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Personal Touch Evangelism



Commitment Sabbath was September 7. Virtually the entire congregation dedicated itself to the Basic Bible evangelistic thrust. The seven leaders joined the pastoral staff in launching the project: Roger Gardner (left), Charles Land, sitting in for his father, James Land, George Powell, Don Troyer, associate pastor, Noel H. Shanko, pastor (at pulpit), Gerald Morgan, Roger Wentland, Gerald Bietz, and David Fogg.

Personal Touch Evangelism

The Belvedere Story

by George A. Powell

What shall we do? Reclaim them, or drop them?"

The words fell with harsh reality as Pastor Noel Shanko held aloft a thick stack of cards, each containing the name of an inactive member.

The assembled church elders sat in almost stunned silence as the moment of truth pressed upon them with uneasy intensity.

The date was August 5, 1976. The story of what they did during the next 20 weeks is one which will be repeated hundreds of times in churches throughout the Southern Union Conference.

The Belvedere church has a proud history—first Adventist church in Atlanta; headquarters church for the Southern Union Conference, whose offices are only three blocks away; a 10-grade junior academy with more than 100 students; more than 500 members, third largest in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

But, like any large church in a big city, it has its problems. Less assertive members can get lost in the numbers. Weak members can be absent for weeks and scarcely be missed. Others can wander among any of the 16 churches in the metropolitan area, thus avoiding sustained involvement in any church's program.

Pastor Noel Shanko was not content with the state of things in his church. As he mulled over the options, his thoughts settled on the Basic Bible system of evangelism.

A plan of action was approved. The church would be divided into 35 small groups. Every member would be included. Each group would meet in a home one night a week for nine weeks for Bible study and prayer. Inactive members were to receive special attention. Friends were



A large map was mounted and hung in the church foyer. Lights indicated the location of each Bible study. Leaders were anxious to keep their lights shining by holding their weekly session. Nancy Troyer makes sure that all lights are burning properly.

By scheduling an equal number of studies each of five nights of the week and a well organized equipment and materials check-out and return system, all 35 groups could operate with only seven projectors and sets of films. Harold Green comes to get his equipment from Don Troyer.



to be invited to join in the studies.

The elders used as their guide Acts 6:3: "Look you out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."

On August 7 the seven leaders met. Each chose four additional persons to serve as study group leaders.

Two weeks later a meeting of the 35 was called. As the membership roster was read, each name was chosen by one of the leaders until everyone was included in a group.

A flurry of activity followed. Leaders drove from home to home, inviting friends and other church members to join them for the Bible studies. Never in the history of the church had such an outreach been experienced. The project name, "Basic Bible Personal Touch Evangelism," was fast becoming a reality.

"Organization has been the key to the program's success," states Donald Troyer, associate pastor. But the plan is not new. In 1902 Ellen White wrote: "The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort is a plan that has been presented before me by One who cannot err. If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members but for unbelievers also." *Evangelism*, 115.

On September 11 the church was packed. When the challenge was given to support the Basic Bible Personal Touch Evangelism program, it seemed that the entire church stood to its feet in one mighty wave.

The next nine weeks were busy ones. Thirty-three of

the original 35 groups remained active for the duration. Average weekly attendance was 237, with non-Adventists accounting for as much as a third of the total.

Many who had never given Bible studies found that the Basic Bible system made what had previously seemed impossible easy. "Me? Give Bible studies?" exclaimed one leader. "Until I tried it with the Basic Bible films, I had never even thought of being capable of such a thing. But now I look forward to my weekly study. It is all so simple, so beautiful, and so rewarding. I need what it does for me."

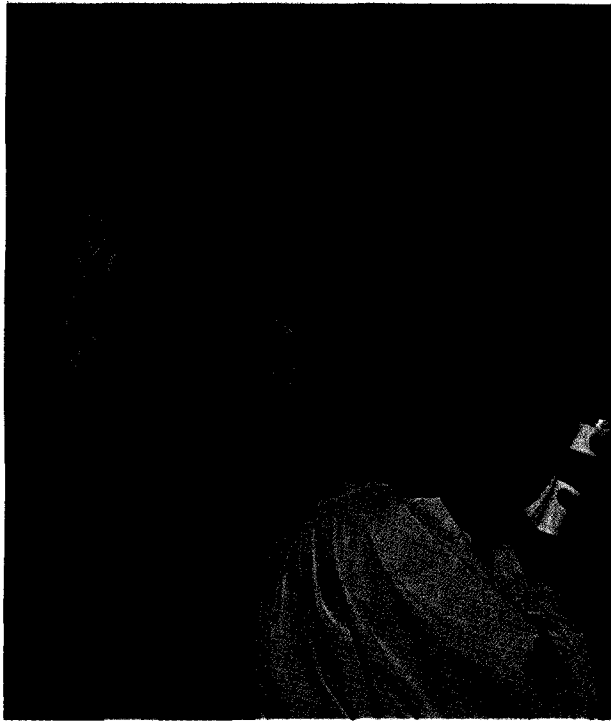
One of the groups was led by 19-year-old Linda Murphy. As many as 15 attended her meetings, all of them non-Adventists. The reason was simple, and thrilling. Just two months before, Linda was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church after going through the Basic Bible series, and now she was sharing her newfound faith with her family and friends.

Ed Carter showed one of the films to a Sunday school teacher from an Episcopal church. "You must come and show these to my entire group," he urged. So the study shifted from the Carters' home to the church, where more than 20 studied Adventist doctrines each week for two months.

A gratifying number of non-Adventist spouses began to attend not only the weekly studies but Sabbath church services as well. A young man who had married someone outside the church "complained" with a smile, "I married this girl to get away from the Adventist church, and now she's leading me right back to it." She was baptized November 20. →



The 35 group leaders met weekly for prayer and planning. The film for the upcoming week's study would be viewed and discussed. A leader's guide was distributed and studied, so that each study session would proceed in a competent, orderly manner.



The goal of the entire thrust was souls—new members added and inactive members reclaimed. Connie Williams is one of five who united with the church November 20 in the second baptismal service resulting from the Basic Bible program.

Members who had known one another only casually, or had even been unaware of the other's presence, became knit together in fellowship and faith.

The need to expand their groups into branch Sabbath schools was discussed by some.

Of all the rewarding experiences that could be told, the story of Renee Kozlicki stands out.

When Renee, her husband, and two children moved to Atlanta about a year ago, she became friends with Jonnye Fillman, a Seventh-day Adventist. In March Renee experienced a conversion, and began to attend a local Protestant church.

"I wanted to tell someone about it, so I decided to tell Jonnye," recalls Renee. "She invited me to attend church with her on Saturday. This meant I was attending church twice a week."

" 'What's gotten into you?' my husband wondered. I explained that my greatest desire was to do what Jesus would have me do and be where He wanted me to be."

When the Basic Bible studies began, she and her husband were there. He brought friends from the office to the meetings. She never missed a night. She took the Bible and read the helps in the back. "I never saw anything presented so clearly," she remarked.

As new truths were discovered and accepted, creative talents of which she had been unaware began to awaken within her. She began a diary of her experience, written in poetry.

On November 20 Renee became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

During Sabbath school December 4, she publicly recounted the path that led her into the Adventist faith. She spoke of the Basic Bible studies, and of the poems she had written while they were in progress.

The church was hushed as she gave her testimony of what it was like to become a member of the family of God.

*I'm twenty-eight, but four months old.
You ask how that can be?
Because for twenty-eight years I have lived
But only four months, spiritually.*

*I'm a baby Christian sitting at my Father's knee
Drinking the sweetest milk ever put before me.
I'm not ready for meat, as I've just begun;
I first need to crawl before I can run.*

*Each day, like a babe, I slowly grow
In my Christianity as I come to know
God's plan for me and pattern for my life—
How to be an effective Christian, mother, and wife.*

*This milk I drink is made especially for me
To help me grow and let me see
The path to follow so that I stay
In God's loving grace, never going astray.*

*When I get older the more He'll reveal
As I become able to accept a stronger meal.
He knows what to feed me and what to hold aside
So that in Christ's way I will always abide.*



Charles and Suzanne Land have seen three of the individuals in their Bible study group baptized. "People respond to these films because they present the gospel in a concise, well-illustrated manner rather than long sermons," says Charles. Study sessions rarely went beyond an hour, although many stayed by to discuss the subject further. Some studied the literature, which contains the entire script, and the Basic Bible helps on into the early hours of the morning.

The meeting of the 35 leaders on November 21 was almost over. It was time for prayer. Thirty-five heads bowed in thanksgiving and petition. The words of a layman resonated across the room: "Lord, thank You for using this plan to bring us together."

No one needed to ask what he meant.

Note: More detailed information on how to implement this program in churches of all sizes is available through your local conference lay activities director.

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UNITED STATES — — —

The average church member in the United States gives less than \$150 in offerings per year. According to a 42-church survey by the National Council of Churches, the average member gave \$137.09 in 1975. This, a \$10 increase over the 1974 figure, represents a slight decrease in buying power from the year before. With an average of \$518 per member, Seventh-day Adventists contribute the highest per capita of denominations surveyed. Seventh-day Adventists also spent the highest percentage for missions and other work outside the congregation. Seventy-two per cent of members' tithe and offerings went for needs outside the local church.

PENNSYLVANIA — — —

Pennsylvania's Superior Court has upheld the constitutionality of the state's blue laws which prohibit sales on Sunday. Supermarket interests are appealing the decision to the state Supreme Court. They're also seeking a court order to enable stores which have been open on Sunday to continue such merchandising until the legal appeals procedure runs its course. Opponents of the blue laws claim they are vague, irrational, confusing, and contradictory.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — — —

Four anti-war protesters were arrested at a Protestant Thanksgiving service at the Pentagon. The four were affiliated with Jonah House, a Baltimore pacifist commune run by former priest Daniel Berrigan. They tried to disrupt a noon service for employees on the Pentagon concourse, where H.M.S. Richards, Sr., was speaking. The 82-year-old speaker emeritus of the Voice of Prophecy radio program continued to preach as the protesters, one by one, stood to read statements against the B-1 bomber and other American defense appropriations.

LEBANON — — —

The International Red Cross has called on several private U.S. relief agencies to help with its work in Lebanon. Winter clothes for victims of the civil disorders there are desperately needed. American Red Cross officials are coordinating the effort, drawing supplies from Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service, the Salvation Army, and Seventh-day Adventist World Service. Beginning November 26, Seventh-day Adventist World Service shipped 60 tons of men's, women's, and children's garments to war-torn Lebanon.

UNITED STATES — — —

Eternity magazine conducts an annual survey to identify the most significant book of the year for thinking Christians. This year, Charles Colson's account of his conversion experience, *Born Again*, ranked first. Colson is a former special counsel to President Nixon who was involved in the Watergate scandal. Christian leaders gave his book the highest vote for any book in the poll's 18-year history. Second was *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, an account by Senator Mark Hatfield of struggles facing a Christian in contemporary politics. *Christianity Today* Editor Harold Lindsell's volume, *The Battle for the Bible*, came in third, one place ahead of *Angels*, by Billy Graham.

