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THE DRAMATIC STORY OF A BOOK



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by CECIL COFFEY

GEORGE ROBERTS is a barber
whose shop is located in a large
suburban shopping center on the
northeast side of Nashville, Ten-
nessee. He is a master at his trade.
Unlike most barbers, George does
not talk a lot. He is, however, an
omnivorous reader.

George is not a Seventh-day Adventist
—not yet—but you wouldn't know that
by what he says in his abbreviated con-
versations with customers. Most of his
conversations are centered around a small
stack of books that he keeps on top of the
cabinet where are stored his barber
supplies.

Every book there is a Seventh-day
Adventist book, and this is the way it
has been with George for more than a
year now. Some of the books were given
to him by employees of Southern Pub-
lishing Association; others he bought at
the nearby Book and Bible House.

George is a man not easily agitated.
But a few weeks ago when one of the
SPA editors entered the barber shop for
his customary Friday afternoon haircut,
he found George to be visibly upset.

"It's all because of that book you gave
me," said George as he worked the
scissors.

"Which book?"

"The one by your TV preacher."

"Oh, you mean *By Faith I Live*, our
new book by Pastor William A. Fagal.
But what's wrong with it?" questioned
the editor.

"I don't know that there is anything
wrong with it," said George. "The trouble
is, I haven't had a chance to finish read-

ing it. Everybody else wants to read it
first. Week before last one of the other
barbers took it home with him and didn't
bring it back until the following Monday.
He's a Sunday School teacher and he
claims he got his whole Sunday School
lesson out of that book."

George took a minute or so to use the
electric clippers.

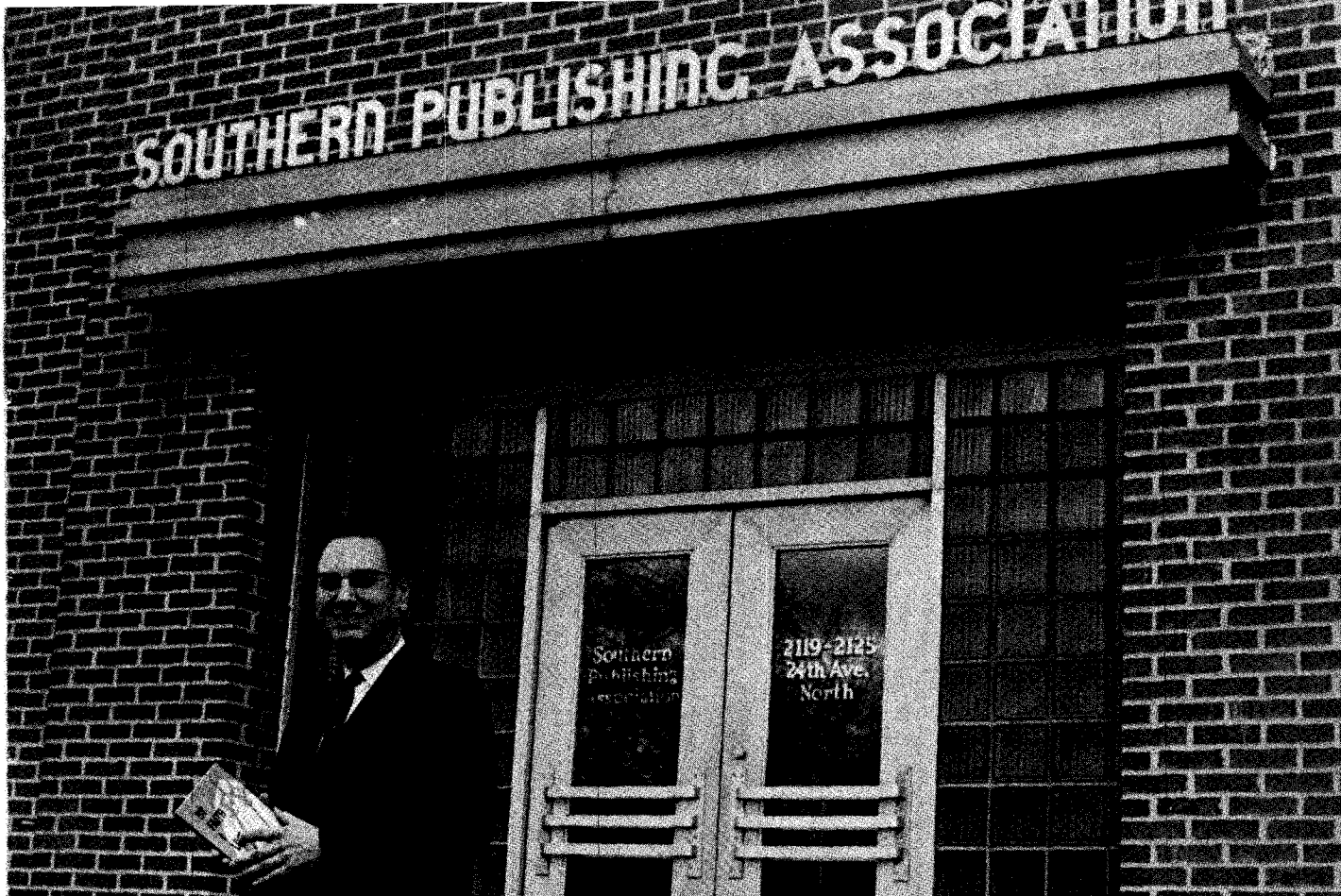
"Then last week," he said, "I thought
I'd get a little more read during my
lunch hour over at the drugstore. Well,
wouldn't you know it, the cashier saw
the book and said she just had to take
it home that night to see if it was like
the one she had received in the mail.
She's been taking a TV Bible course.

"Finally," continued George, "she re-
turned the book. Then today, not an hour
ago, the pastor of the big church down
by the post office was in here and said
he surely would like to read that book.
Well, you just can't say No to a man
of the cloth when he puts it that way."

By now the conversation had developed
into the longest one the editor remem-
bered having had with George. But
George had one more comment. "I won-
der," he said, "if you had half as much
trouble getting this book printed as I
am having in getting it read."

The editor assured him that there
had been no trouble involved in the
production of the book, but that there had
been a lot of hard work over a period
of several years.

By Faith I Live began in the mind of
its author many years ago. It expresses
Pastor Fagal's most pointed experiences
since the early days of his ministry in



New York. It is a written expression of accumulated wisdom and knowledge following years of personal Bible study and ministry to men and women in all walks of life. Its style is geared to reach and interest the masses, and this, too, comes from long experience in preparing materials for the Faith for Today television program.

By Faith I Live began in a formal way when the Southern Publishing Association executive committee voted in 1962 to ask Pastor Fagal to author the 1966 Missionary Book of the Year. This was the first of hundreds of steps involved in the writing, editing, designing, and manufacturing of this book. Pastor Fagal accepted the assignment.

Writing is a lonely job. In the final analysis, it is the writer sitting at a typewriter or dictating machine, or possibly scribbling on a writing pad, laboriously recording one word at a time, that makes a book. The words become sentences, sentences are organized into paragraphs, paragraphs become pages, and ultimately there are enough pages to make a book. But during the writing, and afterward, there is much, much more. There is the constant rewriting, reorganizing, rephrasing; the checking of facts, of style; reading the manuscript for its interest value, deciding that it's not good enough, putting it aside for a while, then going over it again, meticulously.

From late 1962 until September of 1964 the entire project was in the hands of Pastor Fagal. Every now and then he would be interrupted by occasional notes from the book editor. The editor's letters

were brief and usually expressed such thoughts as these, written January 31, 1963: "Dear Brother Fagal: Every now and then I like to send along a note of encouragement to authors who are working on manuscripts for us. Please consider this a note of encouragement."

Later that year the book editor wrote, "We are giving some thought to changing the format of the missionary book that we will publish in 1966. We are thinking of enlarging the page size substantially, as well as the type size, and binding it in a quality soft-cover."

The finished manuscript arrived at the Southern Publishing Association on September 8, 1964. One of the editorial assistants acknowledged receipt of the manuscript, saying, "The members of the Book Publishing Committee are already reading it, and we hope to have their reports by the end of this week."

The reports came in. Unanimously they said, "Publish it."

Copies of the manuscript were then sent to readers outside the publishing house. Theologians were asked to check its theological content; others were asked to estimate its interest value; some were asked to make general comments. Again the reports were in favor of publishing the manuscript.

Accordingly, the book publishing committee voted to accept the as-yet-untitled manuscript. But this did not make it the official manuscript for the 1966 Missionary Book of the Year. That took an Autumn Council action.

At the 1964 Autumn Council, I. H. Ihrig, general manager of Southern Pub-

lishing Association, told the delegates assembled:

"One of the most readable full-message manuscripts ever submitted to the Southern Publishing Association is being recommended for the 1966 Missionary Book of the Year. The underlying theme of the manuscript is the imminence of Christ's soon return. But the practical aspects of daily Christianity are expressed also. Readers in this space age need Christian literature that keeps pace with their lives. In order to attract fast-moving people, we must give them a fast-moving book. Pastor Fagal has answered this need in an admirable way without neglecting the basic essentials for salvation."

The Autumn Council unanimously approved the Fagal manuscript and authorized Southern Publishing Association to proceed with publishing plans.

Then the work of editing began. The first editing involved an examination of all correspondence related to the manuscript—by this time there were two folders full—and also an evaluation of specific comments made by the numerous manuscript readers. Pastor Fagal had expressed dissatisfaction with his chapter titles and had requested that the editors try to come up with better ones. Attention was given to this detail.

