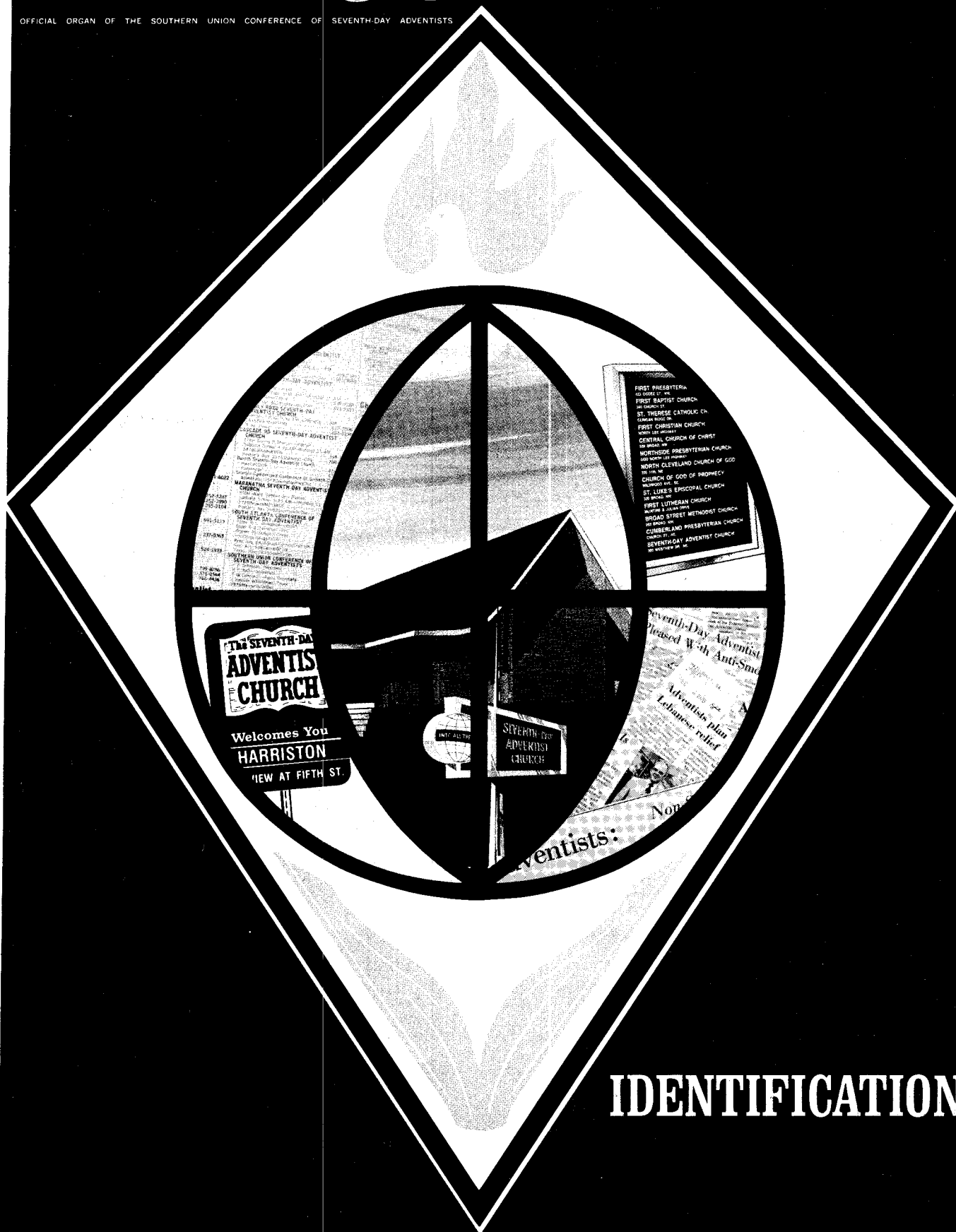


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# SOUTHERN TIDINGS

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## IDENTIFICATION

# TOTAL Church

## What's in a name?

Some titles are associated with happiness, service, or integrity. Others conjure up mental images of fear, inconsistency, or repulsion.

What meaning does the name "Seventh-day Adventist" have for the people in your community? Concern? Honesty? Love? Trust?

Surely not strange, self-centered, aloof, or belligerent?

Unfortunately, the name "Seventh-day Adventist" has little meaning for many because they know so little about the people and the message behind the name. In fact, the name itself may be unfamiliar.

Name recognition is important. Politicians spend thousands to achieve it. Businesses turn their advertising genius loose to obtain it. It is also important to Seventh-day Adventists. The reasons are many. Ellen White mentioned some of them:

"The name Seventh-day Adventist carries the true features of our faith in front, and will convict the inquiring mind." (*Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 224).

Carl and his sister were trying to decide where to attend church. Carl wanted to find a church that kept the Bible Sabbath. The next day they saw a sign pointing the way to the Seventh-day Adventist church. Soon, both made their decision to become members.

One man who had attended an Adventist school as a child passed an SDA church highway sign on his daily commuter route. "We must go to that church some day," he told his wife.

"Why not now?" she asked.

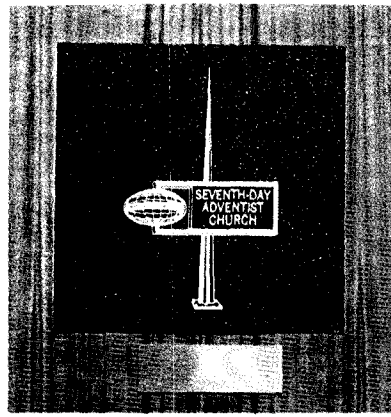
The next Sabbath found them in church. They are faithful members today.

"Like an arrow from the Lord's quiver, it (the name Seventh-day Adventist) will wound the transgressor of God's law, and will lead to repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." (*Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 224).

A few months after the erection of a roadside sign, it mysteriously disappeared. The pastor began asking questions. A service station attendant had seen a lady digging around it for two days. The pastor called at the home of a Bible correspondent student. She confessed. "I had to pass that sign to get home. I just couldn't face the name Seventh-day Adventist again, so I had to take it down!"

The churches in the Southern Union are aiming toward total identification. One of the most effective





This plaque will be awarded to those churches reaching certain standards in church identification. The inscription will carry the church name, followed by the ascription, "A Totally Identified Church."

# Identification

by George A. Powell

methods has been the church highway sign program. More than 1,250 signs have been erected since the sign program was initiated eight years ago. Ranging from small "teardrop" directional signs along city streets to interstate highway billboards, they carry on a silent witness for the church 24 hours a day.

Another facet of the total identification program is motel/hotel listings. Travelers are thus informed of the existence and location of the Seventh-day Adventist church(es) in the city.

Telephone listings are a valuable source of reference to people seeking information about the Adventist church.

A church could hardly be considered totally identified unless it maintained consistent contact with the media. An active church communication secretary, with the support of the pastor and other officers, can have considerable impact on the community through newspaper articles and radio and television announcements, interviews, or reports. The mission of the church and its concern for humanity can thus be communicated to the community.

Another integral phase of total identification involves the church property. An attractive exterior sign should identify the church. The lawn and building should be properly maintained, so as to project a positive image of

the church. The interior should be neat, the bulletin carefully prepared, and ushers on hand to welcome guests.

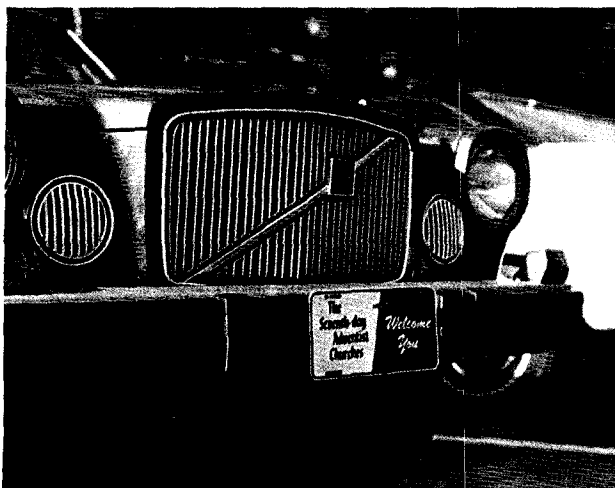
Awards are being presented to those churches that qualify as being totally identified. These plaques are designed to be displayed in the foyer of the church as long as it maintains its total identification program. Churches interested in becoming more adequately identified should contact their local conference communication director.

What's in a name? A great deal. And the members of the Southern Union Conference are committed to making the name Seventh-day Adventist a respected household word throughout the eight southeastern states.



L. A. Watson erects and inspects signs throughout the Southern Union. He is also available to church boards for counsel and information.

From automobile tags to interstate highway billboards, the Communication Department seeks to extend a welcome to travelers to visit a Seventh-day Adventist church.



# Dateline ..... Data

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## DECATUR, GEORGIA — — —

Membership in the Southern Union Conference reached 82,095 as of December 31, 1976. This reflects a net gain of 1,403 for the fourth quarter and 3,370 for the year. The conferences, in order of size, are: Florida, 17,413; South Atlantic, 16,656; Georgia-Cumberland, 14,900; South Central, 10,480; Carolina, 8,920; Kentucky-Tennessee, 8,164; Alabama-Mississippi, 5,562. Baptisms and professions of faith totaled 5,798 for the year.

## CALIFORNIA — — —

Almost two thousand Californians have already requested applications for a so-called "living will" provided by state laws in effect since January 1. Under the California Natural Death Act, persons may prohibit use of artificial means to sustain their life during the terminal state of an illness. California is the first state to provide legal, medical, and ethical standards by which terminally ill patients may claim the right to die. The controversial law passed this fall over the objections of some doctors and the charges of many religious bodies that the proposed law legalized mercy killings and suicides.

## COLLEGE DALE, TENNESSEE — — —

The Board of Trustees at its annual meeting in February indicated that serious consideration would be given to a name change for Southern Missionary College. The possible vote for the name change will come at the Board's April meeting. At that time, various suggestions will be heard from the constituency, faculty, alumni, and students. Over the past 10 years polls have indicated that "Southern Adventist College" would be the most popular choice. Recently, the General Conference suggested to its hospitals and educational institutions that the word "Adventist" be included in the name if such is feasible and advantageous. The thought behind the suggestion is that the name would be a strong advertisement for the church as well as the institution. Also, experience overseas has indicated in the past 10 to 20 years that some foreign countries are coming to realize their national identity and national consciousness to the extent that they somewhat resent Americans and others sending "missionaries" to them. Southern Missionary College wants to preserve the religious flavor of its name, yet it wants to comply with the suggestion of the General Conference, not wanting to prejudice foreign countries against missionaries or Southern Missionary College.

## LINCOLN, NEBRASKA — — —

During the month of December, the Christian Record Braille Foundation added 980 new readers. "Readers" are those who ask for the free records, cassettes, tapes, or braille and large print magazines. More than 100 representatives throughout the United States work full time to meet the needs of 32,000 blind or visually handicapped people. In addition to the above-mentioned services, the foundation also sponsors camps for the blind.

## TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND — — —

Initial responses to the P.R.E.A.C.H. project range from the comment, "Trash," to, "We are so interested we would like to know where the nearest Seventh-day Adventist church is, to become better acquainted." P.R.E.A.C.H. (Project for Reaching Every Active Clergyman at Home) is a pilot project adopted by the Columbia Union Conference to send 25,000 copies of *The Ministry* every other month to non-Adventist clergymen. *The Ministry* is a journal for Seventh-day Adventist ministers. The program began with the September, 1975, issue. Of the approximately 25,000 who received eight issues of *The Ministry* mailed to date, 23,500 still remain on the mailing list. Over 800 responses to the November, 1976, issue alone have been received from non-Adventist ministers in the territory of this one union conference. This issue contained articles on some crucial subjects, such as prophetic interpretation, the millennium, salvation by faith, creationism, vegetarianism, and man's original diet, etc.



by G. N. Kovalski

**W**e believe that we are the one remaining challenge to antichrist, and that in earth's last generation this church will be forced to stand against hell's legions." A solemn pronouncement—but a true one. According to the understanding of prophecy with which the Seventh-day Adventist Church is blessed, the denominational leaders gearing up last fall for an assault on "Laodicea" were right on target.

#### MOVEMENT OF DESTINY

This church is not just another church. It is God's movement in the last days to prepare a world for the return of its Creator. This will cause opposition, for the antichrist is not anxious to see the Creator come, but the church will, "in spite of all opposition, come through victoriously." Provided, of course, that we respond to the challenge for unparalleled action now.

The document (partially quoted above) accompanying the Annual Council action of "Evangelism and Finishing God's Work" goes on to appeal for decisive action by conferences and churches to plan and implement steps "to reach every person in the geographical area for which they are responsible." This is not just high-sounding rhetoric, it's serious!

#### PLAN OF ACTION

The Alabama-Mississippi Conference is taking this challenge seriously. With the conference-wide theme, "Together for a Finished Work," 1977 began with an accelerated evangelistic thrust. The conference personnel, pastors, and churches have drafted plans to reach the 4,356,772 people in this territory. Evangelists, pastors, teachers, medical people, and other church members are working together—for a finished work.

#### NEW CHURCHES

Six years ago there was no organized work in Phenix City, with a metropolitan population of 45,000, or Troy, or Seale, or Eufaula. Today there are three organized churches and one company which will soon be an organized church. These Southeast Alabama churches exist because ministers, physicians, teachers, and laymen planned and worked together.

#### NEW BUILDINGS

Open house for the new 120-seat sanctuary and church plant in Phenix City was held January 8 with nearly 200 members and friends in attendance. In just

four years the church has grown from a couple of scattered members to 40 active Christians with a beautiful church.

Other church facilities to better represent the gospel and house growing congregations are being built, opened, and dedicated:

- St. Elmo, Alabama**—new church opened in February.
- Greenville, Mississippi**—church dedication in February.
- Meridian, Mississippi**—church dedication in March.
- Prichard, Alabama**—new church under construction.
- Troy, Alabama**—new company organized in January—\$5,000 acre tract purchased.
- Andalusia, Alabama**—new church under construction—youth project.
- Dothan, Alabama**—multi-purpose school building under construction.
- Greater Birmingham area**—new school gym under construction.

#### OUTREACH PROGRAMS

From the 61 local churches and 28 district pastors, plans of action indicate some exciting new witnessing concepts along with an acceleration of more traditional approaches.

