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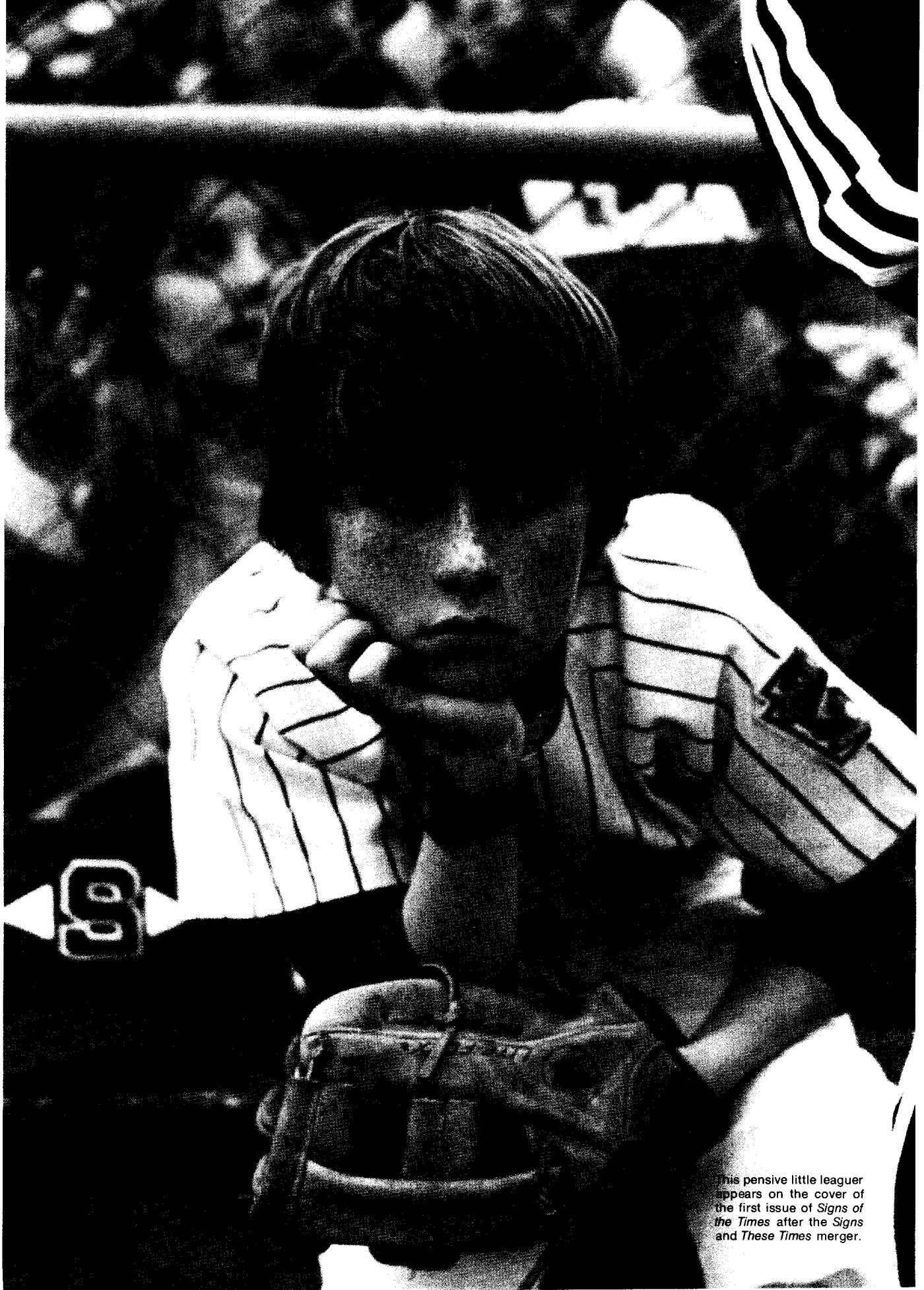
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SIGNS

OF THE TIMES

A New Era
Begins



This pensive little leaguer appears on the cover of the first issue of *Signs of the Times* after the *Signs* and *These Times* merger.

The Article That Had To Be Written

by Kenneth J. Holland
cover photograph by Guadalupe Torres

Kenneth J. Holland became the editor of Signs of the Times in January after serving as editor of These Times for 27 years. A decision was made at the 1983 Annual Council to merge the two missionary journals into one 32-page monthly published at Pacific Press. Eds.

Theodore Carcich sat in his study in his home in Colton, Washington, and pondered the unusually fervent response to his latest sermon. He had preached in several churches on the Middle East in prophecy and had made an urgent appeal to get right with the Lord. Judgment Day is coming, he had pointed out.

As union president and vice president of the General Conference, Carcich had spoken on prophecy many times, but this message was different, it seemed. "Everybody ought to hear it," people said. "It has the old Advent ring!" "Can't you do something to get the word out!"

Suddenly Carcich sat bolt upright in his chair. I know what I'll do, he said to himself, I'll reshape it and send it to our missionary journal. That way our church members as well as hundreds of thousands of non-Adventists will read it.

And so "The Article That Had To Be Written" came into being. It will appear in the May issue of *Signs of the Times*.

Twenty-five times in her book *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, Ellen White pleads for our writers to concentrate on messages that warn people of the coming judgment. Tell them, she says, the Judgment Day is upon us. Write about the prophetic signs of the times; appeal to them not only to avoid hell but, more importantly, not to miss out on the good things God has prepared for them that love Him!

In his sermon, which he entitled "All Eyes East," Carcich writes, "Bible prophecy declares that some power or nation in the eastern Mediterranean area will precipitate the worldwide disaster that is coming by impulsively lashing out against others. No one can predict with certainty whether the aggressor will be Muslim, Christian, or Jewish." He referred to Daniel 11:44 and 45, and Daniel 12:1.

There may be some church members who feel that articles such as this one by Carcich no longer will be read by the general public, that they are not interested; people are too secular or humanistic; they're all wrapped up in their own affairs. However, we must never forget that as long as probation lasts, the Holy Spirit will be at work to strike certain chords in the heart of every human who reads.

As editor of the new *Signs of the Times*, which resulted from the merger of *Signs* and *These Times*, readers' basic needs will never be totally

met by social improvement or material affluence. This is true around the world and in every culture. Jesus said, "A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." (Luke 12:15 RSV).

I know there is an essential emptiness in every life without Christ. All humanity keeps crying for something—something they cannot identify. Give a person a million dollars—it does not satisfy. Or give him every form of sexuality; that, too, never satisfies the deep longing inside that keeps crying for satisfaction. People are empty without God.

Tolstoy put it right when he said, "There is a God-shaped vacuum in every life that only God can fill." When we proclaim the gospel in *Signs of the Times* we are talking directly to that emptiness. The reader has a built-in receptivity to the message of the Cross, because Christ alone fills the void.

I know that our readers experience loneliness. Some have called it cosmic loneliness. When you get right down to it, it is the loneliness for God.

I know that every reader has a sense of guilt. This is perhaps the most universal of all human experiences, and it is devastating. The head of a mental institution said, "I would release half of my patients if I could but find a way they could be rid of their sense of guilt." This is what the Cross is all about.

I know that every reader shares the common fear of death. We do not like to talk about death in our generation. But death is real. In many parts of the world you can turn on television and see famous people who have been dead for some years; they look alive, but they're dead.

Somehow television, especially in Western society, has cushioned death. Yet the spectre is always there. The subtle fear cannot be silenced. But here is the glorious news: Our Lord came to nullify death. In His own death and resurrection He made three things inoperative: sin, death, and hell. That is the message of the Cross. That is the message of *Signs of the Times*.

Thank God "The Article That Had To Be Written" was written. And God will inspire other writers in 1984 to produce powerful messages. Every month throughout the year such messages will come from the pens of our dedicated writers.

Let's help them spread the word by sending *Signs of the Times* to all those you want to see in heaven with you. Judgment Day is coming, but, by God's grace, we all can be ready for it.

MID-TERM REPORT



The Georgia-Cumberland Conference office is located in Calhoun, Georgia.

by Gary B. Patterson
photography by Jere Wallack

Why do we have such a report? The answer is found in the kind of people we are. If we didn't care for each other, there wouldn't be a reason for a report, or for a conference, or for a church, or for anything . . . if we didn't care for each other. But our mission statement is clear, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." And we will see that what we accomplish for God is done only as we are truly a caring church.

In the areas of personal ministries, community services, and Sabbath school Bill Henson reports the Lay Witness Team has visited in homes of more than 500 non-Adventists, given away 1,000 pieces of literature, and started more than 250 Bible studies. This was accomplished by working

less than one hour, one day each month. Also the Conference has experienced 103 vacation Bible schools in 1982 and 1983 with a total enrollment of 5,381. Of those more than 50 percent were non-Adventists.

Roy Caughron leads out in the Ministerial and Stewardship departments. In the past two years 84 of our 110 churches were served in the area of Sabbath morning sermons, stewardship seminars, church revivals, evangelistic meetings and church board planning. In addition three area ministerial meetings are conducted each year, plus an annual retreat for our unordained pastors.

Conference Treasurer Richard Center reports that during 1983 total tithe received equaled

8,759,087. This is a 7.2 percent gain over 1982. Sabbath school offerings totaled \$626,437. Evangelism giving came to \$175,161, a gain of 6,778. We are increasing 1984's evangelism budget to \$372,000, or an increase of nearly 45,000. Worthy student giving totaled \$19,336. This offering needs to double in 1984 to meet the needs of students desiring to attend Georgia-Cumberland Academy. Total conference appropriations for Christian education were nearly \$1,200,000, plus an additional \$250,000 to Southern College.

Jim Epperson, education superintendent, is assisted by Henry Farr and Elaine Plemons. Through their combined efforts they continue to oversee the operation of the largest school system in the North American Division, with 85 schools. Achievement test scores have risen overall in the Conference from the 64th percentile to the 74th percentile. This can be attributed to a strong emphasis on curriculum and instruction in the classroom. Implementation of the ANGEL Project is underway, strengthening the libraries in all schools in the Conference through the assistance of Southern College. 1984 will mark the first graduation ceremonies for Atlanta Adventist Academy, the newest secondary school in our conference. Enrollment has grown from 65 to 85 in just a two-year period. And this is an indication of a trend in all secondary schools Conference-wide.

Eugene Juhl is the newest addition to the Conference staff. He leads all of our literature evangelists in reaching the seven million people living within the Conference boundaries. During 1982-83 literature evangelists placed \$825,000 worth of our books in homes and the *Listen* literature evangelists placed \$279,000 worth of magazines in schools throughout the Conference. In addition, 34,000 pieces of literature have been distributed; 2,400 have enrolled in Bible studies; 85 people have begun attending church; 126 former Adventists have been contacted; 764 Bible studies have been given; and prayer was offered in 12,000 homes.

Don Aalborg coordinates evangelism activities and directs the Communication Department, in addition to his duties as conference secretary. Present conference membership is more than 17,500, with soul winning still the number one objective of the Conference. In 1982, 15 public crusades were conducted around the

Conference, plus a Ken Cox Crusade in Chattanooga, resulting in 725 baptisms. In 1983, our public evangelism centered around the Revelation Seminar approach with 25 pastors conducting their own meetings. Results continue to affect our baptismal total for 1984. This year public crusades are scheduled in 12 cities, plus 31 Revelation Seminars. Since March of 1982, two companies were organized into churches, one at Andrews, North Carolina, and the other at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. This brings the total number of churches in the Conference to 110. Three new companies have been organized: South Greene, near Greeneville, Tennessee; Ladd Springs, east of Cleveland, Tennessee; and Conyers, east of Atlanta.

Don Livesay directs the Youth Ministries area. In addition to coordinating Pathfinder activities and events, he has led out in the Mission Challenge Team trips to Pugwash, Nova Scotia, and LaVida Navaho Mission in New Mexico. During the past two summers, 1,474 youngsters have enjoyed summer camp at Cohutta Springs. New activities and instruction have recently been incorporated into the camp program, including photography, bicycling, band camps, and our very popular computer camp.

The Trust Services Department is headed by Bill Ambler. This department has been set up to offer church members a personalized service, presenting the spiritual concepts of Christian giving by the use of wills, trusts, and deferred gifts. It is the challenge of this department to reach the 80 percent of our conference membership who have made no provision for the Lord's work through these methods of giving. From January 1, 1982, to December 31, 1983, 369 wills have been completed, with an average distribution for God's work of 27 percent of each estate.

We have presented this brief overview merely to show, in a small way, what God has been able to do through His servants. While we are pleased with the good works that God has done through us, let us not be satisfied with our past accomplishments, but let us, by God's grace, strive to remove all obstacles so that He may do even greater things that are in the days yet to come.

Gary B. Patterson is president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

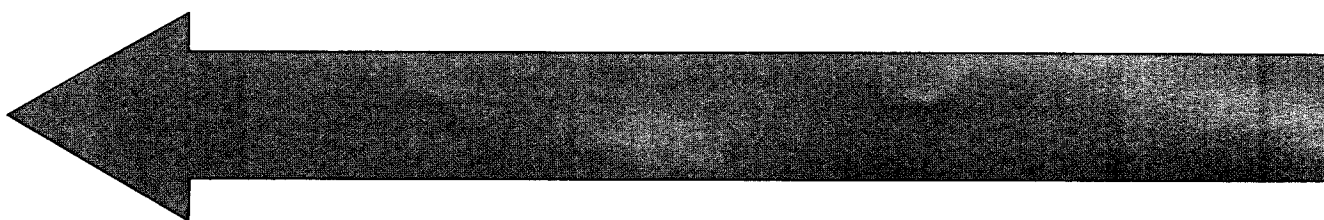
The cold wave of December, 1983, and January, 1984, is purported, according to the news media, to be the coldest in the history of the United States. This chilling weather was not reflected in the record of the workers of the South Atlantic Conference. January 7 through 12, 1984, brought 450 district pastors of the Southern Union Conference together at Lake Lanier, Georgia, in a gigantic seminar to study their responsibilities as shepherds of "The Caring Church." This convocation with their colleagues replaced the long-standing January workers' meeting. It did not replace the encouraging

report of the year 1983 and the stating of the objectives of the "New Horizons—Phase II" for 1984. These are also quite exciting.

