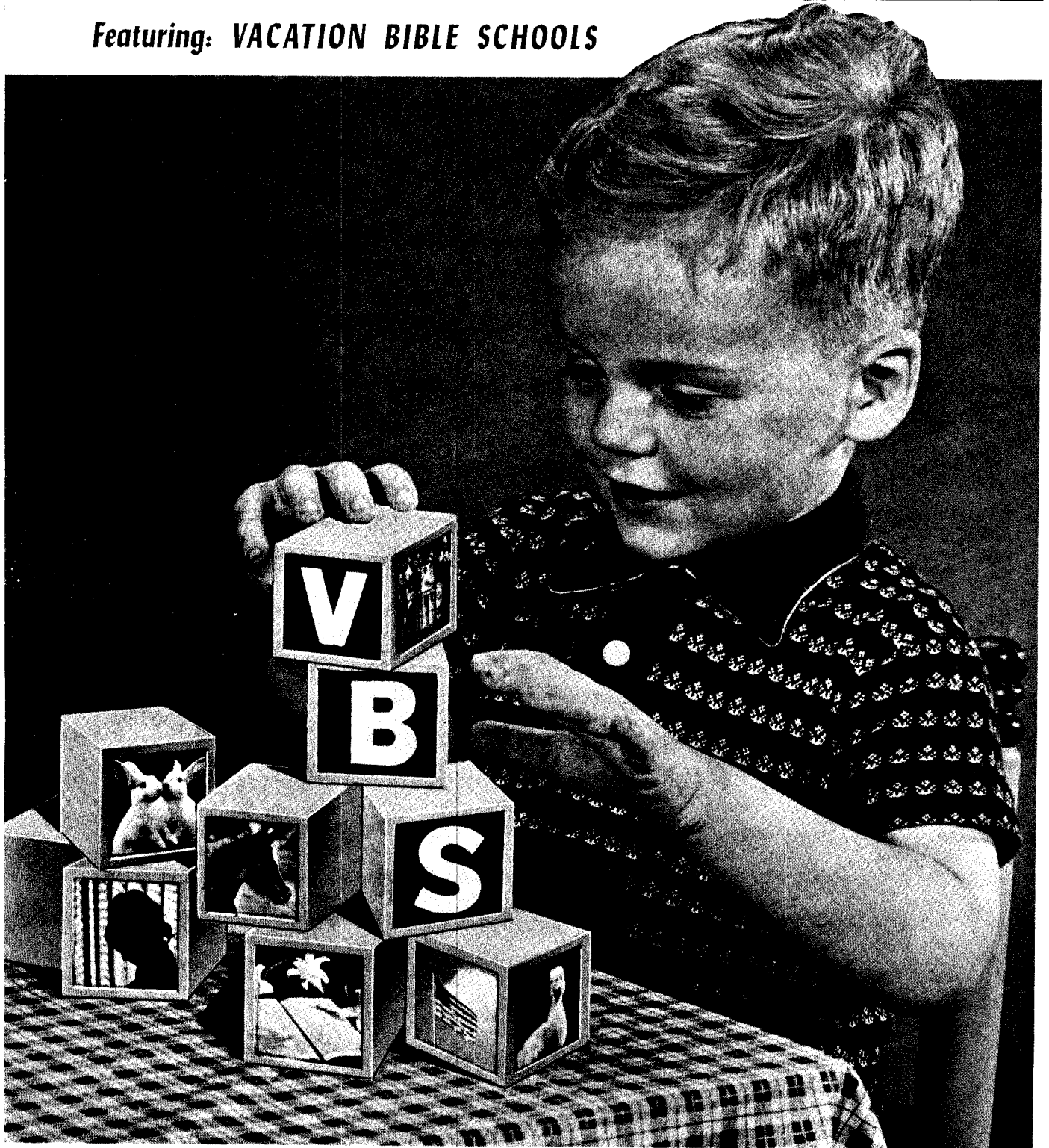


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EVANGELISM THROUGH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Christ and the Child

By B. J. Liebelt
Sabbath School Secretary
Southern Union Conference

Jesus was often misunderstood, but evidently more often by adults than children. The children loved Him and wanted to be near Him. Even the disciples misunderstood this and tried to coax the children away, but Christ reproved them. He made it very plain that He loved to have the children near. As He taught His disciples, He shocked them when He warned that if anyone offended "one of these little ones which believe in me" it would be better for that person to have a millstone around his neck and drowned in the depths of the sea. That's very strong language! In Christ's solemn charge to Peter just before leaving this earth, He charged him to "feed my lambs" as well as the sheep.

We as a church have always taken Christ and His Scriptures literally. Concerning our work with children, we want Christ's approval and blessing and not His re-

AN EFFECTIVE MISSIONARY — Dana Rochelle Mitchell of the Atlanta Belvedere church proudly introduces her friend to the Vacation Bible School registration secretary, Mrs. Thelma Skantz. (1966 Vacation Bible School photo)



proof. And the Lord has greatly blessed His church as His people work in several avenues for the salvation of boys and girls. Vacation Bible School is not the least of these.

Few people realize that "twenty-five million children under the age of fifteen" have never had one day of religious instruction. In "Christian" America? Yes, this is almost unbelievable, but true! Our church is accepting the challenge. Tens of thousands of boys and girls are now attending Adventist vacation Bible schools every year. Prejudice is broken down; parents are affected; follow-up is becoming more effective; and more individuals are being won to the faith whose first contact was through VBS. But, through this avenue we have just made a good start.

Jesus spoke of children "who believe in Me." Precious few adults believed in Him because they were too prejudiced. Perhaps this made Jesus doubly grateful for children who turned to Him. Today most adults do not want to accept the full truth as taught by Christ's true church. Is it possible we should turn to children more than ever? In the Southern Union, the VBS enrollment in 1966 was 61 percent non-Adventist. This is most

encouraging. When Christ made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the children were the most sincere with their hosannas. Could it be that during the time of trouble children who have attended vacation Bible schools will not only defend Adventists but at that time will take their stand for the truth?

In 1966, 83 Vacation Bible Schools enrolled 6,378 children in the Southern Union. 3,902 of these were non-Adventists. 23 branch Sabbath schools were started from Vacation Bible Schools. One can't help but wonder what the results would be if every Sabbath school would conduct a Vacation Bible School. Considering comparable averages with the 83 Vacation Bible Schools conducted, there could be approximately 40,000 children enrolled with about 25,000 of them non-Adventists. 175 branch Sabbath schools could result. We believe these are not empty dreams but a very possible reality. The children will come if we conduct the schools. What a challenge!

The exercises of a Vacation Bible School are very simple and basic. There is singing and prayer, story telling and Bible study, features and crafts. Children are taught the truth and appreciation of



Vacation Bible School serves as a period of training for young minds. To some who attend, it is the first exposure they have ever had to stories about Jesus. It serves to instill into their hearts a true appreciation for the Bible.



Recreation and crafts play an important role in Vacation Bible School programming. Children learn the satisfaction of creating works of art with their hands.



the Bible and the creation story. They study about heroes of the Bible with Christ as the greatest hero and center of all. And they are taught a deep appreciation for prayer. They are taught patriotism in a spiritual setting. They are taught to make beautiful crafts with their own hands. These become precious souvenirs from the VBS to be taken home. Some of the most surprising immediate dividends from VBS come on closing night when so many of the non-Adventist parents come to hear their children participate in the exercises. Gracious people in the prime of life, and many times both father and mother, express their deep gratitude to VBS workers and the pastor.

Experience has proven that if adults will conduct the program and provide the transportation, *our own boys and girls are very effective missionaries* to invite and escort non-Adventist children to Vacation Bible School. It's like an evangelistic campaign for children. What a blessing this arrangement is!

Last year 1,093 adults participated in the 83 schools. How grateful we are for this!

