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SOUTHERN TIDINGS



BIBLICAL EXPOSITION



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"If I had an opportunity, I would speak to the students of every Sabbath school in the land, lifting up my voice in earnest appeal that they go to the word of God, seeking for truth and light. God has precious light to come to His people at this very time, and you should strive earnestly in your investigations to aim at nothing less than a thorough knowledge of every point of truth." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, 32.

by George A. Powell

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"There must be earnest study and close investigation. Sharp, clear perceptions of truth will never be the reward of indolence. . . . We cannot expect to gain spiritual knowledge without earnest toil. Those who desire to find the treasures of truth must dig for them as the miner digs for the treasure hidden in the earth. No halfhearted, indifferent work will avail." *Christ's Object Lessons*, 111.

Digging for truth.

Searching for hidden treasure.

How deep do most Adventists dig? How frequently and how thoroughly do they search?

Not nearly enough, according to the Sabbath school report for the first quarter of 1979.

Membership in the Southern Union Conference on March 31 numbered 90,827. Sabbath school membership, which included unbaptized children, was 66,526, or 73.2 per cent of the membership. Attendance on an average Sabbath amounted to 45,083, which was 67.8 per cent of the Sabbath school membership and 49.6 per cent of the church membership.

Of the 36,692 members of the senior division, 10,087 of those present reported that they were following the daily lesson study plan. Since the adult church membership is approximately 66,000, this means that only about 15 per cent of the adult membership is present on an

average Sabbath and engaging in daily study of the lesson. It is probable, of course, that others are involved in serious study of something besides the Sabbath school lessons.

"We certainly are not satisfied with the situation," states Southern Union Sabbath School Director F. D. Retzer, "because 'the Sabbath school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth.' *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, 115. In order for the Sabbath school to reach its potential, our people must not only be present,



Skill in the use of biblical research tools such as commentaries, Bible dictionaries, concordances, maps, etc., is an important goal of the seminar.

but teachers and students alike must engage in serious study."

Although improvement in both attendance and study is needed, a 1976 evangelism survey revealed that the Sabbath school is succeeding in its function as "one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth."

The General Conference committee engaged the Hewitt Research Center to "study the most effective evangelistic procedures of the church." A 50-item questionnaire was sent to 4,488 persons. Here is part of what they discovered:*

Which church workers influenced most your decision to join the church?

pastor	68.6%
evangelist	32.9%
Sabbath school teacher	23.1%
teacher in SDA school	18.1%

How did you learn the doctrines of the SDA Church?

regular Sabbath school class	46.7%
studied on their own	40.4%
joined baptismal class	31.7%
studied with pastors	26.0%
family worship	23.8%
pastor's Bible class	22.2%

Which SDA literature assisted you in making your decision to join the SDA Church?

Sabbath school quarterlies	47.3%
tracts	31.7%
SDA recorded material	25.5%

Which three aspects of church activities were most appealing?

Sabbath school	50.5%
sermons	43.0%
worship services	34.7%

Which three church activities were most important for spiritual growth?

Sabbath school	24.6%
sermons	14.3%
church worship services	10.8%

Who is the most influential church officer in the church organization?

- (a) Sabbath school teacher
- (b) elders
- (c) deacons

"For several years we have emphasized 'Performance in Sabbath School Teaching,'" explains Retzer. "We



Dr. Jack Dunham (right center) discusses with seminar delegates a point he made during an earlier presentation.

wanted to help our teachers be more professional in their presentations and discussion leadership. We will continue to do this. But special consideration is now being placed on biblical exposition—helping teachers become more skillful in the tools and methods of biblical research."

The lesson study remains the heart of the weekly Sabbath school program.

A paragraph on page 118 of *Counsels on Sabbath School Work* sets forth three key considerations: (1) "The teacher should not confine himself to the repetition of the set words of the lesson." (2) "Reciting a lesson yourself before the class is not teaching it." (3) "Do not skim the surface; work deep."

Webster defines exposition as "a setting forth of the meaning or purpose of a writing, discourse, law, etc. . . , designed to expound, explain, or appraise analytically." *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*, 1961 ed.

A Biblical Exposition Seminar was held May 11-13 at Southern Missionary College with 166 registering for the 18-hour event.

The same course was offered at the Alabama-Mississippi and Kentucky-Tennessee Conference camp meetings.

Biblical Exposition is one of three seminars in the Senior Teaching System developed by Dr. Jack L. Dunham of the Religious Education Foundation.

Sabbath school leaders interested in this or other teacher-training programs should contact the Sabbath school director of their local conference.

"If you take upon you the sacred responsibility of teaching others, you take upon you the duty of going to the bottom of every subject you seek to teach. If you present a subject from the word of God to your pupils in the Sabbath school, you should make the reasons for your faith so plain that your scholars shall be convinced of its truth. You should diligently search and compare the evidences of the word of God on messages that He sends to the church, that you may know what is truth, and be able to direct those who look to you into the way of righteousness." *Ibid.*, 31.

* Totals may exceed 100 per cent because of multiple answers.



Research topics are assigned and reports given on various biblical subjects.



The McKee Memorial church at Bass Memorial Academy is a focal point of campus life.

by O. D. McKee and G. N. Kovalski
photography by G. N. Kovalski

A church on an academy campus is a special kind of church with a unique mission. The church on the campus of Bass Memorial Academy is one of those special churches. It not only ministers to students and adults dedicated to Christian education, but its history is rich in Adventist education—even before there was a BMA.

God chose a man with little formal education to help found what we know today as Bass Memorial Academy. Finis E. McKee was born February 22, 1857, and grew up in the rural section of Mississippi.

In his early twenties, he built a water-driven cotton gin, feed mill, and sawmill by damming up a creek. When a railroad was put in nearby, he moved to it with a much larger operation. He added a general store and hotel and the business continued to grow.

His first wife had died and in 1897, at the age of 40, he married Sarah Ann Elizabeth Cooper. Their home was blessed with five boys and two girls.

Finis was always a very religious man. However, as he grew older he became dissatisfied with his way of life. In 1912 Elizabeth's brother, Will Cooper, sent her the book, *Bible Footlights*. The book was just what he needed at that time and the next summer he took the whole family to camp meeting in Jackson, Mississippi. While there, the McKees made their decision to keep the Sabbath. They were baptized into the church before camp meeting ended.

He went back home, told his employees about his new found faith and put notices up that the store and mills would be open the next two Saturdays; but after that, all operations would be closed from sunset Friday through Saturday as this was the seventh day of the week and the Sabbath of the Lord. This really shook up the community as they looked to the McKee store and mills as their main source of supply for feed, groceries, and also for employment.

While at camp meeting, the McKees learned the importance of Christian education and were convinced that their children should be in church school. Finis had always wanted his children to get a good education, something he had missed, so that winter the three older children were sent to board with Uncle Will Cooper in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, so they could attend church school. The next winter, Elizabeth rented a house in Jackson, Mississippi, and all the children were in church school.

Finis urged that a tent effort be held in his hometown of McDonald and also at Union, Mississippi. Four families, the Sharps, Lundys, Wells, and Sevilles, were added to the church as a result. Now there were over a dozen students needing a church school.

When three of the students (Lura Wells, O. D. and A. D. McKee) were ready for ninth grade, one teacher was no longer enough. The conference president, Elder Beauhalt, had said, "You must save the family and that means they must be in church school." Finis had always told the children he wanted them all to be in God's work and his great burden was to advance the cause of Christian education. He was now in his sixties and if the children all followed his wishes, he would have no one to help run the business. The decision was made—he would sell his business and use the funds to establish a boarding high school. Others pledged to help.

A friend told Finis about a good location for a school in Talawah. After looking it over, he decided to move there and establish the new school. He went down to Talawah, bought a small, portable sawmill, and began sawing lumber. In May of 1922 the family was moved down. The train left two cars on the siding at Talawah, one loaded with dairy cattle and the other with farm equipment, furniture, and enough groceries to start a small grocery store.



Present for the church dedication on May 5 were Dr. and Mrs. Dewitt Bowen (left), Jack McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hendershot, Rossie Chastain, Pastor Jerrell Gilkeson, John McKee, Ed Reid, A. C. McKee, and O. D. McKee.

With the help of the community, who provided some free labor, a new church and school were ready for use by that fall. A number of other devoted Christian parents learned of the opportunities available at Talowah and joined in building up the church and church school. The membership grew to well over 150 and the school grew to the capacity of three Christian teachers who taught the students through the level of junior academy.

O. D. McKee Remarks

That is the story of the founding of the Talowah school, the forerunner of Bass Memorial Academy. When I (O. D.) was struggling to pay my way through college, there were times when I was tempted to think Dad had made a mistake to sell a thriving business and start a school. Then in 1932 Dad called me telling the sad news that he was losing his farm and the new house he had built. Dad's farm and house were all paid for but in some way his property and that of another Seventh-day Adventist family were tied in together. The other family could not pay for theirs and Dad would have to pay off the other farm to save his own. His money was all gone, spent unstintingly in the cause of Christian education. I was working at pulling corn for 50 cents a day when the news came—all I could do was weep and pray. A few years later, Dad passed away.

Through God's providence, some years later Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Bass, who were friends of Dad, were contacted by Mr. Ralph Hendershot, a friend and business acquaintance. They, too, had a great interest in education and willingly offered to help establish a boarding high school in the area. Elder Leroy Leiske and the conference committee agreed to the location. With the support of the faithful members throughout the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, the building project was undertaken. Bass Memorial Academy was completed in 1961.

Later the need for a sanctuary was felt and under the leadership of Elder Ed Reid the McKee Memorial church was opened in 1975. Today the work is strengthened by the support and dedication of Mr. Ray Bass, the teachers, parents, students, and the many loyal church members. Dad's sacrifice has not been in vain.

Truly my tears are turned to joy. My family and I are delighted to have had a part in building this beautiful church as a memorial to my parents and their dedication to the cause of Christian education.

The dedication of the McKee Memorial church on the Bass Memorial Academy campus was held May 4 and 5 with a full weekend of activities. W. D. Wampler, conference president and former pastor of the Talowah church, was the Friday night speaker. Dr. Dewitt Bowen, a former student at Talowah, served as Sabbath school superintendent and A. C. McKee of the General Conference, another son of Finis, was the worship hour speaker. Ed Reid, pastor at the time of construction, was the Sabbath afternoon dedication speaker. Mrs. Rossie Chastain gave the church history.

Bass Memorial Academy exists to train youth for service to Christ and His church. It is a school with a rich heritage and a special place in Adventist history. Its new church is a focal point of campus life.



Meet BMA's
New Principal



"It is truly a privilege and a challenge to become part of a great school with the fine heritage and reputation as found in Bass Memorial Academy. I am looking forward to getting acquainted with the youth and constituency of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference.

"I believe BMA has the finest group of well trained, dedicated Christian teachers that can be found anywhere. I feel that the campus of BMA is as beautiful as can be found anywhere and the students are to be commended for their tremendous school spirit and their interest in having a part in the finishing of the gospel.

"Bass has much to offer the prospective student and I'd like to invite each Seventh-day Adventist youth to come to BMA where the action is!"

Your friend,
Dalles L. Carr, Principal

To Sierra

by I. J. Johnson

Photography by Gregory Fleming



Ambassador Mohammed M. Turay (left front) enters Sabbath worship beside Pastor V. L. Brooks.

Edith Adkins, one of the members of the Breath of Life church in Memphis, was called some time ago to be a missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa. She is to leave in August to serve as head of the Economics Department and dean of girls at the Yele Secondary School, an Adventist institution.

Edith received her M.A. degree in home economics from Ohio State University. She was baptized in 1975 by H. M. Wright, who now teaches at Oakwood.

Pastor Victor L. Brooks invited the ambassador to the

United States from Sierra Leone to come to Memphis for what Brooks called "International Day."

Congressman Harold Ford honored the ambassador with a reception given at the congressman's home. Governor Lamar Alexander proclaimed April 7 as "Mohammed M. Turay Day," and gave Ambassador Turay a Certificate of Citizenship which named the African leader as an honorary citizen of Tennessee. The city mayor and county mayor proclaimed the day as "Sierra Leone Day."

A Memphis Lincoln dealer provided two Lincoln Continentals for transportation during his visit to Memphis. The ambassador and his entire entourage were moved by the hospitality of that great southern city.

After spending Friday night with Brooks, the ambassador went to Sabbath school, then marched in with the ministers and platform guests for the Sabbath worship service. Brooks asked the ambassador, who has a Muslim religious background, to offer prayer. It was clear that he had been exposed to Christianity.

During a planned ceremony, the superintendent of the City School System, where Edith Adkins had taught for some time, made a touching speech in which he said that the Memphis School System was giving to Sierra Leone a fine teacher, with love. In his acceptance speech, the African ambassador praised the Adventists for their work in his country and for what he called the



Commissioner Mose Pleasure (right) from Governor Lamar Alexander's cabinet presents Ambassador Turay from Sierra Leone, West Africa, a Citizenship Certificate from the Governor.

Leone With Love



Edith Adkins, missionary appointee to Sierra Leone, West Africa, is given to Ambassador Mohammed M. Turay by the city School Superintendent, Dr. Willis Harrington (right). Edith is a teacher in the Memphis School System.

"cultural exchange" in sending an educator from America to Africa. He feels that it is through such cultural exchange programs that we may know and understand other peoples of the world.

C. Dunbar Henri, who had spent 27 years in Africa, was present and was called "Mr. Africa." Henri is now a vice president of the General Conference.

At the reception given by Congressman Ford, the general managers of all the TV stations in the area were present, but the occasion was not too widely proclaimed.

C. E. Dudley, South Central president, joined the group Saturday night. It was impressive for the African group to learn that the president had toured the continent, visiting many countries.

After returning to Washington, Ambassador Turay called Pastor Brooks, brother of our former Southern Union Sabbath school leader, and invited Brooks, his wife, and Edith Adkins to Washington, D.C., to join in the celebration of "Republic Day." This is to Sierra Leone what Independence Day is to America.

Ambassadors from all over the world were there April 19. Adventists were proclaimed as world humanitarians as Pastor Brooks and the teacher were introduced. Later Brooks met and chatted with the entourage of African statesmen. Ambassador Turay visited the General Conference.

Brooks was told that on April 7 and 8 the newspapers and radios of Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone, carried as the lead story the account of the ambassador's visit to Memphis and the fine teacher who is to come to his country. The people of Sierra Leone have seen her picture and Edith will not be a stranger when she arrives.

Dudley gave the ambassador a set of the Conflict of the Ages books. In a phone conversation, Brooks learned that his Muslim friend had so enjoyed the Sab-

bath that the next Friday evening and all day Sabbath he could do nothing but rest. He longs for a return visit to Memphis and a Sabbath day of rest with the pastor.

We have been told that the school in Sierra Leone has since received a grant of some \$200,000 to help make it a better than average school.

South Central and Oakwood College are sending out each year some students to some foreign countries. Dwight Lynes, from Louisville, Kentucky, is in Africa as a student missionary.

It is with love that we send our students and our teachers to Sierra Leone and other countries, for it was with love that God sent His Son to us.

Ambassador Mohammed M. Turay signs autographs for members of the Breath of Life church. Victor Brooks, Jr., gets his autograph.



North America's #1 Book Center!

by Michael D. Hanson



Carolina ABC Manager
Lance Liebelt.



The spacious, attractive showroom makes browsing a pleasure.

One of the frequently taken-for-granted evangelistic tools is the Adventist Book Center. Whether the customer is a member of the laity looking for "just the right piece of literature" or a professional evangelist ordering thousands of pieces for public meeting handouts, the Adventist Book Center is a vital witness support system.

In Carolina, the attractive bookstore adjoining the conference headquarters closed its books on March 31 on the most successful year in the store's history. Total sales amounted to \$465,000. Lance Liebelt credits the record accomplishments to God's grace and the support of Carolina's constituency.

The real story, however, is not in the total sales alone but in the efficient Christian management of the store's entire operation. What has happened in Carolina stands as a fitting example of good stewardship.

Adventist Book Center operation is separate from conference office operation. All salaries, expenses, rent, etc., are paid from the profits earned by the store. This overhead challenges a book center staff to be efficient in its daily operation. The Carolina Book Center has earned the recognition of being the most efficiently operated center in the nation. Only 9.5 cents out of every sales dollar pays the salaries for the four full-time and occasional part-time workers. Total expenses, including salaries, are paid with 16.4 cents of each sales dollar.

When Lance came to the book center four and one-half years ago, net liabilities amounted to \$212,000. This meant that, in addition to running the store's regular operation, he was responsible for reducing the net liabilities at an annual rate of just over \$19,000. Staff members Chuck Sherer, Marilyn Ford, and Roberta Ingram pitched in with Liebelt to reduce the debt.

On May 16, Lance Liebelt presented an audited financial statement to the conference executive committee documenting a net profit of nearly \$40,000. This amount is greater than the **combined** profits of the previous 39 years! In addition the net liabilities had been reduced to \$121,000 or \$12,000 ahead of the 11-year pay-back schedule.

The only sad note in this report is that Lance has accepted a call to the West Coast where he will be the new treasurer for the Voice of Prophecy. Lance and his lovely wife, Peggy, and their two girls, Mandy and Jodi, will be missed.

In an unprecedented move, Lance transferred \$9,000 of this year's profits to next year, providing the new manager, Frank Jacobs, with a healthy profit from the very first day. We are grateful for Lance's dedicated service in the Carolina Book Center these past four-plus years.

Dateline

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CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA — — —

District Director Ronnie Davis delivered \$5,557 worth of books April 20-26 during the Southern Union Conference Literature Evangelist Leaders' Big Week. Davis, from Charlotte, North Carolina, worked 64 hours and made 41 demonstrations. Clyde Kinder, associate publishing director of the General Conference, came to the same area May 11-17 for his General Conference Leaders' Big Week and had deliveries of \$4,495.

DECATUR, GEORGIA — — —

Baptisms in the Southern Union Conference for the month of May amounted to 696, an increase of 248 over May, 1978. This surge pushed the five-month total to 2,032. The Florida Conference leads the union with 628, followed by South Atlantic and Georgia-Cumberland, with 375 and 331, respectively.

DECATUR, GEORGIA — — —

Sales by literature evangelists continue to register solid gains, with deliveries through May running 12 per cent ahead of the same period last year. Kentucky-Tennessee continues to lead the field in sales increases, running 30 per cent ahead of last year. Close behind are Alabama-Mississippi, with 26 per cent, South Atlantic, with 23, and Carolina, with 21. Georgia-Cumberland leads in total sales, with \$265,156, followed by Carolina, with \$255,328.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — — —

The Supreme Court of the United States on June 4 declined to review an appellate court decision favoring a Seventh-day Adventist who refused to join or financially support a labor organization. In *Anderson vs. General Dynamics*, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in September, 1978, had ruled that the International Association of Machinists and the company had failed to prove they could not reasonably accommodate church member David Anderson's religious convictions without undue hardship, as required by Title VII of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. Mr. Anderson had offered to pay the equivalent of dues and fees to a nonreligious, nonunion charity. The Supreme Court's action marks the third time it has refused to review similar decisions, which means the favorable appellate court decisions remain in force.

BRASILIA, BRAZIL — — —

The South American Division, which recently reported 45,028 persons baptized in 1978, now reports that the net growth last year was 83 persons a day. In 1977 the figure was 64, and in 1976, 48. By comparison, 30,422 persons were added in the North American Division during 1978 through baptism or profession of faith. Net growth for the year was 14,569, or 40 persons a day.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — — —

From 102 entries, the General Conference Session Music Committee on May 14 selected the 1980 General Conference Session theme song. For the first time in denominational history a session theme song has been composed by a Seventh-day Adventist outside of North America. "By His Spirit" was composed by Kathleen Newman, a Jamaican whose husband, Garfield Newman, is chaplain of Antillian Adventist Hospital, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles.

ENTER to Learn

Dimensions of Growth — A New Science Complex

by Kenneth E. Forde

From Oakwood Industrial School to Oakwood Junior College to Oakwood College. From 360 acres to 1,185 acres. From 16 students to 1,300 students. From four buildings to over 50 instructional offices and residential structures. From humble beginnings to a noble image, a healthy institutional personality, and an impressive international reputation. Such has been the experience of growth and change for Oakwood College over the past 83 years.

Now with the coming of spring, 1979, there is evidence of a new surge of growth in the "Great Oaks" once more. On Sunday, April 15, during the Annual Alumni Homecoming, Oakwood College broke ground for its new two-story, modern science complex. This urgently needed facility will greatly enhance the campus atmosphere both physically and intellectually. It is one more vital step along the path to strengthening and modernizing this important institution of the church. It will join several other

buildings which were constructed during the last decade, which include Blake Center, Eva B. Dykes Library, Edwards Hall, Peters Hall, Carter Hall, and most recently, the Oakwood College church.

Such rapid growth in buildings and facilities in recent years reflects the accelerated rate of enrollment at the institution, the rising esteem in which it is held by the constituency, the expanding role it plays in providing leadership for the church, and its increasing attraction as a stable, mature center of higher education in the South. This new facility will remind us once more that the college has come a long way over the years, growing gradually, sometimes painfully, but nonetheless surely through physical, numerical, and academic dimensions while firmly anchored to its spiritual foundations.

Located on the open field formerly used for softball, soccer, and cricket games, east of the Physical Plant building and south of Carter Hall,



Blake Center, college administration building.



Participating in the April 15 groundbreaking for the new science complex are Dr. Emerson A. Cooper (left), head of the Division of Natural Sciences, President Calvin B. Rock, Huntsville Mayor Joe Davis, C. Dunbar Henri, chairman of the Oakwood College board, Dr. Ruth Davis, head of the Home Economics Department, and Perry Coulter, building contractor.

the new complex will house all of the facilities for the natural sciences and home economics. It will thus replace Ford Hall completely and a considerable portion of Peters Hall. It is of some interest to note that Ford Hall was built in the early 1950's when the enrollment was 250. The present enrollment, at almost 1,300, is nearly six times greater, making these expanded facilities not only urgent but long overdue.

The new science building with a total floor area of 74,950 square feet will consist of two floors and four major divisions. The first floor south will house the biological sciences. In this section will be seven teachers' offices with corresponding offices for student assistants and rooms for advanced physiology, histology, embryology, microbiology, parasitology, general biology, biology research, plant biology, lab, instrumentation, cellular biology, greenhouse, animal house, conference room, department chairman's office, secretary's office and waiting room, a freezer, and a cooler.

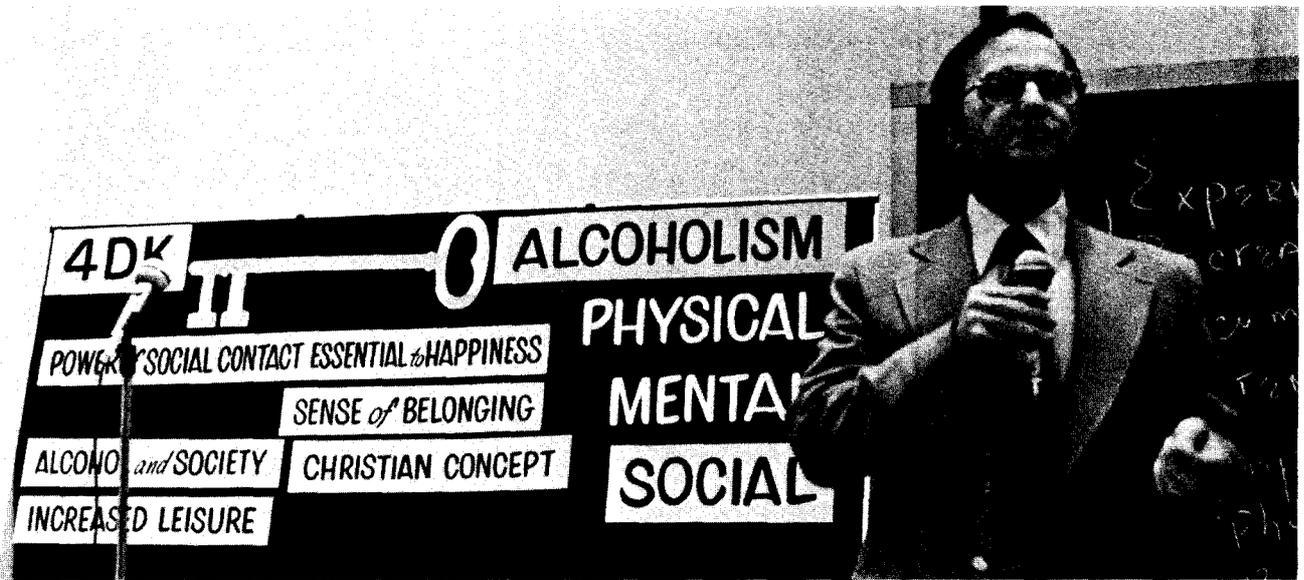
The first floor north will be occupied by home economics, and among other things will provide

space for interior design, living-dining, clothing, foods and nutrition, child development, teacher education, four auxiliary classrooms, an auditorium, and a kitchen. The second floor is reserved for chemistry, physics, and mathematics. The south area will carry facilities for physical chemistry, biological chemistry, organic chemistry, auxiliary classrooms, two multi-purpose labs, a research lab, conference rooms, chairman's office, and five teachers' offices.

On the second floor north will be general physics, mathematics, seminar rooms, conference rooms, mathematics labs, physics labs, AV labs, projection room, two conference rooms, seven classrooms, 10 teachers' offices, two department heads' offices, two secretaries' offices, and one general secretary's office.

According to Dr. Emerson A. Cooper, head of the Division of Natural Sciences, this new building will contain enough space to cope with the instructional needs of a student population twice the present size. As such it represents planning against future growth in enrollment for several years to come.

DEPART to serve



Dr. Louis Bozzati, chief of psychiatry, Jerry Pettis Veterans Hospital of Loma Linda, California.

The 4-Dimensional Key

by W. C. Arnold
Photography by Virgil Lewis

How can a person drink and not become an alcoholic? What is an alcoholic? Is there a cure? The Four-Dimensional Key (4DK) to the cause of alcoholism had the answers.

The program was presented to Metro Nashville residents four consecutive nights, April 19-22, by the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency of Washington, D. C.

Milo C. Sawvel, executive director of the NCPA and Dr. Louis Bozzati, chief of psychiatry, Pettis Memorial Hospital, Loma Linda, California, conducted the meetings.

Marjorie Wheatly, director of Mid-Cumberland Council on Alcohol and Drugs, conducted training classes for counselors, chosen from area churches, five consecutive Sabbaths prior to the seminar. The coun-

selors were present to assist in the meetings as well as in a follow-up program.

Among the guests who attended the seminar, conducted in the ballroom of the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, were Leslie Mondelli, General Sessions Court judge; Congressman William H. Boner; A. A. Birch, Criminal Court judge; Vernon Martin, coordinator Madison Hospital Care Unit; and Tom King, president of the Lopers, a local jogging club.

The Four-Dimensional Key was a public service financed through Madison Hospital, Riverside Hospital, the Southern Union, South Central, and Kentucky-Tennessee Conferences. Virgil Lewis, editor of the *Nashville Record* was responsible for publicity.

W. C. Arnold, Kentucky-Tennessee lay activities and Sabbath school director, was director of the Temperance Department at the time of the 4-DK program.



W. C. Arnold, coordinator of the 4-DK program, and Marjorie Wheatly, director of Mid-Cumberland Council on Alcohol and Drugs.



Ralph Peay (left), associate temperance director of the Southern Union, and Judge A. A. Birch, Tennessee Criminal Court



Mary Pukey walks 11 blocks to work.

There she goes . . .

walking gracefully, skimming her white cane along the sidewalk to reassure her that the way is clear, or perhaps a curb is near.

Mary Pukey walks 11 blocks to her job at Christian Record Braille Foundation each day. She has been braille proofreader in the editorial department for 11 years.

Before coming to Christian Record, Mary was employed by Westinghouse in Fairmont, West Virginia. She says, "In the providence of God, there came a knock at the door of my mobile home. Mr. E. H. Craig introduced himself, 'I'm from Christian Record Braille Foundation with headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska. They publish books and magazines in braille, and offer other services.'

"I asked, 'What denomination are you affiliated with?' He replied, 'Seventh-day Adventists.'

"I told him I was sorry but I couldn't accept any of his literature. It wasn't that I was prejudiced, but I had changed denominations several times, and if I should hear the Scripture presented in yet another light, I would likely be confused. Undaunted, Mr. Craig said he understood and then suggested that he knew just the magazine I would enjoy—*Life and Health*.

"When the first issue came, right there on the front page was a notice that Christian Record was looking for a braille proofreader. Reading was my great love. The content of material I would be proofing did not, at that time, enter my mind. I began corresponding with Elder C. G. Cross, who was the Christian Record manager. I learned that 14 people were being interviewed.

"November 7 is my Christian anniversary—the date on which I had been converted. I asked that if it were God's will that I be accepted I might receive notification between the fifth and the tenth of November. On the ninth

Adventist Action on Behalf of the Blind

by James E. Chase

of November, my mailbox contained a familiar envelope with a CRBF return address. The committee had met on November 7 and had decided to invite me to be their proofreader.

"When I moved to Lincoln in January, 1968, I did not anticipate the changes that would take place in my spiritual life. As I came in contact with the writings of Ellen White, I found their beauty and clarity enlightened and inspired me to want to delve more deeply into them. I requested that Elder and Mrs. Cross study the Bible with me. In November of 1968, I had the privilege of being baptized by Elder Cross." (Cross is now director of Trust Services for the Southern Union).

This story represents the people Christian Record Braille Foundation serves—the blind, visually impaired, and children in either of these categories who benefit from the camping program.

There are 15 million persons in this world who suffer blindness. Nearly five million Americans have severe visual impairment. We, as Seventh-day Adventists, have a commission to give the gospel to everyone. How are the millions of blind people going to be reached with the gospel?

The nonsectarian services offered by Christian Record are paid for with public funds from solicitation, wills, and legacies. Our denominational literature is supported by your offerings given each year. The offering this year will be received on July 14. You can help this work grow until the eyes of the blind are opened by the brightness of Jesus' second coming.

James E. Chase is director of communication for the General Conference.



Anna Votava has only three per cent vision, but reads several hours daily. She enjoys the large print books, tapes, and records she receives from the Christian Record.

Chris Etheridge attended the first National Camps for Blind Children, held in 1967. Since then 10,713 youth have attended 192 such camps. In 1971 Chris became a Seventh-day Adventist.



late news of the conferences



ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI



At a recent conference committee meeting it was voted to ask Bob Holbrook to head a HOME AND FAMILY SERVICE for the conference in addition to his responsibilities as youth director.

The TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT has been merged with the Health Department under the leadership of Lewis Stout.

Students in grades one to four from the MOBILE SCHOOL collected money and toys to donate to the pediatrics floor of the University of South Alabama Medical Center. Following the presentation of the toys and money the students and their teachers, Carolyn Sullins and Melody Mejia, were given a tour of the hospital.

Some fifty students from the greater Birmingham Junior Academy performed in the school's MUSIC RECITAL. The presentation included piano, instrumental, vocal, and band numbers.

Conference Treasurer Tom Evans reports a TITHE GAIN through April of 16.8 per cent over the same period a year ago.

CONSTRUCTION IS PROGRESSING on schedule for the new Clanton, Alabama, church school. The facility will be a two-room self-contained school with a recreation room on the lower level.

The CONFERENCE EVANGELISM OFFERING received in May and reported by pastors at camp meeting amounted to more than \$79,000 in cash, according to Conference President W. D. Wampler, exceeding the goal of \$79,000 in 1979.

Dr. Norwida Marshall was featured in a TWO-DAY WORKSHOP for Home and School leaders during the camp meeting session.

The COMMITTEE OF 100 for Bass Memorial Academy has just completed its tenth year of existence and an average of over \$10,000 a year has come to the academy for equipment, library books, and instructional improvement. W. D. Wampler, board chairman, states that the \$100,000 received has been a significant factor in the enhancement of the academy program.

According to ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER Manager George Gager, over \$43,000 worth of books, Bibles, literature, and health foods was sold during camp meeting, representing a 15 per cent increase over last year. Seventy-five per cent of the total sales were for cash.



CAROLINA



Dr. Harold W. Moody, chairman of South Carolina's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, presented the topic "The Minister and His Health" at the fourth regional MINISTRY MAGAZINE P.R.E.A.C.H. SEMINAR on May 15. About 30 non-Adventist clergy attended the all-day event.

Every other year the Carolina Conference hosts a MEDICAL-DENTAL RETREAT at Nosoca Pines Ranch. This year's May 11-13 retreat for doctors featured Southern Missionary College President Frank Knittel. Dr. Knittel presented talks Friday evening and Sabbath morning describing his thankfulness to the Lord for life's taken-for-granted blessings.

Fletcher Hospital hosted students from six area schools at its first HEALTH CAREERS FAIR during Hospital Week, May 7-11. Ten exhibits displayed some of the various health-related fields. Two hundred young careerists came from Flat Rock, Rugby, Christ School, Fletcher Academy, Edneyville, and Captain Gilmer School. The next Health Careers Fair is scheduled for May, 1980, at which at least 15 careers will be presented.

Beginning on Sunday, May 6, and continuing on Sundays and Wednesdays for three weeks, Kernersville pastor Charles White conducted six MEETINGS focusing local attention on Bible prophecy. The well-attended series met frequently asked questions head-on: Is the secret rapture Biblical? What is the tribulation period? Will all Israel accept Christ? Can there be false revivals? Just how hot is hell? And can we know when God makes His final appeal? Those who attended were able to take the six sermons home on cassette tape.





Maybelle Vandermark Goransson of Fletcher, North Carolina, was named as an ALUMNA OF DISTINCTION at Andrews University's homecoming celebration April 27-29. Mrs. Goransson received the master's degree in archaeology from the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in 1949. She completed 40 years of denominational service a year before her 65th birthday, having served as pastor, teacher, dean, conference departmental secretary, and teacher.

FLORIDA



Some 150 Adventist physicians and dentists from the Florida Conference attended a three-day MEDICAL-DENTAL RETREAT at Camp Kulaqua from May 11-13. The featured speaker for the Sabbath worship hour was Ron Graybill, assistant secretary to the E. G. White Estate.



Through the month of April, church members have increased their offerings for FLORIDA ADVANCE by \$7,554.44 over the same four-month period in 1978, according to R. E. Pleasants, Jr., stewardship and development director. Florida Advance, which represents two per cent of an individual's income, is used for academy operation, church extension, church school subsidies, community services, worthy students, and youth camp operation.



H. J. Carubba, conference president, reports an estimated 8,000 people were in attendance for the last day of the 85th Florida Conference CAMP MEETING which was held at Forest Lake Academy. Worship services during the nine-day convocation were conducted in three languages: English, Spanish, and Korean. The new air-conditioning system in the main auditorium was partially responsible for the record attendance.

Vic Zuchowski, ministerial secretary, disclosed that through May 629 BAPTISMS have taken place in the conference. This compares with 546 for the same period in 1978.

Bucky Weeks, associate youth director, 34 Pathfinders, and 32 staff members will leave Miami on July 10 for ISLAND IMPACT. For two weeks the group will be involved in building a medical clinic and starting a medical launch on the island of Roatan, Honduras. On the island of Pena Blanca a summer camp and Pathfinder leadership course will be conducted.

Throughout the conference 1,262 young people and adults were INVESTED in junior missionary volunteer and missionary volunteer classes for 1979. This was accomplished during 28 investitures.

At the conclusion of STOP SMOKING MONTH, which was proclaimed by the mayors of Orlando and Winter Park, 400 people graduated from 10 Five-Day Plans which were conducted by Dick Faber, pastor of the Kress Memorial church, his associate, Ken Bryant, and medical personnel of the Florida Hospital. As a follow-up 60 people have registered to attend a vegetarian cooking school, 40 for a weight control class, 30 for a design for health class, and 10 for a Bible doctrines class.

Ancestry became living history at the Orlando Central church Saturday evening, March 11. A part of Adventist heritage was brought to life during a PATHFINDER VESPERS. Forest Lake and Orlando Central clubs portrayed denominational leaders such as Ellen G. White, William Miller, and Joseph Bates during a play of the church's early beginnings. Costume and stage were set for the mid-1800s. Two films were shown, "The Waters Are Troubled," taken in the setting of the great Smoky Mountains, and "The Orlando Central Fun Machine," a recap of this year's Pathfinder Fun Day. Both films were produced by Dennis Canther, a counselor of the Orlando Central Pathfinder club.



Approximately 800, including many dignitaries from the community, attended the OPENING SERVICE of the new \$600,000 Avon Park church complex on April 14. Speaker for the occasion was Vic L. Zuchowski, ministerial secretary of the Florida Conference. Contractor for the construction was Dave Loveridge. Pastor of the church is Robert E. DuBose.

For the past six years Judy Lebaron and Faye Haupt have been conducting COOKING AND NUTRITION CLASSES in the Jacksonville, Florida, area. They have been assisted by Mary Robinson, Marion Phillips, and Shirley Wolfer. They have held three classes each year in various places, such as the Baptist church, the Electric Service Center, and the YMCA. Thus far this year they have held two such classes at the YMCA. Judy and Faye have also had a number of spots on Channel 12 TV program, "Making Ends Meet," in which they discussed nutrition and their cooking schools, demonstrating some of their meatless dishes.



According to Stan Dombrosky, community services and lay activities director for Florida, Barbara Myers, director of the Orlando community service center, reports a total of 2,073 free SCREENING TESTS taken during the month of April. These include hypertension, glaucoma, hemoglobin, and pap tests. Literature is distributed to each participant and a reading library is available at the center.

At a recent meeting of the Florida Conference FEDERATION PRESIDENTS, Stan Dombrosky, Florida lay activities director, awarded Frank C. Kyte, construction consultant, a special plaque for his eight years of services in counseling, drawing of plans, and recommendations for improvement of better living centers in the various churches throughout Florida. He was also presented a check for \$8, since he is a \$1-a-year-man.

Forty Jewish friends attended the HEALTH SEMINAR conducted by Dr. Agatha Thrash in the Miami church, and requested a cooking and nutrition class for their community.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



CERTIFICATES were presented during Sabbath school at Georgia-Cumberland camp meeting by Sabbath School Director Jack Price, his secretary, Pat Foster, and President Desmond Cummings to Senior Teaching System Graduates, as a result of the Collegedale Bible Exposition Seminar, which was an 18-hour course. Twenty-nine churches were involved, with 63 students.



Youth Ministries Director Lewis Hendershot reports that an EARLITEEN DIVISION for ages 13-15 was initiated and successful at camp meeting this year. These youngsters were in the Junior Division in years past.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



Kentucky-Tennessee Conference has achieved the highest percentage increase in the United States with the exception of two regional conferences with a total of 8,651 subscriptions to LIBERTY MAGAZINE. This is a 41 per cent increase over last year.

During April the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference had 159 BAPTISMS. This is a gain of 58 over last year.

Sixty-one students GRADUATED from Madison Academy and Highland Academy on May 20. The 20 Madison Academy students listened closely as June Carter Cash gave the commencement address. Dr. Paul Cannon addressed the 41 graduates at Highland Academy during their commencement service. Also, 121 students graduated from the eighth grade throughout the conference.



A BIBLE EXPOSITION CLASS was held at Southern Missionary College from May 11-13. Those in attendance from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference were Clyce Capps from Dickson, Tennessee; Alyson Long from White House, Tennessee; and Steve Rose from Lexington, Kentucky. The seminar was conducted to teach how to study the Bible.

Don Shelton is holding a SERIES OF MEETINGS in the Nashville First church. On opening night they had over 250 non-Seventh-day Adventists in attendance. He has already baptized seven and has prospects of 25 or 30 more. Nathan Sims is the pastor.



Jerry Willis has just concluded a CRUSADE in St. Matthews, Kentucky. They have baptized 21 as a result of these meetings. Herb Hewitt is the pastor.

Ralph Ringer just concluded EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS in Paris, Tennessee. At the conclusion they baptized nine. Luther May is the pastor.

The Education Department has announced plans to open three NEW CHURCH SCHOOLS in the fall of 1979. They will be in Ashland, Kentucky, Parsons, Tennessee, and Frankfort, Kentucky.



Fred Fuller opened a SERIES OF MEETINGS in Ripley, Tennessee, which is a dark city and has baptized three at the present time. Others are planning to be baptized soon.

Ruth Foote of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was named the 1979 ALUMNA OF THE YEAR at Andrews University's homecoming celebration April 27-29. Miss Foote, who received her bachelor of science degree from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1929, served for 35 years in Africa, where she instructed students in a number of subjects.

On April 20, 1978, Jean Freeman, a member of the Paducah, Kentucky, church handed to her pastor a sealed envelope which she requested to be opened at the close of the 1978-79 harvest Ingathering campaign. The letter inside set forth her goal to raise \$1,000 for INGATHERING. She did most of her Ingathering solicitation in Benton, Kentucky, which is

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the largest town in Marshall County. She solicited nearly every business in the downtown area as well as many homes door to door. One of the church members who ingathered over \$500 last year recently passed away and Mrs. Freeman accepted the challenge of continuing her business contacts. Her total for the year was \$1,223.

Mrs. Hazel Kramer was named 1979 "MOTHER-OF-THE-YEAR" at the Madison, Tennessee, Boulevard church. She and her husband, Dr. Lee F. Kramer, have reared three daughters. Mrs. Kramer is president of the 50+ Club at the church and secretary of the Nashville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society. She does volunteer work at Nashville's Cumberland Museum and Science Center and at Life Services, a family counseling agency in Madison.

SOUTH CENTRAL



Teachers from all of our schools in the conference gathered in Birmingham on May 5 to observe their students joining together in an old-fashioned SPELLING BEE. The meeting was so encouraging and enlightening that it is planned to be an annual event.

Hollandale, Mississippi, BURNED ITS MORTGAGE the first Sabbath in June. Pastor Joseph McCoy, a former pastor who helped build the church, was the guest speaker. McCoy is now youth leader of the conference.

In Springfield, Tennessee, John L. Patterson, a retired teacher, was HONORED by the Springfield church, its pastor, D. Hatcher, Mayor Travis Price, and other dignitaries. In his tribute, Hatcher said, "Any man who can graduate as a valedictorian of a high school, go on to receive his master's degree and return to teach and then be principal of the same school and serve the community for 40 years, should be recognized. He has inspired many young people to develop their talents." Hatcher invited the well-known rock singer "Little Richard," who has recently been converted, to give a program of song and sermon. The offerings will be used to help build a day-care center.



L. W. Blackwell and the new congregation in West Point, Mississippi, are happy that they will be in their NEW BUILDING this summer. I. J. Johnson has been invited to conduct an opening three-week revival.

Thirty-seven EVANGELISTIC CRUSADES are planned for this summer in the South Central Conference. Seven of these meetings are to be conducted by laymen. Twenty meetings will be conducted under tents, with the remaining 17 meetings being conducted in halls or church buildings. Fourteen of the meetings will be held where there are no SDA members in the South Central Conference. Some of the new areas planned are Batesville, Woodville, and Granada, all in Mississippi.

A CONFERENCE-WIDE YOUTH CONGRESS has been planned for September 7-9 in Biloxi. It is expected that not only youth from all over the South Central Conference will attend, but visitors from neighboring conferences.

When Mark Beale and Anthony Lewis enrolled at the Meharry Medical Center in Nashville, they purposed that they would be true to the teachings of the church, even in the face of having to repeat their courses in medicine. As a result, over 25 students on a number of college campuses in Nashville have become MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH. On May 27 eight of these students graduated from the schools of dentistry and medicine and are going elsewhere to witness in their practices. There are an additional 15 Adventist students presently enrolled in these colleges.

For the first quarter of this year 142 BAPTISMS were reported by the conference workers. The challenge is 25 souls for licensed pastors and 40 souls for each ordained minister. Each Bible worker is challenged to pray for at least 52 souls this year. The president included in the soul-winning challenge 10 souls for each teacher and literature evangelist and 10 souls for every 120 laymen.

F. S. Hill, pastor of the Knoxville, Tennessee, district, announces that a NEW CHURCH has been organized in east Knoxville as a result of the efforts of laymen evangelistic meetings. The membership is now more than 20.

The OFFERING FOR EVANGELISM this year is expected to be the largest ever given in the 34-year history of the South Central Conference.

Carrie Mann of Jackson, Tennessee, applied for a job at the Jackson Clinic in August, 1977. Not really thinking she would get the job she nevertheless made it a subject of prayer. A few days after applying she was called and told she had been accepted for the job. The Jackson Clinic employs nearly 150 persons. Miss Mann worked in the insurance department as an insurance clerk. In December, 1978, Carrie was awarded the distinction of "EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR." Her plaque reads, "The Jackson Clinic PA 1978 Employee of the Year, Carrie Mann." Carrie is church treasurer of the Maranatha church in Jackson.



April 22 marked the annual Eastern and Central Carolina Elementary School Music Festival, one of two such events in Carolina. Sandria Kendall directs the mass elementary school choir in their "Around the World" finale.



Teresa Hansen, Fletcher Academy sophomore, stands beside the trophy awarded to Fletcher students for their contribution to the Hendersonville, North Carolina, Jaycee's April 22 Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-thon. Twenty students from the academy entered the fund-raising drive and raised \$900 of the nearly \$2,000 taken in the one-day event. The trophy appropriately reads "Largest Contributing School."

During the month of April, the Atlanta Beverly Road church and Northridge School presented a nutrition workshop for better living. The topics were vegetarian and Oriental cookery, bread making, low-sugar desserts, and exercise. Interesting slide presentations were shown on water, exercise, whole grains, and nature's desserts. The 20-30 people who attended received recipes and door prizes nightly. After a nutrition talk and food demonstrations, everyone enjoyed sampling the deliciously prepared food. Vegetarian protein foods, cookbooks, and related literature were for sale. Pictured here are Crystal LaGrange and Ann McWhorter.



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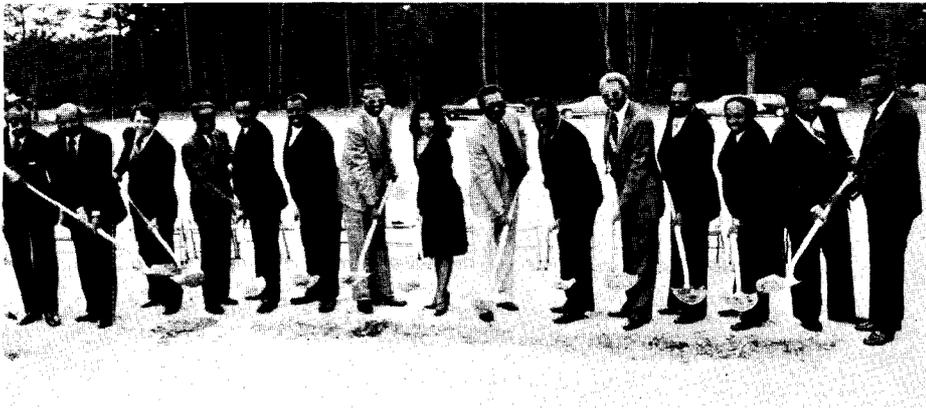
Pictorial Stories



Members of the Southern Union chapter of the Association of Privately Owned SDA Services and Industries met April 27-29 at Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, South Carolina, for a weekend of recreation and business. Participating in the weekend were: Herman Davis, Carolina Conference ASI director; Roger Goodge, national ASI president; James J. Aitken, executive secretary and treasurer; Phil Winsted, Southern Union chapter president, and Maurice Abbott, executive secretary, Southern Union chapter.

The Oakwood College National Alumni Association chose Fred W. Parker, pastor of the Atlanta-Berean church, and his wife as "parents of the year." Mrs. Parker, a graduate of Shaw University, spent a year at Oakwood. Parker graduated from Oakwood in 1949 and since then has gone on to become an outstanding pastor-evangelist. They have four children: Fred, III, pursuing his doctorate in the allied health field and a graduate of Oakwood Academy; Willie, a graduate of Mt. Pisgah Academy and Oakwood College, is a Bible teacher at Golden Gate Academy; Walter, a graduate of Mt. Pisgah Academy and Oakwood College (cum laude), is now director of patient accounts at Riverside Hospital; Yvonne, a graduate of Mt. Pisgah Academy and Oakwood College (magna cum laude), is now a graduate student at Ohio State University. Mrs. Parker is an elementary teacher at Atlanta-Berean Junior Academy. Making the presentation is Katie Settle (left), president of the Atlanta chapter of the Alumni Association.





For a number of years the president and conference committee of the South Atlantic Conference have been talking and planning to buy or build a much-needed conference office. On May 27 three Atlanta public officials joined the conference officers and others in a groundbreaking ceremony for this project. The cost of the modest structure will be about \$500,000. In the center is Mrs. Yvonne Bankston of the city Zoning Board; to her right is Billy McKinney, state representative; and representing Mayor Maynard Jackson, who was ill, is Councilman Marvin Arrington. Other guests in the picture are (second from left) Jonathan Walker, the proposed contractor; James Merrifield, the architect; and T. W. Cantrell, associate secretary of the Southern Union, along with the conference officers and building committee members.



K. C. Baize, assistant treasurer, and Dr. Loraine Paulk, curriculum supervisor of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, recently served as judges for the Gateway Elementary School Art Contest. This contest involved all elementary schools in Goodlettsville, Tennessee. The drawings of the contestants were on display in the First American National Bank. Pictured above with Baize and Paulk are two winners, Chip Frensley and Gena Hall.



Tell, the monthly communications journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, has been awarded the "best of class" first prize in the print division of the annual Religious Public Relations Council competition. *Tell* was also named the best newsletter by judges in RPRC's Hinkhouse-DeRose Memorial Awards. From nearly 2,000 entries representing all major religious denominations, 39 awards were given at RPRC's 50th anniversary convention in New York City. From left to right: Art Perez, layout artist, showing the February issue of *Tell*; James Gallagher, associate editor, holding the "Best of Print" first prize award; Skip Baker, designer of the cover of the winning issue; DeWitt S. Williams, editor (with plaque); and Byron Steele, art director, displaying the award for best newsletter.



Raleigh, North Carolina, member Claude Ressijac was invited by the Henderson-Belk department store in prestigious Crabtree Valley Mall to demonstrate the making of California sourdough bread April 17-19. Ressijac, who works in advertising specialties, has won more than 100 blue ribbons for his bread making. Radio announcements promoted the event which drew good crowds at each of the demonstrations. The store contributed \$100 to the Investment program for Ressijac's service.

Miami SDA youth held a youth rally and an evangelistic series recently. Door-to-door visitations, Smoking Sam, and inspirational music were some of the activities at the youth rally, held at a local shopping center mall. Over a dozen requests for Bible studies were received in only one hour of the door-to-door visits, and 45 people indicated an interest in the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking after seeing Smoking Sam demonstrations. The evangelistic program, held during the first three weekends in March at the Miami SDA church, consisted of slide-illustrated sermons, films on Martin Luther's quest for God, and slides of King Tut's tomb. The three speakers were Clark Bonilla (left), Dale Morgan, and Anthony Palmes.



Open house services at the new Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, church on April 21 took a surprise turn when Conference President Malcolm Gordon presented Margaret Morton, the church treasurer, a check for \$4,000 from the Carolina Advance fund toward the building expenses. From left to right: Rick Wilkins, local pastor; Herman Davis, church development director; Bill Geary, conference secretary; Gordon; Kelley Bishop, head elder, and the pleasantly surprised Margaret Morton.

The Church in Action Education

Fletcher Builds New Girls' Dorm

Carolina — The new dormitory at Fletcher Academy has been taking shape over the past several months. Until recently, however, very little student labor was employed because of current safety requirements on a construction project this large. This marks a departure from earlier campus building projects which used substantial student labor. But on May 15, the students did get inside the building to clean the excess mortar and debris and to paint the base coat on the walls.

The dormitory will house 78 girls, putting all of the female boarding students under one roof for the first time in the school's history. The building also provides a dean's apartment, a worship room, and a recreation room.

Funding for the project has come entirely from donations. A substantial portion of the already-raised

\$250,000 has come from non-Adventist friends of Fletcher Academy.

The completed building will cost almost \$500,000. It is scheduled to be finished by the end of this summer.

WSMC's Pledge Week Draws \$13,000

Southern Missionary College — With pledges ranging from 85 cents to \$500, WSMC's Pledge Week '79 held May 6-11, was a "smashing success," according to Don Self, station manager. Total pledges exceeded \$13,000, nearly double the amount pledged last year. In all, 260 pledges were received, for an average of about \$50.

Challenge pledges from businesses and individuals played a particularly important role in this year's success. For instance, "a dentist pledged \$250 if we could get at least five other medical professional people to match it. We sweated that one out until late Friday afternoon, when the last match finally came in," according to Self. There were 10 pledges of \$250 or more and 33 of \$100 or more.

"The Month Club pledge was a particularly popular one this year," Self said. On this plan the individual gives a minimum of at least \$5 per month and receives discount certificates for five area stores, including the Village Market, Magnolia Pharmacy, the Tri-Community Florist, the Calico Patch Gift Shop, and the Old English Cottage. The merchants give 10-20 per cent discounts on purchases once per month. This plan actually allows the participant to save more than the amount of his contribution.

There were more than a dozen

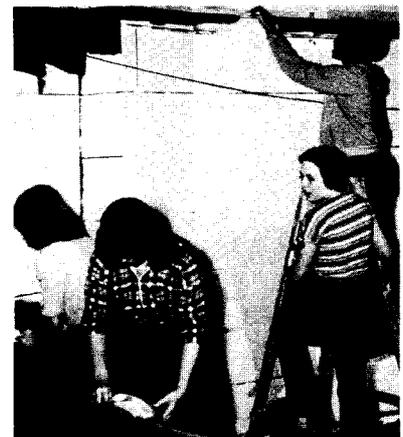
volunteers helping with Pledge Week, including several prominent Chattanoogaans like Richard Cormier, conductor of the Chattanooga Symphony, and Dee Barnette, vice-president of American National Bank. "We couldn't run a Pledge Week without them," said Self. "They are the life blood of our Pledge Week. They do everything from answering phones to boosting morale. Our staff members are terrific, too. But I think the greatest thanks must go to those listeners who are concerned enough to get up out of their easy chairs and go call our number to make a pledge. They're saying in a tangible way, 'I do care what kind of radio broadcasting is available and I'm going to do something about it.'"

Youth

MPA Students Turn Theater Into Better Living Center

Carolina — Students at Mount Pisgah Academy have been renovating an old theater in Canton, North Carolina, for use as a Better Living Center.

Canton is located about 10 miles west of the academy and has been the site of student witness projects for the last two years. Students have



These girls from Mount Pisgah Academy seem to relish turning the dark walls of an old theater to gleaming white for the soon-to-open Canton Better Living Center.

participated in parades, sold books from door to door, ingathered in Canton, and from time to time they have conducted Five-Day Stop

The new girls' dorm at Fletcher will cost nearly \$500,000 and provide housing for 78 students.



Smoking Clinics and blood pressure screening programs.

The new Better Living Center will be used to provide more Five-Day Plans, blood pressure screening, cooking schools, weight-control clinics, and other family health-education programs.

New Youth Teaching Aids Make Debut

Southern Union — A new series of teaching aids for youth Sabbath school teachers has been initiated by the Southern Union Sabbath School and Youth Departments.

The publication, *How About This?* contains up to three teaching strategies for each lesson. Included are suggestions for audio-visual aids, illustrations, quotations, teaching outlines, questions to prompt discussion, and other items that the various authors feel would be helpful to the teacher. The first set deals with the lessons for the third quarter, which begins in July.

"It is not our intention to replace the excellent material that is presently available," explain F. D. Retzer and C. R. Farwell, Sabbath school and youth directors, respectively. "We feel that youth is a crucial period in a person's spiritual development, and that our teachers deserve as much help as it is possible for us to provide."

Health

Murphy Holds Multiple Health Programs

Georgia-Cumberland — To prepare for a June 9-July 14 evangelistic crusade in Murphy, North Carolina, a health outreach has been conducted by the Murphy church.

A Five-Day Stop Smoking Plan in April registered 70, with 42 successfully quitting smoking. A vegetarian meal in May was a follow-up to this.

Nutrition classes were also conducted in April at the Murphy High School. Average nightly attendance was 50.

A second vegetarian meal was served to the Andrews, North Carolina, Lions Club, also in April.

Interest in these activities has been much higher than expected.



Dorothy Coe (left front), Richard Grafe (center), and Dr. Agatha Thrash (right), take part in ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the Better Living Center at the Miami church.

Miami Opens Better Living Center

Florida — A ribbon-cutting ceremony to open a Better Living Center was held on February 25 at the Miami church. Drs. Agatha and Calvin Thrash, of Yuchi Pines Institute, Seale, Alabama, participated in the ceremony.

Richard Grafe, coordinator for the state's Adventist better living centers, said that "Our main hope is that everyone who walks through our Better Living Center doorway will someday walk through the doorway of our church."

Each volunteer worker at the center has been trained to know and understand the Florida Federation guidelines and policies, and each one has made a commitment to share the love of Christ with those whom they serve.

At the present time, blood pressure testing is the only service which is available, but plans are under way to train volunteers to administer diabetic screening and glaucoma tests. In time, Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking, Wa-Rite programs, and vegetarian cooking schools will also be presented, according to Dorothy Coe, director of the center.

60 Non-SDAs Attend Morganton Nutrition Series

Carolina — More than 100 persons attended a four-class nutrition series in the Morganton, North Carolina, Community Services Center beginning May 7. At least 60

of the participants were non-church member friends.

Instructor Mary Lee Herzel, a trained home nutrition instructor with over 20 years of experience, introduced healthful dietary principles in four categories: breakfast, protein entrees, vegetables, and low and no sugar desserts. She was assisted by Mary Swain and by her husband, Ed Herzel, who is the local pastor.

Each program began with tasting sessions, to prevent having to eat so late in the evening. Films accompanied each lecture. Those attending urged the Herzels to schedule another nutrition series in the near future.

Although no fee was charged for the classes, Herzel noted that the costs were covered by offerings alone.

Florida Implements Health Research Program

Florida — A health research program was implemented for the first time at the 1979 Florida camp meeting, according to Merrill Enright, associate pastor of the Orlando Central church, and coordinator of the research program.

Some 350 volunteers registered at camp meeting to participate in a program that is designed to lower weight, cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure, and hypertension.

Participants of the program will alter their lifestyle for 12 months by adhering to a special diet and exercise plan.

According to Enright, "Unfortu-



Volunteers line up to participate in a health research program which was started at the 1979 Florida camp meeting.

nately, 75 per cent of the Adventist population is dying from heart disease or cancer. We are endeavoring, by this program, to prove statistically that God has given us a health message that if followed will result in the elimination of these diseases."

Camden Health Food Store Hosts 5DP, Cooking Classes

Kentucky-Tennessee — Earth Foods in Camden, Tennessee, is a health food store operated by Mrs. Carolyn Miller and Mrs. Joyce Benedict, one a Catholic and the other an Episcopalian, who are interested in healthful living. They heard about Seventh-day Adventists and their principles of healthful living, and became interested in the health foods provided by our church. Contact was made with Pastor and Mrs. Luther May to learn more of these principles.

They also heard about the Five-Day Plan and made arrangements to have one held in their store by Pastor May. These ladies provided the initial footwork and paid all the expenses.

Mrs. May recently held a cooking school for these ladies in their facility and plans to hold more cooking and nutrition classes for them.

Progress

Memphis-Westhaven Church Breaks Ground

South Central — Ground was broken May 20 for the Westhaven church in Memphis.

In the spring of 1977, Pastor

Joseph A. Jones conducted a tent meeting in south Memphis. The first night a storm blew the tent down, tearing it to shreds, but another tent was secured and the effort continued.

At the conclusion of the crusade a church of 126 members was established on September 10 called the Westhaven church, comprised of 90 transfers from the Longview Heights church and 36 newly baptized members.

After meeting in three rented buildings in a short period, some of the members were becoming discouraged. But in May, 1978, Isaac Lester arrived to relieve Jones, who was also pastoring the 750-member Longview Heights church.

The church was being pressed to purchase the rented facility in which it was meeting, so Lester immediately sought a larger place, and the congregation moved to the Andrews United Methodist church, where it is presently meeting.

Even though the church had considered purchasing an existing building, the members preferred to build from the ground up. Therefore, the search began for property, and a seven-acre site was located.

April 7 was set aside as "sacrifice day," on which \$10,000 was given to allow cash payment for the lot.

On May 20 officials from the South Central Conference joined with the local congregation to break ground for the future church home. Participants included President C. E. Dudley, I. J. Johnson, conference director of development, Jones, and local members. In keeping with the history of the group, the choir sang "We've Come This Far by Faith."

Who and Where Dream Results in Baptisms in Brandon

Florida — A Catholic family who was searching for truth found what they were looking for when they attended evangelistic meetings at the Brandon church. Two weeks prior to receiving an invitation in the mail to attend the meetings Rosemary Hofer had a dream in which she saw glorious beings surrounded by clouds. When she and her husband and children accepted the invitation and attended the first meeting Mrs. Hofer saw those same beings which were in her dream. This time they were depicted in a slide presentation as the second coming of Christ with a host of angels.

Mr. and Mrs. Hofer, three of their five sons, and 36 other individuals were baptized during the crusade which ended May 25. A total of 151 non-members attended the five-week series which was conducted by Dan Bentzinger, pastor of the Brandon church, and Clarence Pillsbury, pastor of the Tallahassee church.



Rosemary Hofer had a dream two weeks before attending evangelistic meetings in Brandon that resulted in her baptism and that of her husband and three of their children.

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Calendar of Events

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Homecoming Services — Sheffield, Ala., church. July 20-21, beginning at 7:30 Friday evening. Guest speaker: Bill May, secretary, Southwestern Union Conference.

Sabbath School Workshops

Aug. 4 — Jackson, Miss.

Aug. 11 — Montgomery, Ala.

Elementary and Junior Academy Teachers' Convention — Camp Alamisco. Aug. 9-12.

Bass Memorial Academy Registration Day — Aug. 19.

CAROLINA

Evangelism

June 23-Aug. 4 — Bill Waters, Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

July 14-Aug. 11 — Arnold Friedrich, Arden, N.C.

FLORIDA

Florida Philosda Club will conduct their 4th annual Fall Retreat on Sept. 28-30 at Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, Fla. Bud and Arlene Bracebridge will conduct a Temperament and Communication Seminar. For reservations, write to Carol Jones, 105 Alhambra Ave., Maitland, FL 32751 or phone (305) 862-0244 or (305) 862-0642.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Lay Ministers' Seminar — July 20-21. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Workers' Meeting — July 29-31. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Madison, Ga., Church Homecoming — Aug. 4. Guest speaker: Roy Caughron.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Evangelistic Meetings

June 16-Aug. 4 — Ralph Ringer, Frankfort, Ky.

June 17-Aug. 11 — Jerry Willis, Hopkinsville, Ky.

July 14-Sept. 8 — Dale Brusett, Louisville, Ky.

July 17-Aug. 11 — Don Shelton, Dyersburg, Tenn.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Youth Summer Camps — June 24-July 21.

Summer Evangelism Period — July 1-Sept. 30.

Senior Youth Camp — Aug. 30-Sept. 3.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Inner Cities Workshop — Oakwood College. July 13-15.

Literature Evangelist Rallies

July 14 — Louisville, Ky.

July 21 — Memphis, Tenn.

SOUTHERN UNION

Philosda Regional Retreat — July 13-15.

St. Simons Island, Brunswick, Ga. Contact Nancy Reid (404) 477-5416.

Christian Record Braille Foundation Offering — July 14.

Public Health Classes — Oakwood College. "Values Clarification in Health Education," July 22-25; "History of SDA Medical Evangelism," July 25-27.

Health Leadership Seminar — July 27-29, Southern Missionary College.

Oakwood College Offering — Aug. 11.

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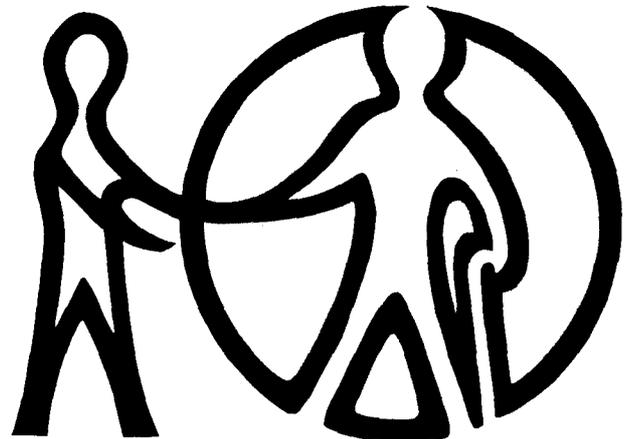
Third Annual All Singles Camp Meeting — Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif. Aug 16-25. Classes and workshops will be conducted that are designed for singles. Speakers include: Roland Hegstad, General Conference Religious Liberty Department; Morris Venden, Pacific Union College church; James Hayward, secretary of the Michigan Conference; Winton H. Beaven, vice-president of education, Kettering Medical Center; W. B. Quigley, director of PREACH,

General Conference Ministerial Association, Robert Zamora, theology professor, Columbia Union College. Classes on preparation for marriage will be conducted by Elder and Mrs. Ted Wick, Pacific Union College church. For more information write to: International Philosda Club PR Secretary, P.O. Box 4042, Silver Spring, MD 20904 or call (301) 384-4460 (after 6 p.m.).

Prime Time '79, an in-service seminar for youth directors, pastors, and other youth ministry leaders, will be held at Andrews University Sept. 4-13. Guest speakers: Dr. Norman Wright, Dr. Delmer Holbrook, Smuts van Rooyen, Barbara Varenhurst. May be taken for graduate credit. Write Des Cummings, Jr., Youth Resource Center, Andrews Univ., Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

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Atlanta, Ga.	8:52	8:50	8:47	8:42	8:36	8:30
Charlotte, N.C.	8:41	8:39	8:35	8:30	8:24	8:17
Collegedale, Tenn. ...	8:58	8:56	8:53	8:48	8:42	8:35
Huntsville, Ala.	8:03	8:01	7:58	7:53	7:47	7:40
Jackson, Miss.	8:11	8:10	8:07	8:02	7:57	7:51
Louisville, Ky.	8:10	8:07	8:03	7:57	7:51	7:43
Memphis, Tenn.	8:18	8:16	8:12	8:07	8:01	7:54
Montgomery, Ala. ...	7:56	7:54	7:51	7:47	7:42	7:35
Nashville, Tenn.	8:07	8:05	8:02	7:56	7:51	7:43
Orlando, Fla.	8:25	8:24	8:22	8:18	8:14	8:08
Wilmington, N.C. ...	8:27	8:25	8:22	8:17	8:11	8:05

in transition



On the Move

Alabama-Mississippi

1. **Ronald Bottsford** is the new pastor of the Huntsville and Guntersville, Alabama, churches, transferring from Montana. Prior to serving pastorates in the United States, Bottsford served for many years in Brazil. A graduate of Southern Missionary College, he is married to the former Beverly Hegstad. The Bottsfords have two daughters, Tina, 15, and Tammy, 12.

Florida

The following district changes have been made in Florida:

2. **Philip Wilson** goes to pastor the Orlando Central church coming from Pensacola Florida, in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference.

William Webb, formerly of the Naples district, is transferring to the Pompano Beach-Plantation district. Assuming the duties of the Naples church is **Bill Crofton**, formerly of the Ft. Meade-Plant City district. Interning at Jacksonville First is **Bob Burns**, from Southern Missionary College.

Ron Honeycutt is the new associate pastor at Miami SDA church.

South Atlantic

3. **Nathaniel Hollis**, originally from Albany, Georgia, has completed his theological course at Oakwood and is on his way to the Seminary at Andrews University.

4. **Gerrard Noze'a** of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, pastored in Northeastern

Conference for three years and comes to us from Andrews University to pastor the French church in Miami.

5. **Malcolm Taylor** from Dayton, Ohio, completed the theological course at Oakwood, and is the new assistant pastor of the Miami-Bethany district.

6. **Calvin Watkins** of Dayton, Ohio, completed his theological course at Oakwood College, and is now the pastor of the Griffin, Georgia, district.

Dr. **James Parham**, after completing his theological course at Oakwood College and Andrews University, worked in Allegheny West Conference for a short time. He then worked about 18 months in the Daytona Beach district while studying for his doctor of ministries degree at Gulf Coast Seminary. Parham is the new pastor of the Kinston, North Carolina, district.

Southern Publishing Association

7. **Kenneth D. Wasenmiller**, former assistant Book Department manager, was promoted to manager of the Book Department on February 19. He came to Southern Publishing Association on March 1, 1976, directly from the Nebraska Adventist Book Center, where he had been manager for over five years, having spent two preceding years as assistant in the Upper Columbia Adventist Book Center. He and his wife, Joan, have a three-year-old daughter, Kimberly.

8. **Earl W. Moore** has joined the Periodical Department, with specific responsibility for promoting *Message* magazine. For the past three years he has been inner cities director of the Southern Union Conference. Before that he was lay activities and Sabbath school director of the South Central Conference. He and his wife, Jean, have three sons, Wayne, Kevin, and Eric.

Weddings

GARZA — ARENCIBIA

Isia Grisel Arencibia and **John Alfred Garza** were married May 10 in the Forest Lake church, Forest City, Fla. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Arencibia, Forest City. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Donna Garza, Boca Raton, Fla. After a wedding trip to St. Augustine, the couple is living in Forest City.

PIONE — JORDAN

Betty Sue Jordan and **Alli Tony Pione** were united in marriage April 22 in the Hollywood, Fla., church. R. J. Kachenmeister officiated. Betty is the daughter of Francis and Mary Jordan of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Alli is the son of Tausolia and Rosalita Pione of Apia, Western Samoa, in the South Pacific. They are currently living in Opa Locka, Fla.

**Worldwide
Open House**
September 9, 1979/10a.m.-4p.m.

Adventist Book Centers worldwide have chosen Sunday, September 9, as a special day to feature our Adventist publications. New book and record releases, open-house special offers, and many other discounted items will be yours when you visit your Adventist Book Center Worldwide Open House.

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Obituaries

ABIERA, Quentin Z., was born in the Philippine Islands on March 20, 1906, and died in Naples, Fla., on April 17. He was a member of the Naples church. Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth of Naples; two sons, Robert G. of Naples and Quentin, Jr., of Alexandria, Va.; three grandchildren; one brother and two sisters of the Philippines. Services were held in Naples with William R. Webb officiating.

ANDREWS, Dorothy M., was born June 29, 1903, in Flowery Branch, Ga., and died March 4 in Oklahoma City, Okla. She received her nurse's training at Florida Hospital in Orlando. She is survived by a daughter, Elaine Balkam, of Oklahoma City; a son, Lowell of Houston, Texas; six brothers and sisters; and three grandchildren. Funeral services were in Sebring, Fla., with R. E. DuBose officiating.

ANDREWS, Frances Evelyn, 82, mother of Professor Frances Andrews of SMC, died March 11 after a long illness. Mrs. Andrews is survived by her three children: Frances of Collegedale; Charles F. Andrews, Portland, Ore.; and Harry J. Andrews, Alexandria, Va.; and her brother, Carsey F. Smith of Alexandria. The funeral and interment were in Alexandria. Burial was at Mount Comfort Cemetery.

BEACH, Esther Irene, 70, of Forest City, Fla., died after a brief illness April 4 at Florida Hospital in Orlando. She was born in Logansport, Ind., June 5, 1908. Mrs. Beach is survived by one son, Robert L., of Forest City; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was a member of the Winter Garden church. Services were conducted in the Altamonte Springs Semoran Funeral home with Rainey Hooper and John Davis officiating. Interment was in Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City.

BIGGS, Miss Neale G., born in Washington, D.C., June 29, 1896, died in Lake Worth, Fla., April 1. She was a member of the West Palm Beach church. Survivors include a brother, Arthur Newcomb of Lake Worth, Fla., and Alexandria, Va.; and four sisters, Helen, Edna, Ella, and Sadie, all of Washington. J. G. Reams officiated at the funeral services.

BLASIUS, Viola C., was born on March 21, 1905, in Glencoe, Minn., and died on March 3 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. She was a member of the Plantation church. Survivors include her husband, John O.; son, Roger E.; daughter, Doris G. Moxley; two brothers, Lionel and Rodney Doetsch; and one sister, Esther Smith; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

BROWN, Vesta Wallace, born Feb. 24, 1888, died in Murfreesboro, Tenn., on March 2. Surviving are two sons, Koy Thomas and Ray Daniel, both of Napa, Calif.; two daughters, Lillian Johnson of Smyrna, Tenn., and Estelle Brown of Gruettli, Tenn.; and two sisters, Mrs. William G. Lawrence and Mrs. R. D. Whitaker, both of Nashville, Tenn. Services were conducted at the Woodfin Memorial Chapel by J. W. Clarke and K. M. Wiseman. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery.

CATHA, Alma C., 58, passed away at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, Fla., on April 21. Born in Alexandria, Ind., on Sept. 7, 1920, she came to south Brevard County, Fla., in 1969 from Ogden, Utah. She was a member of the Melbourne church. Surviving are son, Paul E. Catha, West Melbourne; sisters, Barbara Crouch, Alexandria, Freda Valentine and Thelma Schorrie, both of Anderson, Ind.; and mother, Martha J. Swift of Alexandria.

CHESNUT, Riley, was born July 29, 1918, and lived in those "high places" of Eastern Kentucky until he heard the Master's call to wider service in the literature ministry. He took up the sword and never laid it aside. For 28 years of active duty in the great controversy between Christ and Satan he witnessed to the mountain people of the eventual triumph of God's love. He was truly "God's Man of the Mountains." There in his "high places" he died with sword in hand. He would not have wanted it otherwise.

Few men have been as diligent in their work as was this man of God. Up before dawn and knocking on doors at 5 a.m. to talk and pray with people, many of whom had been wakened from sleep for that unusual honor, he labored throughout his life. There were times when he worked all through the night to deliver the books he believed would lead them to heaven. Riley placed more of *Triumph of God's Love* in homes than any other man in the world.

Typical of his ministry was the day he took Buck Philpott the book *Triumph of God's Love* that he had ordered about six weeks before. He found him in the field on an ancient tractor. After giving him the book he said, "Mr. Philpott, it is my desire to pray with those whom I visit and when I was here six weeks ago I neglected to do that. May I pray with you now?" Mr. Philpott climbed down from that tractor. Riley was not sure of his own safety at that moment for he had been told that this man was the roughest man in that community who feared neither man nor God. He continued down from the tractor to a kneeling position, put those rough hands of his on the newly ploughed ground and buried his face in them. Riley prayed. He said later, "When I finished that prayer I was afraid to look up for fear I'd see God standing there!" At an early age Riley Chesnut accepted Christ and was baptized into the family of God at the Rough Creek Baptist church. In 1938 he married Minnie Viola Williams to whom were born four children who survive: Mrs. Dorothy Stinnett, Mrs. Rhonda Breaux, Norman Chesnut, and Terry Chesnut.

In 1949 he and Minnie V. became Seventh-day Adventists under the ministry of Elder Joe Dobbs. Later they moved to Highland Academy in order to ensure their children of a Christian education, but he continued to return to

the mountains he loved to minister to his own people whom he knew intimately.

In 1959 Minnie died suddenly.

In 1960 Riley and Mary Polkinhorn were united in marriage.

When Riley became a literature evangelist his supervisor, Roy Chamberlain, advised him to do three things: learn a canvass, call on every house, pray with the people. The final hour of his life was spent visiting three homes and he prayed in each one. The lady of the last home he visited said that she felt the presence of God in her home that morning.

