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"God's people have a mighty work before them, a work that must continually rise to greater prominence. Our efforts in missionary lines must become far more extensive. A more decided work than has been done must be done prior to the second appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. God's people are not to cease their labors until they shall encircle the earth." — CSW p. 133.

These words written many years ago by Ellen G. White are even more meaningful in the light of the expanded opportunities for working in earth's remotest bounds. Little did any of us know about a place called Vietnam until our country became involved in a vicious war in that faraway land. Very little did we know about the mission program carried on by the church in this place. Now we are fully aware, in particular, of the medical missionary work that is so important to the fulfillment of the gospel commission.

In Saigon, the capital and the heart of South Vietnam, the population of that sad land is looking to Seventh-day Adventists to help provide medical care. But war and time have eroded the facilities of the present hospital, and a new one is desperately needed. This hospital is a part of the Sabbath school offering project for this quarter and deserves the willing and prayerful support of God's people.

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

OUR COVER shows the Saigon Adventist Hospital which is located on one of the busiest street corners in the entire Republic of South Vietnam. Military vehicles combine with civilian autos, bicycles, motorcycles and pedicabs to add to the sounds of the helicopters whirring overhead and mortars in the background. This quarter's thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering for missions will help provide funds for a new Adventist hospital in Saigon. Photography by Robert Sheldon, manager, Thailand Publishing House.

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The Far Eastern Division will benefit from the 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering on Sabbath, September 27, to be taken in all Seventh-day Adventist Churches around the world.

The challenge of a land gripped in the horrors of war, the lure of exotic islands, and the demand for more national workers with graduate degrees to keep pace with rising standards of newly-developed countries are all factors in the choice of projects which the Far Eastern Division will use for the third quarter Overflow Offering of the Sabbath School.

The Far Eastern Division is especially anxious about this offering for each of the three projects is born of an urgent need.

The most urgent need among the 21 hospitals of the Far Eastern Division is in Saigon, Vietnam, a city in the middle of a prolonged war. We have maintained medical work in this nation for a number of years. However, it has centered in a small building on a busy street intersection where massive traffic jams provide exactly the opposite atmosphere our hospitals need.

The small building is always overcrowded, and it is imperative that additional facilities be provided to take care of the expanding medical needs of this war-torn country.

The second project is a training school in the islands of Palau. Jungle-covered spots of land set in sparkling tropical waters within the framework of a surrounding coral reef, these islands are without exaggeration among the world's most beautiful scenic areas.

A school is currently being conducted on the island of Koror to train future workers for Micronesia, as this area is called. Some time ago a freak typhoon completely demolished the school's main building. However, much more is necessary than merely replacing this building. A large piece of land has been secured, and the plan is to build an entirely new school plant which will prepare workers for the entire Trust Territories of the West Pacific.

The third and last project for this quarter in the Far East is a graduate school for national workers. This is the most challenging project an overseas division has ever undertaken. Work has already begun on the school and a careful development program has been outlined which will make this college a reality. The plan is for this school to be located in the Philippines where nearly one-half of the membership of the Division is located. We already have Philippine Union College with a very large enrollment located in Manila, the Republic's largest city. A portion of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering has been designated for the construction of an administration building.

PAUL H. ELDRIDGE, *President  
Far Eastern Division*

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT ON ADVENTISTS IN VIETNAM

On Sabbath, June 14 of this year, it was my privilege to worship with our Adventist believers in Saigon, South Vietnam.

I visited our Adventist press, our Adventist church, our Adventist mission office, and our Adventist hospital — a small complex of buildings located on the corner of one of the busiest intersections in this city of three million people.

The need for more room in the hospital and better facilities to handle the Adventist medical work was so very evident — but I felt the most impressive and appealing factor was the dedication of our medical missionaries who serve in the Saigon Adventist Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Jess Holm carry the burden and responsibility of this mission post.

If our Seventh-day Adventist members of North America could begin to envision the circumstances under which our missionaries labor, funds to provide these long-overdue facilities would pose no problem to our church. But I saw patients being carried on stretchers up dark, narrow stairways; and cots jammed the halls. The only fire escape is the palm tree standing on the street in front of the hospital.

Adventist work started in Vietnam back in 1920 through a literature evangelist. Today it is well established. Our medical work became well known to the Vietnamese and American governments at the time of the Tet Offensive. Surplus equipment, supplies and some building materials have now been made available to our organization by the American government. Land has been purchased and plans are nearly complete for a new hospital. Brother Ernie Pender, well known to many Southern Union folk, has been serving in Bangkok, Thailand, but will soon join the Saigon Hospital as manager.

During this quarter, members in 180 Sabbath schools of our union will see the MISSION SPOTLIGHT program, "Adventists in Vietnam." The mission which took me to Vietnam involved the literature work. When I returned, it was the request of the Sabbath School Department of our union that a MISSION SPOTLIGHT program be produced. If, while in Saigon, I had thought of making such a program, pictures could have been taken specifically for this purpose. But we trust that this issue of "Southern Tidings" and the MISSION SPOTLIGHT program will serve to communicate a message from a land where destruction and violent death have become common hazards. Be assured that your special, extra gift to missions on September 27 will mean much to our people in the Far Eastern Division. OLN

## EMPHASIZES MEDICAL NEEDS . . .

By JESS HOLM, M.D.

*Medical Director, Saigon Adventist Hospital*

The medical needs of Saigon, South Vietnam, were forcefully and tragically emphasized during the now-famous "Tet" Offensive. It was 1:30 in the morning when the first Claymore mine exploded just two blocks from our compound, taking the lives of 19 military police.

Within an hour we began five hectic days of concentrated attention to the wounded. Our inadequate facilities were glaringly evident.

Since we were closely surrounded by areas of fighting, pitiful remnants of families made their way to our busy corner, seeking not only treatment but a refuge as well. During the offensive the city of Saigon had more than 200,000 refugees.

Seventh-day Adventists started medical work in South Vietnam in 1955 with seeds of local opposition. At first a clinic was conducted in a house. When the house was finally purchased, the small group of workers converted it into a small hospital.

The medical program grew and expanded. Vietnamese were trained to take major responsibilities in the hospital program. The war brought new complications.

Day and night mortars fall with fearful regularity, both inside and outside the city. Victims of the war come to the hospital. The hallways are always crowded with cots because we never have room to accommodate all who need attention.

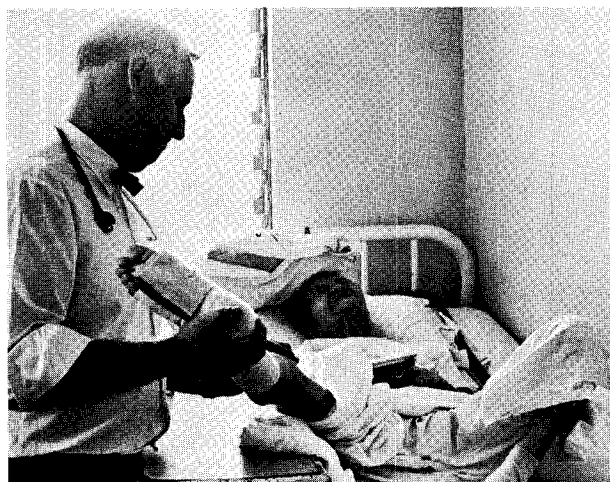
Early every morning the small clinic waiting room is jammed. We select patients carefully for admission and refuse far more than we are able to admit.

Our out-patient department needs expansion. Our school of practical nursing needs more hospital beds for training purposes. Every department is crowded.

The eyes of the world are on Saigon, South Vietnam. The Seventh-day Adventist Church must improve its entering wedge in this war-torn land. Remember Vietnam when you are ready to present a gift for the 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering on Sabbath, September 27, 1969!



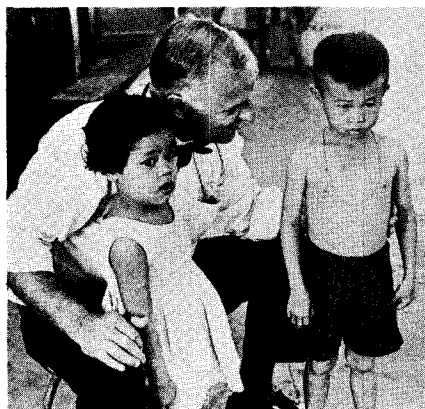
Hallways are always crowded with cots at the Saigon Adventist Hospital.



Dr. Jess Holm serves as medical director of the Saigon Adventist Hospital. Cries of pain carry throughout the hospital, but even so are barely heard above the din of traffic just outside the windows of the small hospital.



Despite the war in South Vietnam, public evangelism continues by pastors and laymen alike. This young man was baptized by a Vietnamese pastor in the courtyard of a Vietnamese Political Prison.



Dr. Holm ministers to the needs of many orphans. Mrs. Holm has joined other Saigon church members in conducting a branch Sabbath school every week at an orphanage about twenty miles outside the city. With 1,800 children and workers in attendance, it is the largest branch Sabbath school in the world.

Patients must be taken by stretcher from the main building to another building nearby in order to have X-rays taken. This works well in good weather, but during the monsoon season it becomes a serious problem.

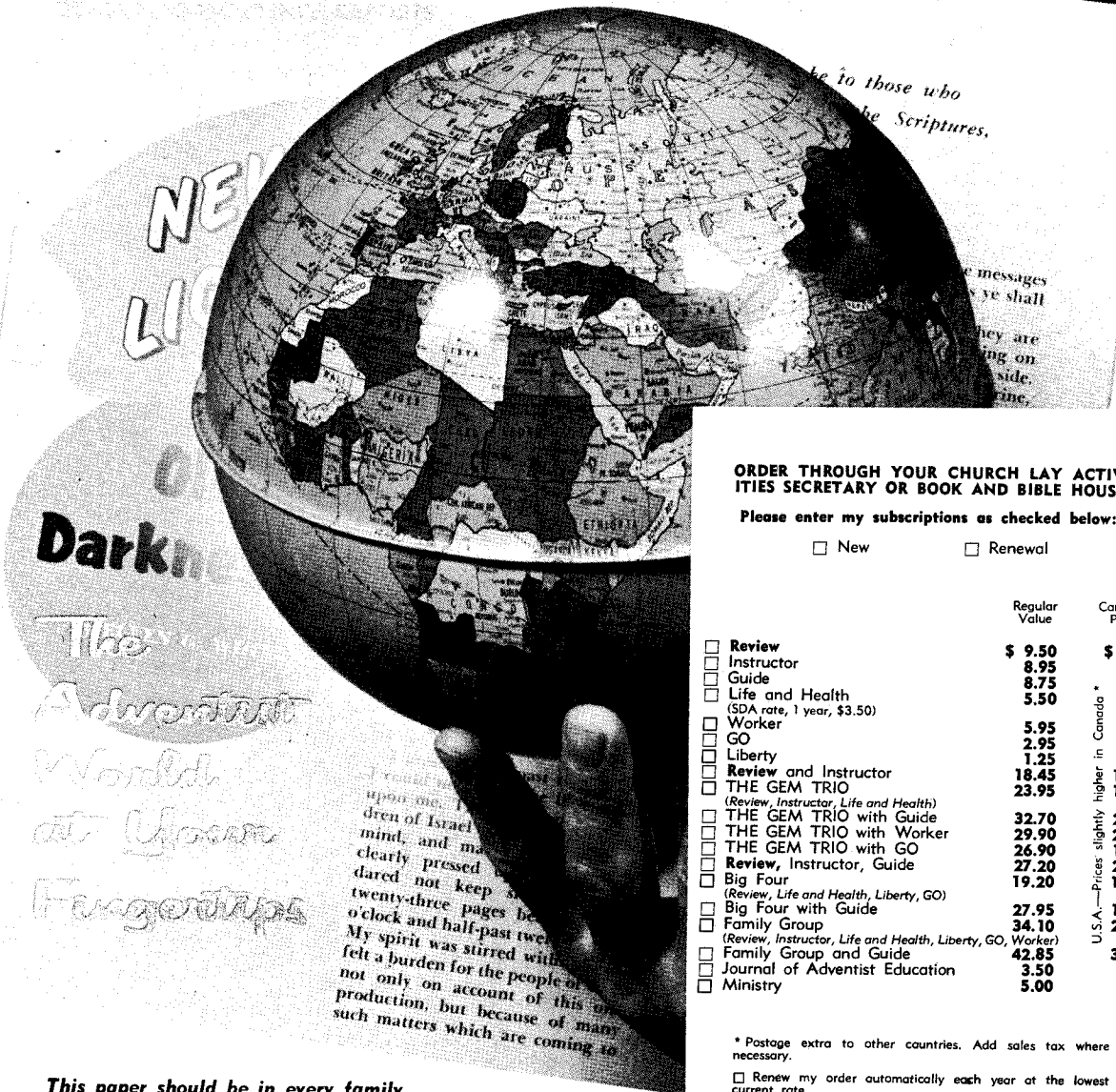


The Saigon Adventist Hospital provides immunization for many orphanages in the area. Dr. Holm, center, is shown making a presentation to the director of a Catholic orphanage in Saigon. With them is a representative of the government's Ministry of Health.



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# DATELINE DATA

WASHINGTON, D. C. - - -

New England Sanitarium's Five-Day Plan team and the General Conference Temperance Department provided an attractive booth and give-away materials to the thousands of representatives from 131 nations attending the United Nations World Health Organization Assembly in Boston this summer.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA - - -

"Don't Buy That Exotic Pet!" appears in the September-October issue of OUTDOOR WORLD and simultaneously in condensed form in the September number of the READER'S DIGEST. The article is written by Robert Gannon, nationally-known nature writer, and illustrated by Jim Padgett, an Adventist artist. OUTDOOR WORLD is a nature-outdoor magazine published by Preston Publications, Inc., an Adventist-owned firm in Atlanta, Georgia.