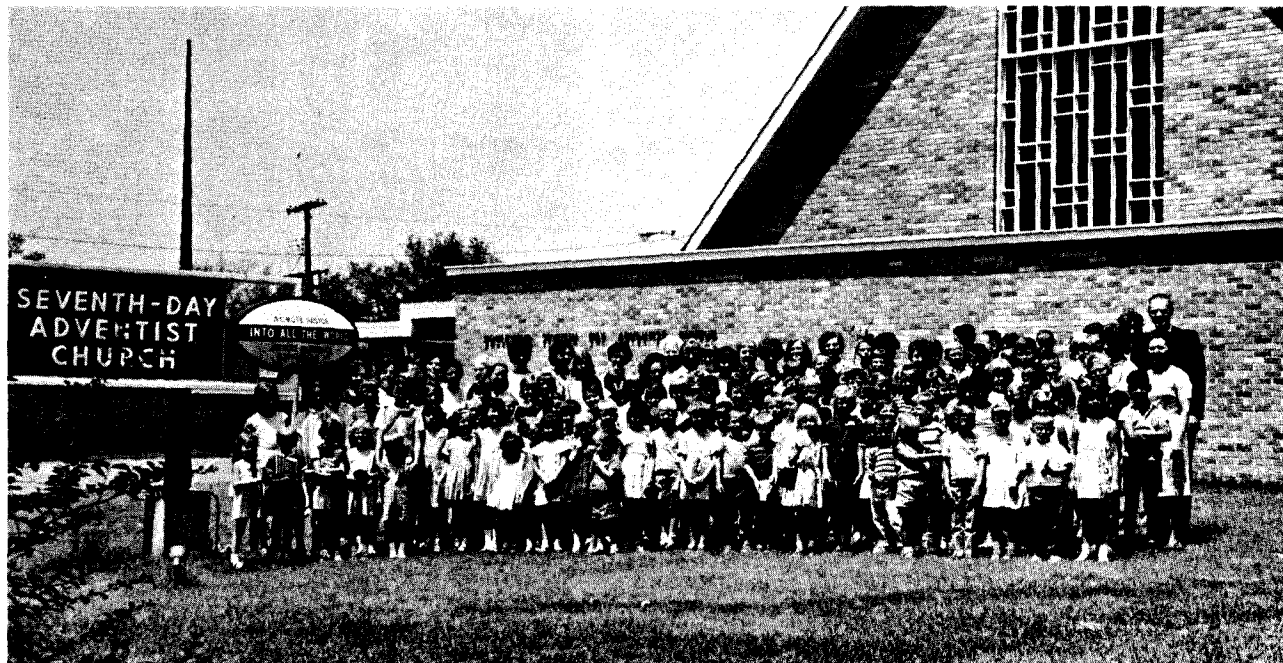
Many of our larger churches are getting into this program. Some churches have conducted a VBS program for several years with good results. The large churches have large committees making preparation with thoroughness and detailed planning, while smaller churches launch out with faith and few helpers, but the Lord abundantly blesses each with unusual results. More and more pastors are drafting teenage SDA girls to be helpers.

No one can know in what place a Vacation Bible School can lead to a major "breakthrough"

In 1966, eighty-three Vacation Bible Schools were conducted in the Southern Union. With everyone working together in the church for the welfare of the children, this number of schools can be doubled in the summer of 1967.

for souls. This experience happened at the Atlanta Boulevard church where 28 were baptized. What a privilege is ours to sow the "good seed." Help make this Vacation Bible School year the best possible for Christ and the children.

Certificates presented at the close of the VBS program are proud possessions to those who attended.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUCCESS STORIES

V.B.S. Is a Proven Instrument in Evangelism

By K. S. Smallwood, Pastor Atlanta Boulevard Church

It was spring 1966; the sound of spring could be heard all around. The bosom of Mother Nature was bursting forth with the unspeakable and yet undeniable evidence of God's recreative power, and embedded in the heart of every true minister—the burning desire for evangelism.

In this glorious atmosphere, the birth of a new church was to take place in East Atlanta. Under the leadership of Pastor H. L. Cleveland, an intern was given this privilege and daring responsibility. Like all enthusiastic interns, this young minister had but one desire and that was to E-V-A-N-G-E-L-I-Z-E.

It was the advice of Elder Cleveland that the new church conduct a Vacation Bible School. Immediately I began wondering how this could assist in the fulfilling of my desire for evangelism. We were faced with a problem. The church had been open only a few weeks, and we had no money to conduct a Vacation Bible School. Though skeptical, I sensed a strange feeling of conviction that a Vacation Bible School could contribute to the success of the revival which I was anticipating for the summer, so we added a two-week VBS for 150 students to my evangelistic budget of \$300.

We then began the practical operation of the plans which we hoped would aid in the fulfillment of our dream—PRODUCTIVE EVANGELISM. We invited friends of the community to assist, and in most instances they were people who worked in Vacation Bible Schools in churches of other denominations; thus, they had something to contribute to our program. Of course, the important thing was that many children who were acquainted with these people attended our VBS because these persons were a part of our program. Thus, we were able to reach children that we probably couldn't have reached otherwise.

On the third day, we reached our goal of 150 children. Yet, they were still pouring in. Elder Samuel Thomas suggested that we follow up the VBS with a Sunday school, so we promised the turn-downs that they were "first choice" in our Sunday Bible school to follow.

During the operation of the VBS, as a pastor, I had three immediate goals in my ultimate goal of PRODUCTIVE EVANGELISM. (1) Get acquainted with the children. (2) Convince them of my love. This I did by welcoming the children to the meeting, telling Bible stories and leading songs from time to time. (3) Promote Sunday school attendance.

Our VBS closed on a Friday. The next Sunday morning our "Sunday Bible School" began with a successful attendance, and they were invited to Sunday night services.

Twenty-eight baptisms resulted from the Vacation Bible School conducted in 1966 at the Atlanta Boulevard church. Shown to the back in center is Pastor K. S. Smallwood who initiated the program in his church.



The entire VBS interest was transferred to our up-coming revival by planning the VBS graduation on the opening night of the meetings. Thus, many of the children and members of their families attended the revival services regularly.

The Sunday Bible School was continued until the presentation of the true Bible Sabbath when all were then invited to attend a Sabbath celebration.

At the close of the revival, fifty-nine lost sheep had been found, 28 of which had been associated with the VBS and Sunday Bible School. Seventeen were children of parents who were members of our church; eleven were children whose sole contact had been the VBS followed up by the Sunday Bible School.

Not only did this prove fruitful in winning the souls of the young ones, but in some instances the contact with the child was the means of winning parents.

Thus, the crystal clear evidence leads us to say that VBS is inevitably a powerful instrument in evangelism.

Another Successful Vacation Bible School

One of the common excuses given for not holding a Vacation Bible School is that most of the ladies in the church work during the day and there is no one available to help. But this excuse did not deter the members of the High Point, North Carolina, Sabbath school. Neither were they discouraged because they were not able to hold their school immediately after the beginning of summer vacation.

With Mrs. R. C. Johnson as the director, the members of the staff laid their plans and held a very successful Vacation Bible School July 10-15 during the hours of 6:30 to 8:30 in the evening. Although this might have seemed to some to be an unusual hour, their attendance was also unusual. They had a total enrollment of 63, and 44 of them were non-Adventists.

A large number of parents were on hand for the graduation exercises and viewed the display of crafts made by the children. Some of the children who attended this Vacation Bible School are now attending Sabbath school regularly.

Of the thirteen adults who assisted in the school, one was not yet a Seventh-day Adventist. Mrs. Wilson had been receiving Bible studies and was interested in helping with the school. Not only did she assist with the refreshments, but she brought up to 18 children each night, some of them her grandchildren. The secret of the good attendance was the fact that many of the members helped to bring the children as well as assist in other ways.

The High Point Sabbath school is enthusiastic about Vacation Bible Schools, and plans are already being made to hold another one this year.

Although not a member of the Adventist Church at that time, Mrs. Wilson brought as many as 18 children each night to the Vacation Bible School conducted last summer in High Point, North Carolina.



Fever Rages in Kentucky-Tennessee

By F. W. Foster

You say there's prejudice in the neighborhood of your church? People just won't listen? They don't want to know about Seventh-day Adventists? You want to know what your church can do to break down prejudice and build good will?

I will tell you what to do. Conduct a Vacation Bible School this summer. This is a valuable means in the hands of Sabbath school workers to break down prejudice and create good will in any community. Vacation Bible Schools also enlarge the church and gather souls for the heavenly kingdom. Reaching children offers you an open door to parents as well.

You have heard about "spring fever." In Kentucky-Tennessee, it's "Vacation Bible School fever." And it's catching all over the conference.

Four Vacation Bible School exchange meetings held at Lexington, Hopkinsville, Raleigh, and Bordeaux helped to spread the fever during the dates of March 5-8. Ben J. Liebelt, Union Sabbath school secretary, and W. E. Peeke, local conference secretary, assisted by inspiring 1966 VBS leaders and craft instructors, conducted these meetings.

In 1966 there were only nine Vacation Bible Schools throughout the conference and only one in Kentucky. At the Lexington meeting, Sabbath school leaders made many commitments for 1967. Our largest Sabbath school, Louisville, under the able leadership of Mrs. Dixie Wilcox, pledged three 1967 Vacation Bible Schools.

Covington, Frankfort, Lexington, St. Matthews, and Versailles also pledged schools. From this one meeting came the promise of nearly as many Va-

cation Bible Schools as we had in the whole conference last year.

So the fever spread with every meeting held. Schools are being planned this year all over the conference. This will be a great year in Vacation Bible School evangelism.

Is your Sabbath school planning for a Vacation Bible School? If not, why not do so at once? This is a splendid means of dispelling prejudice and creating good will.

At the Nashville Bordeaux church an instruction meeting was held for leaders in Vacation Bible Schools. Elder B. J. Liebelt, union Sabbath school secretary, is shown explaining the Vacation Bible School kit to two newly-elected leaders, Mrs. Larry Kelly, left, of the Bordeaux church, and Mrs. Susan Harvey of the Nashville First church.



During the spring months of 1967, the conference leaders have laid the groundwork for hundreds of Vacation Bible Schools to be conducted this summer throughout the Southern Union. Every church is challenged to share in this evangelistic endeavour.

ALABAMA MISSISSIPPI



Those participating in ceremonies at Bass Memorial Academy for the dedication of the outdoor chapel included Larry Wilson at the piano; seated from left, Jimmy Pruitt, Mr. Walter Hartfield, Elder Ralph Bailey, Mr. Reuben Lopez, Bobby DuPuy; and George Powell, speaking.

