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Walkman radios blare into a single pair of ear-phones. Televisions squawk in every room, all tuned to the same channel. Air-conditioned isolation surrounds the lone occupants of thousands of cars on the tangled freeway. The never-marrieds and the were-marrieds mingle with others like themselves and night after night either go home depressed or share the night with someone new, as lonely as themselves.

The 70s were called the "Me Decade," but, as an old popular song says, "One is the loneliest number."

The 80s are lonely, too, for many people. Most of those people are not looking to God or to churches to fill the aching void they feel. Too many times they have seen church people caring only about money. Too many times they have been snubbed or manipulated, or made to feel less than desirable by church people. "That's not where it's at," they finally conclude.

"We need to assure our communities that we are, indeed, the salt of the earth," said Southern Union Conference President A. C. McClure at the Caring Church Seminar at Lake Lanier, Georgia, January 8-12. "We need to reach out and touch the lives of those around us and let them know that it is within our fellowship that they can find that warmth and love and care that Jesus Christ has shown to the world."

Five hundred pastors from across the Southern Union chorused "Amen" as the first Union-wide ministers' meeting in many years got underway. The meeting, organized by Southern Union Ministerial Secretary Harold E. Metcalf, was described as a "Caring Church and Conflict Management Seminar." The pastors, conference office staffs, and Union personnel filled the hotel, allowing employees to put away hundreds of ashtrays and coffee pots. The surroundings were beautiful: the relaxing sight of blue water and pine trees stretching heavenward.

But the mood in the meetings was urgent. For at least eight-and-a-half hours per day a rapid succession of

speakers shared material contained on the pages of a thick notebook and continually added more as time went along.

"The Caring Church is built upon the 'felt needs' of people," began Robert Dale, administrative assistant to North American Division President C. E. Bradford. "What do we mean by felt needs?"

To answer his question he quotes Robert Schuller, pastor of the Garden Grove Community church, the "Crystal Cathedral" in California, "The secret of church growth is to find a need and meet it."

And he quotes Ellen White: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The



Participants practiced conflict management techniques during the all-day session. Pictured are Bob Beck (left), Carolina Conference ministerial secretary; and Pastors Al Mazat, Charlotte, North Carolina; Paul Anderson, Columbia, South Carolina; and Herb Crawley, Spartanburg, South Carolina. (Photograph by Fred Land)

Church in a Lonely World

by Gary L. Ivey
Cover Photograph by Steve Carlton

Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.' " (*Ministry of Healing*, page 143).

The speakers, which included Bradford, emphasized that just because we call our churches "caring" does not make them so; we must actually care about people.

Desmond Cummings, Jr., from the Institute of Church Ministries, Andrews University, spoke of reaching the community. Thomas M. Ashlock, associate Sabbath school director of the General Conference, dealt with nurture and training of members. William C. Scales, Jr., associate ministerial secretary of the General Conference, talked of winning converts. Mark Finley of the Lake Union Soul-Winning Institute showed ways of moving the church into action.

The presentations were awash with overhead transparencies, audio-visual programs, films, and video programs—every conceivable means of making clear the principles which make for a caring, growing church.

But "Conflict Management" was also a part of the seminar. Conflict is almost always viewed negatively, especially in the Church. Seminar participants were shown that conflict, if properly managed, can yield positive results. If individuals with differing points of view can see matters from the perspective of others, better decisions and acceptance can result, with each contributing his strengths to enhance the total program.

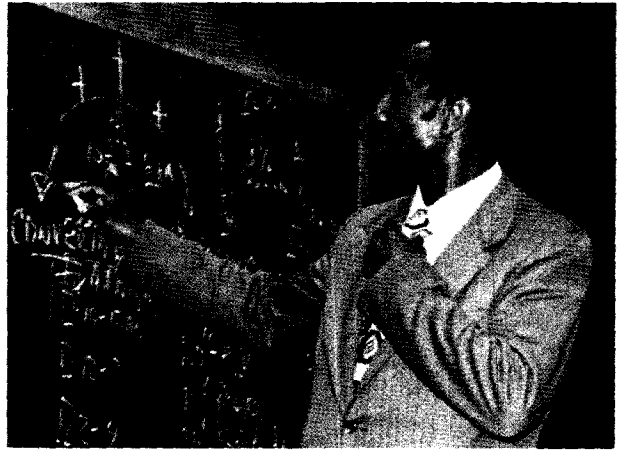
Pitfalls to good communication and understanding were explained. One such danger is "rehearsal drop." This exists when a listener "drops," or fails to seriously consider the speaker's statement because he is too busy "rehearsing" his response or rebuttal.

According to Dr. Larry Webb, of L.E.A.D. Consultants, Inc., only seven percent of a person's meaning is conveyed through words, while 38 percent is through voice tone and 55 percent through body language. Instruction was given on handling criticism, mediating disputes, and how to accurately describe behavior without inserting negative inferences.

A highlight of the seminar was an appearance by Dr. Dean Kelly, a Methodist clergyman and director of the office of civil and religious liberty for the National Council of Churches. Kelly spoke on "How the Seventh-day Adventist Church Can Stop Growing." Kelly authored a book in 1972 entitled, *Why Conservative Churches Are Growing* in which he shows that the liberal "mainline" churches have begun to decline in membership and the more conservative, fundamental churches, including Seventh-day Adventists, are growing as never before.

How does Kelly think the Seventh-day Adventist Church can stop growing? "If Adventists want to stop growing and begin declining like everybody else, all they have to do is to emphasize that abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, and caffeine isn't really essential to salvation. Decide that vegetarianism isn't actually all that important, and foot-washing is a little tacky—too much like those hillbilly Pentecostals in the Ozarks."

Kelly emphasized that in order to grow, a church must



Eric Ward, pastor of the Oakwood College church, directs a workshop on public evangelism. Other workshops included "sequence evangelism," a coordinated method of encouraging participants in health-related and similar events to advance to more overtly spiritual activities. Russ Potter, of Concerned Communications, was the instructor. Patrick Vincent, pastor of the Birmingham, Alabama, Ephesus church, explained the organization and function of SWAT teams, lay outreach groups. (Photograph by Fred Land)

feel that it has something distinctive that sets it apart from other organizations; something that is very, very, important. Also, "Those who are serious about their faith make high demands of those admitted to the organization that bears the faith." Kelly went on to say that often a believer's devotion to his church is directly proportional to the cost his faith exacts. "That's what makes religion work. If it doesn't cost, it can't be worth much."

Kelly then spoke to the group concerning his conviction on the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. "I hope that people will begin to realize the significance of what has happened and tell their members of Congress about it and that they don't like what was done in the dark of night, as it were."

When the time came to leave the secluded retreat, the pastors had been spiritually fed by devotional speakers such as Southern College Religion Professor Jack Blanco, Regional Thousand Days of Reaping Coordinator H. L. Cleveland, and Southern Union Ministerial Secretary and seminar planner Harold E. Metcalf; they had received instruction in church growth methods by the several speakers; they saw tools demonstrated and took advantage of the many displays in the exhibit hall and they had opportunity to visit and share with one another, to encourage one another before returning to the sometimes lonely work of making the Message known to people who have given up on religion as the answer to their needs. Their loneliness is of a different sort than that of those they attempt to reach, however. They work with the knowledge that another works at their side. One who originated the concept of caring; One Who will help to make theirs a "Caring Church."



The Southeastern Conference Committee has guided the conference during its infancy. Pictured on the front row are: Theus Young (left), Dennis Ross, Jr., David McCalla, D. A. Walker (secretary-treasurer), Vera Edwards, Marie Washington, J. A. Edgecombe (president), B. W. Powell, R. R. Brown, and H. L. Davis. On the back row are: I. L. Harrell, Charles Backey, W. C. Byrd, W. L. Taylor, Clarence Wright, Jimmie Brown, and O. H. Paul.



President J. A. Edgecombe (right) and D. Walker, secretary-treasurer, guide the affa of Southeastern.

CONSIDER THE GROWTH

by Roy R. Brown

It was in January, 1981, that the Southeastern Conference began its operations, after the South Atlantic Conference was divided, with James A. Edgecombe as the president. You have heard it said, "that some persons are born with a golden spoon." Constant reference is made that Southeastern, the baby conference in the Southern Union, has a golden tooth, and so it appears. Not really, however, it is by the grace of God it is what it is. His Spirit has been evidenced in a number of ways, and God's name is to be glorified.



Centurions, pastors baptizing 100 or more in 1983, were Dennis Ross, Jr., and David McCalla. Pictured are J. A. Edgecombe, president (left); Ross; Southern Union Associate Ministerial Secretary O. J. McKinney; and D. A. Walker, secretary-treasurer.

Consider the growth of "the baby" on its third anniversary.

	Church Membership	Churches
Jan. 81	8,511	51
Dec. 81	9,112	53
Dec. 82	10,312	57
Dec. 83	10,034	66

President Edgecombe projects that at the close of the 1,000 Days of Reaping church membership should be over 14,000.

Consider the stewardship

	Tithe	Missions
1981	\$2,237,286	\$117,354
1982	2,549,009	128,498
1983	3,013,584	137,036

The phenomenal growth is due to the faithfulness of God's people in Southeastern Conference who envision a finished work. This figure will continue to show an increase as deeper commitments are made.

Two interesting highlights must not go unnoticed. The tithe for 1983 represents an increase of 18.22 percent over 1982, and secondly the Southeastern Conference has led the other conferences in the Southern Union all of 1983 in percentage increase.

Consider the growth in education, for it has an important place in this development.

	1981	1982	1983
Students	630	660	760
Teachers	31	34	36
Schools	5	5	6

The Kindergarten Program in five areas has an enrollment of 258.

Oakwood College has 76 of Southeastern's fine Christian young men and women, training them to take their places in service for Christ. Christian education, a priority, receives more than lip service. The record shows that for the financial support to nonconstituent students, church schools, education subsidy, Oakwood College appropriations and three-way scholarships, the investments are as follows:

1981	1982	1983
\$271,955.00	\$295,697.00	\$246,273.00

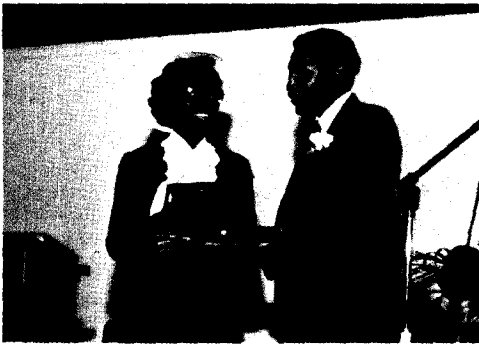
Consider the 1983 major accomplishments. The Orlando, Mt. Sinai church complex costing nearly \$1 million, opened its doors; the Miami Tabernacle church, more than one-half million dollars celebrated its joy; the West Palm Beach church school, a first; dark county evangelism in Waycross, Georgia, with a church building already procured; nine churches organized; more than 1,000 precious souls buried with their Lord in baptism; \$128,692 of truth-filled literature delivered by the faithful literature evangelists; every church attaining its goal in Ingathering—\$69,000; a total working force of 80 workers with Vernon Braithwaite, Roland Brise, and Gregory Mack in the Infiltration Evangelism program; and on and on.

"Go west young man, go west" was once the plea. It



Ernest Young, Trevor Fraser, and Joe Harris each had 50 or more baptisms. Pictured are: Young (left), Fraser, D. A. Walker, J. A. Edgecombe, O. J. McKinney, and Harris.

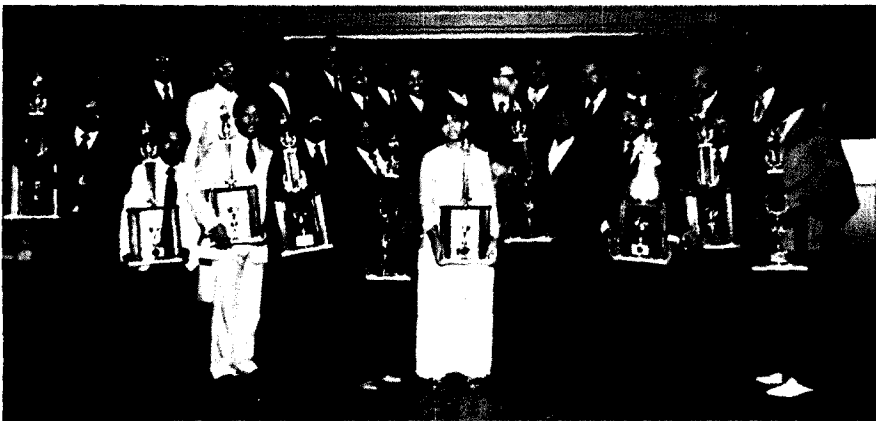
now is, "Go Southeastern, go Southeastern." With God's help every county in Georgia and Florida within the Southeastern Conference territory and under its jurisdiction shall hear Messiah's name.



O. J. McKinney, associate ministerial and stewardship director for the Southern Union, presents a plaque to Beverly Rachel for her unselfish contribution to his dark county evangelism project in Waycross, Georgia, on the first anniversary of the meetings and on the occasion of the opening of church facilities there.



This is the interior of the more than one-half-million-dollar Miami Tabernacle church.



These literature evangelists were responsible for the \$128,692 in deliveries in 1983. They are pictured here with General Conference and regional conference personnel.

