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# SOUTHERN TIDINGS

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## Southern College

90 Years of Educational Leadership



The Thatcher home, known as the "Yellow House," was the first building on the present Southern College campus after the school moved from Graysville, Tennessee. It was purchased from the Thatcher family in 1916.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: IT'S STILL WITHIN REACH

by Mike Seaman, Cover by Gary L. Ivey

**T**hrough 90 years of growth and change, Southern College still offers something that has never changed—an excellent Christian education. The vivid reminders of the uniqueness of a Christ-centered education are easily identified at Southern: Christian teachers who care more about students than they do about big salaries, the opportunity for a social life among fellow believers, classes that are Bible-based.

One thing that HAS changed at Southern is the tuition. Along with everything else, the cost of obtaining a Christian education has risen, bringing with it the myth that not everyone who wants to can attend Southern College.

Director of Student Finance Laurel Wells confidently reports that the "too expensive" story is indeed a misconception. "If a student's priority is Christian education," Wells states, "we can work out a plan for that student." Southern administrators make every effort to ensure that *all* students who want to attend Southern College will be able to afford it. Each student can have a plan developed to match his individual need.

Students have no need to worry that government financial-aid cutbacks are destroying their chances for a Christian education. "We will award close to what we did this past year," says Wells. That's saying a lot. Last year Wells' office awarded aid to more than 1,400 students! That's more than 80 percent of the entire student body.

In spite of this high percentage, there are still indications that not everyone who was eligible to receive aid applied for it. Some students don't realize aid is available, others feel they won't be eligible, while still others don't think it's worth the trouble of filling out a few forms.

Aid is available: almost *everyone* is eligible for some

type of financial assistance, and the relatively small amount of time and effort it takes to fill out a need analysis form can pay big dividends (see box).

There are several categories of assistance available:

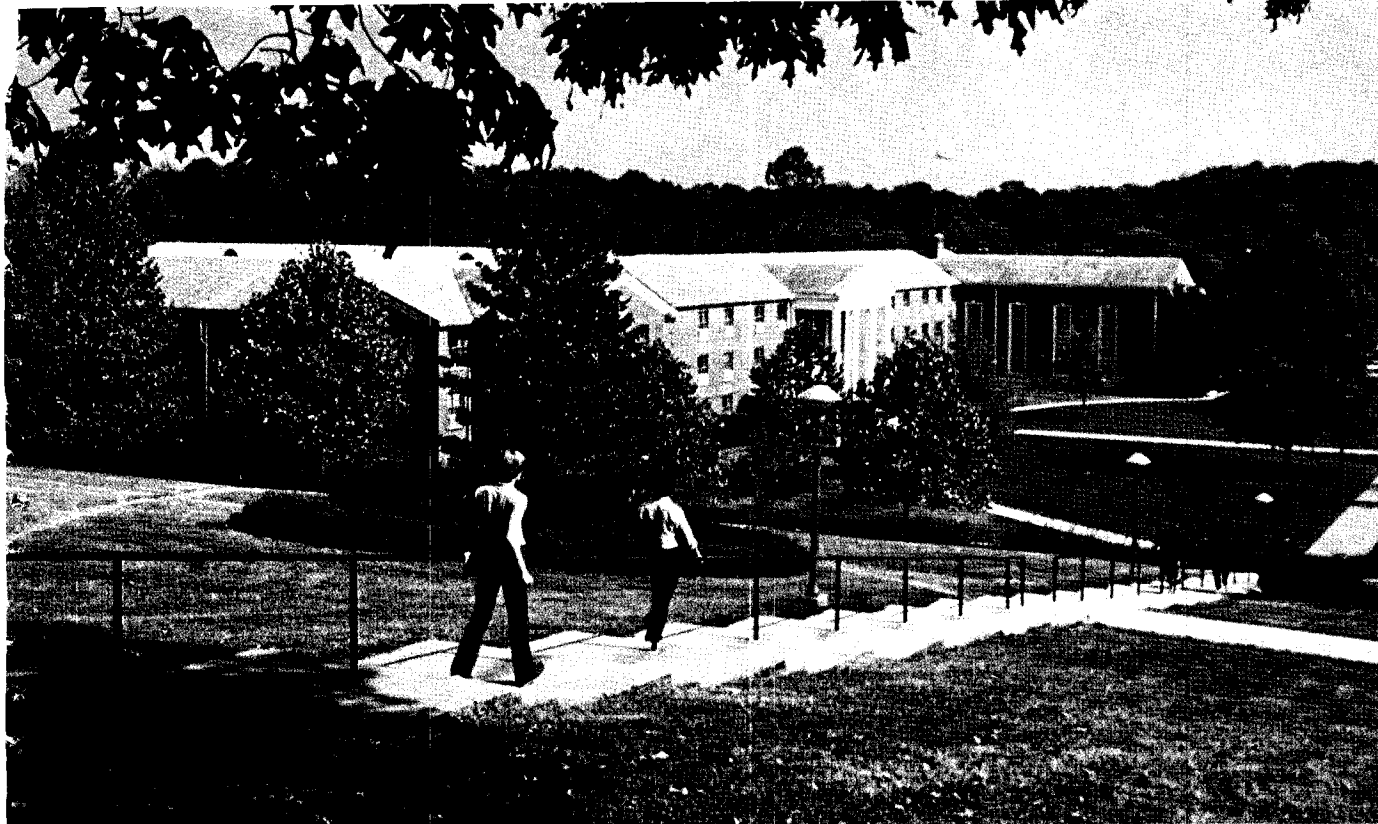
**SCHOLARSHIPS.** This year Southern College is offering larger and more scholarships than ever before. An incoming freshman in the upper five percent of his graduating class will be awarded \$750. A student in the next 10 percent of his class can claim \$500. In addition, this year Southern is offering a leadership scholarship of \$300 to students holding certain offices during their senior year in high school or academy. "Southern College is recognizing a larger group of students who are good academic students, as well as students who are good leaders," reports Director of Admissions Ron Barrow. Barrow stresses that students from *any* secondary school can qualify for these scholarships.

Many alumni, private individuals, and companies with a concern for high-quality education set up or contribute to scholarship funds.

**STUDENT LABOR.** Southern College *guarantees* every student a job!

Realizing the need for students to be able to work off sizable portions of their bill, college administrators have established a new office for the purpose of securing for students the best jobs available. Robert Peeke will be the new labor coordinator. Peeke will continually be seeking new sources of student employment with higher wages.

Many students this summer have been working on campus for four dollars an hour. Others are earning even more working in the Chattanooga-Collegedale community.



Today the campus looks like this. Pictured is Talge Hall, men's residence hall, named for John H. Talge, a furniture manufacturer who donated furniture for all the student rooms in both the men's and women's dormitories in 1917-1918. (Photo by Robin Halvorsen)

**GRANTS AND LOANS.** Grants are for keeps. Many students qualify each year for this "free money." Grants never have to be paid back and can go a long way toward helping a student be able to afford a Christian education.

Loans, even though they must someday be paid back, are available at incredibly low interest rates and with some of the best pay-back arrangements that can be found anywhere. These loans do not have to be paid back as long as the borrower is in school. In fact, during this time the interest is paid for the student.

The National Direct Student Loan (NDSL), at a five percent interest rate, and the Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL), at a nine percent interest rate, are two examples of student loans. Southern College is a GSL lender, so students or parents whose loan applications are turned down by their banks can borrow directly through the college.

No single program will, by itself, pay for a Christian education. But several programs combined, coupled with whatever financial resources a student may have, can.

Before discarding the idea of going to Southern College, students and their parents owe it to themselves to see how they can afford a Christian education. Students need complete only one need-analysis package in order to discover what aid is available to them.

As in the past, Southern College is one of the most affordable of all Adventist colleges. Administrators are working hard to cut costs—and they are succeeding.

Can you afford to go to Southern and obtain a Christian education? Can you afford not to?

*Mike Seaman is a 1982 graduate of Southern College. He will begin graduate work at Andrews University this fall.*

## SAMPLE STUDENT BUDGET

The figures below are averages based on a large number of actual student records at Southern College and assume a load of 15 hours per semester with little or no financial support from parents. Many students still qualify for grants and most qualify for loans even if they are receiving support from parents. Actual labor earnings vary from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per year depending upon job, program, and schedule. A wide variety of scholarships are available to qualified students. Some students may qualify for more than one scholarship. All figures are annual averages.

| EXPENSES                           |                | INCOME                                   |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--|----------------|
| Housing                            | \$ 880         | Summer Savings                           | \$ 925         |
| Board                              | 1,100          | Pell Grant                               | 1,674          |
| Personal/Medical                   | 700            | SEOG Grant                               | 1,000          |
| Transportation<br>(home on breaks) | 200            | NDSL Loan                                | 1,500          |
| Tuition                            | 4,160          | Labor                                    | 1,641          |
| Books/Supplies                     | 300            | Institutional or<br>College Scholarships | 600            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>\$7,340</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>\$7,340</b> |

For further information write: Student Finance Office, Southern College, Collegedale, Tennessee 37315. Or call collect 615-396-4321.

# "What Is an Offering?"

by Roy Caughron and Fred Land  
Photography by Fred Land



From the beginning of time, offerings have always been a part of worship. Adam and Eve offered to God a sacrifice. Jacob returned a tenth of his increase to God. Abraham demonstrated his willingness to offer Isaac to God as a sign of his love and devotion to his creator. The children of Israel offered a portion of their wealth to the building of the sanctuary. Through the ordained sanctuary system they continually offered to God. "For God so loved the world that He gave. . . ." He gave His only Son.

Giving is a love experience. And how thankful we are here in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference for those who are continuing to give, following the example of God and His Holy Word.

A vital link in the chain of evangelism and efficient pastoral care is the financial support of each member of the conference. Without it we cannot advance.

We continue to enjoy the blessings of day-to-day life; food, sunshine, rain, freedom, and much more. With thankful hearts our highest desire should be giving to God and His work. Not only of our lives, but also of our increases.

There are so many offerings in the church today that people are saying, "How can we give to *all* of these offerings?"

A Personal Giving Plan has been developed for an effective systematic benevolence. The Personal Giving Plan encompasses four main areas: 1. Tithe; 2. World Budget; 3. Conference Advance; 4. Church Budget.

Tithe is always 10 percent of income. It supports the ministry of the church throughout the world. Tithe is not an offering. It already belongs to God. We return it to Him in recognition of His ownership of all. If all tithe was returned to God, every conference, worldwide, could

substantially increase the number of pastors and evangelists.

Two percent of the income is the minimum needed for the World Budget. It provides minimum support for the 18 basic offerings.

The Conference Advance needs at least one to two percent of a member's income. This percentage covers conference evangelism, Georgia-Cumberland Academy, worthy student fund, and Cohutta Springs Youth Camp.

And the local church budget may require seven to 10 percent of income.

This Personal Giving Plan is designed to help you organize and simplify your financial support of God's cause. Several churches in Georgia-Cumberland are now implementing this plan.

Have you ever considered God's Personal Giving Plan? Not His giving plan for *you*, but His giving plan for *Himself*. His gifts are very personal: creating this world, forming man in His own image, sustaining our lives, and the list can go on and on. But His most important gift to us was at great personal expense . . . the life of His only Son . . . a very close part of Himself. God so loved the world that He gave. . . .