"Five-Day Plan" in Birmingham

A "Five-Day Plan" to stop smoking was recently held in the Art Gallery of the City Library in Birmingham, Alabama.

As men and women gave their victory testimonies on the closing night, they made a profound impression. Some individuals had smoked for 20 or 30 years—now they had gained victory.

The comments and gratefulness expressed showed an interest that may some day lead to the knowledge of God's truth.

Free TV and radio time was given to advertise the program. One outstanding letter from a well-known physician in the city expressed appreciation and congratulations to Seventh-day Adventists for such a fine work.

Typical of those attending—Miss Wheeler, secretary to a lawyer in the city smoked two packs a day until starting the Five-day Plan. She cut down to two cigarettes a day. She has no family and thought no one cared what happened to her, but after attending the program, she had a different outlook and motivation—

—Mr. Hopkins said he often stated he would give \$1,000 to quit smoking. He didn't smoke after the first meeting. His wife found stopping a little more difficult. They plan to attend the Adventist Church—

—Mr. Moon said that for the first time in years he had a good taste in his mouth—

—Mr. Parker who had smoked for over thirty years—quit—said he could breathe much better.

There were others who stopped at the first meeting.

News Notes —

▶ A Code-a-phone, which was put into operation by the Birmingham First church, has taken over 4,180 calls since it started in late February. From these calls, 670 persons have left their name and address for the Bible course. Each week the names are sent to the School of Bible Prophecy in Atlanta.

Most of the people who call receive their information from a small ad in the local newspaper.

▶ The Panama City Pathfinder Club recently sponsored a burger supper in the church school. The charge of fifty cents per plate went into the club treasury to purchase uniforms and camping equipment.

Sgt. Jim Haney, director, reported the supper a big success and a great benefit to the Pathfinder program.

The Pathfinders Ride Again

These Prichard Pathfinders have gone on two 50-mile bicycle hikes within six months. All of the Pathfinders shown here have completed the 50 miles at least once, and several of them have made it more than once. The last ride took place April 2, 1967.



Robert Roblyer Memorial

An outdoor chapel, first begun as a student project in 1963, was dedicated as the Robert Roblyer Memorial at Bass Memorial Academy in a Sabbath evening vesper service on April 22, Alumni Weekend.

Situated amid the pines and dogwood on the slope of a ravine just in back of the campus, the terraced chapel has eight tiers of finished concrete benches focusing on a brown-tone brick pulpit. Provision has been made for bonfires which can be placed on either side of the platform area.

A simple, dignified marker was unveiled at the close of the service. It reads: "Robert Roblyer Memorial, Class Member 1963; 'Blessed is the man that endureth temptation. . . He shall receive the crown of life.' James 1:12."

Robert was a ministerial student at Southern Missionary College at the time of his death in an automobile accident shortly after attending an Alumni Weekend at the academy in the spring of 1964. The following year it was voted to name the chapel in his memory.

Elder W. G. Zima, former pastor of Robert's home church in Jackson, led out in the dedication service.

Standing beside the special memorial marker are, from left, Jim Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Roblyer, Mr. Walter Hartfield, Mr. R. A. Lopez, Elder W. G. Zima, Bobby DuPuy, George Powell, Principal R. P. Bailey.



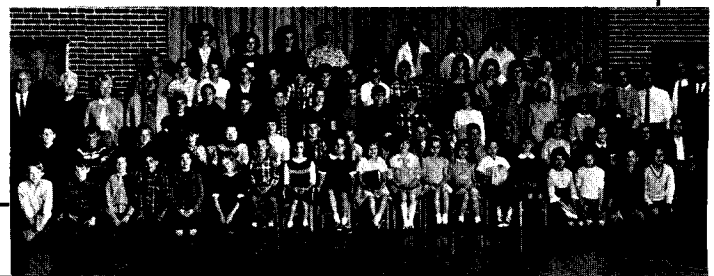
Spring Week of Devotion

A Spring Week of Prayer was conducted for Brakeworth Junior Academy the week of April 24-28. Elder K. M. Mathews, pastor of the Birmingham First church, met each morning with the group. Following the morning service, the boys and girls met for prayer bands.

The special requests and sincere prayers offered were inspiring. At the close of the week, the young people re-dedicated their lives to be better Christians, taking their stand for high ideals to uphold the standards of the church.

More than twenty boys and girls indicated they wanted to give their hearts to Jesus and look forward to being baptized in the future.

Students and teachers of Brakeworth Junior Academy in Birmingham, Alabama, posed for a picture with their pastor during the Spring Week of Prayer. Extreme left, Principal L. J. Fick, Mrs. L. J. Fick, Mrs. R. W. Liles. Extreme right, from right, Elder K. M. Mathews, Mr. Lewis Bush and Mr. Marshall Mitchell.



FLORIDA



Withlacoochee State Forest Campout

Early this spring the Sanitarium Junior Pathfinder Club members pitched their tents on a wooded slope near Lake Silver in the Withlacoochee State Forest and camped for the weekend.

Friday night they gathered around a glowing red campfire and listened as Waldemar Janke told the story of his escape from his boyhood home in East Germany into West Berlin. He was ten years old at the time.

Waldemar folded his arms across his chest, relaxed, as he talked. "I spent eight wonderful weeks in West Berlin," he said, "there's no city as beautiful . . . it's all new."

He told of renting a scooter with balloon tires and propelling himself over the streets enjoying the sights. It was a real thrill! Waldemar concluded his story by telling of coming to America to enjoy freedom after years of waiting in refugee camps in West Germany.

Next day the Pathfinders enjoyed another treat when Mr. and Mrs. Warren Oakes visited the campsite. Mr. Oakes talked to the group, drawing interesting lessons from nature and the Bible. His illustrations were spiced with rare insect life that he saw while in New Guinea, Australia and Africa. Mrs. Oakes told a story taken from Seventh-day Adventist mission life. The Oakes family spent seven years in medical missionary work in Africa.

Pathfinders camping with the club were: Dick and Pam Higgins, Tom Vitiello, Kay Arnold, Shirley Harrelson, Terri Weems, Mick and Dan Quevedo, David Crandall, Jim Weisberg, Clara Wisdom and Gilbert Carver.

Others camping with them were Mr. and Mrs. Amos Harrelson and Joyce; Mrs. Vincent Crandall; Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Arnold and Kerry; Jackie Gardner and Waldemar Janke.

—T. F. Arnold

Jacksonville's Busy Calendar

Your Bible and You will soon be placed in the 250 units of The Heart of Jacksonville Motel. Chet Palmer, MV leader, Pastor Hill, Major Bob Buchanan, Faye Haupt and others are lending energy to this worthwhile project. \$500 has been promised to launch this missionary endeavor by a friend of Elder Hill's in Dayton, Ohio. Self-addressed, detachable envelopes will be placed in the back of each book for the use of the tourists at the motel. *Your Bible and You* may be taken by the traveler if a dollar is mailed back to the MV society in the handy envelopes. In this way, the book supply will stay replenished. It is hoped that other Jacksonville motels can soon be included in this missionary plan.

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By bus and by cars, the band from Southern Missionary College arrived in Jacksonville Sunday afternoon, April 16. Eloise Jackson served the hungry crew a spaghetti supper. Later, that evening the band presented a lively and very enjoyable concert of professional quality. Jacksonville church members kept the students and faculty in their homes overnight.

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The combined choirs of the First Christian Church and the Seventh-day Adventist Church gave a concert of sacred music Sabbath afternoon, April 22, in the Adventist sanctuary. Those representing the First Christian Church were: Dr. George C. Stuart, minister, Martha Sue Gregory, choir director, and Jack Lowder, organist. The Adventist Church was represented by Elder Ralph Hill, Philip Binkley, choir director, and David Linebarger, organist. The offering received is being used for new choir robes for the choir.



Some of the fifth and sixth graders from Jacksonville Junior Academy who enjoyed the class trip to Camp Kulaqua.

A gift of 21 books recently was given to the Jacksonville public library by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Ralph B. Hill presented the books on philosophy, history and research to the Haydon Burns Library during Library Week, April 16-22. The library director wrote a gracious letter expressing his thanks for the books—four of which were written by Dr. Froom and several authored by Mrs. Ellen G. White.

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Fifty-five Dorcas-minded people attended the Florida Dorcas Federation, April 24, in St. Augustine. Miss Ella May Stoneburner, guest speaker, treated those assembled to an interesting talk on health education through the welfare work. At midday, a delicious lunch was served. Mrs. Iva-dell Lyons, Jacksonville Dorcas leader, reported that the disaster relief van was on display.

