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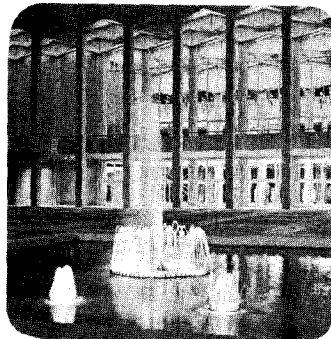
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This year a meeting will be held in the Southern Union which we believe is the first of its kind ever to be conducted. It is the Southern Union Sabbath School Congress to convene in the Atlanta Civic Auditorium on the weekend of February 20-22. Much planning, work and prayer have gone into the preparation for this congress. It will be everything the name implies; it will be more than a Sabbath school rally or workshop. There will be speakers from the General Conference—Elders R. H. Pierson, Neal Wilson, F. L. Bland—and besides these officers, there will be men from the General Conference Sabbath School Department. Elder B. J. Liebelt, union Sabbath school secretary, will direct the congress.

In looking over the program, I note that every moment of every day will be power-packed with interesting and inspiring things. Delegates have been chosen to represent every Sabbath school in the Southern Union. Just the official delegation alone will amount to several hundred people. We would like to see many others in attendance.

All in all, we expect a meeting of tremendous consequence and influence. This meeting, we believe, will be the means of opening more doors to soul winning and witnessing in the Adventist Church. We have hardly scratched the surface of the potential that lies in this form of evangelism. We must do more; there *needs* to be more done by us all! This congress will inspire us to do more. Make your plans now to enter when the doors of the Civic Auditorium are opened for the first meeting on Thursday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m.

*H. H. Schmidt*  
President, Southern Union Conference

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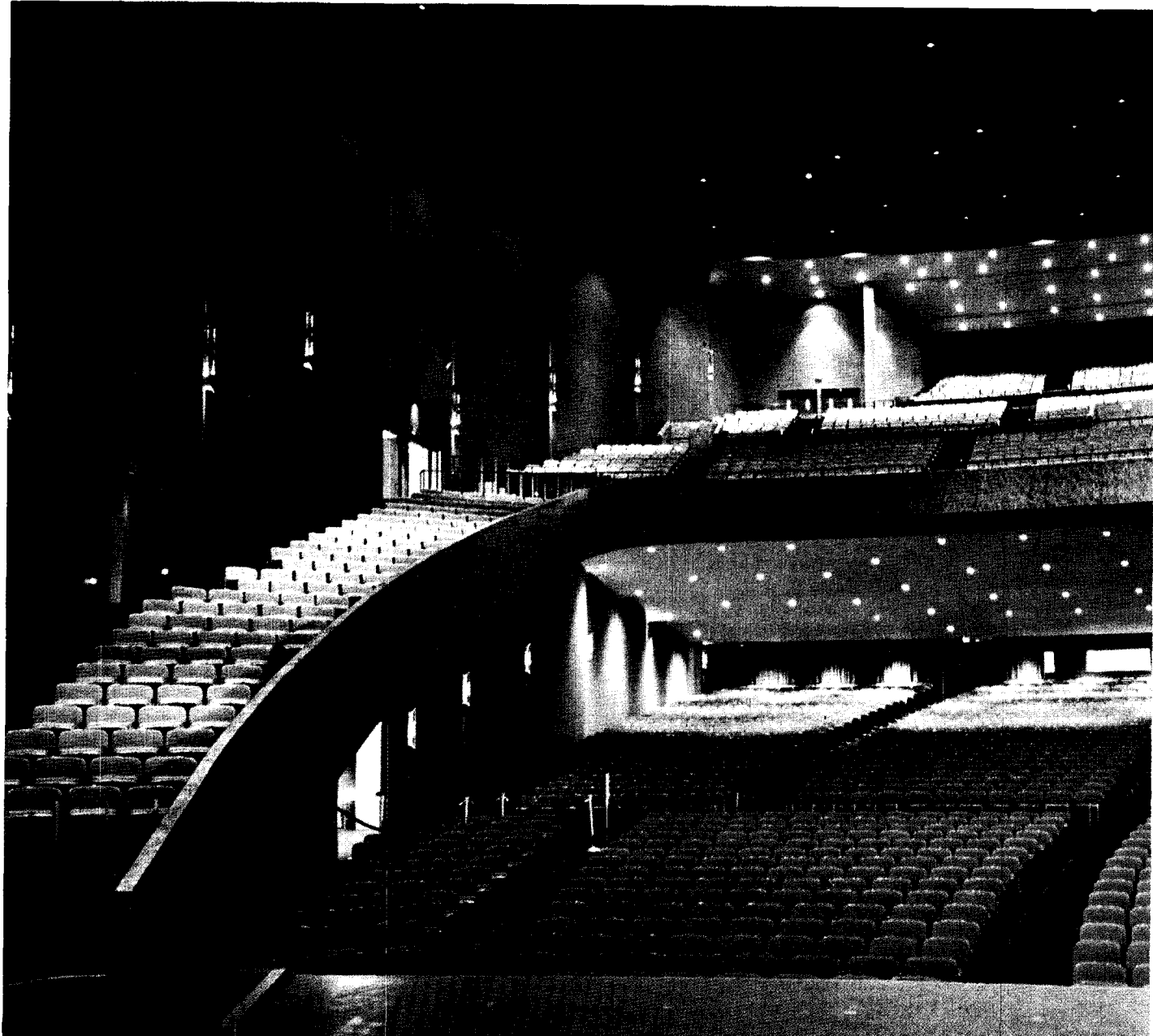


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The fabulous Fine Arts Auditorium in the Atlanta Civic Center complex provides a peaceful atmosphere for its guests. This marvelous meeting place will accommodate the mass crowd of delegates and others expected to attend the Southern Union Sabbath School Congress, February 20-22.

The three-day meeting is being coordinated and directed by B. J. Liebelt, secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the union. The congress, first of its kind to be conducted by the organization, will attract men and women from all of the 480 churches of the Southern Union who are active in Sabbath school work. The carefully planned program will bring to focus many different aspects of the dynamics of this important agency of the

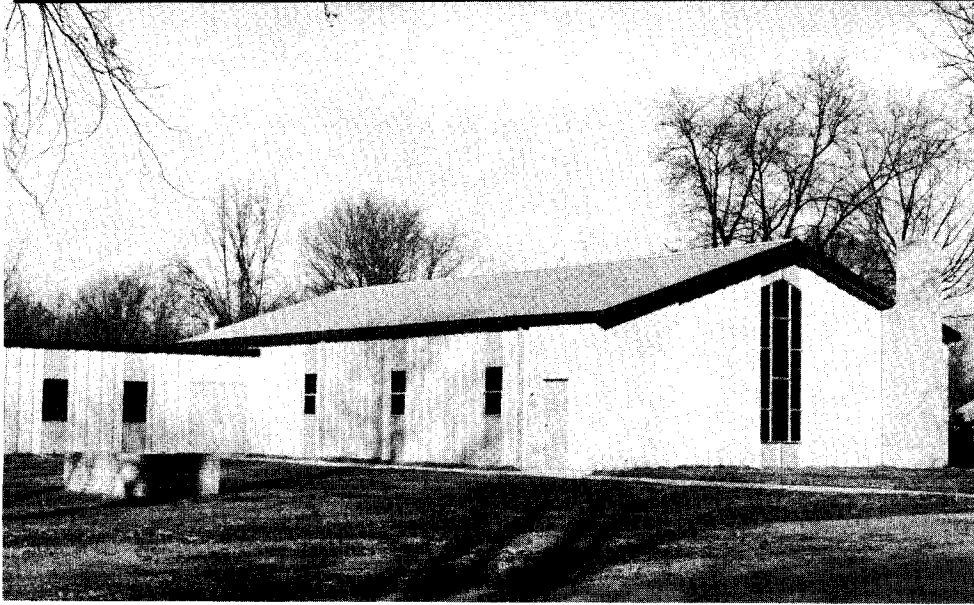
church. The entire congress will be both practical and inspirational.

The keynote service is scheduled to open Thursday night with a MISSION COLORAMA presentation—a multi-media showing on Adventist work in South America. This spectacular represents the creative talent of Gordon Engen, public relations secretary of the Lake Union Conference. Elder Engen recently spent many weeks traveling through the entire South American Division.

Other highlights scheduled for the congress include Sunny Liu, famed music director; Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference; a stimulating marimba group from Montemorelos College in Mexico; and many guest speakers representing the Sabbath school work for the Adventist Church.

O. L. H.





The new Oaklands Park church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was recently opened for worship services.

In 1961 Dr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Coopwood moved to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, located thirty-five miles southeast of Nashville. In harmony with a desire to engage in medical missionary work, this husband-wife team entered a "dark county" and initiated a project which included a branch Sabbath school on Sunday mornings and an adult health and Bible lecture on Friday evenings. These meetings were held in one room of their clinic.

For approximately two years these projects were continued with ever increasing community responsiveness. The South Central Conference officials, taking note of the widening interest in the Adventist Church, scheduled an evangelistic crusade in Murfreesboro in the summer 1964, led by E. W. Moore, Sabbath school and lay activities leader for the conference. In September of that year, a church of 27 members was organized. Since the establishment of this congregation, Dr. and Mrs. Coopwood have continued to assume active responsibilities in the church program—he as elder and she as leader of the children's Sabbath school division. In the spring of 1968 with Dr. Coopwood serving as chairman of a building committee, a lovely acre-size lot in a quiet, residential neighborhood was purchased, and plans for construction of a church building were begun. Dr. Coopwood accepted the additional responsibility of building supervisor and spent many hours in planning, scheduling construction, and even personal labor in various phases of the project.

The church is of contemporary style featuring a unique exterior use of steel with masonry, beautiful interior wood paneling with carpeted sanctuary and classrooms, fiberglass baptistry, oak pews, central heat and air conditioning, and stained-glass windows. Seating capacity of the sanctuary is approximately 200, and cost of construction and furnishings was \$38,000. Present membership is 35. The building is well-suited and well-located to enable an active evangelistic work to be carried on in the community.

With the recent completion of this lovely edifice, Dr. and Mrs. Coopwood feel that a highly involved yet rewarding task has been accomplished. Approximately two years ago Dr. Coopwood closed his medical practice and has been commuting daily to nearby Nashville where he is completing a specialty training in psychiatry and neurology at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Upon completion of this training, he will be affiliated with several psychiatric centers in the Nashville community including the private unit at Riverside Hospital.



Speaking to the congregation on the opening day for services—Dr. W. E. Coopwood, lay leader; E. W. Moore, pastor, center; and N. S. McLeod, former pastor, right.



The honorable mayor of Murfreesboro addressed the South Central Conference ministers in the new church structure.

# DATELINE DATA

## COLLEGEDALE, TENNESSEE - - -

The Education Department at Southern Missionary College has recently been granted accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education for the program to prepare elementary teachers at the bachelor's degree level. SMC is the third liberal arts college Education Department to receive this recognition in Tennessee. It joins the state universities, Carson Newman and David Lipscomb colleges. The accreditation indicates a quality program in teacher education and grants reciprocity for certification in almost thirty states.

Southern Missionary College was recently elected to associate membership in the National Association of Schools of Music. Marvin L. Robertson, chairman of the Fine Arts Department, represented the college at the 44th annual meeting of the association. The accreditation gives assurance that SMC is operating within at least minimal standards on a national level and that its faculty and equipment meet the standards of music schools throughout the country. There are three other Adventist colleges holding NASM accreditation - - Walla Walla, Union and Andrews University.

## SINGAPORE - - -

A new aircraft for mercy airlifts in Borneo's jungles has been dedicated by the Sarawak Mission. The Cessna 180 is the second plane put into service there within a year. It will be based in Sarawak and will fly in and out of seven interior jungle areas. A third plane is to be assigned to Korea to provide medical and educational assistance to 400 offshore islands.

## WASHINGTON, D. C. - - -

A fourth Adventist medical relief team has been sent to Nigeria. The group includes a physician from America, a male nurse from Sweden and two assistants, one from Sweden and the other from Finland. They will work in the federally controlled sector of the country. One team sent previously also worked in this area while the other two teams restricted their help to refugees in the Biafran territory. The teams are working under the direction of the International Red Cross.

## PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY - - -

Based on seven national polls taken during 1968, 50 million persons, or 43 per cent of all Americans attend church. More Americans say they believe in God, life after death, and hell than do persons living in other countries. One poll concluded that in the past twenty years Americans have maintained religious beliefs strongly held two decades ago while a dramatic shift has taken place in European countries.

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# Wonders

## IN THINE HANDS



Trophy received by the Carolina Conference for leading the Southern Union in book sales during 1968.

**L**ight the World with Literature”—This was the theme for the Literature Evangelists’ Convention held at Daytona Beach, Florida, the first week of the New Year.

“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” Revelation 18:1. We are told: “And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory.” Testimonies, Vol. 7, pp. 139, 140.

“The Lord said . . . see that thou do all these wonders which I have put in thine hand . . .” Ex. 4:21. The Lord did not commission Moses to bring the people of God into the promised land without tools with which to work. He gave him “wonders” to use to convince Pharaoh and others that the time had come—the time for God’s people to be delivered. God worked with His leaders in the Exodus. While they were to do their part on the human level, God stood ready with His judgments, the plagues, to convince the Egyptians that the message given by Moses was true.

The time has come when the people of God are to leave this world and go into the “promised land” that Christ has prepared. Today God is doing His part in preparing the hearts of people for the calamities, judgments and last day events that are to take place upon the earth. Are we doing our part? Are we using the “wonders” that He has given us?

One of the most marvelous agencies to spread God’s word is through the printed page. The printing press is one of the most effective evangelistic tools.

“Our publications should go everywhere. Let them be issued in many languages. The third angel’s message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher.” Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 62.

“There are many places in which the voice of the minister cannot be heard, places which can be reached only by our publications—the books, papers, and tracts filled with the Bible truths that the people need. Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters; for we know not

H. H. Schmidt, third from left, president of the Southern Union, made the trophy presentation to E. S. Reile, president of Carolina. G. S. Culpepper, left, and his four associates, background, together with O. H. Rausch, right, shared in the top sales honor.



G. S. Culpepper, left, and Roy Chamberlain, second left, union publishing associate, presented gifts to the nine evangelists in the Carolinas who had sales above \$10,000 in 1968.



which will prosper, this or that." Manuscript 127, 1909.

"We are fast approaching the end. The printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work." *Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 89.

"God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment.



Carolina literature evangelists who made it possible for their conference to receive the award for top sales in 1968. Extreme left—publishing secretary of the conference, G. S. Culpepper with his wife. Extreme right—president of the conference, E. S. Reile. Second from right—secretary-treasurer of the conference, O. H. Rausch.

This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the message of warning to the world. We cannot too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning." *Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 313.

The literature evangelists in the Southern Union delivered approximately 2 million dollars worth of truth-filled literature in 1968. Here in the Carolina Conference our dedicated colporteurs chalked up deliveries totaling \$368,895. They gave away 24,557 pieces of free literature, and enrolled 5,198 people in the Bible correspondence courses. They contacted 110 former Seventh-day Adventists, offered prayer in 14,337 homes and conducted 671 Bible studies. As the result of their ministry, 16 souls were baptized into the message in 1968.

At the convention in Florida, the Carolina Con-

ference received the trophy for having the highest sales in 1968 under the leadership of the publishing secretary, G. S. Culpepper. Richard McKee, one of the associate secretaries, received an award for having the highest district sales—over \$125,000.

The top literature evangelist for the year was Linwood Purvis, also from the Carolina Conference, with over \$32,000 in sales. There were eight other literature evangelists who had sales from \$10,000 to \$25,000 in the Carolina Conference.

After receiving the trophy for the highest sales, E. S. Reile, president of the Carolina Conference, and G. S. Culpepper presented a beautiful trophy to Eric Ristau, Southern Union publishing secretary, for his many years of dedicated service to the literature ministry. On the trophy was the inscription — Eric Ristau, the World's Best Mr. H.H.E.S. Roy Chamberlain, union associate publishing secretary, received the trophy in Elder Ristau's absence because of illness.

There is room for many, many more persons in the literature ministry. We are told that: "Hun-

dreds of men and women now idle could do acceptable service. By carrying the truth into the homes of their friends and neighbors, they could do a great work for the Master. God is no respecter of persons. He will use humble, devoted Christians, even if they have not received so thorough an education as some others. Let such ones engage in service for Him by doing house-to-house work. Sitting by the fireside, they can—if humble, discreet, and godly—do more to meet the real needs of families than could an ordained minister." *Testimonies*, vol. 7, page 21.

We give God the praise and honor for these accomplishments in the Carolina Conference. We hope to see more and more join the ranks of our literature evangelists and with God's blessings we are expecting to do greater "EXPLOITS" for God in 1969.

HUGH V. LEGGETT  
Public Relations Secretary

Roy Chamberlain presented a gift of silverware to Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Purvis for Mr. Purvis' attainment of the highest sales for any single literature evangelist in the Southern Union during 1968—\$32,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McKee also received silverware from Elder Chamberlain for having the highest district sales in the Southern Union.

Following all other trophy presentations, the Carolina Conference presented a special award to Eric Ristau, publishing secretary of the Southern Union. Elder Ristau was not able to attend the convention because of illness, but Roy Chamberlain, his associate, accepted the trophy for him from G. S. Culpepper, left, and E. S. Reile, center.





Beautiful interior of the Forest Lake church. Dedication services were held on Sabbath, November 23, 1968.

**S**ome authorities say that there is a very fine line of demarcation between a dream and a nightmare.

In the case of the Forest Lake church, this 65-year-long line became a dream fulfilled when a stream of smoke ascended from the ashes of a \$300,000 mortgage on November 23, 1968. Why then even mention the other possibility?

It is only done so in appreciation and understanding of the long list of dedicated teachers and workers associated with the development of Forest Lake Academy who faced the fact that they did not have a "house of worship" as such. Though they endeavored to teach reverence and worship of a living God, through the years their places of worship were as transitory as the tabernacle in the wilderness, with much less holy identification.

For 65 years, Forest Lake members wandered from their first meeting place in Winyah Hall on the grounds of Florida Sanitarium and Hospital through temporary classrooms,

basements, camp meeting tabernacle, administration building and a gymnasium—to a lovely sanctuary built to God's glory on a shaded hillside near the academy campus.

No one pastor or congregation can be credited with the whole development. The dream was kept alive through the years by the earnest endeavors of many, and their determination was expressed in the words, "The line shall not break where I stand." This, then, was the reason for the choice of the theme for the dedication weekend, "The Fulfillment of a Dream."

Tracing the history of the church, pioneer families, students and children appeared in spot-lighted skits which portrayed, "A Church Grows Up." Some of the old family names in the community, noted in the skits, are still making tremendous contributions to God's work in many ways.

Harley Lester was given special recognition for his 25 years as elder in the early leadership of the church and his



dedicated efforts for the cause of educating its youth. He was also presented a plaque by Pastor L. R. Mansell, naming the church library in his honor.

The many beautiful floral arrangements and gifts throughout the church could only be matched by the outstanding musical selections prepared for the special occasion. Much appreciation was voiced for the music presented throughout the weekend under the direction of Mrs. Pat Silver and Vernon Kirstein. It reflected hours of devotion and preparation.

But those were just a part of the activities and blessings at this special occasion. The Sabbath school song service had a glad note of anticipation. A special feature on the program was the reminiscing of early locations and statistical growth of the Forest Lake Sabbath school. In 1928, there was an average attendance of 60 out of 89 members and an average offering of 3.5 cents a week. A challenging thought was that if this ratio was held by present Sabbath school membership, \$131,546 would be given per year. Imagine what would happen if every member followed the recommended dollar-a-week plan! Surely Jesus could come sooner!

As the church filled to overflowing for the morning worship service, the Forest Lake Academy brass ensemble, directed by Mrs. Pat Silver, joined the fifty-voice church choir and the congregation in the processional hymn, "Praise Ye the Father." Volume—harmony—performance reached meaningful significance in the hearts of everyone as the service began.

As Frank McMillan, chairman of the finance committee, called for the offering, he referred to the dedication booklet showing a one-hundred-fold increase in tithes and offerings. The entire congregation was thrilled with the long-awaited fulfillment of a dream brought about by the sacrificing support of everyone.

Guest speaker of the morning was H. H. Schmidt, president of the Southern Union. He reminded his listeners that obstacles are permitted in building characters or building churches in order that God may test our faith. Having formerly lived in the community and having many friends and relatives in the area, Elder Schmidt could personally attest to the activity of the church. Pathfinders . . . Dorcas . . . a new welfare center . . . Sabbath school . . . white Bibles . . . evangelism . . . is there any wonder that over 200 officers were voted upon to fill the needs of 1969! What a wonderful combination—faith and works! What if these qualifications had been lacking in the early Forest Lake church members?

Guest organist, George Walper, administrator of the Walker Memorial Hospital in Avon Park, filled the church with music as members, friends and neighbors arrived for the dedication service.

M. V. Campbell, vice-president of the General Conference, gave a very appropriate sermon on "God's House," to a packed church. His assurance that the Lord prospers those who build a house in His honor was confirmed by the knowledge that this church building was begun in 1964, finished in 1966 and now, three years later, is free of debt.

H. C. Lovett, chairman of the board of elders, read an historical sketch of the church, prepared by Dr. Robert Hoover, Mrs. Celeste Kirstein, Harley Lester and Mrs. K. A. Wright, showing its parallel existence with Forest Lake Academy. As both continued to grow, principals were relieved of pastorship. Bible teachers, Kenneth Davis and O. V. Schneider, were released to full school work in 1968 when Elder Gene Cherry arrived. Appreciation was also given for Horace Beckner's assistance in the every-member canvass during Hoyt Hendershot's pastorate. Elder James Hamrick came in 1964 and a "Threshold Crossing" program was held in April, 1966.

L. R. Mansell, present pastor of the Forest Lake church, led the congregation in the Act of Dedication, giving everyone opportunity to respond to the many challenges of its services.

The high point of the weekend was the official burning of the mortgage. David Beane, the builder who devoted many months of his time to the construction; J. D. Miller, chairman of the building committee; and Andrew Neubieser, treasurer of the building fund, had the distinct privilege of burning the mortgage. Their joy was reflected in the happy faces all about them.

Accommodations for ample Sabbath school rooms and other facilities were planned by Architect Don Kirkman, but this "light set on a hill" is already looking to expansion with the Lord's admonition, "occupy till I come."

Ministers of the nearby Baptist and Methodist churches, as well as officers and department heads in the Southern Union and Florida Conferences, participated.

A dream . . . a pattern of devotion . . . a line . . . these make God's mosaic . . . His church. . .

### God's Mosaic

A mosaic is usually made of stone,  
Of pieces of this and that,  
But God's is built upon a Rock,  
Hammered and chiseled at.

Foundation of faith and work and prayer  
Mortared throughout by love;  
Portions of life or service complete  
Patterned by blueprint above.

Folks who are rich—folks who are poor;  
Abundant aggression of youth;  
Faltering steps, babes and the aged,  
Bound by the ties of the truth.

Today we commit this mosaic to Thee  
May Thy blessing seal every part.  
Not only this building do we dedicate  
But each thankful and worshipping heart.

—PAT CARLSON, *Press Secretary*  
*Forest Lake Church*



M. V. Campbell, vice-president of the General Conference, spoke at the dedication service on the subject "God's House."

David Beane, left, J. D. Miller, center, and Andrew Neubieser, right, burned the \$300,000 mortgage during the dedication service.



## A Dedicated Medical Missionary



Dr. E. E. Richards graduated from Loma Linda University in the second graduating class of the dental school. He practiced dentistry for eight years in Atlanta, and is now a staff member at Emory University. He serves as dental secretary for the South Atlantic Conference.

