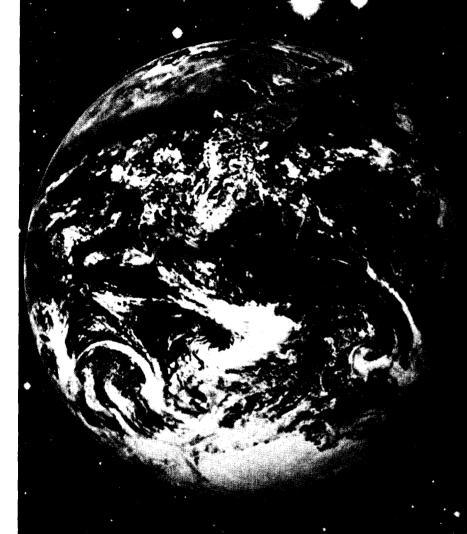
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Christ Our Hope

A Preview of the General Conference Session



by Gary L. Ivey

There are some places and events which, by their mere existence, generate excitement and an aura that something important is about to happen. And in that atmosphere something important usually does happen.

The General Conference Session, which comes once every five years, is such an event. The pace, the color, the mix of languages, customs, and costumes creates an exotic feeling that would be fascinating to anyone looking on.

But to the 30,000 Seventh-day Adventists expected to converge at New Orleans, Louisiana's, Superdome for the 54th session of the General Conference, the excitement has more to do with meeting—and meeting again—brothers and sisters from around the world.

"Christ Our Hope" is to be the theme of the Session, which begins June 27. More than 2,400 delegates will represent the 190 countries of the world in which the Seventh-day Adventist Church works today (see page 31 for a listing of the delegates and special guests attending from the Southern Union).

Because the Superdome can seat 92,000 persons, visitors will be welcome to attend the sessions.

As a convention city, New Orleans is well equipped to handle the thousands of delegates, official guests, and observers expected to attend the meetings. Delegates and official guests have received travel and accommodation information through their sponsoring organizations.

A special feature of this session will give added excitement. The 1,000 Days of Reaping will have ended just two weeks prior to the first Sabbath of the Session, and delegates will attend knowing that God has blessed through the addition to the Church of 1,000 souls per day for 1,000 days—one million brothers and sisters in the past three-and-one-half years.

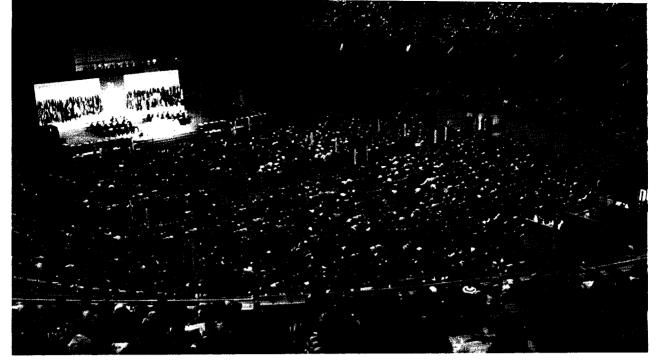
Prior to the Session, the Church will stage its traditional World Ministers' Council. Ten meetings, beginning Sunday night, June 23, will set forth the work of the minister in his personal life, message, and mission. Continuing education credit will be offered through Andrews University's Center of Continuing Education for Ministers. Seminars include such topics as evangelism, pastoral ministry, management and administration, the minister's personal life, and theology. Preregistration blanks appear in *Ministry* magazine beginning with the December, 1984, issue.

The daily program at the Session will begin June 27 at 7:45 a.m. with music and devotionals, followed by a business session from 9:30 to noon.

"Window on the World," a film program showing Adventist world work, and session committees begin at 1:30 p.m., after which business sessions meet from 3:15 to 5:15.

Music is always a highlight at the sessions, represent-





ing the many cultures of a worldwide communion. A symphony orchestra, under the direction of Southern College's Orlo Gilbert, will perform on the final Sabbath of the Session.

Delegates to the Session will get to be the first to use the new Seventh-day Adventist *Church Hymnal*, which has been in production for several years.

To allow the thousands of attendees to better see the proceedings, an elaborate television production facility will display the platform activity on huge video projection screens. Also, translation will be provided for the many international delegates who do not speak English.

The election of General Conference and division officers and departmental personnel is one of the key items of business at any General Conference Session. In addition, a variety of subjects will be discussed and voted.

Church structure and organization will be one topic which will receive attention from the delegates. Several committees have been studying the role and function of the various levels of church structure for several months. A General Conference-appointed committee presented its report to the Annual Council last fall. The report calls for the strengthening of the North American Division and adjustments in the presence and personnel distribution of certain departments on the union and conference levels.

Another subject to come out of Annual Council for consideration by the delegates regards the ordination of women to the gospel ministry in the Church.

Evening programs will feature reports of the world divisions of the Church. Sabbath, June 29, will see reports from Northern Europe and North America; Sunday, Euro-Africa and South America; Monday, Africa-Indian Ocean and Far East; Tuesday, Southern Asia and Australasia; Wednesday, China/USSR, and East Africa; and Thursday, Middle East/South Africa and Inter-America.

Special Sabbath programs will include a "Festival of Praise" and "Strategy '90" at 2 p.m. June 29. The Mission Pageant, always a session highlight, will be July 6 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

to 5:30 p.m.

Afternoon programs are planned for women July 1 to

4. Juniors and earliteens can attend a day camp at nearby Fountainbleau State Park June 30 through July 5 (see the Classified Ads for charges).

Exhibits from the world divisions and various church institutions and departments will be set up during the session.

Special coverage of the General Conference Session will be provided by the Adventist Radio Network for the 11 member-stations in North America, according to ARN President Olson Perry, general manager of WSMC-FM, Collegedale, Tennessee. Programming will include a 30-minute program each evening from June 29 to July 5. Three stations will air the programs in the Southern Union: WSMC; WOCG-FM, Huntsville, Alabama; and WDNX-FM, Savannah, Tennessee.

Coverage of the event in the local media will be handled by the communication personnel of the Church under the direction of Communication Director Robert Nixon and Pacific Union College Journalism Professor Herb Ford.

Meal service for 10,000 per day will be provided at the Superdome under the direction of Clinton A. Wall, registered dietitian and dietary services consultant of Adventist Health System/Eastern and Middle America. The project, which will serve two meals per day, will be the largest vegetarian dining service in history. During the 13 days of the session, 144,000 meals will be served, requiring the purchase, preparation, and serving of approximately 140 tons of food.

The decision to provide a food service at the Superdome was prompted by the limited number of restaurants in New Orleans with menu items consistent with the Seventh-day Adventist life style.

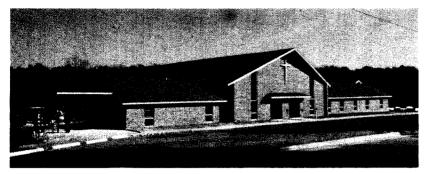
To aid in planning the food service program, delegates will be asked to preselect and prepurchase meal tickets for the evening meal (noon meal tickets will be included in the delegate package).

In addition to the Cafeteria service, a la carte food stands will be open during the day at several locations.

Business meeting, convocation, spectacle, and much more: the 54th General Conference Session will undoubtedly cause the excitement of "Christ Our Hope" to be reborn in many, many hearts.

Building Program Booms Ir

Abney Chapel



The new church at Fayetteville, North Carolina, — Abney Chapel — opened December 8, 1984.

During the 65-year history (1919-1984) of this landmark church (named after its first pastor, B. W. Abney) 22 ministers have served that flock. This is the third, and hopefully the final church building program in which they will engage before Jesus comes, some members remarked. The second church, on Old Wilmington Road, from which they moved, was started under P. H. Morgan in 1949 and was completed under I. J. Johnson eight years later in 1958. This new church, under the 22nd pastor, Melvin Preston, had the grand opening nine months after the ground breaking.

These are ordinary people of very modest means who, by permitting God to use them, united their efforts and sacrificed to the glory of God. Eighty-six-year-old Ozella Lewis is the oldest member of Abney Chapel. Andrew Goins served the church as treasurer for 27 years, and N. B. Smith returned to the pastorate of that church three times. Some who were reluctant to cooperate with the majority



The congregation joins in singing at the grand opening of Abney Chapel.

at the start of the project got on board without any prodding and made contributions of unbelievable magnitude.

R. L. Woodfork, field secretary of the General Conference, was the featured speaker for Divine Worship at eleven o'clock. He was president of the Conference when the property was being bought, and gave his approval of the project. R. B. Hairston, the succeeding president, picked up the gauntlet and rallied with Preston and his 250member congregation to erect this

Present for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Abney Chapel in Fayetteville, North Carolina, are: Melvin Preston, pastor (left); J. A. Simons, Conference treasurer; M. Green, former pastor of Abney Chapel; Ruth Harris, church clerk; R. B. Hairston, Conference president; R. L. Woodfork, field secretary of the General Conference and president of the South Atlantic Conference for nine years; Ethel McAllison, a pioneer member of Abney Chapel; W. D. Sumpter, associate secretary, Southern Union and inner city director; Abe Davis, pioneer member of the church; and O. J. McKinney, associate ministerial secretary and stewardship director, Southern Union.

monument at 2996 Rosehill Road, an affluent area in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Without a doubt, everybody seems to agree that December 15, 1984, when Abney Chapel opened its third sanctuary, was an unforgettable milestone in its history.

Bucksport-Bethei

It was about 1926 that Amanda Sumpter moved to the little settlement of Bucksport, South Carolina, where she was the only Seventhday Adventist. However, she opened the door of her soul and allowed the light of truth to shine out. She visited house-to-house and left a witness. After her demise, her son, Keeler, continued to spread the light of truth by starting a branch Sabbath school. Hemingway was their church some 20 miles away. They could only attend once per month through the courtesy of George McCray.

Later on, with very poor transportation, they made it to Hemingway each Sabbath for the next 30 years. With five Adventist families coming



Herbert Anderson, pastor of Bethel church at Bucksport, South Carolina, speaks to those assembled for the opening of the new building.

from Bucksport, O. J. McKinney, then pastor of the Florence district, suggested that they look with favor on establishing a church in Bucksport. However, they continued to attend and support the Hemingway church until October 22, 1978, when they opened this brand new 250-seat church on Highway 70 in Bucksport.

Ninety percent of the labor on that church was done by the men of the church. The men credited for this labor included Keeler Sumpter, Sr. and Jr. —the son and grandson of Amanda Sumpter—Joe McCray,



South Atlantic

by Samuel E. Gooden



The Bucksport, South Carolina, church was dedicated on December 8, 1984.