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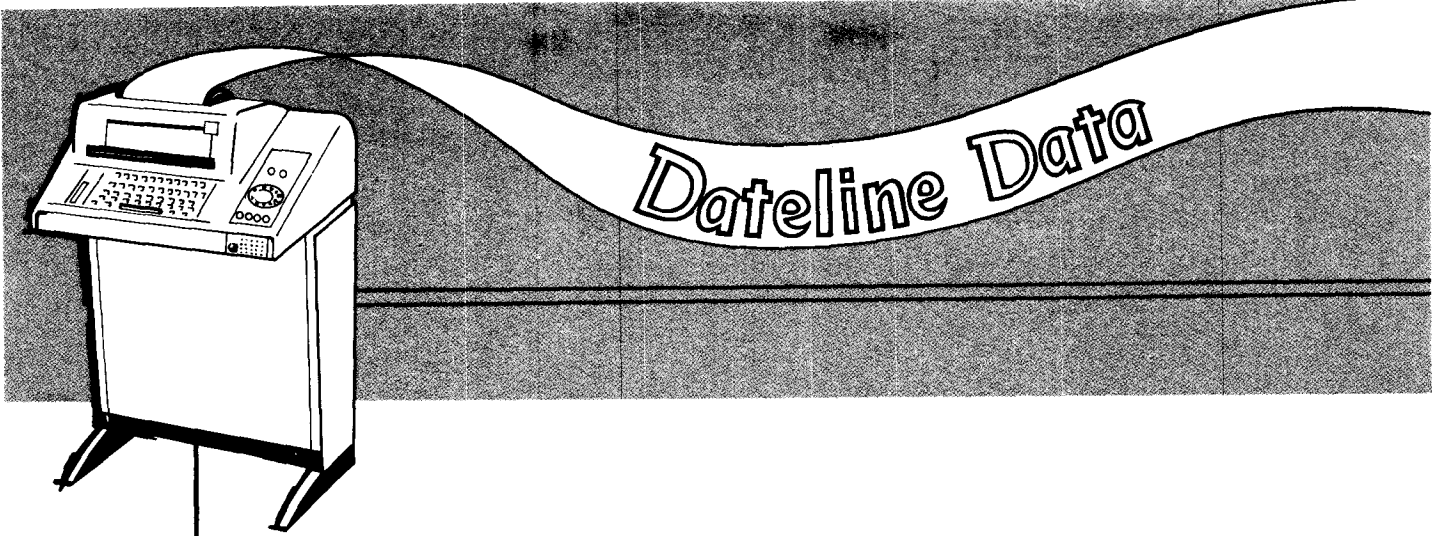
The hard-working fifth and sixth graders, gleaming like bright pennies, left on their class trip to Camp Kulaqua, Friday morning, April 28. Reports, on their return, indicated everyone had a grand weekend.

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April 29, a colporteur rally held the rapt attention of the entire congregation in the church. Elder Eric Ristau, Southern Union Conference colporteur leader, Elder Joe Ring, Florida Conference publishing secretary, and R. A. Snell, assistant leader, conducted the service. Area colporteurs attended the rally, also. In place of the regular MV program, a special meeting was held by the colporteur leaders. Hostess for the visitors was Mrs. William (Budger) Watson. —Dorothy Newgard, Church Press Secretary

Roger Crosby of Jacksonville, Florida, holds two loaves of bread which are full of coins for the Disaster Relief offering that was received May 13 in all Seventh-day Adventist churches in North America.





NEW YORK - - -

The American Bible Society gave more than 500 thousand Scriptures to American servicemen and women last year. The half million copies cost the society more than \$200,000.

NEW YORK - - -

Religion in American Life is launching a new national advertising campaign designed to make religion more relevant to the great social issues facing Americans today. The RIAL announcement came on the heels of a Gallup Poll showing that 57 per cent of Americans today believe that religion is losing its influence on American life. Ten years ago only 14 per cent held this opinion. Advertisements will focus on such issues as racial discrimination, world peace, the ecumenical movement and the "search for kicks." Each topic will ask youth to help improve the world.

LOMA LINDA, CALIFORNIA - - -

The United States army will help transfer patients to the new \$20-million medical center at Loma Linda University. Army reserve medical personnel will move each patient in a manner depending on the individual's condition at the time. The new 510-bed medical center is one of 320 Adventist medical institutions operated in nearly 200 countries.

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA - - -

The Washington City Presbytery of the nation's capital isn't taking lightly the fact that from 97 to 99 per cent of high-rise apartment dwellers in suburban areas don't attend church regularly. It's taking church to where the action is. The presbytery has leased a small store next to one of the major department stores in suburban Alexandria's impressive Landmark Shopping Center. The "storefront" church will include a library, classrooms, conference rooms, offices, and an auditorium seating 356 persons. It hopes suburban apartment dwellers who visit the center will be attracted to "regular" churches in the area.

Mark Now Your

SUMMER CAMP

Appointment



ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

June 20-July 2 Senior Youth
July 2-July 9 Junior Camp

CAROLINA CONFERENCE

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June 11-16 Friendship Camp Ages 10-16—Girls

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

June 18-25 Teen Camp Ages 13-15
June 25-July 2 Teen Camp Ages 13-15
July 2-9 Junior Camp Ages 10-12
July 9-16 Junior Camp Ages 10-12
July 16-23 Blind Camp Ages 10-16
July 23-30 Junior Camp Ages 10-12
July 30-Aug. 6 Adventurers Camp Age 9
Aug. 6-10 Friendship Camp Ages 10-15
Aug. 17-20 Senior Youth Camp Ages 15-30
Sept. 1-4 Family Camp

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

June 11-18 Adventurers Camp Age 9
June 18-25 Junior Boys Ages 10-12
June 25-29 Friendship Camp
June 30-July 4 Senior Youth Camp Ages 16 & Up
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June 18-25 Boys & Girls Ages 11-12
June 25-July 2 Teen Camp
July 2-6 Friendship Camp
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July 27-Aug. 5

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

June 21-July 2 Junior Camp
July 3-7 Friendship Camp
July 7-9 Senior Camp

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GEORGIA CUMBERLAND



Wallaceville Groundbreaking

At Wallaceville, Georgia, a little suburb of Chattanooga, Tennessee, a miracle church will soon be built. Why? Because a group of laymen in Georgia-Cumberland Conference "care." This vibrant new congregation was organized in 1965 under the leadership of Elder William Jackson. Under ordinary circumstances, they could not hope to have a church home for many years, but now a new dimension of evangelism conceived in the minds of leading laymen in Georgia-Cumberland has been put into action. This organization is "The Professional and Businessmen's Foundation."

Its objectives are:

1. To bypass the discouraging experience of worshiping in sub-standard, irreverent quarters which retard and many times doom the growth of God's work.
2. To provide beautiful representative facilities immediately which will attract people to the church.

How will this be accomplished?

1. By consecrated business and professional laymen providing \$100 each six months for the Foundation's revolving fund.
2. These funds will be used by the foundation to construct lovely churches. This is to be paid back to the foundation by the church, with interest, on a lease-purchase program over a period of five, ten, or if needed, 15 years.

Is there a need?

In 1966 six dark counties were lighted and seven new congregations were organized. The need is vividly urgent

and will continue to grow as the Dark County Evangelism program reaches into new areas in the conference.

Elder Robert Strickland, who is serving with great success as executive secretary of the Kentucky-Tennessee Laymen's Foundation has consented to come temporarily to help build and implement the foundation in Georgia-Cumberland. Working with him will be O. D. McKee, president; Charles Fleming, Jr., vice-president; Glen T. McColpin, secretary; Donald West, treasurer.

"When an interest is aroused in any town or city, that interest should be followed up. The place should be thoroughly worked until a humble house of worship stands as a sign, a memorial of God's Sabbath, a light amid the moral darkness. These memorials are to stand in many places as witnesses to the truth." *Evangelism* p. 375, 376. Surely as laymen of Georgia-Cumberland join together there will be many memorials standing throughout the conference as a witness to the great three angel's message.

Elder Desmond Cummings, second right, Georgia-Cumberland Conference president, voiced the sentiments of the Wallaceville believers as he expressed appreciation for the devotion and foresight of the members of the Professional and Businessmen's Foundation. With God's blessing, it is evident that the program of the Foundation will contribute much to the rapid advancement of God's work in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.



Elder
Robert
Strickland



Conference Officers Have Planned Four Camp Meeting Weekends



Elder Desmond
Cummings, President

JUNE 2 and 3 — ALBANY, GEORGIA

Friday night — Seventh-day Adventist Church

611 Sixth Avenue, Albany

Sabbath — Sherwood Baptist Church

2201 Whispering Pines Road, Albany

GUEST SPEAKERS: W. R. L. Scragg, R. J. Christian

JUNE 9 and 10 — ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Friday night — Belvedere Seventh-day Adventist Church

3567 Covington Highway, Decatur

Sabbath — First Methodist Church

312 East Ponce deLeon Avenue, Decatur

GUEST SPEAKERS: Glen Coon, W. R. L. Scragg

JUNE 16 and 17 — COLLEGE DALE, TENNESSEE

Friday night and Sabbath — Athletic Building

Southern Missionary College

GUEST SPEAKERS: J. R. Spangler, H. H. Schmidt

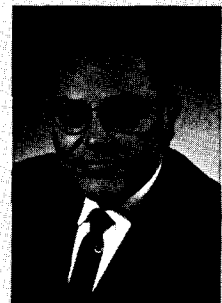
JUNE 23 and 24 — GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE

Friday night and Sabbath — First Evangelical United Brethren Church

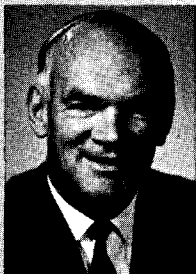
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Greeneville, Tennessee

GUEST SPEAKERS: J. R. Spangler, H. H. Schmidt



Elder C. W. Skantz,
Secretary-Treasurer



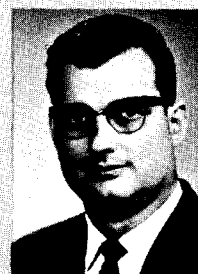
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Associate secretary,
Radio-T.V.,
General Conference



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Manager, Periodical Department,
Southern Publishing Association



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outstanding and effective
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General Conference



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President,
Southern Union Conference

KENTUCKY TENNESSEE



Ashland, Kentucky, Baptism

Starting with an invitation to Sabbath school and ending in a midnight baptism, the Ashland, Kentucky, church felt the power of soul winning as never before. On April 9, the Rainey Hooper-Ben Glanzer evangelistic team closed the best public crusade in Ashland's history, baptizing fifteen precious souls.