Miracle Shavers That Won't Quit

by Noeline Johnsson
Photography by Pat Batto

Ben was shaving one morning and wondering what kind of partnership he and God could become involved in, when his mind wandered to the subject of shaving. The St. Augustine church elected Ben Baker, Sr., as the Investment leader for 1983, but neither the members nor he realized what they had started.

Ben usually used Bic disposable razors. Each was good for five to eight shaves before it pulled his beard and tore at his face. What would happen, he wondered, to the ten-cent razor he was using if he dedicated it to the Lord? Deciding to try it, Ben bowed his head. "Lord, I'll give you 25

cents for each shave I get from this razor," he promised. Beginning on March 1, 1983, until October 20, the same razor was at work several times a week. Just before Ben, Sr., left on vacation he had shaved 99 times with the same razor.

But Ben's story had just begun. After his 40th shave Ben wrote the manufacturer. The company responded by sending him a box of razors. Ben took them to Sabbath school and told the members about his project. He urged others to take one and try an investment partnership.

"I recommend you try it," Ben said. "I believe that any project you undertake in partnership with God will succeed if you are sincere about it."

John Nuttall agrees. As Ben's assistant, he took over the personal ministries presentations when Ben attended lay-evangelism seminars during the summer.

John liked the idea of Ben's project, but people need a little help getting started he thought. So he prepared Exercise-In-Faith kits, as he called them. He gathered soft-drink cans, attached a label to each, identifying it a "Faith Kit." Into the opening of each kit he slipped one of Ben's Bic razors.

"Would you participate in an investment project if everything was laid out for you?" John asked the Sabbath school group the next week. Many heads nodded affirmatively as John introduced the kits, pointing out that a quarter would slip easily through the opening. Fifteen people accepted a kit, promising to begin a faith partnership.

John's own partnership began the following morning. After getting 100 shaves from the same disposable razor John began wondering just how many more shaves that one razor would give him or rather how many more the Lord would give John. "After the 100 mark my faith began to grow," John commented. "So far I've gotten 138 shaves from the same razor. For a while it started to dull, but I rededicated it to the Lord and now it shaves like a new one. That's a big difference from the five shaves I used to get with a disposable."

"My razor gives me something to witness about," responds Burt Holder, "During a break at work I was talking to a fellow worker about getting 78 shaves from a razor that usually gives me three at most. He looked at me in disbelief and refused to

John Nuttall is still using the same razor after 138 close shaves.





Eight of the 15 church members from St. Augustine entered into an Investment partnership that has not only strengthened the faith of that entire congregation but has also given members an opportunity to witness.

believe me. I went on to explain that it wasn't anything I had done and then he pointed his finger heavenward and we both nodded simultaneously." Burt's can of quarters has grown steadily as he feels the daily thrill of reporting to his colleagues at work.

"How's it going?" they ask each morning. As the number passed 60 one woman asked, "How does it feel, knowing that the Lord shaves you each morning?" Burt is pleased to share the joy of worshipping a real Lord who is an active partner.

Ben Baker, Jr., decided to use the shaver he already had before beginning with the kit his father gave him. "I was averaging eight shaves per razor," Ben says. When he had

used up his stock of shavers he took out his Investment kit and dedicated the razor to the Lord. Ben, Jr., was able to get 40 shaves from his razor.

Bill Lowe began shaving with a disposable and thus far has gotten 92 clean shaves and the razor is as good as new. "After three weeks my razor started to dull, but I simply rededicated it to the Lord, picked it back up and have consistently gotten close shaves."

Ed Komoroski, the church pastor, says he was skeptical about being able to shave his heavy beard with a disposable razor. But as one of the team, he decided to try. Every morning for 100 times Ed used the same razor.

Ed's wife, Cheryl, thought she would also accept the challenge.

"After using the razor 20 times," Cheryl said, "my daughter decided to use the razor to scrape on some tile, but I took the razor, rededicated it, and it still shaves fine."

For most, shaving is an undesirable necessity, but for members of the St. Augustine church it is a simple test of faith. It's a great way to start out the day knowing that if God will reward our faith in such seemingly insignificant things how much more will He care for the important matters in our life.

Noelene Johnsson is editor of Mission. This article is modified from an article which appeared in the January 19 issue of Adventist Review.

Building for the Future

by Alice Robertson

Let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them"—these words spoken by God to Moses for instruction to His people Israel have given direction and motivation to God's people throughout the centuries.

Members at Opelika-Auburn, and Eufaula, Alabama, and at Vicksburg, Mississippi, have conscientiously put these words into action during 1983. The congregations at Vicksburg and Eufaula joyfully dedicated their sanctuaries on December 3, 1983, and January 7, 1984, respectively. The new church at Opelika-Auburn is not quite completed but is expected to be ready for occupancy by mid- to late-summer.

The Phenix City, Decatur, and Montgomery, Alabama, churches have conducted building projects to add space to their facilities in order to better accommodate the needs of their schools.

As a result of the Southern Union Revolving Fund and the Laymen's Church Development Foundation, a number of these small churches have been able to receive a lower rate of interest for financing their building programs. Several other congregations have purchased property and are in the planning stages for additional church construction.

The spirit of unity displayed by the pastors and constituents in these building programs demonstrate their faith and belief in Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

Volunteer labor from neighboring churches in November, 1983, made possible the rapid construction of the Opelika-Auburn, Alabama, church building. Among those who participated were Gary Jarnes, (left), Camp Alamisco; and Homer Loeble, Montgomery.

Pictured is a view of the completed exterior of the Opelika-Auburn church.

W. A. Geary, president of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, delivers the worship-hour sermon to members and friends gathered for the Eufaula, Alabama, church dedication on January 7.

Pictured is an exterior view of the Eufaula, Alabama, church.

December 17, 1983, was a high day for the constituents of the Phenix City, Alabama, church and school when open house services were held for the new education wing. In January of 1983 the members voted to build additional space for a school and by December the \$120,000 project was completed. Of this amount, \$50,000 was contributed by the local church in the one-year period.

The gymnasium at the Montgomery, Alabama, church and school was the setting for the Alabama-Mississippi K-10 School Board Members' Workshop. The facility was officially opened for use on August 14, 1983.

The need for more space for the school program and other church activities prompted the building of this beautiful addition to the Decatur, Alabama, church.





South Central Conference Publishing Director S. P. Ruff was able to report a more than nine percent increase in literature sales for 1983, compared with 1982. That is the second highest gain in the Southern Union.

by S. P. Ruff

Publishing Progress

The publishing director for the South Central Conference reported at the Annual Literature Evangelist Institute in Tampa, Florida, sales totaling \$259,656 for 1983, showing a 9.3 percent increase over 1982. He highly commends the team of literature evangelists for the work they have done to reach these heights.

1983 has also been a banner year for soul winning for South Central's literature evangelists, as they were responsible for bringing 128 persons into this message.

South Central Conference had the greatest student program this summer with Oakwood College students and students from other South Central Conference schools. These youth were responsible for more than \$40,000 in deliveries of truth-filled literature.

The grand total report is as follows:

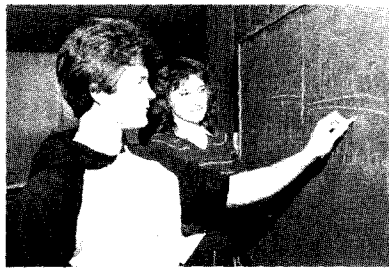
Souls	128
Tracts	10,540
Bible Correspondence Enrollments	171
Interested Persons Attending Church	95
Former SDAs Contacted	98
Bible Studies Given	1,147
Baptisms	128

DISTRICT SALES:

Benjamin Cone — Mississippi	\$ 76,844.10
Lyndon Rowan — Tennessee	67,753.38
Alabama	53,025.32
Kentucky	62,033.23
TOTAL SALES	\$259,656.03

The South Central Conference Publishing Department and team of literature evangelists have set their goals for another successful year in 1984.

S. P. Ruff is the South Central Conference publishing director.



Tutors are an intricate part of the Teaching Learning Center. Above, Lori Selby answers Derrick Richardson's English question.

Being an open-enrollment school, Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists has decided to make a real effort to insure that the quality of education will be maintained at high standards. A product of this concern is now in its second year of operation, the Teaching Learning Center.

The Teaching Learning Center provides a variety of interrelated services to improve students' academic achievement and personal sense of worth. Under the direction of Carole Haynes, M.Ed., the center not only is targeted for the academically deficient student, but even more so for the enrichment of the average or better student. "Most of the students who come to the Center are B or C students who want to be A and B students," says Mrs. Haynes. "Anyone who needs help is encouraged to take full advantage of our services, which are all free of charge."

There are 12 regularly scheduled students employed by the Center as tutors who are hired with skills to help in more than one subject. "These tutors must have a higher than ordinary grade-point-average and are usually recommended by their teachers," says Mrs. Haynes. Tutoring is done on a one-to-one basis, or in small study groups.

Even though the emphasis is definitely on undergraduate help, faculty members and church school teachers have come to the Center for help in finishing the requirements for their master's degrees. Services are also provided to teach faculty new modes and methods of instruction and to update their knowledge of learning theory and educational psychology. Some high school students in the area are also benefiting from the Center.

Although tutorial and academic enrichment services are very im-

portant, the Center is not restricted to these, says Mrs. Haynes. "We also provide information on how to successfully plan for the future." Preprofessional testing review is offered for those who wish to enter graduate school and need to qualify on an exam for admission. Many nursing students, in particular, make use of the many review tapes and cassettes when studying for their state board exams. An emphasis is also made on personal counseling, with filmstrips, slides, and videotapes ranging from how to deal with a divorce in the family to how to manage your time. Small, one-time lectures, called mini-sessions, are presented by the staff of the Center several times a year on note-taking techniques, test-taking strategies, and basic-study and memory-retention principles.

The Teaching Learning Center is largely a result of a federal grant due to a recent concern with improving academic achievement in American schools. Upon receiving the grant, Southern College immediately invested in basic learning and teaching materials. The Center staff then sent letters to every department requesting suggestions for materials needed to enhance the teaching or learning of their particular subject.

New students are made aware of the wealth of knowledge available within the Teaching Learning Center at orientation. The Center prepares a booklet containing faculty and department information, general knowledge about college events and activities, tips on how to make friends more easily, and suggestions for better study habits. When the students arrive in the classroom, their teachers again remind them of this service and often

make assignments using materials in the Center.

Statistics showing how much students' grades have actually improved are still being researched and calculated. It is already evident though, that student participation is increasing. Oleta Brown, a nurse enrolled in the B.S. nursing degree program, found that the Center was extremely beneficial in her struggle to learn a second language, Spanish. "I found the tutors to be extremely willing and capable in helping me with my problems," she



Carol Haynes, director of the Teaching Learning Center, assists Bill Aikman, freshman biology student.

says enthusiastically. "It's encouraging to know that there is always someone there to help you if you get stuck."

"Almost 200 students visited the Center to make 599 visits during the month of September alone," reports Mrs. Haynes. Twenty-five percent of the student body used the facilities during the fall semester.

The staff of the Teaching Learning Center expects these statistics to keep growing and hopes that through their service they can continue to help the College more fully serve the needs of the students and maintain high academic standards.

Wendy Ripley is a sophomore English major at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists.

Tutor Debbie Doman uses the computer to explain an answer for Basil Buch.





Bagwell has been called on to tune pianos prior to concerts by Liberace and Ferrante and Teicher.



Bernard and Mary Bagwell, accompanied by their Labradors, Freddie and Sheba, visit Avondale SDA School as representatives of the Chattanooga Association of the Blind. (photograph by John Rawlston).



Blind Determination

by the Editor

While teaching his Sabbath school class, Bagwell's fingers glide nimbly over the Braille text of *The Student*, provided by the Christian Record Braille Foundation.

If you really want to do something, there's no stopping you from doing it." Bernard Bagwell seems confident, but not boastful. He teaches a Sabbath school class, tunes and rebuilds pianos, can play most band instruments, has sung with symphony orchestras, been a ham radio operator, travels to numerous conventions, and speaks to many school groups.

Talented? Yes. And blind since birth.

"I have a hard time believing he can't see," says Jimmy Rhodes, president of Lansford Piano Company, in Chattanooga. He told of a recent concert by piano artists Ferrante and Teicher. "They had him down there to tune those two nine-foot grands. They had him backstage with them so they could go over their pianos before the concert, and had him stand by in case something should go wrong."

Not only is he known for his competence, but for his speed, says Rhodes. "I think he's tuned as many as 16 in a day."

I drove him home, missing a turn. But, after some coaching from my sightless passenger, we were soon in the driveway of a neat, frame house. There we were met by his wife, Mary, and two black Labradors.

"We do our own cooking," says Mrs. Bagwell. "We have a lot of Braille recipe books."

"How do you know which can to open?" I ask.

"You don't!" she laughs. But they manage by removing labels from certain products, recognizing the shape of the packages, and rattling the cans.

"You can tell the difference between peaches and pears," says Bernard. "Peach liquid is thicker. And tomatoes and beans. Beans don't rattle much."

The Bagwells have five talking clocks that call out the time every 15 minutes.

"How do you sleep?" I wonder.

"They don't bother us," says Mary. "It would bother us if we didn't have them."

One clock has a talking calculator. "When you push the button it calls out the number so you can add or subtract or whatever you want to do," explains Bernard.