OKLAHOMA — — —

A constitutional amendment to allow liquor-by-the-drink in the state of Oklahoma has been defeated again, the second time in four years. Baptists spearheaded opposition of the liquor-by-the-drink measure. Complicated legal maneuvering between the "wets" and the "dries" marked the campaign. "Dries" had set up a corporation to present their case. "Wets" contended that move was illegal under state campaign laws. Churches then set up an unincorporated group to carry their message. "Wets" again went to court to keep churches—incorporated—from making contributions, and to prevent preachers—or agents of corporations—from making public statements on the issue. Donations were limited to individuals from sponsoring churches, but the court denied the move to prevent pastors from speaking out on the liquor question.



Mrs. Jo Clem (left) and Mrs. Ruth Potts have been the presidents of the Adventist Women's Club. Mrs. Potts, the current president, remembers the AWC's early days and the inspiration of its first successful projects: "After one of our first projects we were allotted time during the church lay activities period. There was a call for a show of hands of all who had participated in the project in any way. You should have seen the hands that went up! Even the young people and almost as many men as women. Some even participated who had not been attending church recently."



Past president Jo Clem, Lauderdale County Judge R. Powell Duska, and an area resident visit during a recent bake sale held in the Lauderdale County Courthouse by the Women's Club. Mrs. Clem expressed her feelings about the effectiveness of the women's organization: "We feel the Lord is with us during each of our endeavors, and we feel we are representing our church in a favorable way. It has helped serve not only people in need of clothing and food, but has reached out to people with other needs which have not been met before."



The Welfare Center which almost had to be abandoned because of a lack of interest and rent money is now going strong. A four-room facility on the main street of Florence is being used free of charge, thanks to the new life in the community service concept as a result of the Adventist Women's Club. Mrs. E. M. Osborne displays clothing on hand at the center.

An Infusion of Vitality

by G. N. Kovalski
Photography by George A. Powell

The old welfare center on Court Street would have to be closed. There was just not enough interest to generate the money needed to pay the rent. Hardly anyone was attending the meetings and everybody was about to give up on this part of the church's community outreach.

But some felt that was just why the church couldn't give up! The church has to be of benefit to the community. It has to put its beliefs and concerns into action. Something would have to be done to give this whole concept of service to the community a new lease on life.

That "something" eventually evolved as a service club whose membership would be the women of the church. Now, after three years of service, the Adventist Women's Club, as it has come to be known, is recognized by the community as a viable and accepted service club. It has not only been a blessing to that community, but the church as well.

This is a story of how one church took a good program and made it better. The church is in Sheffield, Alabama,

a moderately sized area in the northwest corner of the state. The church serves a four-city area including Florence, Tuscumbia, and Muscle Shoals, and has a membership of 87. Area population is just over 100,000.

In the Seventh-day Adventist Church we have many good programs. Programs of lay involvement, programs designed to increase Bible studies, programs geared to help the needy, programs to raise money for foreign missions or local missionary activities, programs for literature distribution, programs for youth, programs for . . . ! And they are all good programs, but some, it seems, fail to catch the imagination of the people and as a result many otherwise worthy projects are not given a chance to succeed in all churches. This was the case in the Sheffield church. But in the struggle to save the community help program and make it more meaningful, a whole new concept of community service evolved.

Not only would the ladies (and men) of the church be committed to maintaining their local welfare center, but branch out into other practical areas of community and church concern. Health promotion has been their theme—making men whole. And this has taken the church through many exciting experiences that were only dreams before.

The Spirit of Prophecy calls for individuals "who,

under the guidance of God, can put new life into the old methods of labor and can invent new plans and new methods of awakening the interest of church members and reaching the men and women of the world." (*Evangelism*, 105).

Raising enough money to pay the rent on the welfare center is no longer a concern. For the past two and a half years they have been given the use of a four-room facility rent free. A concerned citizen has taken note that the Adventist women are doing something good. The center has not only stayed open, but has been redecorated by club members. Clothes and relief items pass through the center in notable quantities. Recently they sent a shipment to the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service in New York for overseas relief.

Why the change? Perhaps it was the basic purposes of the AWC: to get the ladies of the church more involved in serving the people of the community and to reach out to the community in a way their church had never done before—to acquaint the public with a knowledge of more nutritious eating habits and through other practical projects seek a more positive image. Evidently it is working.

Under the leadership of past president Jo Clem and current president Ruth Potts, the AWC projects have received wide acclaim and publicity. They get a monthly write-up in the local newspaper with a circulation of 30,000, are recognized as an organized service club, and were featured on the largest TV network in North Alabama (based in Huntsville) during the evening news, along with numerous other favorable media coverage. As a result of the developing positive image, the Voice of Prophecy is now being aired free on a local radio station. Ingathering has gotten easier. Bible studies have been started and people are attending church functions and services.

Club leaders are excited because the church is reaching a group of people it had never reached before. A number of leading citizens in the area are now in constant contact with church ladies. This contact centers largely around the nutrition projects held by the AWC. The first was a vegetarian tasting fare that was a bigger success than the women had hoped, with nearly 300 people attending. A bake sale was next featuring homemade bread and other nutritious food items. The sales have since become a semi-annual event, held each spring and fall in the county courthouse auditorium.

Another program held with the community in mind was a cooking seminar in the Home Economics Department of the University of North Alabama by the AWC. This seminar was offered free by the club and of the 90 people attending, 80 were not Adventists. It was all a new day for the church!

Students in the Sheffield church school will eventually benefit from the fund-raising projects of the Adventist Women's Club. Combined with funds from other sources, the total on hand for a new school is approximately \$25,000.



And all the while the church itself was benefiting considerably, besides the good will generated. The various projects have brought in to date some \$6,500 which the AWC is applying toward the development of a new church school—a long range goal they hope will soon be a reality.

But benefits not so tangible as money have come also. AWC's first president Jo Clem lists several important things accomplished: "1) The ladies in the church became more acquainted with each other and drew closer; 2) A number of our ladies became involved in church work who had been inactive for some time; 3) Some people in our community have attended each service project and keep in touch with our members—they're showing interest in our people and teachings; 4) Some are now attending social functions of our church and also church services. Their children attend VBS and some are reading Adventist books and literature."

The monthly meetings, held in the homes of the various members are well attended and run the gamut from lectures on nutrition to planning sessions.

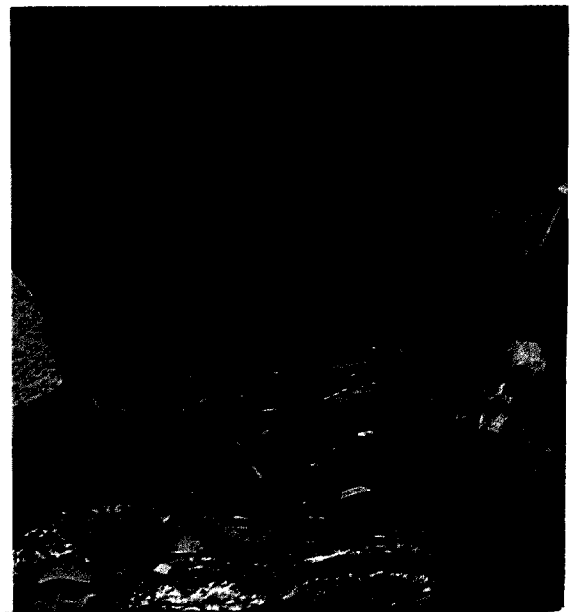
Some of the Adventist Women's Club members have expressed their appreciation for this organization which also provides social and information events for church members. Says Debbie Dodd, teacher's wife, "The Women's Club has brought the ladies closer together." And Pat Hillard, a newer member, "It has helped me to get better acquainted with the ladies while doing the Lord's work."

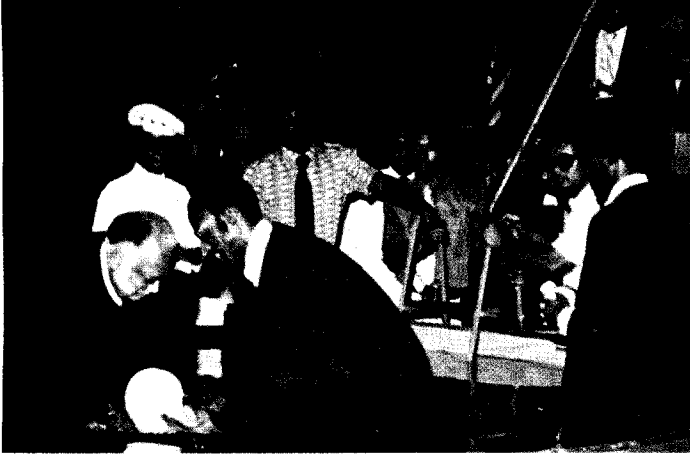
Club members are careful to provide flowers, gifts, and regular visits to members and friends of the church who are hospitalized. Shut-ins are called on regularly.

The church has been revitalized, people are involved, needs of community and church are being met. Jo Clem sums it up with these words, "We feel the Lord is with us during each of our endeavors, and we feel we are representing our church in a favorable way. The Adventist Women's Club has helped serve not only people in need of clothing and food, but it has reached out to people with other needs which we have not met before."

In looking to a new year of activity, president Ruth Potts hopes the ladies will be able to accomplish more with some special goals of helping more people become interested in Bible studies—and salvation.

Mrs. Linda Ringer (left) serves customers during the Adventist Women's Club's most recent bake sale, November 18. Funds raised go toward the development of a new church school.





The 500-member Woodrow Wilson Drive church in Jackson, Mississippi, was dedicated May 1. Burning the mortgage are J. A. Jones (left), pastor, D. B. Reid, former pastor, D. A. Walker, conference treasurer, C. D. Joseph, pastor during construction, Ben Cone, publishing director for Mississippi, and J. James, former pastor.



This prison band in Lexington, Kentucky, is one of five that have been successful in getting prisoners to become Adventists. Some have consequently been released. Included are: Alexander Hargraves (left rear), Valerie Satterwhite, William Carter, Paulette Clay, Leo Gray (left front), and Mary Brown. Valerie is a prisoner who visits the church.

Evangelism and Building

Photography by C. E. Dudley, I. J. Johnson, and Cecil Goodwin

South Central has had impressive growth in membership and in buildings. For many years it was the second smallest of seven conferences in the Southern Union. It is now the fourth in membership. South Central is number four of the eight Black conferences of North America, and the 17th of the 61 in membership of all of North America.

In the past 10 years nearly 50 new buildings have been built or bought.

In 1976 mortgages were burned in Ozark, Alabama, and McComb, Hattiesburg, and Jackson, Mississippi.



AT LEFT: Former pastor G. I. Pearson shows President C. E. Dudley, pastor S. J. Jackson, and Treasurer D. A. Walker something special about the Tuskegee, Alabama, church during opening ceremonies October 2. Mayor Johnny Ford was present to cut the ribbon.



AT RIGHT: The 14-member McComb, Mississippi, church burned its mortgage October 16. Presiding are C. E. Dudley (left), Pastor Emanuel Jackson, and Hosea McGehee, local elder.