Oscar Gore, Usuf Salim, Robert Sarvis, Anthony Sumpter, Curt Bellamy, and Frank Sumpter. Men from Hemingway and the community also helped.

They could not get a loan in the Bucksport community. However, through the influence of the Oakland Avenue, Florence church, they got a \$30,000 loan from a bank in Florence. That little group, with the assistance of a generous and compassionate president, R. B. Hairston, was able to return that loan in six years, and dedicate the \$150,000 edifice on December 8, 1984, under the leadership of Herbert Anderson, pastor.

Southern Pines

If Marcellus Howard, along with his wife, Janis, who was more than halfway on the production line, and

With all the excitement at the mortgage burning and dedication of the Bucksport church, they did not forget the children. Here is Janis Phillips demonstrating the children's lesson as Rose Anderson, the pastor's wife (on the back row), looks on with as



his 12-member congregation at Southern Pines, North Carolina, should live long enough to write his memoirs, January 19, 1985, will stand out as the most significant



Platform guests at the Southern Pines church opening included: O. J. McKinney, Southern Union stewardship director (left) willie Hamer, Sr., local elder; Melvin Preston, visiting minister; R. B. Hairston, conference president, speaker; Phillip Jones, former pastor; Joseph Hinson, conference personal ministries director; Marcellus Howard, pastor; and Andrew Sabbagha, contractor and builder.



Participating in the ribbon-cutting at Southern Pines are: Mary Smith (left); Melvin Preston; Marcellus Howard, pastor; Janis Howard; R. B. Hairston, Conference president; Stan Emmanuel, bank representative; Phillip Jones, former pastor; O. J. McKinney, director of stewardship and associate ministerial secretary, Southern Union Conference; Joe Hinson, conference personal ministries director; James Smith, deacon; Mable Broady; and Eulah Jordan.

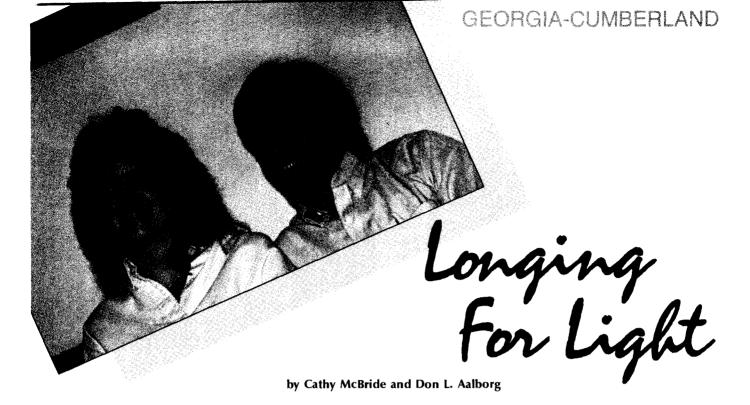
day of his ministry. The passing of Pastor Otis Smith made way for Howard to leave his assistantship in the Macon district to take over the pastorate of the Laurinburg district, which includes Southern Pines.

For a young intern going into a small town with a church of 12 members and without holding a meeting to build up a congregation, and build a modern, 150-seat church was indeed a great challenge. This seemingly impossible task he approached with all the vigor of youth and brought it to a resounding finale on January 19.

Andrew Sabbagha, the contractor, in his most sincere, emotional, and heart-wrenching remarks at the opening, said that from his experience with this little group of people, he has learned that it is not the largeness of the membership that identifies a church, but rather, it is the dedication, cooperation, and commitment to a cause that makes the difference.



The new Southern Pines, North Carolina, church had its grand opening January 19. Marcellus Howard is the pastor.



Well, if it's too strange, we can always sneak out the back door and go home," Garland commented to his wife, June, "and besides, I want to try it out and see what it's like."

"I told you I'll go to any church you want," June said with a smile, "but why did you choose a Seventh-day Adventist church? It feels so odd—everyone else is going to the supermarket and we're driving to church."

"Well, June, several years ago my mother bought a book from a salesman, Bible Readings for the Home, and one day I took it off the shelf to see what it was about," Garland continued. "I don't really know why; it just looked old and intriguing. Anyway I browsed through it and became curious about the seventh-day Sabbath stuff. Later, I found out that the radio program I listen to, 'Voice of Prophecy,' was produced by the Adventists, too, so I'm curious. And to tell you the truth, I'm skeptical. I'm going to be looking for something to be critical of."

With a tremble in her voice June whispered, "I just hope everyone doesn't turn around and stare at us when we walk in the door. I hate it when people do that."

Such is the beginning of Garland and June Croft's journey with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. What were their feelings after that first Sabbath service? June was relieved no one turned around to stare as they walked into the church, and as for Garland, try as he might, he could find nothing of which to be critical. In fact, one of his favorite passages of scripture was used and he found the sermon biblically based and Christcentered.

Later they commented, "That first Sabbath morning we were especially impressed with the friendliness of the Moultrie, Georgia, Seventh-day Adventist congregation. They really seemed to care for one another."

The pastor's wife greeted them after the service and wondered how they became interested and what had

brought them to the church. What lay behind their visit?

The next day the pastor, Lebron McBride and his wife, Cathy, visited the young couple. From the beginning the visit was special. Even though Cathy had visited many types of people with her husband, she was not prepared for June and Garland Croft. Not only were they extremely excited about the Bible and Christ, but they approached the subjects with such sincere, questioning hearts. It was as though they were discovering a waterfall after being lost for weeks in a desert. They couldn't learn enough!

The McBrides continued to study with June and Garland and the Crofts were recently baptized. When asked what changes their new-found church has brought into their lives they gave meaningful answers, but, most importantly, they have "found new value in life . . . and motivation to study the Bible." Garland and June are finding a new joy and meaning in life as they continue to grow with Christ.

Their journey is not over . . . it's only just begun. So it is with evangelism throughout Georgia-Cumberland. Evangelism is all facets of the church . . . planting a seed with a book placed in the home . . . a radio or TV broadcast . . . a kind word to a visitor . . . a visit to souls searching for truth. Sometimes evangelism takes the form of crusades or Revelation seminars held in a nearby town. Whatever the form, evangelism is embodied as love to man which is the earthward manifestation of the love of God.

"There are many who are reading the Scriptures who cannot understand their true import. All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in." (Acts of the Apostles, p. 109).

EAST PASCO MEDICAL CENTER:

A New Beginning

by F. Clifford Port





Skydivers present ribbon-cutting scissors to Donald W. Welch, president of Adventist Health System/ United States at the opening of the new East Pasco Medical Center, in Zephyrhills, Florida, February 3.



The presence of a hot-air balloon made the event difficult to miss.

More than 4,000 people attended the official opening of the new 85-bed East Pasco Medical Center in Zephyrhills, Florida, on Sunday afternoon, February 3. Following an address by Donald W. Welch, president of Adventist Health System/United States, a skydiving nurse delivered scissors for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Zephyrhills residents waited patiently in line for more than two hours for an opportunity to tour the new facility, and from 120 to 160 per day continue to take advantage of two daily tours. However, affiliation with the Adventist Health System means far more to this relatively small hospital than most visitors imagine.

After a two-year, \$17.69 million construction effort and seemingly endless delays, possession of the building was granted on January 17, 1985. The inadequacies of the old hospital in Dade City mandated a rapid transfer of patients into the new facility. Normally it would take at least three weeks, but newly appointed Hospital President Roy Orr set out to accomplish the "impossible" —to begin moving patients within just one week. Hospital personnel gave themselves unreservedly to the Herculean task, but more help was obviously needed and sister hospitals in the Adventist Health System responded.

Floor finishing crews, electricians, food service professionals, and maintenance technicians; nurses, a physicist, and hospital administrators joined East Pasco's own people in working around the clock. They came from Walker Memorial Hospital in Avon Park,

Medical Center Hospital in Punta Gorda, and Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida. They flew in from Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, Smyrna Hospital in Atlanta, and Louis Smith Memorial Hospital in Lakeland, Georgia. They worked 25, 35, and even 43 hours straight. They logged more than 900 man (and woman) hours on Superbowl Sunday alone! Hospital presidents in blue jeans worked side by side with housekeepers and volunteers. And together they accomplished the impossible!

On Thursday, January 24, just seven days after gaining possession of the new building, patients were transferred the eight miles from Dade City and the new East Pasco Medical Center was open for business. Within the first week of operation, all 85 beds were filled, and at no time since opening has occupancy fallen as low as 53, the maximum capacity of the old hospital

The tireless community relations activities of Bob Wade, East Pasco's president from 1981 through early 1985, have paid big dividends. Community response has been overwhelming. Thankful that they no longer have to travel to Lakeland, Tampa, or even Dade City for hospital care, Zephyrhills residents are delighted with their modern, well-equipped hospital with its bright and cheery private rooms featuring hilltop views. They are impressed with the helpful attitude and professional competence of the hospital staff. And they have already contributed more than \$540,000 toward an objective of \$750,000 to purchase advanced cardiac diagnostic and rehabilitative equipment. In the words of Hospital President Roy Orr, "East Pasco

Medical Center is alive and well." But EPMC is not just another community hospital. It is part of the Adventist Health System. The official opening ceremony on February 3 was preceded by a special spiritual dedication service on Sabbath, February 2. Community leaders, medical staff members and department heads joined with representatives of the Florida Conference and Adventist Health System/Sunbelt in dedicating themselves and their hospital to continuing the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. The spirit of the pioneers of Adventist medical work is alive and well. Through teamwork, Adventist Health System personnel accomplish difficult tasks overnight, and even the "impossible" takes only a week!



Union Committee Channels

Richard Center

1985 budgets for the Southern Union Conference and Home Health Education Service were presented by Southern Union Treasurer Richard Center for discussion and approval at the annual Statistical and Budget meeting of the Southern Union Conference Executive Committee March 12. Financial statements for the year 1984 were also examined and voted.

Helen Socol, lay committee member from Portland, Tennessee, inspired the committee in her devotional "to be a window clean so the love of Jesus can shine through.... Lay your life on the line and God can do mighty work through you.... Be refreshed. The gospel is a force; living faith is energy."

Southern Union President and Committee Chairman A. C. McClure began the meeting with welcome news for the conferences. In 1984, the Southern Union was able to boost the amount it gave to each of the conferences for evangelism from \$5,000 to \$25,000, thanks to a larger-than budgeted operating gain. This year, the Florida, Georgia-Cumberland, and Carolina conferences and Southern College will again receive \$25,000 each while the other five conferences will receive \$40,000. This represents the largest amount ever returned to the conferences for evangelism from tithe funds. Although the Southern Union is not required to return these funds to the conferences, "I don't believe we should simply accumulate money at the Southern Union for the Southern Union." McClure said.

