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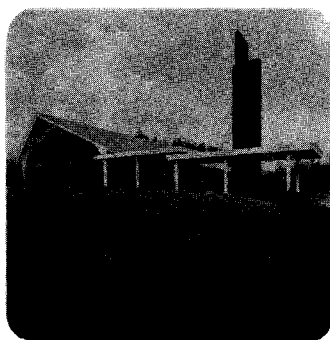
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With the beginning of a new decade as well as a new year, we become aware of new opportunities and privileges in our relationship to God and His work on earth. Even though we as mortals "see through a glass darkly," and know little about the future as it concerns our individual lives, yet we must plan and prepare for the future. This, of course, includes the dedication of our possessions to God's cause.

In the Southern Union and in each of the local conferences of the Southland, a department has been set up to help the members of the church in their stewardship planning. This includes what is known as "deferred giving." This, we feel, is most necessary in providing means for the finishing of the gospel work within our field, and outside the borders of our union. Also, this is in harmony with the counsel given by inspiration. "God is constantly bestowing upon you the blessings of this life; and if He asks you to dispense His gifts by helping various branches of His work, it is for your own temporal and spiritual interest to do so . . . would you make your property secure? Place it in the hand that bears the nail prints of the crucifixion. Retain all in your possession, and it will be to your eternal loss. Give it to God, and from that moment it bears His inscription." —*Counsels on Stewardship*, pp. 47, 49.

Our leaders in the association or deferred giving departments stand ready to give assistance whenever and wherever called upon to do so.

President, Southern Union Conference

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The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Asheville, North Carolina, is named in honor of Mrs. Inez Foster. The story which tells of the short period of time in which she was involved with this memorial to her is one of extreme interest.



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TO MRS. FOSTER

*By Orville D. MacAlpine, M. D.
as told to Cecil Coffey*

On a hilltop overlooking a major cloverleaf of Interstate 40 in Asheville, North Carolina, stands the most beautiful monument I've ever seen — my church. It is beautiful in design, it is beautiful in setting. But its greatest beauty is revealed in its story. And its story is people.

We named our church Foster Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church, and that represents a major part of the story. For it was largely through the intense interest of Mrs. Inez Foster, then newly arrived in Asheville, that this monument to God could be erected at what we now realize was precisely the right time. Our church hasn't been quite the same since. It has been the recipient of blessing after blessing, indeed of miracles, which continue to this day.

It was springtime, 1956. The dogwood and azalea had given a new birth look to Haywood Street where our old church and an adjoining manse were located. The flowering shrubs and plants,



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the greening grass, and the bursting buds of the tall oaks lining the street had suddenly hidden, if temporarily, what had become painfully obvious to most members — the fact that the neighborhood had changed.

The old brick church had served well for nearly 50 years. When it was erected in 1908, the neighborhood was a lovely residential area, only a few blocks from downtown. The church was indeed a light set on a hill. It attracted numerous visitors, both local residents and tourists who came to Asheville for health and relaxation purposes. Among the many who came was Mrs. Ellen G. White, who greatly enjoyed the mountain scenery and invigorating climate here.

But time took its toll until, by 1956, the beautiful old homes along Haywood Street and our church were rapidly becoming dilapidated antiques. Most of the original residents had long since gone, many of the old mansions had become makeshift apartment houses and transient lodges, and various business enterprises were moving in.

In addition, our congregation had outgrown the church facilities. The sanctuary would barely seat 200 persons. The manse, once used as our pastoral residence, was being utilized by some of the children's Sabbath school departments. Parking space was at a premium.

It was time to act. The Haywood Street congregation needed larger quarters, preferably in another section of the city. Hopefully, we might find a location accessible from a main traffic artery. How successful we would be in choosing a site was not fully revealed until long after we were worshiping there. Today we can hardly realize the magnitude of God's gift in this regard. But I'm getting ahead of the story.

We had little in the way of funds with which to begin a building project. But we had two very practical, though intangible, assets: a pressing need and abundant faith. Enthusiasm caught on quickly. We sought professional guidance in fund raising, and set an initial goal of \$100,000.

This was a large goal for our congregation, and we were under no illusions that it would be achieved quickly. Our members were not wealthy and there was only a sprinkling of physicians and other professionals among the congregation. We began the fund with what each member could give. Most all of the first contributions were relatively small. Specific financial gifts were pledged for the ensuing three

years. Many of these were pledges of sacrifice which turned into showers of blessing.

It was very early in the fund-raising drive that Mrs. Inez Foster became actively involved in what I call "our miracle story." We did not know too much about her, except that she was a widow and a sister to one of our longtime members. Mrs. Foster herself had only recently moved to Asheville.

I was assigned to "canvass" this new member during our initial fund-raising efforts. She was somewhat noncommittal as I related the church's history and explained the need for a new church. There was no indication of growing enthusiasm on her part, and I was not convinced that she would give very much, if at all. Finally, I had to come to the all-important question.

"How much would you like to give at this time, Mrs. Foster?"

"Twenty thousand dollars," she said casually that for a split second my mind would not believe what my ears had heard.

After a moment of total surprise, I said, "That is wonderful, Mrs. Foster. God will give his blessing to your gift and to you for your generosity."

And he did! Abundantly. From that moment on, Mrs. Foster exhibited an intense interest in the progress of our new church project. In many ways she showed a total commitment to the work of God. Obvious great joy had come to her heart. And the congregation? Of course, her gift was a tremendous boost to the entire membership. Despite real dedication and earnest effort, the goal of \$100,000 was only five percent realized before Mrs. Foster entered the picture. Now the building fund was one-fourth in hand.

With renewed faith, our members continued to give as they could. Regularly, the gifts came in. But we still seemed to be years away from worshiping in our new church. According to General Conference policy, we were required to have at least 75 percent of the funds in hand before construction could begin. And it would take considerable time after groundbreaking.

But our members kept at it faithfully. Gradually the funds came in. Evidently the faithful efforts of others did not go unnoticed by Mrs. Foster. By this time she knew all about our needs, our hopes and our prospects for success. She saw that in a year or two we would

in a position to more concretely plan the church plant and possibly begin construction.

Then one day, as the building committee was considering the problems still facing us, Mrs. Foster was apprised of the sum needed to move ahead with construction. In her casual way she said she would contribute more to the building and, in fact, exactly what was necessary to authorize construction — \$35,000.

In the meantime, we had purchased a one-acre lot on Hendersonville Road (U. S. 25) joining Biltmore Forest, the city's most exclusive residential area. On December 22, 1958, our congregation and invited friends gathered on the new site for ground-breaking ceremonies. Among the active participants were Mrs. Foster and the church's oldest living charter member, Mrs. O. L. McLurd.

Our dreams were taking a tangible form. So were Mrs. Foster's. She was delighted when she saw the church plans. And she was so pleased with the location that she bought a home two blocks away. "I am so eager to see the construction completed and the new sanctuary opened for worship," she remarked as the footings were being poured.

It soon became clear that she did indeed want to see the construction completed. For when the stained glass windows were set, the bill came to \$10,000 and Mrs. Foster paid \$8,000 of that. When it came time to purchase the furniture for the church, Mrs. Foster contributed \$6,000. By now her gifts totaled nearly \$70,000. And she continued to help as needs arose.

As the structure neared completion it took on real beauty. Its long, covered ambulatory and tall, brick tower served to blend the architectural symmetry of the whole church complex.

The setting was excellent. The church property was bordered on the south side by a road, on the east by Hendersonville Road (U. S. 25), on the west by Biltmore Forest, and on the north by a vacant lot of a little more than one acre. Across the street stood a beautiful Methodist church.

By the end of 1959 construction was about completed. The congregation was anticipating holding its first services in the new church by early spring. But this was not to be. The first service would be held much sooner, within a few days, and this through tragedy.

In early January, Mrs. Foster was planting

bulbs in her yard when suddenly she was stricken with a fatal heart attack. In a few moments, she was dead. Our congregation was stunned. In grief we sent our heartfelt sympathy to her relatives and friends. It was extremely difficult to understand why she should be taken from us at that particular time. How she had longed to worship in the new edifice. Her generosity, her unselfish Christian spirit and her zeal had largely made possible this new church. She had sparked the whole fund-raising campaign by her example. And now she was dead, never to personally realize the fulfillment of her dream for her church.

But I remembered something she had said a few weeks earlier. "All I have is the Lord's," she remarked one day. "Whatever I have when I die will go to His cause. I want His will to rule my life."

The carpeting in the new sanctuary was not yet laid, nor were the pews and pulpit furniture yet placed. But the first official service in the new church was Mrs. Foster's funeral. The congregation felt that this was an appropriate first service, for the new church was, in a large measure, Mrs. Foster's monument.


Shortly after the funeral, the church board voted to purchase a bronze plaque on which Mrs. Foster's name was inscribed. This plaque of honor was permanently affixed to a wall in the foyer of the new church, and henceforth this building was called Foster Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Mrs. Foster continued to build monuments, even in death. In her legacy, she willed her home and property to our church. Earlier she had channeled her remaining funds to the conference to further God's work in the Carolinas.

In March, 1960, we began regular services in the new church home. The official dedication was in November, 1962. The appraised value at that time was \$200,000.

But this is not the end of the story. Behind the church, adjacent to the parking area, was a deep ravine which we wanted to have filled with dirt. The cost for this would be at least \$40,000 — an impossible amount, or so it seemed.

Then we learned that Interstate 40 was to be built passing next to our church and that a major interchange would join our property. Immediately we thought of dirt. If much grading and excavating should be done close by, possibly some of the dirt could be hauled to our ravine. We didn't give much thought at the time about



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what the highway and adjacent interchange might do to the value of our property.

When highway construction neared the edge of our lot, we talked to the grading engineer about acquiring any surplus fill dirt that might be available for removal. The engineer could not give us much encouragement then, but eight months later word came to the church board that if the fence separating our property and I-40 could be rolled back, the huge earthloading machines carrying tons of fill dirt would begin to bring the surplus dirt to fill our ravine. You can be sure we wasted no time in getting that fence down.

Day after day those big machines deposited thousands of tons of earth until the ravine was completely filled and packed level with the church parking area. We considered this whole development to be providential, for it saved us \$40,000. The series of providences that began with Mrs. Foster's first gift of \$20,000 seemed now to be accelerating.

One such providence had to do with the lot to our immediate north. The original church lot of $3\frac{3}{4}$ acres was shaped in the form of an "L." The bottom of the "L" fronted on 300 feet of Hendersonville Road. The open portion of the "L" was the lot which we did not own. It faced an I-40 exit and was ideal for billboards and other advertising signs. To preserve the beauty of the church and to afford an unhampered view of it from the interstate, we knew that we would have to purchase the additional land.

The owner was an elderly lady living in New York City. After several weeks of negotiation by correspondence on the part of our attorney, we realized that the lady did not want to sell her land. Then the attorney suggested that we send him to New York so that he might personally negotiate with the owner. This was done, and to everybody's surprise and joy, the attorney returned with the good news that the lady would gladly sell the property to the church for less than \$1,000. Just three months later we were informed that she had died. Providentially, we had acquired the land before it could be tied up in possible estate litigation.