Dr. Edward Earl Richards is, indeed, a dedicated medical missionary. He is a member of the Atlanta-Berean church and is very active in church activities. He serves as dental secretary of the South Atlantic Conference and is a staff member at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, where he serves as director of dental service in the Atlanta South Side Health Center and as an assistant professor. The Atlanta South Side Health Center is funded by Equal Opportunity and administrated through Emory University. When this program is fully developed and staffed, it will provide dental health care to approximately 30,000 people of low income in the Atlanta community. Recently during Dr. Richards' residency in Public Health Service, he designed and conducted a family dental survey in a target area of Atlanta. This was the first such survey of its kind done in this region. It was a very highly successful program and received newspaper, radio, and television coverage. WSB-TV carried a special interview during its news presenting Dr. Richards and his survey story.

Dr. Richards' parents are natives of Jamaica, West Indies. They moved to New York City where Earl was born. In 1950 he graduated from Greater New York Academy. From there he went to Atlantic Union College where he had four years of pre-dental

college work. While there he served as president of the Science Forum and of the Phi Delta Chi fraternity. He graduated in the spring of 1954 and received his acceptance to Loma Linda University where he graduated in the second class of the newly-created dental college. He then moved to Atlanta and practiced dentistry for eight years. Besides his private practice he worked with the Fulton County Health Department giving much time for dental examinations and medications for under-privileged areas. In 1966 he received a grant from the United States Public Health Service and attended the University of Michigan where he received a master's degree in public health. He did a residency in dental public health service in Frankfort, Kentucky, and finished a residency with the Georgia Department of Public Health in the spring of 1968, when he was chosen to serve as director of the dental service for the Equal Opportunity office of Atlanta.

Dr. Richards is well-known in his area, for he is a member of the North Georgia Dental Society, the American Dental Society, the Atlanta Health Center, The Georgia Public Health Center, and the Atlanta Public Health Association. He has served on the staff of the Ben Massell Dental Clinic and is past-president of the North Georgia Dental Association. In spite of his busy program, he has not forgotten his church. At present, he is dental secretary of the South Atlantic Conference, local elder of the Atlanta-Berean church, and Sabbath school chorister. This past summer he served as minister of music for the evangelistic crusade directed by C. D. Henri, pastor of the Atlanta-Berean church. Recently he sang with the Choral Guild of Atlanta, which performs with the Atlanta Symphony. Dr. Richards is also a talented preacher. From 1962-64 he served as pastor of the Mt. Olives Athens, Georgia, church and from 1964-66 as pastor of the Bethany Rome, Georgia, church, doing an excellent job conducting the church services and adding new members to each congregation.

Dr. Richards is married to the former Ann Smart of Augusta, Georgia. She is a registered nurse and a charming lady. This couple has been blessed with two sons—Earl, II who is 6 years old and André, 4 years of age—and one daughter—Joi who is 2. They enjoy camping, hiking and music. They are a dedicated medical missionary family, and South Atlantic is blessed to have them.

F. L. JONES

*Public Relations Secretary*

# Dedication of the Sumter Church

abbath, December 7, 1968, was a high day for the loyal membership of the St. Mark Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Sumter, South Carolina. This church has had a very colorful history.

It was established over fifty years ago by Elder C. G. Manns, and through the years some of the top regional conference pastors have served this congregation—B. W. Abney, F. A. Osterman, Thomas Fountain, J. A. Bookhardt, John Green, W. H. Winston, N. B. Smith, F. L. Bland, Wilmont Fordham, C. M. Bailey, Phillip Morgan, and C. B. Rock.

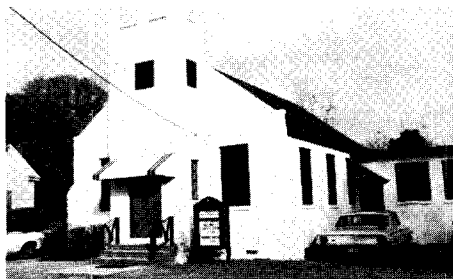
The present pastor, Benjamin Cummings, has done an exceptionally good job in rallying the members to not only pay off the existing mortgage but to renovate the church. St. Mark presently has 43 very active members, and the church has made a real contribution to the city of Sumter.

Dr. M. D. Brantley, who is finishing a residency in internal medicine in New York City, drove to Sumter to take part in the dedication service. He and his mother have been members of this church through the years. For this special occasion the Manchester High School choir rendered several selections including "Bless This House." Participating in the service were Pastor Cummings, Mrs. Alice Slater and Mr. Robert Sanders. W. S. Banfield, president of the conference, delivered the morning message, and F. L. Jones directed in the burning of the mortgage. Elder Banfield led the congregation in the act of dedication, and C. B. Rock offered the dedicatory prayer. This was, indeed, a high day for the St. Mark church.

The building is concrete with stucco finish painted a glistening white. It is located on one of the main thoroughfares of the city of Sumter—along a way passed by thousands who need Christ.

Plans are being made to conduct a city-wide evangelistic effort in this city this summer.

—F. L. JONES



The Sumter, South Carolina, church was dedicated on Sabbath, December 7, 1968. It is the first Adventist Church dedicated free of debt in the last ten years in South Carolina.

From left, J. Parham, local church elder; Dr. M. D. Brantley; C. B. Rock; Alice Slater; Pastor B. Cummings; and W. S. Banfield, conference president, watch as the mortgage papers on the Sumter, South Carolina, church are burned at the time of the dedication services.



Members of the Manchester high school choir were guest musicians for the dedication services of the Sumter church.

Mrs. Alice Slater, a leading member of the Sumter church, and her husband, deceased, were leaders in raising funds to build the church.



pulling teeth without an anesthetic in Montemorelos, Mexico . . . sleeping in a heathen longhouse in Borneo—above a full congregation of smelly pigs . . . extracting a six-inch worm from a patient's gall bladder in Bolivia . . . these are just some of the true-life experiences that two of Southern Missionary College's 1968 "student missionaries" will be relating in reports of their summer activities to various Seventh-day Adventist churches all over the Southern Union.

The student missionary program, established as a sort of "Adventist Peace Corps," is a cooperative effort conducted by almost all of the Seventh-day Adventist colleges in the United States. It endeavors not only to send college students to foreign lands to help in community betterment, but also to present mission service as a life work.

There were eight SMC students who left for foreign posts last summer either as self-supporting or school-sponsored student missionaries.

Harry Nelson, junior pre-med student went to Borneo, and Carolyn Pettengill, senior nursing student, went to Bolivia for the summer. SMC's Missionary Volunteer Society sponsored them, with Donna Taylor, chairman of the society's missions committee, organizing the campaign and successfully meeting the \$3,000 price tag required for transportation and other expenses.

Joe Story, senior theology major, just returned in December from a six-month stay in Indonesia where he taught English for a semester and preached several times a week at the Indonesia Union College.

Marlyn Jacobs and Linda Hagenbaugh, junior nursing students on SMC's Orlando campus, served as self-supporting missionary nurses in Montemorelos, Mexico.

Kathy Ippisch was a self-supporting missionary to Costa Rica. She worked with music, teaching voice specifically. She has given several reports in Colledge-dale and plans others in the Southern Union.

Two self-supporting student missionaries—Wayne Hicks and Rick Wilkin—have not yet returned as they are spending a year in their respective areas. Wayne is serving as assistant Missionary Volunteer secretary of the South Brazil Union Conference. Rick is assistant chaplain at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital in Thailand.

Harry Nelson spent eight weeks at the Ayer Manis SDA school working among the Dyak people of Sarawak, a member of the Federation of Malaysia, situated on the shores of the South China Sea at the northern tip of Borneo. Ayer Manis, meaning "Sweetwater," has grades 1-12 and the first year of college. It is 37 miles from Kuching, state capital of Sarawak. Harry's duties for the summer included everything from preaching to farming. Once, he was asked to give the eulogy at the funeral of a villager whom he had never met. Also, he taught Bible and English and assisted in various phases of youth work with the natives.

Harry, who is over six feet tall, reports that he was rather conspicuous among the Dyaks since he is a foot taller than most of them. Yet this peculiarity was of little consequence since

he was well received in every place he visited.

The common housing in Sarawak is known as a "longhouse." It is made of wooden bamboo, has a wide front veranda, and is built on stilts. Pigs and many other small animals live below. Just before returning to the states Harry visited one of these houses. "I will treasure this experience perhaps more than others, for it was the last time to spend in the villages and the first time to spend a night sleeping in a heathen longhouse up the mountainside. This one was complete with pigs, smells, mats and full Dyak hospitality. At feeding time my hosts simply opened a crack in the floor and dropped 'what I wouldn't give to anything.'"

Summing up his experience, Harry said that "the meaningful association with people" meant the most to him.

"I enjoyed getting to understand and appreciate a people whose ways and customs are entirely different than mine, yet have the same hope and Saviour. My interest in overseas mission service was further stimulated. There is no degree of need in the states comparable to what I saw."

Carolyn Pettengill's summer in Bolivia was first spent traveling to various clinics to give medical aid and present health lectures. Then, for two weeks she worked in the Chulumani Hospital, a small 30-bed SDA leased, government-owned unit which is operated by a U.S. doctor. It was here, she reports, that she delivered three babies. Also during her summer stay, she was a combination nurse, cook and counselor at summer camp for a week.

Just before leaving on June 3 for Bolivia, Carolyn took a crash course in dentistry. Her dentist father sent her aboard the plane with 35 lbs. of dental instruments which she managed to carry around for 24 hours before arriving in Bolivia.

"My arms ached for three days," said Carolyn.

In speaking of the health problems in this country of 4.5 million people, Carolyn says that "vitamin deficiency is the great problem and agricultural and nutritional know-how is most important for a missionary."

Due to high fat intake, gall bladder problems are common. While working at Chulumani Hospital, a patient arrived with severe colic. The doctor decided an operation was immediately necessary. Upon removal of the gall bladder, a 6-inch jaundiced ascaris worm wiggled out into the common bile duct into the sterile field. Carolyn said, "I was utterly amazed, for I had never seen such a display of 'primitive medicine.'"

The highlight of her summer was the trip to Porto Adventistas, a 25,000-acre farm where youth can go to earn money for school.

"I was especially grateful to Sigma Theta Chi (SMC's campus women's club) for helping to finance the trip this past summer. There I found a real purpose for my life."

Speaking of her total experience, Carolyn said, "I was impressed with the opportunities for service in the mission field. My summer awakened an awareness in



Carolyn Pettengill, right, and Harry Nelson, left, look over souvenirs from Bolivia and Borneo.

me of our responsibilities as 'rich' Americans in bringing hope and health to individuals that don't have the knowledge that we take so much for granted. I always thought I would like to be a missionary, and after actual contact with the people, I now, more than ever before, think I have found my calling—I definitely plan to go into some form of mission service."

Harry Nelson's appointments through the Southern Union are:

- Feb. 14 — Pisgah, N.C.
- Feb. 15 — Asheville, N.C.
- Feb. 28 — Lumberton (Bass Academy), Miss.
- Mar. 1 — Jackson, Miss.
- Mar. 8 — Atlanta, Ga.
- Mar. 14 — Greensboro, N.C.
- Mar. 15 — Raleigh, N.C.
- Apr. 4 — Mobile, Ala.
- Apr. 5 — Pensacola, Fla.

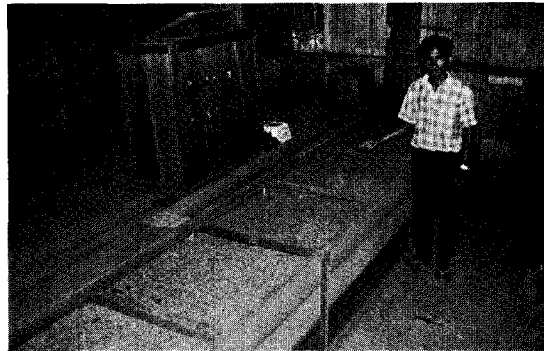
Carolyn Pettengill's appointments are:

- Feb. 1 — Knoxville, Tenn.
- Feb. 14 — Fletcher, N.C.
- Feb. 15 — Hendersonville, N.C.
- Feb. 28 — Meridian, Miss.
- Mar. 1 — Pine Forest, Miss.
- Mar. 14 — Charlotte, N.C.
- Mar. 15 — Spartanburg, S.C.
- Apr. 4 — Birmingham, Ala.
- Apr. 5 — Birmingham, Ala.