GC "Comebacks" Noted

At one point during the meeting McClure referred to the feeling expressed by some that too much money is sent from the local church to the conference and on to the Union and General Conference. He pointed committee members to the Specific Purposes funds statement which showed that, in 1984, nearly \$3.4 million had been returned by the GC to the conferences of the Southern Union as "comebacks" for projects such as Ingathering Reversion, Small Conference Assistance, Church Extension, Tithe Reversion, Large City Building Projects, and K-12 Education "Comeback."

Study is being given to the amount received by the Southern Union compared to the amount it returns, McClure said. He stated that he expected the figure returned to be about one third.

1985 Budgets Approved

The 1985 Southern Union budget amounts to \$4,309.701, a seven percent increase over 1984, but only slightly more than actual income during 1984. The budget is based on the 10 percent of tithe which the conferences send to the Union, 10 percent of which the Union, in turn, forwards to the General Conference.

Departmental budgets for the year total \$51,400. SOUTHERN TIDINGS readers will be interested to know that

the operation of the official organ of the Southern Union cost \$15,000 less than the 1984 budget allowed and had income that amounted to nearly \$10,000 more than was expected. This trend began several years ago and has allowed the rate of conference subsidy per member to remain the same for some time. The total budget for the TIDINGS actually decreased more than \$1,000 to \$205,000 for 1985 in spite of ever-increasing paper and postage rates

Budgets for worker salaries and expense amount to \$1,766,858 for 1985. An additional personnel position was factored into this amount. McClure expressed regret that an additional staff member was needed at a time when ways are being sought to keep staffing levels constant or to make reductions. The independent auditors who annually examine the Southern Union financial records prior to the statistical and budget meeting recommended the additional staff member.

The new position, that of Association Treasurer, is necessitated by the explosion of interest in two relatively new programs of Trust Services.

New Help for Churches, Schools, and Students

The Revolving Fund saves churches thousands of dollars by allowing members to place their money in the fund as they might a savings account and then loaning the money for church building programs at interest rates lower than is possible at most lending institutions. More than \$7 million has been placed in the fund in the last five years. Most of the funds are presently loaned out to churches and a few schools, except for the sinking fund required to be kept liquid to allow depositors ready access to their funds. Each depositor's funds must be individually invested to conform to law, so a tremendous amount of bookkeeping must be done.

In addition, five of the conferences are establishing secondary endowment funds expected to total \$12 million, which will provide interest and dividend income for use as scholarships for academy students. These funds will be managed by the Southern Union Association as well.

Both programs are exciting developments which will be of real benefit to local churches and the youth of the church, yet the additional work involved in managing these funds is staggering.

Center has been serving as Southern Union Association treasurer in addition to his formidable duties as Union treasurer. Assistant Treasurer Ardith Beers has worked long hours to stay current with the increased workload in the Association. Glenn Smith is director of Trust Services for the field.

HHES Budget

The 1985 budget for Home Health Education Service calls for \$3.2 million operating income and \$3.1 million

Operating Gains Into Evangelism

by Gary L. Ivey

operating expense, producing a gain of 3.6 percent. In 1984, the actual gain was 4.5 percent. HHES reduced its debt to the Southern Union by \$89,000 in 1984 and is currently incurring no further debt. With recent changes in pay structure for literature evangelists, the Southern Union HHES pays its LEs better than other unions, according to Southern Union Publishing Director G. S. Culpepper.

Reports From the Field

Conference and institution reports are an important part of any Southern Union Executive Committee meeting, and

the March 12 meeting was no exception.

South Central President C. E. Dudley began the reports by saying his conference had added six congregations in 1984, with seven more in the formative stages. This would bring the total number of churches to 124 in the Conference, which sprawls from Kentucky to the Gulf Coast. The Conference has reached 89.5 percent of its goal for the 1,000 Days of Reaping during the nine quarters ending December 31, 1984.

W. A. Geary, Gulf States Conference president, reported that December saw the greatest number of baptisms for any one month in the Conference's history (except for times when large meetings were held by visiting evangelists). Half of the 73 reported came from lay-conducted Revelation Seminars. A total of 80 laymen are

now trained to conduct the Seminars.

Revelation Seminars were also mentioned by Georgia-Cumberland Conference President Gary B. Patterson, saying that 90 were planned during 1985 in addition to 12 conventional crusades. The Conference saw an increase of 176 baptisms over the previous year thanks, in part, to the Revelation Seminars, Patterson said. A tithe gain and a stronger financial position for Georgia-Cumberland Academy completed the report.

McClure mentioned that five conferences had seen changes in either president or treasurer in the last six

months.

Malcolm D. Gordon, who recently became the president of the Florida Conference after seven years as president of the Carolina Conference, spoke of his appreciation for the work of H. J. Carubba, previous president, for building a good team in the Conference. He also reported that the Spanish membership now amounts to 3,500. Florida is hiring a full-time coordinator for the secondary endowment program.

Southeastern Conference President James E. Edgecombe also spoke of progress among Spanish-speaking people in Florida. The Hialeah Spanish church membership now stands at 300, he said. Once again the Conference led the Union in tithe gain, as it has every year

since the Conference was formed in 1981.

Clinton L. Shankel, the new president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, replacing Clay Farwell, now a vice president at Madison Hospital, reported that the Nashville-area churches are planning simultaneous Revelation Seminars soon. Shankel, who came to the Southern Union from the presidency of the New York Conference, also spoke of the challenge faced to balance the budget as mandated by the last constituency meeting, stating that the people are optimistic. Kentucky-Tennessee is one of six conferences in the Southern Union having conference sessions this year.

The South Atlantic Conference experienced a 29 percent gain in tithe income in January, according to Ralph B. Hairston, president. With such a good beginning the Conference should again do as well as 1984's 10.5 percent gain. Paving and landscaping have been contracted for the Conference's new campground in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Hairston reported that the Conference has hired two evangelists and will endeavor to see 2,000

baptized this year.

Carolina Conference President Robert S. Folkenberg was unable to attend the meeting, having unfinished duties in the Inter-American Division where he worked

before accepting the Carolina post recently.

After the conferences reported, Adventist Health System/Sunbelt President Mardian Blair spoke of the changing environment of health care due to changes in Medicare/Medicaid payments and the policy of insurance companies to follow the government's lead in reducing hospital patient days and amounts paid for a given diagnosis. This has led to a fivefold increase in the marketing efforts of hospitals nationwide, Blair said.

Overall, the system is prospering, with four Sunbelt institutions now showing more than \$1 million gain per

year.

Sunbelt recently purchased the other half of Centra-Care, a system of first-aid clinics in central Florida. The hospital in Jay, Oklahoma, was sold and one in Beeville, Texas, which the System leases, will probably be lost due to a variety of problems. Land was recently purchased near Walker Memorial Hospital and ground was broken at Florida Hospital/Altamonte for a cancer center. Blair stated that Florida Hospital, which just opened a new multi-story patient tower on its Orlando campus, has the eighth largest heart program in the United States.

Blair defended System hospitals against criticism within the Church that they are drifting from their Adventist heritage, saying "99 percent" of letters he received on that subject as former president at FH mentioned appreciation

of "Christian care" received there.

William Murrain, a lawyer and committee member from the South Central Conference, asked why the System had no hospitals in his home state of Mississippi. Blair stated that he hopes soon to hire someone to look for sites where new hospitals could be built. However, at present, Sunbelt is trying to be careful about acquiring existing hospitals (which are nearly always available because they are losing money) in order to improve the system's debtequity ratio.



late news of the

conferences



For the first time in many years, SABBATH SERVICES were conducted March 2 in Bryson City, North Carolina. There were almost 30 in attendance as the congregation gathered in a nursing home lobby. The pastor of the district, Claude Steen, says, "I hope this will lead to organization of a Bryson City church later this year."

Franklin, North Carolina, High School was the scene of the second annual TUMBLING EXHIBITION by the Mount Pisgah Academy tumbling team. There were almost 300 in attendance. Claude Steen, district pastor, states that approximately half of the crowd were non-Adventists.

The Statesville, North Carolina, church is a reality! The FIRST SERVICES at the new church were held February 2. Open House was held March 16. Conference President Robert Folkenberg and Secretary Norman Doss were among the many guests who attended. The present structure is actually Phase I of the total building plan. Phase II, the sanctuary, is planned for the near future.

The Salisbury, North Carolina, church is almost complete. One unique part of the church is the STAINED-GLASS WINDOW over the baptistry. It is one-of-a-kind, showing the three angels with their faces visible and each angel is carrying (according to Revelation 14) a balance, a cup, and a book. It is made of faceted glass and very eye appealing, according to the pastor of the district, Jerry Mobley.

The Forest Lake Academy 85-member BAND, under the direction of Gary Swinyar, made a brief tour through the Carolinas February 7-9. The band performed at Mount Pisgah Academy, the Charlotte, North Carolina, Sharon church, and Columbia, South Carolina, for a vesper program.

Dr. Philip Collins, a weight management counselor from Asheville, North Carolina, was one of the guest speakers at a HEALTH/TEMPERANCE WORKSHOP held in Charlotte, North Carolina, on February 10. Helpful instruction was also given by Jim Ingersol, from Fletcher Academy, and Paull Dixon, MPH, health director for the Carolina Conference. Twenty-five persons attended the sessions, which provided information on smoking cessation, weight management, and fitness, and how these programs can be used in the Caring Church concept.

Recently the pastor of the Sylva, North Carolina, church was contacted by a lady who said, "I'm interested in joining your church." Betsy Phillips had been in touch with a former Adventist in the community and had become interested in the church. The pastor, Claude Steen, put Phillips in touch with current members of the church. These members had BIBLE STUDIES with her and gave her instruction on vegetarian cooking. Phillips was so excited that when it was time for her to begin the class, there were 11 others who were interested. Those who attended the cooking school included a county commissioner and professors of the local university, Western Carolina.

The new Anderson, South Carolina, church building, located on Highway 81, is nearing completion. The OPENING SERVICES will be held shortly. Members of the Anderson church are presently meeting at the YMCA. The three angels on the new building quickly catch the eye. The new church is located on a curve and can be readily seen from both directions.

The Westminster, South Carolina, church held DEDICATORY SERVICES February 23, only two years after construction began. The Westminster church had its first meeting in July, 1976. In 1978 it was officially organized as the Westminster company with 21 members. In August of 1979, the company was organized as the 81st church of the Carolina Conference. In March of 1983, construction began. It was paid for in December, 1984.