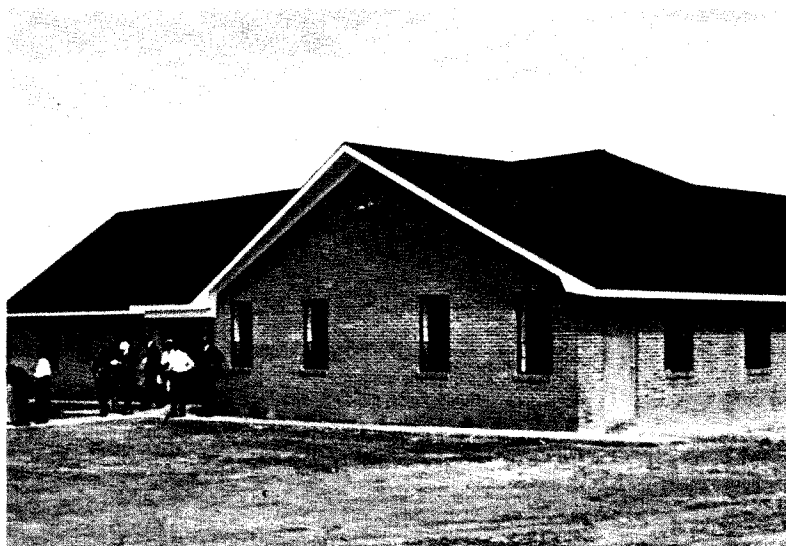
Indeed, "New Horizons—Phase I" 1983 was a banner year with landmark accomplishments: 1,940 baptisms; \$3,003,160 tithe; \$52,385 conference development offering; \$92,753 Sabbath school offering; \$85,024 Ingathering; FHES delivered \$236,378 worth of the printed pages in its efforts to spread the Third Angel's message; and the Adventist Book Center's sales amounted to \$314,551. With all this, the new Bible school

was enrolling 3,500 new prospects; *Message* magazine got 7,574 subscriptions; and *Liberty* magazine got 1,676. Twenty-two evangelistic meetings were conducted.

The centurions of 1983's evangelistic blitz were D. M. Jones, along with his assistant, Frank Harrell, in the Wilmington, North Carolina, district, 111 baptisms; T. A. McNealy, in the Charleston, South Carolina, district, 228 baptisms; Calvin Watkins, in the New Bern, North Carolina, district, 101 baptisms; and Oscar Lane, a visiting evangelist, with 850 new converts in Atlanta, Georgia. With a



Atlanta, Georgia's, West End church Sabbath school Community Relations Day, December 10, 1983, participants included: Lillian Wardley, first assistant Sabbath school superintendent (left); Larry Hayes, second assistant superintendent; William H. Cleveland, the honoree, principal of Brown High School; C. D. Henri, associate pastor; F. W. Parker, pastor; and Doris Gully, Sabbath school superintendent.



The Americus, Georgia, church opened February 18.

fourth-quarter baptism of 39 by F. W. Parker, pastor of the new congregation spawned by Lane's meeting, along with his assistants, C. D. Henri and Carl Nesmith, they net a congregation at present of 839 members.

The quinquagenarians who contributed their quotas were: Ted Ellerbe in Hemingway, South Carolina, district, 50 baptisms; Ralph Franklin with K. S. Smallwood, his associate, in the Atlanta-Berean district, 71 baptisms; and Richard Long, in the Charlotte, North Carolina, Berean district, 51 baptisms.

The 839-member West End church, which was organized on August 20, 1983, at Dr. Ralph Abernathy's West Hunter Street Baptist Church, is still looking for a church home—either to build or buy. In the meantime, the principal of Brown High School opened the doors of its large auditorium to them. On December 10, 1983, the church had a Community Relations Day with three honorees: President R. B. Hairston, Oscar Lane, and William H. Cleveland, principal of Brown High School.

The hard work of 1983, which spilled over into 1984,

gave 1984 a brilliant start. For the first time, Atlanta-Berean, during a Religious Liberty Rally with Mitch Tyner, associate religious liberty director of the General Conference, raised 500 subscriptions on January 28. Americus, Georgia, opened its brand-new 200-seat church building on February 18; and on February 25, 1984, the Burlington, North Carolina, church opened its new worship facility, which was bought in 1983. To round off the significant activities of 1983 was the ground breaking on December 4 for the new cafetorium at River Oaks Campground in South Carolina.

1983 in Retrospect

by S. E. Gooden

photography by R. R. Brown, J. A. Simons, and the author

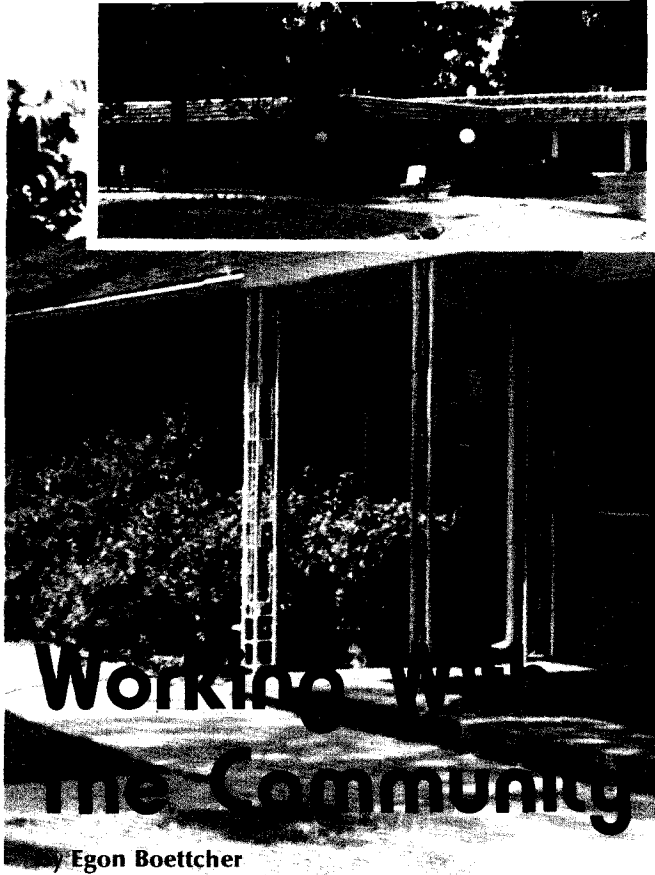


Calvin Watkins (second left) and T. A. McNealy, two centurion pastor-evangelists flanked on the left by R. B. Hairston, president of the South Atlantic Conference, and on the right by O. J. McKinney, associate ministerial secretary of the Southern Union Conference.

church in Burlington, North Carolina, was opened February 25.



Officiating at the Americus, Georgia, church opening are: Demetrius Jones, the assistant pastor of the district (left); Neet Smith, first elder; Joe Hinson, personal ministries director of South Atlantic, who raised up that church in 1976; R. B. Hairston, president of South Atlantic; Pastor Raven, a visiting minister from the city; Oscar Sherrod, pastor; and Jesse Small, head deacon.



Lakeland Villa Convalescent Center, adjacent to the hospital.



Tom Amos, administrator (right), converses with W. A. (Bill) Roquemore, a hospital board member and Lakeland businessman, and Mrs. Roquemore.

Situated in a natural bird sanctuary in sunny south Georgia is Louis Smith Memorial Hospital, owned by Lanier County and operated by Adventist Health System/Sunbelt Health Care Corporation.

The 25th reopening anniversary, held on October 16, 1983, celebrated how long the hospital has been operated by an Adventist administration. For this occasion the hospital adopted the slogan, "Your Total Health—Our Concern," as its philosophy of service and caring. This slogan also defines the hospital's commitment to the health needs of the community.

W. A. Roquemore, a hospital board member and a local businessman who served as master of ceremonies for the 25th Anniversary celebration, fittingly expressed the hospital's outreach into the community when he proclaimed: "This is a day of Thanksgiving for Lakeland."

This community-mindedness of the hospital is strongly emphasized by Tom Amos, administrator, when he says, "We don't want to be perceived by the community as only receiving from them and not giving. We definitely want to give to the community through our service." Four of several programs which serve their community are presented.

When three girls inquired about volunteer work at the hospital to fulfill their Pathfinder volunteer work requirement, the hospital planned a Candy-Striper program. Reports of this Candy-Striper program soon set off a spark of

enthusiasm among the teenagers at the local high school. This new program for youth resulted in a flood of applications to be Candy Strippers at the hospital. "This community response," says Amos, "is encouraging."

Last summer LSMH was invited by a nearby junior college to conduct a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking called "You Can Quit." Since this first stop-smoking class held at the college was so successful, the college offered it again in January, 1984, which resulted in an increased enrollment in the stop-smoking class. Dr. Ernest Barrett, a retired physician, and Egon Boettcher, health educator at LSMH, who taught the stop-smoking class are now preparing to teach the same class in Lakeland as a response to requests from several local citizens.

The hospital also participated in a computerized heart attack screening program called "RISK0," which was co-sponsored by the Lanier County Extension Office and by the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Lakeland. LSMH provided the nurses who took the blood pressure of the clients, and also provided counselors who interpreted the results of the heart-risk screening to participants.

Mike Lowe, assistant administrator at LSMH, and Boettcher are also working on a video program on drug abuse for the parents and teenagers of the community.

Egon Boettcher is the public relations coordinator for Louis Smith Memorial Hospital.

A CHURCH WITNESSING

by Nadine Finley and J. W. Clarke



Each year the students of Hines Memorial school collect thousands of items, the Community Service department purchases a variety of fresh foods to add to them, and the students help package and deliver the baskets and reap the reward of giving.

The 150-member Jackson, Tennessee, church is filled with varied activities—a church really alive.

For the past eight years it has conducted blood pressure screening programs at the church as one of the community services to the city. This weekly program was initiated by Faye Campbell, conference community services federation president, and was the first and only one of its kind in Jackson for several years. More than 1,500 individuals have been tested and thousands of blood pressures taken. At a recent "brunch" at the church it was decided to move the location of the screening to the local Old Hickory Mall to better serve the community. This change took place in October, 1983. During the scheduled hour and a half, 35 individuals were tested the first week, and the number increases each week dramatically. Catholene Luna is director of the program and a former supervisor at the Jackson-Madison County Hospital until her retirement.

Another area of interest found in the Jackson church is the strong support of the Business and Professional Foundation within the Conference. Twelve members of the church belong

to the Foundation, which has helped 18 churches in their building programs and is prepared to help more churches.

Because the church members are so active it is only natural for the children to be the same. The Hines Memorial church school, with 18 students, is also carrying on many activities. During the holiday season in December, the students once again collected canned and packaged foods from the community for holiday baskets. Principal David Finley said, "The children enjoy and look forward to collecting and giving these baskets out each year. They are

eager to go out and help those in the Jackson community." This past December, 16 families were helped.

Soul winning is important to the Jackson church. Evangelistic meetings, seminars, and Bible studies are activities carried on year around. Recently, Lin and Sandy Powell, conference evangelistic team, held a series of meetings in Jackson. Ten souls were added to the church as Pastor Lawrence Walton baptized them at the close of



Catholene Luna is shown taking the blood pressure of a local merchant.

the campaign. Others will follow at a later date.

This is our mission—every member uniting with the minister—to be a caring church and share with others the precious "hope" of the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

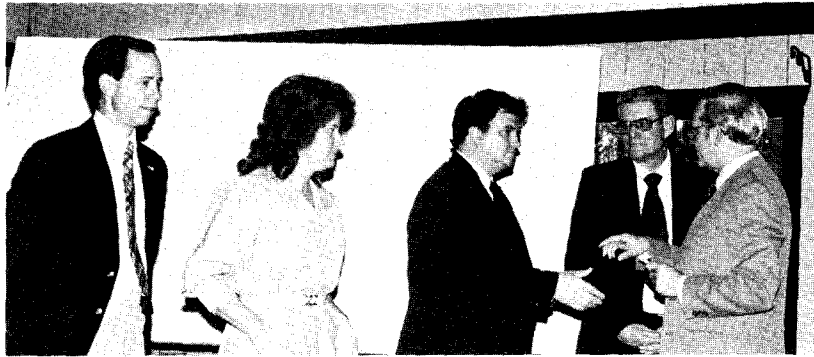
Nadine Finley is the communication secretary of the Jackson, Tennessee, church.



Chuck Norris (left), was baptized recently during the Lin Powell meetings at Jackson, Tennessee, making a fourth generation of Adventists in the Jackson church. Pictured above are (left to right), Chuck Norris; his mother, Jeanne Norris; his grandmother, Juanita Hines; and his great-grandmother, Mrs. T. L. Benton.

IGNITING THE FLAME OF LAY EVANGELISM

by D. E. Kenyon, photography by Bill Evans



John Barron (left), Edie Holt, Larry Barnes, and Phil Harpine receive recognition from D. E. Kenyon for holding a public meeting in the last year.