"We have a talking scale," volunteers Mrs. Bagwell.

"They've gone to meddling now with talking scales!" chuckles Bernard.

"We like music boxes," says Bagwell. "Anything that has sound to it. We go on trips. Instead of taking pictures we tape the sounds of the location."

Do they ever have a hard time finding things? "Oh, yes!" they

exclaim together. "We've lost stuff that we haven't found yet. We know it's around here somewhere."

The Bagwells are both 62. "I call her the groundhog," teases Bernard. "I won't let her out on February 2 because I'm afraid she'll see her shadow!"

The Bagwells became Seventh-day Adventists in 1976. Bernard sang in the choir of a Protestant church in Chattanooga. The choir director was Marvin Robertson, chairman of the Division of Music at Southern College. Following Bible studies with Rolland Ruf, associate pastor of the Collegedale church, both Bernard and Mary were baptized.

"Bernard is a fine example of testimony to the Lord for the good and many blessings in life," says Peter Read, pastor of the Chattanooga First church. "He appreciates the warmth of the sun—the basic blessings most of us step by. He's a real inspiration in the church."

How does he study sufficiently to teach a Sabbath school class? He refers to a shelf with the Braille Bible in 18 volumes. He holds up a large, tan publication. "This magazine is called *The Student*," a monthly edition of the Sabbath school lessons from the Christian Record Braille Foundation. "I can average about 160 to 180 words a minute reading Braille to myself."

He gets good class discussion. "I tell them not to raise their hand because I wouldn't see it, and even if they put a bell on it I wouldn't know which bell was ringing. The best way to do it is to talk!"

Their philosophy of life is a blend of optimism and realism.

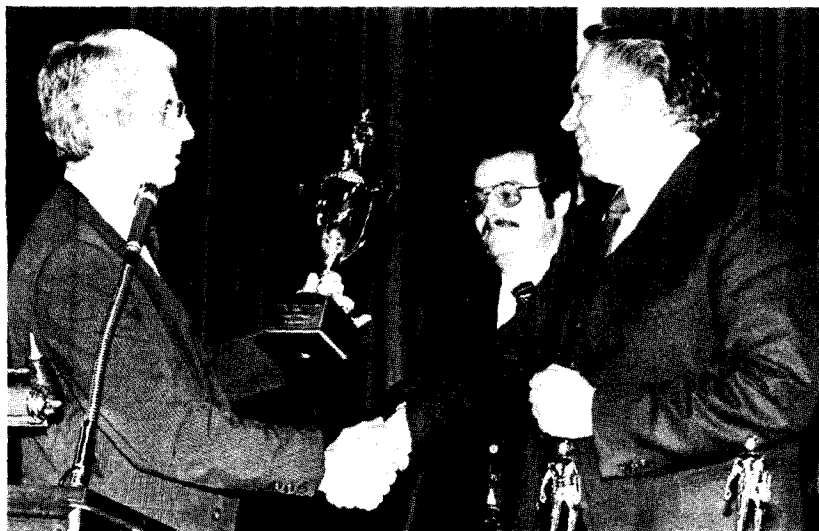
"Occasionally I think, 'If I had vision I could do this or that,'" admits Bagwell. "But I never resented my blindness." He reflects a moment, then offers a minor correction. "When I was growing up I did, because you couldn't get jobs and everything seemed hard to come by." He thinks back to his experience in college. "I got everything except my certificate to teach in the public schools. At that time they wouldn't give a blind person a teacher's certificate. I never did blame anybody for blindness or anything. One of the biggest things with the handicapped is you first accept it, then you go on and do whatever you want to do. I think we have to work a little harder, but if you really set your mind to it, you can do it."

"I feel the Lord put us here on this earth for a purpose," says Mrs. Bagwell.

"Mary and I both believe that God will answer prayer," testifies Bagwell. "When you're down and out and feel kind of discouraged, that's the time to talk with God, and we do it. It's part of our daily lives."

Brethren's Journey for a Glorious Tomorrow

by Gary L. Ivey



For being first in net sales in 1983, Carolina retained the cup it won a year earlier. Pictured are A. C. McClure (left), Southern Union Conference president; M. D. Gordon, Carolina Conference president; and Ron Davis, Carolina publishing director.

The Literature Evangelism work in the Southern Union has seen several changes in the last couple of years which are beginning to bear fruit in improved cash flow and a more efficient management of this vital witness, reports G. S. Culpepper, Southern Union Conference Publishing Director.

Five of the eight conferences showed gains in cumulative deliveries in 1983, but the Union total of \$3,098,124 in gross sales showed a slight loss of three percent. However, the number of delinquent accounts was reduced and the number of new uncollectible accounts declined this year.

Two years ago, five of the conferences reinstated a conference publishing director position after about 10 years of leadership consolidation at Home Health Education Service headquarters in Decatur, Georgia. The other conferences had retained their publishing posts. Leadership on the Union level consists of Culpepper, Associate Directors W. E. Miller and T. R. Smith, and Treasurer G. R. Beitz.

Staff reductions at the HHES and an emphasis on collecting old accounts improved the

efficiency of the publishing work in the Southern Union during the last two years. Sixty percent of the literature evangelists averaging at least \$2,500 per month in 1983, showed no net cancellations for the year. Records show a cancellation rate of less than 15 percent, down from 30 percent, and collections up 9.9 percent over 1982. An indebtedness of \$138,000 has been liquidated.

The Alabama-Mississippi Conference showed a gain in sales of 10 percent. The

Carolina Conference showed the highest dollar figure in net sales last year. Georgia-Cumberland Conference Literature Evangelist Clyde Brooks registered \$61,580, most of which was for *LISTEN* magazine sales. John and Connie Kent of the Carolina Conference had sales of \$56,286. Alfredo Gonzalez's south Florida district led the Union with gross sales of \$306,000. But the primary goal of literature evangelism is revealed in the following: baptisms, 268, led by South Central's 128; Bible studies, 11,549; Bible course enrollments, 23,306; and prayers offered in homes, 57,945.



Naomi Brand, Louisville, Kentucky, is typical of literature evangelists as soul winners. She was honored for the four persons who were baptized in 1983 as a result of her ministry.



Southern Union literature evangelists received trophies for their work at conference-wide meetings. Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Literature Evangelists Ed Lynn (left) and Joe Ring (third left) hold the second- and first-place trophies they received from Conference Publishing Director Jerry Higgs (second left), Conference President Clay Farwell, and Southern Union Associate Publishing Director William Miller.

late news of the conferences

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI



Faye Moreland, community services director of the Tupelo, Mississippi, church, met with the Tupelo Board of Aldermen January 3 and presented CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION to the City of Tupelo, the Northeast Mississippi *Daily Journal*, the Playland toy store, the Tupelo Fire Department, the Tupelo Police Wives Auxiliary, the U. S. Marine Corps Reserves, television and radio stations, and other community agencies for their help throughout 1983 but especially at Christmas time, when more than 200 children were served by the Community Services Center. Vice-Mayor Dwayne Spencer accepted the certificates for the city, and Fire Chief Charles Farrar accepted the recognition for the Fire Department.

Morris Venden, noted pastor, lecturer, and author, conducted a weekend of REVIVAL SERVICES at the Montgomery, Alabama, First church on February 3 and 4. Venden's topic, "The Good News About the Good News," was much appreciated by the local constituency as well as by the many guests who were present from surrounding area churches and neighboring states.



A SABBATH AFTERNOON RALLY, featuring reports given by W. A. Geary, conference president; L. A. Stout, conference secretary; G. T. Evans, conference treasurer; as well as departmental directors, showing the progress of God's work in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference during 1983, was held at Mobile Junior Academy on January 21. Members from Mobile, Mobile West, and St. Elmo districts were present.



G. T. Evans, conference treasurer, reports a TITHE GAIN of \$103,579 for 1983 over the same period in 1982. This represents a gain of 3.6 percent. "We appreciate the faithfulness of our people in returning to God an honest tithe," remarks Evans.

W. A. Geary, conference president, challenged pastors, school board chairmen, principals, treasurers, and Home and School leaders to consider "The Worth of a Child" in the devotional message for the School Board Members' WORKSHOP held January 29 at the Montgomery, Alabama, school. "Education—SDA Style" was the theme of a presentation by D. K. Griffith, Southern Union director of education. Following the general session the delegates participated in smaller sessions designed to equip them for better performance in their areas of responsibility. A Home and School Leaders' Workshop was directed by Dr. Loraine Paulk, associate superintendent of education for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; a workshop for school treasurers was conducted by G. T. Evans, conference treasurer, assisted by Ruth Voorheis, conference auditor; and the session for board chairmen, pastors, and principals was directed by Alice Robertson, superintendent of education.



A K-10 Teachers' IN-SERVICE MEETING was held February 1 at the Montgomery school with Dr. Jack Blanco, professor of religion at Southern College, and Art Evans, vice-principal of Bass Memorial Academy, as guest lecturers.

CAROLINA



Conference Treasurer A. L. Ingram reports a TITHE INCREASE in 1983 of more than \$371,000 over the 1982 total. The increase is 7.24 percent, which is considered to be a great blessing and demonstration of faithfulness on the part of God's people.

The Gastonia, North Carolina, company was ORGANIZED INTO A CHURCH with 20 charter members on December 10. Conference President M. D. Gordon led out in the organization and presented the morning message to the congregation. Pastor of the church is A. B. Mazat. The organization was the fulfillment of a dream held by the members who have lived there for many years.



Carolina Adventist Book Center Manager Doug Sayles reports more DEVOTIONAL BOOKS, both junior and senior, have been sold this year than in any previous year. Sales of both books have exceeded the publishing house quota that was allotted to the Book Center.

The ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER has started a videotape rental and sale program. The tape library for rental includes tapes by Charles Swindoll, Joyce Landorf, James Dobson, George Vandeman, Kay Kuzma, and others.

FLORIDA



V. L. Zuchowski, evangelism coordinator, states that 147 EVANGELISTIC-ORIENTED MEETINGS are planned by public evangelists and pastors in 1984. There will be 81 Revelation Seminars, 28 evangelistic crusades conducted by pastors in their districts, 20 meetings by conference evangelists, and 18 meetings by visiting evangelists, conference departmental directors, or pastors conducting meetings in other districts.

Central Florida churches have recently given food, lodging and clothing to MIGRANT CITRUS HARVESTERS who have not worked due to the hard freeze that damaged much of Florida's citrus. The Winter Haven church assisted a family of 13 living in a car in the middle of an orange grove. After the church provided food baskets, clothing, and money for the rental of a home, the parents of the family were able to find employment while church members assisted in enrolling the children in school. The Dade City and Zephyrhills churches have also given assistance to migrant workers in those areas, reports S. L. Dombrosky, community services director.

"CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP," states President H. J. Carubba, "at the close of 1983 was 22,784. This is just 216 away from 23,000. In addition, during the month of January alone, 10 congregations are in the process of purchasing land or plan to build a sanctuary."

At the Adventist Community Services and Health Screening Center in Orlando an average of 15-30 adults and children are TREATED by a physician, Dr. Steve Im, each week. The patients are referred by the city and are individuals who have been physically abused by a spouse or parent. Thus far Im has treated more than 1,000 abuse-related cases.

Pat M. Batto, conference communication director, REPORTS that the special three-part series "Who Are Seventh-day Adventists?" produced by It Is Written will be aired in the central Florida area on Channel 9, WFTV, at 7:30 a.m. March 11, 18, and 25. The time was specially purchased for this series. The program will also air on WTGL, Channel 52, Cocoa-Orlando on Mondays, March 12, 19, and 26 at 8 p.m., and on WCLF, Channel 22, Clearwater-Tampa, on Mondays, March 12, 19, and 26 at 1 p.m. and Fridays, March 16, 23, and 30 at 7 p.m. The miniseries will also be aired on the Atlanta Superstation, WTBS, on Sundays, March 11, 18, and 25 at 7:30 A.M., where it can be seen on many Florida cable systems.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

The 45-member Harriman, Tennessee, church raised \$1,221.58 for INVESTMENT in 1983, surpassing its goal of \$1,200. The church members were therefore able to report \$27.15 per capita.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



The 80-member Gratz, Kentucky, church raised \$2,000 for INVESTMENT. The Sabbath school, with Mary Aldridge, superintendent, and Louise Baynum, Investment leader, had set a goal of \$700.

Ice and snow did not detract from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference-wide winter BIBLE RETREAT, says Jim Pleasants, youth director. Delegates came from Highland Academy, Madison Academy, Harbert Hills Academy, Lexington Junior Academy, all combining to bring about 125 young people to Indian Creek Camp. Cheeko Cotta, associate youth director for the Florida Conference, was the featured speaker. David Pitt, from Louisville, Kentucky, provided special music for the weekend.

SOUTH CENTRAL



COMMUNITY GUEST DAY was held recently by the Sabbath School Department of the Hillcrest church in Nashville, Tennessee, honoring Pearl Allen Bryant. Mrs. Bryant stated that "If I could have sent one person in the right direction by being at the correction center or by giving a piano lesson. . . , then my living would not have been in vain." Bryant, a speaker, musician, and writer, is a native Nashvillian; she is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Allen. She received her early training in the Nashville City School System and, after graduation from Pearl Senior High School, she studied at Fisk University, where she earned the bachelor's degree. After teaching at the Mississippi Industrial College for one year in the department of English and sociology, she returned home and for many years served in the Davidson County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court as junior and, later, senior probation officer. She returned to the University and in 1966 earned the master's degree in the field of education at Tennessee State University. Shortly thereafter, she returned to her first love—teaching—and served the Hickman County Board of Education as reading instructor until her retirement in 1978. Since 1927, Bryant has taught private

piano lessons in the city. She continues this work until today and in June of each year her pupils are presented in recital at a local church. She is always busy for the Master and serves in the music and missionary departments of Clark United Methodist, Friendship Baptist, and St. Paul AME churches.

ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM/SUNBELT

The RIBBON was cut and open house held at Highland Hospital, Portland, Tennessee, September 18, 1983. Participants included Jan Rushing, executive vice president, region I, Adventist Health System/Sunbelt; Jerry Medanich, president, Highland Hospital; Larry Collins, chairman, Friendship Foundation; Robert Rochelle, keynote speaker, Tennessee state senator; and Fred White, Portland city developer.

A FAIR BOOTH operated by Scott Memorial Hospital, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, in the '83 Middle Tennessee District Fair, focused on five areas of health, which included computerized health appraisal, pulmonary function screen, counsel on nutrition, free blood pressure check, and a survey on use of prescription drugs.

To offer comfort to people within its service area, Highland Hospital, Portland, Tennessee, and Gordon Hospital, Calhoun, Georgia, now provide LIFELINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM for the elderly, the disabled, and those who are considered medically at risk. Larry Collins, chairman of Friendship Foundation, which sponsors Lifeline for the hospitals, stated that "Lifeline provides peace of mind to the users."

To provide comprehensive health care to those within its service area, East Pasco Medical Center, Dade City, Florida, has installed a COHERENT ARGON LASER for use in ocular disorders. Dr. Stuart J. Kaufman, ophthalmologist, indicates that he commonly uses the laser for glaucoma procedure which, in its most common forms, are chronic and acute narrow angle glaucoma.

The education department of Smyrna Hospital, Smyrna, Georgia, has started an innovative new HEALTH PROGRAM for senior citizens or "Prime Timers." Monthly during 1984, a meeting for Prime Timers will feature guest speakers who will discuss various topics, such as "Body Talk," "Seeing Is Believing," "Facts and Myths About Vitamins," "Salt/Sugar—a Big Problem," and "Grandma Called It Roughage!"



SOUTHERN COLLEGE



Dr. Duane Houck, biology professor in the Division of Natural Science at Southern College, and Loren Reisberg, Southern College graduate now doing graduate work at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, have recently had a SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ARTICLE PUBLISHED in the *American Journal of Botany*. The article, a condensed version of which also appeared in *BioScience*, was based on research Dr. Houck and Reisberg conducted in their free time on the Salisb, or "life plant." The leaves of the Salisb are edged with notches which contain embryo buds, and when the leaves are broken off from the stalk, the buds form another plant. Because the forming of the buds is so similar to the way in which oats form buds, the results of Dr. Houck's research could be extremely beneficial for future agricultural advances. As a result of Dr. Houck's findings, the Research Corporation, a New York-based foundation for the advancement of science and technology, has awarded Dr. Houck \$2,000 for continued research with the Salisb plant.



The Journal of Quantitative Spectroscopy and Radiative Transfer has accepted an ARTICLE written by Dr. Ray Hefferlin, physics professor at SC; G. V. Zhuvikin, of the Institute of Physics, Leningrad State University, USSR; Ken Caviness, physics graduate from SC, 1982; and Penny Duerksen, graduate from SC, 1982. This journal is published in Europe for worldwide circulation.



Ed Zackrison recently successfully defended his DOCTORAL DISSERTATION entitled "Seventh-day Adventists and Original Sin: A Study of the Early Development of the Seventh-day Adventist Understanding of the Effect of Adam's Sin on His Posterity."

Eighty-six students achieved the DEAN'S LIST for the first semester of the 1983-84 school year. To qualify, a student must carry a minimum of 12 semester hours and attain a grade-point average of 3.5 or above for two consecutive semesters. Of the total student body, 5.3 percent met this criteria, which is a greater percentage than last year.



SOUTHERN UNION



Southern Union Stewardship and Development Director O. J. McKinney reports a TITHE GAIN of 8.03 percent for 1983, compared with 1982, in the Southern Union. Total tithe income was \$42,930,084. Conference development/advance offerings increased 8.31 percent in 1983.



When William L. Ellis married Effie Poythress on November 25, 1918, they both had no intention of ever being with anyone else. They still don't— 65 years later. "Today young people look at marriage as some sort of experiment to see if they like it," says retired Andrews, North Carolina, resident Ellis. "There seems to be so little commitment and devotion left in relationships."



During Southern College's Mission Emphasis Week, Jan. 15-21, guest speakers Charles Watson, associate secretary of General Conference, and Bruce Bauers, mission director for Far Eastern Division, encouraged students to consider becoming student missionaries. As a student missions promotion on Sabbath, former student missionaries set up booths in the Student Center to show slides and artifacts from their year abroad. Tom Feist (left) talks to Bauers about the possibility of becoming a student missionary.



The Bethel Sabbath school on its Community Guest Day honored Commissioner Juanita Smith, a member of the Florida City, Florida, church. Mayor John Calutti was there to make the presentation.

Pictorial Stories

The Stewart Brothers, Jimmy, 14, Christopher, 9, and Jonathan, 7, all students at Mobile Junior Academy, presented a musical concert in the school gymnasium on January 14 to benefit the school's worthy student fund. These dedicated youth are happy to assist in raising funds to help fellow students be able to attend their school.





Ground was broken December 4 for the cafetorium, the first permanent building to be built by the South Atlantic Conference at its newly acquired camp ground at Orangeburg, South Carolina. Present for the ceremony was: Horace Malone (left), Harold Gaskins, J. F. Parham, Elder and Mrs. G. H. Taylor, President and Mrs. R. B. Hairston, Secretary-Treasurer J. A. Simons, Elder and Mrs. C. D. Henri, Phillip Florence, W. M. Winborne, and Joe Hinson.



Students at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, prepare programs in French for airing on Adventist World Radio stations. AWR can be heard in dozens of countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and America; places where the Church is not allowed to broadcast on local stations. Plans call for three or four powerful shortwave stations in places to permit coverage of the entire earth.



Fletcher Academy students dramatized the Great American Smokeout in November, 1983, by pulling a farm wagon containing a casket down Main Street in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Inside the casket was a four-foot-long plastic cigarette. Several students followed behind chained to the wagon, signifying the hold smoking has on people. In front of the court house a program was presented showing the dangers of smoking. The lid was then put on the coffin to demonstrate people breaking free from the smoking habit. WLOS-TV in Asheville, North Carolina, covered the event and used it as the introductory story on its six o'clock newscast that evening.



Throughout the past few months a strong prison ministry has been carried on by Review and Herald employees and local church members in the Hagerstown, Maryland, area. The publishing house makes its contribution by sending overruns of church magazines to the inmates. The prisoners welcome the reading material, and it is not uncommon for one of the prison ministries team to be greeted with questions like "Where's my Guide?" or "Did you bring any health magazines this week?" Press employees see the journals as too valuable to end up in the baler for the recycling process when they could help an inmate recycle his life and encourage him to give his heart to Jesus. Pictured are: David Latta, pressman; Orval Driskell, associate book department manager; and Martin Davis, bindery foreman.

The Church in Action

Education

Oakwood Awarded \$84,000 in Office Equipment

Oakwood College — Oakwood College announced January 31 that it has received more than \$84,000 in office equipment from the 3M Company via the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) as follows: 10 Model 483 copiers; 1 Model 565 copier; 5 Model 595 copiers; 1 Model 787 copier; and 11 Model 400 electronic typewriters.

Headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, 3M made this generous contribution in recognition of the service that it provides to many of the communities in which its employees live and do business—a gesture that is also indicative of its continued commitment to higher education and the colleges which serve these areas.

Moreover, this gift is part of an unprecedented \$4 million tangible demonstration of 3M's interest in and concern for the United Negro College Fund, its 42 member institutions, and the more than 50,000 students which these institutions serve.

With a current enrollment of 1,465, Oakwood serves students from 41 states and 38 countries. The 28 pieces of new, first-class equipment received by Oakwood from 3M will greatly enrich its academic program as well as other departments and programs institution-wide.

Southern Enrolls 1,468 Second Semester

Southern College — Under 60 degrees and sunny skies, 1,334 students registered January 9 for second-semester classes on the Collegedale campus of Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists. Under even warmer temperatures and brighter skies, an additional 134 students registered at the College extension campus in Orlando, Florida, resulting in a total of 1,468 registered students.

Mary Elam, director of records, is pleased with these enrollment totals. She reports that a higher than average drop was expected due to the unusually large December graduating class of 143—the largest December class in the history of the college.

In spite of the large number of first-semester graduates, there are 30 more students enrolled for the B.S. degree in nursing than the previous academic year, and several departments are well above last year's enrollment.

Southern Gets Sears Grant

Southern College — Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists was recently the recipient of a \$1,300 grant presented by The Sears, Roebuck Foundation, according to Richard Reiner, senior vice president of finance at Southern College.

The college is among 934 private accredited two- and four-year institutions across the country which are sharing \$1,575,000 in Sears Foundation funds for the 1983-84 academic year. All funds are unrestricted and may be used as the colleges and universities deem necessary.

In addition to its unrestricted grant program, The Sears, Roebuck Foundation conducts a variety of other programs in elementary, secondary, and higher education. Altogether, the Foundation had expenditures of approximately \$2,500,000 in 1983 for its education activities.

Southern College plans to use this grant toward finishing the construction of the new Humanities building. The new building, which is expected to be completed in May, will house the college radio station, WSMC-FM, and the business, communication, language, English, and history departments.

Health

Drug Abuse Panel to Meet In Atlanta

North America — Seventh-day Adventist parents from as far away as Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, and Canada will gather in Atlanta at the end of March to discuss the problems of alcohol and drug abuse among the Church's young people, according to Francis A. Soper, editor of *Listen* magazine.

This special meeting for SDA parents and church leaders will come on the heels of the annual Convention of the Parents' of the World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The Adventist meeting will convene at 3 p.m. on March 24 in the Atlanta Metropolitan church, 555 Hemlock Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30316.

"Anyone who has a personal concern about this serious problem among our own Seventh-day Adventist young people is urged to attend," says Soper.

Among those who will be present are staff members of *Listen* magazine, representatives from Narcotics Education, Inc., and Paul and Carol Cannon, co-directors of the Bridge Fellowship, a live-in counseling center in Kentucky for troubled Seventh-day Adventist college-age young people.

"It is our hope," Soper says, "that this meeting will nurture the formation of more SDA parent-support groups across the North American Division, so that we can begin to deal effectively with alcohol and drug abuse among our young people."

Progress

Atlanta-Maranatha Burns Mortgage

South Atlantic — Atlanta, Georgia, Maranatha church celebrated its accomplishment December 31, 1983, in paying off the mortgage on its building seven years after occupying it.

Not many congregations whose wealth is only measured by faith and Spirit will make the sacrifice that it took to start with \$60,000, including a conference subsidy, buy a church for \$205,000, and burn the mortgage in seven years and four months. That is why the date of August 28, 1976, when W. D. Sumpter bussed his 700-member congregation from the overflowing Boulevard location to the present church is of such importance. It must be noted that more than 100 from the mother church returned to Boulevard to maintain that congregation. Today the Boulevard church is almost 500 strong.

The Maranatha church has been blessed with top pastor-evangelists in its short history. W. D. Sumpter was a consistent centurion; T. A. McNealy regularly baptized 300 per year. C. D. Henri, as interim pastor,



Burning the mortgage at Atlanta-Maranatha December 31 are four former and present pastors: W. D. Sumpter (left), associate secretary of the Southern Union Conference; C. D. Henri, retired vice president of the General Conference and assistant to the president of South Atlantic Conference; M. W. Warfield, current pastor; and T. A. McNealy, pastor of the Charleston, South Carolina, district. Looking on are R. B. Hairston (left), president of South Atlantic; J. A. Simons, secretary-treasurer of South Atlantic; and Artie Davis, head local elder.

was a great blessing. The present pastor, M. W. Warfield, made the burning of the mortgage his first priority and had it done in less than a year since he arrived.

The members of Maranatha are very strong in their evangelical pursuit, which accounts for the fact that the church has been the fastest-growing church in the conference, with a membership of nearly 2,000. Consequently, McNealy has been characterized as the

outstanding pastor-evangelist in America.

All of the past pastors were present for this grand occasion, plus Conference President R. B. Hairston and Secretary-Treasurer J. A. Simons, who led out in the act of dedication. McNealy delivered the morning message at eleven o'clock. The weekend activities began Friday night with Sumpter bringing the consecration message.

Religion Division To Occupy Renovated Miller Hall

Southern College — The alumni of Southern Junior College (1918-1944) are spearheading a fundraising project to renovate the old music building, Miller Hall, into a theology center for the Division of Religion.

The newly renovated building, to be dedicated exclusively to the nurture of spiritual growth and understanding, will be called So-Ju-Conian Hall in honor of the alumni. According to Dr. Jack McClarty, vice president for development and alumni relations, the project is estimated to cost around \$150,000. So far, about \$30,000 has been re-

ceived. All those who contribute five dollars or more to the renovation project will have their names engraved on a plaque inside the building.