Robert H. Pierson, former president of the General Conference, presented a weekend of SPIRITUAL NURTURE at the Plantation church, reports Pastor David Cress. A second highlight for the district was the first anniversary of the Pompano church building. Conference President and Mrs. Malcolm D. Gordon presented the sermon and special music during March 2 services.

Quick thinking on the part of Ridge Federation COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS and thorough follow-up work by physicians has probably saved one woman's life and the eyesight of another man. When the van was in Lake Wales recently a woman said she had been tested in the van in Orlando with results of a low hemoglobin level. The woman's physician found a small cancerous tumor in her colon, which was subsequently removed. "We probably saved her life," says Kay Pyle, federation president, "as she had no intention









of getting a physical examination until we sent her to her physician." In Venus, van technicians told one man with a high glaucoma reading to go to the nearest eye doctor. There he was retested and "found we were right," added Pyle. He had a laser treatment and potential blindness was prevented. Statewide, van technicians find one in 30 have high pressure readings and are referred to physicians. "We're not just giving out literature, but saving lives," says Pyle, "sowing seed and God has promised the reaping."

Current issues in CHILD ABUSE AND PREVENTION were vividly presented to 150 Florida Conference teachers at Orlando and Ft. Myers for the annual inservice. Marilyn Scholes, associate superintendent of education, reports that Leigh Johnson, of the district attorney's office in Huntsville, Alabama, made the child-abuse presentation. Elaine Plemons, small schools specialist from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, stressed in her report the emphasis on improving the math program in all levels.

"People will be aware that SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS exist in this area," says Louise Johnson, communication secretary for the Venice-Nokomis church. Arrangements were made for Pastor Quinton Burks to be among the pastors to have articles in the North Port News for free. The newspaper wants various pastors to participate on a rotating basis.

FILMS made in the 1930s during the early days of Forest Lake Academy had been stored away and nearly forgotten. But now, forming a "priceless link with the past" they have been transferred to videotape and were shown at the annual Forest Lake Academy Alumni Homecoming February 22 and 23. Dr. John Wagner, president of Southern College and former principal of the Academy, was the guest speaker at Sabbath services. New Alumni Association officers are: president, Vera Cox Lester, Class of '40; vice-president, Verbelee Neilsen-Swanson, Class of '72; secretary-treasurer, Martin C. Bird, Class of '35.

The Florida Keys has a new BETTER LIVING CENTER. Present at the ribbon-cutting service at the Marathon church were: Ann Lowell; Mickey Brown, district federation president; Richard O'Ffill, associate director of community services and health; Roy Merrifield, pastor; Shirley Garrett, local community services director; and Alice Molnar.

The small congregation of Sebring, 79, had big results with its recent REVELATION <u>SEMINAR</u>. Conducted by <u>Mel Landers</u>, 38 people graduated from the course, with four baptisms thus far. Seven ministers from other denominations attended as well. Landers plans a Daniel class also and a Revelation Seminar for his other district church, Lake Placid.

G RGIA-CUMBERLAND











For many years now, Mary Lou Graves has been directing the Dunlap church school choir in its annual CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. All the students are included, and from the first grade through the eighth, they memorize between 15 and 20 songs which are included in the program. The Christmas program draws the largest crowd each year of anything in the Dunlap church. Citizens in the community start asking weeks in advance when the Christmas program is going to be. When the night arrives, it's always a night of standing room only. This year's program was entitled "The World's Little Lights," which Mary Lou Graves wrote.

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Darryl Williams has been named a 1985 United States NATIONAL AWARD WINNER in history and government. He is a student at Georgia-Cumberland Academy and was nominated for the award by Bill Arnold, counselor at the academy. Williams' photo and biography will appear in the US Achievement Academy's official yearbook, published nationally. The winners are selected upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, or other school sponsors, and upon the standards of selection set forth by the Academy.

Lillian Hanon Coble celebrated her 83RD BIRTHDAY on January 30. She is a member of the 1925 graduating class of Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, and helped to organize and operate the first Camp Fire Girls summer camps there. She taught swimming and first aid for the Red Cross for 50 years and received a gold medal. She also taught arts and crafts in Pathfinder clubs for 20 years, for a total of 62 years in youth leadership work. She is a member of the Graysville, Tennessee, church.

The theme for the WEEK OF PRAYER at Spalding Elementary School, Collegedale, Tennessee, was "Following Jesus." The theme song was "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus." Each day 125 seventh- and eighth-grade students assembled for a spiritual refreshing as Ralph Peay, director of youth ministries for the Southern Union Conference, made it exciting to follow Christ. When the low-key appeal was made for decisions, 25 students stated they would like to become baptized Seventh-day Adventist Christians.

The 16 students in the Brakeworth Elementary School, along with their teachers, Dona Burrell and Maxine Kay, and many of the local church members, held a bake sale and cake auction on Saturday night, February 9, to benefit the annual FAITH FOR TODAY children's offering. A total of \$300 was raised.



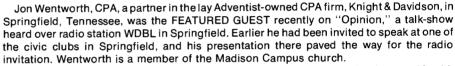
Ken Harding, pastor of the Clanton, Alabama, district, conducted a FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING in the annex of the local prison. Because of facilities and accommodations the enrollment was limited to 25 participants. Seventeen of this number succeeded in refraining from smoking for more than 24 hours near the end of the time period and 12 men had refrained from smoking from the beginning of the class. One participant reported, "I never recognized what an obnoxious odor cigarette smoking carried with it. Now I realize what my wife has had to put up with for years and I'm cured!"

Forty-five enthusiastic Sabbath school superintendents and personal ministries leaders participated in a CARING CHURCH SEMINAR held at Camp Alamisco March 1 and 2. They were enthusiastic about the Sabbath Celebration approach in combining Sabbath school, personal ministries, and the worship hour into a more cooperative service. "Many indicated plans to incorporate the basic concepts into their local planning," reports Bill Clemons, Sabbath school and stewardship director.

Students in grades 3-8 at the Phenix City, Alabama, church school raised \$818.21 in a READ-A-THON. The money was used to purchase a filmstrip/slide projector, two vacuum cleaners, and a rolling security center for the school's computer which makes it possible for students to roll the computer from classroom to classroom, then lock it up in any location.

After viewing the film "Ty and His Homemade Band" as a part of their music program, the students at Brakeworth Elementary School in Birmingham, Alabama, accepted the challenge to make their own instruments to form a RHYTHM BAND. Participating were: Ryan Terry, Christal Thomas, Leann Georgeson, Amy Ryder, Endia Brown, Brian Thomas, Lisa Carter, Gina Smith, Gina Redd, Lori Ryder, Mike Strom, Kim Ryder, Mike Thomas, Lori Georgeson, and Heath Terry. Their "instruments" included a "maraca" made from an electric light bulb covered with papier-mache, painted, and then struck so the bulb would break to provide the "rattles"; a "kazoo" made from a paper towel roller; a "tambourine" made from paper plates and bells; drums of oatmeal and cookie boxes; a harp made from pencils and rubber bands; a paint-can guitar; a washtub "bass viol" and other original creations.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



As a result of the IT IS WRITTEN SEMINAR held in Louisville, Kentucky, January 26, with George Vandeman and Roland Lenhoff, more than 50 persons are studying with area pastors. Seven are involved in the follow-up seminars. Using video equipment, Vandeman presents the Bible presentations with the pastor leading in a discussion period and questions and answers.

On February 13, Ray Hartwell, pastor of the Hendersonville and Gallatin churches, was able to meet with U.S. Representative Bart Gordon of the Sixth District of Tennessee. Hartwell gave him a complimentary copy of LIBERTY MAGAZINE, and encouraged him to be looking for a subscription to be arriving at his office. The newly elected Congressman thanked Hartwell, and said that he had known Liberty magazine and would look forward to receiving it. He went on to say that he valued Liberty and appreciated its presentations.

Lyle Anderson, Conference education superintendent, reports that, for the second consecutive year, 100 percent of the conference's K-10 teachers are CERTIFIED.

A new GABLE ROOF has been added to the Highland Academy Administration Building, reports H. D. "Corky" Lawson, principal.

The Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, church school has operated this year in a new facility. In January they held OPEN HOUSE for the members and community. James and Virginia Winters are the teachers.

<u>Dr. Loraine Paulk</u>, associate superintendent of education, reports that Highland Elementary School has formulated a committee to study a new CHURCH SCHOOL PLANT. They now have 101 students in four classrooms.

January 17, 17 EXCITED YOUNGSTERS, most of them fifth-eighth graders from Lela Whorton Elementary School in Ridgetop, Tennessee, headed for Washington, D.C., in the Pathfinder club bus. Accompanying them were the principal, Jim Kennedy, and his wife, Naomi, Mr. and Mrs. Kit France, Dennise Stroud, and Kimberley France. Even though they were unable to witness the indoor inauguration on Monday, they did see the Presidential motorcade while watching spectacular fireworks at midnight. Despite the icy interstate roads, the bus pulled safely into Ridgetop with a tired, but memory-filled, group.

Portland, Tennessee, LITERATURE EVANGELIST O. Tom Allen has been selected to appear in the November, 1985, volume of *Who's Who in Religion*, which will list biographical information on 7,000 clergy, authors, publishers, broadcasters, and interdenominational group leaders. Allen is a certified drug prevention educator and is author of one book, *High Rider*, and several articles in religious publications.











Tim Newton, a member of the Ocala, Florida, Shiloh church, a student at Lake Weir High School, decided not to play BASKETBALL on Friday nights and, as a result, will miss 10 of 25 games his team plays this season. An article and picture of Newton appeared in the local newspaper concerning his stand and recalling that baseball pitcher Sandy Koufax refused to take the mound on Jewish holidays. "It was hard knowing that I wouldn't be there," Newton says, "but when I do play, I just try to put out that much extra effort to show the team that I really do care.'

Vernell Barton and her grand children solicited \$2,500 from street corners, neighborhood shopping centers, friends, and neighbors. She was crowned Southeastern's INGATHERING QUEEN by the Conference at the annual workers' meeting banquet. She was awarded two large trophies; one by the Conference and the other by the Elim church in St. Petersburg, Florida, where she holds membership. Pastor J. E. Harris presented other certificates, plaques, trophies, and ribbons at Elim's Annual Awards Banquet.



Of the first six Southern College students accepted into the SCHOOL OF MEDICINE at Loma Linda University this year, five are women. The six are Susan Ermer; Ruth McLarty, '81; Lisa Ohman, '84; Cheryl Reinhardt, Reg Rice, Jr., and Sondra Snider. The selection process was to continue. According to Dr. David Steen, chairman of the Division of Natural Science, 10 to 15 Southern College students are accepted each year.