- Bulk mailing of literature.
- Newspaper witnessing ads and pastors' columns.
- Mass distribution of small books.
- Radio broadcasts by local pastors and churches.
- Radio and TV spot evangelism.
- Telephone evangelism.
- Better-living evangelism.

#### PUBLIC CRUSADES

Fourteen public evangelistic crusades within the first four months of 1977 will bring the truth to hundreds of these people, and many will choose the Way:

- January 8-February 12 — Jackson, Mississippi  
(Cox Prophecy Crusade)
- January 9-February 5 — Leeds, Alabama
- January 15-February 4 — Ft. Walton Beach, Florida
- January 15-February 11 — Mobile, Alabama  
(Faith for Today team)
- February 5-March 5 — Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- February 20-March 18 — Huntsville, Alabama
- March 3-13 — Columbia, Mississippi
- March 5-April 2 — Brookhaven, Mississippi
- March 22-April 5 — Selma, Alabama
- April 1-16 — Jackson, Alabama
- April 2-16 — Marianna, Florida
- April 16-May 4 — Montgomery, Alabama  
(Faith for Today team)
- (To be arranged) — Birmingham, Alabama
- (To be arranged) — Water Valley-Oxford, Mississippi

#### PROGRESS REPORTS

The conference-wide plan of action calls for periodic progress reports which will be reviewed by the Conference Committee and Laymen's Advisory Committee. Periodic progress reports will be issued to the entire conference constituency. The many plans of action drafted are only good as they are successfully carried out. Challenging one another and uniting in service will accomplish the goal.

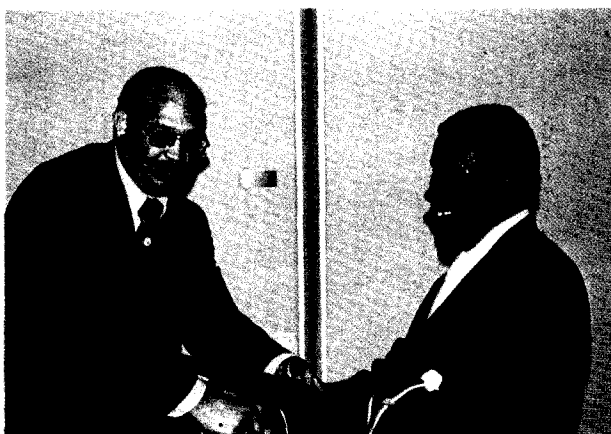
The conference membership ratio to population is 1:783. There are 69 cities of 5,000 or more population in which the Alabama-Mississippi Conference has no church. The challenge is great! The greatest need now is for dedicated, spirit-filled men and women. It is "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." (Zech. 4:6).

**Together for a Finished Work!**



L. Blackwell (center) receives the "Pastor of the Year Award" at the annual South Central workers' meeting. Blackwell raised up a church in West Point, Mississippi, and remodeled and refurnished a church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Presenting the award are D. A. Walker (left), conference treasurer, and President C. E. Dudley.

President Dudley speaks at the organization of the Columbia, Tennessee, church January 8. H. Kibble is the pastor of the congregation.



J. A. Jones receives a plaque from Dudley for being the conference's greatest soul-winner for 1976. Jones baptized 100 persons. He also raised up the Orion church in Hazelhurst, Mississippi.

# Dark County Blitz

by I. J. Johnson

**T**here are 387 counties in South Central Conference. At the beginning of 1976 there was an Adventist church of this conference in only 43 of them, leaving 344 dark counties.

In 1976 four dark counties were lighted by the organization of an Adventist church in them. It is interesting that the new churches in all four dark counties were started by the combined work of laymen and pastors.

On November 21, 1976, the board of directors of the Lay Advisory Council met. The following five-point program was among the recommendations sent to and accepted by the conference committee on December 22, 1976:

1. That laymen from every church be encouraged to enter a dark county, hold a meeting and establish a church in this dark county.

2. To organize a Committee of 200 to underwrite this planned laymen's blitz.
  - a. That this Committee of 200 be made up of laymen who have a burden for the 1977 dark county blitz—enough to give \$10 per month or a total of \$120 (minimum) in 1977. This would create a \$24,000 fund for the layman's dark county movement.
  - b. That an account in the name of the Committee of 200 be opened at the Community Federal Savings and Loan Association in Nashville, Tennessee, with D. A. Walker, conference treasurer, holding said funds.
3. That \$300 matching money go to recommended laymen who hold meetings in dark counties on a first come basis up to \$12,000.
4. That \$12,000 be used to get buildings started in dark counties.
5. That South Central members be invited to join the Committee of 200 by sending a check of \$10 or more to Committee of 200, 715 Young's Lane, Nashville, Tennessee 37207.

On December 4, 1976, at the officers' meeting in Huntsville, President C. E. Dudley challenged every church to "light a dark county!" He called it "Dark County Blitz." He urged every officer and departmental leader to select a dark county near them and go into that county and win souls and establish a church in 1977.

"Let's work together for a finished work," the president urged. "Let every officer and departmental leader of the conference engage personally in a soul-winning effort in 1977."

On January 8, 1977, a new church was organized in Columbia, Tennessee. A little girl was sent to Friendship Camp by a member of the Hillcrest church in Nashville. She was so impressed with the camp and the family noticed such a change in her that they wanted to come to the church. After some years of witness and study, 35 persons in that area were baptized. They now have plans of building a church in Columbia, Tennessee, in 1977.

Joe Dent, the educational director of the conference, has been personally involved in a Bible study at the Meharry Medical College where some students come together for information. At present 17 have been baptized. As many as 75 have been in attendance.

Henry Holt, youth director of the conference, has selected Tupelo, Mississippi, as his spot for evangelism this summer. He is organizing the youth of the conference to work with him in establishing a church in that dark county.

C. E. Dudley, conference president, plans an evangelistic effort and encourages all of the office personnel and church members to work together in this "Dark County Blitz." When asked how we will provide buildings for the new churches, he answered, "God will provide the buildings if we go out and win the souls."

M. E. Joiner, lay activities director, is as excited about the Dark County Blitz as the president and envisions "an Adventist march into many dark counties." He has large maps around his office and prays daily that the dark counties may be lighted with the word of God.



Kenneth Cox, evangelist for the Southern Union, held a crusade in Charlotte from November 6-December 11 which has resulted in the addition of 110 to the Adventist Church. The 26 multi-media presentations utilized 12 slide projectors and two motion picture projectors.

The baptistry is full as M. Donovan Oswald, pastor of the Sharon church, baptizes James Mertz and his five lovely daughters. They were among 92 baptized as a result of the crusade in Charlotte. Eighteen others joined by profession of faith.



# The Son Shines in Charlotte

by Sandra Wallace Powell

photography by Lin Powell

Many people in Charlotte who have dwelt for years under the dark clouds of confusion and ignorance have, for the first time, experienced the joy of seeing the light break through the clouds. Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, has brightened their lives and given them knowledge and understanding. He has dispelled the darkness from their lives by leading them to attend the Kenneth Cox Prophecy Crusade, which ran from November 6-December 11 at the Sharon church in Charlotte.

During the five-week, multi-media crusade, 193 people accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and 110 of these have already united with the Adventist Church. Ninety-two have been baptized and 18 have joined by profession of faith.

M. Donovan Oswald, pastor of the Sharon church, reports that the many new members are making possible the formation of a new church. "The Concord com-

pany," he says, "will become a strong church with about 40 members."

During the crusade, many experienced the joy of discovering the truths of the Bible for the first time. Susan Steele, one of the newly baptized members, expresses her feelings about what she has heard. "It's just wonderful to find a church that believes that the Bible is the exact Word of God and that doesn't try to change it and that believes just what it says. I really feel that God led me here," she testifies. "I just feel like I've finally come home."

An average of 500 people came nightly. The presentation of "The Mark of the Beast" drew the highest attendance during the double-session series, with 705 attending. A total of 708 non-Adventists attended at least one evening of the crusade.

The visitation program was carried out by crusade team members and by Pastors M. Donovan Oswald,



Hubert James, Jack Fry, Marvin Hunt, Graham Bingham, and Steve Galimore.

A total of 2,300 books were given away to those in attendance at the crusade.

A Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was held in conjunction with the crusade. Of the 65 who enrolled in the program, 80 per cent kicked the habit.

Norman and Barbara Meares had attended various churches during the six years of their marriage, but as Barbara recalls, "There was always something missing. Here at the crusade we have found the truth. What Pastor Cox says is all right there in the Bible. You can't deny it, because it's there."

"Other preachers tell you what you want to hear," Norman adds, "but Kenneth Cox has told us things that were from the Bible — things that we needed to hear. I thank God that we've found this message."

The wonderful thing about light is that it grows brighter when it is shared. Much of the success of the crusade was brought about by the witness of church members who shared their light with others.

In January of 1976, Dick and Debbie Redfern moved next door to an Adventist family, John and Marilyn Amick. The two families soon became close friends, and the Christian witness of the Amicks touched the lives of Dick and Debbie. As Debbie comments, "Their testimony and their daily living just really meant a lot to us. We could see that there was something very meaningful in their lives."

Dick and Debbie were actively involved in a church, but as they studied the Bible they had many questions that weren't being answered. "At night I would go to bed and really pray for the Lord to show us the truth and show us the way He wanted us to go," reveals Debbie.

When the Prophecy Crusade came to Charlotte, the Amicks gave Dick and Debbie a special invitation, and they began to attend. As the Bible messages were unfolded each night, Dick and Debbie would listen and then would go home and study the sermon outlines that were given out after each presentation. "We kept going through these over and over," Dick says. "I'm sort of a bull-headed type of a guy that doesn't believe anything unless I can see it in black and white. I didn't believe any of this until I had gotten my Bible down and had gone over exactly what Kenneth Cox had said, and never truer words were ever spoken. The Bible backed him up 100 per cent."

Dick and Debbie began to understand the answers to many of the questions that had puzzled them before. Dick comments, "I have learned more about the Bible and about Christ's life in the few weeks that I have been coming here than I have for the first 30 years of my life."

Even after Dick was convinced of the rightness of our doctrines, he underwent a close struggle in deciding whether or not he would accept them into his life. Could his family leave the church where they already held offices and responsibilities? Could he keep the Sabbath when he had a wife and three children to support? Marilyn Amick encouraged him, "Don't worry. Let the Lord take care of it." But it was a struggle to simply trust.

On the night before the crusade ended, Dick and Debbie still had not made a decision. John Amick was there to comfort them. As the two families sat in the church together after the presentation, John leaned over and said, "We just want you to know that we love you."

It was a long night for Dick. He stayed up the entire night walking back and forth, wrestling with the decision. What he did not know was that next door John was up, too, praying for them.

The next morning Dick still had not made a decision, but the family got dressed and came to Sabbath school.



Norman and Barbara Meares are thankful to have found the truth as it is in God's Word.

"I guess it was the devil working until I got to the doors of the church," Dick says, "but when I walked in that door and we sat down, we knew, and we could not be happier."

Debbie agrees. "It is the most beautiful experience in my life. This has meant so much to us, and I know it's only the beginning. I just look forward to growing in Christ and to finding out more and more about the Bible. It's like an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and for being closer to Him. I know that we've made a decision that we'll never regret."

Dick sums up what Jesus means to him: "Jesus is like a new day. He's the difference between dark and light — only usually you don't realize that you've tended to be in the dark for so long until you come to the light. Then finally you see a Man, of flesh and blood like us, who gave Himself for us and has gone back to His Father. We could never pay back enough for what He's done. He's the best Friend that anybody could ever have. He's a guiding light."

Jesus, through His servants, has guided many to Himself, the Light of the world, during this Charlotte crusade. As the new members unite with the old in carrying the truth which they have found to others, the light will grow brighter and brighter until all of Charlotte is filled with the Son.



Dick and Debbie Redfern's decision to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church was influenced by the witness and encouragement of an Adventist family who live next door.



The Dyersburg, Tennessee, "Miracle Bus."

# THE MIRACLE BUS

by J. W. Clarke

The Dyersburg, Tennessee, church, with a membership of 51, has had some thrilling experiences recently. In addition to a new church building being erected, the church has purchased a bus for their Pathfinder club. Although there are only 15 members in the club, with about half of them non-Seventh-day Adventists, they are an active club. In fact, they accumulated more points last year than any other club in the conference.

Now about the "Miracle Bus." Returning from friendship camp with one of their Pathfinders who is a Catholic, the father of this girl said he had a friend who offered \$50 to help this club get a bus. It was agreed that this would be the beginning of a savings account.

The following day, without knowing about the \$50 offer, a member called Pastor George Carpenter about an ad in the paper of a church bus for sale. Arrangements were made to go and see the bus. Explanations were made to the deacon of the Baptist church, which owned the bus, that they "would really like to have it, but just couldn't afford it."

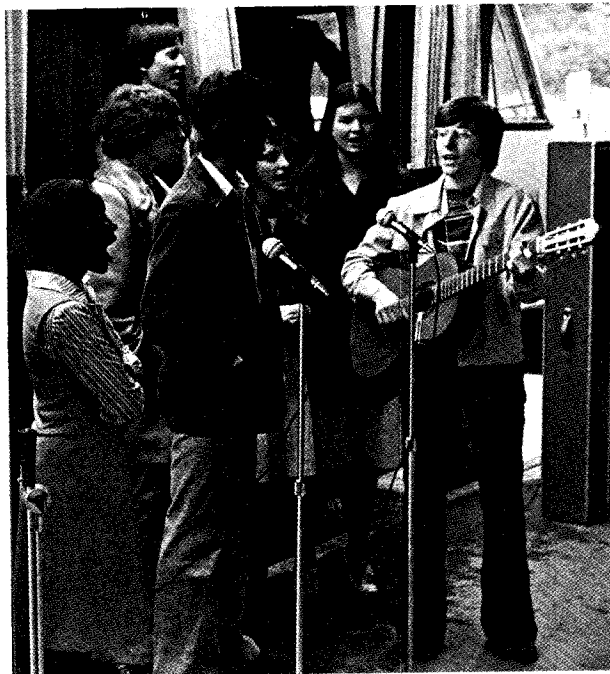
The following day several members joined the pastor and his wife, Judy, who is the Pathfinder director, as they examined the bus and drove it. As they were

leaving, the deacon came running to them and asked if they really wanted the bus. Judy answered, "We sure do, but we just don't have the money." He then explained that he had presented this to his church the night before at their prayer meeting. They had heard and read of the Pathfinder club and decided they wanted to help. The bus cost \$800.