So-Ju-Conian Hall is expected to

be ready for use by the fall semester of the 1984-85 school year.

The Division of Music, which had been located in Miller Hall, has transferred to the new Mabel Wood Music Building.



Miller Hall will be renovated and renamed So-Ju-Conian Hall, in honor of the alumni of Southern Junior College.

Who and Where

East Tennessee Churches Unite For Outreach

South Central — Small churches have one problem in common—they have to struggle for survival. With this in mind, Pastor Benjamin Jones, of the Chattanooga, and East Cleveland, Tennessee, district, and Joseph F. Milner, Jr., local elder of the East Cleveland church, worked together in a plan to revive the small churches of the East Tennessee districts.

Churches in those districts include East Cleveland, Harriman, Knoxville Trinity, Morristown, and Greeneville Brainard Chapel. The pastors, W. P. Monk, of Morristown-Greeneville, F. S. Hill, of Harriman-Knoxville College Hill and Trinity, and Jones say that they have noticed a difference in their congregations since these meetings have begun. "There seems to be a new zeal for the finishing of the Lord's work." The pastors smile as they describe the new life in the churches.

For the past one and one-half years these small churches have been meeting together jointly once every four months, and instead of having one small church with a few



Regina Jenkins, a member of the East Cleveland, Tennessee, church, works with the Knoxville Trinity church in giving out literature and getting Bible school enrollments. Together the five small churches make one big group and cover a town in one afternoon. They encourage each other, as well as help each other.

members, they have one large church. All churches combine their resources and work with the host church to accomplish a program of soul winning that the smaller church could never accomplish on its own, such as covering the town with literature and getting enrollments in Bible courses after church.

The speakers for these meetings are the local elders of the churches. No elder speaks in his own area as his church acts as host. The meetings, similar to federation meetings, listen to reports of progress and plans for the future from involved churches.

On occasions, departmental leaders are invited to come from the Conference office and present procedures and programs of soul winning that are going over in other areas. On one such occasion, Public Ministries Director M. E. Joiner presented the challenge for every member to become a soul winner in 1984. The membership accepted the challenge and is praying and working toward this goal.

At one of the meetings in Morristown there was standing room only. The church has only five or six members. The pastor looks for the membership to triple in 1984.

Florida Adventists Aid African Immigrants

Southeastern — Three families came to the United States, "the land of the free and the home of the brave," to escape the persecution that was so prevalent in their home country in Africa. They were under tremendous pressure to accept the communist philosophy, and they rejected the teachings.

The families have a total of 12 children—one has six, one five, and the other one. It was difficult for them being displaced from their homeland and thrust into a new environment.

The Lutherans, United Methodists, and Seventh-day Adventists yoked up to bring relief, hope, and settlement to these deprived persons.

The Lutherans sponsored the trip to the United States. The Methodists took full responsibility for

housing. Magnolia Carter, the Seventh-day Adventist community service president for the Central Florida Federation, residing in Tampa, read of the families' plight in the newspaper. She searched out these individuals to render assistance. In the act, she befriended them, supplied food, clothing, heaters, bedding, toys, etc., which were desperately needed.

Carolina Conducts Caring Church Seminars

Carolina — A series of Caring Church Seminars is being conducted throughout the Carolina Conference during the first half of 1984. The purpose of the program is to acquaint people with the Caring Church concept and invite them to participate in a Conference-wide thrust in soul winning in the last half of the Thousand Days of Reaping.

Conference officers and departmental personnel are giving the seminars. The program begins with a presentation by Conference President M. D. Gordon. The principles of the Caring Church are illustrated on a large backdrop on which words and phrases are placed. Several videos and films are shown and then the group divides into four sections: 1. Awareness Activities; 2. Entry Events; 3. Pathways to Baptism; 4. Nurture and Training. Awareness Activities includes Community Services, media programs, and all things that make people aware of the existence of Seventh-day Adventists. Entry Events are the things that bring people to local churches, usually a health activity. Pathways to Baptism are activities that lead to serious Bible study, and Nurture and Training is the instructional program for our members that prepares them to continue the cycle.

The first seminar was held in Charlotte, North Carolina, on January 7. The people in the area received a letter from Gordon inviting them to the seminar at the Charlotte church. A large number was present for the meeting.

The following week the same program was conducted in Charles-

ton, South Carolina, where the afternoon attendance was also excellent. The emphasis in Carolina this year is Revelation Seminars, lay evangelism, and every-member involvement in some kind of witness activity. The Sabbath afternoon seminars will continue until every church has had opportunity to attend.

Missionary Journal Retains SIGNS Name; Editors Chosen

Pacific Press Publishing Association — The Pacific Press Board recently named Kenneth Holland and Russell Holt the first editors of the Church's new missionary journal, *Signs of the Times*.

Born out of the decision made at Autumn Council to merge *Signs* and *These Times*, the new *Signs of the Times* will be a 32-page, four-color journal published 12 times a year by Pacific Press and will carry a single-subscription price of \$6.50. Editor Holland says, "The *Signs* will present practical Christianity from the Adventist perspective." The design is being done by Ed Guthero, who is also the designer of *Listen* magazine. The first issue of the new journal will be released in March.

Senior Editor Kenneth Holland comes to the Pacific Press from the Review and Herald Publishing Association, where he was editor of *These Times* magazine.

Holland's first denominational employment was at the Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, Tennessee, as a copy editor. Later he joined the staff of *These Times* magazine as an assistant editor. He became editor in 1957.

Holland took up his duties at Pacific Press on January 1.

Assisting Holland will be Russell



Kenneth J. Holland,
editor.

B. Russell Holt,
associate editor.

Holt. Set to join Pacific Press in March, Holt leaves his post with *Ministry* magazine, where he has been since 1978.

SDA Institutions Top \$½ Million in United Way Giving

Southern Union — Employees of 53 Seventh-day Adventist colleges, hospitals, and other church entities in North America gave \$554,000 to the United Way in 1983. This represents a 26 percent increase over the previous record high of \$440,600 that employees gave to the United Way in 1982.

Florida Hospital, Oakwood College, Southern College, Madison Hospital, Medical Center Hospital, and Takoma Adventist Hospital were institutions in the Southern Union that held campaigns. Combined contributions from these six institutions totaled \$58,550 last year.

Since the funding of a community drive began among Adventist institutions in Loma Linda, California, 30 years ago, employees have contributed more than \$3.5 million to the community-supported campaigns.

TV Ministry Plans Miniseries on SDAs

It Is Written — A three-part *It Is Written* miniseries, "The Truth About Seventh-day Adventists," will soon give television viewers across America a close look at the message, ministry, and mission of a uniquely caring church.

"The Truth about Seventh-day Adventists" will air March 11, 18, and 25 during regular *It Is Written* time slots. Major advertising in *TV Guide* and other publications will give the Church an audience of millions it has never reached before.

"We believe the Lord has led in the production and preparing of this series at this time," says *It Is Written* speaker George Vandeman. "We hope our people will be gratified by what they and their neighbors see as we open the door on Adventist Christianity."

The series is being produced in an investigative, documentary format. Programs will answer questions such as, Is Adventism a cult? Why do Adventists live, on the average, up to six years longer than the general population? Why do they give more, per capita, to their church than other religious bodies? Short "location" segments featuring Adventists active in medicine, education, and other professions will enliven each program and keep viewer interest high.

POST Runs Article on SDAs

General Conference — The *Saturday Evening Post* featured the Seventh-day Adventist Church in a major article in its March issue. Reprints of that article will be made available to every SDA church in North America.

The *Post* is America's oldest and one of its most respected magazines, featuring great art, wholesome humor, and a wide selection of stories by famous authors. More recently, however, the *Post* has chosen to make health and religion a major part of its editorial content.

The *Post* expressed a special delight in publishing this major article about the Seventh-day Adventist Church, written by John Cook. Much of the content is taken from a chapter in his book, *Diet and Your Religion*.

The article outlines many of the Church's basic beliefs concerning nutrition and abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, and harmful drugs. The article also highlights statistical reports showing that, on an average, Adventists have increased life expectancy and less cancer than the general population.

The March issue, which contains the Adventist article, is the first issue following the institution of the *Post's* "No Tobacco" advertising policy. No Alcohol advertising has been accepted for several years.

Reprints of the article, along with an order form, will be mailed to every SDA church in North America. Churches will be able to order the reprints for use by members, in visitor packets, visitation, and other outreach ministries.

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Calendar Events

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

South Alabama Youth Federation Rally — March 24, Montgomery, Ala.

Adventist Book Center Bookmobile Schedule

Mar. 9	Clanton, Ala.	2-3:30 p.m.
10	Greater Birmingham Jr. Acad.	6:30-9 p.m.
11	Birmingham Roebuck	11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
11	Birmingham First	2:30-5 p.m.
11	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	6:30-9 p.m.
15	Gulfport, Miss.	6:30-9 p.m.
16	Hattiesburg, Miss.	2:30-4 p.m.
17	Bass Memorial Academy	6:30-9:30 p.m.
18	Florence, Miss.	11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
18	Jackson, Miss.	3-5:30 p.m.
18	Vicksburg, Miss.	7-9:30 p.m.
19	Pine Forest Academy	2-4 p.m.
19	Meridian, Miss.	5-7:30 p.m.
23	Ft. Payne, Ala.	3-5 p.m.
24	Floral Crest, Ala.	6:30-9 p.m.
25	Huntsville, Ala.	12:30-3:30 p.m.
25	Shoals, Ala.	6:30-9 p.m.
26	Athens, Ala.	12 noon - 1 p.m.
26	Decatur, Ala.	2:30-5 p.m.
26	Hanceville, Ala.	6:30-8:30 p.m.

Revelation Seminars

Feb. 1 - Mar. 31	Paul Vance	Brookhaven, Miss.
Feb. 6 - May 4	Dan Solis	Vicksburg, Miss.
Mar. 4 - Apr. 28	Harry Rimer	Birmingham, Ala.

Evangelistic Meetings — March 2 - April 17. Jack DuBosque, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Laymen's Church Development Foundation Rally — March 9, 10. Lewis Walton, The Herald's Singers, Pensacola, Fla.

Outdoor School — March 12-15. Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, Ala.

Bass Memorial Academy Alumni Weekend — March 30 - April 1. Dr. C. L. Jaqua, first principal 1961-66; Ronnie Whitehead, Class of '74.

CAROLINA

Spring Bookmobile Schedule

Mar. 3	Pisgah	Sundown
4	Fletcher	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
4	Spartanburg	5:30-7:30 p.m.
10	Columbia	Sundown
11	Charleston	10 a.m. - 12 noon
11	Myrtle Beach	1-4 p.m.
11	Florence	6-7 p.m.
11	ABC Charlotte	Open
17	Durham	Sundown
18	Winston-Salem	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
18	Tri-City	3-5 p.m.
24	Fayetteville	Sundown
25	Elizabethtown	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
25	Jacksonville	3-5 p.m.
25	ABC Pre-inventory Sale	Charlotte

Mt. Pisgah Academy Homecoming/Alumni Weekend — April 13, 14. Speakers: Elbert Anderson, Jim Crabtree. Honor Classes: '74, '64, '59, '54, '44, '34.

FLORIDA

Family Life Seminars with Ken and Helen Bryant

Mar. 3	Perry and Madison churches
10	Leesburg
17	Cross City
24	Jacksonville Mandarin
31	Bradenton
Apr. 7	West Palm Beach
14	St. Petersburg

Community Services Federation Meetings

Mar. 10	Lower Gold, Pompano	3 p.m.
11	Ridge, Arcadia	9 p.m.
12	Upper Gold, Ft. Pierce	9:30 a.m.
13	Central, Forest Lake	9:30 a.m.
14	Gulf, St. Petersburg	9:30 a.m.
15	North, Ocala	9:30 a.m.

Sabbath School Workshops

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 and earlteen divisions.

TWENTY-TWO

Evangelistic Crusades

Now in progress:

Feb. 25 - Mar. 31	Palatka	Harmon Brownlow
Feb. 17 - Mar. 31	Hialeah	Walter Cameron

Upcoming:

Mar. 3 - Apr. 7	New Port Richey	Lester Pratt
Mar. 3 - Apr. 7	Jacksonville 1st	Bob DuBose

Youth Ministries

Mar. 4-7 — Horsemanship Camp, Camp Kulaqua
Mar. 17 — Adventist Youth Fellowship, Ft. Myers
Mar. 23-24 — Pathfinder Training Course and Coordinator Meeting, Miami Temple

Mar. 24 — Adventist Youth Fellowship, Tampa
Mar. 30-31 — Area Pathfinder Camporees
Apr. 7 — Adventist Youth Fellowship, Orlando
Apr. 8-12 — Senior Citizens Camp, Camp Kulaqua

Adventist Book Center Bookmobile

Mar. 3	Jacksonville First	Sundown
4	Jacksonville Regency	9-10:30 a.m.
	St. Augustine	11:30-12 noon
	Palatka	1:30-2:30 p.m.
	Daytona Beach	4-5 p.m.
10	St. Petersburg	Sundown
11	Clearwater	9-10:30 a.m.
	Plant City	12-1 p.m.
	Lakeland	2-3 p.m.
17	Miami Temple	Sundown
	(Also S.S. Workshop 3-6)	
18	West Palm Beach	9-10:30 a.m.
	Fort Pierce	12:30-2 p.m.
	(Also S.S. Workshop 10-1)	
	Melbourne	3:30-4:30 p.m.
25	Pre-inventory Sale	

ABC Prayer Crusade With Pastor Glenn Coon

Mar. 3-10	Altamonte Springs, Fla.
Mar. 16-24	Lakeland, Fla.
Mar. 30 - Apr. 7	Brandon, Fla.