A NEWSLETTER "highlighting the shared ministry of Southern Union pastors and Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists" has been initiated. "I consider it a joyous privilege to work together in the interest of preparing our youth for life and eternity," said President John Wagner, in a letter introducing the new publication to the conferences.

Alberta Mazat, associate professor of marriage and family therapy at Loma Linda University, spoke for the WEEK OF SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS held on the campus March 11 through 16. She had recently returned from Australia where she spoke at two youth congresses. Mazat used case studies, skits, and questions and answers in discussing the topics of dating, relationships, getting ready for marriage, and how to be a worthwhile person fulfilling God's plan.

Advantage, a NEW MAGAZINE geared to academy and high school students soon to graduate and other prospective students, is off the press. "It points out the advantages of further education in general, and education at Southern College in particular. We're including some extremely practical information that will make the transition to the Collegedale campus easier," says Vinita Sauder, director of public relations.

In February, Jim Herman, college chaplain, conducted the WEEK OF PRAYER for the

nursing students on the Orlando Center campus in Florida. Southern College has 156 students on that campus this semester.



COLLEGE

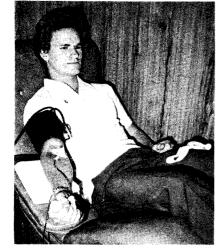
The 1985 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 19 STUDENTS from Oakwood College who have been selected as national outstanding leaders. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934. Students named this year from Oakwood College are: Angela K. Arrington, Seth Bardu, Derek C. Bowe, Karen A. Bryan, Calvin Byers, Rosalie Chandler, Peaches P. Christie, Gayle Y. Daniels, Earl K. Davis, Donna-Mae S. Gibson, Clyfford D. Hazell, Winsley B. Hector, Willie E. Hucks, Nerval S. Myrie, Nozzie N. Nxumalo, Robert Sigh, Marie I. Vimbot, Antoinette J. Ware, and Mervyn E. Warren.



Nearly 25 percent of Oakwood College's total student population was honored March 6 in an academic honors and recognition CEREMONY which celebrated the fall quarter 1984 academic achievements. Some 102 of the 328 students were listed on the dean's roll. They carried a minimum of 15 quarter hours and maintained a grade point average of 3.50 or above with no grade below a "B" and no incompletes. Sixteen were straight-"A" (4.0 grade point average) students. A brief, but potent message was delivered by Religion and Theology Department Chairman Dr. Benjamin Reaves. He reinforced the fact that the reality of genius or achievement is hard work. Honor student and Aeolian member, Mervyn E. Warren, directed the Aeolians in one of his original compositions, "I Ain't Got Long To Be Here,"

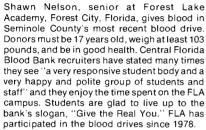
written in the style of a Negro spiritual.





Pictorial

Stories







Joe Robertson, building committee chairman for the new Tampa Southside church, is pictured handing the building plans to Jim Louwart, construction superintendent. Looking on and also participating in the ground breaking were Jim Merrifield (left), architect; J. P. Rogers, Florida Conference treasurer; M. D. Gordon, Conference president; Jim Skender, pastor during the construction of the old church; Nobah Blake, first elder; and V. J. Puccinelli, pastor. The new church complex, which will seat 300, is being built on nine acres of land in a rapidly growing section of town. The current construction includes the sanctuary, Sabbath school wing, and fellowship hall wing, complete with a kitchen. Construction is expected to be complete by mid-summer.

More than 60 academy students and sponsors from seven academies interested in healthful life styles joined students and staff on the campus of Mt. Pisgah Academy, near Asheville, North Carolina, for the annual Southern Union Temperance Weekend February 14-16. "Total Fitness" was the theme, reflecting a broadening of scope for temperance to include exercise, diet, and mental intake, as well as the traditional concerns of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Students spent hours learning to use a variety of computerized health evaluation programs for use in outreach activities. Southern Union Youth Ministries and Temperance Director Ralph Peay planned the weekend.



Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists' class of 1985 has chosen its officers: Rob Lang (left), class pastor, a religion major from Punta Gorda, Florida; Lori Norwood, class secretary, a business administration major from Banner Elk, North Carolina; Mike Baez, vice president, a religion major from Apopka, Florida; Carol Loree, president, is from Savannah, Georgia, majoring in office administration; and sponsor Cecil Rolfe. Not pictured is Ed Lamb, also a class sponsor.



The officers for the Church Musicians Guild for 1985 are Julie Ritterskamp (left), anthem librarian; Janie Leonhardt, South Carolina district representative; Kathy Brannan, president; Jean Murphy, Eastern North Carolina district representative. They met at the High Point, North Carolina, church, January 27 to finalize their plans for the upcoming year.



Al Ingram (left), Carolina Conference treasurer, and John Giglio, treasurer of the Westminster, South Carolina, church, join together in burning the mortgage dedication day, February 23—a delightful day for all the folks at Westminster.



Lynda Cockrell, teacher for grades 5 and 6 at Mobile, Alabama, Junior Academy, directed the hand bell choir at the Gulf States Elementary and Junior Academy Music Festival held February 21-23 at Bass Memorial Academy Lumberton, Mississippi. Approximately 125 students in grades 5-10 participated in the annual event.



Conference education superintendents from the Southern Union "went shopping" February 18 and 19 on the Southern College campus. Elementary and secondary education students were interviewed by prospective employers. Patricia Wilcox, (left), acting education superintendent for the Carolina Conference, visits here with Lori Johnston, an elementary major from Manchester, New Hampshire. Interest in grade school teachers was particularly intense this year. Southern College has 55 elementary majors; however, only five of them are seniors who graduate in May. Fifteen of the 67 current students planning to make secondary teaching a career are completing required courses for certification this spring.



Members of the Graysville, Tennessee, church surprised their pastor, Woodson Walker, with an appreciation day February 2. Shown here, Walker is presented with an appreciation plaque by Vivian Littell, wife of Dr. Lester Littell, an elder of the church for the personal interest he takes in his church members, including visiting the sick and helping people understand the Bible.



Ralph Williams (left), first elder of the North Orlando church, honors outstanding community leader J. Mark Cox, MD, a prominent physician who has made an outstanding contribution to the health-care needs of his community. Cox serves on several boards in the Orlando area, including Florida Hospital. He is the chairman of the Guardian Care Convalescent Center, a nonprofit organization. He was instrumental in its inception and became its president/chairman. He is the current president of the Washington Shores Savings and Loan Association, Orlando's only black financial institution. Cox also participated in the formation of this bank. His wife, Dr. Elaine Cox, is a professor at the University of Central Florida.



Floral Crest youth choir, under the direction of Mary Hill (front right), with accompanist Nytta Norton (front left), presented several numbers during the weekend youth rally at Floral Crest, Alabama, church March 1 and 2.



Gerald Brower, supervisor of Publix supermarkets for the St. Petersburg, Florida, area, was presented an award in appreciation for his participation for the past several years in permitting the Community Services multiphasic van to operate monthly in front of various Publix stores in the St. Petersburg area. Brower has been employed by Publix for 25 years and his parents attend the Lakeland church.

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Education

SDA Home Study Graduate Honored By Congress

General Conference - Two major events occurred in the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., on the evening of February 6. Just an hour-and-ahalf before President Ronald Reagan delivered his State of the Union Address, Diana Green, a Seventh-day Adventist missionary's daughter, grand-daughter of the late Pastor Perry Green, of Atlanta, Georgia, and a recent Home Study International high school graduate, was honored by Congress as Outstanding Graduate of the Year at a special reception in the Mike Mansfield room. More than 50 US schools participated in the competition sponsored by the National Home Study Council.

From 70 candidates, the judges selected 12 candidates, topped by



Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd (left), of Tennessee, Diana J. Green, Senator Albert Gore, Jr., and Dr. D. W. Holbrook (right), president of Home Study International, participate in the awards ceremony for Diana Green being named one of National Home Study Council's "Outstanding Home-Study Graduates of the Year."

Diana Green. Two dozen Congressmen and 11 Senators gathered with the heads of many well-known national education associations and school leaders to honor the winners. Even though Diana's parents are currently teaching at the Adventist University in Kenya, her mother flew in to attend the reception.

Diana, now a freshman at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists in Collegedale, Tennessee, began her education with HSI, studying in such places as Jordan, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Cyprus, Austria, Kenya, and the United States. She occasionally attended resident church schools, but finished her secondary career graduating from HSI.

Sylacauga School Conducts Health Fair

Gulf States — A Health, Fitness, and Craft Fair was held at the Sylacauga, Alabama, elementary school on February 24. Posters, newspaper articles, and radio spots alerted the public.

Additional chairs had to be brought in as people gathered for



Fifth-grade student John Jones challenges the mini-obstacle course as other students wait their turns at the Sylacauga Health, Fitness, and Craft Fair.

the "Smoky Hackincough" puppet skit depicting the reactions of vital body organs to the effects of tobacco.

Harold L. Flynt, pastor, with assistance from his wife, Emma, provided free computerized individual longevity projections.

Several fitness activities were planned, including a mini-obstacle course, rope jumping, and broad jumping. These activities for both children and adults were available continuously during the afternoon fair.

Keith Ellsworth, principal, was assisted in the craft skills offered at

the fair by his wife, Mary, who teaches art, music, and crafts at the school.

Students Receive Incentives to Work Mornings

Southern College — According to the student employment office at Southern College, more than 120 scholarships, worth \$150 each, have been awarded to various students in the past two years as part of the campus Morning Work Incentive Scholarship program.

The program is based on the need for student workers in the morning. "So many students wanted to take classes in the morning and work all afternoon," said student employment representative Evonne Crook. "We wanted to give them an incentive for working in the morning."

To qualify for the program, students must be enrolled for at least eight hours of classwork at Southern College and employed at an on-campus job working at least 12 hours a week between the hours of 6 a.m. and noon. Their total for the semester should be at least 180 hours.

Oakwood College Receives Pre-Med Grant

Oakwood College — Out of 15 proposals submitted to the Louis J. Calder Premedical Education Program by United Negro College Fund (UNCF) institutions, Oakwood was selected to receive a \$12,150 grant to strengthen its pre-med program.

Using the term Project PREP, an institute is being conducted for five months (March-May and September-November, 1985) and is limited to 20 Oakwood premedical students. Each student participant must: (a) have a commendable record of conduct and character; (b) be a freshman or sophomore premedical student; and (c) have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above or ACT score of 18,20,20 or better in English, Math, and Natural Science, respectively. Each participant receives a total of \$866 for the five-month period.