"If you can give us \$200 by tomorrow, the rest can come in payments," the deacon offered. Judy quickly agreed to this, although she didn't know where she would get the \$200. The parents joined with her and they began to make telephone calls. A candidate running for public office gave \$25. The postmaster, store owners, parents, and friends contributed. By 3 p.m. the next day, she had \$225. The \$200 was paid and a note signed. The transfer of title, fees, and registration amounted to \$24.21. This left 79 cents.

In the next few weeks, more contributions came in from the local newspaper, a car dealer, a bank president, and others. This put them several months ahead on their payments.

The Carpenters and the members of the Dyersburg church, along with their Pathfinders, have good reason to believe that God has blessed their Pathfinder club with a "miracle bus."



Outreach activities were held at seven locations in Asheville Saturday afternoon. These students from Bass Memorial Academy witnessed in a shopping mall. Other delegations held better living demonstrations at parks, public buildings, downtown streets, and other malls.



Mike Brevig from Forest Lake Academy, uses ventriloquism to accent his temperance speech Saturday night.



Asheville Mayor Eugene Ochsemreiter (second from right) welcomed the youth to the city and commended them for their interest in drug prevention and better living in a Saturday afternoon meeting on the courthouse steps. Ralph P. Peay (left) and Clayton R. Farwell, associate director and director of Southern Union Temperance activities, respectively, and G. J. Bertochini, associate temperance director of the General Conference, presented a plaque to Mayor Ochsemreiter as an expression of appreciation for his cooperation.

## ADVENTIST YOUTH FOR BETTER LIVING INVADE ASHEVILLE

by George A. Powell

When 200 teenagers converge on a site, almost anything can happen! But when those teenagers are Seventh-day Adventist youth from the academies and junior academies of the Southern Union, chances are excellent that the impact will be positive.

The officers and contest winners of eight senior and four junior academy chapters of Adventist Youth for Better Living met for the annual Southern Union Conference Academy Temperance Weekend February 11 and 12 at Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler, North Carolina.

On Saturday morning the various groups fanned out into the area Adventist churches where they were responsible for the worship service. In these presentations the prize-winning essays were read, orations given, jingles recited, and posters and cartoons displayed.

The afternoon outreach consisted of better-living demonstrations in seven locations in Asheville, culminating in a meeting with the mayor. The demonstrations featured singing, puppet shows on temperance, and displaying temperance placards in parks and along city streets.

A band concert and gymnastics performance by the host academy introduced the Saturday night program, followed by orations from five of the delegations.

Seven of the 12 clubs in attendance qualified for gold awards for excellence in temperance promotion: Cascade Junior, Forest Lake, Georgia-Cumberland, Greater Miami, Knoxville Junior, Louisville Junior, and Madison. Bass Memorial and Highland received silver awards, with Collegedale, Mount Pisgah, and Jacksonville Junior earning bronze awards.

# late news of the conferences



## ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI



Conference Treasurer Richard Center reports a **TITHE INCREASE** of 12.7 per cent for 1976.

**THE 10 PLUS 10 STEWARDSHIP PLAN** is being initiated in many of the churches within the conference.

**EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS** have recently begun in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, with Wally Mandigo and Clark Acker; Huntsville, Alabama, with Gary Deem; Columbia, Mississippi, with Pastors Gilkeson and Russo along with students from Bass Memorial Academy; and Brookhaven, Mississippi, with Evangelist W. H. Patsel and Marvin Whitney.

**PRAYER MEETING ATTENDANCE** in the Huntsville, Alabama, church has climbed to over 100 according to reports from pastor Gary Deem. The church has also revived its choir.

The Pensacola, Florida, Home and School has taken on the project of **REMODELING THE SCHOOL LIBRARY**. This will include new carpet, book shelves, drapes, and a check-out desk, among other improvements.

A **YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONVENTION** held at Camp Alamisco drew church youth leaders from around the conference January 28-30 in an intense training session. Lewis Hendershot, conference youth leader, and Clay Farwell, Southern Union youth leader, led out.

Recent **PURCHASES** for Bass Memorial Academy from the supportive Committee of 100 funds include a new campus locking system, library books, cafeteria chairs, welder, and biology lab models.



## CAROLINA

There are currently 13 **CHURCHES UNDER CONSTRUCTION** in Carolina. Eleven are new church facilities and two of them are classroom additions.

Dwight P. Herbert, pastor of the Boone, North Carolina, company, conducted a **FIVE-DAY PLAN** in the Watauga High School. Among the students attending 48 quit smoking. But the best news resulting from this program is that Herbert is now regularly recognized by the young people who frequently stop him on the street to chat.

Jerry Fitzgerald, RN, a graduate of the Fletcher School of Nursing, has been **APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICE** at the Transylvania Community Hospital in Brevard, North Carolina.

Year-end reports show the growing **CAROLINA MEMBERSHIP** at 8,920 members. Baptisms during 1976 showed a gain over the previous year with 589 souls joining various churches throughout the conference.

For the first time in the history of the Kenersville, North Carolina, church more than \$100,000 was returned in **TITHE** for 1976. This was a gain of over \$15,000 for the 208-member church.

John Thurber, conference Youth Evangelist, began his **NEW SERIES ON THE HOME**, "For Better Or For Worse," in Statesville, North Carolina, on January 15. More than 20 churches in the conference have already scheduled the weekend seminar.

Prior to its organization as a church on January 15, the Concord-Kannapolis company solicited their full **INGATHERING** goal and donated an amount equal to the goal above that. Pastor Hubert James reported 100 per cent membership participation.

Arthur Hirsch, pastor of the Kingstree-Manning, South Carolina, district, has a **DAILY RADIO PROGRAM**, called "Focus," at 9:50 a.m. over station WDKD in Kingstree.

In a recent issue of the North Carolina Hospital Association paper, "In Print," an **ARTICLE ON HEALTH MAINTENANCE** cited a 1958 health study of Seventh-day Adventist men to show how that lifestyle can be a big factor maintaining good health.

**J. G. Graves** of the Goldsboro-Kinston, North Carolina, district reports that the **MEMBERSHIP** in Goldsboro now stands at 81, up 23 from the last official count. Welcome is extended to the newest members of the Goldsboro church. The church has plans to add to the present facility.



February 5 was a special date in the Carolinas. Throughout the conference, PERSONAL TOUCH EVANGELISM, utilizing the new Basic Bible materials, got under way. A three-minute taped message from E. S. Reile, conference president, was played in every church in the Carolinas emphasizing this all-out, every-member effort to advance the cause of Christ.

Members of the Charlotte-Sharon church have recently launched the first phase of their follow-up ministry to the 109 new members who joined the church through Kenneth Cox's public meetings last November and December. This highly personalized ministry is called the GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM. Each of the new members is assigned a spiritual guardian from among the membership who will seek to encourage them through conversation, prayer, fellowship, and just plain caring.

Evangelist Don Shelton and his wife, Anita, opened a SERIES OF MEETINGS in Orangeburg, South Carolina, January 8. They are located in a new National Guard Army facility. Pastor Herb Weise reported an opening night attendance of 500.

Elder and Mrs. Harold Turner, conference evangelist, opened a series in Albemarle, North Carolina, to a CROWD OF 250. The meetings are being held in the National Guard Army. Despite the bitterly cold weather the attendance is remaining fairly constant. District Pastor, Herb Crawley, has been looking forward to this meeting for some time inasmuch as he came into the message just a few years ago through one of Turner's series.

The pastor of a local independent church in Raleigh, North Carolina, came and brought his ENTIRE CHURCH of 56 members with him to the meetings being held by Elders Pollard and Mahorney. Pastor H. L. Gallimore reports that an average of 250 persons have been attending this series which began January 8 in the Women's Club of Raleigh.

The less than 60 members of the Bliss Memorial church in Lawndale, North Carolina, returned more than \$4,500 in INVESTMENT offerings in 1976, due in no small part to the offering turned in by the Houser family of Vale, North Carolina. Harvey Houser and his wife, Coleen, along with their five children, grow chickens for their livelihood. Several years ago the Housers determined that they would set a price for their chickens and anything they received above that price during certain seasons would be returned for investment. The plan was so successful that they determined to return everything above their needs on a year-round basis. In 1975 more than \$1,500 was turned in. And in 1976 nearly \$3,500 was returned. Houser attributes the success to the Lord. "I don't feel like we have done anything. We are an average-income family like most people. Anything that has been done, the Lord did it all."



A PATHFINDER STAFF TRAINING WEEKEND for south Florida was conducted recently. Many plans were made for having a strong Pathfinder program. Members attending the training fulfilled their Master Guide requirements for Pathfinder staff training course. Three new Pathfinder clubs were organized in January: Daytona Beach with George Weeks as director; Cocoa with Ed Strawder as director; and Miami Maranatha with Cosmos Janes, director.

A ROCK CLIMB conducted by the Florida Wilderness Club was held in January just north of Ocala off Highway 441. Another climb is scheduled for March 27. Everyone with an interest in learning this exciting sport is welcome to attend.

In November of 1976 the Pinellas County Red Cross honored the Clearwater Community Services with a plaque for their OUTSTANDING SERVICE to the community following a tornado which damaged the area in August of that year.

The Eustis church reports four BAPTISMS as a result of their community service programs and one other individual is preparing for baptism.

Professor Rochelle Philmon Kilgore was GUEST OF HONOR at the December 26, 1976, meeting of the Florida Chapter of the Atlantic Union College Alumni Association in Orlando, Florida. She is also recipient of the Chapter's Bicentennial Award for outstanding service to humanity, as "Christian Educator, International Consultant, Friend" to numerous students, servicemen, and young people whose lives she touched during her long and illustrious career. Her 50 years of teaching in SDA schools began in 1903, the last 25 of which were at AUC. One of Mrs. Kilgore's major interests since 1941 has been her work for servicemen and women and, since the war, working for young people of other countries. She has counseled youth of several European countries, helping many of them find ways of getting an education and come to the United States. She has had two to four foreign students in her home all the time, and not even she is sure how many she has sponsored and helped.

Ron Wiggins, communication director, reports that over 5,000 TAPES OF CAMP MEETING PROGRAMS were processed and sent out to members of the conference during the summer and winter of 1976-77. This total is more than two and a half times the number processed in 1975, which was 1,634. The first year, 1974, only 1,546 tapes were processed. A new system will be set up for next year's camp meeting tape series that will streamline the operation to have tapes out within about 30 days after the conclusion of camp meeting.



Communication has become somewhat of the watchword at the Kissimmee SDA church in the past few years. Pastor Marc Beaven and his laymen have been extremely active in building up the church's reputation in this small Central Florida community. Recently, the church received approval to place a LITERATURE RACK in the AMTRAK station in Kissimmee. The philosophy of the Kissimmee church is to spread light to the community in a variety of ways and as often as possible. The literature rack (the first and only one in the station) is one more way of spreading God's precious truths.



## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



SABBATH SCHOOL MISSION GIVING reached \$531,976.12 in 1976, reports Sabbath School Director J. L. Price. This is the first year that Sabbath school mission offerings have exceeded the half million dollar mark, and represents the highest total in the Southern Union.

Conference Evangelism Coordinator Everett Cumbo joined with Pastor Gordon Weidemann in REVIVAL MEETINGS in the Knoxville, Tennessee, church January 15-22. The series focused on the life of Peter, and special emphasis was given to visiting non-attending members. Collegedale Youth Pastor Ron Rodgers conducted week-of-prayer meetings for Knoxville Junior Academy students, and music was provided by Don and Nancy Troyer of Macon. Three persons were baptized in a beautiful candlelight service Friday night, and several others are preparing for baptism in the near future.

TITHES in 1976 exceeded \$5 million for the first time in Georgia-Cumberland history, according to Treasurer H. R. Trout, reaching \$5,164,945.59. "This represents a gain of \$564,927.63 over 1975, and is just one more tribute to the faithfulness of God's people," says Trout.

Stewardship Director J. L. Price visited with a young couple recently who began following the 10 PLUS 10 + PLAN a year ago. They were rather hesitant to begin with, wondering if it would work out and what would happen, as their financial situation was nip and tuck. They had been giving about five per cent in addition to the tithe, and there never seemed to be anything left over. They were unable to save, their cars needed repairs and one needed a new engine. But they stepped out in faith, and the Lord has blessed. At the end of the year they had saved enough to buy some needed furniture. "The Lord is not going to make it so we can be extravagant, but He made it so we can live better, and we have the satisfaction of knowing we are able to contribute more to the Lord's work," is their testimony.

Youth Director John Strickland reports that 70 academy students enrolled in a PERSONAL WITNESSING CLASS begun at Georgia-Cumberland Academy January 23. Plans call for extensive practical experience in community witnessing.



## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference pastors and evangelists BAPTIZED 463 for the year 1976.

K. D. Johnson, president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, reports that the CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP HAS CLIMBED to 8,164 at the end of 1976. This is a gain of 367 for the year.

A FIVE-DAY PLAN was conducted at Volunteer State Community College, Gallatin, Tennessee. Requested by the psychology department, the program was attended by the students and community of Hendersonville and Gallatin. Those assisting in the program were Dr. Jim Ladd, Dr. Ralph Ruckle, and Pastor Jim Ferguson.

Students from Highland Academy presented PROGRAMS in Lexington, Winchester, and London, Kentucky, the weekend of January 28-30. The newly acquired Dodge 15-passenger van, piloted by Principal LaVern Opp, was used for the first time.

The Youth Coordinating Committee met Monday night, January 24, to map plans for YOUTH INVOLVEMENT in a forthcoming youth revival. W. C. Arnold and Jim Ferguson coordinated the meeting.

Jeff Johnston and Bret Britton, Madison Academy students, conducted the SABBATH SERVICES at Cave Springs School, assisted by Elder and Mrs. W. C. Arnold.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOPS were held in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference on February 13, 19, and 20. These workshops were for the benefit of all children's division leaders and teachers. This is the second quarterly workshop held in the conference and is the beginning of a quarterly workshop program which has been begun by the Sabbath School Department.







MASS VISITATION DAY, an outreach, is planned in every church in the conference for Sabbath, March 12. Each member will be going from door to door visiting their friends giving away the new 1977 missionary book of the year, *Goodbye Planet Earth*. W. M. Abbott, Jr., lay activities director, says church members and pastors are uniting in this special visitation day.

The annual missionary journal MINISTERS' MEETING is scheduled for Monday, March 21, in the chapel of the Southern Publishing Association. At that meeting plans will be developed to encourage the churches in the conference to send *These Times* to every home where a church is located.

