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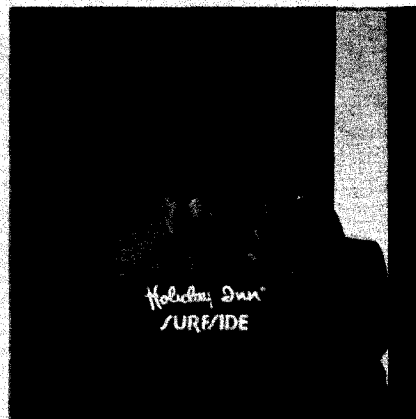


"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

by Gary L. Ivey



The Carolina Conference literature evangelist team led the union in total sales for the fourth time in the past five years. Holding the cup the conference received for delivering \$684,011 worth of books in 1981 are Henry Fish, (left), associate Southern Union publishing director with responsibility for the Carolina Conference during 1981 and newly elected publishing director of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, and M. D. Gordon, conference president. To the right of Gordon is Ron Davis, newly elected publishing director of the Carolina Conference.



Florida literature evangelist John Altman, who delivered \$69,166 worth of literature in 1981, more than any other literature evangelist in the Southern Union, relates the story of Richard Smith (left), who joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church after Altman sold him some books. Smith is now a literature evangelist himself and has sold \$20,000 worth in his first eight months.

Though the December morning was gray and wet, the personalities in the Holiday Inn meeting room were sunny and bright as the annual Literature Evangelist Convention got under way the last day of 1981. More than 125 literature evangelists and their families from all parts of the Southern Union gathered at Daytona Beach, Florida, for what is always an inspiring weekend of fellowship, sharing, and encouragement. The moving sermons, thrilling speeches, stirring music, and practical instruction are just what is needed for those men and women who, day-in and day-out, seek to place soul-uplifting Christian literature in the hands of the people they meet. There are congratulations to be given, well-earned trophies to be distributed, and determination to excel for God "next year" to be expressed over and over again.

The literature work is challenging. Visible, tangible rewards are often few. Yet the literature evangelist earnestly believes that the seeds sown in the books he sells will one day bear fruit.

Some are able to see immediate fruits of their labors when people to whom they have sold books and given Bible studies are baptized. Some of them will even become literature evangelists themselves, seeking to reach others by the means that reached them.

Steps Toward Greater Efficiency

Though the touching of souls with the distinctive truths of the Adventist message is the goal of the literature work, the selling of books is also a business. A business which, to be operated to the glory of God, must be thought of in terms of sales, cash flow, profits and losses, collection of accounts, inventory, and all the

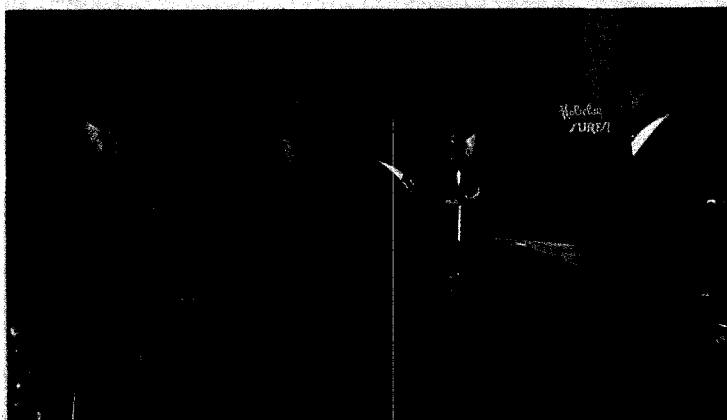
other aspects of good business. At this literature evangelist convention, a change voted by the union committee was implemented in the publishing work in the Southern Union that, it is hoped, will increase both sales and souls.

The coordinating organization for the literature work in the Southern Union for the past 10 years has been the Home Health Education Service (HHES). Under the leadership of Eric Ristau, retired publishing director for the Southern Union, HHES became the clearing house for products, supplies, billing, etc., for the literature work across the entire union. The union was divided into districts under local district leaders, rather than having a publishing director in each conference. During this period sales rose 35 percent.

Yet, with no direct link to the conferences, many felt the soul-winning efforts of the literature evangelist, the district pastor, and the conference itself could not be coordinated as effectively as if each conference had its own publishing director. So, as of January 1, 1982, each conference has a publishing director to serve its field in the hope that this will help coordinate the literature work with other evangelistic outreaches of the church.

The staff at HHES, headquartered in Decatur, Georgia, has been reduced by two associate publishing directors, and some conferences have reduced the number of district leaders they employ.

G. S. Culpepper continues to serve as Southern Union publishing director, with William Miller and T. R. Smith serving as his associates, and Gerry Bietz as treasurer. Conference directors are: Joseph Blevins, Alabama-Mississippi; Ron Davis, Carolina; William Miller, interim director for Florida until William Beckworth arrives in



Kentucky-Tennessee literature evangelist C. Pheirim is congratulated for having the second highest sales record in the Southern Union during 1981 by G. S. Culpepper, Southern Union publishing director. Looking on are: Jerry Higgs (left), newly elected publishing director of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; C. R. Farwell, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference president; and A. C. McClure, Southern Union president.



Joseph Blevins, newly elected publishing director of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference and a native of Spain, translates part of the convention for the growing number of Spanish-speaking literature evangelists from South Florida.



Ozema Knight, who was responsible for the baptism of more than 14 persons in 1981, is interviewed by Kentucky-Tennessee Conference President C. R. Farwell during the Sabbath afternoon soul-winning hour as William Miller, associate Southern Union publishing director, looks on. Miller will serve as acting publishing director for the Florida Conference until William Beckworth arrives.

April; Henry Fish, Georgia-Cumberland; and Jerry Higgs, Kentucky-Tennessee.

Another aspect which is being examined is the area of collections. Humanity being what it is, even people who buy religious books sometimes fail to pay their bills. Until now, each literature evangelist, or his district leader, was responsible for making his own collections. Now the conference directors will be seeking to employ persons who excel at the task of collecting delinquent accounts in a humane, yet effective, manner specifically for this purpose.

Inspiration and Motivation

The theme for the convention was taken from the book of Esther, "For Such a Time as This. . . ." Those present were told that, though they might be tempted to feel that they would be better able to serve in some other place or in some other circumstance, the Lord had a

work for each of them to do wherever they were working. Their being there was not an accident.

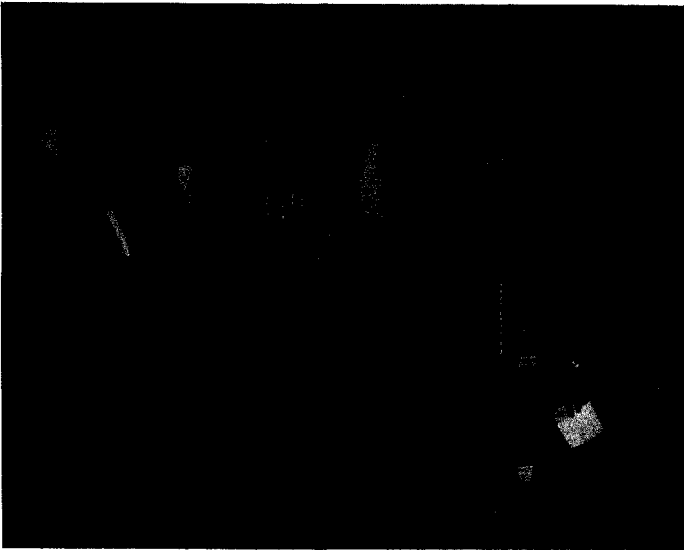
Quiet reverence prevailed as Harold Metcalf, Southern Union ministerial secretary, led the assembly in the traditional celebration of the Lord's Supper on Friday night. A spotlight shone upon a large wooden cross, as Metcalf spoke of the all-sufficiency of the blood of Jesus. Later, offerings were brought to the foot of that cross to be used to buy literature to be given away by literature evangelists in their witnessing.

Sabbath morning the eleven o'clock hour featured a stirring message by A. C. McClure, Southern Union president. That afternoon, stories of souls won and victories gained were told by representatives of each of the conferences.

Saturday night, trophies were awarded for sales and souls. Deliveries during 1981 in the Southern Union totaled \$3,270,321.55, an increase of more than 10 percent compared with last year. The Carolina Conference, for the fourth time in five years, was highest in total sales, registering \$684,011. Georgia-Cumberland was next, with \$644,810. Ron Davis, a district leader, whose district was the highest in the union, reported \$330,791 for his Carolina district. John Altsman from the Florida Conference had sales of \$69,166, the highest amount of any literature evangelist in the Southern Union. Other conference sales leaders were: Don Park, \$36,759, Alabama-Mississippi; Jerry Hess, \$53,753, Carolina; Jim Sauers, \$64,421, Georgia-Cumberland; C. Pheirim, \$68,204, Kentucky-Tennessee; Suk Sim Kang, \$47,029, South Atlantic; Joe Mitchell, \$16,498, South Central; Evander Bend, \$23,321, Southeastern.

Baptisms reported as a result of the literature work totaled 297 during 1981.

The meeting hall is quiet now. The awards have been presented, the congratulations offered, the challenges accepted for yet another year. The rugged missionaries known as literature evangelists have returned to their fields of labor to continue their work of touching lives through the printed page. "For such a time as this" they have gone to do a work for God.

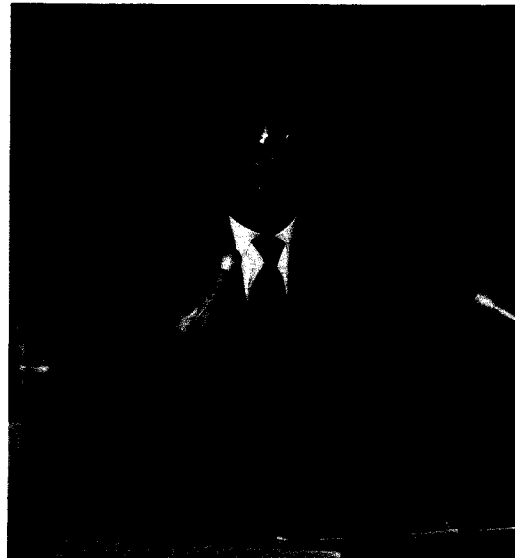


The young people attending the Georgia Youth Federation Meeting in Dublin led by Walter Gordon (left) gave a show-and-tell demonstration in witnessing between Sabbath school and divine worship. The others are: Herronald Alexander, LaTonya Scurry, Regina Richardson and Myrtice Curtis.

ith such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" *Education* p. 271. These words of Ellen White seem to be driving the youth to action these days. They are daring to shine the light of the truth to which they are committed wherever anyone will listen.

The North Carolina Youth federation under the guidance of South Atlantic Conference Youth Director F. W. Parker and Michael Harris, federation president, lighted Winston-Salem on November 7, 1981, as U. S. Navy Chaplain Barry Black challenged the youth with a message of hope.

The South Carolina federation meeting, with Frank Jones, first local elder of Summerville and federation



R. B. Hairston, president of South Atlantic gave his young people encouragement at their convocation.

president, featured Conference Youth Director F. W. Parker at Asheville, North Carolina, on October 17.

Jeanette Warren, federation president for Georgia, with the help of energetic young pastor Ted Ellerbe of Dublin, set the town on fire with an imaginative and courageous Better Living Parade on the afternoon of November 28. The federation meeting was held in the First United Methodist Church in Dublin.