In addition to MCAT review courses being taught by Oakwood

Collge faculty, consultants (Oakwood graduates currently in their clinical years of medical school) are being brought in to share their experiences with the participants. Participants will also make field trips to three medical schools within a 100-mile radius of Oakwood College.

Currently directing the institute is Anthony Paul, acting chairman of the biology department.

Youth

"Friends" Is Theme Of Bible Conference

Carolina — Academy students from around the Carolinas gathered at Nosoca Pines Ranch the weekend of February 8, 9 for the annual Carolina Bible Conference. Students from Fletcher Academy, Mount Pisgah Academy, Tri-City Junior Academy, and Columbia Junior Academy were in attendance

The theme of "Friends: How To



Carolina Conference Academy and Jr. Academy students participate in an exercise designed to develop trust at the Carolina Bible Conference February 8, 9.

Be a Better One" was the topic of discussion for the whole weekend. Each student discovered that there are definite qualities to being a good friend.

There were various activities throughout the weekend, including the "Trust Fall" and the "Blind Walk," which exhibited that one must be able to reach out and trust another person.

The weekend concluded with the Love Feast. Topic of discussion at the Love Feast was "Heaven." What's it going to be like? Who's the first person you're going to run up to and touch?

Herb Crawley is senior youth director for Carolina.

Health

Hospital Sponsors Five-Day Plan In Jackson

Gulf States — Twenty-seven enrollees were welcomed by Toni Hughes on Monday evening, February 18, for yet another Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking sponsored by the Jackson, Mississippi, church. So successful have been former clinics held in its facilities that Rankin General Hospital in Brandon, Mississippi, invited the Jackson church to conduct this one, providing the publicity, preregistration, and a conference room for its use.

Richard Hughes was the facilitator, using the videotaped program developed by Roger Morton of Adventist Life Seminars. Freddie Morton and Steve and Beverly O'Quinn assisted Dick as group leaders, encouraging the participants in their determination to kick the habit. "Enthusiasm ran high all week," Dick reports, "and by Thursday night 17 had successfully kicked the habit."

Churches, School, Hospital, Join To Do Fair Booth

Florida — More and more pastors and laymen are utilizing the county fairs statewide to make Floridians aware of Seventh-day Adventists and better health. The Ft. Myers and Ft. Myers Shores churches combined efforts at the Lee County Fair, February 1-10, providing an average of 100 blood pressure checks a day, in addition to testing for diabetes and hemoglobin, and computerized health appraisals.

More than 60 volunteers manned the booth. In addition, students from Ft. Myers Junior Academy operated the computer. "The school let us use its computer," says Pastor John Davis, of Ft. Myers Shores. "And the churches bought the computer program." Both pastors conducted follow-up Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking, with several fair goers in attendance at each. "It's a fantastic way to reach out to the community and show that

Adventists are caring people," adds Bill Waters, pastor of Ft. Myers.

Dade City, Zephyrhills, and the East Pasco Medical Center "cooperated with a united Adventist witness in the community at the Pasco County Fair, February 19-23," states Hershel Mercer, district pastor. Some 1,200 individuals participated in the computerized health appraisals and received orange juice and healthful, homemade bread. "Even the mayor of Zephyrhills helped at the booth, talking to visitors about the advantages of Adventist-operated hospitals," reports Mercer, "and other city leaders from both cities stopped by and congratulated us on the new hospital and the work the churches and medical facility are doing in the community.'

Greensboro Institutes Visitation and Nutrition Classes

Carolina — The Greensboro, North Carolina, church has a "Night of Caring" every Tuesday night. Visitation teams visit not only members but nonmembers as well throughout the year.

Vic Brown, pastor, also reports that a Nutrition Seminar held at his church has 30 in attendance each Sunday evening. Three-fourths are not church members. It is a follow-up class to a recently completed Five-Day Plan.

The seminar is designed to show how to take natural food and prepare it as nutritionally as possible. Brown says, "A large people flow is the desire of the church so the people in the community can become familiar with where we are and know that indeed we are a Caring Church."

Smyrna Adds Eating Disorders Unit

Smyrna Hospital — Smyrna Hospital, Smyrna, Georgia, announces the addition of an eating disorders unit to its present medical services.

The 12-bed, 24-hour medically supervised in-patient program will provide assessment, diagnosis, education, and treatment for patients with medical and emotional problems resulting from eating disorders.

"Eating disorders have reached

epidemic levels, affecting nearly 30 percent of our population, or 20 million people," says Hal Coble, president of Smyrna Hospital. "Adding an eating disorders unit was vital if we were to meet the community need."

The new program, which opened in March, will treat patients suffering from bulimia, bulimarexia, and anorexia nervosa. Each patient's program will be individually tailored with the goal of encouraging the patients to become partners in their own treatment. Patients will be worked with on a one-to-one basis with counselors and will take part in group sessions.

Linda Hudson-Kimbrough is director of the hospital's new eating disorders unit.

New Port Richey Enthusiastic About Stress Seminar

Florida — "'Decisional overload. Job burnout. Family tension. They all add up to one thing: stress.' "began an article about the "Eight Days to Resolving Stress" seminar conducted by the New Port Richey, Florida, church. The Suncoast News stimulated interest in the community and of 46 attending the seminar, 13 were nonmembers.

Using Concerned Communications' sequence evangelism materials, Pastor Bradley Galambos says, "It's the best developed program with word-for-word transparencies and the participant magazine is a triple-A rating for quality in my opinion!"

One health consultant who attended wrote in appreciation saying she realized the importance of a holistic approach in order to control stress.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Eide are simultaneously conducting a Revelation and Nutrition Seminar.

Progress

Maranatha Breaks Ground in Miami

Florida — February 3 marked another milestone of the Miami, Florida, Maranatha church history. Because of the increasing member-



Among those manning shovels at the Maranatha ground breaking are W. A. Kirlew (left), pastor; Brother Stevens, Maranatha's oldest member; John Riley, mayor of Opa-Lacka; and M. D. Gordon, Conference president.

ship and limited size of the existing facility, ground was broken on a beautiful and conveniently located three-and-one-half-acre tract for the proposed new church building.

Originally, 51 members organized the church in November, 1976, with the first milestone occurring in 1982 when two churches sprang from its membership: Lauderhill and French Maranatha.

Headquarters Properties Sold For \$14 Million

General Conference — Representatives of the General Conference, the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and Home Study International on March 1 signed a \$14 million contract to sell the Church's headquarters complex in Takoma Park, Maryland, to Roberts, Munz and Associates, an investment partnership owned by the principals of The Development Group, of Laurel, Maryland.

"In short, the contract includes a three-phase schedule of property transfers and payments with church entities receiving \$10 million of the purchase price by July 1, 1986, the estimated date of ground breaking of the new General Conference complex on a 30-acre site in suburban Maryland," reports General Conference Treasurer Lance L. Butler. On March 1, 1988, the General Conference Central South buildings and the Review and Herald parking lot will be signed over in exchange for the final payment of \$4 million.

"Key dates in the contract are July 15, 1985, when an inspection period ends and during which the buyer or seller can terminate the contract," Butler explains. "Then comes the

Phase I closing of November 1, 1985, when the Review and Herald building is transferred in exchange for \$4 million., On July 1, 1986, Phase II will see the General Conference North building and the HSI property transferred in exchange for \$6 million. Finally, in the Phase III transfer on March 1, 1986, the General Conference Central and South buildings and the Review and Herald parking lot will be signed over in exchange for the final payment of \$4 million.

"The contract is the result of negotiations over nearly nine months," Butler adds. "Since we will transfer much of the property before we actually move into the new complex, the contract contains leaseback provisions at very favorable rates so the General Conference can operate at its current location while using the interest to pay leaseback fees and the sales proceeds to begin development of the new location."

The General Conference Corporation Board and the General Conference Committee approved the sale in special meetings on February 26.

In response to questions at the General Conference Committee, Butler said the new 250,000 square-foot General Conference office complex will cost an estimated \$17 million and will save approximately \$1 million yearly in operating expenses.

Kissimmee Opens New Church After 25 Years

Southeastern — February 16 was a day to be remembered for the members of the Kissimmee, Florida, church. After 25 years they were able to open the doors of their new church

It was in 1960 that laypersons



The Kissimmee, Florida, church opened its doors February 16.

Jimmy Sankey, L. C. Casey, Edward Sparks, Bryant Tinsley, Roosevelt Woodfork, and Ruby Simons, began distributing tracts and giving Bible studies. C. D. Henri, assisted by the nucleus, conducted the first evangelistic meeting. The result was nine baptisms. The membership remained the same between 1969-1973. In April, 1972, as a result of a lay evangelistic meeting, six people were baptized.

In 1977, O. H. Paul became the pastor and a company of 35 members was organized. He was responsible for the two-acre purchase on which the new church now stands.

Hubert Morel and Roy Parham have also shared the nurturing ministry of this congregation. Since 1983, Pastor Cleveland Mair and the members of Kissimmee have demonstrated a real desire to build a house for God. This came to fruition on February 16.

Who and Where

SDAs Move Louisville To Help Fire Victims

Kentucky-Tennessee — Members of the South Louisville, Kentucky, church led their community in collecting a 40-foot trailer load of clothes, food, furniture, bedding, toys, and money for a family whose breadwinner died in a fire which destroyed its trailer home.

Church member Judy Cornett was a neighbor of Linda Goldsmith, who, the night of the fire had slept in the room with Billy, her son, who has cerebral palsy. Cornett alerted Lewis Brand, pastor, who contacted Community Services leader John Jones.

Jones tified radio stations and the Co Journal with appeals for help. dsmith and her family were ided a house by a real estate ant which was filled with things the community and the church provided.

Jones said Goldsmith returned some things she didn't need, not wanting to take advantage of people's generosity, and was reluctant to accept the cash.

Kress Hosts "Lord, Change Me" Seminar

Florida — The popular Christian author, Evelyn Christensen, presented her "Lord, Change Me" seminar at Orlando, Florida's Kress Memorial church to 217 people, 50 percent of those in attendance coming from non-Adventist area churches. The seminar was sponsored by Kress Family Life Seminars, which is coordinated by Jov and Jerry Smith who regularly conduct marriage enrichment programs. Mrs. Smith and members at Kress cooperated wth other Adventist and non-Adventist churches in the greater Orlando area to bring Christensen. Radio station WAJL's Focus program featured Smith and Carol Leff, member and counselor at Calvary Assembly, a 5,000 member congregation, explaining how the seminar could help people deal with personal and family problems in a practical manner.

Christensen's first book, What Happens When Women Pray, has sold more than one million copies and was listed in the top 10 best sellers list for four consecutive years. Lord, Change Me was listed for two consecutive years with more than 800,000 copies sold. Her latest book, Gaining Through Losing, was voted top National Devotional Book of 1982.