Our church property was now a complete rectangle of almost five acres. There was plenty of room for expansion, should the need arise. And it has.

Currently we are planning to build a facility for Sabbath school and recreational uses. Who is

paying for this? Who else but Mrs. Foster and the congregation, the same team that paid for the original church complex. Funds from the sale of the home Mrs. Foster willed to the church will be used as a nucleus for the new building fund.

At Foster Memorial church we are most humble as we review and recount the miracles that have been wrought here. Some of these are not readily observable. In the building of our new church many sacrificed and were blessed thereby. God invited us to prove Him. He sent Mrs. Foster to us at precisely the right time. Through faith, prayer and sacrifice, our church was built. We have witnessed God's benevolence and we have seen Him open the windows of heaven. And we are constantly reminded of what He said in Matthew 7:7 — "Ask, and ye shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

Today our church property may be worth one million dollars or more. It certainly is one of the most valuable sites in western North Carolina. And all because God gave our congregation faith and sent us Mrs. Foster.

Recently we saw a promise of things to come. Our church was host to the concluding meetings conducted in Asheville by H. M. Richards, Jr., and the Voice of Prophecy group. Imagine our delight when we had to hold tv services each evening, and the sanctuary was packed every time. Elder Herman Davis, our pastor, says the interests are so many that we can spend the next year reaping. So many wonderful new members are already worshipping with us.

I have told this story for only one reason and that is to show that God always honors those who honor Him. From a human point of view, Mrs. Foster's work was done. When she came to us, her life on earth was almost over. But she had made a total commitment to God. In her last days she was busy doing everything she possibly could to build a living memorial, monument, to Him. It wasn't praise she was seeking. It wasn't publicity. She lived to please God, and in so doing she was an example to all.

And now, as we worship in Foster Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church, we are deep in mind of what this monument and our congregation are here to do — witness.

WASHINGTON, D. C. - - -

The twelve Adventist colleges of North America will soon have special campus pastors available for counseling. Action was taken at the Fall Council to recommend the new post. The campus chaplains will not be involved in formal teaching but will devote their full time to counseling and direction of religious activities on campus.

COLOMBO, CEYLON - - -

When the Ceylon government discarded the weekly cycle in January, 1966, Seventh-day Adventists faced a problem. Work and school schedules had to adhere to the Buddhist Poya Week. In it the holy day is determined by phases of the moon, so it may occur on any day. As a consequence, Seventh-day Adventists have found themselves observing Sabbath while the rest of the community may be at work or in school. Leaders report a thirty percent gain in membership in spite of the problems.

WASHINGTON, D. C. - - -

Since 1962 the Adventist Church has sponsored the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. It is estimated that 300,000 smokers are being helped each year in North America with the number nearing two million for the entire world. One of the most recent countries to begin the plan is East Pakistan where the first series attracted and graduated 2,000 persons.

WORTHINGTON, OHIO - - -

Warren E. Hartman, vice-president of research and development at Worthington Foods, Inc., participated in the White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health. The meetings were held December 2 - 4 at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, D. C. The conference discussion included subjects on how to improve the nutrition of the poor, aged, mothers, children and adolescents; and how to maintain the combined wholesomeness and nutritional value of foods. Recognition was given to the vegetable protein foods which Adventists have pioneered in developing.

WASHINGTON, D. C. - - -

Word has been received at the General Conference that the Libyan government has nationalized the 65-bed Seventh-day Adventist hospital in Benghazi. Dr. George Benson, business manager of the institution, reported that the government is operating the hospital but has requested the present staff to stay on. He also said the government indicated that they plan to compensate the Adventists for the institution. Relations between the government and the hospital have been friendly, and the move is interpreted to be a step toward nationalization of the country rather than an anti-church action.

ADELPHI, MARYLAND - - -

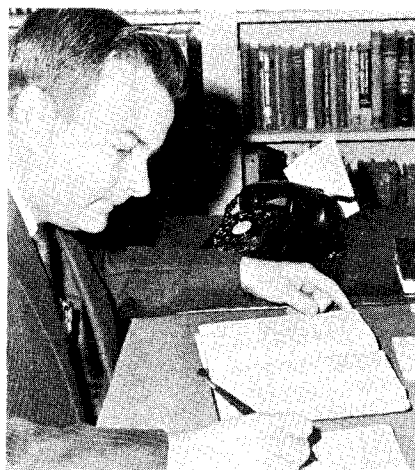
Two gunmen invaded an Adventist Church just out of Washington, D. C. and robbed more than half of the congregation of one hundred persons. Pastor Lindsay had just started his sermon. One of the men had a sawed-off rifle and the other a revolver. The congregation was ordered to put their hands up, march by rows to the rear of the church and deposit their money in a pile. When 54 persons had been robbed, they seized a small girl as hostage. When she began crying, her twelve-year old cousin volunteered to take her place. The gunmen then cut the telephone wires and raced away, leaving the boy unharmed.



For the pastor of the Atlanta Cascade Road church, one of the first "extra-curricular duties" of the day is a Bible class at 8:30 a.m. for the upper grades at the church school. Meet Elder William Henson as he



. . . stops by to inspect the new school building addition and makes a check list on details that must be cared for that day.



Later in the morning, he is found at his study—answering frequent phone calls, reading, preparing sermons and praying.

scholar, organizer, fund raiser, counsellor, builder, promoter, teacher—each a role of the church pastor. In addition, he must be skilled at comforting the sorrowing, mediating misunderstandings, administering church business and developing ideas. His interests must have enough latitude to include the very young as well as the elderly. His ministry must appeal to the member and the non-member. A shepherd's heart enables him to feed the faithful while seeking the lost. And a love for souls compels his incessant search for that spark of interest that might lead another to acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ.

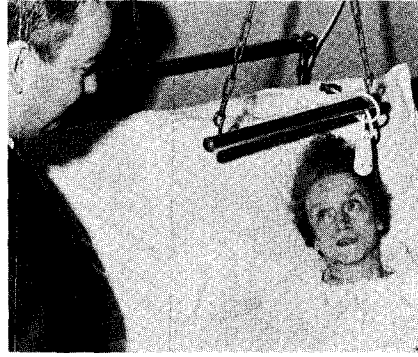
Although the spotlight of attention is most frequently focused on the pastor as he presides over his church on the Sabbath with a message to his people, the hours occupied by his ministry run round-the-clock. Ever ready to serve, the ring of his telephone brings frequent opportunity. His work might best be compared to an iceberg with only one-tenth being evident to the majority of his members.

In an endeavor to portray the variety and intensity of work done by the pastor, I recently accompanied Elder William Henson in a day's activities. Pastor of the 325-member Cascade Road church in Atlanta, Georgia, his work is typical of the 52 men who serve as pastors throughout the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Following family devotions with

By A. C. McCLURE
Public Relations Secretary

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Hospital calls are a regular part of a pastor's day. Elder Henson is calling on Mrs. Miriam Brown, who is not a member of the Adventist Church but whose name he received from a physician in the Cascade Road church.

wife, Gertrude, and their two boys, Jon, eight, and David, seven, his first appointment of the day is at the church school where he has accepted the added responsibility of teaching Bible to the students of grades 7-9. Though not a part of the regular program of a church pastor, Elder Henson enjoys the challenge of making Christ real and the Bible a living book to the teenagers of his flock.

One of the projects currently underway at the Cascade Road church is the erection of another school building in which the upper grades will be housed. Building projects bring added decisions and sometimes hours of physical labor to the already busy schedule of the pastor. Our visit to the new building revealed roll upon roll of carpet that the pastor and several members had picked up at the factory the day before. Painting, cabinet installation and a myriad of other details require the periodic check of the man who is most interested in seeing that things are done properly.

Many pastors attempt to reserve their morning hours for study. With the preparation of at least two sermons each week as well as the need for watering his own soul, there must be some time each day when he can absorb the great themes of Scripture and delve into the mountain of material available from the presses of the church. In the quiet of his study, just off the church sanctuary, Elder Henson takes some time each morning to



The eldest member of his congregation is no longer able to attend service, but she enjoys the pastoral calls made by Elder Henson.



Highlighting the pastor's daily work is soul winning. In most churches of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, the Family Bible Plan is being effectively used by both pastor and laymen to bring truth to interested persons.

search out the great truths that he might share with his congregation and to petition the heavenly Father in behalf of each one.

The afternoon visiting schedule is decided upon and outlined for most efficient use of time. A plan followed by Elder Henson is to immediately follow up the names he has received of persons interested in Bible study through the Family Bible Plan, Faith for Today, Voice of Prophecy, or other sources. This may take him into various parts of his territory, but while there he also visits members who live in that vicinity. With a church active in missionary work, a growing membership, regular visits to the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, and a keen eye for an interest, Elder Henson never lacks for something to do.

A pastor's evening schedule is frequently varied. Bible studies, prayer meetings, board meetings, committee meetings, evangelistic meetings, church social gatherings, visits to those who are not at home during the daytime—it's a continual round of activity.

Add to all this the organization of the church for Ingathering and other offerings, the conducting of evangelistic series, funerals and weddings—one begins to bring into focus the real work of the pastor. A preacher? Yes, but much more. He is a man of many talents and interests—each of them dedicated to serving the needs of his people and to searching for lost souls. He is God's man.



Members of the Voice of Prophecy evangelistic company who recently concluded a series of meetings in the Bayfront Auditorium in St. Petersburg, Florida, included Phyllis Henderson, left, pianist and singer; Gordon Henderson, music director and soloist; H. M. S. Richards, Jr., seated, speaker; Norman Nelson, right, organist and

Del Delker, contralto soloist.



THE VOICE OF PROPHECY *in...* ST. PETERSBURG

The melodious strains of the organ by Norman Nelson filled the auditorium. Suddenly the room was plunged into darkness; organ chords changed key. A pre-directed spotlight pierced the darkness and from one end of the platform rang the words "Coming Again" sung by Gordon Henderson. Another beam knifed its way toward the other end where Phyllis Henderson echoed the words of her husband "Coming Again," and the theme song, "Jesus Is Coming Again," was dramatically launched. The audience caught its breath. Here and there a murmur of delight sounded at the thoroughly professional performance. Fifteen minutes of stimulating music included Del Delker, soloist from the Voice of Prophecy broadcast; Norman Nelson, at the organ; and Gordon and Phyllis Henderson in solo and duet. These musicians are worthy companions to H. M. S. Richards, Jr., the new Voice of Prophecy speaker and campaign evangelist.

This team has conducted four such evangelistic thrusts in different parts of the United States this year. The St. Petersburg effort was their twenty-second in the nation's major cities. The meetings completed in October at Asheville, North Carolina, resulted in thirty baptisms.

The audience attendance averaged approximately 500, and consistently remained very much the same with possible slight gains which would seem to emphasize the appreciation of both church members and non-church members for the spirit-filled ability of the entire staff.