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference has gone well over its INGATHERING goal, according to W. M. Abbott, lay activities director. Many of the churches and districts reached a super goal of 10 per cent above their regular goals.



Hugh V. Leggett reports that pastors and evangelists have over 30 SERIES OF MEETINGS planned for 1977. Included in this number are the meetings opened in the St. Matthews, Kentucky, church on January 14 with Jerry Willis and Pastor Herb Hewitt. In spite of heavy snow and ice over 120 were present. About one fourth of these were visitors.



## SOUTH CENTRAL



South Central Conference WEEKEND AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE was one of the best. H. Kibble presented the worship hour message with 16 persons joining the church. Among those joining were students from A & M College in Huntsville, Alabama. During the afternoon a soul-winning testimony program was given by students from Meharry Medical School. The weekend was closed with a banquet Saturday evening where scholarships were presented to special students from throughout the conference.

Pastor L. Blackwell of Columbus, Mississippi, was selected as PASTOR OF THE YEAR for 1976.

E. C. Ward has announced that his four-color TRACTS FOR LAY EVANGELISM will be ready in May of this year and will cost approximately five cents each. They may be ordered through the Sabbath School Department.



South Central has been assigned a goal of \$10,000 for the new INDUSTRIAL ARTS BUILDING to be constructed at Oakwood College this year. This amount is to be lifted on April 2 or 9, and reported on April 16 at the college alumni weekend.

E. E. Cleveland of the General Conference will JOIN THE STAFF AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE this fall. He has also agreed to work with the conference as evangelism co-ordinator.

The General Conference has set up a committee to do a STUDY ON REGIONAL UNIONS. This committee is to meet in Washington, D.C., on March 21 and 22. Have special prayer that God will guide.

The RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL Board of Directors at its February meeting invited the Southern Adventist Health and Hospital System to assume management of the hospital.

Pastor G. L. Byars and congregation BROKE GROUND FOR A NEW CHURCH BUILDING in Rolling Fork, Mississippi, January 16.

Riverside chapel and the Adventist Book Center OPERATED TWO BOOTHS IN THE BLACK EXPO held February 4-6. Thousands from all over the United States passed by and received literature.

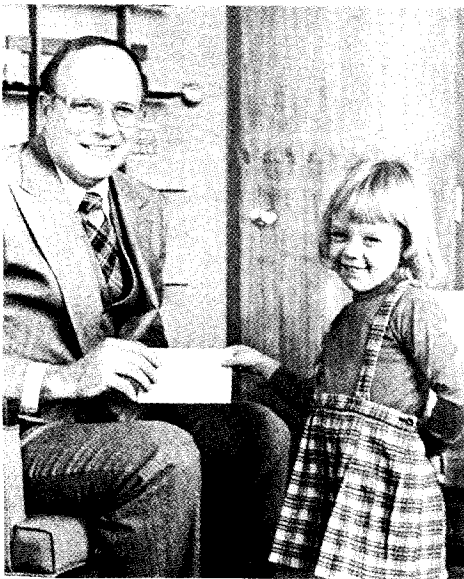
FIVE GRADUATES OF THE RIVERSIDE BIBLE COURSE came down the aisles of the Riverside chapel and received diplomas from I. H. Lester and the book *Great Controversy* from Lay Activities Leader L. Watson during a meeting held February 5.

Rejoicing still are some of the 600 Sabbath school members and officers who gathered in Mobile, Alabama, for the inspirational WORKSHOP held in January by M. Joiner, conference Sabbath school director.

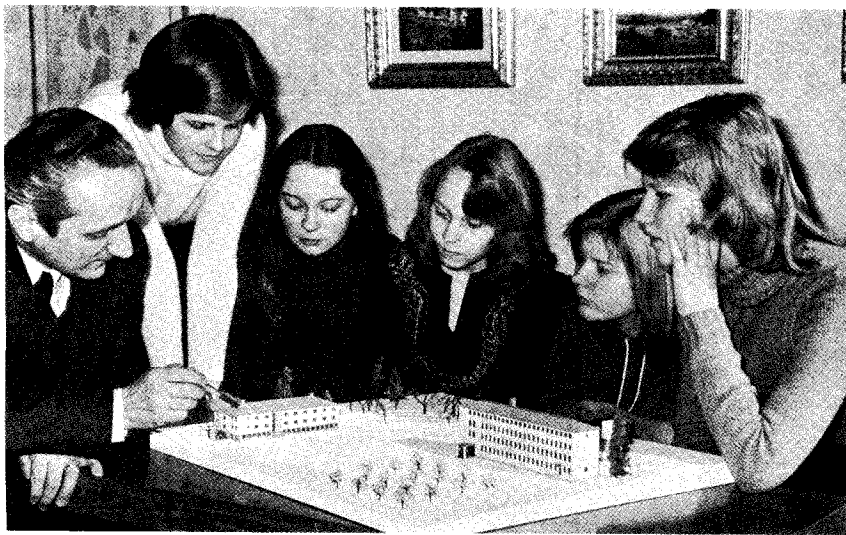
A 15-minute RADIO PROGRAM by Pastor J. R. Bell is broadcast over WMDC, Hazelhurst, Mississippi, from 10:30-10:45 each Sunday morning. The format includes recorded music, prayer, and a brief message. Before leaving Indianola, Mississippi, Pastor Bell baptized 21 relatives. It all started with the baptism of two sisters and a daughter in 1975. These three successfully labored with a cousin and her three children, who were baptized a few months later. The cousin went after her mother, brother, and sister-in-law who descended into the watery grave early in 1976. These ten brought in 11 more cousins, aunts, brothers, and sisters to be baptized in 1976. The Richardson, Douglas, Jackson, Westbrooks, Tripplett, and McClenton families exemplified the true spirit of personal evangelism.

WELCOME SIGNS have been erected along all major highways leading into Lexington, Kentucky, inviting travelers to attend the Lima Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church, reports Pastor W. J. Mitchell. An attractive globe/spire yard sign identifies the church properly.

# Pictorial Stories



Three-year-old Marla, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Mark Regazzi of Biloxi, Mississippi, presents a check to Andrews University President Dr. Joseph G. Smoot for the worthy student fund. Marla was at the university during Christmastime.



A new girls' dormitory for Finland Junior College is one of the projects to benefit from the 13th Sabbath offering March 26. Dr. M. J. Lahti, the principal, shows some of the girls a model of the proposed facility.

Another project to benefit from the March 26 offering is the Adventist Seminary of West Africa, which will receive funds with which to construct a library. Under the direction of Pastor C. S. Willis, these young men are using the school's audio equipment to study the art of evangelism.



Mrs. Thelma Kent, on behalf of the St. Augustine, Florida, church, presents the Community Service Award to Dr. Neil Letts, a local ophthalmologist, for the participation of him and his wife in the glaucoma screening program with the Community Service vans.





Nearly 200 attended the January 8 open house at the Phoenix City, Alabama, church. Southern Union Conference President H. H. Schmidt addressed the congregation.

**At right —** The Montgomery, Alabama, Berean church recently celebrated its 75th anniversary. Five of its former pastors were present: S. J. Jackson (left), G. I. Pearson, M. Joiner, D. J. Williams, and T. M. Fountain. The church has grown to nearly 500 members, has mothered two churches, and purchased or built three buildings.



Ground was broken January 16 for the new Andalusia, Alabama, church, a project being supported by the Youth Department (see December, 1976, *TIDINGS*). Participants included (from left): Archie Brown, phase one construction superintendent; T. H. Overstreet, former elder; L. A. Stout, Alabama-Mississippi Conference secretary; Lewis Hendershot, conference youth director; Alden H. H. H. H., pastor; Bill Boston, local elder; and W. D. Solomon, newly baptized member. Construction is now well under way. Volunteers from four states have already participated in the project. Others wishing to help with labor, materials, or money may contact the Youth Department.

Cleveland, Tennessee, Mayor Harry Dethoro opens the Bible Reading Marathon in the Bowman Hills church on January 1 by reading Genesis 1. Three hundred and eleven individuals participated in the scripture reading which continued for a total of 82 hours and 15 minutes. Pastor Al Klein stated, "In the quietness of the church it was like looking out of a large window at passing scenes—down through the ages—God speaking, while the world was shut out."



William J. Bivens, a member of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, Florida, has recently been listed in *Who's Who in the World*. Bivens was a law specialist in the Navy during World War II and is currently a member of the Naval Reserve Association, Retired Officers' Association, and the Reserve Officers' Association. He joined the Adventist Church in November of 1975.

A branch Sabbath school was organized in Smyrna, Georgia, January 8. More than 100 were present to hear Georgia-Cumberland Conference Secretary Everett Cumbo address the organizational meeting. Directed by Smyrna Hospital Chaplain Ken McVay and supported by the Beverly Road, Cascade, Austell, and Marietta churches, the branch Sabbath school meets every Sabbath afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Griffin Middle School.



# The Church In Action

## Education

### 'Symphony of Life' Seminar Held at MPA

**Carolina** — Can a Baptist Sunday School teacher bring new understanding of Biblical principles of music to Seventh-day Adventist youth?

Well, Dr. Frank Garlock apparently can and did. A campus guest November 10-12, Dr. Garlock came from Bob Jones University, in Greenville, South Carolina, to present a Symphony of Life Seminar to the students and staff of Mount Pisgah Academy.

Constantly using the Bible for answers, Dr. Garlock considered questions such as: "Does the Bible have absolute standards for the music of a Christian?" and "Is preference for a particular style of music just a matter of personal taste?"

Using Ephesians 5:10 ("Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord,") for an example, he pointed out that music choices are not a matter of old people's music and young people's music, but that the question really is, "What kind of music does God like and want for me?"

A well-meant "scolding" from Dr. Garlock, because so few of the audience were "proving all things" with their Bibles, resulted in many determinations for increased scripture-searching. His personal experience in memorizing scripture and hymns of praise doubled the impact of such advice.

The Friday evening service, titled "The Rock of Ages Versus the Age of Rock," concluded with a call for decisions for Christ and a testimony given by Principal Robert Caskey.

## Youth

### Small Pathfinder Club Big on Activities

**Alabama-Mississippi** — The North Highlands Pathfinder club is a small club with only six Pathfinders and four leaders, but the people in Bessemer, Alabama, are impressed by their big deeds.

The club is not only good at collecting things. They used their talents to present a Pathfinder Day program at their own church and the neighboring Tuscaloosa church as well. Their progressive classwork, field trips, hikes, and social events balance with the other activities for a full and enjoyable Pathfinder program.

If there are some church groups who have hesitated to attempt the organizing of a Pathfinder club because there are only a few young people of Pathfinder age, hesitate no longer. It has been challenging to make up a drill team, but otherwise a small club can function and be just as rewarding as a larger one. That's the way North Highlands has found it!



North Highlands Pathfinder leader Hubert Beverly (rear), staff, and Pathfinders display bags filled with food with which to help the unfortunate.

Under the leadership of Hubert Beverly and his assistants, Laverne Carter, Sharon McKee, and John Cowan, the club has carried on a project of collecting clothing. Some was sold at a garage sale this fall and an additional 600 good garments sent for the children at Parklo State School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The Halloween project of collecting canned foods yielded enough (with fresh fruits donated by an interested grocer) to send out nine food baskets to the needy for Thanksgiving, and enough left over to put with gifts of clothing and toys to be taken by the Pathfinders to a needy family at Christmastime.

### Youth Write, Direct Christmas Play

**Kentucky-Tennessee** — Great things happen for the glory of God when 32 young people imbued with the love of their Saviour and their community harness their talents and energies to produce worshipful programs for their church at Christmastime. This happened at the White House, Tennessee, church.

Two of the young ladies, Carol Harrison and Faye Tinnin, wrote and directed a play, "A Child Is Born." The play was divided into five acts, namely: Great News for

Mary and Joseph, Journey to Bethlehem, Angels' Announcement and the Shepherds Worship, Herod's Plot, and Jesus' Flight to Egypt. The presentation, complete with appropriate music and costumes, was enacted before a capacity audience at the church on the Saturday night preceding Christmas.

On Christmas Day, at the hour of divine worship, many of the same young people, directed by Mrs. Peggy Cherry, presented a cantata entitled, "The Night the Angels Sang." Mrs. James Ferguson, the pastor's wife, accompanied the group at the piano.

## Health

### Miami Youth Support Ban on Smoking

**Florida** — The following letter was written by Mrs. Lexa Cawthon, temperance secretary of the Miami Temple church:

"My husband and I were contacted by Mrs. Sabina Shalom, who requested the support of the



Lexa Cawthon, Miami temperance leader.

American Temperance Society members and Five-Day Plan members for a trial on September 15, 1976, at the Miami Beach Courthouse. The case involved Mrs. Shalom and an offender of the smoking ban in elevators throughout Dade County. He could have been charged a \$500 fine and 60

days in jail. However, he was fined \$250.

"Greater Miami Academy was contacted and I requested that a few students be permitted to attend. Approximately 20 came — all wearing 'stick-ons' against smoking. They passed out literature before and after the trial and carried posters and pictures of the heart, lung, and stomach, destroyed by tobacco. The courtroom action was terrific and very educational. All the students sat quietly and enjoyed the responses from the non-smoking judge. All media were present."

As a result of the well-organized support of Mrs. Shalom, by the students of GMA, and Mrs. Cawthon, television and newspaper coverage of the event was picked up all over the state of Florida.

"The Dade County Chapter of the American Temperance Society is on the job and working hard," according to Mrs. Cawthon.

### Birmingham Five-Day Plan Helps 110 Kick Habit

**Alabama-Mississippi** — The recently-completed third Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking held on the campus of the University of Alabama in Birmingham has been

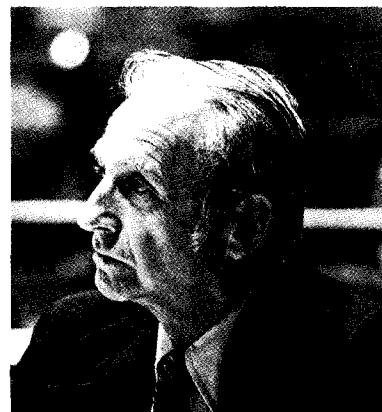


Clasped hands and smiles signal victory for 110 participants of the Five-Day Plan conducted at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

rated "an outstanding success," according to James Sharman, Ph.D., chairman of the department of health and physical education and recreation, the sponsoring organization in cooperation with the Birmingham First church. The pastor, David Sharpe, and Charles Knapp, M.D., from Dothan, Alabama, have conducted each plan.