Sixty-five people enrolled in the third Lay Evangelists' Training Seminar, called Maranatha III, held at Nosoca Pines Ranch, February 24-March 3. Instructors for the eight-day event were George Knowles, General Conference director of lay activities; Joseph Espinosa, General Conference director of North America missions; and Harry Robinson, founder and director of the Revelation Seminar program that is being used in many parts of North America. Robinson is now connected with the Carolina Conference where his main work is to train instructors and coordinate the Revelation Seminar program in the two states.

Instruction is given in sermon preparation, visitation, and leading people to make a decision for Christ. Action Teams meet each week for prayer, study, practice of Bible studies and sermons, and plan for a public meeting of some kind.

During the seminar George Knowles presented the Lay Evangelist Training material to the people each day. In addition, the program this year included instruction by Harry Robinson in how to conduct Revelation Seminars. Joseph Espinosa presented a series on how to live a godly life and prepare for final events in this earth's history.

Before the seminar started, Bible enrollment cards were sent to several mail routes in the area near the camp. Two afternoons were spent visiting and taking Bible study lessons to the people who sent in the request card. The local pastor, Mitchell Nicholaides, and his congregation have many homes to con-



Larry Barnes (left), and Dale Collins received gold pins from George Knowles honoring their work in Lay Evangelism. Joseph Espinosa watches in the background.

tact in coming weeks as they follow up the interest that was generated.

More than half of those in attendance were there for the first time. They received a certificate for completion of the Lay Evangelists' training. Those who had attended before were given a 1984 sticker to put on the certificate they already had. Everyone received a certificate for completing the nine hours of Revelation Seminar training.

John Barron, from Columbia, South Carolina; Edie Holt, from Garland, North Carolina; Larry Barnes, from Anderson, South Carolina, and Phil Harpine, from

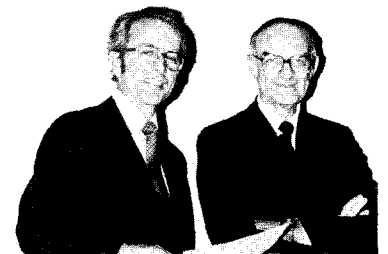
Columbia, South Carolina, received stickers for meetings held.

Another part of the Lay Evangelism program is to give a lapel pin to those who meet certain requirements in Lay Evangelism. It is called the Significant Seventy. The idea comes from Jesus sending out the seventy, two by two.

In order to qualify for a silver 70 pin the candidate must attend a training session and be active in a visitation program and win one person to Christ in the last two years. These were presented to Bill Evans, from Myrtle Beach, Phil Harpine from Columbia, and Jean McDonald from Columbia. Several others had pins from previous years.

The silver pin is exchanged for a gold pin when the person trains four others to be witnesses and at least one of those trainees trains someone else. Dale Collins, from Myrtle Beach, and Larry Barnes, from Anderson, South Carolina, each exchanged their silver for gold.

In the final service of the seminar the group stood in a circle, each holding a candle symbolizing the light of Jesus shining in their hearts and from them to the community and eventually to the world.

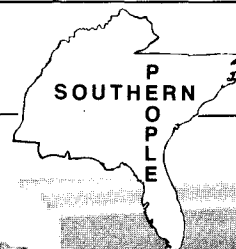


Harry Robinson (left), and Joseph Espinosa were instructors but they also received certificates for completing the seminar.

Suzanne Harpine (left), Jeanne Rump, Bruce Spivey, Lois Stemple, Jerry Varner and Mike Hill at the piano are among the many who provided music during the seminar.



Taking Up the Torch



by the Editor

It's late morning. A light drizzle blankets the campus. I glance at my camera to check for raindrops on the lens. "Turn this way," I direct. "Put your feet on different steps. Now, look this way."

My subject seems nervous, feeling conspicuous. A bit strange, it seems, for someone who became a literature evangelist when barely 14, working hundreds of miles from home. Strange for someone who has been responsible for \$79,000 in sales over eight summers.

Lonnie Kerbs may be uneasy around cameras, but not people. "I plan to make the publishing work a career," he says.

I ask him about that first summer. How did he get around?

"I rode the bus quite a bit. The second summer I bought a bicycle. I could have gotten an easier job, but I don't think I could have gotten one as rewarding. Not only do you get financial rewards, but you learn how to speak tactfully with people. More important, it seems that every summer my spiritual experience grows."

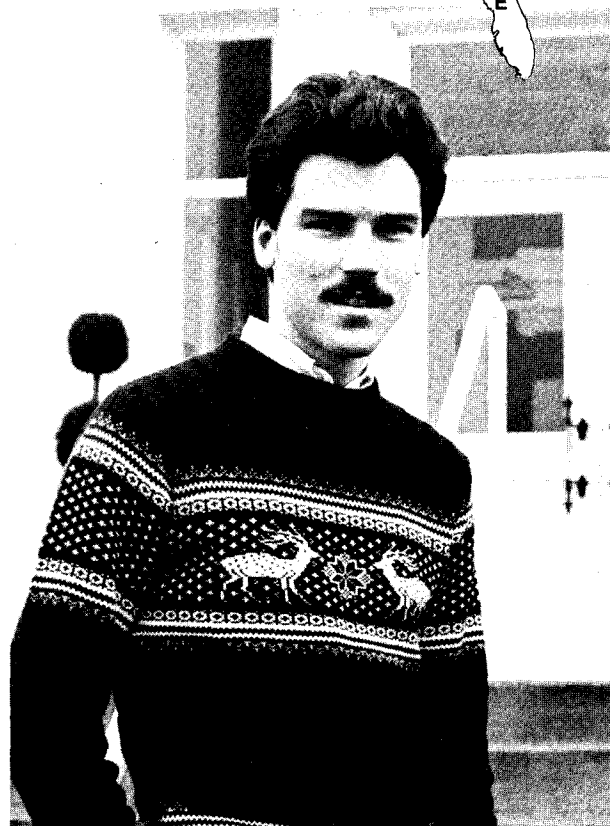
Lonnie graduates this May from Southern College with a theology major and business administration minor. "I feel it is an excellent college, and I'm glad I decided to stay right here for my college education."

In the summer of 1983 he and Sondra Torkelson were married. "She's stood behind my decision to make the publishing work my career ever since she's known me, and she's known me a long time. In fact, she was one of my student colporteurs back in '79 when I was a student leader!" Was that before or after you had your eye on her? I tease. "Well, I think I had my eye on her then!" he confesses, with a smile.

His enthusiasm for his chosen field is genuine and spontaneous. "I considered pastoral ministry or medicine, but I came to the conclusion that the literature ministry offered the highest calling. The Lord is coming soon! I don't see why we don't have literally hundreds of people lined up to do this work!"



Lonnie Kerbs (right) sold \$1,500 worth of books his first summer, when he was 14. Two summers later that had soared to \$9,500. His peak came in 1982, with sales of \$15,000. Here he is congratulated by Carolina Conference President M. D. Gordon (left) and Publishing Director Ron Davis.



Lonnie Kerbs is a senior at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists. Following graduation he will work in the Winston-Salem, North Carolina, area.

Lonnie's formula for success? "If I were a leader looking for a potential literature evangelist I would look at his work record. I'd ask a previous employer if he had problems being punctual. These things are important in the literature work because there's no clock to punch, there's no one telling you you have to do this or you have to get out there and work 40 hours. Someone who really motivates himself and who decides he's going to get out there and go after it can be a success."

It was March 12, 1982. Lonnie spent the morning with Joe Hunt, associate publishing director of the General Conference; Henry Fish, associate publishing director of the Southern Union; and Wayne Thurber, sponsor of the Colporteur Club at Southern College. "Elder Hunt strengthened and encouraged me in my decision to make the publishing work a career. Early the next morning Elder Fish called with the tragic news that Elder Hunt had been killed in an automobile accident only a few hours after we had been with him. What Elder Fish told me I'll never forget. 'Lonnie, we must now take up the torch where Elder Hunt laid it down.' These words, 'We must take up the torch,' echoed again and again in my mind, compelling me to give my all to the work of God. This is the work to which I dedicate my life."

JESUS BEHIND BARS

by Gary L. Ivey

The 17 employees and many volunteers of the Jesus Behind Bars prison ministry met in Orlando, Florida, January 24-28 for the second annual workers' meeting. Founded in 1979, the ministry now has personnel in California, Florida, Ohio, Washington, Arizona, Nebraska, West Virginia, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

A new outreach in the Philippines was announced at this meeting, represented by Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Bontilao, who have seen 1,700 baptized through their ministry. Jesus Behind Bars has helped him to establish a church behind bars in a Filipino prison. The Bontilaos joined the Jesus Behind Bars staff February 1.

Another new development was presented at the meeting: a television ministry, with Washington, D.C., pastor Ron Halvorsen and Clifton Davis, former actor, now Adventist ministerial student, as speakers. "I believe with the video



Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Bontilao, of the Philippines joined Jesus Behind Bars in February making the Orlando, Florida, based prison ministry international in its scope.

ministry we will span the continent, leading many to the message," says David Mould, executive director of Jesus Behind Bars. The program was scheduled to begin production in mid-March and air July 1.

Mould began Jesus Behind Bars at great personal sacrifice because of his burden for those in prison. Two men who believed in Mould and his



David Mould, executive director of Jesus Behind Bars, addresses the capacity crowd at Orlando's Mt. Sinai church concerning his burden for prison ministry as the five-day meeting ends.

vision and have continued to encourage him were honored at the Mt. Sinai church Sabbath afternoon: retiring General Conference Associate Lay Activities Director Russell W. Bates and former Southern Union Conference President H. H. Schmidt. Schmidt serves as chairman of the board of Jesus Behind Bars.

Jesus Behind Bars staffers attended workshops in the areas of Diet and Delinquency, Preaching in Prison, Crisis Intervention, How to Give a Seminar, Rehabilitation or Recreation, Profile of the Female Inmate, and many more, at the Forest Lake church in Forest City Tuesday through Friday. On Sabbath, meetings were held at the Mt. Sinai church in Orlando. The Sabbath speakers included Halvorsen and Oakwood College Religion Department Chairman and veteran evangelist E. E. Cleveland.



Jesus Behind Bars Deputy Director Winton Forde (right) interviews Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wahrlich, JBB staffers in West Virginia, who met when he was an inmate and she was working in prison ministry. Now they work together in full-time prison work. Seated are Jesus Behind Bars Board Chairman H. H. Schmidt (left) and Washington, D.C., pastor Ron Halvorsen.

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ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI



Twenty new members were BAPTIZED into the Dothan, Alabama, church at the close of the Truth-for-the-End-Time Crusade conducted by Jack DuBosque, conference evangelist, reports Richard Hallock, conference ministerial secretary. Pastor Brad Schleif is continuing studies with several more interested persons and anticipates future baptisms as these individuals make their decisions for God and His truth.

One hundred twenty-eight elementary and junior academy students from 13 participating schools assembled at Bass Memorial Academy on February 23 to prepare for their annual MUSIC FESTIVAL February 24, 25. Alden Olmsted, of the BMA music department, was the festival coordinator and director. Guest speaker for the Friday evening vespers was the conference president, W. A. Geary. His message was entitled, "The Hidden Years of Nazareth." In addition to the musical numbers performed on Friday evening, the students also participated in the Sabbath school, worship hour, and vesper services on Sabbath, as well as presenting an afternoon concert of band, choral, bells, instrumental, and small group numbers, reports Alice Robertson, education superintendent.

Nine Pensacola, Florida, Pathfinders and two of their staff members CAMPED 12 stories below ground level in DeSoto Caverns near Childersburg, Alabama, the weekend of February 18. The experience moved the club members a step closer to completion of their honor in spelunking, and at the same time broadened their understanding of bats.

Laymen from around the Conference gathered to hear attorney Lewis Walton, author of *Omega* and *Decision at the Jordan*, at a Laymen's Church Development Foundation RALLY held at the Pensacola, Florida, church March 9 and 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Correa, of Shreveport, Louisiana, were guest speakers at an area YOUTH RALLY March 16, 17 in the Pensacola church.

CAROLINA

A few months ago, a crisis intervention SOCIAL DIRECTOR challenged the Asheville, North Carolina, church to help a very needy family. The mother was a paraplegic, the result of a gunshot wound in her spine. The husband was in jail for the crime. A 15-year-old son was attempting to be mother and father in the home, including care of his mother and his four-year-old sister. Floors were rotted and would not support a wheelchair. The church immediately began work. Under-the-floor supports, flooring, and linoleum were installed. An alcove was enlarged so that the washer and dryer could be side by side instead of one above the other, making it possible for the mother in her wheelchair to reach the controls. Bedrooms were painted. Kitchen cupboards were cleaned out. A wheelchair ramp was built out of the front door. A dentist in the church gave \$1,000 worth of dental care to the boy. On reaching 16 years of age, he has been taken daily for six weeks to high school driver training, so he can obtain a license to drive and be more flexible in his school and home program. One church member makes weekly visits to study the Bible with the family.

In December, 1983, the Morganton, North Carolina, COMMUNITY SERVICES center distributed 135 large plastic bags of clothes to the poor people in a mountain community. In addition it gave away toys for children and helped other needy families.

Seventy-five people attended a 10-week STRESS SEMINAR conducted in the Greensboro, North Carolina, church near the end of 1983. Pastor and Mrs. Victor Brown, who directed the program, were assisted by eight church members. United Services for Older Adults also meets for lunch in the church fellowship hall.