Following the many steps in the general editing, the manuscript was given to the copy editor for purposes of verifying all facts cited by the author and of stylizing the manuscript.

Meanwhile Pastor Fagal addressed this letter to the editors on December 16,

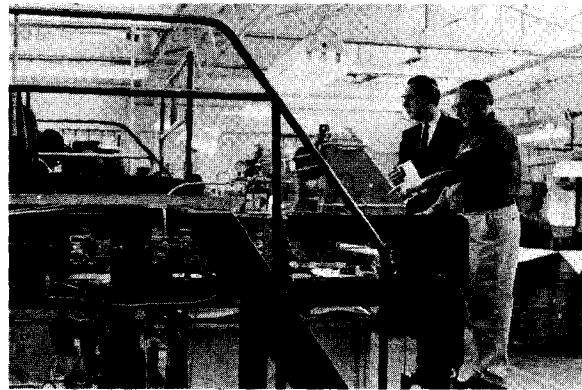


Mrs. Bernice Schueler, head proofreader, shows Pastor Fagal what happens to galley proofs and page proofs.

Copies of *By Faith I Live* go through the rapid trimmer, the last manufacturing step before packaging.



Jerry Schweitzer, press room foreman at Southern Publishing Association, shows Pastor Fagal how well one of the older presses performed in the production of his book.



1964: "I have been thinking a lot lately about the visit we had a number of months ago in which you discussed with me the possibility of bringing out the Missionary Book of the Year in paper cover. I recall that at the time I reacted somewhat adversely.

"After thinking the matter over, I certainly don't want to stand in the way of progress, and it may well be that putting the book out in paper cover would indeed be progress. It seems this has become more and more an accepted procedure, and the very finest of books are being published in this less expensive manner. . . . It just may be that bringing the books out in paper and selling two for the price of one, or something similar, might be the answer to spark the imagination of our people and promote a much wider distribution. Without doubt, our primary concern is the widest circulation possible of the book, in order that the largest number of souls may be won to the message."

The matter of format and the possibility of selling two copies for \$1.00 (always the cost of one copy before) had by now become a major topic of discussion at the publishing house book-planning sessions. There was a desire on the part of every person concerned to not only put out a superior product, but to offer it at a substantial reduction in price. But two copies for a dollar . . . well, that didn't appear then to be much more than wishful thinking.

But the factory superintendent, Noble Vining, sharpened his pencil and reported to the planning committee that it might be possible. Further study was given to this aspect, and then Len Paddock, man-

ager of the book department, said, "We'll package these books by two's, and we'll offer the whole package for \$1.00. This will make the missionary book dollar go twice as far, will enable our church members to reach twice as many people with a full-message Book of the Year as they have been able to reach at any other time for the same amount of money." The decision was made, and the publishing house was geared to implement the pioneer project of producing two full-message books from an original manuscript for 50 cents a copy in packages of two.

Following the initial planning, the manuscript was sent to the art department, where artist Charles Cook set to work designing the cover, the front-of-the-book pages, and the chapter openings.

When the editing and designing were completed, the manuscript went to the typesetter; and in a few days proofs were taken from the set type. Proofreading, one of the most critical steps in book production, of necessity took a good deal of time. Every word, every line, had to be checked technically and checked meticulously against the edited manuscript. Galley proofs are thoroughly checked several times by the proofreaders, then are given to the editors for reading, and ultimately reach the author.

Any of these persons may suggest changes or call attention to some matter that should be cleared up before the book goes to press. Corrections are duly noted by the editors, are copy edited, and are transferred to the proofroom. Changes are then made by the typesetter, and corrected galley proofs are pasted in a "dummy" book on the basis of specifications already agreed to. From this the com-

positors change the galleys of type into page length, take new proofs of the pages, and give page proofs to the proofreaders. Again the proofs are inspected meticulously, then given to the editors, and ultimately a finished set is sent to the author. (Sometimes an author receives only page proofs, not the galley proofs that are ready earlier.)

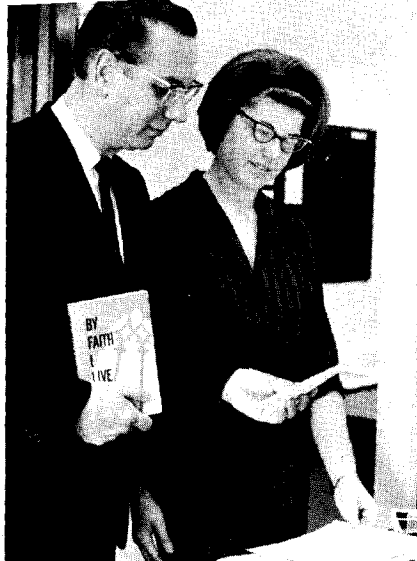
Such were the procedures followed with *By Faith I Live*.

Selecting a title for a book is not always easy. But a good title is absolutely essential to the success of the book. More than fifty titles were considered for Pastor Fagal's manuscript before *By Faith I Live* was selected. It was felt by all of those concerned—the editors, the author, the sales people—that this title most aptly expressed the message of the book. It also indicated that the book was personalized and would reveal something of Pastor Fagal's own religious life. Making the word *faith* prominent in the title gave the book a pointed kinship to the Faith for Today television program.

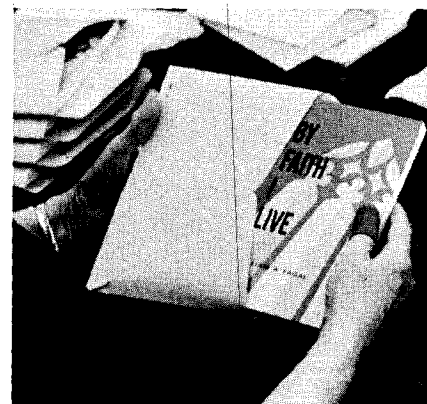
When Pastor Fagal approved the page proofs and they had been checked out once again by the editors and by the proofreaders, the book was ready to go to press. All of the art work had been finished, the necessary engravings made, and everything necessary to make the book complete was placed in forms that fit the press on which it was to be printed. Following the printing, the signatures—as the big flat sheets of printed matter are called—went to a folding machine and on through several operations in the bindery. One of these was the attachment of the cover, which was printed separately from the main body of the book.

Finally *By Faith I Live* became a

Advertising assistant Dorothy Deer shows Pastor Fagal advertising layouts planned for insertion in church periodicals later this year.



Envelopes containing copies of *By Faith I Live* are readied for mailing at Faith for Today headquarters.



SPA Factory Superintendent Noble Vining, left, describes the processes involved in paperback manufacturing.

manufactured product. It had been selected as a Book of the Month for Faith for Today, and accordingly its first popularity test came in connection with the telecast. The response was immediate and good. In a matter of days some 15,000 viewers asked for the book. At this writing 30,000 viewers have requested *By Faith I Live*. This sets a record in book requests received by Faith for Today.

Of equal importance is the amazing number of letters Pastor Fagal has received from those who have read the book. Literally hundreds of personal letters from viewers, from members of the church, and from the clergy have already assured Pastor Fagal that his book is meeting a very real need. People are being helped, and members of the church are using the book to help people. And assurance of this kind of success is the reward the Adventist writer is seeking.

Typical of the many letters received by the author are these:

"I want to tell you how I appreciate the book *By Faith I Live*. I have read it through twice and will continue reading it over and over again. It has helped me so much."—*A viewer in Texas.*

"God was surely near when you wrote the Book of the Year, *By Faith I Live*. Today is Sabbath, and because of illness my wife and I are home. For our church service at home we read Chapter 5 of your book, 'Steps to Personal Peace.' I would pay the price of the book many times over for that one chapter. Chapter 22 is also outstanding. The entire book is excellent. At our workers' meeting next week I plan to urge the men to use many copies in their work during 1966. It is indeed a full-message book, and it is wonderful to be able to have two copies

for only \$1.00. I predict that it will have a large circulation, and I surely hope it does."—*A conference president.*

"Of the 75 copies of *By Faith I Live*, which we have given away so far, these have gone to good friends: two Catholic, two Jewish, one Mennonite. My sister-in-law in Montana has not really seemed religious through the years, but she wrote back quickly how clear she found your book. She seemed to be appreciating it so very much. A Presbyterian lady next door to us reported that she had read until two in the morning. She began to think of sharing this book with others, and my wife supplied her with two more copies, for which she wishes to pay."—*A layman.*

An author never knows when or where or under what circumstances his book may be read. One lady who baby-sits for neighbors told this story:

"One evening a week I help out a young couple by baby-sitting for their twins. Last week when I went, I took along your book, *By Faith I Live*, thinking that maybe if the twins were good I could get in a bit of reading.

"Well, the twins slept the whole evening through, and it's a good thing they did, for I could hardly have torn myself away from your book. Even after I got home that night, I stayed up late to finish the book. Thank you for the wonderful inspiration it has given me. Certainly God has used you to bring blessing to many through *By Faith I Live*."

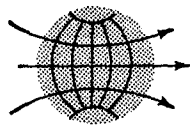
A Georgia literature evangelist who does much more than just sell books wrote, "This evening I just finished reading *By Faith I Live*. My wife has read it also, and she is just as pleased as I am about how you presented the precious

truth in the most interesting and convincing manner. Because you wrote it in the first person, I believe it sustains interest and gets more across to the reader than if it had been written in any other style. When the book first came out, I ordered twenty copies; but yesterday I telephoned the Book and Bible house for fifty more of them because this is one of the best ways to share my faith. Thank you for writing that book. It required much prayerful work to present so much truth in such limited space, and I believe the SPA did a good job in printing it, packaging it two copies for only a dollar."