One way we show God how much we love *Him* is through our worship. Centered around worship is the act of offering. Whether it be a slain lamb of the Old Testament, or the very breath of life in the New Testament, or of one's service and increase in the present, our giving is a manifestation of love.

God manifests His love to us in continual giving. We respond to His love by giving of ourselves and thus returning a portion of that which God has entrusted to us.

When we love God with our all, it will be our desire to support the spiritual activities of our church in every way possible. Too often gifts are made under the emotional impact of stirring appeals. But, "God has devised a plan. . . ." (*Testimonies for the Church*, volume three, page 411).

The apostle Paul gave the perfect formula for acceptable offerings. 1. "If there first be a willing mind." (II Corinthians 8:12); 2. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give . . ." "for God loves a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7). So what is an offering? Simply put, an offering is an act of love.

These are the only offerings that God will accept . . . willing gifts from loving hearts with no strings attached.

"The offering from the heart that loves, God delights to honor, *giving* it highest efficiency." (*Desire of Ages*, page 65).

God so loved the world, that He gave. . . . What will you give?



## HIGHLAND HOSPITAL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Fountain Head Industrial School and Sanitarium, known today as Highland Hospital, was built in 1913.



by E. J. Heisler

A cold winter day in January of 1907 brought the Mulfords and Wests to claim a large plantation house north of Nashville, Tennessee, on the Highland Rim as their home and to lay plans for what would become the Fountain Head Industrial School and Sanitarium.

A warm spring day in May of 1982 brought more than 400 people from the community to celebrate the 75th anniversary of what is known today as Highland Hospital. A new gazebo, decked with balloons, stood proudly in front of the administration building of Highland Academy. On the steps and porch of the auditorium was the academy band, which performed several numbers. Just in front of the band was a row of program dignitaries, including present and past Highland Hospital administrators, and community leaders. From its beginning in 1913, health education and home treatments were a strong part of Highland Hospital's health-care program.



A new Highland Hospital facility, located within the Portland, Tennessee, city limits, is scheduled to be ready by the end of 1983.

Featured speaker Don West, of Collegedale, Tennessee, is a son of one of Highland Hospital's founders.

The first sanitarium building which opened in 1913 burned to the ground in 1928. Immediately a bigger sanitarium was built on the same site, but it also burned several years later. The third building erected in 1935 was built on the ashes of the first two and today still serves as Highland Hospital, with several changes and additions. The fourth Highland Hospital will open in the Portland city limits by the end of 1983.

The featured speaker for the 75th anniversary celebration was Donald West, of Collegedale, whose father was one of the original founders. He reviewed the history of the institution, interspersed with touches of humor.

Participating in the celebration was Hazel Cothran, with her husband, and son, John. In 1942 she gave birth to twins, who were born prematurely. One died and the other, in serious condition, was brought to Highland Hospital where the loving care and prayerful attention helped to strengthen baby John. Last May John was proud to attend Highland Hospital's 75th anniversary.

The personal caring touch which is still felt at Highland will continue in the new hospital in Portland, Tennessee.

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An array of camp meeting guests: Dr. V. S. Griffiths (left), President Meade Van Putten, H. L. Thompson between Presidents Hairston and Edgecombe, South Atlantic Conference Secretary-Treasurer J. A. Simons, and W. S. Starks.



Ronald Wright, with his wife, Equilla; daughter, Melonie; and son, Ronald, Jr., who are missionaries in Liberia, West Africa, were guests at camp meeting. They filled several scheduled appointments. He was pastor of the Fitzgerald district when he accepted the mission call.

by S. E. Gooden

nce again late spring summoned South Atlantic and Southeastern conferences to another spiritual recharging of the members and workers alike. Everybody seems to feel the same sentiment—that every year the camp meeting is greater than the preceding year.

Both presidents, J. A. Edgecombe, of Southeastern, and R. B. Hairston, of South Atlantic, brought greetings to their constituencies before turning over the podium to E. E. Cleveland, D. Div. of Oakwood College, for the traditional Thursday night keynote message. In his message, under the topic, "Thy Kingdom Come," and the text from I John 5:11, 12, Cleveland stated that, of all organizations and ideologies in this world, Christianity



Celia Cleveland, wife of veteran evangelist E. E. Cleveland, was the guest speaker for the Shepherdess Hour at camp meeting.



South Atlantic Conference President R. B. Hairston (left), presented a plaque and a college-scholarship check to 18-year-old Monya Frazier of the Oakland Avenue church in Florence, South Carolina. Monya has achieved national recognition and honor as the first black person to be elected president of the 400,000-member national organization Future Homemakers of America. Her mother, Montell Frazier, V. J. Mendinghall, conference youth director, and S. E. Gooden, director of communication, look on.



Quincy Jerome Williams is flanked by his mother, Joyce, and his father, Harold. Quincy has the distinction of being born at camp meeting on June 17, 1979.



The Master Guides of the South Atlantic and Southeastern Conferences, along with their directors, and Ralph Peay, Southern Union youth director (right). Next to him is V. J. Mendinghall, South Atlantic youth director, and Southeastern Youth Director Keith Dennis. The youth at camp meeting enjoyed many activities, including drill team performances and early morning physical exercises.

is the only one which pays an adherent up front.

There was an array of guests from every segment of the church. From the General Conference: W. M. Starks, S. E. Meyers, V. S. Griffiths, and Marjorie Felder-Jenkins. From the Southern Union: President A. C. McClure, R. P. Peay, D. K. Griffith, F. D. Retzer, and O. J. McKinney. From Liberia, West Africa: R. J. Wright and family. From Oakwood College: C. B. Rock, Elder and Mrs. E. E. Cleveland, M. Davis, and R. T. Banks. From the Breath of Life, R. O. Robinson. From the Mid-America Union, H. L. Thompson. From Riverside Hospital, W. H. Rucker, Jr. M. C. Van Putten and M. Hayden from the Allegheny East Conference, and F. S. Hill, Sr., from the South Central Conference.

The last Sabbath brought pleasure to the treasurers as they contemplated the financially depleting summer with the large number of evangelistic meetings scheduled. Both conferences laid on the table the record-breaking sum of \$131,800 — South Atlantic with \$72,500, and Southeastern with \$59,300.

An interesting sidelight at camp meeting was the presence of three-year-old Quincy Jerome Williams of Pompano Beach, Florida. Jerome's mother, Joyce, and father, Harold, hold the distinction of being the only parents who gave birth to a child at camp meeting. It was on June 17, 1979. Here he was celebrating his birthday at the very place where he first saw the light of day in this world.



J. A. Edgecombe (left), president of Southeastern Conference, and R. B. Hairston, president of South Atlantic Conference, bring the welcome to the constituencies on Thursday evening, June 10. \*

Students take the finished product from the oven after one of Madison Campus Elementary School's regular bread-making sessions.



Linda Parker (in white uniform) supervises as students serve a hot lunch.

bout four years ago, Madison Campus Elementary School Principal Ed Rosaasen attended a "Breadmake" seminar conducted by Elman and Gloria Folkenberg at Highland Hospital, Portland, Tennessee. Learning how they taught children in public schools to make bread, Rosaasen decided this was something for his school.

Preston Wallace, former health educator at Madison Hospital, along with his wife, taught the staff and the first- and fifth-graders how to make bread. Vicky Pedersen, a teacher at the school, taught the other grades. About 100 loaves were made each week. Parents and others in the community became regular "buyers" of

Two students hoe the garden. The school building is visible in the background. Each student has an opportunity to plant, hoe, weed, and harvest the garden.



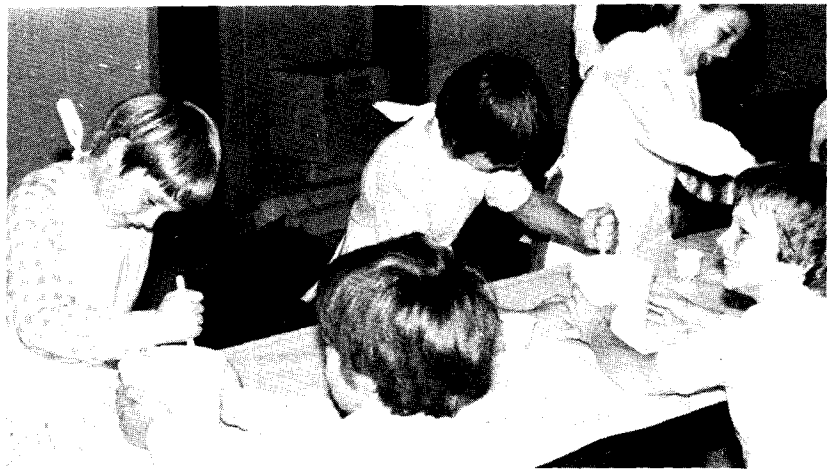
John Rumsey demonstrates how to repair cassette tapes. All seventh graders get experience in this part of the work-study program of the school.\*



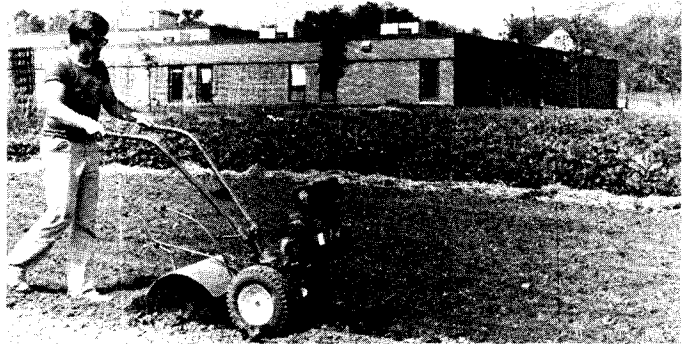




Rosaasen helps second grader Tricia Mur-  
neasure oil for her loaf of bread.



Students enjoy "stirring" ingredients while learning to make homemade bread.



Tim Waterhouse uses the rototiller to prepare ground for another section of  
the school garden.

by J. W. Clarke

the bread. The school board decided to hire a full-time teacher, paid from the proceeds on the sale of the bread, to conduct the program. Linda Parker accepted the challenge. Her schedule involves participation with each class and its teacher; consequently, every child and every teacher takes an active part in the program. The students, along with their parents, are excited about the additional skills the children learn. Each class, from first grade through the eighth grade, is responsible for measuring all the ingredients for the whole-wheat bread. Last year, they made specialty breads, such as pumpkin and cranberry, for the Halloween and Christmas seasons. Then, yeast rolls became a vital part of the hot lunch program.

This work-study program is so successful that enough funds have been realized to purchase a wheat grinder, a slicer, and pots and pans.

Rosaasen and Tim Waterhouse, the eighth-grade teacher, decided to develop a gardening project involving the students. They prepared the ground for planting; then the different classes participated in planting various fruits and vegetables. That gave opportunity for the children to see their seeds really sprout and grow before the school year closed. Last year, strawberry plants were planted, permitting students and teachers to enjoy very deliciously sweet strawberries this year. Produce, including strawberries, cantaloupe, corn, tomatoes, green beans, broccoli, green pepper, okra, potatoes, peas, and onions, are sold to the community to cover the cost of the garden.

A hot lunch program was instituted this past year on

two days a week with the seventh- and eighth-grade students helping to prepare the food. Different students from these classes helped prepare everything from the entree to the dessert and then clean up afterward, under adult supervision.

