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QUINQUENNIUM REPORT



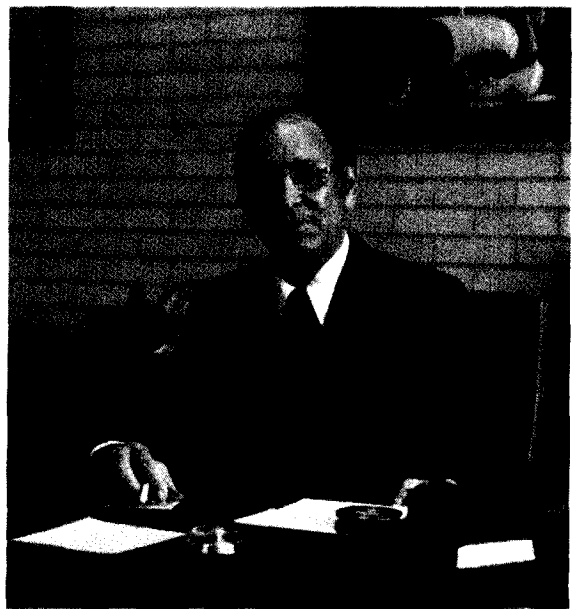


1971-1975 QUINQUENNIAL REPORT

It is with gratitude and thanksgiving to an ever-present and always concerned heavenly Father, who watches over and cares for His work, that we render this report for the past quinquennium. Without His blessing and direction, and without the faithful stewardship of the workers and believers in the Southern Union Conference, a report of any significance or consequence could scarcely be given.

There are thousands of men and women representing our Adventist churches who, with vigor and dedication, are giving their all in talent and energy so that God's work may continually and steadily move forward. These people are giving strong leadership in administration, in the various departments of the church, and as pastors, evangelists, local church elders, deacons, deaconesses, Sabbath school leaders, and other capacities in all of the seven local conferences of the union conference. Their one and only aim and objective is to proclaim the gospel of salvation to those about them, thus leading men and women to Christ and into the remnant church where they in turn thoroughly learn the truth and proclaim to others the way of life.

We pay tribute to the men and women who are associated with us in administering and promoting God's work on the union conference level. Associated with the president are three other officers, four auditors, an assistant treasurer, 14 departmental leaders and 17 secretaries and supervisors. These men and women give diligent and capable service.



H. H. Schmidt, president



Four officers, four auditors, an assistant treasurer, and 14 departmental leaders and associates, with the support of 17 secretaries and supervisors, are vested with the responsibility of fostering the progress of the gospel throughout the eight southeastern states. Left to right: George A. Powell, assistant director of communication; Dr. M. E. Erickson, associate director of education; Fernon D. Retzer, Sabbath school/religious liberty director; Jay J. Shanko, assistant treasurer; H. H. Schmidt, president; Henry Fish, associate publishing director; V. W. Becker, director of education; W. L. Mazat, lay activities director and ASI secretary; J. D. Ring, associate publishing director; Lee D. Beers, assistant auditor; H. F. Roll, secretary, director of trust services, and health secretary; Hoyet L. Taylor, associate publishing director; C. G. Cross, associate director of trust services; E. T. Burley, assistant auditor; O. L. Heinrich, director of communication; Eric Ristau, publishing director; B. J. Penner, auditor; J. H. Whitehead, treasurer; H. E. Metcalf, ministerial secretary; T. W. Cantrell, associate secretary, stewardship director, and director of inner city affairs. Not pictured: D. E. Holland, youth/temperance director; O. W. Mackey, associate publishing director; J. L. Wiggle, associate auditor.

Without their work and support, a composite quinquennial report could not be possible. I want to mention particularly two ladies, Elsie Franklin and Jeanne Lowe, secretaries to the president and to the union secretary, who worked diligently gathering and compiling material for this report. Mrs. Lowe also serves as receptionist.

MEMBERSHIP

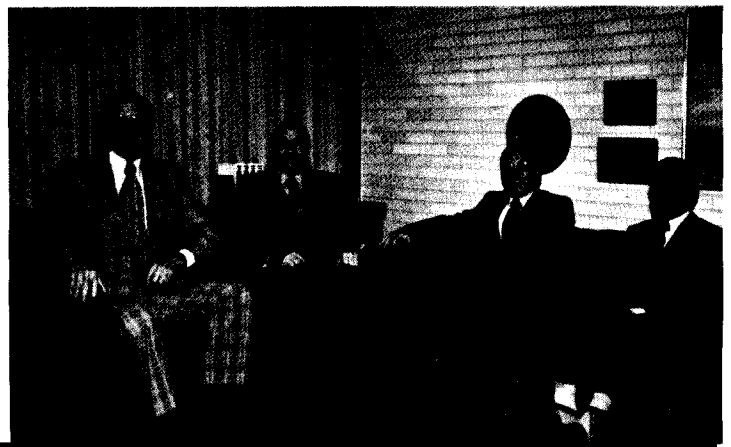
We are happy to report a steady growth in membership in all of our seven conferences, which cover the eight southeastern states of the North American Division. We have seen the number of churches grow to a total of 551; and most, if not all, of our churches have added significantly to their membership in the past five-year period. A constant and continual program of public and one-to-one evangelism and soul-winning efforts through the various departments of the church has produced a rich harvest of souls. At the beginning of this quinquennium, the Southern Union Conference had a membership of 59,534. Now, with the close of the five-year period, we can report a membership of 78,795, which represents a net gain of 19,261! This is an average yearly net gain of 3,852 for the five-year period. It would be quite safe to say, unless later figures indicate otherwise, that this is the largest average net gain in membership growth of any union conference in North America.

BAPTISMS

An aggressive program of evangelism of every type — public, one-to-one, Bible study, branch Sabbath school, vacation Bible school, literature evangelism, etc. — has produced 27,454 in baptisms and professions of faith. Below we have tabulated baptisms by conferences and year.

	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Alabama-Mississippi	183	250	391	228	367
Carolina	384	517	595	628	585
Florida	1,222	1,400	1,430	1,240	1,419
Georgia-Cumberland	565	723	739	800	819
Kentucky-Tennessee	373	322	460	461	572
South Atlantic	1,079	1,099	1,641	1,522	1,881
South Central	478	1,026	621	614	820
TOTALS	4,284	5,337	5,877	5,493	6,463

Giving administrative direction to the work in the Southern Union are, from left: T. W. Cantrell, associate secretary, H. H. Schmidt, president, J. H. Whitehead, treasurer, and H. F. Roll, secretary.



NEW CHURCHES

Much soul-winning activity brings about the forming of new church congregations. This is the primary objective of all our endeavors — to raise up new churches and companies. When these are organized, they in turn become evangelistic centers where the Advent message is lived and proclaimed. The number of new churches and companies organized in each conference is as follows:

Alabama-Mississippi	10
Carolina	10
Florida	23
Georgia-Cumberland	25
Kentucky-Tennessee	11
South Atlantic	7
South Central	8
TOTAL	94

CHURCHES CONSTRUCTED

With the growth of membership and the organization of congregations, more church buildings, school buildings, welfare centers, and other facilities need to be provided. There has been tremendous effort and progress toward filling this need in all the conferences. The churches completed, dedicated, and under construction are listed in the following table:

	Churches Completed	Churches Dedicated	Churches Under Construction
1971	10	15	13
1972	19	15	16
1973	13	15	17
1974	8	18	18
1975	26	15	13
TOTALS	76	78	77

SECRETARY

Elder H. F. Roll has served in the Southern Union Conference as one of the officers in the role of secretary since 1969. He is rendering able, dedicated, and efficient service, which is much appreciated throughout the field. He keeps records and minutes in a most immaculate way, thus assuring a growing work in the field the benefit of always being able to know its own progress. He is also the liaison between our union and the secretariat of the General Conference. He also heads up the Trust Services Department, as well as the Department of Health. More about these departments will follow in the report.

ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

Until December 15, 1975, Elder W. S. Banfield served in this administrative post. He had been elected at our last union session held in 1971. During the latter part of 1975, he accepted the invitation of the General Conference to serve in the Department of Regional Affairs, thus leaving a vacancy in our union. At its final meeting of 1975, the union executive committee gave study to the filling of this post. As the result, Elder T. W. Cantrell was elected. He has taken over



The Madison, Georgia, church is one of many new buildings housing congregations throughout the Southern Union.

his responsibilities with a good background of denominational experience over a number of years. His most recent post was as secretary-treasurer and then treasurer of the South Atlantic Conference. We welcome Elder Cantrell to the union conference staff. He will also carry the Stewardship Department and coordinate the Inner-City program.

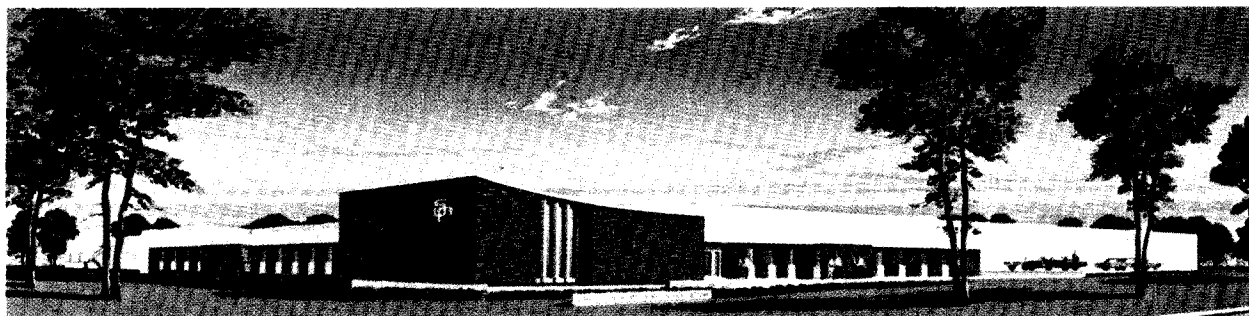
TREASURER

Elder J. H. Whitehead has carried this heavy responsibility since 1964 and is doing the work in an extraordinarily efficient manner. His wide experience and knowledgeable grasp of financial affairs in the field and in our institutions make him a valuable and thoroughly trusted leader in his area of responsibility. Serving with him in the department is Jay Shanko, assistant treasurer. Brother Shanko joined us first in the latter part of 1974 as an auditor. He was then invited to serve as assistant treasurer. Also in the department are Jane Wyche, bookkeeper, and Evelyn Becker, office secretary.

On other pages of this composite report you will find consolidated financial statements which reflect the operation of the Southern Union Conference.

AUDITORS

With the departure of C. M. Laue to become treasurer of the South American Division, B. J. Penner became our head auditor in late 1973. Those assisting him in the department are Lee Beers, who came to us from ESDA/Institutional Services at the General Conference, and E. T. Burley, who has been with us for several years. Accepting our call, and just arriving to join us, is J. L. Wiggle, who will serve as associate auditor. Brother Wiggle is a certified public accountant and until recently served as treasurer in one of our overseas fields. We are happy to have this worker and his family join our staff. When you consider that four men audit seven conferences and associations, seven ABC's, seven academies, 11 hospitals, five nursing homes, and one retirement home, plus a college with all of its academic and industrial functions, you can understand the scope of their responsibilities. Mrs. Ardith Beers is office secretary in this department.



Southern Publishing Association opened its new facilities March 12, 1974.



The Forest Lake Elementary Educational Center is one of scores of new school facilities constructed during the last quinquennium.

EDUCATION

Serving ably and skillfully as head of this department is Elder V. W. Becker, who has filled this post in the Southern Union Conference since 1961 and is about to retire with more than 40 years of denominational service. The associate in the department is Dr. M. E. Erickson, who came in 1970. These men have had many years of solid experience in the field of Christian education.

The Southern Union has within its borders two senior colleges, 15 senior academies, 173 elementary schools, with a total enrollment at the close of 1975 of 12,945 students. Records reveal that 29 new schools have been built during the five-year period. Four of our conferences have organized Boards of Education which provide direction for long-range planning for the educational system on the local conference level, K-12. There are 493 teachers working on the elementary and junior academy level.

Serving as office secretaries in this department are Mrs. Sharon Engelrup and Mrs. Doris Schmidt.

SABBATH SCHOOL — RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

When Elder C. L. Brooks was invited to join the General Conference Sabbath School Department as an associate, the union executive committee gave study to the filling of these two departments. As the result, Elder Fernon D. Retzer was invited and consented to take over this post. Elder Retzer had been Sabbath school director in the General Conference and before that a departmental director and a union president in the Inter-American Division. He will give the strongest kind of leadership to these two departments.

During the past five years, MISSION SPOTLIGHT has not only greatly expanded into the churches of the Southern Union, but is now being used in North America and throughout the world in 1,686 churches. Included in this total are 108 churches using the newly developed Spanish-language programs.

