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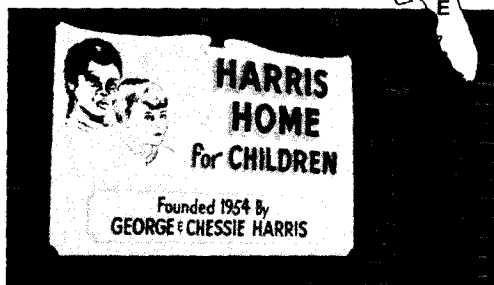
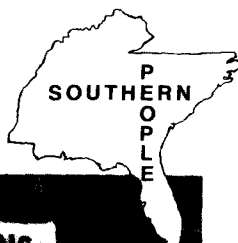


Featuring:

Harris Home for Children

Something to Make Children Smile

by the Editors



Chessie and George Harris



If anybody had ever told me that Robert would have ever learned how to behave in any kind of decent manner—none of us would have thought it. Not him.

"There was mental retardation. The father was a total alcoholic. The children were just like little animals.

"Robert was mean, unmanageable, obstinate, hateful. He was a fighter at the drop of a hat. He didn't want to go to school. He upset the classroom. He upset the teachers."

Today he is serving a prison term for armed robbery and first-degree murder, right? Wrong.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1983

Dear Mrs. Harris:

Nancy and I are delighted to send warmest greetings and congratulations as you are honored by the Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries.

We were touched to hear the story of the Harris Home for Children and your lifetime of service to others. Since 1954, you have been caring for homeless and unwanted children. You have fed, clothed, and educated them, giving totally of yourself so that they may have a chance for the future. Many of your children have gone on to college and technical schools, and because of your love, they are prospering today.

I know it hasn't always been easy, but your inner strength and faith in God have sustained you. You are living proof of Paul's promise to the Philippians: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." May God continue to bless the important work you have begun at Harris Home.

I commend you for the contributions you have made to your fellow citizens. What a special person you are to have dedicated your life to our most precious resource -- the children.

You have my very best wishes for continued success and, again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chessie Harris
Harris Home for Children
P.O. Box 5183
Huntsville, Alabama 35805

Today he holds a college degree in business administration. He teaches a Sabbath school class. Sings in the choir. Is a leader in the local Adventist Youth Society.

Chessie Harris smiles now at the remembrance.

Before her an old, wooden desk holds files and documents, with more than a few mementos tucked away in its many drawers. Behind her the wall is heavy with plaques, citations, and awards.

We talked with Robert and four more "alumni" of the Harris Home for Children, in Huntsville, Alabama.

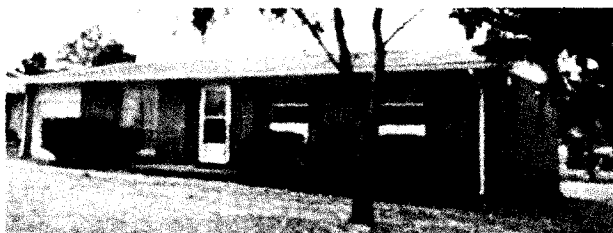
"Mama Harris counseled me many times while I was in high school. We talked about goals. She kept beating into my head, 'Don't give up. You've got a goal!'"

Rachel was five when her mother died. "I really love Mama Harris. There was no problem I couldn't discuss with her—any problems I had in school, boyfriend problems—anything. I never felt left out."

Chessie grew up in south Alabama. "Those were share-crop years. You never got out of debt. The neighbor children were constantly at our door. Mother was very skillful at making something out of nothing and was always feeding someone at the door.

"I was always concerned about 'Why was I born? What am I here for?' I had this burning desire to do something for children. I wanted to find something they could smile about. At eight years old I made a commitment that I would do something to make children happy."

After college and her marriage to George Harris, she



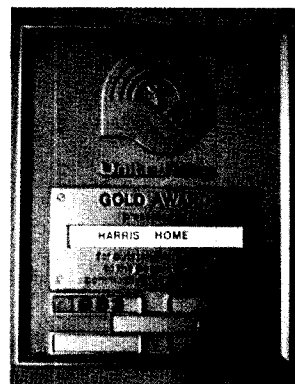
Forty young people live in five homes and a dormitory. There is a house parent for each six children.

and "Papa" purchased a 105-acre farm in Ohio. "We brought children in from the city. We had a house full of them! I thought that would be it. But I'd go to bed and just have nightmares about those children in Alabama. I



Harold Lance (left), past president of Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI), congratulates the Harrises upon the receipt of letters of commendation from President Reagan and Congressman Ronnie Flippo. K. H. Livesay (center) is ASI executive secretary and treasurer. (Photo by H. G. Crowson).

In 1960, when Harris Home first appealed to the United Way, the request was denied. By 1983 that had changed to a Gold Award.



felt that I had neglected my duty to God. So I fasted and prayed to get back to Alabama."

Finally, her chance came. In 1950, on a trip to Oakwood College, she met the business manager and asked about the school farm. "Being an old home economics major I had canned and dehydrated and frozen. He was real interested in what we had."

Not many days afterward, the business manager arrived, unannounced, at the Harris farm in Ohio.

"He asked me if I would come to Oakwood and direct their food service and their food preservation department. To my surprise, Pop was willing to go. Some of the children we had with us wouldn't leave, so we had to bring them with us."

Things went well for nearly four years. "I thought I was going to be very happy down here. But that wasn't what God brought me back for. I read Isaiah 58 and *Ministry of Healing*. I began to be restless at night. I'd change rooms. I'd change beds. I'd turn mattresses over. Finally I said, 'Here I am, Lord. Whatever any risk is, whatever there is to be done—.'"

That was in 1954. "We put everything we had and everything we ever hoped for into establishing a home for children."

Times were hard. For six years the Home operated without any regular outside assistance. "Pop and I were caring for as many as 26 children before we said anything to the community. We were going to care for all the children in Alabama in that little six-room house!"

How did they get by? "From '54 to '60 we just beat the bushes. We've never asked anybody for anything that

we could possibly get done ourselves. We would glean in the fields behind the farmers to get corn for our cattle. We'd take the children into affluent neighborhoods and sing. That was real good, but then the dogs would start barking and wake up the babies! But we would have our cans full—enough to take us on another few days."

"The best thing about it all was the togetherness," says Papa Harris. "Everybody—I don't care how little he was—had to do something."

But "togetherness" for the children meant a two-year separation for Mama and Pop. It was decided that he would get a job in Ohio and send home as much of the money as possible. "I told the Lord, 'I'm going, but I don't want to go. If I go to Ohio, will You give me a job?' There were people in Ohio—born and raised there—who had been out of work for three years. I got there on Wednesday, got a job Thursday, and went to work Friday."

Disappointments? Yes. Like the time when a bank president promised \$7,500 to build the first home, then reneged when the project was completed. "I walked out of that bank, stood on the corner, and told the Lord, 'I can't go home and tell Harris. I can't tell the children that they have to get out, because we don't have any money. So, here's my feet, here's my head, my life, my hands. I'll stand right here until You tell me which way to go.'"

Soon she was standing in an attorney's office. Imagine her delight when he said, "I have a client who has wanted to do something like this for years." The next morning she had a check for \$7,500!

How many children have there been? At the end of 1983 the number stood at 847!

What sustained them during difficult times? "In the wee hours of the morning, usually about two or three, I'd say to him, 'Are you asleep?' And he'd say, 'No.' And I'd say, 'Get up. Let's pray.' And we'd crawl out of bed, onto our knees, and ask God, 'Tell us what to do. We'll do it. Who to see. Who to talk to. Where to go.'"

"I know this is God's work. How it comes out—who is going to be saved in God's kingdom because of what has been done—that's not for me to say. It's been done without even thinking of any recognition. There was a need, a service to be provided, and I surrendered my hands, my heart, and my all, and my family joined me."

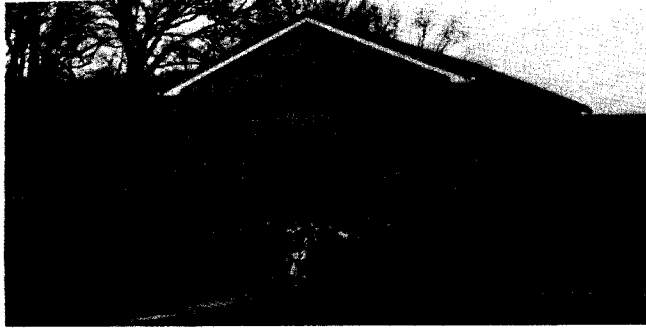
Editor's note: Mrs. Harris is currently writing a book about her life and Harris Home for Children.



Hundreds of Harris Home "alumni" are well-adjusted, productive citizens. Many have become members of the Adventist Church. (State law prohibits publication of minor children's pictures).

Moving Mountains in Appalachia

by J. W. Clarke



The recently remodeled Ashland church is home for the largest Adventist church in Eastern Kentucky, with about 110 members. It operates a church school.

After years of meeting in rented quarters, the Middlesboro group occupies an attractive edifice.



Great and encouraging things are happening in Eastern Kentucky! New church buildings, increased membership, optimism, and missionary fervor are in evidence wherever one goes. That is what was observed on December 10 and 11, 1983, when representatives from the Southern Union Conference office and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference office met in every church in Eastern Kentucky. What an exciting time it turned out to be!

Enthusiasm was bubbling over and the spirit of unity and Christian love demonstrated gives promise of a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Lord's work in Eastern Kentucky has come a long way since 1978, when Appalachian Adventure began. A portion of the investment offering for that year went to this part of Appalachia.

Since the project began, this region of the conference has been in the forefront in church growth and stewardship. Membership in the nine churches and companies in Eastern Kentucky increased from 281 at the end of 1977 to 435 on September 30, 1983, a gain of 55 percent. Membership growth for the conference, as a whole, was 21 percent. Tithe received from area churches in 1977 was about \$93,000. By 1982 (the most recent year for

which final figures are available), tithe had soared to \$194,533, a gain of 108 percent. The conference-wide increase for that period was 41 percent.

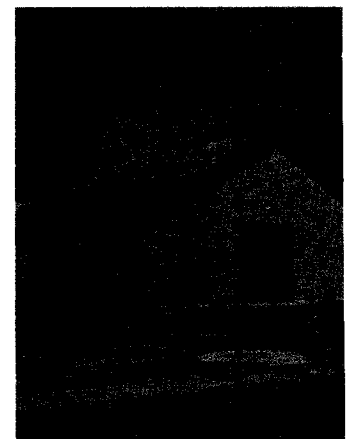
On Sabbath, December 10, Conference President Clay Farwell and Communication Director Jack Clarke, met with the Ashland and Morehead churches. Personal Ministries Director Conn Arnold was at Manchester. From the Southern Union office, Sabbath School Director Fernon Retzer was at Prestonsburg; Personal Ministries Director Maurice Abbott spoke at Grove; Communication Director George Powell was at Hazard and Whitesburg, while Associate Secretary Ward Sumpter met with the Middlesboro and Harlan congregations.

On Sunday morning, December 11, all met at Prestonsburg's new building with some of the members. We found them all excited about their own new sanctuary. The members have sacrificed to raise the funds necessary. Help has come from the 1978 Investment offering, the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, and the Business and Professional Foundation. The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Helping Hands gave valuable help over the Fourth of July weekend when they literally "put the building together." By the time they left to return to their homes, the walls were up and the roof on, enclos-



The Prestonsburg church building is nearing completion. Membership has grown rapidly in recent years. Space is available on the lower level for a school.

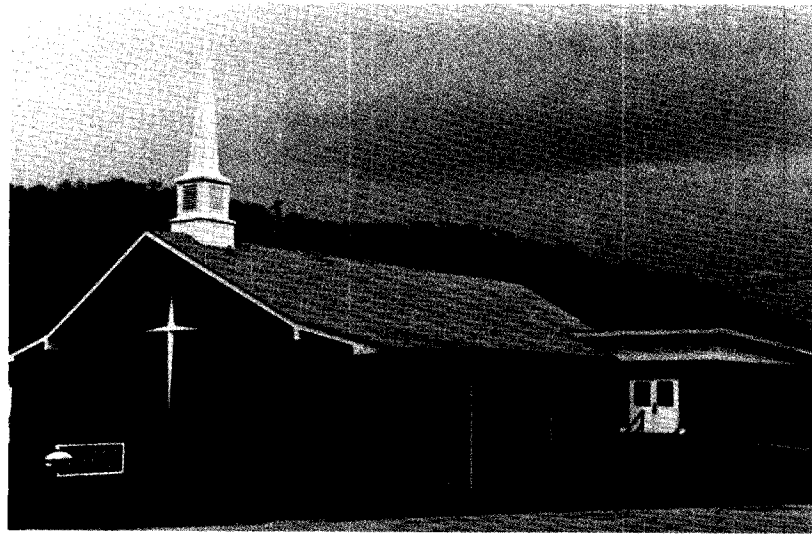
The Hazard congregation is one of two organized as a result of the special emphasis given to Eastern Kentucky. It meets in its own chapel, a mobile home remodeled to provide a sanctuary and classroom.



The newly organized congregation in university town of Morehead purchases facility from a church of another denomination.



Belcher church meets in an attractive, reconstructed facility.



The Manchester church is located near Memorial Hospital, a 63-bed Adventist health-care facility. It operates a church school. The building was completed during the Appalachian Adventure emphasis.

ing the building. The members and friends have continued working hard and are now ready to contract the remaining work.