The parade was led by police Lieutenant Smith in the lead car and backed up by two officers in the rear car.



Lieutenant Smith of the Dublin Police Department, who led the Better Living Parade through the heart of town stood at the finish line at the church where the Federation was held, and took a backward look at the crowd of young people returning to the church for a rally.

uth On Fire

olph Franklin, pastor of the Atlanta-Berean church, left, rrated the cantata for the choir at the Greenbriar Mall in anta on December 10, 1981.



The young people distributed literature as they marched in the parade. The editor of *Message* magazine, Paul Monk, was the featured speaker for the day.

Nathaniel Miller, principal of Atlanta-Berean Junior Academy and David Green, music director of the junior academy, made a giant impact at Greenbriar Mall in



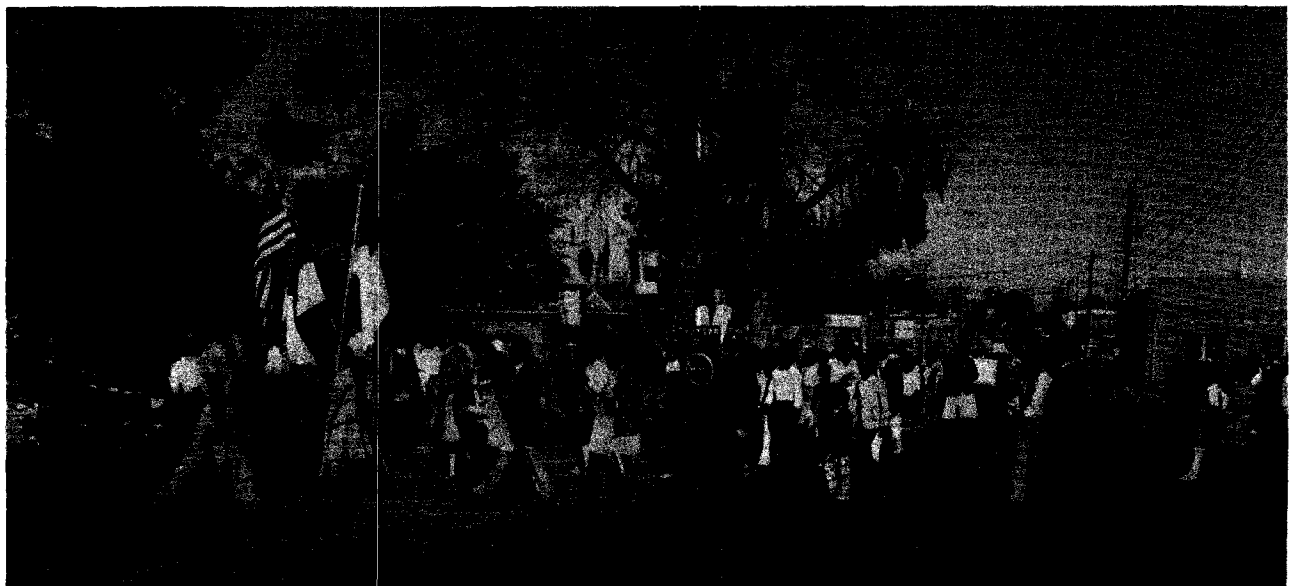
This scene in the Better Living Parade in Dublin, Georgia, depicts a young man in chains between two vices. Lloyd Johnson is interviewing him.

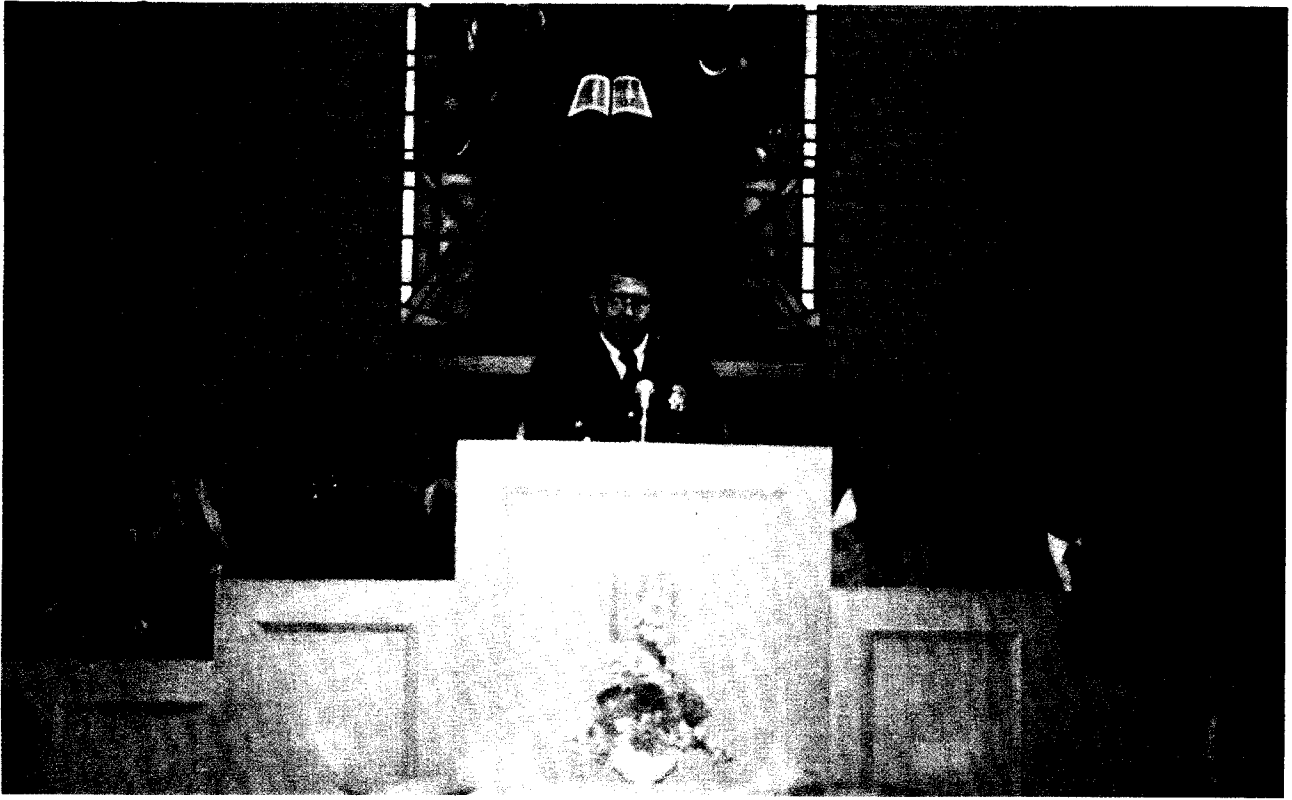


Mrs. Camille Buckalew, marketing coordinator for Greenbriar Mall, Atlanta, Georgia, arranged all the facilities for Berean Junior Academy to come in and render a Christmas program.

Atlanta, Georgia, with their 70-voice choir and 36-piece band, bringing a new dimension in witnessing to southwest Atlanta for the Christmas season. Camille Buckalew, marketing coordinator for Greenbriar Mall expressed her pleasure on behalf of the administration. She said they are welcome to return every year.

The Better Living Parade was something different from what they are accustomed to seeing in the streets of Dublin, Georgia.





Sergeant Kenneth Anderson, president of the Fraternal Order of Police and head of the Office of Crime Prevention was one of seven city officials who spoke at the Paducah, Kentucky, church service.

A Church Concerned About Its Community

by J. W. Clarke
Photography by Walton Bryan

The importance of good "public relations" just cannot be evaluated in dollars and cents. Notice the exciting experience in Paducah, Kentucky, when Pastor David Ritter and his church members envisioned their church ministering to Paducah.

First, study was given as to what the city's needs were and what the church could do about them.

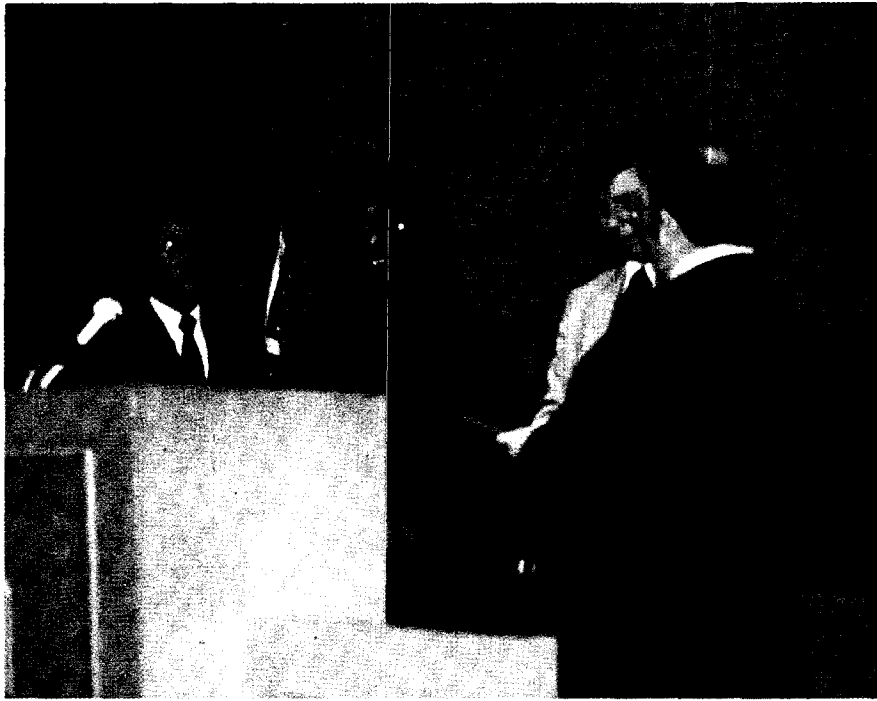
Next, a day was set aside as Community Recognition Day. Seven city officials were invited personally by the pastor to explain from their perspective these needs and possible solutions as to how a church could meet these needs.

On November 21, 1981, all seven guest speakers arrived and each one was given time to address the church congregation. Also, the community service award was presented to an outstanding physician in the city for his faithful and dedicated service over the past decade to the Paducah community. Following the service, a special

luncheon was held for all the special guests and visitors.

The local news media were notified of this special occasion. The newspaper sent a photographer and reporter to cover the event. The television station had a conflict at this time, but when the report appeared in the newspaper, regret was expressed by the station that adjustments could not have been made. At the next notice from the church of an activity, the TV cameras were there. Ritter said, "This excites media people—the fact of knowing that a church means business in meeting needs of their city."

A few days later, the pastor and Judy Wilkey, church social services director, were interviewed on the Channel 6 evening news concerning a church-sponsored "Celebration of Aging" banquet to be held in the Irvin Cobb Hotel ballroom—one of the largest hotels in the city. Reservation tickets



David Ritter (left), Paducah, Kentucky, church pastor, Seldon Teague, city social services director, and Paducah City Manager Carl Holder, present a community service award to Bob Kersey, Paducah First Baptist Church pastor, accepting for Dr. Glenn Noss, a Paducah physician, who was prevented from personally receiving the award by an emergency call.

were printed and distributed to the senior citizens of the city. At the Thanksgiving-eve banquet, over 130 received a traditional thanksgiving meal that was prepared, catered, and served by members of the church. Entertainment was provided by the young people and several others.