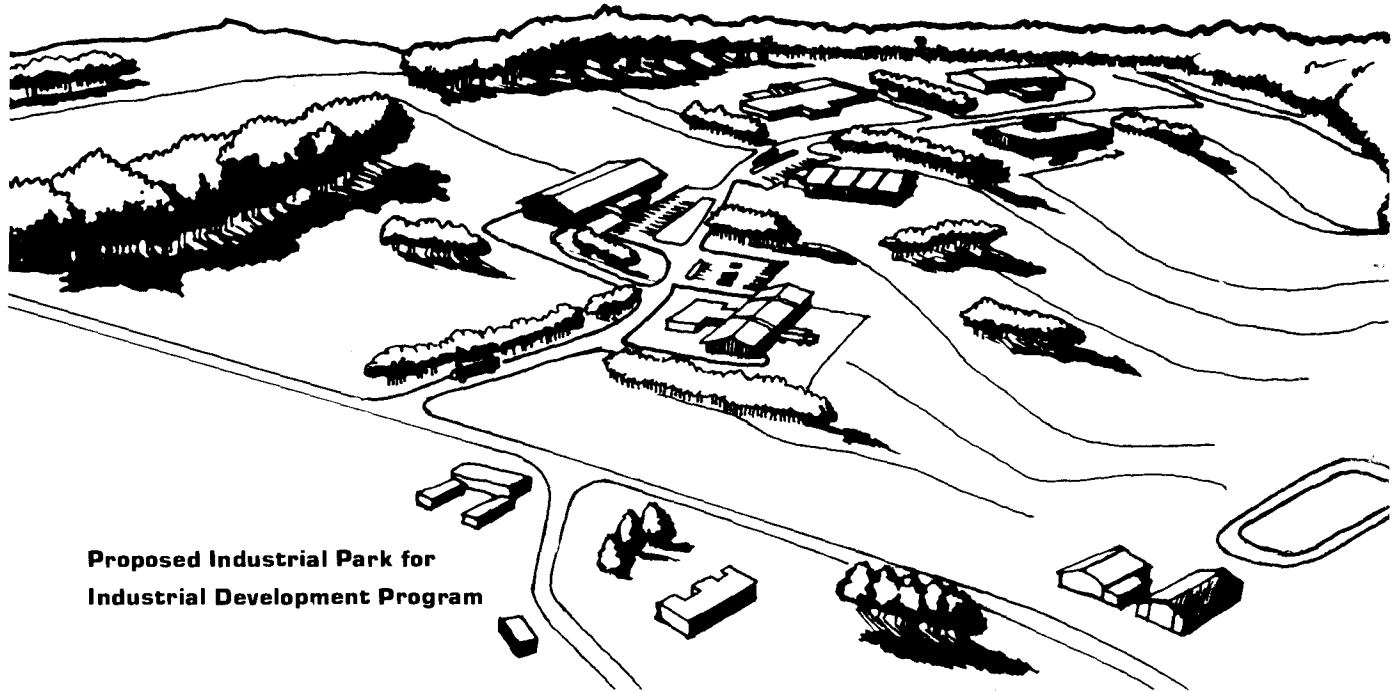
Another new project started last year by Ted Hewlett with his seventh-grade class was repairing cassette tapes for a company in Texas. The students made necessary repairs in their spare time and kept an account of the number of tapes repaired. The repaired tapes were then resold and every student received some money, according to the number of tapes they repaired, toward their school bill.

The third/fourth-grade class, with Ann Steiner, started a project of sprouting alfalfa seeds to use in salads, etc. Businesses will be contacted in the coming year to see if they would like fresh alfalfa sprouts to be used in their restaurants.

Through cooperating with teachers in all phases of the work-study program, students have a more positive relationship with them. By working with God through nature several times a week, these young people maintain a closeness with Him that permeates their total school program.

Not only do the church school and academy teachers have high scholastic training and ability, but they have an interest in the personal welfare and spiritual needs of their students.

How important it is for all to see that their children become a part of the bulwark of safety in Seventh-day Adventist schools. This is God's plan for His children.



**Proposed Industrial Park for  
Industrial Development Program**

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE PLANS INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION

Oakwood College has always had an excellent work program. Students and teachers have, since 1896, used their hands to bake, build, farm, forest, paint, print, milk, and manufacture. Eighty-five years of history have not lessened either the institution's commitment or its need in this regard. In fact, both the resolve and the urgency have heightened. Today, Oakwood College, 1,396 students strong, offers 1,122 student jobs each quarter. Students were paid, in credit and cash, more than one million two hundred thousand dollars during the 1981-82 school year. In order to accommodate this large working force, an office of student employment has been created. This office coordinates all student jobs and monitors results in terms of performance and pay.

Another recent addition to our school work program is the "split-shift" daily agenda. In an effort to provide a balance in the daily work force, sophomores, juniors, and seniors work in the morning and attend classes in the afternoon and evening, while freshmen study in the morning and work during the rest of the day. Non-student employment is held to a minimum in order to ensure the greatest number of jobs possible for students. Also a special Work Celebration Day that includes a picnic, a parade, and individual student work awards has been inaugurated.

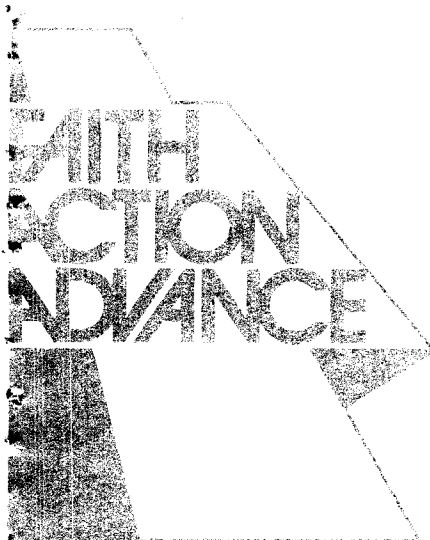
But with all of this, Oakwood needs more—much more. Why? Because our industrial expansion has lagged far behind our population explosion. Between 1971 and 1981 we grew from 550 to 1,396 students—an

increase of 846 persons or 154 percent. We have not been able to provide work alternatives profitable to both the school and the students for this dramatic influx. Thus while it is true that the institution provides work for almost all of its students, it does so at the cost of sound profit and loss procedures. In other words, much of the money paid to the students is counted in the "loss" column of the institution's financial records. Of course, this situation produces a large strain upon our cash flow and will eventually, if not corrected, cause serious problems for the institution's financial operations.

Solution: further development of present industries and establishing of others. There are some industries presently functioning which may, in fact, need to be dissolved, but we dare not eliminate present job positions lest we deny our students much-needed opportunities for work. What we must have is an increase of industries and hence more jobs. How will this industrial expansion proceed? By establishing a modern new "industrial park" in which we will house incoming businesses. Our Board of Trustees voted that the 1982 Oakwood College offering, to be taken August 14, will be for this purpose. We do not expect that the entire one million dollars needed for this industrial park will be provided in this summer's offering, but your special gift will help us toward our goal.

On behalf of our beautiful Christian youth and in the interest of our common commission, we thank you abundantly.

*C. B. Rock is the President of Oakwood College.*



An inward experience of **FAITH** expressed in **ACTION** resulting in the **ADVANCE** of the church.

Paper cups littered the floor; leftover bits of popcorn created a chaotic pattern on the carpet. But Mrs. Zelman wasn't cleaning the mess in her walkout basement.

"I don't know what my spiritual gift is!" she wailed.

Moments passed quietly. Pastor Meckam sat on the couch, waiting for her to continue.

"I've been through an entire weekend seminar on spiritual gifts. And I'm still stuck as to what my spiritual gift is," sighed Mrs. Zelman.

Many people like Mrs. Zelman have no idea what special gift God has given them. Or they aren't sure how to use the special gift God has given each Christian. Some aren't even sure what a spiritual gift is.

For them, there's good news.

Faith Action Advance, the North American Division's plan for the Thousand Days of Reaping, brings a renewed emphasis on spiritual gifts. FAA asks members and local churches to seek out spiritual gifts and local community needs. Throughout North America special seminars, sermons, and articles will help members understand spiritual gifts. Many like Mrs. Zelman have overlooked obvious spiritual gifts.

## What Is My Spiritual Gift?

by Kermit Netteburg

"Have you had 25 people here this weekend?" Pastor Meckam reminded more than asked Mrs. Zelman.

"Yes."

"Have you coordinated the food?"

"Yes."

"Have you kept calm despite the swirl all through the house?"

"Yes. But what does that have to do with spiritual gifts?"

"You have the gift of hospitality," her pastor said simply.

Like many people, Mrs. Zelman thought a spiritual gift had to be some witnessing tool like giving Bible studies or knocking on doors to distribute literature. She failed to remember the sermon locked in a loaf of bread; she never knew the deacon exercised his spiritual gift by repainting the church shutters.

For others who also are unsure of their spiritual gifts, let's review some principles of spiritual gifts.

1. Spiritual gifts are as diverse and unique as snowflakes. Even ministers, whom we might expect to have similar gifts, can be very different. A minister in the Mid-America Union preaches with tongues of angels; his Sabbath sermon never fails to encourage, enlighten and challenge his members. But he told me once that he dislikes visiting prospective members in their homes; he'd rather meet them in the church after his sermon. He said he believes his gift is preaching. Another minister, this one in the Lake Union, isn't a dynamo in the pulpit, but he loves to visit homes of prospective members. His visits with nonmembers center around a Bible lesson. His gift is teaching. A Columbia Union minister also likes to visit in prospective member homes, but

his visits are social. Frequently, he doesn't even bring a Bible along. He shares God's love with those he visits by sharing personal experiences.

Three different ministers. Three different approaches to sharing God's love. Three different gifts of the Spirit.

But one purpose. And one Spirit. Which leads us to the second principle.

2. Exercising your spiritual gift brings unity to the church. Members help one another praise God by using their gifts. A girl I knew had the gift of music; she blessed her school's worship many times with her songs. But when another person who had the gift of administration organized a touring musical group, her spiritual gift of music blessed many more people. The two gifts complemented one another.

3. Exercising your spiritual gift brings you joy and God glory. Mrs. Zelman didn't believe that having company at her home was a spiritual gift; she enjoyed it too much. She thought a spiritual gift would force her to do something hard—like preaching a sermon or handing out leaflets on downtown street corners.

But God's plan—and FAA—is different. Doing God's will brings happiness to the members. When God has given you a gift, trust Him to give you opportunities to use your gift.

Mrs. Zelman has, and she's amazed at how frequently people come to her home. She's also found a peace she didn't know before, because she knows she's doing God's will for her.

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This warehouse was made available free of charge for the Kingtree auction.



Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Stilwell are among those who work regularly in the Kingtree center.

## Community Services Center Kingtree, South Carolina

The Community Services Center in Kingtree, South Carolina, was given the contents of a house which were sold at auction on May 26, 1982. The \$3,500 received will help support the active program of the center.

The center was started in July, 1978, under the direction of local church member, Nadine Greenlee. Since that time all the other churches in town have discontinued their clothing centers and now direct all clothing distribution through the Seventh-day Adventist Center.