WHEATON, ILLINOIS - - -

Dr. Wernher Von Braun, German-born physicist who is a key figure in the U. S. space program, believes God permits and blesses space exploration. "God has built man with curiosity, and He expects man to use this gift. We now have the tools available," says Von Braun, "to explore space, and I believe if it were not the Creator's intent for us to go to these celestial bodies, He would not have permitted us to have acquired the tools." Von Braun made these statements in an interview for the July Christian Life magazine. He is an avid reader of the Bible.

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA - - -

At a meeting of Adventist educational administrators and teachers held on the campus of Loma Linda University this summer, California Congressman Jerry L. Pettis called upon the nation's church-related schools to teach respect, responsibility, restraint and religion in order to counteract the rant, riot and ruin that are being advocated elsewhere. Pettis, a Seventh-day Adventist, is a member of President Nixon's 21-man task force studying campus unrest.

WASHINGTON, D. C. - - -

Directors of the National Association of Broadcasters plan a gradual elimination of cigarette advertising on radio and television by January, 1970. At that time there will be a ten percent reduction in such commercials. The broadcasters believe all stations will follow the lead of the three major TV networks and four major radio networks in an effort to avoid regulations by the Federal Communications Commission. All cigarette advertising would end in 1973, according to the current plan.

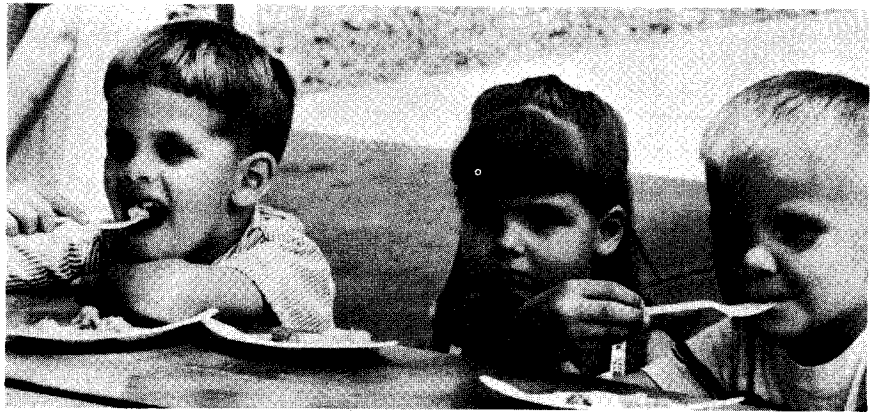
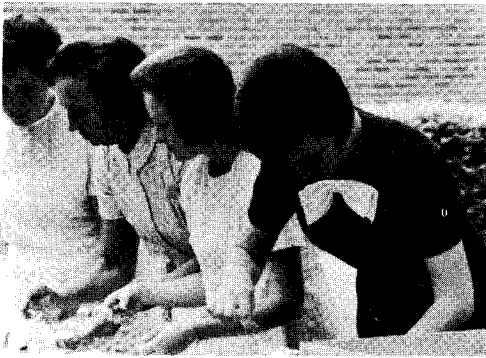
WASHINGTON, D. C. - - -

The Nixon administration has announced that no formal diplomatic relations will be established with Vatican City. Earlier the President had said he was considering an appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.



Edyth Cottrell, nutritionist from Loma Linda, California, led out with the nutrition classes at the camp meeting session this year. As she worked among those attending, she explained the advantages of using tested and proven recipes to offer good nutrition balance in each meal.

Several of the ministers' wives assisted in the cooking school. From left, Mrs. J. Hanson, Mrs. C. L. Hartman, Mrs. Phil Wilson and Mrs. J. J. Booth.



And the children didn't mind sampling that cooking school food! From left, Kevan Evans, Beth Brown and John Hartman.

attractive, delicious foods of high nutritive value, costing only pennies per serving, were featured at the Nutrition-Education classes held in the chapel of Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, Mississippi, as a part of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference camp meeting held early this summer.

The following counsel given by the servant of the Lord was used as a guide in the planning of the meetings—

"It is the Lord's design that in every place men and women shall be encouraged to develop their talents by preparing healthful foods from the natural products of their own section of the country. If they look to God, exercising their skill and ingenuity under the guidance of His Spirit, they will learn how to prepare natural products into healthful foods. Thus, they will be able to provide themselves with foods that will take the place of flesh meat. Those helped can in turn instruct others. *C.D.F.*, p. 254.

As Jesus showed compassion in ministering to the physical needs of the people, we today are to follow in His footsteps. All about us are those who need help. Our Lord's command, "Deal thy bread to the hungry," points out a responsibility for service that reaches far beyond the *poor* in this world's goods. The *hungry* today may be found in the midst of abundance, seated around the tables of the rich, among those who through ignorance, misguided by fads and fancies or under the control of wrong eating habits, are not obtaining a diet adequate for good nutrition.

Two groups especially vulnerable are those on extreme reducing diets, and teenagers with their high intake of sugary drinks and snacks.

As homemakers, parents and Christians preparing for the soon return of our Lord and Savior, let us evaluate the situation and determine how we can meet the need.

Our responsibility is first to our own families—a. to make sure that our diet is adequate; b. to be sure that every food served is of the highest nutritive value possible at reasonable cost; c. to learn to prepare delicious foods from the simple, available foodstuffs; d. to plant a garden. Our next responsibility is to others—a. to share foods, recipes, garden produce with neighbors and friends; b. to demonstrate methods and techniques to small groups in our own homes; c. to demonstrate to larger groups in welfare centers, evangelistic efforts or wherever possible.

Foods stressed at the nutrition classes were greens, especially collards, turnip and mustard greens, and kale. Their value can scarcely be overemphasized because of their abundant supply of minerals and vitamins and a good quality protein. Although not high percentage-wise, this protein will go far toward improving the total daily need.

"Leaf protein is better nutritionally than most seed proteins, as good as many animal proteins, and can be presented at the table in palatable forms."

N. W. Pirie, *Science* 152:1705, 1966, from *Quotes*, No. 4.

Emphasis was also placed upon the use of legumes and especially in combination with various cereals. Peas, beans, lentils, and other legumes have long been a staple of the diet, and through the centuries they have been used in many lands with cereals, thus providing a protein of improved quality. Long before there was any knowledge of improving the value of vegetable proteins through supplementation, and even before the birth of the science of modern nutrition, the following instruction was given through the Spirit of Prophecy:

"In grains, fruits, vegetables, and nuts are to be found all the food elements that we need. If we will come to the Lord in simplicity of mind, He will teach us how to prepare wholesome food free from the taint of flesh meat." *C.D.F.*, p. 92.

Many foods of excellent quality—delicious, attractive, and often extremely low in cost—have been developed by applying the results of experimental studies according to the rules of healthful cookery given Adventists as a people.

By EDYTH Y. COTTRELL  
Nutritionist  
Loma Linda, California





Pastor and Mrs. G. N. Kovalski, left, and Pastor and Mrs. W. E. Brown listened intently to the words of counsel and instruction during their ordination service held at the Alabama-Mississippi camp meeting.

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# MAKING of a MINISTER

**W**hat leads a man to devote his life to the gospel ministry? What constitutes the making of a minister?

Ask Walter Brown, recently ordained pastor in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference.

Short, stocky, serious, the young minister reviews the road that has led to Meridian, Mississippi, his present pastorate, and recounts the influences that turned him toward the ministry.

He was four years old when his parents were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The already-Christian home became even more God-oriented. Morning and evening worship were added to habitual church attendance. Young Walter became the neighborhood missionary. Although he doesn't know of any converts from this, his first evangelistic experience began with the earnest question, "Do you know God?" Who can tell what lasting impressions were made by this small, round-faced lad.

School days found Walter in church school—always. Often tuition meant sacrifice, but there was no thought of doing otherwise, even when, later, separation was added to sacrifice. Walter remembers praying that the academy buildings would burn in the night so he could go home. But the buildings didn't burn, and Walter stayed—to learn lessons that he now counts invaluable.

Graduation came at last, and with it the question, "What next?" Walter knew that he wanted to work for God, but he had no definite plans when he went home to Florida. He soon met the pastor of the nearby Apopka church. Young, vital, outgoing, Arden Mote was a youth pastor par excellent. Walter enthusiastically participated in church activities. When Elder Mote and the young people planned a Voice of Youth series, Walter agreed to be one of the speakers. This experience, combined with Elder Mote's continued encouragement, convinced Walter that God was calling him to the ministry.

Walter spent the next four years at Southern Missionary College, studying *Greek* and *eschatology* and *Daniel and Revelation*, learning to pray, to claim promises, to shape convictions by principles rather than popular opinion.

Summers he canvassed, or worked in the plumbing trade. One summer he remembers particularly. Visiting the local dime store on a since-forgotten errand, he became acquainted with the clerk, a charming young lady intent on earning money for college. Diane Matthews was a minister's daughter, and Walter found more dime-store business than he ever had before, or has since! By the next summer, the minister's daughter agreed to become a minister's wife.

Graduation from Southern Missionary College was followed by a year's study at Andrews University. Then, finally, the fledgling preacher was ready to begin his work.

Four challenging, thrilling, perplexing years of internship slipped by. Then, on May 31, 1969, at the Alabama-Mississippi camp meeting, Walter Brown was ordained to the gospel ministry.

I asked Elder Brown, what leads a man to choose the ministry? What fits one to be a herald for God? This was his reply—"Of course, God leads every man by a different path, but I believe my experience is typical. The influence of Godly parents and leaders inspires a young person to devote his life to God's work in some capacity. The discipline of Christian education provides a solid foundation to build on. An unselfish, consecrated wife is a "must" for a minister. I, personally, appreciate the plan of our church in having a proving time, a "learning-by-doing" internship period before ordination. All these, when infused with the vital spark of a personal, growing Christian experience, constitute the making of a minister."

Mrs. LAVETA STANKAVICH



# FRIENDSHIP CAMP 1969

Flag raising and lowering was a part of the daily schedule at the Carolina Friendship Camp held July 6-11 near Raleigh, North Carolina.

Carolina Friendship Camp was an exciting experience for sixty-three campers and staff members during the week of July 6-11 at William B. Umstead State Park near Raleigh, North Carolina.

One car took eight hours to bring the girls to camp, while three girls from Hendersonville came more quickly, thanks to Mrs. Joe Gardner and her airplane. Pastors and Health and Welfare Society workers from all parts of the Carolinas brought girls between the ages of nine and fifteen for a week of fun and fellowship.

A few of the campers were Adventist youth, but most of the girls were from homes who had not yet received the Three Angels' Messages. Some had never even heard of Seventh-day Adventists.

Each girl was enrolled in the Faith for Today junior Bible course and was given a beautiful red Bible for her own. Elder Robert East brought spiritual messages and stories that truly spoke Christ to their hearts. Each morning at

Mealtime is always a favorite hour for young campers . . . but at Friendship Camp, nothing topped the watermelon feeds.



camp council and each evening at campfire-time, Bible truths were presented. Every girl stood when given the opportunity to express her desire to live for Jesus Christ and to follow Him in her daily experience.

Some of the finest young ladies of the Carolina Conference served as counselors at Friendship Camp. Marilyn Dillon, Dawn and Janell Kostenko, Cherry Baize, Kay Farrell, Sharon Meinhardt and Cindy Mathiesen each had about six or seven girls to care for twenty-four hours a day. A few were not used to rising before ten or ten-thirty and needed special help one or two mornings.

Mrs. Paul Bonney served as camp nurse. After it was discovered that shots were not in store for everybody, her cabin became a very popular place. No one was badly hurt, and the girls enjoyed seeing a real nurse for their cuts, scratches and sore throats.

Meal time was very popular as Mrs. Grace Benson and her staff prepared delicious and nourishing meals. A few missed their Cokes and Pepsis, and the health foods became more popular as the week progressed. Watermelon and ice cream were treats the girls especially enjoyed.

Elder Tom Hansen, principal of Columbia Junior Academy, brought "the thing of nature" to the campers with hikes, slides and interesting talks. His son, Danny, was a valuable worker in many ways during camp.

Paul Bonney, principal of Charleston Junior Academy, was in charge of the water activities. He, with his assistants, taught several girls how to swim and awarded a number of vocational honors. The canoes provided by the Carolina MV Department were popular and well used.

Mr. Bonney was also in charge of the campfire program which included much singing. Stories by various staff members and the "Camp News" were a part of the nightly schedule, as was a short shower just

before bed time. "Smoking Sam" made his appearance and inspired most of the girls to determine to keep their lungs clean and healthy by abstaining from tobacco.

One young lady became very homesick, and it was discovered that the five packs of cigarettes she had left home with, had not made it to camp. She had a strong desire to go to town but made it through the week with a somewhat unplanned "five-day plan." It was not determined whether the plan worked. We hope it did.

Each girl made a tray and painted a plaque during the daily craft period conducted by Mrs. R. H. Ammons. Several of the girls were quite talented and made beautiful plaques.

Friendship Camp was a joint project of the MV and Lay Activities Departments of the conference. Elders P. A. Kostenko and R. H. Ammons were directors of the camp. Funds for Friendship Camp were made possible through the Ingathering program.

Keeping the cabins, kitchen and dining hall clean were a part of the daily program. Habits of cleanliness learned at camp are useful all through life.

