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FLORIDA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

FLORIDA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER Reaching New Horizons

by Fred Moore

Fashioned from brick, steel, glass, sweat, and toil, it rises above the tree-lined landscape of Orlando—an instrument in the hands of the Great Physician. Florida Hospital's newest addition, this 10-story, 220-bed patient tower, blends the most sophisticated medical technologies available with the skills of a dedicated team of medical professionals.

For some 26 months, architects and contractors, builders and administrators charted a course for Christian health-care in the central Florida community. It took a great deal of planning, time, and monumental efforts on the part of construction crews.

Main Ingredients

Part of the construction team laid enough carpet in the tower to surface five football fields.

Some 289 miles of electrical wiring were fashioned into the power source for life-sustaining equipment.

More than 2,400 gallons of wallpaper paste were used to glue 36,000 lineal feet of wallpaper. An additional 3,400 gallons of paint were used to cover all of the unwallpapered interior walls.

To frame this structure, more than 3.5 million pounds of steel were needed, enough to make nearly 2,000 average-sized automobiles.



It's What's on the Inside That Counts

Housed within its massive frame are 220 beds, the majority of which are of a special-care nature—intensive care, coronary care, or progressive care. These monitored beds will relieve a chronic shortage of critical-care beds in Orlando. For the past several months it has not been unusual for Florida Hospital to be on a by-pass status for critically injured patients due to the lack of available monitored beds. A by-pass designation means that emergency vehicles have been warned of the lack of critical-care beds and instructed to take critical patients to other hospitals.

In addition to those

special-care floors are an ancillary services floor housing the pharmacy and respiratory care, a medical/surgical floor, and an oncology (cancer) floor. The roof of the new tower offers a heliport that can accommodate emergency medical transport helicopters.

When the monumental efforts came to an end in January and each of the floors took shape, the Orlando community had the distinction as the home of not only the largest Seventh-day Adventist hospital in the world, but the largest private hospital in the state of Florida.

Grand Opening

As the completion date drew near, the entire month of January was alive with the final preparations for a grand opening celebration. A celebrity featured guest was confirmed. Enormous red ribbons were hung on the tower's exterior walls as a symbol of the gift central Florida was receiving.



Each patient-care floor supports two nursing stations, each one providing a secure basis for round-the-clock care (left). Private patient rooms provide pleasant surroundings in which to recuperate. (Photographs by John H. Bateman. Cover photograph by the Editor).

Flyers were printed and invitations mailed out to hundreds of important guests, and special staging was constructed.

"I know that there are people in this hospital—nurses, therapists, dietitians, nutritionists, specialists—who really want to leave God-impressions on people who are hurting," said Joni Eareckson-Tada, disabled Christian author and inspirational lecturer, as she gave the keynote address for the opening ceremonies on January 27. "It's good to know that God has placed His people on this planet, this country, and this city, who can share His love with folks like me who have gone through traumatic illnesses or injuries."

Florida Hospital has been an integral part of the central Florida community for nearly 77 years. As the area has grown, Florida Hospital has grown to meet the challenge. Since 1960, Florida Hospital has admitted more than 500,000 patients and provided more than four million

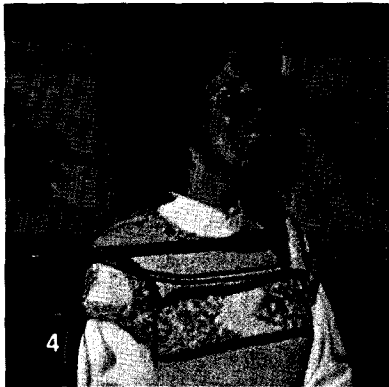


days of patients' services. That's a record that any hospital could be proud of.

But, according to Hospital President Thomas Werner, "We're proud of Florida Hospital. But even beyond our pride in the size and the physical facilities, we are

committed to make sure that the physical dimensions of Florida Hospital are exceeded only by the dimension of the caring that is given within its walls."

Fred Moore is assistant director of public relations at Florida Hospital.



(Clockwise from top) (1) Three thousand balloons fill the air at the climax of the patient tower opening ceremonies. (2) Opening ceremonies for the new tower included presentations from (left to right) A. C. McClure, president of the Southern Union Conference and chairman of the Florida Hospital Board of Directors; Nils Schweizer, vice president, Schweizer Associates (tower architects); Thomas Werner, Florida Hospital president; Joni Eareckson-Tada, disabled Christian author and inspirational lecturer; Mardian Blair, Adventist Health System/Sunbelt president; Steven High, president, H. J. High Construction Company; Don Jablonski, MD, president of the hospital medical staff; Don Welch, AHS/USA president; and Des Cummings, Jr., hospital senior vice president, (not in view, Joan Salmons, hospital senior vice president). (3) Photographers captured an aerial view of the more than 2,800 visitors at the grand opening. (4) Public tours of the lobby included a display of Joni Tada's original artworks. She spoke with many of the 2,800 visitors. (Photographs by Florida Hospital public relations staff).

No Man Will Despise These Youth

by Roberto Henriquez
Photography by Julio Tabuenca and the author

On Friday, January 11, the students of Greater Miami Academy welcomed the people in their community to Revelation Seminars held in Spanish and English. The Spanish-speaking students were supported by Roberto Henriquez, youth ministries coordinator for South Florida and chaplain for the academy, while Bible Teacher Victor Czerkasij supported those presenting the English seminar. The teachers for the nightly seminars were the students themselves!

"We want our school to be an evangelistic tool to our immediate community," states Dr. Julio Tabuenca, principal of the 430-student school nestled in the heart of Miami. In September, 1984, the 10 students who were to be speakers, along with the student executive committee members, attended the Lay Revelation Seminar Training session in Orlando sponsored by the Southern Union and the Florida and Southeastern conferences. When they returned, preparation for the five-week campaign started. Committees were organized to handle greeting, parking, registration, treasurers' reports, computer records, and baby sitting; all manned by students.

To reach the immediate community, more than 17,000 brochures were mailed to all residents in the zip-code area surrounding the school. As registration phones began to ring, comments were heard such as: "I was studying the book of Revelation and here comes your brochure." One non-Adventist woman wanted to have a group Bible study in her home and asked her neighbors to come. They agreed, but when the brochure came, they all decided to attend the Revelation Seminar. Another woman, who is in charge of the Sunday school at her church, said she would be bringing other Sunday school teachers from her church with her to the seminar. Sunday school teachers from English and Spanish churches called to register. Many commented that they

just don't get exposure to Revelation in their churches.

There were five speakers per seminar, each taking one night a week. English speakers included Gary James, Jeffrey Ross, Robert Pittman, Tim Peters, and Wavard Spencer. Spanish speakers included Juan Fals, Danny Hernandez, Isis Zambrana, Arthur Tabuenca, and Jorge Morales. Coordinating the entire project were student executive committee members: Darlene Almeda and Raquel Quiles for the Spanish seminar, and Yvette Benjamin, George Thompson, and Devin Reid for the English. "We tried to involve all juniors and seniors in the school," says Henriquez, "and some freshman and sophomores also worked with us."

More than 50 non-Adventists were in attendance the first night and, at the halfway mark, more than 30-to-40 continued to come regularly. "We usually have about 15 children coming with their parents nightly. They are being taught Bible stories, crafts, and songs by one group of students," adds Nancy Macias, school librarian.

Computer students are putting their skills to work as they record attendance, quiz scores, and offerings nightly. The speakers are challenged as they study, present their subjects, and answer questions from their class members, some of whom are lawyers, Sunday school teachers, and ministers from other denominations in their community. Some parents of students who have wondered about Seventh-day Adventist beliefs are now attending, while others of those attending are so impressed with the students that they want to know how they can register their children at Greater Miami Academy.

"The student participation is exceptional and the student teachers need no apologies. The souls won as a result of their humble, honest efforts will speak for their



Esther Lois-Charles (left), June Cousins, Pearl Cousins, and George Thompson, Jr., welcome first-night seminar goers to the Greater Miami Academy Revelation Seminars which began January 11.



The Spanish seminar this particular evening was taught by Jorge Morales, one of the five student teachers for the group. The English seminar had five student teachers as well, each scheduled to teach one night a week.

work," says Czerkasij. One seminar student recalled her childhood days when some Seventh-day Adventists took her to church with them and also paid for one summer at Camp Kulaqua. She says, "It is such a joy to have these teachings come back to flood my mind!"

A man from Florida Power and Light, who used to work on the school's power system, noticed a difference between GMA's students and students at other schools. When he received the brochure in the mail he decided to attend and see what made that difference. He has been very faithful in his attendance. Another man said, "I am very busy going to school here at 7:30 p.m., then at 8:30 running over to my church to preach the message at 8:45!"

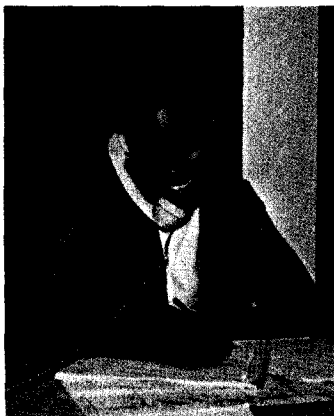
"I know at the end of this seminar that these 10 young people who are speaking will have had an experience that has changed their lives and which they will never forget as long as they live," says Henriquez. Although there is understandable nervousness on the part of the speakers, Wavard Spencer, a senior, says, "I never knew evangelism was so enjoyable." Robert Pittman, also a senior and speaker, comments, "Nothing else provides more campus spiritual renewal than this. It benefits us and the community. It also lets me know if I want to go into the ministry."

Tabuena believes that as a result of this Revelation Seminar some young person will decide to be a missionary. Both Henriquez and Czerkasij say that each seminar group has people planning to be baptized as a result of these meetings. Already there have been 30 decisions made to keep the Sabbath!

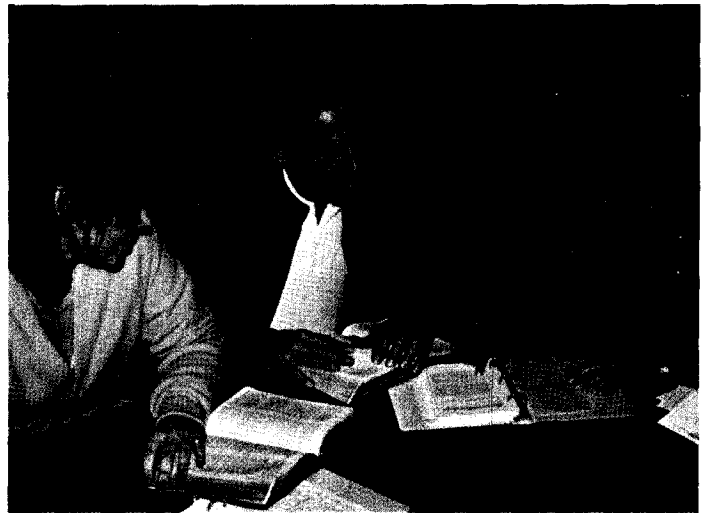
"We are mailing the book *Steps to Christ* as a gift to those who registered for the seminar but never came," says Henriquez. "They had the desire to attend and who knows what this small seed may grow up to be in the future?"

The students of Greater Miami Academy are taking seriously the words of Christ in Matthew 5:14-16— "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Maranatha.

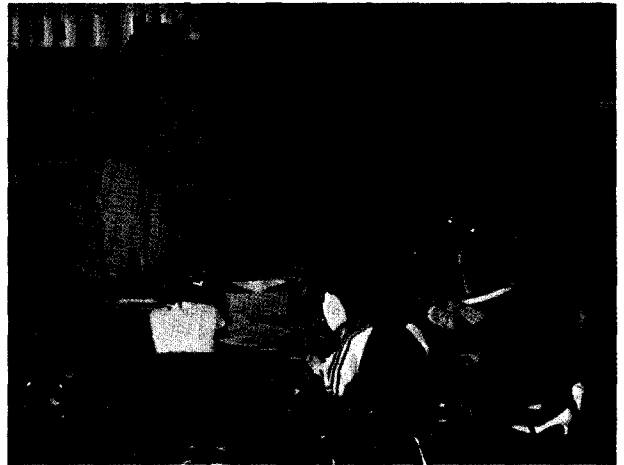
Roberto Henriquez is the youth ministries coordinator for South Florida.



As area residents received brochures in the mail about the GMA Revelation Seminar and called with questions or a desire to attend, Yvette Benjamin, one of the three student executive committee members for the English seminar, happily registered the caller's requests.



