wonderful decision wherein several families were united in the Lord, we are still mindful of those who remain undecided. Let us never cease to pray for them until the servants of God shall be perfected, the work of God completed, and the final eternal question decided. • Everett E. Cumbo.

News Briefs

• The Highland Academy Band traveled to Leach, Tennessee, Sunday night, January 28, to help celebrate the 1962 Ingathering victory of that district. The band is under the direction of Mr. John Durichek, M.A., former member of the Chattanooga and Nashville Symphony Orchestras. With a well-balanced program of light classical selections and sparkling marches the band was enthusiastically received. Master of ceremonies was Elder W. E. Dopp, MV secretary of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

• Using the theme "Last Day Events" taken from the last nine chapters of the book, *Great Controversy*, the students of Highland Academy completed

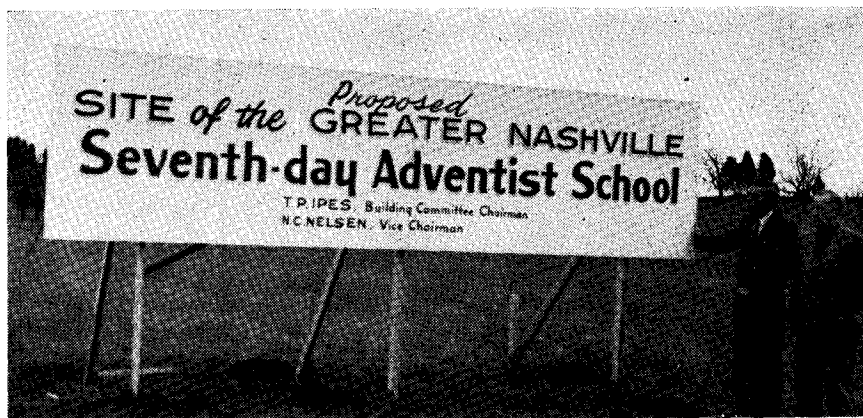


Sandy Sands of Memphis, Tennessee, president of the senior class, speaks Thursday night on the subject, "The Time of Trouble."

a highly successful Week of Prayer. Following each evening service the students met in voluntary prayer bands. Student speakers included Polly Dunn, Kirk Campbell, Donna Thrall, Faye Foster, David Moore, Margie Littell, Judy Woodruff, Albert Dittes and Sandy Sands. The program was directed by Elder R. L. Larsen, academy Bible teacher.

Film at SMC

A color motion picture on Kashmir, India, will be presented by Len Stuttmann, professional film-lecturer, on Saturday, March 3, at 8 P.M. at the College Auditorium at Southern Missionary College, Collegedale. Mr. Stuttmann is narrating his Kashmir story to audiences throughout the continent. This is one of SMC's regular lyceum series.



This is a picture of the acreage that is to become the campus of the new educational center for the Nashville area. (See *Tidings*, January 31). The men are Elder Thomas Ipes and N. C. Nelsen, plant superintendent of the Southern Publishing Association. The back boundary is at the fence shown in the top left corner of the picture. School is expected to open in the new building next September.

South Atlantic

209 Baptized in Charlotte

By J. MALCOLM PHIPPS, *Evangelist*

ON Sunday night, July 16, 1961, we began a 13-week series of meetings in a tent called the Bible Palace in Charlotte, North Carolina. At this writing 209 have been baptized and several others await this sacred rite.

After a fruitless six-month search in Winston-Salem for a suitable lot upon which to pitch the tent, we decided to go to Charlotte. We are sure that this move was in the providence of God.

Though the decision to go to Charlotte was made less than three weeks before the opening date, we worked feverishly toward our goal and all of the necessary preparations were completed on time.

From the opening night the attendance was good, ranging from 400 to 650 during the week, and from 750 to 850 on Sunday nights for the first five weeks. Services were conducted every night except Saturday night.

We felt very keenly the presence of God; Satan, the great adversary, was repeatedly turned back in his efforts to defeat and ruin the meetings. On the opening night during the appeal, the lights were turned out and pictures were flashed on the screen. Suddenly pandemonium broke loose. Hoodlums passing by the tent hurled a stone which struck a lady on the head. We quickly calmed the audience and continued the service without turning the lights on, rushed the injured party to the hospital, and brought the meeting to a reverent and orderly close. The injured lady's wound required 16 stitches. She was a backslider who on September 16 was buried with her Lord in baptism along with 112 others in the first baptism. Thus Satan was soundly defeated.

On August 9, during the fourth week of the meetings, a terrific storm hit the city at 3:45 P.M. It lasted only 20 minutes, but when it was over the wind, rain, and hail had blown out many windows, felled trees within a few yards of our tent, and had broken a number of power lines in the city. The tent rode through the storm unharmed, except for small rips in the tent wall. Once again Satan was turned back.