Two hundred forty-five persons had preregistered for the plan, and despite freezing rain and extremely inclement weather, 175 registered the first night. Attendance averaged 150. One hundred ten were successful in their choice not to smoke. The youngest participant was 15 and the oldest 70. Some had been smoking for over 55 years. Several physicians, attorneys, teachers, psychologists, and well-known businessmen found a better way of life as a result of the Plan.

The Plans at the university have enjoyed excellent community support. They have proven to be an effective way for the church to communicate to a cosmopolitan



Dr. James Sharman, Chairman of the Department of Health Education, Physical Education, and Recreation, intently observes the Five-Day Plan proceedings.

metropolis. Prejudice and skepticism about Seventh-day Adventists are being broken down. One follow-up session has been conducted and a year of concentrated follow-up is planned.

Graduate credit is offered the teachers and the health and physical education students by special arrangements with the school. As a result of the Five-Day Plan outreach

at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, Dr. Knapp was given an appointment to the School of Education as a professor of health education.

## Florida Hospital Adds Brain Scanner

**Florida Hospital** — A \$380,000 brain scanner that provides more diagnostic information with less danger to the patient than conventional x-ray methods is now operating at Florida Hospital.

This unit is one of approximately eight in the state of Florida.

The scanner helps to provide earlier and more accurate detection of brain tumors, cysts, or hemorrhages by combining a digital computer with highly sensitive x-ray detectors to identify minute variations in the density of brain tissue.

In less than 30 minutes, and with little discomfort to the patient, the EMI-Scanner can yield many times as much diagnostic information as that provided by conventional cranial x-ray methods. The computerized system has been described both here and abroad as the most significant advance in radiology since Roentgen discovered x-rays in 1895.

The patient remains conscious during the painless procedure while reclining on a padded couch similar to a dentist's chair. The elaborate machinery rotates around the patient's head, which is immobilized by a waterfilled section of equipment. Two sections of the brain can be scanned simultaneously in five minutes. The entire procedure takes about 45 minutes.

## Clewiston Five-Day Plan Nets Baptisms

**Florida** — James and Rita Rou were baptized into God's remnant church this past October in Clewiston, Florida, as a direct result of the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking.

About one year before, James attended the Five-Day Plan, probably encouraged by his wife who worked at the local newspaper. He quit smoking and began changing his diet.

A few weeks later they began

Bible studies with Pastor Lewis Bame. It was difficult for them since Rita was a Catholic and James was a Methodist, but they continued.

This past spring Rita, accompanied occasionally by James, attended a cooking school sponsored by the Clewiston church. They were becoming very good friends with the church members.

In the early fall of 1976 during an evangelistic series, James and Rita gave their hearts to the Lord and made a decision to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church and were later baptized by Evangelist Lester Pratt.

James, already having completed two years of college, is thinking of attending Southern Missionary College in the near future.

James and Rita Rou are an example of what God can do through His health message and support Ellen White's claim that our health message is the right arm of the gospel.

# Progress

## Dalton, Ringgold Outreach Starts Branch SS

**Georgia-Cumberland** — The Dalton and Ringgold, Georgia, churches united their efforts to begin a branch Sabbath school in Tunnel Hill, Georgia. On Sabbath afternoon, January 22, 75 people attended the initial meeting in the

Tunnel Hill Methodist church, and the following Sabbath the wife of the Methodist minister was among the non-members present.

Eighteen witnessing teams from the Ringgold church are visiting 10 homes each in the Tunnel Hill area each Sabbath in an effort to strengthen the new branch Sabbath school. Glenda Collins and Katie McGhee are general coordinators for the program, sponsored by Pastors Amos Cooper and Ernest Clark of the Ringgold and Dalton churches.

## Concord-Kannapolis Church Organized

**Carolina** — Sabbath, January 15, may have been a chilly day in Concord, North Carolina, but the 40 charter members of the Concord-Kannapolis church thought it was one of the nicest days in their brief history as a company of believers.

Dick Pollard, conference evangelist, held a series of meetings in October of 1973 in Concord, which established a small group of members, who rented a chapel in Concord beginning in December of that year.

By July, 1974, the group had grown and was organized as a company.

E. S. Reile, conference president, met with the company and Hubert James, the Charlotte church associate pastor who had been given leadership responsibility for the Concord-Kannapolis group. Having met the qualifications for church status, the company was organized into a church.

The Concord-Kannapolis, North Carolina, church was organized January 15.



## Sebring Organizes, Builds, Dedicates Church in Year

**Florida** — It was just over one year ago that a group of believers from the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park, Florida, requested the formation of a new church in the nearby community of Sebring. The church was organized in December of 1975.

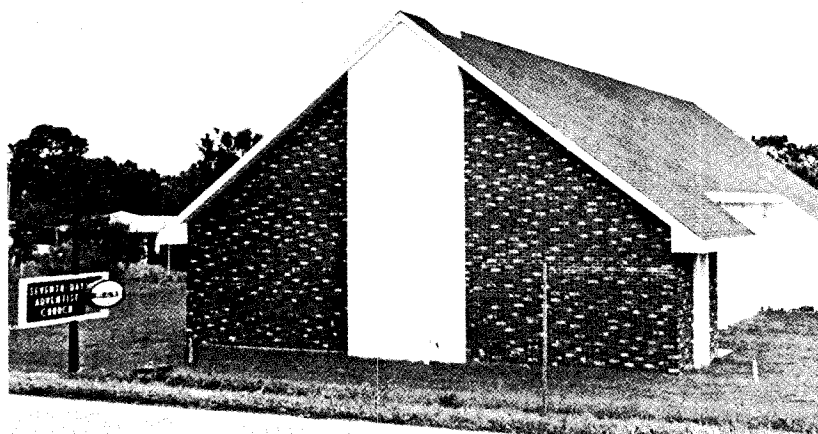
Since the day they organized, the Sebring church has been hard at

work building a sanctuary. Under the leadership of retired worker H. G. Stoehr and district leader Robert E. DuBose, the Sebring church has now completed that task.

Recently at a dedication service, the church presented its beautiful sanctuary debt-free to the Lord and committed themselves to God's service.

On hand for the dedication service from the Florida Conference were H. J. Carubba, president, and J. P. Rogers, treasurer, as well as Don Roth, associate secretary of the General Conference.

The Sebring, Florida, congregation built and dedicated their church home within a year after being organized.



## Columbia Pays Land Indebtedness, Plans New Church

**Carolina** — To the 364 members of the Columbia, South Carolina, church the phrase, "Satisfied and Canceled Off Record," is a thrilling one. That phrase, dated January 18, 1977, was stamped on the mortgage

which encumbered the church property. On January 22, the mortgage was formally burned in a special service.

On May 26, 1972, the Columbia church purchased a little more than 13 acres on Interstate 20 in the northwest area of the city for \$60,000. Between 1972 and 1977, a nine-grade school has been completed. Included in the plan is a



E. S. Reile (left), conference president, Joe Farrow, first elder, A. L. Ingram, conference treasurer, and Pastor R. N. Hubbartt burn the mortgage on the Columbia, South Carolina, church property.

gymnasium and a preschool day care and kindergarten center.

While the growth of the school has been a great blessing for the Columbia Adventists, it has been nearly six years since the congregation has enjoyed the many benefits of a church building for their services.

The point about which all of the members are agreed is that the time has come to "arise up and build." That is why the words "satisfied and canceled off record" mean so much.

The final payment on the mortgage was not due until May 26, but the membership considers this an important milestone toward their new church.

## Who and Where

### Fulton Emphasizes Community Services

**Kentucky-Tennessee** — The year of 1976 has been one of real action on the part of the Fulton, Kentucky, church's Community Service Department, says Mrs. Jane Taylor, director. The Fulton church has only 30 members, but it is an active church. Mrs. Taylor, along with her two assistants, Mrs. J. Wesley Richardson and Mrs. Robert Glasco, reports blood pressure readings were given free to 1,378 people while 3,279 pieces of literature were given out. Free labor donated by the three ladies totaled 540 hours. The needy of the local area received 650 pieces of good used clothing free.

About 8,500 pieces of clothing were sent to the Paris, Tennessee, church to be transferred to one of the large storage depots that the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service maintains.

The Communication Committee at the Fulton church also was very active by placing 200 news items in the local papers which included 57 pictures. Total column inches for these articles amounted to 1,965.

### 200 Attend Witnessing Class at Collegedale

**Georgia-Cumberland** — Lay Activities Director Gary Grimes began a 13-week witnessing and soul-

winning class in the Collegedale church on January 8. An average of over 200 individuals from seven area churches meet every Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 in the Collegedale church for 30 minutes of instruction in witnessing for Christ, then separate into teams of two and put into practice what they have learned. Each team visits 10 homes and then returns to its home church for a half hour of testimony and discussion.

Grimes challenges the teams to arrange one Bible study for each 10 visits. Around 1,000 visits are made



Georgia-Cumberland Lay Activities Director Gary Grimes (left), assisted by Ringgold Pastor Amos Cooper, leads out in the Christian Witnessing Seminar at Collegedale.

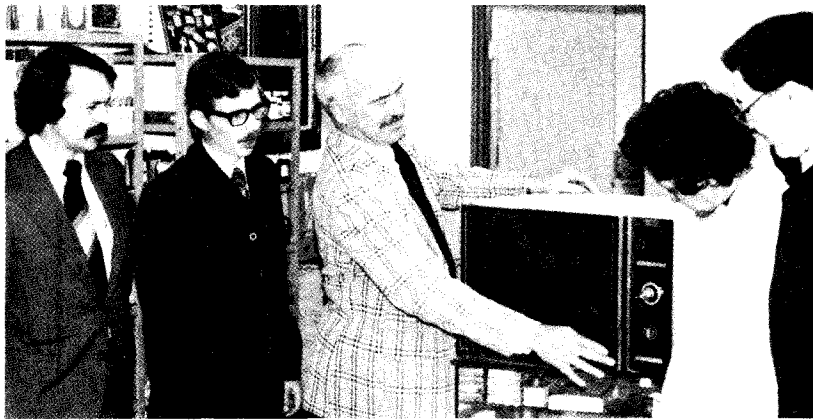
each Sabbath, making a goal of 100 Bible studies! Team members report many favorable contacts and already several Bible studies are underway.

Collegedale was chosen for the lay training class because of plans for a Voice of Prophecy evangelistic crusade with Fordyce Detamore scheduled for August in Chattanooga, and because of the growing interest in active witnessing among young people. Participating churches are Apison, Collegedale, Chattanooga, Ooltewah, Ringgold, Rock Spring, and Standifer Gap.

## South Central ABC Receives SPA Award for Sales Gain

**South Central** — The South Central Adventist Book Center received a special award from the Southern Publishing Association for having the highest percentage of gain of any book center in the Southern Union.

G.I. Pearson, former pastor in Montgomery, Alabama, joined the



Rhea Harvey (left), Ken Wasenmiller and O. L. Driskell from Southern Publishing Association present a microwave oven to Irene Williams and G. I. Pearson in recognition of the large sales gain of the South Central ABC during 1976.

ABC in June of 1976 and says that the credit for the gains should go to Irene Williams who ran the center alone for six years. When she took over, it could not pay its bills to the publishing houses. Now, all bills are paid and the center pays cash for its supplies.

Since June a van has been bought and a bookmobile schedule has been set up throughout the conference. Pearson tries to collect overdue bills. "All this has helped,"

Pearson says, "but the impact of my presence, programs, and plans will be felt in 1977."

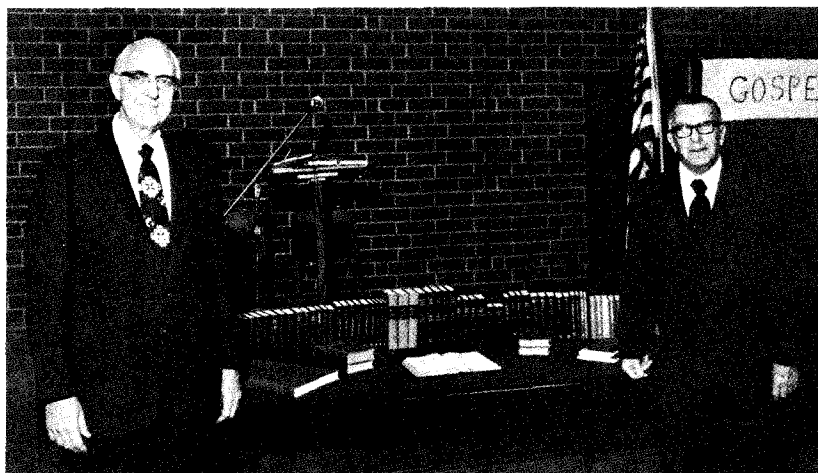
When asked about his goals for 1977, he answered, "I plan to have a progressive operation that will reflect a service to the membership of the conference, and increase the overall spiritual tone of the membership by making available and desirable our Spirit-filled literature and other materials to help them in soul-winning actions."

## Retired Leaders Hold Spirit of Prophecy Seminars

**Carolina** — Paul Eldridge and Ted Lucas, both retired denominational leaders, have been providing an invaluable service to the members of the Carolina Conference through weekend Spirit of Prophecy Seminars.

Through films, slides, lectures, and question-and-answer sessions these men have been helping Carolina Seventh-day Adventists to become better acquainted with the life and ministry of Ellen G. White.

An attractive display of books written by Mrs. White helps to convey the tremendous volume of counsel that God has prepared for His people to guide them through the momentous final days of earth's history.



Paul Eldridge (left) and Ted Lucas, retired Far Eastern Division president and world youth leader, respectively, are conducting Spirit of Prophecy Seminars throughout the Carolinas.