In 1975, Sabbath school membership increased nearly 10,000 to a total of 63,864. Offerings through the Sabbath school in this quinquennium amounted to the almost unbelievable total of \$8,287,896.90. As the result of branch Sabbath schools being conducted, we now have churches, just to mention a few, in Blythewood, South Carolina; Live Oak, Orange Cove, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia, Korean; Jasper, Pikeville, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Eufaula and Queenstown, Alabama.

In the area of religious liberty, one of the significant moves was to organize a Seventh-day Adventist Attorney's Association. When the group met last fall in a retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch, the Carolina youth camp, there were 45 in attendance, counting members of the families.

Mrs. Jewell Whitehead is office secretary, replacing Mrs. Dottie Minner, who recently moved to Calhoun, Georgia.

LAY ACTIVITIES — ASI

Since 1966, Elder W. L. Mazat has headed up these departments with vigor and dedication. We consider Elder Mazat as "Mr. Lay Activities" in the Southern Union. His optimism and enthusiasm are contagious and our laymen are inspired by his leadership. Time and space will not permit giving all that has been done in community services, Bible studies, literature distributed, etc., but certainly this report ought to mention that 317,005 homes were reached with missionary journals, \$6,947,385.57 in Ingathering received, 32 medical and community service vans acquired and put into service, and 3,057 souls won through the efforts of the Lay Activities Department.

In our territory are many institutions which are independently operated by our Adventist people. These are all part of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions and are a tremendous force for community service and soul-winning.

Miss Cynthia Nutt is office secretary for these departments.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER — TEMPERANCE

The activities and programs planned and developed in these two departments are directed largely for and with youth. Giving general direction and leadership is Elder Don Holland, who has been in this post since July of 1968. Elder Holland is well known and loved by the youth of the field. His spiritual influence and innovative leadership are an inspiration to the youth and youth leaders. He enjoys the trust and confidence of thousands of youth in our colleges, academies, church schools, and churches.

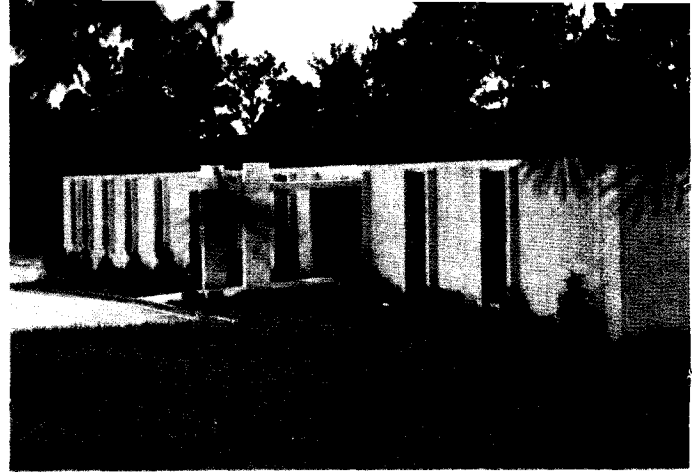
It would be impossible to cover in this report every detail of the activities of youth in the past five years. Suffice it to say, as the result of the efforts of Maranatha teams, youth evangelistic and singing teams, MV Task Force volunteers, dark county evangelism, VOP Wayout teams, and temperance and AYBL societies, 5,830 souls have been baptized. Attending camps during the five years, mostly in the summer, were 93,802 young people. Much more could be reported — such as the beginning of a youth radio broadcast, His Way, now being aired by 101 radio stations free of charge, 783 Five-Day Plans held, and much more.

The NSO Department has been flooded with problems of SDA men volunteering in the armed forces. We have now more SDA men in uniform than at the height of the Vietnam conflict, and these men run into difficulties for which they seek help of our leaders in NSO.

Mrs. Thelma Green serves as office secretary in these departments.



These literature evangelists from Carolina are among more than 100 to use the new audio/visual canvass projector to sell \$300,000 worth of the Bible Reference Library during the last half of 1975, with sales of \$1,000,000 projected for 1976.



Expanding sales and services resulted in construction of new, enlarged facilities for the Home Health Education Service, which were occupied during the summer of 1974.

PUBLISHING

The Southern Union Conference continues to set impressive records in the sale of gospel literature. This department, under the superb direction of Elder Eric Ristau, who is also the general manager of Home Health Education Service, has sold in the field over the past five years subscription literature totaling the almost staggering figure of \$10,978,376.85. Besides this figure, there have been total sales of \$8,365,927.50 through our ABC's, which represents literally tons of fine Adventist literature placed in the homes of our people. Even more significant is the fact that in the quinquennium the literature evangelists have been responsible for 1,515 souls won! As the young people say, "This is where it is at!"

During the last quinquennium, a new plan of leadership was instituted in the union and local conferences which has saved in cost an approximate figure of \$250,000. This was done by eliminating two full-time and three part-time office secretaries in local conferences and eliminating the local conference publishing director in five conferences.

The most recent innovation is the development of a visual canvass to be used in homes, selling strictly the Bible Reference Library (the Conflict of the Ages series plus *BIBLE READINGS*). This canvass is given by using a specially prepared film and a portable projector similar to a small television set. In the six months this plan has been used, more than \$300,000 worth of the Bible Reference Libraries have been sold.

During 1974 a new commodious building for the HHES was constructed by the union conference. Rent income from the building paid by HHES is amortizing the cost.

Elder Ristau has with him in the department four associates; namely, Elder Joe Ring, Elder O. W. Mackey, Elder Hoyet Taylor and Brother Henry Fish. Brother Gerald Bietz is the treasurer of HHES. Miss Grace Maxwell is office secretary in the department, and there are other supervisors and office secretaries in HHES.

MINISTERIAL

This department is headed by Elder H. E. Metcalf, who has been in this post and has carried this responsibility for the past nine years. Prior to that, he was also director of a Bible correspondence school which was operated by the Southern Union.

From this department the evangelistic and ministerial activities of the entire union are coordinated. Elder Metcalf cooperates with the local conference ministerial secretaries and public evangelists in planning effective preaching and evangelism seminars and public evangelistic campaigns. He

also directs the J. L. Shuler Lectureship Series which is conducted every other year. During the five years, Elder Metcalf conducted eight major evangelistic campaigns.

The Ministerial Association has also produced 1,500 pages of research material on Daniel and Revelation, together with work sheets and overhead projector visuals for use in evangelism by pastors and evangelists. The most recent contribution has been the writing of a series of 85 short Bible studies which have become a part of the Basic Bible, and are also being included in the family Bibles being sold by literature evangelists throughout North America. Some 130,000 of these Bibles have been printed and nearly 100,000 have already been distributed as a soul-winning aid for our laymen.

Recently it was voted by the union executive committee to invite the Cox-Weber evangelistic team to become the union evangelistic team — this team to be used in rotation in five of our conferences annually.

Mrs. Doris Williams is office secretary in this department.

TRUST SERVICES

The work of the legal associations of the Southern Union Conference institutions is coordinated by Elder H. F. Roll. He also heads the Trust Services Department, ably aided by Elder C. G. Cross as his associate. Elder Cross, until recently the general manager of the Christian Record Braille Foundation, joined us in the fall of 1974. We welcome him to our union staff.

Office secretaries serving this department are Mrs. Elsie Franklin and Miss Cynthia Nutt.

Whereas trust services are rendered on an accommodation basis by the Southern Union Conference itself, the basic emphasis is given to this work through each local conference association. A trend must, therefore, reflect the substantial growth during the last five years.

Assets in Trust December 31, 1970 - 1975

Conference	1975	1970	Increase
Alabama-Mississippi	\$1,485,700	\$ 564,567	\$ 921,133
Carolina	1,114,025	539,909	574,116
Florida	4,267,378	2,363,883	1,903,495
Georgia-Cumberland	2,228,169	864,144	1,364,025
Kentucky-Tennessee	1,229,881	526,847	703,034
South Atlantic	88,000	16,697	71,303
South Central	32,390	29,492	2,898
Southern Union	1,379,060	460,501	918,559
Totals	\$11,824,603	\$5,366,040	\$6,458,563

Conference	Maturities and Present Gifts					Totals
	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	
Alabama-Mississippi	\$ 15,000	\$	\$ 5,360	\$ 38,710	\$ 26,042	\$ 85,112
Carolina	35,000	49,367	6,875	134,401	2,546	228,189
Florida	725,000	594,593	293,447	208,741	228,575	2,050,356
Georgia-Cumberland	40,000	44,282	5,025	178,530	156,058	423,895
Kentucky-Tennessee	120,000	104,761	11,610	13,394	83,831	333,596
South Atlantic			5,000	29,000	54,000	88,000
South Central					4,076	4,076
Southern Union				200,000		200,000
Totals	\$935,000	\$793,003	\$327,317	\$802,776	\$555,128	\$3,413,224

COMMUNICATION

This department is headed by Elder O. L. Heinrich, who has been actively engaged in this role since 1961. He is the editor of the SOUTHERN TIDINGS. Assisting him in the department, and serving as managing editor of the SOUTHERN TIDINGS, is Elder George Powell, who joined our staff in mid-1974 and is doing a very fine job. We welcome him to our staff.

The Communication Department, which resulted from the merger of the Public Relations and Radio-TV Departments during the quinquennium, not only produces and edits our union publication, but they also develop visual and other miscellaneous programs for all departments. It is through this department that the Basic Bible film and Bible studies have been developed, as well as the visual canvass program now being used by the Publishing Department. Also in this department the church identification and beautification program is being promoted far and wide, even to the extent that this, too, has now become a North American Division activity.

The work of Mission Spotlight continues to grow as a result of the work of Elder and Mrs. Heinrich. Space will not permit the tremendous implications and worth in terms of communicating to the public and to our own people the work and growth of Seventh-day Adventists.

Serving as office secretaries in this department are Mrs. Judy Heinrich and Mrs. Ardith Beers, part-time.

HEALTH

Health screening and disease prevention programs are being conducted regularly in all conferences of the union. Home nutrition classes are offered in large numbers. Coronary risk programs such as "Heartbeat," a program developed by Loma Linda University, have been offered in Atlanta, where more than 1,000 people have been tested, and in Montgomery, Alabama, and Tennessee. Hypertension, glaucoma, and diabetes screening programs are offered to the public throughout the union, with the largest number of these screenings being done by the Florida Conference Health Department through its community service centers and its large fleet of mobile van units.

Physician and dentist recruiting continues to be a major function of the union Health Department. There are now more than 500 of these professionals practicing in the Southern Union, and prospects from Loma Linda University and other schools, along with the Family Practice Residency of the Florida Hospital, indicate that more of these wonderful professional workers will soon be at work in the union.

The Health Department is striving to make its work more evangelistic by doing its work in a way that will point men to Christ, the giver of health and all blessings that men enjoy. To strengthen the evangelistic potential, the department laid plans in 1975 to conduct a Health Evangelism Workshop at Southern Missionary College in June of 1976 led by instructors from Loma Linda University.

Florida Hospital with its doctors, administrators, and chaplains conducted the first Southern Union "Live In" Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking at Camp Kulaqua in September of 1975. Twenty-nine enrolled from among people who had had previous difficulty "kicking" the habit. Staff members stated that at the end of the second day there was grave concern for the outcome as nerves were on edge, compounded by the elimination of alcohol and the change of dietary habits. However, the results were excellent, and



More than 1,600 identification signs have been erected in the Southern Union since 1965. L. A. Watson has recently succeeded Monroe Crowson as sign engineer.

the group became happy, including conversation as though they were Adventists by the end of the five days.

Repeatedly and consistently over the years we have heard of this branch of the work as being the "right arm." Although the old sanitarium concept of health care for the public has been de-emphasized, we have developed hospitals as health-care units in the South which can be rated as second to none in offering the best of care to the sick.

