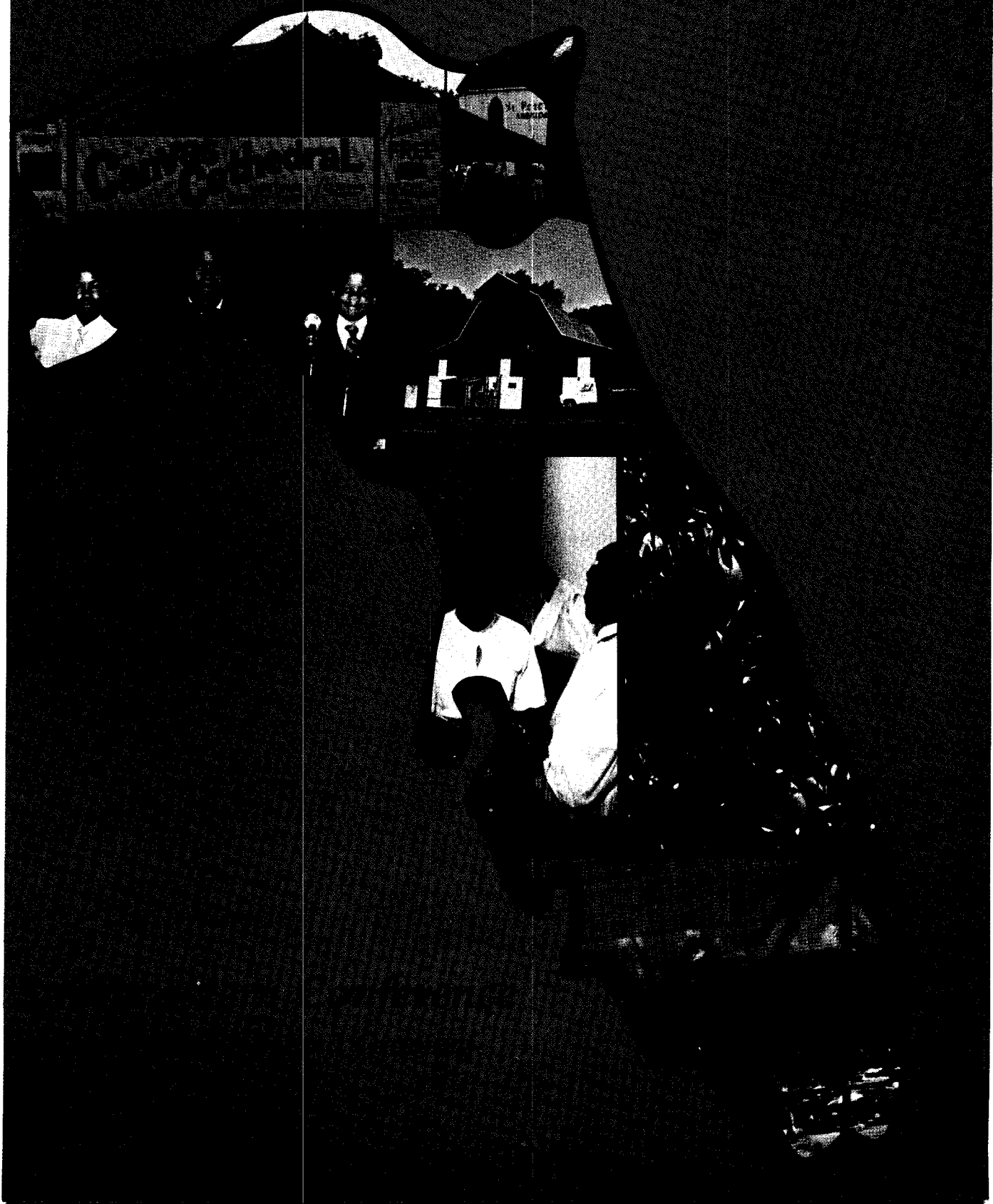


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President J. A. Edgecombe challenges workers at the banquet at their recent meeting.

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by Roy R. Brown

At the recent workers' meeting, these pastors were honored for having 50 or more baptisms in 1982: Ernest Young, W. L. Taylor, J. E. Harris, Gerard Nozea, President J. A. Edgecombe, O. H. Paul, C. L. Wright, M. G. Taylor, Jr.



Three pastors were honored for baptizing more than 100 persons each during 1982: T. H. Fraser (left), Dennis Ross, Jr., and R. R. Brown are pictured with R. C. Connor of the Lake Union and J. A. Edgecombe, president.



January, 1983, marked the second anniversary of the Southeastern Conference. It also marked a milestone in church membership, more than 10,000. Growth in the young conference has been phenomenal, yielding 918 baptisms in 1981 and more than 1,100 baptisms in 1982. The conference officers, pastors, church officers, and members are all committed to the 1,000 Days of Reaping challenge.

At the annual workers' meeting, President J. A. Edgecombe repeatedly challenged the workers to have the laity committed to a greater efficiency in their evangelistic activities. Joseph Espinosa, general field secretary of the General Conference, conducted a workshop in practical lay involvement. Through the articles in the sanctuary, the ten commandments, and other simple, but profound, techniques, he demonstrated methods whereby the layman's efforts and resources can be tapped

Conference Members and Growing

beyond a pastor's expectation. At every level the cry is Evangelize! Evangelize!

1982 was a banner year. Dennis Ross, Jr., pastor of the Bethany church, Miami, Florida, ran a most successful tent effort and, by the year's end, more than 140 souls were baptized. In West Palm Beach, T. H. Fraser and R. C. Connor, from the Lake Union, conducted an outstanding campaign in which more than 120 precious souls joined God's family. Roy Brown, Miami's Northside church pastor, motivated the membership to personal soul-winning efforts. God blessed with more than 100 new members.

Those pastors with 50 or more baptized were: J. E. Harris; Gerard Nozea; O. H. Paul; M. G. Taylor, Jr.; W. L. Taylor; C. L. Wright, and Ernest Young.

The record in baptisms is only one of many celebrated on this second anniversary. Stewardship reflects a faithfulness on the part of God's people even in difficult economic times. The tithe was \$2,549,010, reflecting a 13.93 percent increase over 1981. This came after a 40 percent increase in 1981. Missions are a priority. The \$128,497 contributed to foreign missions reflects an increase of 9.5 percent over 1981. The Publishing Department, under Robert Smith and associates Luther Fowler and

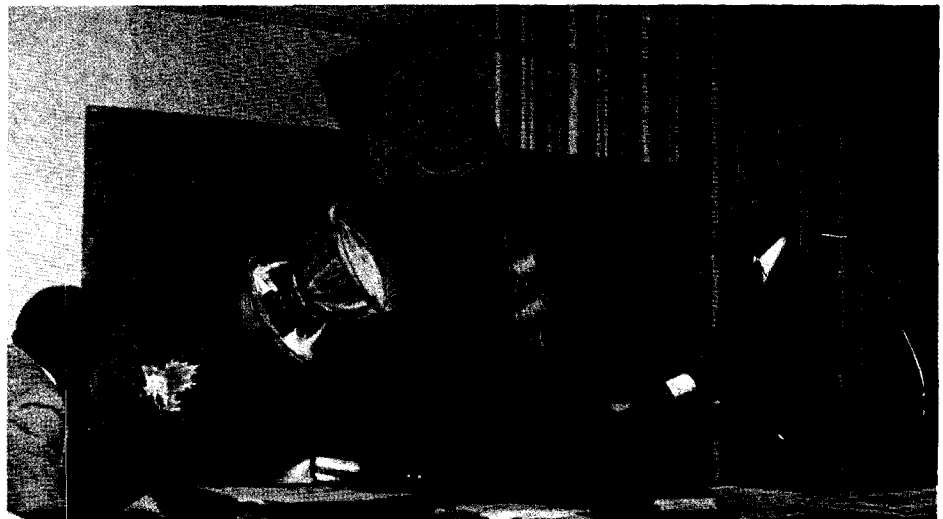
John Wells, along with the undaunted literature evangelists, scattered \$141,912 worth of truth-filled literature.

The president did not permit the Haitian refugee crisis to go unnoticed. In Miami, a number of refugees from the Krome Detention Center were released in Roy Brown's custody following Judge Spellman's orders and guidelines. Some have been baptized. From the Inner City Department of the conference relief has come to many. One of the refugees, a graduate of the seminary in Haiti, Jean Claude Alius, now assists in a newly organized company.

Church growth is the key word in Southeastern. In 1982 every church in the conference reached its Ingathering goal. There was a baptism in every church. Three new churches were added in 1982. On January 29, 1983, six new congregations were organized.

At their annual meeting, the workers committed themselves to more than 2,000 souls in 1983. The keynote speaker was Paul Monk, editor of *Message*. Pastors M. G. Taylor, Jr., and H. L. Davis were devotional speakers. R. C. Connor, ministerial secretary of the Lake Union Conference, presented an address entitled "As a Man Thinketh in His Heart," which was very well received.

Joseph Espinosa, a general field secretary of the General Conference, demonstrates techniques of presenting the gospel by utilizing articles from the sanctuary at Southeastern's annual workers' meeting.





Georgia-Cumberland Academy administration building.



Ricky Williams (right), of Jonesboro, Georgia, enjoys an outing with his "little brother" during one of the Big Brother-Big Sister outreach programs.



by Fred Land

Building Character

I believe that Georgia-Cumberland Academy is a very special school. After all, what can be said about a school that has been built with pennies? And who makes a school but young people like me who have stepped out in independence and individuality? Among normal activities of academy life there is something even more valuable which our Christian school provides. It offers the opportunity to learn the supreme education which God gives to an individual earnestly seeking it. This is why I am thankful for parents who are willing to fund my Christian education. It means a lot to me!"

These words, penned by Georgia-Cumberland Academy senior Lorinda Klein, daughter of Elder and Mrs. A. R. Klein of College Park, Georgia, testify to the value of quality Christian education.

Georgia-Cumberland Academy is a school with a difference. This is measured in the students who attend; the faculty who have devoted their lives to shaping the future of our church; the well-balanced educational opportunities; and the fact that GCA was built, in part, by 3,400,000 pennies, with every brick and stone a gift and prayer from someone who cared.

GCA Principal Cyril Connelly believes the ultimate goal in having a successful school year is that of providing a program to challenge and encourage each student's Christian experience and positively influence their character. Striving to meet this goal, campus chaplain and religion teacher LeClair Litchfield leads out in a host of spiritual outreach ministries. Programs such as "Go To Jail," "Big Brother-Big Sister," "Food Give-away," "Puppets and Kiddie Songs," "Painted Faces," "Adventist Youth for Better Living," and "Share-A-Loaf" have made the 1982-83 school year one that will long be remembered by the approximately 70 students involved. Each one of these programs offers a student the opportunity to flex his spiritual muscles, and gives him a chance to find out for himself the joys of witnessing.

Another important part of Georgia-Cumberland Academy is the balance between study and work. Industry plays a vital role in the financial support of the school while teaching students the importance of a job well done. Little Lake Industries, a division of U.S. Leisure Inc., employs more than 65 students. Each individual is actively involved in the manufacturing of redwood furni-

a key crop in GCA's farm program. an 60 gallons have been used in the s cafeteria.



Ted Chadwick, manager of Little Lake Industries, observes Dawn Patton, of Calhoun, Georgia, sewing cushions to be used in the factory's redwood furniture.



Greg Owens (left), auto body shop manager, demonstrates the art of spray painting to Glen Turner, of Acworth, Georgia, and John Yost, of Watts Bar, Tennessee.



Campus chaplain and religion teacher LeClair Litchfield (right), counsels freshman Kathy Hutchinson, of Dawsonville, Georgia, as they illustrate the importance of the teacher-student relationship.

or the Future

ture and accessories. Doing piecework, one student earned \$245 in a two-week period working only part-time. A special arrangement has been made by Ted Chadwick, manager of Little Lake, enabling students on piecework to retain all hourly earnings over minimum wage. Students are thus able to contribute a considerable sum toward their tuition, plus have pocket money.

The Auto Body Shop, located on campus, serves as both an industry for the school and a learning ground for students. Under the guidance of shop manager Greg Owens, a GCA and Southern College alumnus, students are able to learn skills of auto body repair. Profits from this business are used to pay for building and equipment expenses. The Auto Body Shop has been made possible by volunteer work from interested, caring laymen, along with donated dollars and equipment.

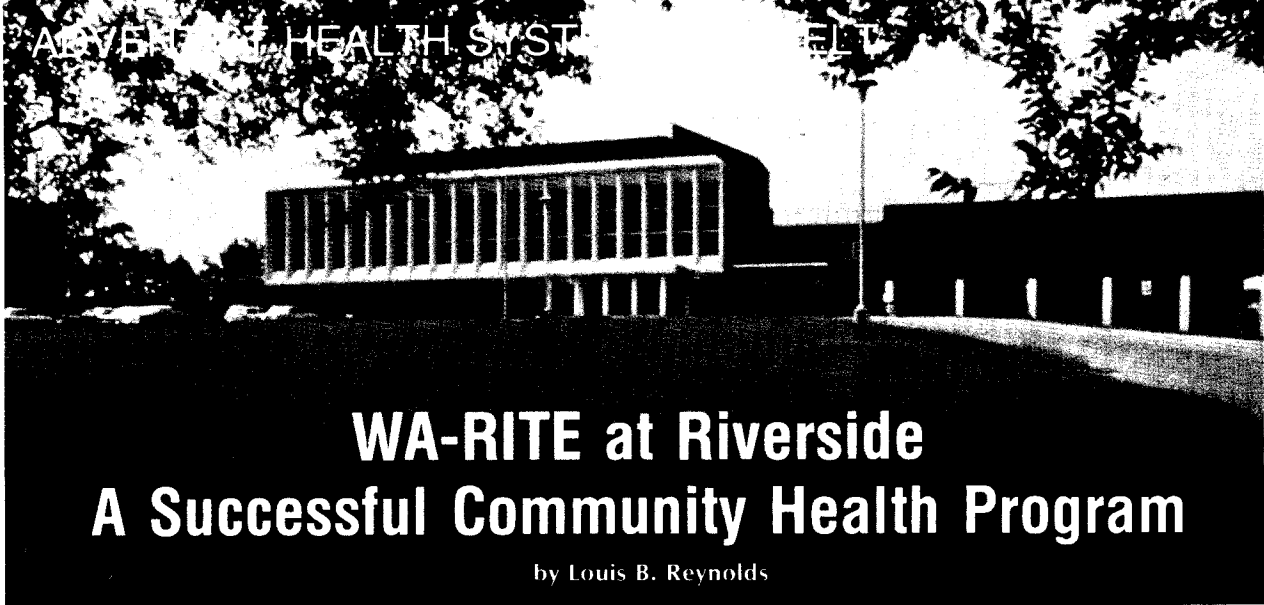
Vice-Principal Jesse Landess continues to oversee the operation of the academy farm program, utilizing some 200 acres. During the summer of 1982, 700 pounds of green beans were frozen, plus sweet corn, blueberries, and okra; all used in the academy cafeteria.

The qualified teaching staff at Georgia-Cumberland

Academy translates into a quality Christian academic program. Each teacher cares about his students, not only scholastically, but individually as well. Litchfield exemplifies this in stating that "GCA's greatest potential is its people—students and staff. And I believe *our* greatest potential is reaching out to others."

The students of GCA also testify to the value of a quality Christian school, with loving, caring teachers and friends. Ramona Harris, a senior from Ozark, Alabama, says, "I am thankful for the opportunity to attend GCA. It is a nice school and has a lot of good students and faculty who provide a good Christian learning environment."

And sophomore Todd Hunt of Knoxville, Tennessee, explains that GCA is something special, "because it has made me realize that this is an important part of my life—the part of life that builds character as well as make goals for the future. GCA helps you plan them, and further guides you in completing your goals. This school has made me think more of what is going on in life and what life is all about."



WA-RITE at Riverside A Successful Community Health Program

by Louis B. Reynolds

To continue the healing ministry of Christ is the commitment of Riverside Adventist Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee.

In striving to meet this commitment, RAH provides excellent medical care through well-trained physicians and medical professionals, maintains state-of-the-art medical technology for use by the physicians, develops an attitude in its employees of compassionate patient care, and offers health education programs to its patients and the public on wellness and disease prevention.

The Health Education staff and their Goodlife Seminar are available upon request to local SDA churches. One of the appreciated and requested classes is WA-RITE.

Mary Shepherd, a teller at Nashville's Bordeaux branch of First American Bank, came to Riverside as a patient last April. Her ini-

tial health problems, she said, were aggravated by her being considerably overweight. Her physician, Sheila Robertson, advised eliminating snacks, cutting out sweets, reducing fats and oils, eating more raw fruits and vegetables.

"I was drowsy, depressed, listless, and could scarcely keep my mind on my work," Mrs. Shepherd told Riverside personnel. "I had tried one weight reduction scheme after the other which seemed promising, but none of them did the trick until I came to Riverside." With a weight loss of 47 pounds, she now feels better, she says, "than I ever felt in my life."

Now a more comfortable 152 pounds, she plans further weight loss, but she is doing it gradually. Meanwhile, she is attending the Riverside church with her children and is planning to become a baptized member.

Christine Rucker, health educa-

tor at Riverside, began a WA-RITE program in October of 1982 with 23 enrolled. By the end of 10 weeks nearly all participants reported dramatic results. Mrs. Eddie Sciruggs, with the highest weight reduction, noted a loss of 26 pounds. She was presented a bouquet of red roses for her achievement.

Riverside has a continuous year-round program of community education which has attracted considerable interest in Metropolitan Nashville.

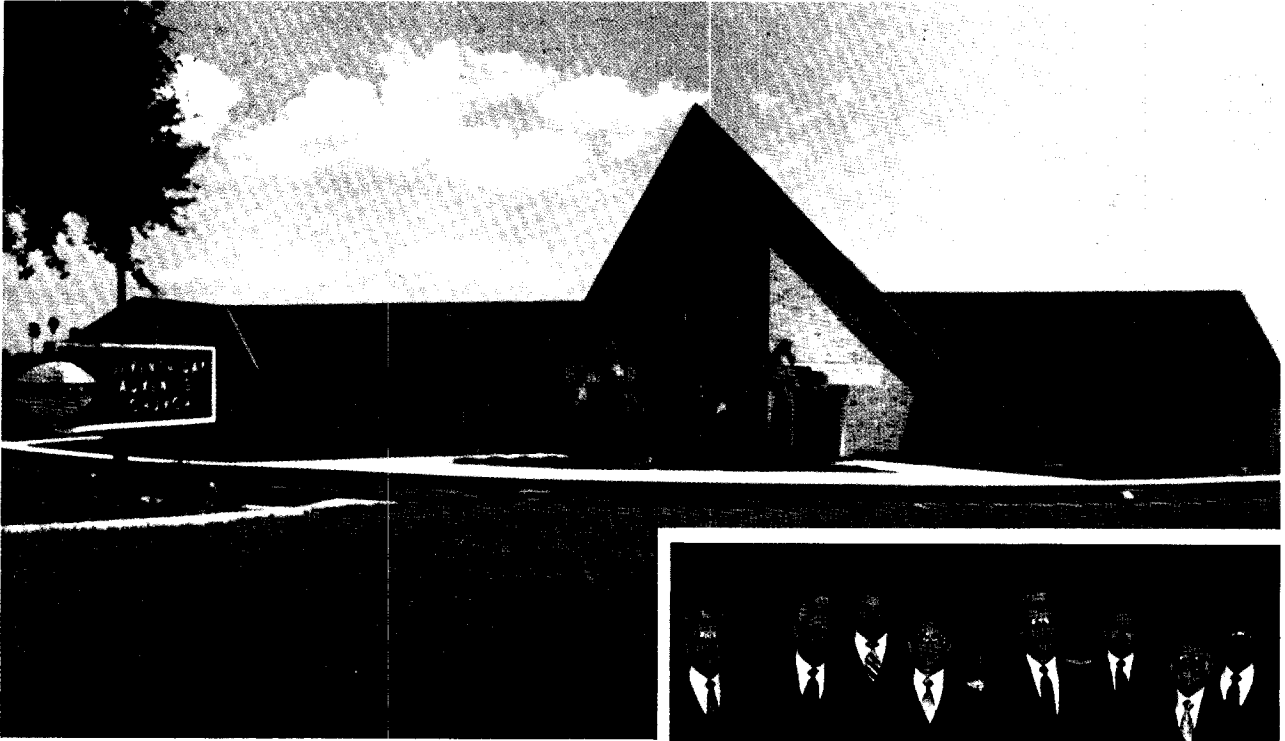
A debate last year, sponsored by Riverside Adventist Hospital and featuring Dr. W. A. Scharffenberg, then connected with Loma Linda University, versus Dr. George Mann, professor of biology at Vanderbilt University, discussed topics such as a meat versus a non-meat diet, refined and processed foods versus natural foods, and problems of refined sugar in the diet. This debate generated considerable interest in the vegetarian program sponsored by local Adventist institutions.

The people who come to Riverside are fascinated by the discovery that Seventh-day Adventist health care offers an integrated approach to man's physical and mental needs. Certainly the health guidelines given by God stand unique among the thousands of volumes of health information for their accuracy, simplicity, completeness, and balance. Sensing this, one person attending another health program queried, "Who is the master behind your program? No ordinary man could put this together."

Louis B. Reynolds is the public relations consultant at Riverside Hospital.



WA-RITE participants represent a cross-section of Nashville people attracted to the hospital through television and radio programs. Mary Shepherd (right), a teller at Nashville's First American Bank, lost 47 pounds.



The Walker Memorial church, Avon Park, Florida, has been called "The Miracle Church."

Dedication and Thanksgiving at Walker Memorial

by Pat M. Batto

It would have been easy to be proud of what we have done, but let no one accuse us of that! Rather, we are happy to share with you what God has done for us." That was the welcome on Friday evening, November 26, at the opening dedication and homecoming services at the Walker Memorial church at Avon Park, Florida.

There was good reason for thanksgiving on that weekend. In just three and a half years, the Walker Memorial church congregation paid in full the mortgage on its church that was built for some \$775,000. Because the church note was paid off in such a short time, it has been referred to by many as "The Miracle Church."

God certainly has performed miracles in behalf of this congregation whose beginning occurred on November 8, 1947, when Pastor Joseph Young established a small company of believers there. On February 14, 1948, Walker Memorial church (named after the Adventist



hospital adjacent to the church) was received into the sisterhood of churches. An impressive list of Adventist leaders participated in the dedication service. Among them were: A. C. McClure, president, Southern Union (left); A. W. Ortner, local first elder and former pastor; Gordon Henderson, pastor; Robert DuBose, former pastor; J. R. Spangler, director, General Conference Ministerial Association; Roland Hegstad, editor, *Liberty*; Herman Ray, former pastor; H. J. Carubba, Florida Conference president. Not pictured: R. H. Pierson, former General Conference president; R. J. LaFave, former pastor; Roy Merrifield, associate pastor; D. R. Castonia, former pastor.

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Eventually the congregation bought a building across the lake from the hospital which had previously been used as a dance hall and gambling casino for \$10,000. That building was dedicated on March 2, 1957.

Because of structural problems years later, the church began planning to build a new sanctuary. Plans were put into action in the late 70s. The old church was torn down and the present structure was raised in its place under the direction of Robert DuBose, who is now serving as full-time evangelist in the Florida Conference. Gordon Henderson, pastor of the church, says "I am overwhelmed by what has taken place in this church. There are few places that I have seen greater dedication to the cause of God than I have seen here."

1982 in Retrospect

by S. E. Gooden



Ted Ellerbe, pastor of the Milledgeville-Dublin district, was one of the quinquagenarians for 1982.



Elder D. M. Jones at his Bible Palace with Ruth Reed, one of his soloists during his campaign last summer.



Joe Hinson, personal ministries director at South Atlantic Conference, was the speaker at a tent meeting sponsored by Atlanta-Berean and Mt. of Olive churches in Atlanta.

The Lord, who is the real Leader and who holds Himself responsible for the success of His work, knows no failure. Therefore, the human instruments in the South Atlantic Conference whom He chose to work with Him in 1982 can feel good with themselves knowing that, depending upon God, success was assured from the start.

April 25, 1982, will be an historic date for R. B. Hairston because that was the date when the South Atlantic Conference constituency in session first placed their stamp of approval upon him as the human instrument to lead them as the president for the next three years. He started out like a champion and already he has tasted some of the fruits of success.

For 36 years since the birth of the conference in 1946, and under four past presidents, conference leaders have agonized with the idea of establishing a senior academy like all the sister conferences in the Southern Union. After all, to own and operate a senior academy is a fitting

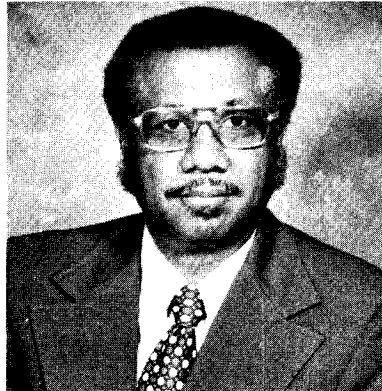


Pastor Calvin L. Watkins was so inspired by the arrival of his first born at the height of his meeting in New Bern, North Carolina, that he baptized more than 100 souls in 1982.

T. A. McNealy baptizes two candidates from his summer campaign. He baptized more than 300 souls.



South Atlantic Conference President R. B. Hairston (left) and Secretary-Treasurer J. A. Simons have led the conference in the establishment of a 12-grade academy in Atlanta, Georgia, and more than 1,000 souls added to church membership during 1982.



standard or proof that a conference has achieved maturity. However, the result of such anguish has always been the same—not ready.

The first significant move of President Hairston was to give a positive response to the plea of the constituency for a day academy in Atlanta, Georgia. It is safe to say that venturing out into the deep and uncharted waters holds no fear for him.

Dozens of young men are graduated from the Oakwood College theological department each year with no official call to a job. Hairston called eight of these prospective champions of the word to work as what he calls "Special Interns." They are assigned as district pastors, assistant pastors, and teachers. Their performance seems to be at a highly acceptable level.

Evangelism has always been one of the hallmarks of South Atlantic Conference. There has been no relaxing in the efforts of the working force in this area. At the close of the third quarter, the pastors reported 1,054 baptisms. By December 31, the number had grown to about 1,100.

T. A. McNealy, former pastor of the Atlanta, Georgia, Maranatha church, who baptized close to one-third of the total conference baptisms, has been characterized by eyewitnesses at his "Big Tent" as "The preacher which thunder bolts and lightning could not kill."

Nothing short of a miracle took place on a memorable night in July, 1982, when the dark nimbus clouds broke loose from their moorings, the thunder and lightning had a dancing party, and the elements spoke with the voice of a raging and angry giant.

One onlooker from the street described the "Big Tent" as being enveloped in a sheet of light. When the lightning knocked out Georgia Power's big transformer on the corner of Moreland Avenue and McDonough Boulevard in Atlanta where the tent was, there was a number of booming sounds like cannon shots which could be heard at some distance around. There were flames shooting from the transformer.

Inside the tent one lady's false teeth were knocked out of her mouth. The microphone in McNealy's hand was described as a lighted torch. Before he fell to the floor like a dead man, he was described by those in the tent who were able to maintain their composure as being lit up like a Christmas tree or a giant light bulb. The entire public address system was melted down. Darkness enveloped the entire area and there was confusion and pandemonium.

McNealy, realizing that he was not really dead, arose from the floor, got up on the piano and, along with his associate, R. E. Tottress, called the ones who were struck with the lightning to come forward.

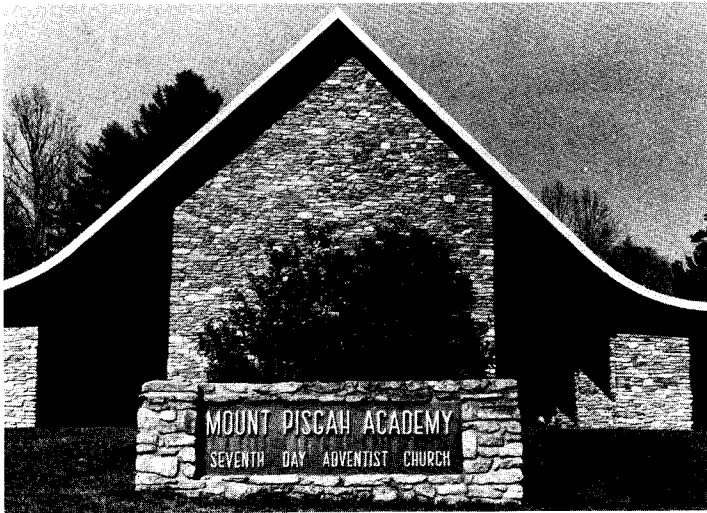
One would think that this satanic demonstration in the elements, of which the devil is the prince, would drive fear in the audience so that they would not return, but the irony of it all is that every night from there on the tent was filled with people who wanted to hear the man who lightning could not kill. More than 300 souls were baptized.

The second of the two centurions of 1982 was Calvin Watkins, an intern from the New Bern, North Carolina, district. The quinquagenarians (those who baptized between 50 and 99) were: Ted Ellerbe, of the Milledgeville, Georgia, district; D. M. Jones, of the Columbus, Georgia, district; Philip Jones-Joe Hinson (Hinson, the conference personal ministries director, ran a tent meeting in Atlanta for the Mt. Olive, Georgia, district).

During this recession, the financial magnates of large and small businesses are reporting deficits and operational losses accompanied by huge cutbacks in production and driving the unemployment into double digit millions. With all of this, the Lord is still holding His promises and commitment to His church. Not only could we increase the working force in the field to divide the large districts and place assistants in large churches, but the treasurer reported a tithe gain of some \$217,622 for the year. The evangelism offering was the largest that it has ever been.



This building houses the cafeteria and music department.



The campus church is the center of religious activities.

Developing a Tot

by D. E. Kenyon

Nestled in a beautiful mountain valley west of Asheville, North Carolina, is Mount Pisgah Academy. The school has been inviting young people to share their commitment to Christ with other young people since 1914.

Under the leadership of Principal Robert Caskey, many improvements have been made in recent years. Fleetwood Hall, which was originally built as a boys' dormitory, has been completely remodeled inside. There is now a chapel on the second floor, plus classrooms and offices throughout the building. The industrial arts department is in the ground level.

The music department has seen significant growth under the leadership of Steve Roche and Ken Rog-

ers. The band now has 50 members. On a recent tour they were given \$650 in appreciation gifts. The two choirs, with a total of 60 members, give programs throughout the conference, in addition to appointments in non-Adventist churches in the area. Several smaller vocal and instrumental groups also provide music to different church groups.

During the 1982 Christmas holiday, the academy library received a new look. Occupying one end of the administration building, the library has needed expansion for a long time. With the addition of classrooms in Fleetwood, walls were removed in part of the administration building, making the library nearly twice as large as before. The new library has storage

for audio-visual equipment and an office. The expansion includes new carpet and paint. The alumni association has provided new tables and chairs.

Senior student Donna Kyzer holds the school's pet boa constrictor.





The new chapel on the second floor of Fleetwood Hall has room for the entire student body.

operation of the institution. Other student jobs include cleaning buildings, working on the grounds, assisting the faculty in office work and a variety of ways.

Administration and faculty members attempt to maintain the highest academic standards; but the academic life is only one segment of a Christian education. Hidden in every curriculum of every school are values, either expressed or unexpressed. The blend of faith and learning, the sharing of Christian goals, the opportunity for excellence, for achievement, for self-expression, and, above all, to know Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour; these are the objectives of Mount Pisgah Academy.

Lori Purgasson tries her hand for the first time on the pottery wheel.



the temperance programs there are clown groups, sunshine bands, and a gymnastic team that also has a variety of opportunities to contact other young people in the community.

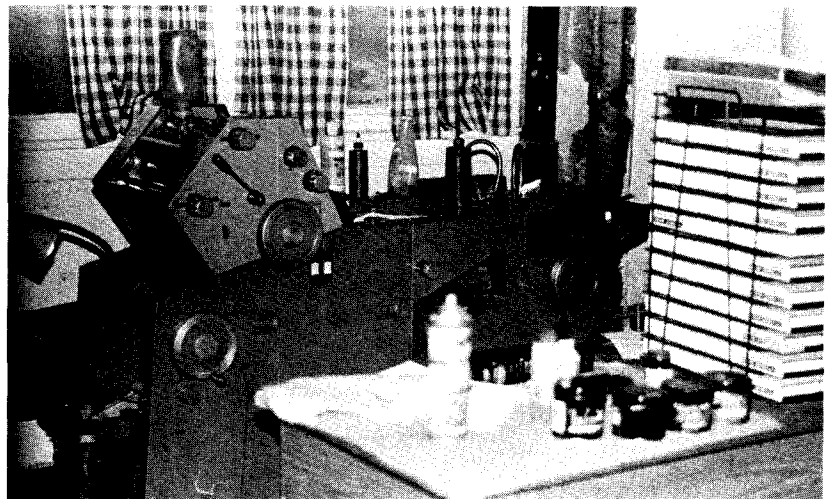
Every student at Mount Pisgah Academy is required, as part of the total life concept of the school, to work at a regular job. The Pisgah Manor Nursing Home and Harris Pine Mill provide work for a large number of students. The many thousands of dollars in student wages paid in cash to the school each month are a great asset in the

Life Concept

The art classes taught by art and English teacher Jude Forbes, attract numerous students. Pottery making and macrame are among the most popular activities.

Science teacher George Grow has been teaching at Pisgah for 15 years, longer than anyone else on the faculty. His South American boa constrictor, mice, fish, and other live animals and plants make the science lab an interesting place.

For several years the academy has actively participated in the annual Great American Smokeout sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Programs and demonstrations are given in schools and malls in many areas of western North Carolina on that day. In addition to



All campus printing, including church bulletins, is done on this press in the industrial arts department.



Joe Sawyer, an inmate at the Tennessee State Penitentiary, types on the new Braille typewriter presented to the prison. Robert Childress (left), associate warden; Conn Arnold, conference personal ministries director; and Les Harrison, director of special education, approvingly look on.

Braille From Jail

by J. W. Clarke

In November, 1982, a Braille typewriter was given to the Tennessee State Penitentiary. The purpose—that inmates may be trained to do copy work for other Braille programs and schools for the blind throughout the state. A training class has been established as part of the prison's educational program whereby individuals are taught Braille writing. This all came about when Conn Arnold, conference personal ministries director, became aware of the need and potential of a Braille typewriter. The Christian Record Braille Foundation in Lincoln, Nebraska, was contacted and made the presentation.

Arnold has been very active in the Tennessee State Penitentiary program. He meets frequently with the inmates in various activities and has coordinated several projects. As a result, the work of Seventh-day Adventists is well appreciated by

the inmates as well as prison officials. Each Sabbath, Jerry and Louise Willis ably direct Sabbath school and worship services. Jerry is an excellent speaker and teacher. On Thursday evenings, Ben Steiner, also a very fine teacher, leads in a discussion on biblical topics.

The annual Christmas banquet held December 3 featured a choral group from Madison Academy. Other guest speakers Arnold had invited included Frank Knittel, Southern College president; Clay Farwell, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference president; and Jack Clarke, a conference department director.

Our Lord looks with special interest upon those who take an interest in this phase of His work. He said, "I was in prison and ye came unto Me." Matthew 25:36. Every soul is precious to Jesus for He gave His life that all mankind might have life eternal.

late news of the conferences



ALABAMA MISSISSIPPI

Ed Sanders, member of the Meridian, Mississippi, church, has prepared RADIO SPOTS on practical topics which have been aired on 13 radio stations in the Meridian area.

Fifth- and sixth-grade students from Greater Birmingham Junior Academy in Pell City, Alabama, under the direction of their teacher, Judi Hartman, have begun an "ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT" program in a Pell City nursing home. Each Friday the children visit their grandparents and just spend time talking. At times they take cards or pictures of themselves, or other tokens of friendship.

The Phenix City, Alabama, church school is reporting GREAT GROWTH. Opening its doors for the first time in August, 1981, it began with nine students. This year's registration totaled 19 students and plans are now being made for the addition of an educational wing to the church which will accommodate 40 students in two classrooms.

Betty Rich, community services director of the Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, church, reports a good response to the CHURCH BOOTH at the Okaloosa County Fair. More than 60 individuals signed up for a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. Others enrolled for a cooking school and Breadbake. Activities at the booth included blood pressure screening, Smoking Sam demonstration, slides on natural remedies, and literature distributed.

Gulf Coast senior youth had a special WEEKEND CONGRESS January 7-9 in Mobile, Alabama. Guest speakers were Joseph and Lindy Correa, and events included an historic tour of Mobile and Sunday lunch on the U.S.S. Alabama. Weekend activities were organized by Mobile senior youth leader Stan Norris.

Huntsville, Alabama, Spacewalkers Pathfinder club members PRACTICED their faith recently. A boys' unit completed several yard jobs for a family whose father was hospitalized. The club's director is David Fogg.



Geraldine Dearing, member of the Fayetteville, North Carolina, church and an enthusiastic community service worker, has recently been HONORED as one of the outstanding people in North Carolina. She was cited for innovative and creative programs involving the community and for her great compassion for her fellowman. On November 5, she traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina, where Governor and Mrs. Jim Hunt received her and personally presented to her a very special commemorative gold pin and a beautifully engraved certificate. Mrs. Dearing was nominated for this honor by her supervisor at the Mental Health Clinic in Fayetteville.

J. E. Edwards, former General Conference lay activities director, now lives near Hendersonville, North Carolina. He is a member of the Fletcher, North Carolina, church and continues to participate in INGATHERING because he believes in the work that is done with the funds collected. He recently wrote that the business Ingathering that he and H. A. Iles, retired missionary, have carried on this year has been marked by a number of miracles. "In spite of the recession," he writes, "and the United Way here in Hendersonville having only reached 70 percent of its objective, God has blessed our contacts so we exceeded last year's total in business returns."



Albert Ellis, pastor of Foster Memorial church in Asheville, North Carolina, reports that during 1982 one of the greatest highlights of the year was the BAPTISM OF THREE HUSBANDS, all of whom have been long-time friends of the church. One made a 50th wedding anniversary the occasion for his baptism. Another had been assisting for some time in the Sabbath school as a teacher, and the third was baptized along with his wife, who presented herself in rebaptism in a spirit of recommitment and new life—now walking together in faith. The three couples are: Ray and Virginia Boone, Lloyd and Mary Joe Embler, and Jim and Retha Sluder.



Cecil Pomeroy reports the Concord, North Carolina, church expanded COMMUNITY SERVICES DAY TO COMMUNITY SERVICES WEEK. The conference blood pressure van parked for three days at a mall where they averaged one blood pressure every three minutes during the hours they were open. More than 1,200 pieces of religious and health literature were distributed. Considerable interest was shown in the church and one person asked for Bible studies. The week ended with visitor's day at the church and the children soliciting five bags of food to be distributed during the holidays.

Doug Sayles, Carolina Adventist Book Center manager, reports record BOOKMOBILE SALES in 1982. The bookmobile went to 25 different locations. Total sales were more than \$29,000. The average per location was \$1,173. On one weekend, sales amounted to more than \$9,000 which is the highest weekend sale in the history of the bookmobile program.



Pisgah Manor Nursing Home is presently employing 69 students from MOUNT PISGAH ACADEMY. The weekly payroll to the academy is approximately \$3,700. Funds generated through the industries are a great asset to the operation of the school.

The Greenville, North Carolina, church sponsored A FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING in the month of November. Dr. Allen Bowyer, chairperson of the cardiology department at the East Carolina University Medical School, conducted the clinic at Pitt Memorial Hospital. Robert H. Kerr and Robert A. Tyson assisted Bowyer in leading 18 individuals to personal victory over cigarettes. The church is planning to conduct four such clinics each year, with the next scheduled for February of '83. Follow-up meetings on Thursday nights are used to guide the students to a more healthful life.



The BIBLE DISCOVERY CLUB in the Florida Conference is helping numerous youngsters, ages 7-12, to know of Jesus Christ, says R. H. Shepard, conference Sabbath school director. Approximately 2,300 young people (about 600 of these are from Adventist homes) receive a letter each month from Betty Bird, alias "Aunt Bea." The letter is filled with poems, puzzles, and character-building stories. Recently one member wrote this note to "Aunt Bea": "Dear Aunt Bea, through the Bible Discovery Club I have learned a great deal about Jesus and would like to learn more about Him. I look forward to the next issue every month and think you are much more caring about Jesus' children than a lot of people I know. It's important to learn what Jesus said and told us, and I just wanted to thank you. I wish I could take a plane to Orlando and give you a great big hug and kiss! I would hardly know anything about Jesus if I hadn't come to the fair and gone in and listened. I'm glad I signed up (to receive Aunt Bea's letter). I'm sure my friends will enjoy being in your club as much as I do. I hardly get any mail, and I'm an only child and 11 years old. Lovingly, Allison."

As part of a service to the Vero Beach community, Randy Mills, pastor of the Vero Beach church, has volunteered to be a NEW CHAPLAIN at the Indian River County Jail, where there are approximately 75 inmates. Each week inmates are invited to receive Bible studies, Christian music and sermons, and Bible readings. As many as 20 inmates attend the religious services.

Four Jacksonville-area churches participated in the Greater JACKSONVILLE AGRICULTURAL FAIR from October 20 through October 30. More than 75 members from the four area churches—Jacksonville Regency, Jacksonville Mandarin, Jacksonville Westside, and Orange Cove—volunteered their services to work the different shifts at the fair booth. More than 5,000 pieces of literature were distributed and more than 700 blood pressures were taken. More than 500 people filled out the questionnaire to have their health age and longevity computerized. The booth received an "Award of Appreciation" ribbon at the close of the fair. There were numerous requests from the public to receive Bible studies, Weight Control and Stop Smoking classes.



The Wauchula church, with the aid of the community service multiphasic screening staff of the Ridge Federation, was recently invited by the Hardee County Lion's Club to participate in a joint project for the Lion's Club WORLDWIDE SERVICE DAY on October 8. Daniel Forbes, local Adventist pastor, was contacted by the Lion's Club as a result of their learning from the County Public Health Department of the fine work that the church provides regularly to the community through its health van program, and especially a recent County-sponsored Health Fair in which the Adventist church played a major part. A number of the County's leaders were present, including the newly elected county commissioner. Local doctors volunteered their help and support to the church's efforts.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



More than 50 persons attended a WEEKEND CAMPOUT of the Cumberland Plateau Adventist Youth Fellowship at Fall Creek Falls State Park on October 8-12, 1982. The event was coordinated by Marilyn Vistaunet of the Cumberland Heights, Tennessee, church. The Friday evening speaker was Loren Vistaunet, pastor of the Cumberland Heights church, who introduced the weekend's general topic of "Love." A youth panel discussion followed the sermon. Georgia-Cumberland Academy Principal Cyril Connelly presented the lesson study for Sabbath school. Several students from the academy provided music for the program. Sabbath school was directed by Connie Davis of Crossville, Tennessee. Hal Butman, pastor of the Jasper-Monteagle district, spoke for the worship service, presenting practical help for the youth. After an afternoon hike to the falls, supper was served and vespers conducted around a campfire. Later, the Walt Disney film "Snowball Express" was shown. Sunday morning devotional message was by Eugene Wood, pastor of the McMinnville, Tennessee, church. Recreation included softball, canoeing, and sing-songs.

Friends of Smithville Academy near Americus, Georgia, will be glad to know that the school continues to operate and is once again a BOARDING SCHOOL. At present there are grades 1-10 with plans to soon begin grades 11 and 12. One of the greatest needs is that of a girls' dormitory. A fund-raising program is now underway to finance the building of the dormitory, which will be large enough to house 25 girls. Currently students are using the second floor of the administration building for dormitory space, with only 9th and 10th grades in residence. The principal is Jack Harrison, formerly of Laurelbrook Academy.



Knoxville, Tennessee, pastor, Bruce Aalborg, participated in the University of Tennessee GRADUATION CEREMONIES December 10 offering the invocation and benediction. This is the first time a Seventh-day Adventist minister has been asked to participate in the University of Tennessee graduation exercises.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



The Clay County, Kentucky, Community Chorus presented HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" at the Manchester, Kentucky, church in December. Nearly 200 filled the church auditorium for this special event. Several church members took part in the chorus.

An ADVENTIST MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR was held in the Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, church November 12-14. Eight couples participated in this unique experience. Instructors were Don and Mel Miller from Ellijay, Georgia.

W. Melvin Adams, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, spoke on the subject of RELIGIOUS LIBERTY at the Frankfort, Kentucky, church in December. He has served the church on the conference, union, and General Conference level in this area.

SOUTH ATLANTIC



For INVESTMENT DAY at the Ebenezer church, Orangeburg, South Carolina, F. W. Parker, stewardship director of South Atlantic Conference, joined Kenneth Moore, pastor, to make the day a satisfying spiritual retreat for the membership. In Parker's message for divine worship on Sabbath morning, he pointed out that the shepherd boy, David, did not have much to invest, but he took his bare hands and killed both a bear and a lion. When he met Goliath, all he had to invest for the Lord was a smooth stone and he invested it in the cause and God blessed his efforts both times. The members were inspired to do more in the area of Sabbath School Investment.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Batieste, owners of Batieste Realty and Construction Company, presented a \$45 check to Ruby Smith and Pastor Tommy Blevins of the Natchez Triumphant church. The donation kicked off the INGATHERING CAMPAIGN, the 73rd annual fund-



raising drive in Natchez sponsored by the church. A story of the event with a picture of Blevins receiving the check was in the Natchez *Democrat* newspaper. The story told about the humanitarian work of the church.

One of the oldest congregations in the South Central Conference officially moved from its old home on University Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, to its NEW HOME on College Hill, on December 19, 1982. On hand for the occasion were Knoxville Mayor Tyree; Dr. C. E. Dudley, president of the conference; F. N. Crowe, secretary of the conference; a number of pastors, and friends. Dr. F. S. Hill, pastor of two South Central congregations in the city, welcomed the joyous group. The University Avenue church became the College Hill church, which can be seen from the expressway.

Dr. E. C. Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College church, led some 400 members into the NEW MT. CALVARY CHURCH of Huntsville in November. This church is the result of an evangelistic meeting held by Ward two years ago. Ward was happy to announce in December that the Oakwood College church, a \$3 million structure, has the last dollar to pay off the \$300,000 mortgage. C. E. Dudley, president of the conference, was the guest speaker.

Newly elected officers of the conference churches were brought together to be given programs and procedures by the conference administrators and department leaders. The CONFERENCE held three sectional officers' meetings. For the Mississippi, Mobile, Alabama, and West Florida area, the meeting was held in Hattiesburg, the Alabama officers met in Tuscaloosa, and officers from Tennessee and Kentucky met in Knoxville.

The Riverside church in Nashville, Tennessee, was packed on December 18 when Dr. Luke Dixon directed the three-church choir in the fourth annual presentation of the MES-SIAH. The acoustics and the size of the church made amplification unnecessary. Guest soloists included, Diane Poe, soprano; Veronica McGhee, alto, both from Nashville. From Atlanta, Georgia, was tenor soloist Oliver Sueing. The accompanists were: Malita Herbert, pianist, Derrick Lashley, organist.

On November 6, 1982, 100 members of five small churches met at the East Cleveland, Tennessee, church for a "SMALL CHURCH EVANGELISM RALLY." The five small East Tennessee churches were Knoxville Trinity, Harriman Sevier Street, Morristown Henry Street, Greenville Brainard Chapel, and East Cleveland. "The five small churches made one large church," said one of the members. They met together to decide how a small church could best contribute to the finishing of the work of the gospel.



ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM/SUNBELT

A ground-breaking ceremony for the new EIGHT-STORY INPATIENT WING at Florida Hospital, in Orlando, was held Sunday, November 14. The new wing will be built over the southeast section of the existing hospital. The 220-bed wing is part of Florida Hospital's \$100-million expansion program. The tower will include 134 new beds and 86 replacement beds. By its completion in 1985, the tower will bring Florida Hospital's combined bed total to more than 1,100 beds.

Hulda Crooks, an 87-year-old Seventh-day Adventist mountain climber, who climbs Mt. Whitney each year, inspired FLORIDA HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES to get involved in an employee exercise incentive program at Florida Hospital. More than 1,200 employees, in teams of five, are climbing a total of 1,200 flights of stairs—the equivalent of climbing Mt. Whitney. Prizes were given to the first team to complete the 1,200 flights of stairs, to the team who climbed the highest average number of stairs and to each team who completed the climb.

An ELECTRIC TROLLEY, which transports Florida Hospital outpatients and visitors to and from distant parking areas, started its daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. run on November 1. The Auxiliary bought the used nine-passenger trolley for about \$5,000 and has trained 14 auxiliaries to drive the trolley.

A new weekly health education television series, underwritten by Florida Hospital, is being aired this season on WOFL-TV, Channel 35, at 8 p.m., Sundays. The show, HEALTH MATTERS, which began October 16, utilizes a "magazine" format to discuss health topics ranging from executive stress to herpes to joint replacement. The 26-week series is a local production of WOFL-TV, in cooperation with Medstar Communications, Inc.

More than 1,600 Orlando residents attended PEAK PERFORMANCE, a free five-week health education series sponsored by Florida Hospital which took an intensive look at the heart and its disorders on Tuesday evenings in November. The series, which began November 2, included lectures on heart disease and its prevention and discussions on various forms of cardiac treatment.

The Church in Action

Education

Donations Assist Southern College Students

Southern College — More than \$30,000 in donations for Southern College students was received by the College's Development Office during the last two weeks of December 1982, reports Director of Development Jack McClarty. The majority of this money is dedicated to scholarship funds to assist students in need of financial aid.

Among the largest contributions was a \$10,000 transportation assistance fund donated by a foundation interested in assisting medical missionaries in Africa. The costs of traveling to and from Africa for Southern College nursing students wishing to serve as student missionaries there will be paid by this fund.

An on-going scholarship fund of \$12,000 was created by another foundation to assist students enrolled in nursing at Southern College who are Florida residents. Two thousand dollars will be awarded beginning second semester with interest on the remaining \$10,000 being paid yearly to worthy Florida nursing students.

Another \$5,000 was donated for nursing students from the Appalachian area of the United States. This is a \$2,000 increase over last year's contribution from the same source.

These contributions were the result of grant proposals submitted to interested foundations by McClarty. Requests are made to many philanthropic organizations for funding in three main areas: capital improvements; academic equipment, such as for nursing or physical fitness needs; and scholarship endowments, for student grants or loans.

Grants and gifts are received that meet a wide variety of needs, however. A Texas foundation funded a history seminar last spring; a Chattanooga organization is paying the tuition of an outstanding theology student this year and a grant was awarded for a Division of Religion lecture series; the computer department benefited greatly from a donation last summer by a computer company; and the acquisition of nursing equipment and supplies, as well as funds for scholarships, has been made possible by donations.

In addition to the recent contributions from foundations, the Development Office also received several thousand dollars for scholarships from private donors and college vendors during the last weeks of December. Student scholarship recipients and college programs benefit greatly from this much-appreciated assistance.

Health

Georgia Couple Ministers in Africa

Georgia-Cumberland — Dr. and Mrs. Mark Fowler, members of the Albany, Georgia, church, spent the entire month of September, 1982, in Malawi, Africa, where he conducted clinics and worked at the Seventh-day Adventist Malamulo Hospital.

"While there, I did some surgery, took rotation on clinic days, examined recruits for the mines of South Africa once a week, and even did some maternity work," says Fowler.

"The hospital is too far away for many of the natives to walk to, so clinics are held once a month in

each village. Since gas is five dollars a gallon, I went to the clinics on motorcycle. Mostly clinics are conducted under the trees, but the German government built brick buildings to hold the clinics when it rains. The American government is presently building shelters for the clinics and adding to the hospital," explains Fowler.

"Government aid is relied on now to provide capital expenditures instead of being provided for by the churchmen, therefore the medical work is now being paid for by the taxpayer," adds Fowler.

The Fowlers have also done mis-



Mark Fowler, MD, of Albany, Georgia, recently devoted a month to conducting clinics in Malawi, Africa.

sion work in Trinidad, Jamaica, Ghana, and Peru through their church. They feel a kind of kinship with Malawi since their daughter, Virginia Burnham, a registered nurse, and her husband, Dr. Gilbert Burnham, have lived there for six years.

Augusta-Ebenezer Screens 600 at County Fair

South Atlantic — A 50-mile radius county fair was held in Augusta, Georgia, October 27 to November 6, 1982. The Temperance Department, assisted by the personal ministries and Adventist Youth Service (AYS) of the Augusta-Ebenezer church, acquired a booth at the fair. Health and better living were the focus of their efforts. The theme at the Augusta Exchange Club Fair was: "Reach Out Beyond the Basic Four and Nature's Remedies. Have Regular Checkups."

The members of the church, in-



Janice Wilson (left), a medical student in Augusta and member of the Ebenezer church, gives blood pressure screening.

cluding the health professional—practicing nurses, medical students and the like—all cooperated to bring success to the effort. During the summer tent meeting of Richard Long, now transferred to Charlotte, the Temperance Health Department of the church served the community with health lectures, tips on temperance shared during AYS hour each week, blood pressure, and diabetic screening. This provided rewarding experiences along with an impetus to participate in the county fair.

At the booth were colorful hands reaching out with balloons dan-

gling from the finger tips, a picturesque arrangement of the basic four food groups and a display of equipment that would be used by a medical staff.

More than 600 people were screened for hypertension. One hundred eighteen were borderline hypertensive and 82 were considered hypertensive and were given advice to see their family doctor immediately.

Approximately 3,500 health-related tracts were distributed to the general public. Thousands of spectators took advantage of the services.

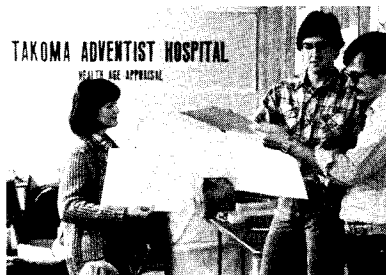
Takoma's Booth Popular at Fair

Takoma Adventist Hospital — During the fall, Takoma Adventist Hospital staffed a booth at the Greene County Fair in Greeneville, Tennessee. The purpose of the booth was to show the community Takoma is interested in wellness as well as illness.

A health questionnaire was administered and blood pressure, height, and weight measurements were gathered and entered into an IBM personal computer. The results of the evaluation were printed on a two-page computer printout

and included an estimate of the participant's longevity. Personal health counseling and literature were provided as follow-up.

According to Jerry Holt, MPH, di-



Four hundred ninety-two adults went through Takoma's fair booth in 20 hours. Many expressed their thanks for the free health assessment.

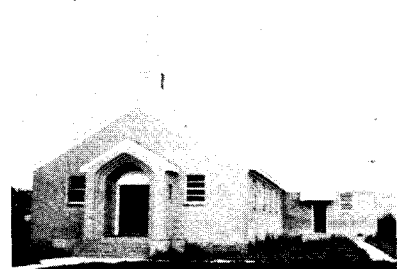
rector of community relations at Takoma, "Many people waited in line over 30 minutes before their data could be entered into the computer." Although the booth was opened for only 20 hours, 492 people received the free health appraisal, 105 of whom were identified with borderline or high blood pressure.

Progress

Four Churches Burn Mortgages

South Central — Recently four mortgage-burning services were held. On December 4, 1982, Pastor William Bussey led the Clarksdale, Mississippi, church in a mortgage burning. The church, started under J. F. Street and organized by R. F. Warnick, was once pastored by the conference president, Dr. C. E. Dudley. A few years ago, Pastor Phillip Smith, fresh out of school, was told by the president to try to get the Clarksdale congregation in a new building. Three months later, Smith reported that the church was finished and furnished. Carrie James gave the history and Dudley preached at the service.

The same day, in the afternoon, Bussey led his district to Leland,



The Leland, Mississippi, church is one of four churches in the South Central Conference which burned mortgages recently.

Mississippi, for another mortgage burning. The building was finished when J. A. Jones was the pastor. Alice Scruggs gave the history. Dudley gave the sermon.

On December 11, Pastor James Bell held a mortgage burning service in Tuskegee, Alabama. The church was built by G. I. Pearson. President Dudley gave the sermon, former pastor M. E. Joiner was present.

The Orchard Park church in Chattanooga burned the mortgage on January 15. The church was built under the pastorate of Patrick Vincent. Ben Jones is pastor. The guest speaker was C. E. Dudley, conference president, who mentioned other churches soon to burn mortgages.

Franklin Opens Community Services Center

Carolina — On November 23 the Franklin, North Carolina, church held an open house for its new Community Services Center. Rooms above the Country Livin' Health Food Store were contributed for use by a local family. In order to serve those in need, the center will cooperate with the Macon County Social Services, Macon County Emergency Council, and the Macon Ministerial Association.

Franklin church members had been busy since September painting, plastering, carpeting, and cleaning in preparation for the



Pam Hilton cuts the ribbon held by Helen Kurti (left), Betty Kidder, Lillian Rauch, and Grace Rogers at the Franklin, North Carolina, Community Services Center open house.

grand opening. Facilities include a main room where the public will be served; a workroom for sorting, sizing, and repairing clothing; and a third room for storage of off-season clothes. Every garment has been sized, mended, and cleaned as needed. Lillian Rauch, community services leader, said, "We don't plan to give away anything we wouldn't wear ourselves."

A literature rack has been in-

stalled and a *Steps to Christ* will be presented to each person or family helped. As a continuing project of the Community Services Center and the Franklin Pathfinders, eight Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to needy families. It is hoped that the contacts made in the days to come will enable the Franklin church members to discover those who are also hungry for the "Bread of Life."

Columbia Congregation Dedicates Sanctuary

Carolina — On Thanksgiving weekend, 1979, the Columbia, South Carolina, church worshiped in its new sanctuary for the first time. On Thanksgiving weekend,

1982, the church held a mortgage-burning service.

The dedication service began on Friday evening with a musical program planned by C. E. Bracebridge. Music was contributed by the Melodiaries and the Columbia Chorale, as well as several soloists.

Early arrivals on Sabbath morning were surprised to see a large papier-mache' globe dominating the front of the sanctuary. Over the

choir loft, apparently suspended in air, were the words, "God Is Marching On." During the program, people wearing native costumes and carrying the national flags of Mauritania, Ivory Coast, Rwanda, Burundi, Zaire, and the United States made appeals. These were answered by other individuals during a candlelighting ceremony.

M. D. Gordon, president of the Carolina Conference, was the speaker for the worship service. His message was entitled, "The Church Triumphant." Special music was provided by Soon Ja Lee and the choir.

After a fellowship lunch, a special mortgage-burning service was held. Mary Grace McPherson, treasurer; Joe Farrow, chairman of the building committee; and Robert Hubbs, vice-president of the Lexington State Bank, burned the note. E. L. Marley, a former pastor, was the keynote speaker. His topic, "We Are Truly Thankful," was echoed in each heart, for truly this was an occasion for thanksgiving!



Church members wearing native costumes and carrying the national flags of Mauritania, Ivory Coast, Rwanda, Burundi, Zaire, and the United States participated in a candlelighting ceremony during the Sabbath school program on the day the Columbia, South Carolina, church was dedicated.



The Spanish work in the Florida Conference continues to grow with the organization of the Casselberry Spanish church December 11 (left), and the Brandon Spanish company December 18.

Florida Organizes Two Spanish Groups

Florida — The Spanish work in the Florida Conference continues to grow. On December 11, 1982, the Casselberry Spanish church was organized with 63 members. Irwin Hise, pastor of the Forest City church, will also pastor the new congregation.

On the following Sabbath, December 18, the Brandon Spanish company was organized with 31 members. Orlando Lopez, pastor of the Tampa Spanish church, will also pastor the new company.

To date there are now 13 Spanish-speaking churches and two companies in the Florida Conference.

Who and Where

Worthington Foods Changes Hands

Worthington, Ohio — Worthington Foods, a frequent advertiser in *Southern Tidings*, has become an independent company once more.

The new owner, since October, is Worthington Foods, Inc., a corporation supported by a group of Seventh-day Adventist business and professional persons. The business was purchased from Miles Laboratories, with whom Worthington Foods had been associated for the past 12 years.

Worthington Foods, Inc., once again dedicates itself to the philosophy and policies under which it operated for some 30 years

between 1940 and 1970. Application is being made for membership in the Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI), of which Worthington Foods was a charter member.

A Southern Union resident, Cliff Asbury, of Atlanta, Georgia, has been named Eastern Regional sales manager for the Southeast, Northeast, and Great Lakes territories.

Barriers Broken by Program for Senior Citizens

Kentucky-Tennessee — The Stearns and Grove, Kentucky, churches undertook a challenge to reach the senior citizens in their area during the Thanksgiving season. Believing this was a golden opportunity to not only encourage them, but to share with them a knowledge of Seventh-day Adventists, Pastor David Ritter reports that the members decided to have a Thanksgiving program at the Fort Logan Extended Care Facility in Stanford, Kentucky. The program was planned and coordinated by Gerturde Genton, community services president for the Bluegrass Federation. The program was called the Harvest Celebration and brought cheer and a spirit of Thanksgiving to all in attendance. A request was made to put on the Harvest Celebration a second time later in the day.

Next, the program was presented in Somerset, Kentucky. By that time, the media and the whole community were excited about the program as word had spread from Stanford. The publicity was excel-

lent and the whole community learned of the church and its concern for people.

Now the group went to Liberty, Kentucky, and presented the program for the senior citizens of that community. Radio and newspapers gladly made announcements several times inviting senior citizens to attend the program and a banquet. Many leading business and professional persons attended the Harvest Celebration.

Pastor Ritter says that "raising the community awareness and interest in the church and what we believe in is dependent upon how much we are aware of our communities' needs and how interested we are in meeting those needs."

Adventist Reviewers Negative on DIGEST Bible

General Conference — Two well-known Adventist writers recently reviewed the new *Reader's Digest* edition of the Bible. Robert Spangler, ministerial director of the General Conference and editor of *Ministry* magazine, and Ralph Blodgett, associate editor of *These Times*, had few kind words for the latest effort by the editors of one of America's most-read magazines.

The new Bible, true to *Digest* tradition, is a condensation which, according to Blodgett, deletes half of the Old Testament and one-fourth of the New.

"Adventists would prefer to struggle through the "begats" in the Chronicles than condone the sharp-penciled editing to which the Book of books has been subjected," asserts Spangler.

Behind the Adventist editors' alarm was the fact that, although the editors of the Bible state that nothing was removed that diminished the Scriptures' spirit or meaning, 33 of 125 key passages of importance to Adventists are either missing or altered so that their meaning is changed.

"Although . . . Revelation survived reasonably intact, Daniel ends with chapter 7 — an omission that will alarm every fundamentalist, rapturist, or Adventist in the land," Blodgett says.

Ingathering Sparks Interest in Baptism

Florida — Ingathering has resulted in multiple blessings for Jose Sequeira, a retired pastor who was responsible recently for establishing a Spanish-speaking company in Deltona, Florida.

While Ingathering in front of a Deltona department store, Sequeira distributed hundreds of *These Times* Ingathering brochures and, because of his "Caring and Sharing" display, in front of the store, he helped the company surpass its goal of \$396. In addition, one evening while Sequeira was standing by his display, a young lady stopped and began looking at the pictures and materials on the display table. Taking note of her

curiosity, Sequeira began talking with her. During the course of the conversation, the woman mentioned that she was once a Seventh-day Adventist and desired to attend services but did not have transportation. The following Sabbath, transportation was gladly provided and, as of the writing of this story, this young lady and her husband are receiving Bible studies and are planning to be baptized.

Radio Spot Program Encourages New Outreach

Southern Union — In 1982, 26 pastors in the Southern Union went on the radio with 60-second spot ministries, largely because of encouragement received from their conferences and the Southern Union through a subsidy program. It has been estimated that, as a result of the program, 3,300 separate spots were aired.

The Southern Union Executive Committee, in its regular meeting December 7, 1982, voted to continue the subsidy program in 1983.

The cost of airing the radio spots is shared by the local conference (31 percent) and the Southern Union (9 percent) to encourage churches and pastors to begin spot ministries.

The cost of time for the one-

minute spots varies with the number of people living in the area a particular radio station serves. A small station in a small town may sell spots for five dollars or less, but, in a large city, the cost could be \$20 or more.

The Communication Department of the General Conference recently announced the development of one-minute radio scripts in Spanish in addition to those already available in English. A year's supply is being sold for \$85.

The effectiveness of these brief messages was dramatically demonstrated in a survey conducted in Lubbock, Texas, in 1979. After a series of radio and television spots were aired for four weeks, it was discovered that positive attitudes toward the Seventh-day Adventist Church rose from 17 percent of those surveyed to 47 percent.

The subsidy program was suggested and voted at the annual Communication Department Council in November 1981, when local conference communication directors expressed a need for such a program. Some pastors, having been encouraged to try spot ministries, have now discovered that some stations will still air spots free of charge.

Book Centers Begin Nationwide Phone Order Service

General Conference — Effective January 1, 1983, each Adventist Book Center is affiliated with a nationwide toll-free telephone order system. Without cost, anyone may dial 1-800-253-3000 and place an order for denominationally produced books and records. The order will be transmitted by the central service to the local ABC for immediate shipment.

Initially only VISA and MasterCard orders will be handled in this manner. Personal account and church orders must be sent directly to the local ABC. National operators are trained for order fulfillment only, explains J. C. Kinder, publishing director of the North American Division. They cannot supply other information such as product description or account status.



Pastor Jose Sequeira stands by an Ingathering display he used in front of a department store. In addition to free literature, the pastor used a cassette tape deck to play Christmas Carols.



The youth of the South Louisville, Kentucky, church recently held an evangelistic series of meetings in their new sanctuary. The meetings included nightly music features, health talks, and sermons, all by the young people. Those who attended were thrilled, the youth felt a deep personal blessing from participating, and decisions were made for Christ. Three were baptized and three more are preparing for baptism. The speakers included: Sandra Barnett (left), Gene Clark, Jonathan Robertson, Woody Deer, Jay Brand, Peggy Weaver, Judy Cornett. (Not pictured are Dan Ruggles, Tom Kendall and Pat Nelson.)



Dr. Henry Wright, professor of theology at Oakwood College, speaks to those assembled for the South Atlantic Conference Church Officers' Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, December 4, 1982. In his sermon he addressed the question "Who is Worthy?"

Pictorial Stories



Gordon M. Hyde, Ph.D., chairman of the division of religion of Southern College, was the keynote speaker at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference workers' retreat, December 5-7. The retreat, held at the Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, was highlighted by an evening communion service conducted by the conference officers.



A reunion concert was recently given at the Voice of Prophecy by members of the King's Heralds quartet of 1962: Bob Edwards (left), John Thurber, Wayne Hooper, and Jerry Dill. They are among the 20 former King's Heralds members who are still living. Their program was part of the annual VOP "Committee of 500 Day" activities at radiobroadcast headquarters. All four men are ordained ministers. Edwards is a researcher and producer of programs at the VOP; Thurber is director of the Youth and Family Life Department at the Mid-America Union Conference; Hooper is coordinating the Adventist hymnal project for the General Conference; and Dill is pastor of the Oakdale, California, church.



Rhea Harvey (left), manager of the Adventist Book Center of Madison, Tennessee, presents Mr. and Mrs. William Miller's new baby, Michael Andrew, a complete five-volume set of *My Bible Friends*. Michael Andrew, weighing in at 5 pounds, 10 ounces, was delivered at 12:08 a.m. January 1, —the first baby born in the new year at Madison Hospital.



Jason Culpepper lights the menorah as Joe Bleivins reads the prayers during Hanukkah services in Connie Hallock's classroom in the Montgomery, Alabama, church school. Alabama-Mississippi Conference Publishing Director Bleivins met with students daily during the eight-day celebration of Hanukkah to explain the history and ritual of the religious and social services observed by the Jewish people in commemoration of the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem. Prayers were recited, songs sung, and traditional games were played as the children grew to understand more fully the rites of this Jewish worship service.



Marilyn Lee, Calhoun, Georgia, church treasurer (left); Richard Center, Georgia-Cumberland Conference treasurer; and Norman Lunt, pastor of the Calhoun church, burned the note of indebtedness for the church December 11, during the church dedication service. Also on hand to honor the event were Gary Patterson, Georgia-Cumberland Conference president, W. C. Burdette, mayor of Calhoun, Bob Mills, of Andrews, North Carolina, Fernon Retzer, Sabbath school director for the Southern Union, and former pastors Bill Tol, Andy McDonald, Henry Uhl, and Roger Bothwell.



Iron Rivera, treasurer of the Orlando Central church (center), hands a check for \$139,000 to Frank Aldridge, Orlando Junior Academy district treasurer. The check was presented to the school recently as payment in full of the Orlando Central church's obligation for capital improvements made to the school about five years ago. Standing (left to right): Attorney Frank Palmour, OJA school board chairman; Aldridge; Rivera; Don Barlow, school board member; and Phil Wilson, pastor of the Orlando Central church.



A new church school building was constructed in Raleigh, North Carolina, during the summer of 1982. Pastor Wayne Owen, assisted by his father and members of the church, poured the concrete, laid the bricks, and did most of the construction work themselves. The building has three classrooms and a small auxiliary room. Future plans call for the addition of a gymnasium-auditorium. Total enrollment is 32. Grades 1-8 are taught by Janet Griffin and Dean Flint. Cheryl Goldston operates a kindergarten. The school is located on several acres of land where the new Raleigh church building will also be constructed when plans are completed. The present pastor is Charles Hindman.



Calvary Junior Academy, Tampa, Florida, recently held its Third Annual Fall Fund-Raising Auction. Complemented by a barnyard scenery, with baby chicks and hay, professional auctioneer Marty Vandenberg captured the enthusiasm of prospective buyers. Pictured are: School board chairperson Dolores Johnson; Lisa Hall; Archie Hamlin; Mandy Green; Vandenberg; Dees Davis; Rose Moore; Principal Vernon Cato.



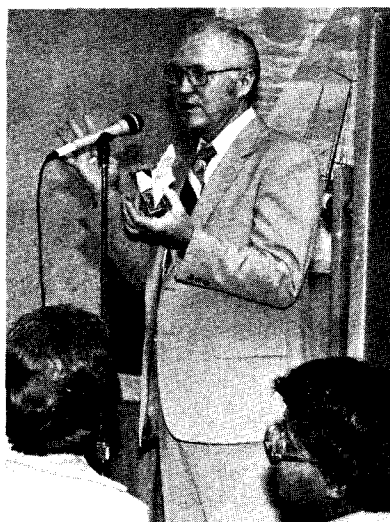
Southern College enrolled 1,325 students on Monday, January 3, during its second semester registration. With a projected 100 late registrants and approximately 225 off-campus students enrolling on the Orlando extension campus and in the Chattanooga evening nursing classes, projected second semester enrollment should total about 1,650.



Ana Liisa Helevara has led the world field for several years in the sale of Adventist literature. Her 1982 sales amounted to \$285,000. She and Unto I. Hon-gisto, publishing director of the Finland Union Conference, present a flag of their country to G. S. Culpepper, Southern Union publishing director.



The coveted cup for top conference went to Carolina with \$535,527 in net sales. Southern Union Conference President A. C. McClure (left) presents the cup to Carolina Conference President M. D. Gordon (right) and Publishing Director Ron Davis. Other conferences with more than \$500,000 in net sales were Florida and Georgia-Cumberland.



William E. Tryon, MD, of Marietta, Georgia, has demonstrated financial and moral support for literature evangelists for many years. Here he presents health principles at a women's meeting.

“... With Wings as Eagles”

The Southern Union Literature Evangelists' Convention was held in Daytona Beach, Florida, December 30-January 1.

Total sales during 1982 for the eight conferences came to \$3,200,795. G. S. Culpepper directs the union-wide program. W. E. Miller and T. R. Smith are associate directors.

Baptisms resulting from literature evangelists' contacts numbered 317. Soul-winning experiences included that of Oscar Pupo whose fishing vessel was seized by Bahamian authorities. While in prison, Pupo witnessed to his jailer. Pupo has since become a "fisher of men" and the jailer has been bap-

tized and also joined the ranks of literature evangelists.

Rather than rely on outside collection agencies, the Publishing Department has employed experienced church workers to visit those with delinquent accounts to encourage them to keep the books and catch up on their payments. Top collector for 1982 was Charles Brannaka, from South Florida, with \$66,000.

Theme text for the convention was Isaiah 40:31: "... They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."



Special meetings were held for Spanish-language literature evangelists. Meeting with the group is Humberto M. Rasi (right).



Joe Holloway's Atlanta, Georgia, district led the union with sales of \$343,000. A. C. McClure (left) commends him for his leadership.



A literature evangelist with only 14 months' experience led the Southern Union in sales, with \$71,758. Esteban Rodriguez was a railroad employee in Cuba before coming to the Miami area. Rodriguez has visited 47 non-Adventist churches, where he is often allowed to explain his work and obtain the names of potential customers. Standing with him are B. J. Beckworth (left), Florida publishing director; A. C. McClure; and Humberto M. Rasi, international publications chief editor and Spanish book editor of Pacific Press Publishing Association.



The Oakwood College Aeolians pose for a photograph after their concert at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee. Alex Haley, author of "Roots" (center), is flanked by actress Jayne Kennedy (left) and Alma Blackmon, director of the Aeolians.

Both Oakwood Choirs Perform at World's Fair

by Juliaette W. Phillips

A rare opportunity came for Oakwood College when both of the school's choirs were invited to perform at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The College Choir, under the direction of Eurydice Osterman, was chosen from among hundreds of applicants throughout the country, and was rated "a very select group" by World's Fair personnel. Groups from elementary, junior and senior high schools, colleges and universities, music academies, community centers, recruitment departments, various clubs, and the military were selected, and represented more than 40 states and Canadian provinces.

This is the second time that such an honor has been afforded the Oakwood College Choir. In 1964, under the direction of Joni Mae Pierre-Louis, the choir was selected to perform at the New York World's Fair.

The choir prepared a patriotic program of music and poetry entitled: America, the Beautiful. The themes: The Quest (the longing for freedom), The Voyage (the journey of the immigrants), The Arrival (the sights and sounds of the new country), A Special People (the Negro slave), and The Challenge (the success of America depends upon all), represented the historical development of America from times past to the present.

Immediately following the College Choir, the attendants at the Fair received another very special treat—African American Day was celebrated with special activities which concluded in the evening with an Aeolian concert in the Amphitheatre. The theatre was overflowing as the Aeolians, directed by Alma Blackmon, performed in tribute to blacks in various areas of accomplishments. Wintley Phipps, an Oakwood alumnus, also well-known as

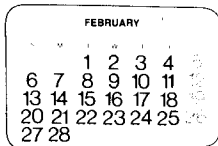
a recording artist, shared the program, and as a former Aeolian, it was a natural for him to introduce and give remarks about this group.

Alex Haley, author of "Roots," Jayne Kennedy, theatrical personality, and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis were all special guests on this program which was designed to highlight and showcase the immeasurable contributions that African Americans have made, not only in this country, but in the worldwide community. Xernona Clayton, television personality, who served as mistress of ceremonies, gave glowing remarks about the Aeolians and Oakwood College.

Both choirs have again represented their school in a complimentary way and shared their message in song!



Eurydice Osterman directs the Oakwood College Choir in a patriotic program of music and poetry.



Calendar of Events

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Evangelistic Meetings

- Jan. 14 - Feb. 19 — Jack DuBosque, Hanceville, Ala.
 Jan. 10 - Mar. 4 (Revelation Seminar) — Stanley Knight, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Jan. 8 - Feb. 19 — Jac Colon, Jackson, Miss.
 Jan. 15 - Feb. 26 — Lin Powell, Mobile, Ala.
 Feb. 6 - Mar. 31 — Merle Landis, Huntsville, Ala.
 Feb. 7 - Apr. 24 — Bob Thrower, Columbus, Miss.
 Feb. 19 - Mar. 12 — Milton Hallock, Milton, Fla.
 Feb. 21 - Apr. 6 (Revelation Seminar) — Richard Hallock, Montgomery, Ala.
 Feb. 25 - Apr. 2 — Jack DuBosque, Birmingham, Ala., Roebuck

Conference Rallies

- Feb. 12 Birmingham, Ala., Roebuck
 29 Huntsville, Ala.

Bookmobile Schedule

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| Feb. 26 | Dothan, Ala. | 6:30 - 9 p.m. |
| 27 | Panama City, Fla. | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
| | Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. | 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. |
| | Pensacola, Fla. | 6 - 9 p.m. |
| 28 | Milton, Fla. | 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon |
| | Mobile, Alabama, Jr. Academy | 2:30 - 7 p.m. |
| Mar. 1 | Crestview, Fla. | 11 a.m. - 12 noon |
| | DeFuniak Springs, Fla. | 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. |
| | Bonifay, Fla. | 3:30 - 5 p.m. |
| | Andalusia, Ala. | 7 - 9 p.m. |
| 3 | Phenix City, Ala. | 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. EST |
| | Yuchi Pines Institute | 6 - 9 p.m. EST |

CAROLINA

Mount Pisgah Academy Alumni Weekend — April 8, 9. Honor classes: 1973, 1963, 1958, 1953, 1943.

Adventist Singles' Ministries Valentine Party — Feb. 5. Hendersonville, N.C., Ramada Inn. Reservations required. Contact Oliver Hayes, Rt. 4, Box 265, Spartanburg, S.C. 29302. (803) 582-8809.

Spiritual Growth Seminars

- Feb. 4-6 Madelyn Haldeman
 Mar. 4-6 C. E. Bradford
 Apr. 1-3 Emilio Knechtle
 4124 Farrington Rd., Durham, NC 27705. (919) 489-7777.

Youth Area Fellowships

- Coastal — Feb. 26 Wilson
 Lakeland — Mar. 5 Whiteville

Lay Preachers' Training Seminar — Feb. 25 - Mar. 5, Nosoca Pines Ranch. Instructors: S. F. Monnier, George Knowles, Maurice Abbott, Art Carlson.

Carolina Adventist Golf Assoc. Spring Tournament May 15. Etowah Valley Country Club, Etowah, N.C. Tee Time is 12 noon. Pre-registration required. Contact E. L. Marley, P.O. Box 632, Etowah, NC 28729. (704) 891-4363

FLORIDA

Youth Ministries Calendar

- Feb. 18-20 — Freshman-Sophomore Bible Conference. Weekend of spiritual emphasis for 9th and 10th graders. Camp Kulaqua.
 Feb. 24 - Mar. 4 — Senior Youth Snow Ski Trip.
 Mar. 6-9 — Teen Pathfinder Invitational. Dry Tortugas Trip. Key West, Fla.

Orlando Central Church 25th Anniversary Celebration — March 11, 12.

Area Seminars for Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Child Evangelism Coordinators

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| Feb. 5 | Tampa First Church | 4 p.m. |
| 6 | Ocala Church | 4 p.m. |
| 19 | Walker Memorial Church | 4 p.m. |
| 20 | Ft. Myers Shores Church | 10 a.m. |
| Mar. 5 | Kress Memorial Church | 4 p.m. |
| 6 | Jacksonville Mandarin Church | 3 p.m. |
| 19 | Miami Temple Church | 4 p.m. |
| 20 | Ft. Pierce Church | 2 p.m. |

ABC Bookmobile will be present at all seminars.

Medical-Dental Seminar - Florida Conference — Apr. 1, 2. Las Palmas Inn (International Drive - Orlando, Fla.). Guest Speakers: Dr. Wilber Alexander, professor of theology and clinical ministry, Loma Linda University; Charles L. Brooks, General Conference Sabbath School Department. Additional information on room and dinner reservations continuing education schedule, etc., by mail.

ABC Bookmobile Schedule

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| Feb. 5 | Tampa First
(SS Institute begins 4 p.m.) | Sundown |
| 6 | Zephyrhills
Dade City
Bushnell
Ocala
(SS Institute begins 4 p.m.) | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
11 - 12 noon
1 - 2 p.m.
4 - 6:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Walker Memorial Church
(SS Institute begins 4 p.m.) | Sundown |

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| 20 | Punta Gorda Medical Center
Ft. Myers Shores Church
(SS Institute begins 10 a.m.) | 9 - 10:30 a.m.
12 - 2 p.m. |
| Mar. 5 | Winter Haven
Kress Memorial Church
(SS Institute begins 4 p.m.) | 4 - 5 p.m.
Sundown |
| 6 | Daytona Beach
Palatka
St. Augustine
Jacksonville Mandarin
(SS Institute begins 3 p.m.) | 9 - 10 a.m.
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.
2 - 3 p.m.
4 - 6 p.m. |

Adventist Singles' Ministries Calendar

- February 12 — Adventist Singles' Ministries Potluck, Forest Lake church. Saturday evening gathering at home of Berniece Litchfield, 3201 Sand Lake Road, Forest City.
 February 26 — Singles' Day, Avon Park. Special service by Gordon Henderson. Walk, concert, attending Passion Play Saturday night. For information call (305) 886-6426.

ABC Prayer Crusades

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| Feb. | 4-12 | Daytona Beach church |
| | 18-26 | Florida Hospital church |
| Mar. | 4-12 | West Palm Beach church |
| | 18-26 | North Miami church |

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Sabbath School Workshops

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| Feb. 5 | Albany | 3 - 6 p.m. |
| 12 | Atlanta (Belvedere), Ga. | 3 - 6 p.m. |
| 13 | Collegedale, Tenn. | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. |

Pathfinder Jamboree — Feb. 6. Knoxville, Tenn.

Youth Celebrations

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| Feb. 12 | Columbus, Ga. | 3 p.m. |
| 26 | Augusta, Ga. | 3 p.m. |

Adventist Singles' Ministries Day — Feb. 12, Collegedale. Sabbath school and church in the college cafeteria. Potluck. Call (615) 238-4870.

Adventist Singles' Valentine Banquet — Feb. 12. Chattanooga Choo Choo. Send reservations to Grace Padgett, P.O. Box 211, Ooltewah, TN 37363; Kathryn Steen, 5621 Edgmon Road, Ooltewah, TN 37363; or call (615) 238-4870. Late charge after Feb. 5.

South Georgia Science Fair — Feb. 25. 10 a.m., Lakeland, Ga.

North Georgia Science Fair — Feb. 27. 10 a.m., Douglasville, Ga.

Lay Witness Weekend — Feb. 18, 19. Barwick, Ga.

Vacation Bible School Workshop — March 4-5. Cohutta Springs Camp.

Collegedale Academy Alumni Weekend — April 8, 9. Honor classes: '43, '53, '58, '63, '73, '78. All alumni, former students, and staff are invited to attend. Write: Academy, Box 628, Collegedale, TN 37315.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Basketball Regional Playoffs — Feb. 5.

Lay Advisory Council — Feb. 12. Oakwood College.

Communication Workshop — Feb. 20. Selma, Ala.

Office Staff Meetings — Feb. 3; Mar. 1.

Housing Board Meetings — Feb. 3; Mar. 8.

Personal Ministries Seminars

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| Feb. 12-19 | Montgomery, Ala. |
| Mar. 4, 5 | Greenville, Miss. |
| Mar. 11, 12 | Hattiesburg, Miss. |

Sabbath School Workshops

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| Feb. 26, 27 | Jackson, Miss., New Heights church. |
| Mar. 19 | Knoxville, Tenn. |

SOUTHERN COLLEGE

A. E. Anderson Lecture Series — Feb. 3. M. King Deets, President, Amherst Associates, Inc., "Strategy Planning in Health Care," Summerour Hall 105, 8 p.m.

Engaged Couples' Retreat — Feb. 4, 5.

Division of Religion Perspective — Feb. 4, 5. Featured Speaker: Norman Doss.

William Stockdale Travelogue — Feb. 5. PE Center, 8 p.m.

Black History Week — Feb. 7-10.

A. E. Anderson Lecture Series — Feb. 10. Eleanor Jones, Assistant District Manager, Social Security Administration, "Social Security, Will it Last?" Summerour Hall 105, 8 p.m.

Newlywed Retreat — Feb. 11, 12.

Vespers — Feb. 18. Ron Graybill, Collegedale church, 8 p.m.

Church Service — Feb. 19. Ron Graybill, Collegedale church, 8:40 and 11:15 a.m.

Oratorio "The Creation" by Haydn — Feb. 19. Collegedale church, 4 p.m., presented by the Southern College division of music.

Bruce and Lella Ashton in Recital — Feb. 20. Ackerman Hall, 8 p.m.
Spring Break — Feb. 25 - Mar. 6.

SOUTHERN UNION

Bible Evangelism Sabbath — Feb. 5.

Regional Conference Treasurer's Meet — Feb. 7, 8. Huntsville, Ala.

Regional Conferences Weekend — Feb. 11, 12. Oakwood College.

Faith for Today Offering — Feb. 12.

Christian Home and Family Altar — Feb. 19-26.

Tract Evangelism and Mission Extension Week — Mar. 5-12.

Adventist Youth Day — Mar. 12.

Sabbath School Community Guest Day/Community Relations Day — Mar. 19.

OUT OF UNION

SDA Theological Seminary Enrollment Deadline — Feb. 28, for 1983-1984.

Lifestyle Medicine Convention — Feb. 28 - Mar. 2. Loma Linda University.

Upper Columbia Academy Class of 1963 20-Year Reunion — Alumni Weekend, April 9. Please send names and addresses to: Betty Coleman Cox, Rt. 2, Box 2682, Grayling, MI 49638. (517) 348-3080.

Shenandoah Valley Academy 75th Anniversary — April 22, 23. Honor classes: 1923, '33, '43, '53, '63, and '73. Call (703) 740-3161.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Nutrition Instructors — According to R. E. Klimes, director of health/temperance ministries for the North American Division, a list is being compiled of all home nutrition instructors. Klimes requests that all home nutrition instructors write to him at The Adventist Health Network, Certification Office, 6830 Laurel St., NW, Washington, DC 20012. Those writing should include such information as name, address, the year you became a home nutrition instructor; trainer's name; whether you have a temporary or a permanent card; whether you have been active, inactive, or somewhat active; and whether you would like to continue being a Home Nutrition Instructor.

Missionary Positions — Persons interested in the positions listed below should write Secretariat Information Service, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20012. Ministerial: 1 district director, 10 departmental directors, 4 pastors or chaplains; Managerial: 3 publishing or industry, 4 auditors or treasurers, 1 radio station; Medical: 27 physicians, 7 dentists, 2 nurses, 1 optometrist, 1 dental technician; Educational: 3 administrators, 17 teachers (language, music, science, business, industrial arts, agricultural, elementary, home economics); Practical: 1 office secretary, 1 maintenance engineer; Volunteer: 2 librarians, 1 accountant-cashier, 1 office secretary, 1 pilot, 1 physical therapist, 10 doctors, 2 public relations directors, 2 pastors, 1 builder, 2 nurses, 1 departmental director, 1 agriculturist, 16 teachers (English, science, industrial arts, Bible, education, art, administrators).

Placement files of Walla Walla College students who left the school prior to 1978 will be discontinued unless the student requests otherwise. People wishing to keep their files active should write the Counseling and Career Development Center, Walla Walla College, College Place, WA 99324, before May 1. The requests should include a current resume and three current references.

Italian-Speaking SDAs — The editors of *Il Messaggero*, the Italian monthly which deals with doctrine and church life in the Italian Union wishes to establish contact with Italian-speaking brethren in order to exchange information and offer them the possibility to receive their publications, and encourage Italian-speaking SDAs to use their literature in witnessing to Italians everywhere. For more information, write: L'araldo Della Verita, Via Chiantigiana, 30 - Falciani, 50023 Impruneta - Firenze, or call 055/20 20 291.

MBA Scholarship at Andrews — The School of Business at Andrews University announces the availability of four scholarships in the master of business administration (MBA) degree program. The scholarships will provide \$4,000 each toward tuition in the 1983-1984 MBA program—approximately 80 percent of the student's tuition. The School of Business will offer work opportunities for the students awarded scholarships to cover the remaining tuition and living expenses. Applications will be accepted by the Dean of the School of Business at Andrews until May 1, 1983. Students will be notified of the results by May 15. Two criteria: the undergraduate GPA and scores on GMAT. For further information regarding the scholarships, contact the Dean of the School of Business, Andrews Univ., Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

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On the Move

Southeastern

1. **Roy R. Brown** is the newly elected director of the communication, stewardship, and trust services departments. Brown has been the pastor of the Miami-Northside, Miami-Perrine, and Hollywood churches.

Christian Record

2. **Howard H. Voss** became general manager for Christian Record Braille Foundation on January 1. He succeeds **B. E. Jacobs**, who will be an associate secretary of the General Conference.

Weddings

FAIRCHILD — BUSCH

Darlene Busch and **David Fairchild** were married Aug. 8, 1982, at the Highland church in Portland, Tenn. Darlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Busch of Portland. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fairchild of Erie, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Bob Hunter. The couple has made its home in Shawnee, Kan., where David is a computer programmer analyst and Darlene is an executive secretary for Adventist Health System/Eastern and Middle America.

PORTER — PATE

Sharon Joy Pate and **Gary Wayne Porter** were married Oct. 3, 1982, in the Jacksonville, Fla., Regency church, with Earl Snow officiating. The couple will make its home in Jacksonville.

RINGER — MELVIN

Anita Charlene Melvin and **Lawrence Edward Ringer** were united in marriage on April 25, 1982, by Mark Dalton in the Kernersville, N.C., church. Anita is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Melvin of Kernersville, and a graduate of Southern College. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Ringer of Higdon, Ala. The couple has made its home in Trenton, Ga.

SHIRES — KELLY

Donna Jean Kelly and **Michael Reginald Shires** were married Dec. 5, 1982, at the Ridgetop, Tenn., church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kelly of Ridgetop. The groom is the son of Elder and Mrs. Reginald Shires of Calverton, Md. The service was performed by Reginald Shires and F. H. Hewitt. The couple has made its home in Reading, Pa., where Mike is on the staff of the Reading Rehabilitation Center and Donna will be completing college.

WHEELER — OAKLEY

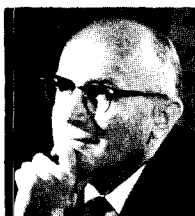
Patricia Sue Oakley and **Julian Edward Wheeler III** were married on November 21, 1982, at the Ridgetop, Tenn., church with Jack Colclusser officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Oakley of Goodlettsville, Tenn. The groom is the son of Muriel Elaine Tyler of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Julian Edward Wheeler, Jr., of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The couple is living in Hendersonville, Tenn. Patty works at a Springfield, Tenn., hospital and "J" is employed by Oakley Tree Surgery.

WILKINSON — MICHEL

Linda Cornelia Michel and **Bruce Webster Wilkinson** were married on Aug. 1, 1982, in the Jacksonville, Fla., church, with Louis Torres officiating. Bruce, a colporteur, and Linda, a nurse, will make their home in Jacksonville.



by **Robert H. Pierson**



DOLLIS MAE

Someday I'm going to write a book. It'll be my favorite of all I have ever published. I'm going to call it simply, *Dollis Mae*. You see, Dollis Mae and I have been married more than 51 years, and I still think she is the most wonderful girl in the world. So wonderful, there's enough to write a whole book about her!

Let me give you a sneak preview. She is a loving and lovable Christian. She loves her Saviour, her Bible, and her church. She prays for me. She encourages me. She is a lady. She is delightfully feminine. She is thoughtful. She is a soft-spoken, gentle person. She does not nag. She is not a complainer. She has never embarrassed me.

She takes an interest in my work without instructing me how to do it. She treats members of my family as though they were her own. She keeps our home neat and tidy without making it uncomfortable to live there. She has never given me any cause to doubt her love for me.

Now, my wife would be terribly embarrassed if she knew I was writing these things, *for publication!* And I guess I must admit to some bias. But I want to say it to the world, and so I shall. An ordained minister of the gospel must tell the truth.

Florida Conference MEDICAL-DENTAL SEMINAR — April 1, 2

Las Palmas Inn, International Drive
Orlando, Florida

Guest Speakers — Dr. Wilber Alexander, professor of theology and clinical ministry, Loma Linda University; Charles L. Brooks, General Conference Sabbath School Department.

Additional information on room and dinner reservations, continuing education schedule, etc., available by mail.

sunset table

	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 4	Mar. 11
Atlanta, Ga.	6:12	6:18	6:25	6:31	6:37	6:42
Charlotte, N.C.	5:55	6:02	6:08	6:15	6:21	6:27
Collegedale, Tenn.	6:13	6:20	6:26	6:33	6:39	6:45
Huntsville, Ala.	5:18	5:25	5:31	5:38	5:44	5:50
Jackson, Miss.	5:37	5:43	5:49	5:55	6:01	6:06
Louisville, Ky.	6:09	6:17	6:25	6:32	6:39	6:46
Memphis, Tenn.	5:32	5:39	5:45	5:52	5:58	6:04
Miami, Fla.	6:07	6:11	6:16	6:20	6:24	6:28
Montgomery, Ala.	5:22	5:28	5:34	5:40	5:45	5:51
Nashville, Tenn.	5:17	5:24	5:31	5:38	5:45	5:51
Orlando, Fla.	6:07	6:12	6:17	6:22	6:27	6:31
Wilmington, N.C.	5:45	5:52	5:59	6:05	6:11	6:16

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FOR SALE: Western N.C., 28 acres wooded mtn. land, nice view, field for large garden, fruit & nut trees, 2 small out-buildings, bdrms, 45' trailer in good condition, well secluded, \$56,000. P.O. Box 766, Mars Hill, NC 28754. (704) 689-5752 or 682-9312. (1,2)

FOR SALE: Home in Collegedale, Tenn. Ideally located near Southern College. Split foyer traditional, 4 bdrms., 2½ baths, 2 rear decks. Assume 9% mortgage. High \$50's. Write/call 5523 Oakwood Road, Huntsville, AL 35896, (205) 830-2790. (1,2)

WOODED ACREAGE for sale near Meister Hills ch. & sch., Deer Lodge, Tenn. 10 acres \$9,000, 20 acres \$16,000. Ed Williams, 1810 Little Creek Ln., Knoxville, TN 37922. Phone (615) 690-7389. (1,2)

RETIRE IN BEAUTIFUL WESTERN N. C. Near ch., Adventist hosp. & Dr.'s. All homes on ground level, carpeted, electric heat, AC, & fireplace. Write Pisgah Estates, Box 6953, Asheville, NC 28806 Phone (704) 667-5508. (E)

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LAKEFRONT HOME FOR SALE: Large comfortable home on peaceful Lake Waccamaw, N.C., (near Wilmington) with ½ acre of property. Ideal for retirement or vacations. Price negotiable. (919) 452-3277. (2)

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RETIREMENT CENTER CONDOMINIUMS under \$50,000 in Hendersonville, N.C. Units with many extras. Also lots, homes, & acreage. Seth White, Oates Realty, 544 N. Main St., Hendersonville, NC 28739. (704) 693-0262. (2,3)

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BRAY, Minnie, was born Jan. 22, 1894, in Higate, Ontario, Canada, and died Oct. 20, 1982. She began a career as dean of women in 1919, serving at her alma mater, Oshawa Missionary College, and later at Washington Missionary College. In 1950 she went to Washington, D.C., as an administrative secretary in the General Conference Religious Study Department. There she carried unusually heavy responsibilities for 12 years. She survived by her sister, Frances Sheneman; a brother, Tom Abrey; a niece, Peggy Adair; two nephews, George and Ray Abrey; grand nieces, Barbara Kin, Beverly Benning; and grand nephew, Douglas Bendall. Funeral services were conducted by Paul Ridge, W. A. Nelson, and J. E. Edwards in the Shephard Park Chapel, Hendersonville, N.C.

LUM, Cynthia Grace, age 25, died Oct. 7, 1982, in a motor vehicle accident at Ormond Beach, Fla. Cynthia, born in Miami, Fla., was a member of the Miami Temple church, and graduated from Greater Miami Academy and Southern College where she graduated with an ASRE in 1980. She was a registered nurse at Halifax Hospital, Daytona Beach, Fla., at the time of her death. Mourning her loss are her father, Donald Blum of Miami; her mother, Istance Christian of Ormond Beach; and her sister Charlotte England of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

OUKE, Venema, was born in Workum, Netherlands, on June 23, 1885, and passed away at Forest City, Fla., on Oct. 20, 1982. She is survived by one son, Donald Venema of Myers, Fla.; one niece, Mrs. VanCamps of Orlando, Fla.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

RAYSHAW, Pearl H., was the daughter of missionaries and was born in Jamaica Feb. 1901, and died in Jacksonville, Fla., on Oct. 23, 1982. She is survived by two sons: Jerry Acksonville, Fla., and George or Redlands, Calif. She will be missed by her friends in Manderlin church.

HENAULT, Mary Dorena Bailey, was born in Manchester, England, on October 28, 1893, and died on June 1, 1982, in Trenton, Mich. For 41 years she worked in the bindery of Jern Publishing Association. In 1930 she was married to C. H. Chenault, who preceded her in death. She is survived by a niece, Helen Belinc of Southgate, Mich. Services were conducted in Nashville, Tenn., by Stuart Harrison, pastor of the Nashville First Church. She was laid to rest in Centerville, Tenn.

RABTREE, James Pemberton, was born May 14, 1911, and died Oct. 18, 1982. He was born in West Virginia, and died in Hendersonville, N.C. He was married to Lois Carol, who preceded him in death. For over eight years he worked for the Review and Herald Publishing Association and was dean of men at Union Springs Academy and Antioch Union College. His main interest was working as a layman in dark counties. His service was in Madison, Ga., where he was instrumental in starting a church. In 1981 he married Penney Brown. He is survived by his wife; a son, Timothy John Crabtree; and four sisters. He was a member of the Arden, N.C. church. Burial was in Shepherd Memorial Park in Hendersonville, N.C.

JARRETT, Icle Jean, was born Sept. 1, 1899, in Guinn, Ala., and passed away on Nov. 19, 1982, in Forest City, Fla. In 1921, she was married to Mitchell Robert Garrett and through the years they engaged in pastoral-evangelism in the Kentucky-Tennessee, Alabama-Mississippi, Arkansas-Louisiana, Georgia-Cumberland, Carolina, and Florida conferences until his death in 1959. She is survived by four brothers and one sister; four daughters: Doris Bosarge of Tampa, Fla., Elaine Nelson of Fresno, Calif., Bernice Rubba of Orlando, and Mitchele MacKintosh of Walla Walla, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by R. J. Ulmer, J. P. Rogers, and Floyd Powell.

SEPFORD, John W., born in 1900, in Oklahoma, died Nov. 15, 1982, in Nashville, Tenn. He held the position of general manager of industries in Collegedale, Tenn., and Lincoln, Mo., from 1937 to 1950. At that time, he moved to Nashville and worked in private industry until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Edith W.; and a son, Warren, both of Nashville. Other survivors include two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by Myron Johnson and Richard Mosely at the Forrest Lawn Memorial Chapel in Goodlettsville, Tenn., with interment in the Forrest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

GUERRIER, Maud, was born Nov. 20, 1900, in Selma, Ala., and passed away Dec. 15, 1982, at Forest City, Fla. She was a member of the Florida Living church. Mrs. Guerrier is survived by one son, Harry McWilliams of Orlando, Fla.; and two daughters, Jean Low of Santa Fe, Ga., and Mrs. Wilma Quortly, also of Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Louise Lee Jones Selma, Ala., and Elaine Weaver of Chattanooga, Tenn.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services and burial were in Selma, Ala., on Dec. 19, 1982.

HILL, Irene Smith, was born Dec. 19, 1902, in Valdosta, Ga., and passed away Oct. 30, 1982, in Altamonte Springs, Fla. She is survived by her son, Paul Hill of Washington, D.C.; daughter, Carroll Jean Keniston of Hyattsville, Md.; her stepson, Vernon Hill of Pennsylvania; and her stepdaughter, Virginia Whalen, of Ohio.

LEWIS, Virgil K., age 64, of Madison, Tenn., passed away on Oct. 20, 1982. He was the editor of the *Nashville Record*, a legal business and financial weekly publication for the state for four years. He was appointed public relations director of Madison Hospital in 1970. Prior to that he served as chairman of the English department of Adelphi Academy in Ann Arbor, Mich., from 1956 to 1970. He was a local elder and Sabbath school superintendent of the Madison Campus church, a member of the American Court and Commercial Newspapers, the Tennessee Press Association, the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, and past president, a Kiwanian of the Year and a member of the Madison Kiwanis Club. Survivors include his wife, Marion; two daughters, Madlyn Carol Hamblin of Adrian, Mich., and Diane Lea Hamblin of Tecumseh, Mich.; a son, Theodore Michael of Kettering, Ohio; five grandchildren; a brother, Leonard of Glendale, Calif.; a half-brother, Carroll of Berrien Springs, Mich.; and a half-sister, Joan Herford, also of Berrien Springs. Funeral services were conducted at the Madison Campus church by Bob Hunter, LaMar Alfred, and Jack W. Clarke. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Berrien Springs, Mich., with Albert Parker and LaMar Alfred officiating.

MEYER, Sylvia Miller, wife of Leonard S. Meyer, died Nov. 22, 1982, at her home. Born in Findlay, Ohio, she was a daughter of the late John S. and Gertrude Clymer Miller. She was direct descendant of three of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States. Mrs. Meyer was a member of the Blythewood, S.C., church. Surviving are her husband; and two sisters, Dorothy Laube and Pauline Robinson Findlay. Services were conducted by Paul Anderson.

NELSON, Myra, was born Dec. 6, 1897, in Medina, N.Y., and died Nov. 6, 1982, in Loma Linda, Calif., following an extended illness. From 1946 to 1969 she served as social worker, chaplain, and Bible instructor at Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital, now Fletcher Medical Center, Fletcher, N.C. She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Stannard of Loma Linda, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Doris Trinknor of Carrollton, Ga.; a stepson, Harold Nelson of DeSoto, Ill.; three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Doris Mathews of Orlando, Fla.

PRATHER, Susie May, was born April 15, 1888, in Kite, Ga., and passed away in Cocoa, Fla., on Dec. 12, 1982. Mrs. Prather leaves to mourn her passing one son, David Prather; and three daughters, Lois Waller, Susan May Davis, and Elizabeth Love. Services were conducted by S. Yost. She was a member of the Cocoa church.

PRATT, Jennie Vieve, was born April 11, 1892, in Orleans, Vt., and passed away in Forest City, Fla., Nov. 24, 1982. She and Elder Forrest Pratt were married in 1916. Services were conducted by J. A. Soule and A. D. Burch. She leaves to cherish her memory one brother, Dr. Victor Barrows of Holiday, Fla.; one sister, Helen Thurlow of West Paris, Me.; one son, Robert of Buckfield, Me.; and one daughter, Ruth Cornog of Exeter, Calif.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

SCHUCK, Paul Richard, Sr., was born Oct. 6, 1925, in Lakeland, Fla., and passed away on Nov. 10, 1982, in Orlando, Fla. He will be missed by his friends at the Orlando Central church. He is survived by one son, Paul Richard Schuck, Jr., of Sanford, Fla.; and one daughter, Beverly Ann Snell of Orlando, Fla.

SHIRES, Marie Montgomery, was born in Kentucky on April 9, 1904, and passed away on Nov. 11, 1982, in Hialeah, Fla. She was a charter member of the Islamorada, Fla., church. She is survived by one daughter, Betty Coffee of Miami, Fla.; one son, Ellis Jr. of Lexington, Va.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her funeral and burial were conducted by Chaplain D. C. Premier from Hialeah Hospital.

SIEBERMAN, Louis Ernest, was born Feb. 14, 1919, in Carrollton, Ill., to John and Anna Sieberman. His childhood and youth were spent in Jacksonville, Ill. Louis attended Southern Missionary College. On Nov. 25, 1943, he was married to Kathryn Elizabeth Linker in Greensboro, N.C. Two infant children, a son, David, and a daughter, Linda, preceded him in death. For the past 25 years Louis had lived in Hinsdale and had been employed at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital. During the past three years he fought a valiant battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; 18 first cousins and a wide circle of friends.

STARKEY, Wythe C., was born in Salem, Va., the son of Samuel and Blanche Starkey, on Aug. 3, 1896. After serving in the Army under General Pershing along the Mexican border he went to work for the Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, Tenn. In 1916 he married Lillie Sorrell. From 1923 to 1934 he served as manager of The College Press at Southern Junior College, after which he opened his own business in Chattanooga. In 1953 his wife, Lillie, passed away. In 1955 he married Leola Cassell, who was teaching on the Southern Missionary College faculty. On Nov. 21, 1982, he passed to his rest. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Leola; his brother Earl, of Buena Vista, Va.; his son, Glen; granddaughters Glenda Salsberry; and great-granddaughter Rebecca Francine Salsberry. Starkey printed thousands of dollars of material for the Voice of Prophecy at no charge and supported the VOP message on numerous radio stations, both in the United States and abroad.

STRAIGHT, Alfred, was born Oct. 4, 1907, in Mullen, Neb., and passed away Oct. 26, 1982, in Leesburg, Fla. Straight superintended the building of the new sanctuary of the Spring City, Tenn., church before moving to Leesburg. The service was conducted by H. Haskell Williams and Paul Horton. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Lena; four sons: William G. of Battle Creek, Mich., Alfred C., Jr., of Leesburg, Thomas H. of Louisville, Ky., and Edward J. of Bradenton Beach, Fla.; one daughter, Donna R. Holbrook of Leesburg, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

SYPE, Vera Gertrude Hunt, was born Nov. 16, 1890, in Polk City, Iowa. In 1913, she graduated from nurses' training at the Iowa Sanitarium. The following year she married Ross Jackson Sype, who was just starting in the ministry. In 1918 they went as missionaries to Central America. They worked there and in the West Indies until 1934. She continued her work as a nurse until age 85. She is survived by her husband, Ross Jackson Sype, Sr.; one son, Ross Jackson Sype, Jr.; one daughter, Minita Sype Brown; a brother, Mearl Hunt of Nevada, Iowa; and a sister, Georgia Coy of Ames, Iowa. Three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

THOMPSON, John L., born June 4, 1920, in Louisville, Ky., died Aug. 29, 1982, in Florence, Miss. After having spent his childhood in Africa with missionary parents, he was educated in America, graduating from Andrews University. His years of service in the teaching ministry, in both classroom and administration, included work in seven conferences in the Columbia, Lake, Southern, Southwestern and Pacific Unions. He is survived by his wife Muriel (Curtis) son, Frank; daughters, Patricia and Cecile; and five grandchildren. Services were conducted in California and Michigan with interment taking place in Fostoria, Mich.

VANDERMEULEN, Sarah Jane, was born in Carteret, N.J., on Mar. 12, 1934, and passed away in St. Augustine, Fla., on Oct. 26, 1982. She is mourned by her friends in the St. Augustine church. VanDerMeulen is survived by her husband, John; one son, Daniel, of St. Augustine; and one daughter, Denise, also of St. Augustine.

WILLIAMS, Edythe, was born Feb. 19, 1908, and died Nov. 2, 1982, in Collegedale, Tenn. Until her retirement in 1974, she served for nearly 30 years as a nurse educator at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists and Erlanger Medical Center, Chattanooga. Survivors include her husband, Walter E. Williams; two children; and one brother. Burial was in Collegedale Memorial Park.

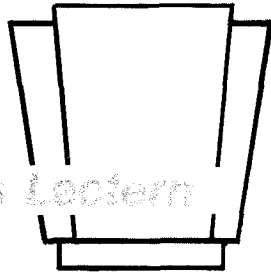
WILSON, Nathalie May Holcombe, 53, died Nov. 15, 1982. She was a member of the Foster Memorial church, Asheville, N.C. Survivors include her father, Chester Arthur Holcombe, of Portland, Ore.; her husband, Charles Millard Wilson, Sr.; a daughter, Rosalie May Wilson, of the home; three sons, Charles Millard Wilson, Jr., of Asheville, Kenneth Arthur Wilson, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Lawrence Edward Wilson, of the home; five sisters, Leota Holcombe of Bellefonte, Pa., Lelia Wilder of Cottosa, N.C., Margaret McLendon of Dallas, Tex., Nadine Jackson of Wichita Falls, Tex., and Jerita Holcombe of Takoma Park, Md.; and a brother, Dalton Holcombe of Portland. The service was conducted by Ron Whitehead at the Foster Memorial church. Interment was at Green Hills Cemetery.

WOODRUFF, Gilbert Dale, born in Cassville, Mo., Jan. 15, 1956, died Sept. 26, 1982. The funeral services were conducted by Amos Cooper and Barry Mahorny in the McDonald Road church in Tennessee. He spent the first months of his life at Ozark Academy in Gentry, Ark., where his parents, Donald and Velma Woodruff, were teachers. Columbia and Leesburg, Mo., Collegedale, Tenn., and Rock Spring, Ga., were homes to him through his growing-up years. On December 25, 1977, Gilbert married Cheryl Lynn Johnson. Cheryl loved Gilbert devotedly and will always be a much-loved member of the Woodruff family. In June of 1981 Gilbert was awarded a degree in computer science from Chattanooga State. He was a deacon and held other offices in the Ringgold, Ga., church. Unnumbered motorists will remember Gilbert as the good Samaritan who just happened by with a can full of gas or the skilled touch to get them on their way. Survivors include his wife Cheryl; parents, Donald and Velma Woodruff; brothers, Roger and Douglas; sister, Paula Coon; niece, Clarisa Coon; and numerous other relatives and friends.

YOUNG, Dr. John Henry, 84, of Hopkins, S.C., died Dec. 2, 1982. He was a son of the late Charles Wesley and Mattie Roberts Young. Dr. Young graduated from the Medical College at Charleston, S.C., in 1923. For 30 years he was a surgeon in his field for the Seaboard Railroad. He was a member of the Columbia, S.C., church. Surviving are his widow, Elvia Lindler Young; a son, John H. Young, Jr.; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. Services were conducted by Paul Anderson and C. E. Bracebridge.

ZIMMERMAN, Lori Jo, 28, born Oct. 1, 1954, in Lansing, Mich., died Nov. 10 in Fletcher, N.C., as the result of a fall in her home. She graduated from Cedar Lake Academy in 1973 and received her degree in elementary education from Andrews University in 1977. Since Aug. 1977, she has been the 4th grade teacher at Captain Gilmer School in Fletcher, N.C. She was a member of the Arden, N.C., church. Surviving are her parents, Jack and Ailene Zimmerman of Williamston, Mich.; and one brother, Kirt Zimmerman of Hinsdale, Ill. She will be greatly missed by her students, friends, and faculty. She was an exemplary Christian educator.

The Layman's Lantern



by Helen Socol

The year—1929; the place—Chicago; the person—Jenny; the occasion—a breadline for the hungry.

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Helen Socol is a member of the Highland, Tennessee, church. She serves on the executive committees of the Kentucky-Tennessee and Southern Union conferences.

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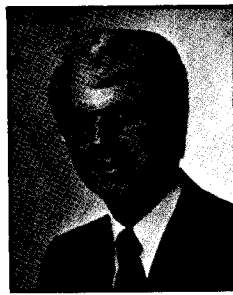
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Alabama-Mississippi	262
Carolina	499
Florida	1,571
Georgia-Cumberland	757
Kentucky-Tennessee	386
South Atlantic	1,128
South Central	1,153
Southeastern	1,203

An indication of the rate of growth is revealed in the percentage of baptisms to conference membership at the beginning of the year. Those figures for each conference are:

Alabama-Mississippi	4.02
Carolina	4.75
Florida	7.32
Georgia-Cumberland	4.33
Kentucky-Tennessee	3.91
South Atlantic	8.01
South Central	7.88
Southeastern	13.20

Membership totals for the beginning and end of 1982 are:

	Dec. 31, 1981	Dec. 31, 1982
Alabama-Mississippi	6,521	6,546
Carolina	10,510	10,831

Florida	21,462	22,070
Georgia-Cumberland	17,471	17,521
Kentucky-Tennessee	9,860	10,005
South Atlantic	14,087	14,697
South Central	14,626	15,614
Southeastern	9,112	10,312
Southern Union	103,649	107,596

While recognizing the fact that statistics are cold and impersonal and certainly do not tell all of the story of soul winning, nor do they reveal the number of those who have been reclaimed and revived, they do give us some measure of the advancement and progress of the church in accomplishing its mission to the world.

While wishing to avoid an overemphasis on numbers, let us not overlook the fact that in the early church, following Pentecost, "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." The book of Acts also records that "there were added unto them about 3,000 souls." It also says, "Many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about 5,000."

We are now well into the period designated as the 1,000 Days of Reaping. Our world objective is to baptize 1,000 a day for 1,000 days. We believe that during 1983 we should baptize at least 10,000 here in the Southern Union. It can happen, and it will happen if you and I each commit our lives anew to our Lord and permit Him to make us channels of blessing to others.

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