FLORIDA



Some 16 Gainesville Pathfinders and leaders experienced a PLANNED FAMINE Saturday, February 18. Leader Barbara Lower said 10,000 people die each day of starvation or diseases related to malnutrition. The group's purpose in the Planned Famine was to experience the feeling of being hungry and contribute \$2 for each meal missed. Sponsors for each Pathfinder boosted the contributions which were given to World Vision, an interdenominational Christian humanitarian agency which is supporting hunger-related relief programs in Latin American, Middle Eastern, Asian, and African countries. The Pathfinders learned, through talks and presentations, why hunger exists and contributing factors: life style, population, energy crisis, etc. Even the community got involved with the project. Radio and television station news personnel interviewed group members. Lower said, "People become hunger statistics one at a time and they can be helped the same way. The Pathfinders wanted to make a difference."

Lewis Hendershot, youth ministries director, reports the largest attendance ever for the Freshman/Sophomore SPIRITUAL RETREAT held February 10-12 at Camp Kulaqua. Two hundred thirty students from Forest Lake and Greater Miami academies, junior academies, and public schools attended the retreat designed for spiritual fellowship. Chaplain LeClair Litchfield, Georgia-Cumberland Academy, was the guest speaker.

In January, Florida's active COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS sent 950 cartons of clothing, weighing 33,250 pounds, to the General Conference SAWS eastern warehouse in Baltimore, Maryland, for shipment overseas. Florida Conference churches pack clothes and send them to the Orlando warehouse at Forest Lake Academy where some are packed for overseas shipment and some are retained for disaster relief. Cartons are marked for gender, size, and weight: summer or winter. A size 14 woman, for example, would receive a complete size 14 outfit with all the essentials except for shoes. The Orlando Community Service Center handles all the Red Cross clothing in Florida. When the Red Cross holds clothing drives it gives it all to the Florida Conference.

Some members of the Venice church and a few from the Port Charlotte church have been conducting an OUTREACH PROGRAM in the North Port Civic Center. Over 200 persons attended an advertised special: one evening of multinational religious music featuring Hungarian, Yugoslavian, Puerto Rican, Honduran, German, and Jamaican music.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

SEARCH TELECAST has just gone on Station WTVK, Channel 26, in Knoxville, Tennessee, every Sunday morning at 9:30.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



Radio Station WLPQ, 980, in London, Kentucky, every Sunday morning at 8:30 will air THE QUIET HOUR.

The following REVELATION SEMINARS are in progress: Fred Calkins is conducting a Revelation Seminar in Calhoun, Kentucky, where Seventh-day Adventists have no church. He hopes to organize a company there in April or May of this year. Calkins has about 12 nonmembers attending this seminar. John Riggs will open in the next few weeks in Corbin, Kentucky. We have no church in Corbin. Luther May is holding a seminar in Murray, Kentucky. Ed Shafer is conducting a seminar in Frankfort, Kentucky, and had 38-40 out the first night.



The CARING CHURCH theme is taken seriously by the Cross Plains, Tennessee, church. Norma Dean Spencer, community services leader, and Clark Spencer, personal ministries leader, worked with Robertson County social worker, Pat Morgan, to bring together 80 non-Adventists—70 children and 10 adults—to a Christmas party held at the church. Each child received two gifts and a box of fruit, nuts, and candy and a Bible booklet. The adults were given a large book *To Know God*, and a Bible painting. The pastor of a local community church assisted in helping to transport the children. The church received a letter from Pat Morgan which reads, "Saying 'thank you' for all you did for the poor and needy children of Robertson County during the Christmas period seems so inadequate. However, you should know my respect, admiration, and love for you two increases with each day and each new act of love. When people ask me how I can continue to do the work necessary in dealing with child abuse, I can honestly say it is made so much easier through contacts with unselfish people like you."



Lin Powell and Ben Davis are holding EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS in Savannah, Tennessee. Eleven have been baptized, with many more good interests.



For the first time in the history of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference every elementary school teacher has been **CERTIFIED**, reports Lyle Anderson, education superintendent. This is the first time in the last 10 years within the Southern Union that any conference has had 100 percent certification.

HIGHLAND ACADEMY BAND AND CHOIR had charge of the Sabbath school and worship service at the Hendersonville, Tennessee, church February 25. Eugene Brewer directs the band and Robert Schimp is choir director.

SOUTH CENTRAL



Joseph F. Milner, Jr., chairman of the LAY ADVISORY COUNCIL, was re-elected for a second term February 12. During his 1983-84 year as chairman of the LAC, Milner stated that the LAC achieved 100 percent of the specific goals that were set for that year. Those goals were: 1. **EVANGELISM**— 1983 was the greatest year ever for evangelism in the South Central Conference, with more than 1,700 baptisms. Laymen played a significant part in helping to win the baptized and in helping to raise up new congregations. 2. **FAMILY FINANCE SEMINAR**— Goal number two was to have Samuel D. Meyers of the General Conference Ministerial and Stewardship Department and O. J. McKinney, stewardship director of the Southern Union, to conduct a Family Finance Seminar at the 1983 camp meeting. Sixty-eight graduated from the course, while many others attended. 3. **LAYMEN'S RETREAT**— Goal number three was to have a laymen's retreat for training and testifying of the work done in 1983. This retreat was held at Joe Wheeler Park near Florence, Alabama, March 2-4. 4. **BUILDING TEAM**— Goal number four was to organize a building team in the Conference to help construct and renovate church and school buildings. That team has helped on one building and is ready to go all the way on future buildings. 1983-84 was a super year and the enthusiasm among laymen and pastors was high as goals for 1984-85 were set: 1. **EVANGELISM**— The goal for 1984 is to encourage every member to work with the pastors to win a soul in 1984. 2. **SOUTHERN UNION REVOLVING FUND**— The goal this year is to inform the members of the REVOLVING FUND in which members may invest money and draw interest while the fund helps churches to have money to build. The LAC Board pledged \$4,000 when it voted to use the Revolving Fund on February 12. 3. **FAMILY FINANCE SEMINAR**— Another goal for this year is to hold another Family Finance Seminar at camp meeting, with Meyers and McKinney. 4. **REACTIVATE THE LAC COMMITTEES**— Another goal this year is to have all seven LAC committees activated by camp meeting. We look forward to having all churches take part in the LAC by having someone from each church at every meeting of the Lay Advisory Council Milner states, the June 17 meeting at camp meeting and the November 4 meeting. And he especially invites the pastors to meet with the LAC whenever they can.

Alfred Hill, a recent graduate from Oakwood College, was told by the conference officers that they could not hire him when he completed his work. Hill said that he had been called to do the work of the Lord and proceeded to work in Tunica, Mississippi. A NEW CONGREGATION has been raised up as a result of his labors and those of the literature evangelists in the area.



ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM/SUNBELT



An honor provided Don Welch, president of Adventist Health System/United States (AHS/US) was his election as CHAIRMAN of the Multi-hospital Governing Council of the American Hospital Association on January 30. As president of both AHS/US and one of its divisions, AHS/Sunbelt, Welch observed on his new position that "I feel this group, which is active, will have great influence on the way AHA and our national leaders will look on the health-care industry." The purpose for the Multi-hospital Governing Council includes the development and implementation of policies and programs which are designed to promote recognition, support, and growth of multi-hospital systems, all of which support the common understanding, comments Welch, "that the small, free-standing hospital will soon be gone and only those which are associated multi-hospital systems will survive." Adventist Health System/United States is recognized as the largest not-for-profit, nonfederal multi-hospital corporation in the country. AHS/Sunbelt has proven its health-care knowledge over the past decade. "But," adds Welch, "we still have some problems to deal with. However, together we all can survive."

Medical Center Hospital, in Punta Gorda, Florida, received an unexpected \$1,400 from the proceeds of a two-day AIRSHOW featuring the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels. The third annual airshow raised a total of \$35,000 for charity and service clubs. While performing in Charlotte County, the precision jet team also designated the Hospital as its contact hospital.



OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Eurydice Osterman, assistant professor of music at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, and director of the Oakwood College Choir, was cited as one of the OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN OF AMERICA in 1983, and was given an award to that effect this past January. Osterman has been a member of the Oakwood College faculty since 1978. Her professional skills include not only those of conductor, instructor, pianist, and organist, but those of composer and arranger, as well. She began studying piano at the age of six and has continued her musical career ever since. It was while studying at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, that she began composing her own music and since that time she has won awards from Andrews University for two consecutive years (1982 and 1983) for her arrangement of "O What A Beautiful City" and her composition, "Alleluia," which was also performed on Alabama Public Television. Osterman presently directs the Oakwood College Choir and has done so since 1978. She has performed with The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Bach's "Magnificat," Vivaldi's "Gloria," Beethoven's "Choral Fantasy," to name a few. The choir has also released an album, "Roll Jordon, Roll," has traveled to several cities giving concerts, and was selected to perform at the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Oakwood College has received a \$2,100 UNRESTRICTED GRANT from the Sears Foundation. The unrestricted grants are awarded to provide selected private regionally accredited two- and four-year colleges and universities with funds to be applied to areas of need as determined by their administrators. The Foundation awards up to \$1.5 million per year.



SOUTHERN COLLEGE



Evonne Richards successfully defended her DOCTORAL DISSERTATION entitled "Word Processing: An Approach to Software Purchase Decisions and Evaluation of Three Current Software Packages" at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Evonne has been employed at Southern College for seven years and is currently teaching several secretarial courses and is in charge of the word-processing department.



Ronald Springett, associate professor of religion, completed his dissertation "A Suggested Historical Background of *Sepientia Solomonis*," and will officially receive his DOCTORATE DEGREE in philosophy from the University of Manchester in England in July.



Brad Davis, assistant professor of psychology, received his DOCTORAL DEGREE from the University of Louisville in August with the completion of his dissertation, "The Effect of the Degree of Perceptual Salience and Perceptual Difference on Covert Oral Responses."

SOUTHERN UNION



Plans call for the airing in prime time of FAITH FOR TODAY's "So Near, So Far" special in Atlanta and Miami during 1984. Given the ratings that another Faith For Today special received in Washington, D.C., over the holidays, response to these specials in the Southern Union should be excellent. More than 400,000 people in the Nation's capital watched Faith For Today's holiday special, "The Harvest," during Christmas week. "To our knowledge, no other producer of religious programming has ever received ratings representing this large an audience," says Dan Matthews, Faith For Today director. He was referring to the seven percent rating that Nielsen established for the special which was aired on CBS-Channel 9 in Washington Tuesday, December 27. A seven rating translates into 213,000 households watching the program. With an average of 1.88 persons viewing per household, Nielsen estimates a viewing audience of 400,440 persons, or 14 percent of those with televisions turned on that evening. This was especially encouraging since the program aired opposite a major basketball game on another station. The seven rating stands up well when compared to the most popular TV preacher, Robert Schuller, who averages a 1.3 rating in the same market. Commercials during the program invited viewers to write or call to receive a booklet on how to have a happy home. There were a total of 882 phone requests and 81 mail-ins, for an aggregate of 963 responses.

The Church In Action

Education

Southern Promises Quality Despite Cuts

Southern College — The statement of mission adopted by Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists in September, 1983, declares that "its faculty and staff are committed to academic excellence." That statement has provided the focus for the current retrenchment process at the College, necessitated by three consecutive years of reduced enrollments and a projected fourth year of reduction, according to Southern College President Dr. John Wagner.

"Retrenchment," a term rarely used in the educational world 10 years ago, has become commonplace because of declining student populations nationwide and is now synonymous with staff reductions and economy measures.

"Southern College's reductions will not adversely affect program quality, however," says Wagner. The educational program may even be strengthened by the retrenchment process, suggests Dr. Cyril Fitcher, vice president for academic administration.

"Over the years of rising enrollments we had added classes of various content to create smaller class sizes. Now we are trying to increase class sizes," explains Dr. Fitcher. Consolidation of overlapping courses maintains a high quality program but enables the school to

offer fewer classes thus requiring fewer teachers, he says.

A comprehensive study of Southern College's program was also made by a five-member team of consultants, headed by Dr. Richard Hammill, past president of Andrews University and retired General Conference vice president. This committee's stated task was "to develop recommendations for economy measures which the College might adopt without adversely affecting the quality of education." Some of the committee's recommendations have already been implemented while others are still under study.

Equitable treatment of faculty members affected is a priority concern in the staffing decisions, according to Dr. Wagner. He also emphasized the need to invest in the future through continuing capital improvements to sustain quality education.

Though retrenchment proceedings will not be finalized until the Board of Trustees convenes on April 11, 1984, acceptance of calls by several faculty members, non-renewal of several one-year contracts, negotiated terminations for further study or job changes, reassignment, and attrition have resulted in a reduction in staff for the coming year. The tuition dollars saved in salaries, along with other economy measures being taken, lead Dr. Wagner to anticipate an improved financial situation for the 1984-85 school year.

Broom Shop Repurchase To Expand Student Labor

Southern College — In early April, Southern College will finalize the purchase of the broom shop from McKee Baking Company in order to expand student labor possibilities on campus.

The broom shop, officially known as the Supreme Broom Company, was originally built by the College some 40 years ago, and then sold to McKee Baking Company in 1976. Since the economic picture has changed significantly since that time, and since McKee's



A broom shop worker forms strands of broom corn into the beginnings of a kitchen broom.

was unable to provide many student work opportunities due to compliance with labor and equal employment laws, the College decided to repurchase the industry.

"By buying back the broom shop, the College hopes to again provide more students with the chance to help finance their college education through work," says Richard Reiner, Southern College's senior vice president for finance. Up to \$50,000 a year will be earned by the students as a whole, he says.

