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The never-before-told story of Faith For Today, the Fagals' epic struggle to turn dream into reality and the 30 years of miracles that have followed.

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Editor's Note: William Fagal's sections are in regular type; Virginia's in italic.



It was a drizzly day in early April 1950, and I was the happy pastor of a beautiful and thriving church in downtown Brooklyn, New York.

All morning I had been away from my church making hospital calls. Returning in the early afternoon, I was greeted by my secretary with the news that I was wanted immediately at the Hotel Victoria in the Times Square area of New York; that some of the leading officials from our Washington, D.C., church headquarters were there and they had been calling about every 10 minutes (or so she said), wondering why she had not succeeded in getting the message to me.

Of course, I left immediately by subway for the Hotel Victoria, and about half an hour later walked into a room

in the hotel, not knowing who was there or why they wanted me.

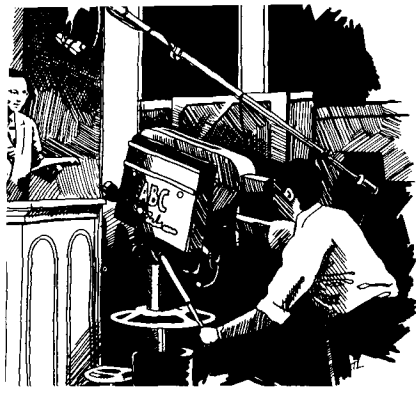
Surveying the faces before me, I noted that the president of the General Conference, the highest official of the church, was present, together with the secretary and the treasurer. Besides these, the group included the head of the Radio Department and two or three others.

The hotel room was carpeted in red, and the men made the most of it, telling me my church had summoned me to the red carpet for important discussions. Wondering if I had done something to arouse my brethren's ire, I had a few uncomfortable moments. But I was somewhat reassured by their amiable banter, and soon they began telling me what they had in mind.

The church, they informed me, would like to "experiment" with television. A committee had been appointed to investigate the possibilities, and the group of men before me had come from

Washington to New York to finalize on arrangements. That morning they had been at the American Broadcasting Company network offices and had signed a contract to begin a half-hour weekly telecast on Sunday night, May 21. All they now lacked was a program and an individual upon whom to place responsibility for it. They then told me I was the man they wanted to create the program and put it on the air. I would have about six weeks to prepare before the zero hour on the evening of May 21.

I don't remember much more about the meeting, although I think it lasted about an hour. I do recall walking down the street afterward, heading for the subway, as if in a dream. This was exactly what I had been



thinking and praying about for many months. In fact, the whole experience was an answer to my prayers. God had placed a television program in my hands in a most remarkable manner! But now that I had come

face to face with the awesome challenge and responsibility, I found myself shrinking from it and facing real questions as to whether or not I would be capable of doing what was expected.

He phoned me from the noisy subway station to share the news with me. There was no jubilation in his voice, but only a rather subdued recital of what had taken place. I thought of our two children, 6-year-old Kathy and 3-year-old Billy, and I distinctly remember feeling, rather than thinking, "From this moment on, our lives are never going to be the same."

I loved my job of being wife, mother and homemaker. I felt that caring for our children was the most challenging and rewarding vocation I could ever have. But I also knew I had married a man whose burning desire was to get the message of Christ's soon coming out to a perishing world, and in the 10 years of our marriage he had never spared himself in reaching for this goal. Even earlier, he had expressed to me his fear that the Lord might come before he would have a chance to finish college and do his part in sharing the gospel story.

So I knew there was no turning back now; this decision would affect our whole family, in thousands of ways I could not yet foresee. But I also had the certainty that whatever the future would hold for us, the Lord would be there to help us through it.

Many times in the months and years that followed, I would have to recall that this television responsibility was not given to me as the result of any campaigning or maneuvering on my part. Rather, it was something God had placed in my hands in an unexpected, and even providential, manner. When things became rough I would need to remind myself, over and over again, that since it was God who had given me this means of reaching millions with the Good News of the gospel, I would have to trust Him to also give me the wisdom, strength and ability to carry it out successfully. His promise to Joshua, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee," was a promise I would have to rely on—heavily—in the years to come.

Presenting the gospel over the airwaves had been in my blood since the earliest days of my ministry. I was fascinated by the possibility of reaching so many people at one time with the Good News.

My initiation to a radio ministry came in the early '40s. I had been invited to move from Elmira, New York, where I had begun as a pastor three years previously, to Buffalo, where I was to conduct a citywide evangelistic series in the beautiful Kleinhan's Music Hall. The hall was new and consisted of two auditoriums, the larger one seating 3,100 and the smaller one seating 1,000. Since it was so new it engendered a great deal of civic pride, and, of course, the local church people were

thrilled with the prospect of an evangelistic series being held in it.

This, too, was a responsibility I had never asked for. In fact, I was fourth or fifth choice! When the contract for the meetings was signed more than a year earlier, conference officials fully intended that one of the best evangelists in the country would be conducting these meetings. Anything less would be unthinkable!

But one by one, and for various reasons, each man of experience invited to conduct the series bowed out. Finally the date of the opening was only nine weeks away, with no evangelist yet in sight!

It was in desperation, I guess, that the conference officials turned to me. I had reached the advanced age of 23 and had just been ordained. They asked me to take up the task, and I agreed—much to the alarm of my wife.

Frankly, I was terrified for him. He had never had the chance to observe and learn from the methods of an experienced evangelist, or even a pastor. The sum total of his evangelism experience had been three series he had conducted in towns of 20,000 and 60,000. Buffalo had a population of 600,000, the largest city in the state outside the metropolitan New York area. I felt it was not fair to him to be placed in the position of total responsibility for the large Buffalo crusade.

But that's as far as my objections got. As he told me about it, I could see he was not afraid, but immensely pleased with the challenge. That was all I needed.

We moved to Buffalo immediately and plunged into two months of frenzied activity to meet the contract deadline. In eight weeks a team of workers had to be assembled, citywide advertising arranged and a myriad of details cared for.

The Lord was with us in a very marked way. Three thousand people turned out for the opening meeting in the main auditorium, and on week nights the smaller hall was packed.

World War II was in progress and gasoline rationing was severe. So, at no extra cost to us, the city provided a fleet of buses to bring people to the auditorium, and later to take them back to the downtown terminal.

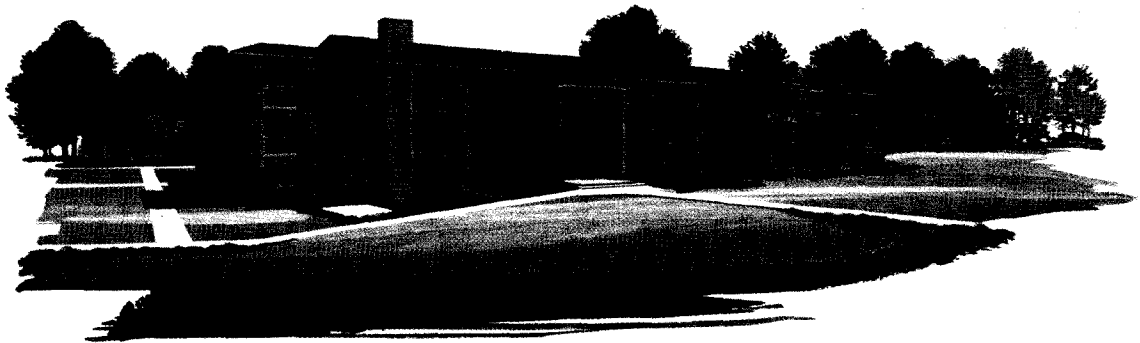
For the next 18 months we continued the Kleinhan's Music Hall meetings three nights a week, resulting not only in our church building threatening to burst its seams, but growth for nearby churches as well.

It was at this series that I first started presenting the gospel over the airwaves. Half an hour before the Sunday evening meetings we conducted a live broadcast by radio from the stage, and a good portion of our audience came early to see, hear, and participate in it. An excellent response resulted, making me enthusiastic about further use of the media.

From Buffalo, we accepted the call to move to New York City, and a new phase of our lives began at the beautiful Washington Avenue church in Brooklyn.

A new phase indeed! We drove into New York on his 25th birthday, and three weeks later our first baby, Kathryn Gail, was born.

Note: This article is excerpted from the first two chapters of the new book, THIS IS OUR STORY, which is being made available to church members as a gift. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Faith for Today. The Faith for Today annual offering will be received Sabbath, February 9.

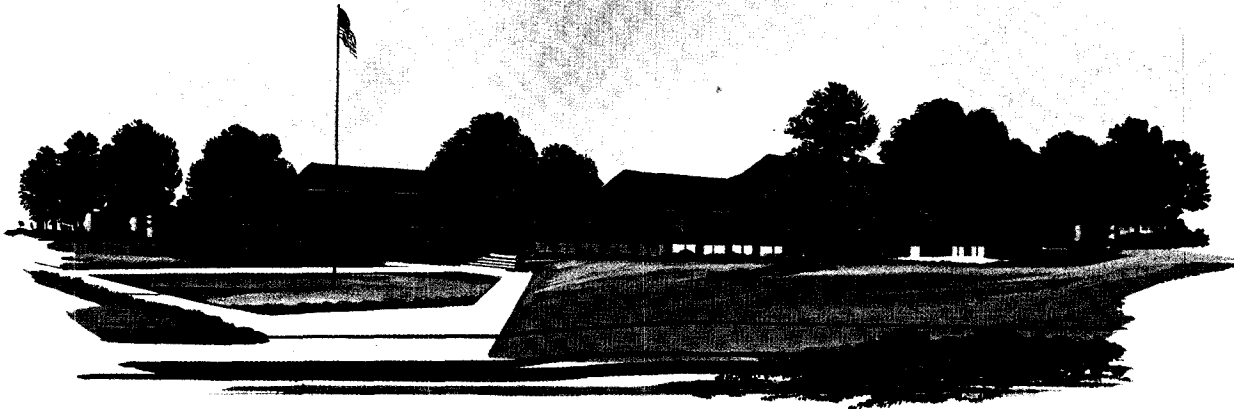


Girls' Dormitory

A New Look for



Cafeteria



Administration Building

Highland Academy

by J. W. Clarke

Charles Parnell, artist

Construction will begin this spring on a two-phase campus-improvement program that will give a new look to Highland Academy.

Approval for the project was given by a large majority of the 378 delegates attending a special conference session November 11.

The first phase will include a new dormitory for girls and a cafeteria complex. The cafeteria presently occupies the basement of the girls' dormitory.

The present structure has been standing for more than 30 years, and it was felt that it has served its purpose and should be replaced.

Committees have been at work to determine whether remodeling or rebuilding would be more feasible or practical, concluding that renovation is no longer a viable option.

The new dormitory will house 80 girls. Rooms will be carpeted, air conditioned, and will each contain a lavatory. It will include a recreation room and a worship room, neither of which is contained in the present structure. Self-service laundry facilities will also be available. Architectural plans are being drawn by Don Kirkman and Associates of Auburn, Washington.

The new dormitory will be located behind the existing building. This will allow for construction to be in progress without disrupting the school program. Upon completion, the old building will be dismantled, thus enlarging the campus mall.

The location of the cafeteria has not been finalized. "We are exercising great care to coordinate our renewal program in such a way that our campus will become more attractive at every phase of development, rather than rendering any section obsolete or inaccessible prematurely," explains Conference President A. C. McClure.

The cafeteria and girls' dormitory are estimated to cost \$1.2 million. Financing will come from 1) initial gifts from concerned individuals; 2) Kentucky-Tennessee

Advance offerings given systematically by members of all churches; 3) existing funds and conference operating resources; 4) trusts and wills; 5) the General and Southern Union Conferences.

The boys' dormitory will be remodeled, as funds become available, to conform to the architectural style of the girls' dorm and cafeteria. The rooms will be modernized and refurbished.

Phase II involves the erection of a new administration building. This will be considered and explained in greater detail following completion of phase I.

"Central to the entire campus revitalization project is a strong maintenance program to ensure proper upkeep of both old and new buildings to enhance both their present beauty and longevity," states McClure.

Even though this is a huge undertaking, it is of utmost importance to the progress of the church. The academy is a vital link in our educational program between the locally operated elementary school and the college or university. Without this link, students would be thrust into public high schools, with many of them lost to the church, and possibly losing out on eternal life.