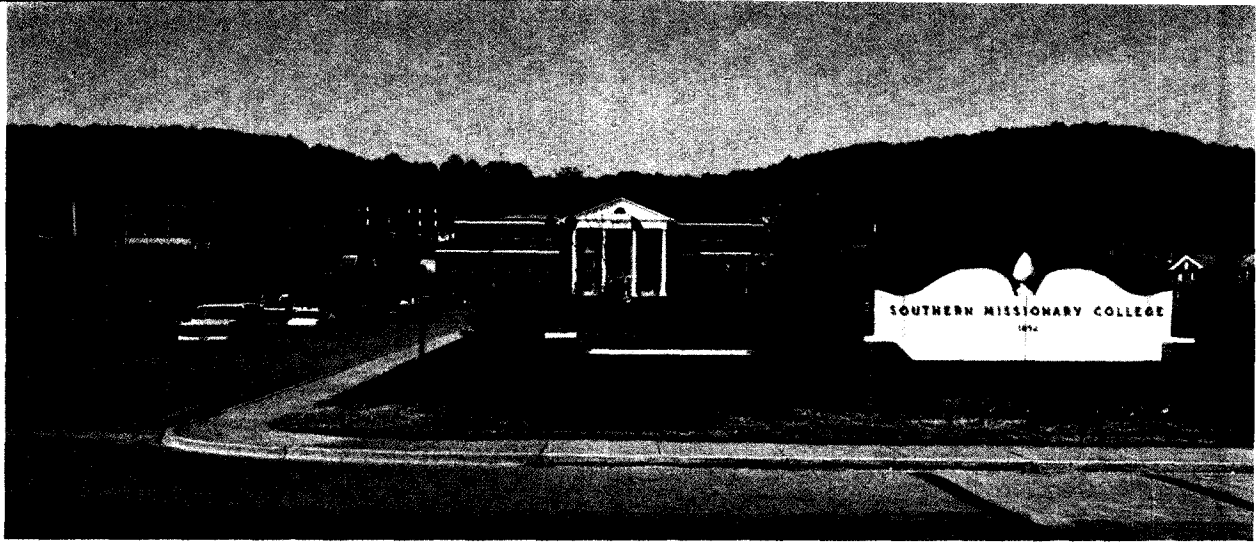
Elder Roll heads this department, with Joe S. Cruise, MD, and Glen Linebarger, DDS, assisting him in coordinating and recruiting of physicians and dentists.

INNER CITY

Another quite recent development in the services of the General Conference and the Southern Union is the Inner City ministry. This is a special ministry to those living in the slums and ghettos, which so often are the spiritually, physically, and economically depressed areas in our large cities. E. G. White recommends the methods Christ often used for reaching the multitudes of healing the physical needs of the person in order that he might respond to the love of Christ.

The Southern Union Conference is showing, as never before, that we do have a heart. In the conferences of Alabama-Mississippi, Carolina, Florida, Georgia-Cumberland and South Central, 32 medical, dental, or health servicing vans have been purchased since the last session and a total of 58 are in service. Blood pressure, urinalysis, glaucoma tests, tests for sickle-cell anemia, for venereal disease, as well as minor medical and dental care, have been given to approximately 442,000 people. Friendship camps for the blind or poor, tutorial classes for the slow learners, cooking classes, multi-purpose community service centers, and a migrant workers' clinic in Florida have served over a half million people. The Kentucky-Tennessee and South Atlantic Conferences are also developing strong screening programs with their vans.

In many cities the Adventist church has been commended for its ministry to those who need a helping hand. "They love God most who love their fellow man most."



Southern Missionary College has experienced annual increases in enrollment for some 20 years, with students presently numbering more than 1,700.

STEWARDSHIP

Of the many departments that serve the General Conference and the Southern Union, the Stewardship Department is in the adolescent stage. We are rather young, growing stronger, and reaching toward maturity.

Of the 551 churches in the Southern Union, approximately 47 per cent are following the stewardship combined budget or systematic benevolent plan of giving. This is a gain

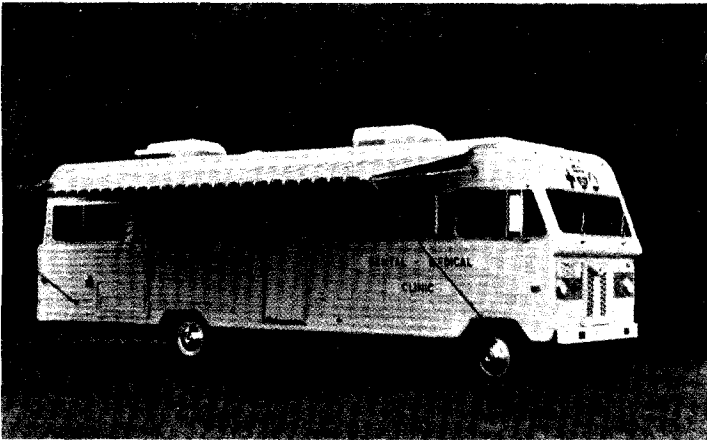
of nearly 50 per cent since the last session. About 269 churches are on the Southern Union 10+ 10+ plan, with Florida and Georgia-Cumberland leading the way in promoting the plan 100 per cent. In the Florida Conference, where stewardship got an early start with the Florida Advance program, the conference has realized a gain of approximately \$200,000 for evangelism and other conference funds since the last union session.

Stewardship is giving an account to God of our time, talent, health, and wealth. Through systematic benevolence, as ordained in the Bible and the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy, the greatest gains to the individual and the church will not be financial alone but also spiritual. Wherever genuine stewardship is practiced, there is real spiritual, physical, and material advance all along the line.

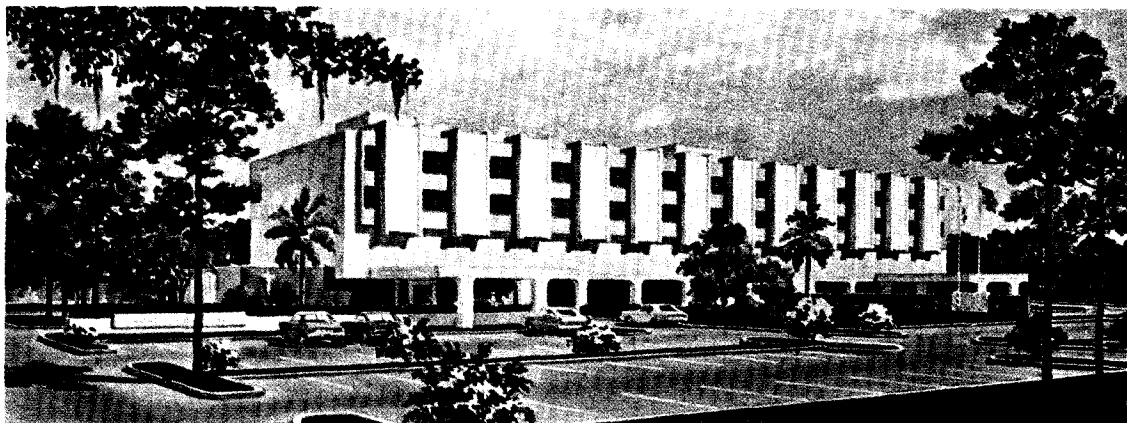
SOUTHERN ADVENTIST HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SYSTEM

The most significant development in the hospital field in the Southern Union during the past five years has been the formation of this hospital corporation. This organization was approved by the Annual Council in 1972 and organized and developed in our union in 1973. Donald W. Welch is the president of the corporation with an administrative staff of four other people who are serving vital functions. The administrators of our hospitals are vice-presidents.

Quoting from Brother Welch's report: "This corporation has made expansion possible in many of our institutions, expedited growth by developing new facilities, and allowed several of our smaller institutions to remain active in spite of increasing government regulations and demands. It has



Fifty-eight Community Service, Medical-Dental, and Youth Emergency Service vans minister to the needs of people in the Southern Union Conference.



Florida Hospital/North is one of several hospitals either constructed or acquired during the quinquennium.

brought together know-how, finances, and a system of working together that have benefited all our hospitals. It has succeeded in opening new hospitals in areas such as Jellico, Tennessee — a beautiful 50-bed hospital. This missionary project has been highly successful and has brought health care to a remote and isolated area where the Third Angel's Message was brought to a locale which had not previously been served. The Smyrna Hospital near Atlanta has recently been purchased as the result of the church's desire to open medical institutions in areas not previously served and in conferences which have never had medical institutions."

We now have hospitals in:

Florida

Florida Hospital/South (main)
Florida Hospital/North (satellite)
Apopka (satellite)
Punta Gorda (Charlotte Medical Center)
Avon Park (Walker Memorial)

Tennessee

Madison
Highland
Manchester
Jellico
Greeneville (Takoma)

Georgia

Smyrna (Atlanta area)
Lakeland (Louis Smith Memorial)
Ellijay (Watkins Memorial)

Much could be said about the tremendous expansion of facilities at all these institutions, but space will not permit.

COLLEGES

Southern Missionary College is located at Collegedale, Tennessee. In the past quinquennium the college has been headed by Dr. Frank Knittel as its president. The college has shown remarkable growth in enrollment, academic achievement, and capital improvement. For example, in enrollment we note the following:

1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76
1,337	1,414	1,422	1,563	1,689	1,712

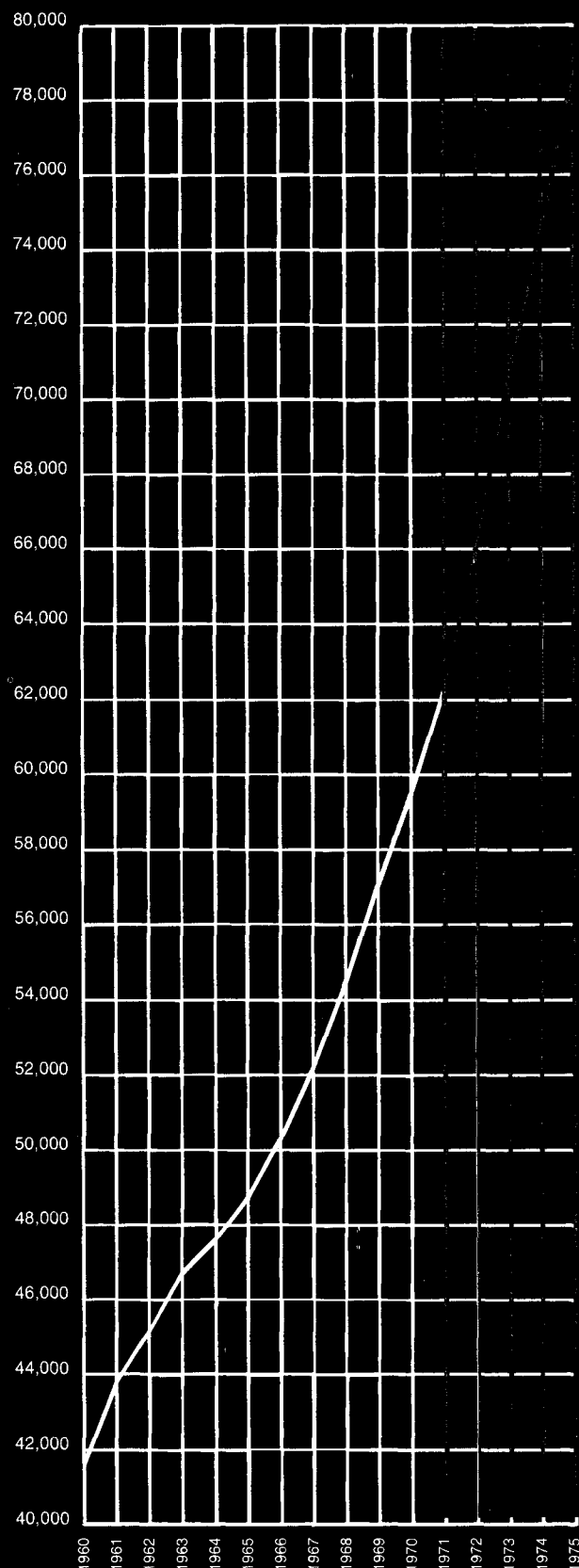
Since the last session, we have added a new nursing building, a new home economics building, and a student center, which houses the food service and dining room areas. In the immediate future, plans for a fine arts center and new wings to both the men's and women's residences. Capital indebtedness has been decreased in the last five years by approximately 2.5 million dollars. Dr. Knittel and his administrative staff, the faculty and staff of the school are giving very fine spiritual and academic leadership at Southern Missionary College.

In our territory is located another fine senior college, namely Oakwood College. Dr. C. B. Rock is the president, having come to that post approximately three years ago. He and his staff, in giving spiritual and academic excellence to the college, have thereby succeeded in pushing the enrollment up beyond the 1,000 mark, which is almost double in five years. Fine new facilities have been provided with the aid of the General Conference and the constituency of North America. Even though this college is a General Conference institution, we consider it a part of our over-all Southern Union Conference operation.

CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION

The administrative leadership has changed somewhat in the local conferences of our union in the past five years. Elder H. J. Carubba became the president of the Florida Conference in early 1973 when Elder W. O. Coe was called to be president of the Northern Union Conference. Joining

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE **Statement of Income and Expense**

* For Four Years—12/31/67 - 12/31/70 and For Five Years—12/31/71 - 12/31/75

INCOME WITHIN CONFERENCE	Four Years	Average Per Year	Five Years	Average Per Year	1975
Tithe	\$3,681,030.67	\$920,257.66	\$7,920,821.40	\$1,584,164.28	\$1,956,658.00
Other Income	317,862.28	79,465.57	308,375.14	61,715.02	43,641.80
Total Income Within Conference	3,998,892.95	999,723.23	8,229,396.54	1,645,879.30	2,000,299.80
OPERATING EXPENSE					
Tithe Percentages	636,431.89	159,107.98	1,428,450.17	285,690.03	353,670.54
Workers' Salary & Expense	1,430,970.09	357,742.52	2,835,439.80	567,089.37	672,809.58
Administrative & General	773,558.07	193,389.52	1,020,485.83	204,097.16	176,595.16
Departmental	46,219.62	11,554.90	76,779.26	15,355.85	20,093.00
Appropriations	80,230.55	20,057.63	835,137.57	167,027.51	133,345.15
**Bible School	82,000.00	20,500.00			
***SMC Appropriations	270,544.20	67,636.05			
Total Operating Expense	3,319,954.42	829,988.60	6,196,299.63	1,239,259.92	1,356,513.43
Gain Without Subsidies	678,938.53	169,734.63	2,033,096.91	406,619.38	600,144.57
Subsidies Received	22,306.86	5,576.71	168,251.16	33,650.23	31,732.24
Net Operating Gain	701,245.93	175,311.34	2,201,348.07	440,269.61	631,876.81
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE					
Net—Other Expense	635,961.89	158,990.47	1,948,484.91	389,696.98	515,019.30
Increase to Fund Balance	65,283.50	16,320.87	252,863.16	50,572.63	116,857.51

*This statement is not comparative in detail because of reclassification of income and expense and the change to Fund Accounting in 1974 and 1975.

**The Bible School was closed in 1969.

***Operation in Specific Purpose Fund.

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1970 and 1975	ASSETS:	1970	1975	Increase	Decrease
	Current Assets:				
	Cash and Bank	\$ 47,695.73	\$ 364,489.60	\$ 316,793.87	
	Securities and Investments	137,813.35	17,141.65		\$120,671.70
	Accounts & Notes Receivable	335,418.32	2,169,378.82	1,833,960.50	
	Inventories	13,357.22	1,733.33		11,623.89
	Prepaid Expense	88,456.65	87,314.97		1,141.68
	Total Current Assets	622,741.27	2,640,058.37	2,017,317.10	
	Non-Current Assets:				
	Notes Receivable—Long Term		50,943.49	50,943.49	
	Fixed Assets:				
	Furniture, Equipment, Telephone (Net)	55,982.17	95,709.45	39,727.28	
	TOTAL ASSETS	678,723.44	2,786,711.31	2,107,987.87	
	LIABILITIES:				
	Current Liabilities:				
	Accounts Payable	145,409.98	131,210.38		14,199.60
	Trust Funds	74,365.35	1,579,190.91	1,504,825.56	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES:	219,775.33	1,710,401.29	1,490,625.96	
	*Fund Balances:				
	Regular Net Worth	370,331.70			370,331.70
	Reserve Funds	88,616.41			88,616.41
	Tithe Oper. Cap. Res.—11/31/75		505,071.93	505,071.93	
	Oper. Cap. Res. Fund Balance		59,781.56	59,781.56	
	Net Inventory on Equip.		95,709.45	95,709.45	
	Net Inventory in Other Assets		50,943.49	50,943.49	
	Operating Sub-Fund Balance		276,625.96	276,625.96	
	Capital Sub-Fund Balance		88,177.63	88,177.63	
	Total Fund Balances	458,948.11	1,076,310.02	617,361.91	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	678,723.44	2,786,711.31	2,107,987.87	

* Transferred to Fund Accounting in 1971.

the Florida Conference administration quite recently have been J. P. Rogers, treasurer, and Roy Ulmer, secretary.

In the South Atlantic Conference, Elder R. L. Woodfork became the president when Elder W. S. Banfield became associate secretary of the union. In this conference are also two other new administrative personnel; namely, R. B. Hairston, secretary, and R. Patterson, treasurer.

In the Carolina Conference, joining Elder Reile, the president, were two new men — Elder M. D. Gordon, secretary, and Elder A. L. Ingram, treasurer. Joining the administrative

staff of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference were Elder Richard Center, treasurer, and Elder L. A. Stout, secretary. In the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Elder Hugh Leggett became the secretary and Elder Ruben Lopez, treasurer. Elder D. A. Walker became the secretary-treasurer in the South Central Conference.

All of these men have departmental responsibilities to carry as well as their administrative duties. In the course of this session we will hear from the conference presidents concerning the evangelism plans in all our conferences.

SOUTHERN AND SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ASSOCIATIONS
Comparative Statement of Income and Expenditures

*For Four Years — 12/31/67 - 12/31/70 and for Five Years — 12/31/71 - 12/31/75

INCOME	Four Years	Average Per Year	Five Years	Average Per Year	1975
Interest Income	\$264,543.66	\$66,135.92	\$451,622.92	\$ 90,324.57	\$108,493.31
Rental Income	110,459.70	27,614.92	185,842.11	37,068.42	39,937.40
Miscellaneous Income	1,616.89	404.22	4,586.67	917.33	
Sub-Total			641,551.70	128,310.33	148,430.71
Subtract to Fund Balance (Annuity & Uni-Trust)			(115,561.89)	(23,112.37)	(37,434.12)
TOTAL INCOME	376,620.25	94,155.06	525,989.81	105,197.96	110,996.59
EXPENSE					
Interest	209,374.34	52,343.59	189,447.43	37,889.49	40,906.86
Legal	1,205.42	301.35	1,804.70	360.94	361.20
Miscellaneous	1,227.10	306.77	10,662.44	2,132.49	1,755.63
Office Building Expense			103,649.25	20,729.85	49,906.53
Residences' Expense			19,992.16	3,998.43	9,468.53
Depreciation	60,212.46	15,053.11	44,661.86	8,932.37	
Maintenance	14,605.16	3,651.29	10,337.88	2,067.58	
Insurance	1,418.00	354.50	1,194.00	238.80	
Annuity			127,550.80	25,510.16	32,722.96
Uni-Trust			44,103.39	8,820.67	31,115.17
Sub-Total	288,042.45	72,010.61	553,403.91	110,680.78	166,236.88
Subtract Expense to Fund Balance (Annuity & Uni-Trust)			(171,654.19)	(34,330.84)	(63,838.13)
Net Operating Expense			383,749.72	76,749.94	102,398.75
Net Operating Gain (Loss)	88,577.77	22,144.44	142,240.09	28,448.02	8,597.84
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE					
Net Total Other Income	310,926.04	77,731.51	362,527.95	72,505.59	21,590.53
Net Gain (Loss) to Surplus and Surplus Reserve	399,503.81	99,875.95	504,768.04	100,953.61	12,992.69
Transfer Statement					
Total Transfer Out	130,275.36	32,568.84	46,652.74	9,330.55	11,646.87
Increase (Decrease) to Surplus	269,228.45	67,307.11	458,115.30	91,623.06	(1,345.82)

*This statement is not comparative in detail because of reclassification of income and expense.

**SOUTHERN AND
SOUTHEASTERN UNION
CONFERENCE
ASSOCIATIONS**
**COMPARATIVE
BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 1970 and 1975

ASSETS:	1970	1975	Increase	Decrease
Current and Long Term Assets:				
Cash and Bank	\$ 47,695.73	\$ 67,964.17	\$ 20,268.44	
Securities & Investments	351,871.48	1,498,583.53	1,146,712.05	
Accounts Receivable	36,384.13	9,714.94		\$ 26,669.19
Notes & Loans Receivable	991,036.88	502,912.57		488,124.31
Trust Agree. Prop. (Nominal)		11.00	11.00	
Real Estate Investments	82,398.80	84,232.70	1,833.90	
Total Current & Long-Term Assets	1,509,387.02	2,163,418.91	654,031.89	
Fixed Assets:				
Land at Cost	62,225.22	95,225.22	33,000.00	
Land Improvement (net)	13,177.55	33,887.97	20,710.42	
Bldgs. & Equip. (Net)	461,092.18	810,312.85	349,220.67	
Total Fixed Assets	536,494.95	939,426.04	402,931.09	
TOTAL ASSETS	2,045,881.97	3,102,844.95	1,056,962.98	
LIABILITIES:				
Current & Long-Term Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	65,357.41			65,357.41
Notes & Loans Payable	198,311.34	67,034.08		131,277.26
Trust Funds	35,926.52	13,967.59		21,958.93
Liab. to Trust Depositors	427,350.90	290,900.25		136,450.65
Liab. to Rev. T/A Trustees	166,305.06	274,150.06	107,845.00	
Liab. to Irrev. T/A Trustees		9,569.62	9,569.62	
Liab. to Annuity Fund Group	274,832.06	508,995.40	234,163.34	
Liab. to Uni-Trust Group		586,354.94	586,354.94	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,168,083.29	1,750,981.94	582,898.65	
SURPLUS:				
Unappropriated Fund Balance	311,671.96	549,518.01	237,846.05	
Reserve Funds	64,001.27	58,979.58		5,021.69
Unexpended Plant Fund Balance	63,941.64	46,096.97		17,844.67
Net Investment in Plant	438,183.61	697,268.45	259,084.84	
Total Fund Balances	877,798.68	1,351,863.01	474,064.33	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	2,045,881.97	3,102,844.95	1,056,962.98	

CONCLUSION

As we bring this report to a close, I am impressed anew with one great predominant factor — the tremendous spirit of fellowship and unity that prevails among the workers of this great union conference. This has been the source of unmeasured encouragement to me as I have sought to give administrative leadership to the work. Also, I'm encouraged by the spirit of a united aim and purpose among our people. Through the giving of their means and by actively support-

ing the efforts of the ministers in their labor, our people have shown their willingness to help finish the work of God. More could be said, but it is impossible with mere words to adequately tell the whole of what has happened in the Southern Union during the past quinquennium.

It is altogether possible that Jesus will come before we have another union session. Should this be so, may it be that we each will have done our part in heralding God's message to every city and hamlet of the territory in which we labor and for which God has made us responsible.

Dateline Data

ALCOA, TENNESSEE — — —

Eleven trucks left Alcoa, Tennessee, Friday, March 19, carrying \$250,000 worth of Alcoa Aluminum roofing bound for Guatemala. SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist World Services) has purchased the shipment as part of its rebuilding of 5,000 homes for earthquake victims there. SAWS is attempting to help the people rebuild their homes before the rainy season sets in. Other materials being provided by the church include reinforced concrete pillars and barbed wire to interlock the adobe walls. This will make the housing more earthquake resistant. Currently thousands are living in tents provided by SAWS and other relief organizations.

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA — — —

Thirty-five Bob Jones University students picketed in protest outside Mayor Max Heller's prayer breakfast. Protestors' signs said "God hates ecumenical prayer meetings" and "Prayer doesn't excuse treachery or trickery." Russell Stolp, pastor of an independent Baptist church protesting the ecumenical prayer breakfast, said it was unbiblical because "there is only one way to heaven. To bring together a group of people with a variance of beliefs causes confusion to the general public."

BEREA, KENTUCKY — — —

The U. S. Supreme Court will decide whether a Kentucky company violated the law by firing a man who refused to work on Saturdays because of religious convictions. At issue is the case of a member of the World Wide Church of God in Berea, Kentucky, who, for 14 months, was allowed to observe his church's prohibition against working on the Sabbath before being abruptly discharged after fellow employees complained. The high court's decision, expected this spring, will presumably affect members of other Sabbath-observing religious groups, including Seventh Day Baptists, Seventh-day Adventists, and Jews.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — — —

A formal objection has been filed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service over a proposed rule change regarding eligibility for food stamps. The motion was sent by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In a letter commending the department for attempting to tighten loopholes in the Federal Food Stamp Program, Gordon Engen, associate director of the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, pointed out that a "gross inequity" exists in the proposal. "Up to now," said Engen, "persons who could not participate in labor union activities or work on their weekly day or worship because of religious convictions and were thus unable to secure or maintain employment, have been—and still are—eligible to receive food stamps. However," Engen continued, "under the proposed rules these individuals would be ineligible. Yet other employees who join in strikes would continue to receive food stamps under the new provisions."

SENEGAL, AFRICA — — —

Church work sometimes takes on strange forms. Some 25 to 30 billion field mice, fortified with a natural antidote to rat poisons, have invaded the West African nation of Senegal. Catholic Relief Services in New York have diverted 750 tons of U.S. government-donated foodstuffs to combat hunger caused by crop destruction. Some 660,000 acres have been affected. Poisons are ineffective against the rodents. By eating the peanut crop, Senegal's major export, the mice have protected themselves. Peanuts are rich in vitamin K, a natural antidote to raticides.

late news of the conferences

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

The youth of Yuchi Pines Institute near Seale, Alabama, held a WEEK OF PRAYER March 6-13. The youth spoke on the theme, "Ancient Prophets Speak to Modern Youth."

The Alabama-Mississippi Conference LAYMEN'S CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION now has assets of over \$30,000 and is presently assisting in the development programs of six conference churches.



During March and April the Montgomery church sponsored a WA-RITE CLINIC AND NUTRITION SCHOOL. Fifty-five attended the Wa-Rite program headed by Carl Hartman, pastor, Lewis Stout, conference health secretary, and Sharon Todd, nutritionist.