TOP LEFT: Ninety-six baptisms resulted from Conference Youth/Temperance Director Henry Holt's crusade in Louisville, Kentucky. He and Magazine Street church pastor J. H. Wagner (left) baptize one of the candidates.

AT RIGHT: The Hattiesburg, Mississippi, church was dedicated October 9. The congregation numbers just over 100 members.



WORKING TO SAVE THE HOME

by Michael D. Hanson

Devastating forces are at work destroying the most precious group of people on the earth—the family. Tremendous social and economic pressures are pulling family members away from one another for longer periods during the day. Rather than being the stabilizing factor it was intended to be, the home has become a place where members of the family gather to eat and to sleep, but not necessarily at the same time.

As a result of these forces the American home is breaking up. Last year the state of California, for the first time in its history, recorded four divorces granted for every three marriages performed in that state. The home is rapidly being torn apart.

There was a time when the Seventh-day Adventist church didn't have to concern itself with these kinds of problems, as a rule. The Adventist home has long been a fortress against sin and family separation, but the times have changed dramatically and so has the family picture within the church.

For the most part, the Adventist family is still healthy and strong, especially when daily morning and evening family worship are practiced. But what was once the exception is now all too common within our churches. There hardly exists a Seventh-day Adventist church without at least one serious family problem. And it is the younger Adventist families that are hit the hardest.

For years our church has had well-developed programs and ministries for the very young and for the older, more stable Adventist homes. But ministries to the young family (20-35) have not been developed to meet the present needs, for the most part. No age group faces the full intensity of Satan's hatred as do the young Christian families living in this day. He knows that his work will be far easier later, if he can break up a home in its infancy. For this reason the young adult work is a field of labor crying for workers.

One man who has given his energy specifically to meeting the spiritual needs of the young adult is John Thurber, Carolina Conference youth evangelist. It has been Thurber's assignment to develop a ministry for young adults. The first phase of his work has been the development of the youth radio broadcast, *His Way*, which is specifically designed to reach the 18-35 audience. The program series has been well-received and has recently been taken for mass distribution by the Voice of Prophecy.

The second phase of Brother John's (the name by which he is best known) work has been the regional Young Adult Commitment Councils held throughout the Carolinas over the past several years. The most recent one was in Wilson, North Carolina. More than 400



The His Way Singers presented a Sabbath afternoon program during the Young Adult Commitment Council.

persons came to the large, First Baptist church in Wilson, whose facilities had been donated, to learn from the various guest speakers how they might strengthen their homes.

On Friday evening Larry Caviness, conference youth director, spoke to the group. On Sabbath World Youth Director John Hancock challenged the group to become living letters from Jesus to the world and to one another. Music for the week-end program was provided by the His Way Singers, a group of young adults from all over the Carolinas, who have donated their time to work with the singing group once a month. The Sabbath concluded with a special communion and dedication service which was conducted by Thurber and Ellsworth Reile, president of the conference.

As Brother John conducted the various commitment councils, he became aware of the tremendous needs in young Adventist homes through his counseling and visiting.

Now, phase three of this ministry will soon be going into effect in Carolina. Thurber has developed a week-end seminar program that he will be taking to the various districts. The program is specifically designed to point young Seventh-day Adventist families to Jesus Christ and victory over family problems.

"The answers to today's family problems are not new, but well-proven," maintains Thurber, "and it begins with a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as both Saviour **and** Lord. The great hope for the security of the family is still a right relationship with Jesus Christ."

The young families of this great church are still the hope for the glorious future. Pray that God will bless as this vital ministry continues to be developed and spreads throughout the Southern Union and beyond.



The active workers of the Community Service Center in Pulaski, Tennessee, pose by the sign that hangs outside the Presbyterian church, where the center is located. Left to right: Ethel McCormack, leader, Mrs. James Miles, Theresa Griggs, Peggy Hopper, Lennita Whary, and Elaine Walls.

An Entering Wedge of Service

By Edwin E. Shafer

Mayor Stacey Garner of Pulaski, Tennessee, performed the ribbon cutting ceremonies at the official opening of the Seventh-day Adventist Community Center September 6. The fulfillment of this plan by the few believers in the area of this county seat of Giles County was brought about by unusual and certainly providential happenings. All of this has been carried along by much prayer as well as careful planning and hard work in a city where there is no Seventh-day Adventist church. In Pulaski, a city of 8,000, there are about 28 members who hope to be organized into a church in the near future.

The beautifully kept and spacious center is in the First Presbyterian church of Pulaski. Taking an active part in the opening ceremonies and the open house was Dr. Gudger Nichols, pastor of the host Presbyterian church. He and his wife helped greet the folks who came to the center which is clearly identified as Seventh-day Adventist. The official Community Services sign is posted outside in a strategic spot.

Edwin Shafer, district pastor, and Mrs. Shafer have worked closely with the Pulaski company. Mrs. Ethel McCormack and Mrs. Peggy Hopper are local leaders. For at least two years, they endeavored to work out an effective way to do community services work. The loss of one of the member's home through fire led to publicity on the radio. This opened the door to explain how Adventists help the needy. As a result, these two ladies with Pastor and Mrs. Shafer were invited on a talk radio program. A description

was given of our local and worldwide Community Service program.

At present, the Pulaski members meet for Sabbath services and prayer meeting in rented quarters at the Episcopal church. Shafer reports that "some of the town's prominent citizens belong to this church. They have confidence in our people. After considering two or three other possibilities for our Community Service center, we were told by the pastor about facilities in the First Presbyterian church. Eventually the Presbyterian pastor and board suggested our using a new section of the church complex—large, nicely furnished with doors at either end and three divisions by two folding walls. Our ladies' husbands, including one non-member, fashioned very practical and attractive clothes racks from pipe. The ladies also bought high-quality and very adequate steel shelving. Other organizations in Giles County are donating clothing and new shoes for our use. A large house in the country has been provided rent free for storage. The Presbyterian church is also providing a workroom in the older section."

Quite a few of those who came to the ribbon cutting and open house were members of the host church. They all expressed their admiration for this good work and thanked the Adventists for using their facilities for this project.

Front-page coverage was given in the Pulaski *Citizen* newspaper with a picture inside. This has, of course, brought more favorable reactions.



Mayor Stacey Garner cuts the ribbon, flanked by Pastor E. E. Shafer (left), and Dr. Gudger Nichols, pastor of the host Presbyterian church.

Appreciation for the Community Services has been expressed by many as Ingathering contacts have been made.

The center is located approximately one block from the courthouse and across the street from the Human Services (County Welfare) office. A close working relationship with them has developed. Already many people from throughout the county have been helped since the center has been opened. The location certainly has been an important asset for

reaching people who really need help. As a result of aid given to some, information on our beliefs has been requested.

Because of God's blessing the Pulaski company has one of the finest Community Service Centers in the conference. Some ladies from other churches are working alongside Seventh-day Adventist ladies to help their fellowman.

The Pulaski company is growing and should be organized into a church in a very few months.

Clothing racks and shelves have been installed in the Community Services facilities located in the First Presbyterian church. Pictured are Lennita Whary (left), Elaine Walls, Ethel McCormack, Peggy Hopper, and Theresa Griggs.



late news of the conferences



ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Evangelist W. H. Patsel reports EXCELLENT INTEREST during the crusade held in the new Phenix City, Alabama, church. Several baptisms are anticipated.

A \$5,000 INGATHERING DONATION was received by Pastor David Smith and Dr. John Evans of the Vicksburg, Mississippi, church. The donation, one of the largest single ingathering contributions ever received in the conference, was given by the owner of a construction company in support of the church's health evangelism program.

The Junior Academy of Greater Birmingham has developed an ACTIVE MUSICAL PROGRAM which includes a singing/witness group, a 40-member band, a chorus, and a rhythm band, reports Principal Robert Evans.

A YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP aimed primarily at senior high school and college students and young adults has been initiated in the Pensacola, Florida, church. The fellowship meets on Friday evenings and will provide for witnessing outreach as well as Christian association.

Offerings amounting to nearly \$3,000 were received in the conference for additional SIDEWALKS AND ROOF REPAIR to existing covered walkways on the Bass Memorial Academy campus.

Conference Treasurer Richard Center reports a TITHE INCREASE through October 1976.

An aggressive HEALTH EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY CONCERN PROGRAM has been launched by the Vicksburg, Mississippi, church under the direction of Pastor Dave Smith and Dr. John Evans. The long range program includes "Heartbeat," a Five-Day Plan To Stop Smoking, classes in heart disease control and prevention, better living institute, and a marriage and family seminar, all to be conducted by May.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS scheduled to begin in January include: Jackson, Mississippi, area on January 8 with Kenneth Cox Team and Pastor Ed Reid; Fort Walton Beach, Florida, on January 16 with Phillip Wilson and Charles Ferguson; Leeds, Alabama, on January 9 with Tui Pitman and Wayne Lewis; Mobile, Alabama, area on January 15 with Phillip Knoche of Faith for Today and area pastors; and Floral Crest, Alabama, on January 22 with Wally Mandigo.



ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN PERSONS UNITED WITH THE CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, CHURCH December 11 as a result of the work of church members and the evangelistic crusade by the Kenneth Cox team. M. Donovan Oswald, pastor, proclaims the series one of the best he has seen.

On the evening of November 13 the Fletcher Hospital hosted a RECEPTION for Dr. V. N. Olsen, president of Loma Linda University, in the academy cafeteria. Olsen had come to meet with a group of counselors on the following Sunday morning.

Pastor Herb Crawley of the Salisbury-Albemarle, North Carolina, district reports that the TEMPERANCE BOOTH at the recent Rowan County Fair was a success again this year. He reports that many were drawn to the exhibit even though "Smoking Sam" didn't have a very good time at the fair. The cumulative effects of all the cigarettes "Sam" has smoked have finally taken their toll. Sam needs new lungs and new tubes because the old ones are all clogged up.

The most recent BAPTISMAL REPORTS from the Carolina office indicate that 418 were added to the church through September of 1976. Most recent reports from the Sabbath

School Department of the conference indicate that 752 non-members were enrolled in the 17 vacation Bible schools held during the third quarter.

In addition to the three full-time conference evangelists, several pastors are currently or have recently concluded EVANGELISTIC SERIES of their own: Jay Gallimore in the Raleigh, North Carolina, district and Dwight Herbert in West Jefferson up in the mountains of North Carolina. Seventeen have been baptized so far in the Fayetteville meetings with Elders Turner and Smith and Elders Shelton and Wilkins have recently concluded an evangelistic crusade in Roanoke Rapids.

Fletcher Academy recently held their ANNUAL HOMECOMING WEEKEND. "All of the alumni of this Adventist high school will not be able to attend this weekend," stated Dr. Herbert E. Coolidge, president of the Fletcher Adventist Complex, "since graduates of Fletcher are located in most of the 50 states of the Union and in many foreign countries." The featured speaker for the 11 o'clock hour was Richard Bendall, a member of the class of 1950, currently serving as principal of Ozark Academy in Arkansas.

Elder and Mrs. Steven B. Olney of Ojai, California, held four 10-DAY REVIVALS in the Carolina Conference this fall at the Mt. Pleasant, Rutherfordton, Franklin, and Greensboro churches. Their revival ministry is entitled the "Cross and True Revival." In addition to the actual evangelistic or revival outreach, Mrs. Olney conducted a nutrition class along with the series.