The College will eventually relocate the broom shop in a currently under-utilized storage building on Industrial Drive between the Collegedale Nursery and Angelica Laundry. McKee Baking Company will retain the land and the brick building that now houses the broom shop.

"The broom shop has an excellent track record of profits, too," says Reiner, "and we feel that this decision is a wise one for the long-range interests of the College."

Southern College Test Scores Above Average

Southern College — Dr. Cyril Fitcher, vice president for academic administration, recently released a report comparing Southern College pre-professional

test scores with the national average.

The scores of SC students who sat for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) at some point during the last eight administrations (April 1980 through October 1983) were significantly higher than the national average in all six areas of the test.

The Division of Nursing reports that it has an almost 100 percent pass-rate on the comprehensive test given to the students by the college at the end of their second year, in addition to a 97 percent passing rate on state board exams.

In the Division of Business and Office Administration, Dr. Wayne VandeVere, chairman, reports that at least five out of 12 accounting majors who will graduate in May have already secured permanent jobs. The passing rate of Southern College business majors on the Certified Public Accountant test is 20 percent higher than the national average.

Three Academies Join Bands

Carolina —The Forest Lake, Fletcher, and Mt. Pisgah Academy bands presented a joint concert February 4, at Mt. Pisgah Academy, Candler, North Carolina.

With more than 180 students in the band and Pat Silver from Southern College conducting, the performance was excellent.

The concert was well received, with more than 500 people in attendance.

The students rehearsed with



Combined bands from Mt. Pisgah, Forest Lake, and Fletcher academies performed February 4 under the direction of Pat Silver, of Southern College.

Silver for six hours on Friday afternoon in preparation for the concert. Among the selections performed were "God of Our Fathers," by Claude T. Smith, "Appalachian Carol Festival," by Robert Jager, and "I'll Fly Away," by Camp Kirkland.

Youth

Oakwood, Southern Hold Collegians Retreat

Southern Union — Students, sponsors, and chaplains from Southern College and Oakwood College convened at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center for the Annual Bible Conference, now called Collegians' Retreat, on February 10-12.

Previously the program was planned by directors of Youth Ministries, with input from the respective schools. This historic retreat was planned by the participating schools.

Chaplains Jim Herman and Joseph Powell of Southern and Oakwood, respectively, were resource persons, as the Adventist Youth Society and Campus Ministries leadership from the colleges outlined assignments early in the 1983-84 school year. Chairman of the plans committee was Ralph Peay, director of youth ministries for the Southern Union.

Registration and the evening meal was followed by a singspiration conducted by Oakwood and a traditional AYS program of music, skits with a message, and an appeal to commitment to Christ with "Time to care and share."

The retreat Sabbath school was planned by Southern College.

"Collegians' Creative Celebration," the nomenclature for divine worship, was an unforgettable service.

Music by Jan Wright was followed by the sermon by Dr. Benjamin F. Reaves, chairman of the department of theology at Oakwood

College. His theme was "The Time Is Now."

After noon on Sabbath a nature trail was followed up the mountain. Near the summit is a point at which the help of another person is needed to reach the top. No student seemed to be concerned about which campus or culture provided the boost. In fact, unsolicited testimonies regarding this were repeated many times over. The whole idea of the hike was to observe God's handiwork in nature, not sensing that the God of nature had other lessons of mutual respect, cross-cultural education, and self-worth on the trail; and at the summit love for building stronger relationships.

Vesper music provided by the campuses was mood-setting for Sabbath gratitude.

"Time for recreation" after supper included a film for those not fully recovered from the hike. For the more active there was volleyball, basketball, and "getting to know you" sessions.

An outstanding morning worship on Sunday preceded the memorable "Love Feast" and commitment challenge.

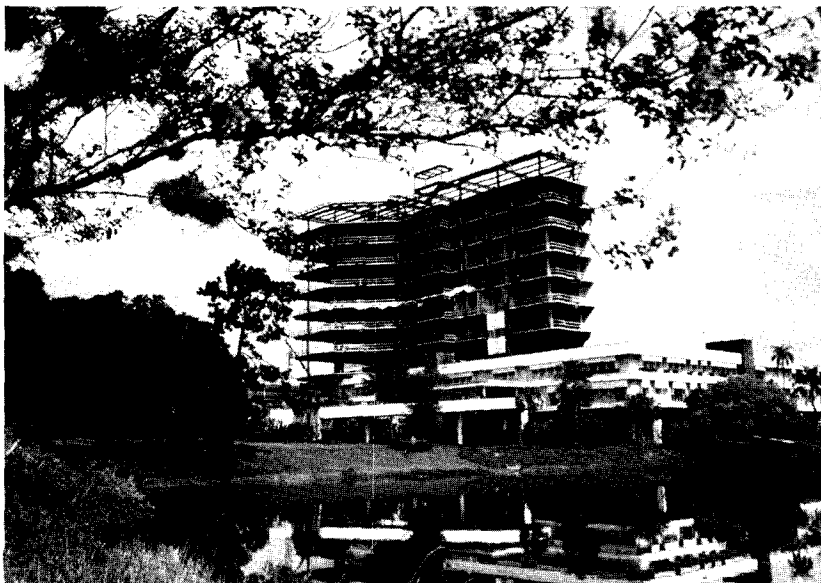
The retreat theme was "Now Is the Time." Students and staff left with renewed determination to redeem the time, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

Health

\$100,000 Gift Boosts Florida Hospital Capital Campaign

Florida Hospital — Southeast Bank, N.A., Senior Vice President Michael W. Scheffey and Regional Senior Vice President Robert White announced a \$100,000 pledge to Florida Hospital's Capital Campaign from the Southeast Banking Corporation Foundation. This brings Florida Hospital's campaign to \$3.7 million, just \$800,000 shy of the \$4.5 million goal.

Robin Rieter, director of the Southeast Banking Corporation



Florida Hospital's new patient tower, now under construction, is one of the projects being built under the \$4.5 million capital campaign.

Foundation, says that this contribution marks its largest single donation to any organization in the Greater Orlando area. The SBC Foundation makes contributions to non-profit organizations—20 percent to Education; 20 percent to the Arts; and some 50-60 percent to health, welfare, and community service agencies.

The SBC Foundation made the contribution to Florida Hospital on behalf of Southeast Bank, N.A. Hospital President Mardian J. Blair and Florida Hospital Foundation Chairman Nils Schweizer were on hand for the pledge announcement.

Monies received during the Capital Campaign will be going to Florida Hospital's expansion program that began in February, 1982. The \$3.7 million raised so far, according to Florida Hospital Foundation Executive Vice President Brooke Sadler, has come from local individuals and corporations, as well as state and national foundations.

GCA Hosts Academy Temperance Weekend

Southern Union — Academy Youth for Better Living (AYBL) around the Southern Union came to Georgia-Cumberland Academy

for their annual convention on February 17-18.

Special guests for the occasion included Dr. Paul Cannon, director of "The Bridge," a residential treatment center for Seventh-day Adventist youth who have problems with chemical dependencies.

Dr. Cannon's keynote on Friday night was followed by questions from students.

The host academy provided an exciting Sabbath school session. Shelly Litchfield was the superintendent.

Dr. Blondel Senior, president of HR/DS Seminars, was divine worship speaker. His subject was "In Search of Identity." After pointing out all the chaos that exists when one is not sure of a course of action, he gave "role modeling" as a solution to the search. His favorite Bible characters are: Daniel, who epitomized victory over peer pressure and conformity; Joseph, who illustrated victory over the human emotions; and Esther, who proved to be courageous in the face of certain death.

Lifting the vision and challenge he concluded that the perfect role model is Jesus. Studying His life answers the questions of origin, identity, and destiny.

For Sabbath afternoon the AYBL planning committee had several outreach activities arranged. They included: *Fun Ministry Workshop*,

with Shelly Litchfield, Don Livesay, Elbert Anderson and Marsha Hildreth McGrath; *Share-A-Loaf* — Students on Thursday and Friday baked loaves of bread to be given to community families, along with a magazine; *Mall Ministry* — Vanloads of students from seven academies went to the malls in Dalton and Rome; and *Weigh-in and Health-age Appraisals via Computers* — where the potential is great for youth involvement in the Health-Temperance outreach for prevention education.

Vespers was conducted by Elbert Anderson, better known as "Uncle Bert," and his son Quentin. Cyril Connelly, GCA principal, coordinated the weekend activities.

Individual students received awards for best oration, essay, jingle, cartoon, and poster. Recipients of the Gold Award were: Bass, Fletcher, Highland, Mount Pisgah, and Oakwood academies. Georgia-Cumberland received the Bronze Award.

Fletcher Academy was the recipient of the Community Service Award for the most work done among non-SDAs during the year.

The highly sought-after Most Points Award went to Fletcher.

The AYBL Weekend rewards the previous year's work and provides a kickoff for the 1985 convention.

Who and Where

Spanish VOP Becomes Full Component Of Media Center

Adventist Media Center — On January 19, the Board of Trustees of the Adventist Media Center approved a recommendation of the Voice of Prophecy Board of Management granting to the Spanish radio ministry La Voz de la Esperanza full-fledged status as the fifth component of the Media Center.

For more than 40 years, the Voice of Prophecy nurtured and administered La Voz de la Esperanza, a Spanish-language radio broadcast, as part of its foreign-language outreach. Gradually La Voz increased its ministry, implementing a grow-

ing array of broadcasts, correspondence courses, and other evangelistic services benefiting the Spanish-speaking world. This fact, plus the dramatic growth experienced by the Spanish work in the United States, have strengthened La Voz de la Esperanza until it has reached adult status. Now, in view of this fact, the Church has extended to La Voz official recognition as a Media Center component, with its own legal and administrative identity.

The new entity, which will continue to be named La Voz de la Esperanza, becomes now the fifth component of the Adventist Media Center. L. L. Bock, vice chairman of the Center Board of Trustees, said: "Welcome to this family, as an adult—and still growing—member. I wish you success and God's continued blessings."

Dr. Milton Peverini, director-speaker of La Voz de la Esperanza, expressed his satisfaction in reference to this action: "Thank you for this significant gesture of confidence and faith in the ministry of La Voz. Also, our heartfelt thanks to The Voice of Prophecy for its selfless support and encouragement throughout all these years. Now that we are on our own, we need, more than ever before, your prayers and, above all, God's gracious guidance. Together we must complete soon the task of announcing, by every means and to all people, the wonderful news of Jesus' soon coming."

A new correspondence course has been released by La Voz, entitled Buena Salud (Good Health), the course consists of 10 lessons—booklets presented in a contemporary style.

Revelation Seminar Teaches Sabbath Truth

Florida — Her preacher father told her it was changed and not to worry about it, so Flora pushed the Sabbath way back in her mind. Now, halfway through the Revelation Seminar, she entered a Seventh-day Adventist Church for the first time. When the doctrine of the Sabbath was presented she said, "For 30 years I have gone fish-



Deneen Mattair (left), and her mother, Flora B. Kelley, are newly baptized members of the Madison, Florida, church as a result of the Revelation Seminar held by Pastor Bob Burns.

ing on Saturday and to church on Sunday. Now I must go to church on Saturday and fish on Sunday."

Flora B. Kelley had received an announcement of the Revelation Seminar to be held in Madison, Florida, and wondered if they would include her. A telephone call got her registered.

As she attended nightly her interest grew. She hoped to have answers to the questions she had about the Sabbath as a little girl.

Flora was satisfied as she pointed out in a 48-column-inch article printed in the *Madison Carrier*. She wanted to tell others about the Law of God and His love for us. In May she was baptized and joined the Madison church.

She never attends church alone. Her daughter, Deneen Mattair, two other daughters, her sister, and many grandchildren from 4 to 12 attend often with her. Mrs. Kelly says in her own way, "I am a member of the Seventh-day Adventists . . . what a quiet and peaceful relationship I have found with my Heavenly Father. It is so beautiful and comfortable that I want to spread it all over the world."

English, Spanish Lay Seminars Held

Florida — Two eight-day lay evangelist training seminars will be conducted in April by the Personal Ministries Department.

Intensive training in field work, how to do house-to-house visitation, how to organize an action team (a group trained to conduct the evangelistic series), and how to hold an evangelistic series in the

home or small hall will be presented. R. H. Shepard, personal ministries director, is pleased with last year's results, "Eight lay evangelists who attended last year's seminar have held meetings and have had the joy of seeing souls baptized as a result of their efforts."

The first seminar, Spanish Lay Evangelist Training Seminar, will be held at the Hialeah Spanish church April 13-21. Fifty delegates from the 15 Florida Conference Spanish churches will attend.

The second, the English-speaking seminar, will be held April 20-28 at Camp Kulaqua.

S. F. Monnier, associate lay activities director of the General Conference, will direct both seminars. During the Spanish seminar he will be assisted by Joseph Espinosa, field secretary of the General Conference, Walter Cameron, Florida Conference Spanish coordinator, Jorge Suarez, pastor of the Orlando and Casselberry Spanish churches, and Carlos Aeschlimann will serve as chaplain.

At the English-speaking seminar, Monnier will be assisted by Maurice Abbott, Southern Union personal ministries director, pastors Harold Friesen and Steve Joannou, and Florida Conference Evangelism Coordinator Vic Zuchowski.

Florida Conference members are to contact their pastor if they would like to be delegates.