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**— FLORIDA —**

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Jacksonville, Mon.-Fr.	WBIX	1010	7:00 am
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**— GEORGIA —**

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Mon.-Fri.	WWL	870	9:00 pm
Mon.-Fri.	WGUN	1010	10:30 am
Atlanta, M-F	WNMT	1520	12:05 pm
Thomasston, M-F	WFSF	1220	11:45 am

**— KENTUCKY —**

*Wide Area Station			
Mon.-Fri.	WWL	870	8:00 pm CST
Louisville, M-F	WHAS	840	11:30 pm
Manchester, Mon.-Fri.	WWXL	1450	8:45 am
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**— MISSISSIPPI —**

*Wide Area Stations			
Mon.-Fri.	WDAI	1200	10:45 pm
Mon.-Fri.	WHAS	840	10:30 pm
Mon.-Fri.	WWL	870	8:00 pm
Jackson, M-F	WJXN	1450	6:45 pm

**— NORTH CAROLINA —**

*Wide Area Stations			
Mon.-Fri.	WWVA	1170	8:15 pm
Mon.-Fri.	WHAS	840	11:30 pm
Mon.-Fri.	WWL	870	9:00 pm
Asheville, M-F	WWNC	570	10:45 pm
Canton, M-F	WWIT	970	6:05 am
Raleigh, M-F	WPTF	680	11:30 pm
Salisbury, M-Sa	WSAT	1280	1:15 pm

**— SOUTH CAROLINA —**

*Wide Area Stations			
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Mon.-Fri.	WWVA	1170	8:15 pm
Mon.-Fri.	WHAS	840	11:30 pm
Mon.-Fri.	WWL	870	9:00 pm

**— TENNESSEE —**

*Wide Area Stations			
Mon.-Fri.	WPTF	680	11:45 pm
Mon.-Fri.	WWVA	1170	8:15 pm
Mon.-Fri.	WHAS	840	11:30 pm EST
Mon.-Fri.	WWL	870	8:00 pm CST
Chattanooga, Mon.-Fri.	WDEF	1370	6:45 pm
Collegedale, Mon.-Fri.	WSMC-FM	90.7	7:30 pm
Collegedale, Sun.-Sat.	WSMC-FM	90.7	8:15 am
Crossville, M-F	WCSV	1490	12:45 pm
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Dayton, S-Sa	WDNT	1280	10:00 am
Gallatin, S-Sa	WAMG	1130	12:45 pm
Greeneville, Mon.-Sat.	WOFM-FM	94.9	9:00 am
McKeanzie, S-Sa	WHDH	1440	4:40 pm
Pikeville, S-F	WUAT	1110	11:30 am
Savannah, Tu.-Sat.	WDNX-FM	89.1	6:30 pm
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Sparta, S-Sa	WSMT	1050	4:15 pm
	WSMT-FM 105.5		4:15 pm

†Spanish Broadcasts

### SUNDAY

**— ALABAMA —**

*Wide Area Station			
Andalusia	WWL	870	9:30 pm
	WKYD	920	9:30 am
	WQHQ-FM	98.1	9:30 am
Athens	WJMW	730	2:00 pm
*Birmingham	WAPI	1070	8:00 am
Clanton	WKLF	980	10:00 am
	WEZZ-FM	100.9	10:00 am
Mobile	WABF	1480	8:30 am
	WABF-FM	97.5	8:30 am
	WCOV	1170	10:30 am
Montgomery	WFMI-FM	98.9	10:00 am
Phenix City	WPNX	1460	10:05 am
Sheffield	WSHF	1290	10:00 am
Thomasville	WJDB	630	2:00 pm
Troy	WTBF	970	9:00 am

**— FLORIDA —**

*Wide Area Station			
Avon Park	WAPR	1390	12:00 n
Brekeville	WWJ8	1450	6:30 pm
*Cypress			
Gardens	WGTO	540	9:30 am
Daytona Beach	WNDB	1150	9:30 am
Fort Myers	WINK	1240	9:30 am
Gainesville	WDVH	980	10:30 am
Marathon	WJAX	930	9:30 am
Jacksonville	WFFG	1300	8:00 am
Marathon	WQAM	560	9:30 am
*Miami	WDBO	580	8:30 am
*Orlando	WHOO-FM	96.5	11:30 am
	WOLP	590	9:00 am
Panama City	WNVY	1230	9:30 am
Pensacola	WBGM-FM	98.9	8:30 am
Tallahassee	WTIS	1110	9:00 am
Tampa			
West Palm Beach	WPBR	1340	8:30 am

**— GEORGIA —**

*Wide Area Stations			
Wor	710	8:00 pm	
Wor	870	10:30 pm	
WRNG	680	9:30 am	
WBBO	1340	10:00 am	
WBBO-FM	104.3	10:00 am	
WGAC	580	10:00 am	
WGUS-FM	102.3	11:00 pm	
Columbus	WPNX	1460	10:05 am
Dalton	WBLJ	1230	10:00 am
Douglas	WDMG	860	9:30 am
WUFF	710	10:00 am	
Elberton	WSGC	1400	1:30 pm
Jesup	WJCU-FM	98.3	11:30 am
*Macon	WMAZ	590	9:30 am
Rome	WROM	710	10:00 am
	WROM-FM	97.7	10:00 am
Savannah	WEAS	900	10:00 am
	WEAS-FM	93.1	10:00 am
Sylvester	WOGA	1540	8:00 am
Tifton	WTIF	1340	10:30 am
Toccoa	WLET	1420	1:00 pm
	WLET-FM	105.1	1:00 pm
Thomasville	WLOR	730	10:00 am
Valdosta	WQAF	910	9:30 am
Waycross	WAYX	1230	9:30 am
	WAYX-FM	102.5	9:30 am

**— KENTUCKY —**

*Wide Area Station			
Bowling Green	WLW	700	11:00 am
Columbia	WLBj	1410	10:00 am
	WAIN	1270	8:30 am
	WAIN-FM	93.5	8:30 am
Fulton	WFUL	1270	9:30 am
	WFUL-FM	99.3	9:30 am
Henderson	WSON	860	10:30 am
Lexington	WLAP	630	9:30 am
*Louisville	WHAS	840	8:30 am
Manchester	WWXL	1450	Sa 8:30 am
Middlesboro	WNMK	560	9:30 am
Paducah	WDXR	1560	9:30 am
Prestonsburg	WDCC	1310	8:30 am

**— MISSISSIPPI —**

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Columbus	WWL	870	9:30 pm
Greenwood	WMBC	1400	9:30 am
Greenwood	WJPR	1330	9:30 am
Jackson	WGRM	1240	9:30 am
Laurel	WRBC	1300	10:00 am
*Meridian	WAML	1340	8:30 am
Natchez	WMXD	1010	1:30 pm
Water Valley	WMIS	1240	9:30 am
	WWLY	1320	4:00 pm

**— NORTH CAROLINA —**

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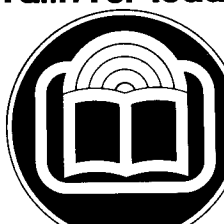
**— SOUTH CAROLINA —**

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Wor	1450	9:30 am	
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**— TENNESSEE —**

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Wor	1130	12:45 pm	
Wor	1340	8:30 am	
Wor	94.9	8:30 am	
Wor	1390	9:35 am	
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**— KENTUCKY —**

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**— MISSISSIPPI —**

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**— NORTH CAROLINA —**

Hickory	14	Wed.	7:30 pm
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**— SOUTH CAROLINA —**

Anderson	40	Fri.	5:30 pm
Columbia	10	Sun.	11:00 am

**— TENNESSEE —**

Chattanooga	3	Sun.	11:00 am
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TELECASTS

**— NORTH CAROLINA —**

Wilmington	WWAY-TV	3	S 11:30 am
Greensboro	WRMY-TV	2	S 10:00 am

**— GEORGIA —**

Augusta	WRDW-TV 12	S 10:30 am
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**— FLORIDA —**

Panama City	WDBT-TV 13	S 9:30 am
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RADIO BROADCAST

**The QUIET HOUR**

**— ALABAMA —**

Birmingham	WLPH	1480	Sa 3:30 pm
	WYDE	850	S 10:00 am
Mobile	WKRG	710	S 8:05 am
	WMOB	1550	Sa 1:30 pm
Montgomery (Troy)	WTUB-FM	105.7	S 9:00 am
York	WYLS	1350	S 2:30 pm

**— FLORIDA —**

Belle Glade	WSWN	900	S 3:00 pm
Bradenton	WBRD	1420	S 10:00 am
Crystal River	WRYO-FM	98.5	S 8:00 am
Cypress Gardens	WGTO	540	S 8:30 am
Daytona Beach	WMBJ	1450	S 8:30 am
DeFuniak Springs	WGTX	1280	S 8:00 am
	WQUH-FM	103.1	S 8:00 am
DeLand	WKXN	1210	S 12:45 pm
Fl. Lauderdale	WWSR	1580	S 7:00 am
	WEXY	1520	Sa 8:00 am
Fl. Pierce	WFTF	1330	S 10:00 am
Gainesville	WRUF	850	S 8:30 am
	WDVH	980	S 10:00 am
Jacksonville	WAPE	690	S 8:30 am
Key West	WKIZ	1500	S 7:15 am
Madison	WMAF	1230	S 9:30 am
Miami	WGLY-FM	98	S 8:00 am
Naples	WRLI	1510	S 8:30 am
Ocala	WTMC	1290	S 8:00 am
Panama City	WDLP	590	S 8:30 am
Pensacola	WNVY	1230	S 10:00 am
Plantation	WXOS-FM	100.3	S 8:30 pm
St. Petersburg	WTIS	1110	S 1:00 pm
Tallahassee	WMEN	1330	S 8:30 am
Tampa	WINQ	1010	S 8:30 am
West Palm Beach (Lake Worth)	WLIZ	1380	M 8:30 am
Winter Garden	WHLY-FM	106.7	S 2:00 pm

**— GEORGIA —**

Albany (Sylvester)	WOGA	1540	S 9:30 am
Atlanta	WTJH	1260	S 9:30 am
(Smyrna)	WYNX	1550	S 1:00 pm
Augusta	WGAC	580	S 9:30 pm
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Gainesville	WNRJ	1130	S 1:00 pm
Moultrie	WMGA	1130	S 8:30 am
Thomasville	WLOR	730	S 9:30 am

**— KENTUCKY —**

Fulton	WFUL	1270	S 1:30 pm
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Louisville	WWVW	1450	S 8:30 am
Morehead	WMOR	1330	S 12:30 pm
Paducah	WDXR	1560	S 9:00 am
Richmond	WCBR	1110	S 9:00 am
	WCBR-FM 101.7	S 9:00 am	

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# Calendar Events

## ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

### Area Teachers' Meetings

- March 7 SDA Junior Academy (Birmingham)
- March 8 Meridian church
- March 9 Pensacola SDA school

### Lay Activities Workshop — Mobile, Ala., March 19.

### Youth Leadership Workshops

- March 5 St. Elmo, Ala., church
- March 19 Dothan, Ala., church
- April 2 Jackson, Miss., church

### Communication Workshops

- March 12 Panama City, Fla., church, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- March 19 Decatur, Ala., church, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- April 2 Jackson, Miss., church, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

### Adventist Book Center — Closed for inventory, March 31-April 1.

### Conference-wide Youth Rally — Bass Memorial Academy, April 9.

## CAROLINA

### Evangelistic Meetings

- March 12-April 23 — High Point, N.C., Pollard-Mahorney.
- March 19-April 30 — Jacksonville, N.C., Elder and Mrs. Don Shelton.
- March 22-May 8 — Winston, N.C., Elder and Mrs. Harold Turner.

### Education

- March 1-3 — Young Marrieds' and Engaged Couples' Retreat. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
- March 18, 19 — Marriage Seminar, Franklin, N.C.

### Meetings at Nosoca Pines Ranch

- March 11-13 — MV Pathfinder Leaders' Retreat.
- April 7-10 — Philosda Easter Retreat for SDA singles. For further information contact Maxine Wiggins, 1619 Marley Dr., Columbia, S.C. 29210. 803-798-1469.

### "For Better or For Worse." John Thurber's series on the home. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. on opening date.

- March 25-26 — Columbia, S.C.
- April 8-9 — Winston-Salem, N.C.

## FLORIDA

### Horsemanship Camp — Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, Fla., March 2-6.

- Guest speaker: Dr. Bill Sands, Animal Science Dept., Horse Husbandry, University of Fla. Seminar Classes: "Your Horse and His Health," "Learning of Equipment;" "Proper Riding Techniques;" "Care of Your Horse." Horses provided by camp, sponsored by Youth Department.

### Young Married Couples' Retreat — Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, Fla., March 11-13. Guest speakers: Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Holbrook, director of Home and Family Services, General Conference. A weekend featuring family togetherness for the young married couple and their children.

### Florida Outdoor Club Statewide Campout — Collier-Seminole State Park, March 18-20. A delightful weekend for the whole family in a unique setting in South Florida.

## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

### Pathfinder Jamboroses

- March 13 Stone Mt. Park (Central)
- March 20 Knoxville (Northern)
- March 27 McRae, Ga. (Southern)

### Executive Committee Meeting — Conference office, 10:00 a.m., March 15.

### Evangelistic Meetings

- Feb. 5 - March 12, Marietta, Rudolph Skoretz
- Feb. 19 - March 5, Waycross, Arnold Scherencel
- Feb. 26 - April 2, Tifton, Harold Friesen
- March 12 - April 23, Cleveland, Dwight Davis

### GCA Alumni Homecoming — April 1, 2. First meeting—7:30 p.m. Friday. Alumni talent program and basketball game Saturday night.

## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

### Evangelistic Meetings

- March 5 - April 9, Tullahoma, Tenn., Jerry Willis
- March 5 - April 9, Paris, Tenn., Grant Gunter
- March 26 - April 30, Bowling Green, Ky., Kenneth Cox

### Heritage Singers Concert — 7 p.m., March 8, Wooddale High School Auditorium, Memphis, Tenn.

### Community Service Federation Meetings

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| Middle Tennessee | March 20 | Pulaski      |
| West Tennessee   | March 22 | Paris        |
| Kentucky Lake    | March 23 | Madisonville |
| Bluegrass        | March 24 | Grove        |

All meetings begin at 10 a.m.

### Annual Missionary Journal Ministers' Meeting — March 21. Southern Publishing Association chapel.

### Special Sabbath School Workshop for all superintendents and adult division teachers. April 29-May 1, Indian Creek Camp. Guest speakers: Ben J. Liebelt and Charles L. Brooks from General Conference and Dr. Jack L. Dunham of the Religious Education Foundation, Phoenix, Arizona.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Clean-up, Paint-up Month — March.