The baptisms were conducted behind the big tent in a portable baptistry placed in the ground. A portion of the tent was partitioned off for dressing purposes, and the baptisms being so very large, it became necessary to also pitch two smaller tents for dressing.

On the ninth Sunday night, certificates were awarded to 103 students who had successfully completed our free Bible course. Each Sunday morning at 8:45 we conducted a quarter-hour radio program.

Elder L. R. Hastings, pastor of the Charlotte church, has promoted a strong lay program for several years, and much of the success of the campaign must be credited to him and to the many laymen who had sown much good seed in the city over the years.

Elder Hastings gave strong support to the meetings as did also Mrs. Hastings who served as a Bible instructor. Others serving faithfully on the team include: Mrs. J. Williams, soloist and Bible instructor; Mrs. P. Meador, pianist and Bible instructor; Mrs. E. M. Phipps, Bible instructor; Mrs. L. M. Phipps, organist; and Mr. J. L. Chavers, singing evangelist. Two of our youthful laymen, Miss R. Lee and Mr. V. Mendinghall, operated our mobile sound system.

The members of the church contributed large sums of money and assisted weekly in distributing the handbills, ushering and policing the grounds. Music was also furnished by the Charlotte and Winston-Salem churches.

As a result of this campaign, ground was broken on January 7 for the erection of a new church home. The church will be built on the same spot where the tent had been pitched. The old building is far too small to accommodate the present membership, necessitating the conducting of two services each Sabbath. One service is conducted in the sanctuary and one in the basement of the church.

We rejoice together over the rich blessings of God and look ahead with a deeper faith as the work moves toward its final climax.

(Turn the page for pictures)



Evangelist Phipps



These 113 persons were baptized in the first baptism.



Pastor L. R. Hastings and Pastor J. M. Phipps baptize one of the converts.



The evangelistic team.

Perpetual Subscriptions

The *Review and Herald* has good news for all our readers. You can still subscribe to the *Review and Herald*, on a perpetual basis only, at the \$3.95 rate. If you do this you will be rewarded by receiving, in addition to your regular subscription, all of the extra issues containing the General Conference Session reports. We urge that you place your subscription with your Book and Bible House and ask them to place your name on the perpetual mailing list.

When changing address we strongly urge that you be very prompt and very accurate in reporting this to the Periodical Department of the *Review and Herald* because of a new postal regulation which requires us to pay ten cents for every undelivered periodical. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.**

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Penitentiary Response

A few weeks ago on the pages of this paper there appeared a little article by the undersigned requesting help to furnish *Message Magazines* to penitentiaries.

Let me quote from a letter just in from one Protestant chaplain: "We received the 35 *Message Magazines* that you were kind enough to send. Since that time I have heard nothing but praise for your magazine, and requests for more. If you can send us perhaps 60 of these magazines per month, both myself and the inmates of this institution will be very appreciative. Your magazine fits in well with the program we have here and what we are trying to accomplish in the way of re-training, re-indoctrination, and rehabilitation. Let me thank you again for your thoughtfulness and your contribution, and may God's richest blessing always be yours. Sincerely, E. C. G., Protestant Chaplain, ——— Penitentiary."

Let me, therefore, through the columns of this paper, express to those who contributed so generously, a few words of appreciation from those less fortunate in-

dividuals behind the bars who cannot find the spiritual way out of this present world without help from such as you. While we have not been able to meet all the needs, we have met a number of them. Your help is still needed.

Please pray that the Lord will bless *Message Magazine* as it goes to the thousands incarcerated in this day and age.

And again, on behalf of these inmates, I say, Thank You.

R. J. CHRISTIAN
Manager of Circulation
Message Magazine

On Heart Attacks

Dr. John Scharffenberg's able advice on the topic of postponing heart attacks, presented at the Southern Convention for Self-Supporting Workers at Madison College last October, appears in the December *Madison Survey*. If any *TIDINGS* readers are not now receiving the *Survey*, you may have a copy of this enlightening talk free by writing *The Madison Survey*, Madison

College, Tenn. If you wish the *Survey* to come to you regularly from now on, so state . . . Considerable interest was also shown in the talk by Roger Goodge on wild edible plants. If you wish to receive a booklet on the subject, write and ask how you may obtain a copy.

Everyone Can Do It!

Recently, Anna McCann and Martha Statham, members of the Cheyenne, Wyoming, church, had a burden. The burden these enthusiastic ladies shared is very appropriate.

They observed too many youths succumbing to the vicious habits of smoking tobacco and drinking alcoholic beverages. They read reports of experts that the youth are being influenced not only by their evil companions, but many are taking their first drink in their homes. Since most of the churches advocate "moderation" in these practices and the youth are subjected to continual advertising urging them to "follow the crowd," they have no one to properly instruct or encourage them.

Sisters McCann and Statham decided to do something about this problem in Cheyenne. First, they counseled with the church members and decided on a plan. An appointment was then made with the county school superintendent. He accepted their plan of providing copies of *Smoke Signals* to every youth in the school district. With 3,600 students in junior and senior high schools this became a Herculean task for the church of 120 members. But it is a job that has to be done.