The Home and School Association of the Central church sponsored a VEGETARIAN TASTING FAIR in the Huntsville, Alabama, mall, April 5.

W. L. Mandigo reports good progress on the NEW SCHOOL construction project for the Floral Crest, Alabama, district. Development thus far has cost \$55,000, all of which has been paid. The basic structure is due to be standing by April and the plant utilized for next school term.



Seventeen church youth workers from Fort Walton Beach and Pensacola, Florida, and Mobile and St. Elmo, Alabama, received certificates on March 20, following a PATHFINDER STAFF TRAINING COURSE conducted by conference Youth Director Gerald Kovalski.

Religious Liberty Director Kenneth Mathews reports 8,065 subscription sponsorships to *Liberty Magazine* in the recent campaign. This amounts to a cash value of \$14,432.

The Birmingham Roebuck church decorating committee has planned EXTENSIVE REDECORATION of their sanctuary during March and April.

Pastor Clark Acker and Evangelist Hugh Pitman report good attendance after the first week of their CRUSADE being held in the civic center located in the Gadsden mall.

TEN INDIVIDUALS WERE BAPTIZED following a crusade held in Marianna, Florida, by Evangelist W. H. Patsel and Pastor John Hanson.



W. A. Marshall, lay activities director, joined Pastor E. J. McMurry for an EVANGELISTIC MEETING in McComb, Mississippi, at which they report good support and interest.

SEVERAL BAPTISMS HAVE RESULTED from meetings held by Evangelist W. D. Brass and Pastor Charles Ferguson in Crestview, Florida.

Phillip Wilson, Pensacola pastor, and Claude Reed, Mobile pastor, teamed up for an EVANGELISTIC SERIES in the Mobile church.

Evangelist W. H. Patsel and Pastor Tui Pitman held a CRUSADE in the Athens, Alabama, church March 27-April 24.

CAROLINA

Dr. Ronald E. Krum, a staff physician at the FLETCHER MEDICAL CENTER, has been notified that he is now a member of the American Board of Family Practice. Krum, a native of Washington, D.C., has been at the Medical Center since August, 1970. He previously spent seven years in mission service in Ghana and Nigeria.

The first Carolina Conference PATHFINDER CAMPOREE in several years was held at Nosoca Pines Ranch the weekend of March 26-28. Fifteen of the 19 active clubs were represented, with 331 in attendance.

Lowell Litten, Editor of THE GUIDE, was the guest at the Camporee.

The Pollard-Mahorney Evangelistic Team, assisted by Pastor R. N. Hubbartt, have BAPTIZED 33 to date in their crusade in Lenoir, North Carolina.

The Turner Brothers, assisted by Pastor E. V. Schultz, baptized 15 community young people in their CRUSADE in Greenville, South Carolina.

In Elizabethtown, North Carolina, Don Shelton, assisted by Pastor Clyde Smith, BAPTIZED 26 during the crusade there.

Alice Lowe from the General Conference Sabbath School Department has been assisting R. H. Ammons in DISTRICT WORKSHOPS.

FLORIDA

It is estimated that through the Temperance Department over 450 FIVE-DAY PLANS were held during the last triennium. This averages approximately 35-40 plans each quarter.

More and more pastors are holding Five-Day Plans to develop interest. Many laymen are also becoming involved and are actually holding the plans, with the pastor acting as an advisor.

Twenty-eight clubs participated in the Florida PATHFINDER FUN DAY February 29. Events included drill teams, kites, and pine box derby.

The 25 SDA students on the University of Florida campus have organized themselves into an on-campus group called the BIBLE PROPHECY STUDENT ASSOCIATION. Under the leadership of students Bernie Molnar and Ron Nelson, this group will conduct a series of Bible prophecy lectures in the student union building on campus beginning in April. The speaker will be Bernie Molnar.



A vacationing couple from Cambridge, Maryland, Betty and Mike Barone, write: "While on vacation in West Palm Beach, my husband and I had our BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED. It caused us to shorten our vacation, but probably saved his life. He is now on medication for blood pressure, and we hope to control his sugar level. Thank everyone for the wonderful work you are doing on the traveling health mobile. We are extremely grateful."

Dr. Jack Dunham of Phoenix, Arizona, accompanied R. E. Pleasants, Jr., director of Sabbath schools for Florida, on his recent SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOPS throughout Florida. Dr. Dunham made a tremendous impact on the adult Sabbath school teachers of Florida when he demonstrated the use of the new "Senior Teaching System." During his stay a number of teachers in the Orlando area became instructors in the new senior teaching system.

R. K. Cemer reports that 27 individuals were baptized during his recent EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN in Palmetto.

Ron Smith, pastor of the Avon Park district, states that the newly organized Sebring church is making PLANS TO BUILD A SANCTUARY in that city.

The Orlando Spanish church BUILDING HAS BEEN COMPLETED. The formal opening was March 27. We now have more than 250 Spanish believers and visitors meeting there each Sabbath.

Florida LITERATURE EVANGELISTS sold \$73,816.36 worth of Adventist literature as of March 5.

Eighteen persons were baptized as a result of the recent CRUSADE conducted in Melbourne by Rainey Hooper and David Peterson.

TWENTY-EIGHT HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED thus far during the meetings being held by Harmon Brownlow and his team in the Miami Temple church. Over 50 more A-1 interests are being studied with.

Dan Bentzinger reports SIXTEEN BAPTIZED since the first of the year in the Homestead-Islamorada district.

The FOUR EVANGELISTIC SERIES being conducted in Tampa (two in Tampa), Brandon, and Plant City in conjunction with the "It is Written" telecast are progressing nicely with baptisms already taking place.

Forest Lake Academy hosted 205 prospective students March 21 and 22 during its annual ACADEMY DAYS OPEN HOUSE. Highlighting the academy days program was a curriculum fair featuring the learning activities of the school.

June Schmidt, Bible instructor of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, recently completed a COOKING AND NUTRITION CLASS in which she involved some of her students and others who were recently baptized in the actual planning and demonstrations of the classes. Their enthusiasm was great for healthful living and sharing it with others.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



Young people conducted several recent FIVE-DAY PLANS around the conference in local high schools and other institutions, according to Georgia-Cumberland Temperance Director John Strickland. In some areas they also ran the mobile medical screening clinic. Plans are under way in Knoxville, Strickland says, for a TV station there to film a documentary on a Five-Day Plan.

Special DEDICATION SERVICES were held during March for the Dalton, Georgia, Elementary School, according to Pastor Ernest Clark.

Steve Cook and Arna Gilkes, Wildwood Hospital staff members, and Mrs. Gertrude Battle of Collegedale, participated in a special FEATURE INTERVIEW PROGRAM on WGOW in Chattanooga. Subjects discussed included Seventh-day Adventist nutritional knowledge, preventive medicine, and beliefs of the Adventist Church. Time was allotted for comments and questions by callers, revealing a wide-spread desire for information regarding practice of hygienic methods to prevent disease.



AREA YOUTH RALLIES were held in Georgia-Cumberland in February and March under the leadership of Youth Director John Strickland. Commenting on the meeting held in the Atlanta Belvedere church, Strickland reported special music was featured by Gail Jones and Jesse Martin and the Georgia-Cumberland Academy band. Pastor Noel Shanko said, "This rally was a blessing — just what our church needed."

Standifer Gap church communication secretary Wade Johnson entered the "Chattanooga comers," an organization similar to "Welcome Wagon." He wrote LETTERS to each name welcoming them to the community, inviting them to attend the Seventh-day Adventist church, and sending them literature.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McKee of Collegedale's McKee Baking Company were invited to attend a PRAYER BREAKFAST given by President Ford recently. They were accompanied by County Judge Don Moore and Chattanooga Mayor Pat Rose and his wife.

One of the many Georgia-Cumberland COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTERS to aid the victims of the Guatemalan earthquake was that of Greeneville, Tennessee. Thirty-four boxes of clothing with over 2,000 articles were shipped to the stricken area. According to director Mrs. Rosella Hoppe, in 1975 the center gave help to 3,235 persons, gave away 28,491 articles of clothing, and donated 1,469 hours of volunteer labor.

Conference EVANGELISTIC TEAMS are busy with crusades in every part of Georgia-Cumberland, says Everett Cumbo, evangelism director. The Ringer-Truby team holding a series in Rome report that on one recent night 63 out of the 67 persons present were non-Adventists. Arnold Scherencel has baptized two persons after a crusade in Lakeland, Georgia. Ten others have made decisions for Christ. At press time the Hiner-Boling team was in Augusta, and Pastors Paul Clark and John Neff were conducting a series in Austell, Georgia.

An associate head elder in the Collegedale church decided to go on the **10 PLUS 10 PLAN**. He wrote a check for his tithe and offerings and then paid his bills. He had been concerned about his financial situation that month but he discovered he had more money left over than in previous months. "This can only be attributed to God's blessing," he said.

A SPANISH EVANGELISTIC SERIES was held in Atlanta during March with guest speaker from the Voice of Prophecy, Dr. Milton Peverini featured. Pastor Ivan Ruiz reported a fine attendance and special musical features including a Mexican marimba band. Guests included a representative from the office of Mayor Maynard Jackson, and the Latin Diplomatic Corps of Atlanta.



KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

A NEW CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED March 13 in Gallatin, Tennessee, with a charter membership of 34. The following day at the conference session the church was voted into the sisterhood of churches with Gratz, Kentucky, which was organized September 5, 1973.

George V. Yost, educational superintendent, reports that this year there was an INCREASE IN STUDENT ENROLLMENT in grades Kindergarten through Nine of 136 students. This is the highest increase of any conference in the North American Division. Only one union had an increase more than this.

K. D. Johnson, president, opened a SERIES OF MEETINGS in the Lane, Tennessee, church March 27. Lane is considered the oldest organized church in the conference.

Three former Madison Academy students, Karen Wilmot, Kenneth Hutchinson, and Joy Steinmuss, received the HIGHEST GRADES of their class in Music Appreciation at the University of Tennessee the second quarter.

Emilio Knechtle, Seventh-day Adventist world revivalist, met several speaking appointments in the middle Tennessee area recently on behalf of the IT IS WRITTEN TELECAST. His spiritual messages watered the hearts of all who heard him and led many to a fuller consecration to the Lord. His appointments included Nashville First, Bordeaux, Madison Boulevard, Madison Campus, and Highland.



SOUTH CENTRAL

The LAY ADVISORY COUNCIL, organized February 28, saw laymen of anxious devotion and itching enthusiasm lay daring dreams and positive ideas to hasten the coming of Jesus. To demonstrate that the laymen had a deep desire to work with and not against the conference, they elected President C. E. Dudley as chairman. Other officers were: vice-chairman, A. Montague of Memphis; secretary, Cora Young of Huntsville; assistant secretary, Paul Morrow of Jackson, Mississippi; parliamentarian, Fred Torrence of Mobile. Other members of the Board of Directors included J. Jenkins of Birmingham, W. E. Sims of Knoxville, A. Sanders of Bessemer, and Ruth Barnes of Tuscaloosa. Seven committees were set up. The Board of Directors was to meet on April 4 in Tuscaloosa. The Lay Advisory Council was to meet the first Sunday of camp meeting, June 6.

Some 50 men and women from the eight states of the two Southern Union regional conferences met at Southern Publishing Association March 30-April 1 to learn how to be successful colporteurs. This COLPORTEUR COLLEGE had quite a faculty. T. R. Smith from South Atlantic had three associates — Luther Fowler, Harold Gaskins, and William Sutton. J. Hutchinson of South Central had three associates — Tessie Stringer, Benjamin Cone, and William Sims. From the union was O. W. Mackey and from the Southern Publishing Association was W. R. Robinson. The two conferences plan to come closer to a million dollar delivery this year than ever before.

In February the Community Service workers of the Eighth Street church in Chattanooga offered a free HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM at the church and five other locations, using the conference health van, the Chattanooga Human Service Department, and a trained professional staff. Hypertension, heart examination, T. B. screening, speech and hearing, and sickle-cell anemia were among the tests given. The health screening report showed 159 persons examined and 17 persons referred to their local physicians for follow-up service. Joseph F. Milner, local elder, was chief psycho-motivation officer. Mrs. Emma Milner, vice president of the Tennessee Community Service Federation, worked with Mrs. Fonnell from the Health Association. Mrs. Maddox, Miss Hart, and Mrs. O'Niel also served.





"O Sing Unto the Lord . . ."