Helen Hackney, baptized December 31, 1966, brought

Helen Hackney, right, of Ashland, Kentucky, with her trophies— from left, Lenora, Kaye and Patricia McIntyre.



three friends to Sabbath school week after week. "I now know what a thrill it is to see souls won to Christ," she exclaimed the night all three were baptized.

One young father, while puzzling over the book of Revelation, received in the mail an invitation to the Hooper-Glanzer meetings. He came and never missed another night. After Ray and Pat Artrip were baptized, she said, "We have been searching for this so long."

William Rowsey, unable to be in the Sunday evening baptism because of work, asked to be baptized after he got off work. At midnight, April 9, he and his wife joined the other thirteen as members of God's remnant church.

"I never saw anything like it," was the testimony of one of the members. A new record was also set in church attendance on April 8 when ninety persons were present.

Newly-baptized members of the Ashland, Kentucky, church. From left, Helen Hackney, Ray Artrip, Patricia Artrip, Lenora McIntyre, Herbert McClellan, (Elder Rainey Hooper, evangelist) Ruhama McClellan, John Lee, Kaye McIntyre, Patricia McIntyre, Katie Wilcox, Julie Scarberry, William Dunlap and Jerry Gladson, pastor.



Bell Ringers Get Together

Symbolic of the devil's pent-up fury were the first drops of rain. All day it had been threatening. And now, as the beautiful candle lighting ceremony brought to a close a highly-meaningful Kentucky-Tennessee Bible Conference, the deluge descended. But it was too late—too late to quench the fires which had been lit in the hearts of 100 young people; too late to dampen the ardor of these youthful witnesses who had taken a standing vow, moments before, to "keep the bells ringing."

Every single "sacrificing-to-keep-in-school" father and mother should have been present. You should have joined these youth in their prayer bands. You should have listened to them sing and heard their testimonies. One after another they said, "I want to go back to my school and live for Christ. I want to set a good example for my fellow students. Pray for me that God will keep me true."

Not just one school but many will be affected by this heart-felt dedication. Delegates to the conference were in

Small discussion groups at the Bible Conference provided opportunity to share views on spiritual topics. Youth leader Don Holland directs this group.



attendance from both senior academies and from each of the junior academies in the conference. Therefore, the influence of these young people who have been on the spiritual mountain top and have caught the vision, will be diffused among hundreds of other young people throughout the conference.

Who and what was responsible for this tremendous uplifting weekend? The who is not really important. Without a long rundown of who did what, let's say only that Elder Don Holland conceived and directed it and that Elders Ellsworth Reile, E. L. Marley and some of the Kentucky-Tennessee office staff helped him. What is important is that God's Spirit was present in great measure to inspire, convict, convert, strengthen.

Indian Creek camp, site of so many hallowed decisions in the past, has proven, once more, its usefulness as a haven of refuge for advent youth, who, as time draws to a close, will bear more and more of the glorious responsibility to "Keep the Bells Ringing."

Commitment service showing every delegate bearing his lighted candle—symbolic of the light which will be borne by these young people as they return to their schools.



Madison Academy Week of Prayer

It was my privilege to join the students and faculty of Madison Academy in their spring Week of Prayer. The meetings began with union worship Sunday evening, and continued with a morning and evening meeting each day through the week.

The Friday evening service marked the climax of a wonderful week as students and teachers alike responded whole-heartedly in a consecration service. The Spirit of God was very near and many victories were won.

Parents of Madison Academy youth—you are to be encouraged and comforted for such a group of Christian young people in the "midst of a wicked and perverse generation." Their problems are many and their temptations are great. Pray for them daily. The devil is bidding high for their souls for he well knows as stated in *Counsels to Parents,*

Teachers, and Students, pages 89-90, "that upon such Christian youth depends in great measure the preservation and perpetuity of the institutions which God has devised as a means by which to advance His work. Never was there a period when results so important depended upon a generation of men. Then, how important that the young should be qualified for this great work that God may use them as His instruments. Their Maker has claims upon them which are paramount to all others."

It was an inspiration to be associated with the Madison Academy school family and to share some experiences that have enriched our spiritual lives.

—J. R. Shull
Superintendent of Education
Ohio Conference

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(The greatest full-scale evangelistic thrust in the history of the conference is planned for this summer and autumn. Many thousands will be reached for the first time with this message.)

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SOUTH ATLANTIC



Durham's Fund Raising Rally

The Durham, North Carolina, church concluded a successful fund-raising endeavor by pledging or contributing \$916 for continued improvements of the church.

A new grounds identification sign has been erected, new lights have been installed in the sanctuary, and a new piano added. Miss Catherine Crump, program chairman, and Mr. Willie Hart raised the highest amount of the funds.

Elder W. S. Banfield, president of the conference, was the keynote speaker for the special program.

Columbus, Georgia, Opens New Church

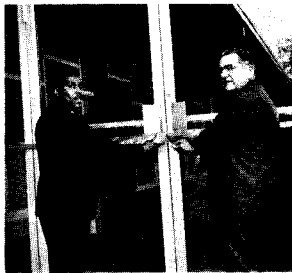
The new Shepherd Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church was opened Sabbath, April 15, 1967, in Columbus, Georgia. This is one of the best-located and most-functional churches in South Atlantic. The lot was purchased years ago under the pastorate of Charles Cheatham in a fine area of the city. Most of the surrounding homes are privately owned and well kept. The church complements the community and stands as a light upon a hill.

Pastor E. J. Lewis helped in supervising the construction and keeping the finances near the budget figure. The sanctuary is 36 feet wide and 75 feet long, and the classroom section is 22 feet wide and 86 feet long with a full basement. The building is completely wired and set up for air-conditioning. There is a balcony that will seat over 50 persons giving a total seating capacity of well over 300. With this new addition at Columbus, the state of Georgia now has some of the nicest churches in the South Atlantic Conference.

The opening service began with a ribbon cutting at 10:00 o'clock Sabbath morning, April 15. As this was done, the congregation sang "Marching to Zion," and the members marched into the new building. The program included the introduction of many visiting ministers and representatives from the city of Columbus by Pastor Lewis. A special thank offering of well over \$2,000 was taken toward the church building fund. Elder F. L. Jones, secretary-treasurer of the conference, gave the morning address entitled "Adventures of Faith." It is certain that God, in a very special way, blessed the members of this church as they moved forward in faith to build a representative house of worship for God.

This was a high day for Seventh-day Adventists in the city of Columbus, Georgia, for certainly this church has done much to inspire others in the conference to step out in faith and build an adequate house of worship.

Pastor E. J. Lewis and City Commissioner Richard Skinner cut the ribbon for the congregation to enter the church for the first services on April 15.



New church building in Columbus, Georgia.



Farewell Testimonial

The Mt. Sinai church in Orlando, Florida, hosted a farewell testimonial recently in honor of Elder S. C. Robinson and family. The event was held in the cafeteria of the Richmond Heights elementary school, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Elder Robinson, former associate publishing secretary of the South Atlantic Conference, has taken up his duties at his new post as publishing secretary for the conference at the headquarters in Atlanta.

Mrs. J. Mark Cox was mistress of ceremonies. Her wit and rhyme in introducing each participant on the program was one of the highlights of the evening.

Testimonials were made in tribute to Elder Robinson, and Elder R. H. Johnson presented an appreciation award.

Among the guests were members of a company from Avon Park who were organized by Elder Robinson.

Atlanta Berean Week of Prayer

Elder L. H. Davis, youth director for the Northeastern Conference with headquarters in New York City, recently conducted the youth Week of Prayer at the Atlanta, Georgia, Berean church. This was a most unusual and effective Week of Prayer. Elder Davis has visited many countries of the world, has taken excellent slides, and has prepared a number of travelogues. For the Week of Prayer theme, he chose the title "Challenge of Moses," tying in slides from the Holy Land, especially Egypt.

At the close of the meetings, there was a re-dedication of the young people in the church, and a number of youth accepted the truth for the first time.



Elder L. H. Davis, youth director for the Northeastern Conference.

Florida Ministerial Staff



The South Atlantic Conference has eleven ministers pastoring 39 churches with 3,300 members in the state of Florida. These workers comprise one of the strongest ministerial groups in the conference. From left, Elders L. E. Daniels, C. R. Craig, R. Franklin, O. H. Paul, R. L. Woodfork who is the ministerial leader for the state of Florida, G. N. Smith, W. Lewis, R. B. Hairston who is the secretary of the state's Ministerial Association, J. L. Follette, J. Hinson and D. E. Davis. Florida has the largest tithe receipts of any state in the South Atlantic Conference.

Three Willing Workers

Three outstanding workers of the Winston-Salem, North Carolina, church are Mrs. L. M. Lyles, left, who raised \$300 during the last Ingathering campaign; Mrs. Azilee Hall, center, who raised \$250; and Margaret Damon who raised \$210.

It takes willing sacrifice of time and talent to see the work of God move forward.



SOUTH CENTRAL



Youth Emphasis Week

The spring MV week at Temple Gate Seventh-day Adventist Church in Selma, Alabama, was full of rewarding events. The opening message, "What's in a Name," was presented by the MV leader. After delivering the address, she presented a large burning torch figurine. This symbol was a reminder to the youth, as representatives of Christ, to continue to share the gospel light with others.

MV stands for Missionary Volunteers to a church in quest of a bright new experience for its youth—in quest of a deeper fellowship with its youth—in quest of the unconverted youth—in quest of youth seeking the challenge to "Share Your Faith"—in quest of those youth longing to be reclaimed—in quest of youth talent and leadership. The theme was "Christ for Today," and the theme song, "Stepping in the Light."

Special music was rendered by guests from neighboring churches. Elder R. P. Peay, conference director of youth activities, delivered an inspiring message and presented ten certificates to those who had met the requirements of the Leadercraft course—E. O. Jones, Mrs. Minnie Winston, Mrs. Annie Lee, Mrs. Sadie W. Burwell, Mrs. Queen McDaniels, Mrs. Inez Hicks, Mrs. Maple L. Jones, Mr. James Lee, Juanita McDaniels and Dianne Hildreth.

Youth of the church served on each program in the various activities of ushering, music, readings, testimonies and prayers. The closing lecture was presented by the MV leader whose subject was "In Quest of the Best." A large placard displaying a spider web was used to warn the youth not to be caught in the web of poisonous acts detrimental to character building. MV week closed with a strong spirit of dedication.

Two of the young people who took part in the emphasis week for youth in Selma, Alabama.



Nearly 1400 Delegates At Youth Congress

April 28-30, 1967, Missionary Volunteers and guests of the South Central Conference assembled at the National Guard Armory in Birmingham, Alabama. The keynote service Friday night featured R. J. McKinney challenging the delegates with a message on "HOLY BOLDNESS."

The host MV society was in charge of Sabbath school. The special feature was a skit depicting the "Broad way and the narrow road" of Matthew 7. All were urged to make a decision to follow Jesus.

At the missionary service a junior Missionary Volunteer introduced a soul won through MV Bible school evangelism.

Elder John Hancock, associate world youth leader, was the worship hour speaker. His theme was "We Have An Army." His charge and challenge—"Let Us March."

During the Sabbath afternoon MV rally, Elder E. S. Reile, youth leader of the Southern Union, interviewed MV leaders on their soul-winning activities. The Anthony McCullum Voice of Youth team showed the delegates how to



Largest visiting delegation to the Youth Congress was from Louisville, Kentucky.

conduct a self-supported one-week meeting. Their result was seven decisions.

The conference championship Bible quiz resulted in a tie between teams from Meridian, Mississippi, and Louisville, Kentucky.

Saturday night recreation was a basketball game between organized MV teams from Paducah, Kentucky, and Birmingham, Alabama.

Sunday morning nearly 100 Pathfinders from four clubs participated in a march and drill. A precision drill team from Chattanooga, Tennessee, thrilled all in attendance.

Frankie Beard of Greeneville, Tennessee, was first-place winner of \$100 in the temperance orations. While judges counted points, Willie Horton displayed one of America's most perfect physiques as a testimony to following principles of healthful living.

The Chattanooga, Tennessee, youth choir, under the direction of Mrs. E. Simmons, presented a program of music to close the congress.



Left: A surprise message was read to Elder and Mrs. C. E. Dudley, for whom the congress was dedicated, by Elder R. P. Peay, left.

Right: David Talliver, center, won Anthony Duncan, left, to the Lord through MV Bible school evangelism. Willie Moss, right, also engaged in the effort.



Left: This team of youth—Miss K. Gardner, standing, Anthony McCullum and Miss A. Thomas—conducted a Voice of Youth meeting in Laurel, Mississippi, during the 1966 Christmas vacation and won seven decisions for Christ. A demonstration of their work was presented at the congress.

Right: Mrs. Lillian Jones answered questions for Elder John Hancock about the Memphis MV society soul-winning activities.



Left: Frankie Beard of Greeneville, Tennessee, won first-place in the temperance oration finals at the congress.

Right: Pathfinders from Bessemer, Dothan, Huntsville, Alabama, and Louisville, Kentucky, in the Sunday morning program.

The congress was closed with a festival recital by the choir from Chattanooga, Tennessee, directed by Mrs. E. J. Simmons.



Southern Missionary College

Presentation of 1967 Yearbook

The 1967 *Southern Memories* was presented recently to Dr. C. N. Rees in special ceremonies at the college.

This year's *Memories* is dedicated to Dr. Rees, former SMC president, who went into semi-retirement after suffering a stroke in December, 1966.

The following dedication appears in the yearbook and

was read by Ed Shafer at the presentation:

"An extremely kind and sincere Christian educator, he is profoundly interested in each individual, whether student or teacher.

"He is not only personable, he has a genuine love for people—and likes their company. He is sincerely interested in all. Yet he maintains the professional reserve of a seasoned administrator.

"A peacemaker, he goes out of his way to be wise, informed, fair and democratic.

"Although he is completely unassuming, he has an uncanny sense which enables him to detect ability, sincerity and devotion.

"He feels that the college is not yet old enough to have any tradition but progress.

"His deep concern is for the improvement of the college's academic quality and the maintaining of SMC's reputation as 'The School of Standards.'"

After he received a standing ovation from the student body, Dr. Rees thanked the students for their thoughtfulness.



Presentation of the 1967 "Southern Memories" was made by Ed Shafer to Dr. C. N. Rees in special ceremonies recently. Also participating in the presentation, from left, Pat Horning, Carol Chatterton, Darlene Griffith and Nancie Bull.

NATIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Emergency — For Noncombatants Today

Clark Smith, Director, National Service Organization

Every Seventh-day Adventist man should understand the value of the noncombatant classification should he be drafted into the military forces. A veritable flood of problems has come to this office in recent days. These are all cases of men already in the military service who have been denied a request for a noncombatant assignment. These men have not entered military service through the noncombatant classification in the draft. They had reasons in each case why this was done, but now they desire to be noncombatants and find the way to that goal to be very difficult indeed.

Authorities tell us that requests from men in the military service to be considered as conscientious objectors have risen from two or three a week to a hundred a week. This has come because of various pressures in the national scene. Therefore, all such requests are being given intense scrutiny and investigation. Requests not carefully documented and plausible are being denied.

It is pointed out that any man signing an enlistment contract and then claiming within days or weeks thereafter that he is a conscientious objector to the bearing of arms, must be suspected as to his motives. Such a man is called upon to explain adequately his change of conscience. This is difficult to do.

Those men now in service who have a deep personal conviction that they must be noncombatants should explain their situation openly and fully to their commanding officer. Their paper work asking for the noncombatant assignment

should completely explain why they are at this time presenting this request. It should be documented fully. This means notarized letters from the pastor of the home church and from the pastor of the church near the military base; a letter from the unit chaplain; letters from those having personal knowledge of the man's belief and resulting pattern of life. Those who were members of the Adventist Church prior to their entrance into the military service have a special problem. They must explain adequately why they have not sought a noncombatant classification until this point. Those who are converts to the church after entering the service should indicate the length of time they have studied and the changes that have come into their life as a result of their baptism. All should be prepared for stringent scrutiny of their request and a psychiatric examination.

The man of conscientious belief today must be prepared to explain his convictions and to live by those convictions every day of his life. Today he cannot ignore the provisions of the government for a 1-A-O classification in the draft and then expect to obtain easily a noncombatant assignment after entering the military service. The church will continue to assist, as far as possible, those in service who wish to change to a noncombatant assignment, but all must recognize the current limitations.

Those who have specific questions concerning this are asked to get in touch with the young people's department secretary in their conference.

Literature Evangelism

YEARLY EVENT of the literature ministry is BIG WEEK when every person connected with this phase of God's work makes a special effort to put in extra hours and make extra sales and deliveries. BIG WEEK was April 30-May 6 of this year.

Leaders from the Southern Union office made plans to lead out in a very personal way. Following is an interview conducted on Wednesday, April 26, between Elder Eric Ristau, head of the Publishing Department of the Southern Union, and one of his associates, Elder Roy Chamberlain who directs the promotion and sales of the \$1 books.

RISTAU: Roy, what are your plans for the next two weekends?

CHAMBERLAIN: *I plan to be with Richard McKee for a literature evangelist rally at Wilson, North Carolina, April 29. On May 6, I plan to be with Ed Morgan for a rally at Morganton, North Carolina.*

Remember that BIG WEEK comes between your two rallies. What are your plans? Do you plan to canvass?

Yes, I do. While I am in Carolina for these two rallies I plan to work in South Carolina for my BIG WEEK.

What are you going to sell?

I have a great burden for these one-dollar books. I plan to sell a unit of thirteen one-dollar books, with a picture, for \$13.95.