Annual SCLC Service Addressed by SDA At Elim Church

Southeastern — The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) held its annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Ecumenical Services January 13 at the Elim SDA church in St. Petersburg. The wor-



Dr. Joseph Lowery (left), National president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Sevell Brown, III, executive director of SCLC in St. Petersburg, Florida, conducted the annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Ecumenical Service at the Elim SDA church.

ship services commemorated the birthday of the late civil rights leader.

For the second consecutive year, an Adventist minister has delivered the keynote address for the annual service. This year Walter L. Pearson, pastor of the North Philadelphia SDA church in Pennsylvania, was selected as guest speaker. According to Sevell Brown, III, director of the SCLC in St. Petersburg, "We managed to get one of the top 10 preachers in America today as our guest speaker."

Dr. Joseph Lowery, national president of SCLC, appointed Elim's Darryl Brown as SCLC national representative on Black Chemical Abuse. Brown is presently coordinating SCLC-YAADAP (Youth Against Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Program) which utilizes NFL and USFL football players to interface with youth in the schools in the St. Petersburg-Tampa Bay area.

New Revelation Seminar Material Being Used in Greenville

Carolina — The brand new Revelation Seminar lessons are being used for the first time at a seminar being held in Greenville, South Carolina. Harry Robinson, author



Harry Robinson, author of the Revelation Seminar lessons, tries out his revised materials in Greenville, South Carolina.

of the lessons, is leading out in the presentation.

About two-thirds of the way through this seminar it has been reported by Robinson that the interests of those attending are better than ever. Many have expressed their deep appreciation for the clarity of the lessons and for making the Bible very interesting and exciting.



Calendar and Events

CAROLINA

Mount Pisgah Academy Ad Building Benefit Concerts
April 6 Southern College String Quartet, Foster Memorial church, Asheville, N.C.

John Bridges, tenor, and Jean Valerio, keyboard, Foster Memorial church, Asheville, N.C.

FLORIDA

Area Sabbath School Rallies

St. Petersburg 7 p.m. April 3 Walker Memorial 7 p.m. West Palm Beach 7 p.m. 5 Miami Temple 4 p.m.

Avon Park Spanish Open House — April 6. 4 p.m.

Evangelistic Crusades April 13 - May 18

Okeechobee Palatka Jacksonville Regency Orange Park Winter Haven

Harmon Brownlow Lester Pratt Robert DuBose George Carpenter Gordon Blandford

Lay Revelation Training Seminars

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. April 13 Orlando Markham Woods church 20 Miami Greater Miami Academy 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Youth Ministries

April 14-18 Senior Citizens Camp Camp Kulaqua

Vacation Bible School Workshop — April 26-28. Camp Kulaqua.

Elementary and Jr. Academy Music Festival — April 25-27. Forest Lake
Academy, Forest City, Fla. Featuring: 165-member band group,
500-member choral group, 125-member string group. Choral clinician, Dr. Marvin Robertson, Southern College, Band clinician, Dr. Marvin Robertson, Southern College, String clinician, Dr. Orlo Gilbert Jack McClarty, Southern College; String clinician, Dr. Orlo Gilbert, Southern College. Programs: Friday 8 p.m., Sabbath 9:20 a.m., 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. concerts.

Forest Lake Academy Alumni Association Polluck Luncheon — May

25 (the first Sabbath of camp meeting). 1 p.m., band room at FLA.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Little Creek Academy Hand Bell Choir will appear on ABC's Good Morning America news program April 24 at 7 a.m. during the first hour of the show

Elementary Schools' Music Festival — April 9. 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; business meeting following Eventide. Basketball game - 8:45

Lay Witness Weekend — April 12, 13. Ringgold, Ga.
Conference-wide Vacation Bible School Workshop — May 3, 4. Cohutta Springs

Atlantic Union College Alumni Meeting — June 1, 5 p.m. Banquet room of the cafeteria, Southern College, Collegedale, Tenn.

Jasper, Tenn., Church 25th Anniversary Celebration — April 12, 13.

Featured speakers: Jim Ripley, Gilbert Goodwin. Contact Hazel Beagles (615) 942-3241.

Collegedale Academy Alumni Weekend — April 12, 13. Vespers at 8 p.m. in the academy auditorium. Honor classes: '45, '55, '60, '65, '75,

p.m. in the academy auditorium. Honor classes: '45, '55, '60, '65, '75, and '80. We would appreciate local alumni letting us know addresses of out-of-town classmates. (615) 396-2124.

Special East Tennessee Area Singles Weekend — April 12, 13. Knox-ville First church. Film Series: "One Is a Whole Number," by Harold Ivan Smith. Call (615) 524-7842 for information.

East Tennessee Adventist Golf Tournament — April 14. Gatlinburg Country Club. 10 a.m. Sponsored by Knoxville First church. Call (615) 524-7842 for information.

Volunteers and Communication: Church Secretary Workshop — April 25, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Southern College. "Hands-on" experience in keeping volunteers active and improving communications through a more effective newsletter. Sue Box, church secretary for the 1,500-member First United Methodist church in Cookeville, Tennessee, will lead the workshop. To register, call the Adventist Book Center at (615) 396-2814, or send a check to ABC, P.O. Box V, Collegedale, TN 37315. Deadline to register is April 21.

GULF STATES

Sacred Concert: The Heralds Quartet — April 24, 7:30 p.m. First church, Montgomery, Ala.

Evangelistic Crusades/Revelation Seminars

In progress until: May 10 Pensacola, Fla.

Fred Rimer

May 14 Athens/Huntsville, Ala. Larry Cansler, Merle Landis, Don Eichberger Brad Schleif M. R. Lombardo May 15 Dothan, Ala. May 16 Newton Miss Meridian, Miss. M. R. Lombardo Leeds, Ala. Crystal Springs, Miss. Doug Tilstra, Bob Hoyt Fred Rimer May 17 Fred Rimer Pearl, Miss. Seale, Ala. Grove Hill, Ala John Hanson Charles Jenkins Paul Boling, Ken James, Mark Knuth, Wallace Wilson Byron Voorheis Montgomery, Ala. May 18 Columbus, Miss Olive Branch, Miss. Alan Williams May 19 Bay Minette, Ala. Lucedale, Miss. May 20 Don Jehle Clyde Smith May 30 April 27 -Mike Echemendia Troy, Ala.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Jack Nash

Junior Academy Principals' Meeting — April 8. K-12 Board of Education — April 11. Kentucky-Tennessee Elementary Music Festival — April 25-27. Highland Academy Highland Academy Days — April 28, 29

SOUTH ATLANTIC

MESSAGE Magazine Crusade — April 1-30. Conference-wide.

Youth Federations
April 13 North Carolina Western District

Mobile, Ala.

June 8

State of Georgia with Basketball Finals 20

27 Christian Education Day - Conference-wide.

Communication Workshop — April 27. State-wide, Macon, Ga Community Services Federation — April 28. Eastern North Carolina.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Community Service Federation

April 14 — East Tennessee—Hillcrest church, Nashville, Tenn. April 27 — South Alabama—Bethany church, Montgomery, Ala. April 28 — North Alabama—Huntsville church, Huntsville, Ala. MESSAGE Magazine Victory Day — April 27.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Convocation: "The Ages of Man" Loma Linda University — April 4, 10:30 a.m., PE Center.

E. A. Anderson Lecture Series — Brock Hall, 8 p.m

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April 11

Claude B. Bass, "Planning for Life and Death"
Thomas M. Zapara, "Philosophy of Starting and Managing a Business Enterprise" April 18

Vespers - Collegedale church, 8 p.m

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April 5 Southern College Chorale
April 19 Student Missionary Dedication

Artist-Adventure Series — PE Center, 8 p.m.

April 6 Southern College Concert Band
April 13 Southern College Gymnastics Home Show
April 14 Kodak Show, "Greece — A Celebration in Pictures"
April 20 Die Meistersinger and Choraliers Home Concert

College Days — April 14, 15. Anyone interested in coming to College
Days with an eve to enrolling for the summer session can call 1 (800) Days with an eye to enrolling for the summer session can call 1 (800) 624-0350 or, in Tennessee 1 (615) 238-2037 (collect).

Collegedale Church Service — April 13, 8:40 and 11 a.m. Neal C.

Wilson, speaker.

Southern College Symphony Dinner Concert — April 21, 6:30 p.m., College cafeteria.

Senior Consecration — May 3, 8 p.m., PE Center.

Baccalaureate — May 4, 11 a.m., PE Center.

Nurses' Pinning — May 4, 7:30 p.m., Collegedale church.

Commencement — May 5, 10 a.m., PE Center.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Youth Motivation Task Force (Formerly National Alliance of Businessmen) — April 2-4.
United Negro College Fund Banquet — April 4. Special Guest, Jayne

Rennedy.

Alumni Weekend — April 5-7.

Allegheny East Chorale Concert — April 11, Moran Hall.

Freshman Assembly — April 17, Shelton Kilby, speaker.

Spring Week of Prayer — April 14-20. Dr. William Loveless, president Columbia Union College, speaker.

Fine Arts Festival. — April 19-21.

College Days — April 29, 30.

SOUTHERN UNION

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

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 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.

Literature Evangelism Rally Day — April 20.

Educational Day and Elementary School Offering — 4: 27.

Community Services Evangelism — May 4.

Disaster and Famine Relief Offering — May 11.

Spirit of Prophecy Day — May 18.

North American Division Association of Seventh-day Adventist
Nurses (ASDAN) — April 18-24. Cohutta Springs, Ga. SDA Nurses,
RN's, LPN's, Student Nurses: "Cost of Caring" is the theme. Topics
to be covered: economical, ethical, emotional, spiritual. Contact ASDAN National Headquarters. Elizabeth Sterndale, Exec. Dir. AS-DAN, Health & Temperance Dept., 6840 Eastern Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20012. (202) 722-6000.

Parents Concerned About Alcohol and Drug Abuse Meeting — April 27. Atlanta, Ga., Belvedere church, at 4 p.m. Contact Gary Swanson, Editor, *Listen* magazine, (202) 722.6725.

OUT OF UNION

Plainview Academy Alumni - The 75th anniversary reunion of all Plainviewites will be held June 21-23, 1985, at Dakota Adventist Academy, Bismarck, N.D.

Mount Vernon Academy Alumni Class of 1945 40th Reunion - April 12, 13. Write: Virginia (Dickison) Ashton, 402 Wooster Rd., Mt. Vernon, OH 43050

La Sierra Academy Alumni Weekend — April 27, 28. For further information contact La Sierra Academy, P.O. Box 8038, Riverside, CA 92505, (714) 785-2305.