One of the landmarks in Kingtree is the Harper House. During the Civil War it served as headquarters for General Sherman. Later it was a stagecoach inn and a girls' academy. For the past 100 years it has been in the Harper family. Since the last Harper family member died in 1977 the house has been empty. When the nieces, who inherited the property, asked that the contents of the house be given to a charity, the lawyer who was handling the estate arranged for the Adventist Community Services Center to take charge.

The clean-up job facing Greenlee and her helpers was



The auctioneer does his job as people line up to bid on items during the auction.

## Service Center

by D. E. Kenyon  
Photography by R. G. Beck

huge. More than 300 jars of canned fruit and vegetables were in the pantry. The elderly ladies who had last lived in the house saved everything; and, while the house was empty, vandals broke in and scattered things everywhere in addition to stealing some valuable antiques. The three-story structure containing 17 rooms had rubbish six feet deep in some places. It took six weeks to sort through the piles to find salvageable items. Trash was thrown out the window into a waiting truck from the city sanitation department, which made many trips to the dump. Sixteen truckloads, plus a trailer and several carloads of things, were taken to the warehouse where the sale was held. Blankets, dishes, and items that can be used in the work of the center were saved. Other items were arranged in rows for the auction.

More than a thousand books were among the items offered for sale. A box of old medicine bottles was sold for \$50. Twenty trunks of various sizes were auctioned. There was an antique wood stove and an early electric stove, plus other furniture among the items. Many old-



Nadine Greenlee (left), Mrs. Allen and James Allen worked many hours preparing for the Kingtree auction.

fashioned clothes will be on display during "Old Fashion Day" in Kingtree in October, 1982.

Among the items in the house were many old letters, some dating back to the 1850s. Half of the stamps from the letters have been sent to the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today. They are valued at \$500. When the sale was completed and expenses paid, the center had \$3,500 to assist in its work.

Mrs. Greenlee says it does not take a large group to run a community services center, but it does take faith and hard work. The Kingtree church membership is 19. About four or five people run the center. In addition to serving the needs of the community they have sent more than 200 boxes of clothing to SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist World Services) since Christmas of 1981. Already others are talking about giving the contents of houses to help in the community services work. Greenlee is well aware of the work involved, but is willing to start another similar project if the opportunity comes.

# late news of the conferences

## ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

More than 300 individuals were checked for high blood pressure by the Natchez, Mississippi, church members who participated in the May HEALTH FAIR at the Natchez Mall.

McComb, Mississippi, held two large YARD SALES in June to add funds to their church building fund. Nearly \$3,000 has been raised to date.

May 22 marked the 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for Dr. J. Paul and Ruth Chapin of Panama City, Florida. Friends and relatives from as far as Vlissengen, Holland, gathered for an afternoon reception to help the couple celebrate. Shortly after their marriage, the Chapins were called to serve as medical missionaries for the church. Their first assignment was at a mission hospital in Africa where Dr. Chapin served as a physician for lepers.

## CAROLINA

The Aiken, South Carolina, church sponsored a BOOTH at the county fair, June 8-13. During that week, 118 people signed up for the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. A member of the Jaycees said the church booth was the nicest one at the fair. He hopes they will be back next year.

The Aiken church conducted its first VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 21-25. The members were active in inviting their neighbors. Seventy-two percent of the attendance was from non-Adventist homes.

LAY RALLIES were held in the Carolina Conference on July 12, at the Columbia, South Carolina, church, and on July 19 at the Raleigh, North Carolina, church. Malcolm Gordon, president of the Carolina Conference, challenged those in attendance at the 11 a.m. service with the sermon, "From an Unfinished Reformation to a Finished Work." The emphasis given was that every church member is a minister. Following a fellowship dinner, Robert Beck, personal ministries director for the Carolina Conference, directed in a meeting at which Norman Doss, secretary for the Carolina Conference, spoke on the "Faith/Action Advance" concept of the church as one organization, and presented the Carolina Conference Church Ministries Resource Book. The graduates of the 1982 Lay Evangelism Training Seminars gave experiences, reported on their Action Teams, and gave their plans for the future.

Tom Baez, a seminary student, has been elected president of the SEMINARY STUDENT FORUM for the 1982-83 school year. In August Baez, 23, will assume office of the 300-member student government organization. Before coming to Andrews, Baez served as associate pastor of the Sharon church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Upon graduation from the seminary he will be employed by the Carolina Conference. Baez says, "The purpose of the Seminary Student Forum is to represent the seminary student body. We will continue 'bridgebuilding' to establish good relationships with various committees within the university as well as without. We also plan to provide a variety of spiritual, academic, and social functions."

## FLORIDA

Viewers of station WTGL, Channel 52, in Cocoa, Florida, can now tune in Faith For Today's WESTBROOK HOSPITAL program every Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. This makes a total of five Florida stations now carrying the program, the others being Clearwater, Ft. Pierce, Miami, and Sarasota.

Ruth Johnson is the newly appointed state federation leader of COMMUNITY SERVICES in Florida. Johnson has served as a local federation president in the Gulf Coast Federation, is a retired school teacher, and resides in Zephyrhills. Her husband, Fred, is a strong supporter of community services and gives able assistance.

S. L. Dombrosky, Community Service director, has announced that two community service federations have purchased AIR TONOMETERS which cost approximately \$6,000 each. The new equipment is used for glaucoma testing. Dombrosky said the Tonometer, unlike the older, conventional method of glaucoma testing, requires no eye drops and no direct contact with the eye. The money for the two Tonometers was raised by members of the federations. The four remaining federations hope to purchase these instruments in the near future.

Mike Pettengill, pastor of the newly organized Riverview church, reports that they sponsor an on-going NUTRITION AND COOKING SCHOOL, given by Dorothy Embry, which has



hosted both housewives and professional people of both sexes. Embry accepts invitations to give classes in homes, where the neighborhood is invited, and also to trailer parks using their recreational halls. Pettengill is happy to announce that these contacts have generated attendance at church and Bible studies.

Gerald Bond, manager of the Florida Adventist Book Center, reports that at the 88th annual camp meeting the last week of May, a LARGER-THAN-NORMAL CROWD attended the annual auditorium sale on May 23. A total of 11,806 books, records, and tapes were sold and sales exceeded \$21,000. Bond announced that total camp meeting sales were a record \$86,528.96.

Vic Zuchowski, EVANGELISM COORDINATOR, reports that the Pratt/Pauley team will be holding an effort in the Sanford church from August 28 to October 2; the Bentzinger Brothers team will be preaching the word in the Bradenton church from August 28 through October 2; and Bob and Joyce DuBose will be having meetings in the St. Augustine church during that same time, where their son, Richard, is pastor.

## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



Pearl Walker York, member of the Chattanooga, Tennessee, First church, recently celebrated her 100th BIRTHDAY at the home of her daughter, with whom she lives. She was born near Blairsville, Georgia, in 1882. Her father was a Baptist minister and she was the ninth child in her family, having five older brothers and three sisters. In 1925, she attended some meetings being held by E. W. Wolfe. As a result, she accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith. She had six children, two of whom are living; one daughter, Jessie (Peggy) Zimmerman, with whom she lives, and another daughter, Mary Cornish, who also lives at the same address. Like most grandmothers, Mrs. York proudly tells of her six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great grandchildren. Counting in-laws, there are 42 members of her immediate family.

Steven and Paulette Connor, members of the Fitzgerald, Georgia, church, recently appeared on a one-hour television program FORUM HOTLINE, on Channel 12 in Fitzgerald. The program topic was "Health Food, Quack or Fact?" Steve and Paulette discussed vegetarianism and how to practice good nutrition through diet foods available from an ordinary supermarket. The program hostess, Helen Karnes, wife of a local Presbyterian minister was so impressed with the Connor's handling of the program's topic that she asked Paulette Connor to do a weekly television program on health and diet.

Mary Webb of Sparta, Tennessee, recently conducted A HEALTH PROGRAM at the Sparta Health Care Center. The lecture and demonstration was entitled "Soybeans, the Complete Protein." In attendance were many Sparta Health Care Center employees including the dietary department director, director of nurses, the assistant director of nurses, and the administrator. During the program, Webb told the story of how she learned a healthier way of life through the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Mary and her husband Jim, a literature evangelist, are the only Adventists in Sparta, as there is no Seventh-day Adventist Church there. The lecture sparked much interest and Mary has since had opportunity to witness further, not only on health-related issues but also on fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to many center employees including the director of nurses.

Evangelist Pat Patsel and Pastor Carl Hartman are holding MEETINGS in Blairsville, Georgia. Forty attended opening night. Thirteen were visitors from the community. This is an area of the conference without a Seventh-day Adventist Church. Rudy Skoretz began a crusade in Jasper, Tennessee, with 35 non-Seventh-day Adventists. Cliff Vickery is holding an evangelistic crusade in Dayton, Tennessee, the town where the famous Scopes Monkey Trial was held. Sixty-four non-Adventists are in regular attendance.

As of June 3, the 34 literature evangelists in Georgia-Cumberland took the TOP POSITION IN SALES for the Southern Union, according to Publishing Director Henry Fish. A goal of \$750,000 worth of deliveries for 1982 has been set and the conference's literature evangelists are making definite progress towards this mark. Five hundred missionary contacts are made weekly by literature evangelists and eight baptisms have been reported this year as a result of these house-to-house visits.

Don Aalborg, conference secretary, stated that BAPTISMS for the first five months of 1982 are 365. That represents a gain of 60 over the same period last year. Conference membership currently stands at 17,507.

Conference Treasurer Richard Center reports a TITHE GAIN for the first five months of this year with \$3,194,317 received. This is a gain of \$11,197, as compared to last year. Giving for evangelism was \$65,285 as of May 31.

The FIRST GRADUATING CLASS of Center Grove Church School, Rock Spring, Georgia, held its commencement exercises May 26. Graduating were Freddie Shaver, David Daley, and Tammy Grove.





## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Jeffrey Wimmer, a student at Lela Whorton Elementary School in Ridgetop, Tennessee, recently RECEIVED A PICTURE from illustrator Gerald Whitcomb of England. For an assignment in English class, Jeffrey wrote to Whitcomb expressing his admiration of his drawings in a school library book. Whitcomb replied personally sending Jeffrey an autographed print suitable for framing.

A MOCK DEMONSTRATION for mass feeding in a disaster area took place at the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference camp meeting. Eunice May of Murray, Kentucky, vice-president of the Conference Community Services Federation, and Conn Arnold, conference community services leader, coordinated the program where more than 800 persons were fed a warm meal in less than 40 minutes.

Indian Creek Camp is having a RECORD in summer attendance. During the week of June 13-20, there were over 100 teens in attendance. This was followed by an outstanding camp for the blind. There was also a record attendance of 120 attending Junior I camp. Jim Pleasants is the camp director.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNER, Hubert Morgan began his run from Los Angeles on March 24. He ran through our conference from Memphis, Tennessee, to Covington, Kentucky, during the latter part of May. Morgan, a pastor of the Sayre, Pennsylvania, church, is raising funds to build a new church. He is 60 years young and by the time he runs home via New York City, he will have run 3,300 miles.

Betty Bohnert celebrated her 100th BIRTHDAY with friends and relatives in Dyersburg, Tennessee, on May 21. Although a semi-shut in, she cares for herself, cooks her meals each day and keeps her small apartment. Many in the area attribute her secret of long life to being a vegetarian.