The response was overwhelming. New friendships were made, hearts were made glad and comments were made, such as, "Churches just don't do this without expecting something in return" or "Your church is the finest. . . ." Again, the television reporters were there, along with the newspaper representatives.

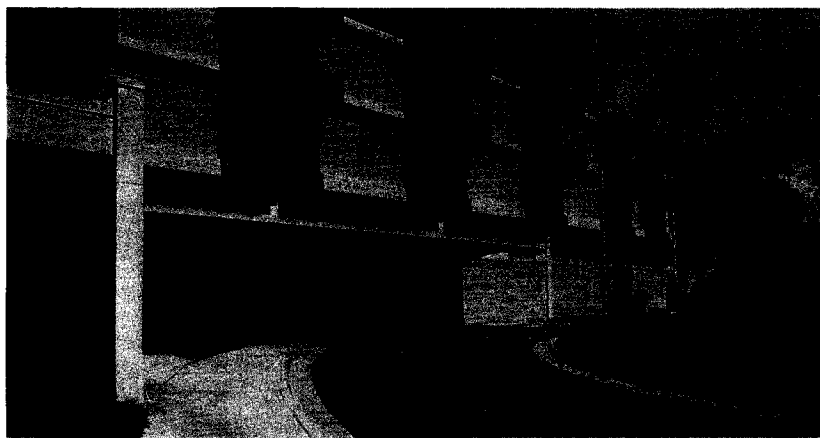
Next, Ritter arranged for Conference Youth Director Jim Pleasants to spend a day with key officials of the city for interviews to discuss what the church can do for the youth of Paducah. Visits were made with a Baptist pastor whose church is active in youth programs, the chief of police, directors of departments of juvenile and probation, the city manager, a judge, television station WSPD for a 15-minute interview for the ten o'clock news, and finally an official of the Paducah *Sun* newspaper. An excellent report appeared on the television newscast and the next day in the newspaper. On the front page, in bold type, was the following; "THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IS INTERESTED IN THE CITY'S YOUTH not for what they can get out of them, but for what they can share with them. Not only Someone that has an eternal interest in youth, but a church that has the same interest as their Lord."

How does this type of program compare with the example of the Lord? Notice. "Christ's method

alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them 'follow me!' " *Ministry of Healing*, p. 143. This can happen in your church in months, days, hours . . . time is not a factor! You are!



Anita Barkley serves guests at the Celebration of Aging banquet. The meal, decorations and entertainment were all provided by members of the Paducah church for 130 Paducah senior citizens.



Medical Center is a 156-bed hospital located in Punta Gorda on Florida's Gulf Coast.

MEDICAL CENTER — HOSPITAL WITH A MISSION

by R. E. Schermerhorn
Photography by Tonua Fedusenko

Why does a church operate a hospital? In what ways should a church-operated hospital differ from other hospitals? How should an Adventist hospital benefit a community?

"We gave a lot of thought to these and similar questions," reflects Harvey A. Rudisaile, Jr., president of Medical Center Hospital, Punta Gorda, Florida. "We knew there needed to be more real differences. The hospital is the church. I sensed that the answers to these questions indicated the area of our unique mission. As a Christian hospital, we had always tried to minister to the sick with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. But

we felt that Christ has commissioned us to carry that love and compassion to the whole community."

With these goals in mind, Medical Center Hospital began an expanded community health education program. It started with "StayWell," a health-hazard appraisal with blood tests and risk reduction seminars. This program aroused interest in other disease prevention programs such as stress management, weight control, cancer detection, and our well-known Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking. How to maintain good health is taught through Taste of Nature cooking schools, Breadmake workshops, and Healthyyourself seminars.

During the past three years nearly 1,500 people participated in the StayWell program. This and other classes have touched more than 2,000 residents of the community in the past two years. Cooperative programs have been conducted with other hospitals, banks, senior citizen and civic groups, the Board of Education and county employees. And the positive influence is not limited to participants. Regularly the whole community plus surrounding areas continually receive announce-

ments and reports reminding them of "the hospital that cares."

By adopting existing programs from others, utilizing several regular hospital employees and volunteers from the church, Medical Center Hospital has been able to provide the largest community health education program on the Gulf Coast of Florida at a very small cost to the hospital. Future plans include a seminar on "How to Know God." This year employees and the public will be offered individual lifestyle counseling which will include spiritual as well as physical and mental development for health.

Medical Center Hospital began another program in early 1981. The goal—to communicate with every patient after discharge. The purpose of this call was first of all to see if they were getting along well and to extend our care and concern to them. Secondly, we wanted to let them know we had more to offer than standard medical care—that there were opportunities for growth in both health education and spiritual areas. Last July a hospital-based Bible course began. Approximately 100 enrolled during the first six months. Several have chosen to continue with personal or group Bible studies.

While much exploring, testing, and learning remains to be done, the conviction is strong that an Adventist hospital does have "something more" to offer, and the whole community is benefited by its presence.

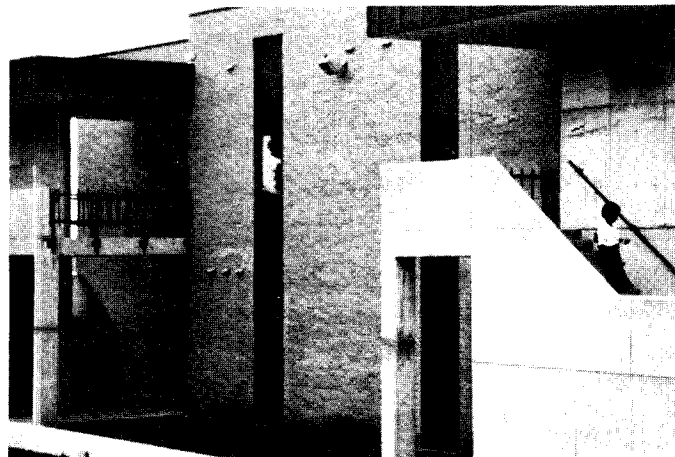
R. E. Schermerhorn is director of hospital relations at Medical Center Hospital.



Rachel Jeffries took the Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking four years ago and was later a hospital patient. After discharge from Medical Center Hospital she began studying the Bible with Sam Carson, preparatory to baptism.



"Things that taste good can be healthy too"—was the theme of the Holiday Breads demonstration. These satisfied smiles tell the whole story.



The home economics department is one of five housed in the new science complex.

by Ruth F. Davis

O God be the glory! Truly He has blessed Oakwood College to achieve a long-awaited dream. A beautiful new home economics facility and well-qualified faculty and staff provide Christian education in the field of home economics, which offers many job opportunities to students who major in this discipline. The following faculty members are preparing our youth to meet the needs of our families for the 80s.

Mrs. Lily Lindsay, M.S. in nutrition, graduate of Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California;

Mrs. Jean Reaves, M.S. in home economics, A & M University, Huntsville, Alabama;

Mrs. Barbara Warren, M.S. in early childhood education, A & M University, Huntsville, Alabama;

Dr. Ruth F. Davis, Ph.D. in home economics, University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

These individuals work together with a dedicated staff of part-time adults and students. *Mrs. Berenice Herbert*, graduate of Oakwood College, teaches the five-year-olds in the Child Development Laboratory.

The philosophy of the college, which emphasizes the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers of the student, is an integral part of the curriculum of home economics. The ultimate goal of the department is to provide educational experiences for males and females in the broad areas of home economics. Special emphasis is placed upon preparing students to relate to the economic, social, and cultural conditions that affect the home and society in a changing world. The department endeavors to instill in its students an understanding of food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, human development, consumer economics, family living, parent education, and home management.

The department offers three majors: general home economics, home economics education, and food and nutrition. Minors are offered in home economics, food and nutrition, and child development. The Associate of

Science degree is offered in child development.

The general education major in home economics prepares the student for graduate school or for general careers in industry or business that are related to home economics. The Teacher Education Program certifies the student for public school and church school teaching. The food and nutrition program is certified by the American Dietetic Association. At the completion of the nutrition requirements, the student may enter graduate school or a one-year internship program in an ADA-approved hospital to prepare for a career in dietetics. The Associate of Science degree in child development prepares the student for further studies in child development or qualifies him/her to work in preschool programs.

The major in home economics is open to all students who have completed high school. A grade-point average of "C" or better must be maintained to remain in the program. Specific requirements are listed in the college catalog for each area in home economics.

Many graduates from the department have earned advanced degrees and have received top-paying jobs in many states. The department has received commendations from several graduates concerning the performance of its majors. Graduate fellowships have been awarded to many of the deserving graduates.

Several home economics alumni reside in the Huntsville area and attend yearly workshops and meetings conducted by the department. Others return to the campus during the annual alumni weekend. The department is now planning a massive campaign to raise funds for the new facility. Each graduate will be requested to give \$100 or more to provide furnishings for living and dining areas. This is not limited to graduates only; this request includes all interested alumni who are willing to assist the home economics department. When the department has been adequately furnished, the Teacher Education Program will receive full accredi-

tation. When this is achieved, the department will make plans toward becoming certified with the American Home Economics Association.

The home economics faculty invites all of our Oakwood College alumni and friends to visit and tour the new department. *Mrs. Sue Smith*, State Supervisor for Home Economics, has indicated that the Oakwood College home economics department will be one of the best in the state of Alabama when it has been fully equipped and furnished. The J. L. Moran Chapter of the Alumni Association has already assisted the department by purchasing four conference chairs for \$400. Also, *Mrs. Thomasine Longware Wright* has purchased the conference table for our seminar room.

Our home economics faculty will be happy to provide workshops on "Family Living" to help improve the quality of our families throughout the various conferences.

The Home Economics Department has the following projections:

1. An Associate Science degree in food service management.
2. Extensive recruitment of students for all areas of home economics.
3. Development of family life workshops to be presented at SDA camp meetings and churches each year to improve the quality of our families. These workshops will include instruction in the following areas:
 - a. Foods and Nutrition
 - b. Child Development
 - c. Parent Education
 - d. Family Relations
 - e. Clothing for the Christian Family
 - f. Family Budgeting and Consumer Education
 - g. Creating Beautiful Interiors for Christian Homes Economically
 - h. Preschool Administration
4. Accreditation with the American Home Economics Association.

Ruth F. Davis is chairman of the Oakwood College home economics department.

"REVELATION OF THE 80'S"

by Lyle Pollett



Jim and Lynette Yale, one of the visitation teams, make a call.

In cooperation with Walton Williams and the Mt. Pisgah Academy Seventh-day Adventist Church, an evangelistic crusade was held in west Asheville, North Carolina, by the Pollett-Shumaker evangelistic team during November and December, 1981.

The crusade began in the Sand Hill Middle School with over 900 in attendance on opening night. After three weeks, the crusade moved to the Mt. Pisgah Academy church for the remainder of the program.

The members of the church rallied to raise over \$7,000, in addition to the nightly offerings, to help defray the expenses of the crusade. Thirteen teams of laymen assisted in the visitation program. In this way they became very close friends with those who were attending the meetings on a regular basis and were directly instrumental in obtaining decisions for Christ and for His truth. Pollett and Shumaker conducted weekly classes for these laymen training them how to give a gospel presentation and how to love the people who were coming. Several academy juniors and seniors were also involved in the program and classes were conducted



Lyle Pollett was speaker for the crusade.

during the week for them as well. The pastors worked closely with all the teams and assisted whenever necessary in obtaining decisions.