From Prestonsburg, Arnold led the group to Belcher, Whitesburg, Harlan, and Middlesboro, where, in each place, members were waiting for them. Reports were given and prayers offered thanking God for past accomplishments and for future hope. In each place the members were assured of the interest of the Southern Union, the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, and their sister churches.

The Investment offering in 1978 amounted to about \$50,000 for work in Eastern Kentucky. Approximately \$35,000 came from other sources as a result of this special emphasis in this area. These dollars have provided funds for more than just helping with building programs. Evangelism is a vital part of Seventh-day Adventist thinking. To help get work started in Hazard, 14 literature evangelists spent a full week selling books and sowing seed. A task-force team composed of 12 men and women, (10 students from Southern College) worked for 10 weeks visiting and helping the people and studying God's word where possible. They conducted Bible schools, story hours, visited Bible enrollment interests and went door-to-door in search of spiritual interests. Evangelistic meetings were held in Harlan, Hazard,

Whitesburg, Middlesboro, Morehead, Paintsville, and Jenkins by Rufus Lloyd. Also, pastors conducted campaigns. The Amazing Facts radio program was sponsored in Morehead, Hazard, and Middlesboro. These are the major areas covered in recent years, which has led to this progress.

The challenges are so great and the "surface" has only been scratched. As more and more sacrifices are made, more personal dedication demonstrated, more financial support given, with the blessings of God continued progress will be seen in Eastern Kentucky—a very important part of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference!

Membership Growth

	12/77	9/83
Ashland	106	110
Belcher	24	32
Harlan	14	25
Hazard	—	18
Manchester	95	104
Middlesboro	8	30
Morehead	—	31
Prestonsburg	30	66
Whitesburg	4	19
Totals	281	435

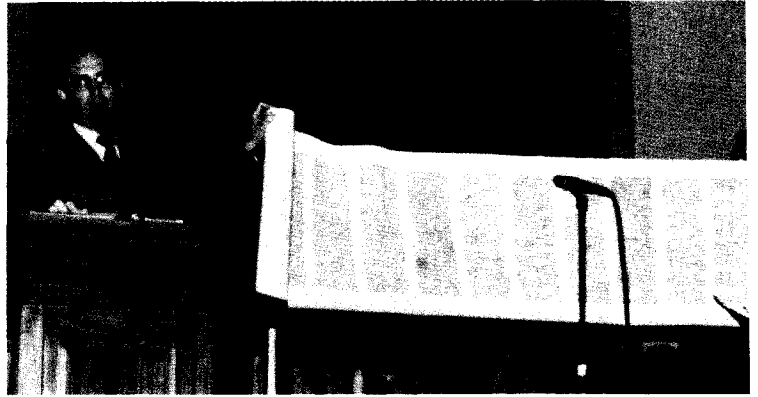
The Whitesburg/Jenkins church, which has numbered as few as three, now has 19 members and owns a mobile chapel.



After many years of meeting in the nearby community of Loyall, the Harlan church now owns property in a prominent location in downtown Harlan, thanks to the generosity of Bill and Mabel Grimm.



North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms begins the handwriting of the Book of Acts by copying the first verse at the Bible Exhibition at the Kernersville, North Carolina, church.



Dr. Kenneth Vine, of Loma Linda University, displays a 400-year-old Hebrew Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament.

In Celebration

by Don E. Kenyon

Senator Jesse Helms from North Carolina, and Dr. Kenneth Vine, from Loma Linda, California, appeared at a Bible Exhibition in the Kernersville, North Carolina, church on December 10, 1983. Church Pastor Anthonie Wessels and congregation planned the event for many weeks before the day arrived. The program was publicized in the entire Triad area, which includes Winston-Salem, High Point, and Greensboro.

President Ronald Reagan and Congress proclaimed 1983 as the "Year of the Bible." The program in Kernersville was planned to emphasize the importance of the Bible in our lives today. People were invited to bring unusual Bibles to the exhibit. They came in various shapes, sizes, and languages. Christian Record Braille Foundation brought its giant Braille Bible. The pages looked blank except for the slightly raised patterns on the surface of each page. Rabbi Arnold S. Task, of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, exhibited a Hebrew Torah. He also opened the program with prayer. A small piece of microfilm contained the entire Bible in a two-inch square. Large family Bibles and very old Bibles were on exhibit. American Bible Society members highlighted their worldwide work in a booth. A computer Bible was on display which could find verses with the speed of light.

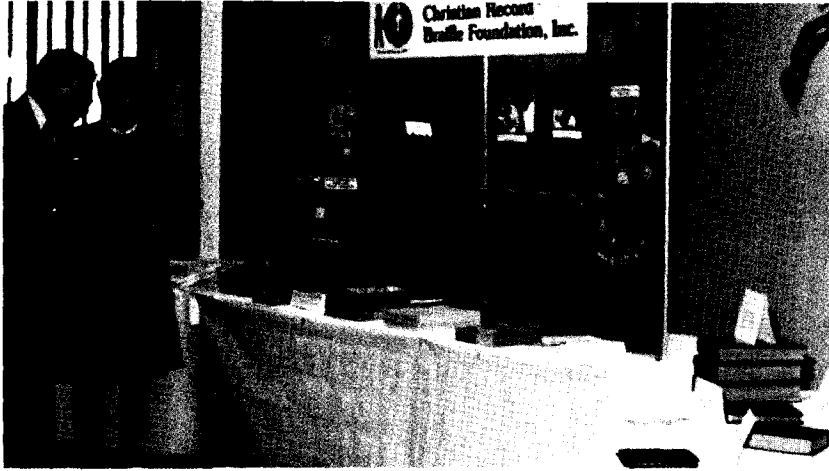
A highlight of the exhibit itself was a collection of artifacts gathered by Vine during archeological digs in the Holy Land. Vine displayed and explained the significance of the pieces of clay and stone, some dating as far back as the year 3,000

B.C. Dr. Vine is presently dean of the Division of Religion at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California.

In the keynote address, Senator Helms' subject was, "The Bible's Influence on the American Nation." He said, "America was not intended to be a secular nation and throughout history there is evidence of the Bible's influence on us. . . . One of the Bible's most visible influences can be seen in the nation's landscape. Churches and temples, especially in the South, are an integral part of our architecture, and the names of towns and cities also show the influence. Settlers chose names such



Senator Helms and Kernersville Pastor Anthonie Wessels inspect the oldest Bibles in the exhibit. The American Bible Society exhibit is behind them.



Christian Record Braille Foundation and the American Bible Society each had a display at the exhibit.

F the Word

as Canaan, Mount Zion, and Bethesda because they were biblical and familiar."

The senator told the crowd he would never forget Christmas night, 1968, when three American astronauts were circling the moon. "I listened in worshipful awe as the astronauts transmitted back to earth, from 240,000 miles, the first chapter of Genesis."

He then told the audience that seven months later when Americans first landed on the moon, they too, had a biblical influence with them, a plaque inscribed with Psalm 8.

After the speech Helms and Pastor Anthonie Wessels presented cash awards for the largest, smallest, and oldest Bibles entered in the exhibit. The winner of the smallest Bible was Barbara Watts; the largest Bible award went to Ron and Karen Whitlow; and David Grimes received the award for the oldest Bible.

The church choir gave special music during the program. Kernersville Mayor Roger P. Swisher offered a welcome to Senator Helms. Retired chief justice of the U.S. Civil Administration Appellate Court Roy Morgan introduced Helms to the assembly and presented him with a \$1,000 check for his reelection campaign. Helms immediately turned the check over to Pastor Wessels and the Seventh-day Adventist Church for use in mission work.

Before leaving the exhibit area visitors were given opportunity to copy passages from various Bible texts in their own handwriting to be preserved as a memento of their participation in the "Year of the Bible" exhibit. Senator Helms

began the handwriting of the Book of Acts by copying verse one of the first chapter.

In conjunction with the Bible exhibit, Wessels launched an eight-week series of lectures concerning the 12 tribes of Israel. Meetings will be held every Wednesday night and Sabbath morning. All area residents were invited to participate. The program is in the form of a contest to see who can learn the most about the Bible in the 16 lectures. The lectures will be recorded on cassette tapes so they can be studied at home.

The lecture program will conclude on February 25, 1984, when six finalists will match their knowledge of the Bible against each other. A panel of three judges will decide on a winner who will receive a free, round-trip airline ticket to Jerusalem.

In summing up the exhibit and the lectures that followed, Wessels said, "The purpose of the exhibition is to foster a greater interest and a deeper appreciation of the holy Scriptures, and to help the public to become better acquainted with its contents."

A large number of people came to view the Bible Exhibition.





Smyrna Hospital nurse Lori Jones monitors Lifeline equipment in the hospital's emergency center.

by Stephanie Stevenson
 photography by Dan VanderMeer

Smyrna Hospital's Lifeline system has brought a new sense of independence to citizens in the Smyrna/Cobb County, Georgia, community. Appropriately named, Lifeline is an electronic emergency response system that signals for help in the event of an emergency.

Like many elderly people, Elsie Adams lives alone and prefers it that way. Mrs. Adams became one of Smyrna Hospital's first Lifeline subscribers in May, 1982, after a heart attack left her with blackout spells. Today, she continues to live a full and useful life with the peace of mind that, as a subscriber to Smyrna Hospital's Lifeline system, help is near if she needs it.

Lifeline functions with three major components: a small, portable unit worn or carried by

the subscriber, a home unit attached to the telephone, and a central computer located in Smyrna Hospital's Emergency Center. At the first indication of trouble, the subscriber simply pushes the button on his portable unit and a signal is sent, via his telephone, to the hospital's communication center.

Smyrna Hospital's response center then contacts responders (usually relatives or friends) previously identified by the subscriber. At their arrival on the scene, responders, with the assistance of the hospital, decide on the appropriate course of action, i.e., a phone call to the physician, or to summon emergency help, such as an ambulance. The hospital continues to follow up until all necessary help has arrived.

Smyrna Hospital now provides Lifeline service for 43 residents of the Smyrna/Cobb County community and is currently seeking new subscribers. The system is primarily designed for elderly or handicapped people who are alone much of the time, but can also be used on a temporary basis following severe heart attacks or surgery. It is

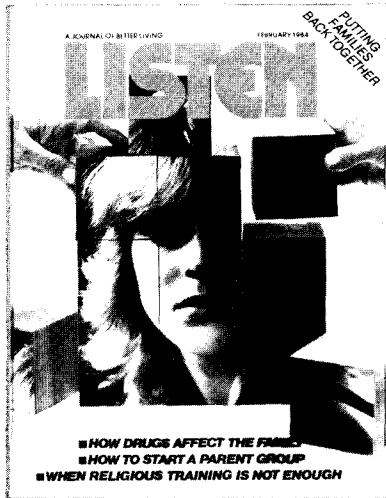
also very useful in the homes of infants being monitored for symptoms leading to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

The only cost to a Lifeline subscriber is a small lease fee of eight dollars per month. The fee helps cover the cost of monthly service checks and any maintenance or repair work necessary.

"We are very happy to offer this service to our community," says Mary Orr, Smyrna Hospital's Lifeline coordinator. "I have been very touched by the strength and dignity of the elderly people who subscribe to Lifeline. It is rewarding to see what a difference this program makes in their lives; to know that by providing them independence, we are assisting them in leading the lives they prefer."

Smyrna Hospital is proud to offer Lifeline and many other services such as health education classes and 24-hour emergency service to the Smyrna/Cobb County community.

Stephanie Stevenson is public relations coordinator for Smyrna Hospital.



The cover of the special February 1984, issue of *Listen* magazine features the concept of a caring family helping a teenager to put together a life style free from drug abuse.

"Mrs. Myers? This is Philip Hanson, principal of the junior academy. Mrs. Myers, I believe your son Russell is using drugs, but I don't want to expel him from school.

"Perhaps you and your husband can confront Russell and take steps to help him before his drug use becomes such a problem here at school that I'll be forced to deal drastically with it."

Mrs. Meyers (not her real name) hung up the phone and sank into a nearby chair. Russell using drugs? Mr. Hanson *must* be mistaken. Her son is a good kid. And everyone knows that only troubled or abused kids from poor or broken homes use drugs!

This story is typical of those recited by 23 Adventist parents and youth workers who assembled in Washington, D.C., last fall to express concern to *Listen* magazine's editors regarding their children's drug and alcohol use.

Many of the parents present had struggled alone, sometimes for years, with their children's chemical dependencies, unaware that other Adventist parents faced the same fear, uncertainty, isolation, and seeming helplessness.

Research has shown that even though children from conservative religious homes are *less* likely to begin using alcohol and drugs, once those children begin using these substances they are *more* likely to have problems resulting from that use, including alcoholism and chemical dependency.

They learned that good kids *do* use drugs and that they use them because they are available, and because society, including their peers, encourages them to do so, *not* because they are bored or unhappy or don't know better or because their parents failed them.

A special issue of *Listen* magazine in February tells vivid personal stories of

how parents are meeting the drug challenge in their own homes and communities and how this parent-support movement has grown so quickly over the past five years from two parents getting together on the telephone to more than 4,000 local organizations.

Listen magazine's staff has put together a parent-support group starter kit to assist concerned parents who aren't sure how to effect change in their families and communities.

This kit is offered free to those who sponsor 10 or more subscriptions to *Listen* during February and March. It is also available at a small charge from Narcotics Education, Inc., 6830 Laurel Street, NW, Washington, DC 20012.