"Highland Academy has served our conference and its youth for 35 years," says McClure. "We owe a great debt of gratitude to those whose vision and sacrifice made possible the founding of Highland Academy and the buildings on our campus. I am thankful for the same kind of vision and sacrifice that has inspired our constituency to vote a program of improvement that will make our campus an even more pleasant and comfortable place in which to train our youth."

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference is on the move. The members have accepted this challenge. As God's people unite and follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit, great things can and will be accomplished. This is our goal. This is our commitment. By God's grace it will be done.



Officers and centurions for 1979: R. B. Hairston, conference secretary, T. A. McNealy, J. A. Edgecombe, F. W. Parker, and President R. L. Woodfork.

Couples in the

by S. E. Gooden

"Couples in the Ministry" was the title of the seminar that dominated more than two of the three days of the annual January workers' meeting of the South Atlantic Conference held in Orlando, Florida. It began on Sunday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m., when President R. L. Wood-

fork introduced Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Holbrook, the co-directors of the Family Life Service of the General Conference. The primary areas of discussion at the seminar were: Pre-Marriage Education; Non-Believing Spouse; Family Worship; Family Council; Family Finance; and Sexuality. It is a new dimension and a new direction which Woodfork brought to this annual workers' meeting.

The fact that the fundamental unit—the cornerstone of society—which is the family, has been badly eroded and falling apart is of great concern. However, to the consternation of everyone, the Adventist family, and even the ministry, are no exceptions. This is one reason why the General Conference has assigned this couple—the Holbrooks—responsibility to do everything possible



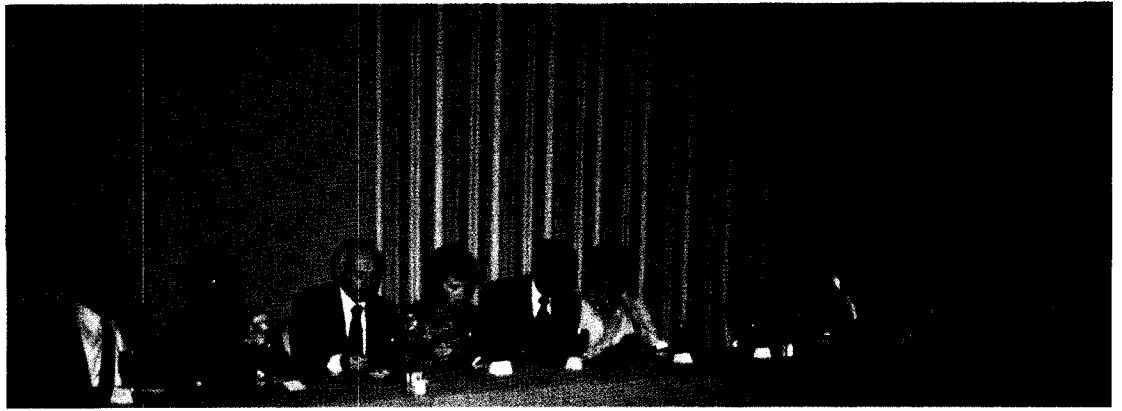
Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Holbrook at Couples in the Ministry Seminar at South Atlantic Conference workers' meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Lay Activities Director Joseph Hinson, flanked by runner-up Ingathering Queen Daisy Jackson, (left) of Charlotte, North Carolina, who raised \$4,068.56 in 1979, and by the Queen, Rosa Holmes, of Savannah, Georgia, who raised \$7,125 in 1979.



Couples in the Ministry Seminar at the South Atlantic Conference workers' meeting.

Head table at South Atlantic workers' meeting awards banquet. Left to right: R. Patterson, Barbara Patterson, D. W. Holbrook, Betty Holbrook, R. B. Hairston, Katherine Hairston, Jean Woodfork, President Woodfork, Lucille Smith, T. R. Smith, and S. D. Meyers at the podium.



Ministry

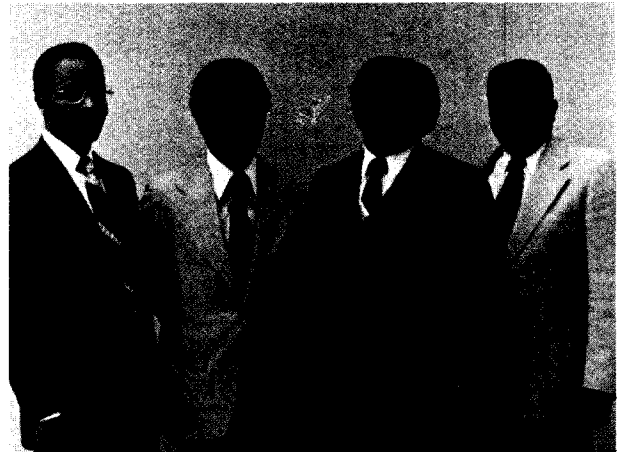
to lead a team of experts in Family Life and Christian Counseling to try and rescue the church, worldwide, from this devastating assault of Satan.

The seminar was well received by the workers. Sampling of some of the comments of the ministers and their wives were as follows: "The Couples in the Ministry Seminar was need-fulfilling. The Temperament Analysis Profile (from the Taylor-Johnson Temperament Analysis Test) was the single most significant aspect, leading to an acute self-awareness which will serve as a catalyst toward many future improvements. The instructors deserve our applause and appreciation . . ." "We found the seminar . . . very stimulating, informative, full of depth, helpful, and practical." "I think the workshop has been enlightening and informative and very much needed. I personally gained much from the free style and personal relationship and mannerism of Dr. Holbrook and his wife. They are clear, concise, and represent to me a couple who is sharing, in a loving way, the message it is endeavoring to get across."

According to the baptismal reports of the pastors, the clerks should confirm over 1,600 baptisms for 1979. A number of large meetings were cancelled in 1979 because of the unusual number of transfers of workers during the evangelistic season.

In conjunction with the beginning of the new decade of the 80s, the conference workers have set an objective to baptize 3,000 souls in 1980. The entire office staff pledged to participate in evangelistic endeavors this year to assist the pastors in the field to reach the objective.

Three Centurions, T. A. McNealy, J. A. Edgecombe, and F. W. Parker were responsible for a total of 505 baptisms—T. A. McNealy, 280; J. A. Edgecombe, 123; F. W. Parker, 102. There were four quinquagenarians, men who baptized 50 or more during 1979—Kenneth Moore, 62; Dennis Ross, 75; Franklin Hill, 70; and Ralph



The 1979 quinquagenarians of South Atlantic Conference, left to right: Ken Moore, of Columbia, South Carolina; Dennis Ross, of Greensboro, North Carolina; Franklin S. Hill, III, of Atlanta Boulevard; and Ralph Franklin, of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Franklin, 89. Approximately 15 other pastors baptized between 25 and 50 souls each. These were given certificates of awards.

At the awards banquet on Tuesday night, January 8, a new award was given entitled Pastoral Achievement Award. This award is to give recognition to the pastor who has excelled in all areas of pastoral ministry in his state. For the state of Florida, James A. Edgecombe of Miami-Bethany and Oster H. Paul of Orlando-Mt. Sinai tied for first place. In Georgia, Marvin Brown of Macon-Bethany and T. A. McNealy of Atlanta-Maranatha tied for first place. For North Carolina it was Ralph Franklin of Charlotte-Berean. Dennis Ross of Greensboro-East Market was honorably mentioned. For South Carolina, it was Kenneth Moore. A large number of trophies and certificates were given in general for achievements in specific areas of church leadership.

The guest speaker at the awards banquet was Samuel D. Meyers, associate director of the Stewardship Department of the General Conference. He also gave a very inspiring devotional message to the workers on Wednesday morning entitled "The Picture Gallery of the Gospel." T. R. Smith, publishing director of the conference, was the master of ceremonies.



Serving Man's Health

by Tamara Russell
Photography by P. B. Mitchell

The spring of 1911 brought more than new leaves, sprouting fields, and gentle breezes to the small farming community of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. It brought T. A. Graves southeast from Lincoln, Nebraska, to settle in the Flatwoods Community just five miles south of Lawrenceburg. He came for the sole purpose of helping his neighbors and winning them to Christ.

Graves' biggest opportunity to serve came about two years later when Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Reese moved into the area from Madison, Tennessee. As a registered nurse, Mrs. Reese soon found herself in constant demand, due to the shortage of doctors in the area. It quickly became obvious that if Mrs. Reese had some place where those who were ill could stay, she could take much better care of them. After much prayer and careful planning, Graves built the small clinic that became the Lawrenceburg Sanitarium. As the building neared completion, Mrs. S. E. Whiteis, a registered nurse from Madison, came to take charge of the new institution.

In just a few years the sanitarium outgrew its original building. Dur-

ing winter it was also difficult to get there, so plans were made to relocate the sanitarium nearer Lawrenceburg, as well as expand. In June of 1925 the Bennett farm was purchased and work began on a 24-bed hospital.

Raising money to build the new hospital might have been difficult, but the Lord had already provided it. In 1918, Lydia F. Scott and her husband came to Nashville from New Jersey to visit friends. Mrs. Scott became very ill and was taken to Madison Hospital for treatment. The facility and Christian nursing care so impressed her that she asked questions, became a Seventh-day Adventist, and eventually settled there. Because of her great interest in helping set up additional hospitals and schools, she left her private fortune to the Layman Foundation for that purpose.

Consequently, when the little group in Lawrenceburg was ready to build the new hospital, they contacted the Layman Foundation, who not only gave assistance but also took over full responsibility for the institution. Within the year, the hospital opened with the full support of the community and the 11

physicians from the five surrounding counties.

Six years later, however, disaster struck. About midnight June 9, 1931, the hospital burned to the ground! The hospital's night shift got all the patients out safely but were unable to save any of the equipment.

The Layman Foundation, with encouragement and support from city officials and the community, decided to rebuild the hospital. Meanwhile, patients were cared for in several nearby buildings. The new structure, completed the following year, housed the hospital until 1974 when a new 33-bed facility with areas for a laboratory, a radiology department, and other necessary services was completed.

This new building, called Scott Memorial Hospital in honor of Mrs. Scott, whose generosity had made the earlier facilities possible, has now expanded and provides 64 beds for acute care, most major medical services, and a very active health-education program.

In July of 1979 the Layman Foundation Board requested that Scott Memorial Hospital join Adventist Health System/Sunbelt so it could share the benefits and strengths that come from a number of hospitals working together.

Today the hospital continues to maintain the reputation it has had since its start—that of dedication to serving the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of the community. Under the leadership of P. B. Mitchell, president of the hospital, a four-unit physician building across the street from the hospital should soon be completed. He is also helping the hospital work towards Joint Commission Accreditation, an important step in providing excellent health care.

As the community it serves continues to grow, Scott Memorial Hospital will grow, following the tradition begun by Graves in the spring of 1911 and supported by the generosity of others like Mrs. Scott. The hospital and those who work there are still dedicated to the purpose of helping their neighbors.

Tamara Russell is an editorial assistant at Florida Hospital.

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NEWBURY PARK, CALIFORNIA — — —

Identical "Golden Jubilee" programs, featuring the Voice of Prophecy broadcast team, will be held at Forest Lake Academy February 23 at 4 P.M., and Southern Missionary College February 24 at 4 P.M. Nineteen such programs are being held in the United States and Canada from January to May. In attendance will be H. M. S. Richards, H. M. S. Richards, Jr., the King's Heralds Quartet, Del Delker, and Jim Teel.

NEWBURY PARK, CALIFORNIA — — —

Faith For Today has won two media awards for excellence from the Houston International Film Festival. Word was recently received by FFT executive producer James C. Hannum that Westbrook Hospital episodes "Doomsday Ward" and "Lillian's Secret" had won first place and second place awards in their respective categories. The Houston International Film Festival is one of the most prestigious film festivals in the U. S., and, with 40 countries participating, one of the largest. It was a special triumph for "Doomsday Ward" to receive a gold medal: the film is distinctively Adventist in message with the interpretation of Daniel 2 interwoven with dramatic action. The script was written by FFT staff screenwriter Don Davenport and was produced and directed by FFT program producer Gary Haynes. "Lillian's Secret," was written by Charlie Marie Gordon and directed by Gordon Duffey, received a silver award for its sensitive treatment of loneliness and death. Again Adventist philosophy, particularly that the dead sleep until Jesus comes, played an important role.