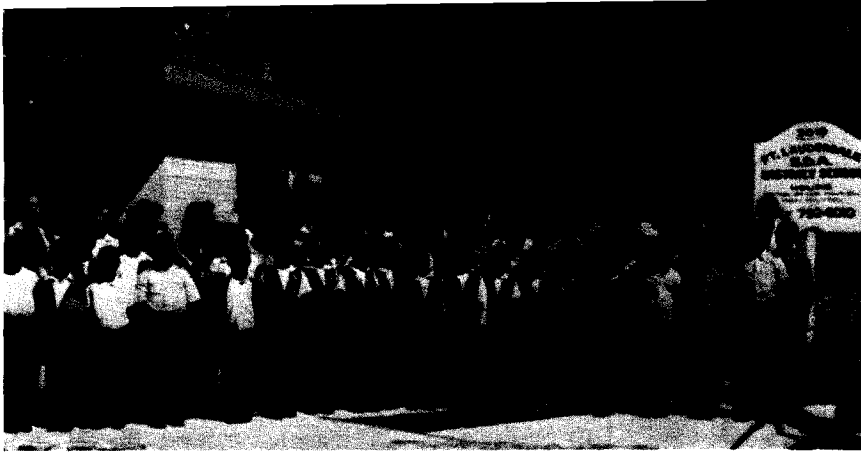
Darlene Almeda (right), student executive committee member, assists seminar participants with a particular point in the Revelation Seminar lessons.



A nursery was provided nightly for the convenience of those attending the seminar. Gina Quiles (left) and Yameli Delgado creatively taught and entertained the eager youngsters.



With Bibles and lessons in hand, seminar students made a concentrated effort to learn more about the Bible, God, and His plan for each one of us.



The Ft. Lauderdale district school is an example of the Conference's goal to make Christian education a number one priority.



Pat Allen, senior accountant, surveys year-end figures and notes the result: a 14.79 percent tithe increase in 1984.



Workers plan activities of the Southeastern Conference in 1985.

In his own familiar way, President Reagan during the election of 1984 would say to his audiences, "You ain't seen nothing yet." Should Southeastern Conference pause to count its blessings, growth, and achievements, it would restructure the President's statement to read, "God ain't through with us yet." This is an exciting time to be alive and to be a colaborer and eyewitness in the Southeastern Conference of what God is doing. And, to be frank, "you ain't seen nothing yet!"

We have come a long way since the Southeastern Conference was established in January, 1981.

	January, 1981	January, 1985
Churches	51	68
Membership	8,511	11,722
Total Number of Workers	70	70

It was the plan of the Conference to see 14,000 members by the General Conference Session in June, 1985. The goal has not yet been reached. However, the days of miracles are not past. At the Workers' Meeting in January, the pastors pledged themselves to baptize more than 1,200 souls in 1985.

It is no small feat that, for another year, the Southeastern Conference has led the Southern Union in percentage increases. We experienced a 14.79 percent tithe gain over 1983, and 5.79 percent in missions.

"God Ain't Thru"

	1983	1984
Tithe	\$3,013,583.95	\$3,459,274.37
Missions	137,033.11	144,698.17

This phenomenal growth occurred despite the fact that in 1983 there were 53 weeks and 1984 had 52. Speaking of God's blessings, our Ingathering goal was \$70,000. We reported \$90,713.09. In 1983 our Southern Union Revolving Fund account showed 0. As of December, 1984, the figure was \$106,939.16. This new way of stewardship has been catching on and churches are being blessed by the loans made to buy and build.

Speaking of dollars and cents, for Christian education, the Conference contributed:

	1983	1984
	\$243,273	\$373,755

One new school was added in St. Petersburg and 82 of Southeastern's finest are enrolled at Oakwood College. Strong emphasis is placed on all of our young children to be taught of the Lord, and, with God's intervention, many more schools will be opened.

Major Projects Accomplished in 1984

One church was purchased in Hialeah, Florida, by Pastor Charles Vento and the Pilgrims church, Miami.

One church was built in Melbourne, Florida, by Pastor Wesley Bruce and his congregation.

Two churches burned their mortgages: Elim church, St. Petersburg, J. E. Harris, pastor, and Bethel church, Gainesville, Florida, R. W. Bates, pastor.

Two congregations bought land for building



The Gospel message is proclaimed through melodious voices of these singers from Apopka.



The Melbourne church, Palm Bay, Florida, was built during 1984.

igh With Us Yet"

by R. R. Brown

churches: Ft. Lauderdale, Nathanael Myrthil, pastor, Lake City, R. W. Bates, pastor.

One church was organized in Delray Beach, C. L. Wright and Gerard Nozea, pastors.



Haitian pastors make a commitment to win the unsaved. Pictured are Roland Brise (left), Conference President J. A. Edgecombe, Nathanael Myrthil, Jean-Claude Brutus, lay pastor David McCalla, and Gerard Nozea.

Approximately \$142,000 in truth-filled literature was distributed.

The Southeastern Conference has a story to tell. Week after week in Miami, the Spanish brethren gain new ground and the French sector increases its fervor to win the unsaved. Across south Georgia and to the southernmost spot, Key West, where North America begins, pastors, teachers, literature evangelists, caring churches, and members dedicated to God, pass the word along. Through radio broadcasts, workshops, Sabbath school programs, inner city drives, youth federation meetings, junior and senior camps, educational programs—like one mighty voice—the work grows and goes.

President J. A. Edgecombe; Secretary-Treasurer D. A. Walker; Education, Health, and AYS Director K. A. Dennis; Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Inner City Director I. L. Harrell; Publishing Director R. T. Smith, Jr.; Stewardship and Development, Communication, and Trust Services Director R. R. Brown; Auditor Eugene Mason; Senior Accountant Pat Allen, Accountant George Lewis; Secretaries Winifred Allen, Janet Oston, Valerie Price, Myra Richardson, and Melinda Sewer have a dream and they, too, work and plan arduously for the work's completion, and "God ain't through with us yet."



The Elim church, in St. Petersburg, Florida, burned its mortgage in 1984.



CAMP ALAMISCO:

Providing a Setting for Spiritual Growth

by Bill Wood

Why does a conference spend thousands of dollars each year to support a Christian camping program? Why do parents sacrifice dollars each year to send their children hundreds of miles from home to attend camp for one week? Why do children save their pennies, mow yards, baby sit, and save their allowance for the opportunity of swatting mosquitoes for one week in an outdoor setting? Why do church groups plan retreats on the beautiful shores of Camp Alamisco? Why does the Seventh-day Adventist Church believe so strongly in the values of Christian camping?

Camp offers an enjoyable time to its participants. From daily activities to special events and evening campfires, camp provides a positive recreational opportunity.

In the outdoor setting, campers gain a deeper respect for God's creation.

Through the processes of modeling and program-



ming, campers are exposed to important human values and to the Christian faith and walk.

Through the variety of camp activities, campers have the opportunity to learn new skills and information.

The group-living experiences of camp enable the campers to learn to live, work, and play in a democratic setting.

The camp program emphasizes the importance of the individual, offering opportunities to discover potential and to exercise abilities.

All these objectives are emphasized at beautiful Camp Alamisco, located on the majestic shores of Lake Martin, Alabama's most beautiful lake. With its many activities, such as horseback riding, hiking, swimming, sailing canoeing, and water skiing, this camping ministry can offer youth throughout the Conference a Christ-centered camping program.

Camp Alamisco also serves as a retreat facility which enables churches and other organizations to come apart from the world and commune with God in the great out-of-doors. Conference-wide workshops and seminars are conducted for the purpose of training members of the church to do greater work for the Lord in their individual communities.

Many camping leaders list the essential values of Christian camping as: the worth of the individual, personal integrity, compassion for others, love for the out-of-doors, and commitment to Christ and the philosophies of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Camp Alamisco strives to create this type of atmosphere for the members of the Gulf States Conference.

Bill Wood is director of youth ministries for the Gulf States Conference.

An Interview With the Directors:

Adventist World Radio-Asia

by Martin R. Butler

A special offering is to be received on March 9. Designated as the General Conference Session Offering, this collection will help raise funds to build the new Adventist World Radio-Asia station on the island of Guam.

This project has special significance in many ways. It means the Adventist Church will have the opportunity to reach one-half of the world's population through a single outreach endeavor.

On February 1, Allen Steele, former station manager of WAUS in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and his wife Andrea, former public relations director at Andrews University, left on a six-week working trip to Guam. The Steeles expect to take up permanent residency there in April or May.

A few days before their departure, Martin Butler, managing editor of the Lake Union HERALD, interviewed Allen and Andrea.

Donald: What are you expecting to experience on this year's first visit to Guam?

Allen: Guam, like Puerto Rico, is a United States territory. We understand the island has jungle areas, mountainous terrain, waterfalls, and caves. It is reported that year-round temperatures average between 75 to 85 degrees.

On the island are four established Adventist churches, headquarters for the Guam-Micronesia Mission, a church-operated medical clinic, and Guam Adventist Academy.

How was Guam chosen as the location?

Allen: At first the Church hoped to build a large station to serve Asia in one of the Asian countries. Korea was considered, along with the Philippines and the island of Palau. None of these areas worked out, for various reasons. Finally it was decided to investigate Guam. As it turns out, we feel this was probably the best place. Because Guam is under American jurisdiction the licensing agency is the Federal Communications Commission.

You have been invited by the General Conference to work on this project as a team. What are your official titles and your major responsibilities?

Allen: I have been designated proj-

Allen Steele (right) and his wife, Andrea, share hopes and plans for Adventist World Radio's new station to be built on Guam with Tulio Haylock, associate director of communication for the General Conference.



ect director and general manager. At the present time I will function primarily as project director. When the station is completed and on the air, then I will assume the general manager role. My major responsibility during 1985 is to direct the construction of the facilities. Our timetable is to try to be on the air by December 31 of this year.

Andrea: As program director and public relations director, I will coordinate the programs produced for the station. We will begin by broadcasting 16 hours each day. Eventually we hope to broadcast in 20 different languages.

Most of the programs will be recorded for us in the countries where the language is spoken. I will work with the speakers on developing formats for their programs.

It will also be my responsibility to keep the readers of our union papers, the *Adventist Review*, and other church publications up-to-date on our activities.

What general topics have you picked up about a station located in Asia that has the potential of reaching 2½ billion people?

Allen: You may recall Elder Neal Wilson's statement at the 1980 General Conference Session in Dallas when he said that one of the major objectives for the Church during the coming five-year period would be a major broadcast station for Asia.

We were in Washington, D.C., for a week or so in early January and we heard reports from around the world expressing the intense interest and support for this project. It is very encouraging to know we have leaders and members around the world behind us.

Andrea: Church members are excited because it is a specific project, and they know exactly where their money will go and how it will be

spent. Realizing that the Adventist message will be broadcast to all of Asia catches their imaginations.

What amount of funding is needed to make this entire project a reality?

Allen: It will take \$5 million to get the basic station built and in operation. The General Conference is counting on church members to reach this goal through offerings received in churches on March 9, May 25, and on June 29 during the General Conference Session in New Orleans. Once the station is in operation, another \$1 million will be needed annually to keep it going.

Andrea: I know that \$5 million sounds like a lot of money. But when I stop to think of the potential of reaching one-half the world's population, it's not very much money.

What is the most exciting part of this project?

Andrea: We are excited. I keep thinking about the Adventist message that will soon be broadcasting in countries where it has never before been heard. For some of these countries, there is no other way we can reach their peoples. This thought is humbling. It is a big responsibility to be involved in this project. That's why we need the prayers of people in this union as well as their gifts for this station.

Allen: As one of the vice presidents of the General Conference said to me: "The only bad thing about this project is that we should have done it 20 years ago." We are late; but thanks to the Lord we still have the opportunity to make it a reality.

Allen Steele is a graduate of Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists and a former manager of WSMC-FM, the college radio station. Eds.

Harmony Is Success Secret Of Southernaires Singers

by Doris Burdick
Photography by Pete Prins

Ron Qualley, Southernaires sponsor, stands at the top. Pictured clockwise in front of him are Mike McClung, Alicia Williams, Mauri Lang, Ed Keplinger, and Bob Jimenez.



Harmony is what it's all about for the Southernaires, an expanded quartet that travels from its Southern College home base to sing at churches of the Southern Union.

For the four young men and two young ladies, musical harmony is only a part of it. The rich euphony of favorite old hymns is integral, but so is their Christian witness that promotes harmony between mankind and Maker.

The closeness of the group—the unselfish pleasure its members find in sharing their talents together—influences their musical harmony. “We get along well with each other,” comments one of the Southernaires, “and it seems to help our voices blend.”

And talk of captivated listeners! When the Southernaires sang at the Tennessee State Prison in Nashville recently, the audience came to the chapel willingly but it was a captive audience nonetheless.

Ron Qualley—associate dean of men, bass, Southernaires sponsor, father of small sons Lucas and Matthew, husband of the former Sue Champaigne, who, like Ron, hails from the mists of the great Northwest—is the one who revived the singing group.

Actually the Southernaires name goes back at least 20 years. A quartet by that name formed in 1965, and sang together for SC homecoming as recently as 1982. The new Southernaires sang during the 1981-82, and 1982-83 school years, took a year's recess, and had a rebirth last fall.

For four years Ron Qualley had been a member of the student quartet at Walla Walla College. It was an experience that gave his life new direction. “I feel to this day it was a very positive turning point to be a part of that group,” he states. Not only did he want to pass along that growth experience, but he had also seen the positive dimensions of such contact with people in the churches.