Dr. Crisis and the Brain

The ingredients are unusual: Take one deputy sheriff in full uniform, one Seventh-day Adventist literature evangelist, five Muppet-like puppets, a ventriloquist dummy named Buford Buckworth, and an auditorium of elementary school children and mix together for 30 entertaining minutes. What is the result?

The product is the newest narcotics education program in North America. Bradley County, Tennessee, Deputy Sheriff Jim Bryson, Literature Evangelist Allan McRae, and Bradley County Crime Prevention Commissioner W. C. Parker, join forces daily in presenting interesting and entertaining drug prevention materials across Tennessee and Georgia.

Using puppet characters named Dr. Crisis, Officer Ketchum, Heart, Stomach, and Brain, Deputy Bryson effectively depicts the story of Dexter, an imaginary young man involved in an automobile accident while under the influence of drugs.

Three of the body organs speak out on the damage done to them because of Dexter's use of illegal drugs. The brain explains the drugs caused it to slow down so much Dexter's effectiveness in driving a car was severely impaired.

The finale of the program is Officer Bryson's conversation with Lt. Buford Buckworth, the ventriloquist dummy. The audience is entertained with the antics of Buford, but again the point is clear—stay alive, don't try drugs.

McRae distributes colorful drug prevention packets containing *Listen* magazine to the students and faculty. McRae and the police officers feel since drug abuse begins as early as first grade prevention must start then, too.

Approximately 100 programs a month are being presented by this team since its beginning in October, 1983. In addi-



Dr. Crisis, one of five Muppet-like puppets used by Literature Evangelist Allan McRae of Bradley County, Tennessee, to warn elementary school children about the dangers of drugs, outlines the facts of drug addiction.

tion, mini-sessions are given to parent-teacher organizations, church groups, and civic clubs.

Financial underwriting for materials and expenses are solicited by McRae on an individual basis from companies and community-minded persons interested in having a strong drug prevention program introduced in their hometowns. Besides being placed in the hands of each child, *Listen* materials are available in the school libraries for easy access to students.

Barbara Wetherell is assistant editor of *Listen* magazine. Marian Hughes is secretary to Georgia-Cumberland Conference Secretary Don L. Aalborg.



McRae demonstrates how a stranger might approach a child offering drugs. "Should you take candy from a stranger?" Bradley County Deputy Sheriff Jim Bryson asks the children. "No!" is their emphatic answer.



Religious Liberty Erodes in 1983

by Gary M. Ross

1983 was a bad year for the cause of Religious Liberty. During the last part of the year, religious liberty personnel were pre-occupied with the U.S. Congress' decision to lift the ban on the use of federal funding for an ambassador to the Vatican (See SOUTHERN TIDINGS, January, 1984, p. 12). On January 10, it was announced that President Reagan's personal envoy to the Vatican, William Wilson, would be named ambassador, ending 116 years of informal relations with the Papal state.

The revelation also contradicted an earlier statement by White House spokesman Larry Speakes that ties with the Vatican "would not go as far" as an appointment.

The move received little publicity when the funding ban was lifted. Several libertarian and conservative Protestant groups, including Seventh-day Adventists, protested, but the majority of Americans were apathetic. A similar move during the Truman administration was met with such angry protest that the General who would have been named ambassador asked to be sent to the Korean War instead.

Supreme Court Rulings

A variety of Supreme Court rulings during the past year suggest that this august body no longer functions as the automatic bulwark of religious freedom. It ruled on legislative chaplains in Nebraska without invoking the traditional tests for determining violations of the First Amendment's establishment clause. It sanctioned Minnesota's tax break for the payment of tuition on grounds of its availability to parents of both private and public school students, despite the fact that tuition and fees are minimal or nonexistent in the public schools of the state.

The Court construed the privilege of tax exemption, which our schools and churches enjoy, as "a form of subsidy" from the federal government that has "much the same effect as a cash grant to the organization." Then, perhaps assuming this latter proposition, the jurists upheld IRS' revocation of the tax exemption of Bob Jones University, saying that tax exemption presupposes conformity to common-law standards of charity—the serving of a public purpose, and com-

pliance with public policy. Where such elusive expectations might lead, and whether they can be contained to educational institutions, are appropriate—and ominous—questions.

Constitutional Convention

Another disquieting development in 1983 was the growing prospect of a national constitutional convention for the purpose of attaching a budget-balancing amendment to the Constitution. Already 32 of the requisite number of 34 state legislatures have petitioned Congress for such an assembly. Even without reference to the merits of a balanced federal budget, however, the problems with such an idea are enormous. For instance, the only precedent for a convention is the first one, the Philadelphia convention of 1787 that exceeded its mandate and substituted an entirely new Constitution for the charter then in force. Could "run-

away" conditions happen again? How well would the cherished guarantees of the First Amendment with respect to religion fare under such circumstances?

That things could unravel thusly is suggested by the extremely brief and vague amending procedure that the present Constitution specifies.

Library Proposed by Congress

The foregoing only sample the array of laws, proposed laws, and interpretations of laws that challenged the church-state separationists in 1983. Of course, some positive developments occurred, too. A controversial tuition tax credit measure, which the President insisted that Congress put to the test, went down to defeat. And time ran out on the first session of the 98th Congress before the equally controversial "equal access" solution to the problem of religion in public schools could come to a vote.

Speakes to Thought Leaders

There have also been some positive developments involving *Liberty* magazine. The praise of its readers has continued undiminished. The target audience is also being enlarged: the National Priority List, funded from the annual *Liberty* offering, now includes not only all members of Congress and officials of federal departments and agencies, but virtually every trial or appellate judge in America, in both federal and state courts. The editors plan vigorous efforts to see that *Liberty* is received by the thought leaders of North America.

But, clearly, much has happened that deserves the attention of Adventists who foresee a prophetic reduction of liberty in the last days. In the words of President James Madison, "It is proper to take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties." *Liberty* magazine is the best monitor in the field of journalism. Often our only contact with decision-makers, it is also an indispensable part of the outreach ministry of the church. Church members can turn in cash for *Liberty* magazine through February 28.

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late news of the conferences

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

LAYMEN from around the conference spent a weekend of inspiration and fellowship at Camp Alamisco at the annual elders' and deacons' meeting December 9-11. Featured speaker was Gary Dunlap, a truck driver from Locust Grove, Georgia, who uses contacts made on his trucking runs as opportunities for witnessing. Presentations by several Alabama-Mississippi lay persons helped to emphasize the program theme of effective laymen's involvement in soul winning.

Pathfinders in Pell City, Alabama, presented the church worship service on November 26, with the theme of THANKFULNESS. "Thank You Plus a Smile" and "I'm Thankful That I Am Thankful" were topics presented. Participants included J. J. Harris, Joe Harris, James Lovelace, Tanner Lovelace, Lori Hoyt, Mary Catherine Lovelace, Tina Harris, and Juanita Norrell, Pathfinder director.

WESTBROOK HOSPITAL, Faith For Today's weekly series, can now be viewed in Florence, Alabama, over Group W-Channel 3. Coverage began December 14 and will run every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The station is carrying the program as a public service and will also carry other public service announcements for Faith For Today.

CAROLINA

During the fall of 1983 the Franklin, North Carolina, church sponsored a BOOTH in the county fair. Resulting from that was a Natural Foods Cooking Class, a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, and a greater community awareness of Seventh-day Adventists. One neighbor commented, "You folks are doing more than any other church in the area for the community."

Gene Haas, retired pastor, departmental director, and teacher conducted the annual conference office WEEK OF PRAYER January 2-5. His friendly, understanding manner and the messages he presented were appreciated by the staff.

A series of 10 CARING CHURCH SEMINARS are being conducted in the Carolina Conference between January and May. The program includes administrators and departmental directors. Guest speakers from the conference office visit all the churches in a given area on Sabbath morning. Then, all those churches are invited to a central location for the afternoon seminar. Awareness, Entry Events, Pathway Events, and Nurture are key concepts of the Caring Church. These concepts are being presented to the people in the seminars. After a keynote presentation by Conference President M. D. Gordon, four groups are formed to discuss each of the four concepts in greater detail.

Robert H. Pierson spoke to several hundred people who gathered to organize a Carolina Chapter of MARANATHA FLIGHTS INTERNATIONAL on October 18, 1983, in the Fletcher, North Carolina, church. The weekend program began on Friday night and concluded Saturday night with an organizational meeting and planning session. John Freeman, president of MFI, presented a slide program showing the church building accomplishments of Maranatha Flights in many parts of the world. Harry Clough was elected president of the Carolina Chapter. H. E. Davis was asked to serve as conference liaison with the group.

FLORIDA

Barbara McFarland, communication secretary at the Riverview church, reports that on November 14, 1983, during the monthly HEALTH SCREENING program, 56 people were screened and two of those were referred to a physician for further care.

At the Florida Adventist Book Center Christmas OPEN HOUSE SALE held on Sunday, December 4, the Orlando and Hialeah stores and the bookmobile recorded \$22,105.90 in sales, according to Gerald Bond, Adventist Book Center manager.

Members of the Key Largo company, directed by Jack and Alta Sype and Glenn and Mickie Brown, leaders of the Lower Gold Coast Federation of Community Services, participated in an annual ISLAND JUBILEE at Key Largo on November 12 and 13. When the Community Service van arrived for the weekend festivities, officials positioned it next to the entertainment platform for the best possible exposure. On Sabbath, church members distributed literature and on Sunday community service volunteers offered multi-phasic testing. Alongside the van church volunteers sold vegetarian hot dogs, burgers, citrus, and sugarless fruit juice. Proceeds from the sale of foods went to the Key Largo company building

fund. Numerous individuals inquired about the health foods and healthful living.

"Love in Working Clothes" and "Willing Hands" were themes of the Hollywood church COMMUNITY SERVICES BOOTH at the Broward County Fair November 17-27. Clayton and Hazel Tomlinson, of the Hollywood church, with Glenn and Mickie Brown, leaders of the Lower Gold Coast Federation, coordinated the program at the booth. Volunteers, headed by Sandra Winot, a member of the North Miami church, provided free blood pressure, diabetes, anemia, and glaucoma testing. During the 10-day fair, volunteers had collectively rendered 243 hours of service, administered 261 blood pressure tests, and distributed 1,311 pieces of health and religious literature. Fair judges gave the church honorable mention for its display.

WCVC, 1330 AM, in Tallahassee, now carries the QUIET HOUR RADIOBROADCAST at 10 a.m. Sundays.

At Blake Memorial Hospital, in Bradenton, 88 individuals registered for a FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING which was held October 24-28, 1983. Of those who registered, 84 returned on the following evening and continued through the program. More than 28 professions and occupations were represented of those who registered, including a physician, several registered nurses, a dietitian, dental technician, realtors, civil engineers, a builder, free-lance writer, and a bookkeeper. The Five-Day program was conducted by Violet S. Jones, an RN and graduate of the master of public health program at Loma Linda University, Winton Anderson, pastor of the Bradenton church, and Ron Merchant, pastor of the Palmetto church, assisted. After completing the program one individual said, "It would not have been possible to quit without your help and, most importantly, the help of God." During the program it was determined that of those who registered for the program the accumulated length of years smoked totaled 2,426. At the close of the program 70 graduation certificates were presented. As a part of the follow-up program, each participant was given a list of three telephone numbers that he could call any time for help in resisting Lady Nicotine.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



Conference Treasurer Richard Center reports that, through November, the TITHE in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference was \$7,564,079. This represents a 5.3 percent gain over last year.

Don L. Aalborg, conference secretary, reports the fourth quarter of 1983 indicated an excellent trend, with the total number of BAPTISMS each month exceeding the same period in 1982. Four hundred thirteen new members joined the family of God by baptism during last year.

Three major CRUSADES were launched during January—Lyle Albrecht, in the Belvedere-Stone Mountain area of Atlanta; Rudy Skoretz, in a dark county series at Sandersville, Georgia; and Clif Vickery, at Americus, Georgia.

THE QUIET HOUR announces the release of its broadcast on station WALV, 1340, in Cleveland, Tennessee, at 10 on Sunday mornings.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Members of the Paris, Tennessee, community services prepared a vegetarian THANKSGIVING DINNER for area senior citizens, people who were alone, and families who could not afford a nice meal on that special day. Free transportation was provided. Thirty nonmembers attended and expressed their sincere gratitude for this kind, thoughtful, Christian act.

On Sunday morning, December 18, 1983, a group of CAROLERS from the Morehead, Kentucky, church went house-to-house to sing and give a Christmas gift. Of the 27 homes contacted, they gave away 25 copies of *Desire of Ages*. Even though it was cold, people opened curtains, windows, and doors to hear the well-prepared carols. Some came out on the porch and expressed their appreciation for the book and singing.

The Parsons, Tennessee, church initiated a COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE, December 17, 1983. The response from the churches was very favorable and gave them an opportunity to become better acquainted with Seventh-day Adventists. The pastor, Lawrence Walton, was the host for the event.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Under the direction of the Personal Ministries Department and James Johnson, who was elected president of the new organization, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Ephesus church embarked upon a strong, Spirit-filled PRISON MINISTRY program. It is designed to include all the members of all the Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Triad. On September 17 and 18, 1983, Daniel McManus, president of the very active and successful Prison Ministry Federation of the Allegheny East Conference, along with his staff, conducted a workshop and set up the organization at Winston-Salem. In his sermon, based on Matthew 25:31-36, he said, "As Seventh-day Adventists, we cannot develop a convenient religion. Children cry, old men die, and the Christians pass on by."