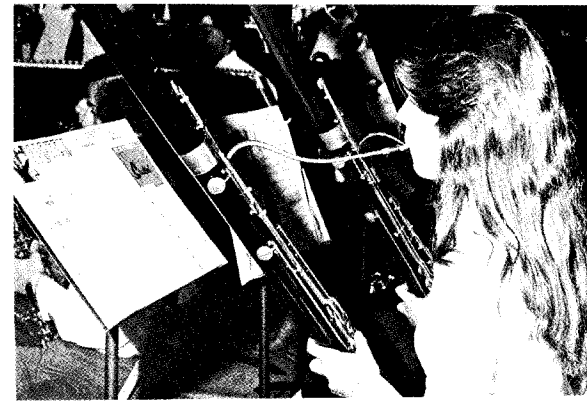
by George A. Powell

The combined bands, choirs, orchestras, and keyboard artists of 10 schools made music come alive at the 18th annual Southern Union Conference Academy Music Festival, March 26, 27, held this year at Southern Missionary College, with Collegedale Academy serving as host.

Clinicians for the 133-member chorus were Drs. Donald Runyan and Marvin Robertson. The 130-member festival band was conducted by Dr. Jack McClarty.

Raymond Kuutti directed the 29-member orchestra. Dr. Bruce Ashton, Robert Sage, and Judith Glass were clinicians for the 18-member keyboard ensemble. James Teel, Don Stillwell, and Judith Glass were the accompanists. William Cemer was the festival chairman.

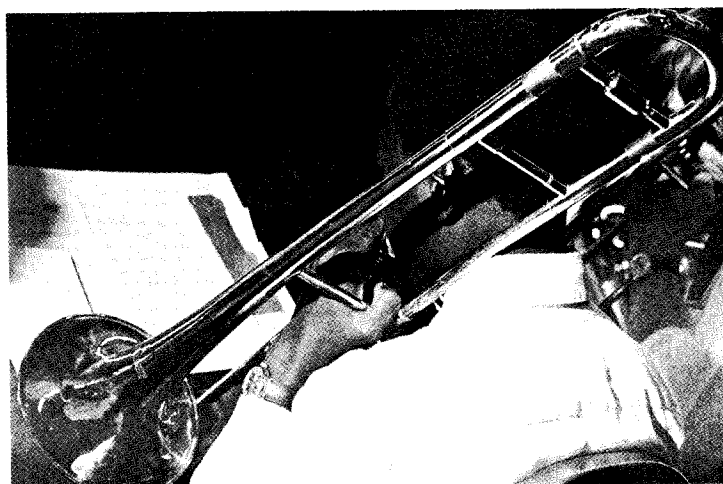
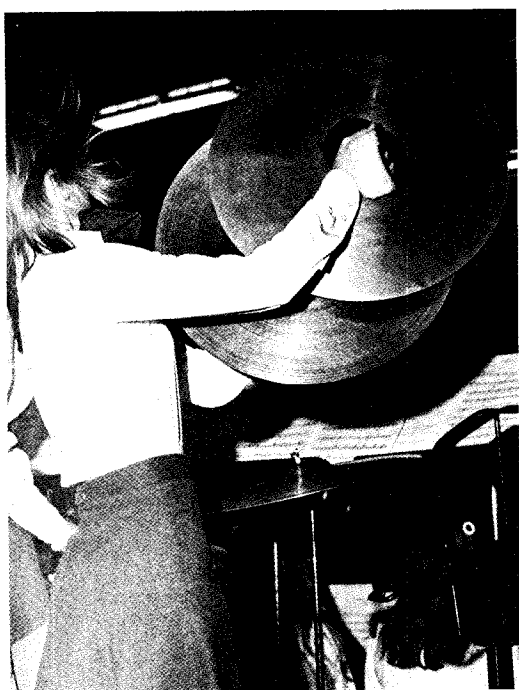
Pre-festival activities included rehearsals, meetings of the Southern Union Conference Board of Education, and a testimonial dinner for Vernon W. Becker, union director of education, in recognition of his 47 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



During the two days preceding the Music Festival, while the student musicians and academy music faculty were engaged in rehearsals, the principals, conference superintendents of education, conference presidents, and Southern Union officers and educational directors held meetings of the Southern Union Conference Board of Education. From left, V. W. Becker, H. H. Schmidt, president, Dr. M. E. Erickson, associate director of education, J. H. Whitehead, treasurer.



V. W. Becker, director of education for the Southern Union Conference since 1961, was honored for 47 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church at a testimonial dinner March 25. Becker is retiring June 1. Left to right, Mrs. V. W. Becker, V. W. Becker, H. H. Schmidt.



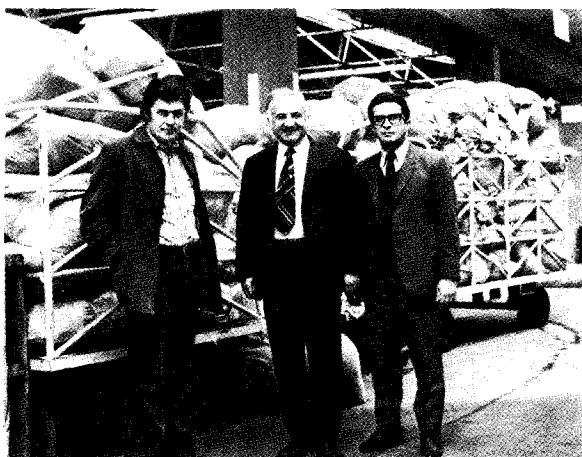
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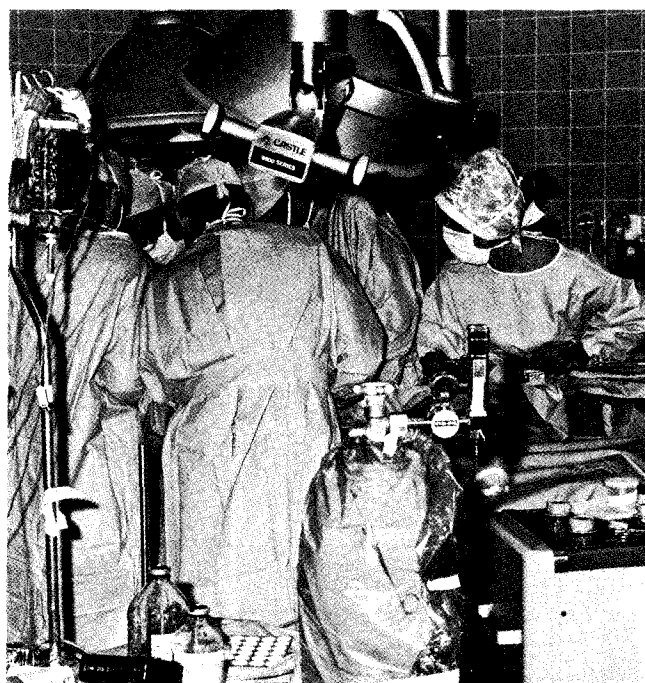
Graysville, Tennessee, Mayor Paul Levengood signs a proclamation declaring Pathfinder Week in the community and accepts a cake from the club. Week-long activities included craft and nature study and trophy displays in store windows, interviews on a local radio station explaining what a Pathfinder is, cleaning up city streets, and making special gifts for hospital patients. Graysville Pathfinders number 25. Jo Hoover is director and she is assisted by Rita Newman and Jim Hoover. Pictured here are (l to r) Tyna Post, Susie Mowry, Mayor Levengood, Helen Mowry, Sue Parago, and Rita Newman.



On February 24, the group in Somerset, Kentucky, gathered for the special occasion of burning the mortgage for the property purchased as the location for a new church building. The pastor, Clyde Leeds (center), assists R. A. Lopez (right center), treasurer of the conference, in burning the mortgage.



In International Red Cross Warehouse at Beirut International Airport, three members of Lebanese Adventist Relief Committee stand backed by a large consignment of clothing, blankets, and medicines air-lifted from Adventist Church welfare societies in North-West Europe and America. Left to right, Borge Schantz, East Mediterranean Field president, Manoug Nazirian, Middle East Union secretary, Salam Aboujauda, Middle East Union lay activities director.



Thirty-five surgeries were completed by the Loma Linda University Heart Surgery Team during their recent six-week stay in Saudi Arabia. Patients' nationalities also included Egypt, Jordan, Aden, and Yemen.



Mac Caswell (left) donated a week of his time to lay brick for the new cafeteria addition at Bass Memorial Academy. While there, Caswell taught the art of bricklaying to Principal Jim Epperson (right) and other faculty and students. Caswell is a staff member at Yuchi Pines Institute near Phenix City, Alabama.



Evangelist Rainey Hooper on the set of the television series "Foresight 20/20." The show, produced by the Florida Conference Communication Department, has developed over 400 interests since first airing in January, 1975.



Twenty-five members of the Sheffield, Alabama, church rode in a bik-a-thon to raise funds for their church school. Statistics revealed 504 total miles ridden and more than \$400 raised. The youngest bicyclist, six-year-old Charlene Ringer, rode 17 miles. Mrs. Ruth Potts, the oldest, rode 20 miles. Among the children, Junior Bird went the farthest with 32 miles. Melvin Ringer accomplished two miles riding backward for \$5 a mile.



Mrs. Marion Connell, cafeteria supervisor for Forest Lake Academy, receives a special service pin from V. W. Becker, Southern Union Conference Educational Superintendent, and John Wagner, Forest Lake Academy principal. The award commemorates Mrs. Connell's 30 years of denominational service. She received the pin at the recent faculty-board banquet held at Forest Lake Academy.

This memorial plaque stands in the beautiful courtyard of the Florida Living Retirement Center, dedicated in honor of the late Arthur F. Guenther, D.D.S. It was commissioned by the Florida Conference because of Dr. Guenther's pioneering vision in founding the retirement center.



The Church In Action Education

Atlanta Yard Sales Aid School Finances

Georgia-Cumberland — How does a church meet the spiraling costs of operating a school and other pressing needs of the church? The Belvedere church in Atlanta has experienced remarkable success through an old, but profitable, procedure—yard sales.

"When I arrived at Belvedere I learned that we were behind in our educational expenses," recalls Pas-

tor Noel H. Shanko. "Some of us got together and came up with the idea of a yard sale. I had seen it work elsewhere during my ministry, and individuals and other groups do well with it, so why not us?"

A massive promotion campaign was soon underway. A 20-member telephone committee called church members and parents of students at Atlanta Junior Academy on two or three occasions, inviting them to contribute items for the sale, and arranging pickup service for large objects.

Announcements were sent to more than a dozen newspapers and 20 radio and television stations. Three large signs were placed on streets approaching the site of the sale.

Thousands of items of all descriptions began to come in. "Right from the outset, we advertised this as 'the biggest yard sale in Atlanta,'" says Mrs. Pat Shanko, wife of the pastor, and coordinator of the event, "and I believe it must have been one of the largest ones around for a long time."

Proceeds from the sale, which included snacks and baked goods, amounted to slightly less than \$3,000.

"We were obviously delighted with the results," states Shanko,



Hundreds browsed among the dozens of tables on which the merchandise for sale was displayed.

"and plan to have another one this spring, and at least annually from now on."

GMA Students Win National Contests

Florida — Greater Miami Academy in Miami, Florida, is "contest-conscious."

Alert to every opportunity to build incentive and esteem in her students, Mrs. Connie Blum, the school's English teacher, enters her 8th-12th year students in every available contest and competition. Two of her students recently won top prizes in Scholastic Services Campus Book Club Contest in the Advertising and Persuasion category. This year's nationwide Campus contest for cash prizes and books was designed to generate reading excitement by inspiring students' writing and originality.

For her book jacket of **Stuart Little**, Charlotte Blum, 12th grader, won first prize of \$50. From thousands of entries received, the judges selected Charlotte's redesigned **Stuart Little** cover for overall excellence—artistic and persuasive in illustration, writing, and type design.

For her poster of **Black Boy**, Sylvia Haylock, 11th grader, won second prize of \$10. They each may choose 25 free paperback books which



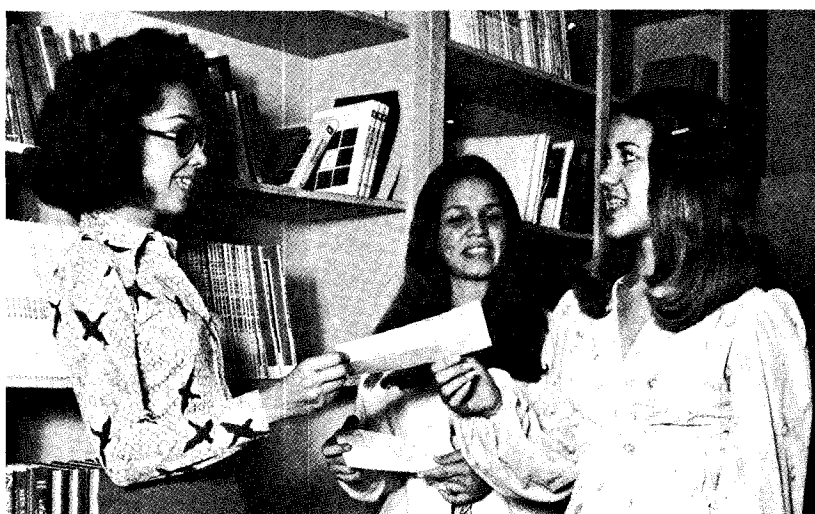
Pat Shanko (left) and Jill Morgan price and sort items for the yard sale while Andrew Morgan checks out some of the play equipment contributed.

they have won for their class from all of the books available through Scholastics' Book Service. All prizes in the Campus competition will be announced in the upcoming Campus Newsletter. Deadline for all entries was October 31, 1975.