In addition to Dean Qualley, other Southernaires

currently are: Ed Keplinger, first tenor; Bob Jimenez, second tenor; Mike McClung, baritone; Mauri Lang, soprano; and Alicia Williams, accompanist.

They get together to practice two or three hours a week, and normally try to go out and sing one weekend a month. Quartet numbers are interspersed with solos, a duet by Mauri and Bob, a five-part number, or an inspiring experience recounted by Qualley. “We especially enjoy singing quartet arrangements by Wayne Hooper,” says Ed, the only overlap with the group two years ago. He hopes to sing again next year while completing his biology major.

The group is making a Florida trip in March, with appearances planned for Jacksonville, the Orlando area, Port Charlotte, and Punta Gorda. The group often sings in smaller churches that cannot accommodate the larger musical groups on tour from Southern College. The group must reluctantly turn down many of the invitations they receive. Mike works with Qualley on the scheduling, and they were booked up for the year soon after school started last fall.

Unlike members of the large musical organizations, the group receives no academic credit for their work together. They do, however, receive some financial backing from the school. As performing artists, money is definitely not their motivator. Harmony is—musical harmony, group harmony, church family harmony.

“One of the most rewarding aspects of our travels is the opportunity to greet people after we sing, to sense their warmth, to stay in their homes, to eat and visit together,” says Qualley. Adds first tenor Ed, “We always find friends wherever we go.”

Doris Burdick works in the Public Relations Office of Southern College.

Oakwood Aids Ethiopia

by Audrey Stovall Coleman

In an effort to assist in alleviating the crisis of suffering and starvation in Ethiopia, Oakwood College launched a massive campaign on January 15, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the principles for which he stood.

The goal is \$10,000. The project is to finance a well that will serve a community of 1,000. In Ethiopia, where 60-to-70 people are dropping dead daily, a \$10,000 well can go a long way to help improve the conditions of a community of 1,000. According to Alma Blackmon, campaign chairman, "The present water is so dirty you wouldn't wash your feet in it." The well will be the first of a system of wells to be dug in a straight path from northern Ethiopia southward, including the city of Shashamane, where the Ethiopian Adventist College is located. The wells will be dug by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, International (ADRA), a General Conference agency based in Washington, D.C.

An estimated 1,200 people attended the kick-off of the campaign, which was held in the College auditorium on the birthday of the late Dr. King. An emotional appeal was made to the massive audience through the visual impact of

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Copies of this poster, designed by Oakwood College art student Hamilton Willoughby, were placed around campus helping to inspire giving toward the school's Ethiopia project.

videotapes of the barren land and accounts of families torn apart by hunger and death. Speaking of young mothers with babes in arms, Blackmon stated that "Death has come too soon for many." She stressed the need for us as a people to "enlarge our hearts and expand our vision—to give until it hurts."

Blackmon, who is personally funding the operating costs of the campaign, explained the driving force be-

hind her commitment to this project as that of her personal bout with cancer. At the close of the meeting, Blackmon directed the audience and the Oakwood College Aeolians in a medley of songs which included "Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand."

In the days immediately following the meeting, letters of appeal were mailed to the faculty, staff, and parents. Posters designed by art student Hamilton Willoughby were mounted in strategic locations. Within four days of the meeting \$4,000 had been raised. Now, with \$3,170 needed to put the project in action, the campaign to Help Ethiopia's Languishing People (HELP) goes on.

With operating costs being handled by Mrs. Blackmon, 100 percent of the monies received will go to Shashamane. Contributions may be

sent to Mrs. Blackmon, English Department, Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama 35896.

"If one has the right to live, one has the right to eat," said Coretta King (Dr. King's widow). "God has put enough resources in this world, and there's enough technology to make it happen." Oakwood College is helping to make it happen in Ethiopia. Let's give to Ethiopia now.

late news of the conferences

telex

CAROLINA

The largest church group from outside Mexico attending the PAN-AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS came from the Carolina Conference. There were 26, chaperones included, in the bell choir representing the Arden, North Carolina, church. The bell choir represented the Carolina Conference Thursday and Sabbath.

The Salisbury, North Carolina, church conducted an IN-SERVICE TRAINING CLASS for the Rowan County Health Department nurses and staff. Featured was the computerized health/longevity profile of the church. Of the 50 employees, 41 were in attendance. Pastor Gerald Mobley also gave a five-minute talk on the "History and Interest of Seventh-day Adventists in Health Concepts."

Members of the Salisbury, North Carolina, church are proposing a NURSING HOME for the eastern part of Rowan County. Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Oliver and Dr. Elizabeth Lombard are in the intermediate stages of securing approval for a 120-bed facility. Approximately 80 applications have been made, 15 of which are still in consideration. The project would be in cooperation with Adventist Health System/Sunbelt.

A REVELATION SEMINAR held by a layman in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, resulted in one baptism with several others expressing a desire to join the local church. This was the first SDA seminar ever conducted in the area. Mack Tennyson, a Mount Pleasant accountant, conducted both the basic and advanced section of the Revelation Seminar.

A recent REVELATION SEMINAR held in the Farmville, North Carolina, Community Center attracted almost 70. Robert Tyson, a retired minister from nearby Greenville, North Carolina, led out. Bob Kerr, pastor of the district, said Tyson is now in the advanced section of the Seminar with 31 in attendance.

Another NEW CHURCH is being built in the Carolinas. Work is progressing rapidly in Salisbury, North Carolina. The framing and roofing are complete. Brick work is going up quickly. Plumbing and mechanical are well advanced as well. March 1 is the date for the structure to be completed. Open House is tentatively scheduled for April 6.

The Sharon church in Charlotte, North Carolina, had 89 people register for a recent FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING. Sixty-five came opening night. Jewell Wood Crech had gone through the Five-day Plan last year and she wrote about her experience in the Charlotte Observer. Most of those who attended indicated they came as a result of the newspaper article.

Ten were BAPTIZED as a result of a Revelation Seminar held at the Waynesville church. "The key to the success of this program is active member involvement," says Pastor Tom Baez. "The members took the time to invite their friends and neighbors. On opening night we had 45 non-Adventists in attendance."

Faith For Today's new weekly series CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE can now be seen in Greenville, South Carolina, over WHNS-21 at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.



FLORIDA



"The final DISTRICT GROWTH REPORT for 1984 surpassed our greatest hopes," says Obed Graham, secretary of the Ministerial Association. "We ended the year with 1,536 dear people uniting with our Florida churches by baptism or profession of faith. Let's not forget to make a special effort to integrate these new people into our church fellowship and find a work for them to do for God." Florida Conference membership now stands at 23,904.

At a specially called constituency meeting regarding the future development of CAMP KULAQUA January 27, delegates listened to a three-phase plan to spend approximately \$3.4 million. "The motion finally approved by majority vote," reports Roy Ulmer, Conference secretary, "was to accept and implement Phase I only, with its financial budget over a three-year period. Five hundred thousand dollars from the Conference is to be used to get the project started and the balance of Phase I financing to come in from the churches over a three-year period. After two years into the project the Conference is asked to give further consideration for more financial assistance toward the next phase." Phase I includes: kitchen building and equipment, dining hall/deck area/restrooms, laundry building and equipment, camper cabin housing, summer staff housing improvements/infirmarary, electrical utilities, water system treatment and piping, waste treatment, roads/parking, and entry gates.

Pastor Bob Schwebel, West Palm Beach First church, reports 19 BAPTISMS at the conclusion of Evangelist Lester Pratt's meetings. A Health Emphasis Weekend followed the series. The church members have also been enjoying the visibility that their relatively new location has given them. In July they moved into their 12,000 square foot Phase I facilities at 6300 Summit Boulevard.



December 24, 1984, the Ft. Myers News Press carried a front page picture of Venice and Port Charlotte MEMBERS distributing clothing and food to migrant workers in Immokalee. Ivine Dennis, a literature evangelist for the Southeastern Conference and member of the Margaret Leah church in Ft. Myers, canvasses in the area and knew of the need and presented it to others. For four months members of Venice, Port Charlotte, and the group meeting in North Port Charlotte collected clothing, food, money, and toys for the migrant families.



Two Sabbaths after inaugural services of the Pine Hills church, ten people were BAPTIZED. "A portable baptistry was set up on the concrete driveway under the trees," says Pastor Louis Wisdom. All the candidates had been attending the pastor's Bible class for four months during the hectic time of church construction. They received the right hand of fellowship the next Sabbath from former President H. J. Carubba, guest speaker.

Nannie Seals, zoo curator at Camp Kulaqua, received a SPECIAL LETTER OF THANKS from Governor Bob Graham as a result of Kulaqua's emergency assistance to the University of Florida Veterinary Center. A rare Florida panther, one of only about 30 in the wilds of the state, was injured by an automobile on a highway in south Florida. The animal was flown to the Center requiring surgery. A blood transfusion was necessary to do a second surgery and Kitty, the captive panther at Camp Kulaqua, was the donor. "Much of the credit for saving the rare animal belongs to you for your cooperation," said Graham.

High Springs was one of three churches ORGANIZED December 8 in the Florida Conference. This new congregation consists largely of members from the Gainesville, Lake City, and Jennings Lake churches.

The Semi-Lusia Pathfinder club in Sanford, Florida, with a membership of 18 youngsters, raised \$3,500 for INGATHERING in eight evenings, exceeding their church goal by more than \$700. The young people solicited in front of stores.



Dr. Gary Ross, of the General Conference Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, was a GUEST on the Gene Burns radio talk show from 9 a.m. to noon January 25. "Dr. Ross talked about the principles of religious liberty, the equal access law, abortion, reasonable accommodation, explained the status of religious liberty in America, and had the opportunity of answering questions from the listeners," says Richard Pleasants, Jr., Conference director of public affairs and religious liberty. Tapes of the radio broadcast are available by calling Pleasants' office.

Faith For Today's new weekly series CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE can now be seen in Leesburg, Florida, over WTYE, Channel 55, at 2:30 p.m. Mondays and in Cocoa, Florida, over WTGL, Channel 52, at 7 a.m. Saturdays.

Zephyrhills and Lakeland COMMUNITY SERVICES WORKERS received newspaper coverage for the work they were doing in Lacoochee. A photo and article appeared in the Zephyrhills News, December 27, following their December 17 project of distributing 1,480 pieces of clothing, 36 quilts and other bedding, 40 pair of shoes, 51 toys, 50 pieces of literature, and four books. The Zephyrhills church, with a membership of 80, most of whom are senior citizens, has a very active outreach program in the community.

Two new stations are now carrying the IT IS WRITTEN telecast in Orlando on WFTV, Channel 9, at 10 a.m. Sundays and Tampa/St. Petersburg on WTSP, Channel 10, Sundays at 7 a.m.



GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



Don Aalborg, Conference secretary, reports that the BAPTISM figures for 1984 are all in, showing a total of 590. This is a gain of 177 over the previous year. With the primary focus of the ministry of the Church being evangelism, 91 Revelation Seminars have been requested, with 47 being conducted by pastors and 44 being conducted by laymen. These, together with 15 evangelistic crusades, total more than 100 meetings planned for 1985.



Rudy Skoretz, Conference evangelist, reports 22 non-Adventists attended regularly at MEETINGS held at Baxley, Georgia.

A new branch SABBATH SCHOOL has been organized at Cartersville, Georgia, with leadership coming from members of Calhoun, Rome, Smyrna, and Marietta churches.

On January 11, the Georgia-Cumberland Committee for SECONDARY EDUCATION met at the Conference office. Representatives from the Southern Union and Southern College also attended as plans were developed to launch a \$3 million endowment fund for academy scholarships.



Errol Eder, Conference treasurer, reports the tithe totals for 1984 come to nearly \$9 million. This represents a 2.3 percent GAIN over the previous year. Considering the fact inflation is lower and that there was one less week in 1984 than 1983, it is good.

Faith For Today's new weekly series CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE can now be seen in Chattanooga, Tennessee, over WRCB-TV at 9 a.m. Sundays.

GULF STATES



Twenty lay REVELATION SEMINARS are scheduled to begin March 25. A lay training session was conducted at Camp Alamisco February 8-10 by W. A. Geary, Conference president; Larry Cansler, Conference evangelist; and Richard Hallock, personal ministries director.

A youth ministry training WORKSHOP was conducted in Mobile, Alabama, by Bill Wood, Conference youth ministries director. Six churches were represented, with about 20 participants. The purpose of the workshop was to help strengthen the youth ministry program in each church. K. C. Laubscher, Pathfinder area coordinator from Jackson, Mississippi, assisted on the topic of Pathfinding. To finish the weekend the participants were organized into a mock youth council to lay plans for youth ministry in a typical church.