Copies of *Smoke Signals* are distributed by teachers in the physical education and health classes. The church has also sponsored several copies of *Listen* in a club to the library. The Cheyenne church is to be commended for waging an aggressive warfare on the enemy of souls during this school year.

Every day millions of youth are making decisions to abstain or to succumb to these evil habits. We must come to the rescue of those who are tempted to yield. Why wait? Should not every church feel its responsibility for providing temperance education that will save many from the pitfalls of sin and vice? For additional information and instructions consult with your church and conference temperance secretaries.

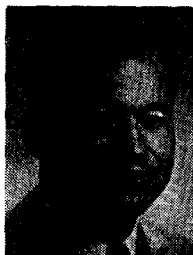
If large quantities of *Listen* are sponsored to junior and senior high schools much more will be accomplished. *Listen* may be used by the following classes: physical education, health, social studies, biology and driver education. The classes normally have 30 students. If possible, sponsor 30 subscriptions for each class. The publishers will arrange a special mailing program to deliver a year's subscription during the balance of the school term if the order is received by March 15. A special follow-up plan has been devised to encourage renewal of the subscription and expand the use of *Listen* within the school. Now is the time. This is the hour to warn both youth and adults of the dangers of tobacco and alcohol.

This is something everyone can do.

L. R. HIXSON
Circulation Department
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Durham, N. C. — April 7

GUEST SPEAKER—Elder F. L. Peterson, associate secretary General Conference
CHURCHES INVITED:

Charlotte	Raleigh	Clinton	Goldsboro
Salisbury	Morrisville	Lillington	La Grange, N.C.
Winston-Salem	Durham	Rocky Mount	Asheville
High Point	Pittsboro	Kinston	Wilmington
Greensboro	Fayetteville	Newbern	Council
Burlington	Wilson		

Columbia, S. C. — April 14

GUEST SPEAKER—Elder J. H. Wagner, president South Atlantic Conference
CHURCHES INVITED:

Florence	Greenville	Orangeburg	Summerville
Laurinburg, N.C.	Spartanburg	Andrews	Augusta, Ga.
Hemingway	Anderson	Bonneau	Columbia
Marion	Greenwood	Georgetown	Sumter
Darlington	Charleston		

Savannah, Ga. — April 21

GUEST SPEAKER—Elder C. E. Moseley, field secretary General Conference
CHURCHES INVITED:

Atlanta	Fitzgerald	Savannah	Thomasville
Athens	Albany	Brunswick	Bainbridge
Rome	Fort Valley	Columbus	Valdosta
La Grange, Ga.	Milledgeville	Hilton	Dixie
Macon	Dublin	Tallahassee, Fla.	

Orlando, Fla. — May 5

GUEST SPEAKER—Elder J. E. Edwards, secretary Home Missionary Department
General Conference

CHURCHES INVITED:

Jacksonville	Daytona Beach	St. Petersburg	Key West
St. Augustine	New Smyrna Beach	Clearwater	Fort Lauderdale
Gainesville	Orlando	Fort Myers	Pompano Beach
Palatka	Winter Park	Tampa	Dania
Lake City	Cocoa	Sarasota	Carver's Ranch
Sanford	Lakeland	Miami	West Palm Beach
Apopka	Plant City	Liberty City	Del Ray Beach
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Legal Notices

FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the 52nd biennial session of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Sanitarium Church in Orlando, Florida, on Sunday, March 18. The first meeting is called for 10 A.M. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and the transaction of such 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 25 members or major fraction thereof.

H. H. SCHMIDT, *President*
H. F. ROLL, *Secretary*

Notice is hereby given that the Florida Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a Corporation, is called to meet in the Sanitarium church, Orlando, Florida, on March 18, 1962, at 11 A.M. The delegates of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituents of this Corporation.

H. H. SCHMIDT, *President*
FRANK McMILLAN, *Secretary*

CAROLINA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that there will be a legal meeting of the Carolina Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina, in connection with the twenty-sixth biennial session of the Carolina Conference, which will be held at Charlotte, North Carolina, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1011 East Morehead Street.

The first meeting of this Association will convene at 2 P.M., March 11, 1962. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and trustees and to transact any other business that may come before the Association at that time. The delegates to the twenty-sixth biennial session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates of the Association meeting.

H. V. REED, *President*
R. W. DUNN, *Secretary*

CAROLINA CONFERENCE TWENTY-SIXTH BIENNIAL SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-sixth biennial session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Charlotte, North Carolina, Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1011 East Morehead Street, on Sunday, March 11, 1962. The first meeting is called for 10 A.M.

This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session.