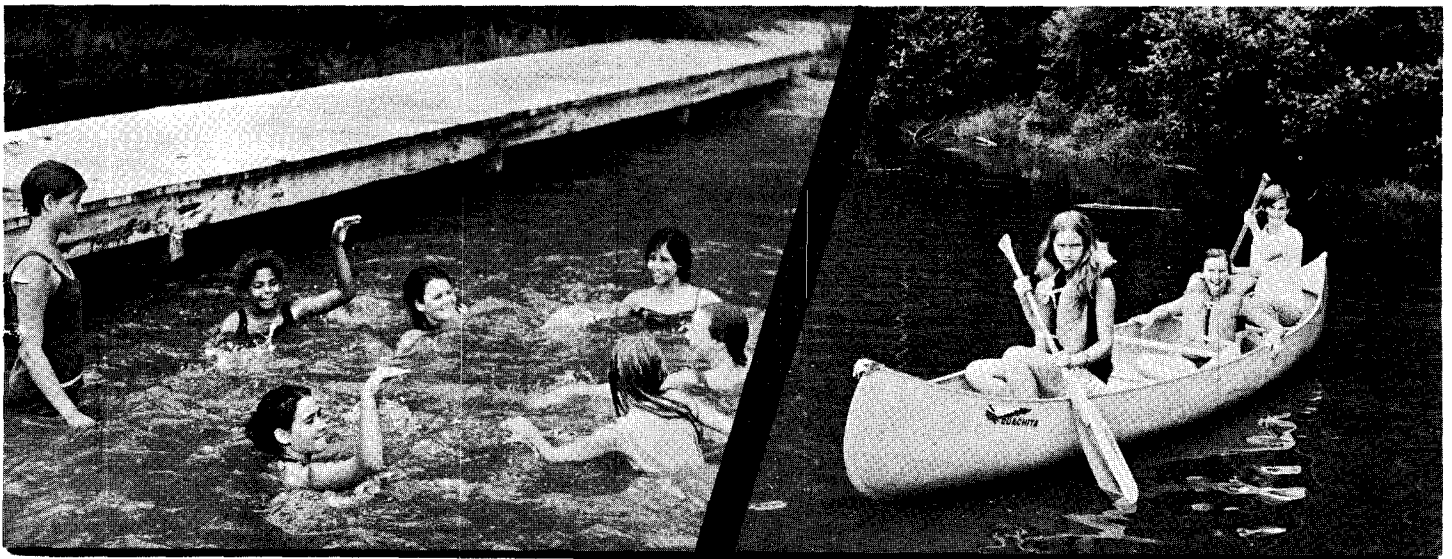
Girls came from all types of homes. Some were happy, some were broken and unhappy. Some were divided on spiritual things. Some were from homes with only one parent. One little girl said, "I don't ever want to go home again." Perhaps one week of heaven on earth is not enough to change a whole family, but it is a start. Friendly Sabbath schools and happy Vacation Bible Schools, at home will continue the work begun at camp. Pathfinder clubs and active MV societies will also strengthen a youth who has determined by God's grace to live a life for Jesus Christ.

The seed has been planted. Will we water and cultivate it? We must, if we expect to receive God's blessing.

R. H. AMMONS  
*Lay Activities Secretary*

Sharon Meinhardt, standing, a camp counselor, taught beginning swimming classes.

For some of the campers, canoeing was fun—but for others, it was a real new experience.



# VBS PARADE . . .

By ELDER GLENN FILLMAN  
 Pastor, Nashville First Church



One of the problems connected with previous Vacation Bible Schools conducted in the Nashville First church has been that very few children in the neighborhood of the church have been in attendance. Enrollees have consisted almost altogether of Adventist children and others brought by church members from throughout greater Nashville.

Last year Susan Harvey and her staff decided to sponsor a VBS parade in the neighborhood of the church to let all the boys and girls know that something interesting would take place at the VBS conducted in the Adventist church nearby.

The Police Department gave permission to proceed with the parade. It consisted of colorfully decorated cars and bicycles, with large signs and placards giving details of the Bible school. Pathfinders in uniform sat in the lead convertible holding the flags. One vehicle made use of a loud speaker to play appropriate music and to make announcements. Information regarding the VBS was handed out along the route. Some new recruits were in attendance as a direct result of the parade.

This year the VBS staff voted to plan for another parade, and to include a float featuring children as a special attention-getter. Helium filled balloons attached to the vehicles added color.

It was gratifying to note the number of people who watched the parade go by, and then to find several boys and girls from the community in attendance at the VBS. One distinguished pupil was the daughter of the basketball coach at Vanderbilt University. Her mother accompanied her to church the weekend the program was concluded, when the VBS was featured both in Sabbath school and the worship service.

A Sabbath afternoon story hour has been started, with the hope that many of the VBS pupils and their friends will attend regularly and eventually become a part of the weekly Sabbath school.

A Vacation Bible School parade brought attention to the upcoming program at the Nashville First Seventh-day Adventist Church. The car parade went slowly around the blocks of the homes in the vicinity of the church.

Lead car in the parade carried the U.S. and Christian flags.

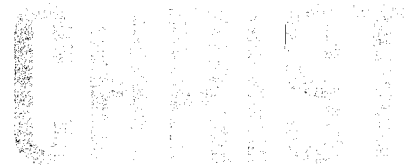
A float with placards announced the purpose of the parade. . . . and the cars which followed offered incentives for children of the neighborhood to join those in the cars for another Vacation Bible School.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



Fifteen-year old Ricky Ford was one of the highlights of the Layman's Hour at camp meeting as he was interviewed by Elder W. M. Abbott, Jr.

# WITNESS FOR...



**B**ut pastor, you said that Sunday is the Sabbath, didn't you?" "Yes, son, I believe Sunday is the Sabbath of the Bible, just as I preached tonight." "But pastor, the Bible says the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath." And so the conversation continued as more and more people gathered to hear a 15-year old lad and the pastor of the Methodist Church talk about the sermon of the evening.

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Ricky Ford, a 15-year old sophomore from Livermore, Kentucky, is a member of the Owensboro, Kentucky, Seventh-day Adventist Church. Previously he had been a Methodist and had joined the Adventist Church only three years before.

Ricky is a sincere, good-natured lad who is always looking for opportunities to witness for his beloved Saviour. One day he noticed a sign advertising a revival in the church where he formerly attended and decided to visit on a Wednesday evening. He was warmly welcomed by the pastor and church members.

The subject for the evening meeting was "The Sabbath Day." Ricky listened and made notes as the minister urged the folk to be more devout in their observance of the Sabbath, which he stated was Sunday.

After the service, Ricky talked with the evangelist about his belief that Saturday was the Sabbath of the Bible. Because of the growing crowd of people that gathered to listen to the conversation, he was invited to come into the church study to continue the discussion.

The church pastor and the evangelist were so intrigued with the sincerity and Biblical knowledge of Ricky, that he was asked to return weekly to study the Bible with them.

The studies centered around the "My Bible Says" series, and the ministerial attendance increased from two to seven each week.

When it seemed to Ricky that the discussion was turning into an argument, he would say, "God is not the author of confusion; let's talk about His blessings." Arguments disappeared and prayerful study continued.

As the weekly meetings progressed, some of the topics seemed difficult for the men to accept. Ricky presented several of them five and six times, until they became clear.

Discussion and prayer still go on. The studies are becoming more thrilling as they delve deeper into the Holy Scriptures.

Results? Who will know this side of eternity? But these are evident: two have stopped smoking; one is preaching from the *Sabbath School Quarterly*; and all are under conviction that the Bible truths should be obeyed and that they should surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ.

JOHN MILTON  
*Public Relations Secretary*  
*Madison Hospital*

# SIX MONTHS IN . . .

# RETROSPECT

SOUTH ATLANTIC



This youthful evangelistic team conducted a tent meeting in Greenville, South Carolina. Their goal is to double the present membership of the church and build a new sanctuary. From left, Laura Wray, soloist; Patricia Evans, Bible worker; J. O. Best, evangelist; Mrs. James Best, Bible worker; Kenneth Bonaparte, assistant evangelist.



Joseph Jackson, one of the local elders of the Atlanta Berean church, joined with other dedicated laymen and conducted an outstanding tent effort in Griffin, Georgia. To date, fifteen new members have been baptized.

**T**he first six months of 1969 have been outstanding in the growth and progress of the South Atlantic Conference. We added 277 new members during this period, and now our membership stands at the 10,500 mark. We have 18 major evangelistic meetings in progress across the conference this summer, with a goal of 1500 new members to be added in 1969.

Joseph Jackson of the Atlanta Berean church, with a group of dedicated laymen, conducted a tent effort in Griffin, Georgia, and from this fifteen new members were baptized at camp meeting. Recently, W. S. Banfield, president of the conference, organized this new group as a mission from the Atlanta Berean church. A friend in the city is giving the group a lovely lot, nearly an acre in size.

At the close of junior camp, ten young people were baptized making a total of 35 baptisms at the campground for the camp meeting and junior camp season.

S. C. Robinson, Publishing Department secretary, teamed up with K. S. Smallwood, pastor of the Rome, Georgia, church, and held a very successful revival. Sixteen new members were baptized, and this more than doubled the church membership. I. L. Harrell, pastor of the Wilmington, North Carolina, district, is following up a good interest in the dark county of Jacksonville, North Carolina. We look forward to establishing a new church in this city. Tom Smith of Tampa, Florida, is conducting a major lay effort in a tent at Goulds, Florida. Brother Smith is a dedicated lay worker and has conducted very successful tent efforts in Clearwater and Lakeland, Florida. In spite of many setbacks and difficulties, each pastor evangelist has started meetings, and we are looking for a rich harvest by North American Division Baptism Sabbath, September 27, 1969.

From the very outset of 1969, we could see the hand of God at work in South Atlantic. January was "church officers' month." We had four outstanding conventions in the four states of North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Never have we seen the officers of the conference so enthusiastic and responsive to the program set before them. At the January workers' meeting, the goals of the year were set before the workers, and the same enthusiasm prevailed. All the journal campaigns were a resounding success. In April, South Atlantic met with the South Central and Southwest Regional conferences in Pensacola, Florida, for the organization of the *Message* magazine campaign. South Atlantic's pastors presented 6,700 paid *Message* magazine subscriptions. We went 700 over the conference goal for 1969. What a great victory for the *Message* magazine! When the reports were received from all three conferences, a total of 15,000 new *Message* magazine subscriptions were in hand with names and cash to cover them.

May was "evangelism offering promotion month." The office staff visited every district to assist the pastors and local leaders in promoting the \$30,000 evangelism offering to be taken at camp meeting. Sabbath, June 21, 1969, was a high day. Each district pastor stepped forth to report the total for his churches. The goal of \$30,000 was surpassed in one report. The faithful laymen and workers of South Atlantic are dedicated to the massive task of reaching more than four million judgment-bound men, women, boys and girls in these four states, 371 counties, and 2,200 cities and towns in this great conference territory.

1969 was proclaimed as "one-million-dollar tithe receipt year." This was a very ambitious undertaking. It would mean a gain of \$150,000 over the excellent tithe receipt of \$850,000 for 1968. In South Atlantic we have discovered that nothing is too hard for our God, so in faith we set the goal before our dedicated working staff of departmental secretaries, pastors, teachers, literature evangelists and loyal church members. We are happy to report that at the close of the first six months, we have received \$462,438.98 tithe. This is remarkable as we compare this period with 1968. We show a gain of \$54,611.52 over last year for the same period. The first six months are usually the slow months. The last six months will be history making ones for this conference. We are confident that our laymen will rally as never before to help us reach this long-cherished goal in the last year of the sixties.

South Atlantic is a conference with a heart. With pockets of poverty in almost every city of size in the territory, the conference committee took a bold step at camp meeting and established a new department, a first in North America. We now have the Department of Inner-City Affairs, and R. J. McKinney, a very successful inner-city worker and pastor from the South Central Conference, has accepted the leadership of the department. Atlanta has been chosen as the proving ground for the program. The Southern Union, Georgia-Cumberland Conference, the Beverly Road, Belvedere, and Cascade churches have joined the South Atlantic Conference and the Berean and Boulevard churches to go "all out" to reach the thousands of citizens in the Atlanta area who have lost hope and faith in mankind.

We have tried holding evangelistic meetings in the ghetto areas but have met with little success in reaching these people. It is quite apparent that the church needs to build a bridge of hope to reach people who have been left out of the main stream of American progress. These ghetto dwellers are locked in these deteriorated areas. Many have lost hope in God and man.

In Bowen Homes in northwest Atlanta, we have already set up the first center of hope. In this small area, 4,000 people are crowded—half are on welfare. In our center, adults and youth will be taught trades such as typing, book-keeping, cashier work, business machines and salesmanship. Senior citizens will have special classes of fellowship with social and recreational periods. These people will also help by repairing clothes and getting them ready to give to the needy. The children will have Vacation Bible Schools as well as classroom work for slow readers and learners. Classes in music and culture will also be taught.

Camp meeting, junior camp, and the friendship camp were outstanding and refreshing seasons of blessings for our members. S. E. Gooden, youth director, has done a tremendous job with the youth of this conference. During the recent camp meeting, we had our largest Pathfinder parade in the history of the conference. Pathfinder and progressive classwork is being revived in all of our schools and in many of the churches. Youth are on the march for the Master in South Atlantic.