A conference-wide OLD-FASHIONED YOUTH RALLY was held at Bass Memorial Academy the weekend of January 25 and 26. The program, organized by Bill Wood, Conference youth ministries director, brought in about 120 young people from all around the Conference. Guest speaker was John Thurber, director of youth ministries for the Mid-America Union. Thurber spoke on the subjects of sexuality and family relationships. Workshops for the young people were conducted in the afternoon covering topics such as healthful living, stress control, choice of music, and how to be a Christian on a Christian campus. Harry Rimer, pastor in Pensacola, Florida, conducted a Family Relationship Seminar for adults, families, and sponsors.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



Two charter members of the Ashland, Kentucky, church were HONORED recently. Miriam McCalister, who was one of the original eight people to launch the work in Ashland, was honored for 58 years of service to the church. McCalister came into the church in 1926 through a "Present Truth" evangelistic campaign. She has served her Lord as church clerk, Dorcas leader, and Sabbath school teacher. Margaret Rye was also honored for 48 years of service, the last 20 of them as church treasurer. Rye came into the church through Bible studies from an aunt. Her husband joined the church before her and eventually became a literature evangelist. Plaques were presented by Pastor Terry Grimm.

Under the leadership of Clark and Norma Dean Spencer, the Cross Plains, Tennessee, church has, for the last two years, conducted a successful CHRISTMAS PARTY for underprivileged children. More than 150 children and adults packed the church basement this year. Also present were representatives from the county Sheriff's Department and the Human Services Department, which provided the names. Church members contributed gifts and food.

A COMBINED CHOIR from the Ridgetop and Bordeaux churches in the Nashville area presented "The King of Love," a Christmas musical, at the respective churches on December 21 and 22. Choir director was Harold Greene, music instructor at Madison Campus elementary school. Accompanist was Erdith Rouse. Linda Parker was the coordinator.

A successful IT IS WRITTEN SEMINAR was held at the Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 26. Three identical sessions were held, with more than 600 in attendance. George Vandeman, with Roland and Janice Lenhoff, were the instructors. J. W. Clarke, was seminar coordinator. Approximately 150 nonmembers signed up for continuing seminars.

The Pewee Valley, Kentucky, church members rallied behind Pastor Don Johnson, Dr. Stanley Wheeler, and Dr. Tom Clark to conduct a successful FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING. Of the 12 smokers who attended, nine stopped the first day, while the others cut back to only one or two cigarettes a day. Along with the instructors, 11 lay members were involved, giving encouragement and support.

The Hendersonville, Tennessee, church recently celebrated its fifth ANNIVERSARY. In the last five years, the church raised \$60,000 for the property on which to construct a building, and is currently working toward raising the necessary funds to begin construction. At the anniversary, special recognition was also paid to all those who had served as church officers during the last five years.



SOUTHEASTERN



Pastor Jonathan McCottry and the members of the Lakeland, Florida, district, have chosen to make a concerted effort to build CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS. Fruits of this effort are seen in the support that they are giving to the Southern Union Revolving Fund. His four churches have averaged more than \$2,000 each in the Revolving Fund. The most recent contribution was approximately \$10,000 by the Ewing Memorial church in Lakeland.

On January 15, at the WORKERS' MEETING held in Orlando, Florida, special recognition was given to nine veteran workers and their wives. Those present saluted them for their courage, daring, exploits, and achievements in good and bad times. Their wealth of information and reservoir of knowledge are drawn upon by all. Their willingness to serve whenever and wherever called upon is a demonstration of their commitment.



Coconut Grove is an area of Miami that has been without an Adventist church for many years. The Adventist members living in that area have been praying for the day when a church could be organized. The summer of 1984 their prayers were answered as Pastor Dennis Ross, Jr., and members of the Bethany church began EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS. The tent was set up in an area of the greatest need in the community. At the end of the meetings, 51 precious souls were baptized. Today in Coconut Grove, Florida, there is a Seventh-day Adventist church.



SOUTHERN COLLEGE



Diane Fletcher joined the FACULTY this semester as an assistant professor of home economics. She is teaching nutrition and foods classes. An Australian, Fletcher is a doctoral candidate in the field of home economics education at Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas.



Dan Rozell, associate professor of business administration, was elected CHARTER TREASURER of the Tennessee Association for Gerontology/Geriatrics Education. This position extends to September, 1986. A long-term health-care major (to which this organization relates) is offered at Southern College by the Division of Business and Office Administration. The major has a burgeoning enrollment, to meet increasing needs in the field.



BLACK HISTORY WEEK was celebrated on the Southern College campus February 11-16. Richard Barron, associate youth director of the General Conference, capped the week's special events as speaker for Friday evening vespers and a special worship service held in the PE Center on Sabbath. Elissa Austin, a computer science major from Philadelphia, chaired the planning committee. Kerri Baker, an accounting major from Columbus, Georgia, is president of Beta Kappa Tau, the campus club formed by black students and sponsored by Everett Schlisner, vice president for student affairs, and Larry Williams, assistant professor of behavioral science.



A TRAVEL SEMINAR will take about 10 students to Costa Rica and Mexico from July 1 to 25. The seminar, "Central America and Mexico: Crucible of Change," will be led by Dr. Floyd Greenleaf, professor of history. Besides touring historic, geographic, and cultural sites in the two countries, students will meet with US embassy officials, and attend meetings at the University of Montemorelos and at the Adventist Center for Higher Education in Costa Rica.



Thirty-four outstanding campus leaders at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists will be listed in the 1985 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. The students were chosen on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. Students named this year from Southern College are: Valerie Dick Boston (elementary education), Cohutta, Georgia; John Brownlow (long-term health care), Altamonte Springs, Florida; Gary Burdick (mathematics), McDonald, Tennessee; Rob Clayton (religion), Collegedale, Tennessee; Janice Couey (art), Decatur, Alabama; Donna Day (nursing), Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia; Tami Dittburner (nursing), Weslaco, Texas; Russell Duerksen (history), Tucson, Arizona; Susan Ermer (chemistry), Adairsville, Georgia; Tamara Friedrich (elementary education), Brooksville, Florida; Doug Gates (nursing), Apison, Tennessee; Keith Goodrum (religion), Plantation, Florida; Magdalena Guraat (behavioral science), Collegedale, Tennessee; Stanley Hobbs (history), Slocomb, Alabama; Lori Knarr (nursing), Fleetwood, Pennsylvania; Chrisana Leiw (nursing), Thailand; Frederic Liebrand (physics), Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Carol Loree (office administration), Savannah, Georgia; Donna Lynn (music education), Groveland, Florida; Glenn McElroy (business administration), Cuba, Alabama; Kevin Morgan (religion), Collegedale, Tennessee; Dennis Negrón (religion), Flushing, New York; Cheryl Reinhardt (biology), Brandon, Florida; Reg Rice (chemistry), Winchester, Massachusetts; John Seaman (religion), Cedar Lake, Michigan; Lori Selby (nursing), Avon Park, Florida; Kelly Stebbins (health, physical education, and recreation), Virginia Beach, Virginia; Dale Tunnell (religion), Amarillo, Texas; Dawn Warren (behavioral science), Berrien Springs, Michigan; Andrew Wheat (religion), St. Petersburg, Florida; Stephan A. Wilson (accounting), Apopka, Florida; Donna Wolbert (history), Fletcher, North Carolina; Deanna Wolosuk (nursing), Yale, Virginia; and Doug Woodruff (music), Rock Spring, Georgia.

Sharon Redmon has joined the DIVISION OF NURSING faculty at Southern College as an instructor. She is teaching Advanced Nursing Practice I. She and her 11-year-old son, Kevin, have come to Collegedale from Greeneville, Tennessee, where she was employed at Takoma Hospital.



OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Dr. Elise Moore Toombs, assistant professor of business at Oakwood College, recently attended the TENTH NATIONAL BUSINESS RESEARCH CONFERENCE sponsored by Delta Pi Epsilon in Denver, Colorado. The three-day meeting drew business education teachers and researchers from all over the United States. Delta Pi Epsilon is the National Honorary Professional Graduate Society in Business Education in the United States.



Tallahassee Sabbath school Investment leaders Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Garner, Sr., reported a total of \$264.44 in sales from the November 11 Investment sale. Members and friends donated craft items, plants, clothing, and a variety of both new and old items for the sale.



Surrounded by the attentive crew of the Blood Assurance bloodmobile, Alexandra Franco, a freshman at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists, demonstrates her attitude of cheerful giving. A total of 243 pints of blood have been donated by students and faculty at Southern College to date during this school year. Blood Assurance, a non-profit organization serving 12 hospitals in and near Chattanooga, makes four two-day visits to the campus and has been coming for seven years. The fourth visit will be in April.



"We heard there was an older church that needed a 'face lift,' some work done, and there weren't many members that were able to do the work," says Belleview, Florida, church communication secretary Barbara Smith. "We thought it would be nice to get a group of people together and spend a day or whatever it took to get the job done." The Jennings Lake church was the recipient of this caring endeavor. Painting and minor repairs of the church were tackled with enthusiasm as the Belleview members met and traveled to Jennings Lake. George Green, pastor at Jennings Lake says, "The project has stimulated real interest in our congregation. We've had better attendance since then, some people have transferred to our church and our members now want to even enlarge the property line."



Each week the students of the Starke, Florida, SDA Christian Academy provide Bible verse placemats to the local hospital for their patient trays. Charleen Wright, their teacher, says this has given them a real reason for writing.

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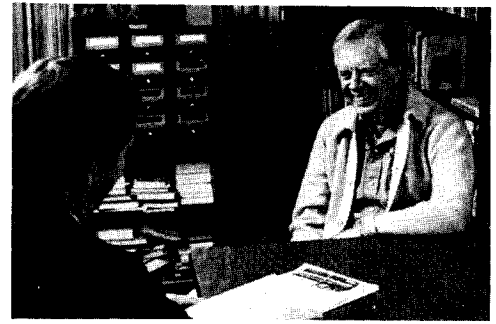
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Retired minister and interim Longview Church Pastor D. B. Reid (center) baptized five Memphis, Tennessee, prisoners as a result of the work of the prison ministries team in that church. While still in the pool, Reid made an appeal and 14 prisoners responded.



Members of the board of directors of the Lay Advisory Council of the South Central Conference, which meets five times yearly, reported activities for 1984 including one family finance seminar, one laymen's retreat, entering the Southern Union Revolving Fund, and establishing a building team to help construct new buildings. Pictured are Connie Henderson (left, front) and Marva Williams of Paducah, Kentucky; Jerline Hughes and Evelyn Burgess of Florence, Alabama; Ruth Stafford, Huntsville; Cornelius Turner (left, second row), Nashville, Tennessee; Joseph Milner, chairman, of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Richard Stevenson of Huntsville, Alabama; J. W. Jones, pastor of Bessemer, Alabama; Alexander Corman of Florence, Alabama; Cornelius Torrence, vice chairman, of Bessemer, Alabama; (left, back), I. J. Johnson, secretary, Herman Wright, newly elected chairman of the building team; Jere W. Dorsette of Phenix City, Alabama; Robert Ward of Meridian, Mississippi; Anthony Henderson of Paducah, Kentucky.



Former President Jimmy Carter is one of the interesting people appearing on the March 30, 31 edition of Faith For Today's new weekly television series, "Christian Lifestyle Magazine." Carter is interviewed in Georgia by Dan Matthews, executive director of Faith For Today and host of the program. The series can be seen nationwide on Saturday nights on Lifetime Cable Network. It is also available on Sundays on select local stations. Check your local listings for times and stations.



Although the Primary department of the Hendersonville, Tennessee, church may not be very big, it has been doing things in a big way. One of its recent achievements was to form a children's choir for a special Christmas program. The primaries plan to continue to provide music for special occasions.



Auto mechanics classes are on the agenda each Wednesday night for the young men of the Ft. Myers, Florida, church. After the initial songs and prayer, the adults study and mark their Bibles with the "Truth for the End Time" videotape cassettes with George Vandeman of It Is Written, the boys are in auto mechanics class, the girls in cooking and baking class, and the primary are in shell animals class and bell choir. Prayer meeting attendance has jumped from 15 to 40 with an additional 18-20 youth and 10 primary.

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Fifty Florida delegates to the Pan-American Youth Congress in Mexico City were totally inspired by the Congress but they also wanted to visit La Estrella, the relocation area for the gas explosion survivors. At the Pemex liquid gas storage site they saw trucks melted, storage tanks relocated by the blast, trees and vegetation scorched within a mile radius. At La Estrella they surprised the children with a gift of 1,000 Youth Congress T-shirts which they had bought. Even personal clothing was willingly shed and quickly put on by the pressing crowd of children and adults.

Mrs. Lavinia Ah Koy (right), secretary general to the Parliament of Fiji, and a Seventh-day Adventist, participated in taping "Prayer Alert" segments at the Adventist Media Center, February 5, for later release on the It Is Written telecast. Interviewed by Associate Speaker Roland Lenhoff (left), Ah Koy is responsible for the general administration of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. She is accountable for all money voted for Parliament, responsible for formulating the agenda and business of each meeting, clarifying points of order, and presenting all new laws to the governor-general for assent. Lavinia and her husband, Jim, both Seventh-day Adventists, were among the 120 government leaders from around the world invited to participate in the National Prayer Breakfast on January 31 in Washington, D.C., with President Reagan and members of the U.S. Congress.