SOUTHEASTERN

Elim church, St. Petersburg, Florida, operates a COMMUNITY SERVICES program for those in need. Tuesdays and Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, the church offers clothing, food, and some household items. The Elim community services program, under the leader-

ship of John C. Johnson and Dessie Allen, serves as a government surplus food distribution center, giving away hundreds of pounds of cheese, butter, rice, and other foods to thousands of poor people living in St. Petersburg. The church operates the Elim Jolly Time Day-Care Center and Kindergarten for children 2 to 5 years of age as another community project. Joseph Harris is the pastor.

Fourteen students requested baptism at the close of a week of SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS at the Ocala, Florida, Shiloh school, a one-teacher facility with 28 students. Half of the class is now receiving instruction from Pastor George Murray in preparation for baptism. Spencer Burrows and his wife conducted the week of spiritual emphasis, counseling, and caring that resulted in this response. The theme for the week was "Place God First in Everything," and the children did.



ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM/SUNBELT

Medical Center Hospital is the first hospital in Charlotte County to acquire a new lifesaving BALLOON PUMP for use with heart attack victims. "The \$24,000 Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump increases the amount of blood the heart is able to pump," says Mike Harrell, director of the cardiopulmonary department. "The pump increases blood pressure in the coronary arteries, allowing blood to reach areas of the heart muscle affected by the heart attack." The balloon pump is portable, and can be transferred with the patient should he need open heart surgery elsewhere. Harrell says the lifesaving device may also speed the recovery time for victims of heart attack.

Memorial Hospital of Manchester, Kentucky, initiated an ANNUAL CAMPAIGN for 1983. The identified project was the re-roofing of the Hospital at a cost of \$68,300. The response was excellent. A total of \$17,402.50 was raised for this project. The overall response in development was even more impressive. In an area with double-digit unemployment (12.8 percent), the community and friends, along with two grants—one for \$5,000 and another for \$10,000—raised \$42,449 in cash and \$2,713 in pledges. The \$45,382 represents the best year for development since the major campaign for the building of the Hospital. The Lord continues to bless and support His work in Eastern Kentucky.



SOUTHERN COLLEGE



William H. Taylor and Kenneth R. Davis, long-time staff members of Southern College, have been appointed to take over the ALUMNI RELATIONS program of the college after Dr. Wayne Thurber accepted an invitation to become pastor of the Westminster church in southern California. Taylor will assume the position of alumni director while still serving as assistant to the president and campaign director for the college's Century II Endowment Fund. His main responsibilities with the alumni will be in the area of fund raising. Davis, in addition to directing the Testing and Counseling Office, will become the associate director of alumni relations, working on the day-to-day program of the office as well as the organization of alumni chapters and the yearly alumni homecoming. He will also coordinate the activities of the SC Committee of 100.

One hundred and forty-three seniors were GRADUATED during recent commencement exercises at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists, in Collegedale, Tennessee, representing the largest December graduating class in the college's history. The seniors represented 29 different majors and fields of specialty, with 55 baccalaureate degree candidates and 88 associate degree candidates. Of the total graduates, 97 were nursing majors. The featured speaker for the commencement service was David Osborne, Southern College alumnus from 1964 and senior pastor for the Atlantic Union College church in Boston, Massachusetts. Two students graduated summa cum laude with highest honors. They were William Tankersley, from Statesboro, Georgia, and Heidi Gustafson, from Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Eight students graduated magna cum laude: Judy Clark, from Chattanooga, Tennessee; Rose Crawford, from Gary, Indiana; Phyllis Estep, from Sanford, Florida; Carmen Lau, from Savannah, Georgia; Kenneth Miller, from LaGrange, Illinois; Sandra Peeke, from Knoxville, Tennessee; Charilyn Hartman, from Hughson, California; and Karen Wilcox, from Thomasville, North Carolina. Eight students graduated with cum laude honors. Southern College President John Wagner conferred the degrees on the graduates.



SOUTHERN UNION



The Southern Union chapter of the ADVENTIST ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS (AACPA) held its annual banquet for members and accounting students at Southern College November 11, 1983, at the college cafeteria. David D. Dennis, director of the General Conference Auditing Service, was the speaker. A \$500 scholarship was awarded senior accounting major Brenda Jones. Another meeting is planned in May at Florida Hospital. The national organization's annual meeting was held October 21-24 at Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, Texas. Ben D. Kochenower is president of the Southern Union chapter of AACPA.



On December 17, 1983, the Brandon, Florida, Spanish company was organized into a church one year after it had been formed. In that one year the group has grown from 36 to 80 members.

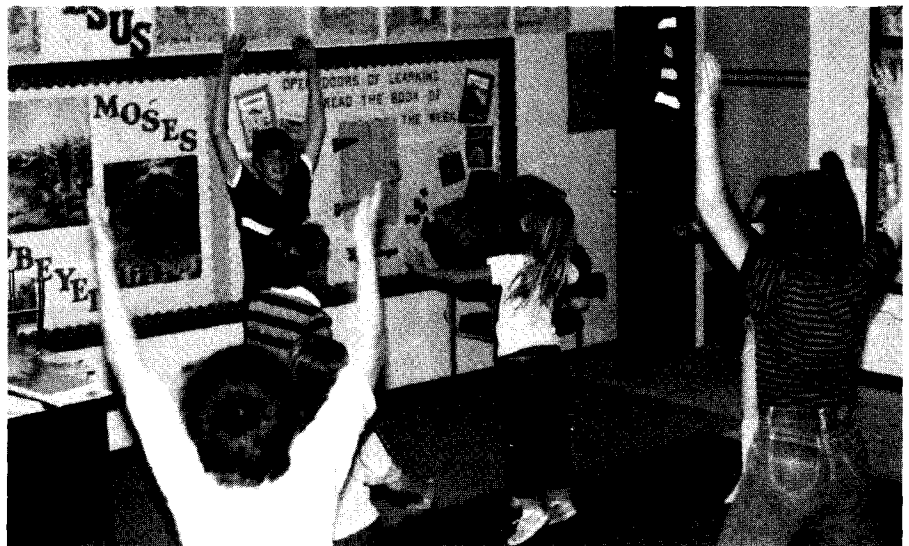
Pictorial

When he started Ingathering 22 years ago, Billy Wynn (left), a member of the SDA Church at Florida Hospital, Orlando, raised \$75 for the World Services Appeal. Today, at the age of 81, Wynn still takes Ingathering seriously. During 1983, this octogenarian raised \$3,010 soliciting businesses in the Orlando area. During the past year Wynn received single contributions of \$500, \$400, and \$300. Wynn (left) receives a handshake of commendation from R. H. Shepard, Florida Conference personal ministries director.



Whether or not he knew the name of the program, "Andrew Plan" (inviting and bringing friends to evangelistic meetings), Eugene Cliett (back), of Augusta, Georgia, is an excellent example of the plan working. Recently, during the Prophecy Crusade meetings with Pastors Roy Caughron and Ken Wilson, he packed his small Dodge Dart with five other people each night of the meetings, all of whom joined the fellowship of the church at the conclusion of the meetings. Pictured are: Mabel Waller (left), his wife, Irene Cliett, Dian Schmidt, Clifford Schmidt, and Annette Barton.

The Murfreesboro, Tennessee, church school children have included an aerobics class in their program. Every Wednesday, they are led by one of the students in their own routine accompanied by music. Linda Dickinson, teacher, says, "We're hooked on 'classics.'" In the picture, Doug Pratt, an eighth-grader, is leading the class in one of his exercises. Miss Dickinson also reports that two students have been baptized this year.



Stories



Eight years after organizing as a company in 1974, members of the Orange Cove, Florida, church celebrated open house services in their newly completed sanctuary on September 24, 1983. Membership has grown from 22 in 1974 to a present membership of approximately 85.



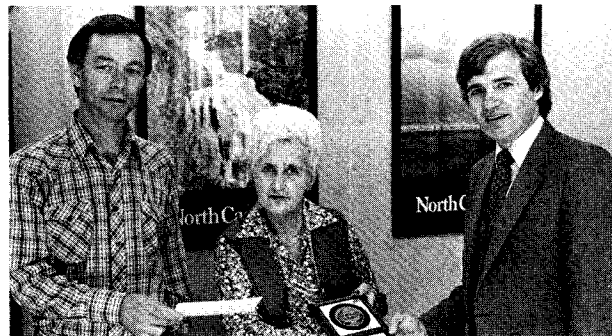
"Digging in" for Maranatha Flights International. This octet of smiling faces with busy shovels met to break ground for the Maranatha Living Center on December 7, 1983. This retirement center is being built adjacent to the recently completed New Port Richey, Florida, church (in the background) to provide financial support for MFI. For further information write to Box A, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Pictured are: R. H. Pierson, former General Conference president (left); H. J. Carubba, Florida Conference president; J. P. Rogers, Florida Conference treasurer; John Freeman, MFI president; John Bullock, MFI Living Center chairman; Wayne Schaffer, George Vandenberg, and Roger Hatch.



Retired pastor J. E. Edwards, former world director of laymen's activities of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, holds ancient camel bells from Iran, part of a Bible exhibit with archaeological artifacts on display in the Henderson County, North Carolina, Public Library in observance of National Bible Week, November 20-27, and in cooperation with the American Bible Society. The large wall exhibit contains two original pages of the 1611 King James Authorized Version of the Bible, an old saddle-bag Bible used by a circuit-riding preacher in 1789, the Geneva "breeches" Bible (1610 edition) which was the Bible of the Pilgrims and Shakespeare.



Eleven Pathfinders from the Central Miami, Florida, Spanish church were invested as Master Guides on December 9, 1983. Present for the service were Israel Leito, youth director for the Inter-American Division; Cheeko Cotta, Pathfinder director and associate youth director, Florida Conference, and Bennie Tillman, Pathfinder area coordinator.



Sabbath, November 19, was a high day at the Franklin, North Carolina, church as the annual guest-day events took place. During the church service, Pastor Claude Steen, III, (right), presented a Community Service Award to Dorothy King in appreciation for her work with the Macon County Emergency Council. King has worked closely with Franklin's Community Services Center, "The Clothes Closet," in channeling clothes to our center for distribution to the needy. A check to help the council with its work was presented to King by first elder Dave Anders, (left). Guests were invited to a vegetarian fellowship dinner following the church service, and in the afternoon a sacred music concert was presented by the Mount Pisgah Academy Chorale. This is just one of the many outreaches conducted by the Franklin church in its effort to be known as a caring church.

The Church in Action

Education

Southern Places 33 in 'Who's Who'

Southern College — Thirty-three students of Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists were recently chosen to be listed in the 1984 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders, these students were chosen by campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory for their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and future potential for success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

Students named this year from Southern College are: Bill Barrett (theology), from Tampa, Florida; David Brannon (biology), from Orlando, Florida; Linda Bromell (elementary education), from Yuma, Arizona; Joseph Brownlow (theology), from Altamonte Springs, Florida; Gregory Carlson (biology), from Ooltewah, Tennessee; Jeff Coston (biology), from Fairfax, Virginia; Rose Crawford (elementary education), from Gary, Indiana; Gregory Ellis (theology), from Candler, North Carolina; Leanne Facundus (accounting),

from Winter Park, Florida; Kathleen Fillman (nursing), from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Devin Fryling (music education), from Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Norman Garner (biology), from Longwood, Florida; Donna Gray (office administration), from Collegedale, Tennessee; Christopher Hale (religion), from Maitland, Florida; Brenda Jones (business administration), from Wau-bun, Minnesota; Lonnie Kerbs (theology), from Cleveland, Tennessee; Christopher Klinvex (Spanish), from Glen Shaw, Pennsylvania; Mary Kurzynske (nursing), from Madison, Tennessee; Patricia LaBrosse (nursing), from Dalton, Georgia; Carmen Wilson Lau (nursing), from Savannah, Georgia; David Libdan (elementary education), from Des Plaines, Illinois; Laurie McKee (elementary education), from Crescent City, Florida; Malinda McKee (biology), from Collegedale; Bert Ringer (theology), from Bryant, Alabama; Carolyn Rolfe (medical science), from Collegedale; Kenneth Rozell (communications), from Collegedale; Sandra Schiau (music education), from Scottsdale, Arizona; Steven Schmidt (chemistry), from Scottsdale; Carolyn Schoonover (elementary education), from Centerville, Ohio; Barry Scott (computer/business), from Orlando; Terry Shaw (accounting), from Keene, Texas; Stephen Tankersley (biology), from Statesboro, Georgia; Sheryl Torry (elementary education), from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Youth

250 Attend Youth Ministries Convention

Southern Union — Nearly 250 youth leaders from throughout the Southern Union were joined by specialists from across the United States for the biennial Youth Ministries Convention, December 2-4. The meeting was held at Ridgecrest Convention Center, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

In addition to general sessions,

participants could choose from some 25 workshops, each delegate being able to attend five. Ten of the workshops dealt with matters of special interest to junior youth leaders, and 15 with senior youth



Family Counselor Alberta Mazat explains that young people most likely to remain in the church and enjoy the best emotional health come from homes where consistent discipline is combined with acceptance and support.

concerns, although several were applicable to both age groups.

Subjects included retreats, dating, finances, programming, evangelism, music, games and recreation, drug abuse detection, youth counseling skills, developing a personal devotional life, etc.

Coordinating the weekend was Ralph P. Peay, youth ministries director of the Southern Union, supported by the youth leaders of the local conferences.