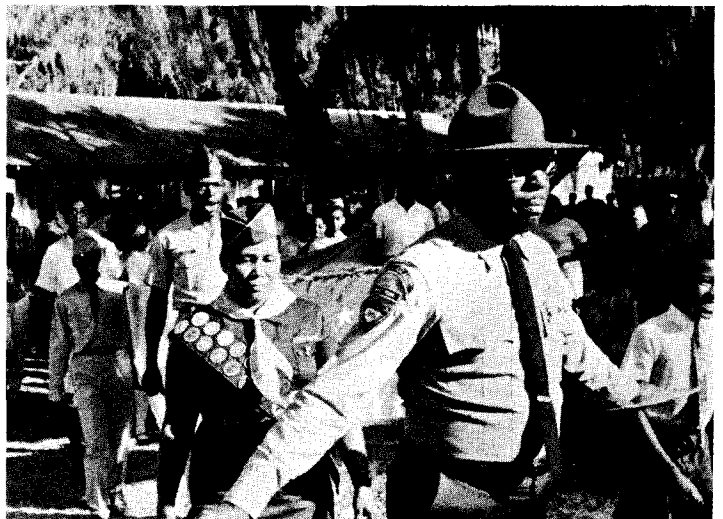
As we look again at the blessings of the first six months of 1969, we go forward in faith knowing that God will lead us on to success. We have nothing to fear for the future lest we forget how God has led us in the past.

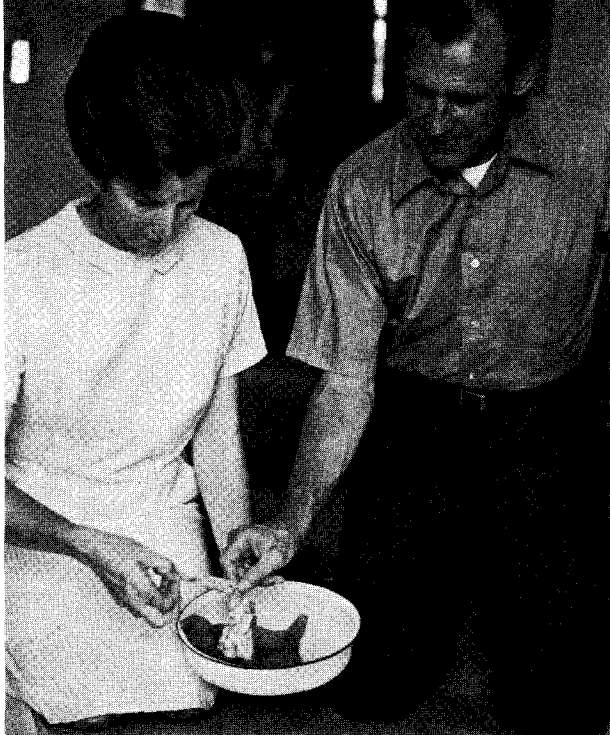
F. L. JONES  
Public Relations Dept.



The South Atlantic Conference committee recently voted to create a new department. Elder R. J. McKinney, center front, has been called to serve as secretary of the Inner City Affairs Department. With him are leaders in the welfare work of the Atlanta Berean church. More than two hundred laymen have already volunteered to help in opening and operating four centers within poverty stricken areas.

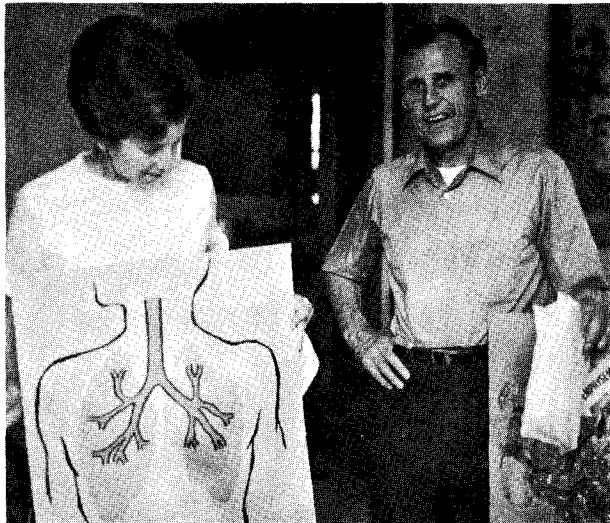
S. E. Gooden, conference youth director, led the Pathfinder parade during camp meeting. Mrs. Phyllis Meador and the local church Pathfinder units followed his leadership during the special program.





In preparing the Five-Day Plan television series for Channel 9, Dr. Agatha Thrash and Elder O. J. Mills used a human heart to demonstrate the extent of physical effects from smoking.

Charts, films, slides, object lessons, pathological specimens and plastic models were used by Dr. Agatha Thrash and Elder Mills in the production of the Five-Day Plan television programs.



**WTVM  
COLUMBUS**

# ***HONORS...***

## **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**

**M**r. Joe Windsor, program director of Channel 9 TV in Columbus, Georgia, recently contacted Dr. Agatha Thrash, physician-pathologist and member of the Columbus Seventh-day Adventist Church, requesting her to film a series of health lectures to be used as a special feature by the station in prime evening time. Although Dr. Thrash has been very active in presenting the Five-Day Plan and other health lectures throughout the city, an assignment like this almost overwhelmed her. However, Mr. Windsor assured her that the station would bear all expenses and that the program would be given wide advance publicity. Accepting the challenge, Dr. Thrash immediately contacted Elder and Mrs. O. J. Mills, who have had much success in presenting the Five-Day Plan through mass media in the Southern New England Conference, and invited them to participate in the project. The television station flew Elder and Mrs. Mills to Columbus and covered all expenses. In addition, the station furnished a professional narrator and filmed the entire series in color.

As the program was prepared, excitement seemed to grip every phase of the mass media in the Columbus area. Because of Channel 9's great enthusiasm for the program, the Five-Day Plan was featured on the front of the Columbus



TV guide with a story explaining the program on the inside cover. Even the competing TV station promised to provide spot announcements advertising the Five-Day Plan. Columbus newspapers and radio stations also joined in the city-wide promotion of this unusual event. Some local authorities stated: "Never has a program received more promotional saturation in the city of Columbus than the Five-Day Plan."

Dr. Thrash and Elder Mills prepared the televised Five-Day Plan in a very professional way involving highly-illustrated lectures with: charts, films, slides, object lessons, pathological specimens and plastic models. In order to participate, viewers were invited to obtain the Five-Day Plan instruction booklet at any one of seven locations throughout the city. This booklet outlines the daily steps to follow in "kicking" the habit and serves as guidance and encouragement to the participant after the television series has ended. During the course of the lectures, Dr. Thrash described for the viewers the role of smoking in relationship to digestion, circulation, the mind, respiration, the muscles, and the musculoskeletal system. Elder Mills approached the problem of smoking from the psychological standpoint with instruction on how to relax, how to avoid situations which may lead to another smoke, how and when to exercise, deep breathing, what to eat and drink, and at crucial moments what to think about.

After viewing the entire series, Channel 9's program director was so proud of the results that he requested that each program have a credit line with his name as producer. One of the things that impressed the station management most was the scientific basis for the Five-Day Plan utilizing the latest findings in medical science and psychological techniques, designed not only to break the tobacco habit but to educate in a total health program. The TV station management was so pleased with the presentation that five one-hour films were made plus two one-half hour follow-up programs. Throughout the entire series, emphasis was placed upon the fact that the Five-Day Plan to stop smoking was originally developed by the Health Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was also pointed out that the church has used these techniques nearly a hundred years in helping individuals break the tobacco habit.

Because of the great volumes of scientific evidence indicting tobacco as a killer, thousands of individuals are seeking ways to "kick" the smoking habit. Five-Day Plan lectures have been conducted in many areas of the conference with encouraging results. However, due to limited coverage in the news media heretofore, the majority of people have never heard of the program. This picture was entirely changed in Columbus as TV, radio and newspapers joined in announcing the Five-Day Plan telecast. In addition to this, Dr. Thrash's husband, also a physician, sent a letter to every medical doctor in the city of Columbus announcing the program, and over forty-thousand registration blanks were distributed in the community prior to the first showing.

It is almost impossible for the average individual to realize what it would cost to buy television time for one full hour each evening for five evenings plus two half-hour follow-up programs the following two nights during prime time. Yet this entire series was produced at no expense to the church. It is a real compliment to Dr. Thrash and the entire Seventh-day Adventist Church to be asked to prepare and present this timely health program. Our church can be proud to take the lead in helping individuals overcome this vice-like habit.

This television series will reach into thousands of homes, many of which could never be reached by our church in any

other way. Surely God has provided a magnificent introduction of Seventh-day Adventists to the city of Columbus. God bless Drs. Calvin and Agatha Thrash for their faithful leadership in this important phase of evangelism.

Of interest to members throughout the conference is the fact that these films were made without connection to time, place or date so that they may be used in other areas of the conference as desired. In fact, it is the hope of Channel 9 TV, as well as that of Dr. Thrash and Pastor Mills, that many other TV stations across the conference and across the nation will request the use of these films. Surely this grand experience should cause every Seventh-day Adventist to be filled with Godly pride and to thank our heavenly Father for the great health message He has given to His remnant church.

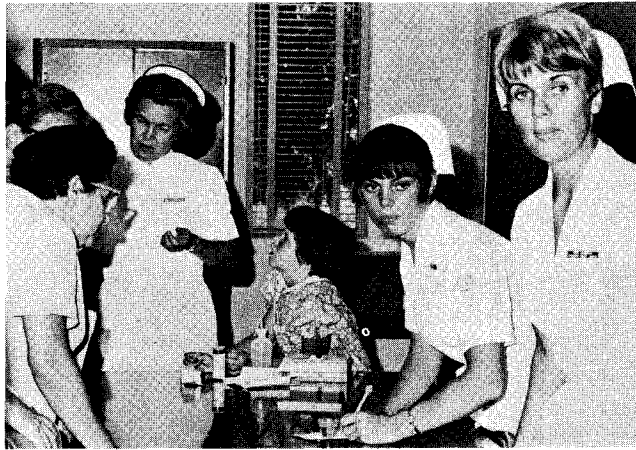
A. C. McCLURE  
*Public Relations Secretary*



Mrs. Mills assisted her husband and Drs. Agatha and Calvin Thrash, not shown, in the preparation for the filming of the six hours of television productions. Detailed scripts and program notes were required to make the films.

# diabetes

# CLINIC



A team of workers from the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital joined local area health and welfare workers to conduct the Diabetic Clinic. Clients were registered and tests were administered. From left, clients, Mrs. Weisberg, RN, unidentified small girl, Pat Greenlaw and Dee McCorkle.



Mrs. Weisberg, RN, gave blood tests to scores of clients who attended the Diabetes Clinic conducted at the Florida camp meeting.

June was a happy, busy month with our wonderful camp meeting and all of its blessings plus the continued privilege of serving in our own communities when and wherever needed.

Our camp meeting health programs were very rewarding, starting with the Diabetes Detection Clinic on Monday, June 9, 1969. Over 250 persons were screened, and very few had a positive reaction. Mrs. Warren Oakes, RN, and Mrs. Jack Weisberg, RN, of the Florida Sanitarium, carried out this program assisted by student nurses from the Sanitarium. Several of the area health and welfare workers assisted with desk work and other necessary details. It was sponsored by the Florida Conference Health and Welfare Department in conjunction with the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital.

Jean Kuster, Florida Conference office secretary, had charge of the First Aid program featuring mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, which is now the method used most in artificial respiration. Two films were shown to explain this method—"That They May Live" and "When Seconds Count." "Ressi-Anne," a life-size manikin on which mouth-to-mouth resuscitation can be practiced, was used for the demonstrations.

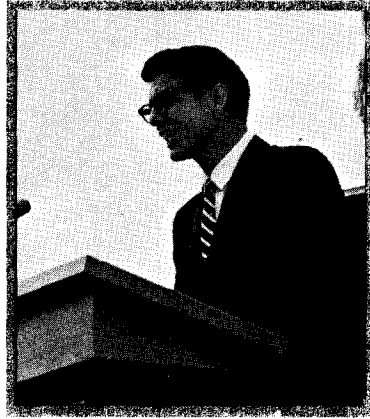
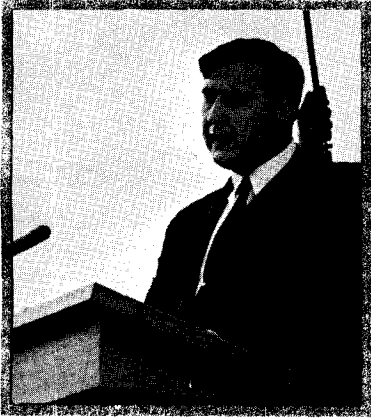
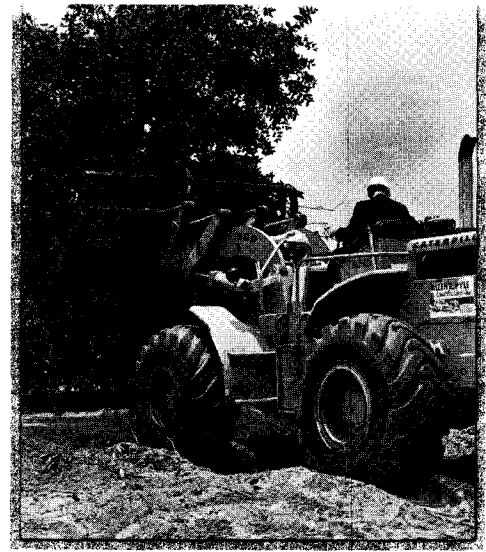
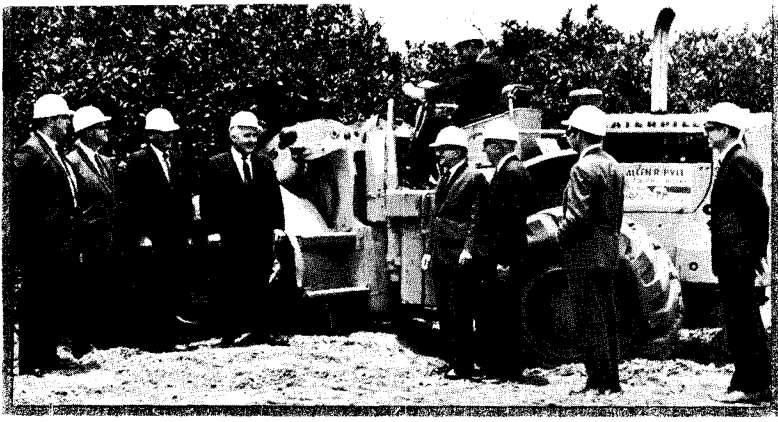
Mrs. Eugene Steiner, Gulf Coast Health and Welfare president, was the enthusiastic speaker on the Adventist Ladies Service Organization and other features. She gave a splendid talk on how more can be accomplished through unit cooperation. Elder C. R. French, lay activities secretary for the Florida Conference, spoke briefly on the total welfare program of the Adventist Church. Mrs. K. A. Wright, State Federation president, shared a tableful of practical homemade articles for use in nursing homes, veteran's hospitals, Head Start schools, and other such places. Most of these had been made from scrap material.