The Apostle Paul is led through streets of Rome as a prisoner and is greeted by a fellow Christian, in scene from "AD," a 12-hour miniseries on NBC, March 31-April 4. In this sequel to the 10-hour television drama "Jesus of Nazareth," producer Vincenzo Labella continues the story from Pentecost through the lives of Peter and Paul. Stories of ordinary people, heroes and villains, are intermixed with biblical and historical events. The drama ends with the gospel of Jesus Christ taking root and growing as the empire recovers from its rule by madmen.

The Church In Action

Education

Presidents' Wives' Tea Raised Funds For Education

South Atlantic — The Home and School Fellowship Association of Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy and Berean Elementary School on February 3 sponsored a fundraising project under the title, "Presidents' Wives' Tea." It was held at the Atlanta, Georgia, Sheraton Hotel. It was attended by more than 500 patrons.

The returns from this project are targeted primarily to the updating of the school library. It generated approximately \$5,500.

The program featured dramatic portrayals of the wives of the 40 presidents of the United States from George Washington to Ronald

Reagan. The mistress of ceremonies was Xernona Clayton, director of public affairs of the Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.

Each of the 40 actresses was given a small table to decorate and set up for tea in a manner representative of her time in the White House, raise funds, and verbalize her history.

The judges were: Helene Harris, chairperson; Juanita Sellers, Corine Taylor, Ruby Lindsay, and Linda Page. Chairman Harris announced the results of the enormous task in categories of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively in each area. They were: Fund raising: Nel Henry, Ceola Jones, and Louise Thompson; Authenticity: Nel Henry, Louise Thompson, and Ceola Jones; Presentation: Laretha Mitchell, Joan Clarke, and Mary Floyd.

Oakwood Hosts International Week

Oakwood College — The international community of Oakwood College celebrated its annual International Week January 20-26. Festivities throughout the week highlighted the distinctiveness in foods, dress, music, and culture worldwide.

The Sabbath services drew visitors from the Office of the Mayor, the Huntsville Council for International Visitors, area universities, and from the Huntsville community to witness the traditional flag procession at the divine worship hour and to hear from the International

Day speaker, Dr. Susan Willoughby, professor and chairman, department of sociology and social work at Atlantic Union College.

Believing that a strong international student-relations program is vital to the institution, President Calvin Rock appointed Alma Foggo York as director of international student and government affairs in July of 1984. York, a Bermudian, has made significant progress toward favorable long-term relationships with international delegations and embassies of countries representing Oakwood students as well as with other governmental and community agencies and institutions with which Oakwood students relate. Monthly meetings are scheduled throughout the school year to encourage cultural exchange and information sharing between international students. An upcoming feature will be L. M. Ricard, regional director for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) at which time the international student community from local colleges and universities will be invited to Oakwood's campus.

Forty-two countries are represented among the foreign students enrolled at Oakwood. This year the largest groups come from the Bahamas, England, and Nigeria.

Youth

SDAs to Participate In UN International Youth Year

General Conference — The Youth Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is encouraging Adventist youth around the world to participate in the 1985 United Nations International Youth Year.

Leo Ranzolin, youth leader of the General Conference, said the church encourages "each level of the Church's constituency to establish an International Youth Year committee to plan and activate at least one program to celebrate the International Year of Youth."

Ranzolin said the Church encourages a variety of programs cen-



Officers of the Home and School Fellowship who spearheaded the Presidents' Wives' Tea are Gladys Glass, treasurer (left); Del Patrick, assistant secretary; Cynthia Roberts, secretary; and Nola Franklin, president.

tered on the IYY theme, "Participation, Development, Peace."

In the area of participation, Ranzolin said the Adventist Church encourages its youth to "join in at least one community project or ask authorities for a special project for the church youth group that will help and bless the community as an ongoing benefit." He also urged Adventist youth to participate in home and church activities.

Outreach Emphasized At Youth Leadership Convention

Florida — Approximately 125 youth leaders from 42 churches from all over the state of Florida attended the annual Youth Leadership Convention held at Forest Lake Academy January 11, 12.

"The thing that really seemed to be evident was the enthusiasm among the local church youth leaders to involve their young people in missionary outreach and witnessing activities," shared Lewis Hendershot, youth ministries director for Florida Conference. "It was a very high priority this year as well as giving support to the local Adventist youth groups and area youth fellowships."

Dr. Bailey Gillespie, chairman of the church and ministry department at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California, led the list of workshop presenters. The convention, which offered three and four different workshops to choose from during various sessions, provided local church youth leaders with the tools to lead the young people in their respective congregations.

It was voted during the two-day program to help build a church at La Estrella outside of Mexico City for the Youth Outreach Unlimited project for 1985. This vote came as a result of the recent Pan-American Congress held in Mexico City in December.

Other speakers during the convention included Ralph Peay, Southern Union youth director; Elbert Anderson, director of Corporate Health Services at Florida Hospital; R. H. Shepard, Conference Sabbath school director; Robert Caskey, principal at Forest Lake



Florida Conference Senior Youth Ministries Director Lewis Hendershot addresses those gathered for the Youth Leadership Convention January 11, 12.

Academy; John Appel, chaplain at Forest Lake Academy; Phil Younts, camp manager at Camp Kulaqua, Bill Crofton, youth pastor at Forest Lake church, and Lewis Hendershot.

Health

Unique Payday Makes Statement to County About Hospital

Gordon Hospital — Gordon Hospital employees received stacks of \$2 bills instead of the usual paycheck during a December payday, and then used these \$2 bills throughout the Calhoun, Georgia, community in an effort to make a statement about the Hospital's contributions to the area.

"We've tried to provide quality health care," stated a full-page ad in the local papers, "but we've also tried something else." The ad continued by saying that Gordon Hospital has attempted to aid the economy of the county through employment of residents and through business transactions.

As the \$2 bills circulated through Calhoun, where Gordon Hospital is located, and the rest of the county, reactions were usually positive as well as interesting. "I paid my mortgage with \$2 bills," says Larry Payne, president of Gordon Hospital, "and did all my business transactions that way. I think we certainly were able to put a positive focus on the Hospital as a valuable part of the community."

Most employees felt that this payday was a good idea in letting

the community know about the contributions the Hospital makes to the area in addition to providing health care. "So the next time you handle a \$2 bill," another ad said, "think of Gordon Hospital." Inevitably much of Gordon County did—now most of its citizens not only see Gordon Hospital as an increasingly fine health-care institution but as a boost to local economy as well. This \$2 bill payday and the attention it received will pave the way for further outreach into the community through other programs.

Somerset Company Has First Fair Booth

Kentucky-Tennessee — The Somerset, Kentucky, company had a successful "reach out" program during a three-day event for its local county. EXPO 84, as it was called, allowed several hundred businesses and other organizations to set up booths for exhibition.

Since this is just a small group it was obvious from the very beginning that this would take a lot of personal effort. Other churches had booths and gave away literature and told of local activities, but the Somerset church was the only one that offered a service to the community. The most popular attraction was the computerized life-span analysis which drew an almost continuous waiting line.

During the three days, 495 persons registered at the booth, 750 vegetarian recipes were given away, 39 signed up to attend a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, 26 signed up for cooking classes, 65 blood pressures were taken, and 125 life-span computer analyses were done. In addition, there were 17 requests for Bible studies.

Progress

Lake Seminole Church Organized

Florida — In his first public function as the new Florida Conference president, Malcolm D. Gordon



Toni and Marge Rossi stand while their names are read as charter members. On the platform are Richard Pickell, charter member; Paul Horton, St. Petersburg First church pastor; R. J. Ulmer, Conference secretary; and M. D. Gordon, Conference president.

preached to the capacity crowd assembled for the Lake Seminole, Florida, church organization. In his sermon he invited the congregation to be a caring church, calling on them to follow the example set by Barnabas and be "sons and daughters of encouragement."

The new church was officially organized January 19 by Roy Ulmer, Conference secretary, with 64 charter members. It becomes the 127th church in the Conference.

Strong support was given to Lake Seminole by the members of the Clearwater and St. Petersburg First churches. Pastor Bruce Messinger,

very active in the birth of this church, gave a short history of its beginning as a branch Sabbath school in July, 1984. After some searching, the present store-front location was selected. Though appearing too large, the organizers stepped out in faith and signed the lease. Their faith was rewarded as worshipers filled all 72 seats on the first Sabbath!

In his closing remarks Gordon encouraged the new church to "work together in unity." He cited their organization as an "opportunity to become known as the kindest, most loving, caring people in Seminole."

Who and Where

WDX "Christmas Carol" Brings Cheer

Kentucky-Tennessee — "Hello, this is WDX Christmas Carol. Today, I make another Christmas wish come true. From the cards and letters we have received, a lady from Savannah, Tennessee, writes that Charlie Freshour at the Tri-County Convalescent Home has worn out his harmonica. She wishes a new harmonica for Charlie Freshour. Now, thanks to the generosity of some of our good friends, we are able to grant this wish."

This Christmas wish and others were fulfilled as Harbert Hills Academy's WDX-FM granted one

Christmas wish for each of the 12 days before Christmas.

Wishes included flowers for a 96-year-old man in Harbert Hills Nursing Home. Other wishes were for warm winter clothing or for toys for children whose parents were



Andrea Davidson (right), owner of Horner's Florist, presents a bouquet of Christmas flowers to 96-year-old Arthur Beckham, who was recently placed in Harbert Hills Nursing Home, as nurse Dorothy Moon (left), looks on.

out of work or in poor circumstances.

Helping to make wishes come true were Savannah merchants and the community services of the Savannah church. One merchant, Wal-Mart Discount Center, provided \$50 in new clothing for one of the families.

WDX Christmas Carol was promoted by on-the-air announcements and also in the local newspaper. WDX is the Adventist Radio Network station operated by Harbert Hills Academy in Savannah, Tennessee. Recent improvements have greatly upgraded and expanded the service of WDX, which has been on the air for 10 years, broadcasting the full Seventh-day Adventist message, as well as a wide range of cultural, educational, and inspirational programs. WDX has also been active in training Adventist young people and adults in the art of radio broadcasting. The station can be heard in parts of Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi.

Sabbath School Class Gives 700 Bible Studies by Mail

Georgia-Cumberland — A Dalton, Georgia, Sabbath school class is using Bible reading guides published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association with 24 lessons to a set. Two thousand five hundred invitations to take the course were sent out. Within one week's time, 75 responses came back by mail. The next mailing contained 20,000 invitations. The result is that 700 requests have come in asking for these Bible study guides.

The requests came from everywhere: Arizona, Ohio, Alabama, Tennessee, as well as Georgia. Four ministers, two dentists, and one doctor have enrolled, and about one-half of the requests have come from neighboring Murray County where there is no Seventh-day Adventist church.

When this course is completed, an advanced course is available and many are already indicating interest.

A Revelation Seminar was planned to begin February 17 and continue with the followup meet-

ing through May 9. Later in the year a five-week evangelistic series will be conducted in the Dalton church by Southern Union Evangelist Lyle Albrecht.

The laymen's next project is to go through the phone directory, pick out the Spanish names and mail the Spanish Bible Course to them. The cost is running into several thousand dollars, but, as one of the laymen put it, "The greatest thrill and reward I could receive is for my angel to bring someone to me and say, 'This person found Jesus Christ because of the Bible study guides that were sent to him.'"

Literature Evangelist Sees Eight Baptized

South Atlantic — James Ballard is a credentialed literature evangelist from the 65-member McDonough, Georgia, Tri-City church. He chose to concentrate his ministry in Thomaston, Georgia, a relatively small industrial town about 75 miles south of Atlanta. The South Atlantic Conference had no work in that town. His wife, Gloria, a nutritionist, conducts a weekly health program preceding a Bible study by Ballard which some 40 people attend.

On January 26, eight persons were baptized at a rented church. President R. B. Hairston, of the South Atlantic Conference, delivered the message. Others from the Conference office were: Personal

Ministries Director Joe Hinson; Publishing Director Robert Smith; Communication Director Sam Gooden; and Thomaston native Mack Willis, a theology graduate of Oakwood College who pastors two churches—Rome and Senoia, Georgia. He returned to his home town to baptize his twin sisters.

Ballard is continuing his ministry in Thomaston and will schedule another baptism soon. A church will soon be organized there.

Ridgetop Bakes And Distributes Bread for Christmas

Kentucky-Tennessee — Sunday, December 16, was B-Day (B for "bake") at the Ridgetop, Tennessee, church as 20 men, women, and children gathered at the church school gym to bake bread—more than 200 loaves—to distribute in the community.

The following Tuesday evening was D-Day (D for "distribution") as Pathfinder club members and staff loaded the boxed, bagged bread in cars. Along with the delicious, nut-brown loaves went a note containing a Christmas greeting from the church and copies of *Happiness Digest* and the special *Adventist Review* issue on Adventists.