The St. Petersburg campaign was a climax to many, many months of effort by pastors and church members. A daily Voice of Prophecy broadcast, one of forty heard through the U.S., had been heard over a local radio station for more than six months. Even though this broadcast was scheduled at a very late night hour, the results were surprising—even to the management of the radio station. Through offers made by the broadcast, as well as by other means, approximately 175 Bibles and sets of guide sheets were distributed under the Gift Bible Plan to arouse interest in the up-coming meetings. In addition to the regular ministerial staff of the church, fifteen laymen were regularly engaged in giving Bible studies and distributing lessons during the months preceding the crusade. All of these endeavors contributed to the excellent attendance at the meetings.

Leading laymen of the church expressed appreciation for the meetings. Mr. Cecil Parker, one of the deacons in the St. Petersburg church, expressed his thinking this way, "The meetings were outstanding—in fact, they were remarkable. I believe that they are the very 'tops' in all of our denomination. I saw many, many non-Seventh-day Adventists entering night after night." The treasurer of the St. Petersburg church, J. Hubert Mattern, spoke in similar glowing terms, "There was a good average of non-Seventh-day Adventists who came every night, and the church members supported the meetings very, very well. The music was wonderful, and the speaker was one of the 'top' speakers of our denomination."

Pastor Brian Tarr of the St. Petersburg church expressed joy over the prospects for baptism. Concerning the messages of Elder Richards, as well as the music by members of the team, Pastor Tarr said, "They were vibrant and fresh, laced with human interest and genuine humor. Elder Richards' messages endear him to all." Naturally, Elder Tarr was a bit guarded as to the projected number of baptisms resulting from the meeting. He estimated, however, that from a conservative point of view, he hoped that they would baptize at least thirty new members.

Florida Gulf Coast Seventh-day Adventists are most vocal in their praise of what the Voice of Prophecy has done and is doing for them in St. Petersburg.

C. R. FRENCH
Lay Activities Secretary
Florida Conference

"We Thank God"

When I was a lad, it was customary for families to meet in homes on New Years' eve to watch the old year pass away and observe the new year's beginning. We reflected on events during the previous year and spent time offering prayers of thanks to God for His blessings. Since we have closed the year 1969, we reflect on His goodness and blessings upon the work in the South Central Conference.

WE THANK GOD that during 1969 we baptized the largest number of souls in the history of the conference—750 persons were added to the church in evangelistic and church meetings. C. D. Rock from the Southern Union Conference conducted a meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, where 200 folk were baptized. — S. T. Lewis conducted baptisms for 80 during the meetings in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. — C. A. Myers in Laurel, Mississippi, baptized 45. — Henry Wright conducted a church effort in Port Gibson, Mississippi, and baptized 60. — Michael Bernard, an intern, baptized 50 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. — D. J. Williams baptized 40 in Mobile, Alabama. — and E. L. Howard organized a new church group in Mayfield, Kentucky.

WE THANK GOD that in 1969 we were able to see eight new building projects completed. A new church building with a seating capacity of 1,000 was purchased in Memphis, Tennessee. A new school wing, costing over \$100,000 was added in Montgomery, Alabama. In Louisville, Kentucky, a church home and school building with 28 classrooms were purchased by the congregation. In Hattiesburg, Mississippi, the church building was completely renovated. New buildings were erected in Brookhaven, Mississippi; Harriman, Tennessee; and Lexington, Kentucky. It is a blessing to know that these congregations have been housed and are able to worship God in fine church structures.

WE THANK GOD that in 1969 the literature evangelists of South Central sold over a quarter million dollars worth of books and literature. In 1945 our colporteurs delivered only \$5,000 worth of books in this same territory. It is certainly a blessing of God upon the publishing work.

WE THANK GOD that in 1969 the church school enrollment increased to over 200 students. A new school was opened at Montgomery, Alabama.

WE THANK GOD that our largest Ingathering goal in the history of the South Central Conference was reached—\$71,000.

WE THANK GOD that during the year we were able to have a one-day *Message* magazine

rally, at which time every church reported its complete goal.

WE THANK GOD that in 1969 four new workers have joined our conference to help finish the work of God—Elders J. L. Butler, William Deshay, Isaac Palmer and Mrs. Irene Williams. We could continue mentioning the blessings of God, but we will close with an expression of appreciation to Him for letting us play a part in hastening His kingdom.

We bow to the past, and look to the future asking for grace, power and wisdom to do greater exploits for Him in 1970.

As we view today's world, surely we say in the words of the prophets of old, "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

There are three million black persons living in the South Central Conference territory. We have but 6,500 Seventh-day Adventists. This presents a challenge to us as a church. May every member feel the burden to help win and warn these souls. In 1970 more churches must be built, and more schools must be opened.

God help us to live from day to day in such a self-forgetful way that even when we kneel to pray, our prayers will be for others. With this thought in mind, we will do great exploits for God.

C. E. DUDLEY, *President*
South Central Conference

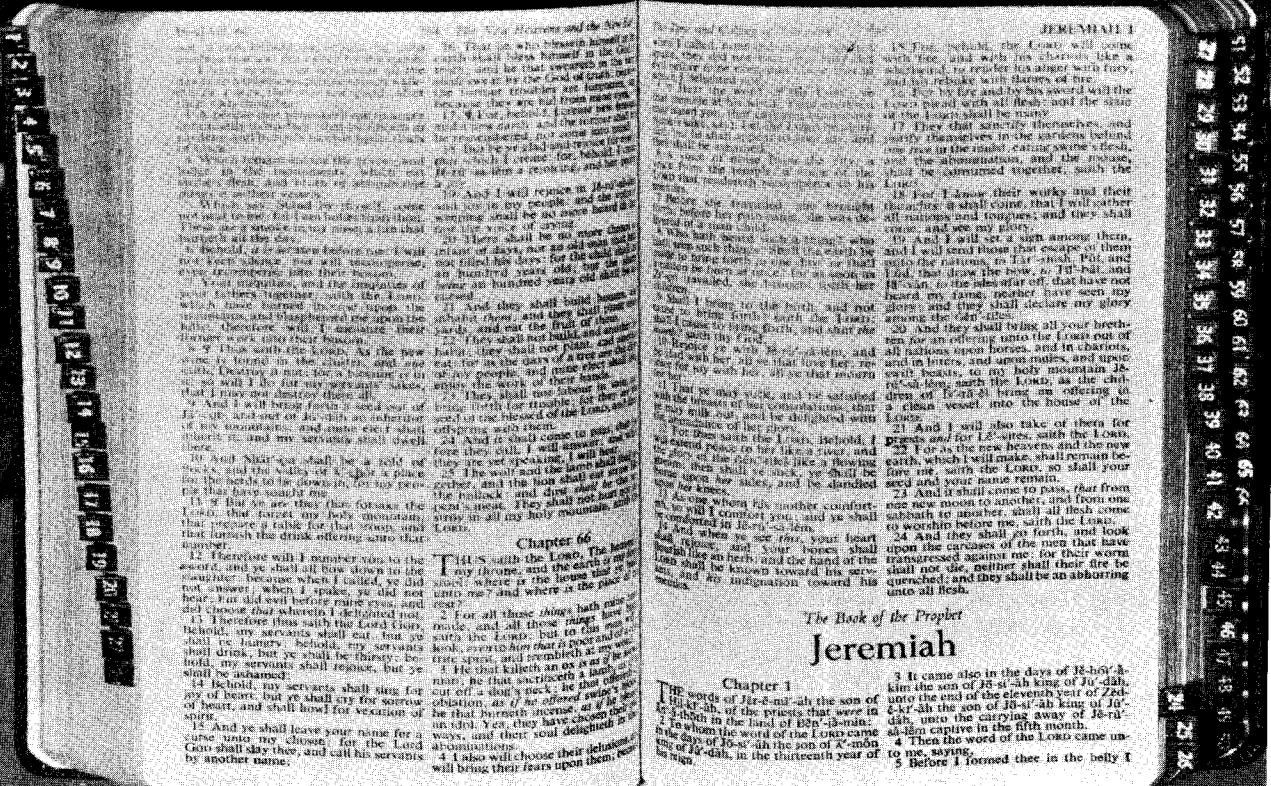
Evangelists M. E. Joiner, left, and C. D. Joseph are baptizing one of the candidates which made up the 750 total baptisms in the South Central Conference in 1969.



INSIGHT

HOLY BIBLE

HOLY BIBLE



Tab numbering the books of the Bible aid new students in finding the various books. The tabs can be matched in color and applied to any Bible.

Bible Evangelism

"The tabulated Bible for the Space Age," interjected Elder Harold Metcalf, ministerial secretary of the Southern Union, "I like that!" In his hand, he examined the beautiful gift Bible to which matching red tabs had been mounted. Pastor C. M. Aker was giving a report of the new "Insight" program to members of the Pell City church, and the director of the former Southern Union Bible School immediately saw its merits. "Soon you folk will have more members participating in Gift Bible Evangelism than any other district in the Southern Union," Elder Metcalf predicted. To date, members of the Pell City and Anniston Seventh-day Adventist Churches have enrolled ninety students in their pilot project.

Ask the average individual to turn to Ezekiel, Amos, or II Peter and note his instant bewilderment. Place in his hand a Bible with numbered tabs, ask him to flip it open at tab 19, and immediately he is reading in Psalms. Similarly, one can locate any book of the Bible—something most people are not able to do. This novel program is based on a relatively simple concept—numbers are used for chapters and texts of the Bible, why not number the books also?

Four years ago the children in the Montgomery church school were given Bibles that had book numbers stamped on the upper corner of each page. Second-graders could look up any text in the Bible, although they could only read the "ands" and "its."