The clinic served its purpose in offering services to immediate needs as well as inspiration to many who witnessed the health and welfare work of the church in action.

CLARA J. WRIGHT, *President*  
Florida Health and Welfare Services



Mrs. Eugene Steiner addressed the audience with strong conviction on the need to set up a new Adventist Ladies Service Organization.



TOP LEFT—Participants in the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Florida Living Nursing Center to be built near Forest City were, from left, Seminole County commissioner, Gregg Drummond; Southern Union secretary, H. F. Roll; contractor, William Benton of Cooper & Benton; J. V. Scully from the General Conference; Florida Conference president, W. O. Coe, on caterpillar; A. E. Gibb from the General Conference; Florida Conference treasurer, W. H. Smith; Florida Conference Association manager, Frank McMillan; and newly-appointed administrator for the nursing center, Van S. McGlawn.

TOP RIGHT—The first scoop of dirt for site preparation was moved by the conference president, W. O. Coe.

LOWER LEFT—While others held umbrellas to offer some protection from the rain during the ground-breaking ceremonies, the Florida commissioner for Seminole County, Gregg Drummond, commended Adventists on their community service activities.

LOWER RIGHT—Van McGlawn, newly-appointed administrator, offered brief comments at the ceremony which officially began the construction for the 108-bed convalescent and nursing facility which is being sponsored by the Florida Conference.

## FLORIDA PUSHING AHEAD

Ground was broken on June 13, 1969, for a 108-bed convalescent and nursing facility to be known as the Florida Living Nursing Center, Inc. Construction on it is scheduled to begin soon in South Seminole County, one mile west of Forest City on State Highway 436. It will be sponsored by the Florida Conference.

The brief ceremony was held on the spot where the building is to be erected. Program participants included the officers of the Florida Conference with President W. O. Coe extending a welcome to the group who had gathered for the occasion. Dr. A. F. Guenther, director of the Florida Living Retirement Community, introduced the guests.

Elders A. E. Gibb and J. V. Scully represented the General Conference; Elder H. F. Roll was present from the Southern Union Conference; Mr. Gregg Drummond, Seminole County Commissioner, represented the local public; and Mr. William Benton of Cooper-Benton, Inc., was the representative of the construction company to whom the building contract has been awarded.

Others present included Elder Kenneth A. Wright, a member of the Florida Living board and the one who made the land available for the building; Jack Weisberg and Don Bradley, also members of the board and representing Florida Sanitarium & Hospital.

W. O. Coe lifted an orange tree and the first official scoop of soil with a "Cat 950" front-end loader which is being used to remove approximately 200 orange trees from the building site.

The nursing center is expected to be completed early in 1970 and will be set up to accommodate convalescent-type patients as well as those requiring nursing care only.

The Florida Division of Community Hospitals and Medical Facilities is participating in the cost of construction and furnishings for the building.

Van S. McGlawn, formerly employed by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as hospital administrator, has been appointed as the executive director of Florida Living Nursing Center, Inc., and is presently occupied with coordinating building plans.

Five medical interns joined the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital on July 1 of this year. All are graduates of Loma Linda University. From left, Dr. Larry Stump, Dr. Robert Lang, Dr. Cleo Dymott, Dr. Rodney Kang and Dr. Vernon Barton.

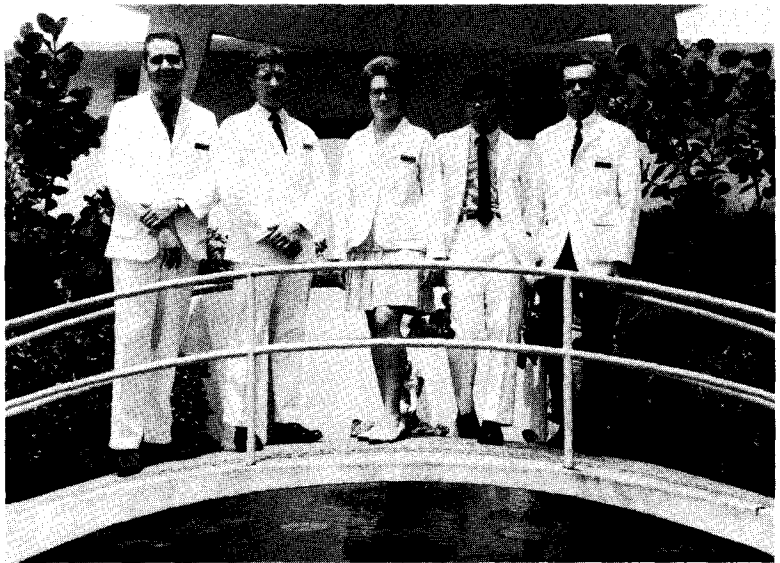
### Florida Sanitarium and Hospital

## MEDICAL INTERN PROGRAM

The Florida Sanitarium and Hospital is pleased to announce that since July 1, 1969, we have had five medical interns.

They have started on a one-year intensive training and educational program supervised by members of the medical staff, with leadership from the Director of Medical Education, Doctor Thornton A. Beckner. The initiation of this program represents a giant step forward for the hospital as a medical educational program will lead to greatly increased and improved patient care and up-grading of all medical programs.

The Intern and Residency Committee of the medical staff, with Doctor Louis Brady as its chairman, has been working very diligently for the past year to develop an outstanding training program. The entire medical staff is most enthusiastic about this advancement, and the doctors have pledged themselves to the development of an excellent



post-graduate medical education program for the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital.

We are fortunate to be able to obtain these interns this year, for we are one of the few hospitals in Florida, as well as in the nation, to fill our quota. All of these interns this year have come from Loma Linda University.

D. W. BRADLEY  
*Public Relations Director*

### Madison Hospital

## SOCIAL WORKERS ORGANIZE

Seventh-day Adventist social workers from the eastern part of the United States met recently at Madison Hospital to organize the Eastern Region of Seventh-day Adventist Social Workers. Mrs. Mary Casler, director, Department of Social Services at Madison Hospital, was hostess for the group.

During the evening business meeting, a steering committee was organized. The members are: Ted Valenti, M.S.W., director, Department of Social Services, Kettering Memorial Hospital, Kettering, Ohio; Mrs. Clora D. Young, A.C.S.W., professor, Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama;

and Gerald Boynton, A.C.S.W., assistant professor, University of Georgia, School of Social Work, Athens, Georgia.

Mrs. Amy E. Errion, A.C.S.W., director of the Loma Linda University Hospital Department of Social Services, will serve as the coordinator between the Eastern and Western regions of the Association.

The next regional meeting will be held in October at Oakwood College, and quarterly thereafter at designated locations.

The purposes of the association are—

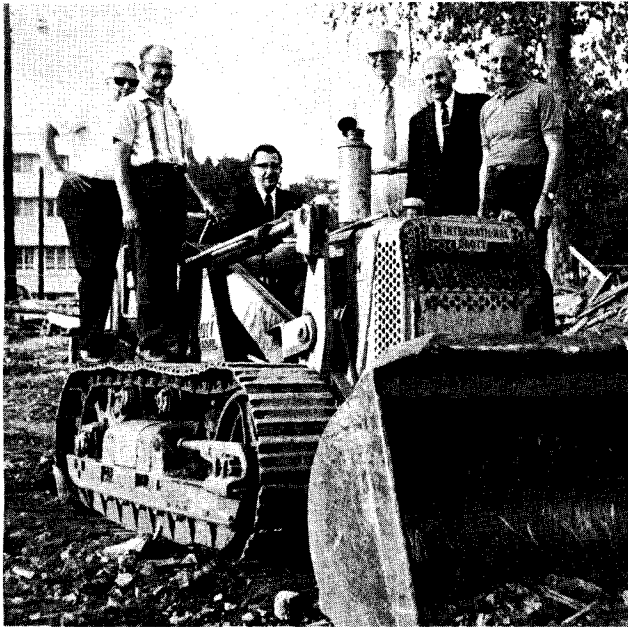
1. To further the development of social work within the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
2. To recruit and train additional Seventh-day Adventist social workers.
3. To encourage development of social work education within Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities.

Membership is open to anyone employed in full-time social work and to students of social work. Additional information is available through Mr. Ted Valenti, M.S.W., director, Department of Social Services, Kettering Memorial Hospital, Kettering, Ohio 45429.

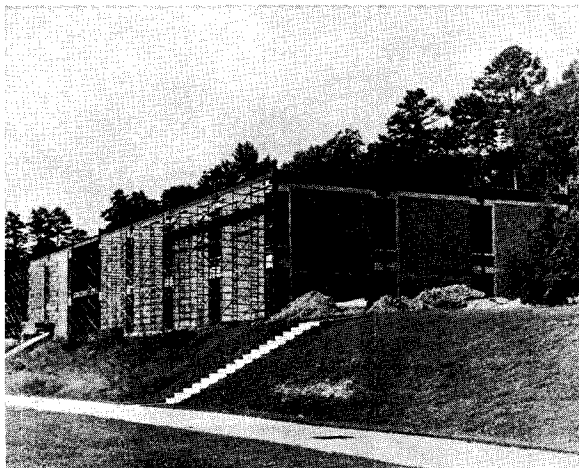


Seventh-day Adventist social workers who met at Madison Hospital to organize an Association of Social Workers included, seated, left to right, Mrs. Amy Errion, director of social service, Loma Linda University; Betty Rose, director of social service, Florida Hospital; Mrs. Clora Young, director of social work education, Oakwood College; Mrs. Demetra Andreasen, social worker, Madison Hospital. Standing, left to right, Ed Lamb, student, University of Tennessee; Gerald Boynton, assistant professor of social work, University of Georgia; Ted Valenti, director of social service, Kettering Hospital; Wilbur Young, student of social work, Oakwood College; Mrs. Mary Casler, director of social service, Madison Hospital; Mrs. Velma Cook, social worker, Travelers Aid, Nashville; Mrs. Beth Landers, social worker for Hamilton County Nursing Home, Chattanooga. Present, but not pictured, Mrs. Norma Wheatley, social worker at Nashville Union Mission.

# PICTORIAL / STORIES



**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA** — Groundbreaking services for the Birmingham First church were held on July 14. The new sanctuary will be erected on the site of the old church on Tuscaloosa Avenue. Plans call for completion of the building early in 1970. From left, Royce Cookson, Aubrey Liles, Conference President W. D. Wampler, Dr. A. P. Wooley, Pastor M. T. Reiber and W. F. Eaves.



**COLLEGEDALE, TENNESSEE** — Progress has been rapid on the new \$625,000 library at Southern Missionary College, and the completion date is still in sight for December of this year, according to Charles Fleming, Jr., SMC's general manager. (Photo by Bill Cash)



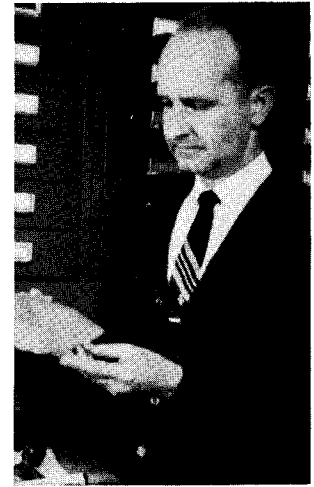
**SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA** — Recent homecoming services in Sheffield, Alabama, brought former pastors together as well as other guests and former members. From left, Elders C. F. Graves, E. L. Marley, Sr., and T. H. Bledsoe with the present pastor, R. B. McDannel.

**FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY** — The Franklin County Chapter of the American Red Cross was assigned the duty to make, fill, pack and mail 200 ditty bags to servicemen in Vietnam. To assist with this work, the Frankfort Dorcas Society of the SDA Church pledged a quota of fifty. At least ten separate items were gift wrapped and included in each of the fifty ditty bags. These will be delivered at Christmas. Wrapping of the gifts was scheduled for the July meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Caywood, standing center and right. Leading out in the work was the Dorcas director, Mrs. Irad C. Levering, left. Assisting were Mrs. Elbert Hammons, seated center, and Mrs. John Vinson. Elder Irad C. Levering, standing left, reported on the health and welfare activities that have been carried on by the Frankfort church during the past year. The report showed distribution of 88 bibs and 26 ditty bags to Veterans Hospitals in Lexington and Louisville, 5 layettes to the American Red Cross, 20 boxes of Christmas cards shipped to the Philippines, 1,128 items of clothing given away, 153 persons assisted, \$160 spent for food in relief work, 53 fruit plates and 12 fruit baskets taken to invalids and shut-ins, and 15 Christmas baskets delivered. Mrs. Charles LeCompte serves as secretary to the Dorcas group who are directed by Mrs. Levering. Another group under the direction of George Brooks and Mrs. Clifford M. Comeau reported distribution of 1,223 articles of clothing, assistance to 478 persons, 489 hours of health and welfare work, and \$133 spent for food donations.