What is your goal?

My goal is \$1,000, and my super goal is \$1,500.

Roy, if your super goal is only \$1,500, you should go for \$2,000.

Remember, I am only going to use the 'small' thirteen-volume unit, not the 'big' thirteen-volume unit.

I believe you can do it, Roy. I believe you can do it.

I can assure you I will be doing my best. Please pray for me and all the other leaders and literature evangelists.

We will be praying for all of you in a special way.

Eleven days later on Sunday, May 7, the interview continued.

RISTAU: Roy, how did BIG WEEK go?

CHAMBERLAIN: *Great! The Lord blessed.*

What did you sell?

I sold a thirteen-volume set of the paper-back books, including BITS OF GOLD in each set.

I mean how much did you sell?

The Lord blessed with \$2,052.05.

Wonderful! Wonderful! How many hours did you work?

I only worked part time. You know there are 168 hours in a week, and I only worked 82.

How many hours did you work each day?

I averaged around fourteen hours a day.

You surely worked late each night then, didn't you?

Not so late. I decided to start early each morning.

What time did you start?

About seven o'clock.

Did you have any trouble getting in the homes that early in the morning?

No, I didn't. There were several mornings I had three orders by 8:30, and I had canvassed four homes already.

Did you work on Sunday?

Yes, I did. I sold over \$300 worth of books. I found Sunday to be a good day to work.

Did anyone object to your calling on them on Sunday?

Yes, one family. I worked in the country all week, and this one family was sitting on the porch when I came up with my brief case. Before I got to the house I heard the lady say, "He must be selling something on Sunday." They were good church-going people. After I had made my approach and was seated on the porch with them, the man said, "Are you selling something?" He then told me that they go to church every Sunday and take the rest of the day off and do not work on Sunday. I told them I always like to have prayer in every home I visit. After the prayer, I left the home without ever trying to sell the books because they thought they were keeping the Sabbath.

Was that the only family that objected to Sunday work?

Yes, only one family that made any remark about Sunday work. Everyone seemed to appreciate the work I was doing.

Did setting a goal for BIG WEEK help you?

Yes, I appreciated the challenge you gave me before I left the office. When I found out that my average in sales was \$25 per hour, I knew it would take 80 hours or more to reach that super goal.

You worked country territory. How many miles did you drive to sell the \$2,052.05 worth of books?

I drove 375 miles, and it averaged five and one-half books per mile.

Congratulations to you, Roy! I am tremendously proud of your wonderful BIG WEEK, and sincerely appreciate your careful planning, hard work, and much prayer. It is earnest dedication, combined with untiring effort, that gets results in this work.



UNION-WIDE ACADEMY MUSIC FESTIVAL

V. W. Becker, Secretary, Department of Education

The 1967 Southern Union Conference Music Festival was held on the campus of Highland Academy, April 7 and 8. Both Highland and Madison academies served as hosts to the festival program, and Principal John Durichek of Highland Academy served as coordinator for all festival activities.

Early in the 1966-1967 school year, the principals and music teachers of all academies met at the union conference office in Atlanta to select the music, the speakers, and make over-all plans for the festival program. Participants from each academy had opportunity during the year to prepare for the numbers which were chosen as a part of the festival.

Each academy carefully selected 20 students for participation in the band, choral and keyboard areas. The two host academies were not limited to the number of students

from their schools. Altogether, eleven academies and over 300 students blended their talents in one of the most successful academy festival programs.

Two outstanding clinicians coordinated the work of all academy music teachers in the choral and band numbers. Approximately 24 selections were presented by the festival band and chorus.

Academy festival programs move in rotation from one academy to another. During 1968, the academy music festival program will be a part of the Southern Union Youth Congress. An invitation has been extended from Mount Pisgah Academy to have the 1969 festival on their campus.

The Southern Union Conference Department of Education is happy to include in the academy calendar of events, the annual union-wide senior academy music festival.



The Southern Union Music Festival was held this year in the auditorium on the Highland Academy campus.

Buses transported the musicians from other academies. Shown is the bus and some of the participants from Bass Memorial Academy in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference.



Theme and Program

By Mrs. Helen Durichek

"Let All My Life Be Music" was the theme of the Ninth Annual Southern Union Music Festival held on the campus of Highland Academy April 5-8. Three hundred fifty student participants of the festival arrived on the campus on Wednesday afternoon and were registered in the foyer of the new auditorium-gymnasium. They were accompanied by their music faculties and the principals of the eleven academies which they represented.

The musicians were soon hard at work in rehearsals. Representatives of the various schools participated in either the mass band or the mass chorus. Thursday and Friday were spent in a busy schedule of practices and rehearsals.

On Friday evening the festival chorus made its first appearance with "O Be Joyful." This vespers hour featured numbers by groups from the different academies. Elder E. L. Marley, president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, was the speaker.

The Sabbath school program was highlighted with more special numbers as Elder Don Holland led out as Sabbath school superintendent.

Elder H. H. Schmidt, president of the Southern Union, was guest speaker for the church service. Preceding his study the festival chorus sang Mozart's "Gloria from Twelfth Mass" as the congregation listened captivated by its beauty.

During the Sabbath afternoon program the festival band

appeared with the chorus. The program was filled with numbers by the best in musical talent from the various schools. Mr. Bernard Devasher, science and math teacher at Highland Academy, narrated the program with the beautiful Psalms written by David which tell in so many ways the place of music in worship of the "Most High God."

The Sabbath evening vespers hour was a sacred recital by outstanding piano and organ students from the different schools.

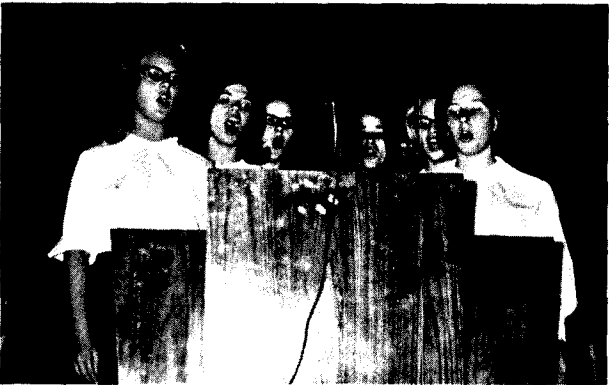
On Saturday night, 1,400 guests filled the auditorium and enjoyed a rare treat in musical entertainment. The chorus opened the program with "Let All My Life Be Music." The festival band performed stirring marches and other numbers which thrill lovers of band music. Special feature was a piano quartet performed by students from four different academies. Elder F. W. Foster was the master of ceremonies.

Memories of the 1967 Music Festival will long linger in the minds of the participants and members of the listening audience. Students made many friends as they participated together in this most profitable occasion. The talents of those students directed in the right channels will mean much to the task the youth face in this generation.

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A Layman's Impression of the Ninth Quadrennial Union Session



James P. Crabtree, Layman of the Southern Union—Member of the Atlanta Belvedere church.

This spring I had an unusual privilege. It was my good fortune to be able to attend the ninth quadrennial session of the Southern Union Conference in Miami, Florida, April 17-20. Many laymen like myself often wonder, I am sure, just what happens at a quadrennial union conference session. This is my impression of what happened.

We arrived in Miami, Florida, Sunday evening, April 18, and secured a room in the Everglades Hotel where many of the delegates were staying.

Monday morning we walked across Biscayne Boulevard to the large Municipal Auditorium where the meetings were to be held. Upon entering the auditorium, we saw a large meeting room on the left with convention display space to the right. At that early hour, the whole place was a beehive of activity. The departmental men and their assistants were setting up displays. This work had to be completed by late afternoon as the opening meeting was scheduled to begin at seven o'clock that evening.

Since I have attended and participated in many business conventions, I was interested in comparing how Seventh-day Adventists accomplished this task of getting set up for a convention. My experience has been with non-denominational business firms, and getting ready for a convention has always been a time of much confusion with displays of bad temper. But I did not have to wait long to see that everything was following a pre-arranged plan, and by noon every thing had begun to fall into place, and through it all there was a spirit of helpfulness and real fellowship. I could not help but think of the text from the writing of Paul which says, "let everything be done decently and in order."

Monday evening was the opening night and a time of inspiration and dedication. As we entered the meeting hall, the first thing that caught our eye was a large banner high over the speaker's desk blazing forth the words: "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace." Isaiah 62:1.

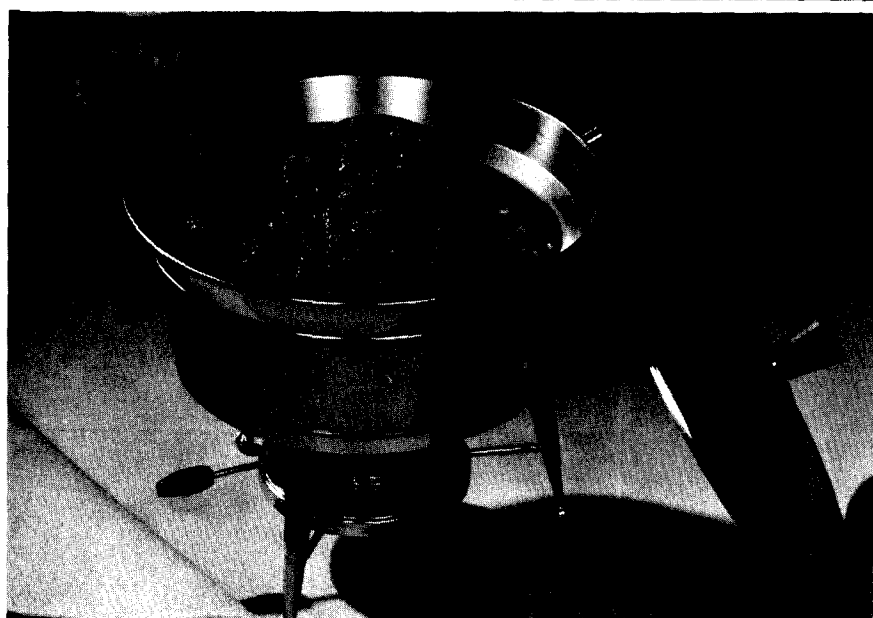
The meeting was officially opened by Elder H. H. Schmidt, president of the Southern Union Conference, with the challenge to all that we must not fail to give the message now. Evangelism became the theme and spirit.

All the business meetings and the election of officers went along with the same sweet spirit of love and understanding, and at the same time there seemed to be a great urgency among the brethren that we must finish the work soon. This same theme was expressed in the messages given by the visiting brethren from the General Conference.

Tuesday evening was truly a high spot in the session. This was the time allotted for the different union departments to give a report of their work for the last four years. The reports from all the departments were woven together in a unique way to tell the story of progress in the Southern Union. This was accomplished by using three slide projectors which projected colored slides onto three large screens. The projectors were synchronized with a tape recorder which told the story along with proper background music. The beauty and clarity of this program left a deep impression on me since I happened to know that all the script writing, photography, and other details were accomplished by our own Southern Union Public Relations Department, with the help of other workers in the union office. I feel sure that had this program been assigned to an agency to produce, it would have cost at least \$20,000. But actually the cost was only a small fraction of this sum.

All too soon the union session drew to a close, but I came away feeling that the work of God in the Southern Union is in able and dedicated hands. This experience has strengthened my faith in the great cause of truth in the earth. Laymen, let us all arise as one man and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the men God has ordained to lead us in the great conflict in which we are committed.

James P. Crabtree



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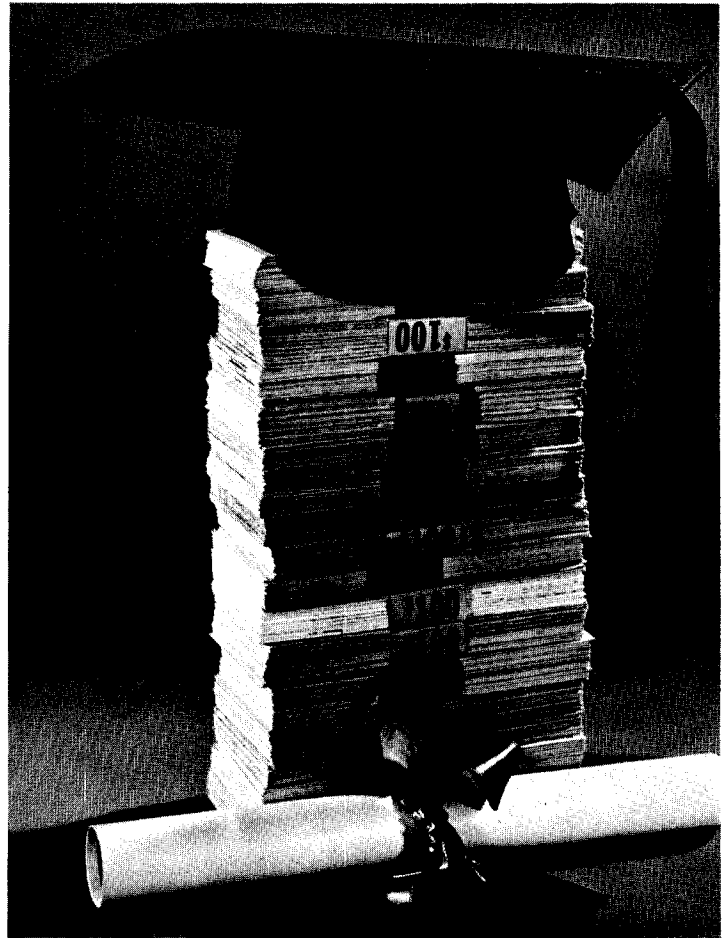
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Being a Missionary Helps Keep You Young

By Wayne A. Martin



Mr. and Mrs. Schoonard are shown packing barrels of clothing for the orphans in Honduras.

Most folks retire so they can take life easy during the sunset years of their life, but not Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schoonard. Although near their seventies, they act like their sun won't set for a long time.

Mr. Schoonard is a carpenter by trade and has done building in several parts of the United States, all the way from Indiana to Florida. Mrs. Schoonard spent most of her life as a school teacher in Michigan and didn't meet Mr. Schoonard until later in life. After their retirement, they sold their home and went to Pine Forest Academy in Mississippi where Mr. Schoonard helped with the construction of new buildings, and Mrs. Schoonard taught in the school.

When that work became a little too strenuous for them, they moved to a little place in the mountains near Columbus, North Carolina, and built an addition onto their mobile home, thinking they would settle down. They had not been there long when a call came for Mr. Schoonard to help with a building project in Puerto Rico. So during the winter of 1966, they spent nine weeks in Puerto Rico doing missionary work, constructing buildings for the Adventist mission there.

Dr. Stephen Youngberg, who operates the Nutrition Hospital and Orphanage of the Jungle Medical Center in Honduras, heard about the Schoonards and told them of some of the needs in

Honduras. The orphanage he operates houses 77 children ranging from infants to children 12 years of age. They have been housed in a room 60' x 60', with sometimes three or four children sleeping on a cot. Dr. Youngberg asked the Schoonards to help build larger quarters.

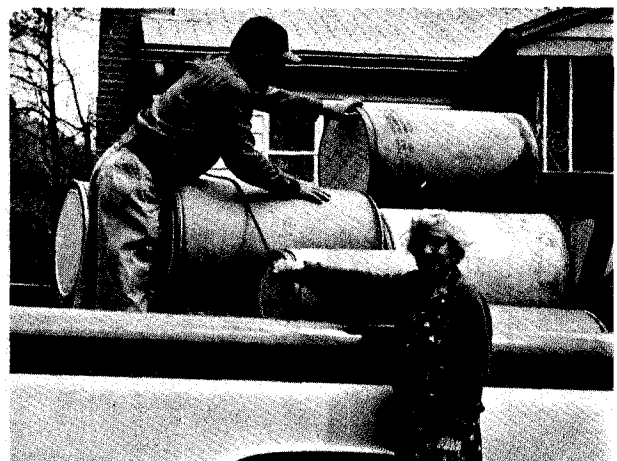
Their missionary spirit was touched by this appeal, and they made preparation to go to Honduras. They sent out an appeal in their own community for clothing to take to the orphanage, and there was a good response. They drove to Miami by truck and took with them twelve barrels of clothing, \$1,000 worth of medicine and \$75 in cash given by non-Adventists. Then, they sold the truck, shipped the clothing and medicine by boat, and proceeded to their destination by plane.

After reaching the orphanage, they sent letters to their home church telling of the needs in that country. Forty percent of the children die before the age of 12, most of them from poor nutrition. One of the recent cases was a 15-month-old baby weighing only three pounds. When brought to the home, it was taking sweetened cornstarch water from a baby bottle.

The Schoonards are active in their own church, and to Mrs. Schoonard belongs part of the credit for the outstanding record that the Columbus Sabbath school made last year. She was superintendent up until the time they left for Honduras.

The Schoonards have returned to Columbus now. Will they retire this time? No, not as long as there is any missionary work left to do. And probably by the time they harvest their crops in the fall, they will be looking for another mission field where they can go during the winter. "You can never get too old to be a missionary" is their philosophy, "because being a missionary helps keep you young."

The Schoonards shipped twelve barrels of clothing as well as medicine to the Jungle Medical Center of Honduras.





Vacation Bible Schools Emphasized for Summer Month

Evangelism

The Vacation Bible School program promoted and sponsored by the Sabbath School Department has proven to be a most effective means of engaging in child evangelism. For the past number of years, scores of our church congregations throughout the South have planned and conducted a Vacation Bible School. The results have been most heartening and exceedingly fruitful. By this means, literally hundreds of homes in the community have been reached by our message. When the children of Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian or other denominations, or children who have no church home are invited into our Vacation Bible School, you can be sure that not only the children but their parents as well will be influenced by the simply-presented truths of God.

Elder B. J. Liebelt, the Sabbath school secretary of the union, and all the local conference Sabbath school secretaries, together with the hundreds of local Sabbath school officers and teachers, are to be commended for already laying well-organized plans to launch into the summer of this year with the greatest Vacation Bible School program ever attempted in the Southern Union. Under God's blessing the united efforts of all these dedicated people will bring results in soul-winning and baptisms such as we've never witnessed or experienced before. We're looking forward eagerly to the ultimate results!

H. H. Schmidt, president
Southern Union Conference