He is dead now. On April 17 his life was taken in an automobile accident. We miss him, for we loved Riley Chesnut. And thousands of people in Eastern Kentucky whose lives were touched by his ministry will miss him, too, for he was truly "God's Man of the Mountains."

From eulogies by R. M. Hillier, chaplain, Highland Hospital, and Eric Ristau, Southern Union Conference publishing director.

COOMER, Ethel F., 80, of Maitland, Fla., died April 18. She was a member of the Forest Lake church in Forest City. Survivors include a daughter, Betty L. Newbrander of Maitland; a son, Dr. J. S. Carpenter of Friendswood, Texas; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Services were held at the Altamonte Springs Semoran Funeral Home, with G. Brian Tarr officiating. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City.

DAVIS, Charlotte E., was born on July 10, 1893, in Erie, Pa. She died in Spartanburg, S.C., on Feb. 28. She was a member of the Winter Springs, Fla., church. She is survived by a son, John J. of Maitland; three daughters, Evelyn Jacobs of Ocala, Charlotte Thrall of Yankeetown, and Claire Morton of Orlando; a brother, George Herdman of Williamsport, Md.; and two sisters, Anna Murray of Spartanburg, S.C., and Margaret Herdman of Gainesville.

DeFREITAS, Estelle, died in Birmingham, Ala., on April 18 at the age of 57. She is survived by her husband, Jerry; daughter, Sherrie; and son, Jerry, Jr. David Sharpe officiated at the funeral service.

DeVAUGHN, Timothy Louis, 25, died May 8. He was born in Parkersburg, W. Va., and moved to Merritt Island in 1965. He attended the Cocoa church. Survivors: mother, Sarah Joann Ritterskamp of St. Petersburg; father, Russell DeVaughn, Merritt Island; brothers, David of Sanford, Michael of Jacksonville, and Mark of Washington. Services were held at the Brisson Funeral Home in Sanford with Doug Jacobs officiating.

DITTES, Dr. Frances, born May 30, 1890, passed to her rest on April 7. In 1935 she received a Ph.D. from Columbia University and was the first to receive a Ph.D. in the field of nutrition in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. From 1935 to 1955, she worked full-time at Madison College. Dr. Dittes was an active member of the American Dietetic Association. She retired from active service in 1958.

FOWLER, Alfred Winfield, 74, of Apopka, Fla., died March 8. He was born on July 26, 1904, in Md. He was a maintenance worker for Orlando Jr. Academy and a member of the Apopka Highland church. Survivors include his wife, Hilda of Apopka; two sons, Gary N. of Maitland, Fla., and Winfield of Cleveland, Tenn.; four brothers, Henry of Maggie Valley, N.C., Logan and Holland, both of Washington, D.C., and Wylie of California; three sisters, Rhoda Willard of Maitland, Rebecca Schier of Apopka, and Margaret Hascar of Md.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services were held at Garden Chapel Home for Funerals, Orlando, with Robert H. Schwebel officiating. Interment was in Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City.

FRISBEE, Ruth A., 70, died May 11. A native of Maryland, she was a Tampa-area resident for 60 years and a member of the Southside church. Survivors include her husband, Miles; a son, Don R. of Houston, Texas; a brother, Walter Hallock of Kentucky; two sisters, Helen Picciandra and Berdina Gonzalez, both of Tampa; and three grandchildren. Services were at the F. T. Blount Funeral Home.

FURMAN, Maude M., 78, was born on March 9, 1901, in Fla. She died in Hialeah, Fla., on April 8. She was a member of the Jacksonville First church. Two brothers and two sisters survive her. Burial was in Dade Memorial Park, Miami.

GARNES, Louise Mathis, born July 30, 1913, died April 13. She was a member of the Waynesville, N.C., church. She operated the McCracken Rest Home in Waynesville. She is survived by her husband, one son, five sisters, three brothers, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

GILBERT, Nell Johnson, was born on Sept. 30, 1929, in Valdosta, Ga., and died on April 25 in Jacksonville, Fla. She is survived by her husband, William E. Gilbert; two sons, Donald Holder and David Gilbert; three sisters, Dorothy Scaff, Maudel Moore, and Ann Bennett; two brothers, Carroll and Ralph Johnson; and three grandchildren. George Green officiated at the services held at the Harry T. Reid Funeral Home. Interment was at Hebron Cemetery.

HALL, Bessie Naomi, born in Rome, Ga., on Aug. 12, 1893, died on March 24 in Boynton Beach, Fla. She was a member of the Boynton-DeIray church. She is survived by a daughter, Connie Cambron of Collegedale, Tenn.; and a sister, Katherine Healthcock of Villa Rica, Ga.

HALL, Charles M., born May 7, 1892, in Lisbon Falls, Maine, died March 7 after a short illness, in Clinton, N.C. Survivors include his wife, Elsie; four sons, Ben of Oberlin, La., Melvin of Ridgeway, Va., Charles E. of Lisbon Falls, Maine, and Calvin of Jamestown, N.Y.; two daughters, Edie Holt of Garland, N.C., and Glenys Gowell of Clinton, N.C.; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted by Oscar Sherrod. Interment was at the Garland Cemetery.

HART, Idel M., was born in Gainesville, Fla., on Sept. 6, 1903, and died in Brandon, Fla., April 17. She was a member of the Brandon church. She is survived by three sisters, Irene Coleman, Louise Dewey, and Lillian Bemis.



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HAUS, George, 80, of Florida Living Retirement Center, Forest City, died April 24. Born in Austria, he moved to Forest City from Fort Lauderdale in 1979. He was a member of the Pompano Beach church. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte; two sons, Sigismund of Miller Place, N.Y., Emil of Maspeth, N.Y.; one daughter, Luise Arend of Danbury, Conn.; three sisters, Marie Stadelmeier and Wilhelmina Eisinger, both of Fort Lauderdale, and Caroline Obilt of Forest City; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

HAYES, Tom (James W.), 79, of Forest City, Fla., died March 7. Born in Chicago, Ill., on Oct. 16, 1899, he moved to Forest City in 1964. His 43 years of denominational service included work at Pacific Press International Branch at Brookfield, Ill., and as foreman of the bindery at Southern Publishing Association in Nashville. He was a member of the Orlando Central church. He is survived by his wife, Eva of Forest City; daughter, Martha Jarrard of Mattoon, Ill.; and three grandchildren. Obed Graham and Rainey Hooper officiated at the services held at Garden Chapel Home for Funerals, Orlando. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City.

HICKS, Viola, was born on April 11, 1910, and died Feb. 16. She was a member of the St. Petersburg, Fla., church. At the time of her death she was living in the St. Louis, Mo., area. Her husband, John, survives.

JEFFREYS, David R., 85, of Orlando, Fla., died March 31. Born in Scranton, Pa., he moved to Orlando from Newark, Ohio, in 1962. He was a railroad engineer and a member of the Orlando Central church. Survivors include his wife, Clema A. of Orlando; daughters, Virginia Miller of Ft. Myers, Fla., Mary Milhoan of Newark, Ohio, and Betty Sjostrom of Waukegan, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Services were held at the Garden Chapel Home for Funerals, Orlando, with Obed O. Graham officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens.

JOHNSON, Mrs. H. A., passed to her rest on March 28 in Birmingham, Ala. Funeral services were conducted by David Sharpe.

JOHNSON, Harry, born in Albany, Ga., on April 21, 1894, died March 28 at the age of 85. He married the former Isadora Clause, who survives him, along with five of their eight children: Rosemary Clark, Albany, Ga., Joseph, Pittsburgh, Pa., Sara Henderson, Atlanta, Ga., Lillian Cross, Albany, Ga., Albert Johnson, Lakeland, Ga.; one sister, Mercedes Moore; and 10 grandchildren.

KEELER, Miss Pearl Dorothy, 76, of Orlando, Fla., died March 8 in the Medic Home in St. Cloud, Fla. She was born in Roulette, Pa., on Jan. 18, 1903. She was a member of the Orlando Sanitarium church. She leaves one sister, Jennie Schuerger of Orlando; a brother, Ruford, also of Orlando. Services were held at Garden Chapel Home for Funerals with Russell Adams officiating, assisted by A. D. Burch. Interment followed in Glen Haven Memorial Park.

KELLY, Grace S., 63, died in Jacksonville, Fla., on April 4. She was born on May 19, 1915. She was a member of the Orange Cove church. Surviving are her husband, Mack G.; daughters, Carol Elaine Cason, Doris Darlene Jimenez, and Nancy Lee Allen; sons, William C., James Russell, Jack Sherman, Terry M., and Paul M.; sisters, Nellie Filbert, Jessie M. Douglas, Bertie V. Smith, and Elizabeth Gore; brother, Andrew Smith; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services were held at the Giddens-Griffith Chapel in Jacksonville with Lanier A. Hanchett officiating. Interment was at Riverside Memorial Park.

KIGER, Alta Shell, 97, of Winter Park, Fla., died on March 17 at the Florida Living Nursing Center in Forest City, Fla. Born in Indiana on July 31, 1881, she moved to Winter Park from Indianapolis in 1954. She was a housewife and a member of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park. Survivors include three daughters, Dorothy M. Watson of Winter Park, Naomi Ruth King of Ocala, Fla., and Norma Sufficool of Troutville, Ore.; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Services were held at the graveside in Glen Haven Memorial Park, with A. D. Burch officiating.

MASSENGILL, Otis Sheldon, 84, of Palmetto, Fla., died March 26 at the Bradenton Convalescent Center. He was born on Oct. 3, 1894, in Oolitic, Ind. He was a member of the Palmetto church. Left to mourn his passing are his wife of 67 years, Lacy; five sons, Robert of Palmetto, Wayne of Portland, Ore., Paul of Anderson, Ind., Billy of Kokomo, Ind., and Max of Palmetto; three half-brothers, Raymond Massengill of Texas, Lloyd Massengill of Venice, Fla., and Robert Massengill of Minneapolis, Minn.; one half-sister, Gloria Massengill of Monterey, Mich.; 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Services were held at the Palmetto Funeral Home, with W. P. Lawrence and Glenn Coon officiating. Burial was in Manasota Memorial Park, Oneco, Fla.

MCCORKLE, Maude C., was born in Iowa on June 21, 1881. She died in Lake Worth, Fla., on May 16. She was a member of the Lake Worth church. A daughter, Bessie Callahan of Africa, survives her.

MILLER, Ruby Lee, 93, died March 3 in Suncoast Manor Nursing Home, Bradenton, Fla. She was a member of the Palmetto church. There are no known survivors. Graveside services were held in Manasota Memorial Park, with W. P. Lawrence officiating.

MOORE, Walter Lehman, Sr., 87, of Jacksonville, Fla., died Jan. 22. He was a native of Micosukee, Fla., and had been a resident of Jacksonville for the past 14 years. He was a member of the Jacksonville Regency church and is survived by his wife, Gladys; one daughter, Margaret Fowler; and one son, Walter L., Jr., all of Jacksonville.

MORGAN, Edward Courtwright, was born in Akron, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1947, and died in Atlanta, Ga., April 1 after a short illness. He was a church school teacher at Tampa Jr. Academy and was a member of the Tampa First church. His wife, Sara, of Mango, Fla., and his brother, Gary, of Barberton, Ohio,

survive him. Services were held at the Campfield-Hickman Funeral Home in Tampa with R. H. Shepard and Ken Cooke officiating. Interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

RIDEOUT, Ada Foster, born Oct. 28, 1881, died April 19 at Modesto, Calif. She leaves two daughters, Greta Williams of Arizona and Lorene Nelson of California; one brother; one sister; two granddaughters; and five great grandchildren.

ROBINSON, Laura Mae, was born on July 27, 1897, in Andalusia, Ala., and died on Feb. 27. She had been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 55 years. Survivors include her daughter, Mary Beth Larson; two sons, Jack and Bronson, Sr.; one brother, Wilma Williams; four sisters, Mattie Anderson, Naomie Fuqua, Ruth Tatum, and Lucile McGraw; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

ROBISON, Jesse G., born on Dec. 3, 1890, in Monticello, Fla., died in Bradenton, Fla., April 15. He was a member of the Palmetto church and one of the pioneer members in Florida. Surviving are his wife Katherine; son, John L. Robison; three daughters, Marilee Blanchard, Jewell Morris, and Lavenia Lyle; one brother, Aaron Robison; two sisters, Blanche Grigg, and Olga McKinley; 10 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

SANCHEZ, Emma, born in Archer, Fla., on Sept. 16, 1900, died in Orlando, Fla., on March 5. She was a member of the Clearwater church. Surviving are her son, Irving, Jr., of St. Petersburg; two daughters, Keturah and Anne; three foster children; three sisters, Jessie Calhoun, Clealia Jackson, and Emma Logan; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She rests in the Eternal Light Cemetery in St. Petersburg.