**ATLANTA, GEORGIA** — Twenty students graduated from the Atlanta Berean Junior Academy this year. With the graduates are the faculty; S. E. Gooden, conference educational superintendent; C. D. Henri, pastor and chairman of the school board; H. F. Barbour, principal; and Henry Wright, baccalaureate speaker. Senator Leroy Johnson spoke at the graduation service.



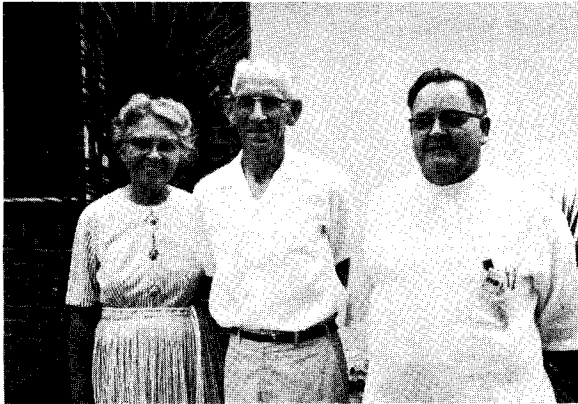
**WASHINGTON, D. C.** — Dr. Harold Coffin, a leading expert in the SDA church in the field of creationism, is the author of Home Study Institute's newest course, **Science and the Bible**. The eighteen-lesson, three-hour college course is an up-to-the-minute, thorough-going

study of creationism and evolution. It is one of the most useful and popular series of studies offered through HSI. The course is based on Dr. Coffin's latest book, **Creation—Accident or Design?**

**LAKELAND, GEORGIA** — "Operation Scatter" in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference appeals to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ferciot, left, of Coalmont, Tennessee. Recently they visited the Louis Smith Memorial Hospital which is an Adventist institution located in Lakeland, Georgia. George Thornton, Jr., right, showed them through the hospital. Though retired after thirty years of denominational work, the Ferciots still feel the need for personal witnessing and agree that the Lakeland, Georgia, area offers an excellent opportunity for missionary work in a pleasant environment.

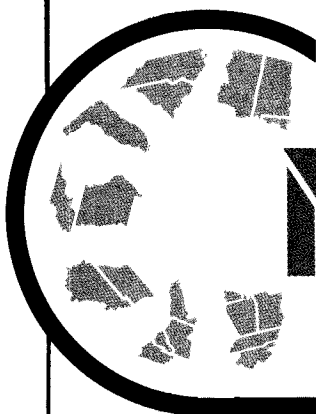


**ANDREWS UNIVERSITY** — Four Southern Union workers were among the 22 graduates of the Food Service Supervisors Workshop held at Andrews University this summer. Seated, from left, Ransom Luce, Southern Missionary College; Mrs. Delia Meisner, Hialeah Hospital; Mrs. Pat Gardner, Georgia Cumberland Academy; and Mrs. Muriel Anderson, Ridgewood Manor Nursing Home, Dalton, Georgia. Standing are Mrs. Alice Marsh, chairman of the Andrews Home Economics Department; Barbara Waddell, Michigan Dietetic Association advisor to the Michigan chapter of Hospital, Institution, and Educational Food Service Society; Mrs. Dorothy Christensen, workshop coordinator; and Mr. Clinton Wall, food service director at AU. Graduates are eligible for membership in HIEFSS. In order to graduate, one must complete two summer workshops, and nine months of in-service training at his own institution.



**ATLANTA, GEORGIA** — Fifty-five first graders received certificates of promotion at a recent progressive class program held at the Atlanta Berean church. Hundreds of youth are engaged in this work in the South Atlantic Conference as new emphasis is placed upon its importance. Mrs. Ceola Jones and Mrs. C. D. Henri were the sponsors of the classwork for the Berean church.





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# NEWS

FROM THE CONFERENCES OF THE SOUTHERN UNION

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DEPARTMENT**

## **GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22**

Five nights ago one of the worst natural disasters which has ever struck our country hit this beautiful coastal resort area of Mississippi. For a stretch of fifty miles Hurricane Camille lashed her strength against land, buildings and man.

Warnings first began along the Gulf beaches of Florida, then turned to the small area of Alabama which juts down around Mobile. For several days the thousands of people who live in these coastal cities were apprehensive as to where the hurricane would actually hit. When it struck, the massive force had moved westward to the Mississippi coast.

Some people left — others had no place to go. The thousands who stayed held confidence that they would come through Camille the same way they had survived other storms. Today, bodies are still being pulled from the debris. Description of the destruction here is impossible — and to see it is incomprehensible. There is still no way to determine the total loss of lives, and there is no one left to claim many of the bodies which are being found.

I talked with a little twelve-year-old girl this morning who fled with her family in the middle of the night when the water began to come into their cottage. They made their way to a two-story house. It is the only building left for blocks around. She told me thirty-five people spent the night on the second floor. I asked if she prayed. She told me they all prayed, and that is why they are still alive.

The morning following the storm, the lay activities secretary of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, Ted Weis, made his way with a welfare van as far as he could get into the area. Roadways were blocked with splintered sections of buildings, overturned cars, uprooted trees and destruction of all descriptions. Electricity had been severed. Water was polluted. Telephone service and all communications were out. The first spark of relief for the young National Guards who had been rushed here came when some of our brethren opened their van doors and offered them a hot drink.

Relief organizations moved into the area. The hearts of the American public opened to the needs of these thousands. Repair crews began restoration work, and today the water in two areas has been declared safe for use.

For many years Adventists have been responding to emergency calls. The welfare work of the church has grown and warehouses have been stocked to meet needs when disaster strikes, and I am sure that our people across America will welcome a report on what has been done by the Adventist Church in this time of terrible urgency.

When I arrived in Gulfport, I was told that we would not go a block into the disaster section with official status. Our car bore the emblem of the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Organization, and we were heralded at approach and waved through. I have learned that service crews here as well as the disaster victims have developed a great respect for the Adventist welfare work.

By Wednesday of this week, our vans were rolling in from the Kentucky-Tennessee, Florida, South Central, Oklahoma, Texas, Georgia-Cumberland, South Atlantic, Arkansas-Louisiana and Carolina conferences. The supplies they brought were well organized and ready to meet immediate needs. Elder Walter Mazat, secretary of the Southern Union Lay Activities Department, set up central headquarters at our Service Men's Center in Biloxi, which was not damaged in the storm. The departmental secretaries from the local conferences and others who brought in supplies stayed to assist in the distribution and in organizing a totally unrehearsed program of aid. To know where to begin was overwhelming. After assessing the extreme need, Elder Mazat drove to the nearest phone, stood in line three hours, and then learned there would be a two-hour delay on long distance calls. But today some communications have been restored, and we are assured that by Sunday the second caravan of supplies will be coming — not only food and clothing, but carloads of people will be responding. When word reached the Atlanta area, our union youth leader, Don Holland,

arranged immediately for a number of young people to come down with him to help. Elder Schmidt has cancelled all other appointments and is on his way over here. We have learned that some organizations have hauled truckloads of unsorted clothing in and dumped them into school buildings with no one to give attention to distribution. Some of our brethren from the South Central Conference have gone into Mobile and are bringing scores of volunteers to sort out these things and get them out to the people in need. The World Church Service has been so impressed with the work of the Adventist Church during this crisis that they have just told us they are making 5,000 blankets available for distribution through our welfare organization here.

The families who fled from their homes right along the coast have nothing to return to. There is not a house or business place standing in some of these small towns. A few blocks inland from the beaches, boats are rammed into mansion-homes, business places are in shambles, and debris is stacked tons deep.

One hundred miles to the north, the eye of Camille passed over Bass Memorial Academy. Elder W. D. Wampler, the president of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, tells us that the damage sustained at the school is far more critical than the first survey indicated. Every building on the campus has some damage. The roof on the girls' dormitory was destroyed; window walls were blown in on some of the classrooms; the gymnasium has extensive damage; and pecan trees were uprooted in the mall area. The opening of school has been delayed until the most necessary repairs can be completed. Several of our coastal churches have reported minor damages. At this time, we know of no loss of life within the church family; however, there are some folk with whom no communication has yet been established.

This is not the last tragedy that will strike America. And every emergency we face must lead to more preparedness. On the next go-around, emergency communications equipment must be available. Tents and facilities to offer hot drinks and soup must be at hand. And most of all, laymen must be organized and trained so that on call they can converge at a disaster area and carry on our relief work in a systematic and organized manner, knowing where to begin to give assistance.

— Oscar L. Heinrich, Public Relations Director, Southern Union Conference



Four students from Howard University volunteered their services to help with medical aid at the Hurricane Camille Disaster area. The South Central emergency van, manned by E. W. Moore, right center, conference lay activities secretary, was parked next to the American Red Cross unit. Using the Adventist facilities, these medical students gave over 800 tetanus shots in two days.



A civil defense worker from Meridian, Mississippi, left, presented an emergency power unit to aid Adventist welfare workers. Accepting the equipment was Elder Walter Mazat, right, Southern Union lay activities director, and Elder T. H. Weis, lay activities secretary of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference.

Farm buildings at Bass Memorial Academy sustained heavy loss. A portion of the girls' dormitory roof was lifted and heavy damage to several other buildings on the campus was reported.



Small children made their way to Adventist welfare vans for food and words of consolation. Elder and Mrs. T. H. Weis were a part of a welfare crew who worked 18 and 20 hours a day giving help and aid to the victims.





## ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Birmingham First church were held July 14. Pastor M. T. Reiber and his congregation hope to be meeting in their new church facility early in 1970.

The Florence, Mississippi, church, which was dedicated earlier this year, has completed installation of a central air conditioning system.

Annual homecoming services were held in Sheffield, Alabama, on July 12. Highlighting the afternoon service was the dedication of a lovely new church organ in memory of the late Hazel Hawkins Martin.

The educational wing of the Columbus, Mississippi, church is under construction. Pastor John Hanson plans to use this facility for Sabbath worship services until the adjoining sanctuary is constructed.



## CAROLINA

- Candler, N. C.                    The conference committee met on August 14 at Mt. Pisgah Academy with nineteen contractors who had entered their bid for construction of the new cafeteria and music building. The contract was awarded Blunt Construction Company of Asheville. Open house is planned for March, 1970.
- Charlotte, N. C.                Over 170 youth attended Junior camp and 80 attended Teen camp this year. Because so many young people were turned away for insufficient facilities, conference leaders are looking for property which can be secured for a conference-owned youth camp.
- Asheville, N. C.                The Asheville church, again this year, is the first church in the Carolina Conference to reach its 1970 Ingathering goal.
- Brevard, N. C.                 Six new members have been added to the Brevard church from the meetings held by A. D. Livengood and Pastor D. P. Herbert.
- Columbia, S. C.                Six ministers from the conference have joined F. W. Detamore and team for a series of tent meetings in Columbia. To date, no report has been received on the attendance.



## FLORIDA

1.                                Baptisms for the conference to the end of July totaled 537. Eighty-eight of these were reported for the month of July.
2.                                A pilot program into the cause of alcoholism was presented recently at Hialeah Hospital by Dr. E. J. Stevens of the General Conference and Dr. Lawrence Senseman of Rhode Island. New films were shown that will soon be released to the Temperance Department.
3.                                Thirty-one elementary church schools will open this month in the Florida Conference. This is a gain of two schools over last year's twenty-nine. The school at Daytona Beach will re-open.
4.                                Some excellent temperance film contacts have been made in the Orlando area. Two showings were made at the Seminole Rotary Club, and "Countdown" was shown to employees at the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Winter Park.
5.                                Thirty-one persons were baptized from the evangelistic meetings conducted by the Detamore team in Clearwater, and Rainey Hooper reports twenty baptisms in Lakeland.



## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Fourteen persons were baptized in Jasper, Tennessee, as a result of the Holley-Strickland evangelistic meetings. Several others are preparing for baptism in the near future.

Evangelist James Wyckoff and Pastor Bob Miller report a good attendance at the meetings in Gainesville.

A good interest was held at the meetings conducted in Austell by Leighton Holley and John Newbern. Baptismal results have not yet been tallied.



## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Six special CHURCH OFFICERS' MEETINGS have been conducted in this conference for the purpose of organizing a drive to raise funds for a new emergency van. K. D. Johnson, president, J. P. Rogers, treasurer, and W. M. Abbott, Jr., lay activities director, are leading out with the project.

A group of TWENTY DEDICATED CHURCH MEMBERS who have not yet been organized into a church at Glasgow, Kentucky, recently purchased property for a sanctuary and are raising funds now for the building.

The evangelistic meetings conducted by GORDON COLLIER and BILL WATERS at Jackson, Tennessee, attracted many who are not Adventists. As high as 125 persons who are not members of the church attended in a single night.



## SOUTH CENTRAL

Fifty-one delegates from South Central attended the World Youth Congress in Zurich. Dorothy Nelson of Meridian, Mississippi, represented the conference in an official capacity.

Five summer camps were conducted and the attendance exceeded that for 1968. There were two Friendship camps, a Teen camp, Senior Youth camp, and a Junior camp.

Forty-five youth were baptized in the conference during the second quarter of this year.

Eight evangelistic tent meetings are being conducted throughout the conference this summer, and the attendance is reported to be excellent at all places.



## SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE

ANDREW FEARING, ASSOCIATE SECRETARY OF THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HELD AT SMC, AUGUST 9, AT 8:15 P.M. THE CLASS WAS PRESENTED BY DR. FRANK KNITTEL, ACADEMIC DEAN. PRESIDENT W. M. SCHNEIDER AND DR. C. F. W. FUTCHER, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS, AWARDED THE DEGREES.

REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL TERM IS ANTICIPATED TO BE SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN FOR LAST YEAR. APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED TO MID-AUGUST TOTALED 1,400 COMPARED TO 1,370 A YEAR AGO.

**CAROLINA**

**Evangelistic Meetings - W. D. Brass**  
 September 12 - Wilmington, N.C.  
 October 17 - Charleston, S.C.  
 November 21 - Greenwood, S.C.

**Evangelistic Meetings - A. D. Livengood**  
 October - Greenville, N.C.  
 November - Kingstree, S.C.

**Evangelistic Meetings - Departmental Secretaries**  
 October 5 - Salisbury, N.C. - H. V. Leggett  
 October 5 - Orangeburg, S.C. - R. H. Ammons

**GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND**

**Business and Professional Men's Association Retreat**—Camp Cumby-Gay, September 19-21.

**Family Bible Plan Rallies**—Knoxville, Tennessee; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Columbus, Georgia; Marietta, Georgia; Morristown, Georgia; Waycross, Georgia. Sabbath, September 20.

**Elementary Teachers' Convention**—Camp Cumby-Gay, September 21-24.

**EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS**

**Cedartown, Georgia** — August 30 - September 27, Leighton Holley.

**Ellijay, Georgia** — September 5 - October 4, James Wyckoff.

**Beersheba Springs, Tennessee** — September 6-20, A. C. McClure.

**Cookeville, Tennessee** — September 19 - October 26, H. V. Hendershot.

**SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE**

**Lyceum-Fine Arts Series - 1969-1970** — Physical Education Center

"Here's Hawaii" - - - Willis Butler  
 October 4, 8:30 p.m.

Singing Boys of Monterrey  
 \*October 18, 8:00 p.m.

"Head for the Hills!" - - - John Jay  
 November 8, 8:00 p.m.

"The Philippines" - - - Russ Potter  
 November 22, 8:00 p.m.

"Railroads Are Fun" - - - Thayer Soule  
 January 10, 8:00 p.m.

"Arizona Chucklelogue" - Stan Midgley  
 February 17, 8:00 p.m. (Tuesday)

Artists Show Case  
 \*February 28, 8:00 p.m.

"Norse Adventure" - Hjordis Kittel Parker  
 March 7, 8:00 p.m.

"Man Looks to the Sea" - Stan Waterman  
 March 21, 8:00 p.m.

United States Navy Band  
 \*April 5, 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Sunday)

"Mexico South into Guatemala" - Philip Walker  
 April 18, 8:30 p.m.

Admission Prices  
 Travelogues - Adults \$1.00, Children \$.50  
 \*Fine Arts - Adults \$2.00, Children \$1.00

**Chamber Music Series**—Fine Arts Recital Hall  
 November 2, 8:00 p.m. - Dean-Drinkall Duo, violin-cello  
 February 8, 8:00 p.m. - Brass Arts Quintet  
 March 8, 8:00 p.m. - Jon Robertson, piano  
 Admission Prices - Adults \$1.00, Children \$.50

**SOUTH ATLANTIC**

**Teachers' Convention**—St. Moritz Hotel, Miami, Florida, September 8-11. Guest—Dr. Charles Hogan, Oakwood College.

**North American Division Baptism Day**—Entire conference, Sabbath, September 27. Goal—1,500 baptisms for 1969.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The 1970 Andrews University European Study Tour** will leave New York on June 8, 1970. Undergraduate or graduate credit available to college students. Open to anyone interested in travel, without college credit. Limited to 35. For further information write, Dr. Merlene Ogden, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103.

**Detroit, Michigan**—Two series of evangelistic meetings will be held in Metropolitan Detroit this autumn. The first series will be in the Van Dyke church beginning September 13, and the second series will begin October 25, in the new Ferndale church.

Names and addresses of former Adventists or interested people may be sent to Robert L. Boothby, Box 900, Lansing, Mich. 48904.

**OUT-OF-THE-UNION**

**Oak Park Academy** — Alumni Weekend, September 19-21. Honor classes—1919, 1944 and 1959. Special alumni speakers.

**New England Memorial Hospital**—Nurses' Alumni Association Homecoming, October 3-5. 70th anniversary year and grand opening of new hospital building.

**West Indies College, Mandeville, Jamaica, West Indies**—Golden Jubilee Alumni Weekend, December 18-22. Write to Roy F. Williams, P.O. Box 22, at the college.

**SUNSET TABLE**

	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Oct. 10
Atlanta, Ga. . . . .	7:59	7:49	7:39	7:30	7:20	7:11
Birmingham, Ala. . . . .	7:08	6:58	6:48	6:39	6:29	6:20
Charlotte, N.C. . . . .	7:45	7:35	7:25	7:15	7:05	6:55
Collegedale, Tenn. . . . .	8:03	7:53	7:43	7:33	7:23	7:13
Huntsville, Ala. . . . .	7:08	6:58	6:48	6:38	6:27	6:18
Louisville, Ky. . . . .	8:07	7:56	7:45	7:34	7:24	7:13
Memphis, Tenn. . . . .	7:22	7:12	7:02	6:52	6:42	6:32
Meridian, Miss. . . . .	7:15	7:05	6:56	6:47	6:38	6:29
Nashville, Tenn. . . . .	7:10	6:59	6:49	6:38	6:28	6:18
Orlando, Fla. . . . .	7:42	7:34	7:25	7:17	7:09	7:01
Wilmington, N.C. . . . .	7:33	7:23	7:13	7:04	6:54	6:45

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



Just as some people seem to stand out in a crowd, there are books that stand out in the avalanche of available reading. *From Immigrant to Emissary* is one of those books. Doris Holt Haussler tells the story of Dr. William Landeen with a flair for capturing the vivid and exciting moments that go to make up the thrilling story of a dedicated life.

This morning a letter from a friend reached my desk with this beginning: "Last evening I finished reading *From Immigrant to Emissary* and surely enjoyed it. I think the influence of the book will be worth a lot to our denomination in encouraging our youth to endure hardship, stand true and firm in time of storm and really get a lot of joy out of life also. He was a real man and the author did a wonderful job in telling about him. This is one of the best books I have read for quite a while."

Your copy of *From Immigrant to Emissary* awaits you now at your Book and Bible House and is well worth the \$5.95 price.

A new DESTINY book entitled *Invisible Escort* by Rose Christensen tells the real story of mission service under trying circumstances. Jerald and Rose Christensen served in China and Taiwan. This is a \$1.65 paperback.

If you are one of those who has struggled to keep a hymnal open on the organ or piano, you will be happy with the news that a *Loose-Leaf Church Hymnal* is now available. The cover is vinyl and it is priced at \$7.95.

There are some new Chapel Record releases that cannot go by without mention. *When Tears Hide Tomorrow* features the lovely soprano voice of Marilyn Cotton, backed instrumentally by the Chapel Ensemble. In stereo, it is number 138.

*Near to the Heart of God* is the title of a new King's Heralds album, number 144. In addition to the always superb quartet sound, this recording fairly vibrates with instrumental accompaniments. There are the bell ringers, trumpet trio with drum, celeste, guitar, brass choir, accordion and a string quartet. The songs are old favorites with a new dimension of sound.

Del Delker has recorded a new release entitled *The Night Watch*. There are some brand-new songs you'll want to hear Del sing and some different arrangements of some of the more familiar. Outstanding are the multiple

recordings in which Del "accompanies" herself by singing both melody and harmony. This is album number 145.

Your Book and Bible House is the headquarters for both good reading and good listening.

## WRITER'S Opportunity

ROLAND R. HEGSTAD  
Editor, *Liberty*



Would *you* like to get involved, too?

Don't yank off your collar and jump into the fray, take up your pen and write for the third Mr. Freedom Awards sponsored by *Liberty* magazine.

Top award in each of four categories carries a \$250 check; \$100 is second prize in those sections (top in the short features); other articles will be purchased at regular rates. AND THE GRAND AWARD IS \$500! Categories: Prophecy; The law and the Sabbath; Bible stories or Bible history related to freedom themes; miscellaneous; and short features.

Enter as many articles as you wish before September 30, 1969. For a brochure giving complete details and contest rules, write MR. FREEDOM, c/o *Liberty* magazine, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012.

"No one ever asked me before." How many times we have heard this expression from the lips of men, women, and youth who might have been added to the family of God long ago if someone had only invited them to join the church through baptism.

It is tragic that we are often tempted to hesitate or put off until some more favorable time the invitation to loved ones and friends to accept Christ as their Saviour and to go all the way with him through baptism into the church. We are offering the priceless gift of complete happiness and great joy. When they have accepted this hope, they will thank you all the days of their lives for sharing it with them. The Holy Spirit will minister through us if we will give Him the opportunity. Even the angels are anxious to help us. "With utmost impatient eagerness the angels wait for our cooperation; for man must be the channel to communicate with man. And when we give ourselves to Christ in wholehearted devotion, angels rejoice that they may speak through our voices to reveal God's love."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 297.

We may stir up the ground, sow much seed, and cultivate well; but it will be in vain if we do not plan for a harvest season.

At the 1968 Autumn Council it was voted that September 27, 1969, would be North American Division Baptism Sabbath. Surely there will be other baptisms all during the year. One who is prepared and ready for this sacred service should never be asked to wait for a certain day in the distant future; however, a special baptismal time goal gives us a challenge toward which we may work, allowing nothing to hinder us in tactfully preparing our interests for this special day, a day when new brothers and sisters will be adopted into the family of God all over the world. Not only will this be a most beautiful and precious day personally for the new members of the family, but they will be participating in what we pray will be the largest baptism and a most wonderful day in the history of our church.

Some overseas divisions have already led the way for others to follow. Notice how God has blessed their faith and endeavors as they worked toward a mutual goal. The South American Division baptized 4,126 on September 26, 1967. And one year later this same division baptized 6,165 on September 28, 1968. These were not their only baptisms but the result of planning for this special Baptism Day. The Inter-American Division baptized over 4,000 on September 28, 1968. On March 9, 1969, 1,108 individuals were baptized in a single baptism at Rwanda in the Trans-Africa Division. What a wonderful harvest we can expect from God on this coming North American Division Baptism Sabbath!

The purpose of this special day is not to set a statistical record but to encourage ministers, institutional workers, and laity to plan for and concentrate on a program now that will develop a harvest for a great reaping day—September 27.

I am to be associated with others in an evangelistic campaign this fall in which we have planned for our first baptism to be on September 27. We will pray and plan and labor in trustful confidence that God will bless us all with much fruit on this harvest day.

Time is running out. All around us we see unmistakable evidence that a vicious enemy is at work in the lives of mankind. "We have no time to lose. The powers of darkness are working with intense energy. . . . The great controversy is nearing its end. . . . The Lord is coming. . . . We are to prepare the way for Him by acting our part in getting a people ready for that great day."—*Evangelism*, pp. 218, 219.

We invite you to participate in this glorious privilege and become personally involved in doing all you can to prepare someone for North American Division Baptism Day. May God give us the holy boldness and the sanctified tactfulness to be able to press for decisions for Christ. May no one whom you know ever be able to say at some future time, "No one ever asked me before."

ANDREW FEARING, *Associate Secretary*  
*General Conference Ministerial Association*

## ADVENTIST WORK FOR THE BLIND

The Christian Record Braille Foundation held its quadrennial meeting June 19-24 with district representatives attending from all areas of the United States and Canada.

Guest speakers included Neal Wilson, president of the North American Division; D. A. McAdams, secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department; A. C. McKee, director, General Conference Stewardship Department; B. Y. Baughman, secretary, Central Union Stewardship Department; and F. O. Sanders, president of the Nebraska Conference.

Fifty-six full-time workers and their families met at the new publishing house in Lincoln, Nebraska, for instruction and training in better methods to further the work of the Foundation in its free services to blind people. HIGHLIGHTS of the convention were:

Guest speakers who brought fresh ideas and new approaches which motivated and inspired those who attended.

Devotional speakers who broadened the spiritual concept and brought definite conviction to the workers.

The free glaucoma screening clinic sponsored by the Christian Record Braille Foundation for the residents of Lincoln and the surrounding area. 602 people were screened by 4 ophthalmologists. Of these, 118 showed an elevated pressure which could lead to glaucoma.

The introduction of a new WILLS program inviting the public to remember the Foundation and its work among the blind people in wills and annuities.

At the final meeting, workers in the field and the plant rededicated their lives to fulfill the statement made by Jesus, "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

G. C. WILSON  
*General Field Director*  
*Christian Record Foundation*



# Obituaries

Submitted to the SOUTHERN TIDINGS office during the months of June and July, 1969.

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die. . . . He hath made every thing beautiful in his time." Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2, 11*

**ANDERSON, George C.**, was born in North Dakota, June 8, 1902, and died May 3, 1969, in Orlando, Florida. He was a member of the Apopka, Florida, church. Survivors include his wife, Nina; daughter, Mrs. Virginia Smoroske, and a son, Clinton J.

**ANDRESS, Irving Gettis**, was born March 17, 1876, at Cockroach, Florida, and died in Bradenton, Florida, April 26, 1969. Brother Andress was a faithful member of the Palmetto SDA Church. Survivors include his wife, Katherine; a son, Earl E.; and a sister, Mrs. Laura Horne.

**BOTTOMLEY, Dr. V. Robert**, was born September 18, 1901, and died April 18, 1969, while on vacation in Florida, at the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital. In 1925 he went to Greeneville, Tennessee, and became the hospital administrator for Takoma Hospital where he served for sixteen years. He entered the University of Tennessee for the study of medicine and graduated in 1947. He had since been in practice in Greeneville. Survivors are his wife, Elizabeth Neall; a daughter, Mrs. Harold L. Wood of Temple, Texas; two sons, Dr. Dan R. of Greeneville and Dr. L. N. of Orlando, Florida; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Nease of Johnson City, Tennessee, and Mrs. Ora Hackney of Belcher, Kentucky; five half-brothers; one half-sister; and nine grandchildren.

**CARSON, Michael Allen**, 17, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, died May 25, 1969. He was a member of the Ft. Lauderdale church. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Carson; one sister, Mrs. Kay Zeiss, Pompano Beach; one brother, Barry D., Jackson, Mississippi.

**CHAPIN, Hattie M. Barnum**, was born July 28, 1879, in Pennsylvania, and died June 22, 1969, at Largo, Florida. She was a faithful member of the Adventist Church for over fifty years. She is survived by three sons, Dr. J. P. of Marianna, Florida, Carl B. of Elmira, New York, and Bryan W. of Berrien Springs, Michigan; one daughter, Prudence Gilmore of Binghamton, New York; ten grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by Elder O. R. Henderson of Clearwater, Florida.

**COLLINS, James Edward**, was born June 15, 1911, in Logan County, Kentucky, and died July 13, 1969, in Madison, Tennessee. He was a member of the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church. Those who survive are his wife, Edna; one son, James, Jr.; one brother, Jesse B., Jr., of Old Hickory; four sisters, Mrs. Mary McReynolds of Greenville, Kentucky, Mrs. A. P. Miller of Louisville, Kentucky, Mrs. Clyde Whitehead of Clinton, Iowa, Mrs. Ira Hitt of Richmond, Virginia; and many friends.

**DALTON, Mrs. Katherine Wibe**, was born in Portland, Maine, on November 23, 1897, and died at Orlando, Florida, on June 17, 1969. She moved to Florida from Louisville, Kentucky. She was a member of the Kress Memorial church, Winter Park, Florida. Survivors include her husband, John Erwin; two sons, Philip, Edward of New Port Richey, Florida; Robert Erwin of Greenville, Mississippi; two daughters, Mrs. D. T. Strickler of Douglasville, Georgia, and Mrs. Hoyet Taylor of Orlando, Florida.

**DOYLE, Detra**, was born November 26, 1954, in Orlando, Florida, and died June 14, 1969, at Macon, Georgia. Surviving her are her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Doyle; one sister, Sheila; and four brothers, Dennis, Henry, Tommy and Frankie. Pallbearers were all young men from the Macon Wimbish Road and Warner Robins churches with Elder Roy Caughron officiating.

**DUNCAN, Mrs. Mattie**, 92, died June 5, 1969. A native Floridian, she lived all her life in Orlando and was a member of the Central Seventh-day Adventist Church. A sister, Mrs. Cora M. Pritchard, Orlando, survives.

**FOUTCH, Jewel B.**, was born December 31, 1908, at Lancaster, Tennessee, and died near Atlanta, Georgia, December 3, 1968. Surviving are his wife, Ruth; three daughters, Mrs. Ann Simpkins and Mrs. Gayle Tyroff of Snellville, Georgia, Mrs. Elaine Monerde of San Juan, Puerto Rico; and four grandchildren. Services were conducted by Roy Caughron and Harold Greer. Interment was at Corinth cemetery, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

**FOWLER, Mrs. Easter Mason**, a native of Red Level, Alabama, passed away on March 25, 1969, in Mobile, Alabama, at the age of 75. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. W. O. Harper of Atmore, Alabama; two sons, Cortez of Mobile, Alabama, Vories of Ypsilanti, Michigan; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**GRANLUND, Olof C.**, was born in Sweden, April 8, 1887, and passed away at Lodi, California, on May 21, 1969. He was the editor of the Swedish *Signs of the Times* for 42 years. After living in Coalmont and Collegedale, Tennessee, for a few years, the Granlunds moved to Stockton, California. He was a member of the Stockton Central church. Surviving are his wife, Ellen T.; two daughters; three sisters; and four grandchildren.

**GRICE, Mrs. Ellen Marion**, of Lynn Haven, Florida, passed away March 31, 1969, at the age of 66. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. John Strength, Mrs. Frances Snell, and Mrs. Charlotte Yawn; one son, Clay; one sister, Mrs. Ernest Pitts; one brother, Clay Supert and twelve grandchildren. W. H. Patsel officiated.

**HARRISON, Mrs. Sarah Lillie**, was born on April 6, 1887, in Simpson County, Mississippi, and passed away May 28, 1969. She is survived by her husband, Willis; two daughters; four sons; two sisters; and two brothers. Lewis Stout conducted the service.

**JONES, Mrs. Audrey Estella**, 43, died June 1, 1969. Born in Sorrento, Florida, she was a lifetime resident of Orange County and a member of the Central Seventh-day Adventist Church of Orlando. Survivors include her husband, Alex T.; one daughter, Mrs. Joyce Gays Yorton of Orlando; two sons, Alex T., Jr., Orlando, and Gordon Lee Evans, St. Petersburg; mother, Mrs. Ira Cook, Oklahoma; father, William R. Gordon, Oviedo, Florida.

**KRAUSE, Mrs. Florence**, of Wilders, Kentucky, was born August 26, 1898, and died in Dayton, Kentucky, March 27, 1969. She was a member of the Covington, Kentucky, church. Services were conducted by Edwin E. Shafer in Newport, Kentucky, with burial in Alexandria, Kentucky.

**LEACH, Mrs. H. P.**, was born in 1875, at Attica, Indiana. She died April 29, 1969, in Orlando, Florida. She was a member of the Forest Lake church, moving there from Atlanta, Georgia. Survivors are three daughters, Lyda Ruth Leach, Virginia Ann Leach and Helen Roberts; four sons, Ivan, Julian, George and Eugene.

**LOFTON, Mrs. Ollie H.**, passed away on June 13, 1969, at the age of 88. She is survived by three sons; two daughters; two brothers; nineteen grandchildren; forty-five great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. Interment was in Jones County, Mississippi.

**LUKE, Emmett E.**, was born August 9, 1888, at Fitzgerald, Georgia, and passed to his rest May 6, 1969, in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a member of the Marietta Seventh-day Adventist Church and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. M. M. McDearmid of Fitzgerald; Mrs. Dorothy Sommers and Mrs. Betty Battis of Marietta; three brothers; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**MOSBY, Elsie Mabel Hollingsworth**, was born near Fort Scott, Kansas, in 1885, and died March 4, 1969, in Orlando, Florida. She taught church schools in several places in Florida and was a member of the Apopka, Florida, church.

**MOUCHON, Paul T.**, was born February 25, 1895, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and died in Forest City, Florida, July 18, 1969. He spent more than forty years in denominational work at Southern Missionary College, Florida Sanitarium and Hospital and Loma Linda University as an engineer. He retired a year ago and moved to Forest City. He was a member of the Forest Lake church. Survivors include his wife, M. Dorothy; one son, Paul of Rochester, Minnesota; and three grandchildren. A. D. Burch officiated, assisted by Ronald Benzinger.

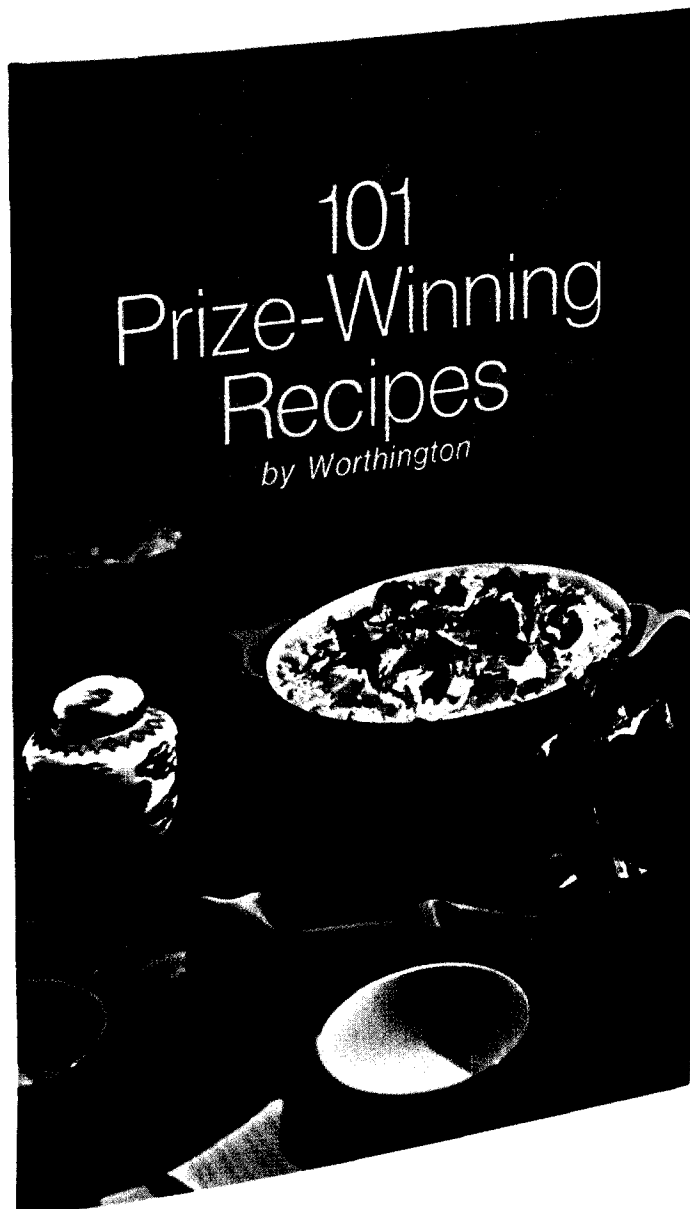
**MYERS, Paul E.**, was born May 28, 1896, in Jackson County, Alabama, and passed away June 9, 1969, in Dothan, Alabama. He is survived by his wife, Leslie; and four daughters, Mrs. George Scarborough, Mrs. Mildred Macon, Mrs. Mary Register and Dorothy. G. N. Kovalski and L. D. Browne officiated.

**PEDEN, Charles**, was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1877, and died June 23, 1969, in Columbus, Ohio. He became an Adventist in Johnstown in 1899. In 1910, as superintendent of the Akron, Ohio, Sabbath school, he initiated the plan of a special dollar-day Sabbath school offering, which was soon adopted by the General Conference as the well-known Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Miami, Florida, Temple church. He is survived by two sons and one daughter.

**VANSYOC, Mrs. Vera**, age 67, died June 21, 1969, in a nursing home in Woodbury, Tennessee. She was a faithful member of the Dickson, Tennessee, church. Services were conducted by Pastor John Bridges, with interment in Dickson Union Cemetery. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Billy Dickson, Sylvia, Tennessee, Mrs. Ann McConnell, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Mrs. Virginia Ackerman, Clarksville, Tennessee; one son, I. D. Hudson, Jr., Altonquin, Illinois; nineteen grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**VILLENEUVE, Charles J.**, died May 17, 1969. He was a member of the Jacksonville, Florida, church. Survivors include his widow, Willette; a daughter, Mrs. Charlene Richert of Memphis, Tennessee; two sons, Donald Eugene and Douglas Charles, both of Jacksonville; three sisters; three brothers; and two grandsons.

**WALTON, Mrs. Ora Belle**, of Hephzibah, Georgia, passed to her rest on July 7, 1969, at the age of 61. She was a faithful member of the Augusta, Georgia, church. Mrs. Walton is survived by her husband, L. W.; two sons, Jack and Mann; one brother; and three sisters.



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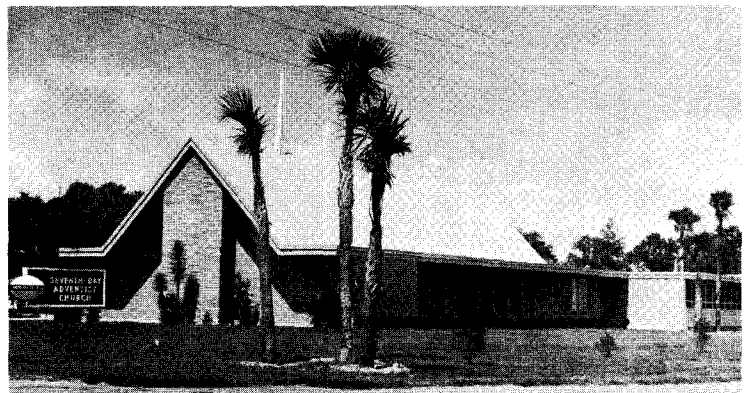
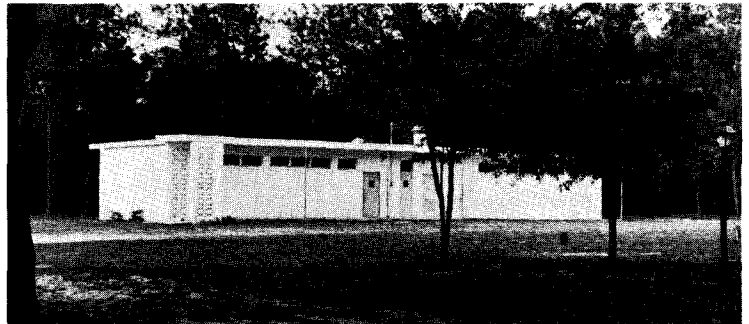


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