Elementary and Junior Academy Music Festival — April 12-14. Forest Lake Academy.

A 6-Hour Continuing Education Class on "Ethics and the Christian Nurse Today" — May 27, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Greater Orlando Chapter of Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses during camp meeting. Maxine Bloome of AHS/West will be the speaker. Open to all RNs, LPNs, and other interested persons. Write ASDAN, 2322 Dade Ave., Orlando, FL 32804, or call (305) 894-0094. Pre-registration is required.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Personal Ministries Workshop — March 3. Albany, Ga., 3-5 p.m.

Lay Witness Weekend — March 9-10. Conyers, Ga.

Area Camp Meeting — March 10. Tifton, Ga.

Vacation Bible School Workshop — March 30-31. Cohutta Springs Camp.

Conference-wide Camporee — April 12-15. Cohutta Springs Camp.

Inventory Sale at Collegedale and Atlanta ABC — March 25.

K-12 Teachers'/Pastors' Inservice Meetings

Mar. 12	Little Creek Academy
Mar. 13	Georgia-Cumberland Academy
Mar. 14	Macon, Ga.

Elementary Music Festival — March 29-31. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Science Fairs

Mar. 4	Upper Cumberland - Crossville, Tenn.
Mar. 18	East Tennessee - Greeneville, Tenn.
Apr. 1	Tennessee Valley - Apison, Tenn.

Adventist Teachers' Association Retreat

Mar. 23-25	South Georgia - Lakeland, Ga.
Apr. 6-8	North Georgia - Atlanta, Ga.

New England Youth Ensemble Benefit Pop Concert — March 22. Atlanta Adventist Academy.

Collegedale Academy Alumni Weekend — April 13, 14. Beginning Friday, 8 p.m. Contact Roy Battle, Box 628, Collegedale, TN 37315, (615) 396-2124.

Laurelbrook Academy Homecoming — April 13-15. Speaker: Wayne Coulter.

Georgia-Cumberland Academy Alumni Weekend — April 14. Honor classes: '79, '74, '69. Sabbath school begins at 10:30 a.m., church at 12 noon with Stewart Crook, speaker. Afternoon program, 3:30 p.m. Evening program, 8 p.m.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Area Camp Meeting — March 2, 3. Prestonsburg, Ky.

VBS Workshop — March 9-11. Indian Creek Camp. Alice Lowe from the General Conference, speaker.

Youth Congress — March 17. Madison Academy Gymnasium, Madison, Tenn.

Elders' and Deacons' Retreat — March 30, 31. Indian Creek Camp.

Highland Academy Alumni — April 6, 7.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Community Service Federations

Mar. 4 — South Carolina at Columbia.

Mar. 11 — Eastern North Carolina at Raleigh Gethsemane church.

Conference Basketball Finals — March 17.

Publishing Rally — March 17. Mt. Olive, East Point, Ga.

Publishing Spring Training School — March 21-25. Cohutta Springs, Ga.

Publishing Leadership Seminar and Student Recruitment — April 4-7. Oakwood College.

Church School Rally — April 7. Florence, S.C.

MESSAGE Magazine Rally — April 1-30.

Prison Ministry Seminar — April 7. Georgia.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Laymen's Congress — March 2-4. Nashville, Tenn.

L.E. Rally Day — March 3. Alabama Districts.

Mini-Workers' Meetings

Mar. 4 Memphis, Tenn.

5 Jackson, Miss.

7 Montgomery, Ala.

8 Huntsville, Ala.

10 Louisville, Ky.

Family Finance Seminar — March 10-17. Louisville, Ky.

Sabbath School Workshop — March 24. Memphis, Tenn.

Staff Meeting — April 3.

Housing Board Meeting — April 4.

State-Wide Community Service Federation — April 14. Jackson, Miss.

Lay Advisory Council — April 15. Oakwood College.

South Central Conference Session — April 29.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Spring Break — March 2-11.

Week of Spiritual Emphasis — March 12-17. Bill Loveless.

Nursing Dedication — March 17, 6:30 p.m., Collegedale church.

Southern College Symphony Guild — March 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. One-day flea market in Collegedale near the new music building.

New Swingle Singers — March 18, 8 p.m., P.E. Center.

Southern Union Music Festival — March 21-24.

"Society's Forgotten Hero—The Entrepreneur" — March 22, 11 a.m., PE Center.

E. A. Anderson Lecture Series

Mar. 22 11 a.m. PE Center, William H. Peterson, Ph.D.

Mar. 29 11 a.m. PE Center, Donald L. Jernigan, Ph.D.

Vespers

Mar. 23 8 p.m. Collegedale church, Southern College Chorale

Mar. 30 8 p.m. Collegedale church, Karol Rich

Church Service — March 31, 8:40 a.m. and 11 a.m., Collegedale SDA Church. Children's Music Program.

SOUTHERN UNION

Tract Evangelism — March 3.

Adventist Singles Ministries

March 9-11 — Huntsville, Ala., Singles Weekend. Central church, 3001 Whitesburg Dr. ASM President Garland Day, speaker. Over-night accommodations available at Big Cove Jr. Academy. Bring sleeping bags and linen. There will be a nominal charge for Sabbath and Sunday breakfasts and Saturday night supper activities. Contact Merle Landis, (205) 533-2513 or Betty Gardner, (404) 629-0353.

March 26 (tentative) — Singles Day. Charlotte, N.C. Speaker, Garland Day. Contact Steve Grimley, 2309 Finchley Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215. (704) 563-7411.

For further information about Adventist Singles Ministries and/or any of the above events, contact Betty Gardner, Rt. 7, Cardinal Blvd., Calhoun, GA 30701, (404) 629-0353.

Adventist World Radio Offering — March 10.

Adventist Youth Day — March 17.

Southern Union Music Festival — March 23, 24. Collegedale, Tenn.

Sabbath School Community Guest Day — March 24.

NAD Regional Youth Congress — March 28-31. Atlanta, Ga.

Southern Union ASI Convention — April 5-7. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

Marriage Encounter Weekend — April 6-8, Southern College, Collegedale, Tenn. A weekend experience to a better communication experience with your spouse. Write Marriage Encounter, Box 1626, Collegedale, Tenn. 37315, or phone (615) 396-2605.

OUT OF UNION

Friends of Canada Reunion — New time: March 10, 4 p.m. New place: La Sierra Campus cafeteria, Riverside, Calif.

Auburn Adventist Academy Reunion — March 16, 17. Honor classes: '34, '64, and '74.

Homosexuality: Christian Basics for Recovery, a one-day educational conference March 17 at the Holiday Inn, Bethesda, Md., sponsored by Quest Learning Center, discusses conditions necessary for homosexual recovery. Speakers and topics: Dr. Richard Lovelace,

"Biblical Foundations of Sexuality"; Pastor David Kimberly, "Denominational Statements on Homosexuality"; Dr. William P. Wilson, "Are Homosexuals Born or Made?"; Dr. Paul Miller, "The Church: A Community of Strength and Compassion," and Colin D. Cook, "The Healing of Homosexuals." Contact Quest Learning Center, P.O. Box 7881, Reading, PA 19603, immediately.

Ozark Adventist Academy Alumni Homecoming — March 23-25. Honor classes: '44, '54, '64, '74, '84.

Takoma Academy Alumni Annual Homecoming — March 30, 31. Contact: Takoma Academy, (301) 434-4700.

Atlantic Union College Homecoming and Alumni Week — April 8-15. Renewal at AUC, a series of special lectures and classes for alumni. Write or call Sharlene Tessler, AUC, S. Lancaster, MA 01561. Homecoming program and activities write or call Marcia Brown, AUC, S. Lancaster, MA 01561.

Adelphian Academy Alumni Homecoming — April 13, 14. Honor classes '74, '64, '59, '54, '44, '34, '24. Phone (313) 634-4401, or write Adelphian Academy, 820 Academy Rd., Holly, MI 48442.

Blue Ridge Academy Alumni Weekend — April 13, 14. Honor classes, '59, '64, '74. Speaker, Duane Ferguson, '59. New Constitution will be considered.

PUC Religion Department Tour of South Africa — Aug. 29 - Sept. 20. For further information and brochures, contact Apollo Travel, 1234 Main St., St. Helena, CA 94574.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adventist Symphony for 1985 General Conference Session — The Music Committee for the 1985 General Conference Session in New Orleans has invited Professor Orlo Gilbert of Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists to organize and direct the session symphony orchestra for the second weekend of July 7, 1985. Accommodations will have to be at the personal expense of each musician, but we pray that it will be well worth your time and money to be able to praise God in unity with a mass orchestra and chorus. To qualify, you must be currently in practice on your instrument and either are now or have been a member of an academy, college or community orchestra. We need musicians of high quality, but you do not have to be a professional musician. Our greatest need will be for string players: violin, viola, cello and string bass. If you do plan to participate, please send your name and address to Professor Orlo Gilbert, Southern College, Division of Music, Collegedale, TN 37315.

The CORNERSTONE CONNECTION quarterly became a monthly, beginning Dec. 31, 1983. Student lessons will appear in a special expanded edition of *Insight* to be issued on the last Sabbath of each month. In addition, the Teacher/Leader packet will be ordered through the ABC instead of Concerned Communications, though CC will continue to produce the lessons. The monthly subscription will not cost more than the present quarterly and will feature four-color photographs and illustrations.

Unfilled Mission Calls — Teachers 31; Doctors 24; Departmental Directors 3; Nurses 10; Managers 6; Dean of Men 1; Laboratory Technicians 3; Pastor-evangelists 8; Accountants 1; Dentists 7; Office Secretaries 2; Computer Specialists 2; Pilots 1; SAWS workers 3; Librarians 1; Physical Therapists 2; Conference Treasurers 4; Research Director 1; Mechanics 1; Electrician 1; Builder 1; Editorial Assistant 1; Maintenance 1. Every call cannot necessarily be filled by the first applicant. Some calls are short-term volunteer opportunities providing only living expenses. Some require advanced degrees and some foreign language mastery. Some are too isolated for families with young children whose educational and social needs must be provided for. Most require successful experience. Everyone who responds will receive a personal information form and will be placed in our computer personnel bank for reference in the future if the right position is not available currently. Contact Rowena E. Olson, Secretariat Information Service, (202) 722-6651.

LEGAL NOTICES

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 24th regular session of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4233 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, Alabama. The session will convene on April 8, 1984, at 10 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing an executive committee, as well as officers and departmental directors for the ensuing triennium; for receiving reports and for transacting any other business that may properly come before it. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and an additional delegate for each 10 members or fraction thereof.

W. A. Geary, President

L. A. Stout, Secretary

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given of the regular session of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists to be held at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4233 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting is called for 2 p.m., April 8, 1984. The duly elected delegates to the Alabama-Mississippi Conference session comprise the membership for this corporation meeting.

W. A. Geary, President

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On the Move

Alabama-Mississippi

1. **Bill Clemons** is the newly elected director of stewardship, replacing Kenneth M. Mathews, who has retired, and of the Sabbath School Department, replacing Lewis A. Stout. **Kenneth M. Mathews** has retired from full-time responsibilities after 35 years of denominational service in pastoral and departmental capacities. The last 20 of these years have been in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference where he has held various posts. He will continue on as trust services and academy development director on a part-time basis. **Lewis A. Stout**, conference secretary and director of Adventist Laymen Services and Industries, has been asked to add the responsibilities of the Religious Liberty Department. **Ed Price**, from Eustis, Fla., is the newly appointed pastor for the Pell City, Ala., district. **Ken Harding** has been appointed to the Clanton, Ala., district to replace Wendell Stover, who has accepted a call to Missouri. **Clyde Smith** has taken up new duties in the St. Elmo, Ala., district, replacing John Mathews, who has moved to Iowa. **Robert Barbin** is the new southern area publishing director, replacing Harvey Yawn, who is presently canvassing in the Panama City area.

Carolina

2. **Martin B. Rho** is the new pastor of the Korean church in Columbia, S.C. He has worked in Korea, Southern and Northern California conferences before coming to Carolina. Rho replaces **Sam Yong Lee**, who transferred to Florida.

Southern College

3. **Dr. Ronald M. Barrow** has recently been named vice president of Admissions and College Relations at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists. Formerly director of admissions, Barrow will be coordinating the departments of admissions, recruitment, and public relations. 4. **Chuck Lucas**, formerly director of engineering at Florida Hospital, has been named plant engineer at Southern College. Lucas replaces **Francis Costerisan**, who is retiring after 21 years of service as plant engineer at Southern.

Weddings

BLACKWELL — KLISCHIES

Linda Sue Klischies and **Larry Blackwell, Jr.**, were married Sept. 25 in the SDA Church at Florida Hospital, Orlando, Fla. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Klischies, Orlando, Fla. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Blackwell, Sr., Cleveland, Tenn. The service was performed by Richard O'Fall, uncle of the bride. The couple is residing in Hermitage, Tenn.