DECATUR, GEORGIA — — —

Ingathering funds solicited and contributed in the Southern Union as of January 5 amounted to \$1,360,909, according to W. M. Abbott, Jr., lay activities director. This amounts to \$40,477 more than the objective and \$18,273 more than was reported for the same period last year. The final, official report is expected to increase the total. The January 5 total, by conference, was:
Alabama-Mississippi, \$138,494; Carolina, \$166,447; Florida, \$400,000;
Georgia-Cumberland, \$265,943; Kentucky-Tennessee, \$174,224; South Atlantic, \$140,000; South Central, \$75,800.

LUBBOCK, TEXAS — — —

Two television spots produced by John Robertson at the Adventist Media Center have been tested in Lubbock, Texas, by James David Chase, of Andrews University. He found that before the airing only 17 percent of those interviewed said they had a positive attitude toward Seventh-day Adventists. After the 30-second and 60-second spots were aired, 47 percent of those interviewed were found to have a positive attitude toward Adventists.



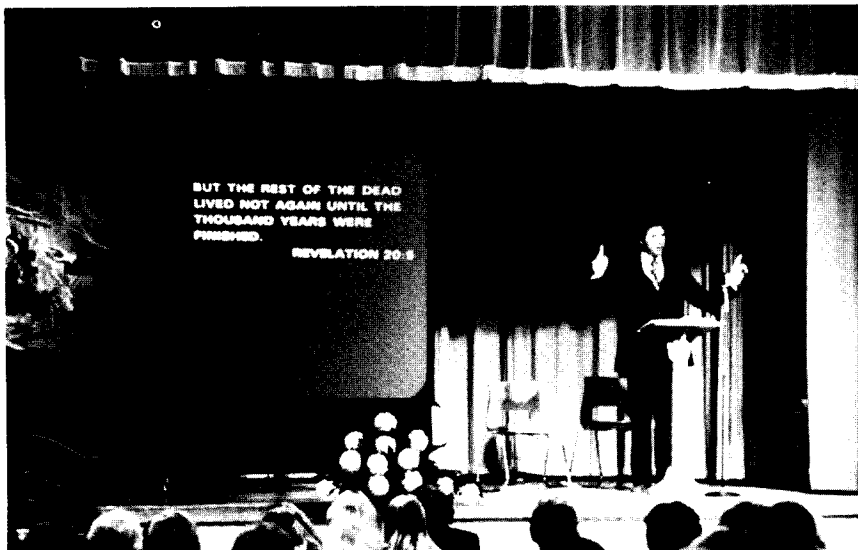
Clifford Vickery's pastoral ministry has been appreciated for more than a decade in Georgia-Cumberland. He has been asked to join the full-time evangelistic staff and is eager to preach the "Good News" throughout the conference.



Evangelist Les Speer has served his church in Africa as well as in North America, most recently in the Florida Conference. We are happy to welcome this dedicated young minister and his family to the Georgia-Cumberland team!



by F. Clifford Port



Georgia - Cumberland Health and Community Services Director Ed Reid joined with Pastors Clifford Vickery and Warren Ruf in a Greenville, Tennessee, crusade November 23 - December 14. Twenty-one new members have already been baptized and follow-up continues.



Henry Uhl holds at least three crusades each year in addition to pastoral responsibilities in the Rome and Cedartown district.



Collegedale-area churches were blessed with over 60 baptisms in the summer of 1979. A tent meeting at Four Corners played a part in many of these decisions. Joining with Collegedale Pastor Jere Webb in the series were the Chuck Fulmore Trio, Dr. Jerry Gladson with SMC's Evangelistic Field School class, and members of all the area churches.

"Glad Tidings of Good Things"

Crisis and invasion. Riot and bloodshed. Inflation and recession. Nightly broadcasts and morning headlines shout the news. Bad news. Disturbing news. News of a world overwhelmed with problems beyond human understanding.

Amid all the turmoil of twentieth century reality, Seventh-day Adventist Christians occupy a unique and enviable position. Although surrounded by the collapse of a sin-sick society, our eyes are fixed on the promises of God's Word and our confidence in the soon coming of our Saviour grows stronger day by day. We believe with the apostle Paul that "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13. But we cannot ignore Paul's challenge:

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:14, 15.

Because of their continuing desire to share the "Glad tidings of good things," members of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference have faithfully supported an active program of public evangelism for many years. Through the influence of the Holy Spirit in cooperation with the diligent efforts of laymen, pastors, and evangelists, 709 individuals were united in fellowship with our churches through baptism in 1978. In 1979 the total recorded was 788. Evangelism Director Don Aalborg reports that while this gain of 79 baptisms was taking place, a savings of \$80,000 in evangelistic expenses was being realized. God's power continues to bless the proclamation of His "Glad Tidings!"

Progressive plans have been laid for 1980: Twenty-nine crusades have been scheduled for Georgia-Cumberland's four full-time and one part-time evangelists. In addition, 12 crusades will be conducted by visiting evangelists and pastors. A major effort in the Chattanooga area involving 17 area pastors and the Pollett brothers from Carolina opened in the Tivoli Theater on January 12. Central Union Evangelist Dale Brusett begins an eight-week series in Augusta, Georgia, on February 2.

Special plans to reach the millions in greater Atlanta include Evangelist Les Speer, newly arrived from Florida, who will hold five crusades in Atlanta-area churches this year. The Southern Missionary College Religion Department and Collegedale Pastor Jere Webb will conduct a field school of evangelism during July in the Belvedere-Stone Mountain area, and Evangelist Clifford Vickery will be working with the Marietta and Smyrna churches.

Pastors, evangelists, and conference leaders are planning and praying for an unprecedented outpouring of God's Spirit in 1980. Your continued systematic financial support of conference evangelism through the 10 plus 10+ stewardship plan will assure a continuing and vigorous evangelistic outreach. A troubled world is waiting for the "Glad tidings of good things" that we have to share!



Elder and Mrs. Rudy Skoretz have criss-crossed Georgia-Cumberland for three years in their evangelistic ministry. In 1980 they will continue to set the pace in gospel outreach.

Evangelist Pat Patsel joined the Georgia-Cumberland team in 1979 after many years of fruitful ministry in Alabama-Mississippi. His warm smile and outgoing personality have already endeared him to many of our churches.





Southern Union Conference Secretary H. F. Roll presents "the cup" to the Carolina Conference for leading the union in sales for 1979. Pictured are G. S. Culpepper (left); Henry Fish, associate publishing director responsible for Carolina; Roll; Carolina Conference President M. D. Gordon; Conference Secretary W. A. Geary, and Eric Ristau.

"Grab Hold

by George A. Powell



Kentucky-Tennessee Conference President A. C. McClure presents Ozema Knight, a literature evangelist in Louisville, Kentucky, to the convention to share a soul-winning experience. Mrs. Knight helped lead 10 individuals into church membership during 1979.

Another sales record for the Southern Union was set by literature evangelists during 1979. The final figure, reported during the annual literature evangelists' convention January 3-5, was \$3,170,366, an increase of \$49,000 over 1978.

The meetings emphasized the importance of seizing present opportunities, improving methods, and professional growth. "Too many are content to revel in past achievements, while others are anticipating future accomplishments," says Southern Union Publishing Director Eric Ristau, "but, while we must learn from the past and plan for the future, we live and work in the present. That's why we chose as our convention theme, 'Grab Hold of Today!'"

The results, both in sales and in souls won to Christ, testified that many literature evangelists made a custom of getting the most from every day in 1979. Sales leaders for the year were James Sauers, from Atlanta, Georgia, \$61,756; Victor Miranda, from Miami, Florida, \$59,302; and Tom Allen, from Atlanta, \$50,219. The Carolina Conference regained the cup for highest sales, \$650,461, followed by last year's winner, Georgia-Cumberland, and Alabama-Mississippi. Top district for the year was Ronnie Davis's western North Carolina group, with \$290,545, followed by Dan Miller's east Tennessee team, with \$283,080, and Joe Holloway's north Georgia district,

The three sales leaders: James Sauers (left), Victor Miranda, Tom Allen.





President Gordon leads the victorious Carolina colporteurs in a song of triumph.

of Today!"

with \$251,524. South Atlantic registered the highest rate of increase in sales—33 percent.

The South Atlantic Conference also led the union in reported baptisms, with 218. The entire missionary report for 1979 is impressive: free literature distributed, 174,291; Bible course enrollments, 29,234; former Adventists contacted, 1,650; prayers in homes, 79,215; Bible studies given, 6,048.

Special emphasis was given to the recruitment of part-time literature evangelists under the 10/4 Plan—10 hours and four sales demonstrations per week.

"We live in unsettled times," states G. S. Culpepper, publishing director-elect. "International crises and economic uncertainties have filled millions with anxiety and fear. Literature evangelists believe the end of time is near. We know that what we intend to do we must do quickly. That's why we are entering the 1980s with quickened pace and renewed zeal for God and His work."

In crowded cities and secluded farms, in the early morning or late at night, a doorbell rings or a knock is heard. A salesman is calling. But the message he brings and the product he offers are unique. They never depreciate. The pages may tear, the binding may warp, and the pictures fade with age. But it's not really books he is selling, anyway. His product is the gospel of Jesus Christ—joy, peace, and everlasting life.



J. N. Hunt (left), associate publishing director of the General Conference, and guest speaker for the convention, interviews Bert Santiago, former associate publishing director for the Far Eastern Division, presently an assistant director in California, regarding the Abram La Rue Institutes.

Hundreds respond and thousands of dollars are given during Southern Union Treasurer J. H. Whitehead's offering appeal to provide equipment for part-time (10/4) workers.



Music was provided throughout the convention by the His Way Quartet, from Charlotte, North Carolina. Pictured are Mike Hanson and Dee and Larry Reed with their children. The fourth singer, Sharon Hanson, is also the accompanist. Hanson is health/temperance director of the Carolina Conference. Reed is a dentist.



SPA Remains Open

Merger Plans to Be Studied

by Bruce A. Dillon

photography by Tim Menees

In separate actions January 9, the Southern Publishing Association constituency reaffirmed its support of the publishing house and appealed to the General Conference to maintain SPA as a separate, independent publishing house; asked that the General Conference study a possible merger between SPA and the Review and Herald Publishing Association; and called for implementation of several cost-cutting and income-producing measures.

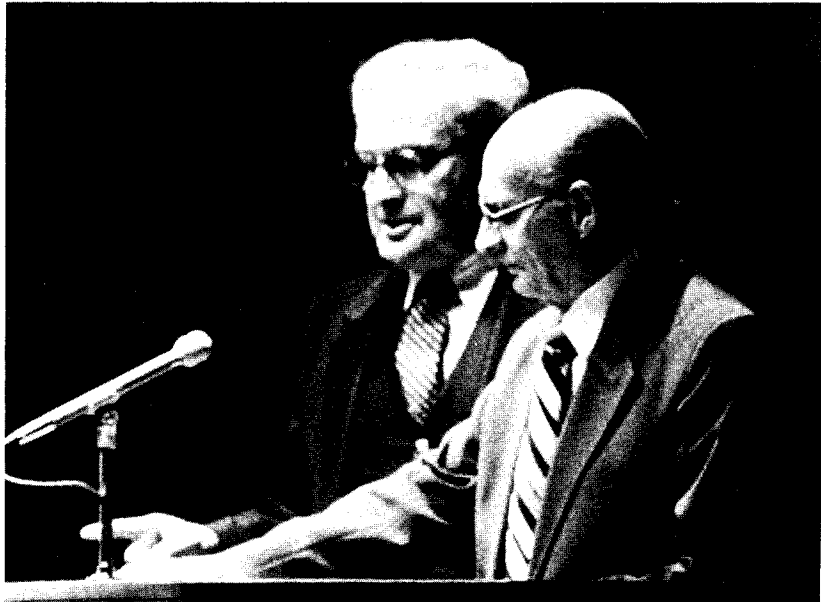
The merger was suggested by General Conference President Neal Wilson as a compromise between the Annual Council recommendation to close SPA and the strong opposition to such a move expressed by the SPA constituents. The plan provides for operations to continue both here and in Washington under a combined board and management with territory made up of the five unions now served by SPA and the Review and Herald.