Leading out in this Christmas project were Community Services Secretary Dorothy Walters and Personal Ministries Director John Morgan.

Young and Old Contribute to Ingathering Success

Florida — Young and old alike participated in solicitation to make the 1984 Ingathering program a success.

Eighty-two-year-old Billy Wynn,



Billy Wynn (right), receives a hearty handshake from Florida Conference Personal Ministries Director R. H. Shepard. Wynn, 82, raised \$4,060 for Ingathering during 1984.

member at the SDA Church at Florida Hospital, could perhaps be considered the Conference's champion Ingatherer. During this campaign he raised \$4,060, which exceeds his last year's amount by \$1,000. The former used car dealer uses his contacts with other car dealers and auto parts stores to solicit their help. Donations ranged from \$50 to \$500.

The Ocala church almost doubled its goal with the help of Pathfinders and church school students. Together they raised \$7,041. Five children under the age of 10 raised more than \$580 on one Sunday! As a result of their faithful work 19 young people earned one-week camp scholarships. Ten others raised \$440, for which the church is giving them a \$100 subsidy for the 1985 NAD Pathfinder Camporee in Camp Hale, Colorado.

John Cressler, age 83, and a member of the Brandon church, raised \$3,000 earlier this year to finish paying off the debt on the church's new youth center by walking 20 miles. When he went In-



Happy faces of members who were baptized at Thomaston, Georgia, January 26: Jeanette Daniels (left front); Shirley Daniels; Skoni Scott; Barbara Willis-Wise, Betty Willis-Worthy, twin sisters of Mack Willis, who baptized them; R. T. Smith, publishing director of South Atlantic Conference (left, back row); twin brothers Christopher and Stanley Lockhart; R. B. Hairston, president of South Atlantic Conference; James and Gloria Ballard.

gathering three businesses doubled their donations as a result of reading about his 20-mile walk in the *Brandon News* and *Tampa Tribune*. One donor gave him \$1,000, for a total of \$1,480 raised for Ingathering.

Brenda Clark, a young woman in her early 20s who is confined to a wheelchair, raised \$1,011 sitting night after night in front of a Zayre's store in Homestead. She cannot speak or write so her mother and other members stood with her and spoke for her. She likes to Ingather and the Lord surely blessed her willingness to do her best for Him.

Model Trains Raise \$3,000 for Christian Record

Carolina — Robert Morris, of the Washington, North Carolina, church, raised more than \$3,000 for Christian Record Braille Foundation during the Christmas holidays. He did it by working with electric trains. Robert digs wells and septic

tanks for a living. His hobby for years has been model electric trains.

He installed an approximately 36-foot-long model town, complete with tracks running through it in a large corner window of a store in the Washington Square Mall. The buildings were complete with the names of local businesses on them—businesses that had paid \$100 to sponsor that building.

Robert, personal ministries director of the Washington church, had hoped to raise \$2,000 but the Lord blessed and that goal was far surpassed.

The local newspaper ran a front-page story on the event in November and a full pictorial in December and a center spread. Kids, ages nine-to-90, dropped by the shopping center to see the display. The Christian Record Braille Foundation received \$3,000 to help in its work for the blind and a 37-year-old Adventist layman had an enjoyable December making the holidays merrier.

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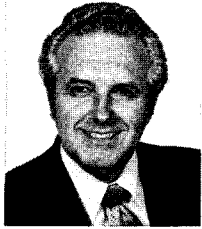
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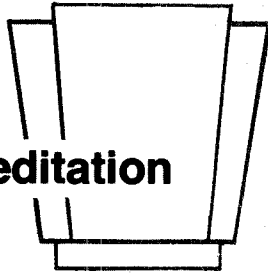
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Moment Meditation

Afflictions Can Be A Blessing

Do you dwell on life's sorrows, disappointments, afflictions, and sufferings? Do you feel that you receive in your life more than you deserve? Have you become depressed and feel that life is not really worth living anymore? Let us stop and think about this for a minute.

The sufferings we go through either embitter us or bring blessings to us. The question of importance is not, what does affliction do to me, but what will I do with affliction? David could say, in Psalm 119:71, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted."

When things go wrong, it is easy to say, "I wish I had not been born." Instead of this attitude, we should be grateful for the privilege of witnessing for Christ, regardless of afflictions, and also believe "that all things work together for good to them that love God." (Romans 8:28).

We must always remember that sorrow, disappointment, even suffering are a common heritage for each one of us. If we will look at difficulties as we should, we will find many blessings for us. Henry Ward Beecher once said, "God washes the eyes with tears until they can behold the invisible land where tears shall come no more."

One of our ministers was visiting an afflicted lady to try to bring comfort to her. He carried with him two stones alike in color. There was a marked difference between the stones. One had a dazzling brilliance, the other was rather dull.

The lady wanted to know why were they so different. He said, "One has been cut eighty times while the other stone had only eight cuts. The stone that had suffered many cuts shone brilliantly: the stone that had only eight cuts was dim and lacked luster. We all want to shine forth for God's kingdom. Maybe the words of Paul fit us as Christians, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Timothy 3:12).

The men and women of influence who have accomplished great things for God knew what it meant to go through the furnace of affliction. Charles Spurgeon, that great preacher, once said, "The Lord gets His best soldiers out of the highlands of affliction." Let us keep our hand in the hand of Christ, then we can and will understand by faith that all afflictions and trials that come our way will help us be partakers of His holiness. It will also prepare us for a special place in God's kingdom.

W. M. Abbott, Jr., is personal ministries and ASI director for the Southern Union Conference.

World View

Pope to Visit Israel? A high-ranking delegation of American Jews was to visit the Vatican to encourage Pope John Paul II to visit Israel, one of the few countries he hasn't seen. In fact, no Roman Catholic pontiff has visited the Holy Land since 1964. They will encourage him to move the Vatican toward full diplomatic relations with the tiny Middle-east country. The members of the delegation believe that moderate Arab countries in the region might see a papal visit as a catalyst mobilizing both sides toward peace. *Newsweek*, Feb. 18

Children Watching More TV Than a Decade Ago. The A. C. Nielson Company, which reports television ratings, says the average child between the ages of two and 11 watches television a record 27 hours and 21 minutes per week compared with 23 hours and 18 minutes ten years ago. Critics complain that, in spite of the existence of educational programs such as "Sesame Street," most of what children watch is low on information and high on violence and fantasy. To deal with the problem, legislation is being introduced in Congress to require a minimum of five hours per week aimed at enhancing the education of children. NBC already has a half-hour news program for children on its drawing boards. *US News and World Report*, February 18.

More Than 1,000 Baptized in Philippines. Australian John Carter conducted an evangelistic series in the Philippine International Convention Center in Manila recently. More than 12,000 persons attended. Carter, Australasian Division evangelist, designed his program to "reach the rich and elite." An extensive media advertising program helped get 8,000 to the meetings on opening night. At the close of the series, 1,012 persons had become Seventh-day Adventists. *Adventist Review*, February 21.

"Silent Scream" Upsetting Pro-Choice Advocates. A controversial 28-minute film which shows a real abortion by ultrasound has created a sensation among groups on both sides of the abortion issue. The film was the work of Dr. Bernard Nathanson, who once operated an abortion clinic, but changed his stance after seeing sonograms of his work soon after the ultrasound process was developed. Critics of the film, called "The Silent Scream," said it was "a cheap shot—an emotional, unscientific piece of propaganda." The film's narrator says the unborn fetus is writhing in pain and trying to escape. The critics say it is impossible to say that, based on the grainy, black-and-white images of the sonogram. *Newsweek*, February 25.

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Calendar Events

25 Athens, Ala. 12-1 p.m.
25 Decatur, Ala. 2:30-5 p.m.
25 Hanceville, Ala. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Special book and food orders placed one week before sale will be delivered.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Highland Academy Alumni Weekend — April 6, 7. Honor classes: '80, '75, '65, '60, '55, and '45. Friday night speaker: Wayne McNutt. Sabbath speaker: Tui Pitman.

Conference-Wide Youth Pathfinder Celebration Congress — March 16. Highland Academy. Ron Halverson, pastor of the Takoma Park, Md., church, guest speaker.

Revelation Seminar for Laymen — March 29, 30. Indian Creek Camp. Contact the Personal Ministries Department for information and reservations.

Louisville Junior Academy Silver/Diamond Anniversary — April 13. Former teachers and students please bring pictures and plan to share remembrances with others.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Personal Ministries Rallies

March 9 Eastern North Carolina — Fayetteville, N.C.
16 Atlanta, Ga.
23 Western North Carolina — Greensboro, N.C.

Publishing Meeting and Survey — March 15, 16. Union Office, Decatur, Ga.

Church School Rally Day — March 9. Savannah, Ga.

Publishing Training — March 28-30. Cohutta Springs.

South Carolina Youth Federation — March 30.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Beautification Month — March 1-31.

Laymen's Congress — March 1, 2. Joe Wheeler State Park, Alabama.

K-12 Board Meeting — March 12.

Community Services Federations

March 16
April 13 Memphis, Tenn.
April 20 Knoxville, Tenn.

Housing Board Meetings — March 19, April 23.

Conference-Wide Baptism — March 23.

Regional Publishing Leadership Seminar — March 24-30. Oakwood College.

Youth Congress and Annual Awards Day — March 29-31.

MESSAGE Magazine Missionary Subscription Report — April 6.

Lay Advisory Council — April 14. Oakwood College.

LE Rally Day in All Churches — April 20.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Spring Break — March 1-10.

Week of Spiritual Emphasis — Alberta Mazat — March 11-16, 7 p.m. Collegedale church.

Artist Adventure Series — Smoky Mountain British Brass Band — March 16, 8 p.m. PE Center.

Sacred Concert — Hale and Wilder — March 20, 7 p.m. Collegedale church.

Florence Oliver Anderson Nursing Series — Margo McCaffery, "Pain: Assessment and Intervention in Nursing Practice" — March 21, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Ackerman Auditorium.

E. A. Anderson Lecture Series — Annie J. Carter, "Interviewing for Personnel Selection" — March 21, 8 p.m. Brock Hall.

Vespers — Dick O'Fill — March 22, 8 p.m. Collegedale church.

Student Association Talent Show — March 23, 8 p.m. PE Center.

Staley Lecture Series — Carl F. H. Henry — March 26, 10:30 a.m. Collegedale church.

E. A. Anderson Lecture Series — Chuck Reaves, "Put Change in Your Pocket" — March 28, 8 p.m. Brock Hall.

Florence Oliver Anderson Nursing Series — Gerald Bennett, "The Impaired Nurse" — March 28, 11:05-11:45 a.m. Thatcher Hall Chapel.

Church Service — SC Orchestra and Choir — March 30, 8:40 a.m. and 11 a.m. Collegedale church.

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

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Mission Emphasis Day — March 2. Speaker: C. H. Watson.

Senior Presentation — March 3. Oakwood College church. Speaker: Fred Pullins.

Academic Recognition Program — March 6.

Spring Break — March 14-16.

Spring Quarter Registration — March 17-19.

Classes Begin — March 20.

Alumni Weekend — April 5-7.

SOUTHERN UNION

Tract Evangelism Sabbath — March 2.

Heritage Singers, USA, Concerts

March 2 Walker Memorial church, Avon Park, Fla., 7 p.m.
9 Forest Lake Academy Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.
16 Greater Miami Academy Auditorium

Adventist World Radio Offering — March 9.

Adventist Youth Day — March 16.

Adventist Youth Week of Prayer — March 16-23.

Southern Union Academy Music Festival — March 20-23.

Sabbath School Community Guest Day — March 23.

Adventist Singles Ministries Easter Retreat — April 5-7. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center. Lecturer, Jean Scharesky. Chattanooga, Tenn. Registration begins at 4 p.m. April 5. Contact Jim Bedell, P.O. Box 1519, Collegedale, TN 37315. Reservations should be in no later than April 3.

CAROLINA

Sidney Baker (Cello) and Leith Wike (Piano) Concert — March 9, 5:30 p.m. Foster Memorial church, Asheville, N.C. An offering will benefit the new Mount Pisgah Academy administration building.

Divorce Recovery Seminar — March 15, 7:30 p.m. and March 16, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Hendersonville, N.C., church. By David White, chaplain, Hackettstown (N.J.) Community Hospital. Topics include "Building New Relationships" and "Overcoming Loneliness."

Mount Pisgah Academy Alumni Weekend — April 19, 20.

FLORIDA

Palmetto Church Centennial — March 8.

Lay Evangelists Training Seminar III — March 1-9. Camp Kulaqua.

Adventist Singles Ministries

March 9 — Monthly fellowship dinner, Forest Lake church youth building. Spaghetti Supper and Film Feature Benefit. Same location, 7 p.m.

March 15-17 — Spring Retreat at Camp Kulaqua

March 23-24 — Weekend at Avon Park

March 30 — "Rebuilding Your Life" seminar, St. Petersburg-Tampa area at St. Petersburg church.