COOPER — GILLIAM

Wilma S. Gilliam and **Joseph H. Cooper** were married Nov. 6, 1983, in the home of friends Herbert and Corale Keeler, Mockingbird Rd., Greensboro, N.C. Dr. Victor R. Brown, pastor of the Greensboro church, officiated. The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Stanley, of Rivermines, Mo. She graduated from the Boone Terre, Mo., school of nursing, and is presently retired. The bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cooper, of Utilla, Honduras. He attended West Indies Jr. College, Mandeville, Jamaica. He is also retired.

EDWARDS — OAKLEY

Teresa Yvonne Oakley, of Ridgetop, Tenn., and **Randy Lane Edwards**, of Louisville, Ky., were united in marriage on Oct. 23, 1983, at the Ridgetop church by F. H. Hewitt. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Oakley and Mrs. Shirley Mudd and Virgil Edwards. Teresa is a graduate of Madison Academy (1983) and Randy of Highland Academy (1978). The couple is living in Hopkinsville, Ky.

GOETS — LEE

Kristine Lee and **Michael Goets** were married in the Ocala, Fla., church on Nov. 6, 1983.

LOGA — MILLS

Janene Mills and **Michael Loga** were united in marriage Aug. 28, 1983, at the Dalton, Ga., church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Arnold Mills, of

Apopka, Fla. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Loga, of Fayetteville, Ga. The couple is making its home in Dalton, Ga., where Janene is working as a registered nurse at Hamilton Medical Center and Michael is taking nursing at Southern College, Collegedale, Tenn.

MacLAFFERTY — COVRIG

Ruth Ann Covrig and **Robert Mark MacLafferty** were united in marriage on May 8, 1983, at the Highland Academy church at Portland, Tenn. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Covrig, of Portland, Tenn., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt MacLafferty, of Collegedale, Tenn. Bob and Ruth are making their home at Collegedale where he is continuing education towards his major in medical technology. Vernon Chase, uncle of the bride, officiated at the ceremony.



A Tall Order

In modern, every-day English, how does inspiration describe the kind of wives and mothers Adventist homes need today? Here is what makes them so special.

She allots a special time each day for Bible study, prayer, and communion with God.

She takes time to keep herself informed by reading.

She keeps closely in touch with the mental development of her children.

She takes her children out in nature that they might know their Creator better.

She is a companion to her husband.

She is cheerful and buoyant.

She makes evenings at home pleasant social seasons, not a work drudge.

She puts her shoulder under real, not imaginary, burdens.

She is understanding and thoughtful.

Thus Ellen White sums up "the characteristics of a companionable wife and mother."

A tall order? Yes. But the results are reassuring. She continues, "Many a man would thus be led to choose the society of his home before that of the clubhouse or the saloon. Many a boy would be kept from the street or the corner grocery. Many a girl would be saved from frivolous, misleading associations. The influence of the home would be to parents and children what God designed it should be, a lifelong blessing." (*Adventist Home*, p. 110).

Ellen White

ASI

Southern Union Chapter Meeting

April 5-7
Cohutta Springs Adventist Center
Crandall, Georgia

Speakers: Dr. Jack Blanco
Elder Kenneth Livesay

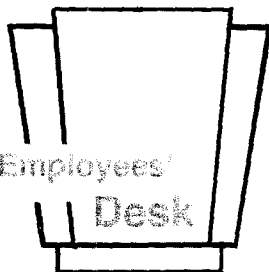
For lodging information, contact:
ASI Department
Southern Union Conference
(404) 299-1832

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Atlanta, Ga.	6:35	6:41	6:46	6:52	6:57	7:02
Charlotte, N.C.	6:19	6:26	6:31	6:37	6:43	6:48
Collegedale, Tenn. .	6:37	6:44	6:49	6:55	7:01	7:06
Huntsville, Ala.	5:43	5:49	5:54	6:00	6:05	6:11
Jackson, Miss.	5:59	6:04	6:09	6:14	6:19	6:24
Louisville, Ky.	6:37	6:44	6:51	6:58	7:04	7:10
Memphis, Tenn.	5:56	6:03	6:08	6:14	6:20	6:25
Miami, Fla.	6:23	6:27	6:30	6:33	6:36	6:40
Montgomery, Ala. . .	5:44	5:49	5:54	5:59	6:04	6:09
Nashville, Tenn.	5:43	5:49	5:55	6:01	6:07	6:13
Orlando, Fla.	6:26	6:30	6:34	6:38	6:42	6:45
Wilmington, N.C. ...	6:09	6:15	6:20	6:26	6:31	6:36



Carolyn Gadson



Denominational Employees'

Desk

"The Silver Lining"

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." (Psalm 118:8).

As the youngest in a family of 10 children, in that oldest coastal city of Georgia—Savannah, I had to experience all the usual joys and sorrows of my place in the clan.

After two-and-one-half years at Savannah State College, I went out on my first job as a teacher's aide with a second job as a cashier. The Lord had His eyes on me all along because He had a special job for which He was preparing me.

Five years ago, I answered the pleading of the Holy Spirit and became a Seventh-day Adventist. Like most young people who join the Seventh-day Adventist Church, I wanted to do something significant for the Lord.

The Lord sent Isaac Cummings, a veteran literature evangelist, who introduced me to this "High and Holy calling." After much prayer, I accepted the call and the challenge to join this band of valiant soldiers of the cross. I resigned both of my jobs and went full time to work for the Lord.

My first adventure took Brother Cummings, my oldest sister, and me to New York City. After three weeks of hard work I returned home with a grand total of eight dollars in my pocket. Many days of depression ensued at which time I was tempted to call my former employers for reinstatement in my jobs. By this time my mother, who was constantly praying for me, said to me, "Carolyn, man may fail you, but God never fails; and behind every dark cloud, there is sunlight." Those words lifted my spirit and gave me courage to go forward.

Walter Hawk, the associate publishing director for Georgia, and Brother Cummings arranged for me to go to Atlanta for further training. There Ruth Bussey opened her home to me. Pastor Hawk counseled me, renewed my courage, and I went once more in the "Battlefield for my Lord."

From then on, with prayer and perseverance, it has been success all the way. I was able to meet all my expenses, qualify for all the benefits accorded successful literature evangelists, travel all over Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina, and Florida carrying the printed pages with the Lord as my constant companion and guide.

The word of the Lord to Joshua in Chapter 1:9 has been my constant reminder: "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Carolyn Gadson is a literature evangelist in the South Atlantic Conference.

World View

Church Leaders Protest 'Rush' on Vatican Ties. Protestant leaders criticized what they called an "inordinate rush" to confirm William A. Wilson, President Regan's nominee for ambassador to the Vatican. Protesters included the Southern Baptists, the National Council of Churches, Americans United for Church and State, and Seventh-day Adventists. Sen. Charles Percy (R-Ill.) gave only one week's notice when he scheduled confirmation hearings Thursday, February 2. General Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director B. B. Beach was one of eight who testified at the hearing. A Catholic priest was the only one to testify in favor of confirmation. In a letter to Percy, the Protestants noted neither the House nor the Senate has held hearings on the controversial move. By Monday February 6, a temporary hold on the appointment was in place in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, prompting SDA religious liberty personnel to request that members send mailgrams to both of their senators. United Press International, January 31; General Conference TELEX, February 6; General Conference MEMO to Pastors, February 6.

White Estate Staffer Reassigned. Ron Graybill, a historian with the E. G. White Estate at SDA church headquarters in Washington, D.C., asked to be reassigned after his doctoral dissertation illegally and against his desire was copied and widely distributed, causing concern among some who read all or portions of it. Titled "The Power of Prophecy: Ellen G. White and the Women Religious Founders of the Nineteenth Century," the document contains material unreleased by the Estate—a violation of policy. Though the Estate sponsored Graybill's doctoral program, staffers felt he did not adequately counsel with them as it was written. Some say the paper creates an inaccurate impression of White, as it approaches her from the perspective of a secular historian who attempts to explain her role in the Church from a humanistic point of view. Graybill affirmed his belief in White as divinely inspired, saying the manuscript contains some expressions that are "very unfortunate." In light of Graybill's statements of continued confidence in Ellen White, General Conference officers placed him in Home Study International, where he will revise courses and teaching materials. *Adventist Review*, February 2.

U.S. Losing War Against Drugs. In spite of stepped up efforts to stem the tide of illegal drugs entering the country, US law enforcement officials say that the amount of smuggled narcotics grew in every category in 1982 (latest figures). In January, an Atlanta grand jury charged 30 persons—the largest such ring ever broken up—with smuggling five tons of cocaine. Yet Los Angeles, California, Police Chief Daryl Gates says, "The situation is totally out of hand. We're just shoveling sand against the tide." Experts estimate that only 5 to 20 percent of the cocaine, heroin, and marijuana being shipped to the US is being stopped at the border. In addition, an estimated 2,000 tons of marijuana was grown inside the country in 1982, up from 900 in 1981. *U.S. News and World Report*, February 6.

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ABBOTT, Verna Elizabeth, was born June 17, 1907, in Pensacola, Fla., and passed away on Jan. 19. On July 31, 1926, she was married to Walter Maurice Abbott. She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth Abbott, from Pomona, Calif.; one son, Walter Maurice Abbott, Jr., from Atlanta, Ga.; one sister, Hazel Faudi, from Waco, Tex.; and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Pensacola church, Milton Hallock, officiating. The committal service was held at the St. Johns Cemetery in Pensacola.

ALDERMAN, Lee O., born March 3, 1893, in Sydney, Fla., passed to her rest in Plant City, Fla., Jan. 3. She spent 21 years in the denomination's educational system in Fla. She taught in the Lakeland and St. Petersburg church schools and Tampa Junior Academy. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Wilva McDaniel, of Tampa; one sister, Mrs. Evelyn Rogers, of Lakeland; two granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren. Alderman was a member of the Tampa First church.

ASHBY, Lily Ethel, born Nov. 25, 1893, in Webster County, Ky., passed to her rest Nov. 20, 1983, in Sebree, Ky. She was a member of the Henderson, Ky., church. She was laid to rest in the Henderson Cemetery. Services were conducted by George M. Harsha.

BAER, Eulalie H., was born Feb. 7, 1896, and passed to her rest on Jan. 13 in Clearwater, Fla. She was preceded in death by her husband. She was a member of the St. Petersburg, Fla., First church.

BOYD, Charles Forrest, born Nov. 16, 1897, at Lake Placid, Highland County, Fla., and passed away Dec. 23, 1983, in Forest City, Fla. He was married to Odessa Smith from May 3, 1923, until her death in 1972. He later married Mildred Munsel. He is survived by his wife, of Forest City, Fla.; one daughter and two stepdaughters; one son and four stepsons; 35 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren; three brothers: Thomas Vaughn Wilder, J. Lloyd Wilder, and Bedford Eugene Wilder, all of Orlando, Fla.; and a half-sister, Mary Lou Ryan, of Orlando.

BRANSON, Harry J., was born Oct. 29, 1905, in Batavia, Ark., and died Feb. 5 in Collegedale, Tenn. He was a builder who worked on the early construction of Southern College. Survivors include his wife, Winnifred; one daughter Marilyn Oliver, of Collegedale; and one son, Harry W. Branson, of Collegedale; one sister, Ina Holmes, Saratoga, Calif.; three brothers, James O. Branson, Frankfort, Mich.; Ray C. Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Charles Smith, Loma Linda, Calif.; three stepsisters, and five grandchildren.

BUTTERMORE, Evelyn F., was born May 15, 1920, in Ga. and died Nov. 17, 1983, in Lakeland, Ga. She is survived by her mother, Marie Findley; a son, Ernest R. Hall; a daughter, Janet Marie Buttermore; and a brother, John Findley.

CARLSON, Julia Ingeborg, was born Feb. 26, 1899, in St. Paul, Minn., and passed away Dec. 7, 1983, in Cumberland Heights, Coalmont, Tenn. In the early days of the Whispering Pines school near Gruettli, Tenn., she taught music. She is survived by two sons, Howard Carlson, of Cumberland Heights, Coalmont, and Jerry Carlson, of LaGrange, Ill.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Interment was in Cumberland Heights, Coalmont. The funeral was conducted by R. H. Hartwell and F. A. Mote.

CLARK, Hallie Florence, was born Jan. 24, 1890, in Corinth, Ky., and passed away Dec. 12, 1983, in Largo, Fla. She was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors are her two brothers, Amos Prather, of Ky., and Hugh Prather, Chicago, Ill.

DESCHAMPS, Grace, born Feb. 19, 1895, in Blooming Prairie, Minn., passed away Dec. 5, 1983, Forest City, Fla. She is survived by her daughter, Joan, of Forest Lake, Fla.

EDMISTER, Ann, was born May 10, 1917, and died Jan. 25 in Chattanooga, Tenn. She is survived by her husband, Wilfred; a daughter, Kathy; a son, Tom; and three grandchildren.

FUTCH, Richard Van, was born in Hialeah, Fla., on Sept. 9, 1954, and was killed in an automobile accident on Nov. 24, 1983, north of Lake City, Fla. He was a senior theology student at Southern College. Funeral services were conducted by Douglas Bennett and Ivan Ruiz in Hialeah on Nov. 28. He is survived by his wife, Tina, and a two-year-old daughter, Kelli.