Perhaps an Adventist in Oregon best sums up the widespread response to this new missionary book: "Received your book *By Faith I Live*, and have enjoyed reading it so much. I have just ordered ten copies from the Book and Bible House, for I believe it to be the best book of all to pass out to neighbors and friends to read. To me it has that personal touch that means so much."

The publishers printed 100,000 copies of *By Faith I Live* in December, another 100,000 copies in January, and a third printing of 100,000 copies was ordered in February. Thousands are making it a truly missionary tool.

And that is the story of a book, a book that already seems destined to be an all-time "best seller" among the Missionary Books of the Year and, more important, a record setter in influencing men and women toward the kingdom of God. Pastor Fagal and all the workers at Southern Publishing Association are humbly aware of what God can do with a book in the hands of a dedicated person whose motivation comes from the great commission, "Go ye into all the world. . . ."



DATELINE DATA

MEDICAL CENTENNIAL

Washington, D. C.

The centennial of Adventist medical work will be observed by our hospitals and other medical institutions throughout the world this year. One hundred years ago, in 1866, it was voted to implement a strong health emphasis program. Beginning with a health periodical and a health institute, Adventist medical work has extended to 189 countries. In 1965 approximately four million persons were treated in 128 hospitals and 146 clinics throughout the world. One out of every three Adventists employed full-time in 1964 was a medical worker. Open-house celebrations, fair exhibits, and parade entries by Adventist medical institutions on Hospital Day and throughout 1966 will center around the centennial of Adventist medical work.

'WORRY LIST' OF AMERICANS

New York

Americans are worried because they don't make it to church regularly according to the Harris Survey, conducted to determine what the chief causes of worry are for Americans. Non-church going was fourth on the list of worries, topped only by worry about being overweight, not being physically fit, and reading too little. Of those questioned, 43 percent said they often felt bad about not attending church regularly. Another 35 percent admitted that they sometimes felt bad about their own non-attendance. Fourteen other subjects causing Americans to worry were revealed by the survey, including wasting too much time, not being considerate enough of parents, not being active enough in the community, spending too much money, and not giving enough to charity.

DOORS TO BE OPENED

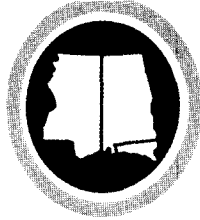
New York

Of the nearly 200 million people in the United States, approximately 50 million have yet to be confronted with the Word of God, according to latest figures from the American Bible Society, which is now in the one hundred fiftieth year of its work of translating, publishing, distributing, and encouraging the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

THREE MILESTONES IN '66 FOR H. M. S. RICHARDS, SR.

Los Angeles

1966 is a year of important milestones for H. M. S. Richards, speaker of the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast. During this year, he will celebrate his 46th wedding anniversary; his 36th year of radio ministry; and his Silver Anniversary year of coast-to-coast broadcasting.



ALABAMA MISSISSIPPI

Temperance Speaker at Bass Memorial Academy

At a recent chapel period, Elder J. V. Scully of the General Conference Temperance Department vividly showed to the students of Bass Memorial Academy the harms in smoking.

After lighting two cigarettes for the smoking machine and introducing the nicotine into some water, students noticed that Charlie, a goldfish, was no longer as lively as he had been earlier in the program. By the end of the lecture, Charlie had given his life to help youth remember that two small cigarettes may be two too many.

Roy Dunn, left, president of B.M.A. chapter of A.T.S., with Elder Scully during recent chapel program.



CAROLINA

Investment Brings Results

Members of the Hendersonville, North Carolina, Sabbath school are already busy this year trying to top their investment goal of 1965 when they raised \$1,840.65. Leaders do not even tell the members that the General Conference Investment goal is only \$3.00-\$5.00 per member, because they already average more than \$10.00.

Mr. Ralph Mull, Investment leader last year and again this year, estimates that at least 80% of the members took part in 1965. Mr. Mull, himself a painting contractor, gives for his offering the amount he receives in discounts when he buys paint.

Other interesting projects included the baking of bread by one lady, which brought her \$25. Another lady cuts her husband's hair each week and puts in the \$1.00 they save, making a total of \$52. One man, who works at a hospital, gives all his tips for Investment.

Another of the members, a dentist, gives what he receives from emergency dental work on Sabbath. In addition, he has a hobby of raising cannas and sells bulbs each spring. This year he also dedicated \$117, which was the amount of a ten-year-old bill he had not been able to collect.

The Hendersonville church has a membership of 147.

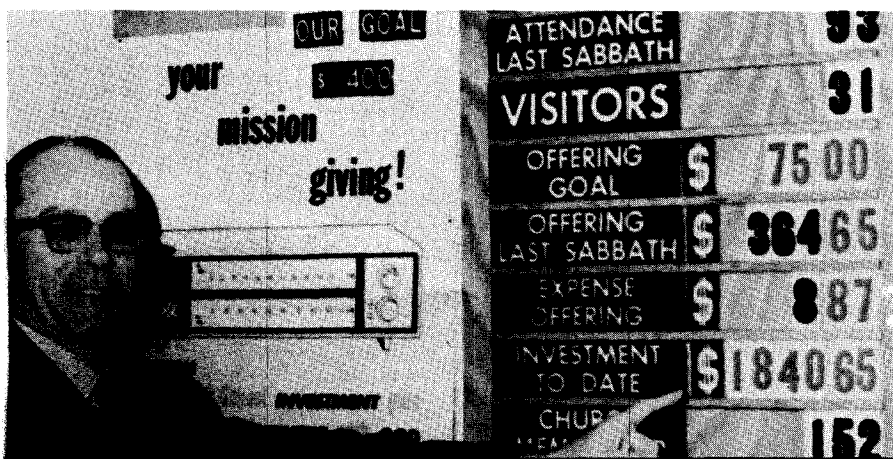
News Briefs

► Evangelistic meetings have been started in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, by James Wyckoff, conference evangelist, and his assistant, Wayne McNutt. David Dobias is district pastor of the area.

► February 26 to March 5 was pulpit exchange week in the Carolina Conference. Pastors from practically every district of the conference joined in evangelistic meetings during this period as a follow-up to the visitation programs which had been conducted during the first two months of the year.

► The new auditorium at Mt. Pisgah Academy is nearing completion and will be used for the constituency meeting to be held there on April 3. A contract for the public address system has just been voted.

► Two Smokers Dials are still operating in Charlotte and Asheville. There is a continuing response from people calling for help, and local radio stations still advertise the service provided by Seventh-day Adventists.



Mr. Ralph Mull, Investment secretary of the Hendersonville Sabbath school, shows total reached for 1965.



Florida Yo



◆ Participants in opening session of the Florida Youth Congress—from left, William A. Iles, who introduced the guest speaker; Elder Norman Middag, Florida MV secretary; Bill Johnson, song leader; Honorable Farris Bryant, former governor of Florida, guest speaker.



◆ Student nurses' quartet from the Orlando campus of Southern Missionary College—from left: Maureen Sykes, Lynn Bicknell, Pat Mooney and Pat Pierce.



◆ A mission story in colorful costumes—from left: Aurora Alvarado from Mexico; Cristina Samayoa and Ruth Samayoa from Guatemala.

◆ Boys representing Luther Warren and Harry Fenner, founders of Adventist youth activities.



The message—Jesus Is Coming Again—proclaimed by angels and repeated by apostles long ago was sounded forth in song and word and banner at the 1966 Florida Youth Congress.

The large banner theme stretched across the platform of the Forest Lake Academy gymnasium-auditorium, where the congress was held, February 24-26.

Coming again, Coming again;
Maybe morning, maybe noon,
Maybe evening and maybe soon!

Coming again, Coming again—
O what a wonderful day it will be!
Jesus is coming again!

—These words of John W. Peterson's inspiring gospel song heralded each session of the congress.

Norman O. Middag, Florida Conference director of youth activities, was the general director of the congress. L. M. Nelson of the General Conference, E. S. Reile of the Southern Union, and P. A. Kostenko from the Carolina Conference were among the participating guests.

About 200 delegates, representing 36 churches, attended. Both Forest Lake Academy and Greater Miami Academy were well represented.

Honorable Farris Bryant, a Jacksonville attorney and former governor of the State of Florida, was guest speaker at the opening session of the congress. He spoke of the American heritage of respect for justice, and of noble ideals and high moral standards as related to divine justice.

Friday was dedicated to youth evangelism. At one session Elder Fordyce W. Detamore spoke on "Modern Evangelism Techniques." Another session was concerned with the Target 30,000 program of youth evangelism. The afternoon program closed with a session entitled "It Works," under the direction of Elder Arden C. Mote of Nashville, Tennessee, formerly pastor of the highland church in Apopka, Florida. He told of a *Voice of Youth* effort held by the Highland and Kress Memorial churches. Several people who joined the Adventist church together with men who made decisions at that time to enter the ministry were presented.

There were two outstanding features in the Friday night service. "The Guatemala Story" was presented by Elder O. L. Heinrich, Southern Union public relations secretary, and Elder Reile. It was a fast-moving series of color slides, with a skillfully-recorded narration, musical background and sound effects. It depicted the Missionary Volunteer excursion taken to Guatemala last November. The other feature was a sermon by Elder Nelson, touching on the work for and by youth throughout the world.

The Sabbath school service was an all-youth program with Jim Cress of Gainesville, a sophomore student at Forest Lake Academy, as superintendent. Three young ladies, dressed in gala costumes from their countries of Guatemala and Mexico, presented a thrilling dialogue account of mission progress in Inter-America. Doug Foley of Jacksonville, a junior at Forest Lake Academy, spoke on the importance of branch Sabbath schools as a soul-winning project for youth.