The resolutions capped almost nine hours of emotional debate.

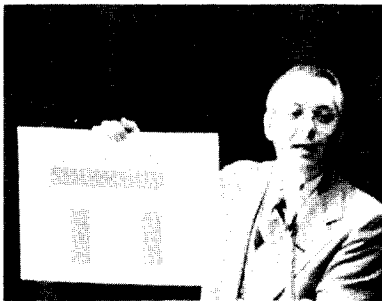
Two speakers, J. N. Hunt, associate director of the General Conference Publishing Department, and Dr. Robert Olson, secretary of the E. G. White Estate, received standing ovations for their presentations of Ellen White's counsels. Hunt cited several strong statements against closure, while Olson maintained that Ellen White agreed with closing or moving institutions when they ceased to be viable organizations. He did not, however, say whether he thought SPA had reached that state.

Of special note are the measures SPA has proposed to both reduce expenses and increase income. A 20 percent reduction in staff is planned by April 1, while travel budgets for 1980 have been cut 15.6 percent.

Eric Ristau, Southern Union publishing director, explained that SPA could increase profits by publishing family Bibles. Initially, the Bi-



W. Ross Wollard (left), SPA general manager, and W. Duncan Eva, SPA board chairman and vice president of the General Conference, clarify a point for delegates to the SPA constituency meeting.



SPA treasurer D. R. Pierson illustrates the savings realized by cutting back 20 percent of the staff of Oct. 1979. The reductions, primarily by attrition, are scheduled to reach 20 percent by April 1. SPA should save over \$600,000 annually by this cut.

bles would be printed by a commercial printer. SPA would act as the publisher and sales agent until it could afford the specialized equipment necessary to produce the Bibles.

The delegates also approved an experimental program to market *These Times* and *Message* magazines along with several trade book titles outside the usual Adventist channels. Bill May, Southwestern Union Conference secretary, reported that a large discount

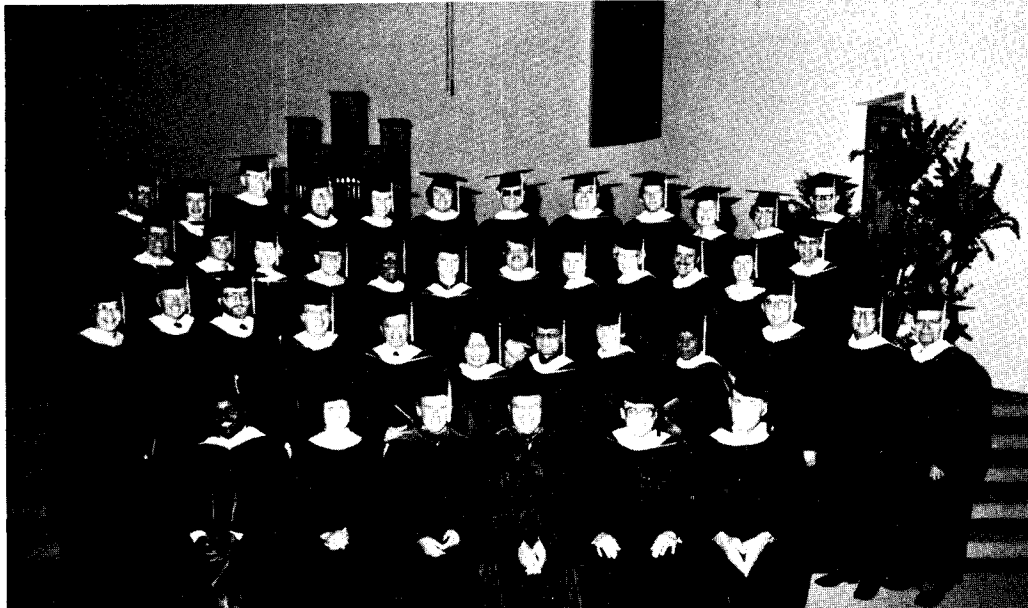
chain had been approached as an outlet for SPA trade books.

SPA will be preparing special material geared to the needs of the nation's Black population, developed in consultation with Black SDA leadership, according to Ross Wollard, SPA general manager. He also reported that SPA will begin offering its printing and creative services to other SDA institutions and conferences for advertising and public relations projects.

In summing up the meeting Wollard said, "My faith is strengthened when I see people with opposing views come together in an endeavor to find God's solution to our problems. It warms my heart when we can seek His guidance and place ourselves at His feet and then watch how He leads to mutual agreement. As far as I'm concerned, that's what happened."

At present no timetables have been set for future action, although Wilson promised further action by the end of February.

Bruce A. Dillon is advertising coordinator for SPA.



Seated in front of the graduates are the participants in the commencement service: Mervyn A. Warren, academic dean, Oakwood College; Sherilynne Will, School of Health marshal; Raymond O. West, department of family practice, LLU; Norman J. Woods; Daniel A. Skoretz, department of health education, LLU; D. K. Griffith, Southern Union Conference director of education. (Photograph by Rick Perry).

43 Receive Master's Degrees In Public Health

Forty-three individuals received the master of public health degree January 12 at Southern Missionary College.

The graduates were the first to earn degrees from Loma Linda University's off-campus program in the Southern Union. Begun June 20, 1976, one section of classes is held quarterly, with the MPH degree following about three-and-a-half years later.

"I expect the effect of this work to be felt in health awareness throughout the Southern Union, for these graduates represent every conference of the Southern Union," remarks H. F. Roll, union health secretary. "I believe that medical missionary work will be given an improved image as the result of the work of these 43 graduates and the continuation of this program by many who are presently enrolled in the MPH program and will be candidates for degrees in the future."

Speaker for the January 11 consecration service was Dr. S. L. Deshay, health director of the General Conference. Norman J. Woods, vice president for academic affairs at Loma Linda University, delivered the commencement address.

The next classes will be offered April 5-10 at Florida Hospital, "Philosophy of Health" beginning Saturday night and continuing Sunday, and "Principles of Administration in Public Health" being taught Monday-Thursday. "Introduction to Health Education" will be

offered at SMC July 21-24. "Society and Health" will be offered October 5-8 at Cohutta Springs Camp.

Those enrolled in the classes comprise a cross section of health professionals, church employees, housewives, etc. Warren Belding, a physician in Orlando, Florida, states, "Having graduated from medical school in 1955, I needed a lot of updating in the field of nutrition and health education. We really didn't have any of this in medical school. The MPH program has been a lot of work, but it's been very rewarding and I plan to use it by being more aware of helping people make lifestyle changes."

Speaking of the large number of physicians and ministers enrolled in the course, Belding continues, "I think that it is high time that the ministers and physicians study together new ways of reaching people with our health message. I like to work with a minister who has also been through the course. It makes a better team approach. I think it's just a fantastic educational opportunity. I highly recommend it."

Belding and Richard Faber, former pastor of the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park (now in Tampa), hosted a televised Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking in November of 1977 with a potential TV audience of 75,000. Faber also received his degree January 12.

Information regarding the classes may be obtained from the Health Department, P.O. Box 849, Decatur, GA 30031, (404) 299-1832.

late news of the CONFERENCES

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI



VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASSES were conducted in December at the Choctaw High School in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, with 40 people in attendance.

Pastor Ron Neall reports that at their November meeting the Life and Health Club of the Panama City, Florida, church had a TASTING FAIR where they offered many low-sugar desserts for sampling. Recipes were distributed and a nutrition talk was presented on reducing the use of refined sugars to show how to cut calories and satisfy a sweet tooth at the same time.

Public health nurses in Vicksburg volunteered their time from 6:30-9:00 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday, January 14 and 15, 1980, to draw blood samples from participants of the HEARTBEAT CORONARY RISK EVALUATION. Dr. John Evans evaluated each participant's lifestyle, family history, and serum lipid levels. Many of the participants immediately enrolled in the Better Living Cooking School conducted in the Adventist Better Living Center by the ladies of the Vicksburg church on the three Thursday nights following the coronary risk evaluation.

On December 8, the BASS MEMORIAL ACADEMY BAND, on its first tour of the year, gave a sacred concert in the Brookhaven and Natchez, Mississippi, churches. The band consists of about 25 members.

Marvin Whitney, as a member of the Lincoln County, Mississippi, Chaplains' Association, has been given FREE RADIO TIME. He was on the air for five minutes daily one week in early October in Brookhaven. At the close of the program Friday the radio announcer questioned Whitney on several key Seventh-day Adventist doctrines, including the Sabbath. Whitney was again on the air Christmas week.



Thelma Thatcher, treasurer of the Greenville, Mississippi, church, reports that their 46 members responded to Neal Wilson's *Review* article by contributing \$450 for CAMBODIAN RELIEF.

A NATURE IN PATHFINDERING SEMINAR was held at Rocky Springs, Mississippi, on the Natchez Trace the weekend of December 1. The campout-seminar thrived under 25° temperatures as Mississippi Pathfinder leaders and Master Guide trainees received resource material and practical field study. Conference youth director Bob Holbrook directed the seminar.

According to Pastor David Sharpe, the Birmingham First church has started the new year out right by DEDICATING THE NEW CHURCH on January 5. Dedication speaker was General Conference Secretary Clyde Franz and worship service speaker was SMC President Dr. Frank Knittel.



Members across the Alabama-Mississippi Conference recently participated in a different type of offering—a FOOD SHOWER for Bass Memorial Academy. When all the cans, boxes, and cases were tallied on December 16, just under \$6,000 worth of food was counted. A similar project was tried about five years ago and met with such success that Conference President W. D. Wampler asked K. M. Mathews, conference stewardship director, to organize another BMA food shower. Also supporting the offering were alumni and former faculty members of BMA who were contacted with an invitation to participate.

Over 300 delegates met at the Bass Memorial Academy December 16 at a special session called for the purpose of studying final plans for a 120-bed nursing home, ADVENTIST HEALTH CENTER, to be located at BMA. After in-depth discussion by those present of the plans and financial projections, a vote was taken to move forward immediately.

CAROLINA



Fifty-nine new members have joined the Greenville, South Carolina, church through baptism and by profession of faith following EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS by W. H. Waters and Bruce Hehn. The church was filled every night to capacity during the meetings. On weekend evenings double services had to be employed to accommodate the crowds. Maurice Witt is the pastor, assisted by Ted Metcalf.

When the last baptismal reports are in for 1979, Carolina hopes to have attained its goal of 10,000 MEMBERS by the end of the 70s.



President Malcolm D. Gordon launched a new FIVE-YEAR STUDY PROGRAM for all employees of the Carolina Conference. Our Bible study guide is the New International Version of the Bible. This version we are urged to study in depth along with appropriate observations and commentaries made in the Seventh-day Adventist *Bible Commentary* and the books of the Spirit of Prophecy. All are invited to study *one* hour per day.

The *Franklin, North Carolina, Press* featured prominently a story on CHRISTIAN EDUCATION entitled, "Seventh-day Adventist School Here Is Growing." Better than a half page,

with three pictures on page 1, section C, tells in detail the objectives of the system of education of the Adventist church. Don Bush is pastor of the Franklin church.

Two COMMUNICATION WORKSHOPS were held in the Carolina Conference: Asheville, January 10, and Tri-City School, High Point, North Carolina, January 26. Those leading out in these church communicators' workshops were Oscar Heinrich and George Powell from the Southern Union; Malcolm D. Gordon, president, William H. Geary, secretary, A. L. Ingram, treasurer and M. Donovan Oswald, communication director from the Carolina Conference; and George Grow from Mount Pisgah Academy. The workshops were well attended and most productive.

William B. Hull, director of field services and station relations for Faith For Today, reports that FAITH FOR TODAY TELECASTS will be shown 10:30 a.m. and again at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays as well as daily, Monday through Friday. This program is being telecast on WGNN, Channel 45, Winston-Salem. In addition, Cablecasters TV Network in Wilson, North Carolina, will carry, on Sundays only, Faith For Today at 9:00 a.m. beginning January 6.

The Waters-Hehn evangelistic team reports a record turnout for its opening night at the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE. More than 750 people came to the opening services. This is fantastic news in an area where we only have 22 members. The Myrtle Beach church has limped along for years—now it seems that God is blessing the work begun so long ago and which continued under most discouraging conditions.