HEGSTAD, Oscar N., born Jan. 13, 1897, in Heron Lake, Minn., and passed away Dec. 31, 1983, in Oregon City, Ore. He was a graduate of Walla Walla College. He became associate publishing director for the then Western Oregon Conference. In 1958 he served as chaplain at Madison, Tenn. He pastored churches in Ore. and Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Olive Hegstad, of Milwaukie, Ore.; two daughters, Virginia Rose, of Casper, Wyo., and Beverly Bottsford, of Jackson, Miss.

HODGES, Gregory Shawn, born Oct. 13, 1967, in Jacksonville, Fla., died Dec. 16, 1983, in Lake Wales, Fla. Shawn was baptized at the age of 11 and had been an active member of the Lake Wales church, serving as assistant Sabbath school secretary and junior deacon. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges; sister, Shelley; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley, all of Lake Wales; and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hodges, of Bartow, Fla.

LESI, Mary Lou, born July 24, 1918, in Center Hill, Fla., died Jan. 19 in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Kress Memorial church, Winter Park, Fla. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her son, Mark Joseph Lesi, of Carson City, Nev.; one daughter, Judith Ann Lesi, of West Mont, Ill.; one brother, Billy Earl Price, of Ocala, Fla.; and four sisters, Doris Sangrey, Pauline Freeman, Hazel Sue Ricks, all of Orlando, and Mertis Stewart, of Mt. Dora, Fla.

MARSH, Blanche A., born Feb. 9, 1888, in Allendale, S.C., passed to her rest in Jacksonville, Fla., on Jan. 23. She was a member of the Jacksonville First church. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. L. Common, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. R. W. Irwin, of Calif.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

MARTIN, Jincey H., born Oct. 31, 1909, in Bay Minette, Ala., died in Mobile, Ala., Nov. 8, 1983. Survivors are a daughter Jewel Christine Ayres, of Mobile; two sons, Clarence M. and Kenneth Paul, of Enterprise, Ala.; a sister, Ruby Stinson, of Mobile; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was a member of the Mobile Bearfork Road church. Funeral services were conducted by Don Jehle and Ed Hilderbrandt.

MERIDETH, Annie Sue Gilbert, was born in LaGrange, Ga., June 7, 1898, and passed

away Jan. 22. Her husband was James Thomas Merideth who passed away in 1935. S was a member of the Berean church in Atlanta, Ga. She is survived by one son, Jarr Merideth, of Nashville, Tenn.; four daughters: Maude Smith and Irene Bowden, of Atlan Sarah Lester, of Columbus, Ohio, and Doris Hill, of Nashville; nine grandchildren; a nine great-grandchildren.

MUELLER, Martha L., born Aug. 25, 1890, in Brooksville, Fla., died Jan. 6 in Germar. She was a member of the St. Petersburg, Fla., First church, and was preceded in death her husband.

NIELSEN, Armond, born Dec. 12, 1922, in Chicago, Ill., died Jan. 18 in Ocala, Fla. He was a member of the Ocala church. He is survived by his son, Wayne; one daughter, Kai Couch; and a brother, Albert Nielsen.

PADGETT, Polly Catherine, was born March 1, 1937, in Manchester, Ky., and died J. 11 in Tampa, Fla. She was a member of the Tampa First church. She is survived by husband, J. Ronald Padgett, of Lutz, Fla.; four sons, Herman Erskine, Daytona Beach Fla., Keith Alan Erskine, Haines City, Fla., John Padgett, St. Petersburg, Fla., and Ke Padgett, of Lutz; one daughter, Ellen Kaye Erskine, of Haines City; two brothers, Ral and Leonard Barrett, both of Houston, Tex.; and two sisters, Dora Cataldo, of Boynt Beach, Fla., and Jean Matuski, of Buffalo, N.Y.

PAULS, Edgar B., born Aug. 1, 1897, in Lehigh, Kan., died Jan. 13 in Lakeland, Fla. was a member of the Lakeland First church. He is survived by his wife, Lois Sapp Pauls, Lakeland; his son, David, of Tucker, Ga.; his daughter, Nell Wooley, of Orlando, Fla.; thr brothers, Victor A., T. R., and Anthony K., all of British Columbia, Canada; one sister, Alr Holmes, also of British Columbia; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

PIERCE, Esther, was born Dec. 31, 1904, in Saginaw, Mich., and died Oct. 20, 1983, Cumberland Heights, Coalmont, Tenn. She is survived by her sisters, Lela Pierce, Emr Davis, and Elizabeth Bush; and one brother, Allen Pierce. Funeral services were held Cumberland Heights church by Loren Vistaunet, George Stevens, and R. H. Hartwel

PINNER, Alberta, born Apr. 1, 1890, in Viola, Ky., passed to her rest Nov. 5, 1983, Detroit, Mich. She was a member of the Mayfield, Ky. church. She is survived by daughter, Mrs. Louise Durbin of Detroit; two stepdaughters, Willie May Clark and Mauri Durbin; and one grandchild. Services were conducted by Colin Rampton.

POST, John William, was born April 21, 1899, in Cleveland, Tenn., and passed away M 2, 1983, in Dayton, Tenn. He was a member of the Graysville church. He is survived by wife, Ella Post; three daughters; and four sons.

PREST, Charles A., born March 4, 1894, in North Boro, Mass., passed to his rest Dec. 1983, in Avon Park, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Mary; one daughter, Ruth Kipp, of Av Park; six sons, Charles S., of Verona, N.Y., Earl T., of Boonesboro, Md., Robert J., of Sou Lancaster, Mass., David J., of Charleston, S.C., Jason, of South Haven, Mich., and Frank Hurd, of Chisolm, Minn.; 25 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

RICKS, Kathleen Margaret, born Feb. 1, 1912, in Lorain, Ohio, died Sept. 14 in Altur Fla. She was a member of the Eustis church. She is survived by her husband, Jam Frederick Ricks; her son, Charles F., of Orlando, Fla.; her daughter, Mary M. Whited, Collegedale, Tenn.; and two grandchildren.

SMITH, Dorothy L., was born Aug. 23, 1920, and passed away Jan. 3 in Panama City, F She was a member of the Panama City church. She is survived by three daughters: Maril Skipper, Margaret Miller, and Sandra Nixon; one son, Samuel A. Smith, Jr.; a sist Jeanelle Bodiford; two brothers, Robert Charles Swearingen and Edsel Swearingen; ai 10 grandchildren. Ernest Clark officiated at the services. Burial was in Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

STEED, Ida Vonvara Brown, was born in Rowan County, N.C., June 10, 1878, ai passed to her rest Dec. 2, 1983. On July 13, 1897, she was married to Oscar Steed, wh died in 1958. She is survived by three daughters: Rachel Spiess, of Candler, N.C., Et Nesbitt, of Morganton, N.C., and Lillian Hattenstein, of Takoma Park, Md.; and one so Clarence N., of Calif.

STEVENSON, Jettie Hedrick, born April 24, 1912, died at Davis Hospital in Statesvil N.C., on Dec. 31, 1983. She was a member of the Statesville church. Surviving are s daughters: Mildred S. Daniels, Doris S. Jackson, and Frankie Stevenson, of Statesvil Betty S. White, of Harmony, N.C., Carolyn S. Gregory, of Clemons, N.C., and Marjorie Cockman, of Greensboro, N.C.; four sons: Burlie L. Stevenson, of Mocksville, N.C., Harc R. Stevenson, of Harmony, Steve D. Stevenson and Harry L. Stevenson, of Statesville; tv brothers: Park William Hedrick and Boyd F. Hedrick, of Statesville; three sisters: Lucille McKay, Minnie H. Cooke, and Myra H. Miller, of Statesville; 24 grandchildren; and fo great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by W. Sidney Mills, Statesville church pastor.

SWOPE, Belle W., born Jan. 27, 1895, in Jackson, Ohio, died Dec. 13, 1983, in t Petersburg, Fla. She was a member of the St. Petersburg church and was preceded death by her husband. She is survived by her son, Albert L. Swope, of St. Petersburg

TREW, Lois Shearer, born May 27, 1902, in Mt. Vernon, S.D., died Dec. 25, 1983, in t Petersburg, Fla. She was a member of the St. Petersburg church and was preceded death by her husband.

WHEELER, J. T., born Nov. 17, 1894, Buncombe County, N.C., died Dec. 25, 1983, Fletcher, N.C. In 1924, in association with the Laymans' Foundation, he and his wi started Pewee Valley Sanitarium and Hospital and Academy on a 40-acre tract, 17 mil east of Louisville, Ky. Later he operated two nursing homes in Charlotte, N.C. He leav two sisters, two brothers, four children, eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildr

WISER, Jesse J., was born Jan. 10, 1893, and died Feb. 21, 1983. His wife, Mattie Wisner, born Aug. 29, 1895, preceded him in death. They were both members of tl Louisville, Ky., First church.

WOLFE, Cora Frances, born Sept. 21, 1892, in Grahamville, Fla., died Dec. 14, 1983, Mobile, Ala. She is survived by a son, Franklin B. Wolfe, of Semmes; a daughter, Franc E. Stanley, of Mobile; a sister, Clara Trehern, of Chickasaw, Ala.; a brother, William H. Co of Eight Mile, Ala.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was member of the Mobile Bearfork Road church. Services were conducted by Don Jehl

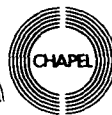
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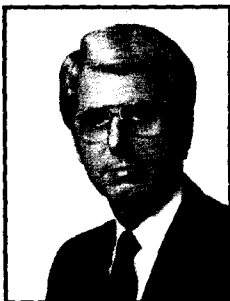
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Revelation Seminars

On a recent Sabbath I visited the Columbia First church in Columbia, South Carolina. Just prior to the worship service I met with the elders for prayer and instructions on the order of service. That which was uppermost in their minds, however, was the Revelation Seminar that they were conducting, after their pastor, Paul Anderson, provided instruction.

Rather than mail the invitations, they had selected an area in which they went door-to-door with a personal invitation and a brochure. Thirty-five people came to their seminar, which was being held in a two-car garage. The Sabbath of my visit one of their interests attended the Sabbath morning services.

Revelation Seminars are sweeping the Southern Union Conference territory. They are public evangelism in a classroom style, encouraging interchange of questions and answers. It does not require a large budget nor a musical program, and is best done with a group of 30-50 people.

The seminars originated in Texas where Elder Harry Robinson, a pastor, began to involve his church members in conducting classes for their neighbors. The seminars spread throughout the Texas Conference, where, for each of the last two years, they have seen around 2,000 baptisms per year.

Now let me share with you some of the things that are happening right now here in the Southern Union:

- Two laymen in Pascagoula, Mississippi, one an Adventist for less than two years, have 60 non-Adventists attending their Revelation Seminar. This is particularly remarkable since the church membership is only 33.

Elder Bob Boney, from the Texas Conference, is coming to hold workshops on

how to bring more people to decisions for church membership.

- At this writing, 13 seminars are in progress in the Carolinas. At least five of these are double sessions. By March the number of seminars will increase to 30.

Forty-four nonmembers and 22 members are attending at Wilkesboro, North Carolina, where our church membership is 43.

In Spartanburg, South Carolina, an enrollment of 150 has necessitated double sessions.

Elder Harry Robinson is now in the Carolina Conference, and will be holding training sessions throughout the Conference.

- Eighty-one Revelation Seminars are planned for 1984 in the Florida Conference, in addition to 66 regular evangelistic crusades.

- The 125-member Athens, Tennessee, church had 113 non-Adventists in attendance for the opening sessions.

One hundred one attendees at Douglasville, Georgia, forced them to go to double sessions.

In McMinnville, Tennessee, 60 pre-registered for the seminar. However, an urgent order for additional supplies became necessary when 80 people attended opening night.

- At least 20 baptisms are expected in Lexington, Kentucky, from a seminar there.

Seventy-eight enrolled in Frankfort, Kentucky. Due to inclement weather the first two weeks, one meeting was canceled and others nearly so, but 38 non-Adventists have attended regularly.

Revelation Seminars are simple, inexpensive, and effective. They can be taught by pastor or layman. They are truly the "Caring Church." If you would like information on how to become involved in a Revelation Seminar, please see your pastor or one of your conference leaders. I believe you will become as excited as those church elders in Columbia.

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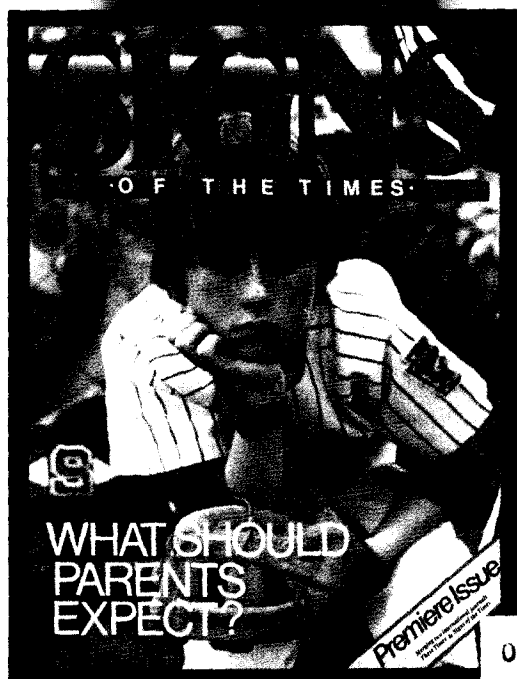
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