Pastor Will Kowarsch of the Statesville-Mocksville district recently conducted a FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING in a donated meeting room of the Northwestern Bank Building in Statesville. Forty persons attended the opening meeting. By the week's end 26 of that group claimed victory over the smoking habit. The local newspaper provided nearly 80 column inches in covering the meetings. Free radio announcements were also run on both Statesville radio stations. Two follow-up meetings have been conducted.



The conference evangelistic teams alone BAPTIZED 106 individuals during the month of November. We are anticipating a total of 200 throughout the conference for November.

On Sabbath afternoon, November 27, a NEW COMPANY of nine believers was organized in the city of Bushnell. Cheeko Cotta is responsible for initiating the beginning of this new work.

The members of the Sebring church celebrated their first Sabbath service in their NEW SANCTUARY on November 13. They are planning to dedicate the building early in January, 1977.

On November 21, the conference Board of Education met. Highlighting this meeting was an action to recommend to the conference Executive Committee and the constituency a REORGANIZATION of the conference education system, K-12, adopting the guidelines recommended by the General Conference and the Southern Union Board of Education.

A Florida PATHFINDER STAFF CAMPOUT the weekend of November 12-14, was one of devotion and fellowship and was enjoyed by the 120 attending. It was a time for the Pathfinder staff without the Pathfinders.

The Florida OUTDOOR CLUB CAMPOUT was held at Highlands Hammock State Park in November. Campers from all over Florida enjoyed a Sabbath of fellowship in the beautiful out-of-doors.

The Arcadia church held its DEDICATION SERVICE November 13, presenting the church and school debt-free before the Lord. Officiating at the service were R. J. Ulmer, conference secretary, and J. P. Rogers, conference treasurer.

The Ft. Lauderdale church has embarked with enthusiasm on a building program for a NEW CHURCH SCHOOL. Their groundbreaking service was held November 3, with Elders Carubba, Ulmer, and Glenn Smith taking part.

The Lake Worth, Bradenton, Ft. Meade, St. Petersburg, Perry, and Islamorada churches reached their INGATHERING goals before the official opening date of the campaign.

The Southern Florida Automobile Association invited the community service workers to bring their SCREENING VAN and workers into the Miami Beach Convention Hall as a part of their program. All expenses were paid by the Automobile Association. Many contacts were made, literature distributed, and gift Bible enrollments taken.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



Eleven baptisms were reported by Pastor Greg Prout of the Murphy, North Carolina, district and several more are currently studying in preparation for future baptism following an EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE held in an airatorium in Murphy October 16-November 5. Conference Ministerial Secretary Gordon Henderson provided music for the meetings conducted by Prout. Future plans of the young pastor/evangelist include a series in neighboring Andrews, North Carolina.

Leonard R. Holst, director of counseling services at Fuller Memorial Hospital, South Attleboro, Massachusetts, was the featured speaker at a WEEKEND SEMINAR on "Successful Family Living" conducted at the Atlanta Southside church November 12-14. More than 90 individuals attended the discussions on communication in the home, dealing with anger, frustration, and effective discipline. The program proved to be a great blessing to all who attended, reports Pastor Dan Appel.



Through an oversight, the Warner Robins church recently received an insurance bill for both 1975 and 1976. The total came to over \$1,000, but because of their members' faithfulness in the 10 PLUS 10+ PROGRAM they were able to pay this large debt and still maintain a balance in the church treasury of over \$2,100! This growing church is also constructing a church school building and plans to dedicate it debt-free in the spring. They are reaching out with a branch Sabbath school in Dublin, Georgia, and already have \$510, in the building fund for a church there. "God does supply all our needs when we put Him first," states Pastor John Cooper.

Thirty-two visitors attended the COMMUNITY GUEST DAY sponsored by the Grandview Sabbath school on October 23. Lavon Thomas was honored for bringing 12 guests, more than any other member. Featured speaker for the special event was Gerry Hardy, an evangelist from the Oregon Conference who was holding a crusade in the Austell-Douglasville area. Over 150 persons attended the church service and enjoyed the fellowship dinner afterwards, according to Pastor Paul Clark.

The Cascade Road Junior Academy sponsored a week of OUTDOOR EDUCATION for upper-grade students combined with the fall week of prayer at Camp Atoka Springs October 10-14. Students enjoyed many new experiences in their first hand studies of the relationship between man and water, the American Indian, and pioneer life. Also presented were units on forest succession, tree identification, creative writing, and God's beauty in nature. Rock rappelling was practiced during the physical education period, and woodcarving was presented in the mountain crafts unit. Roger Bothwell, pastor of the Calhoun and Georgia-Cumberland Academy churches, presented the week of prayer. Students returned to school with a new outlook and a deeper love for their Creator as the result of the experiences of this special week, reports Principal Raleigh Hazen.

All students in grades one to seven at the Duluth, Georgia, school participated in the TEMPERANCE CONTEST sponsored by the Home and School Association. The upper-grade students presented temperance orations as well.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



An interesting experience comes to us from Mrs. Charles Jennette of Franklin, Tennessee. "In November, 1964, with time on my hands and a desire to do something constructive, I made a decision to use my talent of sewing for God. Moving into a new neighborhood, I asked the Lord to help me. I told Him that if he wanted me to sew, I should receive a telephone call that day and I pledged a SECOND TITHE FOR INVESTMENT on all the work I did. I got the call and I've continued to get calls to this day. The Lord has not only blessed my work, but my machine also. In these 12 years, I have only spent \$14 for maintenance, and in 1974 I made \$1,200. This has been a great challenge and a great joy working with the Lord." "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

Evangelist Richard Pollard from the Carolina Conference held a SERIES OF MEETINGS in the Nashville First church, with 30 baptized at the end of the series and others looking forward to joining the church.

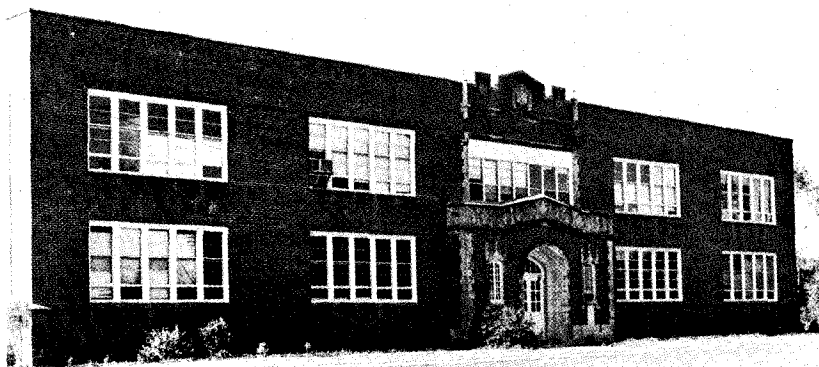
The Church In Action

Education

10-Grade Boarding Academy Opens in South Georgia

Georgia-Cumberland — A new Adventist junior academy opened its doors this fall in Smithville, Georgia, just 13 miles southeast of Plains. Long a dream of church members in south Georgia, Smithville Adventist Academy became a reality through the efforts of professional and businessmen of the Albany, Americus, and Oglethorpe-Montezuma churches who negotiated the purchase of a former high school in April of 1976. The eight acres of land purchased for \$50,000 contain a two-story administration building, gym, and a modern 150-student capacity cafeteria, itself valued at \$24,000. Another small building is currently being used as a boys' dormitory and numerous pieces of cafeteria and

Administration Building, Smithville Adventist Academy.



Orlando Students Study Gardening, Enjoy Produce

Florida — The second graders of Orlando Junior Academy enjoyed a feast recently which included fresh green beans, tomatoes, cucum-



Orlando Junior Academy second graders harvest vegetables from their garden. They later enjoyed a special dinner consisting of their produce.

school equipment were included in the purchase price.

Renovation and preparation for the school year began in June and continued until school started August 23. Faithful supporters of the school from the surrounding area continue to gather each Sunday for work on the school property.

The five-teacher staff at SAA serves 56 students in grades 1 through 10. Twenty-one students are registered in grades 9 and 10, and 16 of these are boarding students. It is hoped that SAA will eventually expand to a full 12-grade boarding academy serving the south Georgia area.

bers, and lettuce grown by the students in their garden at the school. Mrs. Don Castonia, second grade teacher, has been working with the children in their project right from the start when the seeds were planted.

Each day the students would go out into the garden to water, cultivate, weed, and even talk to their

plants to make sure that they grew properly.

The children even decorated the room for their banquet, held during the regular lunch time. Volunteer mothers prepared the vegetables and added a few other delicious entrees for the meal.

Not only were the students excited about the growing and harvesting of the food, but also they learned many valuable lessons about nature and God's goodness to all of us.

Asheville-Pisgah Walk-a-thon Nets \$3,333

Carolina — The Asheville-Pisgah church school held their second walk-a-thon in two years on September 27, 1976. Even though it was a cloudy and misting morning, the students began their 10-mile trek, and all who began finished. Total amount brought in: \$3,332.65. This money will be used to provide new desks for grades 3-6 and for school improvements.

Kent Wolff, a first grader, won the first prize of \$50 by bringing in \$306.50. Mike Waller won second prize and Glen Robertson won third prize. Kent Wolff, Shellie Cruikshank, Michelle Elliott, Brad

Voth, Debbie Caughron, Deanna Davis, Kelley Wolcott, Glen Robertson, Kevin Robertson and Mike Waller all brought in \$100 or more.

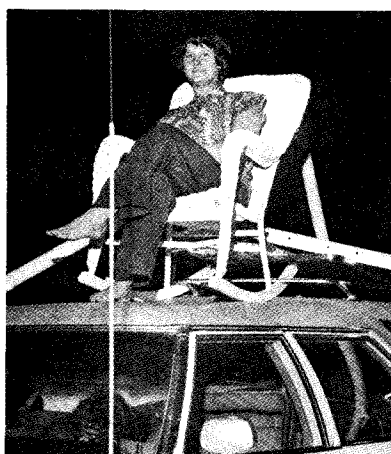
After the Walk-a-thon, the students were treated to a spaghetti supper and movie. Their hard work was truly appreciated.



These 10 students at the Asheville-Pisgah, North Carolina, church school each raised \$100 or more in a 10-mile walk-a-thon.

Forest Lake Elementary Sponsors Holiday Festival

Florida — Just in time for holiday buying the Forest Lake Elementary Educational Center (FLEEC) held its



Queen for a Day? No, just a weary Thelma Shrode waiting to go home after a busy day as coordinator of the Forest Lake Educational Center Holiday Festival of Arts and Crafts.

annual Holiday Festival of Arts and Crafts at the Forest Lake Academy gymnasium.

Coordinators Thelma Shrode and Claudia Wiggins estimated that \$3,000 worth of merchandise and food was sold at this FLEEC Home and School event.

Ladies from the four constituent

churches—Forest Lake, Apopka, Altamonte Springs, and Winter Springs—helped in the various crafts and food booths.