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR  
*Director of College Relations*



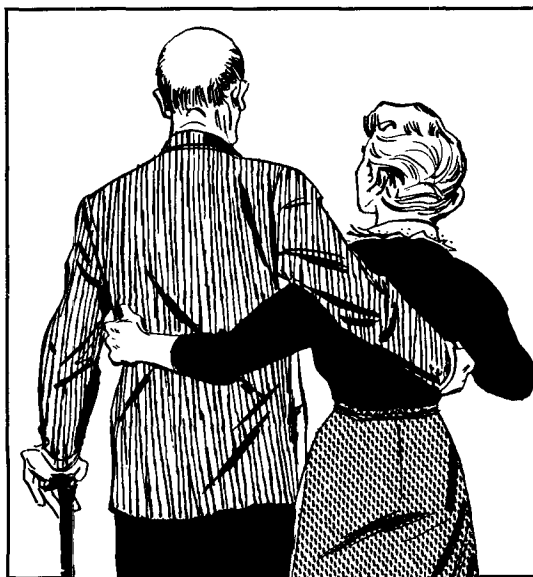
Harry Nelson, with a native guide, went on an expedition into the jungles of Borneo.



At a small country church in Borneo, the first elder is shown with the grain that was brought to the church for offerings.



Native Borneo women wash their clothes in a mountain stream.



**Old age had to sneak up** on Albert Wagner. It skulked around behind the Little League ball club, the grandchildren, and the new boat trailer. A month ago it struck. Martie isn't making any guesses about how soon Al will swing a bat again—if he ever does. So he swings his cane and keeps himself laughing. It's a good show until you catch him with the twinkle in his eyes dimmed out with pain and the panic light flashing.

*Lord, reach down past all the grim cheerfulness into Al Wagner's apprehensive mind. "These Times" is going to be there month after month after month. Help it to crowd out the hollow laughs. Let it light the path ahead with something like peace for Al and Martie. Only \$2.75*

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**THESE TIMES**



One dollar entrusted to young Lew Malcolm nearly four years ago was the embryo upon which a great Sabbath school project has grown. Lew, too, has grown in stature, and his interest in the investment for God has never waned. With parents like Mr. and Mrs. Carl Malcolm, complete success was pre-determined.

**NETS \$1881**

Sequel to "A Good Partner"

**A** most interesting sequel has occurred to a story which appeared in the Adventist Adventure section of the *TIDINGS* of June 9, 1967. This story related the experience of the Carl Malcolm family of Atlanta who had turned a Sabbath school Investment dollar into a thriving business for God.

It all began back in March, 1965, when the Atlanta Cascade Road church Investment leader, Dr. H. T. Haugen, gave young Lew Malcolm a dollar and suggested he invest it in some project that it might multiply. To encourage their son, Carl and his wife each added a dollar, making a total of three dollars, and invested it in raw peanuts. The kitchen stove became the center of action in the Malcolm home as peanuts were daily roasted, bagged and boxed ready for sale.

Distribution of the roasted peanuts posed no problem to Carl Malcolm since he was already in sales work for the Snap-On Tool Corporation. With territory covering a portion of southwest Atlanta, he had a ready-made situation for peanut sales. Placing them in a prominent spot in his truck, all of his tool customers were quickly made aware of his missionary project and were invited to participate by purchasing "Freshly Roasted Peanuts—10¢ a bag - 3 bags for 25¢."

Rather than being disturbed by this "competition," officials of Snap-On Tool Corporation noticed that Malcolm's tool sales greatly increased when the Investment project began. In fact, sales reports showed an increase of 75 per cent, placing him among the top 25 salesmen in a 1,500-man nationwide sales force. In 1966, he ranked eighth and final 1968 reports may place him even higher.

When the story appeared in the *TIDINGS* some months ago, a copy found its way to Snap-On headquarters in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where company officials were impressed by the simple account of success through partnership with God. A copy of the *TIDINGS* story was placed on the back page of their sales paper and distributed to their sales force across the nation. In addition, Mr. Gib McCreery, vice-president in charge of sales, sent Malcolm a congratulatory letter stating "We at Snap-On truly consider it a privilege to be associated with you."

Now another chapter has been written to this success story. During Sabbath school at Cascade Road on January 4, 1969, officials of the Atlanta branch of Snap-On Tools presented the Malcolms with a new peanut roaster valued at over \$300. Funds for the purchase of the roaster were provided by personal contributions from J. M. George, Jr., Atlanta branch manager; Carlton Scott, assistant branch manager; and Snap-On Tool Corporation.

"I guess we're going to have to buy a new range now," says Mrs. Malcolm. "The one we have was worn out when we started roasting peanuts on it four years ago, and we are convinced the only thing that kept it going was the fact that we were using it for the Lord." However, the Malcolms are extremely grateful for the new roaster and estimate that time required for preparing the nuts will be cut in half.

What has the initial three dollar investment accomplished? The Cascade Road Sabbath school superintendent will tell you, "Investment was never so good."



For almost four years the Malcolms used their kitchen range to roast the peanuts daily. The new roaster recently presented to them by Mr. Malcolm's employers will be a great asset in many respects.



Mrs. Malcolm's willingness and faithfulness in the Investment project has been a stabilizing factor in keeping the project going day by day.

In 1965, the year when the peanut project began, the Malcolms turned in \$187; 1966 netted \$429; 1967 reached \$615; and in 1968 the Malcolms "small project" showed net returns for Sabbath school Investment of \$650—for a four-year grand total of \$1881.

In addition to the astronomical returns on the original three dollars, the project has given Carl Malcolm an opportunity to tell others of his interest in working for the Lord. Always anxious for an opportunity to help others, the Malcolms recently rejoiced as they witnessed the baptism of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Borland with whom they had been studying for several months. Mr. Borland is a pilot for Eastern Airlines. Regenerated by this experience the Malcolms set a soul-winning goal for 1969, and with the kind of faith and consecration evidenced by this family, I believe the Lord will again give them success.

Elected lay activities leader of his church for 1969, Carl Malcolm maintains that God is a good partner. "Just ask Him to show you how to work for Him and chances are you'll find plenty to do," he says. That's what the Malcolms did—and they have plenty to do!

A.C. McClure  
Public Relations Secretary



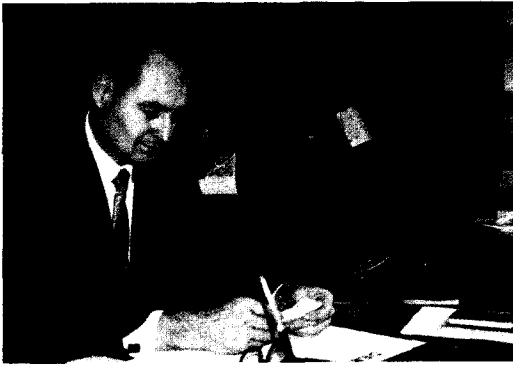
When families work together for a given purpose, especially for the Lord, a great blessing and satisfaction comes into the lives of individuals so selflessly devoted.

Impressed with the Investment project for the church, Carlton Scott, right, and J. M. George, Jr., center right, presented the Malcolms with a new peanut roasting machine. Pastor W. J. Henson, left, and Carl Malcolm, center left, thanked the managers of Snap-On Tools Corporation for the thoughtful consideration in making the machine presentation.



## THOMAS CAMPBELL, D.O. — a Man of DEDICATION and CONCERN

Dr. Thomas Campbell in his new Bradford, Tennessee, Medical Center.



Preparing to wing his way to north central Mexico, Dr. Campbell has often answered needs at the Baborigame mission outpost located in a remote section of the country—seven days by mule from the nearest Mexican town, but only a two and one-half hour flight from El Paso, Texas.

In addition to a heavy medical practice in his hometown of Bradford, Tennessee, Thoma Campbell, D. O., like so many of our medical personnel, donates considerable time to many church-related activities.

One day he heads his plane northeast to Madiso to attend a conference committee meeting. The next time I hear of him he's winging his way across Texas toward north central Mexico, answering a call to spend four days at the Baborigame mission outpost treating needy Tepehuane Indians.

Recently he flew by jet to our Ile Ife mission hospital in Nigeria, West Africa, at the request of the General Conference Medical Department, to "fill in" for two months until one of the missionary doctors home for a much-needed furlough, was able to return to his practice.

Dr. Campbell usually shows up in Kansas City, Missouri, each January as a guest speaker at his alma mater, the College of Osteopathy and Surgery, when the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference sponsors a banquet for Seventh-day Adventist medical students attending the college. He's not only an avid promoter of the college, but welcomes such opportunities to inform future graduates of the distinctive advantages of living and practicing in the attractive Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

During his eleven years in Bradford, Dr. Campbell has built up an ever-expanding practice. Recently he held open house in his new clinic called the Bradford Medical Center. Built of masonry construction, it contains 5,200 square feet and is located in the center of town directly across from City Hall. The modern appointments inside reveal a luxurious waiting room, four treatment rooms, a kitchenette, a bedroom, an x-ray unit, surgery, business office, private office and a large nursing station in the center of the building, with a huge skylight directly overhead.

His friendly rapport with businessmen of the area—he's a past president of the Lion's Club—was evidenced by the 400 well-wishers who turned out for the Open House. The gala occasion was enhanced with some three dozen beautiful gifts of flowers, poinsettias, ferns and shrubs.

All of this came about because Tom Campbell and his wife, Faye, were willing to accept the challenge of moving into a dark county and "turn on" the gospel light.

There was no church in Bradford, so they got busy and raised up a small company. Through the years some families moved away, so now Tom and Faye are working with their pastor, Elder Gordon Collier, to help build up the small church in nearby Jackson.

Faye, a registered nurse, works closely with her husband in church activities, and together they established a health and welfare center in Bradford. Local merchants willingly gave food, clothing and medicines, and local barbers and beauty shops donated their services where needed, without charge.



Faye went on to become director of the health and welfare activities for the conference. Her enthusiasm and organizational ability spread far and wide, and she was asked to visit some forty states lecturing, and even spent three weeks in Canada, traveling from Vancouver, British Columbia, all the way to St. John's, Newfoundland.

When it comes to working for the Lord, Tom Campbell is a man in a hurry, a calculated kind of hurry that despairs of wasted moments. He got this way when he helped pay his way through osteopathic college by dusting crops. Since then he flies whenever possible. In fact, the Campbells are a flying family; Faye has earned her wings, and so has their oldest son, Kirk, age 23, now attending Columbia Union College studying to enter dean's work in one of our schools. Karen, age 21, their oldest daughter, a registered nurse, has been working in the clinic. And they have two younger children at home: Kay, age 11, and Kent, age 10.

During his two-month stint at the Ile Ife 140-bed mission hospital in Nigeria, Dr. Campbell assisted two other doctors—Dr. Art Owens, the medical director, and Dr. Roy Yates, medical missionary from Montana. The three men rotated in surgery and Dr. Campbell relates, "even though every case seemed to be highly complicated, we never lost a case. Those natives seem to have a tremendous resistance to post-operative infection." The doctors also treated some 100 out-patients per week and conducted three clinics out in the bush.

On his first trip into Mexico to help out at the outpost clinic called DOCARE at Baborigame, Dr. Campbell and other doctors with him met considerable opposition from government authorities; but when these officials learned of the services being donated, the doctors were ex-officio members of the Medical Services of Mexico.

The only way to get into Baborigame is by plane, a two and one-half hour flight from El Paso, Texas. Otherwise, it's a seven-day trip by mule from the nearest Mexican town.

The doctors donate their services treating every kind of emergency from infections, malnutrition, hemorrhoids and cardiac diseases to epilepsy, goiters, cancer, dehydration, miscarriage and pregnancy, and much, much more. Faye and Karen sometimes accompany Dr. Campbell to Mexico and find plenty to do as nurses.

It really matters little whether it is at Ile Ife or Baborigame or Bradford, Dr. Campbell and his family let their light shine. They are dedicated to the church, and they are concerned about doing their share to hasten the soon coming of Jesus. Surely it is high time for every one of us to rededicate ourselves to our Lord and do our part in finishing the task in all the earth.

E. E. Duncan  
Public Relations Secretary



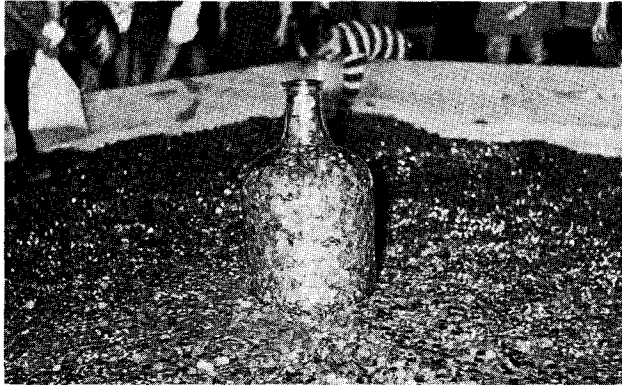
The Campbell family pose in the reception area of their new clinic. Karen, a registered nurse, and her parents are on the lounge with Kent and Kay on the floor. Another son, Kirk, who is attending Columbia Union College, is not shown.



In the near future, Dr. and Mrs. George Sullivan at Rutherford, Tennessee, plan to team up with Dr. and Mrs. Campbell and another area doctor to establish a 35-bed hospital in nearby Trenton, Tennessee. The Sullivans recently held Open House at their new clinic. Businessmen in the area were so appreciative of the Sullivans settling in Rutherford that they helped in establishing the attractive offices for them. Dr. Sullivan is formerly from Paris, Tennessee, and his wife is the former Stella Stark of Nashville. He is a graduate of the College of Osteopathy and Surgery in Kansas City, Missouri. They have one son, Allen, age 2½.



On January 5, pennies were brought together in buckets, barrels, bottles, jugs and sacks to be dumped into —

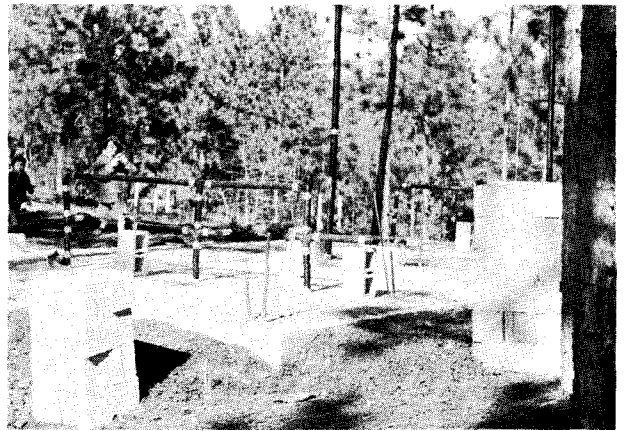
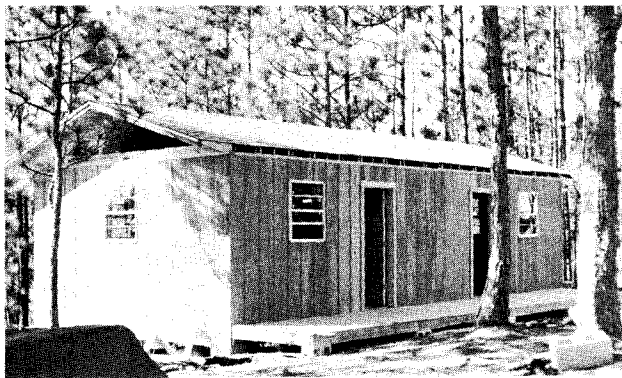


— one big bin for a total tally of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND SIX pennies.

Pastors helped boys and girls prepare for the final event by counting out the total to record for their church.



Construction on the camp buildings began last fall with this duplex cabin which, when completed, will be winterized for year-round use.



Second building started was the bath house. A multi-purpose lodge will get under way this month. Funds from the penny campaign will help provide the dining hall. Needed buildings will be added in the coming months until the camp facilities are complete.

A Penny!!—smallest medium of exchange in the American economy! With the spiral of inflation, it has little purchasing power. But if this small coin is multiplied by a million, its value takes on new meaning. This is exactly what the membership of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference undertook to do—raise a million pennies between October 26 and January 5 to erect the dining hall on the beautiful site of Camp Alamisco.

Enthusiasm mounted for the project as children, young people and adults began collecting and saving pennies. Letters were written to friends; boys and girls gathered soft drink bottles and converted them into pennies. Children from the Floral Crest school went into corn fields gleaning corn and converted it into pennies.

January 5 was designated as 'penny day' when all the copper coins were brought to Dadeville, Alabama, near the camp site. Over 500 members from the churches came with pennies—in buckets, barrels, bottles, jugs, sacks and wagons.

How many pennies would there be? This was the question uppermost in the minds of everyone. W. C. Arnold, youth director, called for each church delegation to come forward and pour their pennies into the 12 ft.x12 ft. square bin. As the bin began to fill, enthusiasm soared.

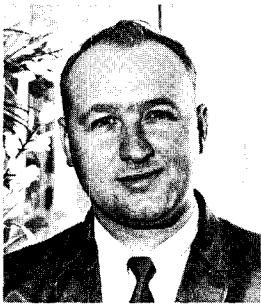
The climactic moment arrived as W. D. Wampler, conference president, announced the total. A million?—yes, and more—1,417,306 almost a million and a half pennies.

Local officials present for the occasion included Mayor Abbott Abrams; Judge W. J. Barnes; Commissioner Andy Carlton; Sheriff Jim Farrow; Sgt. Jerry Pope; and George Wilder, president of the Bank of Dadeville.

Construction at the camp began last fall with a bath house and a staff cabin. First major building to be erected will be the lodge which will be a multi-purpose building with approximately 8,000 sq. ft. of space. It will contain sixteen guest rooms, a kitchen, a large assembly room upstairs, and a recreation room downstairs. Construction is scheduled to begin in February.

The first junior camp at the Alabama-Mississippi Conference's own camp will be June 15-22 this year. A second session will be held June 22-29; and the Youth Camp is set for June 29-July 6.

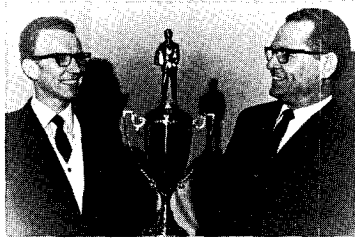
T. H. BLEDSOE  
Public Relations Secretary



Top literature salesman in the Southern Union for 1968 was Mr. Linwood Purvis of the Carolina Conference. Top saleslady honors went to Mrs. Marie Randolph of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference.



Norma Young, a junior communications major at Southern Missionary College from Ballwin, Missouri, sold \$1,000 worth of books during the Thanksgiving vacation.



E. S. Reile, president of the Carolina Conference, and G. S. Culpepper, right, publishing secretary of the conference, were pleased to receive the 1968 Literature Trophy.

## ANNUAL LITERATURE CONVENTION

The Literature Convention for the Southern Union was held January 2-4 at the Riviera Beach Motel in world-famous Daytona Beach, Florida. As the hours of the new year began, more than four hundred literature workers and their families headed for this rendezvous to make reports for the year just ended and set new goals for the weeks and months ahead. The spirit and dedication of such a group converging into a single meeting place are easily detected by guests and visitors to this annual event.

Final tally reports this year showed sales for 1968 to have reached approximately 2 million dollars. Leading all conferences in deliveries was Carolina, under the leadership of G. S. Culpepper and his four district associates—Jim Brummett, Don Schlenker, Richard McKee, and Eugene Juhl. Each year a beautiful trophy is presented to the conference who reaches this top achievement.

Other honors this year included a presentation to Linwood Purvis for having delivered over \$32,000 worth of books in 1968. Mr. Purvis works in the northeastern section of the Carolina Conference. And special recognition went to Mrs. Marie Randolph of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference for having sold over \$18,000 during the year. Lovely New Testament Bibles served as remembrance trophies to many literature salesmen for special meritorious achievements.

Emphasis at the convention was placed primarily upon the use of the Paul Harvey television series on the BIBLE STORY books. At present thirty-two stations in the Southern Union are giving coverage of these films, and request results for the books are beyond all expectations. This series of films was developed by Eric Ristau, head of the publishing work in the Southern Union Conference and founder of the present Home Health Education Service organization in the union. The films are many times accepted by stations on a sustaining basis and offered as a public service. They serve to incite interest in the Bible stories and inform viewers of the treasury of good reading available in the BIBLE STORY books.

Heading the Literature Convention at Daytona Beach was R. L. Chamberlain, Southern Union associate publishing secretary, who assumed leadership in the absence of Elder Ristau. Assisting were the local conference publishing secretaries—W. E. Miller of Alabama-Mississippi; G. S. Culpepper of Carolina; Joe Ring of Florida; Rufus Lloyd of Georgia-Cumberland; Joe C. Greene of Kentucky-Tennessee; S. C. Robinson of South Atlantic; and O. W. Mackey of South Central.

# LITERATURE EVANGELISM

## A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

More than \$1,000 worth of books were sold during Thanksgiving vacation in the St. Louis area by Norma Young, SMC junior communications major from Ballwin, Missouri.

"I canvass every vacation," says Miss Young, "but this time the Lord blessed my work even more abundantly than last Thanksgiving when I sold \$400 worth of books."

She explained that she places lead cards in such places as laundries and doctors' offices which can be mailed to her through a central office giving the names and addresses of people who would like to be contacted by a representative. When she receives a card, she writes to give the time she can make a visit.

"I feel responsible to visit the people who send their cards in," says Miss Young, "and always make a special effort to suit their needs. For instance, if they have tiny tots in the family, I like to show them MY BIBLE STORIES and THE BEDTIME STORIES. If they do not have small children, perhaps they are interested in some other particular reading area." She added that she deals with journals such as LIFE AND HEALTH and LISTEN, as well as with book sets and single volumes.

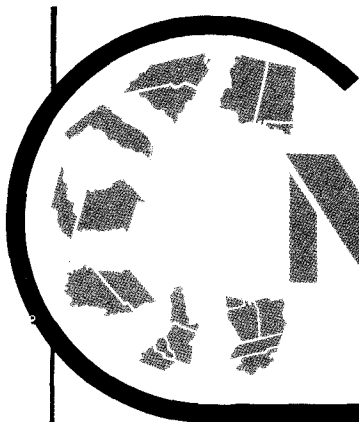
Miss Young's 22 hours of canvassing during Thanksgiving vacation included not only every regular vacation day, but also Thanksgiving Day itself. She was able to contact all 27 prospects whose cards she had received, besides some people who weren't ready to buy yet when she visited them last summer.

"It's a great temptation to sit by the fire and relax or sleep your vacation away," admitted Miss Young, "but I was impressed to see the people, to give them the opportunity to learn of this wonderful literature and know better living through it."

"Fifty percent of the amount I sell is personal profit, and I didn't exactly turn my nose up at the extra money earned during the holiday," she added with a twinkle. "Canvassing is a wonderful opportunity for students to earn their way through college, or just make extra money. To get into canvassing during vacations, all you need to do is pick up your prospectus and case, and start knocking on doors."

"Of course, 'The laborer is worthy of his hire' (Luke 10:7)," she continued, "and the literature evangelist work pays well, but this is the least of the rewards one receives from canvassing. The ultimate goal of the literature work is the saving of souls."

Miss Young stated that she has found many times, when discussing the Bible with her contacts, that she wasn't as sure of some Bible texts as she would like to be. "That's why I believe the 'Are You Able?' program sponsored by the SIGNALS (SMC's literature evangelist club) will greatly aid in learning specific texts in a systematic way. I'm planning to be better prepared to substantiate my beliefs with Biblical proof."



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# NEWS

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## ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Opening services were held in the new Quitman, Mississippi, church on Sabbath, January 11. More than 150 members and visitors attended. H. H. Schmidt, president of the Southern Union, gave the worship hour message. This is the first church in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference to be sponsored with building construction funds provided by the Laymen's Foundation.