Mobile Churches Join for Singspiration

Alabama-Mississippi — A fellowship singspiration was held on Sabbath afternoon, February 18, at the St. Elmo, Alabama, church, for the members and friends from the combined districts of Mobile, Mobile West, and St. Elmo. Marion Hawkshead, first elder of the St. Elmo church, was the coordinator and directed the audience-participation numbers, which were interspersed with solos, duets, and small group selections.

Believing that "singing is as much a part of worship as is prayer," the members of the Mobile-area churches plan to hold quarterly



"A Retired Quartet" sings together for the first time in 18 years: Marion Hawkshead, bass (left); Bernard Elliot, baritone; Durell Norris, second tenor; Marvin Roberts, first tenor.

singspirations to draw them closer to God and to each other in Christian fellowship and harmony. They will follow a rotation plan of meeting in a different church each time.

A touch of nostalgia was added to the program when the 1965 male quartet from the Mobile First church sang, "A Little Talk with Jesus Makes It Right." Marion Hawkshead, bass; Bernard Elliot, baritone, of Gulfport, Mississippi; Durell Norris, second tenor, of Mobile First, Alabama; and Marvin Roberts, first tenor, of Mobile First, had not sung together in 18 years.

Alabama Inmates Reveal Changed Lives

Alabama-Mississippi — Participants in the United Prison Ministries program provided inspiration for members of the Clanton, Alabama, church on January 21. Two guards from Staton Correctional Center in Elmore, Alabama, volunteered their time to accompany four inmates, as well as two former inmates with their families. The group attended the morning worship service and led out in a testimonial meeting that afternoon.

Prisoners and guards alike expressed appreciation for those who take the time to visit the prison and conduct Bible studies. They spoke of changed lives and a spirit of peace and comradeship that per-

vades the entire institution, bearing testimony to the work of the Holy Spirit which attends the study of God's Word. Special music was provided by a former prisoner, accompanied on the piano by a young lady who is presently an inmate.

Area churches provide personnel for the Birmingham-based United Prison Ministries organization. Members make weekly visits to various correctional institutions and study with those inmates who are interested and, in many cases, with guards and chaplains as well. More than a dozen members of the Clanton church have been actively involved in the prison program, coordinated by Doug Higgins, head deacon and Sabbath school superintendent.

Many church members commented on the inspiration they received from this experience, as well as enlightenment as to what the prison ministry is accomplishing. They felt encouraged to continue in this rewarding work of reaching those whom Christ admonished them not to forget.

Mission Appointment Fulfills Nashville Physician's Dream

South Central — In May, Dr. Carl A. Dent, Nashville, Tennessee, and his wife, Lavetta, will embark for

Nairobi, Kenya. For Dr. Dent it will be the realization of a dream first conceived some 60 years ago. It was at that time, as a teenager, young Carl dreamed of being a missionary physician.

During the course of that 60 years Dent has become an institution in Nashville and black Adventism. To this end, February 25 became "Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Dent Day" in Nashville at the Riverside Chapel church. That date was also men's day and Dr. Dent brought the eleven o'clock message. It was a somber church as Dent rose to speak. Dent remarked, "This is like a tree being pulled up by its roots. And there are so many roots to be broken." The message centered around attainment of goals—personal, social,



Dr. Carl A. Dent passes the torch to Dr. Michael Lester, who assumes the responsibility for his medical practice. Dent and his wife leave for Africa as missionaries in May.

and spiritual. "If you set no goals, you will reach them," Dent remarked.

That night Dent and his wife were honored at a farewell banquet. Two hundred thirty-six persons attended. Dr. G. L. Dixon, Dr. Dent's partner in medical practice since 1969, was toastmaster.

The evening was highlighted by the presentation of a scrapbook from Riverside Chapel Pastor Xavier Butler, with cards, letters, and pictures from the Riverside church family. A touching moment came when Dent passed an Olympic-type torch to Dr. Michael Lester, who has assumed the responsibility for Dent's medical practice.

Pictorial Stories



Georgia-Cumberland Conference President G. Patterson (right), along with attorney Gary Patri present the first monetary retrieval from Davenport Bankruptcy to the conference, in form of a check for \$90,000. Receiving the funds for the Georgia Conference Association is Treasurer Jay Shanko (second from left), and Association Secretary Bill Ambler (left). These funds are proceeds from the sale of one of three properties secured before the bankruptcy in 1981. Foreclosure and sale proceedings are in progress on the San Diego, California, properties as well, hopefully bringing several hundred thousand dollar return.



Pacific Press has broken ground for only the third time in its 110-year history. This historic occasion took place at the Press's new site in Nampa, Idaho, on March 1. More than 250 people attended, with news coverage by three TV stations and two newspapers. The 40-acre site is ideally situated along Interstate 84, 15 miles west of Boise. In his opening remarks, Pacific Press President Eugene Stiles outlined some of the steps that led Pacific Press to Idaho. Requirements included lower operating costs and a small, friendly community. Nampa seems to fit these criteria perfectly.



Betty Crews jubilantly shows off the cake she won as the door prize at the "Health and Nutrition Without Meat" class held at the Jacksonville, Florida, Mandarin church February 13. The cake was a low calorie dessert made and demonstrated to the 40 people in attendance by Elizabeth Ann Davis. Class instructor was Evelyn Davis, R.N.



Martha Cordell, oldest living member of Foster Memorial church in Asheville, North Carolina, was surprised during the Sabbath morning services, January 21, when Dr. Bill Bryan (left), head elder, presented her with a gift in honor of her 102nd birthday. Her grandson, Joe Boone, looks on. Mrs. Cordell was born in Fuquay Springs, North Carolina, in 1882. In 1886, a visiting minister, Elder Rupert, gave Bible studies in Raleigh for several weeks, after which her mother, father, and three sisters were baptized into the church. They moved to Asheville in 1884, and when the first SDA church was formed in Asheville in 1908, Mrs. Cordell's sister was a charter member. Mr. and Mrs. Cordell had 10 children, six of whom are still living. Mr. Cordell died in 1958. Mrs. Cordell believes there are more than 100 descendants who are members of the church as a result of the one series of Bible studies held by Rupert in 1886 in Raleigh.



The 45-member Walker Memorial Pathfinder club displays more than 1,500 items of food and clothing it collected during the holiday food basket project. Under the direction of David and Elizabeth Reams, food baskets were given to needy community residents of Avon Park, Florida, and surrounding areas.



The members and students of the Oakwood College and Mt. Calvary churches in Huntsville, Alabama, are conducting continuous outreach evangelistic programs. New congregations have been organized in Scottsboro, Stevenson, and Athens, Alabama. Pictured with the pastor, E. C. Ward, are the members of the newly born group in Scottsboro.



It Is Written Executive Producer David L. Jones (right) accepts the program's fifth Angel award from "WKRP in Cincinnati" actor Gordon Jump at Religion in Media's Annual Awards Banquet, held in Beverly Hills, California, February 16. "We are especially pleased that It Is Written's fifth Angel recognizes a program series, 'Roots of the Bible,' which focuses on and uplifts God's Word." This award set a new record for Religion in Media, being the first time that any religious television organization has received five awards for its regularly scheduled programming.



The 1984 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* will include the names of five students from Oakwood College who have been selected as national outstanding leaders. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students, based on their academic achievement, service, and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934. Students named this year from Oakwood College are: Kim Alicia Smith (left), Kathryn Jones, Edson Herald Joseph, Nancy Alta Benjamin, and Wanda Faye Davis.



Gary Garner (second from right), former clinic manager for Fletcher Medical Center, has been appointed administrator of a mission hospital in Malawi, Africa. Here presenting checks as going-away gifts to him and his wife, Sharon, are his former pastors and a fellow elder: Dr. Joe Battistone (left), Dr. R. H. Pierson, and Pastor Maurice Witt. Also on hand was Harry Clough (right), president of Maranatha Flights International, North Carolina Chapter, an organization which assists in building churches and clinics worldwide. Clough and Garner assisted Witt in building the new Mills River church (background), of which Pierson was the first pastor.



Morris Venden, pastor of Union College church in Lincoln, Nebraska, was the guest speaker for a weekend revival held February 3 and 4 at the First church of Montgomery, Alabama. The presentation of the simple story of the good news of salvation encouraged a renewed consecration on the part of those in attendance.



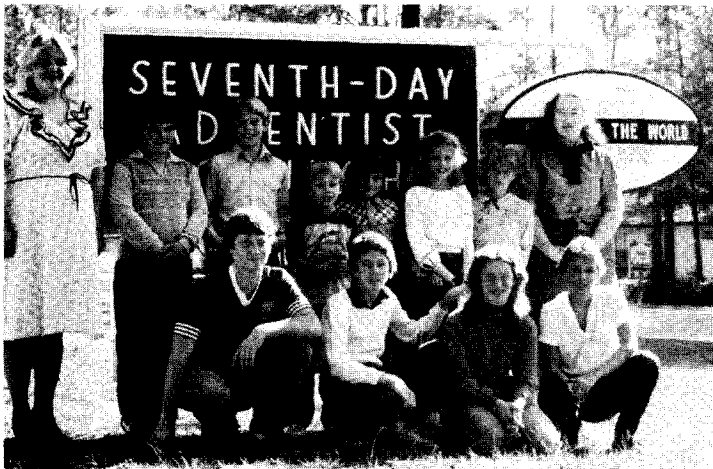
Southern College's May, 1984, graduating class recently elected its senior officers. They are Greg Ellis (left)—president (theology), Asheville, North Carolina; Cheryl Torry—secretary/treasurer (elementary education), New Orleans, Louisiana; Dana Reed (top)—pastor (communications), New York, New York; and Sam Boles—vice president (chemistry), Atlanta, Georgia.



Paul Sherer (left) and his assistants in the Community Services Department of the Tryon, North Carolina, church will make good use of the \$563 worth of gifts presented that department at a shower sponsored by one to the Sabbath school classes. Church members brought new and used linens, blankets, pillows, and clothing, as well as food. Workers present for the occasion were: Sherer, his wife Alma, Kathryn Habenicht, Edna Mabel Pohlman, and Florence Klady.



A good manners course was conducted by Stella Bailey in February at the Calhoun elementary school. The theme was I CARE "I Can Act Right Everywhere," with good manners being covered for restaurants, introductions, telephone use, and table etiquette. Role playing was done to show right ways of acting in different situations and a poster contest was conducted.



Charleen Kurth Wright (left) and 11 students, including two Home Study International students, represent the student body of Starke Christian Academy's first year. The Starke, Florida, church moved into its new building in 1982 and opened the church school, grades 1-8, in 1983. The school's motto is "We have decided to follow Jesus."



In an innovation to the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, Pastor Richard Duke (left), Stuart, Florida, church, has Plan alumni share their experiences of quitting. One three-year veteran said, "Pastor Duke is one of my best friends." Pictured here are 84 people representing 1,940 cigarettes smoked that day, totaling 20.2 days of shortened life expectancy. A count on the Plan's last day showed they had smoked only 76 cigarettes. Seventy-eight people finished the Plan. The Stuart church, in cooperation with Martin Memorial Hospital, sponsors 3-5 Plans each year hosting 75-100 participants from the community.

The Business and Professional Foundation in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference held its annual winter retreat at Barren River Lake State Park near Glasgow, Kentucky, on February 24 and 25. Elvin Adams, M.D., from Fort Worth, Texas, gave several stirring presentations dealing with attitudes and behavior. This organization has helped 18 churches in their building program.





Ted N. Graves

Denominational Employees' Desk

"I Am Debtor"

Debt is frightening to most of us—in theory! In practice it appears we enjoy being frightened. We believe debt is to be "shunned like the plague" but as children of our generation we clasp it to our breasts. It brings great relief to have our debts paid, but for too many, debt is discharged only by death.

In olden times, it was "A dollar down and a dollar a week." The slogan today is "Play now, pay later." In a nation with a national debt so large we cannot grasp the meaning of it, loyal Americans support the economy by spending. Our youth want "things" and they want them now. Bankruptcy is increasingly seen as an honorable means of economic recovery. We pay the dollars back with blood, sweat, and tears.

Intellectually we remember the words of the wise man, "there is nothing new under the sun." We are indebted to so many for ideas—for shared knowledge—for lessons from experience. The wise ones who have challenged us with their thoughts have placed us in debt for what we have learned. We pay the debt by sharing our knowledge with others.

Inspirationally we are challenged by those who have pointed the way. There are those we respect. There are those whose life style appeals. There are those whose commitment challenges. There are those whose example calls for the best in every way. We pay this debt by example to those who look to us.

Spiritually we all remember those who shared with us. For me it is the obscure couple in a small church who talked with me of the love of Jesus for a teenager. It is the pastor who took me to Southern Missionary College and a different direction for life. For all of us it is the overwhelming price of our redemption paid at Calvary. The apostle Paul in Romans 1:14 cried out "I am debtor." God help us each to recognize with Paul the spiritual debt we owe and to pay as best we can by allowing the Holy Spirit to use us in sharing "what Jesus has done for me."

Ted N. Graves is the principal of Mount Pisgah Academy at Candler, North Carolina.

World View

Poland's Children Protest Removal of Crucifixes.

Four hundred students occupied an agricultural school after Communist authorities stripped classrooms of crucifixes in the predominantly Roman Catholic country. Prime Minister Jaruzelski, who has granted many church building permits, has been criticized by party hardliners for improving relations with the church. The school has been closed after police wielding clubs broke up the demonstration. *Newsweek*, March 19.