Three Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, men, Dr. Dan Riggs, a dentist; Dr. Jim Singletary, a pharmacist; and Ken Will, an anesthetist; spent Palm Sunday, as well as six other days, setting up a MEDICAL-DENTAL CLINIC in Ranquitte, Haiti. Ranquitte is a poor village of 3,000 in the northern mountains of Haiti where there is no running water or electricity and where hunger and disease are prevalent. While there, Will injected local anesthesia and also pulled a few teeth, while Singletary dispensed medication prescribed by the physician. Riggs was in charge of the dental clinic. Final statistics of the mission that was made at their own expense includes 264 medical patients and 175 dental patients. The cost of this care in the United States would have approached \$100,000.

The Hendersonville, Tennessee, church just concluded a COOKING SCHOOL. Fifteen non-Adventists were in attendance. G. V. Yost is the pastor.



## SOUTHEASTERN

Treasurer D. A. Walker reports a TITHE INCREASE of approximately 28 percent over a six-month period in 1982. This is after a 42 percent increase in 1981.

Herman Davis, pastor of the Tampa, Florida, Mt. Calvary church, was featured as the MINISTER OF THE WEEK recently in the Florida Sentinel, a Tampa newspaper. The article included biographical information about Davis and a sketch of activities at the Mt. Calvary church, including the organization of a church in Progress Village and the construction of a \$200,000 multipurpose building.



## SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Students of Southern College were recently offered up to six hours of credit in either history or art for participation in the college-sponsored EUROPEAN STUDY TOUR. Each student paid his own way on the six-week tour to eight European countries. Dr. William Wohlers, professor of history at Southern, was tour director and was assisted by Dr. Charles Zuill, professor of art. Besides visiting such famous landmarks as St. Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, and Dachau World War II concentration camp, students were required to hand in written assignments in order to qualify for academic credit. This tour was just one of many unique programs Southern College is now offering its students. These newly developed programs, added to the already widely recognized class offerings, have accurately helped portray Southern as a Christian college of academic excellence.



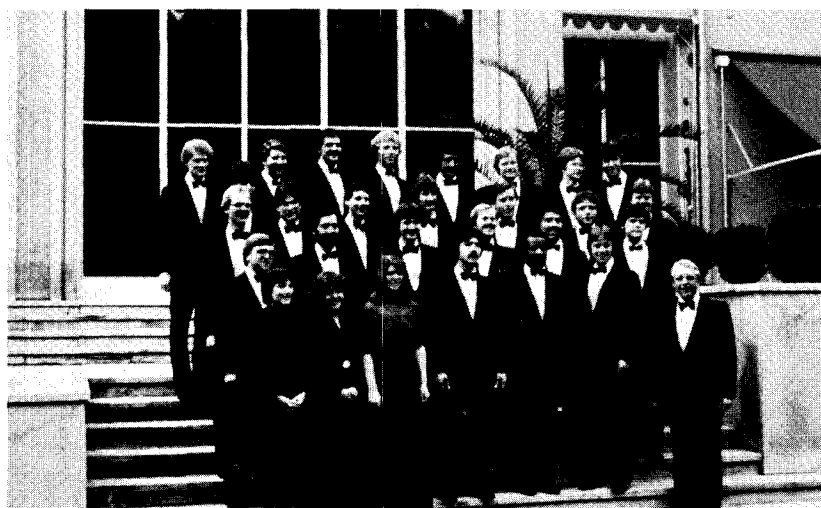
# The Church In Action

## Education

### Die Meistersinger Tours Romania And The USSR

**Southern College** — Months of planning, rehearsing, and fund raising were rewarded on May 3 as 29 students and eight chaperones left the campus of Southern College to spend three weeks touring and performing in Romania and the USSR.

Die Meistersinger Male Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Marvin Robertson, had auditioned for and been selected by Friendship Ambassadors Foundation to participate in representing the United States behind the iron curtain.



Members of Die Meistersinger are pictured at the home of the United States ambassador in Bucharest, Romania, where they gave a formal concert.

Following the Friendship Ambassador's motto, "Friendship the message. . . music the medium," the group performed before an estimated six to seven thousand people.

The message of the importance and value of each individual was brought through a repertoire of American music. While sacred concerts were not permitted, songs such as "No Man Is an Island," spirituals, and "Battle Hymn of the Republic," were favorites of the audiences, many of whom joined in singing the final chorus of "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Robertson says, meeting people after a concert was always a highlight, such as the little girls who asked, "Do you love Jesus?", and were thrilled to know we did, and the students at the Latvian Conservatory of Music who asked us to sing American spirituals with them.

The trip also provided opportunity to visit the Adventist church and seminary in Bucharest. Group members report that it was a moving experience to speak with students and faculty who work under difficult circumstances.

## Youth

### Tennessee Boy Helps Inmate

**Kentucky-Tennessee** — When Conn Arnold, personal ministries director of the Kentucky-Ten-

nessee Conference, visited the St. Matthews, Kentucky, church recently, he told the congregation about Tony Larson, an inmate at the Tennessee State Penitentiary. Arnold has been studying the Bible with Tony.

Steve Ford, a member of the congregation, was so touched by the story that he was wondering if Tony



Steve Ford is shown here with the Bible that his mother gave to him. He has given it to inmate Tony Larson, Tennessee State Penitentiary.

would be interested in using Steve's very own Bible which he had received as a gift from his mother. After receiving permission from his mother to give his Bible away, Steve sent his Bible to Tony along with a note and a picture of himself.

Shortly after the arrival of the Bible, Arnold visited with Tony. As Tony told Arnold about his gift, tears of joy could be seen in his eyes. He was quite touched. As the Bible says, "A little child shall lead them. . . ."

### 109 Invested at Mount Pisgah Academy Church

**Carolina** — May 8 was a very special day for about 109 children and adults of the Mount Pisgah Academy church in Candler, North Carolina. It was "Investiture Sabbath" and 88 Asheville-Pisgah elementary school students received recognition for completing requirements for Busy Bee, Sunbeam, Builder, Helping Hand, Friend, Companion, Explorer, and Ranger. Also, 21 young people and adults were invested as Master Guides.

It is interesting to note that in-



Elbert Anderson (left), senior youth director for the Carolina Conference, stands with the 21 young people and adults who were invested as Master Guides at the Mt. Pisgah Academy church May 8.

cluded were six married couples, two of whom were Pastor Wally and Carol Williams of the Mount Pisgah church and Pastor Ron and Betty Whitehead of the Waynesville church. Four academy students and one college student were in the Master Guide group.

Elbert Anderson, senior youth di-

rector, and Merle Rouse, junior youth director of the Carolina Conference, shared the eleven o'clock worship service. Many thanks were expressed to Russ Spicer, who promoted the Master Guide program last fall. Many said they owed their completing the requirements to his persistent encouragement.

## Health

### Tampa First Church Participates In State Fair

**Florida** — Approximately 1,700 hours of time were given by 100 volunteers of the Tampa First church in the Tampa Bay area at the

Florida State Fair. The church sponsored a 10 x 10 foot booth for 12 days during February.

During the fair, some 16,000 pieces of literature were distributed. Volunteers administered 4,370 computerized life-expectancy tests. An additional 1,100 pieces of literature were sent to those who signed up for follow-up classes in areas such as the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, cooking and nutrition, weight control, and other life style and spiritual outreach programs.



Richard Faber (seated right), pastor of the Tampa First church, provides information to one of 4,370 people at the Florida State Fair who received a longevity test.

## Madison Hospital Opens Adolescent CareUnit

**Madison Hospital** — A new 20-bed Adolescent CareUnit opened at Madison Hospital last month for persons ages 12-17 suffering from chemical dependency.

The adolescent program is very similar to the present 26-bed Adult CareUnit in that a total program for the drug and alcohol abuser is offered, said Conrad Reiber, program manager of the CareUnits.

The adolescent treatment program is one designed to improve the total health of the patient, providing individual and group therapy, family counseling, introduction to appropriate self-help groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous.

Tailored specifically for patients with chemical dependency, the Adolescent CareUnit will accept referrals from families and physicians and all areas of the community, including business and industry employee assistance programs.

The Adolescent CareUnit is a major referral center for treatment of this age group not only for Metropolitan Nashville and Tennessee but also for surrounding states.

### Georgia Member Conducts Drug Abuse Program

**Georgia-Cumberland** — Most of the world faces drug problems in one form or another. The small town of Thomasville, Georgia, is no exception. Citizens of Thomasville grew increasingly concerned about illegal drugs in their community. Several meetings were held to explore ways to combat the problem.

A need arose for a quality educational program dealing with facts about drug abuse. Margaret Pixley, a member of the Barwick, Georgia, church was approached on the matter. She then agreed to write a textbook for the substance abuse program. Support came from all areas of the city, including the St. Thomas Episcopal church and the

local Seventh-day Adventist Church, with strong support from Thomas County Juvenile Judge Jeff Loftiss. As the planning of the program neared completion, Judge Loftiss decided to require all juveniles on probation to attend the program. Classroom space was donated by Thomas County Community College.

The course began with caffeine, progressing through nicotine, alcohol, stimulants, depressants, and narcotics. Attendance the first night overcrowded the classroom, so the class was transferred to the college student center. The program ran for four sessions, each two hours long. Lectures, films, Smoking Sam, and other visual aids



Thomasville, Georgia, Mayor Tom Faircloth (center) presents Thomas County Juvenile Judge Jeff Loftiss with a certificate for completion of a Substance Abuse Program taught by Barwick, Georgia church member Margaret Pixley (left).

were used, with appropriate pamphlets handed out at each session. All who completed the program received a certificate.

The Substance Abuse Program will be offered several times a year in the Thomasville area.

## Florida Receives Disney Community Service Award

**Florida** — On May 4, at the Walt Disney World Contemporary Hotel near Orlando, the Community Service Department of the Florida Conference was awarded a \$1,000 check and a plaque for outstanding service in the area of "Special Health Services."

During the awards ceremony, in which 301 organizations participated from Orange and Seminole counties, 55 organizations received cash awards.



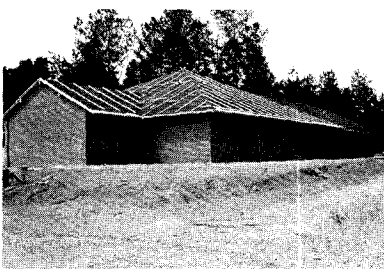
S. L. Dombrosky (left), community services director of the Florida Conference, joins other Community Service award winners displaying plaques received at the awards banquet May 4 at Walt Disney World.

The Community Service Department has received an award from Disney World for six consecutive years, according to S. L. Dombrosky, community services director.

## Progress

### Construction Begins On Stone Mountain Complex

**Georgia-Cumberland** — Future facilities for the Stone Mountain, Georgia, church are currently under construction with phase one of its multi-phase complex. The



Phase I of the Stone Mountain building project.

present building under construction occupies 6,000 square feet, which will contain the fellowship hall, mothers' room, and restroom facilities. The fellowship hall will accommodate the church services until the completion the sanctuary. A parking lot and recreational area

are to be completed with phase one.

The project prominently overlooks the Stone Mountain expressway to the northeast, with a scenic view of historic Stone Mountain to the south. Pastor Don Jacobsen expects phase one to be completed by September 1.

## Who and Where

### Joint Gospel Concert Slated In Atlanta

**Georgia-Cumberland** — A gospel concert is planned by the Angel-Award-winning Heritage Singers and the Heralds, (formerly King's Heralds), August 26, 7:30 p.m., at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. The concert is a combined effort of the Atlanta-area Adventist churches.

This is the first time a concert of this type has been planned within the Seventh-day Adventist Church, according to concert-promoter Buz Starrett. Starrett, minister of music for the Stone Mountain, Georgia, church, says there will be a charge of \$4.50 and \$5.50 for tickets. "In the past, admission to religious concerts has usually been free, but due to the worsening of economic conditions, expenses have greatly increased while free-will offerings have not.

"Also to have a good location in

the Atlanta area and to provide a common meeting ground to bring neighbors and friends, the Georgia World Congress Center has been rented. With the auditorium rental,



The Heritage Singers (pictured) and The Heralds (formerly The King's Heralds), will present a joint concert at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta August 26.

promotion costs, and transportation expense of both groups, it was necessary to charge," says Starrett.

This particular concert will serve as a testing ground within the Adventist church that will determine whether or not this type of self-supporting ministry may continue.

Tickets may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Sound Ministries, P.O. Box 60, Stone Mountain, GA 30086, 404-294-0658.

## Columbia Church Members Win 37

**Carolina** — Responding to the gospel commission and in cooperation with the Holy Spirit, 16 members of the Columbia, South Carolina, church worked together in eight teams of two for the baptism of 37 converts, who were baptized on May 1, 8, and 15.



May 8 baptismal group is introduced to the church.

Paul Anderson, pastor of the church, Sam Lee, the Korean pastor, and Bill Harward, assistant pastor, assisted these laymen in this endeavor. Lyle Pollett and Chet Shumaker, evangelists, conducted a "Revelation for the 80's" crusade in conjunction with the program and helped train these members to do the visitation.

These laymen of the church visited the people who were attending the meetings, taking them tapes when they missed meetings, giving them Bible studies, leading them to accept Christ, going over the baptismal certificates, and leading them all the way through to baptism. They are continuing to visit and follow-up the meetings and are still preparing others for baptism in the near future.

In addition to these visitation teams, many of the other members assisted on the various committees during the crusade and others are serving as spiritual guardians for their new members.

## Upward Places 50 Literature Racks

**Carolina** — Several months ago the Upward, North Carolina, church decided to manufacture a number of literature racks and place them in shopping centers, laundromats, doctors' offices, hospitals, banks, and other locations. The rack was designed by retired pastor Alva Karolyi. Plexiglass from a surplus and salvage store, coupled with the ingenuity of Elmer Waterhouse and Bob Edwards, resulted in some fine-looking literature racks.



A. M. Karolyi (left), Bob Edwards, Elmer Waterhouse, and Royce Cookson proudly inspect one of the new literature racks.

In the meantime the members of the Upward church were securing locations for the racks. When the literature arrived, the racks were filled and placed in the various locations throughout Henderson and Buncombe counties. Each member who placed a rack assumes the responsibility of keeping it filled.

Royce Cookson, church personal ministries leader, reports that 50 racks are now in place and more than 3,000 pieces of literature and Bible enrollment cards have been distributed.

## "Movie-Movie" Confronts Issues

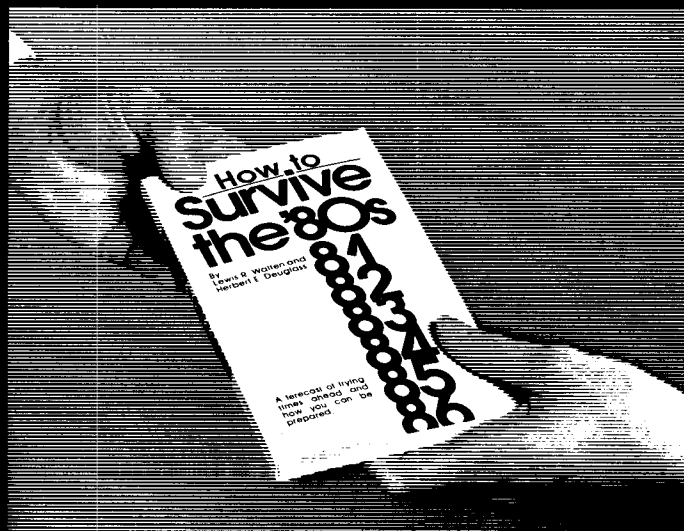
**General Conference** — The North American Youth Ministries Department has announced the release of a 16mm film, entitled "The Great Adventist Movie-Movie."

This film is an attempt to deal in a contemporary way with the theater and theater attendance. In 20 minutes of fast dialogue and thought-provoking vignettes, "The Great Adventist Movie-Movie" takes an honest, open look at the subject of media influence. It explores the failure of some of the "old arguments." It discusses the dimensions added to the subject by network TV, cable TV, and video recorders. It discovers some of the motives behind theater attendance and it proposes a Christian foundation upon which a decision to not attend movies can be securely built.

The film and discussion materials are available through the conference and union Youth Ministries offices.

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Elizabeth Hopkins displays the diploma she received May 28 during the rehearsal for graduation ceremonies at Portland High, Portland, Tennessee, after she told school officials she would be unable to attend the service because it was scheduled for Friday night. Her classmates, who arranged for her to receive her diploma during the Friday morning rehearsal after an unsuccessful attempt to get the date changed, gave her a standing ovation as she marched in her graduation cap and gown. Elizabeth, an honor student, plans to enter the nursing program at Southern College.



The John Benson Sloan Memorial Chapel at Medical Center Hospital in Punta Gorda, Florida, may be one of the smallest in existence. The 15-by-8-foot interior focuses on a back-lighted 3-by-4-foot stained-glass window which shows Christ praying in the desert with sheep by his side. The natural oak finish of the two padded pews, simple altar, grille work, and prayer console is accented by a cerulean blue carpet and off-white walls. The \$11,000 cost of the Sloan Memorial Chapel was raised through donations by Ruby Sloan, widow of the hospital's unofficial chaplain and some 250 friends. Dr. Sloan, a retired Presbyterian minister, was known for his belief in the power of prayer. He, as a voluntary chaplain, visited patients in Medical Center for 15 years before his death in 1980.

Sandy Nobles (left), Yulonda Thomas, Julia Kinlaw, Angela Brackett, Cindy Ollis, and Christy Freeman listen to instructor, Debra Eszler, during water ecology class at the annual three-day environmental school at Nosoca Pines Ranch April 25-28. More than 200 Carolina Conference elementary students were in attendance. The program is under the direction of Alice Robertson, associate director of the conference education department. She is assisted by teachers and other professionals. Subjects studied are: campcraft, orienteering, ornithology, water ecology, weather, and other fields of study. The program is balanced between class work and recreation. The smaller church schools were present this year.



Sixty-five members formed the South Greene Seventh-day Adventist company, which was organized on May 29 by Georgia-Cumberland Conference Secretary Don Aalborg. The congregation will be meeting in the Bethesda United Methodist church, which is approximately 12 miles south of Greeneville, Tennessee. The special emphasis of this company will be personal evangelism in south Greene County, under the direction of William Hunter. The company will be under the leadership of Dr. Richard Chandler, assisted by many church officers.

# Pictorial Storie



The board of directors of the Adventist Radio Network (ARN), made up of representatives from the 12 ARN stations in North America and of other communication specialists, met this spring at Southwestern Adventist College to elect new officers and to discuss the "problems and the promise of Adventist radio," according to Bob Mendenhall (standing, fourth from right), outgoing ARN president and general manager of KSUC-FM, Southwestern's noncommercial radio station. Southern Union representatives included: Olson Perry (seated, second from right), WSMC, Southern College; Glenda Salsberry (standing, third from right), WDNX, Harbert Hills Academy, Savannah, Tennessee; and Jerry Mathis (standing, second from right), Harbert Hills.







During a Pathfinder investiture for students at Forest Lake Elementary Educational Center, Forest City, Florida, on May 23, Laura Rachael Dieppa, a member of the Forest City Spanish church Pathfinder club, was named Florida Pathfinder of the Year. Pictured are: Daniel Sandoval (left), Forest City Spanish church Pathfinder director; Nestor Dieppa; Laura Dieppa; and Bucky Weeks, Florida Conference Pathfinder director.



This small boy is representative of the 53 percent of all children under the age of five who suffer from malnutrition in certain areas of Indonesia. Nearly 40 percent of these affected children have been returned to normal health through the work of a Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS) nutrition-education team from Indonesian Union College, headed by Janet Hancock, RN. SAWS devoted more than \$23 million in Relief and Human Development Aid in 1981 worldwide.



Members of the Gainesville and Bethel churches have been conducting a prison ministry each Sabbath at the Gainesville Road Prison, according to Quinton Burks, pastor of the Gainesville church. But on Sabbath, June 19, a group of inmates from that penal institution reciprocated by coming to the Gainesville church to present their testimony of their love for Christ and provide a musical program. Not only were members of the congregation blessed, but the prison guard who accompanied the inmates commented that he and his wife planned to attend the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the future.



On June 26, WSMC-FM, owned and operated by Southern College, won two awards from the Tennessee Associated Press Broadcasters Association. The awards were given during the TAPBA's annual convention and were for best nonspot news and best radio production in the state of Tennessee. The awards, being displayed by Station Manager Olson Perry (left) and News Director Todd Parrish, came in recognition of a report on the possible closing of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Hartsville Nuclear Plant. Parrish, a senior communications major at Southern, wrote and produced the report and covered the Hartsville story for National Public Radio based in Washington, D.C.



Dr. and Mrs. Lester Littell are shown handing Georgia-Cumberland Youth Director Lewis Hendershot (left) a check for a special memorial fund in memory of their son Bennie. Bennie, who died of a congenital heart problem less than a year ago, was a delegate from the Graysville, Tennessee, Pathfinder club on the 1980 Georgia-Cumberland Conference Mission Challenge Team to Honduras. Friends have contributed to this fund for the past several months and a check for \$1,200 has been sent to the SDA school in Pena Blanca, Honduras, to help sponsor orphans who attend the school.

## CAROLINA

**Youth Ministry Training Course** for junior and senior youth leaders and Pathfinder leaders—Nosoca Pines Ranch, Aug. 13-15. Mike Stevenson, General Conference Youth Department, will conduct the 10-hour training course. Registration begins at 4 p.m. Aug. 13.

### Senior Youth Activities

Aug. 7 — Lakeland Area Fellowship — Elizabethtown  
Aug. 13-14 — Youth Ministries Workshop — Nosoca Pines Ranch  
Sept. 4 — Palmetto Area Fellowship — Columbia

## FLORIDA

### Youth Ministries Calendar

Aug. 1-8 Teen Camp II; Ages 13-16  
6-7 AYF Rally, Spanish Youth, Miami, Florida  
8-15 Young Adult Retreat — Caribbean  
27-29 Pathfinder Leadership Convention — Camp Kulaqua

**Encounter School of Evangelism Area Seminars** — Effective Lay Training for Soul Winning by Steve Joannou: Aug. 27-29—Tampa First Church, 822 W. Linebaugh Avenue; Sept. 3-5—Miami Temple Church, 9175 SW 44th Street. Sessions begin Friday at seven and end Sunday at 12:15 p.m.

**Sabbath School Convention** for all Sabbath School Department leaders and teachers. Three hours of instruction for children's teachers by Dr. Anne W. Bell, North East University, Tahlequa, Okla.; a specialist in how children's minds develop, Fernon D. Retzer, Sabbath school director, Southern Union; R. H. Shepard, Sabbath school director, Florida Conference.

For South Florida — Aug. 21, 2:30-8:30 p.m., Miami Temple church, 9175 SW 44th Street.

For Central and North Florida — August 22, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Forest Lake church, Hwy 436, Forest City, Fla.

**Heritage Singers and King's Heralds in Concert** — Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m., Forest Lake Academy Gymnasium. Senior class benefit.

**Singles' Autumn Retreat** — Sept. 10-12, Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, Fla. Guest Speaker: Ken Bryant; Music: Kress Trio and David Peterson; Series Theme: Effective Communication, Coping Without a Spouse. Write or call Carol Jones, 105 Alhambra Ave., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701, (305) 862-0244.

## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

**New Teachers' Small School Orientation** — Aug. 1, 2.

**K-12 Teachers' Convention** — Aug. 2-5. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

**Workers' Meeting** — Aug. 8-11. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

**GCA Registration** — Aug. 15. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

**First Full Day of School** — Aug. 16.

**Pathfinder Leadership Convention** — Aug. 20-22. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

**GCA Commitment Sabbath** — Aug. 28.

**Academy Teachers' Inservice Workshop** — Aug. 29. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

**Academy Bible Teachers' Workshop** — Aug. 29-31. Southern College.

**Sabbath School Workshops Lay Witness Weekends**

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| Aug. 14 | Valdosta            | Aug. 6, 7  | Knoxville           |
| 21      | Atlanta-Beverly Rd. | 27, 28     | Atlanta-Cascade Rd. |
| 22      | Collegedale         | Sept. 3, 4 | Statesboro          |

## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

**Evangelistic Meetings** — Sept. 11-Oct. 23. St. Matthews, Ky. Lin Powell, evangelist.

### Community Service Federations

Guest speaker: Conrad Visser, of SAWS.

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| Sept. 12 | Appalachia Federation, Manchester, Ky.       |
| 13       | Blue Grass Federation, Lexington, Ky.        |
| 14       | Kentucky Lake Federation, Madisonville, Ky.  |
| 15       | Middle Tennessee Fed., Madison Campus, Tenn. |
| 16       | West Tennessee Fed., Jackson, Tenn.          |

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

**Senior Camp** — Sept. 3-6.

**Religious Liberty Rally for North Carolina** — Sept. 11, Greensboro.

## SOUTHERN COLLEGE

**David Holt:** Music and stories from the southern mountains — Sept. 18, 8:30 p.m., Phys. Ed. Center.

## SOUTHERN UNION

**Oakwood College Offering** — Aug. 14.

**Mission Extension Offering** — Sept. 11.

**REVIEW Periodical Campaign** — Sept. 11-Oct. 2.

**"1,000 Days of Reaping" Begin** — Sept. 18.

## OUT OF UNION

**Second Annual Seminar on Church Growth** — Aug. 29-Sept. 2. Contact: The Institute of Church Ministry, Andrews Univ., Berrien Springs, MI 49104 (800) 253-2874.

**New England Memorial Hospital Alumni Homecoming** — Sept. 24-26. Contact: Alumni Secretary, New England Memorial Hosp., 5 Woodland Rd., Stoneham, MA 02180.

TWENTY-FOUR

## Adventist Health System/Sunbelt

**Bill Haupt** was recently named president of Medical Center Hospital in Punta Gorda, Fla. He had served as president of Louis Smith Memorial Hospital in Lakeland, Ga., for the past five years. Haupt succeeds Harvey A. Rudisaile, Jr., who in April accepted a post as associate health director of the Far Eastern Division, where he will be in charge of 22 hospitals. Rudisaile was president of Medical Center for six years.

## Florida

**Sylvia Altzman** will serve as Bible Worker for the Tampa First church, replacing **Lacy Gattis**, who has retired.

**B. J. Beckworth**, formerly publishing director of the Southern Union of the Trans-African Division, now serves as publishing director of the Florida Conference.

## SHAW — KURZYNSKE

**Terryn Diane Kurzynske** became the bride of **Kevin Dwight Shaw** on Dec. 20, 1981, at the Boulevard Seventh-day Adventist Church in Madison, Tenn. Terryn is the daughter of Mrs. John L. Shaw of Greeneville, Tenn. Jim Heiner, officiated. The couple has made its home in Collegedale, Tenn., where they both are students.

## DAVIDSON — HOLLAND

**Susan Maretich Holland** and **Tommy Lee Davidson** were united in marriage on Dec. 19, 1981, in the First Centenary United Methodist Chapel in Chattanooga, Tenn. The couple will reside in Chattanooga.

## ENGLAND — BLUM

**Charlotte Irene Blum** and **Randall Scott England** were married Oct. 4, in the Dayton, Ohio, church. Ron Barrow, Southern College director of admissions, officiated. The bride is the daughter of Donald Blum and Connie Blum of Miami, Florida, and the groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Melvin England of Dayton. The couple is residing in Fort Lauderdale, where Randy is employed as art director by Life Productions, a newly formed SDA TV production company.

by  
Robert H. Pierson



## Don't Ever Give Up

I knew when she walked in that something wonderful had happened. In her hand was a letter.

"Jimmy and May have just been baptized!" she announced, beaming and wiping the tears away at the same time.

"That's wonderful news," I replied, standing up and taking her in my arms. "We've been praying for them for 51 years!"

My wife's brother and his wife live a continent away from us, but nothing brought greater happiness or was cause for more celebration than their decision to follow Jesus all the way. It was like re-living another unforgettable experience—the day I had the joy of baptizing my youngest sister who had been away from the church for 40 years.

Today as I write, I know there are many of you who are praying for a son, a daughter, a husband or wife, or other family member. Never give up! Keep on praying! Sometimes miracles take 40 or 50 years, but God hears those prayers and uses them to keep love and concern awakened in our hearts toward that struggling one.

Because of Jesus and the abundant salvation which we have found in Him, we can pray always and not faint as He has asked us (Luke 18:1), ever hopeful that others will be drawn to Him through us.

## sunset table

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| Charlotte, N.C. ....  | 8:21      | 8:14       | 8:06       | 7:57       | 7:47       | 7:38        |
| Collegedale, Tenn. .  | 8:39      | 8:32       | 8:24       | 8:15       | 8:05       | 7:56        |
| Huntsville, Ala. .... | 7:44      | 7:37       | 7:29       | 7:20       | 7:11       | 7:01        |
| Jackson, Miss. ....   | 7:54      | 7:48       | 7:40       | 7:32       | 7:23       | 7:14        |
| Louisville, Ky. ....  | 8:47      | 8:39       | 8:30       | 8:20       | 8:10       | 7:59        |
| Memphis, Tenn. ....   | 7:58      | 7:51       | 7:43       | 7:34       | 7:24       | 7:15        |
| Miami, Fla. ....      | 8:04      | 7:58       | 7:52       | 7:45       | 7:38       | 7:31        |
| Montgomery, Ala. ...  | 7:39      | 7:32       | 7:25       | 7:17       | 7:08       | 6:59        |
| Nashville, Tenn. .... | 7:47      | 7:40       | 7:31       | 7:22       | 7:12       | 7:02        |
| Orlando, Fla. ....    | 8:11      | 8:06       | 7:59       | 7:52       | 7:44       | 7:36        |
| Wilmington, N.C. ...  | 8:09      | 8:01       | 7:53       | 7:45       | 7:36       | 7:26        |



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Large numbers of overseas converts are attending Adventist mission schools, providing a well-educated work force for their home field. At the time this picture was taken, these Ethiopian students had been waiting, some as long as eight years, to enter an Adventist College.

Could you be alarmed to learn that the number of Seventh-day Adventist overseas missionaries has fallen to two-thirds the number in the field 20 years ago? Would you wonder if the church had lost sight of the Great Commission?

Would you also be surprised to learn that the reduction in the number of missionaries is actually a GOOD sign?

Great and numerous changes have and are taking place in the nature of foreign missions, not only in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but in all Christian churches.

Emphasis on foreign missions is pervasive for Adventists. A child's earliest prayers are for "the missionaries and colporteurs across the sea." Each week, most Sabbath schools devote an offering and story time to missions.

Seventh-day Adventists have long been pleased with the fact that the Church operates work in about 190 of the 218 nations of the world,<sup>1</sup> more than any other Christian group, except possibly Jehovah's Witnesses.<sup>2</sup> The aggressive mission program carried on by the Church is a tribute to its seriousness about the Gospel Commission. Seventh-day Adventists were ranked second only to the Southern Baptist Convention in income for missions in the 1975 *Mission Handbook* and third in the number of personnel.<sup>3</sup> Today, Seventh-day Adventists still have more overseas missionaries around the world than any Protestant denomination, with the exception of the Southern Baptist Convention (the largest Protestant denomination in the world) and the Assemblies of God.<sup>4</sup> These two are the only major churches which have seen an increase in the number of overseas missionaries during the past 20 years; however, many para-church agencies, such as the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association and Wycliffe Bible Translators, have seen increases.<sup>5</sup> Most major denominations saw large reductions in the number of missionaries, especially the mainline, generally more liberal churches.<sup>6</sup>

The reasons for these changes at a time when it would appear that more effort should be aimed at "finishing the task" have more to do with the world situation than the condition of the church.

Before World War II, most of the Third World countries were colonies of Western nations. This is especially true of Africa, the classical mission field. Christian hearts were stirred by the challenge to take the gospel to the "godless savages" in these primitive jungles. Many times the gospel included elements of Western culture. Generally, the missionaries were not intentionally encouraging the natives to embrace Western values; they simply wanted to reach the nations for Christ, and, for them, Christianity was closely tied to Western thought.

A recent incident will serve to illustrate how Western ideas can unintentionally offend residents of Third World countries.

An article appeared in the May, 1982, issue of a church publication in North America, entitled "Student Missionary Serves In Primitive African Mission." The article, written by a local church communication secretary, detailed a young lady's experience

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as a communications radio operator at a mission station in Zaire, on the continent of Africa.<sup>7</sup>

In the June 7 issue, a letter appeared from a native of Zaire now living in the United States. "I am ashamed and surprised at your insensitivity toward my people and country," the letter began. "... What is meant by 'ignorant people?' Ignorant of the American way of life? Abortion? Divorce (among SDAs?) TV violence? Junk food? ... I have heard from many Africans that Americans should stay out of Africa and I tend to agree. ... We don't like hamburgers and french fries. In some parts of the country we do without electricity and running water. Maybe we are better off."<sup>8</sup>

After World War II, at different times and in different ways, many Third World countries became independent. They began to have a strong sense of national identity and pride. An article in the March 18, 1981, issue of *Christian Century*, entitled "Crisis in Overseas Mission: Shall We Leave It to the Independents?" says, "The self-consciousness of the developing nations has meant affirmation of their own cultural traditions and identity. It has meant rejection of imperialism, of paternalism, of all vestiges of the old order."<sup>9</sup>

At this time, missionaries began to be perceived differently than they had been in the past. Some of the new governments understood that the missionaries had only good intentions and allowed them to stay. Other governments, such as Idi Amin's Uganda, saw the missionaries as seeking to destroy the culture and pride of the new nations. Missionaries were expelled (or worse) from these countries.

Today, a bricklayer or computer programmer is more likely to be accepted as a "missionary" in many countries than is a minister. There is still great demand for physicians and dentists, however—two traditional missionary occupations.<sup>10</sup>

But, at the same time, decades of training which natives of Third World countries have received in mission schools and hospitals have brought the mission-land church to the point where, more and more, churches and administrative offices are staffed with nationals and the foreign missionary is not required as he once was.

That is why the reduction in the number of overseas missionaries is seen as a good thing. Today, the church in Africa and Asia and the South Pacific is doing very well, thank you, and is usually capable of directing itself. In fact, the church is growing fastest in some of these very areas where North American missionaries are no longer required.

The Inter-American Division, once a mission field in this hemisphere, now boasts a larger membership than the North American Division (U.S. and Canada), birthplace of the Advent Movement. South American Division membership will also surpass that of North America in the near future. The large numbers joining the church in the Third World have brought the Church to the point where only 17 percent of its membership lives in North America.

This naturally gives rise to changes, as North Americans, accustomed to directing the world work, see the growing number of qualified leaders around the world. The Church is remembering to include these new leaders in General Conference administrative positions. G. Ralph Thompson, elected as secretary of the General Conference at the 1980 General Conference session in Dallas, Texas, is black and a native of Barbados, the first non-North American to hold the position second to the president.

Elected at the same time was Lance Butler, an Australian, to the number-three position of treasurer. Today more and more General Conference staffers are not natives of North America, reflecting the fact that Seventh-day Adventists today are truly part of a world church.

So the question arises, if we have work in most countries of the world, and the natives in many countries are conducting the work, allowing the number of North American missionaries to decline, is there a true mission field anymore, in the traditional sense at least?

It is true that there are very few frontiers of mission for the Seventh-day Adventist Church if you merely count countries in which we are working. However, if you look at the proportion of members to population in some countries and the small impact that the Church is making there, the picture looks very different. The Sudan Mission in Africa, for instance, has only one SDA for every 500,000 population.<sup>11</sup> Even worse is the North African mission (Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia) with one SDA per 1,280,000 population.<sup>12</sup> Muslim countries such as these are perhaps the Church's greatest challenge.

Therefore, missionaries are still being sent—1,388 were in the field last year. More than 1,000 were from North America, but another 369 workers serve as missionaries from other divisions of the world field, including the Far East, from which 70 are serving, and the Euro-Africa Division, next with 68.<sup>13</sup> Many others are working in needy areas within their own divisions.

So, today, many areas of the world which were once mission fields are now able to send missionaries themselves. Perhaps soon virtually all workers will be natives, commissioned to take the gospel to their own corners of the world.

Gottfried Oosterwal is the director of the Institute of World Mission at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, where departing missionaries undergo an intensive four-week training program dealing with the meaning of mission, how other societies and cultures function, the importance of a relationship with national governments, and contemporary problems in modern missions. In an address given at the 1981 Annual Council of the General Conference in Washington, D.C.,

he said that, as nationals take over the work, "political boundaries will be much less of an obstacle to mission. Mission work becomes more manageable, and the assessment of our failures and successes in reaching our goals, more realistic."

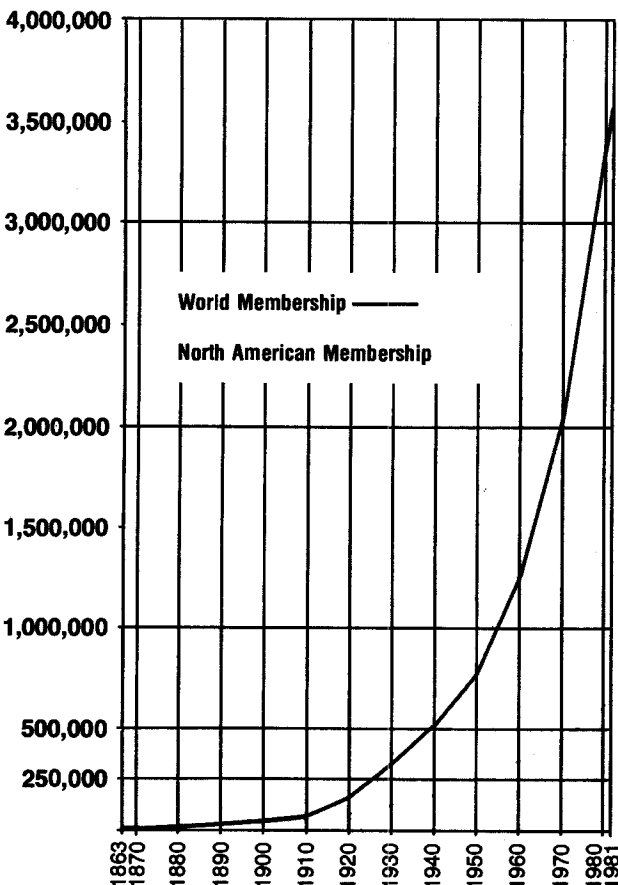
But the needs are still great. Today, members of the four largest non-Christian religions of the world, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism, outnumber Christians (Protestants and Catholics) by three-to-one. Christians comprise only about one-tenth of the total population of the world; Adventists only one in 1,400.

Wars may endanger. Political forces may suppress. Financial limitations may challenge. Prejudice may malign. Customs may resist. But the Gospel Commission remains.

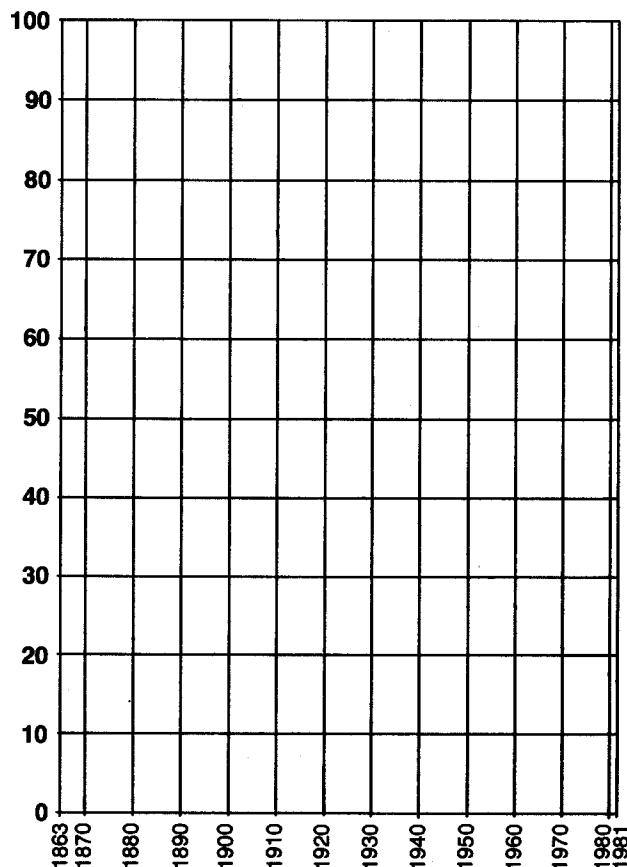
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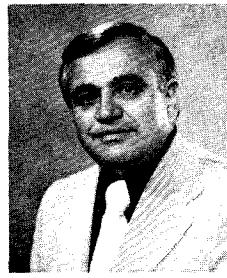
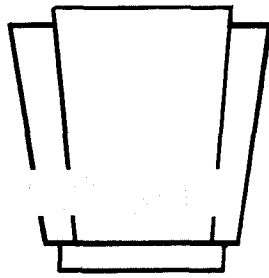
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**World and North American Membership Compared**



**Percent of World Membership in North America**





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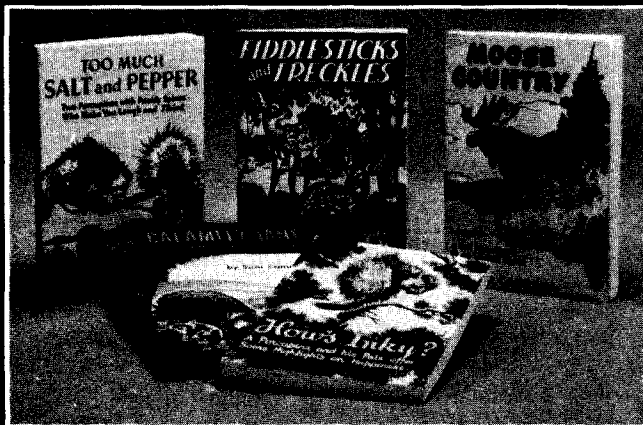
a crippled hulk of a man whose ride on the wild callopie of life featured financial woes, several marriages, and now, finally, a bewildered son of his own. The epistle ended with a pitiful summation: "I know that if I had gone on to college with you, my life would have turned out totally different."

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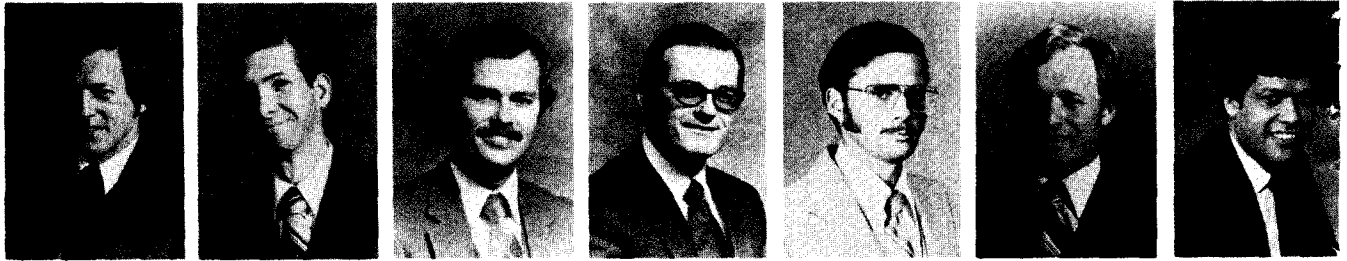
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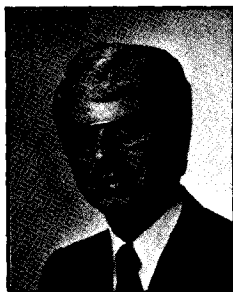
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The motto is "One Thousand Souls a Day for One Thousand Days." It is planned that on June 29, 1985, the first Sabbath of the General Conference Session in New Orleans, Louisiana, the world church will celebrate the successes God has given us during the 1,000 days of unusual evangelism. The goal is at least one million new accessions to God's church.

It is recognized that there must be total commitment to the Lord which will result in a spiritual renewal in our lives. Through much prayer, repentance, Bible study, and witnessing, our priorities must be reestablished, involving the ministry and laity together in seed sowing, cultivating, and reaping for God's kingdom.

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1,000 days is 27,792. While statistics are cold and meaningless, they do represent real people who must be reached with God's message of salvation.

But in order for this objective to be reached, God's church here in the Southern Union must become serious about our calling. It is time to focus on the very reason for our existence and make an all-out assault on the stronghold of Satan. There are nearly 40 million people in our territory who must be reached. May I, therefore, suggest the following:

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