In a letter to the church Williams stated, "This is the

Chet Shumaker gives instruction to the visitation training class.





These people were baptized on either Nov. 28 or Dec. 5, 1981.



Lyle Pollett oversees a class at Mt. Pisgah Academy practicing the gospel presentation.

first time in my ministry that I have seen this done." He went on to express his enthusiasm for this type of a program where the laymen do the visitation assisted by the pastors.

When the series ended the lay visitors continued their work of visitation and are largely responsible for the ones who were baptized after the crusade ended. Williams states that he could not have followed up so effectively without the help of his dedicated laymen.

Morris Arnold, administrator of Pisgah Manor Nursing Home, was one of those who attended the training classes and was involved in the visitation. This was a first time experience for him. The experience he had giving his first gospel presentation was typical of many similar experiences the other visitors had. After receiving the presentation, the man had tears in his eyes and asked Morris, "Now you'll stay with me on this, won't you?"

Chet Shumaker conducted a student week of prayer in



Walton Williams baptizes Clyde and Donna Roberts.

the elementary school during the program. Several young people from the school were baptized at the conclusion of the crusade.

There have been baptisms for five consecutive weeks in the Mt. Pisgah Academy Seventh-day Adventist Church as a result of the crusade and to date there have been 44 precious souls added to the church. We praise God for those who are responding to God's last message in these troublous times.



The Kenneth Cox Prophecy Crusade Team will be opening the largest evangelistic crusade ever held in North America on March 20 in the 450,000-population Greater Chattanooga area.

Evangelism Advance!

by Don L. Aalborg

Photography by F. Clifford Port and Fred Land

One Thousand Days of Reaping— 1,000 days in which the worldwide baptismal total reaches or exceeds 1,000 per day—is the challenge set before Seventh-day Adventists for the 1,000 days preceding the 1985 General Conference Session. In Georgia-Cumberland, our plans for participating in this exciting objective call for an unprecedented Evangelism Advance. As every church member joins in prayer, work, and support of our ministers and evangelists, we believe that it is well within reason for 1982 to be the year in which 1,000 individuals are united in fellowship with our churches by baptism.

For many years we have been working and praying for an evangelistic breakthrough, seeking a way to bring the

Glad Tidings of our Lord's soon return to a substantially greater portion of the population living in our territory. Evangelism Advance is a plan to reach the major population centers of our conference through mass media advertising followed by concentrated public evangelism involving every Seventh-day Adventist Church and member in a selected area.

Following an intensive radio, television, and print media advertising campaign, General Conference Evangelist Ken Cox and his team will open their Dimensions of Prophecy Crusade on March 20 in Chattanooga's Memorial Auditorium. Fifteen area churches will combine their efforts in this great crusade, which prom-

Georgia-Cumberland's four full-time conference evangelists will be actively involved in Evangelism Advance.



Les Spear



Pat Patsel



Clifford Vickery



Rudolph Skoretz

ises to be the largest ever held in North America. More than 6,000 people will be able to hear the message in two services on opening night. Two hundred fifty laymen have pledged their services to visit interested individuals who attend the crusade, along with 25 ministers who will be giving their support and assistance to the visitation effort. Laymen and pastors have set a prayer objective for 500 baptisms from this outreach.

In addition to the Chattanooga crusade, selected areas of south Georgia and northeastern Tennessee will receive several weeks of saturated media advertising coverage, followed by public crusades. Georgia-Cumberland's four full-time evangelists will participate in these crusades, as will church pastors and visiting evangelists from other fields, so that simultaneous meetings can be held in all area churches. These crusades will be expanded to six weeks in length, with the final two weeks featuring the pastor, assisted by the evangelist.

This plan will aid in integrating new converts into church membership.

The success of this ambitious program of Evangelism Advance depends on all of us. Your prayers for God's special blessing on our electronic advertising program are vitally important. Your giving to Conference Evangelism will make possible the heavy financial outlays that will be necessary. Your faithful witness to relatives, neighbors, and friends will encourage their attendance at these crusades, and your loving Christian fellowship will welcome them into the family of God.

Evangelism Advance 1982 will be the most extensive program of evangelistic outreach ever undertaken in Georgia-Cumberland. Let's all join together in praying, giving, and working for EVANGELISM ADVANCE!

Don L. Aalborg is secretary and evangelism coordinator of the Georgia-Cumberland conference.

More than 4,000 Chattanooga-area Adventists attended Sabbath Services in Chattanooga's Memorial Auditorium on January 9. Speaker for the precrusade rally was Charles Bradford, president of the North American Division of the General Conference. Members of 15 area churches will unite their prayers and labors to fill the 4,800-seat auditorium for two services nightly.



GIVE KIDS A CHANCE TO MEET JESUS



FAITH FOR TODAY BEGINS NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S TV PROGRAM SLATED FOR '82

by Jane Allen

Faith for Today is planning a children's television program to be released later this year, according to Dan Matthews, director. The program is part of a total children's ministry concept which also includes a kids' health magazine and Bible courses and games.

The aim of Faith for Today's children's ministry is to "Give Kids a Chance to Meet Jesus," which is the theme of their current annual offering campaign.

A children's program is not a new idea for Faith for Today. A few years ago they developed a children's series, but encountered some problems with it, so it was shelved. The proposed program ideas, which Faith for Today is not yet ready to release, are entirely new. Matthews says the kids' program will reflect a philosophy of positive lifestyle.

"When you realize that most people who ever become Christians actually accept Christ

before they're 12 years old, then it becomes important that we minister specifically to children," says Matthews.

"Television makes it possible for us to meet them right where they spend a lot of time." And he adds, "Too much of what they see on TV isn't all that beneficial."

As a step to get the children's ministry started, last October sample copies of *Bodywise*, a health magazine for children, were mailed to all of Faith for Today's donors. Adults were asked to sponsor the magazine for the children they know. During the current annual offering campaign that offer was extended to every Seventh-day Adventist who receives a union paper.

Another part of Faith for Today's new children's ministry is a set of three Bible games called *Project: ORION Kit*. These were first made available through selected Vacation Bible Schools last summer. To date more than 2,000 children have received *ORION* kits from Faith for Today.

"We're getting into children's television because we see a need for quality kids' shows, programs that teach something about lifestyle and values as well as entertain," says Matthews. "A lot of parents are concerned about their children's health and well-being. It's our aim to provide kids with a program that will help them grow up healthy in mind and body."

When all the parts of the children's ministry work together, they provide opportunities to children that many of them might not otherwise have, a chance to meet Jesus. Faith for Today asks you to remember this ministry with a special offering on Sabbath, February 13. You can help give kids a chance to meet Jesus.

Jane Allen is associate public relations director at Faith for Today.

late news of the conferences

ALABAMA MISSISSIPPI



The need for LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERS' INVOLVEMENT and how to become involved were primary in a meeting at Camp Alamisco December 3-8. Deacons and elders from throughout the conference gathered on December 3, and were led through various steps of involvement by Rex Edwards of the General Conference ministerial department. These meetings continued until Sunday when the pastors arrived for their biannual ministerial meetings. Edwards briefed the pastors on the previous meetings, and then the pastors turned their attention to the program of Management by Objectives and Time Management, presented by Delmer Holbrook, also of the General Conference.

January 9 at 7:15 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Pensacola, Florida, a REVELATION NOW series of meetings began with Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Evangelist Jac Colon as guest speaker.

Pensacola's COMMUNITY SERVICES VAN is used in a very active program directed by Steve Wilson. On weekends this witnessing ministry is taken to the shopping centers in both Pensacola and Milton, Florida, where the church's health-related people have been taking blood pressures and helping individuals fill out forms which provide opportunity to sign up for Five-Day Plans, cooking schools, and Bible studies. Hundreds of people are being contacted through these efforts.

The Gulfport, Mississippi, Pathfinders, pre-Pathfinders, and community services department were all represented in the GULFPORT CHRISTMAS PARADE.

The newly completed Muscle Shoals, Alabama, church was the site of a RALLY on December 19 where members from area churches had opportunity to ask questions regarding the work and activities in the conference and to hear reports by the conference administrators and departmental directors.



DECEIVED, a film telling the story of the Jonestown survivors, was shown on the opening night of the evangelistic series held by Alden Hunt in Gilbertown, Alabama.

Conference Evangelist John DuBosque concluded meetings in Jackson, Mississippi, on December 5 with a total of 19 BAPTISMS to date. Studies continue with another 10-12 individuals in preparation for joining the great family of God.

April Nicholson, a third grader in the Meridian school, WON SECOND PRIZE in the community Fire Prevention poster campaign. She received a \$75 prize.



Archer D. Livengood reports that the Lexington, North Carolina, church of 35 members has entered upon a program of BLANKET MAILING in the entire city with 18,590 copies of *Love's Dimensions*. Approximately 585 families are receiving *Signs of the Times* for one year, then it will be shifted to other rural routes until the entire county is covered.

Continuing efforts to break through the "dark" region of Mt. Airy has resulted in the ORGANIZATION OF A COMPANY of 25 members on December 19. Charles White, the pastor leading out in the focus on this "targeted area" for the Carolina Harvest offering, states that they have had Stop Smoking seminars and Bible seminars with an average of 42 in attendance. In regular attendance on Sabbath there have been 30 adults and 12 children.

Vonnie Straughan, church school teacher in Greenville, North Carolina, at Brookhaven Elementary School, so inspired the 15 children in that school that all have reached and surpassed their Jasper Wayne goal of \$130. These young people have raised nearly \$2,000 for the INGATHERING CAMPAIGN.

The Camden church, because of its Community Service Center, has MAILED to box holders in Kershaw County, South Carolina, a report of welfare services rendered by the Camden church to people in need. Enclosed with the report was an Ingathering magazine and an invitation to make contributions in continuing this work.

Mt. Pisgah Academy, in cooperation with the church, sponsored the POLLET-SHUMAKER EVANGELISTIC LECTURES. To date, 32 people have been baptized with about as many still in Bible classes studying doctrines of our truth.

The Columbia, South Carolina, church, in a FAIR BOOTH PRESENTATION signed up 73 people for a Five-Day Plan To Stop Smoking.

Members of the Raleigh church have been conducting a COMPUTERIZED HEALTH CHECK at the North Carolina State Fair. Approximately 2,500 people took advantage of this free health appraisal service. Many more signed up for the smoking and stress control clinics. Wayne Owen, pastor, commented, "It is a lot of hard work, but we feel that this year's fair booth was the best ever."

Noel Shanko, pastor of the Charlotte Sharon church, confirms that this year's CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE on New Year's night was the best attended so far.

The Pollett-Shumaker evangelistic team has been INVITED to the Illinois Conference to conduct an evangelistic campaign.

In 1980 the Adventist Book Center registered a \$100,000 gain in sales profits over any previous year. In 1981, in spite of the previous high, a \$30,000 INCREASE has been reached over the 1980 figure.



FLORIDA



Richard Shepard, Sabbath school director, reports that six churches in the Florida Conference are starting the NEW PLAN of uniting Sabbath school and personal ministries with personal ministries outreaches being implemented through the Sabbath school classes. Members of each class will be challenged to participate in a specific personal ministry each week.

Gerald Bond, Adventist Book Center manager, reported that sales during the CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE in December amounted to \$9,965.15.