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

H. V. REED, *President*
R. W. DUNN, *Secretary*

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the Mississippi Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, to be held in Montgomery, Alabama, at 7535 Lawrence Street, on April 15, 1962, at 2:00 P.M. The delegates to the Alabama-Mississippi

1962 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION HOTEL INFORMATION FOR NON-DELEGATES

The 49th session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in San Francisco, California, from July 26 to August 4, 1962. Any who plan to attend all or part of the session and who are interested in securing hotel or motel reservations should contact the secretary-treasurer of the conference in which they reside and hold membership, to secure a list of the available hotels. There is no space available in such hotels as the Whitcomb, Shaw, etc., and any others that do not appear on the list. These have been completely reserved for the use of official delegates.

Conference Session are the constituency members of this corporation.

LEROY J. LEISKE, *President*
A. J. HESS, *Secretary*

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the fifteenth regular biennial session of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Montgomery, Alabama, at 7535 Lawrence Street. The first meeting is called for April 15, 1962, at 10:00 A.M. This session is called for the purpose of receiving reports, the election of officers for the ensuing term, and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and an additional delegate for each ten members or fraction thereof.

LEROY J. LEISKE, *President*
A. J. HESS, *Secretary*

ALABAMA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of a regular session of the Alabama Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, to be held in Montgomery, Alabama, at 7535 Lawrence Street. The first meeting of this session is called for 2:00 P.M., April 15, 1962. The duly accredited delegates to the Alabama-Mississippi Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency members of this corporation.

LEROY J. LEISKE, *President*
A. J. HESS, *Secretary*

LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given of the regular biennial meeting of the Louisiana-Mississippi Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, to be held in Montgomery, Alabama, at 7535 Lawrence Street. The first meeting of this session is to be called at 2:00 P.M., April 15, 1962. The delegates to the Alabama-Mississippi Conference session are the constituency members of this corporation.

LEROY J. LEISKE, *President*
A. J. HESS, *Secretary*

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given of the regular biennial session of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, to be held in Montgomery, Alabama, at 7535 Lawrence Street. The meeting is called for 2:00 P.M., April 15, 1962. The duly elected delegates to the Alabama-Mississippi Conference session comprise the constituency for this corporation meeting.

LEROY J. LEISKE, *President*
A. J. HESS, *Secretary*

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the fifteenth biennial session of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the tabernacle-auditorium on the campus of Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee, April 1, 1962, at 10:00 A.M. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction 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.

A. C. MCKEE, *President*
L. E. ALDRICH, *Secretary*

GEORGIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the regular session of the Georgia Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the tabernacle-auditorium on the campus of Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee, April 1, 1962, at 11:00 A.M. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituents of this corporation.

A. C. MCKEE, *President*
L. E. ALDRICH, *Secretary*

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the legal session of the Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the tabernacle-auditorium on the campus of Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee, April 1, 1962, at 11:00 A.M. The delegates of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituents of this corporation.

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L. E. ALDRICH, *Secretary*

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 15th regular biennial session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Nashville First Church, corner Natchez Trace and Blair Boulevard, Sunday, March 25, 1962. The first meeting is called for 10:00 A.M., March 25. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the conference. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and an additional delegate for each ten members or major fraction thereof.

E. L. MARLEY, *President*
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News By Dateline

Sunday Laws Attacked At POAU Conference

Chicago—A standing ovation following the address of Dr. Leo Pfeffer expressed the enthusiastic approval of delegates to the 14th annual national conference of POAU (Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State), which met in Chicago on February 5 and 6.

Dr. Pfeffer, general counsel for the American Jewish Congress and a recognized authority in church-state relations, devoted a considerable part of his message to the recent Supreme Court decision on Sunday laws. He made clear his own position, shared by Seventh-day Adventists and others, that to enforce Sunday observance on those who by religious convictions keep another day, is a violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution. Dr. Pfeffer went on to say that he did not oppose one-day-in-seven laws, which do not prescribe the required day of rest.

The personal prediction of Dr. Pfeffer was that the Supreme Court in the next few years would be forced to reconsider its Sunday-law decision. The Court ruled that Sunday laws are no longer religious but are now secular, health-and-welfare measures. Dr. Pfeffer pointed out that three of the nine justices dissented in the cases involving those who keep the seventh day as the Sabbath, and he felt that other justices eventually would join this minority.