Crafts included dough art, Christmas tree ornaments, macrame, plants, crocheting, sewing, painting, ceramics, toys, quilting, and various crafts done by FLEEC students, and of course baked goods.

When the doors opened at 1:00 p.m., the stream of traffic around the booths and lunch area seemed unending, and by 7:00 p.m. the volunteer ladies were tired but satisfied with the day's activities.

The money collected is allocated by the Home and School Association for the purchase of new equipment for the school.

Although the Stockbridge, Georgia, company was organized only on August 28, the group sponsored health clinics on September 19 and 26.

Health

Stockbridge Sponsors Health Clinic

South Atlantic — On the Sundays of September 19 and 26, the Stockbridge, Georgia, company sponsored a health clinic in their city.

The idea was developed by Marie Herndon who was successful in igniting the members to reach out into the community through the method of health evangelism.

Although the Stockbridge company has a modest membership of approximately 15 members, each member pitched in to make this effort a success.

Using the conference health and welfare mobile van, screening tests for high blood pressure and diabetes were administered. Dr. Reuben Castillo, a member of the Atlanta Spanish church, assisted in the clinic. One of the Stockbridge members, who is a registered nurse, was ably assisted by two other registered nurses living in Atlanta who volunteered their services.

For the two Sundays tests were given to approximately 100 persons. Literature was also placed in the hands of each person. Many patrons remarked about the good service the church was rendering to the community.

A follow-up project is being planned to continue and increase the interest that has been aroused. A series of cooking classes or a five-day stop smoking clinic is planned for the near future.



Progress

Hixson Occupies New Church

Georgia-Cumberland — Conference President Desmond Cummings spoke at the official opening service of the new Hixson, Tennessee, church November 13. A number of years ago members of the Collegedale church and students from Southern Missionary College began visitation and literature distribution under the direction of Pastor John Loor. College Chaplain Des Cummings, Jr., coordinated the program, working directly with the students. Evangelistic meetings were held, a cooking school was sponsored by the Home Economics Department of SMC, and Sabbath afternoon meetings were held in the Baptist Sunday school rooms.

In January, 1973, a small group of Adventists living in the vicinity, along with interested folk from Collegedale, began meeting in the Ashland Terrace Christian church on Sabbath morning. A short time later the group was organized into a company with a baptism taking place that day. In 1974 the Hixson church was officially organized with Jerry Gladson, assistant professor of religion at SMC, as pastor. That summer evangelistic meetings were conducted in the Hixson High School by Gladson and Gary Patterson.

Recognizing the need to build a church, the church purchased three acres, later adding two more to provide adequate space for a future church school. Many hours of labor were donated by members during the construction period, many going to work after prayer meeting to paint, clean, and prepare their new sanctuary for occupancy. The first service was held October 6 in the new church, and during that service two young people were baptized. A baptism also took place opening day, November 13.

Pastor Albert Liersch and his congregation are praising God for their beautiful new sanctuary made possible in part by financial assistance from the Georgia-Cumberland Professional and Business Association.

Church Organized in Summerville

Georgia-Cumberland — The Cloudland company was organized into the Seventh-day Adventist church of Summerville, Georgia, with 27 charter members and their chapel was dedicated as a church November 20, 1976, by Fred Minner of the Georgia Conference Association. The eight original members who attended the first Sabbath meeting on September 8, 1973, were in attendance at the organization and dedication services.

The Summerville Sabbath school has a membership of 40, and a total of 56 attended the organizational

meeting, with the majority staying for a fellowship dinner and the afternoon dedication service. The church is looking forward to evangelistic meetings planned for this month.

Clayton Hess will serve as head elder of the new church, assisted by Larry Clark, student minister from Southern Missionary College, and District Pastor David VanDenburgh.

New Church Organized in Miami

Florida — A new Seventh-day Adventist church was organized in Miami recently with 50 charter members. The official name selected was the Maranatha SDA church of Miami. Officiating at the organizational meeting were H. J. Carubba, Florida Conference president, R. J. Ulmer, secretary, and J. P. Rogers, treasurer.

Although this group was never officially organized as a company, the members of the newly formed church have been extremely active in this Dade County community. The establishment of this new church provides an opportunity to expand the evangelistic outreach in the central Miami area.

The total number of churches in the Florida Conference now stands at 96, with six companies.

Who and Where

Adventist CPAs Meet at SMC

Kentucky-Tennessee — It is probably not realized that there are a large number of Adventist Certified Public Accountants living in the Southeastern United States.

Just a few short years ago, the idea of forming an association of Adventist CPAs was conceived in the minds of several of the men in the profession. The primary objective of this association was and is to help finish the work by offering their services to the church. The services offered are to aid in the management and financial decisions made at all levels of the church organization.

Since the beginning of the organization, the association has re-



The Hixson, Tennessee, congregation held opening services in its new church November 13.

mained active on the local level in the churches and local conferences, and has recently formed a legal partnership to expand the assistance to the entire North American Division and beyond. This expanded service is needed because of the changing laws governing church bodies and problems of unprecedented proportions in the world economies.

"The Southeastern region has over fifty CPAs living within its territory at present with others who are nearing completion of their requirements for the certificate of Certified Public Accountant," states Clyde D. Walters of Hendersonville, Tennessee. "The majority of the membership are in public practice, but others are in hospital work, government work, and industry. There are two or three of the profession who are in educational fields also."

The fall meeting of the southeastern region was held on the campus of Southern Missionary College November 5-7. On Saturday night a banquet was given for all the junior and senior accounting majors and their families. Dr. Wayne VandeVere gave a presentation of all the students for the benefit of the number of CPAs in attendance. This is to aid the students in getting placement in public and church institutional accounting when they graduate. David Dennis, the newly elected General Conference auditor, gave a talk encouraging the students to seek positions in church-related work.

The following morning the

members of the association held their business meeting. Phil Brooks, from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, chaired the meeting as director-elect.

South Atlantic Elders, Deacons Hold Retreat

South Atlantic — Some 400 local elders and deacons, along with their families, gathered with President R. L. Woodfork and his staff at the campsite at Hawthorne, Florida, October 1-3, to study better ways to run the 107 churches and companies of the conference. The

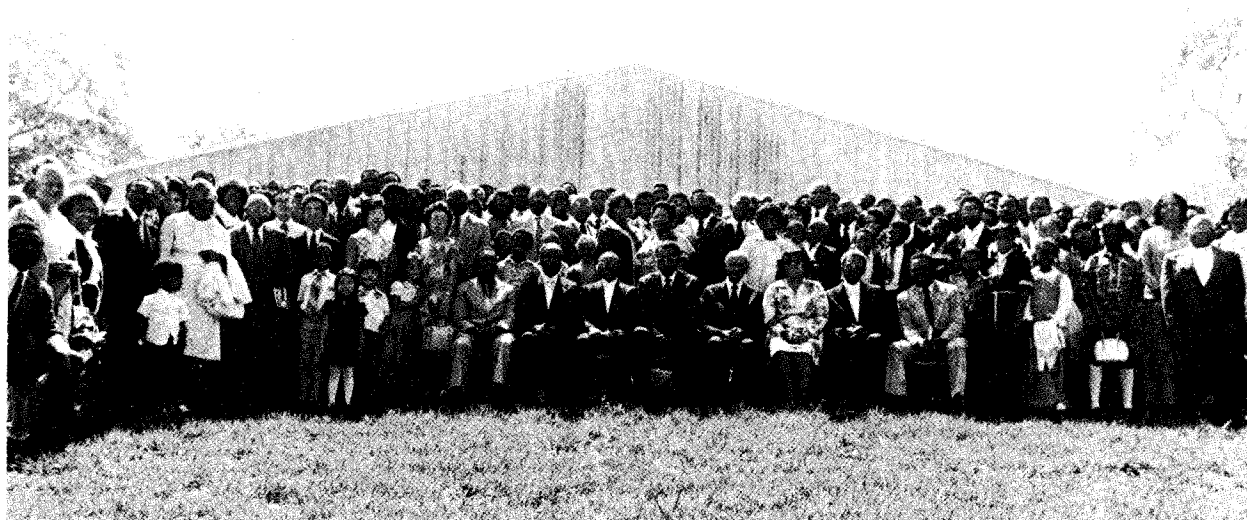
weather was ideal, making the weekend almost perfect.

Veteran teacher of teachers and preacher of preachers C. E. Mosley was the guest teacher and preacher for the weekend. Mosley, who spent many years in the Department of Religion, at Oakwood College training preachers, and an equal number in the General Conference as a field secretary roaming the world helping ministers of all lands to do a better job in soul-winning, spared nothing. He opened up Pandora's box to the eager local elders and deacons who made strong commitments to return to their churches to do a better job in soul-winning as well as



Veteran minister C. E. Mosley was the principal speaker at the South Atlantic elders' and deacons' meeting.

Approximately 400 church elders and deacons, with their families, met at Hawthorne, Florida, October 1-3.



cheerfully serving the spiritual, social, and physical needs of their congregations.

Homemade Bread Used in Ingathering Follow-up

Alabama-Mississippi — What does a loaf of bread have to do with Ingathering? A symbol of concern and providing for temporal need perhaps. But could it represent also an opportunity for additional witnessing?

While making an Ingathering contact at a national bread chain company, Carl Hartman, pastor of the Montgomery, Alabama, church, formulated an idea. Noticing the picture of homemade bread on the cover of the Ingathering literature, he braved an unusual question to the company manager: "How long has it been since you have had a loaf of homemade bread?"

"Six or eight years." "What an opportunity to let him taste a good loaf of bread made by one of our Adventist ladies!" Hartman decided.

When Hartman delivered the loaf of homemade bread several days later, the manager was very appreciative. The enthusiastic response led Hartman to decide to ask the same question of other Ingathering donors. This finally resulted in nearly 50 loaves of bread promised!

Of the almost 50 Ingathering donors the bread was given to, only two had tasted homemade bread within the last two years. Many of those who received the bread showed their surprise at receiving something in return for their gift of money.

Hartman's motive in giving the bread was to develop a better friendship with these Ingathering donors and to express his gratitude for their generosity to the church program. Most of the donors were owners or managers of large corporations.

The bread was made by 10 ladies in the church and was delivered several days or weeks after the Ingathering contact was made and the donation received. In addition to the bread, the Ingathering

donors were also given literature of a religious nature and on healthful living.

What does a loaf of bread have to do with Ingathering—or Ingathering with religion? Perhaps Ellen White was right when she said there is a lot of religion in a loaf of good homemade bread.

Kress Memorial Celebrates 35th Anniversary

Florida — Thirty-five years of God's blessing was celebrated at Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, Florida, November 13, 1976. Andrew Fearing was the featured speaker for the worship and vesper services. Previous pastors A. D. Burch, R. W. Numbers, W. M. Wittenberg, and V. L. Zuchowski recounted the stories of God's guidance through the years. Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference, gave a brief report of progress in the world field. Richard P. Faber, the present pastor, briefly presented plans for the future. He is assisted by Gary Russell and Lucy Gattis.

In the early days when Kress was but a bay congregation being mothered by the Orlando Central church, it also shared the Central church pastors which included Glenn Coon and H. A. Vandeman,

the father of George Vandeman of "It Is Written."