Evangelistic meetings are being held in 34 churches in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference during the first quarter of this year. Pastors, evangelists, conference officers and departmental secretaries are joining in this evangelistic thrust.

328 new members were added by baptism and profession of faith during 1968. Tithes for the year totaled \$704,973, an increase of \$35,314 over 1967.

A conference-wide circle of prayer was introduced at the beginning of the new year. Each week the entire constituency prays for the work in a specified district of the conference.

## SOUTHERN CENTRAL

Dr. W. E. Coopwood was presented a plaque by the Murfreesboro church for outstanding service in the past five years. During this time, a new sanctuary was built and many souls were added to the church.

An evangelism workshop was conducted in conjunction with the winter ministers' meeting held in Nashville. E. E. Cleveland of the General Conference; W. J. Cleveland, pastor in New Orleans; and H. L. Cleveland, pastor of the Cleveland, Ohio, church were guest speakers and counselors for this special session.

The new church at Harriman, Tennessee, is soon to be completed.

Early in January the officers' meeting for the Kentucky-Tennessee area of the conference was held in Murfreesboro.

## FLORIDA

1. Students of the Gainesville, Florida, church school deserve special commendation for their participation in the Ingathering campaign. Many of these children and young people averaged from \$150 to \$200 toward the church Vanguard goal.
2. Open house was held the last of December for the Florida Gulf Coast retirement community in Tampa.
3. The church in Brandon, Florida, which was organized a year ago is planning construction on a new sanctuary to begin early this year.

4. The Orlando Associated Youth in Action recreational committee is sponsoring five lyceum programs this winter. These are color films presented in person by world authorities. The AYA is also sponsoring a basketball league for the Adventist young men of the area.

5. Elder Coe, conference president, gives the following report for 1968—

- a. 764 baptisms bringing the total membership to 11,476, a gain of 442.
- b. Total tithe for year, \$2,268,618—a gain over 1967 of \$256,000.
- c. Ingathering Silver Vanguard goal reached—total \$281,397, making Florida the third highest conference in North America.
- d. Publishing sales were \$33,451, the largest amount ever delivered in one year for the Florida Conference.



Morganton, N. C.

Eighteen persons were baptized into the Morganton church at the close of evangelistic meetings conducted by Evangelist Ronald Halverson and Pastor Henry Fowler.

On Sabbath, January 18, five others were baptized. This was the first baptismal service in the conference for 1969.

Over 100 youth leaders assembled at Morganton on January 17-19 for an M. V. and Pathfinder convention. Elder Charles Martin of the General Conference was the guest speaker.

Charlotte, N. C.

Ministers of the Carolina Conference report 339 baptisms for 1968, a gain of 83 over 1967. Approximately 75 evangelistic meetings are planned throughout the conference for this year. The Voice of Prophecy will conduct an area-wide meeting in Asheville, N. C., during September and October.

Charlotte, N. C.

Evangelist A. D. Livengood held seven series of meetings and baptized 95 souls during 1968. R. B. Halverson joined the Carolina Conference in June, 1968, conducted five series of meetings and baptized 84.

Hickory, N. C.

Ministers met in Hickory, N. C., early in January. J. J. Aitken, M. E. Loewen, E. H. Steed from the General Conference, and H. H. Schmidt from the Southern Union presented the challenge of 1969 to the Carolina ministry.

Hendersonville, N. C.

Pastor D. P. Herbert and Elder Don Kenyon conducted a series of evangelistic meetings in the auditorium in Hendersonville. In spite of snow, bad rains and other hindrances, the meetings were successful and 14 were added to the church.

Charlotte, N. C.

Literature evangelists in the Carolina Conference delivered over \$13,500 worth of books during the first three weeks of the new year.

Mocksville, N. C.

E. S. Reile, conference president, was guest speaker at the opening service in the new Mocksville church.



LITERATURE EVANGELISTS delivered a new high of \$295,857 worth of books in 1968, a gain of \$35,514 over 1967. HARRY EASTEP was high man working 1,100 hours and delivering \$27,000 in books.

MINISTERS report 405 baptisms for 1968, a gain of five over 1967. A goal of 550 was set for 1969. Three evangelistic teams are scheduled for meetings throughout the year, and every pastor will hold an effort each quarter during the year.

YOUTH of the Raleigh church in Memphis are laying the foundation for their upcoming Voice of Youth crusade scheduled for the first week in March.

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

Ministers' Meeting	Ministers of the South Atlantic Conference met in Atlanta January 20-22 to give final reports for achievements in 1968 and lay new plans for the months ahead.
Baptisms	Final tally for 1968 baptisms stands at 1,257—highest in the history of the conference.
Tithe	Total tithe at the close of 1968 was \$853,000, a gain of \$120,000 over 1967. This is the first year the conference has ever experienced a \$100,000 gain in one year.
Sabbath School	For the first time, Sabbath School offerings hit the \$100,000 mark.
Ingathering	The entire goal—\$106,000—was reached by the day the General Conference had set as the opening date for the campaign.
1969 Goals	Baptisms — 1,500 Tithe — A million dollars Ingathering — \$110,000 "Message" magazine — 6,000 subscriptions Literature sales — \$300,000



## SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE

APPROXIMATELY NINETY STUDENT TEACHERS, THEIR COOPERATING TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS OF ELEVEN AREA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS, GATHERED AT SMC RECENTLY FOR A BUFFET SUPPER IN THE A. W. SPALDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE SMC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR. K. M. KENNEDY WAS THE HOST.

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# COMING EVENTS

## CAROLINA

### Pulpit Exchange Evangelism

CHURCH	GUEST SPEAKER	DATE
Albemarle, N. C.	N. K. Shepherd	Feb. 16
Camden, S. C.	D. G. Anderson	Feb. 23
Charlotte, N. C.	R. F. Serns	Feb. 2
Florence, S. C.	P. Lowry	Feb. 2
Greenville, N. C.	E. V. Schultz	Feb. 2
Haywood—Mt. View, N. C.	J. Dobias	Feb. 16
Hendersonville, N. C.	H. Haffner	Feb. 23
Laurel, N. C.	J. P. Priest	Feb. 16
Orangeburg, S. C.	H. V. Leggett	Feb. 2
Pisgah Forest, N. C.	W. Swafford	Feb. 23
Pittsboro, N. C.	D. Ferguson	Feb. 16
Rutherfordton, N. C.	P. A. Kostenko	Feb. 2

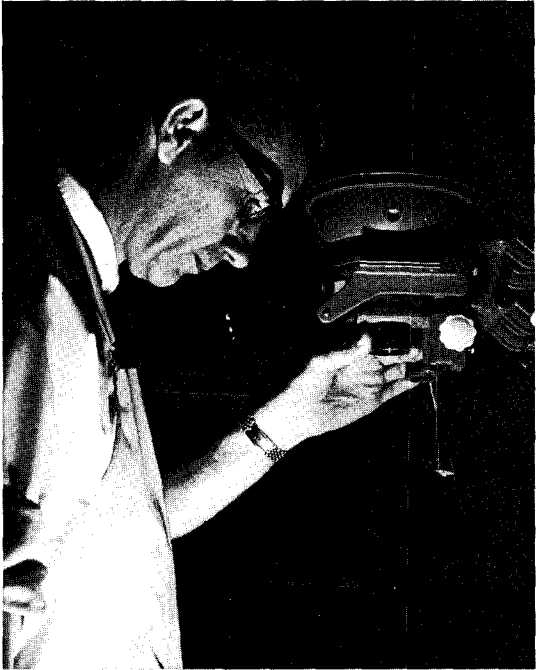
### Evangelistic Series

Clinton, S. C.	A. D. Livengood	Jan. 1—Mar. 1
Greensboro, N. C.	R. B. Halverson	Feb. 15

## FLORIDA

FOREST LAKE ACADEMY ANNUAL ALUMNI HOMECOMING  
February 28—March 2, 1969—Registration—6:30 p.m., February 28  
SPECIAL HONOR CLASSES—1933, 1934, 1949, 1964

# PICTORIAL / STORIES



**FIRST AWARD**—The TIDINGS takes great pleasure in announcing winners of the 1968 Photographic Contest. Taking first place is a photo by H. V. Leggett, public relations secretary of the Carolina Conference. This picture appeared in the feature section of the March, 1968, issue, and shows Elder Wayne Martin (who at that time was the public relations secretary for Carolina) developing pictures in the dark room.



**SECOND AWARD**—This photo by E. E. Duncan, public relations secretary of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, of Leonard C. Haswell in front of the Tennessee State Penitentiary received second award. This picture and Elder Duncan's story, telling of Mr. Haswell's work with prisoners for nineteen years, appeared in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference section of the May, 1968, issue of SOUTHERN TIDINGS.

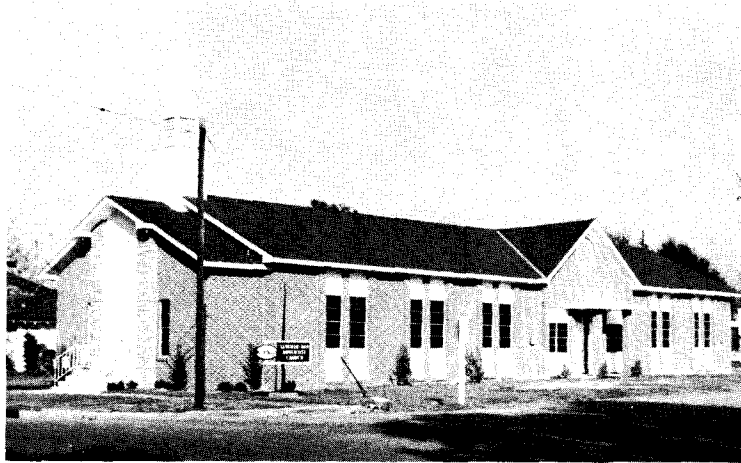


**THIRD AWARD**—The above photograph by J. Robert Hawkins of Memphis, Tennessee, received third award and was used in the Pictorial Stories section of the TIDINGS. These Memphis Pathfinders are leaving on their regular Sabbath afternoon literature distribution project.



These three photos and fourteen others received the SOUTHERN TIDINGS AWARD — STA — emblem during 1968. This award is made at the time of publication and is based on excellence in photography, human interest and subject matter of the shot. From the seventeen photos, ten were selected to be forwarded to the National Photographic Contest. Two other photos were received specifically for the national contest and did not appear in the TIDINGS. Any awards made to Southern Union photographers from the national judging will be announced in a future issue of the TIDINGS.

A new union contest for 1969 began with the January issue. As in previous years, regulations require 8 x 10 glossy prints and complete identification of subject matter and photographer. STA honor is based on photographic merit, subject matter and human interest. First award is \$25; second, \$15; and third, \$10.



**GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI** — The Gulfport, Mississippi, church was formally dedicated on Sabbath, November 30, 1968. It was recently remodeled inside and outside, and a two-room educational wing was added. The remodeling, directed by Pastor L. A. Ward, represents a \$30,000 plant investment. The dedicatory sermon was given by W. D. Wampler, conference president; and the act of dedication was performed by Pastor Ward. Present church membership is 81.

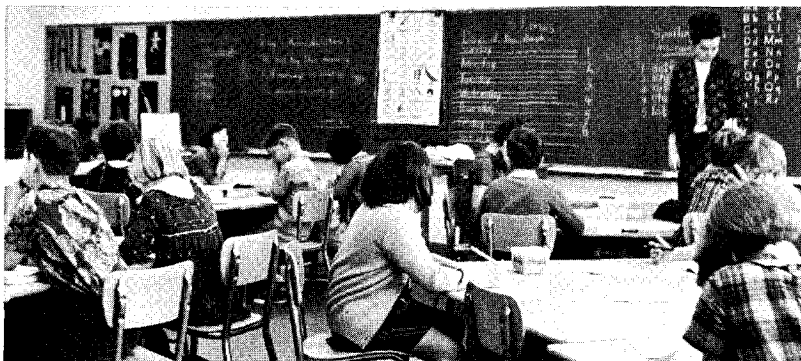


**BROOKVILLE, FLORIDA** — Mrs. Emma Rood, center, was found through an Ingathering contact made by Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Spaulding in Brooksville. She had become discouraged and stopped attending church but is once again rejoicing in the truth with God's people.



**DECATUR, GEORGIA** — Forty-one boys at the Georgia Sheriff's Boys' Ranch received new shoes for Christmas through the courtesy of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Discussing the project are, from left, Desmond Cummings, conference president; Robert G. Mayo, chief deputy sheriff for Dekalb County; and J. L. Price, lay activities director of the conference.

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE** — Wayne Moore, left, and Melvin Lightford, students of Mrs. Ruth Paschal at Riverside Elementary School, gave a science demonstration at the South Central worker's meeting.



(Photo by George Adams)

**COLLEGEDALE, TENNESSEE** — One factor involved in SMC's Teacher Education accreditation was the building of a new wing on the A. W. Spalding Elementary School located on the college campus. Recently completed at a construction cost of \$75,000, including equipment and carpeting, this addition provides 8,000 square feet of floor space and contains five classrooms and a library. Mrs. Marva Young, teacher in the multiple-grade room, guides and instructs her students in learning experiences.



**MAITLAND, FLORIDA** — These Forest Lake students are only a few of the many couples who sponsored under-privileged children at the orphan's Christmas party given by the academy. Each couple bought and presented a gift to the youngster whom they sponsored.



**MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI** — 1968 Press Secretary of the Year award for the Alabama-Mississippi Conference was presented to Mrs. Velma Parker of Meridian, Mississippi, at the Laymen's Congress held early in December. Oscar L. Heinrich, right, Southern Union public relations director, made the presentation and T. H. Bledsoe, local conference public relations secretary, assisted.



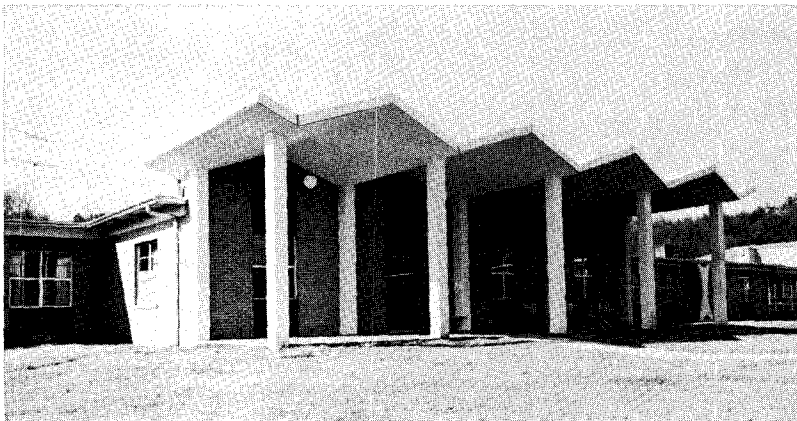
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**COLLEGEDALE, TENNESSEE** — Dr. Frank Knittel, right, academic dean of Southern Missionary College, and Dr. K. M. Kennedy, head of the college's Educational Department, made presentations to students who received the Ambrose L. Suhrie educational scholarships. From left, students are Kathleen Johnson, Judy Vining, Meredith Sammer and Kristene Petersen.

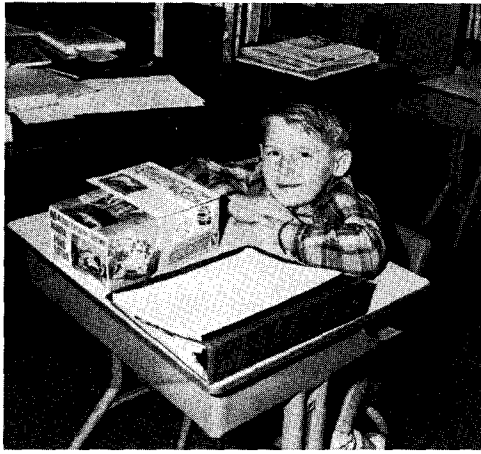
**ORLANDO, FLORIDA** — The Orlando Sanitarium church had an unusual way to begin its Ingathering campaign. A special mission pageant was planned and on that Sabbath two-thirds of the membership reported \$12,000 toward the Vanguard goal. Sixty former missionaries from all parts of the world represented nearly 300 years of mission service. Pathfinders also played an active part in the Ingathering drive by soliciting \$700 in six nights.



**CALHOUN, GEORGIA** — Students of Georgia Cumberland Academy recently demonstrated their interest in clean highways by picking up beer cans and bottles along an eight-mile stretch of U.S. Highway #41. Sponsored by the temperance club, the project netted two pick-up truck-loads of litter.



**ELLIJAY, GEORGIA** — A new thirty-bed nursing home adjacent to Watkins Memorial Hospital in Ellijay has recently been opened. Like the hospital, the new addition was built by Gilmer County and is operated by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Administrator of the hospital and nursing home is W. V. Rudisaile, pictured at right.



**DOUGLASVILLE, GEORGIA** — The bright smile of Glen Bilbo expresses his pride in the new school building at Douglasville. This unusually beautiful new plant is administered by Lee Carter. Lorin Mixon is principal.

**GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA** — The Voice of Prophecy headquarters in Glendale were recently visited by Pastor Donald H. Thomas, speaker and founder of the VOP broadcast and Bible school in the Congo, where the fifteen-minute program is presently heard over five stations. Radio is a potent tool in the Congo for a large majority of the people own transistor radios. Comprising 900,000 square miles, the country has a population of 15 million. Two hundred languages and dialects are spoken, but almost all speak French or Swahili. Of the 2,500 students in the VDP Bible correspondence school, about 90 percent are enrolled in the French course, while the remainder are taking the Swahili.



**MIAMI, FLORIDA** — Sabbath, November 16, 1968, was Victory Day in the 1969 Ingathering Campaign for the Miami Bethany church. In one report, \$11,752.53 was raised by this mission-minded church. Thirty-six centurions, shown in front of their church, were given special citation for raising over \$100 each. There were 260 members who raised \$35 or more. Top Ingatherer was Mrs. Lucille Croumel with \$350; Mr. Calvin Russell was second with \$325; and Pastor Woodfork was third with \$221.90.

**MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA** — An Investment goal of \$150 had been set for the Montezuma-Oglethorpe Sabbath school—highest goal on record. Through the leadership of Mrs. Elene Windham, right, and total participation on the part of all Sabbath school members, the final count amounted to \$404.14. No magic—just everyone working together!



(Photo by George Adams)  
**COLLEGE DALE, TENNESSEE** — Dr. John Christensen, right, head of SMC's Chemistry Department, is shown receiving the American Chemical Society's Distinguished Service award from Ralph E. Berning, the awards chairman of the Chattanooga section of the American Chemical Society. Dr. Norman Peek, left, also of SMC's Chemistry Department, was present for the presentation.



**FOREST LAKE, FLORIDA** — Ingathering carolers from the Forest Lake church were made welcome at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Wilruth.



(Photo by George Adams)  
**COLLEGEDALE, TENNESSEE** — Mrs. Jane Brown, secretary to the college president, attached the 1968 award plaque to the United Fund Campaign Award Medallion. Dr. W. M. Schneider, left, recently reported to the faculty, staff and affiliated industries of the college that the group had surpassed its goal, raising \$2,293 for the United Fund Drive in the Greater Chattanooga area.

**HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA** — Elder and Mrs. D. P. Herbert proudly present to other Adventists of the Southern Union the fourteen individuals who were baptized in Hendersonville from recent evangelistic meetings. Pastor Don Kenyon, extreme right, assisted in the series.



**HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA** — Mr. Ralph Mull and Mrs. Frank Broyles rejoice over the report showing the Hendersonville Sabbath school raised \$3,171.36 for investment. The goal set for 1968 was only \$2,500.



**MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI** — Featured speaker at the Layman's Congress for the Alabama-Mississippi Conference held in early December was Emilio Knechtle from New York City. In his three messages, he urged laymen to find time for personal prayer and Bible study.



**NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA** — Mrs. Paul Wyatt, treasurer of the Brooksville church, gratefully accepted a check for \$200 toward the church's Ingathering Vanguard goal. Teddy Brown, Debbie Kinsman, Renee Stankus and Kenny Quiggley (not shown) from New Port Richey solicited the money to help the Brooksville church. W. B. Johnson, district pastor, is shown with the group.

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## THOUGH THE WINDS BLOW

Miss Paula Becker is the Public Relations Director of the Southern Publishing Association. Her column appears regularly in the *Timings* and serves to inform readers of some of the many fine books available for good reading pleasure.



The new year seems to have brought an avalanche of good things our way. One of the most outstanding, of course, is the 1969 Missionary Book, **THOUGH THE WINDS BLOW**, written by our General Conference president, Robert H. Pierson, and published by the Southern Publishing Association.

In both appearance and content, this book is designed to appeal to the tastes and needs of today's Americans. Elder Pierson presents the entire Christian gospel in short, daily devotional messages. The book contains a profusion of interesting anecdotes and personal experiences which really hold the reader's attention. Beautiful color art inside and a bright, semi-symbolic cover design make this one of the finest Missionary Books we have ever published.

Your family will really enjoy reading **THOUGH THE WINDS BLOW**—it's ideal for morning or evening worship—but let's not forget the book's primary purpose—**EVANGELISM!** Why not see how many different ways you can

use the Missionary Book this year? So many outlets are available—doctors' offices, neighbors, business associates, ministers in other churches—but you could invent some new ones. And when you do, we'd like to hear about what you've done. Remember, it's only \$1.00 per copy, for all of 1969.

For a complete change of pace, how about a spine-tingling adventure story? You shouldn't miss **THE SEVENTH ESCAPE**, by Jan Doward. Walter Logé, an ambulance driver in the German army, was taken prisoner during the Second World War and shipped to a Siberian labor camp. For months Logé lived solely by his wits and he survived only because of his incredible determination and an unshakable conviction that God was leading him. Pacific Press has a potential best-seller with this one.

You have a favorite hymn, haven't you—a special song that conjures up old childhood memories, or just gives you a nice, warm feeling inside? Chances are, you'll find that hymn in a new Chapel album, **AMERICA'S FAVORITE HYMNS**. This outstanding collection utilizes the talents of the King's Heralds, Del Delker, the King's Men, the Hymnsingers, and Brad Braley. You'll enjoy humming along with songs like "The Old Rugged Cross," (named America's all-time favorite in a recent nation-wide poll) "Faith of Our Fathers," "It Is No Secret," and "The Love of God."

That's all the goodies for this month!

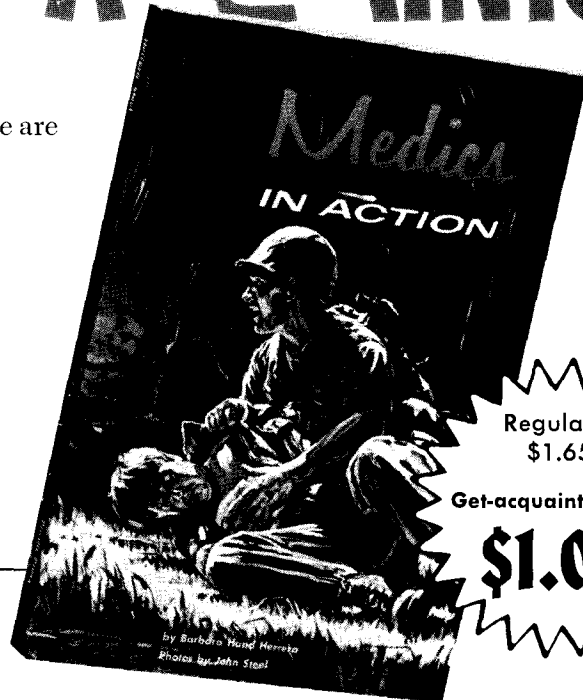
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# Like a Ray of Light

By W. A. FAGAL



**A**t random, a TV viewer dialed Faith for Today. Impressed with the blessing the message brought, he enrolled in the Bible course. Later, after he had taken his stand for Christ in baptism, he commented: "The message that came to me through your television program and Bible course was like a ray of light in a dark life. I grew up in a Christian home, but lost sight of Christ in my youth. Now I have taken a full stand for the Lord and confidently look forward to a place in God's kingdom."

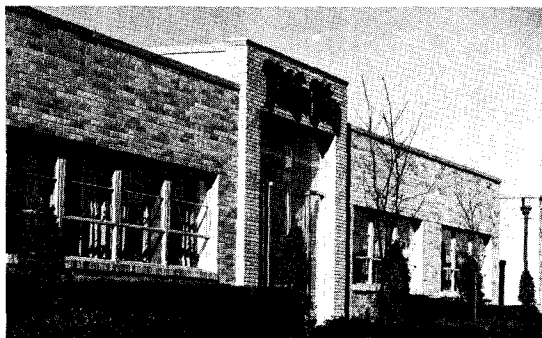
To date more than 13,000 individuals can give testimony that "a ray of light" has come into their lives through the Faith for Today ministry as they have passed through the waters of baptism, uniting with God's remnant church. In addition to that, the following figures have their own significance:

Applications .....	1,649,769	Interest reports sent .....	69,061
Enrollments .....	494,144	Interest reports received ..	39,764
Lessons graded .....	7,169,509	Unbaptized Sabbathkeepers	21,742
Active students .....	34,913	Baptisms .....	14,018
Graduates .....	134,739		

Presently one student out of every six who graduates from the Faith for Today Bible Course becomes a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. With preparation of a new Bible course by Pastor W. R. L. Scragg, associate secretary of the Radio-TV Department of the General Conference, it is hoped this percentage will rise even higher.

To reach hearts with the glad tidings of the coming of Christ, five formats are currently offered on Faith for Today—the interview feature that singles out a prominent personality, eliciting from him a response on current events, conduct of a mission program or similar topic of interest; the dramatized life situation, which in modern parable form depicts object lessons in life; the song program, interspersed with narration; the travelogue that takes the viewer overseas to archaeological sights such as Babylon and Tyre; and the illustrated sermon that highlights great Bible truths.

Sharing gospel tidings through the television ministry is like a chain reaction. Recently William Jackson, formerly a minister of another denomination, returned to New York City to become pastor of the Manhattan church. Now some of his previous associates have taken an interest in what he has been doing and have been attending his worship service. God is blessing in his soul-winning ministry. He became interested in the Bible course and Faith for Today telecast through an enrollment card that was

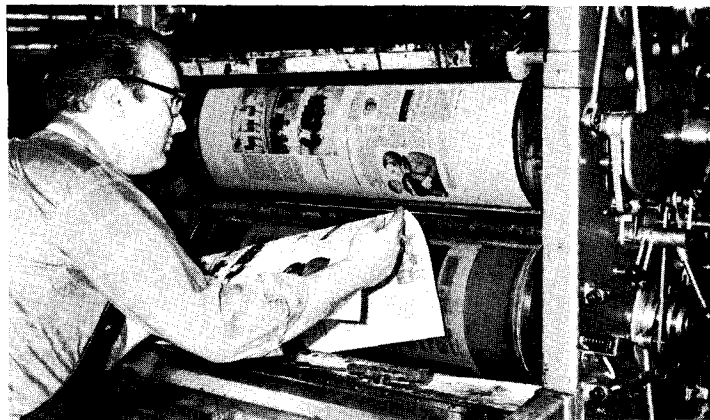


Offices for Faith for Today are located in Carle Place, Long Island, New York.

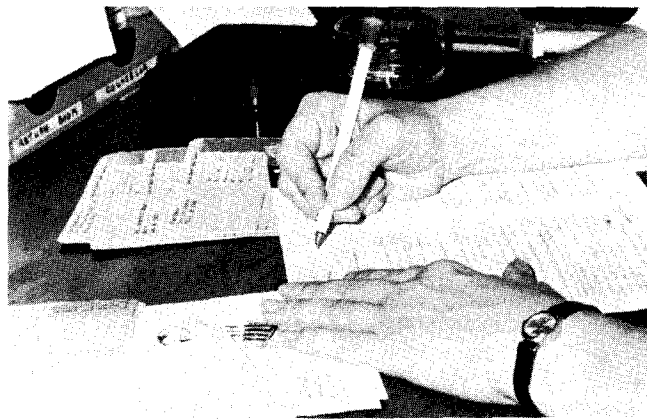


Pastor Roy Naden, director of radio-television productions of the Australasian Division, inspects some of the hundreds of Faith for Today films that are shipped to every part of the United States and ten overseas countries. Pastor W. A. Fagal explains the Faith for Today film schedule to him. Light-colored cases contain color films; those in the darker cases are black and white.

Faith for Today's Printing Department turns out a mass of materials. Bible School lessons, Tele-notes, Pastor's Bulletin, Bible course enrollment cards—these are a few. James Aikman is printing superintendent, assisted by Jack Turner.



With the motto "Every name a sacred trust," Faith for Today's file room has more than 160,000 names of viewers, Bible course students and interests. They are made available to pastors for evangelistic meetings and follow-up visitation. Eight Bible courses offer the student a range of topics from health to specialized studies for members of the Jewish faith. The most popular is the basic senior Bible course. But others are helpful in cementing interest and further grounding the student in God's word. Bible courses include: "Faith for Today," "Life at Its Best," "Adventures in the Holy Bible," "Life of Christ," "Drama of the Christian Faith," "Adventures in Prophecy," "Healthful Living," and "Israelite Heritage."



given him. Now he rejoices in the opportunity to lead men and women to Christ.

Currently Faith for Today is viewed on 276 stations in North America and ten overseas countries—Australia, Bermuda, Guam, Korea, Liberia, Nigeria, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and the Virgin Islands. An estimated 15 million viewers watch this program each week. In addition, films are being shown in hospitals, mission stations and even aboard ships, giving their witness for Christ.

Progress has been good, but our needs were never more urgent than now. A number of major cities in the United States do not have our program telling about the coming of Christ. In the Southern Union there is Louisville, Kentucky, with a population of 392,000; Knoxville, Tennessee, population, 181,000; Raleigh, North Carolina, population, 104,000; and Memphis, Tennessee, population, 525,000; as well as scores of smaller cities.

To add one public service station to Faith for Today's programming costs thousands of dollars. Then, the program must be maintained year after year as gospel tidings go out.

Religious television, like everything else, is becoming more costly. Films are more expensive to produce, and air time has gone up sharply—in some areas as much as 50 percent. Production costs and materials needed to follow through on interests also cost a great deal more today. When Faith for Today began, Bible School lessons cost 30 percent less to produce than they do today.

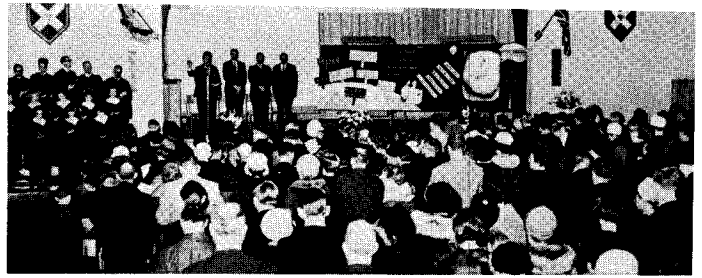
Televising of the everlasting gospel cannot be done in many centers of earth. Faith for Today cannot be viewed in Russia and vast areas that lie behind the iron curtain. Also, many non-Communist areas do not sell religious TV time.

Some day the doors will close here. God's servant indicates that the moment will come when men and women will be eager to give their funds for advancement of the gospel but the money will have no value. Even now not one cent can go for giving the gospel in many lands of earth. This will be true of every country on the globe before the end of time! Truly God's people are to bring in the harvest now "for the night will come when no man can work."

Faith for Today's 65 dedicated staff members are earnestly seeking to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. They contribute each year to the television ministry. They are convinced that Christ is coming soon and that TV is a God-ordained method of communicating gospel tidings to hearts.

Weekly Faith for Today staff members meet together, praying earnestly that God will bless the many interests who are watching the program and studying the Bible course. Nor do their prayers go unanswered. Note the following response:

"Sometime ago I wrote asking prayer for my grandson



Decision meetings in such centers as Halifax, Canada, have resulted in many decisions for Christ. Outstanding attendance has marked meetings that have been conducted and interest in present truth has been great. Requests come from every part of North America for Faith for Today decision meetings.

who had turned to the world and gotten into trouble. Now I desire to thank you for your prayers and let you know the boy has sought forgiveness, vowing to stay close to God.

"It has been truly wonderful the change God has brought in this misguided boy. The lad has seen his mistakes and wants to do right.

"I thank God for friends like you and your staff. I know you will be happy with me about this."

Connecticut

"P.S. This has marked a miracle in the parents' lives, also. They have discovered how much God loves them and have recognized some of their problems."

A vital adjunct to the Faith for Today ministry has been decision evangelism. So far, nine campaigns have been held in the following cities: Washington, D.C.; Swift Current, Saskatchewan; Manchester, New Hampshire; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Los Angeles, California; San Diego, California; Indianapolis, Indiana; Ottawa, Ontario; and Albany, New York. Over 500 persons have been baptized.

Series are planned for Hagerstown, Maryland and Los Angeles, California in the spring. Next fall Faith for Today meetings will be conducted in Staten Island, New York. Later a major series will be conducted in Atlanta, Georgia.

Like a ray of light the gospel is to go to darkened hearts, illuminating the gloom and despair so characteristic of the world today. "He that shall come will come and will not tarry." These tidings are to go to the ends of the earth.

May God bless you as you remember Faith for Today and its ministry in your prayers.

## "Faith for Today" Emphasis Day in all North American Churches, February 8, 1969

### Portable Camera Project for Faith for Today Valentine Offering



Preparing for Faith for Today's annual Valentine offering on February 14 are Billy Knauft, 4th grader, Mrs. Rudolph Knauft, director of the telecast Interest Department and former teacher, and Pastor Franklin Hudgins, in charge of the Faith for Today Valentine project. Young Bill is holding one of the banks that will be used by children for their Valentine offerings.

A portable television camera will be purchased with Valentine offerings contributed by school children across North America.

Last year more than \$24,000 was given for Faith for Today evangelism by school children. More than 350 schools participated.

Franklin W. Hudgins, who is in charge of station relations and who directs the project, states: "This year we are hoping that 500 schools will participate. Our goal is \$30,000."

Funds last year were used to purchase an inspection machine for films sent to stations.

Banks will be mailed for children to put Valentine offerings in. They will rake leaves, sweep sidewalks, clean school rooms and sell everything from skunk tails to magazines in raising money for the project. Many will simply save allowances.

A large number will turn in funds they ordinarily would have spent for buying Valentines to help in Faith for Today soul winning.

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## BRIEFS ON THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONGRESS

The upcoming Sabbath School Congress is being planned to inspire leaders, teachers and members who make up the network of the greatest soul-winning potential within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Specialists in Sabbath school work are joining with union and local conference leaders to give direction and inspiration to the delegates and hundreds of Sabbath school members who will attend the congress.

Accounts of the early beginnings of the Adventist movement place great import on "specially-called" meetings. The Bible record of Pentecost reads, ". . . all with one accord in one place. . . ." The Lord looked upon such gatherings as a time when His people pleaded for power to spread the gospel message — And — They were "all. . . in one place."

To be stressed at the congress will be the work and place of Branch Sabbath Schools and Vacation Bible Schools, regaining missing members, and the planning of weekly Sabbath school programs. Special features will include the first showing of a MISSION COLORAMA, a spectacular sound-slide presentation on Seventh-day Adventist work in South America. A special "unnamed guest" will spice the program. Scheduled music includes such treats as the well-known Sunny Liu and costumed marimba players from Mexico. Top church leaders are coming to Atlanta, Georgia, February 20, 21 and 22 to energize their talents and fit into the congress program.

Every Sabbath school worker in the Southern Union has an appointment with God at 7:00 p.m., February 20, 1969, in Atlanta.

Ben J. Liebelt, Secretary  
Sabbath School Department  
Southern Union Conference