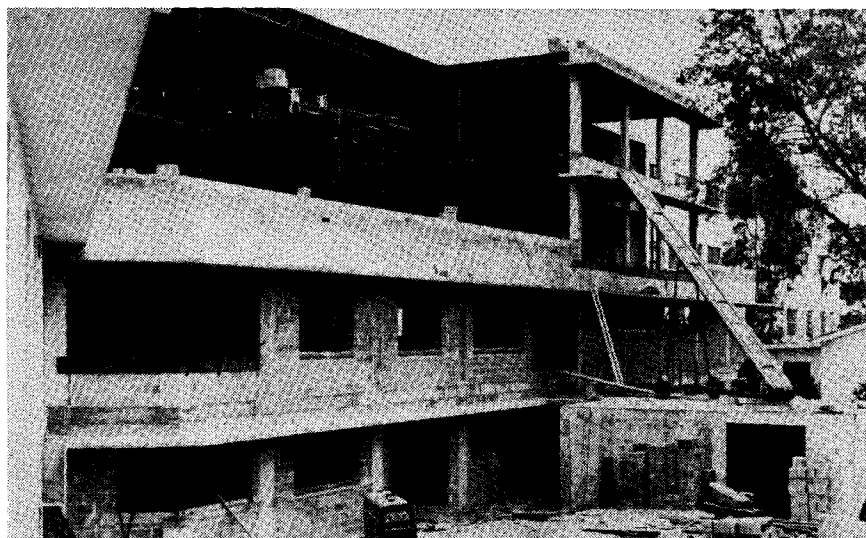
While Seventh-day Adventists feel that prophecy warns of greater pressures in enforcing Sunday laws, they were heartened by the response of many of the POAU delegates in applauding Dr. Pfeffer's stand on the Sunday-law issue.

Other than during this address, the POAU meeting heard very little on the Sunday-law question. In the final address which climaxed the conference, Glenn Archer, executive director of POAU, indicated opposition to Sunday laws. He attacked attempts to enforce religion by laws, "even by Sunday laws." Mr. Archer said that when religion invites, it wins; but when it compels, it loses.

Much of the discussion revolved around the question of federal aid to parochial schools and other religious institutions. Instruction was given in the formation and operation of local chapters of POAU. And some time was devoted to the discussion of church unity appeals by both Protestants and Roman Catholics.

Seventh-day Adventists were well represented at the conference. Among leaders attending were M. E. Loewen and W. Melvin Adams of the General Conference Religious Liberty Department; Dr. F. O. Rittenhouse, president of Andrews University; Gordon Engen, Lake Union public affairs secretary; James Joiner, associate editor of *These Times*; officers of the Illinois Conference; and pastors in the Chicago area.

Mr. Joiner served as correspondent for *Southern Tidings*.



Florida San Grows

Orlando—The Florida Sanitarium and Hospital's Morgan Memorial Rehabilitation Center continues construction on schedule. It is anticipated that the center will be completed and open for use in May of this year. The three-story building will house a completely new occupational and physical therapy department with the latest and most modern therapy equipment. The center will add 60 beds to the hospital's present capacity of 253. In addition, it will provide new office, stock room and storage space for the purchasing department.

Dies in Nashville at 94 Former SPA Art Director

Nashville—Fred Ernest Robert, born in Locle, French Switzerland, May 22, 1867, died at his home on Alpine Terrace, Nashville, Tennessee, January 5, 1962, at the age of 94. Mr. Robert's parents brought him to the United States when he was 12 years old, and in 1883, while living in Wisconsin, he, along with relatives, accepted the truth as taught by Seventh-day Adventists.

In 1884 he began to work at the Review and Herald Publishing Association at Battle Creek. In 1894 he was married to Adaline Drake, and in 1903, they with their daughter, Genevieve, were sent as missionaries to France where they labored until 1905. They came to live in Nashville, Tennessee, and two years later his wife died.

In 1909 Mr. Robert was married to Juliette Marie Fontane. He began his work in Nashville with James Edson White, son of Mrs. E. G. and James White. In the summer of 1912 he connected with the Southern Publishing Association and continued as head of the Art Department until his retirement in the spring of 1944, at the age of 77, rounding out 60 years of service, most of which was in denominational employ.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary January 12, 1959. If he had lived one week longer, they would have celebrated their 53rd. He is survived by his wife, Juliette, his daughter and two sons, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Board Actions, Self-Study Top Reports From SMC

Collegedale, Tenn.—The Board of Trustees of Southern Missionary College took several steps to strengthen the educational program and to make plans for a new college year during its annual meeting.

Dr. C. N. Rees, president of Southern Missionary College, reported to the board members the progress that had been made on the self-study program of re-evaluation for the up-coming re-accreditation of the college. A board of examiners from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools will visit the campus in March. Dr. Rees said that a new faculty handbook and working policy had been completed and that the self-study is nearing completion.

The board voted to accept the plans for a new shopping center for the college and the community. The details and final plans will be completed soon, and it is anticipated that construction will begin on March 1.

The board also voted to employ Mrs. Gladys Garland of Atlanta as a consultant for the nursing division of the college. She will represent the college in the public health workshop this next summer which will be held on the campus of Pacific Union College, Angwin, California.

The President announced that the research had been completed on a history of the college, and it is hoped that the writing and publication of the history will be done in time for the annual homecoming in October of this year. Mrs. Elva Gardner,

former registrar of the college, did the research.

The board also voted that several members of its faculty attend sectional meetings at Pacific Union College this summer.