In 1949 under the leadership of D. P. Herbert, the first pastor whose responsibility was limited to Kress, plans were laid for the construction of the present sanctuary. In 1952 the actual construction began under the direction of W. T. Rea. Although a lack of funds delayed the program, the members carried the work forward, donating time and money. On July 11, 1953, the church was ready for occupancy. On April 24, 1954, the church was dedicated to the service of the Lord.

Doctors Daniel and Laurretta Kress were faithful, God-fearing members of the church from its beginning. Because of their dedicated and loving service at home and abroad, it was decided to name the new building the Kress Memorial Seventh-day Adventist church.

The latest addition to the church, a new 40' x 100' evangelistic wing, came under the leadership of V. L. Zuchowski. This has been used for Sabbath morning classes in Daniel and Revelation to which the public is invited, and has resulted in a continual flow of new converts. Prayer meetings are conducted in this wing, and it has served as a needed social hall for all ages of the church.

With the dedication of the members and staff, it is evident that the Kress Memorial church will continue to be a vital force in the Winter Park community.

Kress Memorial church, Winter Park, Florida.

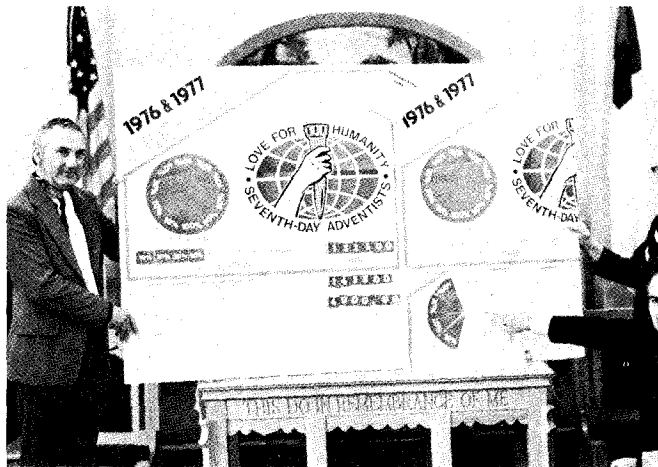


Pictorial

Stories



Chaplain William W. Goins, director of religious therapy programs for the Georgia Department of Corrections, was the featured speaker at the Thomaston church November 18. On the platform with Chaplain Goins are Pastor John Neff, Upson County Sheriff Merrill Greathouse, and Mrs. Phyllis Gordy, lay activities leader of the Thomaston church and chaplain of the Upson County Sheriff's Department. Goins expressed appreciation to the Thomaston church as the first church in Georgia to become involved in a prisoner rehabilitation program. Pastors of two local churches and a district supervisor for the African Methodist Episcopal Church also attended the meeting. Neff reports that one baptism has already resulted from Mrs. Gordy's efforts, and two more prisoners are preparing for baptism in the near future.



The Frankfort, Kentucky, church had already reached two Ingathering goals, and, by November 20, had 70 per cent of their third goal. Pictured with their device are George Brooks (left) and Martin Barnes, with Pastor Frank Wa



Young Bill Beaven, son of Pastor and Mrs. Marc Beaven, supervises the groundbreaking for the new St. Cloud, Florida, church. Participating in the ceremonies are: Harry Goddard (left), vice-president of the St. Cloud Ministerial Association, J. P. Rogers, Florida Conference treasurer, R. J. Ulmer, Florida Conference secretary, and Clem Tesauro, chairman of the Osceola County Commission.



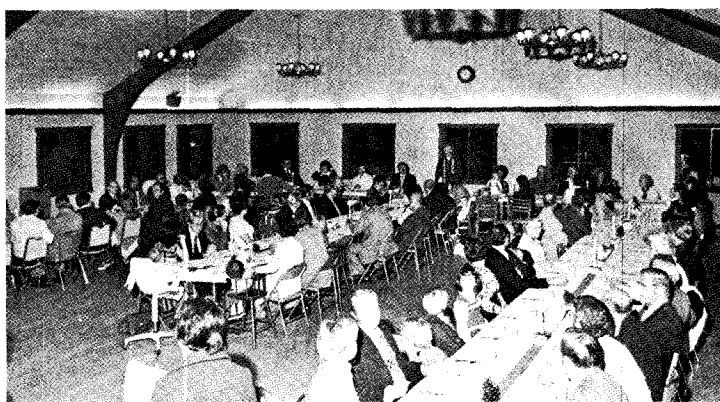
The Southern Missionary College Men's Chorus concluded a tour of Florida with a concert during a youth rally at Greater Miami Academy.

H. V. Leggett, ministerial secretary of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, makes a comment during the Southern Missionary College Religion Retreat, October 1 and 2. Joining Leggett in the presentation are Dr. H. D. Bennett and Lorenzo Grant, from the SMC Religion Department, and Victor Zuchowski and Gordon Henderson, ministerial secretaries of the Florida and Georgia-Cumberland Conferences, respectively. Dr. Elden Chalmers of Andrews University was the principal speaker for the retreat.



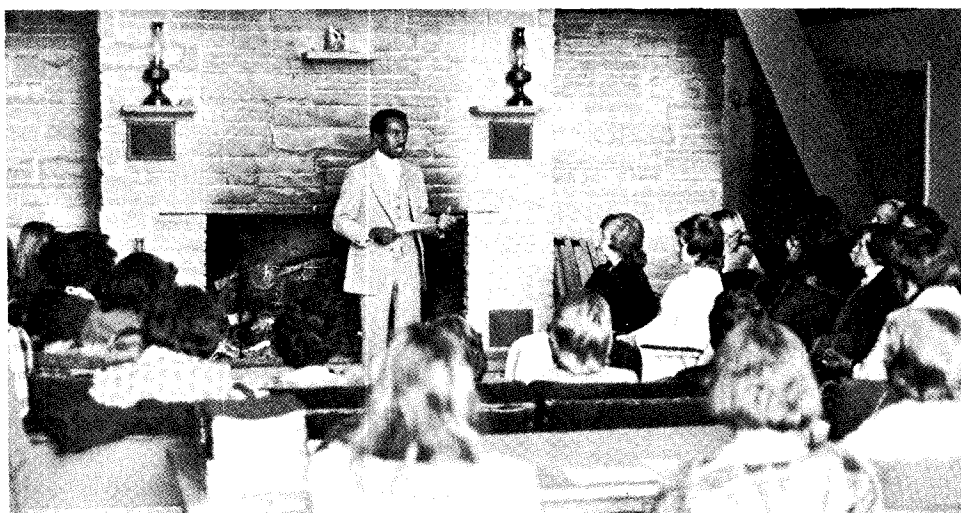


Maxine Wiggins, Carolina Philosda president, presents John Thurber, conference youth evangelism director, with a check for more than \$200 to be used to continue the ministry of the His Way youth radio broadcast. Floyd Miller, International Philosda Club president, observes.



Carolina ministers and their families met at Nosoca Pines Ranch November 21 for their Ingathering victory banquet. The event was also a farewell to Elder and Mrs. R. H. Ammons, who are moving to the Illinois Conference, where he will be director of the Lay Activities, Ministerial, and Communication Departments.

One hundred and twenty youth leaders from throughout the Georgia-Cumberland Conference attended the Youth and Pathfinder Leaders' Convention November 12-14 at Atoka Springs Camp. Lecturers included Ralph P. Peay (pictured) and Leo Ranzolin, associate youth directors of the Southern Union and General Conferences, respectively. The three-day seminar was directed by John Strickland.



At the September 25 It Is Written Revelation Seminar in Nashville, Tennessee, participants were invited to attend follow-up Bible studies two nights each week. Nathan Sims, pastor of the Nashville First church, is seen here directing his class of more than 40 interested persons. Several baptisms have already been reported by the various pastors involved.



Mrs. Maude S. Wasson (center) received the Community Service Award of the Graysville, Tennessee, church October 16. The award, presented by church communication director Mrs. Lester Littell and Pastor John Newman, was given in recognition of Mrs. Wasson's many years of volunteer work in Rhea County. A member of the Dayton First Baptist church, she has been a gray lady for 14 years, helped with bloodmobile collections for eight years, works as a Red Cross volunteer, and solicits for the March of Dimes.

Calendar of Events

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Kenneth Cox Prophecy Crusade — National Guard Armory, Jackson, Miss. January 8 - February 11.

Religious Liberty Rallies

BMA	Jan. 14	7:30 p.m.
St. Elmo	Jan. 15	9:00 a.m.
Prichard	Jan. 15	11:00 a.m.

Youth Leadership Convention — Camp Alamisco. Jan. 28-30. Guest Speaker: Clay Farwell.

Faith for Today Evangelistic Crusade — National Guard Armory, Mobile, Ala. Jan. 15 - Feb. 11, 7:30 nightly except Tues. & Wed. Speaker: Philip B. Knoche. Special Feature: Heritage II Singers.

Sabbath School Workshops

Jan. 15	Meridian church	3:00- 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	Birmingham 1st church	3:00- 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	Pensacola church	10:00-12:30 a.m.

CAROLINA

Evangelistic Meetings

Jan. 8-12. Raleigh. Pollard-Mahorney Team.
Jan. 8-19. Orangeburg, S.C. Elder & Mrs. Don Shelton.
Jan. 15 - Feb. 12. Albemarle, N.C. Elder & Mrs. Harold Turner.

Education In-service Meetings

Jan. 31	Tri-City Academy
Feb. 1	Clarkton school
Feb. 2	Columbia Junior Academy
Feb. 3	Captain Gilmer school

Music Festivals

Feb. 13	Asheville-Pisgah
Feb. 27	Triangle School

Life Management Seminars

Jan. 8	Greenville, N.C., 2:30 p.m.
8	Fayetteville, N.C., 7:00 p.m.
15	Asheville, N.C., 2:30 p.m.
15	Lenoir, N.C., 7:00 p.m.
16	Charlotte, N.C., 10:00 a.m.
22	Columbia, S.C., 2:30 p.m.
22	Spartanburg, S.C., 7:00 p.m.
29	Greensboro, N.C., 2:30 p.m.

Nosoca Pines Ranch Schedule

Jan. 9-12	Southern Union MPH/MSPH Program.
Jan. 27-29	Carolina Conference Bible Conference.
Feb. 3-5	Carolina Conference Bible Conference.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Atlantic Union College Alumni and Friends will meet for a fellowship supper on Sunday, Jan. 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the banquet room at Southern Missionary College. Mrs. Kilgore will be present. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Collegedale Academy's First Alumni Weekend — March 11, 12. Special guests: Jack Veazey and John Ramsey of the King's Heralds Quartet.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Bookmobile Schedule

Jan. 8	Memphis First church	Sundown
22	Madison Boulevard church	Sundown
29	Lexington church	Sundown
30	London church	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Feb. 5	Madisonville church	Sundown

SOUTH CENTRAL

Seven-Hour Prayer Meeting — January 1.

Family Altar Commitment

Workers' Meeting — Nashville, January 3-5.

Kentucky Youth Federation — January 15.

Stewardship Workshop — Nashville, January 15.

Stewardship Workshop and Field School — Birmingham. Conducted by W. M. Starks from General Conference. January 22-30.