Mount Vernon Academy Alumni Reunion — April 12, 13. Mt. Vernon,

Southwestern Adventist College Homecoming — April 11-14. Speaker:

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Bob Jacobs (class of 1952), associate secretary, General Conference. Honor classes: 15, 25, '35, '45, '55, '60, '65, and '75.

Walla Walla College Annual Homecoming — April 18-21. The classes of '35, '45, '55, '65, and '75 will be honored.

Blue Mountain Academy and Philadelphia Academy Alumni Weekend — April 12, 13. Speaker: Roger Bothwell, class of '60. Honor classes will be BMA—'60, '65, and '75. Philadelphia Academy—'45. Contact BMA for housing information RD 3. Homburg RA 1959; (215) 562. BMA for housing information, RD 3, Hamburg, PA 19526; (215) 562-

Adelphian Academy Alumni Weekend — April 12, 13. Honor classes: '35 (50th); '60 (25th); '45, '55, '65, '75. For further information call (313) 634-4401

Kingsway College Alumni Weekend — April 26-28. Honor Classes: '25, '60

Takoma Academy Homecoming Weekend — April 19, 20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Well-Drilling Experts Needed in Africa - R. R. Drachenberg, Executive Director for ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency), has just returned from a trip to Ethiopia, Kenya, and Sudan. Government officials in those countries told him that at this time, their most officials in those countries told him that at this time, their most critical need is for water. ADRA has secured equipment to drill wells, but needs personnel to run the equipment. To apply or obtain more information, write to R. R. Drachenberg, ADRA, 6840 Eastern Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20012, or call (202) 722-6770.

New Physical Therapy Program leading to the master of science degree in physical therapy. Contact the department of physical therapy, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104, (616) 471-6011.

"Baby Fae" Clippings — The Loma Linda University Heritage Room has compiled a complete collection of University and local newspaper articles on Baby Fae. The collection also includes a smaller

paper articles on Baby Fae. The collection also includes a smaller sample of articles from national newspapers. This collection is available on 35mm microfilm for a nominal fee. Write to, Baby Fae Collection, Custom Microfilm Systems Inc., 3221 Kansas Ave., Riverside, CA 92507. They will send the price and a more complete description

New Youth Ministries Videotapes — The GC Youth Ministries Department has released two new Youth Awareness Seminar series: "Marriage, Anyone?" by Dr. and Mrs. Delmer Holbrook. The series is appropriate for use with teenagers at weekend retreats, discussion groups, camp meeting, senior youth camps, and academy classes. Write or call: Life Video Gospel Association, P.O. Box 395, College Place, WA 99324, (509) 522-0784.

Wheelchairs Needed for Camporee — Twelve folding wheelchairs are

needed for handicapped awareness exercises scheduled during the North American Pathfinder Camporee held in Vail, Colo., this summer. Donors will receive a tax-deductible receipt from Christian Record Braille Foundation, who will also pay the postage for ship ping to Lincoln. The wheelchairs are needed by July 1 and cannot be

returned. Contact Peterson at Christian Record, 4444 South 52nd St., Lincoln, NE 68506, or telephone (402) 488-0981.

New Orleans Videocassette Now Available — Search Productions has prepared a videotape for those who want to know more about New prepared a videotape for those who want to know more about New Orleans before they go to General Conference Session. This 12-minute tour of New Orleans takes the viewer to the sights and tells where to find good vegetarian meals. Call Search Productions at (301) 791-7000 for rental information.

Film, "Seedtime & Harvest" Now in French, Spanish, and Portuguese — Contact the General Conference Personal Ministries Department.

LEGAL NOTICES

FLORIDA CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the triennial session of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Forest Lake church, Forest City, Florida, on Sunday, May 5, 1985. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. Delegates chosen to the Organizing Committee shall meet two hours before the officially called time of the session for the purpose of selecting committees for the session. (8 a.m. at same location). One delegate from each church and one additional shall be chosen for each full 500 members. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate and one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof.

M. D. Gordon, President

R. J. Ulmer, Secretary

FLORIDA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION SESSION

The triennial meeting of the members of the Florida Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a Florida Corporation, will be held at the Forest Lake church, Forest City, Florida, on the 5th of May, 1985, at 10 a.m. for the purpose of electing the officers and Board of Trustees for the ensuing triennium and for consideration of such other matters as may properly come before the meeting. The members of this corporation are the members in good standing of any local church of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and all active members of the Florida Conference Committee of SDA and the Southern Union Conference Committee of SDA. Only those members present who are duly elected and accredited delegates of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shall be entitled to delegates of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.

Floyd Powell, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the second conference session of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the North Shore Community School, 3701 North Shore Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida, on Sunday, May 19, 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 busi-ness 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 50 members or major fraction thereof.

J. A. Edgecombe, President

D. A. Walker, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, INCORPORATED

Notice is hereby given that the second regular session of the Southeastern Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet at the North Shore Community School, 3701 North Shore Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida, on Sunday, May 19, 1985. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. The delegates to the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of the corporation.

J. A. Edgecombe, President

D. A. Walker, Secretary

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Carolina

Stephen Krunich has joined the ministerial staff of the Fletcher, N.C., church. He and his wife, Valerie, come from Andrews University.

Tom Hughes, with his wife, Dianne, are serving the Columbia, S.C.,

Central church and assisting in the Columbia First church.

Al Matchim, his wife, Donna, and sons, Trevor and Chris, have moved to Jacksonville, N.C., to minister to the Jacksonville and New Bern churches

Georgia-Cumberland

1. David L. Hakes is the new pastor of the Dunlap, Tennessee, district. He graduated from Southern College in 1975 where he met and married Daina Clark. The Hakes were in the Minnesota Conference five years and have just spent the last five years in Elkhart, Indiana. They

have two children, Scott, a first grader, age 7, and Karri, who is 4.

Robert Fancher has taken up duties in the Rossville-Lookout Mountain district, moving from Flint, Mich. He and his wife, Karen, have three children, Martin, Edward, and Vanessa.

South Atlantic

2. Larry Word was elected assistant treasurer of the South Atlantic Conference on Feb. 21. Word and his wife, the former Natlie Wright, of Atlanta accepted a call to the African-Indian Ocean Division after his graduation from Oakwood College in business administration. After returning from this mission appointment, he acted as business manager and accountant for the Atlanta-Berean School. During that time he obtained his master's degree in business administration from Mercer University in Atlanta, Ga. The Words have one daughter, To-

South Central

J. A. Jones turned the Gulfport, Mississippi, district over to Vincent White and wife, Audry. Jones was transferred to Longview Heights in Memphis, Tennessee, a church that he pastored a few years ago.

Southeastern

3. Hugh Lee, a former businessman, owner of LouMar Enterprises in Hempstead, N.Y., joined the Southeastern Conference Publishing Department as associate publishing director for District #three, which covers Daytona, Kissimmee, Orlando, and Melbourne, Fla. Lee and his wife, Louise, served as literature evangelists in Jamaica, West Indies, and in Brooklyn, N.Y., in the Northeastern Conference Publishing Department

Roland Brise, with the Infiltration Ministry in Southeastern Conference, was voted full pastor of the Jerusalem and Philadelphia churches (French-speaking congregations) in Miami, Fla., by the Conference Executive Committee. Brise is a graduate of River Plate College in Argentina, South America. He served as pastor and dean of men in Honduras, and pastored for two years in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He and his wife, Nicole, have two children.

Herman Davis has moved to the Jacksonville, St. Augustine, district from Tampa, and Theus Young, former pastor of that district, assumes responsibility in the Tampa Progress Village district.

Benjamin Browne, former pastor of the City Temple church in Detroit, Mich., now pastors the West Palm Beach/Ft. Pierce district. He is assisted by Barry Bonner.

4. O. H. Paul, pastor of the Mt. Sinai church in Orlando, Fla., was appointed director of education and religious liberty by the Southeastern Conference Executive Committee on January 13.

Oakwood College

Dale A. Penn, former director of public relations and publications

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and manager of the College choirs, is now the director of placement and career planning and community development and manager of the Aeolians. Coordinating College publications is Audrey Coleman, former secretary to Penn. Management of the College Choir and the Chamber Singers is the added responsibility of the recruitment director, Gary Wimbish. Giving overall leadership to College relations is Dr. Mervyn Warren, general vice-president of the College.

Adventist Health System/Sunbelt

- 5. Bill Wilson, formerly vice-president for risk management, safety and security, and housekeeping at Florida Hospital Medical Center, is now vice-president for the personnel department, the chaplain's office, auxiliary, education, housing, and employee health. He is replacing **Don Bradley**, who moved to Florida Hospital/Apopka in December as administrator
- 6. Lars Houmann, formerly an administrative director at New England Memorial Hospital, has recently been named administrative director for the Center for Psychiatry located on the campus of Florida Hospital Medical Center. He is replacing Dave Cushing, who is returning to Boston to resume duties at the Monarch Corporation -the managing corporation for the Center for Psychiatry.
- 7. Richard Reiner, former vice-president for finance at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists, is the new vice-president over risk management, safety and security, patient relations, systems management, materials management, social services, and medical records at Florida Hospital Medical Center. Reiner and his wife, Lynnet, have three children: Anthony, 9, Timothy, 6, and Heidi, 22 months.

Dennis Kiley joined the Madison Hospital staff in November as senior vice-president. Formerly vice president over clinical departments at Shawnee Mission Medical Center, near Kansas City, Kan., Kiley holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Andrews University and a master's of health-care administration from Texas Women's University. He and his wife, Kathy, have a one-year-old daughter.

The hospital also recently welcomed Clayton Farwell as vicepresident for medical planning and development. Farwell, president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference for the last four-and-one-half years, has assumed responsibilities in physician recruiting, professional office building development, and government relations. He and his wife, Jo, have two daughters and a grandson.

BRETT — BENCHINA

Beverly Louise Benchina and Andrew Neville Brett were united in marriage in the Sacramento, Calif., Central church on June 17. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benchina, of Avon Park, Fla., and the groom is the son of Elder and Mrs. Ronald Brett, of Sacramento. The couple is residing in Colton, Calif., where both are employed by Loma Linda University.

CRESPO — GARCIA

Alba Iveliesse Garcia and Obidio Crespo, Jr., were united in marriage Sept. 29 in the Markham Woods church, Longwood, Fla. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Garcia, of Caguas, Puerto Rico. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Obidio Crespo, of Orlando, Florida. The couple is residing in Orlando. Alba is a registered physical therapist of Florida Hospital South. Obie is a physical therapy technician at Florida Hospital South and a nursing student in the nursing school at Florida Hospital. