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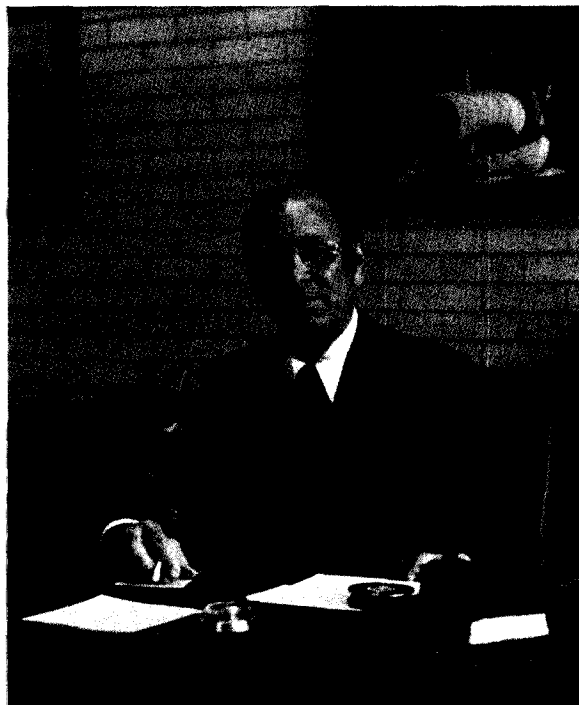
SOUTHERN TIDINGS

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H. H. Schmidt, President
Southern Union Conference

The Conferences Report



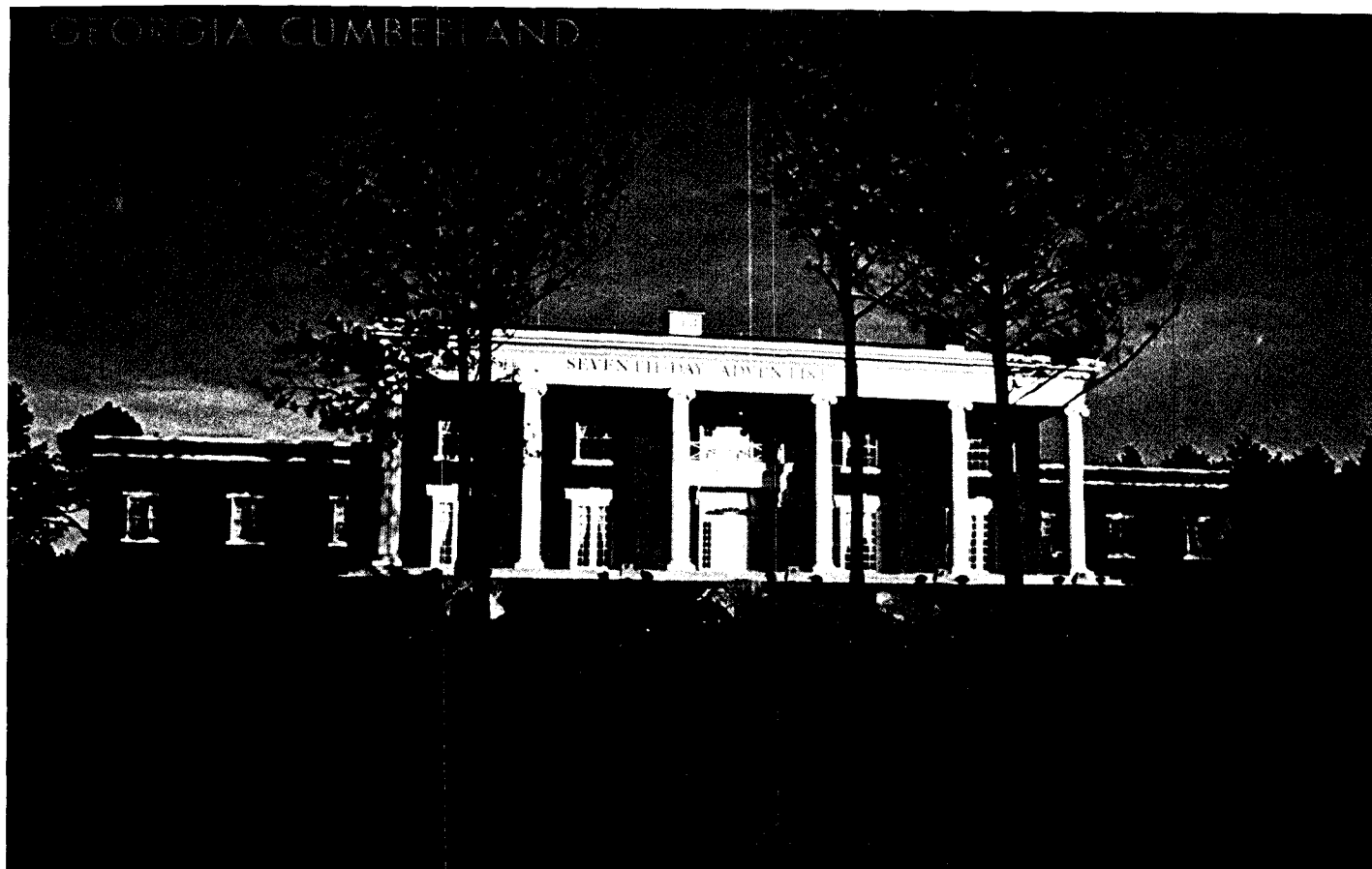
Featured in the SOUTHERN TIDINGS this month are the seven local conferences of the Southern Union. Without these, there wouldn't be a Southern Union Conference. It is in the local field where the work takes place at the "grass roots."

The membership of each of our conferences ranges from 5,411 in Alabama-Mississippi to 17,004 in Florida. The number of church congregations range from 62 in Alabama-Mississippi, to 99 in South Atlantic. In each of the brief conference write-ups in this issue, more will be covered by all of the conference presidents.

In all except one of our conferences, there are three administrative officers organizing, planning and leading out in the activities of the conference. These are the president, secretary, and treasurer. Only the South Central Conference has the one man serving in the role of secretary-treasurer.

This year, five of our conferences will be having their constituency meetings. Two of them — South Central and Alabama-Mississippi — conducted theirs in 1975. The conferences are now meeting on the triennium schedule.

In the Union Conference office, we are in the position to know and appreciate the local conference leadership. All of them are working hard, and God is blessing their efforts. We do hope you will carefully read in this issue of the TIDINGS the reports of these conference leaders. You will be impressed by the progress each, under God, is able to report. Our conference leaders deserve our support and our prayers.



HONOR THE PAST

challenge the future

It is good for us to pause—if only briefly—to “honor the past”—to recount the bountiful blessings and divine direction of God. His goodness has given us continuing record gains in our conference during these past three years.



Directing and coordinating the various phases of the soul-winning work throughout Georgia-Cumberland is the Executive Committee whose members represent laymen, institutions, self-supporting workers, the ministerial force, and conference office personnel.

Under the leadership of this committee are my fellow officers, Elders Everett Cumbo, secretary, and H. R. Trout, treasurer.

The departmental directors, evangelists, pastors, Bible instructors, teachers, and literature evangelists, along with the local church officers, have all dedicated their lives to a finished task.

I personally, and on behalf of the constituents of Georgia-Cumberland, would like to express a heartfelt thank-you to each of these faithful workers.

The following pages display only a few of God's manifold miracles in our conference during this triennium.

We honor our past, and we praise God from whom all blessings flow.

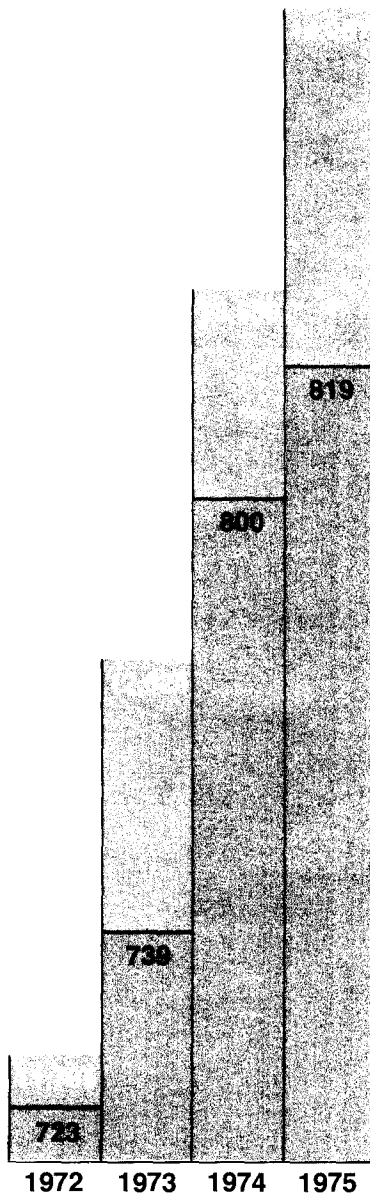
And yet, while remembering, let us envision the greater challenge of our glorious future!

Desmond Cummings, *president*

God Continues to Bless the

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

MEMBERSHIP



BAPTISMS

TITHES

TOTAL OFFERINGS

1973 — \$6,968,326
1974 — \$8,096,015
1975 — \$7,984,222

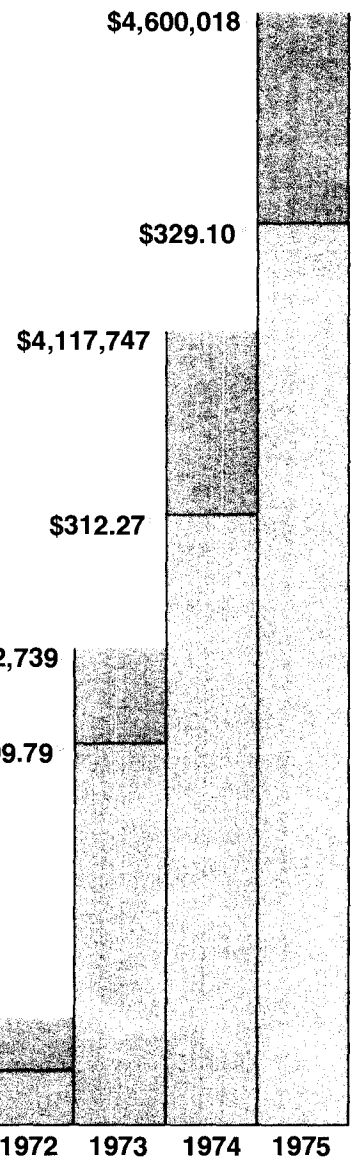
TOTAL — \$23,048,563

1975

TOTAL OFFERINGS

PER CAPITA

\$571.22



*TITHES PER CAPITA

AND CONFERENCE

1973-1974

CHURCHES DEDICATED

- Americus, GA
- Columbus, GA
- Dalton, GA
- Jasper, TN
- Marietta, GA
- Morristown, TN
- Ooltewah, TN
- Ringgold, GA
- Thomasville, GA
- Tifton, GA
- Wallaceville, GA

NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS OPENED

- Alma, GA
- Atlanta Metropolitan, GA — bought and remodeled
- Beersheba Springs, TN — education wing
- Birchwood, TN — bought and remodeled
- Calhoun, GA
- Cloudland, GA — bought and remodeled
- Cookeville, TN
- Knoxville, TN
- Murphy, NC
- Ringgold, GA — education wing
- Rome, GA
- Standifer Gap, TN



Standifer Gap church

CHURCHES ORGANIZED

- Atlanta Korean, GA
- Atlanta Spanish, GA
- Hixson, TN
- Jellico, TN
- Peachtree City, GA
- Pikeville, TN
- Rock Spring, GA
- St. Elmo, TN
- Spencer, TN

COMPANIES ORGANIZED

- Atlanta Spanish, GA
- Carrollton, GA
- Cloudland, GA
- Jellico, TN
- Mountain City, TN
- Peachtree City, GA
- Rock Spring, GA



Cleveland, TN School

NEW SCHOOLS OPENED

- Atlanta Northridge, GA
- Cookeville, TN
- Duluth, GA
- Gainesville, GA
- Harriman, TN
- Jellico, TN
- Monteagle, TN
- Murphy, NC
- Ringgold, GA
- Warner Robins, GA

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS

- Athens, TN
- Atlanta Northridge, GA
- Cleveland, TN
- Crossville, TN
- Greeneville, TN
- McMinnville, TN
- Murphy, NC
- Tri-City, TN
(Johnson City,
Bristol, Kingsport)
- Walden's Ridge, TN

FORWARD

In Every Department

by J. W. Clarke



K. D. Johnson, president.

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference is on the move. Forward in every department is the best description of the work as we look at it over the past triennium. The growth in membership, tithes and offerings, baptisms, vacation Bible schools, youth camps, Bible course interests, church schools, and new church buildings point to the mighty working of God in Kentucky-Tennessee.

EVANGELISM

Membership at the end of December, 1972, was 6,867, while on December 31, 1975, we had 7,795, a growth of 828 over that three-year span.

During the last triennium, 1,482 individuals have been baptized into our churches as the result of our evangelists, pastors, and laymen all working



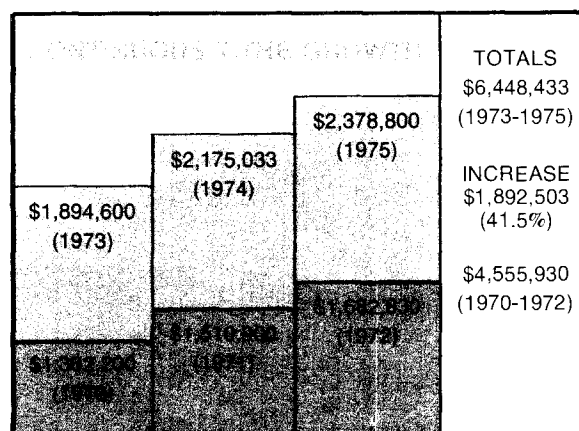
Don Howe, pastor of the Louisville, Kentucky, First church, interviews Mrs. Herbert Wilson, a new church member. In the background are Mr. and Mrs. Lindon Keown and Mrs. Walter Waterbury.

together. There are two evangelistic teams in our field: Elder and Mrs. Grant Gunter and the Cox-Weber team. Of special interest is the fact that during 1975 we had 575 baptisms, the largest in the history of the conference and the first time that we have gone over the 500 mark. We all give praise to God.

STEWARDSHIP

As we look at the tithe received at the conference, truly God has blessed His people in Kentucky-Tennessee. The conference has experienced a tithe gain of \$1,892,503 during the last three years, over the previous three-year period. This increase in tithe receipts amounted to a 41.5

per cent gain. In 1972 the tithe, per capita, was \$245.51 at the end of the triennial period. In 1975 the tithe, per capita, was \$305.17, or \$59.76, per capita, increase. "God's plan in the tithing system is beautiful in its simplicity and equality . . . Great objects are accomplished by this system." (*Christian Service*, 73).



TRUST SERVICES

We have seen a rapidly increasing number of our members availing themselves of the assistance of the conference Trust Services Department in the preparation of their wills and by placing cash, property, securities, and other assets in trust with the conference association through revocable and irrevocable trusts, annuities, and life income agreements. Cash trusts alone now total \$1,179,380, having passed the \$1 million mark for the first time in this triennium. In a time of financial insecurity, many of our members feel the peace and satisfaction of having made the very best investment. Again, we give praise to God.

EDUCATION

Another strong evangelistic avenue is found in our church schools, where scores of children and young people are baptized into the church each year. How thankful we are for dedicated Christian teachers. Notice the growth in the following chart:

Year	Student Enrollment K-8	Teachers with degrees	Teachers without degrees	Teachers with Masters' degrees
1969	710	29	20	5
1972	801	29	16	5
1975	929	40	2	14

Also notice that in 1970, the cost per student was \$447.22, which does not include cost of improvements, lights, books, etc. In 1975, this figure jumped to \$661.27.

LIBERTY and THESE TIMES

I wish to comment on just two of the greatest magazines which we distribute on a large scale. During the triennium, our people purchased 25,000 subscriptions to *LIBERTY* magazine at a cost of \$37,000. During the same period, our people sent out 27,660 *THESE TIMES* subscriptions at a cost of \$97,082.75.

LITERATURE EVANGELISM

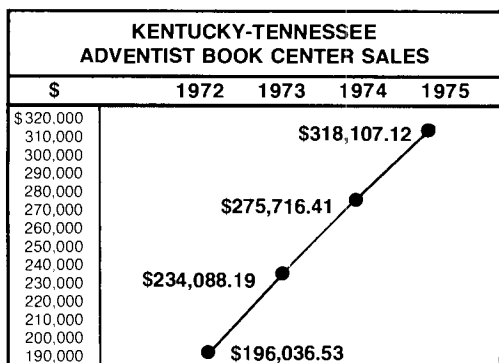
In 1975, our faithful, dedicated literature evangelists sold and delivered \$263,273.66 worth of books and literature. This was the highest percentage of gain in deliveries in the Southern Union — 42 per cent.



Eric Ristau, (second from left), publishing director of the Southern Union Conference, presents a plaque to K. D. Johnson in recognition of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference's rapid gain in literature evangelists' sales during 1975 — 42 per cent. With them are Joe Ring (left), associate publishing director in charge of Kentucky-Tennessee, and district directors James Hord, Charles Fletcher, and J. Rodney Armstrong.

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER

In connection with the sale of our books, mention should be made of the Adventist Book Center. Record sales are made each year, as you will notice in the chart.



Recently the Book Center purchased a new bookmobile which will enable them to visit our churches in the field more often.



The conference staff poses in front of the new Adventist Book Center bookmobile. With them are W. Ross Wollard and Orval Driskell from Southern Publishing Association, who presented a check to the conference to help finance the purchase of the unit.

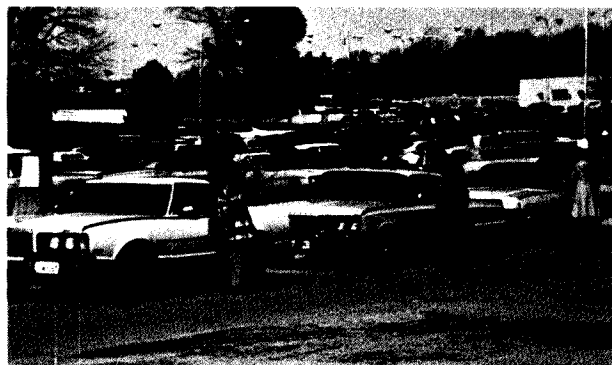
Another point of special interest are the book racks in so many of our doctors' offices and in our hospitals in the conference. Over 150,000 books have been distributed through the book rack program during the last three years. We truly appreciate our consecrated doctors and other medical personnel in their Christian witnessing.

SABBATH SCHOOL

During the last two summers the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Sabbath School Department has sponsored a vacation Bible school task force team made up of students from our academies and colleges. There are special places selected by the Sabbath School Department for this team to conduct these schools. Hundreds of children around our churches have found that Jesus loves and cares for them. Many of these have been baptized as a result.

LAY ACTIVITIES

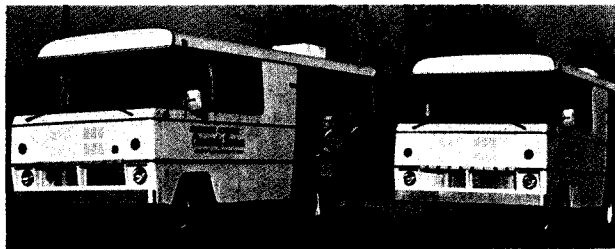
One of the most successful missionary projects in the church today is the Ingathering crusade. More people are contacted, more literature given away, more persons enrolled in the Bible study guides, and more gifts placed in the Lord's treasury than at any other time. During the 1974 campaign, a lady was approached at a city road block where the students of Madison Academy were stationed.



Students from Madison Academy participating in the annual Ingathering field day.

Her interest grew, further inquiries were made, Bible studies followed. Within a year this lady became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Community Services has had continued growth in all areas of activities. Recently two new screening vans were purchased. One will be located in Kentucky and the other in Tennessee, rendering free services of taking blood pressures, tests for hemoglobin, diabetes, glaucoma, and other medical-related services. Teams are being trained and this will increase the action in every city and community where our churches are located.



Two new community service vans will offer health-screening services in Kentucky and west Tennessee

YOUTH

What about our youth? Are they involved in the soul-winning work of the church? Let me assure you they certainly are. All over the conference, reports keep coming in of activities whereby our youth are witnesses for their Lord. Already mention has been made of Ingathering and vacation Bible schools. But there are other avenues such as camping, Pathfinder clubs, temperance activities, literature distribution, and youth involvement. Notice the picture of a group of young people from Highland Academy beautifying the city of Portland, Tennessee.



Students from Highland Academy spend a day helping to keep Portland, Tennessee, beautiful.

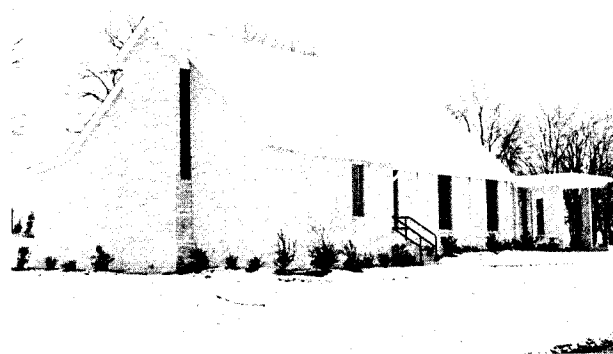
COMMUNICATION

We thank God for the witnessing of God's message over radio and television. Several of our pastors are broadcasting over local radio stations. Also, we have the Voice of Prophecy, The Quiet Hour, Your Story Hour, Faith for Today, and It Is Written. It Is Written has been televised over two prominent stations in our conference. In Lexington, Kentucky, Channel 27 reaches out to a large part of central Kentucky and has been carrying It Is Written for six years. Thousands of interests have resulted from this program and a number of new members trace their contact with the church to It Is Written. Television station

WSM, channel 4, in Nashville, is a very powerful station reaching as far as northern Alabama and southern Kentucky. Here, too, the response has been excellent. An average of 50 calls come in weekly presenting new names for follow-up work. These are valuable interests, especially whenever an evangelist conducts a series of meetings in the viewing area.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

There is so much more that could be said about God's work in Kentucky-Tennessee, but there is space for only one more subject. New church buildings and additions are continually taking place. During the past three years new church buildings have been erected in Parsons, Dyersburg, and Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and



The Dyersburg, Tennessee, congregation was one of several to construct new church buildings during the past triennium.

Bowling Green, and Gratz, Kentucky, while additions were made in Memphis, and Jackson, Tennessee. A major remodeling program is underway in the Madison Boulevard church. Those that have been dedicated are Williamsburg, Sand Hill, and Ohio County, Kentucky, and Leach, Tennessee. Pewee Valley, Kentucky, elementary school has a new gymnasium, and Ridgeway, Tennessee, has a new church school building. The Highland church school has a new addition. On October 18, 1975, a new company of believers was organized in the beautiful eastern Kentucky city of Middlesboro.

"As we look at the report over the past three years, we want to thank our laymen, the church school teachers, the academy staff members, the literature evangelists, the office secretaries, the hospital employees, the ministers, and those in the conference office," states K. D. Johnson, conference president.

"This report is possible because of much prayer, work, and sacrifice by all. Our greatest thanks must go to our heavenly Father. To Him be the honor and glory forever."

Plans have been made for a strong thrust in every area for the future. Pray with us that we all will be faithful and soon see the Lord's work completed. Then we can go home with Jesus.

1975 - the Best Year Yet!

by R. L. Woodfork, president



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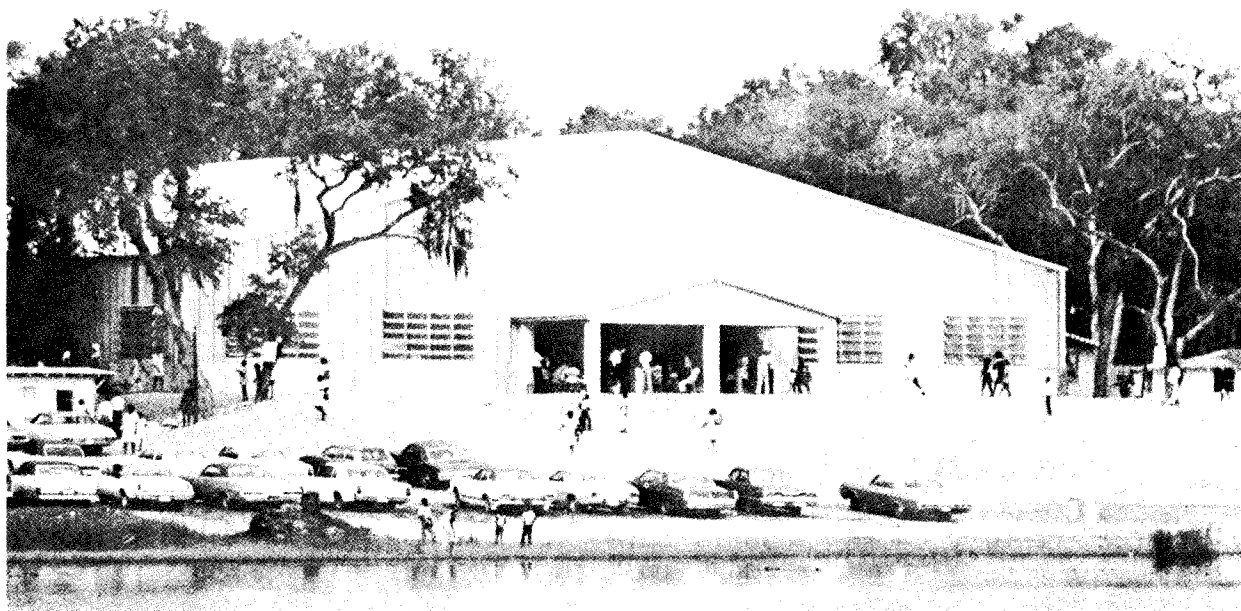
In spite of the recession, 1975 has been, beyond any doubt, the best year we have had in the South Atlantic conference. For all the blessings received we ascribe praises to God. In our praise we recognize that God uses men to accomplish His purposes and God has used the men and women of our working force as well as the constituency to achieve that which has been accomplished in 1975.

Our parent organizations, the Southern Union and the General Conferences, have contributed much to what has been done by their liberal appropriations.

For the first time in our history we have baptized 1,881 souls in one year. There are nine centurions: R. C. Connor, 206; D. M. Jones, 104; Ward Sumpter, 116; G. H. Taylor, 120; Dennis Ross, 104; James Best, 130; Ira L. Harrell, 135; L. G.



Nine pastors baptized 100 or more during 1975. Left to right: R. L. Woodfork, president, J. Hinson, Sabbath School and lay activities director, Dennis Ross, D. M. Jones, James Best, G. H. Taylor, Ward Sumpter, J. Follette, Ira Harrell, and R. B. Hairston, conference secretary. Not pictured are R. C. Connor and L. G. Rahming.



The new 4,000 seat camp meeting pavilion in Hawthorne, Florida, is one of the finest among the regional conferences in North America.



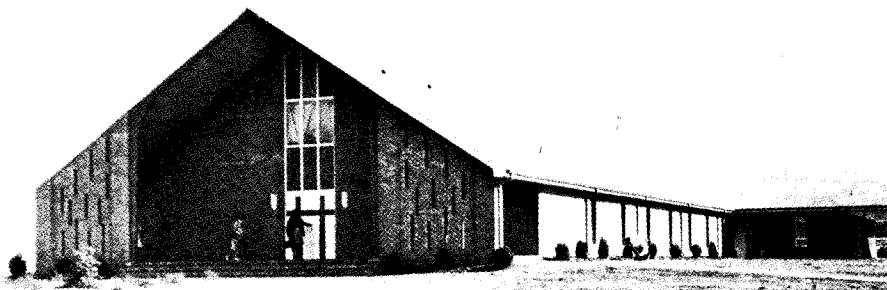
Youth activities were emphasized during 1975. The Pathfinders of the Berean church participated in the 4th of July parade in Atlanta.

Rahming, 100; Joseph L. Follette, 100. There were six quinquagenarians (those baptizing 50 or more) F. R. Nealy, Albert Teele, B. Cummings, O. J. McKinney, H. L. Thompson, and Henry Holt. The outstanding lay soul winner this year was Mrs. Ruby Perry of Charlotte, North Carolina. She is responsible for 105 persons being baptized in 1975.

Tithe income for 1975 exceeded 1974's by 9.7%. This places our tithe income at \$2,080,000, a gain of more than \$183,000 for the year.

The finest campground pavilion among all the Regional Conferences was erected at our campsite in Hawthorne, Florida, in 1975. Three new churches were built: in Greensboro, North

Three churches were constructed and several others dedicated during 1975. The East Market Street church in Greensboro, North Carolina, was one of those occupied last year.





Mrs. Rosa Holmes of Savannah, Georgia, raised more than \$6,000 for Ingathering in 1975.

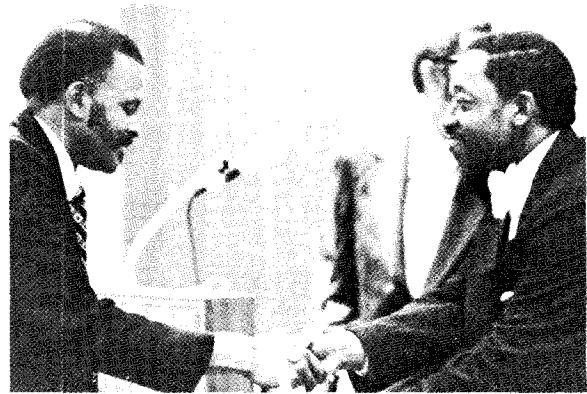
Carolina; Plant City, Florida; and Pompano Beach, Florida. Several churches liquidated their mortgages. A new church school opened its doors in Kinston, North Carolina.

The young people of the Berean church in Atlanta staged a successful full-scale evangelistic campaign with the young men of the church sharing the speaking appointments.

Great things were achieved in 1975, even greater things are to be realized in 1976, the bicentennial year of our nation.



Ted Smith (right), publishing director, presents an award to Harold Gaskins, associate director for North and South Carolina, for recruiting the most literature evangelists during 1975.



George W. Timpson (right), conference youth director, congratulates O. H. Paul, pastor of the Clearwater and Tampa, Florida, churches, for giving the greatest support to the youth program in his district.

The South Atlantic Conference office and ministerial staff, with their families, at the 31st annual workers' meeting.





This sign identifies the conference office in Nashville, Tennessee.

We speak of the blessings of God witnessed in the South Central Conference during the past five years. These have been very significant years to the church as a whole, and we have been called upon to re-assess the true role of the church, both as an organization and as a force in the life of the individual believer. There have been, and still remain, challenges for entrenchment in our purposes and for reaffirmation in the Biblical teachings followed as tenets of our faith through the years.

In this world we have witnessed tribulation, heartache, distrust, anguish, poverty, and starvation. All are challenges for the people of God. From many walks of life we have been joined by many who give the clarion call that the end of all things is upon us, and the Lord is soon to come. Revelation all about us tells that His coming is imminent. Time runs out while millions all around us cry for something bigger, something stronger, something mightier than all of us. They cry out for God and we must give them assurance through teaching, preaching, and reaching. Christianity, especially in the United States, continues to witness the paradox of declining membership in the mainline churches, even as they make themselves more relevant to current social problems and growth among the fundamentalists and evangelical denominations. Nowhere is this evidenced more than among young people, many of whom seem drawn to the certainties of the

by C. E. Dudley, President

old time religion. They seek honesty, sincerity, truth, God—the real religion of Jesus Christ. This awareness of God is found in the Seventh-day Adventist Church where He demonstrates that He is still with His



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people as with Israel of old when led by a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire during their wilderness journeying. Although declension and retrogression are being experienced by some, South Central enjoys the blessings of heaven. We continue to move forward to fulfill the commission given by our Lord—"Go preach the gospel in all the world."

Mississippi, with a population of 2,216,912, is a part of this world; Alabama, with a population of 3,444,165, is a part of this world; Tennessee, with a population of 3,924,164, is a part of this world; Kentucky, with a population of 3,219,311, is a part of this world; and West Florida, with a population of 496,959, is also a part of this world. The gospel is going to the world. It is being preached to the world in our portion of the vineyard. Five

years ago there were 7,182 members in South Central Conference. At the close of 1975, the membership stood at 9,810. Five years ago there were 61 churches, and at the close of 1975, we had 68 churches. During this five-year period, two new church schools have been secured—one constructed and the other purchased, and 22 new church buildings have been erected.

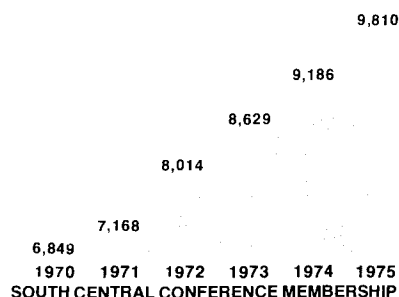
It took two years, 1970-71, to have an income of \$1,270,785 in



D. A. Walker, secretary-treasurer

tithe. It took three years for us to have a tithe income of \$2,866,565. At the close of 1975, the tithe income for South Central was \$1,279,991.

It took South Central pastors two years to baptize 940 souls in 1970-71. Then over a three-year period, 1972-74, they baptized 2,211. During the year just closed we baptized 794 souls. This quinquennium, evangelism has been the watchword, and we have entered several new cities—Natchez and Hazelhurst, Mississippi; Talladega, Jasper, Queenstown, and Pell City, Alabama, and the Lord has been leading all the way. We conducted a united effort to open a dark county at





The church in Decatur, Alabama, is among the many new buildings housing congregations throughout the conference.

Natchez, Mississippi, using all the departments in the conference. The laymen worked on the first phase and enrolled hundreds of people in the Bible Correspondence Course. The youth worked on the second phase with a Christian survey canvass to determine who were members of churches and their denominational preference. Sixteen doctors worked for a three-week period on our medical-dental vans giving free exams. The literature evangelists worked their phase to spread the message like the leaves of autumn through the sale of our truth-filled literature. Then an evangelistic group entered the field and 110 souls were baptized as a result. At present a new church building is being erected at Natchez.

The second evangelistic thrust which entailed the laymen was to give every church a goal for souls based on dividing the membership by nine and using this figure as the goal for that church. We are happy that God blessed us to reach almost 50 per cent of the goal that was set for the churches. We are trying this year to go ahead with the 100 per cent mark. Now we are working on consolidated evangelism or group evangelism. The pastors will come together and work in five major efforts. J. A. Jones will be entering a new field in Mississippi; E. C. Ward will be in Birmingham, Alabama, with a field school and training venture for new pastors; Henry Holt will be in Kentucky with a new approach to drug evangelism; C. D. Brooks will be in Memphis, Tennessee, with the Breath of Life Crusade, a TV series beamed to the black population. We pray God that new churches will be the outcome of these meetings. We will also have health groups

from Loma Linda University, field school groups from Andrews University, and ministerial groups from Oakwood College in these meetings.

The Publishing Department is already at work in each of these areas. During the past five years, literature evangelists in the South Central Conference have delivered over \$1 million worth of truth-filled literature.

During the past five years we have conducted five Friendship Camps. E. W. Moore states that some 15 persons were baptized in Nashville as a result of one child who was sent to the Friendship Camp.

Professor Joe Dent reports that a new church school building was erected at Greenville, Mississippi, which re-establishes the work in this state.

I. J. Johnson mentions how God's people with a will to invest their funds in the cause of God are giving up towards \$100,000 in trusts for the advancement of the work.

During the past five years workers have come and workers have gone. But thank God we still have a good team and the spirit and challenges are high. We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the time declare that the coming of Christ is at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The forecast of approaching events are of the greatest magnitude. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones. (*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 11). Our Lord is coming and there is so little time left to carry out the commission that has been given

Expanding the educational program is a high priority of the conference. These boys are students in the Montgomery, Alabama, church school.



to us. There are areas, however, that present great challenges to us in South Central. (1) we must devise some plan whereby schools can be erected in every town where we have a church, and then employ qualified teachers to mold the minds of our children in preparation for the kingdom; (2) unitedly we must move as a conference in this sisterhood of churches into



E. C. Ward (left) and R. E. Tottress baptize one of the 3,500 persons who have united with the church in the South Central Conference during the last five years. This baptism is being conducted in the swimming pool at Oakwood College.

every town, every city, every hamlet, and every countryside where the message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has not been preached or taught and give the trumpet that certain sound and let the world know that Jesus saves; (3) we must strengthen our publishing work, for this is the forerunner in many dark areas where we have not been before; (4) we must train our laymen, young and old, to accept the challenge and to daily witness for the Lord. He will not be without a witness; (5) we must encourage every church to accept the goal for souls that has been assigned and work untiringly; (6) we must have community involvement in the needs and problems of our fellowman. This is pure religion—the religion of Jesus Christ.

We ask your prayers that God will bless in the South Central Conference during the next quinquennium. What a pleasure and joy it is to be a part of the good old Southern Union!

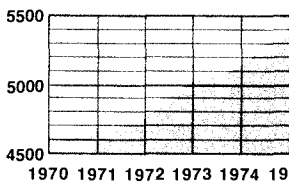
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by G.N. Kovalski

In 1901 Ellen White looked back over the early struggle of the Advent movement and sounded a hopeful note for the future: "In reviewing our past history, . . . to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! . . . We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led." (*Testimonies to Ministers*, 31).

Now it is 1976, and certainly not a time to forget! A review of the Lord's blessings in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference reflects evidence that He is leading. The report that follows highlights the progress experienced during 1970-1975.

CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP



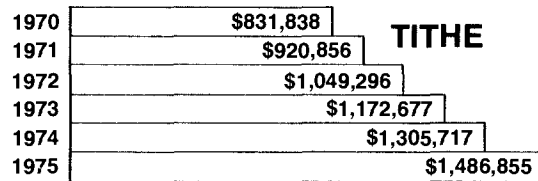
MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM — At the close of 1975, conference membership stood at 5,411, compared to 4,521 at the beginning of 1970.

During the years 1970-1975, a total of 1,627 persons were added through baptism and profession of faith. In the same period 2,002 individuals were received by letter of transfer and 1,800 were transferred out. Through apostasy, missing, and death, 939 were removed from church records. The net gain, therefore, for the period was 890.

FINANCES — The constituents of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference are to be commended for their faithful support of the local church programs, special offerings, mission giving, and other financial appeals. A total of \$317,000 has been given through the special Evangelism Offerings during 1970-1975.

In 1975, during a period of national economic uncertainty, the Alabama-Mississippi Conference experienced the highest percentage increase in tithe income in the Southern Union — 13.9% — which has helped to

keep up with spiraling operating costs. Tithe increase in 1975 over 1970 was \$655,017.



CHURCHES AND BUILDING PROGRAMS — Seven new churches were organized as indicated: Columbus, Mississippi, and Jackson, Seale (Yuchi Pines Inst.), Fairhope, Phenix City, Arab, and Eufaula, Alabama.

Currently there are 61 organized churches and several other groups. Twenty-seven district pastors care for these congregations.

Twenty-four new churches, over one-third of the total, have been constructed or acquired during the last 10 years. Others have been remodeled or newly furnished and improved. In the

period 1970-1975, new church plants have been constructed as follows:

ALABAMA	MISSISSIPPI	NW FLORIDA
Birmingham 1st	BMA	Crestview
Fairhope	Columbus	Marianna (pur.)
Gilbertown	Meridian	
Jackson		
Montgomery		
Pine Hill		

Churches currently under construction or planning to build in 1976 are Arab, Phenix City, Prichard, and St. Elmo, Alabama, and Vicksburg, Mississippi.

New facilities are under construction for the Greater Birmingham area and Bryant (Floral Crest), Alabama, schools.

INSTITUTIONS — Development of **Camp Alamisco** is continuing as rapidly as funds are available. Basic facilities now include the lodge (containing the dining hall and chapel), cabins and bathhouse, headquarters-gymnasium complex, and storage and shop buildings. The latest major building, now nearing completion, is the Alamisco Inn, a 12-room housing facility.

Reservations by groups utilizing Camp Alamisco amounted to 128 days use during 1975. Summer camp attendance in 1970 was 193 and by 1975 attendance had increased to 391.

DEPARTMENTS

- There are 19 church schools in operation with 41 teachers and 541 students.
- A Conference Board of Education has been established to oversee the educational program in grades K-12.
- Adventist Book Center sales for 1971-1975 totaled \$661,116.
- Vacation Bible Schools conducted during 1970-75 totaled 154.
- Sabbath school offerings amounted to \$734,175 for the period.
- 2,845,345 pieces of literature were reported distributed.

LOOKING FORWARD — The future is unknown. Yet, God's word and inspired messages do reveal the eventual future — the times of trial and triumph, the times of shaking and salvation. The efforts of the faithful in this area of the Lord's vineyard, as well as elsewhere, will be rewarded.

Already activity and reports from around the Alabama-Mississippi Conference in 1976 reveal that even more exciting days are ahead. Evangelistic activity is producing encouraging

Support for **Bass Memorial Academy** by conference constituents and leaders is continuing to be strong. In 1971, \$70,000 was raised to eliminate a long-standing indebtedness on the academy related to its construction. The Committee of 100, launched during the 1969-1970 school year, has realized an income of \$66,000 through 1975. These funds are specifically designated for equipment and upgrading of departments — an area for which no funds were previously budgeted.

Enrollment for the current term totals 119. A just-completed

- Ingathering funds raised during 1970-1975 totaled \$749,609.
- Alabama-Mississippi literature evangelists delivered \$1,776,840 worth of books for the period.
- Pathfinderism continues to grow in the conference with 21 active clubs.
- Youth Evangelism includes the "Andalusia Project," conceived in 1975 as a pilot program to strengthen small churches.
- 143 5-Day Plans to Stop Smoking were conducted during 1971-1975.

results. An objective of 400 souls and \$1,625,000 tithe income has been voted for 1976. Other objectives include the following:

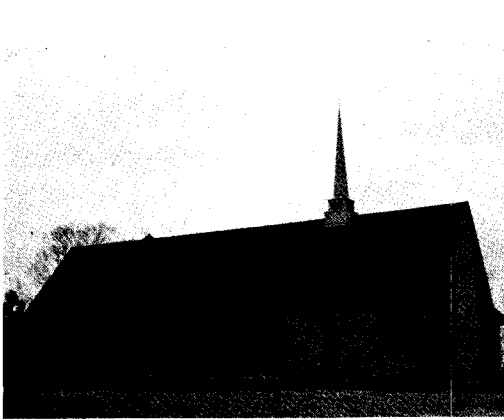
- I. Continue to foster the climate of revival, reformation, and evangelism in every church and encourage the strengthening of home units through family worship.
- II. Encourage personal commitment and participation in soul-winning work by every member.

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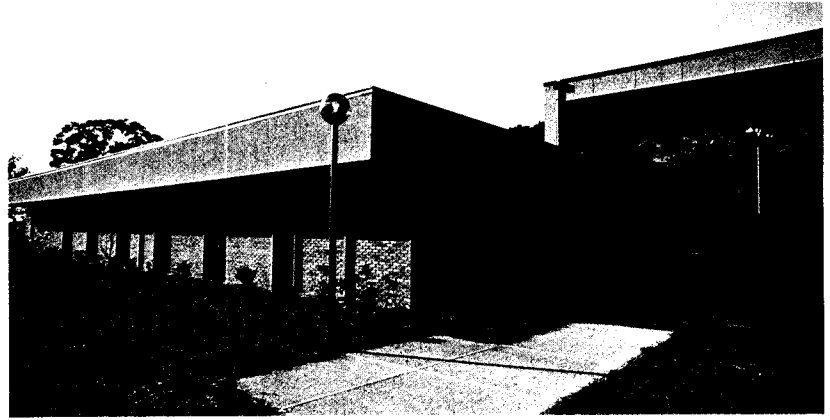
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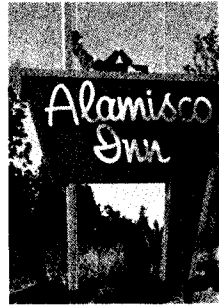
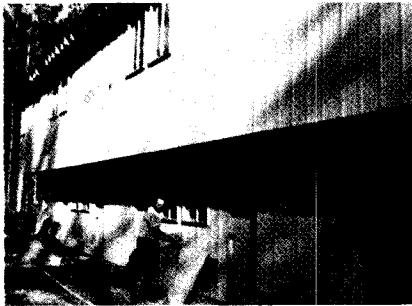
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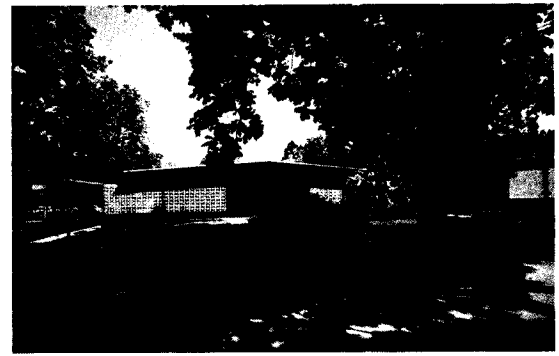
Open house for the new Meridian, Mississippi, church was December 20, 1975.



The new conference headquarters building, located in Montgomery, Alabama, was occupied in May, 1975.



Camp Alamisco is in frequent use for church and conference functions. David Lawrence, camp ranger, is putting the finishing touches on the Alamisco Inn.



Bass Memorial Academy stands as a symbol of the commitment to Christian education in the conference.

ensus reveals 250 potential students of academy age in the conference. The conference committee has voted an enrollment goal of 150 students for the 1976-1977 school term.

Church communication secretaries report 13,622 column inches of coverage in newspapers during 1970-75 — 7,958 in the last two years. *Liberty* magazine subscriptions during 1970-1975 totaled 40,989.

- Maturities through various trust instruments amounted to \$77,864.
- 10 years ago church members returned an average of \$2.75 per week per member in tithe. This increased to \$5.28 per member in 1975.

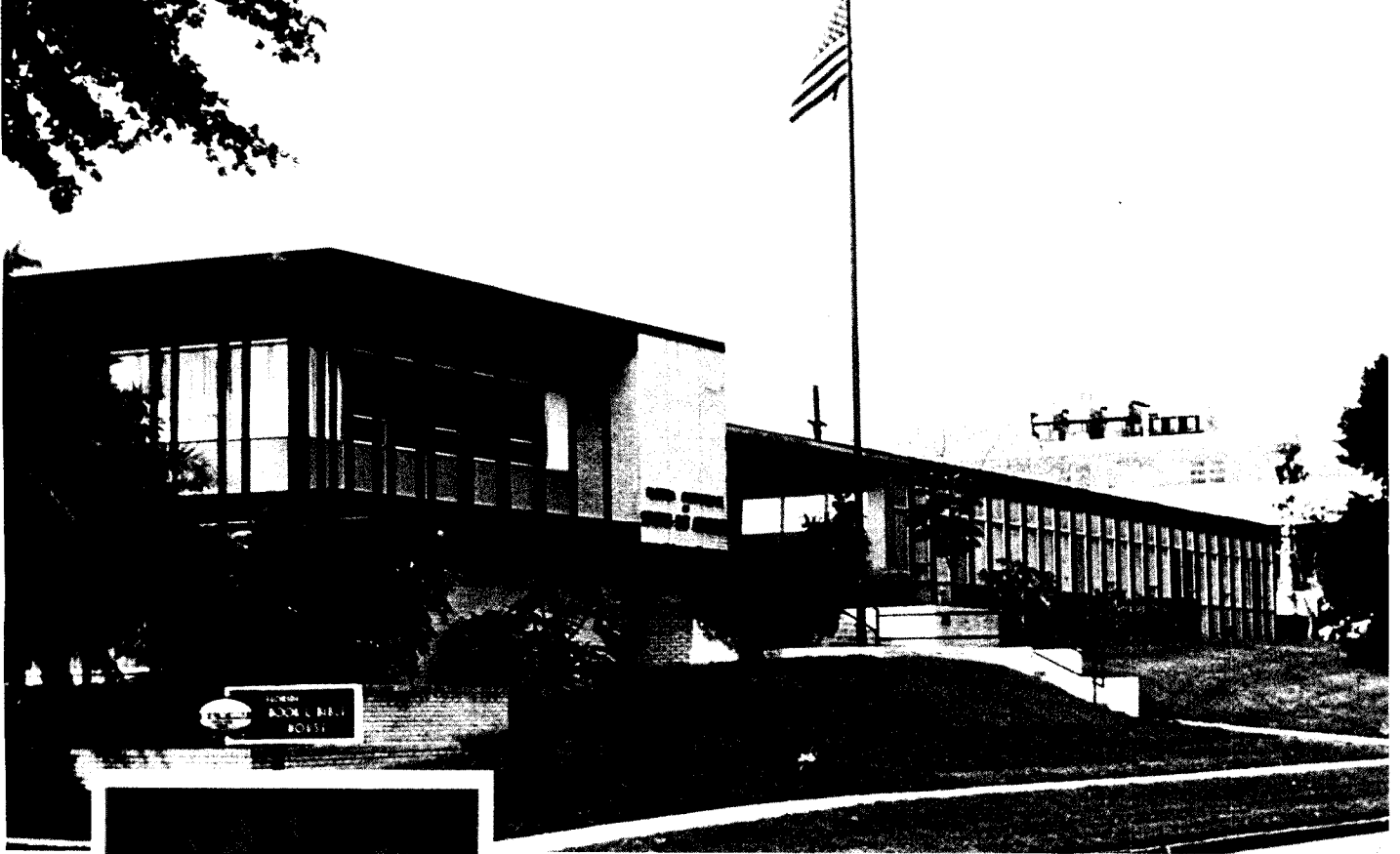


Conference officers, departmental leaders, and secretaries include: (seated, left to right) R. P. Center, treasurer; W. D. Wampler, president; L. A. Stout, secretary, health, stewardship; office secretaries Betty Stout and Barbara Kea; (standing) W. A. Marshall, lay activities, Sabbath school; G. N. Kovalski, communication, temperance, youth; G. T. Evans, assistant treasurer; T. H. Chesnut, Adventist Book Center; D. K. Griffith, education; K. M. Mathews, religious liberty, trust services; office secretaries Miriam Mathews, Betty Hartman, Clarice Loehle, and Robin Finnel.

- II. Accelerate programs of personal and public evangelism as funds permit, with special attention to previously unentered areas.
- V. Seek earnestly and tactfully to reclaim missing members.
- V. Provide more in-service training for denominational employees in order that they may be more effective leaders. Special workshops for training the laity to witness are to be conducted.

- VI. Strengthen the program of Christian education on all levels, seeking to make Christian schools available to as many Seventh-day Adventist youth as possible.

- VII. Continue to improve the physical facilities, including church buildings, school plants, and youth camp, to better carry out the evangelistic outreach.



The Florida Conference Headquarters in Orlando.



Henry J. Carubba

Evangelism and Well-Balanced Departments

PRODUCE GROWTH

1973-1975

by H. J. Carubba, President

Florida, now the eighth largest conference in the North American Division, is one of the fastest growing conferences in the United States. Within the past 10 years, Florida's membership has grown by more than 6,200 precious souls, to a total membership of 17,004. In the past three years alone, the conference membership has grown by over 4,000 members. All this is the result of the fervent evangelistic thrust throughout our field.

Tribute must be paid to our

faithful ministers and Bible instructors, along with their hard-working, dedicated church members. As a result of the harmonious united effort on the part of both laymen and workers, coupled with the blessings and power of the Holy Spirit, we have harvested much precious fruit for the Saviour.

Special mention should also be made of our faithful and never-tiring evangelists under the coordination of R. K. Cemer. Our evangelists, Elders Hooper, Brownlow, Swinson,

Pratt, and Cemer, have contributed most substantially to our membership growth during the last three years.

The Florida Conference strives to maintain a well-balanced program with each phase of the work receiving equal emphasis. Our success is due largely to the competent leadership in all the departments of the conference.

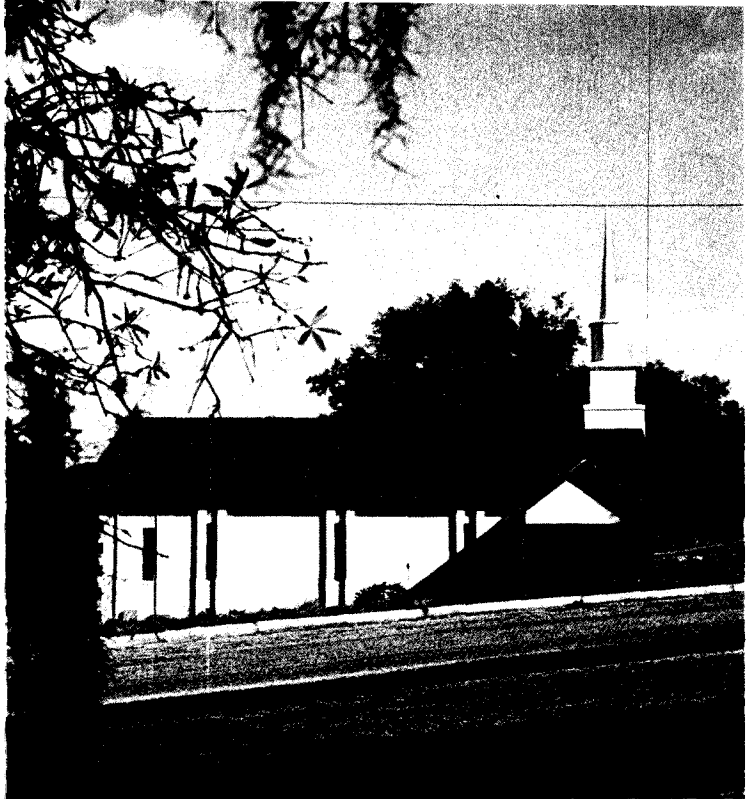
One area of extreme importance is education. Mrs. White, in the book *Education*, page 57, wrote, "The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." To train young men and women for tomorrow's leadership is the aim of Christian education within the Florida Conference, under the direction of Randall Fox. Because we believe so much in the education of our young people, we spend each year nearly half a million dollars subsidizing church schools. This amounts to about 33% of

the cost of elementary education, the balance being supported by the local churches.

Besides the 37 elementary church schools in Florida, we have two fine academies—Greater Miami Academy, spon-

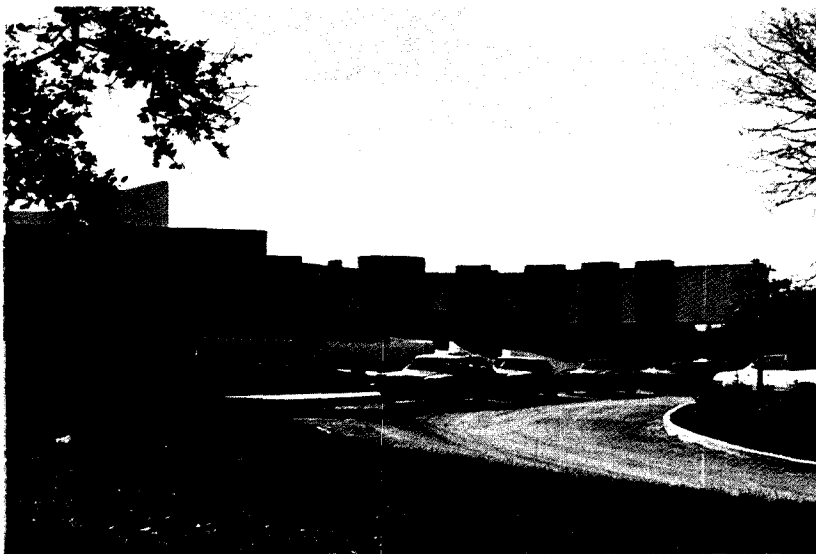
sored and financed almost entirely by the constituent churches of the Miami area, and Forest Lake Academy, our conference-sponsored boarding academy. The Florida Conference, because of its strong desire to see every young Seventh-day Adventist in a Christian school, has allocated untold thousands of dollars to build the finest in facilities and to employ teachers of the highest quality.

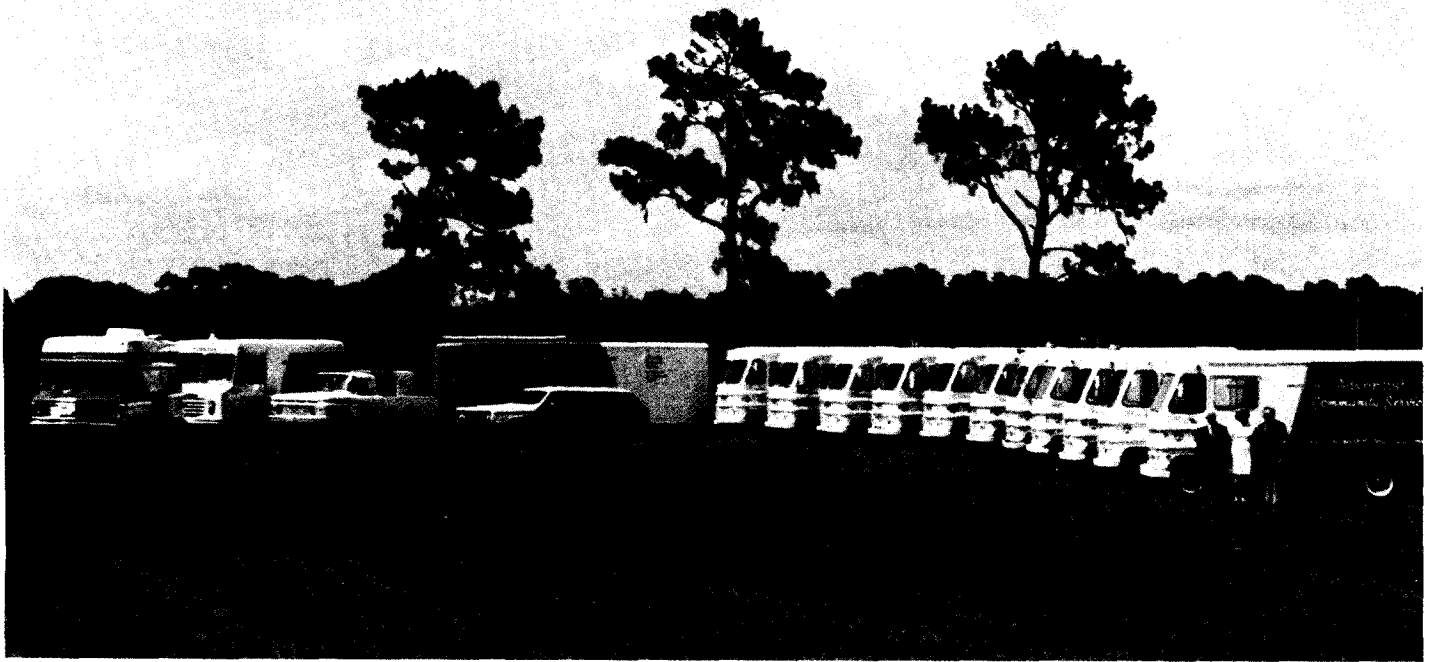
Lay Activities has become a watchword in Florida. Stanley Dombrosky has developed a program of community services which is being adopted by almost every conference in North America. This was another first for Florida. The General Conference has been greatly impressed by the work our laymen are doing, and for this reason has asked Elder Dombrosky to write a syllabus to be used as the Community Services guidelines recommended by the General Conference Lay Activities De-



New church facilities are being opened often in Florida like this new one at Clermont, standing as a landmark in the community.

Forest Lake Elementary Educational Center is a model for new schools being built throughout the denomination.





The many Community Service vans and services throughout the conference have proven to be invaluable public relations tools for the churches of Florida.

partment for North America. And this great work was born in Florida.

Not to be overlooked is the work which is being done by the young people for our conference. W. D. Welch, youth director, is giving strong leadership to this phase of our work, assisted by Lewis Hendershot and George Weeks. Under these dynamic leaders, Florida is conducting the most outstanding camping, Pathfinder, and youth evangelistic programs we have ever sponsored. Youth of Florida have been instrumental in raising up three churches and one company through the MV Taskforce and the Maranatha programs—Homosassa, Crawfordville, and Orange Cove, and Live Oak company—and are presently preparing to organize another company in a dark county. Florida is indeed blessed with a tremendous army of youth who are capable of giving strong leadership and assistance in finishing the work of God.

In addition to these departments, we have strong em-

phasis in the areas of Sabbath school, temperance, religious liberty, communication, and stewardship. All these departments are headed by leaders whom it would be difficult to replace.

This report could not be complete if we failed to mention a number of new churches which have been organized. In the 1973 triennial report, there were 85 organized churches in the conference. We are happy to report that now there are 94 churches, with prospects of reaching the 100 mark in the very near future. Only nine years ago, Florida could boast of only one Spanish church, but the organization of the West Palm Beach congregation gives us seven Spanish churches representing God's truth.

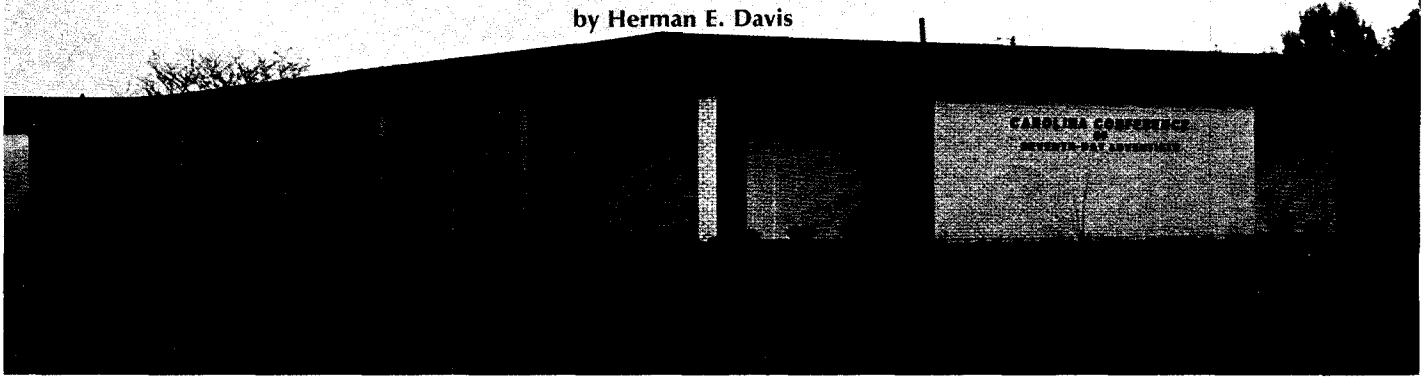
One of the most obvious landmarks of progress is the building of new facilities. Since the last triennial report, 15 new buildings have been added to the Florida Conference, four which were already existing buildings purchased by congregations, and 11 others

designed and built to the specifications of the churches involved. In addition to 15 new churches, a number of new schools have also been built, one of which is the Forest Lake Elementary Educational Center, one of the finest school plants to be found anywhere in the denomination. Other new facilities are in Jacksonville, Gainesville, Lake City, Port Charlotte, and of course the miracle school in Arcadia, which was featured in the TIDINGS several months ago, and others.

There are so many other items which could be mentioned, but space will not permit. All that can be said is that God has greatly prospered our combined labors, and the work continues to progress under His blessing in the Florida Conference. Under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit during the next triennium, we look forward to the objective of finishing the work in Florida and in the entire world so we might hasten the return of our Saviour.

Working to Hasten His Return

by Herman E. Davis



New Carolina Conference office building complex contains 17,200 square feet, houses the Book Center, and has provisions for future growth.

"It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of the Saviour." (*Acts of the Apostles*, 600).

"For the 8,564 members of the Carolina Conference this is the thought that is ever uppermost in their minds and hearts — hastening the coming of the Lord. This is further emphasized by the excellent reports of progress of the Lord's work in this three-year period," states E. S. Reile, president.

EVANGELISM

The facts reveal that, with the blessings of God, there has been unprecedented growth in the Carolina Conference in the triennium ending December 31, 1975.

"During these three years the membership has grown steadily, increasing from 6,965 members on December 31, 1972, to 8,564 at the end of 1975. This is an unprecedented gain of 1,599, or an increase in membership of 22.96 per cent," reports Malcolm Gordon, conference secretary. A total of 1,806 people joined God's church through baptism or profession of faith during the triennium.

Total evangelism has been the watchword of the Carolina Conference. Evangelism offerings for the three years total \$342,527.12. Last year alone \$275,000 was spent on evangelism. There are three full-time evangelists.

Two churches — Blythewood, South Carolina, and Whiteville, North Carolina, and four companies — Boone and Concord in North Carolina, and Manning and North Augusta in South Carolina, have been organized. Nine churches were built and eight have been dedicated.

STEWARDSHIP

Conference Treasurer A. L. Ingram announces record increases in giving. Tithe, for example, totaled \$7,149,523.53, which is an increase of \$2,236,587.97 over the previous three years.

"It is interesting to note that the Carolina Conference has been organized for 75 years, and it took 66 years for the annual tithe income to reach the million dollar mark," Ingram comments. "It only took six years to reach the second million, and during this triennium we have exceeded two million dollars each year. We thank God for our loyal, faithful members."

TRUST SERVICES

The Carolina Conference Association, the legal corporation of our conference, is directed by A. L. Ingram, secretary; John Amick, acting treasurer; A. J. Skender, trust services director; W. A. Nelson, field representative; and G. C. Wilson, director of development. Under their leadership and the blessings of God, the net worth of the Association has increased from \$308,692.74 in 1972 to \$1,355,315.17 in 1975. Cash trusts now total \$1,015,475.

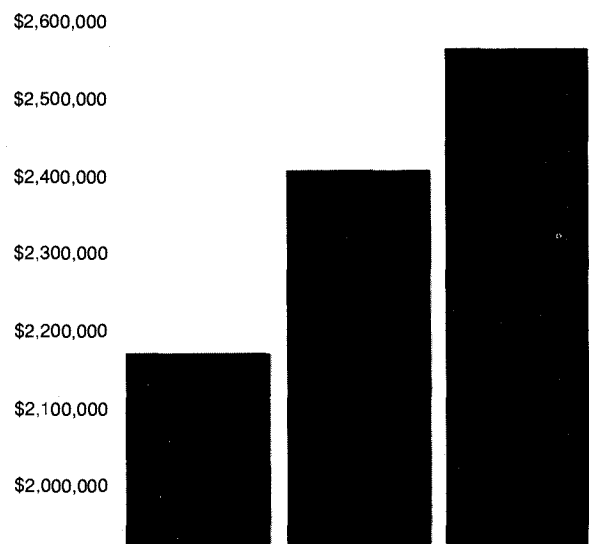
One cannot review such progress as this without realizing that our members and the Lord want to see the work finished soon," observes Reile.

This progress and growth were further emphasized by reports from the departmental directors and our laymen's organization, MPA Corporation.

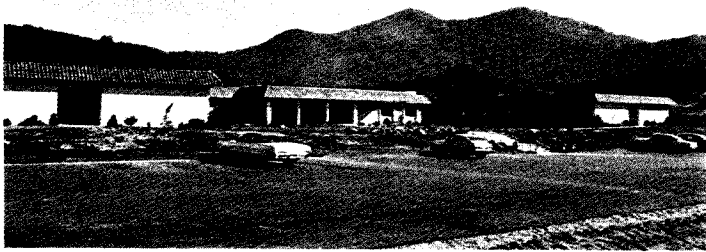
ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER

The Book Center is managed by Lance Liebelt. He is assisted by Dennis Fisher, who is in charge of

Carolina Tithe Receipts



NINETEEN



Pisgah Manor, a 120-bed health-care facility, developed for the Carolina Conference by Mount Pisgah Academy Corporation.

bookmobile sales, Mrs. Roberta Ingram, and Janie Jarvis.

The new commodious quarters are making for bigger and more efficient operations in handling the literature requested by the members. During these three years, the Book Center sales will total \$1,014,985, an increase of \$393,985 over the previous three years.

In order to be of further service to the constituency, a new bookmobile, a 40-foot fifth-wheel trailer pulled with a pick-up truck, will be put into service.

COMMUNICATION

During these three years the Public Relations Department has been combined with the Radio and TV Department to become the Department of Communication, under the direction of Herman E. Davis. The department includes Faith for Today, The Voice of Prophecy, and It Is Written, which was aired in 1975 over WECT in Wilmington, North Carolina. A total of 12,810 column inches of newspaper coverage has been reported by the church communication secretaries. To purchase this amount of space in a large city newspaper would cost \$220,588.20

EDUCATION

Louis Canosa is the education superintendent and Mrs. Lorraine Felker is the curriculum supervisor. There are 23 elementary schools, with 875 students and 53 full-time teachers. Ninety-eight per cent of the teachers have bachelor's or master's degrees and 78 per cent hold a standard or professional certificate. New schools have been built in Columbia and Greenville, South Carolina, and a new addition to the Asheville-Pisgah church school.

There are 375 students in the senior academies. Mount Pisgah Academy, with an enrollment of 160, enjoys the largest student body in this three-year period. The students have earned \$88,933.07 in wages applied to their education from Harris Pine Mill and the Pisgah Manor Health Care Center.

PUBLISHING

The leader of literature evangelism in Carolina, Henry A. Fish, reports that a total of \$1,354,289.73 in deliveries was made during 1972-75. The conference was awarded the Southern Union Trophy for 1974 and 1975 for the highest deliveries. One hundred and twelve baptisms are reported as a direct result of the literature evangelists' work.

SABBATH SCHOOL, LAY ACTIVITIES, AND HEALTH

Robert H. Ammons, director of these departments, discloses that \$846,337.34 has been sent to

missions during these three years. This represents an increase of \$266,848.01. Through the investment program \$157,029.18 was brought in. Eighty-six vacation Bible schools were conducted. Seven branch Sabbath schools grew into companies or churches.

These Times subscriptions totaled 24,592. \$484,805.60 was collected in the three Ingathering programs, an increase of \$36,820.50 over the 1970-72 period. More than a million pieces of literature were distributed, with 27,225 Bible studies and 144,678 hours in community services reported by the laity.

Health is the newest department in our conference and has sponsored cooking schools, health and Wa-Rite classes, screening and heartbeat programs. Carolina has the largest number of trained Home Nutrition instructors of any conference in the world field.

YOUTH AND TEMPERANCE

Larry Caviness, director, reports increased activity in all phases of youth activities. Pathfinder clubs have increased from 4 to 16, and others will be formed in the days ahead.

In the three-year period, Carolina youth were used by the Lord in leading 593 people into church membership. This figure should go higher as the Impact Witness Training program is followed.

Temperance programs, especially the Five-Day Stop Smoking Plan, are more in demand now than ever before.

Nosoca Pines Ranch

Since our last Conference Session the following buildings have been completed: ranger's residence, kitchen-cafeteria, staff housing, maintenance building, 15 two-bedroom air-conditioned cabins, and cooking shelter for the camping area. Presently under construction are the gymnasium-recreational center, including tennis and handball courts, rest rooms for camping and trailer areas, and trailer sites.

During 1975 there were six camp programs with more than 430 campers in attendance. In addition,

BAPTISMS

1970-1972	1278
1973-1975	1806

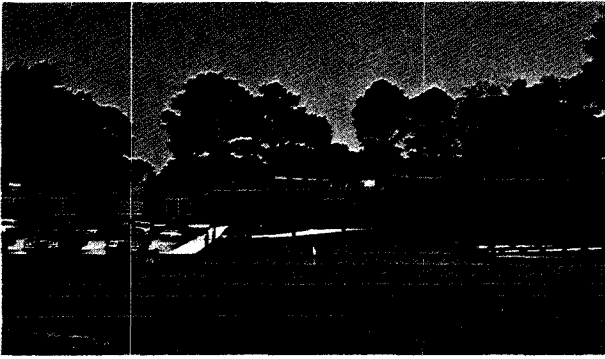
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Will there be  many stars
in your crown?

MEMBERSHIPS

December 31, 1972	6965
December 31, 1975	8564

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The new addition at the Winslow Memorial Home in Elizabeth City virtually doubled the physical plant in size and increased the potential for rendering better nursing care.

there have been retreats, workers' meetings, workshops, union-wide meetings of various types — which all add up to a full year-round program at Nosoca Pines Ranch.

YOUTH EVANGELISM

During this triennium, there have been some exciting things happening in the Youth Evangelism Department, according to John Thurber, director.

For two years there was a full-time youth evangelism-witnessing team that visited every district in the Carolina Conference. One evangelistic campaign, conducted in Asheville, North Carolina, resulted in 20 baptisms.

A radio program with a new youth-oriented format has been developed. It is aimed primarily at the 18-30 age group. Presently 80 stations are airing the program in the Carolina Conference. It was presented at the Annual Council last year and received enthusiastic and favorable response. Twenty conferences in North America and several overseas divisions have requested the entire program for their own use.

Response that has already started coming in shows signs of bearing fruit for the Lord and the church.

MPA CORPORATION

MPA Corporation came into being because a group of laymen were concerned about increasing the progress of the Lord's work in Carolina. They wanted to do more than participate in the Sabbath service. So, they joined together to pool ideas, time, talents, energy, and bank statements in a program of total involvement for the Lord. MPAC accomplishments include: (1) Pisgah Estates — a master-planned adult community near Mt. Pisgah Academy campus. (2) Pisgah Manor — a 120-bed medicaid-approved health-care facility. It also provides employment for academy students. (3) Harris Pine Mill — assembly plant for outdoor lawn and patio furniture. It employs about 50 students. (4) Financial assistance to small churches needing church buildings.

PISGAH ESTATES

Pisgah Estates is a 20-acre plot, adjacent to Mt.

Pisgah Academy, that currently is being developed. The present plans call for 72 two- and three-bedroom homes in what we call, "a planned adult community for tomorrow's senior citizens."

C. R. Gibbs became the first Pisgah Estates resident on June 1, 1975. Five homes are presently occupied and three additional homes are sold and under construction. Four more homes are sold but not under construction, making a total of \$372,000 that currently are sold.

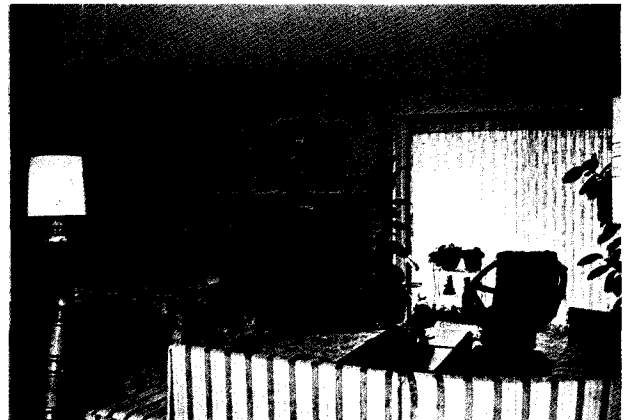
PISGAH MANOR HEALTH CARE CENTER

Pisgah Manor, a 120-bed health-care facility, with Dan Tullock as administrator, received its first patient February 12, 1975. Within a few months it was filled to capacity, as it is to date. Not only is it providing nursing care at a very critical time for its senior citizen patients, but it also is providing work opportunities for many students at Mount Pisgah Academy.

Pisgah Manor is licensed for intermediate and skilled nursing care.

WINSLOW MEMORIAL HOME

Winslow Memorial Home is a 120-bed nursing retirement center in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, with Gene B. Tarr as administrator. The 60-bed facility was given to the Carolina Conference by the Winslow Foundation. A new addition opened in October, 1974, provides 57 more beds, a chapel, office space, recreational and occupational therapy, and physical therapy departments.



Interior shot of the living room of the Gibbs' home at Pisgah Estates. The beautiful decor helps make living in the condominium a pleasant experience.

During the recent Medicare and Medicaid survey for licensure and certification, the institution received a grade of 100 per cent. \$50,000 has been spent in updating the food service facility.

"We are grateful as we recount God's many blessings to us in these past three years as we have worked to hasten His return. We look forward to the future with confidence as we renew our commitment to the finishing of the Lord's work in Carolina," affirms E. S. Reile.

late news of the conferences

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Greenville, Mississippi, church members, working through their Pathfinders and community services, prepared 118 FRUIT BASKETS FOR PATIENTS AT A LOCAL NURSING HOME. They also presented each patient with a copy of the Booklet *Our Wonderful Saviour*.

Conference Treasurer Richard Center reports that 23 of the 27 districts in the field showed a TITHE GAIN for 1975, with a total conference-wide gain of 13.9 per cent.

Construction on the NEW ST. ELMO, ALABAMA, CHURCH is 65 per cent complete, according to Pastor Noble Shepherd. Plans are to complete the 260-seat structure debt-free, including furnishings.

Five highly successful FIVE-DAY PLANS TO STOP SMOKING were held during January, resulting in approximately 300 individuals claiming victory over the smoking habit. The plans were held in Jackson and Oxford, Mississippi, and Mobile, Montgomery, and Enterprise, Alabama.

The Lay Activities Department of the conference is spearheading a TARGET-CITY EVANGELISM project in the Auburn-Opelika, Alabama, area which will involve the entire office staff. Over 20 "dark" cities have been chosen as target cities on which to concentrate missionary activity by existing churches throughout the conference.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS: McComb, Mississippi—W. A. Marshall and E. J. McMurry, March 19-27. Gadsden, Alabama—Hugh Pitman and Clark Acker, March.

In anticipation of the activity related to the YOUTH EVANGELISM PROJECT slated to begin in Andalusia, Alabama, this summer, church members are looking for church property and building plans are being studied.

Attendance throughout the KENNETH COX CRUSADE in Huntsville, Alabama, has been running as high as 800 nightly in double sessions. The meetings are being held in the church, which had a membership of 165 prior to the crusade.

The Natchez, Mississippi, church has organized a BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOL in Roxie, Mississippi, which they hope to develop into a company of believers.

The Clanton and Selma, Alabama, churches are DISTRIBUTING COPIES OF *STEPS TO CHRIST* throughout Bibb County, Alabama.

CAROLINA

One hundred twenty-six registered for the FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING conducted by H. E. Messinger, M.D., Larry Caviness, temperance director, M. D. Oswald, pastor, and Dwight Herod, associate pastor, in the Sharon (Charlotte) church February 1-5. The first night the group reported having smoked 3,395 cigarettes in the 24-hour period. The second night the number smoked had dropped to 151½, which is a 96 per cent decrease.

The churches of western North Carolina are sponsoring daily THE VOICE OF PROPHECY over station WWNC. To date, 559 people have responded for Bible lessons, book of the month, prayer requests, and other material. This station ranks 100th in listener response out of 600 stations. This is a part of the preparatory work for an evangelistic meeting to be conducted by Fordyce Detamore in the new Asheville civic center beginning March 27.

The SABBATH SCHOOL INVESTMENT OFFERING in the Carolina Conference amounted to \$58,425.74 in 1975, which is a gain of over \$9,000. This is a per capita offering of \$7.60, reports R. H. Ammons, Sabbath school director. The Fletcher church was the highest in the conference with \$10,500 under the leadership of G. R. Nash.

There were 400 in attendance for the Don Shelton-Clyde Smith EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE in the Elizabethtown, North Carolina, armory. This is Shelton's first meeting as a full-time evangelist.





EIGHTEEN HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED in the Pollard-Mahorney-Liebelt crusade in Camden, South Carolina. The meetings are continuing.

The DISASTER AND FAMINE RELIEF OFFERING totaled \$13,604.60 for 1975. This was a \$1.77-per-member offering according to R. H. Ammons, lay activities director.

The Turner Brothers-Crawley-Cary meetings are continuing in Salisbury, North Carolina, where 12 HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED SO FAR.

FLORIDA

EIGHT NEW PATHFINDER CLUBS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED in Florida, according to Lewis Hendershot, associate youth director. The new clubs are: Kissimmee-St. Cloud, Lake City, Palatka, St. Augustine, Winter Gardens, Eustis, Ft. Lauderdale, and South Orlando.

An Andrews University EXTENSION SCHOOL is to be conducted in Orlando by Dr. Hans La Rondelle on apocalyptic interpretation March 1-4 and 15-18. This will be a four-hour credit course for ministers and workers.

A YOUTH FELLOWSHIP DAY was held recently in Orlando for central Florida senior youth. Guest speakers were Dr. Melvin Campbell from SMC and John Thurber from Carolina. The purpose of the entire day was strictly for Christian fellowship.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Georgia-Cumberland Academy students participated in the TESTING/SCREENING PROGRAM of the Mobile-Medical Clinic held during January in Calhoun at various shopping centers. They also assisted in a Five-Day Plan conducted under the direction of Roger Bothwell. Thirty persons attended the seminar.

The Bowman Hills church in Cleveland, Tennessee, reports that ALL THEIR FINANCES HAVE MOVED INTO THE BLACK since inaugurating the 10+10+ program in October. Tithe, evangelism, the church budget and regular offerings have all increased—and tithe has doubled the amount five years ago. Pastor Al Klein says, "With God's blessings we hope to educate every member to realize that the Lord does not need our money but each of us desperately needs the blessings we receive by giving."

Dr. Frank Holbrook, professor of religion at Southern Missionary College, is the author of the SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS, "Love Challenged and Vindicated" for the 1st quarter of 1976. These lessons which were a year in preparation, have been translated into 90 languages and adapted for the youth quarterly as well. In addition, a taped summary and helps were prepared by Gary Patterson, pastor of the Collegedale church. The tapes are available through the Book and Bible House and will be aired on WSMC-FM Friday evenings and Sabbath mornings each week during this quarter.

COLLEGE DALE ACADEMY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN COLLECTING LABELS from Stokely canned foods and turning them in for new red wagons—one wagon for each 100 labels. By Christmas time they had turned in enough labels for 14 wagons and they delivered 10 of them full of food, toys, and books to needy families in the area. Since then the academy Student Association and faculty have donated money to the cause while area businesses have donated discounts and materials also. The project is continuing through March while Stokely is running the offer.

A NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNION SERVICE was held in the Calhoun Adventist church from 11 to 12 p.m. for members of that church and two Methodist and Baptist congregations. Two hundred non-Adventists were present with 30 Adventists and 170 of the 200 took part in the foot-washing service. Adventist pastor Roger Bothwell says, "When the people left that service they knew they had been with the Lord."

HIXSON, TENNESSEE, CHURCH MEMBERS BROKE GROUND for a \$150,000 210-seat sanctuary on January 9, 1976. Featured guests included Chattanooga Mayor Pat Rose, State Senator Ray Albright, and Everett Cumbo, Georgia-Cumberland secretary. The Hixson church began in 1973 as a company with 35 members and before organizing as a church five months later had already purchased land. Completion of construction for the project is scheduled for July, 1976, according to Pastor Albert Liersch. Membership now stands at 105.

A FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING was held in Bainbridge, Georgia, in December with 33 persons attending. Under the leadership of Pastor LaVoy Garner and Dr. Everett Christensen, the clinic attracted, among others, a professor and Catholic priest. Garner estimated the number of those who successfully stopped smoking to be 12-15.

THE ATLANTA SPANISH CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED January 24 with 32 charter members by Everett Cumbo, Georgia-Cumberland secretary. Morning worship hour featured Desmond Cummings, conference president. U. Ivan Ruiz is the pastor.

MARANATHA FLIGHTS INTERNATIONAL WILL ERECT THE LAYMAN FOUNDATION EDUCATIONAL CENTER on the Laurelbrook campus in Dayton, Tennessee, April 18-May 2. The center is a joint effort of the Layman Foundation and its five academies, Little Creek,



Laurelbrook, Fletcher, Harbert Hills and Pine Forest, for the training of self-supporting workers. Persons interested in helping with this project should contact Maranatha Flights International, Box A, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103, and state the days they could work.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Pastor George Carpenter and George A. Sullivan, D.O., started a FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING in Dyersburg, Tennessee, January 18. It is the first Five-Day clinic ever conducted there. Ron Riley, president of the West Tennessee Heart Association, had previously attended a Five-Day Plan in Jackson, Tennessee, and as a result had broken the habit of smoking. He attended the opening session in Dyersburg and gave a public testimony of what this program has done for him. Twenty non-Adventists were in attendance at the opening session.

SOUTH ATLANTIC



At the recent CHURCH OFFICERS' MEETING held in Charlotte, North Carolina, Russell Bates, associate director of the Lay Activities Department of the General Conference, was the guest speaker.



Mrs. Georgia Stalling of the Ebenezer church in Augusta, Georgia, reports that their church HOSTED THE MV SOCIETY of the Richmond Hill church, of the same city, January 24. The Richmond Hill church MV leader, Mrs. Mary Walters, with their pastor, Clifford Vickery, along with a number of members, both young and old, gave a beautiful program and enjoyed fellowshiping together for the first time in their history.



The thirty-first ANNUAL WORKERS' MEETING for the conference held January 19-21 brought an unusual array of talented speakers to crown one of the greatest years the conference has experienced. G. Ralph Thompson, vice-president of the General Conference, challenged the workers to greater evangelism. Mrs. Betty Holbrook, assistant director of the Home and Family Service of the Home Study Institute, Washington, D.C., inspired the wives of our ministers to strive to give greater assistance to their pastor husbands. Dr. Benjamin Reaves of Andrews University stimulated minds and inspired thought with his provocative messages.



The Florida Youth Federation held a STATE-SIDE YOUTH FEDERATION on the campground in Hawthorne, Florida, December 19-21. The weather was cold, but approximately 500 youth from all over the state came to brave the weather and participate in forums, workshops, and planning sessions for greater youth involvement in a finished work for Christ. G. W. Timpson, conference youth director, was on hand to give assistance to Bobby Wells of Delray Beach, president of the Florida Youth Federation. H. L. Thompson of St. Petersburg was guest speaker for the Sabbath service.

SOUTH CENTRAL

J. Dent, director of education, is planning to take a CENSUS OF ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH in the conference to aid in the planning of Christian educational development.

R. W. Bates and C. L. Brooks of the General Conference, S. Thomas, Allegheny West, J. Hinson, South Atlantic, and W. L. Mazat, Southern Union, will join E. W. Moore in an inspirational LAYMENS' RALLY on March 19 and 20. The rally will be held at the Huntsville First church.

D. A. Walker, conference treasurer, reports a \$133,486.57 GAIN IN TITHE for 1975, giving a total tithe of \$1,279,997.80. The total membership is 9,810.

FAMILY HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE ACCEPTED A GOAL OF \$500,000 IN DELIVERIES in 1976. "This is a real challenge, but with God all things are possible," said Joe Hutchinson, Publishing Department director.

Three district STEWARDSHIP MEETINGS were held. The pastors and members accepted the challenge of an unselfish, transformed church by accepting the 10 Plus 10 + plan of systematic benevolence.

C. M. Willis of the General Conference, Eric Ristau and O. W. Mackey of the Southern Union, and Herbert White, who has recently retired from the General Conference Publishing Department, met with the Publishing Department committee January 26 for SURVEY AND PLANNING.



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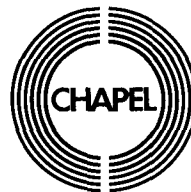
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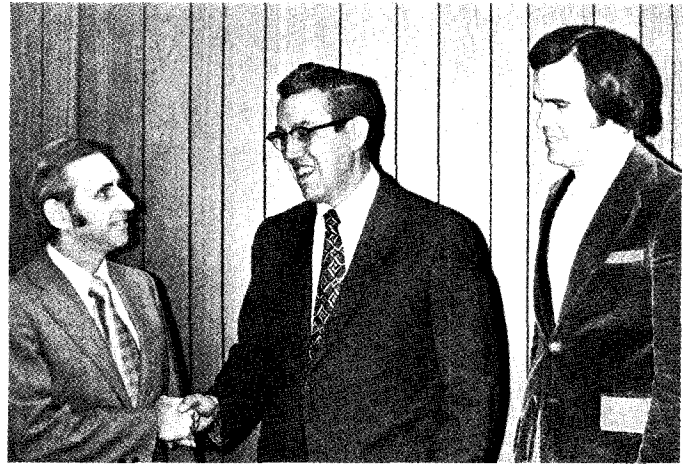
Pictorial Stories



Dr. Delmar Holbrook, president of Home Study Institute, and his wife, Betty, address Florida ministers at their January meeting. The Holbrooks addressed themselves to the new General Conference Department of Family Services. Dr. Holbrook also presented a series on management and Mrs. Holbrook discussed the role of women in church work.



The Americus, Georgia, church was dedicated January 10. H. H. Schmidt (right), president of the Southern Union, was the speaker. George Deal (left), is the pastor.



Dr. Jerome L. Clark (center), professor of history at Southern Missionary College, recently assumed the presidency of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Historians. He is congratulated by F. L. Greenleaf (left), chairman of SMC's History Department, and William Wohlers, assistant professor.

Willie Adams, one of seven members of the Dyersburg, Tennessee, Pathfinder club, sits on the float the club entered in the city Christmas parade. The group received radio coverage for their entry.

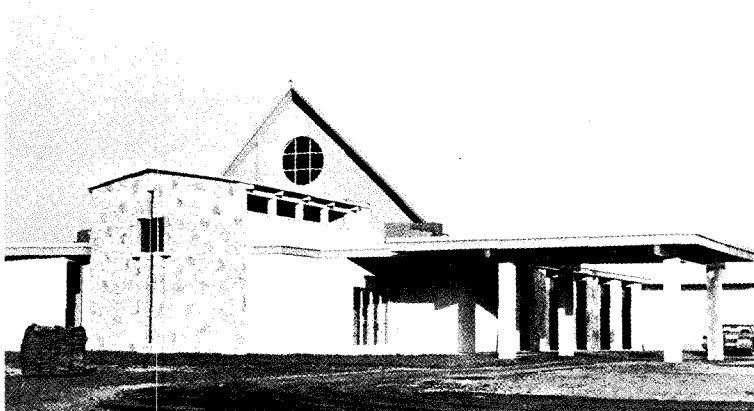




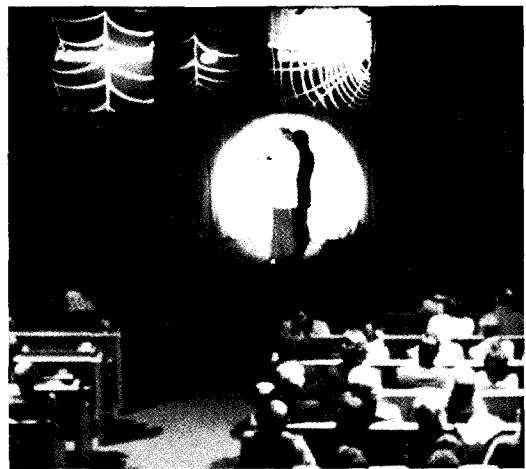
THREE GENERATIONS OF ADVENTISTS

William Henry Johnson was born in Jones County, Georgia, March 8, 1875. He is believed to be the oldest living person in Pinellas County, Florida. His daughter, Mrs. Willie M. Cherry, is the treasurer of the Elim church in St. Petersburg. Her daughter, Mrs. Doris Hardeman, is a teacher in the Mount Calvary church school in Tampa.

This attractive structure is the recently completed home of the Port Charlotte, Florida, congregation. H. J. Carubba, conference president, joined the membership for the first service.



"Wonderful report!" beams Stanley Dombrosky (right), Florida Conference lay activities leader, as O. H. Bentzinger, pastor of the Apopka Highland church renders his church's Ingathering report. Gilbert Floyd, of Arcadia, and Lewis Bame, of Clewiston, await their turn. The total was a conference record — \$360,000.



Evangelist Kenneth Cox addresses one of the double sessions held nightly in the Huntsville, Alabama, Central church. Attendance averaged 700-800. A large number of decisions for Christ and church membership were expected as the crusade neared its conclusion in mid-February.



Mrs. Lillian Coble, who began the first summer camp program in Nebraska in 1931, was honored for her 62 years of youth leadership during the Pathfinder Officers' Convention last November. Mrs. Coble began her work in 1914. She has been involved with the Camp Fire Girl programs, taught swimming for 48 years, and first aid for 25. In two years she will receive a gold medal from the Red Cross for 50 years of service. Mrs. Coble is an instructor in the Graysville, Tennessee, Pathfinder club.



Evangelist Rainey Hooper speaks to a capacity crowd on the opening night of his Orlando crusade, held in the Central church. Many of the more than 200 non-Adventists to attend were regular viewers of Hooper's TV series, "Foresight 20/20."

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Calendar Events

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Area Teachers' Meetings

March 8 Meridian, Mississippi
 March 9 Pensacola, Florida
 March 10 Greater Birmingham, Alabama, Area School
 Guest Speaker — Elizabeth Hudak, elementary supervisor, Florida
 Conference.

Community Services Federation Meetings

March 21 Laurel, Mississippi
 April 4 Sheffield, Alabama
 April 18 Clanton, Alabama
 April 18 Fairhope, Alabama
 Guest Speaker: Charles Watkins, president, Tri Community Federa-
 tion.

Youth Rallies

March 27 Huntsville, Alabama, Central church
 April 10 Bass Memorial Academy
 Theme: "Seventh-day Adventists' Heritage." Interesting speakers,
 musical groups, and dramatic presentations will make Seventh-
 day Adventist history come alive.

Adventist Book Center will be closed for inventory March 30, 31, and
 April 1.

Alumni Homecoming — Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, Missis-
 sippi, April 2-4. Classes of 1966 and 1971 honored. Special guest —
 Dr. Clifford L. Jaqua.

CAROLINA

Sabbath School Workshop — March 1, 7:30 p.m., Fletcher, N.C.,
 church.

Youth Sabbath School Rally — March 29, 7:00 p.m., Charlotte, N.C.,
 church.

Children's Sabbath School Seminars

March 28 7:00 p.m., Hickory, N.C., church
 March 29 7:00 p.m., Asheville, N.C., church
 March 30 7:00 p.m., Spartanburg, S.C., church
 March 31 10:00 a.m., Carolina Conference Office, Charlotte
 March 31 7:00 p.m., Camden SDA church

Pathfinder Camporee — March 26-28, Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Carolina Advance Forums

March 12 7:30 p.m., Lenoir, N.C., church
 March 13 3:30 p.m., Tri-City SDA School, High Point.

Evangelistic Meetings

February 28-April 3, Pollard-Mahorney, Lenoir, N.C.
 February 28-April 3, Turner Brothers, Greenville, S.C.
 March 20-April 24, Don Shelton, Lumberton, N.C.
 March 27-April 23, Fordyce Detamore, Asheville, N.C.

Carolina Conference Constituency Session — March 21, 10:00 a.m.,
 Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Mount Pisgah Academy Alumni Weekend — April 9, 10. Addresses and
 dues needed.

FLORIDA

Elliot Key Diving Trip — March 5-7. For information call: 305-898-
 7521. Youth Department, Florida Conference.

Horsemanship Camp — March 10-14. For grades 6-8. Camp Kulaqua.

Young Single Adult Retreat — March 26-28. Camp Kulaqua. Guest
 speaker—Ed Zackrisson.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Family Altar Commitment Week — March 6-12.

Conference Session — March 7. GCA Gym, 10:00 a.m.

MV Week of Prayer — March 7-13.

Youth Rally — March 13. Statesboro, Georgia.

Seminar on Counseling Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs —
 March 18, 19. Mercer School of Pharmacy, 345 Boulevard Ave.,
 Atlanta, GA. Speakers will include Dr. Winton Beaven, President of
 Kettering College of Medical Arts. Send \$15 registration fee to W. L.
 Anderson, 159 Forest Ave., NE, Suite 411, Atlanta, GA 30308, or call
 (404) 659-0041. First session begins 2 p.m. the 18th.

Atlanta Youth Rally — March 20. Belvedere church.

Workers' Report Day — March 29, GCA.

Youth Rally — April 3. Wallaceville, Georgia.

Vacation Bible School Workshops

April 10 3:00 p.m. Greenville
 April 11 10:00 a.m. Ooltewah
 April 11 3:00 p.m. Beverly Rd.
 April 12 7:30 p.m. Tifton

Pathfinder Workshops — April 10-11.

Community Services Federation Meetings — April 11-14.

Youth Rally — April 17. Calhoun, Georgia.

Retired Workers' Retreat — April 30-May 1. Atoka Springs Camp.

Workers' Report Day — May 3. GCA.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Conference Session — March 14, 10 a.m., Highland Academy.

Youth Witness Training Seminar and Bible Conference — April 8-10,
 Indian Creek Camp.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Community Services Federation North Alabama — March 13, Decatur,
 Alabama.

Sabbath School Visitors' Day — March 13.

Community Services Federation South Alabama — March 14, Selma,
 Alabama.

Laymen's Rally — March 19, 20, First Church, Huntsville, Alabama.

Sabbath School Workshop — March 21, Oakwood College Church.

Conference-wide Baptismal Day — March 27.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

National College Days — March 29-31.

National Alumni Homecoming Weekend — April 18-21.

Commencement Weekend — May 30-June 1.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE

Artist-Adventure Series

March 13 Branko Krsmanovich Chorus of Yugoslavia.

March 21 Don Runyan, tenor; Jack McClarty, trumpeter.

April 5 Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

April 11 "Bicentennial Extravaganza." SMC Music Department.

April 18 Chattanooga Youth Symphony and SMC College Chorale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maranatha Building Project. Laurelbrook School, Dayton, Tennessee,
 and the Laymen's Foundation will benefit by a Maranatha fly-in/
 drive-in April 18-May 1, according to Caris H. Lauda, executive sec-
 retary of Maranatha Flights International. Men, women, and youth
 volunteers will construct an administration building for the 12-grade
 school. Carpenters, masons, plumbers, electricians, and general
 laborers will be needed. Meals and lodging will be provided. Par-
 ticipants provide their own transportation and volunteer their labor.
 Spiritual fellowship and worship services will be highlights. Those
 wishing to join this project must write John Freeman, president,
 Maranatha Flights International, Box A, Berrien Springs, MI 49103,
 immediately.

Adelphian Academy Alumni Bicentennial "Pioneer Day" — April 10.
 Special guest—M. S. Culver. For reservations write: Mrs. Evelyn J.
 Lutz, 205 Park Avenue, Holly, MI 48442.

Union Springs Academy Alumni Homecoming — April 23-25. Special
 guests—Dr. Charles Wittschiede, Roger Ferris. For reservations
 write S. E. Raymond, Union Springs, NY 13160.

LEGAL NOTICES

REGULAR SESSION SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the first meeting of the eleventh regular session of the
 Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in the Grand
 Ballroom of the Sheraton-Biloxi Hotel, Biloxi, Mississippi, at 8:00 a.m. on April 26,
 1976, for the purpose of electing officers and the transacting of such other busi-
 ness as may come before the constituency.

The regular delegates to this session are appointed by the local conferences of
 the union on the basis of one for each 200 members, or major fraction thereof, plus
 one for the organization.

H. H. Schmidt, President
 H. F. Roli, Secretary

REGULAR SESSION OF THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS AND THE SOUTHEASTERN UNION CONFER- ENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the membership of the
 Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists and the South-
 eastern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in
 the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Biloxi Hotel, Biloxi, Mississippi, at 2:00 p.m.,
 April 26, 1976, for the purpose of electing boards of directors and the transacting of
 such other business as may properly come before the membership.

The members of these associations are the accredited delegates in attendance at
 the regular session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
 (unincorporated).

H. H. Schmidt, President
 H. F. Roli, Secretary

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On the Move

Carolina

Herbert E. Coolidge, a native of Greeneville, Tennessee, has been appointed president of Mountain Sanitarium & Hospital and Fletcher Academy, Inc. Coolidge was previously associated with the University of Virginia as assistant director of Institutional Analysis. He has attended Little Creek School, Southern Missionary College, and Michigan State University. He received a Ph.D. degree in Higher Education, in 1970. He and his wife, Carolyn Marie, have two children: Cynthia and William.

Georgia-Cumberland

Horace R. Beckner has joined the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Association as field representative for east Tennessee.

Tor Dahlberg comes to Georgia-Cumberland as pastor of the Chattanooga church. A native of Sweden, he received his B.A. from Union College and attended Andrews University. Elder Dahlberg has also served in the Chesapeake and Potomac conferences. His wife, Sylvia, is an emergency room technician. The couple have three children, Tony, 18, Ellene Hunt, 22, and Nancy Dopp, 21.

Joseph S. Damazo is the new pastor of the Atlanta Beverly Road church. He comes to Georgia-Cumberland from the Ohio Conference and has also served in the Southern New England, Wisconsin, Potomac and Pennsylvania Conferences. A native of Massachusetts, he holds a Th.B. from Atlantic Union College and has studied at Andrews University. Elder Damazo is married to the former Hazel Gamble, a school teacher. They have two daughters, Barbara Jo, 23, and Carolyn Jean, 19.

1. **Donald Eugene Troyer** joins Georgia-Cumberland as assistant pastor of the Savannah church. A native of Michigan, he received his B.S. and M. Div. from Andrews University. He is married to Nancy Ann Neuharth who has her B.A. in speech from Andrews.

2. **Kenneth Evan Wilson** is the new assistant pastor in the Chattanooga First church. A graduate of Southern Missionary College, he recently received his M.Div. from Andrews University. Wilson is a native of Georgia and is married to Cheryl Oliver, who has her B.S. in elementary education. They have a daughter, Jennifer Anne, one year.

South Atlantic

3. **Robert Patterson** has been chosen by the executive committee to be conference treasurer, replacing **T. W. Cantrell**, who has been named associate secretary of the Southern Union. Patterson has been the assistant treasurer of the conference for two and one-half years.

4. **H. M. Mouzon**, who retired from the ministry two years ago, has returned to active service in Lakeland, Florida, as interim pastor.

Pacific Press Publishing Association

5. **Leon M. Cornforth** has been named *Listen* promotion director. Cornforth, 47, joins the periodical department as an associate manager after having served the past two years as inner city and lay activities director of the Arizona Conference. Prior to that he was affiliated with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Mrs. Cornforth is the former Betty Henderson. Cheryl, 20, is a Walla Walla College senior while LeAnn, 15, will complete her sophomore year at Mountain View Union Academy.

LEGAL NOTICES

CAROLINA CONFERENCE SESSION

Correction of February Notice: Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION SESSION

The triennial 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, Forest City, Florida, on the 11th day of April, 1976, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of electing the officers and Board of Trustees for the ensuing triennium 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.

H. J. Carubba, President
C. R. French, Secretary

FLORIDA LIVING NURSING CENTER, INC.

The triennial meeting of the members of the Florida Living Nursing Center, Inc., a Florida corporation, will be held at the Forest Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church, Forest City, Florida, on the 11th day of April, 1976, at 10:00 a.m., for the purpose of electing the officers and Board of Trustees for the ensuing triennium 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.

H. J. Carubba, President
Van S. McGlawn, Secretary

FLORIDA CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the triennial session of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Forest Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church, Forest City, Florida, on Sunday, April 11, 1976. 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 and one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof.

H. J. Carubba, President
R. J. Ulmer, Secretary

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the next regular session of the membership of the Southern Missionary College Corporation will be held in connection with the Southern Union Conference session to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi, April 26 to 28, 1976.

The first meeting of the membership will convene at 8:00 a.m., April 26, 1976. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a board of trustees, to revise or amend the charter and bylaws and to transact any other necessary business. The members of this corporation are the accredited delegates in attendance at the regular session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (unincorporated).

H. H. Schmidt, Chairman
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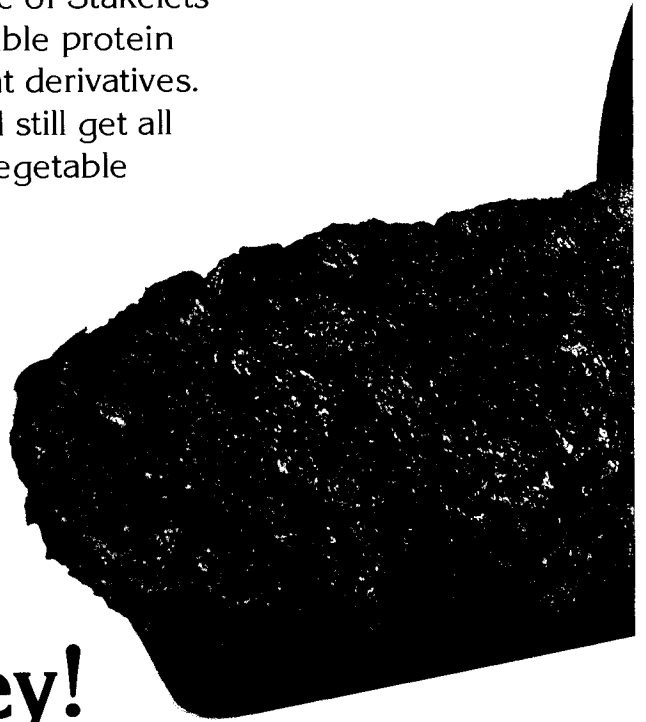
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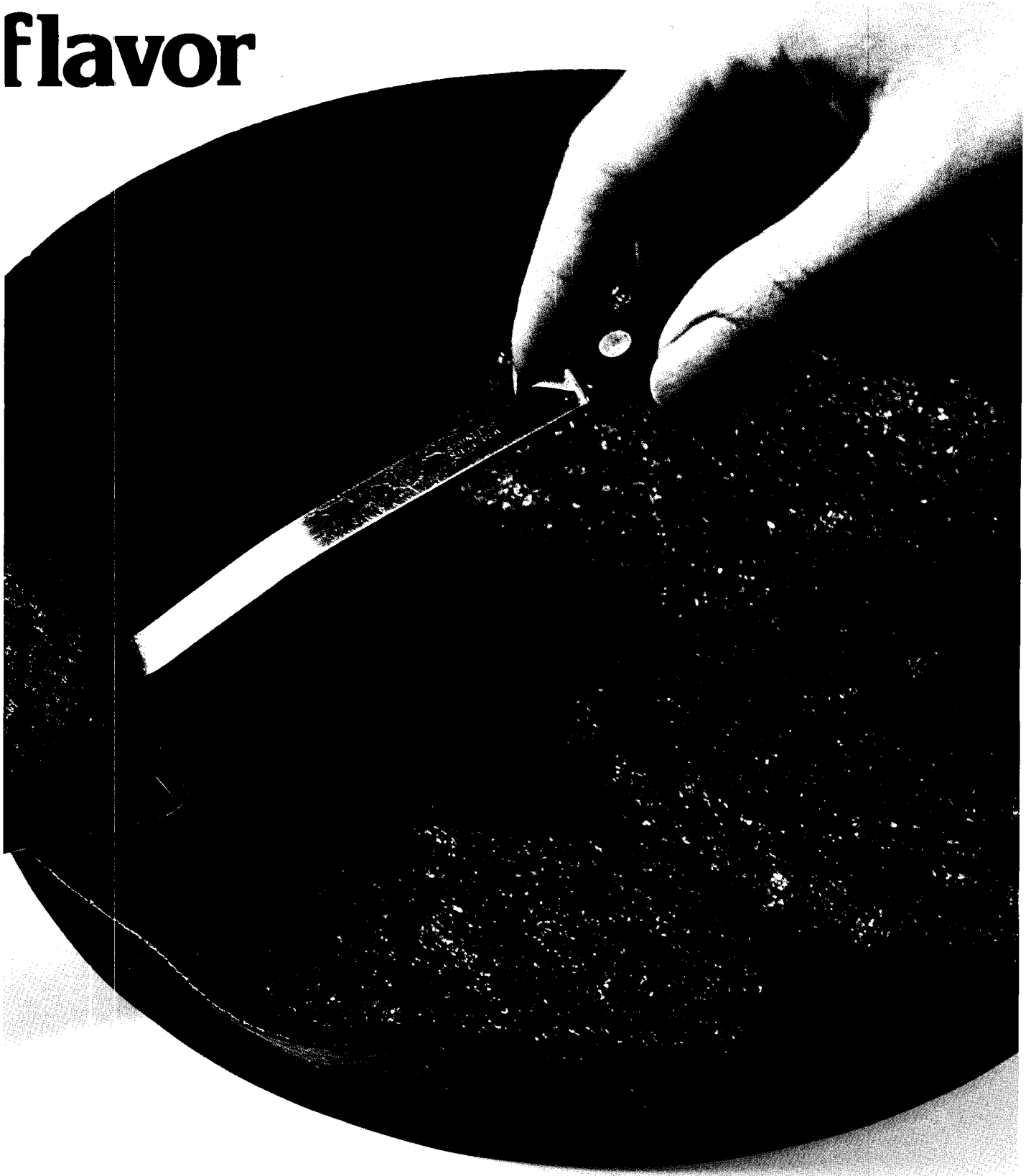
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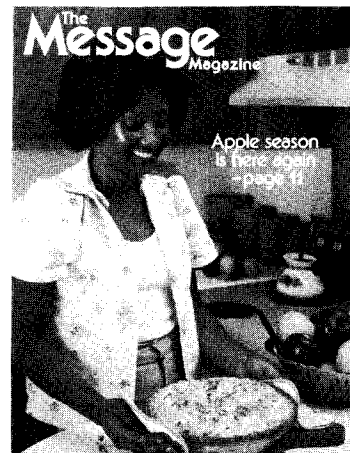
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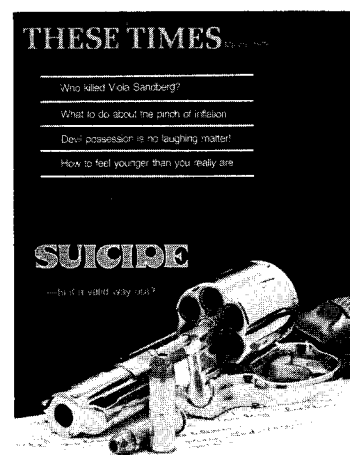
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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Monday, April 19, 1976, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Southern Publishing Association Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing term of five years, receiving financial and other reports of the affairs of the Association, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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SEVEN CANVASSES, EIGHT CONTRACTS

Using the Audio/Visual Canvass Projector

January 8, 1976

I was so busy all week making preparations for a veteran literature evangelist to come share my territory that I had only nine hours left to work. In that nine hours I gave seven canvasses with the audio/visual projector and had eight contracts with total sales of \$1,253.15!

The books delivered are as follows:

- 4 sets of The Bible Reference Library
- 4 sets of *The Bible Story*
- 1 *Desire of Ages*
- 1 *Bible Readings for the Home*
- 1 *Free at Last*
- 1 *Uncle Arthur's Bible Book*
- 3 Richards Bibles

A few weeks ago it would have been impossible to sell 26 large Spirit of Prophecy and doctrinal books in so few hours. Surely this is the working of the Holy Spirit.

Last month I finally was able to call on a lady I had been trying to see since last July. She had always been too busy. She said she only wanted a book for her son and possibly something for a gift. The contact appeared to be weak.

When I went in I took only my small case and left my projector in the car. "No need to use the projector here," I thought. "There is too little interest."

During my canvass I learned that this was a Catholic family deeply interested in spiritual matters. She had read the Bible through six times. I thought, "Why didn't I bring my projector in?"

I was about to close the canvass for *The Bible Story*, (she wasn't very interested in *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories*) when, suddenly, the phone rang. This was my chance to get my projector!

She sat completely engrossed with the film. As it closed, she said, "I must have those books!" She purchased *The Bible Story*, The Bible Reference Library, the Richards Bible, and the *Bedtime Stories*!

We had a much-appreciated prayer together and I departed, thanking God for letting that phone ring at the crucial moment to permit me to get my projector into that home. I decided that, from now on, it goes with me into every home!

Ed Manton



Ed Manton, literature evangelist, Lake Worth, Florida.



"From now on, the audio/visual canvass projector goes with me into every home."

There are presently 132 audio/visual canvass projectors being used by literature evangelists in the Southern Union Conference in selling the Bible Reference Library. Sales of this unit totaled more than \$300,000 during the last half of 1975. It is expected that there will be 250 projectors in service by the first of the summer. The 1976 sales goal for The Bible Reference Library is \$1 million.



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