

SOUTHERN
TIDINGS



*The Wise Men
Bring Their Gifts*

"When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son."

In the incarnate One, God imparted to mankind heaven's richest treasure—the One that spread the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; by whose hand the worlds were hung in space and the flowers of the field were fashioned; "it was He that filled the earth with beauty, and the air with song. And upon all things in earth, and air, and sky, He wrote the message of the Father's love."

"It was by the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for the life of the world, that this plan for systematic giving was devised."

"We can bring to God nothing that is not already His. . . . All things are God's, not only by creation, but by redemption." (Galatians 4:4; Desire of Ages, 20; Counsels on Stewardship, 66, 157).

Just as the wise men brought their gifts to Jesus—

the Wise Still Bring Their Gifts

Have you heard the Leonard C. Lee grasshopper story which appeared in a little tract some years ago? Here it is in condensed form:

We were driving across the western plains of North Dakota on a bright July day when the very earth seemed to crawl with grasshoppers. Every few miles we had to stop our model T and clean them out of the radiator core, to keep the engine cool. Every speck of living green had disappeared from the fields where the wheat had waved tall and beautiful only a few days before. We had to meet wave on wave of the flying creatures.

Suddenly, as we rounded a turn in the road and pulled into a driveway, the grasshoppers seemed to vanish. The garden near the house was lush with growing vegetables. Beyond the garden fence the wheat field bent before the breeze in waves of living green. This was the place we had come miles to see. This was the miracle farm. I had heard about it, but I could hardly believe my eyes.

"I've been a Christian for many years," the old man told us, "and wife and I belong to a little church that believes in paying tithes. We have given God one-tenth of all our income because the Bible teaches that it is rightfully His. When we heard that the hoppers were coming, Martha and I got our Bible and read this text on our knees."

The old man opened his Bible and read the text, Malachi 3:10, 11: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground."

The old man held out his Bible reverently, lovingly. "Martha and I held up that verse before God," he said. "We asked God to do His part, to keep His promise; and He did."

Later on Leonard, a teenager, heard a Methodist missionary speak on tithing. The missionary showed how the whole world belongs to God. He pointed out that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was not only a test of obedience and honesty, but a symbol of God's ownership and sovereignty. He also pointed out that after the testing tree disappeared from the earth, God gave man the tithing system as a symbol of divine ownership. In connection with this he read Leviticus 27:30: "And all the tithe of the land. . . is holy unto the Lord."

That presentation by a Methodist missionary made a very deep impression on young Leonard. Of course, in connection with this presentation he remembered the grasshopper experience. When he arrived home, after hearing the Methodist missionary, he went out to the granary, and between the bins of seed grain he promised God that he would return a faithful tithe. This was not a casual promise. Young Leonard was so deeply moved when he made the

promise that he stretched himself out face down in a prone position on the floor of the granary.

That fall the teenage farmer reaped a good harvest from his piece of land. He had the poorest soil in the neighborhood, but God gave him the best crop. The tithe amounted to \$100, but he didn't know where to pay it. If God would have come in visible form, he would gladly have put the tithe in His hands.

Leonard visited one Saturday night with a neighbor boy. On the living room table was an Ingathering magazine. Leonard read it from cover to cover. There was a ring of honesty and sincerity in what he read that convinced him that the headquarters of God's storehouse mentioned in Malachi 3 was in Washington, D.C.

When the bank opened on Monday morning, Leonard bought a bank draft for \$100 and sent it to the General Conference address given on the Ingathering paper. Later he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church, and he became a very effective minister.

Picture it. See that teenager. He was not a professed Christian. See him prone on the granary floor agonizing with God and making a promise to God. In essence this is what he said, "God, I believe you're there. I believe you made it all and that it all belongs to you. Please bless and help me. I will return a faithful tithe."

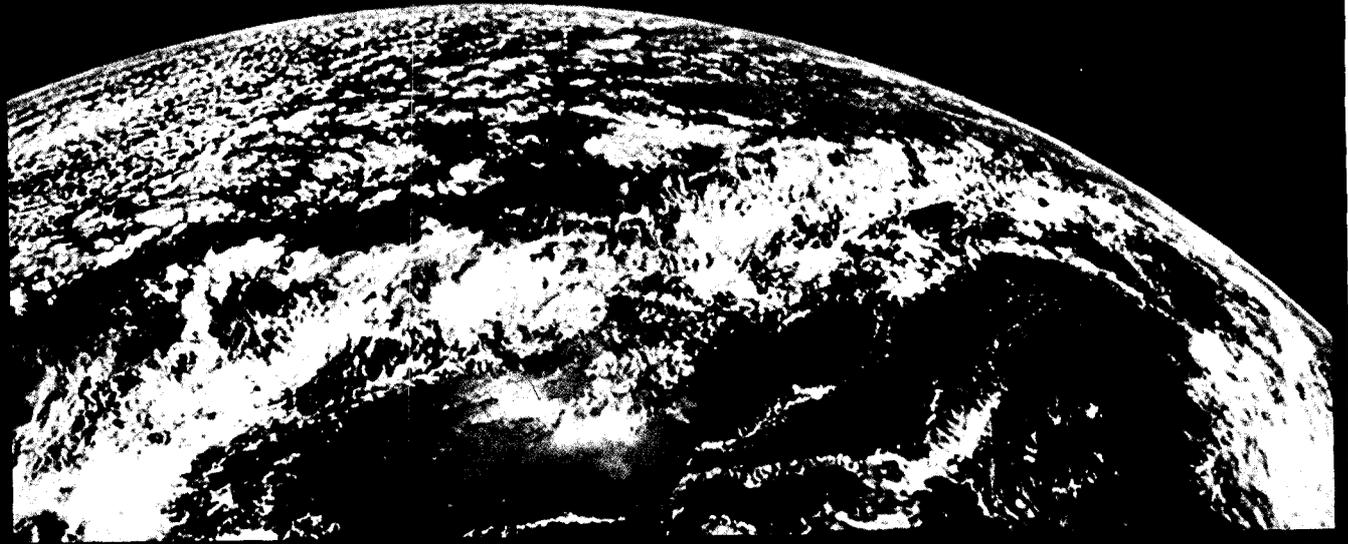
Jacob made the same promise there at Bethel when he saw Jesus at the top of the long ladder and the angels of God ascending and descending. Yes, and we all made the same promise just before we were baptized.

December 10 is World Stewardship Sabbath. "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." I Corinthians 4:2. The closing up of a given year could well be likened to the close of probation. If we're so careless that we're willing to close a year having our account with God out of balance, perhaps we aren't serious about being right with God when the door of mercy closes. Think about it against the background of Malachi 3:8, 9. The verses are so forceful as given in the Living Bible: "You have robbed me of the tithes and offerings due to me, and the awesome curse of God is cursing you."

Is the tithe all in? Obviously anything less than a tenth is not a tithe at all, for the very word "tithe" means "tenth." Is the account at the college or the academy or the church school paid? These schools are God's schools. "Will a man rob God?" What about "10 Plus, 10 +" and conference advance? What about commitments to the church budget or the building fund or the needy student fund? What about Ingathering? Could anything be more important than to be right with the Lord?

When Jesus comes, all the stewards will shout. The unfaithful will say to the rocks and the mountains, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne." Revelation 6:16. The faithful will say, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." Isaiah 25:9. One or the other—the shout of agonizing, indescribable hopelessness or the shout of unexcelled, indescribable joy.

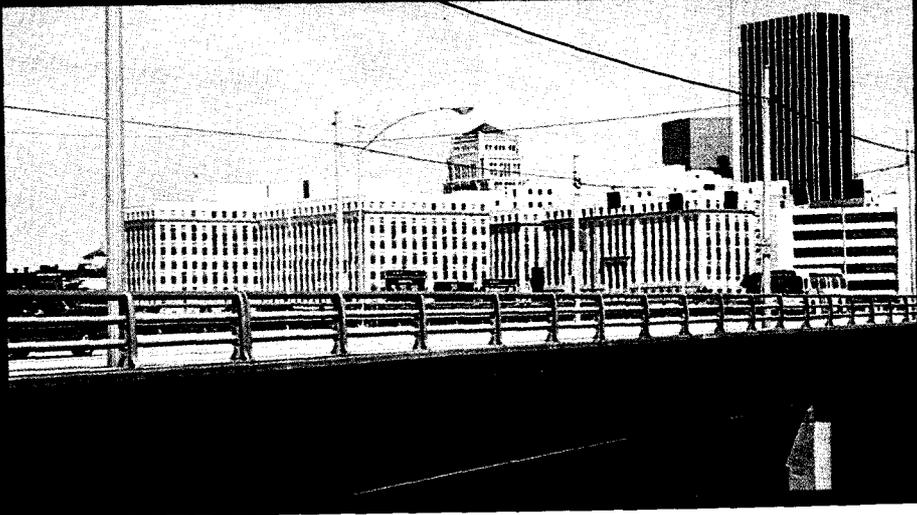
KIMBER D. JOHNSON, *President, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference*



"The earth is the Lord's, and



the fulness thereof;



the world, and they that dwell therein."



TO

by F. Clifford Port

These happy families have moved into the Mountain City, Tennessee, area in the past two years. Through their witness and support of two evangelistic crusades, the Mountain City congregation has grown to almost 30 members. Their beautiful new chapel stands as a monument to the Three Angels' Messages in Johnson County, and through their continuing outreach, residents of this mountain community are learning more about the mission and message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

efore returning to His Father, Jesus directed His followers to "Go . . . into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. In fulfillment of our Lord's commission, Christian missionaries have penetrated to earth's remotest corners, repeating the gospel story to Eskimos and Indians, Africans and Orientals. Seventh-day Adventists today are working in 192 countries and over 550 languages and dialects around the world. And this work must go forward, supported by our prayers and financial resources.

But we must never forget that "all the world" includes North America, and that every Christian is obligated to share his faith in his own community. The Georgia-Cumberland Conference includes 202 counties, only 82 of which contain an organized Seventh-day Adventist church. The remaining 120 unentered counties present a challenge that is being accepted by an increasing number of dedicated "missionaries."

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Conner and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Foxworthy, and Elder and Mrs. Paul Felt were independently influenced to move to Fitzgerald, Georgia, where the once prosperous Fitzgerald church had been declining in membership. The remaining faithful members believe that their prayers of many years were answered by the arrival of these families.

Led by Pastor Gordon McCrillis, church members are distributing *Steps to Christ* to every family in the community and offering Bible studies to those interested. They are also hand delivering 100 copies of *These Times* each month.

Steve Connor teaches physics at the local high school and also operates an electrical contracting company. Foxworthy operates a plumbing business, and Felt is a retired pastor. But the real business of all three is the evangelization of Fitzgerald and south Georgia. They willingly offer their services to others who are interested in dark county evangelism.



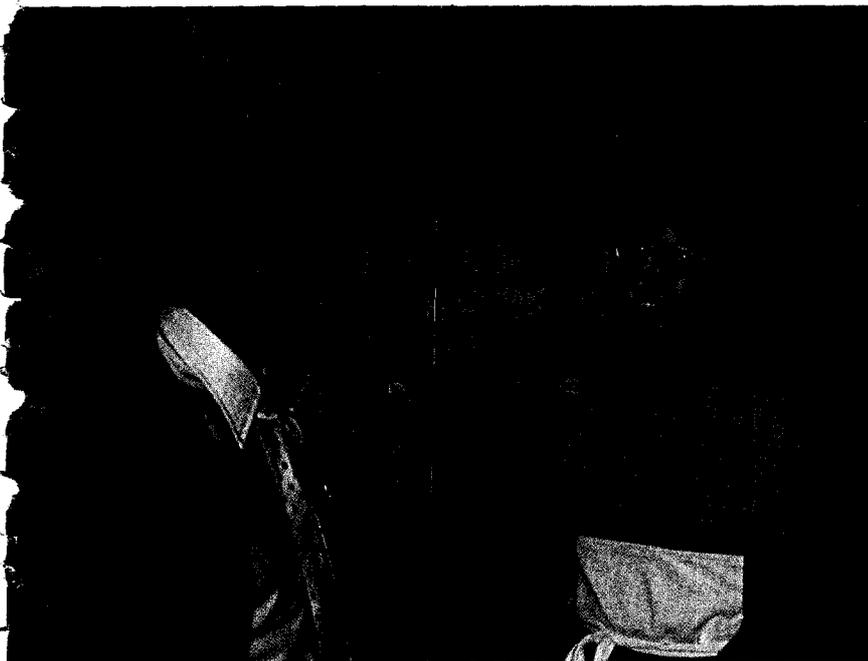
ALL THE WORLD (and Georgia too)

For a number of years Georgia-Cumberland Conference leaders have encouraged families to settle in unentered areas by offering the services of the conference moving van free of charge. This offer is still available for those willing to adventure with God in His not-so-distant mission fields.

The inspired words penned over 70 years ago still challenge God's people to finish His work: "It is not the purpose of God that His people should colonize, or settle together in large communities. The disciples of Christ are His representatives upon the earth, and God designs that they shall be scattered all over the country, in the towns, cities, and villages, as lights amidst the darkness of the world. They are to be missionaries for God, by their faith and works testifying to the near approach of the coming Saviour." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 244).



Impressed by the Christian witness of their neighbors, the Roger Wentlands, Charles and Ann Born attended an Atlanta evangelistic crusade and were baptized into the Belvedere church in the spring of 1972. Later they moved to Brevard, North Carolina. In June of this year they moved back to Charles' hometown, Turnersville, Georgia, and are living in his grandfather's house on a farm that has been in the family 104 years. The original 500 acres was purchased from the Indians for \$18. Active in the new Clayton, Georgia, church, the Borns look forward to sharing their faith with their own family members and in their community.

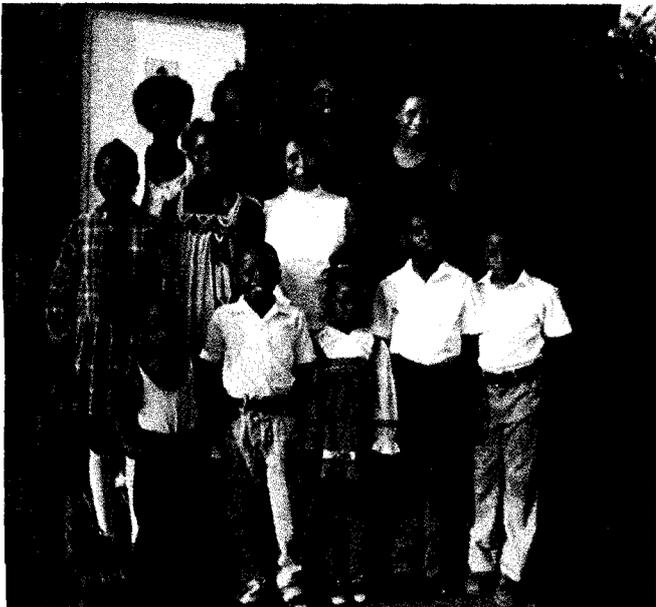


Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Henderson recently sold their cabinet shop in Apison, Tennessee, and moved to Carrollton, Georgia. With their children grown and finishing school, they wanted to live in a smaller community where they could make a greater contribution to the Lord's work. Members of the newly-organized church in Carrollton sincerely appreciate their dedication and join them in the task of evangelizing Carroll County.



Seventy-one people were baptized last summer in the dark city of Americus, Georgia. Some of them are shown here in front of the Catholic church which the group is renting until a permanent location can be obtained. A pressing need now is financial assistance, since the group is completely new and has no property or other assets from which to begin.

Miracles



he last day of summer, for most of the evangelists in South Atlantic, says more than the end of a long hot season. It says it is time to untie the ropes and chains, drop the tents, fold them up neatly, uproot the stakes, and pack everything away in a safe, dry place. It also says, the school bells are ringing, and the children are itching to get back to school. It says, it is time to count the sheaves which were gathered in, and report to the "Master."

As one contemplates his response when the roll is called, it seems hazardous to spend his time in what is called a "Dark County." However, the danger is minimized when one remembers that long ago the Lord promised us that He will cut His work short. The messenger who wrote for God had no idea how He planned to do it. As we see the positive effect of radio and television in these somewhat unentered areas, we are tempted to think that these are the mediums He had in mind to prepare the ground for the evangelists. However, it is my belief that He has many more ways yet to be used before He finishes "The Work."

The seat of a dark county on the southwest fringe of Georgia where the black people have not heard a live black Adventist preacher is Americus. This is where Evangelist Joseph Hinson, conference ministerial secretary and lay activities director, chose to pitch his tent in 1977.

Mrs. Ella Barker of Americus is a present-day "Lydia of Philippi." She and her household of 11 children were baptized. I asked Mrs. Barker how she managed to get even her married children to follow her in this new way of life. She said it was a case of "her following them."

"The boys attended the meetings the first week," she said. Then one boy said to her, "Mamma, you ought to go and hear what that man is saying. He shows the pictures as he preaches."

"I guess I will come with you to hear him," she said. The rest of the family followed suit.

"What specifically did Elder Hinson say that caused you to make up your mind to become a Seventh-day Adventist—a religion about which you knew nothing?" I asked Mrs. Barker.



ABOVE LEFT—They may come "cheaper by the dozen" in the movies, but this 12 from one family is a prized dozen. Mrs. Ella Barker (center of picture) is flanked by her children and grandchildren who joined her in uniting with the church in Americus.

AT LEFT—Leading out in the Americus crusade were Calvin Preston (left), pastor of the Albany/Americus district, Mrs. Palmer, senior Bible counselor, and Evangelist Joseph Hinson.

"It was his explanation of the Sabbath being Saturday. He proved it from the Bible so clearly."

Another daughter added, "For me, there were two things—what he said about the Sabbath and the unclean foods."

Mrs. Barker and her two married daughters, when I interviewed them, said that they are happier today than they have ever been.

You will be hearing some interesting experiences from those 70 baptisms in Americus, Georgia, in 1977.

Strange things can occur when the Spirit of God takes hold of a person. Some shout, some witness, some sing, but no one goes to sleep. September 6 was the day when Evangelist F. W. Parker and his team baptized 61 persons at the Fairgrounds in Atlanta. An aide handed him the microphone to give the last prayer before he and the other

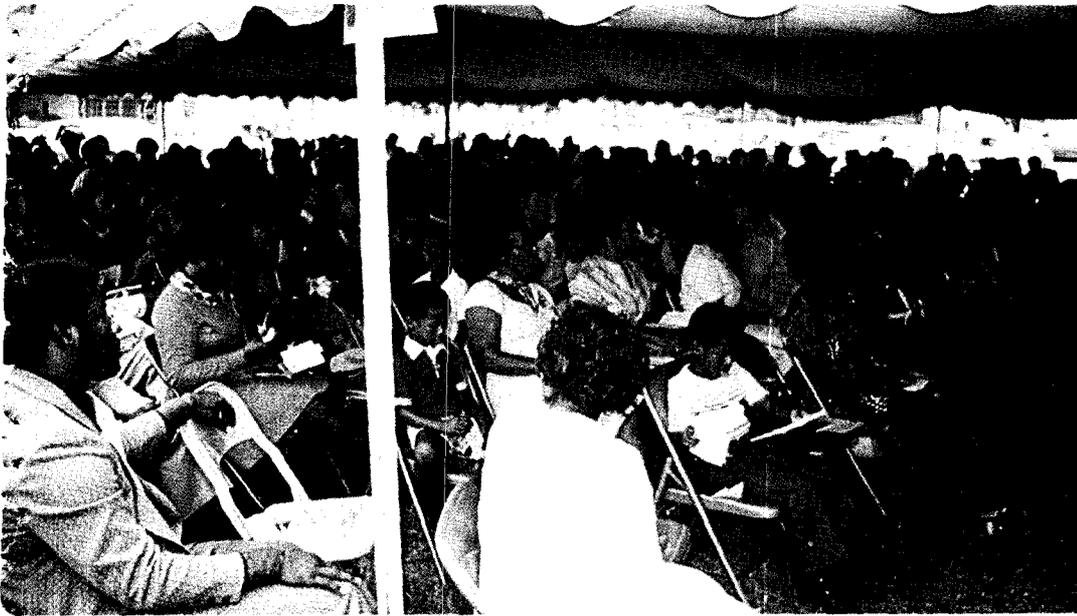
four ministers came out of the portable pool in the pavilion. Suddenly, he was stopped by a voice which said, "Wait a minute, pastor, there is another."

They looked around to see a man who was later identified as Lamar Hillary shedding his jacket, his tie, and his shoes, and climbing down into the pool to be baptized. Do not be mistaken. He was indoctrinated. During the baptism, individuals saw his faithful and godly mother pleading with him to give his heart to Jesus because he had been taught the Truth and he knows it. Suddenly, like Jonah from the seashore running the shortest route he could find to Nineveh, the young man jumped up from his seat and found his way in the pool as the 62nd candidate for baptism.

I am sure heaven rejoiced over this one candidate that came to the Lord, but no other human being could be happier than Katie Hillary, his beloved mother.

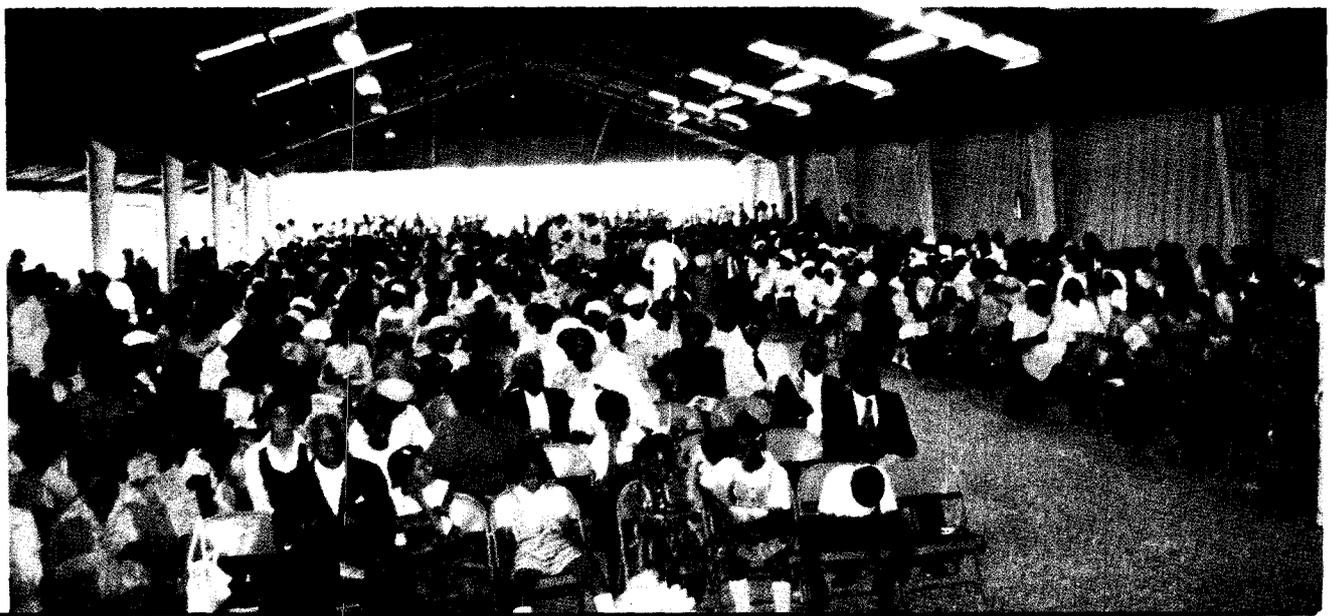
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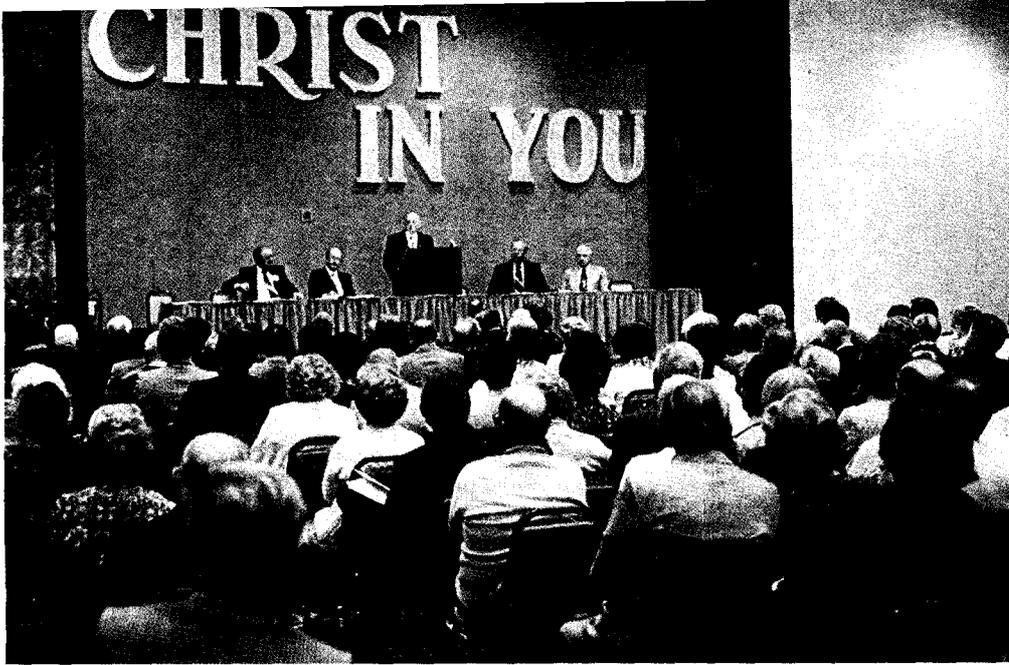
by S. E. Gooden



Americus wasn't the only place experiencing great strides in evangelism during the summer of 1977, as evidenced by this large crowd in Riviera Beach, Florida, who came to hear F. Nealy.

BELOW—The Atlanta Fairgrounds has seen large crowds before, but rarely like this one gathered for religious purposes on Saturday. Sixty-one were baptized by F. W. Parker, Ward Sumpter, and other Atlanta pastors.





Nearly 400 attended the ASI convention October 26-29 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Sabbath attendance swelled to 600.

ASI



Congressman Don H. Clausen of California addressed the convention during the awards banquet Thursday night.

World President and Mrs. Robert H. Pierson (left) were present for a portion of the convention. Pierson delivered the keynote address Wednesday night and the devotion Thursday morning.



Neal C. Wilson, vice president of the General Conference for North America, presides over the nominating committee.



Roger F. Goodge (left) of Little Creek Sanitarium and School, Knoxville, Tennessee, was re-elected president of ASI. Other officers and executive committee members are: Herbert E. Coolidge, Mrs. Lillian Trice, Henry T. Martin, Mrs. Mary Paulson, Lester L. Dickman, and James J. Aitken, executive secretary and treasurer. Not pictured are Harold J. Lance and John Freeman. Seven additional committee members were appointed by the North American Division.

Herbert Coolidge, president of Fletcher Hospital, Academy, and School of Nursing, explains some of the high points during a guided tour of the institution Sunday. Other points visited during the two-day tour were Little Creek Sanitarium and School, Laurelbrook Sanitarium and School, Wildwood Medical Missionary Institute, and Southern Missionary College.



A Legion of Laity

by George A. Powell

Within the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists are thousands of professional and business persons and managers of health and educational institutions. These individuals are leaders, both in the church and the community. Their commitment to and support of the mission of the church has played a significant role in the growth of the church's work.

Increasing numbers of this legion of laity are discovering that their witness and evangelistic effectiveness are enhanced by uniting with others of similar occupations and goals in an organization established exclusively for Adventist laymen — ASI — the Association of Privately Owned Seventh-day Adventist Services and Industries.

"ASI was founded in 1947 with 25 charter members," reports J. J. Aitken, executive secretary and treasurer. "Today the membership is 500, an increase of 115 in just the past two years."

The annual convention and quadrennial business session was held October 26-29 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

"The South has always been a stronghold of self-supporting work," according to W. L. Mazat, ASI secretary of the Southern Union Conference.

"That's how the work began in our conference," observes Desmond Cummings, Georgia-Cumberland president. The same could be said for several of the conferences in the South.

The work begun at Madison, Tennessee, expanded into a network of health and educational institutions that significantly advanced the development of the fledgling Advent movement, and is still an important segment of the church's outreach. Other centers, established inde-

pendent of the Madison system, have also made a positive impact on the church's growth.

The original concept of ASI was limited to medical and educational institutions. The title reflected that: Association of Self-supporting Institutions. This segment is still a major entity of the organization. But over the years, particularly while Caris Lauda was executive secretary, the need to broaden the base by including those in the professions and commercial business and industry was realized.

The Gatlinburg convention was a blend of business, pleasure, and inspiration. R. H. Pierson, world Adventist president, demonstrated the interest and commitment of the denomination to ASI by being present to deliver both the keynote address and the first morning devotional message.

Neal C. Wilson, General Conference vice-president for North America, was present throughout the convention. Other General Conference personnel were also there: D. D. Dennis, head auditor; M. Carol Hetzell, director of the Communication Department; D. A. Delafield of the White Estate; J. C. Kinder from the Publishing Department; Associate Secretary C. E. Bradford; and Editor and Mrs. K. H. Wood of the *Review and Herald*.

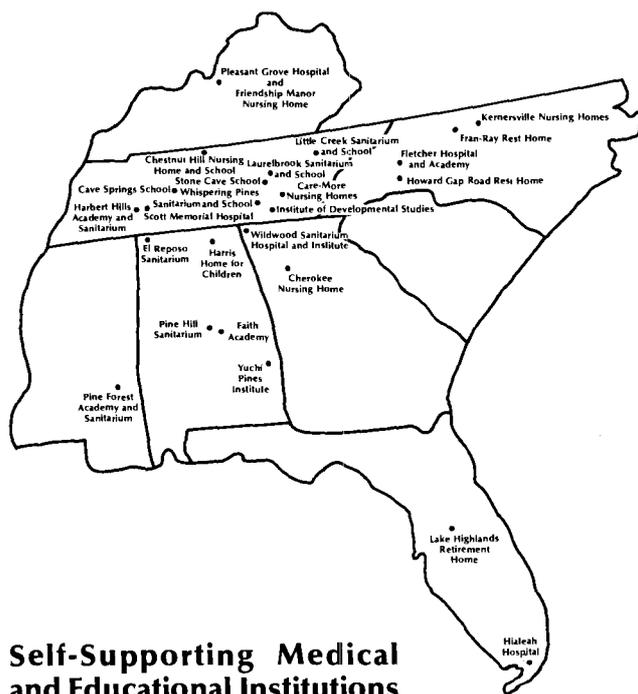
Southern Union Conference President H. H. Schmidt, Cummings, and Carolina Conference President E. S. Reile were also there.

But the real story of ASI is not General, Union, and local conference personnel. It's laymen — men and women in business and industry — people providing services — institutional leaders in health and education. These are the ones who, by their impact upon youth, their ministry to the sick, their service to the community, their integrity as Christian businessmen, demonstrate by word and conduct what the mission of the church is all about.

Eight individuals were elected to provide leadership during the next term, three from the Southern Union. Roger F. Goodge, of Little Creek Sanitarium and School, was returned to the presidency. Dr. Herbert E. Coolidge, president of Fletcher Hospital and Academy, was elected vice-president representing hospitals. Vice-president representing schools is Lester L. Dickman, principal of Harbert Hills Academy and Sanitarium. Other officers chosen were: Harold Lance, Ontario, California, attorney, general vice-president; John Freeman, director of Maranatha Flights International, vice-president representing industries; Mrs. Mary Paulson, owner of Emerald Nursing Center in Springfield, Oregon, vice-president representing nursing homes; and J. J. Aitken, re-elected executive secretary and treasurer. Henry T. Martin, owner of Martin, Ltd., Grants Pass, Oregon, and Mrs. Lillian Trice, owner of Sunshine Nursing Home, Stoneham, Massachusetts, were elected to the executive committee.

In accordance with the ASI constitution, seven members of the executive committee were chosen by the North American Division: Neal C. Wilson, Miller Brockett, P. T. Huey, C. E. Bradford, Ethel Young, William H. Wilson, and W. L. Murrill.

A drive is underway to increase the ASI membership in the Southern Union. Individuals are encouraged to contact the ASI secretary of their local conference.



Self-Supporting Medical and Educational Institutions

Island Impact

'77

Transparent blue-green surf tiptoeing onto secluded beaches; lush tropical rain forests; Island dwellers with hearts as warm and generous as the Caribbean sun.

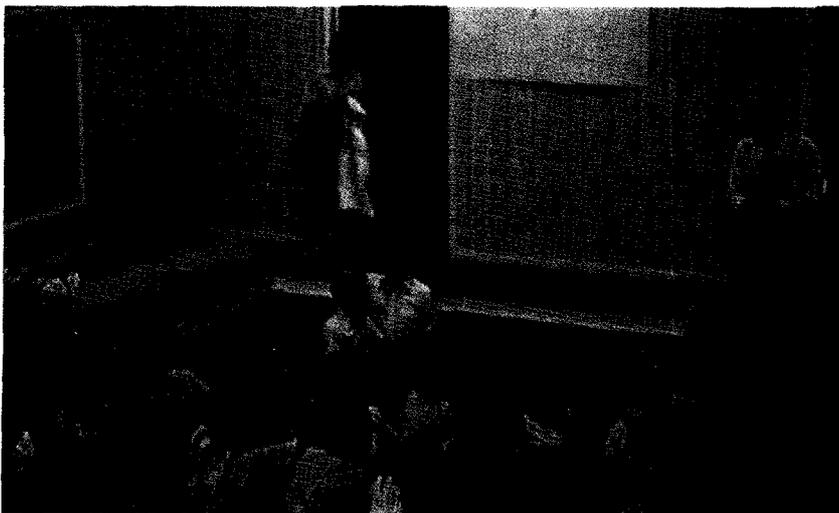
Snapshots of a dream vacation? Not to 48 Florida Teen Pathfinders and staff who traveled to the beautiful Bay Islands. These were but some of the more pedestrian memories of two and a half weeks in July spent on these mountainous islands sprinkled along the northern coast of Honduras.

A perpetual motion which characterized Island Impact '77 began as the wheels of the antique DC 3 touched down at Coxon Hole Airport. After months of meticulous planning, the most ambitious missionary project in the history of Florida Pathfinding was underway. The purpose: to bring needed services to these remote islands while providing an educational and inspiring share-your-faith experience in a unique setting.

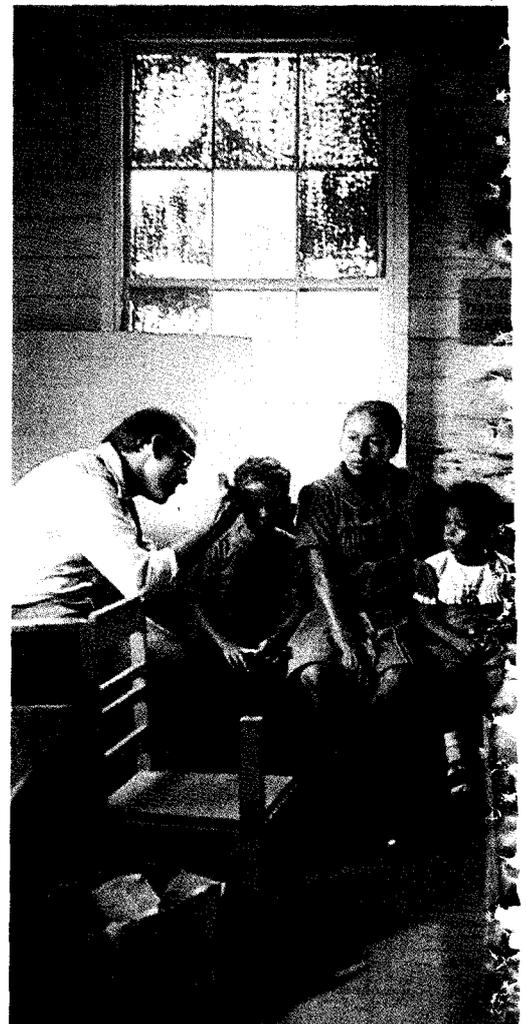
The teens and staff, under the direction of Bucky Weeks, Florida Conference associate youth director and Island Impact project director, were divided into action teams. Assigned tasks included the construction of playground equipment for two schools — swing sets, volleyball courts, and a teeter totter. Three day camps, serving over 200 Island youngsters with songs, games, and character-building activities; classroom tutoring; and the setting up of a school library in the French Harbor church school challenged the creativity and leadership ability of the teens. Three evangelistic series heightened the spiritual impact and mission orientation of the project. Backpacking teams of five persons each penetrated the hilly rain forests and brought medical aid and spiritual uplift to remote homes in the interior of the islands of Roatan and Guanaja. Pathfinders also became para-medics as they assisted professional medical teams in operating clinics in five locations serving over 800 patients.

When it was over, Florida Teen Pathfinders had made a lasting impact on the Bay Islands. The sincere appreciation of the Island people for having received the blessings of this adventure heightened the inspiration and satisfaction of the returning Floridians. New friends and a sense of having truly served were the dividends paid to the members of Island Impact '77.

by Bucky Weeks and Dick Myers



Clayton R. Farwell, Southern Union Conference youth director, conducted a baptism on the last night of the French Harbor evangelistic crusade.



Dr. Richard Bell from Florida Hospital examines one of the 800 patients treated by the medical team.



Island Impact team with ladies from Coxon Hole, who gave the Pathfinders home baked coconut bread and sang to them before they boarded the flight for home.



The Teen Pathfinders and staff met daily for worship and instructions. George "Bucky" Weeks, project director, leads out in the devotional period.



Teams of backpackers went into the jungle for a special jungle mission ministry. Comprising this team are Roy Barnes (left), Cindy Weatherall, Fred Perlee, Susan George, and nurse Mary Ann Johnson.

Dateline Data

WASHINGTON, D.C. — — —

For the third consecutive year a proposal to ordain women to the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been set aside by the highest administrative body of the church. Instead, the Annual Council took action to name women who are engaged in ministerial roles "associates in pastoral care." It further emphasizes that such persons "are not in line for ordination." Among other actions of the council was the redefinition of a church policy regarding a pastor found guilty of sexual perversions. The action spelled out specifically that such an offending minister invalidates his ordination and may never again serve as a minister or teacher in the church. On the subject of homosexuality, the council categorized "homosexual practices" as a violation of the divine intention in marriage and just cause for divorce.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS — — —

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church is proud of its students at Pine Forge Academy," said Neal C. Wilson, vice-president of the General Conference for North America. Wilson's remarks were spurred by the November 14 attack in Boston by club-swinging white men on black students from the Pennsylvania school. Four black youths and their 25-year-old teacher were injured on their visit to the Bunker Hill Historic Monument. After the attack, Boston Mayor Kevin White met with the group and apologized on behalf of the city. The black students did not resist the attack because of their principles against violence, according to Miriam Battles, wife of the wounded teacher, Charles Battles. "These young people have exemplified the teachings of Christ, who did not resist the physical abuse of His detractors," said Wilson. "They have learned the hard lesson that love is a more potent weapon than force in combating prejudice."

DECATUR, GEORGIA — — —

Literature evangelists in the Southern Union Conference delivered \$2,393,612 worth of books and periodicals during the first 10 months of 1977, an increase of more than \$350,000 over the same period last year. Totals by conference are: Georgia-Cumberland, \$500,625; Carolina, \$473,309; Florida, \$424,567; Alabama-Mississippi, \$392,445; Kentucky-Tennessee, \$238,572; South Central, \$222,306; South Atlantic, \$141,788. Baptisms to date total 339, with South Atlantic leading with 135.

Baptisms through October number 5,599, a gain of nearly 600 over the first 10 months of 1976. Totals by conference are: South Atlantic, 1,687; South Central, 1,150; Florida, 1,069; Georgia-Cumberland, 597; Carolina, 502; Kentucky-Tennessee, 387; Alabama-Mississippi, 207.

GRAVEL SWITCH, KENTUCKY — — —

The South District Baptist Association of Kentucky has expelled a member church because it ordained a woman minister. The Beech Ford Southern Baptist Church in Gravel Switch has been banished from the association for ordaining 25-year-old Suzanne Coyle earlier this year. The association's move will not affect the church's affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY — — —

A federal court judge in New Jersey has ruled that Transcendental Meditation is a religious practice. Therefore, it cannot be taught in federally funded public school programs. U.S. District Court Judge Curtis Meanor held that the TM programs violate the separation of church and state mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Meanor's opinion came in a case involving the teaching of TM in five Newark-area high schools under a grant from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — — —

By a vote of 400 to 7, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a "Religious Freedom Amendment" to the National Labor Relations Act. It now goes to the Senate for action next session. The measure would allow persons with religious convictions to decline membership in a union and paying a union agency fee, and instead, pay an equivalent amount to a non-religious charity.

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY — — —

The Kentucky State Board of Education is currently under a restraining order barring it from prosecuting parents whose children attend private Christian schools. That's the latest installment of a debate that's been unfolding for six months. Involved are 20 non-accredited Christian schools that have been under pressure from the state board to meet minimum accreditation standards. Parents of students in those schools have sued the board for control of their children's education. At least one of the schools has been offered accreditation annually, but refuses because of the requirement to use certain textbooks and teaching methods.

late news of the CONFERENCES

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI



Laymen of the Pensacola, Florida, church have joined pastor Phillip Wilson in conducting a SIX-WEEK SERIES OF EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS in the church facilities. The meetings began October 15, and laymen carried on all aspects of the program except the preaching. The laymen are also visiting the many interests along with the pastor.

RECENT EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS include: Bonifay, Florida, W. H. Patsel and J. B. Hanson, October 16-November 12; Hanceville, Alabama, Jim Greek, October 21-November 19; St. Elmo, Alabama, W. H. Patsel and Charles Ferguson, November 19-December 10.

Lay Activities Director Richard Hallock reports momentum in the number of churches accepting the program of TERRITORIAL ASSIGNMENTS under the leadership of their pastors. In the territorial assignment concept, every church family unit accepts a certain territory as its responsibility in which to witness and evangelize.

Pastor David Sharpe of the Birmingham First Church has begun an evangelistic project of making a series of REVELATION LECTURES he has developed entitled "Countdown to Eternity" available on cassette tapes on a large-scale basis. Five thousand attractive handbills describing the program have been sent out in the Birmingham area making the tapes available to residents. It is hoped that eventually several hundred tapes will be in circulation.



INGATHERING VICTORY HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference with several churches reporting large overflows. The Sheffield, Alabama, district, under the leadership of Pastor Richard Brunk, has exceeded its goal by over \$1,200. Members of the Floral Crest district achieved their goal in the absence of pastoral leadership after their pastor transferred to another conference.

CAROLINA

Marvin Hunt, pastor of the Salem/Seneca/Westminster, South Carolina, district has been extended the opportunity to write a COLUMN IN THE LOCAL PAPER, the *Seneca Journal*, entitled "The Question Box," where Bible questions will be answered. Hunt hopes that the column will spawn a radio "Question Box."

Pastor and Mrs. Barry Mahorney, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and their children, Jonathan and Chana, were FEATURED ON THE FRONT PAGE of the *Fayetteville Observer's* Living Section recently in an article about their dietary lifestyle and beliefs. The supportive article pictured the Mahorney's at a nicely decorated dinner table with their children and included some of Sharryn's favorite vegetarian recipes. Included were a cashew noodle casserole, walnut-oat burgers, and a special, one-dish meal.

"Good Goblins" visited area homes in Elizabethtown, North Carolina, on Halloween, to collect canned goods, clothing, and contributions for needy families in that community, rather than the usual tricks and treats. The goblins were youngsters from the Elizabethtown Seventh-day Adventist Church under the guidance of local youth director, Martha Ruggles. The bewitching activities of the young people earned them FRONT-PAGE COMMENDATION in the *Bladen Journal*.



Members of the Salem/Seneca/Westminster, South Carolina, district have discovered a way to augment INCOME to their churches. A local supermarket chain will return to the church one percent of the combined total of grocery register tapes turned in by the pastor, Marvin Hunt, and the church members.

The Salisbury and Albermarle, North Carolina, churches have joined the growing number of Carolina churches who pre-schedule regular "BAPTISM SABBATHS." Pastor Herb Crawley notes that the program turns the attention of the church to soul winning and encourages on-going gospel work by the members.

FLORIDA



Members of the Orangeburg, South Carolina, church held a "family style" COOKING SCHOOL in Pastor and Mrs. Herb Weise's living room-kitchen area for 28 Orangeburg residents. First night instruction included bread and gluten making. Throughout the week participants learned how to use meat analogs, how to make entrees using legumes, nuts, and grains, and how to prepare simple vegetable dishes using steam cooking. On the final evening each of the participants was invited to prepare a new recipe to share with everybody else in the group. The "Guinea Pig Luncheon," like the cooking school, was a real success. It was educational, entertaining, and a lot of fun.

Third quarter Voice of Prophecy STATISTICAL REPORTS indicate a 66 per cent increase in Voice of Prophecy applications in the last two years. The number of graduates has increased from 215 in 1975 to 277 in 1977. So far 33 persons have joined God's church in the Carolinas from initial Voice of Prophecy contacts through the third quarter.

The Brownlow-Ferry EVANGELISTIC SERIES opened at Port Charlotte on October 15. Capacity attendance nightly. One hundred and thirteen non-SDA's attended on the first night.

Jim Cress's evangelistic meetings opened October 8 at Fort Lauderdale with EVERY SEAT FILLED ON OPENING NIGHT and chairs in the aisles.

The Pratt-Peterson team opened in Jacksonville, Florida, on October 15. ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE NON-SDA'S in attendance first night.

Art Swinson and Jim Krause opened a series at Tampa Southside on October 15. EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE.

Spanish Evangelist Walter Cameron continues his series at Orlando Junior Academy. More than 20 BAPTISMS REPORTED.

Students at Forest Lake Academy have embarked on a vigorous CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MONEY TO PURCHASE AN ORGAN for the music building auditorium. At this writing the goal has nearly been attained, with a benefit program coming up to hopefully reach the needed amount. J. D. Bledsoe, organ and piano instructor, says that the students have really rallied behind the project and have done it all on their own.

As of December 31, the Florida Conference will have ANOTHER NEW CHURCH. The Goldenrod company, spawned by Winter Park's Kress Memorial church, will be organized into a church, becoming the 99th church in the Florida Conference.

C. C. Weis of the General Conference and S. L. Dombrosky, lay activities leader of Florida, visited the federations in the state. THREE NEW CENTERS ARE OPENING where food and clothing will be distributed to those in need, as well as cooking and nutrition classes, Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking, and health screening programs will be conducted. Three of the presidents in the six federations are men.

The Orange Cove church sponsored a SPECIAL PROGRAM ON METHODS FOR REACHING PRISON INMATES, held at the church September 25. Guest speaker was Leonard Haswell, a 30-year veteran of prison ministry with over 300 conversions to his credit, from Nashville, Tennessee. Of these conversions, 12 have become elders, two ministers, and 24 deacons in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

One hundred and forty students attended the JUNIOR-SENIOR BIBLE CONFERENCE held at Camp Kulaqua near High Springs, Florida, October 14-16. Dr. Gerald Colvin, chairman of the Behavioral Science Department at Southern Missionary College, was guest speaker. His very enriching message was on the subject of "The Nature of God."



THREE WEEKEND MEETINGS FOR PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP were conducted recently. The first emphasized the administrative aspects and the functions of Pathfinding. The second featured crafts and honor teaching. The third emphasized wilderness and camping skills. Three hundred attended the first weekend, 130 the second, and 160 the third. According to Bucky Weeks, director of the Florida Pathfinder clubs, this is the most extensive training ever conducted for Pathfinders.



SENIOR CITIZENS CAMP, held October 10-14, had 70 in attendance for the enjoyable week at Camp Kulaqua, under the direction of Bucky Weeks. Vic Zuchowski, Florida Conference ministerial secretary, was the special guest speaker.

The entire Bentzinger family will be helping Pastor Dan Bentzinger in a EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE at the Islamorada church starting January 28, 1978. His father, Ollie Bentzinger, pastor of the Apopka church, and his brother, Ron Bentzinger, Winter Springs pastor, and their wives will be taking part in the series. Dan's wife Gloria will also be participating.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



YOUTH WITNESSING was the theme of a three-day seminar held at Little Creek Academy October 21-23, reports Youth Director John Strickland. Students involved in the seminar classes have planned a strong witnessing project in their community, according to Dave Patterson, youth sponsor at Little Creek, who plans to continue the witnessing program through the school year. Youth witnessing seminars held throughout the conference are preparing delegates to the Festival of Faith to become better equipped to lead people to Christ.



A layman in the Calhoun, Georgia, area recently shared the following experience with Stewardship Director J. L. Price. "For quite a period of time I have been wanting to reach a full 10 PLUS 10+ or a second tithe to cover my offerings. It seems like I have not quite been able to get to that full amount. I decided this last month, come what may, I was going to trust the Lord and see if I would have enough left to pay our obligations. This is why I am so excited," he said, "because during this month the Lord has provided three events in my life that allowed me to reduce my expenditures and still come out in the black when I gave to Him more than I ever have before." He added again, "It is just great to see what the Lord can do for you individually when you really put Him to the test."

Five NEW MEMBERS were welcomed into the fellowship of the Mountain City, Tennessee, church following Evangelist Rudy Skoretz' September 24-October 29 crusade in the northeast Tennessee community. Until recently an unentered territory, Mountain City now contains a growing church of almost 30 members.

Forty-four individuals attended the FIRST SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH SERVICES held in the North Georgia community of Cohutta on October 15. Members of the Apison, Tennessee, church, under the leadership of Pastors L. O. Coon and W. E. Carpenter, began visitation and literature distribution in Cohutta over a year ago. Their efforts culminated in an evangelistic crusade held by Conference Evangelist Dwight Davis September 10-October 15. Sabbath services begun in the evangelistic tent will continue in a home until a church building can be constructed in this newly-entered community.



Members of the Dalton, Georgia, congregation accepted TERRITORIAL ASSIGNMENTS October 8, following the challenge "If you don't tell them who will?" presented by Pastor Ernest Clark. Following a fellowship dinner and question-and-answer period, members separated to drive to their territory and become acquainted with it. Plans call for making initial contact with residents through use of a health survey. The territorial assignment plan, conceived by General Conference Lay Activities Director George Knowles, calls for dividing the territory of every district in North America and assigning that territory to someone as his own individual mission field. Conference Lay Activities Leader Gary Grimes reports that the plan should be fully implemented in Georgia-Cumberland by January 1, 1978.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



Six sets of Bible Commentaries, one complete set of Ellen G. White's writings, and several sets of Testimonies were sold recently when the ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER BOOKMOBILE visited the Raleigh church in Memphis, Tennessee. Sales reported by Joel Dortch, ABC manager, totaled over \$2,300.



During a seven-day period, 2008 blood pressures were taken in Memphis, Tennessee, during the MID-SOUTH FAIR. These blood pressures were taken by the Community Services Van of the West Tennessee Federation and was directed by Billy Douglas. At that time, 12 persons signed up for the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking.

SOUTH CENTRAL



There were 20 EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS held this summer. Eighteen in tents and two in churches. Five of the "tent meetings" were held by laymen, and 18 by pastors. Total 1977 baptisms to date — 1,164.

Newspapers sent over photographers and reporters to two TENT MEETINGS, one in Anniston and one in Shaw, Mississippi. To the news reporters, tent revivals are rare and unique today.



R. P. Peay, of the Southern Union Youth Department, came to Hillcrest in Nashville October 1 for a full day of PATHFINDER ACTIVITIES. After the Sabbath school, the flag-bearers marched in as part of the worship service, followed by the uniformed Pathfinders and their leaders. The lunch served the Pathfinders and guests at the church was followed by outdoor demonstrations of marchings, first aid, tent pitching, knot tying, and other camping skills. The Pathfinders then marched back into the church to receive awards. Willie Mae Moore, Carolyn Holbert, Isa Akpele, and Sharon Thomas received Master Guide certificates. Mrs. Dorothy Reedus is director of the Hillcrest Pathfinder club.



In the Jackson, Mississippi, church meeting, conducted by Pastor Richard Bell, UNUSUAL FEATURES included "Prison Ministry," and "Ministry to Deaf and Dumb." Harry James Williams, III, who was converted while in jail in the north, and is preparing for the ministry at Oakwood College, conducted special prison ministries during the Jackson meetings. His testimonies were thrilling to the audiences. The ministry to the deaf and dumb was conducted by Thompson Kay.

There were five LAY EFFORTS this summer: W. Moore in Leeds, Alabama, N. G. Simons in Clarksville, Tennessee, Ben Smith in Troy, Alabama, W. Lester in Birmingham, Alabama, and Edward Turner in Bessemer.



Thirty desperate smokers gathered at Camp Kulaqua October 16-21 to wage all-out war on cigarettes at the Florida Hospital's most recent FIVE-DAY LIVE-IN PLAN TO STOP SMOKING. The Plan was a total success, and plans are already in the making for the next one some time next March.



SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE

The 1977-78 edition of *WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES* will carry the names of 25 students from Southern Missionary College who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders. A campus nominating committee and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential. They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934. Students named this year from Southern Missionary College are: Donald Robert Ashlock, Douglas Warren Auld, Linz Audain, Paul R. Boling, Robyn Meinhardt Bowman, James Jackson Butler, Roy Kenneth Campbell, Karen M. Haight Clark, Keith Allan Clifton, Steve Grady Darmody, Wayne D. Harlow, Raymond Clifford Hartwell, Jo Lynn Hawthorne, Don Joseph Jehle, Eleanor Jane Kennedy, Elaine Ruth Kuna, Shane Marie Martin, Gary Lee McLarty, Kathleen Louise Mixell, Lucretia Hazel Moore, Kenneth Charles Porter, Kenneth Emery Rogers, Carl Edward Shaw, Vinita Ramona Wayman.

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The Church In Action

Youth

Pathfinder Fair at GCA Draws 14 Clubs

Georgia-Cumberland — Georgia-Cumberland Academy hosted over 250 Pathfinders and staff representing 14 clubs for the annual Pathfinder Fair October 28-30. Eight Master Guides were invested in a special service Sabbath morning. Activities included collecting over 2,000 cans of food and abundant clothing for Thanksgiving baskets, 15 skill demonstrations from soap carving, macrame, and jelly making to leathercraft and rocket building.

Sunday's program included 20 physical challenges in the morning, followed by an afternoon parade and drill team exhibitions. The



Grant Tuttle, director of Standifer Gap Pathfinders, leads his award-winning club in the Pathfinder Parade at Georgia-Cumberland Academy October 30.

Health

Carolina Nurses Hold Retreat

Carolina — Nurses of the Carolina Conference mixed education and relaxation during the second annual Nurses' Retreat held at Nosoca Pines Ranch. For the first time continuing education credits were made available to the nursing personnel through a special program funded by the Food and Drug



Dr. Alice Marsh, professor of home economics at Andrews University, addresses Carolina nurses.

Standifer Gap, Marietta, and Calhoun clubs won gold cups in their respective size categories. Mrs. Vivian Littell of Dayton, Tennessee, honored for her 34 years of service as a youth and Pathfinder leader, served as Grand Marshal of the Sunday parade.

Administration in coordination with the Health Department of the General Conference.

Plans for the study/rest weekend were initiated by Alice Smith, R.N., executive director of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses (ASDAN). This particular seminar, which provided 15 contact hours of instruction, was on nutrition. The featured instructor was Dr. Alice Marsh, professor of home economics at Andrews University.

Other speakers for the weekend included Mrs. Wilhelmina Lombardi, CAO program manager of the Food and Drug Administration office in Atlanta. Mrs. Lombardi's presentation dealt with food labeling and what the nurses could anticipate seeing in nutritional labeling in the future.

M. D. Hanson, conference health director, and host for the weekend, spoke during the Sabbath worship service. His topic was "Health and Nutrition in the Old Testament."

Miss Smith also participated in the weekend instruction and encouraged the development of more ASDAN chapters throughout the conference. A steering committee was selected to move ahead with plans for developing a regional chapter of ASDAN which would encompass the conference territory. This will make it possible for nurses in isolated areas to participate in the fellowship and benefits of ASDAN even if there are not enough Adventist nurses in his/her area to form a chapter. The conference is seeking to compile a list of all nurses, R.N. or L.P.N., active or retired, in the Carolinas for the purpose of developing a better mode of communication with this vital group and to promote the plans of future ASDAN functions, and is asking that nursing personnel write to the conference Health Department with the pertinent information before December 31, 1977.

Riverside Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Riverside Hospital — Mayor Richard Fulton of Nashville, Tennessee, along with representatives from Governor Blanton's office, joined with other civic, church, and

hospital leaders November 6 to kick off the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Riverside Hospital. The occasion included the ribbon cutting and official opening of the emergency section of Riverside.

The present \$3 million, 50-bed unit holds modern communication and examination systems, and was built in 1972. In 1975 a professional building was constructed adjacent to the hospital and provides 16 suites for doctors and related professions.

In 1947 an 84-bed unit was built, but is presently out of service awaiting extensive remodeling, which is part of the planned 50th anniversary program.

Riverside's 47-acre tract on the banks of the Cumberland River was bought by the red-headed registered nurse, Nellie H. Druillard. This driving Scotswoman had helped to develop a college in Michigan and a school and hospital in Madison, Tennessee.

While recovering from an automobile accident, she pledged to devote herself to helping Blacks, if she recovered. As a fulfillment of this pledge Nurse Druillard built, largely from her own funds, seven cottages named "Riverside Sanitarium."

The philosophy of the infant institution was to use science in assisting nature in recovery from sickness and disease. Hydrotherapy, proper diet, rest, and faith in God became the trademark of Riverside.

In 1935 Riverside was incorpo-

rated as a project of the General Conference, given over to them by Nurse Druillard, who was then 86 years old.

Riverside continued to grow, with patients coming from all over the nation. A chapel, nurses' home, laundry, closed-circuit TV, nurses' dormitory, classrooms, a short wave radio, a kidney dialysis machine, radio-isotope, computer, and other equipment make Riverside the modern hospital that it is today.

Riverside is accredited by the American Hospital Association's Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals; it is a member of the Tennessee Hospital Association, and works with the Blue Cross Insurance. It offers medical, surgical, obstetrical care, laboratory, and X-ray, among other services.

James Merideth, administrator, gave plaques to nurse Grace McDonald for 38 years' service, Dr. Lowell Benson, and others. Drs. Carl Dent, A. P. Johnson, and Benson had been with Riverside longer than others. Introductions were made by Chaplain I. L. Lester, J. Merideth, and Washington Butler. The ribbon was cut by Mayor Fulton, Merideth, and Johnson. The guests included T. W. Cantrell of the Southern Union Conference and H. Dobbins, former business manager of Riverside. The fire department of the city and the American Red Cross brought their ambulances and health vans to honor the opening of the Riverside emergency room.



Nashville Mayor Richard Fulton and Riverside Hospital Administrator James Merideth cut the ribbon at the entrance to the new emergency section.

Who and Where

Mayor Boosts Bowling Green Community Relations Day

South Central — On October 15 the Cottage Chapel church of Bowling Green, Kentucky, honored Dr. J. E. Jones, minister of the Seventh Street Baptist church and retired professor of Western Kentucky University, by conferring upon him its annual Community Service Award for outstanding achievements in the city of Bowling Green.

Mayor B. L. Steen officially declared October 15 as Community Relations Day, and presented Dr. Jones and E. E. Cleveland with tokens of welcome and honor.

Dr. Dero Downing, president of the university, honored Jones with a special speech of appreciation for the services Dr. Jones rendered while a faculty member with the university. The Amazing Tones of Joy, the university choir, and pastor Jerry Offut of Cowles Chapel, sang "He's Going to Smile on Me."

E. E. Cleveland preached with gripping power about man's vacation in heaven. Present also were O. A. Moses, pastor of the Cowles Chapel Baptist church, and Dr. John Long, professor of religion at the university.

The 19-member congregation in Bowling Green asked for a full church, sunny weather, the Holy Spirit, and E. E. Cleveland. God answered every prayer, and all were drawn closer to God.

Bible Search Launches Basic Bible Outreach In Orangeburg

Carolina — An unusual display of Bibles in the Orangeburg Mall last September 1 in Orangeburg, South Carolina, generated a great deal of public interest. The display consisted of all the different translations available, a Greek Bible, a German Bible, many very old Bibles, and large family Bibles. Basic Bible machines were demonstrated with more than 400 pieces of litera-

ture being handed out during the four-hour demonstration. Sabbath school superintendent Jim Rochester was in charge of the display.

A follow-up program, searching for the oldest Bible in Orangeburg, was launched with the enthusiastic support of local radio stations and the local newspaper, *The Times and Democrat*.

The church also made arrangements for George Suhrie, of Fletcher, North Carolina, to be at the Orangeburg church October 22 to display his most unusual, private ancient Bible collection—one of the largest in North America—to the public.

Suhrie's display included many priceless manuscripts. Beginning Friday evening Suhrie spoke of the inspiration and origin of the Scriptures. He underscored the fact that today's Basic Bible contains the same authoritative message of love and hope as the ancient Bibles.

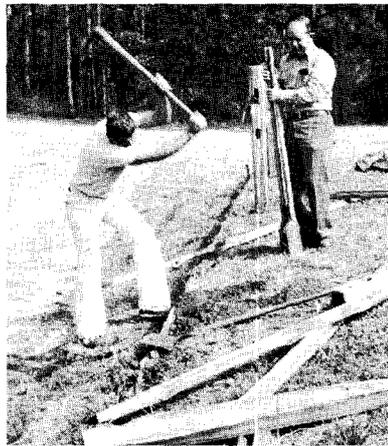
Public response to these activities has been encouraging with some of the townspeople submitting Bibles of their own, dating as far back as 1824 and 1859.

The church has been thrilled by the interest in Bible study that has been generated and have divided themselves into Basic Bible bands to continue the growing interest in God's word.

Laymen Back Camp Alamisco Improvements

Alabama-Mississippi — Fifty laymen and pastors converged on Camp Alamisco October 23 and 24 for a work bee to freshen up camp buildings and grounds. The work session drew laymen from nine churches, including some from as far away as Pensacola and Huntsville.

Conference Youth Director Lewis Hendershot reports "a tremendous amount of work was accomplished due to the hard work of the volunteers and the organized manner in which the various projects were arranged." Each job assignment was carefully prepared for by Hendershot, camp ranger David Lawrence, and conference building consultant Milton Reiber, with tools and materials on site ready for workers to use on arrival.



Laymen from Auburn and Montgomery join men and women from seven other churches at the Camp Alamisco work bee.

As a result of the two-day work bee, the Alamisco Inn and headquarters-gymnasium complex were painted, paneling and trim work was done in the complex, Inn, and one camper cabin, drain tile installed, ceiling work was done in the lodge, and 180 feet of rail fence installed in rock-hard soil.

The conference office staff joined in the work bee both days. Because of the success of the project and interest on the part of the laymen, Conference President W. D. Wampler indicated that other work sessions will be arranged when those from farther away from the camp will have opportunity to work either at Alamisco or Bass Memorial Academy.

Atlanta Businessman Named 'Entrepreneur Of the Year'

Georgia-Cumberland — Eugene A. Anderson was designated as the 1977 Entrepreneur of the Year by the Georgia Business & Industry Association at its annual meeting held in Atlanta October 6.

Anderson is chairman of the board of the Southern Saw Service, Inc., and Atlanta Saw Company. He began his business career in Atlanta in 1928. Shortly thereafter, he became treasurer and general manager of Southern Saw Service and was elected its president in 1939.

In presenting the award, GBIA President Gene Dyson cited Anderson's personal achievements in an enterprise that has shown steady growth throughout its history. Be-

ginning with two employees, the combined firms today employ over 230. Under Anderson's direction, the companies have become standard-setters in the industry. From headquarters in southwest Atlanta, the companies market knives, saws, and choppers to more than 50,000 domestic customers. In addition, the firms export to 44 foreign countries and have gross sales of over \$12 million.

In addition to his business interests, Anderson is well known for his many activities in behalf of his church. He has served on the Board of Trustees of Southern Missionary College, the SMC Committee of 100, is a member of the Georgia-Cumberland Professional and Businessmen's Association, and vice-president of the Julius Schneider Medical Foundation in Atlanta. In 1969 he was granted an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree by Columbia Union College.

Anderson has also distinguished himself in civic and governmental affairs. He is a past president of the Atlanta Optimist Club; district treasurer, Boy Scouts of America; a member of the board of trustees for the Salvation Army, YMCA, and the Visiting Nurses Association. Three times a member of trade mission teams for state and federal agencies, he also serves as chairman of the board of the Fulton County Department of Family and Children's Services which provides aid to 100,000 needy citizens in Atlanta and Fulton County.

Anderson's witness in industry, civic affairs, and government service provides an outstanding example of a dedicated Christian businessman in action.

Eugene A. Anderson accepts the 1977 "Entrepreneur of the Year" award from the Georgia Business and Industry Association October 6.





Pastors from Miami-area churches baptize 125 October 22 as 1,500 onlookers break into spontaneous singing.

Jackson Celebrates Founders Day

Kentucky-Tennessee — The Jackson, Tennessee, church celebrated Founders Day on October 22. The weekend activities began with a candlelight ordinance service on Friday night. Many dressed in costumes to accent the occasion.

The theme at Sabbath school was early church history. The secretary's report was on the beginning of Sabbath schools. The mission story was about the first missionary, J. N. Andrews.

George Yost, conference superintendent of education, spoke at the worship hour. A dedication service followed with the burning

A candlelight communion service was the keynote for "Founders Day" ceremonies in Jackson, Tennessee.



of the note for Hines Memorial Elementary School.

Following the church service, everyone enjoyed an old fashioned dinner on the grounds which included chili heated over an open fire in an old iron kettle. The mayor of Jackson, Bob Conger, joined the group for lunch, along with other guests from the city of Jackson and surrounding areas.

In the afternoon Loren Herbert showed slides of the groundbreaking ceremonies for the school as well as pictures of members in days gone by. The film, "Arrow of Prophecy," was also shown.

The occasion was such a success that it has been decided to make it an annual event at the Jackson church.

Miami Crusade Nets 125 Baptisms

Florida — More than 1,500 persons gathered by the shores of the lake at the Miami Ski Club October 22 to witness the baptism of 125 new converts to Christ. As young and old died silently into cool waters to be symbolically reborn in Christ, songs of joy arose spontaneously from the banks of the lake.

Members of the Miami Ski Club looked on in curiosity at the unusual scene as Kenneth Cox, Southern Union Conference evangelist, and 10 ordained ministers brought to a dramatic conclusion the five-week Prophecy Crusade held at the Miami Temple SDA church.

Cox presented his multi-media prophetic seminars nightly to a packed church, numbering well over 1,000 persons.

As part of a follow-up program, a nutrition class will be offered soon to all interested community housewives and cooks.

Tent Evangelism Gets News Coverage, Raises Up Church in Shaw

South Central — It was a hot day in Shaw, Mississippi, when Evangelist G. L. Byars was taking a

break from the physical work at the tent that a reporter came into the tent and, looking at a handbill, started to ask questions.

"Why do you put up this tent?"

"We call this dark county evangelism," said Byars. "We're giving this good news to the world—it is good news that Christ is soon to return to the earth."

"The end of the world—how will it come?"

"We're living in the end of the world. Certain things are happening—crime, wars, rumors of wars—these are the signs of the last days. It's in the Bible. When

Christ comes back the second time He will end all evil, there's going to come a kingdom set up by God. It will not be ruled by man at all. God will set up the kingdom."

The interview went on until the reporter asked Byars to go to the platform and pose with an open Bible for a picture. When Byars was posing for the picture he smiled that God sent James Dickerson by to put in the paper the story of the tent evangelism.

At the close of the tent meeting, a church was organized in Shaw where there had not been an Adventist church before.

Carolina Campers Receive Personality Evaluation

Carolina — Dr. Elden Chalmers, professor of pastoral care of the Church and Ministry Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary at Andrews University, was the featured guest last September at the annual Family Camp held at Nosoca Pines Ranch. During the course of the weekend 78 adults and teens took part in a standardized personality test, which normally would have cost about \$75 to take, but which was made available for only \$2 per person. The test scores were processed and evaluated the same weekend, thanks to the untiring efforts of Dr. Chalmers.

Chalmers approached the weekend with a view to helping people to understand their potential in Christ. The tests, called the 16 Personality Factor Test, parts A & B, and its adolescent equivalent, the HWPQ, parts A & B, took about two hours. Dr. Chalmers was up most of the night scoring and evaluating.

Chalmers felt that the tests were important in that once an individual gets an accurate picture of his personality it becomes easier to effect practical steps in behaviour modification. This was related in the context of growth in Christ.

Dr. Chalmers, who is a licensed clinical psychologist with work in the area of experimental physiological testing, pastored the Albemarle district, and then the Raleigh, Durham, Pittsboro, district in the early 1950s.

Two SDA TV Programs Aired in Sarasota

Florida — Last February, when Elder and Mrs. Ray West were asked to pastor the Sarasota, Florida,

and "It Is Written" with George Vandeman went over the air. Storer Cable TV, under the direction of William Langendorf, provided the best time possible, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Monday evenings for the two half-hour series.



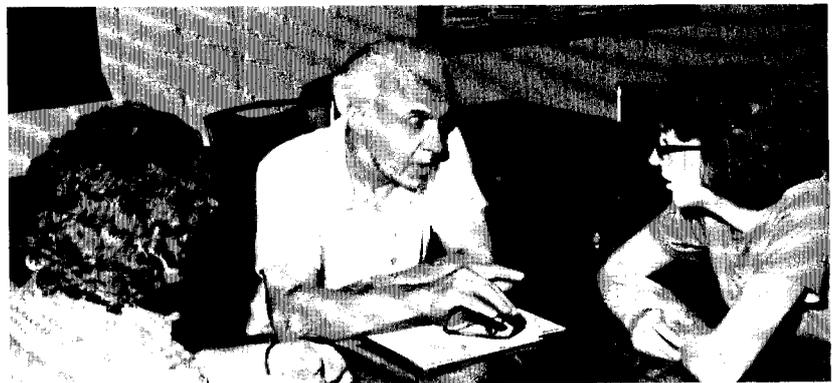
William Compton (left), Florida Communication Director Ron Wiggins, William Langendorf, and Ray West discuss plans for airing two Adventist series in Sarasota.

church, they had talked of investigating the possibilities of radio and television as a means of evangelism. God was listening. The very week of their move, William Compton, a Methodist minister, called and asked if West would serve on the communications committee for the Ministerial Association in Sarasota.

In the conversation, Compton asked, "Does your church have any programs that we could put on TV?" Music to the ears!

On October 24 "It's Your World" with Art Linkletter, produced by the Southern California Conference,

Dr. Elden Chalmers counsels family campers after evaluating the two-hour 16 Personality Factor Test administered during the weekend.



Pictorial Stories



Delegates to the Southern Union Academy Bible Conference relax between meetings. The conference, attended by some 210 students and sponsors, was held September 21-24 at Atoka Springs Camp.



Community Relations Day was observed October 15 in churches throughout the Southern Union. Two churches which presented the Community Service Award to area residents were the Kingfield and Graysville, Tennessee, churches. Pastor Keith Wiseman presented the award to Mrs. Lenora Arnold in consideration of her work for mentally retarded and handicapped citizens in Williamson County. Pastor Don Miller presents the award to Dr. Theodore C. Mercer, president of Bryan College in Dayton. Mercer has been president of the institution for 21 years, and serves in numerous civic and service capacities.



Dr. Raoul Dederen of Andrews University walks into the seating area during a discussion period at the Collegedale Bible Conference held October 27-29 at Indian Creek Camp. Approximately 150 students and staff from Southern Missionary and Oakwood Colleges, Fletcher School of Nursing, and the advanced training program at Laurelbrook School were in attendance. The emphasis was the authenticity and inspiration of the Bible.



Farm Manager Luis Monterde completes the assembly of the newly purchased irrigation system for the Bass Memorial Academy garden. The system was made available through special donations and a conference-wide offering. Immediate plans, along with the vegetable garden, include the planting of more than 6,000 strawberry plants with an expected yield of over 8,000 pints.



More than \$7,400 was raised for Ingathering at Bass Memorial Academy, sparked by the academy's Ingathering weekend which brought in \$5,400. Per capita for the 162 students was \$42.85.



Members of Mt. Pisgah Academy's tumbling and temperance teams appeared September 15 at the invitation of TV host "Mr. Bill" on WLOS in Asheville, North Carolina. The students and their sponsors were questioned regarding their religious beliefs, the academy, and health principles.



A packed house greeted Mike and Sharon Hanson at the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, Florida, October 8. The Hansons shared their life experiences in testimony and song. Mike is the communication and health director of the Carolina Conference and Sharon is the daughter of Miami Springs Pastor Wayne Thurber.



Officers of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference join members of the Gratz, Kentucky, church in dedicating their building October 22. Groundbreaking for the structure was held in August of 1972.



Retired General Conference Vice President Theodore Carcich and his wife display Nosoca Pines Ranch windbreakers presented to them by Carolina Conference President E. S. Reile. Carcich spoke to the elders, deacons, and deaconesses at their annual retreat October 28-30.

A new \$9,000 organ has been given to the Arcadia, Florida, church by Veteran's Administration Attorney Robert Coy and Mrs. Idell Wever. The gift was made in memory of Mrs. Wever's late husband, "Buck" Wever, and Edwin Coy, a retired SDA minister killed in an accident in Arcadia.



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Calendar of Events

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

- Elders' and Deacons' Meeting** — Camp Alamisco, Dec. 9-11.
Guest Speaker: George Knowles, lay activities director, General Conference.
Ministers' Meeting — Camp Alamisco, Dec. 11-14.

CAROLINA

Lay Advisory Councils

Dec. 10	Charlotte Sharon church	3:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	Greenville, N.C., church	3:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	Columbia, S.C., church	3:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	Fletcher, N.C., church	3:00 p.m.

Bookmobile Schedule

Dec. 3	Lawndale	Sunset - 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	Nosoca Pines Ranch	
Dec. 8	Ministers' Retreat	
Dec. 10	Tri-City Junior Academy	Sunset - 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	Durham	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Dec. 11	Raleigh	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	High Point	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	Greenville, S.C.	Sunset - 10:00 p.m.
Dec. 18	Spartanburg	10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	Columbia	3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	Fletcher	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Adventist Book Center Open House — Dec. 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Nosoca Pines Ranch Schedule

Jan. 1-3	Columbia Union Literature Evangelists
Jan. 6-8	Columbia Union Literature Evangelists
Jan. 27-28	Carolina Conference Bible Conference
Feb. 3-4	Carolina Conference Bible Conference
Feb. 10-22	General Conference Presidents' Executive Advisory Council

Tryon Church Dedication — Dec. 31.

FLORIDA

Senior Youth Colorado Ski Trip — Dec. 25 - Jan. 5. Contact Conference Youth Department for reservations.

Bookmobile Schedule

Dec. 3	Miami Northside	Sat. Sundown
4	Miami Temple	Sun. 10:00 - 12:00 noon
4	Miami Springs	Sun. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
4	Miami Spanish	Sun. 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
10	St. Petersburg	Sat. Sundown
11	Clearwater	Sun. 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
11	New Port Richey	Sun. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
11	Brooksville	Sun. 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
17	Tallahassee	Sat. Sundown
18	Inverness	Sun. 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Sabbath School Workshops

Dec. 10	Tifton, Ga.	Sat. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
11	Collegedale, Tenn.	Sun. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
12	Knoxville, Tenn.	Mon. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

ABC Bookmobile Schedule

Dec. 3	Manchester, Ky.	Sat. Sundown
4	Lexington, Ky.	Sun. 12 noon - 4 p.m.
4	Frankfort, Ky.	Sun. 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
10	Highland Academy	Sat. Sundown
11	Memphis, Tenn.	Sun. 12 noon - 4 p.m.
17	Louisville Jr. Academy	Sat. Sundown
18	Owensboro, Ky.	Sun. 12 noon - 1 p.m.
18	Henderson, Ky.	Sun. 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
18	Hopkinsville, Ky.	Sun. 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Jan. 7	Memphis, Tenn.	Sat. Sundown
8	Jacksonville, Tenn.	Sun.
14	Lawrenceburg, Tenn.	Sat. Sundown

SOUTH CENTRAL

- Officers' Meeting** — Dec. 3, Huntsville, Ala.
Staff Meeting — Dec. 6, Nashville.
Housing Board Meeting — Dec. 7, Nashville.
FHES Committee Meeting — Dec. 8, Nashville.
Stewardship Day — Dec. 10.
Conference Committee Meeting — Dec. 20, Nashville.
Conference-wide Baptism Day — Dec. 24.

Commitment and Dedication Day — Dec. 31.
Workers' Meeting — Jan. 3-5, Nashville.

SOUTHERN UNION

World Stewardship Day — Dec. 10.

13th Sabbath Offering — Dec. 24. Benefits Inter-American Division.

International Philosda Club New Year's Retreat — Dec. 29 - Jan. 2. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, Fla. Speakers: Dr. Winton Beaven, Dr. Colin Standish. Single SDAs 18 and older wishing to attend contact Phyllis Shade, 621 Main St., Reisterstown, MD 21136. Phone (301) 833-0608.

Union College Alumni Meeting — Jan. 15, 5 p.m. Madison, Tenn., Campus church fellowship hall. Potluck dinner.

Festival of Faith — March 22-25, Greensboro, N.C.



Guest speakers will include:

- H. M. S. Richards, founder/speaker emeritus, Voice of Prophecy.
- C. D. Brooks, general field secretary, General Conference. Speaker, Breath of Life.
- Ann Kiemel, author of *I'm Out to Change My World* and *I Love the Word Impossible*.

It Is Written is bringing two good will programs to its viewers this Christmas season. The first, "The Reluctant Messiah," will be aired the weekend of December 4. An encore presentation of last season's Christmas special is slated this year for the December 25 weekend. Pastor and Mrs. Vandeman will both participate, along with It Is Written singers Connie Vandeman, Marilyn Cotton and her daughters, Ben Parrish, and Walter Arties. The musicians will present nine Christmas melodies with orchestra accompaniment.

HERITAGE SINGERS U.S.A. WINTER TOUR

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| Dec. 3 | Collegedale, TN, SMC Church |
| 4 | Lookout Mountain, TN., Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, N. Bragg St., 7:30 p.m. |
| 5 | Dalton, GA., Trinity United Methodist Church, 901 Fields Ave., 7:30 p.m. |
| 6 | McMinnville, TN, Civic Auditorium, Garfield St., 7:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Birmingham, AL, Roebuck Adventist Church, 8921 Parkway E., 7:30 p.m. |
| 10 | Huntsville, AL, Oakwood College Church, Oakwood Road, 7:00 p.m. |
| 11 | Gainesville, GA, Central Baptist Church, 785 Main Street S.W., 7:30 p.m. |
| 12 | Columbus, GA |
| 13 | Macon, GA, Adventist Church, 640 Wimbish Road, 7:30 p.m. |
| 14 | Jacksonville, FL, Murray Hill Methodist Church, 4101 College, 7:30 p.m. |
| 31 | Orlando, FL, Sanitarium Adventist Church, 800 Lake Estelle Dr., 4:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 1 | Daytona Beach, FL, First Baptist Church, 118 N. Palmetto Ave., 7:00 p.m. |
| 2 | Winter Park, FL, Kress Memorial Adventist Church, Formosa at Oglesby, 7:30 p.m. |
| 3 | Melbourne, FL, First United Methodist Church, 110 E. New Haven Ave., 7:30 p.m. |
| 4 | W. Palm Beach, FL, Adventist Church, 1309 Georgia Ave., 7:30 p.m. |
| 5 | Fort Lauderdale, FL, Adventist Church, 1501 S. Andrew Ave., 7:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Miami, FL, Miami North Adventist Church, 12800 N. Miami Ave. |

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Obituaries

BARRETT, Mrs. Grace Lillian, 83, of Forest City, Florida, passed away October 22. Born in Lake Ariel, Pennsylvania, she moved to Forest City from Takoma Park, Maryland, in 1960. She was a registered nurse and served from 1920 to 1930 in Mexico and from 1930 to 1938 in Spain as a registered nurse and missionary for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors: husband, Owen C.; daughters Ruth Schermerhorn of Forest City, Grayce Tollerton of Kansas City, Kansas, and Elsie Higgins of Miami, Florida; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Rainey Hooper, pastor of the Altamonte Springs church, officiated at the funeral. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City.

BENNETT, Mrs. Sylvia L., 82, was born in North Carolina and died in Collegedale, Tennessee, October 17. Services were conducted by Roland Ruff and Don Crook. Burial was in the Standifer Gap Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery. Survivors include two daughters, Miss Minnie Bennett and Mrs. Geneva Sanders of Collegedale; and one son, James L. Bennett of Cleveland, Tennessee.

BLANEY, Mrs. Eva G., 96, died October 10. Born in Bethel, Maine, she moved to Orlando, Florida, from Oxford, Maine, 20 years ago. She was a member of the Kress Memorial church, Winter Park, Florida. Survivor: niece, Mrs. Aida Blood of Lancaster, Maine.

BREWER, Dorothy Jean, was born in California on February 23, 1923, and died in Hialeah, Florida, October 17. She was a member of the North Miami church. Surviving are her husband, William Brewer of Miami; two sons, Dana of Maryland and Donald of Virginia; and one daughter, Dorothy Jean McNeal of Naples, Florida.

BROWN, Maude Susanna Frances Summers, was born in Fisherburg, Indiana, on March 20, 1896. After many years of working with our medical institutions Maude and her husband, James Irwin Brown, moved to Portland, Tennessee, where she passed away in July of 1977. She is survived by her husband; a son, Carl, two grandchildren, SSG James L. Brown and Mrs. Carlene Roberts; and four great-grandchildren.

CHRISTENSEN, Louis N., M.D., a former Florida Hospital medical director and physician for about 30 years, died September 15 in Seattle, Washington. He was born in Faaborg, Denmark, June 21, 1906, coming to the United States in 1925. In 1936 he graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine and joined the medical staff of Florida Hospital. During World War II he served as an Army medical officer in North Africa and France. Upon his return, he was appointed medical director of Florida Hospital from 1946-1951, and continued on the staff until 1969. From 1969-1972 he served at the Adventist Medical Center on Okinawa. He is survived by his wife Gertrude, daughter Ruth Komarniski, and four grandchildren.

CONNER, Arthur G., was born in Mitchell County, Georgia, on October 22, 1906, and died October 26 in Mulberry, Florida. He was a member of the Lakeland First church in Lakeland, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Roshia Conner of Mulberry; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Davis, also of Mulberry; one sister, and two grandchildren.

COPPOCK, Thomas G., was born in Cyclone, Indiana, in 1891 and died in Inverness, Florida, October 26. He accepted the Adventist faith in 1925 and was a member of the Hernando, Florida, church. His survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Bessie Gilbert Coppock; two sons, Paul of Battle Creek, Michigan, and Deibert of Hillsborough, California; two daughters, Mrs. Alma Allen and Mrs. Naomi Albright, both of Battle Creek; 10 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Interment was in Oak Ridge Cemetery at Inverness.

DAVIS, Charles H., born February 10, 1885, died October 26. Davis was married to the late Katherine Jane McKinley. In 1924 the family moved from Charleston, South Carolina, to Florence, South Carolina, with their only son Bill Thomas. Davis was a charter member of the Florence church and served as an elder in the church.

DILDY, Mrs. Nancy, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, January 1, 1863, and died May 23 in Atlanta. She was preceded in death by her daughter Frances (Mrs. George A. Dorfch) two years ago. She is survived by two sons, Fred L. Dildy of Douglasville, Georgia, and A. Clifford Dildy of Collegedale, Tennessee; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

DUSKA, Mrs. Mary D., 84, died September 10 in Apopka, Florida. Born in Hungary, she moved to Apopka from New Jersey in 1959. She was a member of the Forest Lake SDA church, Forest City, Florida. Survivors: husband, Michael; daughter, Mary Faughn, Forest City; son, Michael, Jr., Maitland, Florida; sister, Anna Balas, Perth Amboy, New Jersey; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Brian Tarr of Forest Lake church officiated at the services. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City.

EMSER, Henry Raymond, born August 15, 1905, died October 12. Emser was a cherished and faithful member of the Sharon Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Louise, two sons, two daughters, 10 grandchildren, Herman Davis and M. Donovan Oswald officiated at the services.

EVERHART, Julie Savannah Doreest, born July 30, 1915, died July 15. She was a faithful member of the Lexington, North Carolina, church since November 7, 1970. Mrs. Everhart's husband died in 1962. She is survived by her mother, two sons, three daughters, four sisters, two brothers, 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

FRAZIER, Thornton T., was born in Montgomery, Alabama, June 15, 1906. He was enrolled in Oakwood where he completed both the high school and junior college program of studies. He later enrolled at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, completing his college requirements at Oakwood College the summer of 1949. On June 26, 1935, he married Celestine E. Reid of Orlando, Florida. Shortly after establishing a home, he answered a call to serve at Oakwood College as farm manager, later serving as treasurer and accountant until his tenure of service at Oakwood was interrupted by his induction into the armed forces in July, 1943, after which he returned to Oakwood College where he resumed as treasurer and accountant for several years. In 1952 he joined the staff of Riverside Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Here he served as treasurer and accountant until November 1, 1958, when he was forced into retirement from this position because of impaired vision. On May 5, 1975, he became seriously ill as the result of a stroke. Another stroke followed on February 26, 1976. After an illness of over two years, he fell asleep on July 27 in Monteville, Alabama. Survivors include a wife, Mrs. Celestine Reid Frazier; one brother,

Louis Frazier, Yountville, California; five sisters, Mrs. Alyce Follette, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. Ruth N. Stafford, Huntsville; Mrs. Hurley M. Phillips, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Ellen Frazier-Frazier, Norfolk, Virginia; Mrs. Mayre Carter, Deer Park, California; five brothers-in-law; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruth A. Lee, Lincoln, Nebraska; seven nephews, eight nieces, 14 great nephews, 11 great nieces.

GEORGE, Bing, passed away in Miami, Florida, on September 13. He was born in North Dakota on July 29, 1894. He had been a member of the Miami Temple church for about the last 10 years of his life. Survivors include his wife, Eva of Miami, and a son, Terry of Wichita, Kansas.

GOFORTH, Edward E., 84, died October 15 in Morristown, Tennessee. He was a charter member of the Morristown church. He is survived by his wife, Edith; sons, Loy Goforth of Tampa, Florida, Eugene Goforth of White Pine, Tennessee, Malcolm and Alvin Goforth, both of Morristown; daughters, Mrs. Christine Lively of Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. Louise Jones and Geraldine Koenry, both of Collegedale, Tennessee; 21 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by Jarett Brown and L. O. Coon.

HANSEN, Mrs. Pearl Ellen, 90, of Winter Park, Florida, died at Florida Living, Forest City, Florida, October 18. Born in Louisville, Kentucky, she moved to Winter Park from Marion, Indiana, in 1967. She was a homemaker and a member of the Kress Memorial church, Winter Park. Survivors: husband, James Richard Hansen of Winter Park; daughter, Mrs. Lucille Frey of Winter Park; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren. Services were held at the Samoran Funeral Home with Vic Zuchowski officiating. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City.

JONES, Winford Weston, Jr., was born on July 14, 1944, in Tampa, Florida, and died in Tampa on September 13. He was a member of the Lakeland First SDA church in Lakeland, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Ann of Lithia, Florida; son, Johnny Jay of Lithia; parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones, Sr., of Mulberry, Florida; and brothers, Whitman of Plant City and Edward of Lithia.

KEHR, David Alan, 21, was killed in an automobile accident October 15 in Forest City, Florida. Born in Orlando, Florida, he moved to Forest City from St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1972. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Kerr of Forest City; brother, Steven, and sister, Marsha, both of Forest City, G. Brian Tarr, pastor of the Forest Lake church, officiated at the funeral held at Garden Chapel Home for Funerals. Interment was in Woodlawn Memorial Park, Orlando.

MAMONE, Mrs. Dorothy, 59, of Orlando, Florida, died October 9. Born in New York City, she moved to Orlando 27 years ago. She was a ward secretary for Florida Hospital for 16 years and a member of the Kress Memorial church, Winter Park. She served with the Women's Army Corps during World War II. Surviving are her husband, Anthony F.; son, Richard A. of Orlando; brother, Rudolph Baikau of Islip Terrace, Long Island, New York; and one granddaughter, Richard Faber officiated at the services held at Garden Chapel Home for Funerals. Interment was in Woodlawn Memorial Park, Orlando.

OWENS, Mrs. Edna, of Douglasville, Georgia, died July 26. She was born January 2, 1905, in Estill, South Carolina. She became interested in the SDA Church by taking a Voice of Prophecy Bible course. She lived in a dark county and S. S. Will traveled many miles to visit her, and later baptized her. She was a member of the Douglasville church at the time of her death. Survivors are a son, Wylie Owens, and two grandsons, Danny and John.

PAGE, Jonah Allen, born March 20, 1890, in Stanly County, died at his home on October 17 after several months of declining health. An Adventist of 62 years, Page was baptized at Albemarle. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Dairymple Page; three sons, Horace, Glenn, and Vernon; five daughters, Evelyn Rogers, Dorothy Little, Mrs. John Hines, Blanche Earnhardt, and Mrs. William Soales; one half-sister, Sarah Jane Goins; 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Carrie Lou Dennis Page, his first wife, died on January 2, 1958.

RUSSELL, Raymond Glyburn, pastor of the Banner Elk and Valle Crucis, North Carolina, churches, died October 28 in Greenville, South Carolina, of cancer. Russell was born May 1, 1927. He pastored several churches in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference prior to his ministry in the Carolinas, where he pastored the Greenville, South Carolina, church before his last pastorate in Banner Elk and Valle Crucis. He leaves to mourn his wife, Miriam, and three children, Randy, Diane, and Don. He was greatly loved and respected for his patient, quiet manner. He will be missed.



SMITH, Mrs. Elsie Anita, was born in October, 1903, in New Jersey, and passed away September 1. She was a faithful member of the Douglasville, Georgia, church. Survivors include her daughter, Hazel V. Barr; grandchildren: Theresa, Anita, Stanley, Gilbert. Great-grandchildren: Debbie, Kimberly, Frank. Interment was in the Marietta, Georgia, National Cemetery.

TAYLOR, James L., died on October 12 at Hialeah Hospital, near Miami. He was born in Key West, Florida, in 1907, and was a faithful member of the Miami Temple church for more than 25 years. Although he had but one arm, he never missed a day of work in helping with the construction of the new Temple church. After its completion he worked as one of the gardeners until a few months before his death. He is survived by his wife and several grandchildren. Horace Walsh officiated at the services. He was laid to rest at Miami's Southern Memorial Park Cemetery.

WALSER, John Wade, born February 29, 1905, died September 26. Wade was a member of the Durham church and an Adventist for more than 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella P. Welsler; one daughter, Mrs. Thelma Walker; and one sister, Miss Ola Lee Walsler.

WEIR, Lude Rogers, born May 15, 1900, died June 22. She was preceded in death by her husband Alfred Dreher in 1945 and her husband Calvin C. Weir in 1975. A member of the Columbia, South Carolina, church, Mrs. Weir leaves to mourn three children, Mary Grace Flint, Mrs. C. A. Dreher, and Joe Dreher; one sister, Mrs. Alzada Clark; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

WILSON, Rosa Douglas, born April 16, 1865, in Gadsden, South Carolina, died March 22. In 1905 she married Lawrence Milton Wilson. Eleven children were born to this union. Mrs. Wilson was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church during the summer of 1960. She was preceded in death by three of her children and her husband, who died in 1963.

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On the Move

Carolina

1. **Bill Waters** is returning to Carolina as a member of the Carolina evangelistic team. With him are his wife, Cora, and their two children, Wendy, 5, and Mark, 2. They are coming from Iowa.

Florida

The new Adventist Book Center (Book and Bible House) manager is **2. Gerald Bond**, who comes to us from the Review and Herald Publishing Association where he was assistant manager for the book department for almost four years. Prior to his service at the Review, he was assistant manager of the Florida ABC. He replaces Cecil Darnell, who has retired after almost 21 years as Florida's Book and Bible House manager.

Georgia-Cumberland

Don Platt is the new assistant treasurer, coming from Institutional Services/ESDA in Washington, D.C., replacing Terence Futcher who is assistant treasurer of the Southern Union Conference.

From Oklahoma comes **Dale Tunnell** to take the Knoxville, Tennessee, church, replacing Gordon Weidemann who went to New Jersey.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Lawrence Walton is the pastor in the Madisonville, Kentucky, district. He and his wife Ann were at Southern Missionary College before he took the responsibility of pastoring the Madisonville, Powderly, and Ohio County churches.

Southern Union

3. **Terence Futcher** has been named assistant treasurer, succeeding **Jay Shanko**, who has become treasurer of the Southern New England Conference. Futcher, a graduate of Southern Missionary College, has been assistant treasurer of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and has also worked in the business department of Florida Hospital. He and his wife, the former Arlene West, have two children, David, 6, and Christy, 4.

4. **Wayne A. Martin** has joined the Publishing Department as an associate director, with specific responsibility for public relations. Martin comes from the Ohio Conference where he was director of communication. He has also served in the General Conference Communication Department and in pastoral and departmental positions in the Kentucky-Tennessee, Carolina, and Missouri Conferences. Martin spent 11 years as a missionary in Thailand, a portion of that time as mission president.

Christian Record Braille Foundation

William Copley has been named acting area director for Christian Record Braille Foundation in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. Bill and Ida Copley have three children. They will continue to make their home in Newton, Alabama.

Pacific Press Publishing Association

5. LeRoy J. Leiske has been elected general manager of Pacific Press Publishing Association. Leiske is the former Northern Union Conference president, a post he has held for the past two years. Entering denominational work in 1943 as an evangelist in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, he has served in a number of administrative capacities including the presidency of three local conferences and the Southern Union Conference, director of development at Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, Texas, youth director for the Southwestern Union Conference, and president of Southwestern Adventist College for three years. Born in Bentley, Alberta, Leiske attended Canadian schools before his marriage to Sylvia L. Lockert.

Weddings

SMITH — KARSNER

Jean Karsner and **Stanley Smith** were united in marriage in the Frankfort, Kentucky, Seventh-day Adventist church August 25. The wedding ceremony was preceded by a unique musical program typical of the couple's deep religious convictions. The wedding service was performed by Irad C. Levering. After a brief honeymoon in the Smoky Mountains, the couple resides near Frankfort, Kentucky.

SHERER — CLARKE

Janis Lynn Clarke, daughter of Elder and Mrs. J. W. Clarke of Hendersonville, Tennessee, and **Charles R. Sherer**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Sherer of Charlotte, North Carolina, were united in marriage August 21 in the youth chapel of the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist church, Madison, Tennessee. Both attended Southern Missionary College where Charles graduated last May with a business administration major. The bride's father, brother James, and brother-in-law Bruce Hermann, officiated at the ceremony. The couple will reside in Charlotte.

KING — WILSON

Debra Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Wilson of Pirmasens, Germany, and **Frederick King**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond King of Virginia Beach, Virginia, were united in marriage August 14 in the New Rochelle, New York, Seventh-day Adventist church. John T. Grayson and Herman L. Davis, cousins of the bride, officiated. The newlyweds motored to Niagara Falls and Yellowstone National Park en route to Ogden, Utah, where they will be making their home while Frederick is serving with the United States Air Force. Debra is a 1976 graduate of Oakwood College.

BARRINGTON — NORTHERN

Tammy Charmaine Northern and **Carl Wayne Barrington** were united in marriage August 14 in the Warner Robins, Georgia, SDA church. The ceremony was performed by Glenn Mitchell. The couple is to make its home in Huntsville, Alabama.

DAVIDSON — CREAMER

Linda Erlene Creamer and **Mark Allen Davidson** were married August 28 in the Winter Springs, Florida, SDA church. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John E. Creamer of Belleview, Florida. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davidson of Forest City, Florida. After a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, the couple is living in Winter Park, Florida.

sunset table

	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 30	Jan. 6
Atlanta, Ga.	5:30	5:30	5:32	5:35	5:39	5:45
Charlotte, N.C.	5:11	5:11	5:12	5:15	5:20	5:26
Collegedale, Tenn. .	5:29	5:29	5:31	5:34	5:39	5:44
Huntsville, Ala.	4:35	4:34	4:36	4:40	4:44	4:49
Jackson, Miss.	4:55	4:56	4:58	5:01	5:05	5:11
Louisville, Ky.	4:23	4:23	4:24	4:27	4:32	4:38
Memphis, Tenn.	4:48	4:48	4:49	4:52	4:57	5:03
Montgomery, Ala. ...	4:40	4:41	4:42	4:46	4:50	4:55
Nashville, Tenn.	4:32	4:32	4:34	4:37	4:42	4:48
Orlando, Fla.	5:29	5:30	5:32	5:35	5:39	5:43
Wilmington, N.C. ...	5:02	5:02	5:04	5:07	5:12	5:17

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As of this writing, we have just completed our annual Administrative and Departmental Council. This Council involves all of the ad-



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ministrators and departmental directors of the Southern Union and local conferences. In this meeting we lay plans for the coming year, which in this case is 1978. These plans and recommendations are then submitted to the union and local conference executive committees for official approval and implementation.

You may well imagine that we placed the greatest emphasis on soul winning. In this union conference, the Lord is presently giving us success in soul winning through every avenue of endeavor involving departments of the church and laymen. Projecting to the end of this year, 1977, it appears that there will be 6,500 baptisms. The conference presidents, together with their working staffs and churches, have set conference goals for 1978 totaling 7,500 baptisms.

In the Council, together we decided to have as our rallying cry: "One Hundred and One by Eighty-One"—that is to say, 101,000 members in the Southern Union Conference by January 1, 1981. This represents an over-all net gain of 15,000, or an average of 5,000 net gain each year between now and 1981. Every department has plans to help achieve this objective.

Featured in this issue of the SOUTHERN TIDINGS is the principle of stewardship. More and more with the passing of time and approach of the day when the gospel commis-

sion to the church will be fulfilled, we will be called upon individually and collectively to render to God what is due Him of our material means. We hold to the principle that the tithe is God's and should be returned to Him faithfully. Beyond that, there are material gifts in the form of offerings, accumulated wealth in bank accounts, houses and lands making up estates that ought to be made available for the finishing of God's work in the earth. We hope you will give careful attention to those who are leading out in the trust services and stewardship programs of the church. Certainly none of us want to be among those of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he talked about corrupting rust and money being put into bags with holes in them. There will, in this connection, come a time when gold and silver will be thrown into the streets without anyone making an attempt to retrieve it. May God bless you as you plan for the future.



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