The "CAROLINA CANTER" sponsored by Fletcher Hospital and Academy, Inc., will be presented on March 29 and 30. The "Carolina Canter" is a road race featuring a "one mile fun run, a 3.1 mile road race, and a 9.3 mile race." Included in the weekend festivities are lectures on healthful living, podiatry, and running. The special attraction for the weekend is Marvis Lindgren, a 73-year-old Adventist from California, who is a national record holder in the marathon. Anyone wishing to enter races, attend the lectures or banquets, or view the events, is invited to contact C. Paul Brock, Race Director, Fletcher Hospital, Fletcher, NC 28732, or phone (704) 684-8501, ext. 473.



FLORIDA

A Baptist race track chaplain was the recipient of the COMMUNITY RELATIONS AWARD at the Hollywood church on November 17. The award was presented to Cliff Hoolsema because of his service to hundreds of race track personnel who have family, drug, alcohol, physical, emotional, and spiritual problems. A Miami radio station announced the program on several occasions, and the Hollywood newspaper gave the event front-page coverage. Participating in the program was the mayor of Hollywood, David Keating.

During two sessions of the FIVE-DAY PLAN at Hialeah Hospital in September and November, 1979, 47 of the 54 persons attending all five sessions were able to kick the smoking habit, according to hospital chaplain, Douglas Preiner.

Some 159 people took advantage of free MULTIPHASIC TESTING at the Tampa Southside church in November. The large turnout was attributed to a TV interview on the preceding day in which Paul Horton, pastor of the Southside church, spoke about the community service work of the Adventist church.

"Taking Turkey out of Thanksgiving" was the HEADLINE STORY in the November 15, 1979, food section of the Ft. Myers News-Press. The half-page story, which included a color picture of a vegetarian meal, centered on Thanksgiving food preparations by Irene Parker, wife of the Ft. Myers church pastor. Among other things, the article told of several Adventist health principles, the location of the church, and listed a number of vegetarian recipes.

A new modern FOOD SERVICE CENTER at Groveland Academy, a self-supporting school, opened on November 25. The building is equipped with modern, heavy-duty kitchen appliances and a walk-in cooler and freezer.



GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Classroom control, decoration of rooms, and greater science emphasis were some of the goals set by the 162 ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR ACADEMY TEACHERS, reports Dr. Henry Farr, curriculum supervisor. As part of a management by objectives program, all teachers have been asked to study their own professional growth needs, and establish objectives for the next year's endeavor.

CHURCH OFFICERS' CONVENTIONS have been held in three areas to include every church in the conference. Help was given to all departments of the local church by personnel from the conference office, President Desmond Cummings reports.

Youth Ministries Director Lewis Hendershot reports that the PATHFINDER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL has been expanded to include 12 members. Elected members include Jim Akin, Toots Coble, Peter Curran, Jesse Felan, Mary Lou Graves, Vivian Littell, Mike Lowe, Gene Pelham, Paul Staton, Scott Thurmon, Karen Tillotson, and Joe White. This council will assist the Youth Ministries Department in planning the conference-wide Pathfinder program.



KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Sixty elementary teachers attended a specially planned IN-SERVICE TRAINING SESSION by the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. The program was held at Greater Nashville Junior Academy October 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Emphasis was placed on topics such as: discipline, curriculum development, the exceptional child, reading emphasis, learning disabilities, and professional education.

Adventist Book Center Manager Rhea Harvey reports a total sale of nearly \$6,000 at the December 16 CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE.





The Kentucky-Tennessee K-12 BOARD OF EDUCATION met December 6 and voted a new Madison Academy executive board.

Lyle Anderson, education superintendent, reports that on a visit to a CHURCH SCHOOL in Pilgrim, Kentucky, there were three children in attendance. He presented the school a check for \$600 from the Appalachian project. Plans are to build a log cabin school building.

Madisonville, Kentucky, had a series of EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS. At the close of the meetings four were baptized, reports Pastor Lawrence Walton.

Does NOAH'S ARK still exist? Dr. L. B. Hewitt, physician and president of Trans World Foundation, believes it does. In a talk recently to a group at the Ridgetop, Tennessee, church, Dr. Hewitt, who has participated in a number of expeditions to Mt. Ararat in Turkey, supposed location of the ark, declared there is good evidence to believe Noah's ark does indeed still exist and in a good state of preservation.

W. C. Arnold, lay activities director for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, reports the largest amount ever reported for INGATHERING. The amount is \$174,224.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Elder and Mrs. Joseph L. Follette were recipients of a 25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION hosted by the members of the Winston-Salem, North Carolina Ephesus church in cooperation with Baldwin Chapel, High Point, North Carolina. This occasion took place November 24. Except for their daughter, 19-year-old Carol, a sophomore at Oakwood College; their son, Joseph, Jr., a sophomore at Georgia-Cumberland Academy, and Annette Hanna of Nashville, Tennessee, an adopted member of the family, who helped to coordinate the proceedings, the original bridal party of 25 years ago remained intact and functioned in the same capacities. The reaffirmation of vows was a duplicate of the Follette's wedding of November 28, in South Bend, Indiana, 25 years ago. The presiding pastor was J. L. Stafford of Huntsville, Alabama, uncle of the groom. Dr. Lysle S. Follette, Jr., chief administrator of Hadley Memorial Hospital, Washington, D.C., and twin brother of the groom, was best man. Verdall Huckleby of Los Angeles and twin sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Myra McClain of Niles, Michigan, sister of the bride directed the wedding. Bridesmaids were: Shirley Minisee of New York City, and Guelda Johnson of Los Angeles, California, bride's sisters. The two churches of the district presented a musical program that afternoon preceding the wedding procession.



Frank L. Jones, assistant treasurer of the General Conference, inspired the CHURCH OFFICERS of South Atlantic Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, on November 10. Jones preached on the subject righteousness by faith.

SOUTH CENTRAL

The entire membership of the Memphis Westhaven church gathered at the Whitehaven Community Center on December 9 at 8 p.m. to HONOR those of its congregation who had rendered outstanding support to the church program during 1979. Plaques and certificates were given to those whose service was considered most outstanding. Dwight Hendree, along with his wife, was given the highest award for being the most outstanding member of 1979 for his all-around achievements. Hendree led the church and conference for individual Ingathering solicitations with a total of over \$720 for this campaign. He further worked with the youth of the church, supported tent evangelism, assisted in organizing the church basketball team, and served faithfully as church treasurer with no reports late to the Conference office during the year. George Edwards, lay activities leader, closely followed Hendree in unselfish and unusual service in the church community. He was given special appreciation for his outstanding service. Others noted were: Vashti Harvey, Sabbath school department; Sandra VanBuren, Adventist youth leader; Daisy Smith, outstanding soul winning; Noble Powell, support in Christian education; Larry Dandridge, outstanding work in the Sabbath school department.

Dr. Lou E. Pearson, wife of Adventist Book Center Director G. I. Pearson received her DEGREE IN HEALTH SCIENCE from Loma Linda University's School of Health in Los Angeles, California, on December 17. This is a relatively new field of health protection or disease prevention. She has rejoined her husband in Nashville, Tennessee. He comments, "This should reduce our phone bills and our plane fares quite a bit, since she spent most of four years in California."

Dr. G. L. Dixon led a combined choir of members from Nashville-area churches in the presentation of the famous CHRISTMAS CANTATA Handel's Messiah a week before Christmas at the Hillcrest church. Members from the three South Central churches in the area packed the church. The guest soloists were: Soprano, Diane Poe and tenor, Oliver Sueing. Accompanying the choir were Malita Herbert, organ, and Sarah Phillips, piano. Oliver Sueing was accompanied by his wife.

Dr. Samuel Bacchiocchi, the first SDA to graduate from the Pontifical Georgian University in Rome, met with Riverside and Hillcrest the last weekend in January to discuss his book, *FROM SABBATH TO SUNDAY*.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE



Southern Missionary College's students and faculty gave or raised over \$8,000 in one week for CAMBODIAN RELIEF WORK now being administered by Seventh-day Adventist World Service, Inc. (SAWS), according to Les Musselwhite, president of SMC's Student Association. "Our first goal was \$3,000, but the students responded so well in the first few days with over \$6,500 that we decided to raise the goal to \$8,000," Musselwhite says. Ninety percent of the total was given or raised by the students.

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Education

Highland, Madison Plan Joint Outreach

Kentucky-Tennessee — The students at Highland and Madison Academies are joining together in an effort to reach out into the community of Hartsville, Tennessee. This community has a population of about 2,500, and is the future site of the world's largest nuclear plant. At the present there is no Seventh-day Adventist church in Hartsville. Their goal is to reach out and bless the lives of those in Hartsville by various services and activities. The primary goal is to introduce them to the love of Christ.

A planning committee has been formed of which Conference Youth Director Jim Pleasants is chairman. Included on this committee are 12 students from each academy.

In the future, there are plans to have door-to-door surveys, handing out *Steps To Christ* at Christmas time, caroling, and having a work-a-thon. Also, they will be meeting with the mayor and the town council to let them know what services are available to their community. Several weeks ago, students from Highland went Ingathering in this community, and were warmly received by the people. Also, Thanksgiving food baskets were distributed and cards mailed out inviting the people of Hartsville to send in for free Bible studies.

A slide program has already been

presented to the students of Highland and Madison Academies. It has been shown at the Highland church and will soon be shown at the Madison Campus church.

Health

Medical Center Breaks Ground for Addition

Medical Center Hospital — Ground was broken December 11 for the new \$3,000,000 Emergency Care Center and Ancillary Services addition for Medical Center Hospital in Punta Gorda, Florida. Plans for the seventh major addition to Charlotte County's first hospital were unveiled before a group of civic leaders.

Medical Center's addition will include the Emergency Care Center with seven examination and treatment rooms, a 4,500-square-foot diagnostic laboratory, and a 5,800-square-foot nuclear medicine and x-ray department. In addition, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, materials management, and purchasing will be enlarged and centralized.

An addition to the existing north wing will include administrative offices, inservice classrooms, doctors' lounge, and the medical library.

The construction includes 20,000 square feet of new area and 30,000 which will be reconstructed, or a total of 50,000 square feet.

Medical Center has a staff of 320, a 24-hour Emergency Care Center,

offers post-hospital planning, has an inservice education department, a pharmacy, chapel, and gift shop.

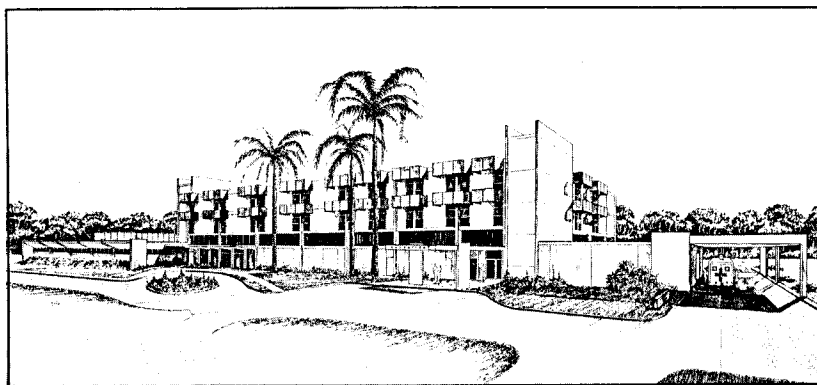
Progress

Macon-Bethany Dedicates Church

South Atlantic — "We've Come This Far by Faith" was the slogan heard around the Bethany church, Macon, Georgia, on October 13. It was a high day for all the members and visiting friends, for they celebrated their mortgage-burning dedication day of their 300-seat church which was built 13 years ago.

It all began in 1910 in the home of Mattie Elnora Miller Jones. Through the burning desires of Mrs. Jones to share her new light with Maconites and her contact with a colporteur, Brother Green, God provided a successful tent effort to be held in Macon.

Under the leadership of John Williams, the next meeting place was the Masonic Temple, then came a house on 3rd Avenue and Moughon Street, Walker's Business College building, and the Spring Street Tabernacle (then the name of the Macon church). During an interim, the church was without a home and continued worship at several different churches around the city. Seeing the need for a church home, Fannie Willoughby and her husband, Ben-



Architect's sketch of Medical Center Hospital as it will look when the \$3 million addition is completed. Construction is set to begin early in 1980.



The Bethany church in Macon, Georgia, was built in 1966 under the leadership of Pastor Paul Monk, and was dedicated October 13 under the pastorate of Marvin Brown.

nie, sought a landsite on which to build a new church.

In June, 1966, with funds from the old building, a rally, help from the South Atlantic Conference, and the leadership of Paul Monk, the present structure was erected and the name modified.

The speakers for this occasion were Paul Monk and President R. L. Woodfork. There was a concert given by the Eddie Williams & Company group from Tennessee at the Adventist Youth Hour, and a huge banquet culminated the day of festivities.

The following pastors that spoke each night were: E. C. Ward, Joseph McCoy, Walter Darby, R. E. Tottress, Henry Holt, and R. B. Hairston. M. M. Brown is the current pastor.

St. Petersburg-Bethany Celebrates New Organ, Baptistry

South Atlantic — September 1 the men and women of Elim church of St. Petersburg, Florida, joined together in the culmination of a fund-raising drive to raise \$10,000 to provide an organ and baptistry for the church.

The guest speaker for the event was F. W. Parker, pastor of Atlanta-Berean church, and also a

native of the area. In speaking on the theme, "Christians United in Love and Service for God and Man," Parker admonished the audience to always remember God "in the beginning" of all endeavors because, in doing so, man becomes secure and thereby able to love and serve his fellowman. Betty Thompson's rendition of "Until Then" was quite fitting as a pacesetter for Parker's message.

The male and women's choruses of Dupont Park, Washington, D.C., supplied rich music for the day. They presented a beautiful music appreciation hour at 5:30 p.m.

Doris Hardeman, chairperson of

the dual day decoration committee, painted a life-size picture of Christ retrieving Peter during Peter's short walk on the waves in the Sea of Galilee. The vesper service was highlighted by the dramatic rendition of "The Creation" by Celeste Lewis. It was conducted by Mrs. Merrell Brayboy who, along with her brother, Jerrell Danley, presented the church with a beautiful planter of greenery in honor of their mother, Annie Danley, who was a pioneer of Elim.

W. C. Byrd, the new pastor of Elim, expressed his appreciation and satisfaction for being called to the pastorate of Elim in St. Petersburg, Florida.



W. C. Byrd, new pastor of the Elim church, thanks the members and guests for making "dual day" possible.

The Dupont Park Male Chorus of Washington, D.C., directed by Terrell Danley, inspired the audience in St. Petersburg, Danley's home town.



Who and Where

Christian Record To Provide Services For the Deaf

Christian Record Braille Foundation — After 80 years of providing inspirational materials to the visually impaired, Christian Record Braille Foundation will begin to serve the needs of another segment of the handicapped population—the deaf.

This commission was given to Christian Record from its constituency in April, 1979, and approved at the October 29 - November 7 Annual Council, says Eugene Stiles, general manager. There are currently some 14 million persons in the United States with a hearing disorder, two million of which are totally deaf. The U.S. has the highest incidence of this disease in the world.

According to Stiles, a proposal was approved by the North American Division Committee on Administration for CRBF to employ an individual with expertise to give specialized leadership and guidance in this new area of emphasis.

The committee also requested that CRBF study with the Education Department of the General Conference recommendations for the teaching of sign language and the providing of some educational facilities for the deaf.

"These persons deserve to 'hear' the gospel message through Christ-centered materials," Stiles says. "Christian Record will work with other institutions of the church to make this a reality."

Regional Literature Evangelists Report Progress

South Atlantic — Five of the eight regional conferences joined the South Atlantic Conference in Orlando, Florida, on December 27 - January 1 for a Literature Evangelists convocation: Allegheny East, Al-



South Atlantic literature evangelists were among those from six conferences that met in Orlando, Florida, December 27 - January 1.



Earrol Smith (left) led the South Atlantic Conference with \$33,000 in literature sales during 1979. Weston Jones (right) was second, with \$28,000. Ted R. Smith (center) is publishing director of the conference.

legheny West, Central States, Lake Region, and Northeastern.

The purpose of the meeting was to report the exploits of the conferences during 1979 in sales and soul winning as well as to get inspiration from other publishing leaders and speakers. Not including December deliveries, the six conferences delivered \$1,909,697 worth of Adventist literature. Robert LaGrone, publishing director for Allegheny East, led the fields who reported, with a delivery total for the 11 months of \$654,220 and 332 baptisms. The publishing director reporting the highest individual delivery was Samuel Barber of the Lake Region Conference, who reported one literature evangelist having delivered \$43,000 worth of truth-filled literature. Arthur Fairfax, associate publishing director for the Carolinas, reported 92 of the 206 baptisms in the South Atlantic

Conference. T. R. Smith reported \$369,000 in deliveries. The sales leaders in the South Atlantic Conference were Earrol Smith of Dania, Florida, with \$33,000, and Welton Jones of Tampa, Florida, with \$23,000.

Three of the six conference presidents attended and participated in the program: L. R. Palmer of Allegheny East; Dr. Charles Joseph of Lake Region; and G. R. Earle of Northeastern. R. B. Hairston, secretary of South Atlantic Conference, represented Dr. R. L. Woodfork, the host president. Other notable guests were: W. O. Coe, president of Columbia Union, who delivered the sermon for the communion service on Friday night and Dr. E. E. Cleveland, chairman of the Department of Missions at Oakwood College, who delivered the Sabbath message, and was also master of ceremonies for the awards banquet on Saturday night.

Southern CPAs Meet at SMC

Southern Union — The southeast region of the Association of Adventist Certified Public Accountants (AACPA) held its semiannual meeting at Southern Missionary College January 11-13. The main event of the weekend was the Saturday night banquet at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo with the SMC junior and senior accounting students as guests. It was an opportunity to acquaint the students with prospective employers and to inform the

students of professional opportunities available to them. Emphasis was given to the opportunities of Christian witnessing.

Kenneth Knight, CPA, addressed the group relating some of his experiences in public practice. Wayne VandeVere, Ph.D., chairman of the division of business and office administration at SMC, introduced the students to the CPAs.

The business meeting convened at 9 a.m. Sunday morning with Jerry Wiggle, CPA, of the General Conference Auditing Service, leading out in a short devotional thought directing attention to the need for integrity in business relationships.

The business meeting theme centered around the relationship of the Adventist CPA in public practice and how it can be of service to the SDA church. Several CPAs on a volunteer basis will be joining with the GC Auditing Service in the early fall to assist with the audit of one of the church institutions in Mexico.

Another matter of business that was discussed was ways to strengthen the promotional efforts of the AACPA in the accounting profession to academy students.

During the meeting it was pointed out that the General Conference Auditing Service has been approved by the state of California for an Adventist accountant to obtain the required work experience to qualify for a CPA certificate. Heretofore, the experience requirements were met primarily by working for a CPA in public practice. Efforts are being made to get other states to grant similar recognition.

CPAs attending the weekend meetings represented public practice, the General Conference Auditing Service, a state audit division, a health-care institution, and SMC. Non-Seventh-day Adventist CPAs are encouraged to join the AACPA. The effectiveness of the program will be strengthened by support of the membership.

The next meeting of the Southeast Region of the AACPA will be April 25-28, 1980, at Calloway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Georgia, reports Ralph E. Kerr, AACPA public relations director.

Florida Inmate Baptized, to Study For Ministry

South Atlantic — A miracle happened in August, 1979. Douglas Stubb, an inmate at Zephyrhills, Florida, who was sentenced to 99 years in prison, was baptized after serving 14 years. He was just a young lad about 15 years of age when he was convicted.

Douglas became acquainted with the Adventists two years ago through Johnny Williams, the prison leader for Mt. Calvary church in Tampa. Johnny remembered the word of Christ recorded in Matthew 25:36, "I was in prison, and ye came unto me." This was Johnny's philosophy. During the two years Johnny and the Mt. Calvary church visited the prison and conducted services, Douglas gave his heart to the Lord and one year



W. D. Sumpter (left), assisted by local elder Wallace Battle, baptizes Douglas Stubb.



Douglas Stubb (third from left) sentenced to prison for 99 years, was won to Christ by the Tampa-Mt. Calvary church's prison ministry. With him are M. Sterling (left), assistant pastor, Johnny Williams, prison ministry leader, and Sumpter.

later he was released for the work program. February, 1980, he will be a free man.

Douglas was baptized in August, 1979, by Ward Sumpter, the pastor at that time. Now he is rejoicing in the Lord with his brothers and sisters in Mt. Calvary SDA church. He plans to attend Oakwood College and study for the ministry. Sumpter has since been elected director of inner city services for the Southern Union Conference.

Johnny Williams and the Mt. Calvary church have a viable program in three prisons in Tampa. There were three other inmates baptized as a result of the prison ministry in Tampa.

Johnny Williams has been chosen by the state to become the assistant chaplain in three prison institutions in Tampa, Florida. He is licensed by the state to visit any prison in the state. He is now planning to build a home where these inmates will have a place to stay as they are released from prison, until a place can be secured for them to live and become a vital part of society.

"There are miracles like this taking place in many of our cities," states Sumpter. "Today so many of our young people are caught up in the crime wave and vice of our communities. Remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:40, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.' "

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Pictorial

Stories



Life for Cambodian refugees living in Thailand isn't necessarily as bleak right now as it was several months ago according to T. Daniel Pletsch, M.D., a student at Loma Linda University's School of Health. Pletsch was among five people from LLU to return in early January from a month's donated service in two Cambodian refugee camps set up just inside the Thailand border. The camps house from 50,000 to 75,000 people. Camp hospitals of approximately 500 beds are divided into units and manned by different philanthropic organizations. All of the water is hauled in by truck. Much of the clothing worn by the people comes from Western sources. Children run around the camp wearing shirts proclaiming the wonders of Yellowstone National Park or New York City. Many of the refugees have walked days to reach the camps, carrying what few belongings they could in sacks the size of a pillowcase. Each family makes their own home upon arrival. Bamboo poles, siding material, and roofing mats are provided. A house can go up in a few hours. Dr. Pletsch and other team members went into the village of Soc Sann, Cambodia, and were among fewer than a half dozen medical teams to get in the country. He worked in a makeshift hospital with no electricity for a week, treating 200-300 patients a day. A new group has been sent to Thailand. The program is expected to continue for at least a year, according to Howard Burbank, executive director of Seventh-day Adventist World Service.



Conn Arnold, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference lay activities director, reports a very successful "blood pressure" screening program at the Rivergate Mall in Madison, Tennessee. Fourteen staff members were kept busy as hundreds of Christmas shoppers filled the mall. During the five hours, the team tested 301 persons and over 600 pieces of literature were distributed.

What began as an outreach to the community in the form of a branch Sabbath school progressed to the point of claiming 10+ acres of land for the congregation of the Stone Mountain church on September 20. The newly acquired property is located on the Stone Mountain Freeway (near the Hugh Howell Road interchange) and is visible to over 4½ million people driving past the location annually on their way to Stone Mountain Park. The carving that is unique to this park is clearly seen from most vantage points on the property. The ground claiming climaxed an 11-week drive which, when added to cash already in the building fund, amounted to more than \$75,000. Membership for the group is presently 89. About 40 members began a branch Sabbath school in August of 1977 and on December 31 of that year the church was organized with 60 members. In June, 1979, Dr. Don Jacobsen assumed the pastoral leadership of the group, along with Rick Howard and, most recently, Tim Crosby. The congregation is now meeting in the Eastminster Presbyterian Church on Hugh Howell Road.





Mardian Blair, president of Florida Hospital, and Larry Arnold, project foreman for H. J. High Construction Company, estimate that construction on the new patient areas at Florida Hospital/Altamonte should be completed some time this spring. The addition of 86 medical and surgical beds will bring the total to 225.



These members of the Mt. Calvary church in Tampa, Florida, graduated from a home nursing class conducted during August by Ella Cobb, R.N.