South Carolina Youth Federation Meets

South Atlantic — The Alice Slater Youth Federation of South Carolina held its fall meeting on October 15 at Nosoca Pines Ranch. R. B. Hairston, president of the South Atlantic Conference, was present to greet the young people. Others who brought greetings were: Federation President Betty Benson and Mona Frazier, of Florence, South Carolina, who, two years ago, was the first black girl and Seventh-day Adventist to be elected president of the prestigious national organization Future Homemakers of America.

The featured speaker for the



South Atlantic Conference President R. B. Hairston welcomes the members of the Alice Slater Youth Federation.

Federation was R. C. Connor, evangelist of the Lake Union Conference, with headquarters at Berrien Springs, Michigan. Under the topic of "Our God Is Able," Connor brought a very challenging message as the majority of the young people indicated.

Others participated in the day's activities: Shanda Moody, of Marion, superintended the Sabbath school; Haskell Staley, of Columbia, brought a report on the prison ministry at Columbia; Dr. James Hammond, of Columbia Union College, conducted a Family Workshop in the afternoon; Drake Barber, pastor of the Greenwood-Anderson churches, conducted the vespers. Music for the day's activities was by Marvin Staley, The Nealettes, and the Chancel Choir, of Sumter, South Carolina. Recreational activities followed the sunset vespers.

1985 Camporee To Draw 10,000

North American Division — Plans for the biggest Pathfinder Camporee in world history are now being unveiled by North American Youth Ministries leaders, and Pathfinders across the continent are gearing up to attend.

When the event, which has the theme "Adventures in Service," begins July 31, 1985, more than 10,000 youngsters between ages 10 and 16 and their club leaders will flood into historic Camp Hale in a three-mile-long valley near the continental divide in Colorado.

Many exhibits and an Honors

Midway featuring more than 200 Adventist Youth Honors will spark an interest in earning or beginning work toward completion of one or more honors during the camporee.

Pathfinders will be able to participate in at least eight theme trails.

These and other events too numerous to list will require extensive preparation as well as an operating staff for the duration of the camporee, says the camporee coordinator, Norm Middag, assistant director of youth ministries, General Conference.

"To make it all come together and succeed, we will need hundreds of volunteers with a wide variety of skills," he says. "We have already contacted Maranatha Flights International for assistance in erecting some of the facilities.

"The valley has only a river running through it, a few roads, and no buildings, so just to provide the basic utilities, such as water, power, and sanitation, will require major preparations. And when we are through with the camporee it must be removed," he adds.

Scores of volunteers will be needed during the camporee for parking and security, fast-food service, on-site transportation, communication, maintenance, medical, sanitation, and a host of supervisory and operational details.

Applications for volunteer workers should be submitted through either the conference Youth Department or the local club director by April, 1984, if possible, so that assignments can be made by October, Middag says.

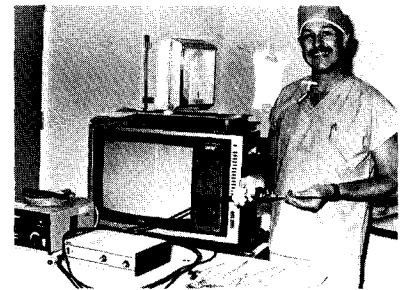
Health

Medical Center Adds Surgical Instrument

Medical Center Hospital — Surgeons at MCH now have a sophisticated new instrument to visualize the inside of a patient's knee while doing certain surgical procedures.

Because of the new age of electronic technology, the \$25,000 arthroscope permits surgeons to perform various procedures through a small incision, eliminating long, unsightly scars, says William Haupt, president.

Arthroscopy involves a small fiberoptic instrument with a light and telescope attached, which flashes an image on a TV-type monitor. The "TV" camera is as small as two match boxes placed side by side. The surgeons insert



Operating room head nurse Morris Taylor, RN, displays Medical Center's new arthroscope.

instruments into the knee through small incisions which can be closed with one or two stitches.

Some of the arthroscopic procedures include removing inflamed tissue or damaged cartilage, alleviating suffering from arthritis, and performing biopsies.

Progress

Hialeah Spanish Holds Open House

Florida — An open house was held at the newly constructed Hialeah Spanish church on December 17, 1983.

The church, which is located on a



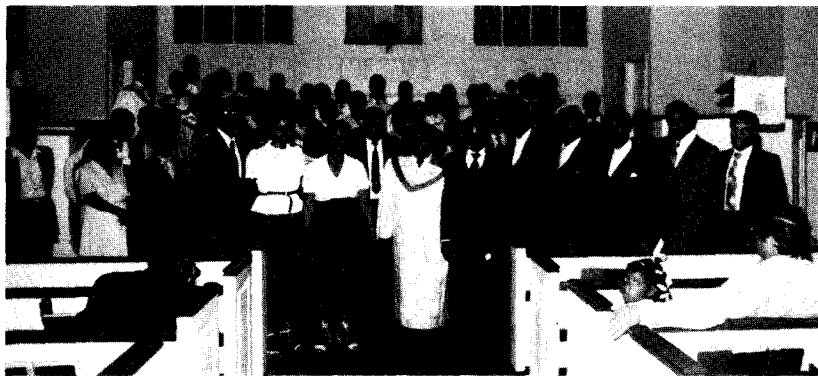
The church choir performs during Hialeah Spanish open house services December 17.

one-acre parcel, has a seating capacity of 550 in the main sanctuary, as well as Sabbath school rooms, a kitchen, fellowship hall, and community service room.

Eddy Romero, pastor of the church, delivered the worship hour message, followed by afternoon services which included a choral concert by the church choir, a baptism, and a message from H. J. Carubba, Florida Conference president.

Southeastern Organizes Three Churches on Same Day

Southeastern — The Jerusalem church in Miami, Florida, was organized with 135 members by President J. A. Edgecombe on December 17, 1983. This fellowship of French believers stands as a monument of the efforts of Pastor Nathaniel Myrthil, personal ministries and Sabbath school director for the Franco-Haitian Conference,



The Jerusalem church, in Miami, Florida, was one of three congregations organized in the Southeastern Conference December 17.

who conducted the evangelistic meetings. Nearly 100 souls were baptized in Miami as a result of this effort supported by Zion French church. David McCalla, interim pastor for three French-speaking congregations, was responsible for arranging the organization and housing of this congregation in the Westminster Presbyterian church. Pastor Roland Brise now pastors this church and Philadelphia.

In Avon Park, Florida, the Ridge Area church was organized by D. A. Walker, secretary-treasurer of the Conference. Edward Ashley, elder of the church, has spearheaded the efforts to see a church in that community. The church began with 14 charter members.

Elder and Mrs. David Steward, of the Plant City, Florida, church, began working in the Thonotosassa area by distributing food baskets, clothing, and doing other community service activities. This church was also organized by Walker on December 17.

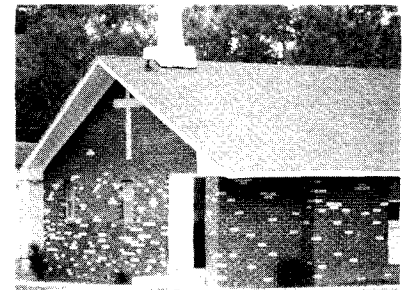
Gulfport Dedicates Church

South Central — Thirty years of service brought the Gulfport, Mississippi, church to a debt-free dedication service on December 2 and 3, 1983. The congregation outgrew the first church and built the second church without debt.

The history of the Henderson Avenue church began in 1940 when a Brother and Sister Johnson started holding church services in their front yard on Sabbath. The news spread, and a Brother Jones and wife, of Handsboro, Mississippi, joined the Johnsons in the front yard service on 15th Street.

At the request of the Johnsons, the Conference sent L. G. Newton. In a short time a church was organized. In 1952 the Henderson Avenue church became a part of the sisterhood of churches in the South Central Conference.

In the summer of 1953, R. C. Brown came as pastor and held the first tent meeting on the corner of



The newly remodeled Gulfport, Mississippi, Henderson Avenue church was dedicated December 3.

35th and Henderson Avenues. Some 20 souls were added to the church. Other pastors came and strengthened the young church, such as Horace Jones, J. P. Willis, Earl Howard, and Sherman Cox. Under these leaders the first building was acquired.

G. I. Pearson came and, under his leadership, the church was remodeled and increased in membership. R. Stafford, M. R. Bernard, and N. Myles followed and the church continued to grow. G. Byars held a tent meeting in North Gulfport and 35 were baptized. With the coming of E. Jackson the dream of a new church was started. Then came Willie Freeman, who found a way to

build around the old building a new structure before taking the old one down. Under his leadership, the new church was built without debt.

The present pastor is Joseph A. Jones.

Union Breaks Ground

Carolina — A ground-breaking service was held November 27, 1983, at Union, South Carolina. M. D. Gordon, conference president, was the speaker. He encouraged them to move ahead with their building plans. Other guests from the conference office who attended the service were: H. E. Davis, N. L. Doss, and D. E. Kenyon.

Adventism entered Union in 1930 with the organization of a company of believers through the witnessing of Guthrie Boughman. A new church building was completed in 1935 at the corner of North Pinckney Street and Walker Heights.

The families who were charter members of the church organized in August, 1935, were: Adams, Bailey, Boughman, Burnsed, Cothran, Dunbar, Johnson, Walters, and Wood.

Two charter members are active in the church today, Mrs. Horace Burnsed, Sr., and Mrs. Guthrie Boughman.

There have been some lean years in Union, but the last few years have shown a marked increase in the interest and commitment of the members, along with the joy of having two new families move into the area: the Zoerbs, from Collegedale, Tennessee, and the Hallocks, from Chester, South Carolina.

In seeking better church facilities, many prayers have been offered, and a prayer fellowship group has contributed to the miracle of selling the old building in December, 1982, and the purchase of eight acres on Highway 176 just north of the city limits. The present pastor is William Harward.

Westminster Occupies New Church

Carolina — An open house was held for the new church in Westminster, South Carolina, on December 3, 1983. Since the ground breaking in March, 1983, the congregation has been busy completing the building. The auditorium will seat 200. It is valued at \$175,000. The members have completed the structure owing only \$30,000. It will not be long until they can have a dedication service.

Arnold Friedrich was pastor when the building was started. His vision and enthusiasm did much to get the project going. Before it was finished Ben Wheeler came to be pastor and oversee the completion.

M. D. Gordon, conference president, spoke to the group during the morning worship service. The other two churches in the district, Anderson and Salem, joined Westminster at noon for a fellowship lunch. The afternoon program consisted of music and comments by different members. The Stubbs family has given positive lay leadership to the congregation since the church started in Westminster. Special recognition was given to Ken Jones, who was the building contractor. Old members had op-



Open house was held at Westminster, South Carolina, December 3.

portunity to tell what the church means to them. Music was provided by the New Life Family Singers and by Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Valerio.

Other visitors from the Conference were A. L. Ingram, Norman L. Doss, and H. E. Davis.

Who and Where

Tupelo Brightens Christmas for 200 Children

Alabama-Mississippi — More than 200 children, along with their families, had a happy Christmas, thanks to a community project spearheaded by the 23 members of the Tupelo, Mississippi, church.

City fire stations served as dropoff points as toys, food, and clothing were donated by local businesses, individuals, fire departments, and the Marine Reserve Toys for Tots campaign. Most of the food was donated by the church members.

A Christmas store was set up in the Adventist Community Services Center where parents could select toys for their children and clothes for the family. Families seeking aid made application to the Center, and distributions were made on Christmas and the days following.

Promotion by local media stimulated community participation, and the Christmas opening was televised. A newspaper article described the Center and the various services it offers. Faye Moreland, community services director of the Tupelo church, was quoted explaining that her group doesn't "do anything for anyone who can help themselves. We provide emergency help. It's just a great satisfaction to fill such a tremendous need."



M. D. Gordon (right), Carolina Conference president, speaks to those assembled for the Union, South Carolina, ground breaking November 27.

FEBRUARY						
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Calendar Events

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Evangelistic Meetings
 Jan. 13 - Feb. 18 Jack DuBosque Dothan, Ala.
 Mar. 2 - Apr. 7 Jack DuBosque Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Apr. 20 - May 26 Jack DuBosque Mobile, Ala.

Revelation Seminar — Feb. 6 - May 4. Vicksburg, Miss. Dan Solis.
Elementary Music Festival — Feb. 23-25. Bass Memorial Academy.
Bass Memorial Academy Alumni Homecoming — March 30 - April 1.
 Speakers: C. L. Jaqua, Ron Whitehead. Honor classes: 1964, 1974.

CAROLINA

Sabbath School Workshops
 Feb. 12 Eastern Feb. 19 Southern
 13 Central 20 Western

Revelation Seminar Training Weekend for Laymen — March 2-4.
 Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Youth Fellowships
 Feb. 4 Statesville, N.C. Catawba Area
 25 Tri-City School Piedmont Area

Caring Church Seminars
 Feb. 11 Columbia S.C.
 18 Wilmington, N.C.

1984 Lay Evangelists Training Seminar — Feb. 24 - March 3. Nosoca Pines Ranch. George Knowles and Harry Robinson, featured instructors. Contact the Carolina Conference personal ministries director for details.

Carolina Chapter Adventist Singles Ministries Valentines Banquet — Feb. 11. Hendersonville, N.C., Ramada Inn (Rt. 64 & I-26), 7 p.m. Contact Marion Alderman, Rt. 2, Maple Hill Homes, #38, Horse Shoe, NC 28742.

FLORIDA

Family Life Seminars (with Ken and Helen Bryant)
 Feb. 4 Palm Springs Spanish church, Miami, Fla.
 11 St. Cloud
 Mar. 3 Perry and Madison churches
 10 Leesburg
 17 Cross City
 24 Jacksonville Mandarin
 31 Bradenton

Forest Lake Academy Alumni Homecoming — Feb. 24, 25. Registration begins Fri., 6:30 p.m. at Music Building. Honor classes: '34, '44, '59, '64, and '74. Brief business meeting after vespers, followed by pizza supper and talent show.

Evangelistic Crusades now in progress
 Miami Temple Lester Pratt
 Dade City Harmon Brownlow
 Ft. Lauderdale Robert DuBose
 Feb. 17 begins Hialeah Spanish Walter Cameron

Sabbath School Workshops
 Feb. 11 Jacksonville Mandarin 3-6 p.m.
 12 Orlando Central 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 25 Tampa First 3-6 p.m.
 26 Arcadia 2-5 p.m.
 Mar. 17 Miami Temple 3-6 p.m.
 18 Ft. Pierce 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Workshops are for leaders of adults, cradle roll, kindergarten, primary, junior-earliteen divisions.

Youth Ministries
 Feb. 10-12 — Freshman/Sophomore Spiritual Retreat, Camp Kulaqua
 Feb. 10-12 — Southern Union Collegiate Bible Conference, Cohutta Springs
 Feb. 18 — Adventist Youth Fellowship
 Mar. 5-9 — Horsemanship Camp, Camp Kulaqua
 Mar. 17 — Adventist Youth Fellowship

ABC Prayer Crusades (with Pastor Glenn Coon)
 Feb. 17-25 Fort Pierce, Fla.
 Mar. 3-10 Altamonte Springs, Fla.
 16-24 Lakeland, Fla.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Sabbath School Seminars
 Feb. 5 Lakeland, Ga. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 12 Atlanta, Ga. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 19 Ooltewah, Tenn. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 26 Kingsport, Tenn. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lay Witness Weekends
 Feb. 24, 25 Pine Mountain Valley, Ga.
 Mar. 9, 10 Conyers, Ga.

Personal Ministries Workshop — March 3. Albany, Ga. 3-5 p.m.
Science Falrs
 Feb. 19 Lakeland, Ga.

26 Atlanta (Becker), Ga.
 Mar. 4 Crossville, Tenn.
 18 Greeneville, Tenn.

K-12 Teachers/Pastors Inservice Meetings
 Mar. 12 Little Creek Academy
 13 Georgia-Cumberland Academy
 14 Macon, Ga.

Stonecave Farms' Fifth Annual Agriculture Seminar — Feb. 22-25. Registration Feb. 21, p.m. "Agriculture—Preparation for the Final Crisis." Charles Wheeling, Dr. Bernell Baldwin, Tim Harley. Contact Stonecave Farms, Rt. 3, P.O. Box 350, Duniap, TN 37327. (615) 949-2678.

Elementary Music Festival — March 29-31. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.
Inventory Sale at Collegedale and Atlanta ABC — March 25.
Georgia-Cumberland Academy Alumni Weekend — April 14. Honor classes: '79, '74, and '69.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Annual Business and Professional Foundation Retreat — Feb. 24, 25. Barren River Lake State Park, Glasgow, Ky. Guest speaker: Elvin Adams, M.D.
Eastern Kentucky Spiritual Convocation — March 2, 3. Prestonsburg, Ky.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

"The Man With the Bag," a Christian drama by David Payne — March 3. 5:30 p.m. United Decatur church, 2365 Candler Rd., Decatur (Trinity Chapel). Cast of 20—"The Revelators of the West End Church."

SOUTH CENTRAL

Housing Board Meetings — Feb. 1, 29.
Sabbath School Workshops
 Feb. 4 Greenwood, Miss.
 18 Montgomery, Ala.

Alabama-Mississippi Music Federation — Feb. 4.
Literature Evangelist Rally Days
 Feb. 4 Jackson, Miss.
 Mar. 3 Alabama

Regional Presidents' Meeting — Feb. 7.
Breath of Life Offering — Feb. 11.
Lay Advisory Council — Feb. 12. Oakwood College church.
Music Committee Meeting — Feb. 12.
Staff Meetings — Feb. 13, 27.
Communication Workshop — Feb. 18, 19.

School Visits
 Feb. 28 Mobile, Ala.
 Mar. 1 Selma/Montgomery, Ala.
 2 Birmingham, Ala.

Housing Board Meeting — Feb. 29.
Laymen's Congress — March 2-4. Nashville, Tenn.
Mini Workers' Meetings
 Mar. 4 Memphis, Tenn. Mar. 8 Huntsville, Ala.
 5 Jackson, Miss. 10 Louisville, Ky.
 7 Montgomery, Ala.

Family Finance Workshop — March 10-17. Louisville, Ky.
United Regional Youth Congress — March 28-31. Atlanta, Ga.

SOUTHEASTERN

ABC Prayer Crusade (with Pastor Glenn Coon) — Feb. 3-11. West Palm Beach, FL 33401, Tel. 305/832-9783. Ephesus SDA Church, 1400 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE

E. A. Anderson Lecture Series
 Feb. 2 8 p.m. Summerour Hall, Rm. 105, Patricia Cople
 9 8 p.m. Summerour Hall, Rm. 105, S. Richard Downey
 16 8 p.m. Summerour Hall, Rm. 105, Robert E. Earp

Vespers
 Feb. 10 8 p.m. Collegedale church, Anthony Campolo
 17 8 p.m. Collegedale church, C. E. Bradford

Sacred Concert — Feb. 3, 8 p.m., Collegedale church, Ben Parrish.
Student Missionaries Benefit Film, "Gandhi" — Feb. 4, 7 p.m., PE Center.

Church Service, Collegedale
 Feb. 11 8:40 and 11:05 a.m. Southern College Concert Band
 18 8:40 and 11:05 a.m. C. E. Bradford

Artist Adventure Series — Feb. 12, 7 p.m., PE Center. Jack Daniels Original Silver Cornet Band.

Chapel — Feb. 16, 11:05 a.m., Collegedale church. C. E. Bradford.

Joni Film Series
 Feb. 21 11:05 a.m. PE Center
 22 7 p.m. Collegedale church
 23 11:05 a.m. PE Center
 24 8 p.m. Collegedale church

Spring Break — March 2-11.

SOUTHERN UNION
Television Ministries Offering — Feb. 11.
Christian Home and Family Altar Week — Feb. 18-25.
LISTEN Magazine Emphasis — Feb. 25.
Tract Evangelism — March 3.
Adventist World Radio Offering — March 10.

in transition



Florida

Ron Bentzinger is leaving the conference evangelism team to pastor the Clearwater church. He replaces **Richard Halverson**, who went to the Potomac Conference. Also going to Potomac Conference is Miami Temple Pastor **Charles Klatt**. **Dan Bentzinger**, conference evangelist, will assume the Miami Temple pulpit. **Ken Coonley** has transferred to Orlando Central from Winter Springs. His associate will be **Jim Davidson**, from the Pennsylvania Conference. **Bob Burns** moves to Homestead and Key Largo, replacing **Roberto Henriquez**, who has been asked to coordinate the youth activities in the Miami area. **Forrest Zill** has moved from New Port Richey to Daytona, Beach, filling the vacancy of **Richard DuBose**, who has gone to Colorado as a youth pastor. 1. **Bradley Galambos**, from the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, has been called to the **New Port Richey** church. **Quinton Burks** has moved to the Venice-Nokomis church from Gainesville, leaving his congregation in the hands of **Steve Joannou**, of the Media Center in Thousand Oaks, California. **Bob Mathews** moved to Hernando and Homosassa churches, replacing **Jan Marcussen**. **Arnold Friedrich**, from the Carolina Conference, replaces Mathews in Brooksville. Going to the Carolina Conference is Orlando Korean Pastor **Chun Taek Yim**. **Sam Lee** will fill the vacancy. **Orlando Lopez** will now concentrate his efforts solely on the Tampa Spanish church, while **Manuel Lopez** will cover the Brandon Spanish and Avon Park Spanish churches. Lopez was pastoring the Ft. Lauderdale Spanish church. **Raphael Rodriguez**, from Colombia, South America, will pastor Ft. Lauderdale Spanish. **Jorge Suarez**, previously with the Avon Park Spanish and Orlando Spanish churches, will continue with the Orlando Spanish church and add the Casselberry Spanish church to his responsibilities. **Erwin Hise**, previously pastoring the Casselberry and Forest City Spanish churches, will pastor the Forest City and Deltona Spanish churches. **John Marshall** is now pastoring the DeLand and Deltona First churches.

Georgia-Cumberland

2. **Bob Hunter** joins Georgia-Cumberland from the Madison, Tenn., Campus church, filling the vacancy in the Stone Mountain, Ga., church after **Don Jacobsen** went to the Southeastern California Conference. **Jamile Jacobs** comes from the Northern New England Conference to pastor the Jasper-Monteagle, Tenn., district. **Gene Wood** has agreed to help part time in his retirement as pastor of the Meister Memorial church, replacing **Rankin Wentland**, who has gone into full retirement.

Southeastern

3. **Roland Brise** is the new pastor for the Jerusalem and Philadelphia churches (French-speaking congregations) in Miami. Brise is a graduate of River Plate College in Argentina, South America. He served as pastor and dean of men in Honduras, Central America, and pastored two years in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Adventist Health System/Sunbelt

Fred Lee joined Florida Hospital in October as senior vice president responsible for external affairs. He comes from Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Kansas where he served as director of communication and development and later as vice president for community relations. He and his wife, Aura, RN, have two children: Stacy, 18, and Lorin, 15.

Pacific Press

4. **Paul Hey** has been appointed Pacific Press's first director of editorial services. Hey comes to Pacific Press from Center Graphics, a part of the Adventist Media Center of Newbury Park, Calif.

NOVAK — BLANKENSHIP

Wendy Diane Blankenship and **Lonnie Ray Novak** were married June 26, 1983, at the Highland church in Portland, Tenn. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blankenship and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Novak. Cecil F. Graves performed the ceremony.

WALTERS — CAINE

Lezlee Diane Caine and **Dale Lee Walters** were married July 31 at the Milwaukie, Ore., church. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Balchunas of Roseburg, Ore. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walters of Ooltewah, Tenn. Both the bride and groom graduated from Southern College in 1981.

WOODRUFF — SELF

Lisa Self and **Johnny Woodruff** were married Dec. 19, 1982, at the Collegedale, Tenn., church. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Woodruff, of Collegedale, Tennessee. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos C. Self, of Mobile, Ala. The couple is living in Collegedale.



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PROGRAM A

Without Him
Alleluia Song
He's the Lord of All
The Laughing Song
Heaven Is a Wonderful Place
Live in the Sunshine
Step Into the Sunshine
The 23rd Psalm Song
I've Got a River of Life

PROGRAM B

Jeremiah 29:13
Sing Alleluiah to the Lord
Rejoice
Have a Nice Day With Jesus
Feelings Come and Feelings Go
Seek and Ye Shall Find
Psalm 116:1-2
M-M and a Little Bit More
All Day Song
Yes Lord

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Atlanta, Ga.	6:11	6:18	6:24	6:30	6:35	6:41
Charlotte, N.C.	5:54	6:01	6:08	6:14	6:19	6:26
Collegedale, Tenn.	6:12	6:19	6:26	6:32	6:37	6:44
Huntsville, Ala.	5:17	5:24	5:31	5:37	5:43	5:49
Jackson, Miss.	5:36	5:42	5:48	5:54	5:59	6:04
Louisville, Ky.	6:08	6:16	6:24	6:31	6:37	6:44
Memphis, Tenn.	5:31	5:38	5:45	5:51	5:56	6:03
Miami, Fla.	6:06	6:11	6:15	6:20	6:23	6:27
Montgomery, Ala.	5:21	5:27	5:33	5:39	5:44	5:49
Nashville, Tenn.	5:16	5:23	5:30	5:37	5:43	5:49
Orlando, Fla.	6:06	6:11	6:16	6:21	6:26	6:30
Wilmington, N.C.	5:44	5:51	5:58	6:04	6:09	6:15