This is not the first laurel for the English Department at Greater Miami Academy. Last year senior Vickie Clark took Dade County first prize in the 300-word essay contest sponsored by the Jewish Veterans of Foreign Wars on "Why Honesty and Integrity Is Important in Government Today..."

The year before, Gigi Abel, ninth grader, won \$15 for publishing her short story in *Insight*, the weekly youth magazine for the Adventist Church.

Apparently Mrs. Blum's formula for developing winners is taking hold. "Plans for the future? Business as usual," she muses.



Connie Blum (left), Greater Miami Academy English teacher, presents cash prizes to National Contest winners Sylvia Haylock (center), and daughter Charlotte Blum.

"Keep the students stimulated with a variety of materials and experiences to talk and write about. Use community civic service proj-

ects, field trips to the airport, the courtroom, the Museum's Player's Repertory for **The Glass Menagerie**, downtown Biscayne Library. Bring in guest teachers like doctors, social workers, lawyers, policemen. Role-play—switch places with the other fellow to solve conflicts and clarify values. And, of course, enter those language arts contests!"

Youth

Birmingham Pathfinders Assist Children's Hospital

Alabama-Mississippi — The members of the Pathfinder club for the Birmingham First district have been spending their Sundays helping at the Birmingham Children's Hospital under the direction of Mrs. Laverne Carter, club leader. Their activity included the moving of 4,800 x-rays and 13,000 medical

charts from one location to another.

Mrs. Clifford Vickery, an Adventist who is in charge of the office where the work was done, requested the help of the Pathfinders. She indicated it would have taken the office help months to have accomplished what the Pathfinders did in two Sundays. The x-rays and charts had to be kept in the proper order during their transfer. Mrs. Ray Miller supervised the children during the activity.

Pathfinders participating were Shari, Shelly, and Kent Sharpe, Reuben and Rhoda Miller, LeAlan and Leslie Carter, Danny Davis, and Gordon Harlow.



These Birmingham Pathfinders donated two Sundays to help Mrs. Clifford Vickery (right) transfer 4,800 x-rays and 13,000 charts to new quarters in the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Progress

Hazelhurst, Talladega Churches Organized; West Point to Follow

South Central — On March 6 some 27 persons met in a Baptist church building to organize a church of the Seventh-day Adventist faith in Hazelhurst, Mississippi.

Mrs. Dianne Smith and her two daughters, great musicians and devoted colporteurs, had been working for some time in the Hazelhurst area, and from time to time souls were won to the church. Thirty-one souls were won by Mrs. Smith in 1975.

C. E. Dudley, conference president and J. A. Jones, district pastor, presided as the church members signed in as members of the new church.

Jones plans an evangelistic meeting this summer, and he plans to buy a five-acre tract with a 14-room house which may be converted into



The Hazelhurst, Mississippi, church was organized March 6 with C. E. Dudley (right), conference president, and J. A. Jones (second from right), pastor, presiding.

a church sanctuary for a time.

On March 13, in Talledega, Alabama, another church was organized in an abandoned, but solid masonry school building. Pastor Robert Taylor plans to buy this school with its seven acres of land and, with proper beautification, meet in it for a time.

Pastor L. Blackwell is asking for the president to come to West Point, Mississippi, where Bible studies and a revival meeting have brought in some 20 souls.

Churches are springing up. May these newborn churches grow in grace and in favor with God and man.

Jesup Branch SS Sets Pace for New Triennium

Georgia-Cumberland — A branch Sabbath school was opened in Jesup, Georgia, March 20, according to Conference Sabbath School Director Jack Price.

For some time members of several surrounding churches had been interested in starting a church in Jesup. Through their combined efforts and under the leadership of Pastor John Swafford of the Alma-Baxley district they accomplished their aim—at least a beginning.

They rented a small chapel, painted it, furnished it, put down carpet runners and hung light fixtures. On opening day it was full.

Baxley member and church communication secretary John Drew constructed a yard sign in wood, based on the design of the "Into all the world" signs.

A Baptist minister from a neighboring town was the guest speaker and people came from as far away as Greenville, South Carolina.

According to Price, this branch Sabbath school—a future

church—is part of a master plan of conference leaders and members to expedite the goals laid down at the recent Conference Session to have a branch Sabbath school begun by every church of 100 members or more during the next three years.

Building Begins on Phenix City Church

Alabama-Mississippi — After only two years as an organized church, the 34 members in Phenix City, Alabama, signed a contract for the construction of their \$63,000 church plant, with approximately \$40,000 cash in hand to launch them into the project.

The Phenix City congregation exists as a result of the Lord's blessings on missionary endeavors of Yuchi Pines Institute personnel. About four years ago these missionary-minded people began a branch Sabbath school in Phenix City and carried on a well-planned contact evangelism program. Soon people were attracted to the Advent message and these, added to Adventists who lived near the area, formed the nucleus of the new congregation.

A mobile chapel was moved onto a five-acre tract of land they purchased along U. S. Highway 80 to serve as the sanctuary. Later a second mobile unit was added for Sabbath school facilities. The church was organized March 9, 1974, with 27 charter members. Incidentally, since then Yuchi Pines personnel have seen another church organized in Eufaula, Alabama, and additional work started in Troy, Alabama.



Participants in the Phenix City church ground breaking include, from left: Dr. Calvin Thrash, president, Yuchi Pines Institute, Marvin Whitney, pastor, Dan Richardson, builder, W. D. Wampler, conference president, Frank Roberts, mayor, Claude Parkman, Russell County commissioner, Bobby Jones, building committee chairman, and Joe Jones, who, although not a member of the Phenix City church, has contributed heavily to the building fund.

The new Phenix City church building is due to be complete in 90 working days from the time of the groundbreaking, which was held on February 15. The structure will include a 120-seat sanctuary, Sabbath school classrooms, kitchenette, and pastor's study, and will be fully air-conditioned and carpeted. The conference Laymen's Church Development Foundation, a group of laymen dedicated to helping small churches in their building programs, is providing funds to finance part of the balance beyond the \$40,000.

Who and Where

2,000 Attend Laymen's Rally

South Central — Nearly two thousand persons gathered March 20 in Huntsville to see C. L. Brooks of the General Conference conduct the Sabbath school and to hear Russell Bates of the General Conference preach. It was a conference-wide Laymen's Congress.

The members were inspired by both, but the big inspiration came in the afternoon when laymen told experiences in soul winning, and had their trophies march down front. Arthur Sanders, who won 19 souls in a laymen's meeting last year was named as Layman of the Year.

Willie M. Morris was sent to friendship camp and later joined the church. Her mother noticed such a change that she came to church with her. Studies were set up in their home and one by one, members of her family, her aunts, cousins, brothers, and sisters, were baptized until now some 32 have become Adventists.

It seems that they were all there and marched down front. E. W. Moore, Sam Thomas, and Joe Hinson, lay activities leaders, gave instructions.

Some 3,000 tracts, donated by the Communication Department, were given to the members to give out. Hundreds of people, young and old, prayed that God would help them to win a soul this year.

'Positive Way' Makes Impact in Florida

Florida — About 18 months ago, the first "Positive Way" class was organized at the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park. Under the direction of Robert Law, developer of "The Positive Way," the course was first offered to area ministers, conference officers, and departmental leaders.

Since that first class one and a half years ago, "The Positive Way" has now become a part of the lives of many church members throughout Florida. Many of the participants of "The Positive Way" have now become teachers and are forming classes of their own and are even teaching in their own homes. In fact, some of these new teachers are moderators for "The Positive Way" and have held numerous classes in their homes. They, in turn, are also developing new teachers and moderators to branch out from their classes.

One of the first of the laymen to become a teacher and then a moderator was Orlando insurance executive Bill Iles, member of the Forest Lake church. In his first class he reaped a baptism of one of his former employees.

Additional classes are being started in churches, and "The Positive Way" is giving Adventists and non-Adventists alike a greater awareness of their need for a more intensive prayer life, laying claim to God's promises found in His holy Word.

"The Positive Way" is indeed making an impact on Florida in a very positive way.

Chattanooga Crusade Nets 109 Baptisms

Georgia-Cumberland — One hundred and nine persons have been baptized so far following the four-week Revelation 76 Crusade with Jere Webb in Chattanooga's Tivoli Theater. Two hundred fifty-one decisions for Christ were made during the series.

Opening night brought 2,600 persons and, as the crusade progressed, the attendance was so large some nights that two services had to be conducted. The largest

number attending on a single night was 3,126.

Offerings taken during the meetings totalled over \$26,000, according to Webb.

Jere Webb is 30 years old and a graduate of Union College and Andrews University. He was a business administration major when he felt the desire to become a minister, and decided to go ahead and finish undergraduate work in both areas.

While pastoring in Dallas the last four years he has taken his Revelation 76 program to thousands of people in California, Washington, and Texas.

The main themes of his series are the phenomenal interest in the supernatural, the charismatic movement, life after death, and the future of America.

Breath of Life Gets Free TV Time

South Central — The Breath of Life TV series, beamed primarily to blacks, using Walter Arties for music and C. D. Brooks as speaker, received a free half-hour slot on TV Channel 13 of Memphis, according to R. L. Willis, pastor of Longview Heights church in Memphis. It is to begin at 7 a.m. June 6.

The welcome announcement was made to the 12 persons at the Evangelistic Council of the South Central Conference who assembled at the conference office to lay plans for the summer and fall evangelistic crusades.

Willis stated, "Longview Heights started the weekly fast and prayer program, after months of waiting for a seemingly elusive TV slot. The church is now fasting and praying giving thanks for the time granted and asking God to let the TV program begin before June since the Evangelistic Tent Crusade is to begin June 13."

The Evangelistic Council announced plans for four major crusades, five regular tent efforts, and three lay-evangelistic meetings. At President C. E. Dudley's request, the Evangelistic Council voted to urge each church to reach out into its neighboring dark county and light an Adventist lamp in 1976.

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Calendar of Events

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Conference Evangelism Offering — May 1.

Academy Visitation Days — Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, Mississippi. May 2, 3. All students who will be in grades 9-12 next school term are invited. See your pastor for details and transportation.

Medical Retreat — Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, Alabama. May 7-9. Guest Speaker: Dr. Carroll Small, Dept. of Pathology, Loma Linda University.

Graduation Exercises — Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, Mississippi. May 21-23.

Camp Meeting — Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, Mississippi. May 28-June 5. Guest Speakers: W. A. Fagal, Faith For Today; Fordyce Detamore, Voice of Prophecy; Dr. John Cannon, Columbia Union College; Dr. Richard Hammill, Andrews University; Dr. Ray West, Loma Linda University School of Health. Bicentennial Pathfinder Fair, May 30.

Summer Camp Program — Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, Alabama.

June 20-27	Junior Camp I
June 27-July 1	Friendship Camp
July 1-4	Family Camp
July 4-11	Junior Camp II
July 11-18	Camp for Blind
July 18-25	Teen Camp

CAROLINA

Evangelistic Meetings

April 24-May 22, Pollard-Mahorney Team, Durham, NC
April 24-May 29, Turner Brothers, Waynesville, NC

Environmental School — May 9-14. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Academy Graduations

May 14-16 Mount Pisgah Academy
May 28-30 Fletcher Academy.

Camp Meeting

May 28-June 5 Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler, NC.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Workers' Report Day — May 3. GCA.

Pastor/Intern/Bible Worker Seminar — May 11-13. SMC.

Pathfinder Fair — May 21-23. GCA.

Camp Meeting — May 26-29. SMC. Youth Meetings with Dr. Leonard Holst, Psychiatrist. Sabbath School Workshops, through Primary — Alice Lowe from GC.

Andrews University Extension School — June 3-10. GCA.

Area Camp Meeting/Officers' Conventions — June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10.

Adventure Camp I — (ages 8-10) — June 6-13. Atoka Springs Camp.

Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) — June 13-20. Atoka Springs Camp.

Ministerial Association Meetings — June 13-17.

Teen Camp (ages 13-16) — June 20-27. Atoka Springs Camp.

Teen Voyagers Camp (ages 13-16) — June 27-July 4. Atoka Springs Camp.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Academy Graduations

Madison Academy — May 23.
Highland Academy — May 23.

Camp Meeting — June 4-12.