W. O. Coe, Florida Conference president, preached on the congress theme, Jesus Is Coming Again, at the worship hour.

Main feature in the afternoon was "This Is My Life"—a pantomime presentation with a recorded narration, dramatically reviewing the history of the Missionary Volunteer Society in all of its developments, including some events in the history of Florida MV's.

h Congress

Ten scenes were depicted, beginning with Luther Warren and Harry Fenner in their conversation at Hazelton, Michigan, in 1879 that germinated the idea from which the Missionary Volunteer Society grew. In another scene, James and Ellen White were shown, and it was recalled that from their wise foresight, under divine inspiration, came guidance for the Adventist youth movement.

A number of early youth leaders were shown in another scene: Matilda Erickson, Flora Plummer, Elders M. E. Kern, A. Spicer, A. G. Daniels and Luther Warren. The narration told of the part these individuals played in the development of the present world-wide Adventist youth program.

One scene gave the plan of the MV classes, honors and investitures, and depicted the first investiture ceremony with persons representing A. W. Spalding, Grover Fatic, Gordon Smith, Mrs. Chester Hold and C. Lester Bond.

Other scenes depicted Pathfinder activities, Bible year character classics, junior camping and planning sessions of leaders to develop new plans, especially for involvement of the youth in soul winning.

Scene Nine was not a representation—the very people involved in the event depicted were present, some of them having traveled far to be present. All were among those involved in a *Voice of Youth* effort sponsored in 1958 by the Highland church of Apopka, Florida. Elder A. C. Mote, pastor in Madison, Tennessee, was pastor of the Highland church when the program was conducted eight years ago. Also among the group were four men, now Adventist ministers, but then participants as laymen in the effort: Walter Marshall and Al Stevens of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, William F. Asher of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, and Walter Brown of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference. Two other participants are now devoting their talent to church construction in the Southern Union: Fred Krall and Bill Clark. Bennie and Emma Lee Tillman, who participated in the 1958 effort, are still active lay soul-winners in the Highland church.

In the closing scene, Missionary Volunteers were brought right down to 1966. A group of boys were talking about plans for the summer, when pastor J. F. Hamrick of the Forest Lake church joined them and guided their thinking to planning for a *Voice of Youth* effort, ending with an appeal and challenge to delegates of the congress to follow Jesus without reservation.

A patriotic program was given at the closing session on Saturday night. Liz Allen, a 15-year-old girl of Winter Park, Florida, and 1965 world water ski champion, was interviewed by Elder Reile. Liz told of her experience with water skiing and other water sports, of her participation in various meets, and of her final victory in last year's world competition. Although a member of another church, Liz gave a hearty affirmative to Elder Reile's inquiry on being a Christian.

Speaker for Saturday night was Congressman Edward J. Gurney of Florida's eleventh district. He spoke on "Loyalty, Price of Freedom." "Freedom is a thing so hard to win, and so easy to lose," he said. He pointed out that many human lives have been sacrificed as part of the price of freedom, but went on to show the meaning and value of loyalty to the principles on which American freedom was founded.

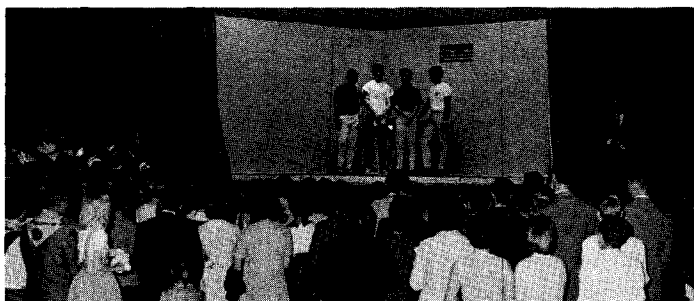
Music for the congress was provided by vocal and instrumental groups from Forest Lake and Greater Miami academies. The Forest Lake Ushers' Club carried the ushering responsibilities, and the academy's Medical Cadet Corps was in charge of campus traffic and parking.



◆ Pioneers in the youth work—from left, representing W. A. Spicer, Flora Plummer, M. E. Kern, Luther Warren, Matilda Erickson and A. G. Daniels.



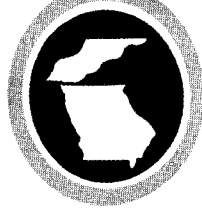
◆ A reunion of men who took part in the 1958 *Voice of Youth* evangelistic campaign sponsored by the Highland church of Apopka—from left: Walter Marshall, Georgia-Cumberland Conference; W. F. Asher and A. C. Mote, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; Fred Krall, builder with Church Development Service, Inc.; Al Stevens, Georgia-Cumberland Conference; Bennie Tillman, layman in Highland church; Walter Brown, Alabama-Mississippi Conference; Bill Clark, president of Church Development Service, Inc. Mote was pastor in Apopka at the time of the effort and the other men participated as laymen.



◆ Delegates respond to call for dedication during closing scene of *THIS IS MY LIFE* program given by Elder J. F. Hamrick, at right on platform.

◆ Participants in closing session of congress—from left: Elder H. F. Roll, Florida Conference; Congressman Edward J. Gurney; Liz Allen, 1965 world water ski champion; Elder E. S. Reile, Southern Union; Elder Norman O. Middag, Florida Conference; William A. Iles, Orlando businessman and master of ceremonies.





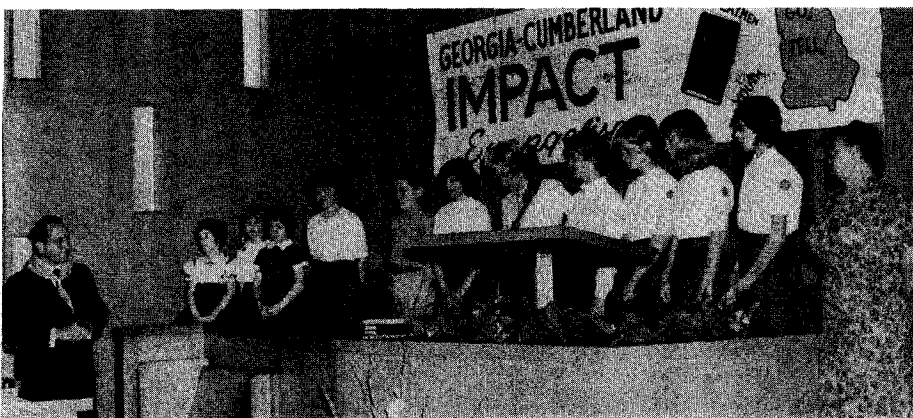
Three Week-end Camp Meetings



► Pamella Aalborg, a Georgia Cumberland Academy student, Class of 1976, gave her contribution to the special music of the camp meeting week-end in Savannah, Georgia.



► Gary Rollins, left, Hinsdale, Illinois; Donald Wilson, center, Macon, Georgia; and Roy Fickling, Marietta, Georgia, provided a trumpet trio for both the Savannah and Waycross camp meetings.



► Elder Don Aalborg, conference youth leader, gave honors to twelve at Savannah for the completion of the J.M.V. classwork.

Waycross and Savannah, Georgia, and Kingsport, Tennessee, were chosen for special week-end camp meetings during February and early March.

Conference administrators, departmental secretaries and academy representatives were present to make contributions to the program.

The first meeting of each week-end was held on Friday evening with Vesper services which were made impressive by special music.

On Sabbath morning, Elder J. L. Price acted as Sabbath school superintendent.

At the 11:00 o'clock worship service, Elder Desmond Cummings, conference president, was the speaker.

For the benefit of those who were unable to attend the conference session on February 13, a report for the last biennium was given. This was accompanied by posters and color slides on the screen.

Following the activities of the day at Savannah, a very impressive investiture was held. Twelve were given honors for the completion of JMV achievement classes. One of the twelve, Mrs. R. E. Bergman, was invested as a Master Guide.

These meetings were all well attended, not only by the church in which they were held, but by many other churches from neighboring districts.

LaGrange Pulpit Exchange



Pastors Roy Caughron, left, and John Fowler, right, with the four candidates who were baptized at their LaGrange Pulpit Exchange meeting, January 22-February 12. Three others made decisions to join the church.



Spotlight on Blue Laws



Elders T. P. Ipes, left, and W. E. Peeke find Sunday laws on the statute books of Tennessee as far back as 1796 when the state joined the union. These records, kept in the Law Library in the State Supreme Court Building in Nashville, also show some of these laws applied to the territory before Tennessee became a state.

On June 1, 1796, the State of Tennessee was admitted to the Union. Its constitution provides that "no human authority can in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience," and "that no preference shall ever be given by law to *any* religious establishment or mode of worship."

In contravention of this clear declaration of rights in the Constitution, the state has enacted Sunday laws thus causing the free exercise of conscience to become a crime with ensuing penalties of discrimination, fine and imprisonment. In general these "Blue Laws" have remained dead letters except on occasions when they have been invoked by bigots to bring others to their way of thinking, or to vent sectarian animosity.

Recently in Nashville, sporadic attempts to enforce Sunday closing ordinances have resulted in a confrontation involving the police, the City Council and certain commercial interests. Owners and managers of department stores and super markets have been arrested for violations. These include a Seventh-day Adventist pharmacist on duty in a large chain drug store. A member of the City Council has sought repeal of these laws. The controversy has been given maximum exposure by local communications media.