Tennessee Youth Federation — January 22.

LIBERTY Magazine Campaign — January 29.

Stewardship Workshop — Jackson, Miss., January 29.

Mission '77 Training Classes — This month, February.

Mississippi Youth Federation — February 5.

Sabbath School Workshop — February 12.

HERITAGE SINGERS' NEW CREATION

Winter Tour

January

15	Mobile, AL—Faith for Today Crusade with Philip Knoche.	7:30
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17	Lumberton, MS—Bass Memorial Academy	7:30
29	Atlanta, GA	
30	Decatur, GA—Mt. Carmel Christian church, 3250 Rainbow Dr.	7:00

February

1	Columbus, GA—North Highlands Assembly of God, 38th St. at 5th Ave.	7:30
5	Jacksonville, FL—Assembly of God, 2100 Dunn Ave.	7:00
6	Daytona Beach, FL—First Baptist church, 118 N. Palmetto Ave.	7:00
7	Ocala, FL—First Baptist church	7:30
8	Jacksonville, FL—North Jacksonville Baptist church, 6415 Pearl St.	7:30
9	Orlando, FL—Central Adventist church, 624 N. Broadway Ave.	7:00
12	Orlando, FL—Forest Lake Academy church	5:00
13	Orlando, FL—First Baptist church, Pine at Rosalind	7:00

SOUTHERN UNION

Literature Evangelist Convention — Dec. 30 - Jan. 1. Daytona Beach, Fla.

Seven-Hour Prayer Meeting — Jan. 1 or 8.

MV Leadership Training Course — Jan. 7, 8. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

LIBERTY Magazine Campaign — Jan. 8-15.

Doctors' Personal Evangelism Seminar — Feb. 4. Atlanta, Ga.

Academy Temperance Weekend — Feb. 11, 12. Mt. Pisgah Academy.

Faith for Today Offering — Feb. 12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1977 has been declared Nutrition Year by the General Conference. A special edition of *Counsels on Diet and Foods* has been prepared, along with a 12-lesson set of study guides. *Life and Health* magazine will be emphasizing nutrition throughout the year, beginning with the January issue. Special programs on health and health evangelism will be conducted in churches throughout the Southern Union on Medical Missionary Day, January 22.

Christian Leadership Seminars have been conducted for conference, hospital, and educational administrators in every union of the North American Division. Because of the interest in this program, it was decided that the seminar staff should prepare a program of continuous education in the form of 11 90-minute cassettes which are available, one each month except for August. It is produced by the Seminar staff consisting of R. R. Bietz, D. W. Holbrook, James Crawford, and Miriam Wood. Many other leaders are contributing material from month to month. The price is most reasonable. Each cassette consists of a 10- to 15-minute devotional, a lecture, interviews, suggestions, etc. A two-page information sheet known as "The Administrator" will also accompany each cassette. Some of the topics for 1977 are: Personnel Management; Committees — How They Should Operate; Delegation; Motivation; Developing Leadership; The Spirit of Prophecy and Church Administration; Policy-making; etc. The cassettes are tailor-made for Seventh-day Adventist church leaders of conferences, institutions, and lay leaders in local churches. You can apply for the cassette program by writing to: Christian Leadership Seminars, Home Study Institute, 6940 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. 20012.

Spanish Publications for the Blind — Special efforts are being made by Christian Record Braille Foundation to secure names of Spanish blind and visually handicapped readers. Spanish translations such as *Steps to Christ*, *The Desire of Ages*, *Time Running Out*, and *Happiness Wall to Wall* are available from the CRBF lending library. A catalog of publications will be mailed upon request. Write Christian Record Braille Foundation, 4444 S. 52nd St., Lincoln, NE 68506, or contact your area CRBF representative.

The 1977 Sabbath School Memory Verses for kindergarten and primary classes have been set to music by Wayne Hooper, music director at the Voice of Prophecy. They are available from Adventist Book Centers in a 64-page song book and recorded on a 60-minute cassette.

Goal-Oriented Leadership Seminars — Andrews University. Publishing Department Leadership Seminar, March 7-17. Conflict Management and Peacemaking Seminar, March 16-21. Board Leadership, June 6-10. Long-Range Planning, September 21-26. Inquiries and applications for reservations should be directed to Dr. Robert A. Williams, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.


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in transition

On the Move

Carolina

Grover C. Winslow has accepted the invitation of the conference committee to pastor the Sumter-Camden, South Carolina, district. Winslow comes from the chaplaincy of Fuller Memorial Hospital in Massachusetts.

Al Mazat will be coming into the Durham-Burlington, North Carolina, district from pastoral duties in the Colorado Conference.

Robert G. Beck has accepted the call to serve as the lay activities/Sabbath school/community services director for the Carolina Conference. He has been pastor of the Fletcher church.

Florida

Former Florida Conference Evangelist **Rainey Hooper** has become the pastor of the Altamonte Springs church, replacing R. E. DuBose.

R. E. DuBose is the new pastor of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park and the Sebring church. Former Pastor Ron M. Smith has gone to Oregon.

Moving to the Eustis-Bushnell-Groveland-Leesburg district is **Ron Merchant**, former assistant pastor in St. Petersburg. Dominic (Cheeko) Cotta has accepted a call to Texas.

Rus Aldridge goes to New Port Richey as pastor, taking Marvin Lowman's place, who has gone to Iowa. Aldridge was assistant pastor at Orlando Central.

Replacing Ken Brown, who went to Minnesota, is former assistant pastor at the Sanitarium church, **Marvin Williams**, going to Port Charlotte.

Weddings

HODGES — CARLTON

Cheryl Carlton, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Carlton of Atlanta, Georgia, and **Scotty Hodges**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hodges of Banner Elk, North Carolina, were married September 12, 1976. B. L. Thompson, grandfather of the bride, officiated at the ceremony in the Belvedere SDA church in Atlanta. Both are graduates of Southern Missionary College. The bride is an R.N. working at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta, and the groom is taking graduate work preparatory to entering medical school.

TOWNSEND — WOOD

Brenda Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood of Murphy, North Carolina, and **Danny Townsend**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Townsend, of Rock Hall, Maryland, were united in marriage Thanksgiving day, November 25, in the Murphy Seventh-day Adventist church. Brenda is a 1973 graduate of Southern Missionary College and Danny a 1972 graduate of Andrews University. The bride's uncle, Robert H. Wood, officiated at the ceremony. The couple will reside in Kettering, Ohio.

JANSEN — LITTELL

Vicki Suzanne Littell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Littell of Tracy City, Tennessee, and **Thomas Frederick Jansen**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jansen of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, were united in marriage September 26, 1976. The couple will reside in Tracy City.

LOWE — MULLINS

Carolyn Mullins, daughter of B. C. Mullins and the late Mrs. Mullins of Gadsden, Alabama, and **Mike Lowe**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Lowe of Mobile, Alabama, were married at Southern Missionary College April 30. W. A. Marshall performed the ceremony.

TURNER — BARNETT

Vickie Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sheets of Huntsville, Alabama, and **Charles Turner**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner, Sr., of McMinnville, Tennessee, were united in marriage by W. A. Marshall on July 11 in Huntsville.

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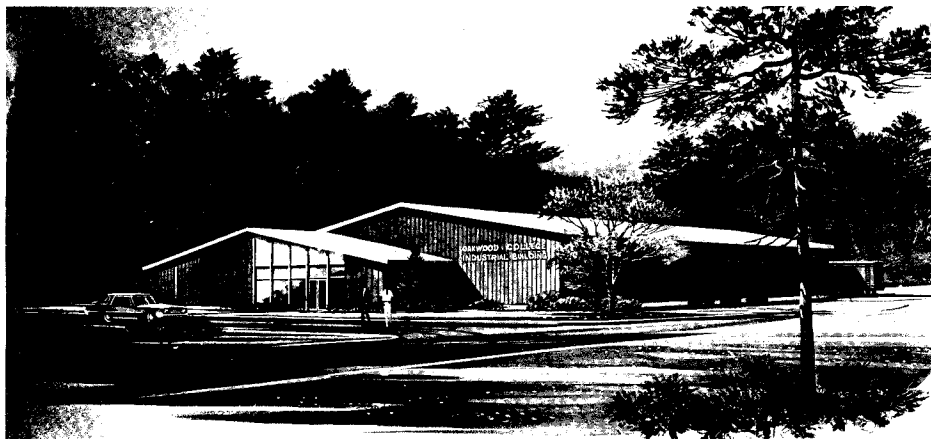
As would be true of any accredited college, Oakwood has many needs and we are appropriating funds to meet most of them; but we do not have money we can allocate to build this industrial facility. Therefore, since construction must begin right away, we are calling upon our entire North American membership to make a liberal gift toward this urgent project.

This is obviously a special appeal, a one-time emergency call for help, and we come to you simply because we have no other source to which we can go for capital funds. Whether the gifts are large or small they will be greatly appreciated. And since this is not a regular offering we're asking that all contributions be marked for the Oakwood Industrial Building and sent to The Treasurer, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012.

Our members have always come to the rescue in moments of crisis such as this, and we appreciate your benevolent concern for our young people at Oakwood. We know you will not fail us at this time when one of our own colleges needs your help. As you give, pray for both faculty and students that they may fulfill the great destiny to which God has called them.

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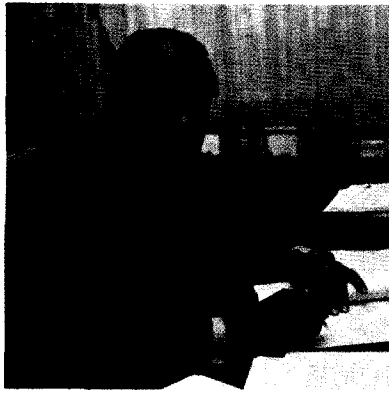


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January 8-15

'Lord, Increase Our Faith'



T. W. Cantrell

A New Year has arrived and with it has come a reasonable share of resolutions. Resolves have been made affecting almost every form of personal conduct. Everything from one's personal deportment, study habits, health and work practices, to developing a more positive response to one's individual spiritual needs.

Through an expression of love, which originates with God, adequate provisions have been made for our salvation. God's love is not a commodity that can be bought, nor can it be acquired with material things. It is something that is given, not sold, and one responds to that love with love. God has shown His love for us through the gift of Jesus who confirmed that love through His death on the cross. God's love is not an abstract substance which may be found in pure form in some special environment. It does not exist apart from having a personal relationship with God. A steward responds to God's love in giving himself to the love principle God demonstrated when He gave His son for the redemption of mankind. In this response the steward has the opportunity of returning love to God.

Daily God shows His love through the gifts showered upon us. He gives us a full 100 per cent of what we receive of life, health, talents, the income we receive, the harvest from our fields, and all the things that come to each of us.