Representing the college at the sectional meetings will be the following persons: Dr. Morris Taylor, music; Dr. Otto Christensen, religion and Biblical languages; Dr. Everett Watrous and Dr. J. L. Clark, history; and Mrs. Olivia Dean, art.

Plans were set for strengthening the Alumni Association of the college, and the board voted to hold regional alumni meetings throughout the Southeast next summer. New chapters will be started for the association.

The board elected Gordon Madgwick to be head of the department of English and Literature. Professor Madgwick is now on leave, working on his Ph.D. degree in English at the University of Maryland.

The board and faculty attended a banquet in the college cafeteria Thursday night at which the chairman of the board, Elder Don R. Rees, told the faculty members of the board actions. The students presented a musical program. The students participating in the program were as follows: women's trio, Linda Thompson, Becki Beeler, Margaret Lauer; piano solo, Jo Conner; soprano solo, Judy Fowler; saxophone solo, Robert Bolton; men's quartet, Benny Moore, Jim Haney, Don Parrish and Ross Clark.

Macon, Georgia, to conduct a two-week revival beginning January 14.

Georgia-Cumberland welcomed Elder Brownlow from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, where he had been since 1956. He entered the ministry in 1953 in the Carolina Conference.

Elder Brownlow's home town is Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He and his wife, Margaret (Motley), of Greensboro, N. C., have two children, Jeanie, 5, and Joe, 3. Elder Brownlow was graduated from Southern Missionary College in 1952.

• Pastors of the Valdosta and Augusta churches exchanged districts in January. Elder F. W. Harvey had been in Augusta since June, 1959. Elder A. E. Wade had been in Valdosta since June, 1960.

PEOPLE IN TRANSITION

In Alabama-Mississippi

A. J. Hess, assistant auditor of the Southern Union Conference, has accepted the invitation of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference Committee to be secretary-treasurer. He has already assumed his new duties. He replaces **J. W. Whitehead** who has accepted a similar position in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference (see below).

Mr. Hess and his family make their home in Meridian. He formerly was on the headquarters staff of the Florida Conference.

In Florida

H. H. Schmidt, president, reports the following changes: **Richard Pleasants, Jr.**, of New York, has accepted the position of secretary of Church Development. His specialty is to help individual churches organize fund-raising campaigns. Especially in the project of raising Forest Lake Academy funds and funds for local needs at the same time will Elder Pleasants' service be helpful.

Three workers have taken up duties in

In Kentucky-Tennessee

J. W. Whitehead, secretary-treasurer of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, has accepted an invitation to serve a similar capacity in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. He served Alabama-Mississippi for seven years, part of which was in the capacity of Book and Bible House manager.

J. M. Jansen, secretary-treasurer of the Carolina Conference, has been named secretary of the association and assistant conference treasurer in Kentucky-Tennessee.

Southern Union

Clarence M. Laue, a native of Texas who has served the church in South America since 1957, has been named assistant auditor of the Southern Union. In mission service he was the auditor of the South American Division. Prior to 1957 he served as treasurer of Newbury Academy, Thousand Oaks, Calif., and, later, as assistant business manager of La Sierra College.

Mr. Laue, whose brother, Robert, is treasurer of the Southern Union Bible School, is a graduate of La Sierra College and has done graduate work at the University of California and at Texas Christian University. He holds the Certificate for Public Accounting in California.

The Laue family has already located near the headquarters office.



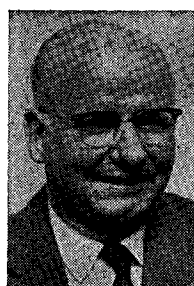
A. J. Hess



R. W. Dunn



J. H. Whitehead



J. M. Jansen



Richard Pleasants



R. L. Mathews



H. L. Yates



H. C. Brownlow

In Carolina

Robert W. Dunn recently assumed new duties as secretary-treasurer of the Carolina Conference. He had been serving in a similar capacity for four years in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, and formerly was connected with Southern Publishing Association. He attended college at Madison College and Union College; he and his wife accepted the Advent message as students at Madison College.

different districts: **Elder C. W. Beach** is now pastor of the Lake City-Perry-Madison district; **Elder H. L. Yates** has gone from that district to the St. Cloud-Taft-Kissimmee district; and **Elder R. L. Mathews** has moved from there to the Sanford-Deland district. New in the Bradenton-Palmetto district is **Elder L. J. Norris**,

In Georgia-Cumberland

As a part of a conference-wide evangelism for 1962, **Harmon C. Brownlow** came to

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E. L. MARLEY, *President*
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**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION
OF KENTUCKY**

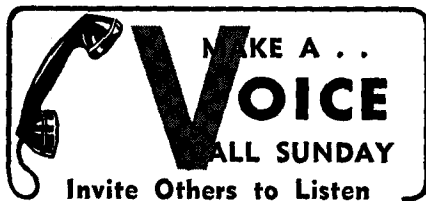
Notice is hereby given that the 35th regular session of the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Association of Kentucky, a corporation, is called to meet in the Nashville First Church, corner of Natchez Trace and Blair Boulevard, on Sunday, March 25, 1962. The first meeting is called for 2:00 P.M., Sunday, March 25. The delegates to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of the corporation.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Constituency of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute is called to convene Sunday, March 4, 1962, at 1:30 P.M., CST, in the Faculty Room, Madison College, Madison, Tennessee. The purpose of the meeting is to fill the vacancies on the Board of Trustees and on the Constituency, to consider the year-end reports of the corporation, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the association.