### Tract Evangelism — March 5.

### Photo Workshop — March 6.

### Laymen's Rally Day — March 12.

### Sabbath School Visitors' Day — March 19.

### Photo Workshop — March 20.

### Christian Education Day — March 26.

### Evangelism Blitz Month — April.

### Conference Youth Federation Officers' Retreat — April 2.

### Literature Evangelists' Rally Day — April 9.

### Oakwood College Alumni Homecoming — April 16.

## SOUTHERN UNION

### Spring Mission Offering — March 19.

### Southern Union Conference Senior Academy Music Festival — March 23-26. Bass Memorial Academy, Purvis, Mississippi. Approximately 350 academy youth will be performing. Between 250-275 students will be in the combined band and choral group, with 45-50 making up the strings and keyboard section. A group of musicians from each of the academies is expected at the festival. The clinicians at the festival will be Dr. A. Rick Starnes, band; Dr. Marvin Robertson, choral; Judy Glass and Robert Sage, organ and piano, respectively. Mrs. Katherine Mickelwright, choral instructor at Bass Memorial Academy, is the coordinator for the 1977 music festival.

### John L. Shuler Lectureship — March 28-31. Southern Missionary College. Guest Lecturer: John D. Rhodes, Ministerial Association Secretary, Southeastern California Conference.

### Family Life Workshop — March 28 - April 2. Southern Missionary College.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The True Education Reader Series has been partially reprinted in a set of eight 64-page paperback booklets with four-color covers. The books are available from Adventist Book Centers.

### Faith for Today's newest film releases are now available for rental to Adventist schools. Full-color Westbrook Hospital episodes. Reduced rates for elementary schools and academies. For information and a complete list of films available write Faith for Today Films, Station Relations, 1100 Rancho Conejo Blvd., Newbury Park, CA 91320.

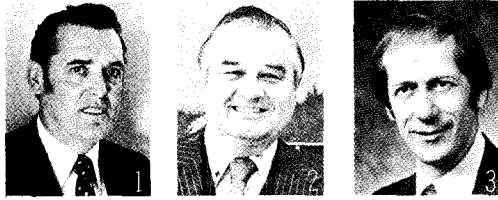
### The Review and Herald from 1850 to 1940 is now available in microfiche. The entire span of 90 years has been reduced to 1,841 fiche about 4 x 6 inches in size. Those who have access to a microfiche reader may want to own all or a portion of this unequalled source of denominational history and spiritual articles. For more information on cost and ordering procedures, write: Microfiche Editions, Archives and Statistics, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Washington, DC 20012. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

## FROM CHAPEL/BRIDGE RECORDS, SPECIAL 20% DISCOUNT SALE.

Now is the time to buy your favorite Chapel/Bridge Records. All records, tapes, and sheet music will have a fantastic 20% discount. Many new selections to choose from. This offer available during the month of March from your Adventist Book Center. All Golden Voice stereo records regularly priced at \$5.98—now \$4.78. All 8-track and cassette tapes listed at \$6.98—now \$5.58. Also available are children's 7-inch records and the popular Bible and Story Hour records and tapes. So hurry down to your friendly Adventist Book Center and take advantage of the March Music Month Sale!



# in transition



## On the Move

### Georgia-Cumberland

1. **Rudolph Skoretz** will be serving in evangelism. He comes to us from British Columbia, Canada, where he served in the same capacity.

**Walter Ring**, another of our new evangelists, has formerly been an evangelist with the Voice of Prophecy.

**Harold Friesen**, former ministerial secretary and evangelist for the Texico Conference, joins our evangelism staff.

**Henry Uhl** comes to us from the New York Conference where he was in departmental work. He will be the new pastor in Calhoun, Georgia, replacing Roger Bothwell, who is moving to Des Moines, Iowa.

Moves within the Conference include: **Don Livesay** to Peachtree City, Georgia. **William Broome** will be associate pastor in Chattanooga, Tennessee. **Herman Ottchowski** is the new pastor of the Athens and Madison, Georgia, churches. **William Shelly**, will be an associate with Evangelist Arnold Scherencel. **Ken Wilson** is pastor of our new district, Birchwood and Decatur, Tennessee.

**Earl Robertson** is the new pastor at Jasper and Monteagle, Tennessee. He comes to us from the Seminary at Andrews University.

### Southern Adventist Health and Hospital System

2. **Robert Earl Trimble**, administrator at Hialeah Hospital in Hialeah, Florida, for the past 11 years, has assumed the position of executive vice-president at Madison Hospital. **Homer N. Grove**, former executive vice-president, has become the director of information processing for the Southern Adventist Health and Hospital System. Trimble has served as an administrator for the past 23 years.

### Loma Linda University

Named to the position of dean of the School of Medicine is **Dr. G. Gordon Hadley**, former associate dean in the school. Hadley replaces Dr. Harrison S. Evans, who stepped down as dean but still retains his position as vice president for medical affairs.

**Dr. James M. Crawford**, has been named dean of the School of Health. Crawford, formerly academic dean of the school, replaces Dr. Mervyn G. Hardinge, who resigned from the position because of health reasons. Hardinge was named chairman of the department of health education in the School of Health.

Named to the position of interim medical center administrator is **John D. Ruffcorn**, who was formerly associate administrator. Ruffcorn replaces H. H. Hill who has accepted a position with the Northwest Medical Foundation in Portland, Oregon, as a vice president.

### Voice of Prophecy

Joining the Voice of Prophecy as director of the Bible correspondence school is **3. Eiden Walter**, who for the last 10 years was ministerial secretary of the Southwestern Union.

## Weddings

### FRANCISCO — CASTILLO

**Martita Castillo** and **Pete Crist Francisco** were married December 19, 1976, in the Forest Lake church, Forest City, Florida. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Francisco Castillo of Maitland, Florida, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Crist Pete Francisco of Orlando, Florida. The couple lives in Winter Park, Florida.

### WHITE — WILLIAMS

**Delores Williams** and **Ronald Ray White** were married on December 19, 1976, in the Bethany church of Montgomery, Alabama. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams of Montgomery, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Annie White, also of Montgomery. S. J. Jackson officiated.

### ABERNATHY — STYRON

**Jocelyn Gay Styron** and **George Anthony Abernathy** were married November 25, 1976, in the Orlando Central church, Orlando, Florida. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Styron of Kinston, North Carolina, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Bonnie S. Abernathy of Orlando and the late S. H. Abernathy. The couple lives in Orlando.

### SEAL — MILLER

**Jane Elaine Miller**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan W. Miller of Orlando, Florida, and **Robert Chandler Seal**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Seal of Silver Spring, Maryland, were married June 20 at Forest Lake Academy Outdoor Chapel in Forest City, Florida. The couple resides at Andrews University in Michigan while Bob completes his master of divinity degree and Jane her master of arts in teaching. The couple, upon graduation in December of 1978, will be employed by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

### MORRIS — LOWE

**Linda Gail Lowe**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Lowe of Avondale Estates, Georgia, and **Ronald A. Morris**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morris of Lilburn, Georgia, were united in marriage January 30 at the Belvedere Seventh-day Adventist church in Decatur. D. K. Griffith performed the ceremony. Both Linda and Ronald are graduates of Southern Missionary College. The couple will reside in Atlanta, Georgia.

### BREECE — MILLER

On December 12, 1976, in the Tullahoma, Tennessee, church, **Steve Breece** and **Olive Miller** were united in marriage by Keith M. Wiseman. Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raimond S. Breece, Jr., of Shelbyville, Tennessee. Olive is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller of Sullivan, Missouri. The couple will make its home in Shelbyville.

### COOPER — PEARSON

**Vivian Renee Pearson** and **Franklin Roosevelt Cooper** were married December 26, 1976, in the Apopka Highland church, Apopka, Florida. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wordell Pearson of Apopka, and the bridegroom is the son of Roosevelt Cooper of Quincy, Florida, and Mrs. Catherine Cooper of Orlando, Florida. The couple lives in Orlando.

### HARRIS — YOUNG

**Karen Lynn Young**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonza Young of Montgomery, Alabama, and **William N. Harris**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Harris, were united in marriage December 12, 1976. S. J. Jackson officiated at the ceremony held in the Bethany church of Montgomery.

### MOON — NIELSEN

**Dorothy Louise Nielsen** and **William Goodrich Moon** were married December 19, 1976, in the Winter Haven church, Winter Haven, Florida. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Nielsen of Savannah, Tennessee, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan A. Moon of Wytheville, Virginia. The couple lives in Orlando, Florida.

### MOORE — MYRICK

The Bethany church of Montgomery, Alabama, was the setting for the wedding of **Debra Myrick**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Myrick of Montgomery, and **Nettles Moore**, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. John Moore. S. J. Jackson officiated at the December 26 ceremony.

## sunset table

	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25	Apr. 1	Apr. 8
Atlanta, Ga. ....	6:37	6:42	6:48	6:53	6:59	7:04
Charlotte, N.C. ....	6:21	6:19	6:33	6:39	6:44	6:50
Collegedale, Tenn. .	6:39	6:45	6:51	6:57	7:02	7:08
Huntsville, Ala. ....	5:44	5:50	5:55	6:02	6:07	6:13
Jackson, Miss. ....	6:01	6:06	6:11	6:16	6:21	6:25
Louisville, Ky. ....	5:39	5:46	5:53	5:59	6:07	6:12
Memphis, Tenn. ....	5:58	6:04	6:10	6:16	6:21	6:27
Montgomery, Ala. ....	5:45	5:51	5:56	6:00	6:05	6:10
Nashville, Tenn. ....	5:45	5:51	5:57	6:03	6:09	6:15
Orlando, Fla. ....	6:27	6:31	6:35	6:39	6:43	6:46
Wilmington, N.C. ....	6:11	6:16	6:23	6:27	6:33	6:38

# Obituaries

**ALLEN, Mrs. Anne**, 73, died at Florida Living Nursing Home in Forest City, Florida, on January 20. Born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 8, 1903, she moved to Forest City three years ago. She was a member of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, Florida. Survivors: son, Rollin, of Key Largo, Florida; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Richard Faber, assisted by Ed Bradley, officiated at the graveside services. Interment was in Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City.

**BLAKE, Lottie Cornelia Isbell**, was born June 10, 1876, in Appomattox Court House, Virginia, in the home of her maternal grandfather, John Diuguid, a free man whose home was next to the famous Isbell Plantation where General Lee surrendered to General Grant, thus ending the Civil War. After completing high school in 1894 she pursued a teacher's course, completing this training in 1896. It was in this same year that she became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was her zeal to become a missionary nurse that led her to Battle Creek, Michigan, and the famous Battle Creek Sanitarium, where the noted physician, Dr. John Harvey Kellogg was. It was he, who, noticing her scholastic ability, encouraged her to pursue the medical course. Her first missionary field led her to the South where she labored as director of the Rock City Sanitarium at Nashville, Tennessee, (the forerunner of Riversdale Hospital & Sanitarium). She was also a practicing physician in Birmingham, Alabama. It was during this period that frequent trips were made to Huntsville Oakwood Manual Training School, now Oakwood College, to serve as she was needed. After her marriage to Dr. David Blake, a minister who became a doctor, the couple engaged in self-supporting medical missionary work in Central America and the Caribbean. After 10 years of marriage, Dr. David died, leaving his wife with the responsibility of rearing their five children. In 1975, in her honor, the "Lottie C. Blake Medical Lectureships" were established at Oakwood College church. On June 10, 1976, Dr. Blake celebrated her 100th birthday. On the morning of November 16, 1976, she quietly slipped away at the home of her daughter in Huntsville, Alabama. She leaves to mourn their loss a sister, Mrs. Viola Cox; four daughters: Miss Frances Blake, Dr. Sarah Blake, Mrs. Louise Neil and Mrs. Alice Brantley; one son, Thomas Blake; nine grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Perhaps her greatest legacy has been the inspiration which she has given her family and others to serve mankind as medical personnel: some of whom were, her husband, Dr. David Blake; an aunt who was younger than she, Dr. Grace Kimbrough; her daughter, Dr. Sarah K. Blake; a niece, Dr. Muriel Robinson; a grandson, Dr. Richard Neil; and possibly her grandson-in-law, Dr. James Holmes; and a great-grandson, Dr. Keith Wood.

**BROOKER, Viola Elusia**, was born in Iowa on October 12, 1908, and passed away in Jacksonville, Florida, on December 15, 1976. She was a member of the St. Petersburg church. Her husband, William L. Brooker, and her daughter, Viola E. Morris, survive her.

**CRAWFORD, Mary Ada, M. D.**, born October 28, 1889, in Indianapolis, Indiana, died December 2, 1976, in Blythe, California. She accepted the Seventh-day Adventist message while teaching in Oregon. Later she took medical training in Indianapolis, graduating in 1906. She was united in marriage with Elvin J. Crawford in 1910. In planning their future as missionaries they moved to Loma Linda where Mr. Crawford enrolled in the two-year medical missionary course. During the second year at the White Memorial Hospital they were giving serious consideration to serve in India but Elder Willie White visited in their home and turned their attention to the needs of our own Southland. They first went to Madison College, then joined a unit at Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Later they returned to Madison and then to Pine Forest Sanitarium, Chunky, Mississippi, where they labored until retirement due to Mr. Crawford's ill health. Following his death Dr. Crawford made her home in Gulfport, Mississippi, for approximately 20 years. Dr. Crawford is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Steen Underdale, three grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

**DUNN, Walter Frank**, died January 7 in Dunlap, Tennessee. He was born January 16, 1913, in Madison, Tennessee. A few months previous to his death he moved from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to join the staff of Stonecave Academy, located near Dunlap. Survivors include a son, Gilbert Dunn, of West Palm Beach, Florida; a daughter, Mrs. Trudy Sharon Baker, of Lodi, California; and two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Carver of Nashville, Tennessee, and Mrs. William Bryant of Woodbury, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted at Wildwood, Georgia, where he rests in the Resurrection Hill Cemetery awaiting the call of the Lifegiver.

**GREENE, Mrs. Margaret Olds**, former journalist and a long-time Central Florida resident, died December 19, 1976, in Orlando, Florida. Born in Springfield, Ohio, on July 5, 1896, she attended Wittenberg College in Springfield. She managed, simultaneously, three weekly newspapers in South Carolina during World War I. From 1922 to 1927, she was editor of the STECO News, the trade magazine of Southern Theater Equipment Co., Atlanta. Her one employee at the time was Margaret Mitchell who later wrote *Gone With the Wind*. From 1938 to 1948 she was Winter Park correspondent for the Orlando *Sentinel* and *Star* newspapers. She was public relations director for hospitals in Hinsdale, Illinois, and St. Helena, California, until 1963, when she returned to Orlando. She was the first member of RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program) in Orange County; she put in almost 5,000 hours of volunteer labor as a Pink Lady at Florida Hospital, and she was a charter member of Kress Memorial church, Winter Park. Survivors include two sons, William A. Iles, Orlando, and Dr. Weyler F. Greene, Santa Monica, California; and six grandchildren.