Elder Thomas P. Ipes, pastor of the Nashville First church, and Elder W. E. Peeke, conference religious liberty secretary, have taken prudent advantage of the situation to bring before those in government and the public in general, the principles of religious freedom held by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

Letters and literature were addressed to all members of the City Council and the Public Safety Committee to which the matter was referred. The attitude of the church on freedom of conscience was well defined and consideration of these views was requested. Elders Ipes and Peeke have participated in council hearings and Elder Ipes answered many questions on a television program on which he was featured as the "minister of the week." The film "One-day Criminal" was broadcast on a Sunday morning via television, and many "Letters to the Editor" gave additional support.

While realizing the inadvisability of any action which would cause persecution prematurely, these men made full use of the opportunity, as it was presented, to make known the Adventist position on "rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God, the things that are God's."

A New Lighthouse Established



Elder H. M. S. Richards, Sr., of VOICE OF PROPHECY fame, will be the speaker at the dedication of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Franklin, Kentucky, Sabbath, March 19.

This house of worship at Franklin is the first one to be built with aid from the PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS MEN'S CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, a lay organization in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference whose three-fold purpose is to help provide funds for erection of suitable houses of worship; aid in placing retired ministers where their membership will give strength to struggling congregations; and assistance for evangelistic efforts that will strengthen smaller churches.

Elder Richards will speak at the 11:00 o'clock worship service in Franklin, March 19, and again at the 3:30 Service of Dedication in the afternoon. Others to have part in the dedication include E. L. Marley, president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; R. A. Bata, secretary-treasurer of the conference; W. E. Peeke, Sabbath school and home missionary secretary; F. W. Foster, educational secretary; Don Holland, Missionary Volunteer secretary; and others.

Officers of the CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION will participate. A comprehensive program of music under the direction of Bernard Parrish will precede the Sabbath school hour and end at the close of the afternoon dedication ceremony.

The conference will erect a tent on the grounds adjoining the new building. This canopy will be for the overflow attendance that is expected at this first dedication of its kind in denominational history.



Ground Breaking for Atlanta Berean Junior Academy

Sunday, February 6, 1966, was a happy day for the faculty, students and parents of the Atlanta Berean Junior Academy. This school has grown rapidly over the years. To date, the enrollment has reached 307 students under the able leadership of Principal Barbour and a dedicated faculty. For years, the present school plant has been taxed to house the growing enrollment. To meet this need, Elder H. L. Cleveland, chairman of the school board, and faithful members voted to add the needed four-classroom wing. Plans were prepared by an architect and presented to the conference committee for approval.

All signs are now "go" for this needed facility. The plans have been approved and are out for bids to several contractors. We expect a solid bid for \$40,000. To date the school has raised, along with conference appropriations, approximately \$25,000. By the time construction starts, nearly \$30,000 will be in hand and a small mortgage will be taken to complete the structure by school opening in September.

The ground-breaking program was held on a beautiful Sunday afternoon on an area adjacent to the proposed building site. Elder J. A. Simons, assistant conference treasurer, read the scripture text; Principal Barbour offered the prayer; historical sketches were given by Mrs. Marie Pitts, H. W. Cantrell and Mrs. Lorraine E. Parker.

The Berean Junior Academy gave special music, and remarks were given by Elders W. S. Banfield, president of the South Atlantic Conference; F. L. Jones, treasurer of the conference; and H. L. Cleveland, chairman of the school board.

Turning the first shovels of earth for the addition to the Atlanta Berean Junior Academy are, from left: Elder J. G. Thomas, Elder W. S. Banfield, Elder H. L. Cleveland, Principal H. F. Barbour, H. W. Cantrell, Pastor K. S. Smallwood and Elder J. A. Simons.



Layman Shares His Faith



Pictured to the left is Brother Richard Henderson, Sr., one of the very active laymen of the Atlanta Berean church. Beside him is the Sanders family—the mother, five children, aunt and grandmother. All but the baby have been baptized in recent months in the Atlanta, Georgia, church.

The manner in which Brother Henderson met this family was very unique. Brother Henderson, who through the years has been active in sharing his faith, was driving through the town of Newborn, Georgia, which is about 50 miles from Atlanta. As he drove down the highway, he was impressed to stop at this town. Circumstances led him to the home of Mrs. Sanders, who had recently lost her husband. She was greatly depressed and confessed that she had plans to commit suicide. Brother Henderson eventually arranged Bible studies and the entire family of eight persons are now members of the Atlanta church. With a mission started in Newborn, there are others who have shown a great interest, and it is hoped that there will be a bright light shining soon in this city.

Sister White says, "I saw thousands of laymen giving the light . . . and that there are yet thousands on the verge of coming, simply waiting to be gathered in."

Laymen in the South Atlantic Conference must arise and evangelize as never before. 1966 will, indeed, be the top year as laymen join hands with church pastors and officers and go forward in faith to finish the work in this vast territory.

News Note

► Georgia officers gathered February 19, 1966, in the beautiful Berean Atlanta, Georgia, church for the final Church Officers' Convention within the South Atlantic Conference. Officers attended from 22 churches to gather information to do a better job for God in 1966.

Southern Missionary College

Visit of Mobile Radioisotope Laboratory



A mobile radioisotope laboratory from the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies (ORINS) was in operation on the campus of Southern Missionary College, from February 14 to March 4.

The unit has been developed to meet the needs of small colleges that do not have facilities for handling radioactive materials. It is one of three operated through ORINS for the United States Atomic Energy Commission and provides for the presentation of a two-week course of laboratory and lecture sessions for faculty members and advanced science students at the approximately 40 colleges visited each year by the three units.

Sixteen students and teachers, selected from the departments of physics, chemistry and biology, participated in the nuclear instruments laboratory course at SMC. The two-week program followed the format developed by the ORINS staff and provided specialized training in the techniques and application of radioisotopes.

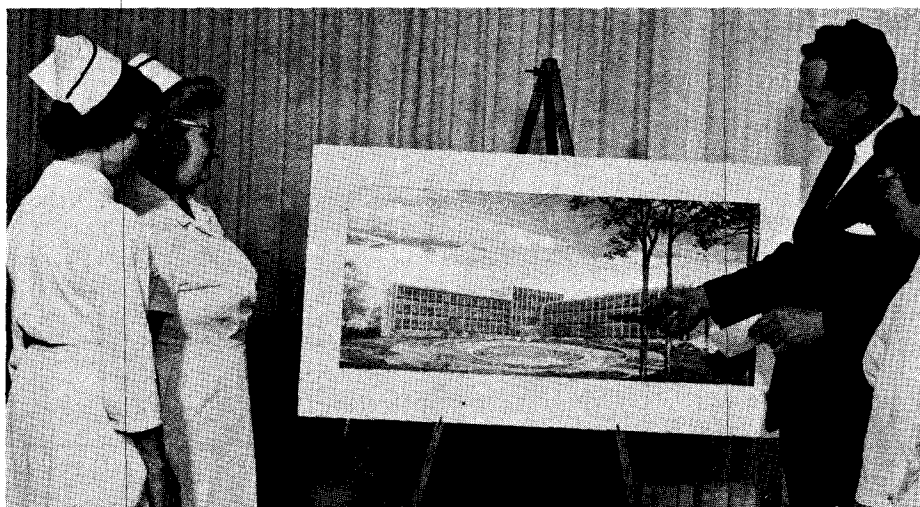
MADISON HOSPITAL New Wing Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking for the final wing of the new Madison Hospital was held February 24, 1966. The short ceremony featured Harold H. Schmidt, president of the Southern Union and chairman of the hospital board; Robert W. Morris, administrator; and J. R. Coarsey, Madison realtor.

The new wing will have 82 general hospital beds. It will also include a unique physical therapy and rehabilitation center, and a cobalt therapy unit. Its completion will bring the hospital's capacity to 310.

Built at a cost of \$2,300,000, the main wing of the hospital was opened approximately a year ago. Cost of the current construction is estimated at \$966,702. To help finance this, the DuPont Company, which operates a plant nearby, presented the hospital with a check for \$60,000 just prior to the ground-breaking event.

In the photo, registered nurses are shown the location of the new wing by assistant administrator, John F. McClellan. They are (l-r): Miss Naomi Gowan, Mrs. Ruby Burgeson, and Miss Mattie Darrel.



Medical Students Visited by Officials of Southern Union Conferences



Medical students and wives together with representatives from conferences of the Southern Union—from left: Harold Reeder, E. L. Marley, James Phillips, Marion Phillips, Stella Sullivan, William Roston, Judy Roston, R. A. Bata, H. F. Roll, W. O. Coe.

Members of the Seventh-day Adventist professional club of the Kansas City, Missouri, College of Osteopathy and Surgery met with officials from the Florida and Kentucky-Tennessee Conferences at a special dinner held at the Forum Cafeteria on February 2.

Purpose of the gathering was to inform the students of opportunities for professional practice in Southern Union territory. A special program of color slides with narration and musical background entitled THIS IS THE SOUTHERN UNION was presented by the Public Relations Department of the Southern Union Conference.

Representing Florida was W. O. Coe, president, and H. F. Roll, secretary-treasurer. E. L. Marley, president, and R. A. Bata, secretary-treasurer, made the visit for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. O. L. Heinrich, director of public relations for the Southern Union Conference, represented the union.