After months of patient and determined effort, the Anniston Book Bindery has developed tabs with plausible durability and beauty. These are available in the color of any binding and can be applied to any Bible, old or new, just as easily as applying a gummed reinforcement.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKenney of Pell City invited Adventist laymen into their home. After a brief introduction, the laymen explained, "We have something we would like to show you." Lovely tabbed Bibles were placed in their hands. "What are these numbers on the side for?" inquired Mr. McKenney. "Don't you see," explained his wife, "there is one for each book in the Bible." In their fascination, they turned from book to

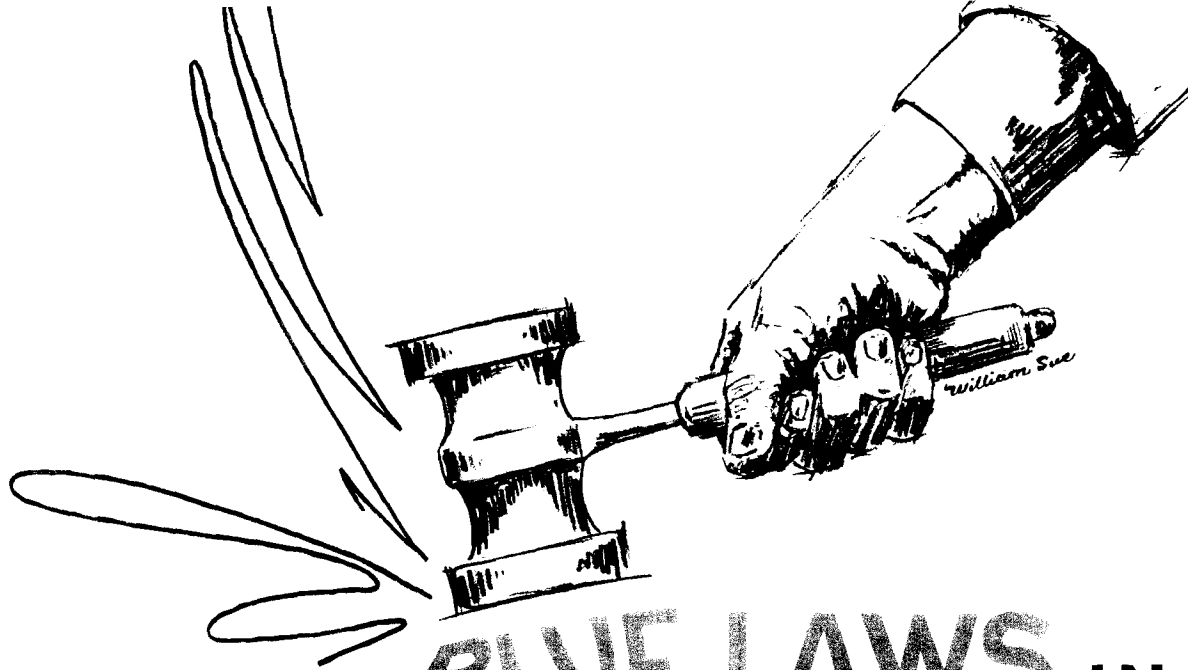
book. Then the obvious question arose—"But how are we to know what number to turn to?" From their briefcase, the Adventists showed Lesson One of the new "Insight" course. Each lesson contained a series of questions to be answered by Bible texts. Beside each of the texts, the "book number" was recorded. Before departing, the workers explained that upon completion of the twenty lessons, the Bible and a cherished diploma would be theirs. Happily the McKenneys enrolled.

The problem isn't in finding enrollments but in supplying the demands. When Mrs. Jones, a member of the Pell City church, learned about the new course, she told her pastor that she was sure one of her neighbors would enroll. At first she felt skeptical about the tabs but soon was convinced. When one neighbor learned that the other had "a new kind of Bible," he wanted one, too. Within a few days, Mrs. Jones was busily delivering lessons to eleven of her friends.

Mrs. Elizabeth Starnes, a Pell City retired school teacher, began devoting more time to the study of religion. When invited, she began studying the "Insight" program. Near the completion of the lessons, she remarked, "This course is twenty-times easier than any I have taken." The A. B. Crumps, an active Baptist minister and his wife, recently studied the course. Mrs. Crump wrote her comment, "I have enjoyed the lessons so much. I was unable to go to church today because of my daughter's illness. My thoughts turned to the Bible lessons. I read the questions and answers, and they gave me great comfort. The lessons have helped me be a better Christian."

What joy Pastor and Mrs. Acker realized as four members of one family united with the church during evangelistic meetings in Opelika a little over a year ago. This was the first family to receive home studies using the indexed tabs. During September of this year Raymond Roberts, conference evangelist, conducted a series of meetings in Anniston. The pastor used the special Bibles during his study class following the nightly message. The Lord blessed the Anniston church with seven precious souls.

The Word is, indeed, "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." Hebrews 4:12.



Davies Given 2nd Blue Law Charge

Durham police detectives Sunday arrested an Arlans Department Store officer on a charge of violating the city's new Sunday Blue Law.

Arrested was D. William Davies, until recently manager of the Arlans Durham operation. He was cited to appear in court Friday.

It was Davies' second arrest on a Blue Law charge.

Although the Blue Law forbids such stores as Arlans to open for business on Sunday, the discount store has been open on that day since the ordinance was passed by the Durham City Council.

Davies was arrested at 1:45 p.m., after he sold several items to Atty. Mike Troy.

Troy heads VOTE, a group seeking a public referendum on the Blue Law question.

Listed by the police department as a prosecuting witness, Troy said he bought a roll of Christmas wrapping paper, a roll of Christmas ribbons and a package of candy canes.

He said the first two items can be sold on Sunday during December, but are off limits for Sunday sale the rest of the year.

The candy canes, according to Troy "would not be prohibited in a store allowed to stay open on Sunday, as Arlans is not."

Davies was convicted Thursday in a previous test of the Blue Law.

He was arrested Oct. 26, the first Sunday the Blue Law was in effect, and charged with selling prohibited items to Troy.

Thursday, District Court Judge Lawson Moore convicted Davies, fining him \$25 and court costs.

Davies appealed the decision to superior court.

He returned to New York after his arrest Sunday. Davies Wednesday was named advertising and promotion director for Arlans' stores in the Southeast district.

BLUE LAWS IN THE CAROLINAS

Seventh-day Adventists in the United States have contended with Sunday legislation ever since the inception of denominational organization. And the current decade has been flooded by a new wave of the so-called "Blue Laws."

South Carolina now has a state law prohibiting the sale of certain types of goods on Sunday. The State of North Carolina has permissive Sunday legislation which gives each of the 100 counties the option of whether or not to enact local "Blue Laws." The recent General Assembly provision has brought little affirmative response from county officials. Only Alamance County politicians have publicly stated that they are studying the possibility of Sunday closing legislation.

On the other hand, North Carolina seems to be moving toward the status of a "blue state." Announcements by Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, and the Penney companies that they will be opening their stores on Sunday in a number of the nation's cities has brought considerable reaction from the Ministerial and Merchants Association throughout this state. Nineteen ordinances have been enacted in recent years by city councils. At least twenty-seven cities have old "Blue Laws." Fifty-four cities have no such legislation on their books at the present time, but some are now considering proposals.

Last year, Carolina Adventists were directly involved in countering four such proposals in appearances before council groups, as well as working out problems with three "solicitation ordinances" involving Ingathering and negotiating for a couple of members with Sabbath employment problems. During each of these cases, one could sit back and permit an educated imagination to thrust him into the future to see a "little flock" being brought before the courts to witness for its faith. Does it frighten one? No. The winds will blow, and strife will attempt to topple God's people. But the Master will have his hand raised, and the storm will not prevail. How marvelous it is to observe the unfolding of the prophetic picture! One day a universal Sunday Law will be decreed, not to simply close business on that day, or perhaps force Saturday openings, but to prohibit worship on the seventh day.

Why, then, go to the expense and burn nervous energy in opposing these initial steps that are signs of the end of time?

CAROLINA

Why take up the banner of the reformers in this period of Earth's history? Because, "The banner of truth and religious liberty which these reformers held aloft, has in this last conflict been committed to us. The responsibility for this great gift rests with those whom God has blessed with a knowledge of His word." *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, Page 402.

Each case is met with the hope that a positive decision against this prohibitive type of legislation will be reached by the respective governing body. But the greater objective is to permit men and women to hear about Seventh-day Adventists and their beliefs.

"I am Mr. Skender, representing the local congregation of Seventh-day Adventists," a Carolina Conference office worker stated in Greensboro. "I realize that you mentioned that the proposal before you is not a religious one, but, gentlemen, such legislation does create a hardship for certain religious groups."

Elder Skender pointed out that his people observe the seventh day of the week as the Bible Sabbath. In doing so, he was able to convince the council that the proposal had religious connotations. But men have been successful in writing laws that have little or no apparent religious basis, except for the concept that Sunday has become the traditional day of rest for "most Americans." This manner of attack has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court's *McGowan vs. Maryland* case in 1961, and by subsequent test cases in district courts. There is more and more difficulty in our clarifying the unconstitutionality of Sunday legislation.

In some Carolina cases, the will of the general populace has apparently been suppressed by determined council members whose allegiance appeared to be to a few influential groups. One such situation was evidenced in the city of Durham. The proponent of an amendment to the "Blue Law" adopted in September, 1969, spent twenty minutes explaining that he supported such legislation because of our nation's need to provide time for its citizens to get closer to the Creator. Only an hour previously, a spokesman of the council had stated that the "Blue Law" under consideration was not a religious law and that the religious views would not be considered. Adventists wish for men to return to the Creator, also, but not by the arm of police power.

Nevertheless, Pastor J. Fred Hughes presented a well-organized talk, specifying religious aspects of the law and how they affect those who desire to observe the Bible Sabbath, or any day other than Sunday. Two other Seventh-day Adventists presented various views in opposition to the law, each bringing a round of applause from the audience.

Lawyers, not representing Seventh-day Adventists, took up the argument, repeatedly referring to some of the statements made in the Adventist testimonials. One young attorney, in his emphatic, almost passionate, appeal, reminded the council that ten thousand signatures had been presented to them in opposition of the legislation—more than the votes they had collectively received at their election. He and others promised to make this a point of political confrontation in the next election. Appeals were made to let the people decide the issue in referendum. Even the local AFL-CIO representative asked that the people be permitted to decide the law's fate.

Casting one of two negative votes, against nine in support of the law, a councilman calmly stated he felt the legislation to be unjust and unfair, and that he knew the vote was "stacked" before the session convened that evening.

Numerous articles and "Letters to the Editor" have been printed in local newspapers, mostly opposing the "Blue Law." Every letter written by the Durham Adventists was published, along with those from non-Adventists.

Currently, the new law is being challenged by Mr. D. William Davies, who was then the manager of the Arlans Department Store in Durham.

This is a case that reiterates the knowledge that a few people can have police power over many. But in most cases, the populace will support Sunday legislation.

Among other Carolina cases are those at which William Swafford, O. H. Hanna, and A. D. Livengood have had outstanding opportunities to witness. Larry Groger, the young pastor at Elizabeth City, is now bearing witness in a series of contacts and pre-proposal meetings of the local Ministerial Association. Alamance County officials are being pressured by local merchant groups to enact a county-wide law, since city ordinances have only resulted in shoppers buying outside the city limits. There will be further opportunity for a voice of the "little flock" to be heard, speaking Bible truths to those who would perhaps otherwise never hear.

A problem frequently met on these occasions is that the officials involved are not acquainted with *Liberty*, a periodical they appreciate after having studied a copy or two. The Lord has placed this tool in the hands of His people for a purpose. Carolina members, in some churches, have already begun to plan for better *Liberty* magazine coverage by forming lists of city and town officials. In addition, the conference office will prepare county and state lists at the request of local congregations who contribute for the extra subscriptions.

Best success has been achieved in working with these small likenesses-to-future-events when the local pastor or members have spotted news of legislative proposals, contacted the conference office immediately, and have acted without delay, well before the date of legislative decision. In every case, the hand of the Lord has carefully guided—as it will to the end of time.

MELVIN E. NORTHRUP



On October 26, 1969, scores of cars lined the parking lot at the Arlans Department Store in Durham, North Carolina



The manager of the store, D. William Davies, right, sold merchandise to Attorney Mike Troy, left,



. and immediately following the purchase, Detective Jack Holt, right, arrested Mr. Davies for violating the city's new Sunday Blue Law.



(Photo by Skeggs)
K. D. Johnson, conference president, expressed gratitude to Mrs. Leonard R. West for the memorial gift presented to Highland Academy in honor of her husband.