Summer Camps

Blind Youth	June 20-27
Junior	June 27-July 4
Friendship	July 4-11

Junior	July 11-18
Youth	July 18-25
Blind Adult	July 25-August 1
Family	August 1-8

SOUTH CENTRAL

Evangelistic Offering — May 1.

Sabbath School Workshop — May 2.

Conference-wide Youth Congress — Louisville, KY, May 7-9.

Oakwood Graduation — May 29.

Camp Meeting — June 4-12.

Baptism at Camp Meeting — June 5.

Evangelism Offering Report — Goal \$30,000, June 5.

Breath of Life TV Program starts in Memphis — June 6.

Breath of Life Crusade begins in Memphis — C. D. Brooks and Walter Arties featured speaker and singer. June 13.

LEGAL NOTICES

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the fourteenth session of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the main pavilion on the camp grounds in Hawthorne, Florida, on Sunday, June 13, 1976, at 10:00 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifty members or major fraction thereof.

R. L. Woodfork, President
R. B. Hairston, Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the regular session of the South Atlantic Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the main pavilion on the camp grounds at Hawthorne, Florida, June 13, 1976, at 2:00 p.m. The delegates to the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituents of this corporation.

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SOUTHERN UNION

Health Evangelism Workshop — June 20-25. Southern Missionary College. Academic credit available. For further information and reservations, call or write the health secretary of your local conference.

OUT OF UNION

Temperance Evangelism for Pastors and Laymen Workshop — June 14-July 9. Andrews University. For information, write: Ernest H. J. Steed, director, General Conference Temperance Department, 6840 Eastern Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20012.

Food Service Supervisors Workshop — July 11-29. Andrews University. For application blanks, write: Dr. Fonda L. Chaffee, Dept. of Home Economics, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses will hold its annual meeting at Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, MD, June 11-13, 1976. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m., June 11. The meeting ends at 12:30 p.m., June 13. If you wish to rent a room, write: Dean of Women, Halcyon Hall, Columbia Union College. In addition, a breakfast for all Seventh-day Adventist nurses will be held at the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, June 7, at 7:00 a.m. in Atlantic City. Tickets will be available at the American Nurses' Association registration booth.

Adventist Singles Midwest Regional Retreat — All Single Adventists are invited to attend the 4th Annual Philosda Midwestern Regional Retreat to be conducted at the Indiana youth camp, Timber Ridge, near Spencer, Indiana, Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-31. A late fee will be charged to those registering after May 20th. For more information write or call Merlene Wilson (office 202-723-0800) (residence 301-587-5571), 8811 Colesville Rd. #415, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Quarterlies for Cradle Roll and Kindergarten Divisions —

The Sabbath School Department of the General Conference has produced new, four-color quarterlies for cradle roll and kindergarten age children. Each quarterly contains the memory verse, songs, fingerplays, lesson activities, and lesson study, pictures to color, and more. Special features offered to parents in each quarterly are the instructions and suggestions on child development, how to relate lesson study to the lives of their children, and conducting family worship in the home. Because the lesson study is offered in each quarterly, it will no longer appear in the Sabbath School division papers. The memory verse booklet, normally sold separately, is now a part of the quarterly and is included in the cost of each quarterly.

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On the Move

Georgia-Cumberland

1. F. Clifford Port has been elected communication director for Georgia-Cumberland. Previously associate director of lay activities for the conference, Port has served in several pastoral posts in Georgia-Cumberland and was a missionary to Peru for three years. He is also the conference pilot. He succeeds **Jere Wallack**, who has become communication director of the Lake Union Conference.

Donald Eugene Troyer is the associate pastor of the Atlanta Belvedere church, coming from the same position in the Savannah, Georgia, church. He succeeds **James Erwin**, who assumed the pastorate of the Roan Mountain and Mountain City, Tennessee, congregations in February.

Weddings

LATHAM — JONES

Deborah Darlene Jones and **David Edwin Latham** were married January 4 in the Ooltewah, Tennessee, Seventh-day Adventist church with the father of the groom officiating. Darlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Jones of Collegedale, Tennessee, and David is the son of Elder and Mrs. D. E. Latham, of Kansas City, Missouri. Both are 1975 graduates of Southern Missionary College School of Nursing and are presently employed in Chattanooga area hospitals.

GRIMALDI — CARMAN

Caryn Joy Carman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Eldon Carman of Marietta, Georgia, and **Dr. Larry J. Grimaldi**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Grimaldi of Ramona, California, were married December 28, 1975, in the Marietta Seventh-day Adventist church. The ceremony was performed by Desmond D. Cummings and the bride's uncle, Allison E. Becker. Grimaldi is a graduate of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and is presently completing a post doctorate degree in public health administration at Loma Linda. Caryn received her M.A. in psychiatric nursing administration at Loma Linda University and is currently on the faculty of the School of Nursing at Loma Linda University.

sunset table

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Atlanta, Ga.	8:25	8:31	8:36	8:40	8:45	8:48
Charlotte, N.C.	8:13	8:19	8:24	8:29	8:34	8:38
Collegedale, Tenn. .	8:31	8:37	8:42	8:47	8:51	8:55
Huntsville, Ala.	7:36	7:41	7:47	7:52	7:56	7:59
Jackson, Miss.	7:46	7:51	7:56	8:01	8:04	8:08
Louisville, Ky.	7:39	7:46	7:52	7:58	8:03	8:06
Memphis, Tenn.	7:50	7:56	8:01	8:06	8:11	8:15
Montgomery, Ala. ...	7:31	7:36	7:40	7:45	7:49	7:52
Nashville, Tenn. ...	7:39	7:45	7:51	7:56	8:00	8:04
Orlando, Fla.	8:03	8:07	8:11	8:15	8:18	8:21
Wilmington, N.C. ...	8:00	8:06	8:11	8:16	8:20	8:24



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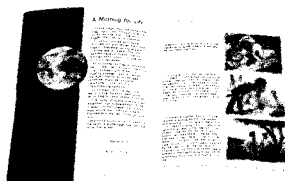
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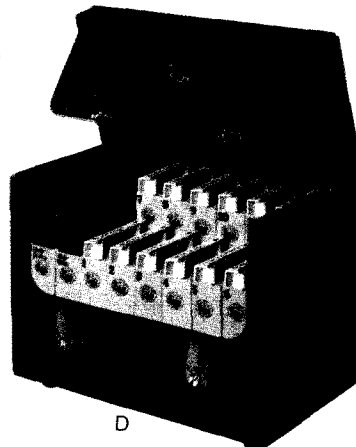
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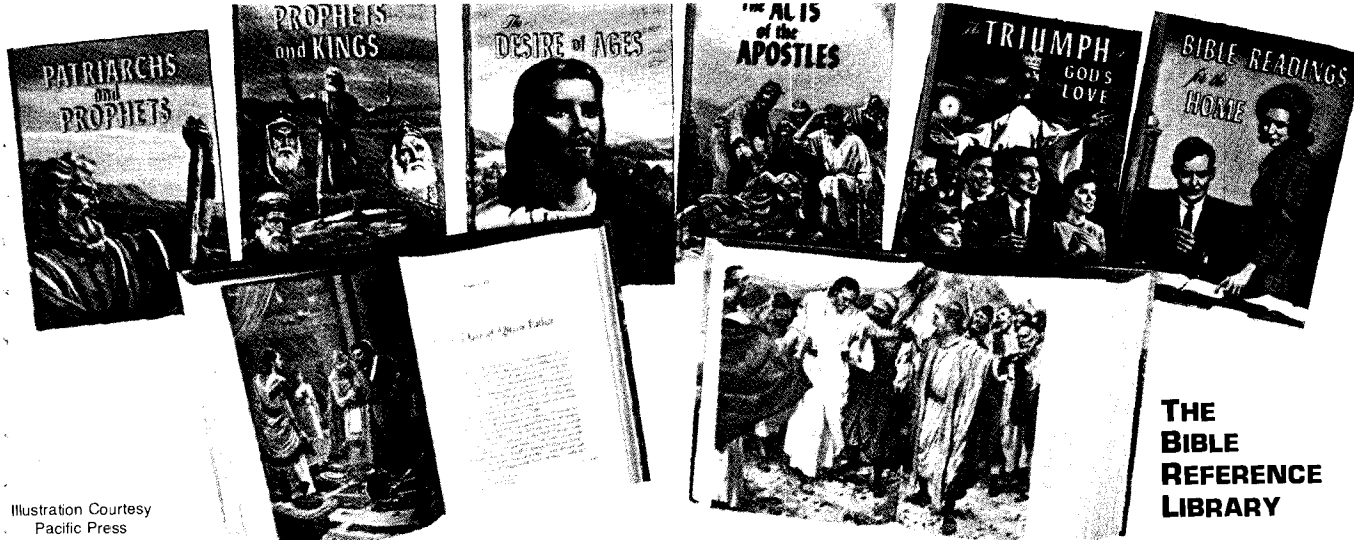


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This experience has to do with a family that God knew years beforehand. Everything that day seemed to focus on this one event. I had an appointment to work with Brother Sherron Liles, who lives in the Birmingham area. He picked out a lead card and said, "Let's go and see these people." We went to the area, but we could not find the address.

Brother Liles, as he is wont to do, just spotted a home and said, "Let's go here," and he drove right into the yard.

We didn't make a sale, but we asked, "Do you have relatives or acquaintances in the area?"

I am telling you this because I want you to see how God puts a mark on people. Of all the names given to us that day, not a single one of them bought anything. But one of the last names on that list asked if we would go to a neighbor down the street by the name of Ray. We questioned in our minds, "Shall we go on to some of the other leads, or go and see the Ray family?" We decided we would go and see the Rays.

We got out of the car with all of our bags and machinery, and went up and shook hands with Mr. Ray, saying that we had a film on the Bible.

"Come right in," he invited. We found a place on the ironing board to set up the machine.

We briefly explained the film, and turned it on. They sat there intently. Everyone—to the tiniest child—was just totally involved in that picture, drinking it in. When the film finished they all began to talk at once. It was my turn to ask for the order, but I couldn't get a word in there. I finally said, "Well, let's have it quiet and talk one at a time. Mr. Ray, this is your decision; you are the head of the house. What will you do?"

He said, "Well, my wife keeps the checkbook. It's her decision."

This lady sat there for a moment thinking, and finally said, "Well, Mr. Wheeling, how much would two of these, one of these, and two of these be?"

When I wrote up the order it was the largest single order I have ever written. They purchased two BIBLE REFERENCE LIBRARIES, a set of THE BIBLE STORY,



Charles Wheeling (left), district publishing director for north Alabama, relives the experience on this page with Sherron Liles, a literature evangelist in Birmingham, Alabama.

and two of the Richards' Bibles.

As soon as she handed me the check the mother said, "You know, years ago we sent a card in on THE BIBLE STORY. A man came out. He was very nice, but we couldn't afford the books then." I knew why they couldn't afford the books then. God wanted us to come at this time, and provide them with the Bible Reference Library. That's why.

I said to her, "I believe God sent us to this house."

"Oh, I know God sent you to this house," she replied. I didn't understand the import of her words, nor did she, until a few minutes later.

When we stood up from prayer a young man, Benjamin, touched my arm and said, "You know, Mister, there is one thing you could do for us. If you could ever find a book for us like we're looking for, we would just appreciate it very much," and he turned to a chest of drawers and pulled out an old Manila envelope and took out a few pages of what had once been a book. Everyone in the family began to speak at once again.

Finally the mother had the floor. "I've been to every Baptist book store, and every book store I could go to to try and find another one of these books."

The father said, "Yes, we've even written away trying to find one of these books."

I looked at the pages as they came out of the envelope, and said, "Benjamin, you just bought two of these books."

"Oh, no," he said, "not like this book."

I said, "You just bought two of these."

"Oh, no," he said, "not like *this* book."

Then the sister's turn came. "That book has the truth in it. That's a book of prophecy."

I looked at her. "Nancy, you just bought two of these books."

"Not like *that* book," she insisted.

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"There's the truth right there," she exclaimed.

"What's the page number?" I asked. I went over and opened one of the new BIBLE READINGS and turned to that page. I said, "Now you read the first sentence," and she read the first sentence. And I said, "Now you read it here," and there was a quietness that came over that room. The whole family was motionless.

The father stood there across the room and looked at us. There were tears in his voice, and he said, "I know God sent you to my house."

Oh, the rejoicing we had with that family. We left and went out to the car. After you go through something like this you just kind of let the breath out, and wonder if you have breathed the whole time you were in there. Brother Liles sat there. He didn't even start the car up, and I sat there. Finally he said, "That's really something." I thought he was going to say something about the big contract we wrote. That was something, but that wasn't what was on his mind, and that wasn't what was on my mind. He said, "Here we've come to a home where a family has literally torn an Adventist book apart to find the truth, and our people have the shelves loaded with them and won't even read them."

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