Community Services Federation Meetings

March 16 Lower Gold Coast — Marathon
17 Upper Gold Coast — Ft. Pierce
18 Ridge Federation — Port Charlotte
19 Gulf Coast — Palmetto
20 Central Federation — Kress Memorial
21 North Federation — Jacksonville Regency

Youth Ministries

March 4-7 Horsemanship Camp Camp Kulaqua
April 14-18 Senior Citizens Camp Camp Kulaqua

Sabbath School Rallies

Area rallies with Alice Lowe, GC Sabbath School Department, for parents and their children: cradle roll, kindergarten, primary Sabbath school departments.

March 30 4 p.m. Orlando Central
31 6 p.m. Jacksonville Mandarin
April 1 7 p.m. St. Petersburg
3 7 p.m. Walker Memorial
5 7 p.m. West Palm Beach
6 4 p.m. Miami Temple

Elementary and Jr. Academy Music Festival — April 25-27. Forest Lake Academy.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Georgia-Cumberland Academy Alumni Homecoming — April 13. Honor classes: '80, '75, '70. Speaker, John McVay, '76. Sabbath school - 10:30 a.m.; Church - 11:30 a.m.; Eventide - 7 p.m. in the chapel; potluck in the back of the gym immediately after church; business meeting following Eventide. Basketball game - 8:45 p.m.

Groundbreaking for New Cohutta Springs Lodge — March 17, 1:30 p.m.

Teen Invitational — March 15-17. Cumberland Caverns.

Fellowship Camp Outs

March 29-31 North Georgia Stone Mountain, Ga.
29-31 South Georgia Camp Kulaqua, Fla.
April 5-7 South Tennessee Red Clay, Tenn.
5-7 North Tennessee Big Ridge, Tenn.

Community Services Federation Meetings

March 3 Baxley, Ga. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
10 Atlanta Southside 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
13 Collegedale, Tenn. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lay Witness Weekend — March 8, 9. Dunlap, Tenn.

Area Camp Meetings

March 22, 23 Southeast Georgia — Savannah, Ga.
29, 30 North Central Tennessee — Crossville, Tenn.
April 5, 6 East Tennessee — Greeneville, Tenn.
May 10, 11 South Georgia — Tifton, Ga.

GULF STATES

Bass Memorial Academy Alumni Homecoming — March 29-31. O. L. Heinrich, speaker.

Youth/Adult Bible Conference — April 5, 6. Camp Alamisco.

Bookmobile Schedule

March 10 ABC Open House, Montgomery, Ala. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
13 Selma, Ala. 1-3:30 p.m.
13 Gilbertown, Ala. 6:30-9 p.m.
14 Pascagoula, Miss. 3:30-5 p.m.
14 Gulfport, Miss. 6:30-9 p.m.
15 Hattiesburg, Miss. 3-4:30 p.m.
16 Bass Memorial Academy 6:30-9:30 p.m.
17 Florence, Miss. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
17 Jackson, Miss. 3:30-6:30 p.m.
17 Vicksburg, Miss. 7:30-9:30 p.m.
18 Pine Forest Academy 2-4 p.m.
18 Meridian, Miss. 5:30-8 p.m.
23 Floral Crest (Bryant, Ala.) 6:30-9 p.m.
24 Huntsville, Ala. 12:30-3:30 p.m.
24 Shoals Church (Florence, Ala.) 5:30-8 p.m.

Missionary Magazine Emphasis — April 6.
Annual Southern Union Chapter ASI Convention — April 11-13. Orlando, Fla., Central church, 624 N. Broadway. Inspiration, lay-witnessing, stirring spiritual messages, prayer breakfast, banquet, stress seminar, more. All medical and business professionals should attend, as well as church members in central Florida. Write ASI, P.O. Box 849, Decatur, GA 30031, or call ASI, (404) 299-1832.
Loma Linda University Offering — April 13.
North American Division ASDAN Convention (Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses) — April 18-24. Cohutta Springs, Ga. Topics: economical, ethical, emotional, spiritual. Contact ASDAN National Headquarters: Elizabeth Sterndale, exec. dir., ASDAN, Health & Temperance Dept., 6840 Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20012, (202) 722-6000.

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LEGAL NOTICES

THE KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-fourth regular session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Highland Academy auditorium, Highland Academy campus, Highway 109, twelve miles north of Gallatin, near Portland, Tennessee, Sunday, April 14, 1985. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the session. Each church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and an additional delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof.

Clinton L. Shankel, President H. V. Leggett, Secretary

THE KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-fourth regular session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the Highland Academy auditorium, Sunday, April 14, 1985. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. The delegates to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of the corporation.

Clinton L. Shankel, President Eugene T. Remmers, Secretary

THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF KENTUCKY

Notice is hereby given that the 42nd regular session of the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Association of Kentucky, a corporation, is called to meet in the Highland Academy auditorium, Sunday, April 14, 1985. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. The delegates to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of the corporation.

Clinton L. Shankel, President Eugene T. Remmers, Secretary

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

Notice is hereby given that the 24th regular session (triennial) of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the auditorium on the campus of Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, April 21, 1985, 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 (1) delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each 35 members or major fraction thereof.

Gary B. Patterson, President Don L. Aalborg, Secretary

GEORGIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the regular triennial session of the Georgia Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the auditorium on the campus of Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, April 21, 1985, at 10 a.m. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are constituents of this corporation.

Gary B. Patterson, President James C. Reynolds, Secretary

THE CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the legal session of The Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the auditorium on the campus of Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, April 21, 1985, at 10 a.m. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are constituents of this corporation.

Gary B. Patterson, President James C. Reynolds, Secretary

CAROLINA CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 35th regular session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the auditorium on the campus of Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler, North Carolina, on Sunday, April 28, 1985. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. The 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 its organization and one additional delegate for each 20 members or major fraction thereof.

Robert S. Folkenberg, President Norman L. Doss, Secretary

CAROLINA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that there will be a legal meeting of the Carolina Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Incorporated, under the laws of the state of North Carolina, in connection with the regular session of the Carolina Conference, which will be held in the auditorium on the campus of Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler, North Carolina. The first meeting of this association will convene at 2 p.m., April 28, 1985. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and trustees and to transact any other business that may come before the association at that time. The delegates of the 35th session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates of the association meeting.

Robert S. Folkenberg, President Louis Canosa, Secretary

On the Move

Adventist Health System/Sunbelt

1. **Fred Moore** has been appointed public relations director for Florida Hospital/Altamonte. This will be the first full-time public relations department established at the Altamonte Springs facility. All public relations efforts had been handled by the department at FH/Orlando. Prior to this appointment, Moore had served as assistant director of public relations at Florida Hospital/Orlando.

Georgia-Cumberland

Harry Sackett has accepted a call to the Cleveland, Tennessee, church. He is coming from the College church in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Lester Keizer is the new pastor of the Boulevard church in Madison, Tenn., transferring from the St. Matthews church in Louisville, Ky. **2. Jim Clarke** is the new pastor of the Bowling Green, Ky., district, transferring from the Indiana Conference. **3. Scott McCrery** comes to Kentucky-Tennessee from the Seminary and will be pastoring in the Somerville-Whitehaven, Tenn., churches. **4. Mike Pettengill** has moved from the Florida Conference and is the new pastor of the Louisville First church.

Southern College

Kenneth Spears is the new senior vice president for finance at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists. He joined the administration in 1963 as director of student finance. He also has held the posts of college manager, dean of student affairs, director of admissions and records, and, most recently, associate business manager. A 1966 graduate of Southern College, he earned an MBA degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1973. He and his wife, nee Mildred Lorene Bates, are both Texans by birth, as are their three grown children.

General Conference

5. **Aileen Andres Sox**, formerly assistant editor of the *Adventist Review*, has joined the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, (ADRA), as editor for Resource Development. During the past 18 months the work of ADRA has expanded in such measure that it was apparent that an editor was needed to keep our church members informed, along with a new approach to get the work of Adventists into the media.

Walla Walla College President **N. Clifford Sorensen** has accepted the position of executive secretary of the Board of Higher Education (BHE) for the North American Division. He will assume his responsibilities at the conclusion of the present academic year.

sunset table

	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 15	Mar. 22	Mar. 29	Apr. 5
Atlanta, Ga.	6:34	6:40	6:46	6:51	6:56	7:02
Charlotte, N.C.	6:19	6:25	6:30	6:36	6:42	6:47
Collegedale, Tenn. . .	6:37	6:43	6:48	6:54	7:00	7:05
Huntsville, Ala.	5:42	5:48	5:53	5:59	6:05	6:10
Jackson, Miss.	5:58	6:04	6:09	6:14	6:18	6:23
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Gloria Palmisano
President and founder of Concerned Citizens
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Obituaries

ADAMS, Carson F., born Oct. 5, 1918, St. Johns Newfoundland, and died Sept. 21, 1984, Frederick, Md. Carson Adams was ordained to the ministry and spent his life in the publishing work of the church. He was a book center manager in Arkansas-Louisiana and Indiana. He labored in the Southern Publishing Association and the Pacific Press Publishing Association. When called to the General Conference Publishing Department, he fostered the publishing program in all parts of the world, until declining health indicated a lighter load. Survived by his wife Naomi (Damazo); his mother, Louise (Butler) Adams, of Orlando, Fla.; a brother, George O. Adams, of Loma Linda, Calif.; a sister, Florence Williams, of Denver, Colo.; sons, Melvin J., of Tujunga, Calif.; George E., of Westmont, Ill.; and a daughter, Joyce Marie Adams, of Sunnyvale, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

DOBAS, Stephen G., 74, died in Old Fort, N.C., Sept. 30, 1984. He was a graduate of Loma Linda Medical College in Loma Linda, Calif. He practiced medicine in Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Grace; daughter, Joyce Ann Bacon; and brother, Joseph Dobas, of S.C. Services were held by David Dobas, of Atlanta, Ga., and Leslie Smart, of Marion.

ECHOLS, Mertha V., 82, born in Pinckard, Ala., died Oct. 9, 1984, in Palatka, Fla. Mrs. Echols was a member of the Sanford, Fla., church. She is survived by her sons, Charles L. Sr., of Sanford, Ludwell E., of Palatka, Fla., and Ivey B., of Ft. Myers, Fla.; one brother, Malta Ivey, of Enterprise, Ala.; sisters, Myrtle Moore and Joyce Ivey, both of Tusculumbia, Ala.; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

GAYEN, Sarah, born March 18, 1898, in Faridpur, India, died Oct. 2, 1984, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the Filipino-American church. Mrs. Gayen is survived by her husband, Provat Chandra Gayen; sons, Edward and Sri, of Orlando, Prossanto, of Maslandapur, India, and Surgio, of Thakoorpukoor, India; 30 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

GREEN, Eldora E., born July 26, 1882, in Mattawamkeag, Maine, died July 26, 1984, in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the New Smyrna Beach, Fla., church. Mrs. Green is survived by her daughter Alberta J. Mack, of Brownsville Junction, Maine.

GRIFFITH, Helen M., died Sept. 23, 1984, in Sebring, Fla. She was a member of the Sebring church.

HAND, Minnie M., 91, born Feb. 18, 1893, in McDowell, Mo., died July 26, 1984, in Sarasota, Fla. She was a charter member of the Sarasota church built in 1926 on Laurel Street and she was the oldest, continuous member. She was the wife of the late William H. Hand and mother of 13 children. She is survived by two sons, W. Kenneth, of Bradenton, Fla., Doryal W., of Sarasota and Franklin, N.C.; six daughters, Bonnie F. Blocker, of Brownwood, Tex., Lila J. Hemphill, of Fresno, Calif., Eulala H. Wetmore, of Waterford, Conn., Alta Othelia Root, of Asheville, N.C., M. Alice Reese and Joyce H. Watson, both of Sarasota. She also leaves 28 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Nellie McCormick and Thoda Upton, of Tulsa, Okla., and Ida Smith, of Wichita, Kan.



Minnie M. Hand

OWENS, Bert G., a member of the Sebring, Fla., church, died Sept. 10, 1984.

WILLIAMS, Alline, born July 16, 1901, in Rome, Ga., died Aug. 7, 1984, in Avon Park, Fla. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park. Mrs. Williams is survived by her two daughters, Dorothy Williams, of Avon Park, and Marjorie Cook, also of Avon Park; three sisters, Dorothy Keenan, of Savannah, Ga., Marguerite Byrd, of Atlanta, Ga., and Elizabeth Spitzer, of Calif.

RENEWED OPTIMISM FOR

In the Seventh-day Adventist Church, literature has always played an important part in any kind of outreach. Anywhere Seventh-day Adventists establish work, a publishing house is bound to be a key component.