School Prayer Amendment Defeated. In spite of lobbying efforts by President Reagan and the Religious Right, the proposed Constitutional Amendment to permit organized spoken prayer in public schools failed in the Senate March 20. The vote was 56-44 in favor of the amendment, 11 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed. If it had passed, 38 states would have needed to ratify it before it could be law. Independent TV preachers, such as Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson described the vote as a "blow against freedom in America." But spokesmen for the Lutherans and the Baptists praised it as protecting school children "from government imposed religious rituals." (Seventh-day Adventists have opposed the amendment on the basis of separation of church and state.) *Atlanta Constitution*, March 21.

African Program Sponsored By Adventist World Radio. People from 10 African countries, the German Democratic Republic, and South Pacific islands have responded to the SDA program from Radio One, among the most powerful shortwave stations in Africa, heard throughout most of the 19 French-speaking countries in the Africa-Indian Ocean Division. "La Vie Abondante" (The Abundant Life) is aired every day except Sunday, and has a magazine format with three-to-five-minute features. Most of the programs are produced by African students at Andrews University. *Adventist Review*, March 22.

Prevention Best Cure For Alcoholism: There is a popular misconception among young people that drinking makes them more attractive to the opposite sex, says Dr. Ernest P. Noble, director of the Alcohol Research Center at the University of California at Los Angeles. "Alcohol actually disrupts social communication," he says. "Drunkness should not be an object for laughter, ridicule, or jokes. It's not a laughing matter." *Listen*, March.

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Calendar Events

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Bass Memorial Academy Days — April 29-30.

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

Revelation Seminars

Feb. 6 - May 4 Dan Solis Vicksburg, Miss.
Mar. 4 - Apr. 28 Harry Rimer Birmingham, Ala., Roebuck

CAROLINA

Caring Church Seminars

Apr. 7 Mount Pisgah church Candler, North Carolina
28 Fletcher church Fletcher, North Carolina

ABC Prayer Crusade With Pastor Glenn Coon — April 27 - May 5. Fletcher, N.C., Upward church.

Old Car Club Memorial Day Car Show — May 28. Junaluska Bible Conference. Club membership will be registered that day by pre-registration. Anyone registering for the show will also be a club member. The purpose of the club is: 1. Fellowship; 2. To provide a special gift each year to a "small" elementary school in the Carolina Conference (library book or equipment); 3. To reach out to other people, through this interest, with the caring love of Jesus. Contact Jim MacLaughlin, 2511 Kingston Dr., Florence, SC 29501, (803) 667-1645.

FLORIDA

Family Life Seminars (with Pastor Ken and Helen Bryant)

Apr. 7 West Palm Beach
14 St. Petersburg
21 Winter Haven
May 5 Palmetto
12 Winter Garden

Senior Citizens' Camp — April 8-12. Camp Kulaqua.

Lay Evangelist Training Seminars

Apr. 13-21 Spanish, Hialeah Spanish church
20-28 English, Camp Kulaqua

ABC Prayer Crusade With Glenn Coon — April 13-21. Inverness.

Evangelistic Crusades

Apr. 14 - May 19 Brooksville Harmon Brownlow
Apr. 21 - May 26 Jacksonville Regency Lester Pratt
Apr. 21 - May 26 Tampa First Robert DuBose

Youth Ministries

Apr. 7 — Adventist Youth Fellowship Rally, Orlando Jr. Academy gym, Orlando

Apr. 14 — Pathfinder Coordinator Meeting, Ft. Pierce

Apr. 21 — Adventist Youth Fellowship Rally, Miami Temple church

Apr. 28 — Adventist Youth Fellowship Rally, Jacksonville Mandarin church

May 4-6 — Young Married Couples' Retreat, Camp Kulaqua

Elementary and Junior Academy Music Festival — April 12-14. Forest Lake Academy. Featuring: 125-member band, 500-member choir, and a 150-member string orchestra.

Orlando Adventist Youth Orchestra Concert — April 21, 7:30 p.m. Forest Lake Academy music building.

Adventist Book Center Closed — April 22.

Forest Lake Academy Alumni Association Potluck Luncheon — May 26 (after church service the 1st weekend of camp meeting). Outdoor chapel.

"Ethics and the Christian Nurse Today" (Available for CEU Credit) — May 27 at Florida camp meeting. Write ASDAN, 2322 Dade Ave., Orlando, FL 32804, or call (305) 894-0094. Preregistration required.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

East Tennessee Adventist Teachers' Association Meeting — April 7.

Area Camp Meetings

Apr. 7 Tifton, Ga.
14 Tri-City School
21 Savannah, Ga.
28 Crossville, Tenn.

Book & Food Displays will be held at all Conference-wide area camp meetings by the ABC.

Adventist Teachers' Association Retreats

April 7, 8 North Georgia
April 21, 22 Tennessee Valley

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

Lay Witness Weekends

April 13, 14 Athens, Ga.
May 4, 5 Ellijay, Ga.

Prayer Crusade With Glenn Coon — April 13-21. Cleveland, Tenn.

Georgia-Cumberland Academy Alumni Weekend — April 14. Honor classes: '79, '74, '69. Sabbath school begins at 10:30 a.m., church at noon with Stewart Crook, speaker, and fellowship lunch. The afternoon program is at 3:30 p.m. featuring Elijah Project, and the evening program starts at 8 p.m.

Academy Days — April 29, 30. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Retirees' Convention — May 3-6. Cohutta Springs Camp.

Sabbath School Seminars

May 6 Moultrie, Ga. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
13 Marietta, Ga. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
20 McDonald Road, Tenn. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
27 Greeneville, Tenn. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Collegedale Camp Meeting — May 23-26.

Atlantic Union College Alumni Meeting — May 26, 5 p.m. in the banquet room of the cafeteria, Southern College, Collegedale, Tennessee.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Health Seminar — April 7. Columbia/Jamestown, Ky., district.

Conference Pathfinder Camporee — April 13, 14. Indian Creek Camp.

Madison Academy Alumni Homecoming — April 14. Guest speaker, John Wagner, president of Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists.

Literature Evangelist Rally — April 14. St. Matthews, Ky., church.

Highland Academy Visitation Day — April 29.

Highland Academy Gymnastics Home Show — May 5. Highland Academy gymnasium.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Community Service Workshop — April 26-28. Cohutta Springs, Ga.

Western North Carolina Youth Federation — April 28. Burlington, N.C.

Conference-Wide Education Day and Elementary School Offering — April 28.

Religious Liberty Rally - Eastern North Carolina — April 28. Kinston, N.C.

Prison Ministry Seminar — May 5. Wilmington, N.C.

Publishing Rally — May 5. Albany, Ga.

Community Service Evangelism — May 5.

South Georgia Community Service Federation — May 13. Ft. Valley, Ga.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Regional Leadership Training Seminar — April 3-7. Huntsville, Ala.

Lay Advisory Council — April 15. Oakwood College church.

Oakwood College Alumni Weekend — April 20, 21.

Staff Meeting — April 24.

Conference Session — April 29. Oakwood College.

Conference Committee Meeting — May 7.

Literature Evangelists' Rally Day — May 12. Meridian, Miss.

MESSAGE Magazine Reporting Meeting — May 14, 15. Pensacola, Fla.

Music Committee Meeting — May 20.

Housing Board Meetings April 4 May 9

Community Services Federation Meetings

Apr. 14 Jackson, Miss.
May 5 Pensacola, Fla. (South Ala./West Fla.)
19 Huntsville, Ala. (North Ala.)

SOUTHERN COLLEGE

E. A. Anderson Lecture Series

Apr. 5 — 11:05 a.m. Collegedale church, Lindley B. Richert

Apr. 12 — 11:05 a.m. Collegedale church, Edward F. Reifsnnyder

Artist-Adventure Series

Apr. 7 — 8 p.m. PE Center, SC Concert Band

Apr. 14 — 8 p.m. PE Center, Gymnastics Home Show

Apr. 15 — 8:30 p.m. PE Center, SA Talent Show

Apr. 21 — 8:30 p.m. PE Center, Die Meistersinger, Choraliers Concert

Apr. 22 — SC Symphony Dinner Concert

College Days — April 15, 16.

Chorale Music Production, "My Fair Lady"

Apr. 15 3 p.m. Collegedale Academy Auditorium

Apr. 16 8 p.m. Collegedale Academy Auditorium

Apr. 17 8 p.m. Collegedale Academy Auditorium

Collegedale Academy Chorale Vespers — April 27, 8 p.m. Collegedale church.

SA Strawberry Festival — April 28, 8:30 p.m. PE Center.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Oakwood College Alumni Homecoming — April 19-21.

Class of '74 Reunion — April 19-21. Alumni homecoming weekend.

Contact Charles D. Battles, Class of '74 Planning Committee, %P.O. Box 128, Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL 35896.

SOUTHERN UNION

ASI Meeting — April 5-7. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

Missionary Magazine Emphasis — April 7.

Andrews University Offering — April 14.

Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration — April 14.

Community Services Workshop — April 19-21. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

Literature Evangelism Rally Day — April 21.

Adventist Singles Ministries

Apr. 20-22 — Southern Union Retreat. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

Apr. 27-29 — Miami area-wide singles weekend. Miami Temple church. Garland Day, speaker. Contact John Koger, 13230 SW 104th Ct., Miami, FL 33176, (305) 233-3366.

May 4-6 — Tampa Bay area-wide singles weekend. St. Petersburg church. Contact Trinnie Torrez, (813) 321-6438.

Educational Day and Elementary School Offering — April 28.

Community Services Evangelism — May 5.
Disaster and Famine Relief Offering — May 12.
National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Church Musicians Biannual Convention — July 6-10. Southern College. "Dimensions in Church Music and Worship." The 1984 convention will focus on children's choirs and hymns. Registrations received by May 30 will be allowed a 10 percent discount. Contact Marjorie Rasmussen, 36634 Angeline Circle, Livonia, MI 48150.

OUT OF UNION

Broadview Academy Alumni Day — April 14. William L. Fitch, speaker. Honor classes, Golden, '34; Silver, '59; '44; '54; '64; '74.
Lodi Academy 76th Anniversary Alumni Homecoming — April 14. Special attention to 75th anniversary class (1909), 50th anniversary class (1934), and 25th anniversary class (1959). Honored classes: '14, '24, '34, '44, '54, '64 and '74. Please respond to Lodi Academy, 1230 S. Central, Lodi, CA 95240.
Gables Junior Academy 50th Year Homecoming — June 8-10. Write: Bert Carrion, M.D., Rt. 1, Box 83, Bloomingdale, MI 49026.
Lake Nelson School 25th Anniversary — May 12. Floyd Strunk, speaker. Afternoon slide presentation, showing history of school. Musical program. Write Pat Kovalski, Lake Nelson School, 555 S. Randolphville Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854.
Rio Lindo Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend — April 7. Contact Rio Lindo Alumni Association, 3200 Rio Lindo Ave., Healdsburg, CA 95448. (707) 433-4418. Honor classes: '64 and '74.
Golden Gate Academy Alumni Homecoming — May 4-6. Write to: Pennie A. Lister, principal, Golden Gate Academy, 3800 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94619, (415) 531-0110.
Union College Homecoming Weekend — April 12-15. The classes of '24, '29, '34, '39, '44, '49, '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79 and '83 will be honored. Highlights include: Ground breaking for the Larson Lifestyle Center, Medical Cadet Corps 50th Anniversary Celebration, Union Reunion Banquet, Annual Alumni Golf Tournament and Clock Tower to Capitol half-marathon. Write: Development and Alumni Office, Union College, 3800 S. 48th, Lincoln, NE 68506, or call: (402) 488-2331, ext. 435.
SDA Medical Cadet Corps 50th Anniversary — April 13, 14. Union College. Write: Jiggs Gallagher, Union College, 3800 S. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68506, or call: (402) 488-2331, ext. 214.
Southwestern Adventist College 90th Anniversary Homecoming — April 12-15. Principal speakers: General Conference President Neal C. Wilson, College President Dr. Donald R. McAdams. Honor classes: '04, '14, '24, '34, '44, '54, '59, '64, and '74.
Andrews University Architecture Department Study Tour of Finland — June 24 - July 25. Write: Finland Tour, Architecture Dept., Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Middle East College and In-Depth Study Tours present intensive study of biblical background by quarterly tours to places such as Corinth, Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, the seven churches of Revelation, and other sites important to students of the Bible and ancient history. Contact the Horn Archaeology Museum at (616) 471-3273, or Jon Green, Ph.D., Adventist University of Eastern Africa, P.O. Box 2500, Eldoret, Kenya, or to Edmond Haddad, Ph.D., Middle East College, P.O. Box 90481, Jdeidet El-Matn, Lebanon.
Review and Herald Write Now II book contest. Submissions are now being accepted for book manuscripts in the category of practical Christian Living. All entries in the book manuscript contest must be submitted by July 30, 1984. Winners will be announced in November, 1984. Royalties will be paid in addition to monetary prizes. Royalties will also be paid on manuscripts published that do not win a prize. However, the Review and Herald reserves the right not to award prizes if submissions are not acceptable for their needs. All entries should be typewritten, double-spaced, on 90-160 sheets of 8½" x 11" paper (no easy-erase paper). Each author may submit an unlimited number of entries, but each manuscript should be accompanied by return postage. New authors should write for "AHM . . . as You Write Your Manuscript" before starting. Send manuscripts to: Write Now II, Review and Herald Publishing Association, 55 W. Oak Ridge Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740.

LEGAL NOTICES

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the Seventeenth Conference Session (or Fourth Triennial Session) of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Oakwood College church in Huntsville, Alabama, on Sunday, April 29, 1984, at 10 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each twenty-five members or major fraction thereof.