Instead of donning Halloween costumes and collecting candy on October 31, these Pathfinders from the Kress Memorial church in Winter Park, Florida, collected 820 food items which were used to make 40 food baskets. In addition to the canned goods and other food stuffs, the Pathfinders collected \$40 in cash, which went to purchase fresh produce and other perishables. An additional \$200 in cash was donated by Community Service volunteers of the Kress church for the purchase of food. On November 20, the Pathfinders distributed 10 boxes of food to hungry families in the Orlando area.



Mr and Mrs. Joseph Watkins, Sr., members of the Memphis Longview Heights church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 2. They have three sons, one daughter, and 25 grandchildren.

Kwafaani "Kwafa" Chakuamba, the 16-year-old daughter of an African political leader, arrived in January from Malawi to begin a four-year trek toward her bachelor of science degree at Southern Missionary College. Her father is the Honorable Gwanda Chakuamba, cabinet Minister for Youth and Culture in Malawi. Both of Kwafa's parents are Seventh-day Adventists. Her father attended Solusi College in Rhodesia. Kwafa plans to study medicine in America and return to Malawi to practice. Kwafa is pictured here, accompanied by Ron Barrow, SMC's Director of Student Recruitment, being interviewed by Libby Wann, reporter for *The Chattanooga Times*. "Everyone is nice here and I really like my classes," says Kwafa. "The only trouble I seem to be having is understanding the southern accent!"



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Calendar of Events

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

K-12 Board of Education — Feb. 3, Montgomery.
Sabbath School Workshops
 Feb. 9 Montgomery Feb. 23 Bass Memorial Academy
K-10 Inservice Meetings
 Feb. 11 Greater Birmingham Jr. Academy
 12 BMA Elementary School
Pastors' Evangelism Seminar — Feb. 17-19, Camp Alamisco.
Area Ministerial Association Meetings
 Feb. 19 Camp Alamisco Feb. 20 Meridian
David Merling Prophecy Crusade — Feb. 22-March 29, Birmingham
 First church.
Lay Advisory Retreat — Feb. 29-March 2, Camp Alamisco.

CAROLINA

January White (Ellen G.) Sale ends Feb. 15 at the Adventist Book Center.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Marriage Encounter Weekend — Feb. 15-17, Chattanooga, Tenn. For information write: Marriage Encounter, P.O. Box 1626, Collegedale, TN 37315. (615) 396-3392.
Agricultural Workshop — March 19-23.
 Stonecave Institute, Dunlap, Tenn.
Sabbath School Workshops
 Feb. 16 Savannah 4-6 p.m.
 17 Moultrie 1-3 p.m.
 23 Atlanta Belvedere 4-6 p.m.
 24 Collegedale 1-3 p.m.
 Mar. 1 Kingsport 4-6 p.m.
 The following divisions will be scheduled: cradle roll, kindergarten, primary, junior, earlteen, senior. A representative from the Adventist Book Center will be present with Sabbath school materials.
Ministerial/Teachers' Conventions (combined)
 Feb. 11 Macon Feb. 13 Collegedale
 12 GCA Feb. 14 Knoxville
 Dr. J. J. Battistone, speaker.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Elders' and Deacons' Meeting — Feb. 15-17, Indian Creek Camp.
Business and Professional Foundation Meeting — Feb. 22-24, Paris Landing State Park.
Evangelistic Meetings
 Feb. 9-Mar. 15 Jerry Willis, Hopkinsville, Ky.
 Mar. 8-May 3 Rufus Lloyd, Columbia, Ky.
 Mar. 1 (beginning)
 Fred Calkins, Lawrenceburg, Ky. Lloyd Schomburg, Parsons, Tenn.
 Stewart Crook, Bordeaux, Tenn. Ed Shafer, Buckner, Ky.
 Milton Fish, Ashland, Ky. Ben Steiner, Franklin, Tenn.
 Fred Fuller, Dyersburg, Tenn. Mark Vantuyl, Williamsburg, Ky.
 Will Hardin, Whitehaven, Tenn. Lawrence Walton, Powderly, Ky.
 Bob Houghton, Prestonsburg, Ky. Larry Weidell, Harlan, Ky.
 John Loor, Covington, Ky. Myron Johnson and Richard
 John Riggs, Dickson, Tenn. Moseley, Madison area
 David Ritter, Savannah, Tenn. H. V. Leggett, Columbia, Tenn.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Laymen's Rallies
 Feb. 16 Atlanta, Ga. March 1, 2 Albany, Ga.
Stewardship Revival/Workshops
 Feb. 15, 16 Spartanburg, S.C.
 March 7, 8 Gainesville, Fla.
 March 28, 29 West Palm Beach, Fla.
Treasurers' Workshops
 Feb. 29-March 2 Orlando, Fla. March 21-23 Charlotte, N.C.
Inner City Workshop
 March 11, 12 Atlanta, Ga.
Sabbath School Rally/Workshop
 March 14, 15 Winston-Salem, N.C.
Publishing Workshops/Recruiting
 March 1 St. Petersburg, Fla.
 March 23 Nashville, Tenn.
 March 29 Oakwood College

SOUTH CENTRAL

Breath of Life Offering — Feb. 9.
Lay Advisory Council — Feb. 10, Oakwood College church, 9:30 a.m.
Literature Evangelist Rally Day — Feb. 16, 17, Jackson, Miss.
South Central Conference Weekend — Feb. 22, 23, Oakwood College.
Tract Evangelism (E. C. Ward Tracts) — March 1.
Final Basketball League Games — March 1.

Basketball Regional Playoffs — March 3.

Bookmobile Schedule/Communication Workshops
 Feb. 2 Chattanooga, Tenn., G. I. Pearson.
 9 Nashville, Hillcrest, I. J. Johnson
 16 Huntsville, First church, G. I. Pearson
 23 Memphis, Longview Heights, I. J. Johnson
 Mar. 1 Lexington, Ky., G. I. Pearson
 8 Jackson, Miss., I. J. Johnson
 15 Mobile, Ala., G. I. Pearson
 22 Bessemer, Ala., I. J. Johnson
 29 Louisville, Ky., I. J. Johnson

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Artist/Adventure Series

"Hawaii," by Don Cooper — Feb. 16, 8:15 p.m. Phys. Ed. Center.
 "Joey Jordan—Juggler" — Feb. 23, 7 p.m. Phys. Ed. Center.
 "Alan Marlowe—Harmonica" — March 8, 8:15 p.m. Phys. Ed. Center.

SOUTHERN UNION

Faith For Today Offering — Feb. 9.
Academy Temperance Weekend — Feb. 15, 16.
 Forest Lake Academy, Forest City, Fla.
Christian Home and Family Altar Week — Feb. 16-23.
LISTEN Campaign Emphasis — Feb. 23.
Adventist Youth Day — March 8.
Youth Week of Prayer — March 8-15.
ASI Annual Meeting — March 14-16, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville, Tenn. For reservation or information contact W. M. Abbott, Jr., P.O. Box 849, Decatur, GA 30031. (404) 299-1832.

in transition



On the Move

Georgia-Cumberland

1. **Leslie Speer**, is the new conference evangelist, coming from Florida Conference. He has been a pastor, a college teacher, and an evangelist during his 10 years of ministry. He and his wife, Patricia, have three children.

Florida

Mike Pettengill from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference goes to pastor the Brandon, Fla., church. He replaces **Dan Bentzinger**, who will become a full-time evangelist for Florida.

Carl Ashlock is the new associate pastor at Altamonte Springs.

South Atlantic

2. **Roy R. Brown**, of Allegheny East conference in Columbia Union, to Miami-Northside, replacing David Rand, who accepted a call to Andrews University. Brown's wife is the former Daisy McDonald. They have three children: Carolyn, 19, Sylvia, 17, and Roy, Jr., 8.

Christian Record Braille Foundation

3. **Homer Holiman**, formerly area director of the Southwestern Area, has recently assumed the directorship of the South Appalachian Area. He will supervise the work of 11 representatives in the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, and North and South Carolina. Holiman and wife, Jeannette, will make their home in Collegedale, Tenn.

sunset table

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| Atlanta, Ga. | 6:09 | 6:16 | 6:22 | 6:28 | 6:34 | 6:39 |
| Charlotte, N.C. | 5:52 | 5:59 | 6:06 | 6:12 | 6:19 | 6:24 |
| Collegedale, Tenn. | 6:10 | 6:17 | 6:24 | 6:30 | 6:37 | 6:42 |
| Huntsville, Ala. | 5:15 | 5:22 | 5:29 | 5:35 | 5:42 | 5:47 |
| Jackson, Miss. | 5:34 | 5:41 | 5:47 | 5:53 | 5:58 | 6:03 |
| Louisville, Ky. | 6:06 | 6:14 | 6:22 | 6:29 | 6:36 | 6:42 |
| Memphis, Tenn. | 5:29 | 5:36 | 5:43 | 5:49 | 5:56 | 6:01 |
| Montgomery, Ala. | 5:19 | 5:25 | 5:31 | 5:37 | 5:43 | 5:48 |
| Nashville, Tenn. | 5:14 | 5:21 | 5:28 | 5:35 | 5:42 | 5:47 |
| Orlando, Fla. | 6:04 | 6:10 | 6:15 | 6:20 | 6:25 | 6:29 |
| Wilmington, N.C. | 5:42 | 5:49 | 5:56 | 6:02 | 6:08 | 6:13 |

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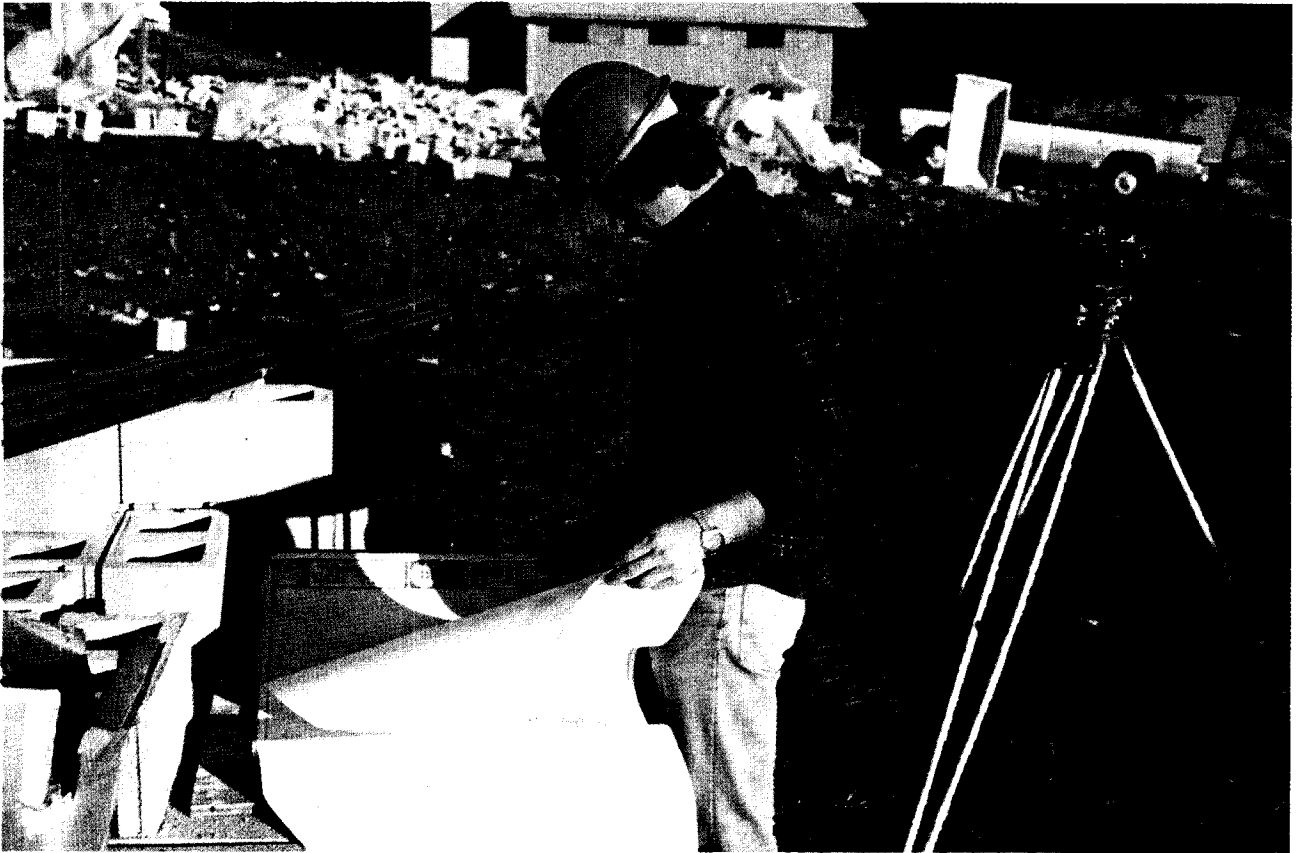
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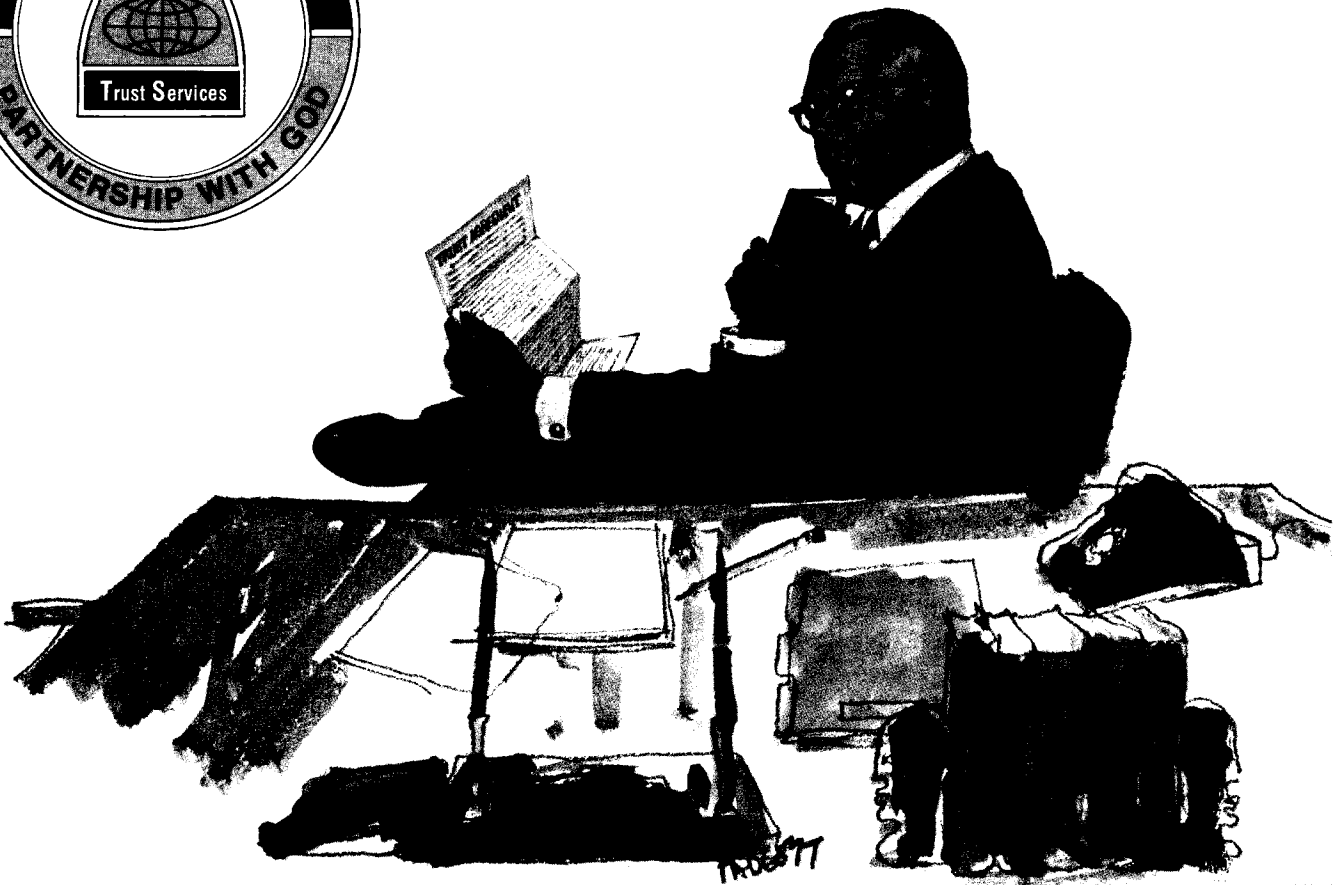
God has a plan for your giving which is beautiful in its simplicity. All can adopt and follow this plan. It is designed to make each one a treasurer for the Lord, acting as an agent in meeting the demands for the progress of His work.

God's plan is that the return of the tithe and the offerings be regular and systematic, "as God has prospered him." Gifts are to be proportional to the blessings of God. Our offerings should be planned, the percentage of income we give should reflect our gratitude to God

and our maximum ability to support His work.

"Should means flow into the treasury in accordance with the divinely appointed plan—a tenth of all the increase, and liberal offerings—there would be an abundance for the advancement of the Lord's work." *Acts of the Apostles*, 75 (CS 25, 73; 3T 548, 393; CS 15, 80, 81; I Cor. 16:2).

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Mr. Brown thought his savings were deposited exactly where they should be—in a reputable financial institution earning him a good interest return.

And what's wrong with that? Nothing.

But then one day Mr. Brown had second thoughts: **Was this the most consistent financial plan for a Christian—one who believes that the end of probation can come at any time now?**

He talked the matter over with his Conference Trust Services Director, and learned this:

The savings would be just as secure, would draw a comparable income when placed in trust with the Conference Association, and would be just as readily available in case of need (more readily available in the event of incompetency). Further, Mr. Brown could choose his trustee and beneficiaries in advance. Most importantly, the funds could be strengthening God's work now and, while earning a regular income for Mr. Brown, would be securing funds for the advancement of God's cause.

What did Mr. Brown do? The best thing, of course. He even learned there were advantages, both financial and spiritual, in other types of trusts—both revocable and irrevocable—in which he could invest his securities and appreciated properties. **And not endanger the financial future of his family.**

Who knows? You may wish to do as did Mr. Brown. Anyway, there's no obligation whatsoever in talking the matter over with your Conference Trust Services Director.

Call or write him at your Conference office. *Today*

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FAITH FOR TODAY

Featured in this issue of the SOUTHERN TIDINGS is the work and influence of Faith For Today, a telecast of the church for 30 years. It was founded by Elder and Mrs. W. A. Fagal when they were workers in New York City. It has endured for all these years, and has reached millions of viewers with our message. Through the Bible correspondence course offered by Faith For Today, thousands have studied the Bible and become baptized members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The church owes Elder and Mrs. Fagal a debt of gratitude for so faithfully fostering so effective a soul-winning program.

Kentucky-Tennessee Expansion

In the seven conferences of our Southern Union Conference, many needed projects are entered into as the result of the growth of the work in all areas. Recently, I had the privilege of attending the official open house of the new office headquarters for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. It is a most attractive, commodious, and functional facility. The conference has grown to nearly 10,000 members and covers a wide area of responsibility as regards evangelism, Christian education, and every facet of lay activities. To this end, there needed to be larger quarters for the administrative-departmental staff. Also, in this connection, the constituency of the conference has met and decided to rebuild and expand portions of Highland Academy, which is a conference-operated boarding academy.

State of the Union

H. H. Schmidt, President, Southern Union Conference

43 Receive Public Health Degrees

Perhaps for the first time something has transpired in our union conference which may also be a first in all of North America. It was the graduation of a class of 43 people who were granted their master's degree in public health. The course has been conducted as an extension course by the Union Conference Department of Health in cooperation with Loma Linda University School of Health. The graduates were people from many walks of life—ministers, physicians, dentists, teachers, housewives, etc. This experience and training has fitted these people for a wider and even more effective service in the church. We congratulate each one of them.

Adventure in Faith Offerings

As of this writing, the first of the Adventure in Faith offering has not yet been received in our conferences and in our churches. There are two of these, the first on Sabbath, January 26, and the other on April 12. We are suggesting that the offering be the equivalent of one day's salary for each of these designated dates. We trust all our people will respond liberally.

Publishing Department Institute

Just completed was the annual Publishing Department Institute. We learned that the Carolina Conference was the top conference with \$650,461 delivered in 1979. The total for the union was \$3,170,366. Including Adventist Book Center sales, an estimated total of \$6,670,366 in literature was delivered. We congratulate each publishing leader and all the literature evangelists who had a part in this marvelous achievement.

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RECIPE CORNER

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| Marinade: | 2 tablespoons water |
| 1/2 cup soy sauce | 1 cup thinly sliced onion |
| 1/3 cup water | 1 cup cross-cut sliced celery |
| 1 teaspoon sugar | 1/2 cup sliced water chestnuts |
| 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder | 1 teaspoon diced pimiento |
| 1/4 teaspoon ginger (optional) | 1/2 cup water |
| 1 can Worthington FRICHIK™ (13 ounces), drained | 1 teaspoon cornstarch |
| 1 tablespoon margarine | 2 tablespoons marinade |

Combine all marinade ingredients in a bowl. Cut each piece FRICHIK into 4 strips. Place FRICHIK strips in marinade. Allow FRICHIK to soak for 15 minutes. Remove from marinade and drain. Reserve 2 tablespoons marinade for use later.

Melt margarine in a large skillet. Add 2 tablespoons water, onion and celery. Cover and cook at medium heat until vegetables are tender-crisp. Add water chestnuts, pimiento and drained FRICHIK. Heat thoroughly. Combine 1/2 cup water, cornstarch and 2 tablespoons reserved marinade. Add to FRICHIK mixture. Cook and stir as mixture boils for 1 minute and becomes clear and thickened. Excellent served with rice. Serves 3.

FRICHIK™ WITH VEGETABLES

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| 1/3 cup water | 1 clove garlic, minced or pressed |
| 3/4 cup sliced carrots | 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms |
| 3/4 cup sliced celery | 1/4 teaspoon salt |
| 2 tablespoons margarine | 1/8 teaspoon thyme |
| 1 cup thinly sliced onion | 1 can FRICHIK™ (13 ounce), drained |

Place water, carrots and celery in a small saucepan. Cover and cook until carrots are tender-crisp. Melt margarine in a medium skillet. Add onion and garlic. Cook covered at medium heat until onion is tender but not browned. Add mushrooms, salt and thyme. Sauté at medium heat until mushrooms are cooked. Add cooked carrots and celery. Mix to blend.

While preparing above, place FRICHIK pieces in a shallow casserole dish or baking pan about 8 inches in diameter. Bake uncovered at 350°F. for 10 minutes. Arrange hot cooked vegetable mixture around FRICHIK pieces. Cover and bake 10 minutes longer at 350°F. Serves 3.

SESAME STYLE FRICHIK™

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| 1 egg, slightly beaten | 2 tablespoons sesame seeds |
| 2 tablespoons milk | 1/4 teaspoon summer savory |
| 1 can FRICHIK™ (13 ounce), drained | 1/4 teaspoon dried leaf oregano |
| 2 tablespoons flour | 1/4 teaspoon leaf marjoram |
| | 1/2 cup margarine |

Combine egg and milk. Coat FRICHIK pieces with the egg, milk combination. Combine flour, sesame seeds, savory, oregano and marjoram. Then coat FRICHIK with this mixture. Heat margarine at medium heat in a skillet. Fry coated pieces in margarine approximately 5 minutes per side or until golden brown. Serve immediately. Yields 5 pieces. Serves 2 to 3.

FRICHIK™ MOZZARELLA

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| 1 can FRICHIK™ (13 ounce) drained | 1 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese (4 ounces) |
| 1/2 package frozen WHAM™ (4 ounces) | 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese |
| | 1 tablespoon minced parsley |

Cut each FRICHIK piece in half. Arrange FRICHIK pieces in a single layer in a buttered shallow casserole or baking dish. Bake uncovered at 350°F. for 10 minutes. Dice sliced WHAM into 1/2 inch square pieces. Sprinkle diced WHAM* over heated FRICHIK pieces. Top with Mozzarella cheese. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake uncovered at 350°F. for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted and begins to brown. Sprinkle with parsley and serve. Serves 4.

* If desired, diced WHAM may be fried in 2 tablespoons vegetable oil before placing on FRICHIK pieces.

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