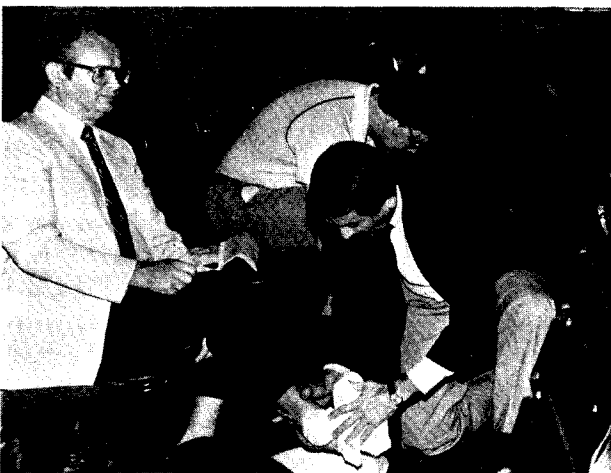
At the encouragement of the Church's founders, an army of book salesmen, known until recently as colporteurs, have gone everywhere selling literature which contained the Third Angel's Message.

The Home Health Education Service (HHES), which oversees literature sales in five of the eight conferences in the union, provides many support services to literature evangelists (LEs), as colporteurs are now known, one of which is advertising. Approximately \$100,000 was devoted to advertising by the Southern Union HHES in 1984, which makes the literature evangelist's work easier. In addition, bookkeeping services, the printing of forms, providing cases for carrying books, training schools, rallies, and the annual Institute provide important support for the sometimes lonely work of selling the Church's literature.

Family Health Education Service (FHES) relates to sales by regional conference literature evangelists.

Literature evangelists carry credentials or licenses similar to those carried by ministers. A beginning LE is given a white card until he has worked three months or 420 hours, when he is given a license. Then, after returning 44 weekly reports, working 1,680 hours, or delivering \$30,000 worth of literature, he receives credentials, similar to the ministerial credentials carried by an ordained minister.

According to a report issued at the end of 1983, it was found that 4,586 persons had become Seventh-day Adventists in the eight conferences of the Southern Union since 1969 as a result of the literature ministry in the Southern Union. It is estimated that those people contributed more than \$22 million in tithes and offerings during that same period.



One of the spiritual highlights of the HHES Institute is the candlelight communion service. Here, Doug Sayles, Carolina Conference Adventist Book Center Manager, participates in the ordinance of humility with Rhea Harvey of the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

Mark Kent, son of Carolina Conference LEs John and Connie Kent, sings "The Bookman Rally Song" to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" at the HHES Institute in Daytona Beach, Florida.



North American Division President C. E. Bradford gives an inspirational message at the HHES Institute. Clyde Kinder, associate publishing director of the General Conference, is at left.

Economic Difficulties Being Dealt With

In recent years, the nation's minefield economy has played havoc with expenses, cash flow, and people's willingness to honor their debts, causing publishing houses and the HHES to incur debts which could threaten the work.

This special report looks at some encouraging progress giving rise to a renewed attitude of optimism pervading the publishing work in the Southern Union.

HHES has made real progress in recent years in retiring its debts and building a quality sales force. Southern Union President A. C. McClure, former Southern Union Treasurer J. H. Whitehead and his assistant Wilbur Wasenmiller, Publishing Director G. S. Culpepper, Associate Publishing Director W. M. Miller, HHES Treasurer Gerald Bietz, and their committees have spent long hours developing policies to improve the fiscal position of the publishing work in the South.

At the Home Health Education Service Institute, in Daytona Beach, Florida, December 26-29, 1984, it was announced that total sales for the Southern Union amounted to \$2,961,357, for the year.

On these same dates, 500 literature evangelists from regional conferences across the North American Division were meeting in Tampa, Florida, for the FHES Institute.

The Carolina Conference led the Union in sales, with a record-breaking \$654,988 in deliveries. McClure commented to the group at the HHES awards banquet that this accomplishment was especially meaningful in that it represented net sales after adjustment for uncollected accounts. Until 1983, that honor was awarded based on gross sales.

Pay Structure Enhanced

Among the recent changes in the program are new policies regarding pay structure, bonuses, and benefits for HHES literature evangelists. These policies have increased the LE's income in many cases, allowing him to concentrate on evangelism more than concern for his living.

THE LITERATURE MINISTRY by Gary L. Ivey

With the current structure, it is realistic to expect that a literature evangelist can make a good living for his family. Ron Davis, Carolina Conference publishing director, states that his LEs sell an average of \$40,000 per year and make an average of \$18,000 per year.

A literature evangelist is also entitled to the medical and educational benefits ministerial workers receive.

The basic commission rate was raised in 1984 from 25 to 28 percent, and bonuses from two to four percent. Depending on the rate of returns and bad debts, each LE can raise his commission as high as 36 percent. Commissions are paid weekly.

In addition, if an LE has a minimum of \$2,500 in sales per month, he receives an additional 12 percent benefit.

Then quarterly bonuses are paid—four percent if the LE's cancellations are less than 10 percent of sales, two percent if cancelled accounts are more than 10 but less than 15 percent of sales. In 1984, a total of \$28,350 was paid out in bonuses alone to HHES literature evangelists.

Tying commissions and bonuses to paid accounts provides motivation to write contracts that will pay out.

Uncollected accounts had begun to plague the publishing ministry in recent years. To combat this, a percentage of each sale reported to the HHES is placed in a reserve fund under the name of the LE who made the sale.

FHES literature evangelists are on a different system in that they do not write time-payment contracts, but only make cash sales. According to Southern Union Associate Publishing Director T. R. Smith, the LE buys his books at a price 45 percent less than the price for which he sells them. An additional 10 percent Living Allowance is paid on sales. At the end of the year, provided his account with FHES is in order, he will receive another five percent bonus.

Debts Being Retired

According to Culpepper, in less than two years, HHES has paid back \$250,000 on loans, while not borrowing more money. This was done at the same time that commissions, benefits, and bonuses to literature evangelists were being increased.



Edna Cox, of the Carolina Conference, in her first year as a literature evangelist, led the union in sales, with deliveries of more than \$62,000 (This was the highest for book sales. Clyde Brooks, of Atlanta, Georgia, who works with the *Listen* magazine program for public schools, had sales of more than \$74,000). Pictured with her at the December 29, 1984, HHES literature evangelist awards banquet are Ron Davis, Carolina Conference publishing director, G. S. Culpepper, Southern Union Publishing director, and (at the podium) M. D. Gordon, then Carolina Conference president. (Photo by William Miller)

Soul Winning Still Central

Sabbath afternoon was Soul-Winning Hour at the HHES meeting, at which the LEs and their families met new members and heard their stories. A total of 215 were baptized across the Southern Union as a result of the work of literature evangelists in 1984.

James Ballard, a South Atlantic Conference LE working in South Georgia, was credited with leading 120 persons to baptism into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1984.

Another special feature on Sabbath afternoon at the HHES Institute was a panel discussion conducted by McClure with the conference presidents. The discussion emphasized the value of literature evangelists to the local churches where they are members and the importance of LEs and pastors working together.

Culpepper, speaking of the HHES gathering, said, "Several people have said this was the best convention we have had in several years."



These enthusiastic literature evangelists represented the Southern Union at the North American Division FHES Institute in Tampa, Florida, December 26-29, 1984. (Photo by S. E. Gooden)



Fourteen of the 33 pastors who received plaques for outstanding service in some 24 different areas of church activity are pictured here. J. W. McCoy (left), secretary; C. E. Dudley, president; J. A. Edgecombe, president of Southeastern Conference; F. N. Crowe, treasurer.

Challenges and Rewards

by I. J. Johnson
Photography by R. S. Norman

The South Central workers gathered in the Maxwell House Motel in Nashville January 6-9 to give reports of 1984 and plans for 1985.

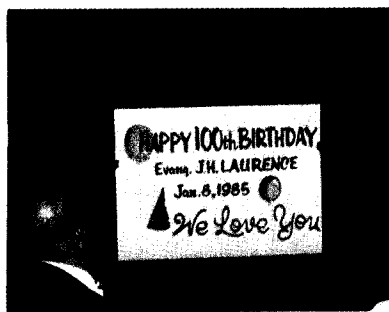
S. D. Meyers, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial and Stewardship Department, preached the early morning devotional Monday, fol-



Dr. T. L. Hemingway, pastor of Knoxville, Tennessee, district, receives a plaque from F. N. Crowe, treasurer, and C. E. Dudley, president. The Knoxville, Tennessee, College Hill church has 95 percent of membership on 10+10+, and Knoxville Trinity church showed a 199 percent increase in tithe.

lowed by detailed presentations of the advantages of Systematic Benevolence.

The record showed that the Knoxville, Tennessee, Trinity church had a 199 percent gain in tithe, while the Gulf-



South Central workers give recognition to J. H. Laurence, who reached his 100th birthday during the workers' meeting.

port, Mississippi, church had a 198 percent gain in tithe for 1984.

Stewardship is aimed at the heart of man, to get man to give lovingly of his time, talents, body temple, and treasures to God for the finishing of God's work in the earth. In the combined budget, the total church growth program of every department is considered, including conference and General Conference offerings.

J. A. Edgecombe, president of the Southeastern Conference, gave the Tuesday morning devotional.

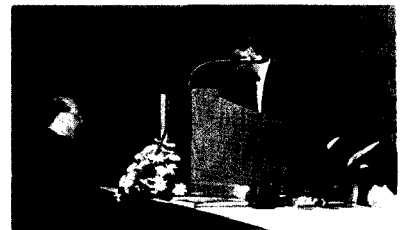
The Adventist youth programs were presented by Youth Ministries Leader J. W. McCoy and R. P. Peay, the Southern Union youth ministries leader. The challenge of "Training the Laity for Soul Winning" was presented by M. E. Joiner, Sabbath school and personal ministries director. The Christian edu-



R. L. Edwards receives a plaque for the organization of a new congregation in Owensboro, Kentucky. He goes to the Seminary this year. F. N. Crowe, Conference treasurer, presents the plaque.

cation hour was shared by N. G. Higgs, Conference education superintendent and Dr. Norwida Marshall, of the Southern Union Education Department. Shelton Kilby, Conference music director, gave memorable demonstrations of music in worship and evangelism.

Wednesday's devotional was led by R. L. Smith, of the Review and Herald Circulation Department. T. R. Smith, of the



J. A. Jones, pastor of Gulfport, Mississippi, receives a plaque from F. N. Crowe, Conference treasurer. Gulfport had a 198 percent increase in tithe for 1984, the second largest in the Conference.

Southern Union Publishing Department, and S. P. Ruff, director of the South Central Publishing Department, showed the value of literature sales to the total church program.

A pitch to the workers to push support for Oakwood College was made by Dr. Rosa T. Banks and Mrs. M. Dixon, of Oakwood, and Lee Paschal, president of the Oakwood Alumni Association. Paschal is director of the Communication Department of the Northeastern Conference, and editor of the North American *Regional Voice*. Most of the workers are graduates of Oakwood.

F. N. Crowe, Conference treasurer, gave a picture of the financial progress of the Conference, expressing appreciation to workers and others who made a \$97,000 tithe increase possible. He showed the needs and desires of the Conference to help more in the construction and purchase of buildings for schools and churches.

After special music by Grammy Nominee Bob Bailey, and a sermon by Southeastern Conference President J. A. Edgecombe, 50 plaques were given to the workers for outstanding service in various fields, with the Pastor of the Year award going to G. L. Byars. Dr. C. E. Dudley, president, gave the closing challenge to workers to reach the 1985 goals.

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New President for Kentucky-Tennessee

On February 3, the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference committee voted to invite Elder Clinton Shankel to become Conference president. The invitation has been accepted, and Elder Shankel has already taken up his new duties.

Elder Shankel replaces Elder Clay Farwell, who has accepted a position as a vice-president of Madison Hospital. His responsibilities will include recruiting physicians for this growing institution of the church. Elder Farwell was president of the Conference for nearly five years. During this time there has been a major improvement of facilities at Highland Academy, and his administration has been marked by a very open and communicative style. He announced his decision to the Conference Committee on January 28 and to the pastors in regional meetings on succeeding days. The committee voted to express deep appreciation for his leadership.

The new president comes from the New York Conference where he has been president since 1981. Prior to that, he was personal ministries director of the Pacific Union Conference.

Elder and Mrs. Shankel spent 16 years in mission service in the Far East-

ern Division. His responsibilities at various periods included personal ministries director of the Division, president of the West Indonesia Union, and president of the Far East Island Mission. Early in his mission service he was director of the Djakarta, Indonesia, Evangelistic Center.

Clinton and Mabel Shankel received their undergraduate education at Walla Walla College and began their ministry in the Washington Conference. In 1975, he received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Andrews University. They have two children, Lynette, of Reseda, California, and Dennis, of Thousand Oaks, California.

We are happy to welcome the Shankel family to the Southern Union and to their leadership responsibilities in Kentucky-Tennessee.

Year-End Report

Conference	1984 Baptisms	Membership Dec. 31, 1984
Carolina	378	10,836
Florida	1,536	23,904
Georgia-Cumberland	590	17,709
Gulf States	295	6,584
Kentucky-Tennessee	319	10,283
South Atlantic	1,027	16,801
South Central	897	17,235
Southeastern	936	11,722
Southern Union	5,978	115,074

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