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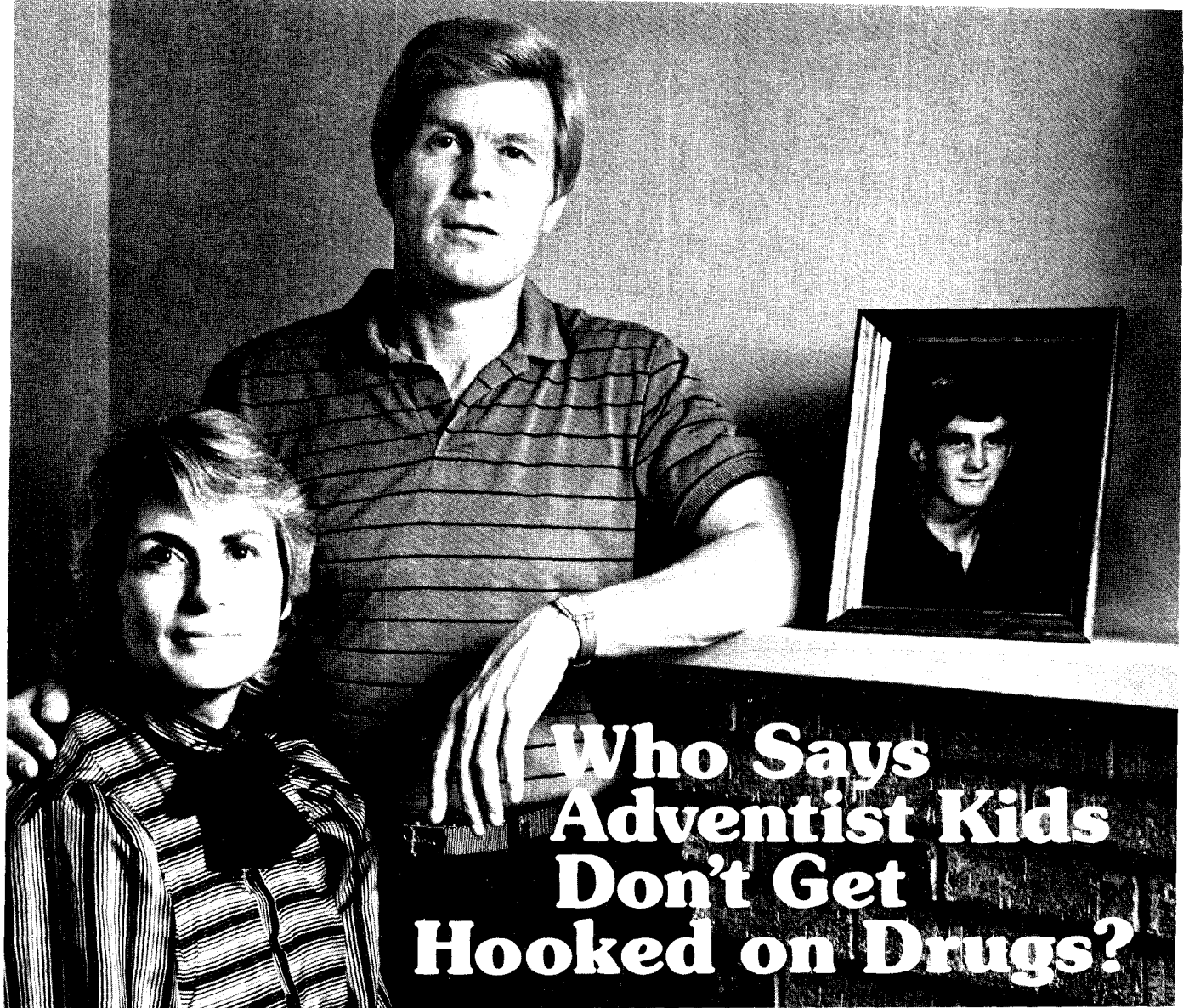
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View

Umbrella Established for SDA Relief Work. The Adventist Development and Relief Agency—International (ADRA International) was created by action of the 1983 Annual Council to serve as the umbrella organization for such agencies as Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS); Obra Filantropica Social Adventista (OFASA); Adventists, Southern Asia (ASA); Alberta International Aid (AIA); and any other organization within the church engaged in development and relief work. The Annual Council appointed a board of directors and an executive committee, with R. R. Drachenberg as the agency's executive director. *ADRA News Release*, December, 1983.

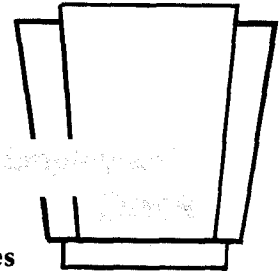
Pacific Press to Move to Idaho. The board of directors of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California, voted December 8, 1983, to relocate the press in the Boise, Idaho, area. The action was taken after a committee spent several months studying locations. Sites in Tuscon, Arizona, and the San Joaquin Valley of California were still being considered in October, but it was determined that \$400,000 would be saved by choosing Boise. The board also determined that \$1 million will be saved annually by moving from Mountain View. PPPA plans to be moved by the end of 1984. *Adventist Review*, January 12.

South Atlantic States to Prosper Next Five Years. James Newton, director of economic research for Management Horizons, has predicted that the Southern coast will experience the highest annual growth in retail sales in the nation through the end of 1988. The states from Maryland to Florida are expected to show an increase of 3.2 percent compared with 1.8 in the Middle Atlantic and 2.8 in New England. Kentucky to the Gulf Coast, though not as strong as the Eastern seaboard states, are still stronger, with 2.0 percent, than the East North Central states, with 1.7. *Atlanta Constitution*, December 1, 1983.

Church of England Acknowledges Premarital Sex. A new booklet released in January entitled "Foreword to Marriage," admits that the wedding night may not always be the first sexual experience for both partners. "For some, there will have been full and free experimentation for some time," it says. "Others will have been living together already, and so this experience is nothing new." The guide does strongly endorse marriage as a necessary commitment to a permanent relationship and a framework for rearing children. The church's General Synod Board for Social Responsibility authorized the booklet, but Graham Leonard, bishop of London, said not all board members would agree with its conclusions. *The Associated Press*, January 9.



Paul Boling



Unsearchable Riches

What would you think if a person told you he was less than the least and that he preached something that was unsearchable? In other words, he was of such little importance that he hardly mattered, and that his message could not be found out, because it was unsearchable.

This is what the Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 3:8. Responsibility for something so important as the proclamation of the unsearchable riches of Christ was given to someone who was not even important, as far as man's evaluation was concerned. The gospel is unsearchable because the natural mind of man can't understand it. The mystery of the gospel is so far removed from our natural reasoning that it's incomprehensible.

Although it is unsearchable to us, the gospel is to be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:9-16). By our own efforts, we cannot, by searching, find out God. Only the Holy Spirit can reveal Him to us, and only as we allow Him access to our hearts. The Holy Spirit gains access to our lives as we focus upon the life of Jesus.

It is through God's word that the Holy Spirit takes the life of Jesus and creates within us a new life. Jesus said in John 6:53, "Except ye eat my flesh and drink my blood, ye have no life in you."

If we are to proclaim the message of Christ, we must acknowledge that we are less than the least. But as we feed upon the life of Christ, we can proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. To be a true Christian and to witness to the salvation of God, we must look upon Christ and Him crucified. God wants us to take time with Him so that He can reveal more of Christ to us.

When He becomes part of our life, we will share Christ with those around us. As Adventist Christians, we must continue to become warm and friendly people. Christ drew people by His caring for their needs. Christ drew people by His genuine concern for their problems. His first concern was to reveal the loving care of God. And this is still His first concern. It was only after His initial friendship that He would then present His claim upon their lives.

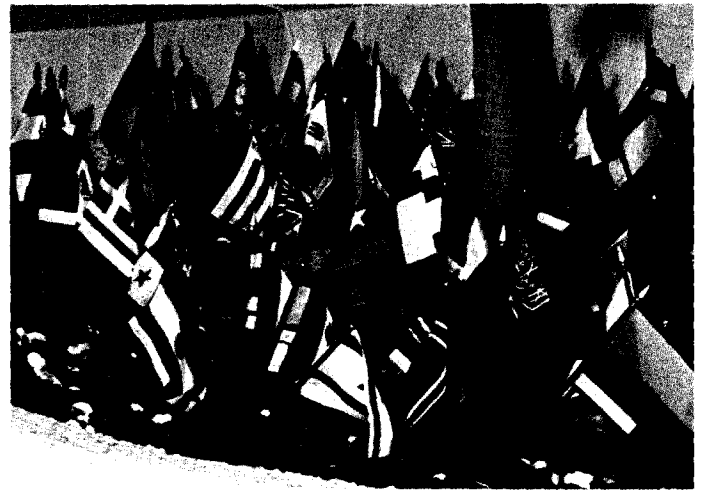
As His followers, it is the same for us today. We, too, must mingle with our fellow man and show true concern for their personal needs. We must spend time with people so we can know them personally. It has been statistically proven that many people join our church because they know someone who is a Seventh-day Adventist. So, it is vital for us to spend more time in developing true friendships with those not of our faith.

The only way we can be more loving, caring, and friendly is to have Christ dwelling in us. "He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in Him." John 6:56. Those who are less than the least proclaim the unsearchable. Those who seem unimportant are responsible for the most important message ever given to man, "Christ in you, the hope of Glory."

Paul R. Boling is the pastor of the First church of Montgomery, Alabama.



Group of international students with Dr. John Blake (left), International Student Club sponsor; and Mrs. Marcia Keller (right), cultural advisor.



Flags representing the nations of the world symbolize the 43 countries which are represented by Oakwood students.

The College With International Appeal

by Dale A. Penn

The Oakwood College story is continually being told over the great waterways of this earth. As a result of administrative travel and the public relations efforts of the Oakwood College Aeolians, the international student enrollment has increased from 66 students in 1977-78 to more than 325 in 1983-84.

From 43 different countries, speaking over 20 different languages, the international students have come and made a significant cultural contribution to campus life at Oakwood College. The American student receives first-hand knowledge about cultures he may have never experienced had it not been for these students.

Oakwood College also responds to the needs of some of these students by providing special programs that assist them in receiving a Christian education here in the United States. Through scholarships and student/teacher exchange programs, Oakwood has established a cooperative relationship between various schools and conferences in the three divisions of Africa since a large number of international students come from Africa. This is just one of the programs that help students fulfill their academic dreams.

One of the students on a scholarship program from South Africa, Edmund Julius, came to Oakwood College with his wife, Averil, and daughter, Helene, on December

29, 1980, from Johannesburg, South Africa, to pursue a course of study in theology (they since have had a son named Charles). "I was impressed when I was in my homeland to enter the ministry. However, I couldn't afford to attend college in the United States, but the Lord worked it out through the cooperative efforts of Oakwood College and my union," says Julius, now a senior who plans to graduate in June, 1984. "My wife and I have been absolutely impressed with Oakwood College. The beautiful campus and the spirit and attitude of the people have thoroughly convinced me to encourage other South African students to attend this school." When asked what he plans to do when he has finished his course here, Julius states that he would return home to work for the Adventist Church, and eventually form the first Oakwood Alumni Chapter in Johannesburg.

International Student Weekend is a special event at the College. Held during the month of January, it is accompanied by a colorful flag processional, in which students dress in their dazzling native attire, representing the various countries from which they have come. An international guest speaker is also featured.

The Huntsville/Madison County community also caters to the needs of the foreign student by providing programs such as language banks,

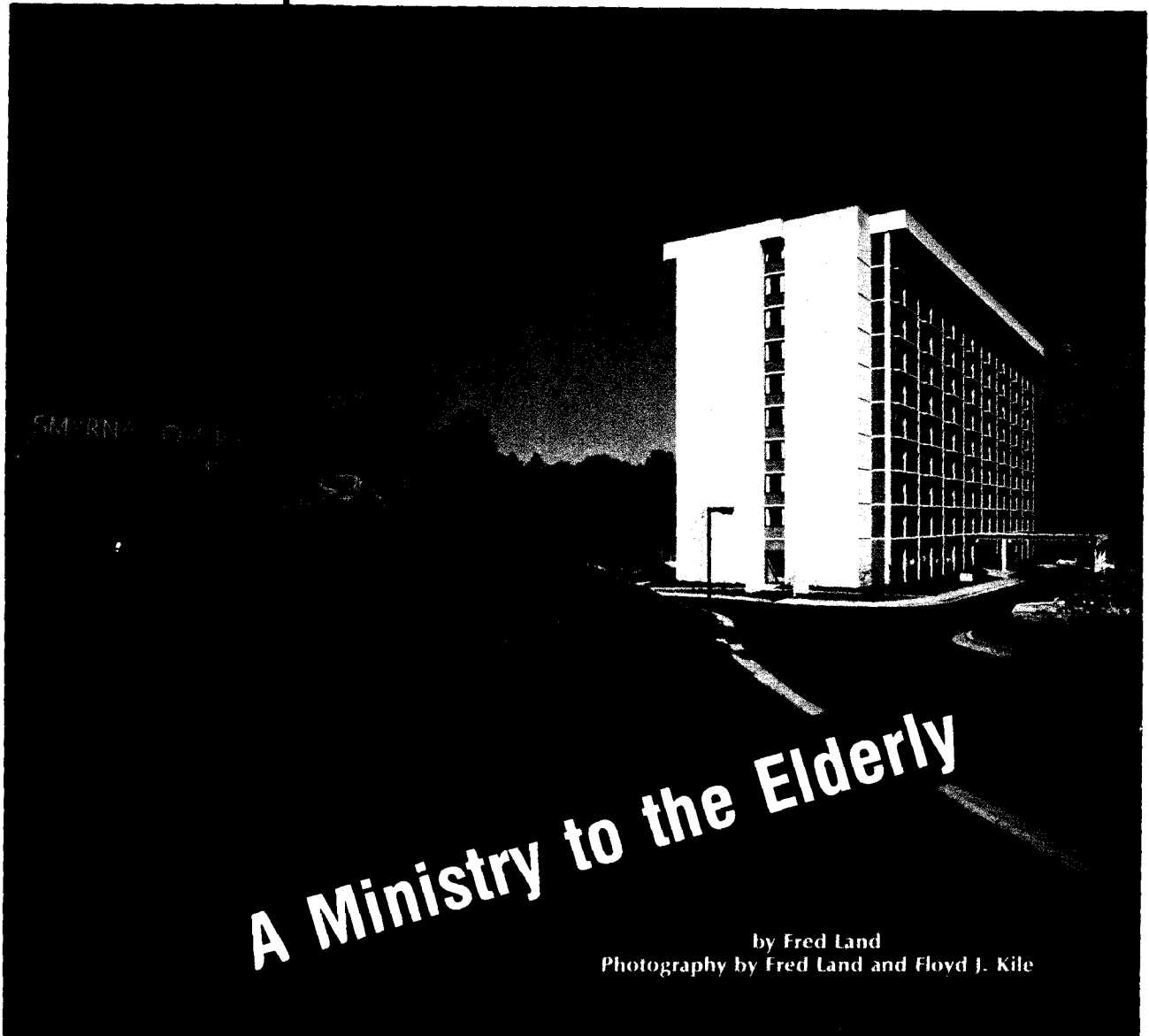
host/family programs, and tours. The Council for International Visitors sponsors an annual reception for foreign students who attend the local colleges and universities in the Huntsville area. The international students of Oakwood always utilize this opportunity to share their splendid talents that they have brought to our country.

Geographical Distribution of Foreign Students at Oakwood

Africa	101
Caribbean	124
Central America	9
South America	12
United Kingdom	44
Philippines	1
Canada	13
France	8
Bahamas	24
Bermuda	27



Edmund Julius and his family came to Oakwood from South Africa. He is a theology major and plans to enter the Lord's work in his native country.



A Ministry to the Elderly

by Fred Land
Photography by Fred Land and Floyd J. Kile

We've taken an interest in the aged, to provide them a nice place to live with all the benefits of the government for the elderly and handicapped." Harold F. Roll, secretary and health director of the Southern Union Conference, explains the reasons for the Seventh-day Adventist Church's involvement in a project such as Smyrna Towers.

Smyrna Towers, located just north of Atlanta, Georgia, and across the street from Adventist Health System/Sunbelt's Smyrna Hospital, is a 10-story apartment build-

for people of all religions and beliefs aged 62 and up, and also for handicapped individuals who live in the Atlanta area.

Roll goes on to say that "Smyrna Towers has also served as a ministry for the church, enabling Seventh-day Adventists to further serve those in need. For in Matthew 25:40, the Bible says, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . , ye have done it unto me.'"

Smyrna Towers Administrator Dorothy Abbott adds, "We are not here to try to convert all 150 residents to Adventism. But, we are here to provide a pleasant atmosphere for our residents, and to give them every opportunity to enjoy the religious freedom that they deserve. Worship is offered five days a week for those who choose to attend, with ministers from all faiths presenting spiritual stimulation. Also, prayer meetings are offered on Tuesday nights, sponsored by the Smyrna Seventh-day Adventist Church, and are open to all who wish to attend. We feel the name and example of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is uplifted through the day-to-day contact with the residents and by the manner in which Smyrna Towers is operated."

Smyrna Towers was built in 1978 and 1979, opening in December of 1979. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided the mortgage needed to build a project of this size. Largely through the efforts of Harold Roll, a low-interest mortgage was lent to the Georgia Conference Association for Smyrna Towers, and, at the same time, to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Association for a similar project in the Nashville, Tennessee, area. Roll says he originally came upon the idea of building a high-rise retirement center while in Florida, where he witnessed three retirement centers in operation. He said, "I noticed happy residents in a quality place, and was persuaded it was an excellent service opportunity for the church in rendering services for both non-Adventists and Adventists."

Smyrna, Georgia, was finally picked to enable Smyrna Towers to complement Smyrna Hospital and vice versa. Roll's responsibility after money was secured from HUD included groundwork, construction supervision, and delivering a completed product in conjunction with Smyrna Towers' appointed Board of Directors. Current board members are: Dr. Bruce Bergherm, president; Dave Magoon, secretary/treasurer; Roy Orr, Smyrna Hospital administrator, vice-president; Dr. Joe Cruise; Gene McAlexander; Kenneth McVay, hospital chaplain; and William Ambler, conference trust services director. "There are 150 apartments in Smyrna Towers," says Dorothy Abbott, "one for the elderly and one on each of the 10 floors specially equipped for the handicapped. Each apartment also has a stove, refrigerator, and is individually heated and air-conditioned. All utilities are covered in rent except for telephone." Abbott goes on



Dorothy Abbott, administrator of Smyrna Towers, sees her job as a way to witness through service to the 150 residents.

to say the residents may also utilize an in-house beauty shop, library, craft room, and a social room with kitchen. There are laundry rooms on nine of the 10 floors. Transportation is provided for those without. Residents may also enjoy one outing per month to places such as Callaway Gardens, the Chattanooga Choo Choo, Stone Mountain, circus and ice-skating shows, concerts, and an annual picnic at Lake Lanier. Many enjoy attending Braves' games, miniature golf outings, and trips to a local science center and the governor's mansion.

Rent for each Smyrna Towers' resident may not exceed 30 percent of his income and is not to exceed a set amount. HUD subsidizes Smyrna Towers for the lower income residents to assist with operating expenses. Mrs. Abbott says, "Smyrna Towers has been filled to capacity since we first opened our doors, and there is at least a four-year waiting list. We have never lost a day's rent due to vacancies."

In approximately 35 years, when the HUD mortgage is paid off, the board of directors will have the privilege of deeding over the property and building of Smyrna Towers to the sponsoring organization, the Georgia Conference Association, if it so desires. As funds were contributed through the conference at the beginning of construction, these funds have since been repaid by Smyrna Towers.

Dorothy Abbott sums up the essence of her work and the purpose of Smyrna Towers when she says, "I feel Smyrna Towers is a good ministry in providing a needed service in this community. I nor my staff push our religion. We merely do our best to exemplify the Seventh-day Adventist life style with the hope that our friends residing here may better understand that our number-one interest is their comfort, well-being, and happiness as a resident of Smyrna Towers."

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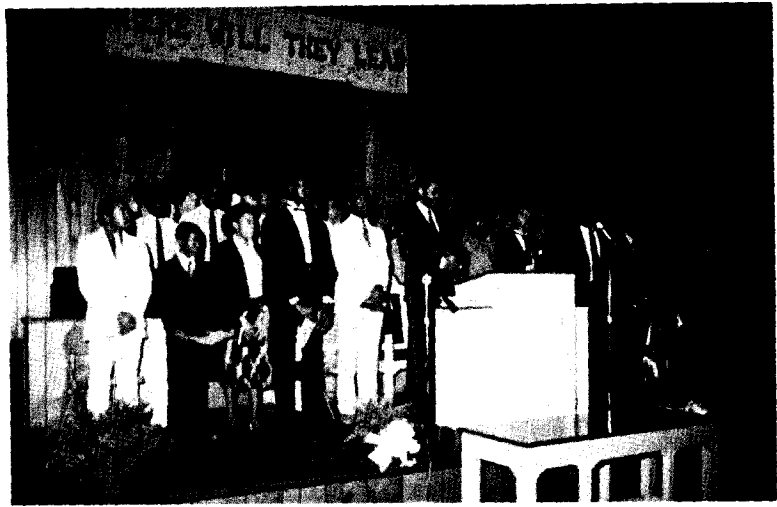
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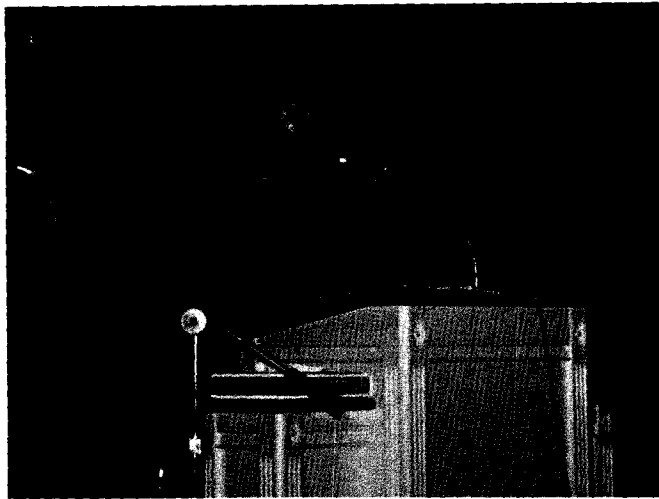
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God's Work in Good Hands

by S. E. Gooden



Pictured are the young people and guests who participated in the morning service.



Joyce Scurry, president of E. S. Portis Youth Federation, presents awards to Lillian Archer of Savannah, Georgia, (left), for her role as AYS leader in hosting the previous 1983 Federation Convocation and Jeanette Warren (right), of Albany, for hosting the Federation on November 12, 1983.



Richard Barron, the dynamic Youth Federation speaker, is the associate director of Youth Ministries of the General Conference.

Let no man despise thy youth," was the timely exhortation which the great apostle to the Gentiles gave to his Gentile-Jewish son in the ministry in 1 Timothy 4:12. I watched with amazement and spiritual ecstasy the dramatic presentation of the effect of television and drugs on the youth of our church, which was presented at the E. S. Portis Youth Federation at Albany, Georgia, on November 12, 1983. I then learned that the play, entitled "One Thing Leads to Another," was written and directed by a youth of our

church today. The words of Paul to Timothy struck me. I had to admit that, with the dedicated youth of our church today, God's work is in good hands. The fact is that I would like every young person in the Southern Union to get the benefit of seeing this presentation.

After Richard Barron, associate director of the Youth Ministries Department of the General Conference, took that packed Baptist church with some 2,000 in attendance up to the pinnacle of the rock where the eagle builds her nest to demonstrate his topic, "God on Eagle's Wings," in the morning, they were really in a frame of mind to appreciate, "One Thing Leads to Another, and That's How It Is Brother," in the afternoon.

The Sabbath school, the Bible Bowl runoff for both seniors and juniors, the oratorical contest, all in preparation for the United Youth Congress starting March 28, 1984, were all high-keyed in this spiritual uplift. The Christian fellowship which interspersed these dynamic activities gives one a diminutive view of heaven above.

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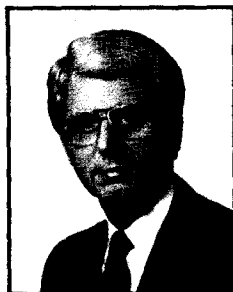
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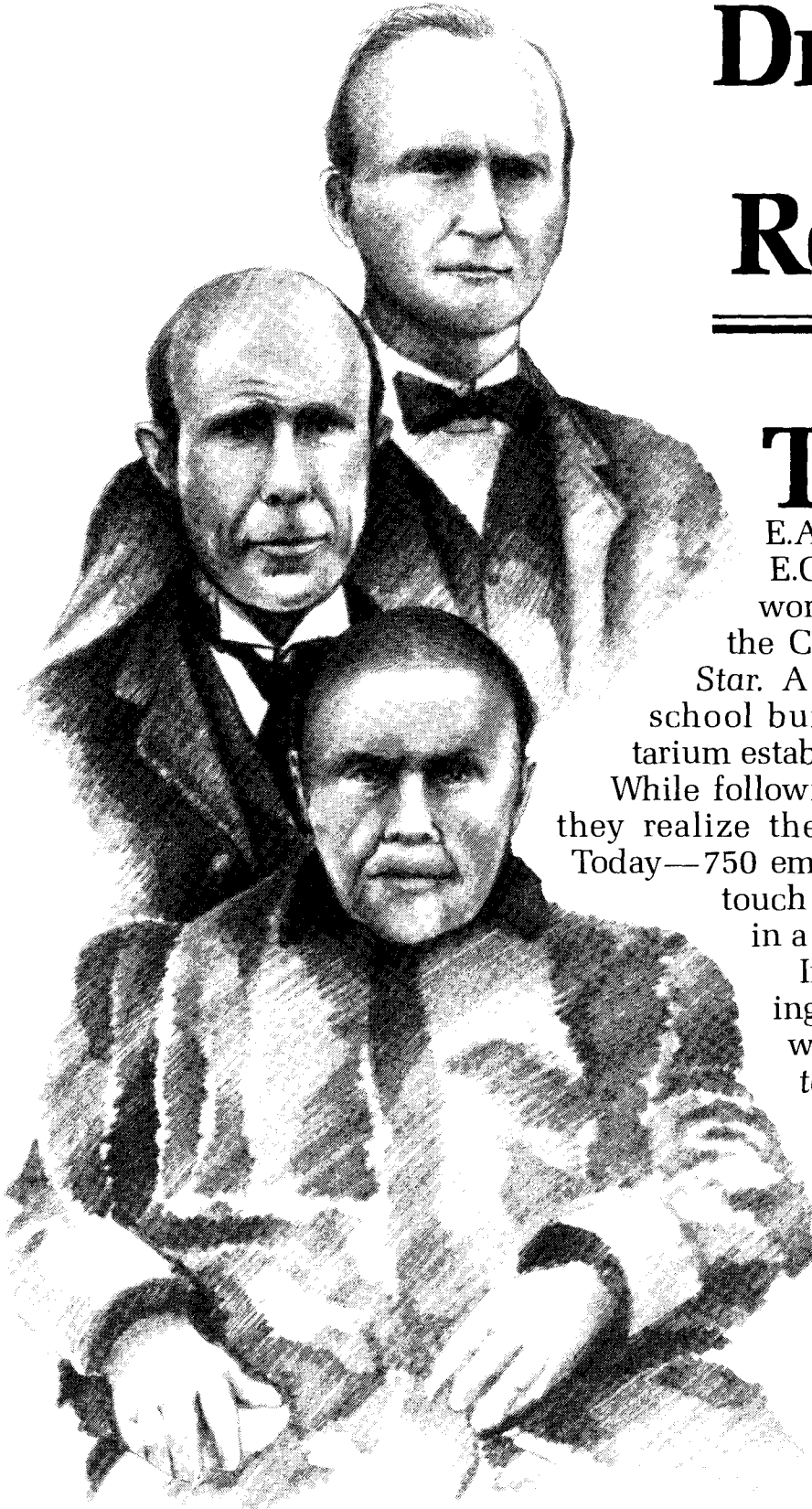
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