BAPTISMS in the Florida Conference totaled 259 for the month of November, 1981. That compares with 210 for November 1980. Baptisms from January 1 through November 30, 1981, were 1,540 compared to 1,469 for the same period in 1980.



AUNT BEA'S BIBLE DISCOVERY CLUB, sponsored by the Sabbath school department of the Florida Conference is growing at a rapid rate, according to Richard Shepard, conference Sabbath school and Personal Ministries director. The club, which was organized in October of 1980 with 116 members, now has a membership of more than 1,300 children from at least 20 denominations who receive a letter every month from Aunt Bea (Betty Bird) a volunteer. She spends many hours each month putting the material together that young people ages 7 to 15 can benefit from. The letter is filled with puzzles, riddles, poems written by club members, craft activities, and a Bible lesson written by Archa Dart.

Members of the Vero Beach church conducted a COMPUTERIZED longevity appraisal survey in the Vero Beach area in October with cooperation from the Red Cross, radio stations, a television station, and a newspaper. A total of 569 persons went through the screening program which consisted of weight, height, and blood pressure, and a survey sheet. The average time for each person was 2.75 minutes from start to finish. From this group, 81 signed up for the various classes being offered by the church such as cooking and nutrition, weight control, Five-Day Plan, and Bible studies.

At the close of MEETINGS which were conducted by church pastors in November, Carlos Turcios at Homestead Spanish baptized seven. Jose Hernandez, and associate Candido Enriquez at Miami Spanish church, baptized nine. Eddy Romero baptized eight at the Hialeah Spanish church, and Louis Torres, pastor of the Jacksonville church, baptized 15.



GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



According to Karen Wickham, communication secretary for the Tifton, Georgia, church, "Our little church is becoming visible in the community." Tifton's first FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING has been completed with excellent results. Ten individuals began the program and eight were able to completely kick the habit. A second stop smoking clinic is already being scheduled. The Tifton church has also received favorable publicity through a local radio station which airs announcements of the church's public service activities.

Beginning February 14, three EVANGELISTIC CRUSADES will begin in the greater Atlanta area. Evangelist Pat Patsel will hold meetings at the Southside church, while Evangelist Rudy Skoretz conducts a series at the Douglasville church, and Evangelist Les Speer will have an effort at the Cascade Road church. All three series will conclude on March 27.

Conference Evangelist Cliff Vickery concludes his two-month CRUSADE, which began January 1, in Valdosta on February 28.



The final WORKERS' MEETING of 1981 in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference was held at Georgia-Cumberland Academy December 6-8. Dr. Jack Provonsha, chairman of Christian Ethics at Loma Linda University conducted classes throughout the retreat dealing with current controversial issues in the church. Also, Bert B. Beach, director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the General Conference discussed current issues concerning our liberty and presented plans for the 1982 *Liberty* campaign.

Jim Epperson, education superintendent for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, reports that a second VIDEOTAPE RECORDER has been purchased for use in teacher evaluation. Also, over 60 TRS-80 mini-computers are now in operation in small schools throughout the conference with subjects ranging from math to language. These computer programs were written and developed by Chris Tucker, a teacher at Chattanooga Elementary School, for on-hands use by the students in Adventist school curriculums. The programs are especially designed for one- and two-room schools.

Students of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference are ranked in the 14 percentile ABOVE NATIONAL NORMS according to the results of the California achievement test K-12. Georgia-Cumberland is also in the top 37 percent of all elementary students nationally. This represents a three-year growth of plus six percentiles.



KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

On November 16, a FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING was started on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky. It was conducted by Dr. Fred Gibbs, Ray Barger, and Pastor Richard Moseley. Opening night, there were 30 in attendance. The

program was open to all students, faculty, and the community. Twenty completed the course successfully.

Officers of the conference Community Service Federations met with State and Civic officials in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, to discuss development of plans to establish a STATE-WIDE FOOD LAUNCHING SYSTEM. Conference representatives included Faye Campbell, Eunice May, federation president and vice-president respectively, Peggy Stem, Gertrude Genton, West Tennessee and Blue Grass presidents respectively, June Genton and Conn Arnold. The meeting was hosted by the Kentucky Task Force on Hunger, a program within the Kentucky Department of Human Resources.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL



Joseph Milner, who conducted a lay tent meeting and raised up a church in Cleveland, Tennessee, and is a superintendent of building service at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga, has had an ARTICLE PUBLISHED in the journal of his profession, *Clean Management*. His article, "Custodial Advancement Program" outlines a program in which employees actively participate in management decisions with a resulting increase in morale, incentive and productivity. Milner has had favorable comments and inquiries about the operation of his program from diverse sources including Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges in Washington, D.C. Milner is a recipient of a Certification of Appreciation from Project Overview, Inc. The Chattanooga and Cleveland newspapers also stated that "he is elder of the East Cleveland Seventh-day Adventist Church."

ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM/SUNBELT

A husband-wife team of HEALTH EDUCATORS has joined the staff of Takoma Adventist Hospital. They are Jerry Lee Holt, MPH, and Ketty Marlene Holt, BS, RN. Mr. Holt assumes the role of director of Community Relations at Takoma and will be involved in community health education in the Greater Greeneville-Greene County area. In addition to health education, Holt has been appointed to the office of director of Public Relations by Douglas Carruthers, president of Takoma Hospital. The Holts were previously employed at Scott Memorial Hospital in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, where Mr. Holt was director of Health Education. Mrs. Holt has been named to an entirely new post at Takoma Hospital. She will be involved in patient education which is an advanced step for the institution. A registered nurse, Mrs. Holt will teach diabetics how to give insulin injections and how to cope with the special problems involved with diabetes. She will use various audio-visuals to help cardiac patients understand the nature of problems related to heart attack.

Florida Hospital, Orlando, Florida, has installed a Digital Vascular Imaging System, (DVIS), the first in Central Florida. On the market for less than six months, the DVIS is used to observe blood vessels with minimal risk to patients. The DVIS is a HIGH-SPEED DIGITAL COMPUTER connected to an X-ray fluoroscope. The computer negates bones, organs, and other tissue in the X-ray, leaving a blank picture. Contrast medium is injected into a vein and the blood vessels appear against the blank background. The contrast medium does not have to be injected directly upstream of the vessels to be studied (an arteriogram in the case of arteries), but can be injected in a vein upstream of the heart. The computer so intensifies the image that even after the medium is spread out by traveling through the heart and lungs, it is still visible. Injecting the medium in a vein is safer and more pleasant for the patient than an arteriogram.

A total of 1,905 years of service by employees of Florida Hospital was recognized at an EMPLOYEE AWARDS DINNER. Each of the 240 people who have worked at Florida Hospital for a multiple of five years received an invitation to the banquet.

CHANNEL 2 TELEVISION, Orlando, came to interview Robert Nelson, an employee in Florida Hospital's engineering department, as he prepared to donate his 59th pint of blood: a total of 7 gallons and 3 pints donated over a period of time.

A MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH program began December 6 at Florida Hospital. It is offered as an off-campus program of Loma Linda University. Thirty students finished the first two classes. The degree will take four years to complete. It prepares a person to assist hospitals, schools, or churches in their health education programs.

Irv Hamilton, assistant director of personnel at Florida Hospital, has been elected secretary of the Florida Association for HOSPITAL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATORS. This organization is a resource for the Florida Hospital Association in providing advice to their 226-member hospitals in the areas of labor relations, recruitment, and management supervisory development. The organization also does state-wide surveys of salaries and benefits.



Elder Morris Venden, currently pastor of the College View church in Lincoln, Nebraska, was the guest speaker for a special weekend of meetings at the Mobile Government Street church on December 11 and 12. "The Bad News and the Good News of the Gospel" was the subject under discussion. Members of the three area churches, Bearfork Road, Mobile Government Street, and St. Elmo, all met together for Sabbath worship. Venden sparked the desire for a greater understanding of righteousness by faith in those who were present.

Pictorial Stories



During production of a Search telecast for The Quiet Hour, Dr. A. Graham Maxwell (second from left), specialist in Biblical studies at Loma Linda University, displays his facsimile of the original King James Bible printed in 1611 A.D. There have been nearly 2,000 translations of the most-printed and most-sold book on earth. The King James has endured the centuries and is admired above all others. Dr. Maxwell has about 150 translations in his library. Under the bright lights and cameras are Keith Johnson (left), Pastor LaVerne Tucker (speaker) and his wife, Alma. The Search telecast is now being carried by 75 stations.



Larry Payne, administrator at Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, Georgia, is shown holding the award of a two-year accreditation presented by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH). "Your hospital is to be commended in its efforts in providing high quality patient care," stated Donald Q. Avant, Director of the JCAH. The commission was established to permit hospitals to obtain a regular objective, professional evaluation of their services. Although the survey process is rigorous, requiring considerable preparation, the high requirements of the JCAH provides standards by which hospitals can be measured. Granting a two-year accreditation, the highest attainable, demonstrates the commission's confidence in the quality of health care provided by Gordon Hospital. Gordon Hospital was purchased from the Gordon County Hospital Authority March 1, 1981, by the Adventist Health System/Sunbelt.



Eleanor Wynn (center) receives an award recognizing her 35 years of service with Florida Hospital from Vice President, Don Bohannon. Standing at left are hospital president, Mardian J. Blair, and senior vice president, James Boyle. At the age of 17, Eleanor began working at the 80-bed Florida Sanitarium and Hospital as a housekeeper. Now she walks up to 20 miles a day delivering mail through the FH complex. Since her transfer to the mail room, she has walked a distance equivalent to three times around the earth's equator.



Dr. Donald Ackley (right), a retired optometrist in La Mesa, California, and his wife prepare several thousand used glasses and empty frames to dispense to Cambodian refugees in refugee camps in Thailand. Ackley and Peter Heinrich, another optometrist of Yuba City, California, spent a month in Thailand recently. At the National Convention of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists in Battle Creek, Michigan, it was voted that the organization would give its support to the request of the General Conference of supplying glasses and personnel for Cambodian refugees. Since the visit of Ackley and Heinrich, four other teams have served. At the time of the dissolution of Cambodia, those found by the Communist soldiers with glasses, gold in their teeth, watches, and other items of value were considered intellectuals or wealthy and were put to death. As a result, many threw away their needed glasses to prevent this fate from happening to them. Dr. Ackley reports that more than 8,900 pairs of glasses have been sent over with the various teams.



John Fortune (left), pastor of the Florida Hospital church, Orlando, Florida, introduces two centenarians to members of his congregation at a celebration December 19. Gus Gregory (center), celebrated his 100th birthday November 29 and H. B. Taylor became 100 years of age December 25. Church members honored Taylor, a Seventh-day Adventist minister for 50 years, by giving \$1,228 to the church's Investment offering. During his ministry, Taylor served in Michigan, New York, Georgia, and Florida until he retired at age 81. He has the distinction of being the first chaplain of Florida Hospital.



John Garren, 12 years old, is shown receiving a perfect attendance award for never missing a day of Sabbath school since he was six years old. John is the son of Howard and Mae Garren, members of the Bowman Hills church in Cleveland, Tennessee. Thanks to their devotion and determination for the entire family to be at Sabbath school each week, this award was made possible. Arnold Cochran, general Sabbath school superintendent and John Garren's spiritual guardian, is shown presenting the plaque for six years of perfect attendance.