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Southern Missionary College
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Health and Welfare Meetings

Cherokee Valley April 17	Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Cumberland Plateau April 18	Coalmont, Tenn.
Moccasin Bend April 19	Chattanooga, Tenn.
No. Georgia April 20	Atlanta, Ga. (Cascade Road)
So. Georgia April 21	Waycross, Georgia

South Atlantic

Conference-Wide Lay Preachers' Congress

April 15-17

Atlanta, Georgia

**Guest—Elder E. E. Cleveland
"OPERATION 66 in '66"**

NATIONAL MEDICAL CADET TRAINING CAMP

Grand Ledge, Michigan — May 31 - June 12, 1966

Every day the draft calls reach lower into the manpower capacity here in the United States. Men who would have been deferred even a year ago are being taken today. The prospect is that the draft will reach even further if the war in Vietnam continues to escalate. The forecast is that some draft boards will be forced to take married men and college students. The exact formula has not been worked out, but almost certainly college students will be drafted.

This brings a need of preparation for military obligation into sharp focus, since at the present time if a young man is in good mental and physical condition there is a good chance he will be called into military service. So before he reaches draft age, the Seventh-day Adventist should begin making preparation for this service as a noncombatant. Some Adventist men do not expect to be drafted, feeling that somehow they will be released from this obligation. On the other hand, some enter the service completely prepared. Such an individual usually is one who has a strong religious conviction—one who long before his induction has committed his life to God to be guided by His will, has put his financial and personal

affairs in order, and is ready to face any eventuality. This requires deliberate and advanced planning.

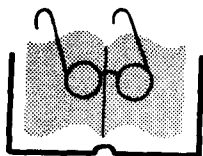
One of the best ways to prepare for one's military obligation is to take advantage of the coming National Medical Cadet Corps Training Camp.

We must face the solemn fact that we are at war. There are emergencies, sacrifices, and unusual situations ahead for all of us, particularly for our young men.

Every parent and every church member has a responsibility to our young men to encourage them to prepare for the crises ahead.

At the National MCC Training Camp to be held just prior to the General Conference Session, the young men will be under the adequate leadership of trained Seventh-day Adventist officers, many of whom have had military training and background. Some have actually served in the wars of their country. Under the tutorage of these Christian leaders, the young men are exposed to excellence of character and example.

We have an obligation to our youth to acquaint them with the plans their church has provided in specialized training which Seventh-day Adventists offer.



books for browsing

Miss Paula Becker is assistant book editor at the Southern Publishing Association. Her column appears regularly in the TIDINGS and serves to inform readers of some of the many fine books available for good reading pleasure.



Once in a great while there comes to our attention a book of real intellectual and religious significance. *Baptism Through The Centuries* by Henry F. Brown is such a book. The author became interested in the rite of baptism many years ago during a visit to some of the notable European baptisteries. He determined to undertake a comprehensive study of the rite from an archaeological viewpoint.

The evolution of baptism from the primitive tribal rituals of the Orient to the refined sacred rite which we know today is shown both by historical writings and with carefully chosen photographic illustrations. The author discusses baptism by immersion versus sprinkling and pouring, showing how the later methods grew out of the original immersion rites.

The practice of infant baptism arose, Mr. Brown points out, because of the prevalent belief in the inherent depravity of mankind. Infants were baptized specifically for the purpose of cleansing them from sin.

In a discussion of various modern religions, the author shows how the rite of baptism is practiced in each, and why it came to be that way. This is a thoroughly documented and informative volume which will be of interest to every Christian. Published by Pacific Press.

Southern Publishing Association has a brand new entry in the periodical field. *Bits of Gold* comes the closest to being a real "something-for-everybody" magazine we have ever seen. Here is a potpourri of poetry, stories, and inspiration that anyone would enjoy. Sample titles from the first issue include: "Psalm for Senior Citizens;" "Going Steady;" "How Christ Helps Me Meet My Problems Today;" and "Your Health Questions Answered." *Bits of Gold* is being sold only by literature evangelists and can be obtained through the Home Health Education Service.

Also worthy of note on the magazine scene is an article in the March issue of *These Times*. "I Should Indeed Like to Please You, but I Prefer to Save You," declared Daniel Webster in his famous "Seventh of March, 1850" speech to the United States Senate. In an era when history is being made so rapidly that we can't begin to keep up with it, it is inspiring to reflect on some of the ideals which gave our country its heritage of greatness.

What have YOU read since last month?

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people in transition



Carolina

N. K. Shepherd is the new district pastor in the Winston-Salem and Kernersville churches. Coming from the Florence, South Carolina, district, he replaces Elder Scherencel who accepted a call to Colorado.

H. V. Leggett has replaced Gene Cherry in the Asheville, North Carolina, church. For the past five years Elder Leggett has directed the work in the Fletcher district. Elder Cherry has accepted a call in the Missouri Conference as church development secretary.

Georgia-Cumberland

C. W. Skantz, formerly secretary-treasurer of the Texas Conference, has accepted the same position in Georgia-Cumberland. A picture of Elder Skantz and a report of his previous years of service will appear in a later issue of the TIDINGS.



Kentucky-Tennessee

1. Elder and Mrs. E.H. Roy and family are transferring from Huntsville, Alabama, to the Pewee Valley district in Kentucky-Tennessee. Standing is son, Joel, an 18-year old freshman at Southern Missionary College. Seated between Elder and Mrs. Roy is Michael, a 6th grader at Pewee Valley Junior Academy.

2. R. J. Kachenmeister is the new pastor of the Louisville, Kentucky, church, taking the place of J. A. Crews, who transferred to the Chesapeake Conference. Elder Kachenmeister, a 1950-graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College, has spent the past fifteen years in the Michigan Conference, his latest pastorate being in Flint, Michigan. The family includes his wife, Mae; daughters Cheryl, age 19, and Pamela, 16; and Master Robbie, age 4.

Southern Union

The work of the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments of the union has been divided, and Elder S. S. Will has assumed the duties of religious liberty secretary and the self-supporting institutions in addition to the Sabbath School Department.

"The Adventures of Susan and Jimmy" -- By Paula Becker

Reviewed by Dorothy Deer, Southern Publishing Association

When Grandma and Grandpa wrote to Susan and Jimmy and invited them to visit the farm, the two children could hardly wait for their father to come home from work and give his permission. The exciting adventures of naming the six brand-new baby kittens, of gathering the eggs, of climbing apple trees, and even trying to milk Bossy kept the two children busy. And then there was the surprise Grandma and Grandpa had waiting for them! This you will learn about in *Susan and Jimmy on Grandpa's Farm*.

When Susan and Jimmy went exploring along the beach with their Daddy, they found all sorts of interesting creatures. They discovered Mr. Crab did not appreciate their company, but scampered off to hide in some large rocks. They collected all sorts of shells: cone shells, abalone shells, mussel shells, and sand

dollars. When Susan looked out the window in the morning, she was surprised to see that the ocean was all gone! Where had it gone? This was *A Trip to the Beach with Susan and Jimmy*.

This is but a sample of the delightful learning adventures of Susan and Jimmy that fill a set of six books designed for the four-to-seven-year-olds by author Paula Becker. Although they are to be read by adults to the younger ones, the stories are so captivating and the pictures so real that it will not be long before the youngsters can tell the story simply by looking at the pictures. The books are written in a casual, sparkling style which will capture the attention of all young readers. The illustrations by Jim Padgett will charm adults as well. The entire set of six books is now available at your Book and Bible House.

Report on the Photographic Workshop . . .



➤ W. C. Arnold, public relations secretary of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, left, takes brief glimpse through camera with H. V. Leggett making some adjustments.

➤ Judged from many a shot taken during the Photographic Workshop, this picture won first place. The subject is Brother Harry Eastep of the Carolina Conference. The photographer was Anne Denslow who learned some of her firsts about photography at this workshop.

Armed with their cameras, thirty-seven departmental secretaries, pastors, public relations directors and others gathered on the campus of Southern Missionary College, February 20, to participate in a three-day Photographic Workshop.

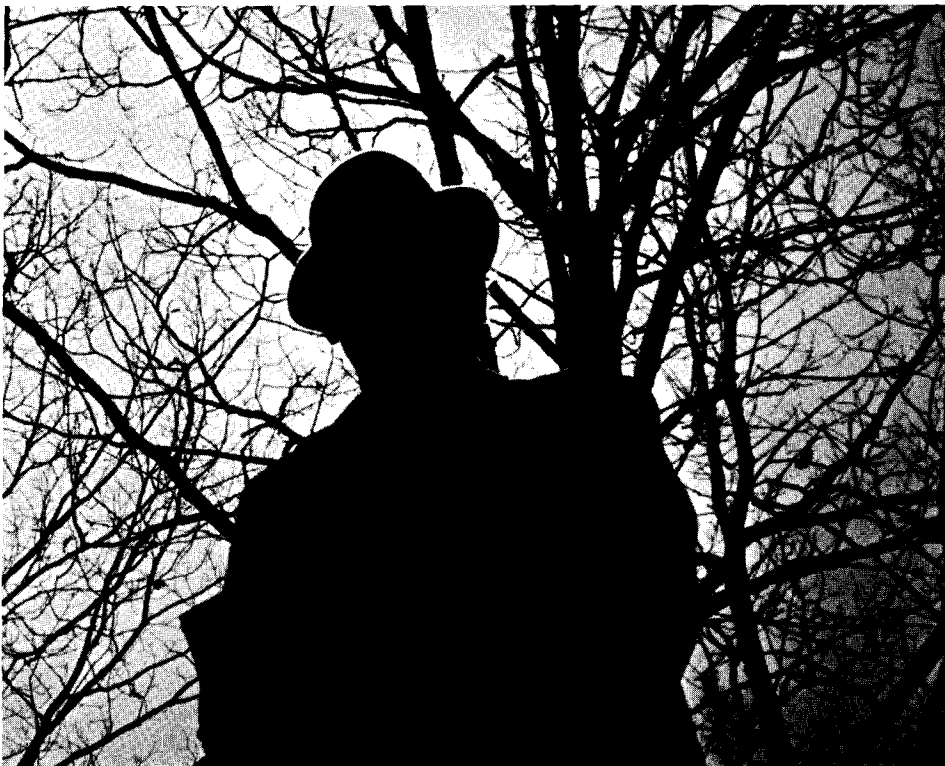
This practical photographic school was promoted by the Southern Union Conference Public Relations Department and was conducted by the Communications Department of Southern Missionary College. F. Donald Yost, assistant professor of journalism, served as coordinator of the program.