God has made definite promises to those who through faith maintain a love relationship with Him by returning the tithe and bringing an offering to Him. Ten per cent of our

A STEWARD'S RESOLVE FOR 1977

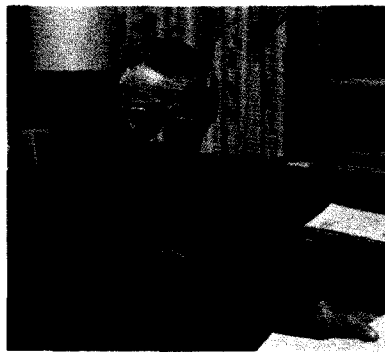
income belongs to God. We cannot give this, it already belongs to God, we merely return it to Him. What we bring to God beyond the tithe, we give. This is our reciprocation to God's love and is a demonstration of our faith in His promises. God's blessings then follow according to our faith in Him.

In consideration of all that the Lord has done for us in the past and will do for us during 1977, as faithful stewards, should we not resolve and pledge to do more for him in 1977? In 1976 the systematic giving plan of the 10 Plus 10+ Program has given support to the work of the church, the conference, and the

General Conference. God has richly blessed every effort put forth to sustain His work in 1976. For 1977 we are going to say with the apostles, "Lord, increase our faith." As our faith increases, every other aspect of our Christian experience will increase.

May God give each of us a faith that will clarify our sight, sharpen our insight, give us keener foresight, and make hindsight more meaningful to us, as we see where He has led us in the past. As stewards, full of faith, we will find our highest delight in doing His service.

Ingathering:



W. L. Mazat

When the hosts of Israel left Egypt to go to the land of Canaan, they did not go alone. God said to them, "Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared." (Exodus 23:20).

During 1976 thousands of Seventh-day Adventist Christians in the Southern Union Conference were active in the Ingathering campaign. But as they made their contacts, they were not alone, for God was with them. The angels prepared the way before them. How else would it be possible for us to report \$1,032,951.54 as of December 9? This is \$130,797.19 more than was reported by the same date last year!

A VICTORY OF LOVE

Sincere thanks and congratulations are due the leaders and members of the Southern Union Conference for this outstanding achievement. Without the loyal, unselfish spirit manifested by each participant, such a report would not be possible.

The Southern Union is usually the first in the North American Division to report a million dollars for missions, and has led the way again in the current crusade. This annual program affords members of the church a marvelous opportunity for doing missionary work. Jesus said, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Our part, aside from raising funds for mission and humanitarian work, may be to find a soul while making Ingathering contacts and then experience the thrill of leading that person to Christ.

While \$1,032,951.54 is a very large sum to raise in such a short time, it is imperative that we keep in mind the urgent need for funds with which to carry forward the Lord's work in all parts of the world. Let us determine, with God's help, to raise not less than \$1½ million during the next Ingathering crusade.

Once again, accept our gratitude for all you've done to make this Ingathering crusade a victory of love in a world of need.

Obituaries

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Psalm 116:15, Revelation 14:13).

CALLOWAY, George W., was born October 5, 1894, in Verbena, Alabama, where he died August 14. Calloway had been a member of the church for 54 years. Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Gussie Calloway of Clanton, Alabama; two daughters, Mrs. Esther Beaty of Mountain Creek, Alabama, Mrs. Ella Mae Harrison of Walnut Creek, California; four sons, William of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, James, of Garland, Texas, Marvin of Birmingham, Alabama, and Ancel of Huntington Beach, California; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services were held in the Sarber Funeral Home Chapel by Charles Wheeling with interment in the Shady Grove Cemetery.

COOK, Herman Charles, died at his home in Orlando, Florida, October 24, 1976, after a long illness. He was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, April 17, 1901. A devoted member of the Sanitarium SDA church, he was likewise active in civic and musical groups, serving as president of Orlando Civitan Club and the Southern Savoyards and as chairman of the Rollins College Bach Festival Choir. He retired as an administrative assistant from Florida Hospital in 1969. He leaves his beloved wife Beatrice of Orlando; two sisters, Mrs. Walter Smith of Cape Coral, Florida, and Mrs. Joseph Krevet of Hillside, New Jersey; and a number of nieces and nephews. Services were held at Garden Chapel Home for Funerals with Don R. Castonia and Marvin Williams officiating. Interment followed at Highland Memory Gardens in Forest City, Florida.

DOOLITTLE, Florence Jessie and Harry John. Florence Jessie Doolittle, born December 14, 1889, in Ohio, died September 28, 1976, in Candler, North Carolina. Harry John Doolittle, born July 13, 1890, in Eldred, Pennsylvania, died September 29, 1976, in Candler, North Carolina. The Doolittles were married in 1913 at Takoma Park, Maryland, and were sent immediately as missionaries to China. Except for a one-year furlough to the States they remained in China, until driven out by rebel forces in 1927. After returning to America, they settled at Miami, Florida. No longer able to continue a vigorous church program because of poor health, he decided to study mechanical dentistry, which trade he followed for a number of years. In the late 1940's, he went to the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital, Fletcher, North Carolina, hoping to regain his health, and respond to a call to act as chaplain of the Shanghai Sanitarium. But because his health did not improve, he remained at Fletcher, helping as best he could in giving Bible studies, visiting, and teaching a Sabbath school class. The Doolittles were members of the Fletcher church at the time of their death.

FELSNER, Herman Carl, was born January 31, 1881, in Wisconsin. He passed to his rest October 16, 1976. He was baptized at the age of 24 years and remained faithful to the faith during his long life. He leaves one daughter, Josephine Anna McClellan; eight grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

GREEN, Oscar, 84, died October 5, in Greenville, South Carolina, where he was a member of the local church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Pauline J. Green, daughter, Sarah G. Barger, son, Leland O. Green, and two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of Greenville. Funeral services were held at the Roper Mountain Baptist church with burial in the church cemetery.

HICKMAN, Mrs. Vangle, born March 12, 1893, in Nicholasville, Kentucky, died November 14, 1976, in Collegedale, Tennessee, where she had resided for 48 years. Mrs. Hickman was preceded in death by her husband, James, who had served as publishing secretary for the Southern Union Conference and sales representative for Southern Missionary College Industries. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Valda Martz of Nashville, Tennessee; four sons: Paul of Miami, Florida; James of Winter Park, Florida; Melvin of Tustin, California; and Marvin of Collegedale; and one foster daughter, Mrs. Flora Patty of Eugene, Oregon. Services were conducted by Gary Patterson, H. F. Roll, and R. M. Ruf in the Collegedale church. Burial was in the Collegedale Memorial Park.

JACOBS, Mrs. Catherine Viola, was born July 30, 1918, in Lansing, Michigan, and died November 22, 1976, in Clearwater, Florida. She was a member of the Clearwater SDA church. Her mother, Mrs. Mary A. Duffy, survives her. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery in Lansing, Michigan.

JAHN, Rili Chaffee, 84, of Sumter, South Carolina, passed away on October 25, 1976. She was the daughter of Curtis Chaffee, a pioneer Seventh-day Adventist minister. Mrs. Jahn is survived by her husband, Robert, and their two children, Don Jahn and Mrs. Verlie Willis of Sumter. Mrs. Jahn was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

LEEPARD, Elizabeth Jane, born in Sturgis, Michigan, on March 14, 1882, passed to her rest November 9, 1976, at Santa Rosa Hospital. She was a member of the Pensacola, Florida, church and interment was at Milton Cemetery. Survivors include a son, C. O. Leepard; daughter, Mrs. Virgie Hickman; four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

LEWIS, Fiorella N., was born in Missouri on July 18, 1894, and died in Ft. Myers, Florida, on October 21, 1976. She was an active member of the Ft. Myers SDA church. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, John D. Lewis of Ft. Myers; a stepson, Dr. John R. Lewis of Chicago, Illinois; a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Atchison of Ft. Myers; two brothers, Homer Robertson of Gentry, Missouri, and Ralph Robertson of Portland, Oregon; three grandsons, three step-granddaughters, and 22 great-grandchildren.

MADDOX, Mrs. Hannah C., was born May 5, 1898, in St. Louis, Missouri, and died November 8, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Graveside services were conducted by Gordon Smedley, pastor of the St. Elmo church, with interment in Forest Hills Cemetery. Survivors include two sisters: Mrs. Al Cooper of Valinda, California, Mrs. Robert Stege of Baldwin, Missouri; two brothers: Tom P. Campbell of Shelbyville, Tennessee, David F. Campbell of Springfield, Missouri; and a niece: Mrs. James Donohue of Baldwin.

MCDONALD, WILLIAM E., was born in Kemper County, Mississippi, September 22, 1895, and died at Pine Forest Hospital, Chunky, Mississippi, October 23, 1976. He is survived by his wife, Maggie Jane; daughters, Mrs. Walterine Lockard, Mrs. Omega Evans, Mrs. Uldine Scott; and son, Linton McDonald.

RIMMER, Laura Stout, was born in Commiskey, Indiana, May 17, 1886. She died at the home of her daughter November 13, 1976. Mrs. Rimmer was married to the late James Rimmer who served as professor of chemistry at Madison College until his death in 1962. She is survived by her daughter, Constance Tiffany of Baroda, Michigan; two sons, Richard Rimmer of Madison, and Andrew Rimmer of Olive Hill, Tennessee; three sisters, Hazel Benedict, Bessie Taylor and Urmal Calkins, all of California; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Harley Schander and Frank Ricks in the Madison Campus church with burial in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Madison.

SCHRADER, Mrs. Emma A., was born in Wilton, New York, July 30, 1892, and passed away in New Port Richey, Florida, November 18, 1976. She was a member of the Clearwater SDA church and had been a Seventh-day Adventist for 43 years. Survivors include her husband Orville of New Port Richey; two brothers, Corlis Varney and Lewis Varney, both of Hudson Falls, New York; and one sister, Marguerite Jones, also of Hudson Falls. Burial was in the Corinth Cemetery in Corinth, New York.

STORY, Mrs. Dora Mable, 87, died October 19, 1976, in Dickson, Tennessee. Mrs. Story, a member of the Dickson church, was the daughter of the late Joe and Alice Johnson Sheley. She is survived by her husband, Roy, of Dickson; one son, Harlan Story of Dickson; one grandchild and three great-grandchildren. Carl J. Smith conducted the service in the chapel of the Dickson Funeral Home. Mrs. Story was laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dickson.

WHITE, Zachariah, a member of the Table Rock, North Carolina, church, died September, 1976. He is survived by his wife, Rosa Coleman; three sons, John, Kelvin and Jeremiah; three daughters, Gladys, La Shanda, and Tanya; and his parents and many friends. Dan Stevens conducted the funeral services.

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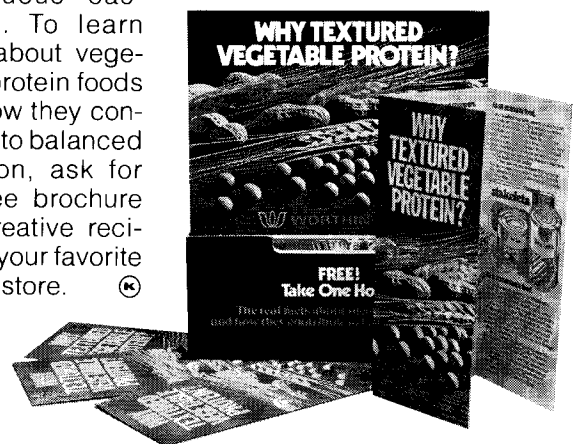
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