Floyd Gilman begins another project in his workshop at Fletcher Academy, Hendersonville, North Carolina. The mark of his workmanship is stamped on most major buildings on the academy campus. The wrought-iron chandeliers and balcony banisters in the school chapel, the bell tower, and the beautiful designs on the metal dividers at the academy dining room, are but a few items of interest that still stand as monuments to a quiet, but gifted man. At age 90, Gilman lives alone and still stays busy most of the time. His latest project is making special hanging lights or chandeliers for churches, including the three angels made of metal-like material on the Upward church building at Hendersonville, North Carolina. Occasionally orders come to him to duplicate these designs. Gilman makes no charge for his professional services with churches. He states that this is his gift to God's cause.

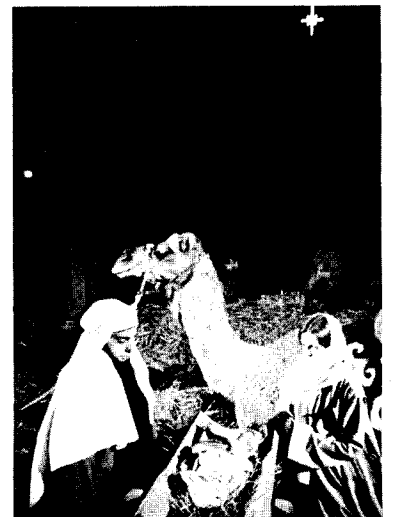


On November 21, 1981, two couples were given special recognition at the Memphis, Tennessee, area camp meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson (second couple from left), of the Memphis First church, celebrated 60 years of marriage and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Starnes, of the Raleigh church in Memphis, celebrated their golden anniversary. Pastor and Mrs. Dudley Nichols (left) and Pastor and Mrs. Don Howe (right), made presentations to them along with the prayer that God will continue to bless in their lives together.

From December 20 to 23, hundreds of people from the metro-Atlanta, Georgia, area braved the cold to visit Smyrna Hospital's second annual Nativity Presentation. The live re-enactment of Christ's birth featured hospital employees portraying the familiar Bible characters, community choral groups and live animals, including three camels imported from a circus in Oklahoma. The presentation, entitled Nativity '81, was a special Christmas gift from the employees of Smyrna Hospital to their community.



At the Appalachian Community Service Federation, Judy Ratliff from the Oneida, Kentucky, Baptist Institute was the guest speaker. Her subject—Working for people, concern for our fellow man—was well received and appropriate for the Christian's mission to reach out to those about him. Pictured are: Arlene Zerbee (left), Linda Braithwaite; Betty Allen, Appalachia Federation president; Bobby Allen; Ratliff; Elizabeth Keney; Elsie Houghton; and Eunice May, Conference Federation vice-president.



The Church In Action

Education

"Messiah" is SMC's Gift to Chattanooga

Southern Missionary College — In an expression of gratitude and goodwill, Southern Missionary College presented as a Christmas gift to the city of Chattanooga, Tennessee, a special presentation of Handel's "Messiah."

Featured in the program was SMC's own symphony orchestra under the direction of Orlo Gilbert, together with a chorus of more than 300 voices combining choral students of SMC and Lee College of nearby Cleveland, Tennessee. Also featured were outstanding soloists

including Jerome Hines, of metropolitan opera fame, bass; Dean Wilder, tenor; Carolyn Rhodes Bissel, mezzo-soprano; and Phyllis Sahadi, soprano.

The gift presentation was made on Friday night, December 11, to a full house at Chattanooga's Memorial Auditorium.

Officers of the college indicated an outstanding response from the community and plans are under way for another presentation of the "Messiah" next season in both Chattanooga and Cleveland.

Youth

"Koins" Campaign Exceeds Goal

Alabama-Mississippi — Decorated jars, boxes, cans and creative containers of all sorts were used to hold the "Koins for Kamp" offerings collected on December 6, 1981. Each church selected what they considered the most unique containers from their area and



Youth Director Bob Holbrook, Campaign Director Ken Mathews, and Conference President Bill Geary examine the many creative entries in the "Kreative Kontainer" contest.



More than 300 choral students from SMC and Lee College of Cleveland, Tennessee, perform Handel's "Messiah" in Chattanooga's Memorial Auditorium, accompanied by SMC's symphony orchestra under the direction of Orlo Gilbert.

these were taken to Camp Alamisco by the pastors on December 7 for the grand offering tally and final selection of "Kreative Kontainer" winners. Those containers designed by Mark Morton of Jackson, Mississippi, Andrea Nicholson of Meridian, Mississippi, and Shannon Pitman of Montgomery, Alabama, were awarded first, second and third place, respectively. Prizes were a free or discounted week at camp during the summer of 1982.

The campaign, coordinated by Kenneth Mathews, conference trust services director, was designed to raise \$10,000 to help cover the costs of camp additions. With great excitement the pastors reported for their individual districts and the final figures revealed an offering of approximately \$11,000.

An acoustical ceiling, floor covering, and tables and chairs for the dining room, bunk beds for the lodge, and additional furniture were the first items to be purchased with the money.

Camp Alamisco serves the entire conference and there are few weekends during the winter when it is not in use by one church or another. This is in addition to a full summer program enjoyed by the youth of the conference.

Four Madison Youth Leaders Invested

Kentucky-Tennessee — At a special meeting of the Madison Campus Junior Trailblazers Pathfinder club, Jim Pleasants, Kentucky-

Tennessee Conference youth director, invested as Master Guides Myron Titus, Mike Clark, club director, Karen Grimaldi, and Larry Grimaldi, D.D.S.

This means a club of 50 juniors now has seven staff members who are Master Guides and several more hope to complete their requirements before the Southern Union Pathfinder Camporee in April. This kind of example leadership demonstrates to the youth the importance of perseverance.

Health

Takoma Workers Scale Imaginary Mt. Whitney

Takoma Adventist Hospital — During the month of December, 97 employees of Takoma Adventist Hospital organized into 17 teams and climbed over 30,000 flights of stairs. The Mt. Whitney Expedition was Takoma Adventist Hospitals' first employee fitness program and was designed to reduce elevator congestion, increase employee fitness and encourage weight loss.

Thirty-one percent of hospital employees, half of whom were over 35 years of age, volunteered to join 17 teams with each team's goal being set at 1,208 flights of stairs. The 1,208 flights of stairs would equal 14,495 feet, the height of Mt. Whitney. "Mt. Whitney is the high-



Keith Smith (right), is shown receiving a T-shirt in recognition of his climbing over 1,260 flights of stairs during Takoma Adventist Hospital's "Mount Whitney Expedition."

est peak in the United States, if you exclude Alaska, and was selected because it represented a reasonable goal for a group of six people," said Jerry Holt, director of Community Relations for Takoma.

The program was declared a huge success by Doug Carruthers, Takoma's president. Employee participants also agreed that the original objectives were met. All of the teams who began the climb successfully completed it.

Awards of yellow T-shirts and muslin tote bags were given to every team member whose team reached the summit. The awards were stenciled with blue and red logos reading, "The Good Life: Takoma Hospital."

Trophies Awarded Highland Hospital

Highland Hospital — In the first year of participation in the Portland, Tennessee, community parade, Highland Hospital carried off two of the trophies.

The city of Portland has a custom of celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas with a Holifest parade between the two holidays. Usually this is held on a Saturday, but this year the committee decided to do it on Friday, especially for the Seventh-day Adventists in the area.

The Health Education Department organized the artistic members of the hospital staff and worked long hours to produce a float for the parade. A blueprint of the proposed hospital was dis-



Pictured are Madison Pathfinder leaders after being invested as Master Guides: Myron Titus (left), Mike Clark, club director, Jim Pleasants, youth director for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, and Karen and Larry Grimaldi.



Highland Hospital's float won two trophies in the holiday parade. It was Highland's first participation in the Portland, Tennessee, annual event.

played, and four nurses rode on the float representing various areas of service. The judges awarded to Highland the trophy for the most outstanding float and the most festive.

The hospital tries to take advantage of every opportunity to participate in community events and to promote the programs of the Health Education Department.

Progress

South Atlantic Organizes Two Churches

South Atlantic — On November 21 and December 5, 1981, the South Atlantic Conference organized the Gastonia, North Carolina, and the Greensboro, Georgia, churches, respectively.

The West Charlotte High School auditorium was filled to overflowing when 37 baptized members from the little southwestern North Carolina town of Gastonia presented themselves to Conference President R. B. Hairston for organization into a church. E. J. Lewis, Charlotte district pastor, presented the group to the president for organization.

"It is all right, profitable, and good for a town to grow commercially and any other material way, but it is better still to grow in moral strength and advancement," said James P. Davis, the mayor of Greensboro, Georgia, in his re-

marks at the organization of the church in Greensboro. Remarks were also made by Pastor Tyce of the First Baptist Church and Lewis Sanderford, pastor of the United Methodist Church. Hairston brought the message of the morning.



Pictured at the organization of the Greensboro, Georgia, church are on back row: R. B. Hairston (left), conference president; Lloyd Johnson, pastor; and Tommie Davis, local elder. Center row, fourth from the left is Elzinnia Shorter, treasurer; and on the extreme left is Acetra McWilliam, church clerk.



Pictured at the organization of the Gastonia, North Carolina, church are: R. B. Hairston (left front), president of the South Atlantic Conference; J. A. Simons, secretary-treasurer; Robert Johnson, local elder; Ella Wood, treasurer; E. J. Lewis, pastor; Gail Wood-Gengles, church clerk; and O. J. McKinney, stewardship director and associate ministerial secretary, Southern Union Conference.

A New-Old Idea Cuts Church Heating Bills

Georgia-Cumberland — Every one faces the problem of the high cost of living, including the local church. The Standifer Gap, Tennessee, church decided to meet it head on. Early last winter church leaders were discussing the large electric bill, which was putting a bind in the church budget. An immediate solution had to be found. Harold Neal, owner of Neal's Craft Stove Center, made a suggestion and an offer. Neal had been searching for a certain type of outdoor wood furnace to install at his home. He had just located one and was willing to donate the wood-burning stove to the church. After considering the pros and cons, the board of deacons unanimously decided to experiment with the idea.

In February, 1980, the unit, which

is a king-size double-wall wood stove, was installed. Sabbath school leader Karl Doerner erected a brick structure to enclose the furnace. The Leonard Thomas family offered to let the church cut wood from its farm. Two dozen men and



Harold Neal (left), James Huggins, and Pastor Trevor Hoover examine Standifer Gap's wood-burning furnace. Photo by Alex McMahan, *Chattanooga News-Free Press*.

women from Standifer Gap volunteered their time and energy to cut the wood. The fruit of their labor has been tangible, if not startling savings. According to church records, winter electric bills for last March and April were cut by almost 70 percent from \$700-\$950 per month to \$250 per month. Similar results are expected this winter.

Who and Where

New Heights Televises Services

South Central — The New Heights church, pastored by Richard Bell, III, in Jackson, Mississippi, is bringing Adventism to hundreds of viewers by way of WLBT, Channel 3, an NBC affiliate. The weekly worship services of the New Heights church are videotaped on Sabbath morning for airing Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

The telecasts reach a wide area due to cable television systems reaching portions of five states.

Response to the program con-

tinues to be tremendous. In spite of negative publicity concerning the Seventh-day Adventist Church recently, the New Heights broadcast has caused public acceptance of Adventism to increase.