(Photo by Reifsnnyder)
Arlene West of Collegedale presented a special number on the gift instrument in honor of her uncle, Leonard R. West.

HIGHLAND ACADEMY RECIPIENT OF MEMORIAL GIFT

Music can be a great power for good. Since Mr. and Mrs. Forest F. West, co-founders of Highland Academy, first realized their dream of an institution of spiritual learning which would be a power for good, musical training has been an important part of this secondary boarding school established at Portland, Tennessee.

One of the children of the Forest Wests, Leonard, dedicated his talents to the engineering and development of musical instruments—musical instruments that not only appear elegant in outward beauty and design, but from every string and hammer would produce the most perfect tone and quality when performed by skilled and dedicated hands.

Leonard R. West died suddenly from a heart attack in the air terminal at Albany, New York, on June 7, 1969. As his wife, Mildred, contemplated establishing a memorial that would reflect his fondest aspirations for inspiring a technical and professional elegance in music, she could have chosen no greater memorial than the presentation of an instrument of Len's architectural skills. Today, Highland Academy is the proud owner of a Mason and Hamlin Pianoforte, dedicated in Leonard R. West's memory to make music a great power for good.

In Revelation 14:13, the apostle John refers to man's works and influence standing as a challenge and inspiration after death. Students at Highland Academy will, in years to come, fan out to the four corners of this earth in service for their Master. They will take with them talents and skills perfected at the keys of the beautiful and serviceable Mason and Hamlin Pianoforte presented to the school in loving memory of Leonard R. West.

At a recent service of dedication and musical memorial tribute in the academy chapel, Mrs. Leonard R. West and daughter, Carrie Lynne, presented to Donald L. Weatherall, academy principal, and Elder K. D. Johnson, chairman of the academy board and conference president, the Mason and Hamlin Pianoforte. This instrument of superb quality and skilled craftsmanship is a valued asset to the music department of Highland Academy.

An inspiring program of vocal and instrumental selections followed the presentation. Arlene West, of Collegedale, Tennessee, played the hymn, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," followed by a rendition of Psalms 150 by the academy choir under the direction of Professor Paul Haynes. Mr. J. Bruce Ashton, assistant professor of music at Southern Missionary College, guest pianist, presented a memorial concert at the keyboard. The evening activities closed with an instrumental and vocal musical, given by relatives of the late Leonard R. West.

At the time of his death, Leonard R. West, beloved and noted piano architect, was director of engineering and development for the Aeolian American Corporation in East Rochester, New York.



(Photo by Skeggs)
A special instrumental program was presented at the academy by relatives of the late Mr. West. From left, Fred Fuller, trombone; Frieda Fuller, clarinet; Shirley West, saxophone; Kenny Fuller, cornet; Arlene West, piano; and Donald L. West, violin.



(Photo by Reifsnnyder)
J. Bruce Ashton, guest pianist from Southern Missionary College, presented a memorial concert at the keyboard of the gift Mason and Hamlin pianoforte.

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FANTASTIC

SUCCESS STORY

By CHARLES FLEMING JR.
*General Manager
Southern Missionary College*

As we look back in retrospect to the beginnings of the Committee of 100 for SMC, we are amazed at what a progressive entity has evolved in proportion to that conceived on the day of its birth.

It was on May 7, 1963, that a group of twenty laymen were called to the SMC campus to study, with the college administration and a few members of the Board of Trustees, some possible solutions to the dilemma facing the college due to its rapid growth. It was at this meeting that the concept of a Committee of 100 was born.

First Christ chose 12 apostles, but when the work enlarged and more help was needed, He appointed the "Seventy" to share the load and hasten the progress of the Christian philosophy. In like manner SMC has its Board of Trustees and to that has been added the counterpart of the "Seventy," the Committee of 100.

Realizing that it would only be human nature for individuals to accept membership without becoming enthusiastic participants, it was thought best to set dues at "\$125.00 per quarter." Knowing then that only those enthusiastic about the objectives of the Committee would join—"Where the treasure is, there is the heart also."

During the next twelve months, the Committee obtained its charter, accepted its project—the construction of the Physical Education Center, and reached its complement of 100 members.

But unfortunately, with the gymnasium completed but not quite paid for, with no other project eligible until the first one was amortized, and with some of the members recruited on the basis of a three-year project to erect the Physical Education Center, interest naturally began to wane after three years, and the complement of 100 dropped to about 50 through members dying, moving out of the union, and a feeling that the objectives originally set before them were accomplished.

It was about this time that the more complete and fulfilling role of the Committee of 100 as an active continuing body began to evolve. With the need of a new 500-student residence hall for women, the officers of the Committee developed a plan of erecting such a dormitory to lease to the college.

Although the plan did not materialize as developed by the Committee, the plan designed became the force that made the residence hall a reality. Since then, the Committee of 100 has purchased the site for the new broom factory, erected the plant,

and now leases it to the college for a sufficient amount to meet the payments on the required mortgage.

Within a few months, the Committee will own the enlarged shopping center on the campus on a similar plan. These procedures are increasing the profits of the Associated Corporations of the college, thus providing funds for expansion of instructional facilities.

During this time four basic committees were devised to bring recommendations to the full Board of Trustees. The committees serve in the areas of personnel, student life, finance, and industrial development. Each committee is made up of individuals chosen from the Board of Trustees, the Committee of 100, and the faculty.

The Committee of 100 meets each September and May on the evening preceding the meeting of the College Board; all members are invited to stay over and meet with the Board of Trustees on the following day.

Without question, the greatest contribution of the Committee of 100 is now in the process of development. Our greatest college need at the present is some method of making it financially feasible for every Southern Union youth, acceptable scholastically and socially as a college student, to enroll at SMC. This is now the goal of the Committee of 100.

If other denominations find it practical to provide funds to promote their objectives through owning and operating super-market chains and motels, certainly with the blessing of the Lord, we should exploit similar avenues. The new supermarket, to be erected in the college shopping center, should be even more profitable than the present one. This will involve a Natural Foods Center, a bakery, and "Collegedale Old-Fashioned Ice Cream," with unique decor and many marketing promotions.

Once this new unit is in operation, the Committee of 100 plans to establish branch "Collegedale Markets" in the Orlando-Forest Lake area, Nashville-Madison area, and other areas now under negotiation, with *all* the profits going into a "Grant and Loan Fund" for SMC students. This plan will multiply the dues paid by members many times to the objectives of the college.

Those of us who are members of this progressive committee rejoice in the progress of which we are a part. We feel that God would have us use whatever intellect and resourcefulness has been meted to us to promote this objective. As the news of this new program has spread out from the campus, fifteen new members have joined the Committee of 100 in the last thirty days.



FIRST AWARD — The TIDINGS takes great pleasure in announcing winners of the 1969 Photographic Contest. Taking first place is a photo by A. C. McClure, public relations secretary of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. This picture appeared in the conference section of the November issue and shows students from Georgia Cumberland Academy leaving the bus for a day's Ingathering work in Atlanta.



SECOND AWARD — This photo by George Adams, a student at Southern Missionary College, was chosen for second place. It shows Kathleen Johnson-Martin showing the page of dedication in the school annual to its honoree, Miss Luce. This photo appeared in the July issue of PICTORIAL STORIES.



THIRD AWARD — Third honor was given to Roy Ulmer, public relations secretary of the Florida Conference. This picture appeared in the PICTORIAL STORIES section of the June issue. It is a silhouette showing the anxiety of the musicians backstage just before the opening number of the National Adventist Choral Society in Orlando.



These three photos and eleven others were awarded the STA emblem during 1969. This award is made at the time of publication and is based on excellence in photography, human interest and subject matter of the picture.

The 1970 Southern Union Photographic Contest will begin with this issue. No STA emblems were attached to any of the photos received for publication this month. Regulations governing the award include—

- a. 8 x 10 glossy print
- b. Complete identification of subject and photographer
- c. Photographic excellence
- d. Subject matter
- e. Human interest

First award is \$25 — second, \$15 — and third, \$10.

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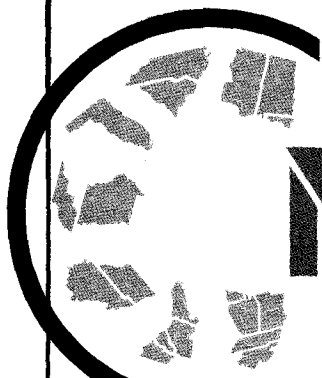
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA — Eleven persons were baptized at the close of the evangelistic meetings conducted in Salisbury, North Carolina, by H. V. Leggett and Henry Fowler. The meetings were held in an old store building in the heart of town, and the attendance was very good.



ATLANTA, GEORGIA — The Atlanta Beverly Road church recently received a citation of commendation from an Atlanta garden club for the beauty of the church grounds. Making the award to the pastor, William G. Ambler, left, was Mrs. James E. Averett, Jr., president of Wood Pines Garden Club. She said the award was given on the basis of the obvious planning and care of the trees, shrubs, flowers and grass in the church yard. The award is one of only two given by the club of all the possibilities on the club's segment of the famed Atlanta Peachtree Street.



COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA — Columbus Sabbath school members are so "sold" on Visitor's Day that they had three during 1969. Each visitor is presented a book for remembrance. At the recent special Sabbath school, Mrs. I. C. Schoonard, superintendent, presented a book to the oldest and youngest visitor in a special recognition.



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KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE — Thirty-four persons took their stand in the first altar call of the Detamore evangelistic meetings. Attendance for "The Mark of the Beast" was near 600.

BRISTOL, TENNESSEE — Elders Aalborg, Griffith, Minner, McClure and Price joined Pastor Larry Williams for a district rally the last of November. Georgia-Cumberland Academy was represented by eight young men and two teachers, forming a brass ensemble.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA — Baptisms for the first three Sabbaths in December totaled 97:

Knoxville meetings	Detamore team	36 baptisms
Dunlap meetings	Holley-Bolling team	17 "
Collegedale meetings	Loor-Ruf-Williamson	22 "
Apison-Standifer Gap	Coon-Tol	7 "
McMinnville meetings	L. Holley-Garner	6 "
Montezuma meetings	Cumbo-Guth	4 "
Waycross meetings	Ringer	1 "
Morristown meetings	Robbins	2 "
Beverly Road meetings	Ambler	1 "
Barwick meetings	Robertson	1 "

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An illustrated lecture and demonstration for all ages, and for anyone packing a lunch, with emphasis on "child nutrition."

January 8 Chattanooga
January 11 Collegedale
January 14 Calhoun
January 15 Douglasville
January 18 Atlanta

January 19 Marietta
January 20 Columbus
January 21 Albany
February 10 Savannah

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

K. D. Johnson, conference president, met with the Owensboro church for a week of PRAYER AND REVIVAL SERVICES.

The GREATER NASHVILLE JUNIOR ACADEMY Home and School membership honored Mary Hunter Moore by dedicating the school library in her honor. Miss Moore is remembered for her years of service at Southern Publishing Association. George Wilkinson, Home and School leader, arranged the program.