DON R. REES, *Chairman*
R. M. DAVIDSON, *Secretary*



THE VOICE OF PROPHECY SERMON TOPICS

March 4—Beasts from the Sea
March 11—Christ Baptized in Jordan
March 18—Christ in Temptation
March 25—Bible Questions Answered

SUNSET TABLE

	Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 16	Mar. 23
Atlanta, Georgia	6:35	6:41	6:46	6:52
Birmingham, Alabama	5:44	5:50	5:55	6:01
Charlotte, North Carolina	6:19	6:26	6:31	6:37
Collegedale, Tennessee	6:37	6:44	6:49	6:55
Huntsville, Alabama	5:43	5:49	5:54	6:00
Louisville, Kentucky	6:37	6:44	6:51	6:58
Memphis, Tennessee	5:56	6:03	6:08	6:14
Meridian, Mississippi	5:53	5:58	6:04	6:09
Nashville, Tennessee	5:43	5:49	5:55	6:01
Orlando, Florida	6:26	6:30	6:34	6:38
Wilmington, North Carolina	6:09	6:15	6:20	6:26

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The Bible School Story

By ELWYN PLATNER

THE Southern Union School of Bible Prophecy celebrated its 11th anniversary on January 16. It was established by Elder E. L. Cardey.

Joining Elder Cardey in January was Elder Harold E. Metcalf who has been Georgia-Cumberland Conference evangelist since 1958. Elder Metcalf was graduated from Washington Missionary College in 1943 and spent the next eight years as pastor-evangelist in the Chesapeake and West Virginia Conferences where he organized four churches.

During the next four years he was Oregon Conference evangelist and then returned in 1957 to the Potomac Conference to be associate pastor and evangelist at the Sligo church outside Washington, D.C.

Since he has been in Georgia-Cumberland he has conducted evangelistic crusades in nearly every major city. He has conducted 15 crusades in all. While pastor in Chattanooga he directed construction of a \$250,000 church.

He is currently conducting the Family Worship Hour radio broadcast on four stations. The 15-minute, week-day broadcast was begun in 1956 and has been conducted continually since that time. He and his wife, Marjorie, have two children, Sharon, 13, and Marjeanne, 10.

Treasurer for the school is Robert Laue. Assisting Elder Cardey in the publications is Mrs. Thelma Kotecki, art editor.

In the mailing department is Mrs. Gladys Carden, director. Mrs. Shirley Henderson is director of the department which contacts ministers concerning people who are definitely interested in keeping the Sabbath.

The instruction department includes Mrs.

Wiley Owens, Mrs. John McKown and Mrs. J. P. Lewis. Mrs. Troy Stephens and Mr. Wiley Owens operate two presses for the school. Secretary to Elder Cardey is Mrs. Doris Williams.

Mrs. Owens and Mrs. McKown explain that students frequently request prayer and explain their problems. Answers to questions are generally serious, says Mrs. McKown, but sometimes a question will be misunderstood and the answer may be amusing.

The school is now offering *Revelation* and *Search for Truth* courses. Lessons usually return to the school at a rate of 1,500 a week. Many others who receive the lessons do not return the examination sheets, Mrs. Owens explains, but they do read them.

During 1961 more than 218,000 lesson applications were received. As a result 1,766 people decided to keep the Sabbath, 1,052 requested baptism and 824 were actually baptized.