SCOTT, Pearl Mae, was born in Arcadia, Fla., May 16, 1891. She passed away in Tampa, Fla., on April 1. She had been a member of the Tampa First church for 62 years. Survivors include her husband, Harvey V. of Tampa; son, Doyle M. of Tampa; daughter, Hazel Virginia Tatum of Tampa; sister, Vera Sumner of Bellevue; and six grandchildren.

SNAPP, Mildred Gibbs, of Jacksonville, Fla., died March 9. She was a member of the Orlando Sanitarium church. Prior to her retirement she was an LPN at Florida Hospital and had been associated with the hospital for 21 years. Survivors include a son, Webster K. Snapp of Jacksonville; a daughter, Dolores Freyer of Longwood, Fla.; three sisters, three brothers, and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the graveside in Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City, with Russ Adams officiating.

STEFANAC, Catherine, was born in Yugoslavia on Jan. 17, 1896. She died on April 9 in St. Petersburg, Fla. She was a member of the St. Petersburg church. She is survived by two sons, George Milcetic of St. Petersburg, John Milcetic of Hicksville, Long Island, N.Y.; one daughter, Antoinette Seay of St. Petersburg; two brothers, John Stefanac of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Steve Stefanac of Ontario, Canada; and two sisters, Slava Princ and Dragica Stayduhar, both of New Smyrna Beach.

STEPHENS, Trudy Barnes, was born on June 20, 1888, in Riverview, Fla., and died on April 10 in Tampa, Fla. She was a member of the Tampa First church. Surviving are a son, Dr. A. L. Stephens, Jr., of St. Petersburg; two daughters, Mrs. Hugh A. Corley and Mrs. E. W. Borden, Jr., both of Tampa; and Mrs. Chester A. Wooten of Tampa.

SWAN, Mabel, was born in Atlanta, Ga., on Aug. 22, 1890. She died in Dunedin, Fla., March 6. She was a member of the Brooksville, Fla., church. Five grandchildren survive her. Burial was in Maryland.

THIEL, Myrtle, born June 25, 1889, in Beloit, Kan., died March 11 in Fairfield, Wash. For many years she was a member of the Boulevard church in Madison, Tenn., and then of the Collegedale church. Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy Hughes and Janet Russell; three sons, John, Francis, and Mitchell. Memorial services were conducted by Franklin Fowler. All memorial gifts are being channeled to the Library Fund of the A. W. Spalding Elementary School in Collegedale.

THOMAS, Fritts Hugh, a member of Decatur, Tenn., church, born Feb. 24, 1896, and died April 5. He lived in Athens, Tenn., all his life. Survivors include one daughter, Dorothy Virginia Szljarto of Nashville; one son, Fritts William Thomas of St. Louis, Mo.; a sister, Tressie Simpson of Spokane, Wash.; and two granddaughters.

THOMPSON, Vina, was born in Jackson, Tenn., Feb. 15, 1896, and died March 9 in Collegedale, Tenn. She was a member of the Collegedale church. Surviving are two sons, Garth of California and Royce of Singapore; daughter, Iris Clapp of Collegedale; brother, Wyland Miles of California; and sister, Vera Morry of Michigan.

WARRELL, George Thompson, born Aug. 22, 1885, at Kew Gardens, England, died May 2 in Atlanta, Ga. He is survived by his wife, Jennie (Wright); eight children, including Edith Aldrich of Atlanta, Ga., and Hazel Coe of Columbia, Md.; 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Warrell was laid to rest in St. Johnsbury, Vt. Funeral service was conducted by his grandson, Michael D. Coe, and son-in-law, Wallace O. Coe.

WELCH, Ola F., born Nov. 26, 1897, died Oct. 5, 1978. She was a faithful member of the Blythewood, S.C., church from 1941-1978.

WHITE, Hazel M., was born in Massachusetts on April 3, 1902, and passed to her rest in Pensacola, Fla., on April 25. She is survived by her husband Orville; daughters Shirley Knisbell and Thelma Dwinells; son William; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WHITENER, Lt. Col. Robert Park, was born in Union, S.C., on Sept. 24, 1931. He died in a private plane crash on May 17. Whitener entered the Air Force in 1954 where he served with honor at home and overseas in Viet Nam. He was baptized in 1975 and joined the Sumter, S.C., church where he was serving as an elder at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Patsy, one son, two daughters, a sister, and other relatives.

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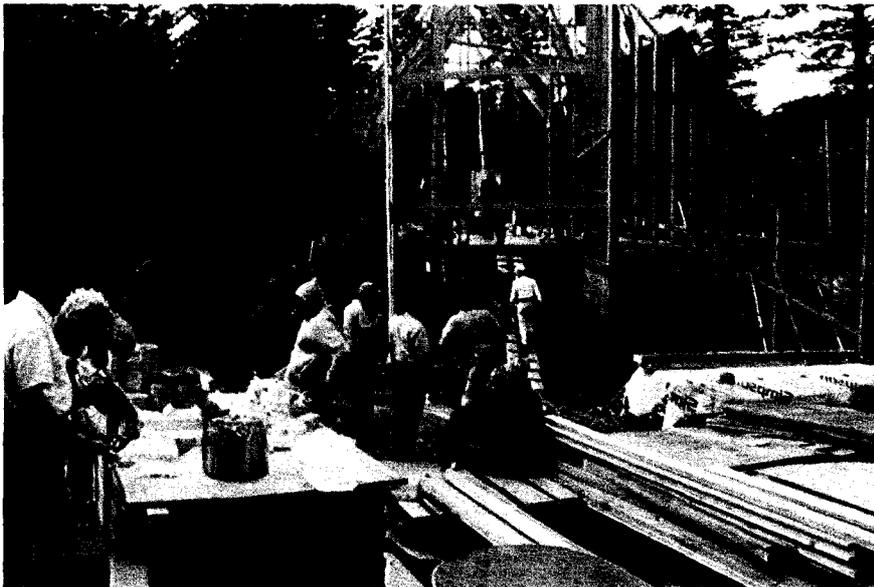
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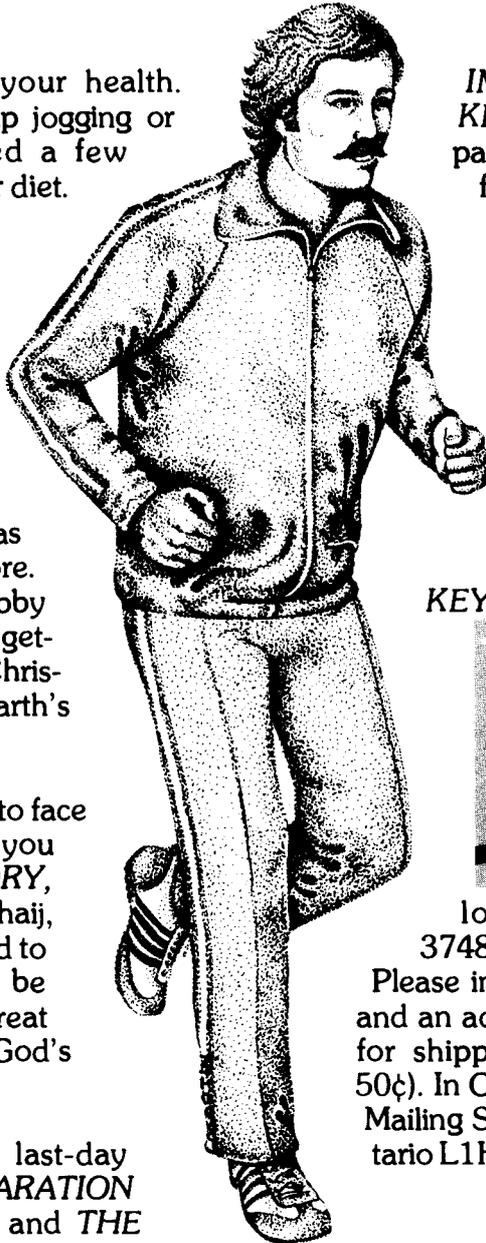
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Evangelism continues to be the watchword of all of us in the Southern Union. "It Is Harvest Time" is the theme being used by all of our conferences. Accordingly, public and church evangelism plans have been laid and implemented. Many evangelistic tents are being pitched in many of our cities, particularly by our two regional conferences. At this moment a large tent is being pitched in the Collegedale area known as "the four corners" where a large meeting will be conducted by Elder Jere Webb, pastor of the Collegedale church, and his associates, aided by the membership in the area. We anticipate a large harvest of souls.

Biblical Exposition Seminar

Good reports have come back to us from the recent Biblical Exposition Seminar for Sabbath school teachers conducted on the campus of Southern Missionary College. The feature story in this issue of the SOUTHERN TIDINGS is about this seminar. We feel that this has been a very worthwhile aid for those who teach the lesson in Sabbath school. We commend Elder Retzer and his fellow Sabbath school directors for planning and conducting such a seminar.

Camp Meetings

As of this writing, the camp meeting season is about completed for all of our conferences in the Southern Union. I have been able to attend six of them for a short while, being unable to schedule a visit to the Alabama-Mississippi Conference camp meeting held on the campus of Bass Memorial Academy. In every case the attendance at these meetings has been most encouraging. In fact, the press of people has taxed the facilities of all our conferences. This is due to two reasons: the rapid growth in membership and the fact that our people are desirous of receiving a special spiritual blessing at these meetings. We have had excellent help from the General Conference and from those who represent our institutions and the mass media. We appreciate their ministry among us.

South Atlantic Session

In connection with the South Atlantic meeting held annually on their campground located at Hawthorne, Florida, the triennial session was held this year. Elder R. L. Woodfork, the president, and his fellow conference officers were reelected, as were all of the departmental personnel. The conference has grown by over 5,000 members over the past three years, bringing the membership up over 19,000. The tithes and offerings have increased accordingly. This conference is giving serious study to dividing into two conferences since it covers four states and has 124 churches. This will be given careful

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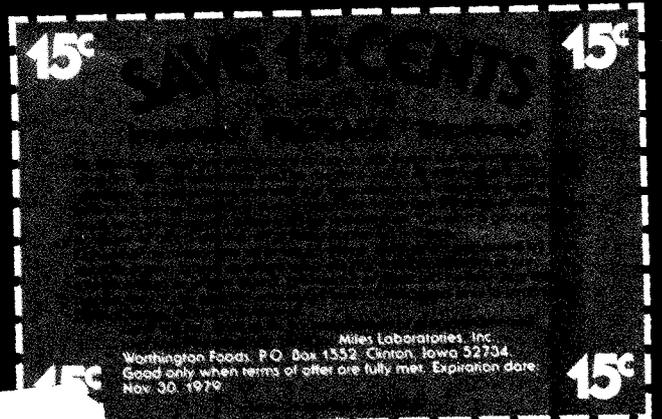
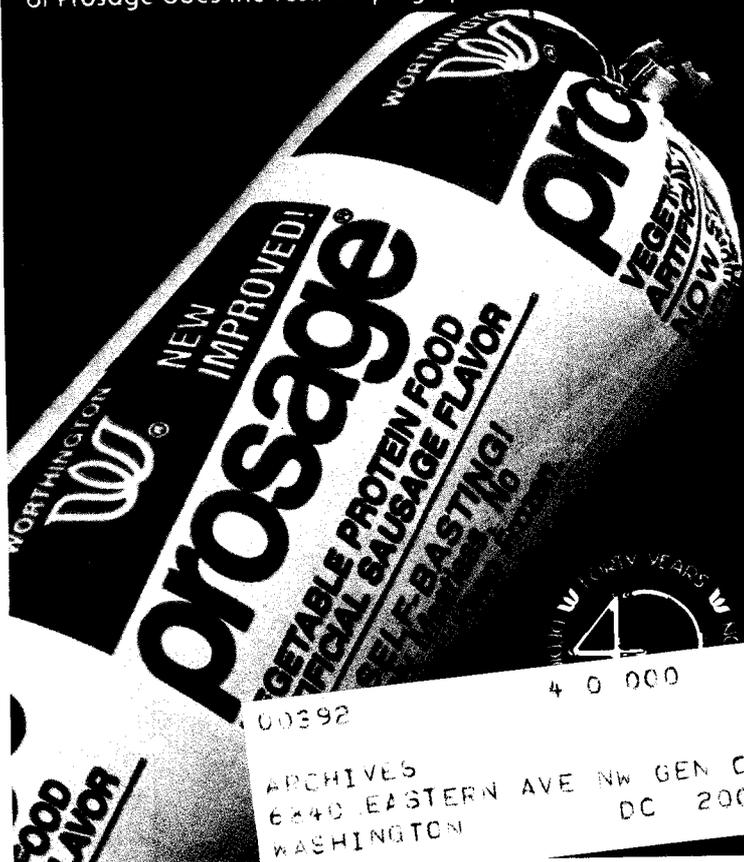
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