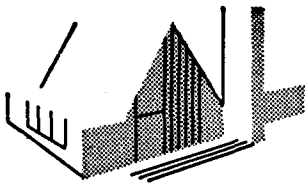
The format of study included two sections—one in basic photography which included many of the techniques of picture taking and processing; the other section dealt with photo-journalism. Workshop personnel included Charles Cook, art editor of *These Times* magazine, Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee; James E. Hannum, instructor in communications, Southern Missionary College; Gordon M. Hyde, chairman, Language Arts Division, Southern Missionary College; C. A. Oliphant, associate book editor, Southern Publishing Association; Dr. William Taylor, director of college relations, Southern Missionary College; Steve Thompson and Ed Shaffer, student lab assistants at Southern Missionary College; and Dan McBroom, College Press, Collegedale, Tennessee.

F. Donald Yost, a staff member of Southern Missionary College, coordinated the program and gave many valuable helps at lecture periods.

Those in attendance at this workshop had an opportunity to pack into these few hours a tremendous amount of learning in the field of photography. Nearly every student in attendance expressed his appreciation for the program. Dr. Hyde, in a final address, summarized it this way, "The denomination can make use of the talent of men outside of their regular assignments. These tools provide a new medium that ought to be put into the forefront of action. The problem in communications today is 'how to get attention'." Those in attendance saw the value of this entire approach. Students developed a new appreciation for the use of pictures in communication. Many of those in attendance had never participated in photography before, and some of them took pictures on the campus which, in the final judging, were selected for top honors. The winning picture was taken by Anne Denslow from Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Denslow, who is active in church publicity work, had never done much photography, but, with the aid of some of the basic suggestions that were made, took a picture on the campus which was rated in first place.

The Southern Union Conference Public Relations Department and the Communications Department of Southern Missionary College are now making plans to enlarge the Photographic Workshop idea.



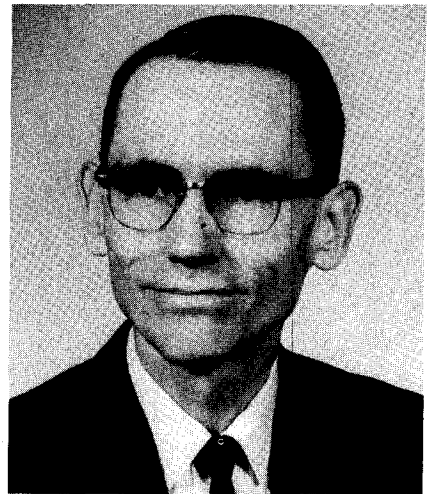


your pastor's page

Pastor Robert L. Hallock is a native of California. His father was a laboratory technician and worked in the Pathology Department of both Loma Linda and White Memorial hospitals for a total of 35 years.

Pastor Hallock entered denominational work as a teacher in the Pacific Union. Later, he connected with the Southeastern California Book and Bible House where he worked for five years. He began pastoral work in 1965 when he came to the Carolina Conference.

The former Alice Maye Bobst is Pastor Hallock's wife. The Hallocks have two children. Lloyd is a freshman at Southern Missionary College and Linda attends Mt. Pisgah Academy. Gardening is the chief hobby of Pastor Hallock, but like most pastors he finds little time to indulge in it.



R. L. Hallock

"Even As Thy Soul Prospereth"

Over in the little book of 3 John, in the second verse, we read, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." In this verse, Paul is fervently wishing that the physical health of the "well-beloved Gaius" might be equal to the spiritual health which the apostle was confident he already possessed.

It is interesting to discover, revealed in the Bible, spiritual counterparts to nearly every need and condition found in the physical realm. Let us illustrate by comparing five of the most important elements contributing to man's physical health—AIR, FOOD, WATER, EXERCISE, and REST—with their spiritual equivalents.

AIR, with its lifegiving oxygen, is an absolute necessity. While one can go for weeks without food and days without water, he can survive but a few minutes without air. In a spiritual sense, "Prayer is the breath of the soul. It is the secret of spiritual power." *G. W.*, pp. 254, 255.

Deep breathing exercises at regular intervals are a real benefit to health, but most breathing is involuntary. So it is with prayer; we should set aside regular times for communion with God upon our knees, but prayer with us must also be an attitude of mind which keeps constantly open the lifeline to heaven. Paul gave good advice when he said in 1 Thess. 5:17, "Pray without ceasing," for "Without unceasing prayer and diligent watching we are in danger of growing careless and deviating from the right path." *S. C.*, p. 95, pkt. ed. Let us not fail to breathe deeply and constantly of the atmosphere of heaven through prayer!

FOOD, another life essential, is fuel which, when oxidized by the body, provides us with heat and energy. We have not long to search for food's counterpart in the spiritual realm. Jesus said, John 6:35, "I am the Bread of Life." Since He, the Living Word, is revealed to men through His written word, the Bible, it is by partaking of Him through a study of this word that we are spiritually built up and nourished. Job understood this when he said, "I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." Job 23:12. And Jesus Himself declared, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word . . . of God." Matt. 4:4. How important it is that we, who stand at the last hour of this world's history, be diligent students of the Scriptures, for "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict." *G.C.*, p. 593.

Another basic element of life and health is WATER. Whether used externally or taken internally, one of its most important functions is that of cleansing. Spiritually, in reference to its EXTERNAL use, water represents the washing away of sin, as indicated, for example, in the symbolic ordinances of baptism and the washing of feet. David

recognized this need when he prayed, "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." Ps. 51:2. In an INTERNAL sense, water symbolizes, in addition to spiritual cleansing, the filling of the soul's need by Christ, the Water of Life—See John 4. But just as we do not take a drink unless we are thirsty, so we will not invite Christ into our life unless we become thirsty for Him. When, however, we do begin to "hunger and thirst after righteousness," Matt. 5:16, and to cry out as did David, "My soul thirsteth for thee," Ps. 63:1, then we shall experience the fulfillment of the Lord's promise, "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty," Isa. 44:3, and we shall be filled!

Another essential to health is EXERCISE, preferably in the form of useful work. Combined with fresh air, good food, and water, exercise stimulates the circulation of the blood, aids digestion, and generally acts as a tonic for the entire body. In the realm of the spirit, God has provided a counterpart to exercise in active labor for Him on behalf of souls. We are told, "Each is to work in cooperation with Christ for the salvation of souls." *C.O.L.*, pp. 326, 327. As regular exercise strengthens the physical powers, so also does our spiritual being when we, regularly and in faith, engage in work for others—"It is wonderful how strong a weak man may become, how decided his efforts, how prolific of great results." *Ibid.*, p. 354. The opposite is also true. "As in the natural, so in the spiritual world; every power unused will weaken and decay. Activity is the law of life; idleness is death." *Ibid.*, p. 364. The churches are withering up because they have failed to use their talents in diffusing light." *T.*, Vol. 6, p. 431. But if we choose to use our talents for God, spiritual strength and vigor will be our reward!

Just as essential as exercise to the human body is REST. It is during sleep and other periods of completely relaxed rest, that the body rebuilds itself, and throws off accumulated wastes, including the poisons that cause fatigue. Our spiritual counterpart here might be described in such varying terms as faith, trust, or submission to God. Just as to receive the most benefit from rest or sleep, we must totally relax, totally surrender ourselves into the "arms of Morpheus," so, too, must our faith in and surrender to Jesus be total and complete. Hear His tender voice saying, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. "The Spirit invites you today. Come with your whole heart to Jesus and you may claim His blessing." *S. C.*, p. 55, pkt. ed.

If we will daily strive to live out the spiritual health habits presented above, and others to be found in the Scriptures, we shall experience the fulfillment of the promise found in Isa. 58:8. "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily."

Let's Close The Educational Gap

By
RAY L. JACOBS, *President*
Franco-Haitian Union

IF you were to visit the French West Indies, you would be impressed with the evident industry of the people. Flourishing sugar cane plantations crowd right up to the highways. Neat rows of pineapple plants extend over the hills, and the waving green of banana trees adds to the picture.

But as you travel through this miniature paradise thickly scattered with the most modern public schools, you realize that something is missing—something vital to the success and prosperity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"Where," you ask, "is a boarding school? Where do the noble youth of the French fields of the Inter-American Division complete their secondary studies?" Sadly we must answer you, "There is no appropriate institution where these worthy Adventist young people may complete their secondary course under the guidance and influence of Christian teachers."

The thriving little churches are

packed with lovely children. Church schools help lay the foundation for lives of usefulness in the cause of God. Some of these children are blessed by living near one of the fine junior academies operated in those fields, and the good work is continued. But then comes the gap. Thrown into public schools these young people are faced with Sabbath classes and examinations, worldly associations and amusements, and with evolutionary and modernist teachings. Some come through and remain faithful to the message we love, but far more lose their way.

A beautiful piece of land, far removed from the city, is today available to us for a boarding academy, but we must not delay. In the limits of the small islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe it is a modern miracle to find a suitable location at a reasonable price. The young people, the Jeans, the Elinettes, the Veroniques, and the Ervins, know you will not let them down.

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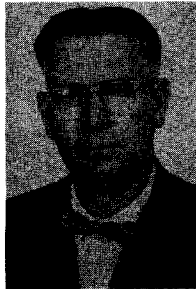
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The Seventh-day Adventist Church also is looking for diamonds. Not the diamonds that will pass away with this world's goods, but those that will sparkle throughout eternity.

Over one-hundred acres of land have been purchased in the central part of Venezuela, in the fertile valley, and it is here the Seventh-day Adventist Church is building a new boarding academy. Plans for building are under way. God's providence already has been felt. Electricity had to be brought from a distance. When the bill came it was only one-half the original cost. The company wanted to make a donation toward the cost of this new school.

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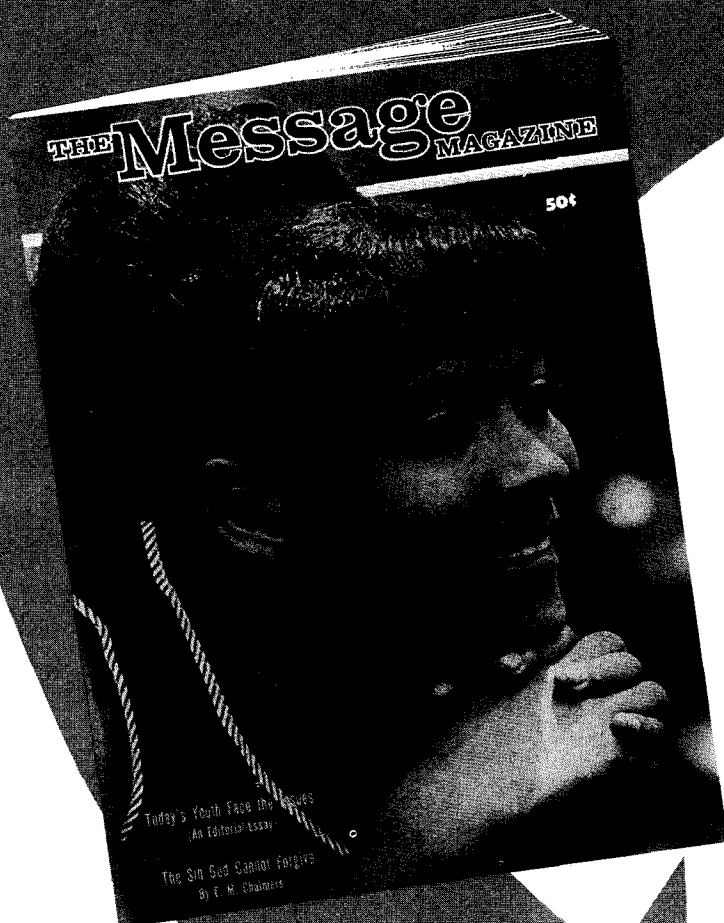
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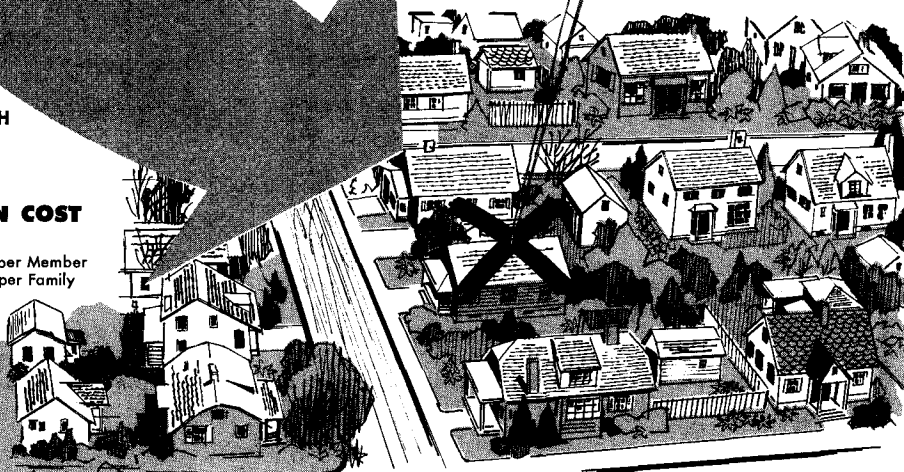
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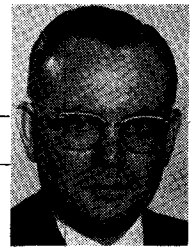
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It is not that Highland is without missionary activities. The student body has supported sunshine bands, Voice of Youth evangelism, the Ingathering program, literature distribution, temperance team activities, and nearly all other typical campus missionary programs. But these men wanted something different—something real and challenging.

The Missionary Volunteer Society picked up the idea, threw it back into the laps of Elder Glass and Mr. Dunbebin saying, "We like it. You be the sponsors, and we'll help make it work." From the very first broadcast that was recorded at the annual Southern Union Bible Conference held at the Indian Creek Youth Camp until now, the Missionary Volunteer Society has been very "challenged" in meeting its weekly deadline for a 30-minute radio broadcast.

Someone might wonder if *Campmeeting* is a typical religious broadcast. Those who listen would tell you, "No!" From the theme song until the last message given by David Finley, student announcer, *Campmeeting* is fast-moving and in-

formative. Effort is made to present clearly some special doctrine of the church in every program.

Thus far, *Campmeeting* has dealt with such topics as "Creation and Evolution," "Daniel 2," "The Second Coming of Jesus," "Signs of Jesus' Return," "The Beginning of Sin," and "Jesus Christ, God-man or a Good Man?" Every part of the 30-minute broadcast is designed to carry out some phase of the theme presented. Even the prayer is worded in such a way as to draw the mind to an understanding of the topic for the day.

The theme song has been selected to convey weekly one of the cardinal doctrines of the church—Jesus' Second Coming. The broadcast opens and closes with students singing Uncle Henry de Fluiter's "Tell It to Every Kindred and Nation."

The format of the broadcast varies some from week to week, but certain elements are permanent and other features are worked in as time and need will allow. Five student panelists discuss a Bible topic with Elder Glass who is moderator. Mr. Dunbebin interviews one or two of the students; and thereby the audience has opportunity to hear the testimony of teen-age Christians. When the broadcast is recorded in another church, youth leaders from the church are sometimes used in the interview period. Then, there are audience songs and special vocal and group numbers that help round out the program.

Twice a month, *Campmeeting* presents a flowering plant to an ill or otherwise confined person. This plant is made available through the courtesy of the Flower Basket and Sarah's Flower Shop

in Portland, Tenn. Two students make the visit with Elder Don Kenyon, Elder A. D. McKee or Mr. Dunbebin.

Permanent personnel for the broadcast include: Clarence Dunbebin, producer and continuity script writer; Hallie Glass, panel moderator and script writer for the Bible discussions; Jean Schmidt, music advisor and organist; Robert Bolton, song leader; David Finley, announcer; and Joe Chandler, recording technician.

More than fifty students have appeared in the *Campmeeting* broadcast as Bible discussion panelists, Bible readers, and those who offer prayer. Other students visit homes in the area.

Campmeeting is recorded one week in advance of broadcast time. It has been recorded from the auditorium of the academy and also from several churches in the conference. It is aired over WFMG-FM in Gallatin, Tennessee—104.5 on the radio dial. The station has 50,000 watts and has a potential audience of a million and a half.

It appears that the future of *Campmeeting* is good. Interest is growing. One radio station in Nashville has contacted the conference office to see if they can have a copy of the tape for use on their FM station.

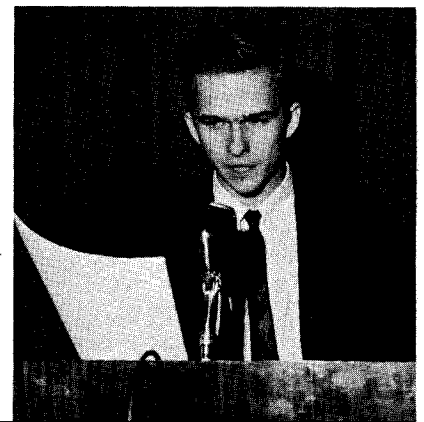
What the real impact of this program is on the mid-state area cannot be determined yet. *Campmeeting* staffers do know that the program is being beamed into the Memorial Hospital in Nashville. The Missionary Volunteer Society of Highland Academy prays that this program will have a rich harvest when all mankind "hails Him, King of Glory."

bove—Participating in the Bible study panel, left to right, Benny Scott, Virginia Lee, Elder Glass, Judy Florence, Wayne Shoemaker and Lindy Strickland.

low—Lindy Strickland is reading script as Wayne Shoemaker and Judy Florence wait for cue.

Joe Chandler, senior from Madison, adjusts mixer to correct voice levels.

David Finley, S.A. chairman of religious activities committee, is announcer.





*A
Message
on
the
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of the Year*

from the desk of

H. H. SCHMIDT, president
Southern Union Conference

THIS issue of the SOUTHERN TIDINGS presents a unique feature—the development and production of the Missionary Book of the Year, which is authored by Elder William A. Fagal of FAITH FOR TODAY and published by the Southern Publishing Association of Nashville, Tennessee.

There are many interesting items involved in the publication of this new book—*By Faith I Live*. Elder Fagal is well known by our people, and he has made many friends among those not of our faith.

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