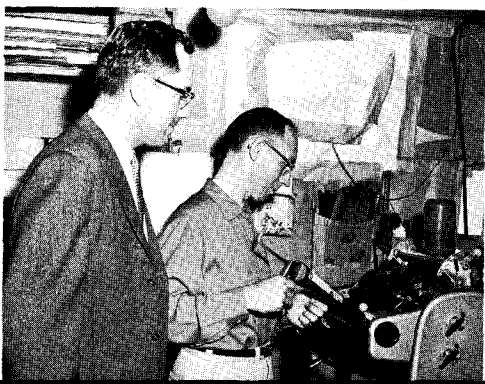
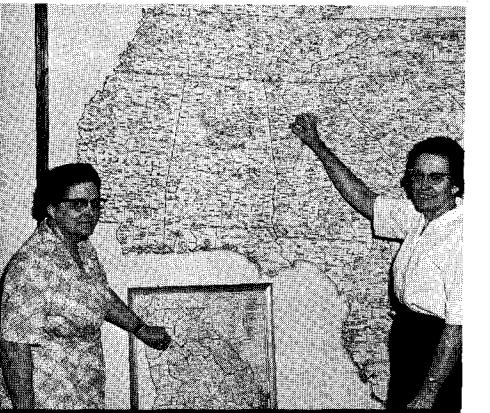
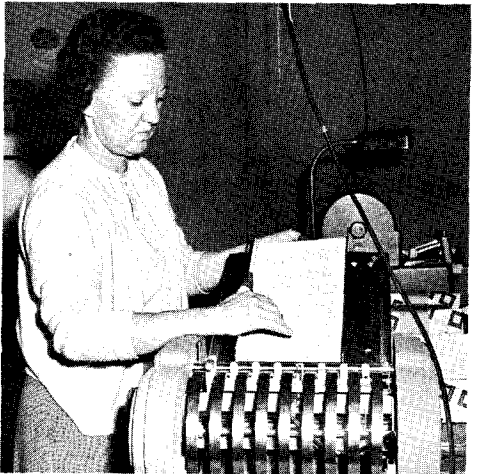
By the school's anniversary date enrollments for 11 years amounted to 1,494,159.

Upon coming to the school Elder Metcalf said, "I can see great possibilities for winning thousands of souls to this truth through the work of the Bible School. The biggest challenge of this work is finding a way to contact those who have studied about the Sabbath and bring them to a positive decision immediately."

During a crusade he conducted in Knoxville last December, Elder Metcalf reports that about 65 per cent of those baptized were people who had taken the Bible correspondence course. Many times the baptism of these people has hinged upon visits and the friendship of church members, he said.



These three started the School of Bible Prophecy 11 years ago. (Left to right) Esther Walker, Elder E. L. Cardey, Mrs. Shirley Henderson.





COMMENTS

by Don R. Rees, President

Importance of Identification

This number of SOUTHERN TIDINGS introduces a new dimension in church identification. The new church identifying sign, designed for all churches in the Southern Union, represents an important step forward in the work of extending the gospel. It takes the light out from under the bushel and sets it "on an hill" so that all may see. An attractive sign of this kind shows to the passers-by that the people who worship inside are both stable and progressive in their witness for the Lord. This new sign preaches a sermon to everyone who notices it. I urge every church board to consider the purchase of this sign just as soon as the explanatory materials are made available.

Progress Reports

Also on these pages are several reports from conference officers and departmental secretaries. These are always worth noting.

With pleasure we notice that the Florida Conference is very close to the 10,000 membership mark. It is good to see also that Florida Seventh-day Adventists have indicated where their heart is by substantially increasing their tithes and gifts to the church. For three consecutive years the Florida Conference has contributed to the work of the Southern Union Conference and the General Conference more than a million dollars annually.

The leaders of the church are mindful of the tremendous contributions—many of them of a sacrificial nature—that the members in Florida and elsewhere in the Southern Union are making toward the finishing of God's work.

Two reports from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference should be called attention to. One, from the conference president, shows that the membership stood at nearly 7,000 at the close of 1961. More than \$360,000 were made available for the building of new churches, elementary schools and the first major building on the campus of the new conference academy. The largest per capita offering ever made to the program of world missions was made in 1961, with both Sabbath School offerings and Ingathering reaching all-time highs. These are indicative of the finan-

cial support being given to the program in Georgia-Cumberland.

The conference has asked God to help it achieve these goals, among others, in 1962: Completion of two major buildings on the campus of the new academy, a tithe total of one million dollars, 100 Branch Sabbath Schools, 500 baptisms and the organization of at least 10 new churches.

The missionary spirit of Georgia-Cumberland is further revealed in the report from the Sabbath School Department. Some 64 Branch Sabbath Schools were in operation during 1961, and this gives a good springboard to the goal of 1962.

I hope our readers throughout the Southern Union pay special attention to the growth reports in the news columns of SOUTHERN TIDINGS. In every issue are new facts and figures from one or more conferences, or from some of the institutions. These are all revealing; in publishing them we are not primarily interested in comparisons, but, more important, in highlighting their challenge.

More Evangelism

I wish we had the space in SOUTHERN TIDINGS to give detailed account of all the evangelistic successes in the Southern Union. There just isn't enough space, and we must be content with short items and occasional detailed reports of outstanding experiences. One such experience is revealed in the article on page 11 by Elder Phipps, evangelist in the South Atlantic Conference. More than 200 souls were baptized as a result of meetings he and his associates conducted in Charlotte last year. His experience is a challenge to any minister, and the cooperation and help he got from other workers and laymen constitute a challenge to every member in the Southern Union. Such meetings can be held in virtually any part of the Southern Union territory. Some are in progress now; others are planned. By this time next year, under God's blessing, we expect to see scores of new church congregations established and hundreds of older ones strengthened.

What is your part in this grand work? Don't fail to realize the blessing that comes from every effort you put forth as a soul winner.