E. E. Shafer, Covington, Kentucky, pastor, reports NINE NEW MEMBERS added to the church — five had been led to their decision by faithful laymen.

The Kentucky-Tennessee CHAPTER OF LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI met December 7, at Madison Hospital. Twenty-nine persons were present to hear Frank Lemon, M. D., report on his research into Adventists' diet and health habits and the correlation to cancer, heart disease, etc. Dr. Lemon is associated with the university of Kentucky at Lexington. Elwin Lanz, M. D., is chapter president and Donald Bethea, D. D. S., is secretary. Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for March, 1970.

Both Highland and Madison academies conducted successful INGATHERING FIELD DAYS. The Madison students reached nearly \$2,500 and the Highland count was \$2,198.97.

George Yost, educational superintendent, reports that 92.4 percent of the 53 TEACHERS in the conference church schools are CERTIFIED. There are 710 children enrolled in grades 1-8 and 55 in grades 9 and 10.

SOUTH CENTRAL

The official opening for the new Memphis, Tennessee, church was held during Thanksgiving weekend. The new facility has a seating capacity of 1,000. Former pastors who took part in the ceremonies — C. R. Graham of Chicago, R. P. Peay and C. E. Dudley of Nashville, H. D. Singleton of Washington, D. C., and R. F. Warnick of Shreveport. Other speakers included C. B. Rock of the Southern Union and J. A. Simons of the local conference. The weekend activity was concluded with an Ingathering victory banquet when E. W. Moore, conference lay activities secretary, was the guest speaker.

Youth baptisms in the conference for the first three quarters of the year totaled 200.

Oakwood College raised \$9,000 for Ingathering — largest amount ever reported for this school.

Mahalia Jackson, noted gospel singer, worshipped at the Jackson, Mississippi, church on Sabbath, December 13. She was presented in concert on Saturday evening.

The annual workers' meeting was held December 15-17 at the Riverside Chapel in Nashville. Guest speakers included E. E. Cleveland, R. R. Hegstad and H. House of the General Conference; H. F. Roll, J. H. Whitehead, C. B. Rock and M. G. Cato of the Southern Union.

J. M. Doggette, pastor of the Memphis, Tennessee, district, was selected as "Pastor of the Year" during the workers' meeting held at Riverside Chapel.

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Pastor Clark Acker of the Pell City, Alabama, district is conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in Anniston. The meetings, called "Insight Institute," will serve as a reaping meeting for the 90 Bibles and Bible lessons which have been distributed in the district.

A new pallet industry at Bass Memorial Academy will enable many young people to earn part of their school expenses. Heading the industry is Floyd Brown.

Pastors of the conference report over 65,000 pieces of literature distributed on Literature Distribution Day, November 15. Several such days are planned for 1970.

O. M. Berg, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Department, held evangelistic meetings in Pensacola, Florida, the last of November. A pictorial tour of the archaeological discoveries in Bible Lands was combined with a series of doctrinal messages. Capacity crowds attended nightly, and many were new interests who had never had any previous contact with the Adventist Church.

CAROLINA

Banner Elk, N. C.

Pastor D. E. Wagner and Evangelist W. D. Brass closed a series of meetings in Banner Elk and fifteen persons were baptized.

Marion, N. C.

Pastor Dave Miller baptized one person from the Marion church meetings. Others have been formed into a baptismal class.

Orangeburg, S. C.

R. H. Ammons, lay activities secretary of the conference, and Pastor Joe Reams conducted a series of meetings in Orangeburg, and six persons were baptized.

FLORIDA

1. The conference welfare federation presented a weekend luggage bag to each boy living at the Florida Sheriff's Boys' Ranch located at Live Oak, Florida. Most of the boys were dependent on cardboard boxes and paper sacks to put their things in when they make occasional visits home.
2. Tulio Haylock, Sabbath school secretary of the Inter-American Division, was the guest speaker December 12 at the greater Orlando area rally held at the Orlando Central church. He also spoke Sabbath, December 13, at the St. Petersburg church.
3. Florida Sanitarium and Hospital picked up two first-place awards in the second annual publications awards of the Florida Hospital Association. Don Bradley, public relations director for the hospital, accepted the awards at the 42nd annual meeting of the FHA held at Hollywood. One of the honors was in the "employee publication category" for the house organ "Census," while the other was in "patient publications" for the attractive information packet provided by the hospital.
4. The Palmetto and Bradenton churches have elected clothing clerks to oversee the packaging of disaster clothing outfit packages. C. R. Kinney was chosen for Palmetto and Arthur C. Paulson for Bradenton.
5. The Florida Sanitarium and Hospital has just announced that a new facility will be built on Highway 436 in South Seminole County. A 20-acre plot will surround the new Florida Sanitarium and Hospital North. The 71,000 square-foot facility is designed for 100 beds and should be open by early 1972.
6. Mrs. Pat Carlson, Forest City, was named "Outstanding Handicapped Career Woman of the Year" by the South Seminole Pilot Club. She is a correspondent for the Apopka newspaper, publicity secretary for the Forest Lake church, public relations leader for the area health and welfare federation, and a teacher in Sabbath school. She also sews, sponsors a handicapped club in her hometown of Dakota, and tells neighborhood children Bible stories on Sunday afternoons.
7. The Florida Conference featured ten multi-media showings of the publishing film LIKE STREAMS OF LIGHT. Ticket-tally attendance was 4,809. Seven hundred of these were invited guests of church members. Health food sales totaled \$2,594.89, and book sales were \$4,582. Persons interested in literature evangelism work - 646.

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January 25	Lake City	February 3	Orlando
January 26	Gainesville	February 4	Eustis
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January 28	Brooksville	February 8	Jacksonville
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DON PATE, FRESHMAN THEOLOGY MAJOR FROM PORTLAND, OREGON, RECEIVED FIRST AWARD FOR HIS TEMPERANCE ORATION, "HIS NAME ALSO WAS DON." OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE ANNUAL CONTEST INCLUDED LESLIE LOUIS OF TAKOMA PARK; SAM ORTIZ OF OMAHA; LARRY DAVIS OF NASHVILLE; AND ALAN LAWRENCE OF WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS.

TWENTY-TWO SMC STUDENTS WERE NAMED FOR LISTING IN THE 1969 EDITION OF "WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES."

BOOKS FOR BROWSING

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.



You could start a brand-new decade off in a really rewarding way with just one simple resolution: to spend some time alone with yourself and God each day. So maybe you're not an early morning sparkler—no matter. Do it whenever it's best for you, but do it every day.

To make your daily spiritual communication experience more meaningful, you'll want a copy of **THINK ON THESE THINGS**, the 1970 daily devotional book by Norval F. Pease. Although Dr. Pease is a Biblical scholar, (he's chairman of the Department of Religion at Loma Linda University) his approach is simple, meaningful and direct. The thing we liked best about this book is that Dr. Pease follows one theme for several days. He has an excellent series on the Beatitudes, for instance, and another on the events surrounding the crucifixion.

Juniors can have their own devotional experience with **RUN THIS RACE** by Walter Scragg. This book is action from start to finish, and each day's reading contains a story that really fits today's mode. Both devotional books are published by Review and Herald.

1970 will undoubtedly bring a continually expanding avalanche of paperbacks to the nation's bookstores. Southern Publishing Association plans to double its list of titles in the **CROWN** series to keep up with the increased demand for inexpensive reading material. **AT THE FOREST'S EDGE**, by Ernie Holyer, will be the next **CROWN** offering for juvenile readers. The exciting adventures of a little German boy as he struggles to keep his family life intact will fascinate young readers. There's just a touch of suspense to the story that will keep the pages turning.

Juniors will appreciate a down-to-earth new look at the life and times of Ellen G. White. **ANGEL OVER HER TENT**, by D. A. Delafield, makes the reality and drama of the Spirit of Prophecy a fascinating fact for boys and girls. From Southern Publishing Association.

Peace.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Workers' Meeting - 1970—Paschal's Brothers Motel, January 19-21, 1970. Guest Speakers: H. D. Singleton, W. W. Fordham, E. E. Cleveland of the General Conference.

FLORIDA

YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

North Miami Church, January 2-4, 1970.

St. Petersburg Church, January 16-18, 1970.

Orlando Sanitarium and Hospital Auditorium, January 30, 31, February 1, 1970.

Friday, 7:30 p.m.—"What's Right - What's Wrong?"

Sabbath, 1:30 p.m.—"Youth Needs, Problems and Solutions"

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.—"S.S. and M.V. Pathfinder Programs for 1970"

Sponsored by the Sabbath School and Youth Departments. A study on the total youth problems as sponsored by the church.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

EVANGELISTIC PULPIT EXCHANGE

First Series—January 31 - February 14, 1970

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark "SDA" on Your Envelope—A letter has just been mailed from the Christian Record Braille Foundation which many church members will be receiving. Since there is no way to know who, on the mailing list, are members, we are making this appeal for you to please mark "SDA" on your answer. All donations received from Seventh-day Adventists can be used for sending doctrinal services to the blind.

The Sectarian Fund of Christian Record Braille Foundation is used to produce the braille **Review and Herald** and Sabbath school lessons. The lessons are also released on tape for the blind and visually handicapped. Several Bible Correspondence courses are offered the sightless. All of these services are furnished free.

If you have not received the package of informative literature and would like to know more about the work of the Foundation, a Seventh-day Adventist institution, send your request to: Public Relations, Department A, Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., 4444 South 52nd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506.

SMC Educational Tour of Britain—The history and English departments of Southern Missionary College are planning an educational study tour of Britain, June 17-July 27, 1970.

Three hours of college credit will be available for English history under instructor Dr. J. L. Clark, chairman of SMC's history department; and three hours for masterpieces of English literature under Mrs. Ann Clark, instructor in English. Cost of the tour with three hours of credit is \$920 and with six hours, \$1045. If the tour is taken for no credit, the cost is \$795. A \$100 deposit, payable to Southern Missionary College and sent to the attention of Dr. J. L. Clark is required to hold a reservation.

The tour includes England, Scotland and Wales. The basic rate of \$795 includes the round trip jet air fare leaving from New York, hotels on the tour, portage, admission to historical and literary points on the itinerary, continental breakfast and dinner.

Details concerning the classes and tour, and an application form may be secured by writing Dr. J. L. Clark, Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee 37315.

Union College Alumni—All alumni, former students and faculty members of Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, are requested to meet at the Union Conference Office, 3978 Memorial Drive, Atlanta, on February 8, 1970, for a special meeting. Plan now to be present.

Obituaries

Submitted to the SOUTHERN TIDINGS office during the months of October and November, 1969.

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Psalms 127:1-2

BAYBARZ, Anna Evenenko. was born in Russia in 1892, and came to America in 1902. Shortly after coming to this country, her family embraced the "Third Angel's Message." She and her husband served as Adventist workers in the Saskatchewan and Ontario Provinces of Canada. Mrs. Baybarz fell asleep in Christ on October 6, 1969, at Knoxville, Tennessee, where she was a member of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church.