Immediate response to the television ministry has taken several forms. At present there are 75 who have enrolled in the Amazing Facts Bible course. Receptionists Sylvia Hayes and Shelleen Roseborough receive 10 to 15 calls per Sunday requesting prayer, copies of sermons, and Bible study.

Reports from sister churches throughout the area tell of the increased number of visitors who come to them as a direct result of the New Heights television ministry.

Jacksonville Members Conduct Series

Florida — Through a coordinated effort, the members of the Jacksonville, Florida, church planned, executed and paid for a series of evangelistic meetings during October and November, 1981.

All phases of the series were handled by the laity except for the sermon presentations which were given by the pastor, Louis Torres.

It was the desire of those who conducted the meetings not to take



Louis Torres (left) baptizes Joe Pate, one of 15 who were baptized during meetings held by members of the Jacksonville, Florida, church.

any offerings, they gave the funds for the meetings. Members even gave most of the Bible studies.

At the close of the meetings toward the end of November, 15 individuals were baptized and studies continue. "This was one of the most thrilling experiences I have had in evangelism," says Torres. "I heartily recommend it."

Baptist Pastor Accepts Sabbath

South Central — A Baptist minister recently made a startling statement in a sermon to his Memphis, Tennessee, congregation: "Behold the Man! The Man who commands us to keep His commandments, all ten of them. I make a declaration to you today that I accept all ten of God's commandments including the fourth one which commands us to remember the Sabbath day,



Robert Mann, former pastor of a Baptist congregation in Memphis, Tennessee, became convicted that Saturday was the Sabbath. He was baptized into the Adventist church and plans to attend Oakwood College.

which is Saturday, —to keep it holy." He declared that the Man who was beaten, mocked, suffered and died that we might be saved, was the Man who declared that the seventh-day is the Sabbath.

"This is my position today. I plead with you to accept God's Word and not man's change," Mann appealed. "If you are willing, I will stay with you and continue to teach you the truth of God's Word."

The church board of the Botts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, met that afternoon and voted to retain Mann and let him teach them the truth.

Mann and his wife Juanita, were baptized in Memphis, Tennessee, into the Adventist family. He plans to enroll at Oakwood College for further study in the Word of God.

Victor Brooks, pastor of the Longview Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church, and a Bible worker, Juanita Jenkins, visited Mann and the Baptist congregation as Mann preached the Adventist message.



Speakers of the new radio service of *El Centinela*, "Perspectiva," discuss plans and goals for the program. Pictured are: Raul Villanueva (left), associate editor of *El Centinela*; Claudio Ingleton, promotion manager of Inter-American Publications; Tulio Peverini, editor of *El Centinela*; and Humberto Rasi, editor-in-chief of International Publications, a department of Pacific Press.

New Spanish Radio Program Begins

Pacific Press — A new evangelistic thrust for Hispanic people is the radio service being developed and titled "Perspectiva," according to Dr. Humberto Rasi, editor-in-chief of International Publications at Pacific Press. This service is primarily for non-Adventists. Although the programs are nonsectarian, each one deals with a great theme in the Bible. The five-minute tapes, for weekly airing, will help to develop a wider distribution of the missionary journal, *El Centinela*, for Spanish speaking people. Each tape is professionally recorded, and contains an editorial comment and a discussion of current events in the light of Bible perspective.

Nine tapes have been completed for use during the months of November and December. At the close of each tape an invitation is given the listener to write for a free copy of *El Centinela*. Pastors may request the tapes and supply them to the radio station in his area. The tapes are free.

Braille Bible Fund Named for Cross

Christian Record — The Christian Record Braille Foundation has announced plans to name a memorial fund after the late C. G. Cross, who, until his death in 1981, served as

trust services director of the Southern Union and was manager of Christian Record from 1958 to 1974. The C. G. Cross Gift Bible Memorial Fund, as it will be called, is being established to provide free Bibles in braille to those sight-impaired persons who request them.

"It's only fitting to name this new fund after Cross," explains B. E. Jacobs, CRBF general manager. "Cross' one desire during his 14-year tenure here was that each service distributed to the visually impaired would lead them to know Jesus as their personal friend."

In related news, the Christian Record Braille Foundation has introduced a mobile glaucoma screening unit to travel to camp meetings and other sites to offer free screenings, according to B. E. Jacobs, general manager. Two million Americans currently have glaucoma; one million persons have the disease but do not know



Christian Record Braille Foundation Treasurer William Lawson screens a patient on a noncontact tonometer for possible glaucoma on the new glaucoma screening bus.

it; one out of every eight blind persons lost their sight due to glaucoma.

The mobile unit, a converted Trailways Bus, made its initial run this summer to conference camp meetings in Oregon, British Columbia and Central California. "Some 750 Adventists were screened at the three sites, 27 of whom were referred to an ophthalmologist for further treatment," reports William Lawson, foundation treasurer and coordinator of this summer's screenings.

Two Publications Adjust Emphasis

General Conference — *Insight* and *World Mission Report*, two familiar Sabbath school publications have shown slight changes in focus since 1982 began.

Now more than just the "thinking Adventist's magazine," today's *Insight* features more stories. Recognizing the important part that feelings play in Christian growth, *Insight* editors are using the story medium to increase intuitive understanding, something its fine logical articles cannot do.

Today's *Insight* readers also find more articles on practical Christianity, and, although philosophical questions are raised, there is less theological argument and more emphasis on how to sustain Christian relationships.

The *World Mission Report*, issued quarterly by the General Conference Sabbath School Department, has undergone a subtle shift in title and thrust in 1982. *Mission*, the new name for the mission quarterly, threatens to shake children's Sabbath schools out of their normal calm, as children eagerly await each week to find out what happens to Pempa Doma during the first quarter.

The adult Sabbath school new-look *Mission* quarterly mixes a description of specific needs with a discussion of trends in world mission, and stories of individual commitment to missions from around the world. The new quarterly does not cater to nineteenth-century concepts of foreign missions.

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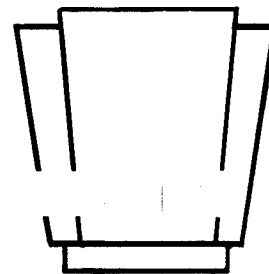
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"Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto His Father, having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." (John 13:1).

The scene is familiar, but not pleasant. Jesus could hardly have escaped a sense of frustration and failure. After three-and-a-half years of demonstrating to them and teaching them the principles of the kingdom of love and grace, His disciples were jostling for position in a political kingdom—a kingdom which was not to be. But still He loved them.

And the loneliness. Soon Jesus would be agonizing alone in Gethsemane. His closest friends would sleep during His time of greatest need.

Then there was the rejection. Judas had just made his final decision to betray Jesus. Peter would soon deny Him. The other disciples would flee into the darkness. The Jewish nation, the chosen people, would declare: "Away with Him! Crucify Him! . . . We have no king but Caesar." (John 19:15). But, through it all, He loved them.

There was the unfairness. The trumped-up charges. The hypocrisy of the Jewish rulers. The illegalities of the trial.

And the humiliation—being ridiculed, spat upon, and crucified as a criminal. But He loved them, and prayed for their forgiveness.

And there was the physical pain He must soon endure, being beaten, adorned with a crown of thorns, and pierced with spikes. But he would submit to it all, voluntarily, because He loved them.

Worst of all was the guilt. Christ, the spotless One whose very nature was the antithesis of sin, was soon to experience the weight of the accumulated sins of all ages. This would result in the greatest sorrow of all—a pain which would break His heart—separation from His Father, with Whom He had been one from all eternity.

No wonder John declared so simply, but eloquently, "God is love." (I John 4:8). And that love is forever. "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love," He assures us. (Jeremiah 31:3). With God there "is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17). "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8).

The evidence is overwhelming. God loves me. He loves me when I obey. He loves me when I disobey. He loves me when I succeed. He loves me when I fail. He rejoices with me when I grow, but He also loves me when I fall away, and reaches out to win me back with unfailing compassion.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

" . . . Jesus . . . , having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end."

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Calendar of Events

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Evangelistic Meetings

- Jan. 8 - Feb. 13 — Jack DuBosque, Gadsden, Ala.
- Jan. 9 - Feb. 13 — Jac Colon, Milton Hallock, Pensacola, Fla.
- Jan. 16 - Feb. 20 — John Mathews, St. Elmo, Ala.
- Feb. 16 - Apr. 9 — O. J. Mills, Vicksburg, Miss.
- Feb. 16 - May 15 — T. R. Carmichael, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.
- Feb. 19 - Mar. 27 — Jack DuBosque, Montgomery, Ala.
- Feb. 20 - Mar. 20 — John Hanson, Paul Felt, Langdale, Ala.
- Feb. 27 - Mar. 27 — Richard Hallock, Clanton, Ala.

Bookmobile Schedule

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| Feb. 20 | Dothan, Ala. | 6:30-9 p.m. |
| 21 | Panama City, Fla. | 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. |
| 21 | Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. | 3-4:30 p.m. |
| 21 | Pensacola, Fla. | 6-9 p.m. |
| 22 | Mobile Junior Academy | 2:30-7 p.m. |
| 23 | Milton, Fla. | 9-10:30 a.m. |
| 23 | Crestview, Fla. | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
| 23 | DeFuniak Springs, Fla. | 2-3 p.m. |
| 23 | Bonifay, Fla. | 4-5:30 p.m. |
| 23 | Andalusia, Ala. | 7:30-9 p.m. |

FLORIDA

Youth Ministries Calendar

- Feb. 6-15 — Colorado Ski Trip (Ages 17-35) Winter Park, Colo.
- Feb. 19-21 — Freshman-Sophomore Bible Conference. Weekend of spiritual emphasis for 9th and 10th graders. At Camp Kulaqua.

Sabbath School Seminars

- Feb. 13, 3 p.m., Forest Lake Church, Hwy. 436, Forest City.
- Feb. 20, 3 p.m., Jacksonville Regency, 9411 Atlantic Blvd.
- Feb. 27, 3 p.m., Plant City Church, Just off I-4 on Thonotosassa Rd. So.

Communication Department

Television's Impact on Christian Character Development Seminar — Feb. 20 at 3 to 6 p.m., and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Feb. 21. Conducted by Richard Fredericks at the Forest Lake church, Highway 436, Forest City.

Adventist Book Center and Bookmobile Schedule

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| Feb. 6 | Tallahassee | Sundown |
| 7 | Lake City | 9-10 a.m. |
| | Gainesville | 11:30-1 p.m. |
| | Ocala | 2:30-4 p.m. |
| 13 | Forest Lake | Sundown |
| | (also S.S. Workshop) | |
| 20 | Regency - Jacksonville | Sundown |
| | (also S.S. Workshop) | |
| 21 | St. Augustine | 9-10 a.m. |
| | Palatka | 11-12 noon |
| | Daytona Beach | 2-3 p.m. |
| | New Smyrna Beach | 4-5 p.m. |
| 27 | Plant City | Sundown |
| | (also S.S. Workshop) | |
| Mar. 6 | North Miami | Sundown |
| | (also S.S. Workshop) | |
| 7 | Stuart | 10-11 a.m. |
| | Fort Pierce | 12:30-2:30 p.m. |
| | (also S.S. Workshop) | |
| | Melbourne | 4-5 p.m. |
| 13 | Walker Memorial church | Sundown |
| 14 | Sarasota | 9-10 a.m. |
| | West Coast Jr. Academy | 11-12:30 p.m. |
| | Tampa First | 2:30-4 p.m. |
| | Lakeland | 5-6 p.m. |
| 20 | St. Petersburg | Sundown |
| 21 | Clearwater | 9-10:30 a.m. |
| | New Port Richey | 12:30-2 p.m. |

	Brooksville	3-4 p.m.
	Inverness	5-6 p.m.
28	Pre-Inventory Sale (Book Center)	10-4 p.m.
31	Book Center Closed For Inventory	

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Sabbath School Workshops

Feb. 6	Savannah	Feb. 14	SMC
7	Albany	28	Greenville
13	Atlanta-Belvedere		

Annual In-Service Teachers' and Ministerial Meetings

Feb. 8	Macon	Feb. 10	Collegedale
9	GCA	11	Little Creek

K-12 Board of Education Meeting — Feb. 24, conference office.

Pathfinder Jamboree

Feb. 7	GCA	Feb. 14	Lakeland church school
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Youth Celebration

Feb. 13	Marietta	Feb. 27	Greenville
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Pathfinder Improvement Day — Feb. 28, Atlanta

Lay Witness Weekend

Feb. 19, 20	Apison	Mar. 5, 6	Thomaston
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Spring Community Service Federation Meetings

Mar. 27	Knoxville	Feb. 28	Atlanta
28	Collegedale	29	Macon

Conference Singles' Special Weekend — Mar. 12-14 at Cohutta Springs, Dr. Gary Patterson, speaker. Obtain questionnaire and reservation form from Betty Gardner, Georgia-Cumberland Conference, P.O. Box 12000, Calhoun, GA 30701.

Collegedale Chapter of Philosda Valentine Banquet — Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Chattanooga Choo Choo. Call (615) 238-4870 or (615) 479-6210.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Business and Professional Foundation — Feb. 26-28, 1982, Paris Landing State Resort Park in Buchanan, Tenn. Juanita Kretschmar, speaker.

Evangelistic Meetings

Jan. 16 - Feb. 27	Lin Powell, Paducah, Ky.
Mar. 6 - Apr. 10	Jac Colon, Raleigh church in Memphis, Tenn.

Highland Academy Alumni Weekend — Apr. 2 and 3.

Adventist Book Center and Bookmobile Schedule

Feb. 7	Memphis and Raleigh	6-9 p.m.
8	Madisonville, Ky.	6-9 p.m.
9	Bowling Green, Ky.	6-9 p.m.
10	Covington, Ky.	6-9 p.m.
11	Louisville Junior Academy	6-9 p.m.
Mar. 6	Prestonsburg, Ky.	Sundown
14	Highland Academy	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
28	Pre-Inventory Sale	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
31	Closed For Inventory	

Area Camp Meeting — Mar. 5, 6, Prestonsburg, Ky.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE

Artist Adventure Series

Feb. 13	— The Tamburitians from Duquesne University, Institute of Folk Arts. 8 p.m., P.E. Center.
Feb. 21	— Morris Taylor, pianist. 8 p.m., Recital Hall.
Mar. 6	— Chorale Production, 8 p.m., P.E. Center.

LEGAL NOTICES

CAROLINA CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 34th regular session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Nosoca Pines Ranch on Sunday, March 28, 1982. The first meeting is called for 10:00 a.m. The session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled

to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each 20 members or major fraction thereof.

M. D. Gordon, President

N. L. Doss, Secretary

CAROLINA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that there will be a legal meeting of the Carolina Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Incorporated, under the laws of the state of North Carolina, in connection with the regular session of the Carolina Conference, which will be held at Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, South Carolina. The first meeting of this association will convene at 2:00 p.m. March 28, 1982. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and trustees and to transact any other business that may come before the association at that time. The delegates of the 34th session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates of the association meeting.

M. D. Gordon, President

D. E. Kenyon, Secretary

GEORGIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the regular triennial session of the Georgia Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the auditorium on the campus of Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, March 21, 1982, at 10:00 a.m. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are constituents of this corporation.

Gary B. Patterson, President William G. Ambler, Secretary

THE CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the legal session of The Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the auditorium on the campus of Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, March 21, 1982, at 10:00 a.m. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are constituents of this corporation.

Gary B. Patterson, President William G. Ambler, Secretary

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 23rd regular session (triennial) of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the auditorium on the campus of Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, March 21, 1982, at 10:00 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each 35 members or major fraction thereof.

Gary B. Patterson, President Don L. Aalborg, Secretary

THE KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-third regular session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the Highland Academy auditorium, Sunday, March 14, 1982. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. The delegates to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of the corporation.

C. R. Farwell, President

M. A. Tyner, Secretary

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-third regular session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Highland Academy auditorium, Highland Academy campus, Highway 109, twelve miles north of Gallatin, near Portland, Tennessee, Sunday, March 14, 1982. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the conference. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and an additional delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof.

C. R. Farwell, President

in transition

Florida

Randy Mills has moved from the Tampa First church, where he has been associate pastor, to the Vero Beach church.

John Lazor, who served as interim pastor of the Vero Beach church, is now associate pastor of the Altamonte Springs church.

David Canther has been serving with the Task Force in the youth department of the conference and will now be the associate pastor of the Tampa First church.

Elizabeth Hudak has accepted a call to be Conference Superintendent of Education replacing **Gene Haas**, who has retired from that position. Hudak has been the Elementary Curriculum Supervisor since June, 1971.

Daniel Zunitch, from Southern Missionary College, is now serving as the associate pastor of the Orlando Central church.

Ruben Lopez, former treasurer of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference is now treasurer of the Florida Conference Association in place of Edgar Bradley, who retired December 31, 1981.

KROKER — STUBBS

Penny Leigh Stubb and **Kimmie Shawn Kroker** were united in marriage in Lake Placid, N.Y., on Aug. 1, 1981, by Robert Farley, youth director of the New York Conference. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Stubbs of Walden, N.Y. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kroker of Forest City, Fla. The couple is residing in Forest City, Fla.

CAVINESS — SARR

Claryce Joyce Sarr and **Kenneth Edwin Caviness** were united in marriage in the Cohutta, Georgia, church on Dec. 20, 1981, by the pastor, Harold Kuebler. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sarr of Dayton, Tenn. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Caviness of Loma Linda, Calif. Ken is finishing his degree in physics at SMC this May, and Claryce is an R.N. working in Chattanooga. They will make their home in Collegedale, Tenn.

LEE — JAHN

Darla Ann Jahn and **Robert Dale Lee** united their lives in marriage for greater service to Christ, Nov. 29, 1981, at the Wildwood, Georgia, church. The ceremony was performed by Jerry Finneman, Wildwood pastor. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jahn of Redmond, Ore., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Lee of Kokomo, Ind. Robert is the assistant director of Health Education and Public Relations at Wildwood Sanitarium and Hospital and Darla works both as an R.N. and with Health Education at Wildwood.

sunset table

	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 5	Mar. 12
Atlanta, Ga.	6:13	6:19	6:26	6:32	6:38	6:43
Charlotte, N.C.	5:56	6:03	6:09	6:16	6:22	6:28
Collegedale, Tenn.	6:14	6:21	6:27	6:34	6:40	6:46
Huntsville, Ala.	5:19	5:26	5:32	5:39	5:45	5:51
Jackson, Miss.	5:38	5:44	5:50	5:56	6:01	6:07
Louisville, Ky.	6:10	6:18	6:26	6:33	6:40	6:47
Memphis, Tenn.	5:33	5:40	5:46	5:53	5:59	6:05
Miami, Fla.	6:07	6:12	6:17	6:21	6:25	6:28
Montgomery, Ala.	5:23	5:29	5:35	5:41	5:46	5:51
Nashville, Tenn.	5:18	5:25	5:32	5:39	5:45	5:52
Orlando, Fla.	6:07	6:13	6:18	6:23	6:28	6:32
Wilmington, N.C.	5:46	5:53	6:00	6:06	6:12	6:17

by
Robert H. Pierson



As God Opens The Way

"Strife, bribery, and fraud," "heart-sickening violence and lawlessness," "indifference to human suffering," "brutal, fiendish destruction of human life," "insanity, murder, and suicide," "hotbeds of vice." Headlines from a city newspaper? Actually, these words are taken from the inspired writings. Sin in its progression is making living on our planet increasingly more difficult for Christians whose values are in collision with everything about them. City living can intensify the problems. Every day, news reports from the daily press, radio, and television are filled with deplorable conditions.

Little wonder that years ago the Lord's messenger counseled, "The time has come when, as God opens the way, families should move out of the city"—*Adventist Home*, p. 139.

All can't leave the cities. Some, in the line of duty, are required to live in heavily populated areas. But, "as God opens the way" families seeking happier homes should plan to move out into rural areas where they can be closer to nature, closer to the Creator.

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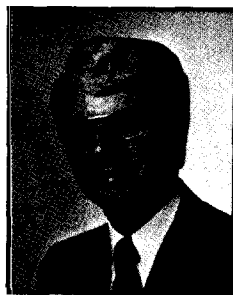
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A. C. McCure, President, Southern Union Conference

1982 promises to be a busy year. A great many special events crowd the calendar.

Six of the eight conferences in the Southern Union will be having their triennial sessions in the first half of 1982. Many of you who read this column will have the privilege and responsibility to serve as delegates to one of these meetings.

Later in the year, the "1000 days of reaping" will begin. At the 1981 Annual Council in Washington, D.C., our General Conference President Neal C. Wilson challenged the church to win "1000 souls per day for 1000 days" ending June 15, 1985, the time of the General Conference Session in New Orleans, Louisiana. This objective is within reasonable reach of what is presently being done around the world.

Gathering Victory

In the course of my work, I see many exciting reports of success in the work around the world. Recently, a report of the Gathering program was placed on my desk, which notes that the union has surpassed its goal of \$1,294,651. We all like reports such as this. "Nothing succeeds like success" is the old saying.

Union Is Soul-Winning Leader

Another report I received recently was cause for both rejoicing and reflection. The quarterly report from the General Conference on progress in North America for the third quarter of 1981 showed baptisms numbering 8,629, across North America. Nearly 25 percent of these were in the Southern Union, more than any of the nine North American unions. This is certainly cause for rejoicing.

Yet I notice another figure: apostasies and missing members reported for the same period numbered 973 in the Southern Union. Our union is by no means the only one facing this problem, but that fact is scarcely comforting.

Surely, we look forward to "1000 days of reaping." We should make our churches places which have great warmth and concern for those of our number who, often after many years as members of the church, become disheartened and give up the walk. Look around you at church this coming Sabbath. Notice who is not there and be concerned enough to find out why. You may be able to show just the kind of love that is needed to prevent someone from becoming a statistic.

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Mitzi House, student nurse, on pediatrics rotation.

Mitzi House is in school today.

You can't see her textbooks, but she's learning lessons that will affect the lives of hundreds of people.

As a Southern Missionary College student, Mitzi began clinical training the first semester of college. Then her class came to Florida Hospital, and she learned how her training applies in a major Adventist medical center.

"I feel like I'm already a nurse, though I still have so much to learn," says Mitzi. "Actually caring for patients makes all those hours of study seem worthwhile."

Mitzi will be able to take her R.N. exam after just two years of college. But that won't end her schooling. She already plans to study for an additional two years and earn her B.S. degree. After that, she might even specialize.

Much of Mitzi's practical training is done at Florida Hospital — a medical center proud to

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