C. E. Dudley, President

F. N. Crowe, Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the regular session of the South Central Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation registered in Tennessee, is called to meet at the Oakwood College church in Huntsville, Alabama, on Sunday, April 29, 1984, at 2 p.m. The delegates to the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituents of this corporation.

C. E. Dudley, President

F. N. Crowe, Secretary-Treasurer

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On the Move

Alabama-Mississippi

Roger Mace of Lexington, Ky., is the newly appointed pastor for the Florence, Alabama, district, replacing **Bradley Galambos** who has accepted a call to the Florida Conference. Mace and his wife Karen have three children: Todd, 9; Katrina, 7; and Justin, 4.

Florida

Ernie Roy, retired pastor from Texas, is the interim pastor at Madison-Perry churches. **Eugene Torres**, from the Key West district, is going to pastor the Winter Garden congregation. **Roy Merrifield**, associate at Kress Memorial, will assume the position left by Torres in the Key West district, which includes Islamorada and Marathon churches. **Gary Gryte**, Kettering, Ohio, is replacing Merrifield at Kress as the associate pastor. **David Canther**, associate at Tampa First, is transferring to Lake City/Stark district. The new associate to take his place will be **John McKinney**. **Wayne Niemeyer**, from the Winter Garden and Clermont churches, is moving to the pastorate of the University church. **Merrill Enright**, from the University church, is transferring to Jacksonville Mandarin. **Robert Fuller**, from the Lake City/Stark district, will be the new associate pastor at North Miami church. Two Bible instructors are transferring as well. **Jane Schmidt**, SDA Church at Florida Hospital, is transferring to Kress Memorial. **Wilietta Wellar**, from Orlando Central, is transferring to Apopka.

Review and Herald Publishing Association

Under a plan of reorganization, **1. Rhea Harvey**, an associate in the marketing department, has been appointed to represent the Review and Herald Publishing Association in the Southern and Southwestern unions. Rhea's grandfather was the first plant superintendent at the Southern Publishing Association, where he himself worked in the book department for 17 years before leaving to manage the Kentucky-Tennessee Adventist Book Center in 1978. Harvey came to the Review in May of 1983 to supervise in the periodical department. However, under this new arrangement, he will represent both books and periodicals in his territory.

Pacific Press Publishing Association

Pacific Press has announced its first director of specialty markets. He is **2. Elaine Fehrer** of Boise, Idaho. For the past four years Elaine has been the Idaho Adventist Book Center manager. Fehrer will be working to provide and distribute products that will have broad-based appeal as witnessing tools. He will also be responsible for the promotion of *Rainbow Friends*, a special magazine for children that is issued bimonthly, and the new *Signs* telephone ministry.

Southern College

3. Tim Korson recently joined the Division of Mathematical Science where he will be teaching computer science courses. Before his move to Southern College, Tim was working on his doctorate in computer science at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

sunset table

	Apr. 6	Apr. 13	Apr. 20	Apr. 27	May 4	May 11
Atlanta, Ga.	7:02	7:08	7:13	7:18	8:23	8:28
Charlotte, N.C.	6:48	6:54	6:59	7:05	8:11	8:16
Collegedale, Tenn.	7:06	7:12	7:17	7:23	8:29	8:34
Huntsville, Ala.	6:11	6:17	6:22	6:28	7:33	7:39
Jackson, Miss.	6:24	6:29	6:34	6:39	7:44	7:49
Louisville, Ky.	7:10	7:17	7:23	7:30	8:36	8:43
Memphis, Tenn.	6:25	6:31	6:36	6:42	7:48	7:53
Miami, Fla.	6:40	6:43	6:46	6:50	7:53	7:57
Montgomery, Ala.	6:09	6:14	6:18	6:23	7:28	7:33
Nashville, Tenn.	6:13	6:19	6:25	6:30	7:36	7:42
Orlando, Fla.	6:45	6:49	6:53	6:57	8:01	8:05
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Obituaries

BARNEY, Elizabeth R., born Jan. 12, 1886, in Camden County, Ga., passed away Feb. 11 in Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Barney was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by one daughter, Frances Collins; two sisters, Angie Williams and Gladys Moore, and several nieces and nephews.

BELDEN, Rolland William, born June 12, 1903, in Toledo, Ohio, entered Fletcher Hospital Dec. 31, 1983, and died Jan. 18. He was the only son of George S. and Edith Belden. Rolland's education was received at Mt. Vernon Academy, Emmanuel Missionary College, and Columbia Union College. He completed the nurses' training at Hinsdale, Ill., in 1924. During this period, he met "Becky" Ruth Lydia Becker. They were married in 1930. Rolland is survived by his wife, Becky; his daughter, Sandra Jeanne Calkins; two grandchildren, Mark and David; and by his sister, Esther B. Fenn.

BEYER, Fred, born Nov. 16, 1895, in Jersey City, N.J., died Feb. 5 in Tampa, Fla. Beyer is survived by his wife, Louise, of Tampa; one son, Allen, of Fairlawn, N.J.; one daughter, Dorothy O'Connor, of Tampa; one brother and one sister, George Beyer and Barbara Irvine, both of Jersey City, N.J. Beyer was a member of the Tampa First church.

CHASTAIN, Elma Fitch, was born May 7, 1900, and passed away July 22, 1983. She was a lifelong SDA and a charter member of the Ooltewah, Tenn., church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chalmer Chastain, Sr. Survivors include one daughter, three sons, 15 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Pastors Denny Mitchell and Howard Kennedy officiated at the services.

CHRISTIAN, Louise Gibbons, born July 14, 1924, in Cleveland, Ohio, passed away on Nov. 20, 1983, in Jacksonville, Fla. She was the widow of Ormand Ray Christian, who predeceased her in 1972. She is survived by two daughters, Delona Lea Stewart, of Reading, Vt., and Jane Snyder, of Merced, Calif.; one son, Ormand Ray Christian, Jr., of Jacksonville; her parents and two sisters, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gibbons and Jo Ann Jones, of Hendersonville, N.C.; Elsie Worthen, of Shawnee Mission, Kan.; one brother, Jack Gibbons, of Keene, Tex., and seven grandchildren. Burial and graveside services were in the Jacksonville Memorial Gardens.

EBANKS, Marjorie O., born July 1, 1913, in Guanaja, Bay Islands, Honduras, died Feb. 14 in St. Cloud, Fla. A member of the Tampa First church, Mrs. Ebanks is survived by her daughter, Sandra S. Berger, of St. Cloud, and one sister, Mrs. Gladstone Badden, of Honduras.

GOODGE, Clara D., was born July 22, 1891, and passed away Feb. 11 at Little Creek Sanitarium, Knoxville, Tenn. Known to many as "Mama" Goodge, she and "Papa" Goodge started the sanitarium work at Little Creek in 1942. She taught voice until the age of 85 and directed the choir for many years. She was also a teacher at Madison College from 1929-1942. She is survived by two sons: Dr. Bayard D. Goodge and Roger F. Goodge; and two daughters: Mrs. Alice Straw and Mrs. Sarah Ann McNeilus, all of Little Creek; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

HOLBROOK, Julius Francis, was born Feb. 12, 1890, in East Mauch Chunk, Pa., and passed away Oct. 11, 1983, at his residence in Silver Spring, Md. He and his wife were active members of the Charleston, S.C., church for more than 30 years, where he served for most of that time as treasurer. He is survived by his wife, Louise; a daughter, Florence V. Malone, of Nanticoke, Md.; two sons, Dr. Julius C., of California, and Frank B., of Maryland; seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Pastors David Prest and Nelson Rima conducted the services. Interment was in the Old Saint Andrew Parish Cemetery, Charleston, S.C., where he awaits the call of the Life-Giver.

LITTLEFIELD, Ruth, born in Tampa, Fla., in 1886, and died Feb. 13 in Largo, Fla. A member of the Clearwater church, Mrs. Littlefield is survived by three daughters, Edna L. Wright and Roberta Moren, both of Largo, and Mae Roy, of Frazier Park, Calif.; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Also surviving her is her sister, Margaret King.

McMILLAN, Sadie Fillingim, born Jan. 18, 1905, in Escambia County, Fla., passed to her rest on Feb. 4 in Jacksonville, Fla. Sadie is survived by her sisters, Minnie Fillingim, Pensacola, Fla., Lodie Wilder, Orlando, Fla., and Essie Goods, of Palm Bay, Fla.

MERRILL, Florabelle P., born March 24, 1901, in Belleview, Fla., and passed to her rest Dec. 9, 1983, in Brunswick, Me. A member of Belleview church, Mrs. Merrill was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth E., on April 26, 1983. She is survived by her sons, Milton E. and Vernon K., both of Killington, Vt.; one daughter, Rosemarie Merrill, of Brunswick, Me.; 16 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

MOHR, Nellie K., born May 28, 1888, passed away Feb. 16 in St. Petersburg, Fla. A member of the St. Petersburg church, Nellie was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her two sisters, Dollie D. Kemmeter and Eth Cook, both of St. Petersburg.

PETERSON, Lorenz E., was born in Racine, Wis., on Nov. 14, 1889, and died Mar. 1 in Horse Shoe, N.C. He was the oldest in a Danish family of six girls and three boys. In 1912 he began his 50 years of denominational service at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital in Massachusetts where he found his life's companion, Cora Wood, whom he married in 1915. Fifteen years later they both joined the nursing staff at Washington Adventist Hospital, he as the supervisor of the physical therapy department. Their ministry of dedicated service was climaxed with 30 years at the Hinsdale Hospital in Illinois. Soon after retirement in 1962 to Mountain Home, North Carolina, they began a united outreach project for disaster victims. Together for 10 years on two sewing machines, they made quilt tops of colorful cloth scraps which were filled by volunteer Adventist ladies. SAWS shipped these quilts to disaster areas around the world. After his wife died, he continued alone another decade until the count reached 1,691 quilt tops. Left to mourn are three sisters in California, Ethel Giles, Blanche Pettit and Olga Morgan, and a host of friends, neighbors, and physical therapists. The "Blessed Hope" and words of comfort were presented by Pastors J. E. Edwards, W. A. Nelson, D. K. Short, and M. Bischoff.

RICHARDS, Beulah Ethel, born Aug. 16, 1900, and passed to her rest Feb. 4 in Jacksonville, Fla. A member of the Jacksonville Regency church, Mrs. Richards is survived by her daughter, Mrs. (James) Jacqueline Watkins and her granddaughter, Miss Jackie Watkins.

RICHARDS, Dr. Leonard W., passed away on Feb. 26 in Palatka, Fla. His residence was in Crescent City, Fla., where his wife, Carolyn Hattersley Richards will reside. Daughters, Judy Stivers, of Orlando, Fla., and Marilyn Caughron, of Calhoun, Ga.; brothers, Frank Richards, of Little Rock, Calif. and Arthur Richards, of Worthington, Ohio; sister, Worthie Richards, of Little Rock, await the wonderful resurrection day. Dr. Richards was member of the Palatka church.

RICKEL, Guy Sylvester, born Aug. 8, 1910, died Jan. 19 in Portland, Tenn. Survivors include his wife, Mazzie; one daughter, Ann, and three sons, Bobbie, Randy, and Rollie, and six grandchildren. Services were conducted by John Estrada.

SCHLIES, Herman, born July 4, 1890, in Michigan, and passed to his rest Feb. 11 in Bartow, Fla. A member of the Lakeland church, he is survived by his sister, Marie Moeller, and niece, Mrs. William B. Hubler, both of Cincinnati, Ohio.

SHOUPPE, Clarence Carl, born July 21, 1896, and died Nov. 16, 1983. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Glen Alpine, N.C. He was a member of the Laurel, N.C., church. Woodson Walker officiated.

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Financial Review

Your conference executive committee has recently conducted the annual review of conference financial operations for the year ended December 31. The committee regularly monitors finances through a review of the monthly statement, but the Annual Statistical and Financial Survey is a time for careful evaluation of every aspect of conference finances.

Your union conference officers join with the conference committee members as J. H. Whitehead, union treasurer, notes and explains each item of interest. Much time is spent in discussion of such items as worker salary and expense, educational expense, evangelism expense, youth camp operation, and the percentage of operating capital in reserves as it relates to the amount suggested by General Conference policy.

In addition, the financial records of each conference and those of the union conference are audited annually by General Conference auditors.

All conferences and unions in North America follow the practice of fund accounting. Tithe funds are kept completely separate from other church funds to insure that tithe funds are used only for those things that meet the policy of the world church.

In spite of the recession in the national

economy and certain confidence-eroding developments within the church in North America, the blessings of God and the faithfulness of His people are much in evidence.

	1983 Tithe	Gain
Alabama-Mississippi	\$ 2,992,752	3.59%
Carolina	\$ 5,508,702	7.24%
Florida	\$11,933,124	8.78%
Georgia-Cumberland	\$ 8,759,086	7.16%
Kentucky-Tennessee	\$ 4,310,812	2.79%
South Atlantic	\$ 3,013,160	9.43%
South Central	\$ 3,398,861	10.58%
Southeastern	\$ 3,013,583	18.23%
SOUTHERN UNION	\$42,930,084	8.03%

1984 Budgets

During this same meeting the 1984 budget was proposed and voted. Although every conference is reporting a tithe gain, in some cases it does not keep pace with inflation. Budgets are tight and some require certain reductions.

Your conference officers and executive committee are making every effort to be responsible in their administration of these funds. While wishing to see God's work expand, they are not able to meet every request or every need.

If you have a question about the financial operation of your conference, please do not hesitate to speak to one of your conference officers. The records are open to every member. And please continue to pray for God's blessing upon His people and His work.

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