**HAMPTON, George Logan**, was born January 2, 1888, in Ohio County, Kentucky, and died December 12, 1976, in Avon Park, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Hampton; two sons, George H. of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and William T. of Merritt Island, Florida; two daughters, Freida M. Lloyd of Bowling Green, and Alice J. Trim of Avon Park; 20 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at Avon Park with R. E. DuBose and Harry Bennett officiating.

**HANSEN, Anna Elizabeth**, was born in Sweden on October 19, 1884, and died in Boca Raton, Florida, on January 12. She was a member of the Pompano Beach, Florida, church. She is survived by four sons, P. Rudolph Hansen of Pompano Beach, Harry Hansen of Nanuet, New York, Chester Hansen of Highland Mills, New York, and Fred Hansen of Valley Cottage, New York; and a daughter, Mrs. Stanley (Elizabeth) Winter of Boca Raton.

**KENYON, Mrs. Floese Pauline**, 78, of Forest City, Florida, died December 5, 1976. Born in Harvey, Illinois, she lived in Forest City 10 years, moving from Aurora, Illinois. She was a housewife and a member of the Eustis, Florida, church. Two nephews survive her. Services were held at Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City, with Cheeko Cotta officiating.

**KINTNER, Mrs. Jennie Lillian**, 82, was born in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1894, and passed away in Winter Haven, Florida, on January 18. She moved to Winter Haven from Tunkhannock in 1963. She was a member of the Winter Haven church.

Survivors include a son, Donald, of Tunkhannock; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Bell of Winter Haven and Mrs. Bernita Griffin of Wauchula, Florida; two sisters, Mrs. Olive Jackson of Tunkhannock and Mrs. Reba Walter of Tunkhannock; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at Lakeside Memorial Park in Winter Haven with R. A. Kurth officiating.

**LeBEDA, William James**, was born January 26, 1903, in Chicago, Illinois, and died January 9 in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was a member of the St. Petersburg church. His wife, Mrs. Jean LeBeda, survives him.

**LYLES, Mrs. Ethel M.**, 82, passed away at Hialeah Hospital in Hialeah, Florida, on January 2. She had lived in Miami since 1906. She was a member of the Miami Temple church. She is survived by a son, Warren F. Adams of Takoma Park, Maryland, and a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Sands of Miami.

**MacPHERSON, Rita Ferne**, born in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada, died November 20, 1976, in Avon Park, Florida. She served as an occupational therapist at White Memorial, Porter, and Loma Linda Hospitals. She is survived by her husband, Carroll, of Avon Park. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church, Avon Park. Funeral services were conducted in Avon Park by Chaplain Harry Bennett, assisted by Pastor R. E. DuBose.

**MATTOON, Miss Mamie L.**, was born in Lawley, Florida, February 28, 1899, and died January 15 in Sanford, Florida. She was a member of the Sanford church. Mrs. Jessie Brisson of Sanford, a niece, survives her. Funeral services were held at the Brisson Funeral Home in Sanford with C. R. Neill officiating. Interment was at Bowling Green, Florida.

**OFT, Melvin H.**, born June 15, 1924, in Harvey, Illinois, died November 7, 1976, at Walker Memorial Hospital in Avon Park, Florida. He served as Book and Bible House manager in Nevada-Utah Conference and the Hawaiian Mission and also as a colporteur in Michigan, where he contracted polio in 1955 and which confined him to a wheelchair for 21 years. He was a member of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park and was active in raising up a company in Murphy, North Carolina, and many other church and community projects, especially in the area of helping other handicapped people. Surviving him are his wife, Juvonia; two sons, Milo of Phoenix, Arizona, and Daryl of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; two daughters, Krystal Bishop of Winter Haven, Florida, and Twyla of Avon Park; one grandchild; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oft of Avon Park. Services were conducted by Robert Kerr, D. B. Myers, and Harry Bennett. Burial was in the Lakeview Memorial Gardens.

**OWEN, Harold M.**, 83, a resident of Zephyrhills, Florida, for nine years, died recently at Zephyr Haven Nursing Home. He was born September 28, 1893, in Ortonville, Michigan, and moved to Zephyrhills from Battle Creek, Michigan. He was a retired administrator for an American Legion Hospital and a member of the Zephyrhills church. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Zelma Owen of Zephyrhills; two daughters, Joyce Horlop of Detroit and Eleanor Atkinson of Tampa, Florida; a sister, Hazel Brown of St. Petersburg, Florida; and four grandchildren. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

**PATRICK, Mrs. Edith Freeman**, 77, died January 19 at Bolton, North Carolina. She was a member of the Waccamaw Indian church of Bolton. She is survived by two sons: Grover and Wayne Patrick; and two daughters: Mrs. Mildred Freeman and Mrs. Emma Moore, all of Bolton, North Carolina. Funeral services were held in the Zion Holiness church and burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

**PERRY, Lola**, was born on March 13, 1900, in Manatee County, Florida. She passed away in the South Georgia Medical Center at Valdosta, Georgia, on January 28. She was laid to rest in the Cat Creek Cemetery, Valdosta. She is survived by her son, Herman Pettit; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and her sister, Mrs. Lydia Burney. Funeral services were conducted by Andrew Musgrave and Harold Friesen.

**POQUE, Florence A.**, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1901, died in St. Petersburg, Florida, January 10. She was a member of the St. Petersburg church. Surviving her are a brother, H. Willard Smith of Hallandale, Florida, and three sisters: Miss Laura W. Smith of St. Petersburg, Mrs. Ina Leedom, also of St. Petersburg, and Mrs. Marion Frantz of Newark, Delaware.

**REES, Carol Ann**, was born in Boulder, Colorado, June 6, 1938. She died in an automobile accident in Colquitt County, Georgia, on January 6. She was the only surviving daughter of Don R. and Lila M. Rees. She was currently employed at the Lakeland Villa Convalescent Center, Lakeland, Georgia. She leaves to mourn her passing, her father; her brother, Don, of Lakeland, Florida; and one nephew.

**REES, Mrs. Lila M.**, was born in Wisconsin, April 24, 1910. She died in an automobile accident in Colquitt County, Georgia, on January 6. She was the wife of Don R. Rees who had served as president of the Kansas, Florida, and Southern Union Conferences, and who is currently serving as the administrator of the Louis Smith Hospital in Lakeland, Georgia. Mrs. Rees graduated as a nurse in 1931 from the Boulder Sanitarium and Hospital, Colorado. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband; her son, Don R. Rees of Lakeland, Florida; her brother, Harold T. Becker of Denver, Colorado; and one grandson. The funeral service was conducted in the Lakeland church by Desmond Cummings, president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. A graveside service was held at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Orlando, Florida, by H. J. Carubba, president of the Florida Conference.

**SCHAFER, Mrs. Olive Blanche**, 87, died December 7, 1976. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she was a member of the Orlando, Florida, Central church. Survivors: husband, John G.; brother, Clifford Paulson of Marysville, Pennsylvania. Funeral services were held at the Garden Chapel Home for Funerals with Obed O. Graham officiating, assisted by Leslie R. Mansell. Interment was in Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City, Florida.

**TRITT, Henry Curtis**, passed to his rest in Pensacola, Florida, December 22, 1976. He was born on December 19, 1889, in North Carolina and is survived by his wife Minnie; daughters: Mrs. Olga F. Walker, Mrs. Leah Barkley, and Mrs. Betty Miller; sons: David and Roy; brother Roy Lee; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

**VELEZ, Emilio**, was born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, November 7, 1898, and passed away December 17, 1976. He moved to Orlando, Florida, seven years ago from New York, where he worked for the Education Department of New York for 24 years. He was a member of the Orlando Spanish church. Survivors: his wife, Mrs. Amanda; son, Joseph of New York; daughters, Mrs. Sonia Porzio of New Port Richey, Florida, Mrs. Adella Cilley of Orlando, Mrs. Helen Chambers and Mrs. Esperanza Otero of New York, and Mrs. America Kimbro of Mississippi; a sister, Mrs. Adela Nives of Miami, Florida; a brother, Eugene of Newark, New Jersey; 23 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Pastors Manuel Lopez and Eugenio Valencia officiated at his services.



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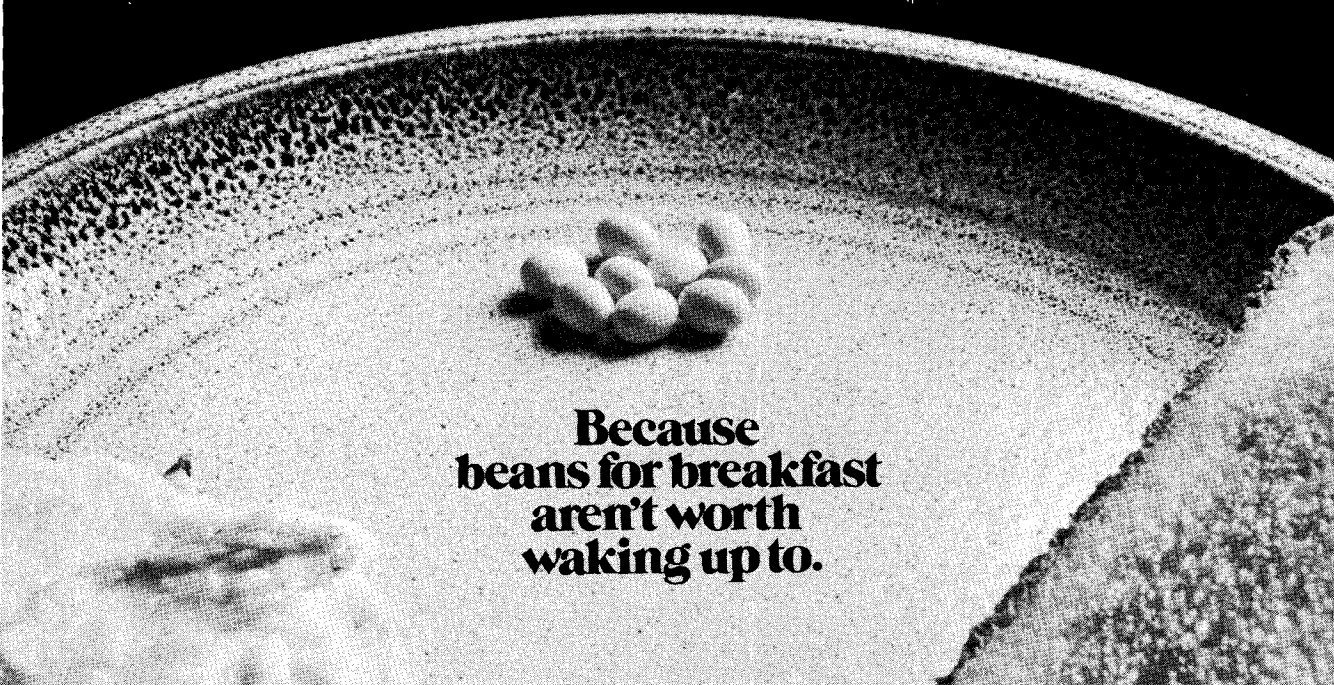
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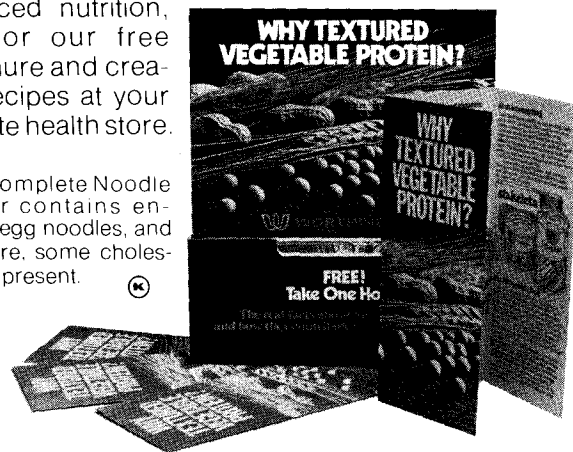
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# The Expanded Role of The Licensed Minister

**B**y action of the 1976 Annual Council, the role of the licensed minister has been enlarged. It was an action stemming from a need long recognized both by the church and the licensed minister himself. Up until the action was taken, the licensed minister was limited in his function and service to the church. This tended to slow down the work, particularly when a licensed minister was assigned to a church or churches as the pastor. For weddings and baptisms and conducting certain ordinances of the church, an ordained minister needed to be present to "cover" for the licensed minister serving as the pastor. This is now changed, and the licensed minister is authorized to function much the same as an ordained minister. The stipulations are as follows:

1. He must meet the educational requirements as determined by the North American Division and be granted a ministerial license by his employing conference.
2. It is necessary for him to be assigned by the conference to a church or group of churches.
3. He must be ordained as a local

elder and elected by that church, or churches, to that office.

4. He will function only in that church, or churches, where



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he is assigned by the conference committee and will be authorized to serve as pastor and to:

- a. perform wedding ceremonies.
  - b. baptize.
  - c. conduct funeral services.
  - d. conduct the ordinances of the church.
  - e. ordain local elders and deacons.
  - f. anoint the sick.
  - g. conduct services and preach the gospel.
5. His growth and development will be evaluated each year by his conference president and the conference committee.
- If, after a period of three to five years of evaluation by his employing conference committee, his work as a gospel minister is judged successful and fruitful, he then becomes a candidate for ordination into the gospel ministry. This then authorizes him to perform the functions of a minister regardless of where he labors. This becomes the official recognition of the minister's call and the church's approval of it as he dedicates his entire life in service to the ministry of the Word until the work is finished, or until death shall put an end to his labors.

An additional action was taken at the 1976 Annual Council which will supplement and aid in the implementation of the above points:

1. The standing Church Manual Committee is requested to re-

vising relevant portions of the CHURCH MANUAL for presentation to the 1977 Midterm Council, which in turn will recommend to the 1980 General Conference session a study of the modifications and amendments that will then be necessary in the CHURCH MANUAL. Every endeavor should be made to hold such modifications and amendments to a minimum by leaving certain aspects of the subject to the discretion of the division committees which will cover them in the division supplements to the CHURCH MANUAL.

2. The General Conference Ministerial Association is requested to revise the MANUAL FOR MINISTERS to include the necessary modifications and amendments.
3. The General Conference Secretariat is requested to revise the General Conference and North American Division WORKING POLICY with the view to recommending to the 1977 Midterm Council the necessary modifications and amendments.



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