BROWN, Hugh Huthingson. 92, died September 9, 1969. A Scot by birth, Mr. Brown came to Orlando two years ago from Miami, Florida. He is survived by a number of nephews and nieces. Elder William Ambler, P. A. Parker and Leslie Mansell officiated. Interment was at Southern Memorial Park, Miami, Florida.

BROYLES, Mary Ward Underwood. was born October 25, 1886, in the Holly Springs community of Henderson County, North Carolina, and passed to her rest October 31, 1969. Survivors include a son, Frank E.; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Officiating minister was Dwight P. Herbert.

COMFORT, Arthur A., 85, Sanford, Florida, died November 8, 1969. A native of New York, he came to Sanford thirteen years ago from Nitro, West Virginia. Survivors: wife, Ethel M.; daughter, Mrs. Dana Curry, Saint Albans, West Virginia; son, Robert of Maryland; stepdaughters, Mrs. Imogene Keeling, Charleston, West Virginia, and Mrs. James Clendening, Harpursville, New York; stepson, Ernest Griffin, Elmira, New York.

COOPER, Mattie Robbins. was born 82 years ago in Oakdale, Tennessee, and died in September, 1969, at Rising Fawn, Georgia. In early life she was married to D. L. Cooper, and four children were born into their home—Roy, a staff member at Wildwood, Georgia; Glenn of Allardt, Tennessee; and Reid of Dayton, Ohio; a daughter is deceased. For many years Sister Cooper was a loyal member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. At the funeral service, the resurrection hope was spoken to a group of relatives and friends by J. R. Perkins. The final resting place was in the Lavender cemetery.

DAVIS, Joseph Lindward. passed away on October 18, 1969, at the age of 74, in Panama City, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Tyler Padgett Davis; a son, Joseph Lindward, Jr.; two daughters, Mrs. Lois Stanford and Mrs. Flora Barber; three sisters; four brothers; sixteen grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Elder Art V. Voorheis officiated.

ELMORE, Mrs. Vincent M., Sr., was born October 29, 1882, in Newport, Kentucky, and died November 6, 1969, in Montgomery, Alabama. She was baptized into the Mission church in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1922, and later, when Col. Elmore retired from the Army, they were among the first members of the Montgomery, Alabama, church. She is survived by a son, Col. Vincent Martin Elmore, Jr., Lawton, Oklahoma; two daughters, Mrs. James H. Havey, Austin, Texas, and Miss Langdon Elmore, Decatur, Georgia; two sisters, Mrs. Frank O. Wells, San Diego, California, Mrs. Oliver A. Dickinson, Southern Pines, N.C.; and six grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted at Oakwood cemetery in Montgomery, Alabama, by Elder Douglas Bennett.

FENWICK, Mrs. Myrta S., 99, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, died July 13, 1969. She came to Broward County in 1922 from Indiana and taught school for many years. She was one of the first teachers to instruct Seminole Indian students. Survivors: daughter, Mrs. Mima K. Stone, Ft. Lauderdale. Elder R. M. Spencer officiated. Interment followed at Evergreen cemetery, Ft. Lauderdale.

HOLLAND, Mrs. Jessie D., was born August 30, 1890, and died September 20, 1969, at Andalusia, Alabama. She was a faithful and much-loved member of the Andalusia Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors include four sons; seven daughters; thirty-seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters. Elder L. A. Ward officiated.

HORN, Mrs. Bertha Fox. was born in Autaugaville, Alabama, February 18, 1896, and died October 12, 1969, in Jacksonville, Florida. Survivors: Husband, John Henry; two sons, Charles G. of Atlanta, and Samuel B. of Jacksonville; three daughters Mrs. Virginia Lohr, Mrs. Ruby Allen and Mrs. Rose Holton, all of Jacksonville.

LAMSON, Mary Elizabeth. was born in Armada, Michigan, November 12, 1875, and died, October 29, 1969, in Madison, Tennessee. Miss Lamson served as a denominational teacher and preceptress until her retirement in 1935. Survivors include two nieces, Mrs. David Lurt, Santa Paula, California, and Mrs. John Jansen, Nashville, Tennessee.

MOORE, Eddie B., was born August 18, 1899, at Lafayette, Alabama. He passed away April 18, 1969, in Birmingham, Alabama. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the past twenty years. He leaves to mourn his wife, Emma, two daughters; and two sons. Funeral services were conducted by Elders Milton Reiber and C. W. Reed.

LIPSCOMB, Paul L., 78, of Maitland, Florida, died November 9, 1969. An Okian by birth, Mr. Lipscomb moved to Florida ten years ago. He was a member of the Forest Lake church. Survivors: Daughters, Mrs. Eileen E. Yokam, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Mrs. Marjorie Hissong, Forest City, Florida; brother, Vern, Mansfield, Ohio; sister, Mrs. Ruby Thayer, Painesville, Ohio. Elder Leslie Mansell officiated. Interment followed in Palm cemetery, Winter Park, Florida.

LONG, Mrs. Helen W., 69, died August 16, 1969. A native of Maryland, she came to Orlando fifteen years ago from Virginia. Survivors: Brother, Paul Ward, Santa Ana, California; sisters, Louise Poyner, Orlando, Florida; Mrs. W. H. Revelle, Wilmington, Delaware. Elder Ronald Cemer officiated. Interment was at Glen Haven Memorial Park, Winter Park, Florida.

McGEE, Mrs. Jeanetta May, was born on April 26, 1902, in Memphis, Tennessee, and died October 9, 1969, in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Survivors include her husband, James; daughter, Mrs. Walter S. Grace of Cincinnati, Ohio; and four grandchildren. She was a member of the Carolina Conference church.

McGLOTHIN, Lilly Dale Butler, was born in Morgan County, Tennessee, in 1886. She gave her heart to God and united with the Harriman, Tennessee, Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1899. She closed her eyes in death, October 8, 1969. Mrs. McGlothlin was a devout Seventh-day Adventist who was faithful unto the end. Her membership was at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Knoxville at the time of her death.

PAGE, Nolan Fred, born March 28, 1916, died August 16, 1969, in Baxley, Georgia. He was an active member of the Baxley Seventh-day Adventist Church. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. F. J. Page; one brother, Raymond; one sister, Mrs. Doris Sprague; nieces and nephews.

PETERSON, Frank Loris, was born August 12, 1893, at Pensacola, Florida, and died at White Memorial Hospital, October 23, 1969. Elder Peterson had suffered from severe arthritis, but his final battle was a kidney infection. He served on the faculty and later as president of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. He was engaged in pastoral, educational and youth work in the Southern Union Conference. At the General Conference Quadrennial Session of 1954, Elder Peterson was invited to head the Negro churches of his denomination as associate secretary of the General Conference. In 1962 he became a vice-president. Survivors include his wife, Bessie, of Los Angeles; a son, Dr. Frank Peterson, Jr., of Los Angeles; Mrs. Hollis Knight of Los Angeles; Mrs. C. B. Rock of Atlanta; Mrs. L. R. Palmer of Washington, D.C.; and ten grandchildren.

RICHERT, Mrs. Mildred Elizabeth Jones, was born June 19, 1909, and died October 29, 1969, after a long illness. She was so well loved in the Memphis church that she was chosen as "Mother of the Year" two years ago. Left to mourn her passing are her husband, Dr. Arthur Richert; two sons, Lindsey Boone of Memphis, and Arthur, Jr., of Austin, Texas; and two grandsons. She was laid to rest in the Elmwood cemetery.

SCARBOROUGH, Mrs. Ethel M., was born in Columbia, South Carolina, March 8, 1888, and died October 14, 1969. Survivors: One son, Roscoe C., Jr., of Miami, Florida; one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Holcomb of Jacksonville, Florida.

SUAREZ, Mrs. Juanita Shirley, was born September 1, 1932, and died October 17, 1969. She came to Orlando, Florida, from Chicago, Illinois, twelve years ago. Survivors: Husband, Tom O.; sons, Dennis M. and Desmond S., Orlando; parents, Mrs. Abie Nickless, Orlando, Mr. John Nickless, Blissfield, Michigan; sister, Lucretia D. Gleason, Casselberry, Florida. Elder Warren Wittenberg officiated. Interment was at Chapel Hill cemetery, Orlando.

THOMPSON, Mrs. Esther Schuller, 46, died October 26, 1969. She was a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and came to Orlando in 1956, when she became a nurse at Florida Sanitarium and Hospital. Survivors: Husband, Warren, Orlando, Florida; daughter, Mrs. Carol Jane Shoot, Orlando; mother, Mrs. Marie L. Schuller, Nekomis; brothers, Fred Schuller, Mount Vernon, Ohio; Ed Adams, Mansfield, Ohio, and Steve Adams, sisters, Mrs. Russell Mann, Worthington, Ohio, and Mrs. Adeline Smith, Nekomis. Elder Stanley L. Dombrosky officiated. Interment was at Glen Haven Memorial Park, Winter Park, Florida.

TURNER, Mrs. Ida Tracy, was born on December 7, 1918, in Franklin County, Alabama, and passed away March 20, 1969, in Haleyville, Alabama. She is survived by her husband, Orbie L.; three daughters, Barbara Lee, Charity Frances, Mrs. Martha Magdalene Willis; and one granddaughter. Elder Rufus McDannell conducted the service.

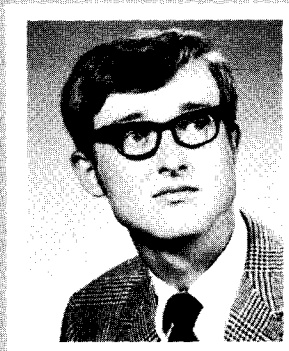
WHIDDEN, Judith Jane, was born July 1, 1893, in Nocatee, Florida, and died July 17, 1969, at Cape Canaveral Hospital, Cocoa Beach, Florida. One sister, Mrs. William B. Lewis, Cape Canaveral, Florida, and several nieces and nephews survive. Services were held at Indian Springs cemetery, Punta Gorda, Florida.

WHITE, Mrs. Lottie, was born November 13, 1892, in Lumberton, North Carolina. She died April 20, 1969. She was a member of the Apopka, Florida, church.

WILLIAMS, Joyce Carol, 23, died September 26, 1969. She was born in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, and had been a resident of Kissimmee, Florida, for the past nine years. Survivors: Parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Williams, Sr., Kissimmee; brother, David, Jr., U.S. Army in Germany; sister, Tresa Mae, Kissimmee. Dr. E. M. Bryant and Elder Charles Cress officiated. Interment followed in Osceola Memory Gardens.

WING, Captain Duncan, was born in Michigan on August 29, 1883, and died in Loma Linda, California, September 20, 1969. He is survived by his wife, Bennie. Officiating minister was Ivanette Dunbar. Captain Wing was a member of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, Florida.

YARBOROUGH, Mrs. Jesse Gregory, was born in Onslow County, North Carolina, January 20, 1906, and died in Wilmington, North Carolina, November 6, 1969. Her husband and three children survive. Officiating minister was Richard Serns.



S/4 Roy Edward Fickling

'SON, I'LL SEE YOU IN HEAVEN'

(These excerpts have been selected from a write-up by Lavice Deal, Journal staff writer which appeared in the *Marietta Journal* on Monday, December 1, for Roy Edward Fickling—another Seventh-day Adventist medic who gave his life in service of his country.)

A 72-year-old man kissed his tall, muscular son as he sat in an airplane at Atlanta Airport, saying, "Son, if I never see you again, I'll see you in heaven."

"I'll be there," replied Specialist Fourth Roy Edward Fickling to his elderly father.

The father, R. H. Fickling, 1340 Bells Ferry Road, NE, Marietta, Georgia, then watched the airplane "until it was a speck in the sky."

The plane was San Francisco bound, and from there the 20-year-old soldier went to Vietnam. He arrived there October, 1969, and he served as a medic.

The father was at home alone Saturday night, November 29, looking over a shipment of Bibles and Bible literature he had received when the door bell rang. Two Army officers and a policeman stood at the door.

"Mr. Fickling, we are very sorry we have bad news for you," one of them said. "Your son is dead."

Death for his son had come the day before while the soldier was on combat operation with his unit. The unit encountered hostile enemy fire, and doubtless, Roy was administering aid to his fellow comrades when he met death. Classified as "non-combatant" soldier, because of his religious beliefs, Roy carried no weapons. His mission was to administer aid to his fellow soldiers. He had had special training at Ft. Sam Houston in Texas, to which he was assigned May 12.

Mrs. Fickling was at the Marietta Seventh-day Adventist Church when the Army officials came.

Roy was a trumpeter, frequently playing in church services.

"I was rather interested in the piece he played in the service just before his leaving for Vietnam," Fickling said.

"Peace, Peace, Wonderful Peace" was the title of that song.

Roy attended the Marietta Seventh-day Adventist church school from the fourth to the tenth grades, finishing his high school education at Georgia Cumberland Academy. He also attended Kennesaw Junior College for four quarters during 1968 and 1969 before his call to military duty.

The fallen soldier never expressed any resentment for the war and there "never was one word of complaint" about the food, the assignment or anything else, the father said. "He didn't resent going when the Army called him. There was no hesitancy."

The Ficklings got a letter two days before being notified of Roy's death, and a member of the church received a letter dated the day Roy died.

Roy Edward Fickling, son of Elder and Mrs. R. H. Fickling of Marietta, Georgia, was born March 5, 1949, and was killed in Vietnam, November 28, 1969. Roy lost his life in an attempt to save 20 wounded men. A medal for bravery has been awarded. Services were conducted in the Marietta church on Sabbath afternoon, December 6, with the pastor, A. R. Klein, officiating.



Pfc. Ronald L. DeLong

DeLONG KILLED IN VIETNAM

Army Pfc. Ronald L. DeLong, 22, of Collegedale, was killed in action in Vietnam, the Defense Department announced.

The date, time or place of his death was not reported. Pfc. DeLong was a medic with the 4th Infantry Division and was stationed near Pleiku, in the Central Highlands of Vietnam.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lawrence DeLong of Oakland, Md., and had been a student at SMC for some two years until he entered the military service six months ago.

His wife Linda has also been a student at SMC.

Ronald was a member of the Apison Seventh-day Adventist Church.

His funeral was conducted in Shreveport, La., his wife's hometown.

He is survived by his parents and two sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon DeLong, of Cleveland, Tenn., are his uncle and aunt.

The following editorial from the Chattanooga *News-Free Press* of Nov. 11, 1969, seems worthy of being quoted in its entirety: "Pfc. Ronald L. DeLong was a medic. His duty was to render aid and comfort to men in need. He was a part of an American force sent to distant Vietnam to save a people and their land from vicious Communist conquest.

"In an attack by Communist forces on an airfield, Pfc. DeLong has lost his life.

"While most of us pursue our 'business as usual,' Pfc. DeLong was engaged in an important business that was not usual. He was face to face with the reality of Communist aggression that plans to envelop us all.

"No one could give more than he has given. He asked nothing special. He simply went when duty called. And he has died at enemy hands.

"We feel deep sympathy for his family and thanksgiving for men like him who will face danger when their country calls. What a contrast between what Pfc. DeLong has been willing to give for us all and what many irresponsibles demand without giving.

"What can each of us do to be worthy, and to be sure our country is worthy of what Pfc. DeLong and others have done for us?"

Medical Dental Recruiting 1969

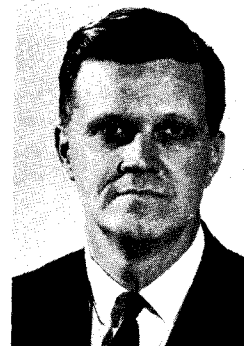
The Southern Union medical-dental secretaries, led by Joe Cruise, M.D., associate medical secretary; Eldon Carman, D.D.S., dental secretary; and H. F. Roll, secretary of the Southern Union Conference, conducted their most extensive and perhaps most effective recruiting program ever held, December 1 and 2, at Loma Linda University, and December 5 and 6 with Adventist students at Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico.

Two days of intensive interviews were conducted by the medical and dental secretaries of the union and the local conferences at Loma Linda University, meeting and visiting students in both the medical and dental schools. The Florida Sanitarium and Hospital was represented by Thornton Beckner, M.D., director of medical education, and Robert Lang, M.D., who is presently doing his internship there. Jack Cothren, M.D., an intern at the Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, represented his hospital in the interest of internships.

Local conferences of the Southern Union were represented at Loma Linda by their administrative officers and medical and dental secretaries. The banquet, hosted by the Southern Union, was attended by more than 100 students and their wives. It was held at the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University in the cafeteria's Chaparral Room. Southern tradition was emphasized in the decor, which was prepared by Mrs. Hazel Roll. Elder Carl Sundin, director of the Placement Service of Loma Linda University, did an excellent job in making all preliminary arrangements for the recruitment team, including a luncheon at Riverside County Hospital for the senior medical students attending there.

Several members of the Southern Union recruitment team traveled on to Guadalajara, Mexico, following the Loma

By H. F. ROLL, Secretary
Southern Union Conference



Linda visit. The Universidad Autonoma is located in this city, and here is the largest group of Adventist physicians in training of any non-Adventist school in the entire world. Of the approximately 160 Adventist students attending this medical center, 85 are from the United States, and most of these intend to return to the states for medical practice.

The Southern Union group spent Sabbath, December 6, worshiping and becoming acquainted with these medical students. On Saturday night, 140 students and their wives were entertained by the union at the Montparnasse Restaurant. The program following the dinner included talks about the medical and dental work in the South by Joe Cruise, M.D., Eldon Carman, D.D.S., Julius Garner, M.D., and Harold Moody, M.D.

The Southern Union medical-dental team represents 500 physicians and dentists of the Southland and scores of medical institutions and clinics. The annual visit to these medical schools is an important contribution to building up the medical work in the South. The physicians and dentists who serve the conferences as secretaries for the medical and dental work volunteer their time. Many of these men spent a full week away from their practice. This effort, with God's blessing, will help to bring the work of God to a speedy conclusion in the Southern Union.



Elder H. M. S. Richards began the reading of the Bible at the stroke of midnight, December 31.

North Carolina's Governor Robert W. Scott taped the 50th Psalm so it could be played during the Voice of Prophecy Bible reading to begin the New Year.



Voice of Prophecy Bible Reading Marathon

HERBERT FORD, Public Relations Secretary, Voice of Prophecy

At the stroke of midnight, December 31, Elder H. M. S. Richards of The Voice of Prophecy began reading the Bible at broadcast headquarters, 1500 East Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale, California. Some 85 hours and 75 different readers later, on January 4, 1970, a continuous reading of the entire Bible was completed.

The Bible reading inaugurated the way The Voice of Prophecy will begin each new year throughout the decade of the 1970's—the broadcast's "Decade of Decision"—or "until the Lord comes back to earth," as one staff member puts it.

At 11:30 p.m. on December 31, New Year's eve, a special 30-minute program about the Bible, in which Elders H. M. S. Richards and H. M. S. Richards, Jr., and other Voice of Prophecy staff members participated was held in the Voice of Prophecy chapel. At the moment of midnight, Elder Richards began the reading as the conclusion to the short program.

The 50th Psalm was taped by Governor Robert W. Scott of North Carolina. As the last verse of the 49th Psalm was completed, the tape was played in its place.

Portions of the reading were presented in foreign languages and from several different translations of the Scriptures. Among highlights from the reading was the presentation of a recording of verses read from the famed "Bounty Bible" on Pitcairn Island in the Pacific Ocean.

Visitors were welcomed to the Bible reading at any time, day or night. Bibles were provided for those attending to follow along with the reader.

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LEGAL NOTICES

CAROLINA CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the thirtieth biennial session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler, North Carolina, on Sunday, March 22, 1970. The first meeting is called for 10:00 a.m.

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

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

E. S. Reile, President
O. H. Rausch, Secretary

CAROLINA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION SESSION

Notice is hereby given that there will be a legal meeting of the Carolina Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Incorporated under the laws of the state of North Carolina, in connection with the thirtieth biennial session of the Carolina Conference, which will be held at Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler, North Carolina.

The first meeting of this Association will convene at 2:00 p.m., March 22, 1970. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and trustees and to transact any other business that may come before the Association at that time. The delegates to the thirtieth biennial session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates of the Association meeting.

E. S. Reile, President
O. H. Rausch, Secretary

FLORIDA CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 56th biennial session of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Forest Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church, Maitland, Florida, on Sunday, March 1, 1970. The first meeting is called for 10:00 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof.

W. O. Coe, President
H. J. Carubba, Secretary

FLORIDA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION SESSION

The biennial meeting of the members of the Florida Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a Florida corporation, will be held at the Forest Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church, Maitland, Florida, on the 1st day of March, 1970 at 11:00 a.m., for the purpose of electing the officers and Board of Trustees for the ensuing biennium and for consideration of such other matters as may properly come before the meeting. The members of this corporation are the members in good standing of any local church of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and all active members of the General Conference Committee of Seventh-day Adventists and the Southern Union Conference Committee of Seventh-day Adventists. Only those members present who are duly elected and accredited delegates of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.

W. O. Coe, President
R. A. Lopez, Assistant Secretary

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the nineteenth biennial session of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the auditorium on the campus of Georgia Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, March 8, 1970 at 10:00 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen members or major fraction thereof.

Desmond Cummings, President
Everett E. Cumbo, Secretary

GEORGIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the regular session of the Georgia Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the new auditorium on the campus of Georgia Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, March 8, 1970, at 10:00 a.m. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are constituents of this corporation.

Desmond Cummings, President
Fred Minner, Secretary

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the legal session of the Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the new auditorium on the campus of Georgia Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, March 8, 1970, at 10:00 a.m. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are constituents of this corporation.

Desmond Cummings, President
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LOUIS SMITH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the regular biennial constituency meeting of the Louis Smith Memorial Hospital, Inc., is called to meet in the auditorium on the campus of Georgia Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, March 8, 1970, at 10:00 a.m. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventist's regular biennial session are the constituents of this corporation.

Desmond Cummings, President
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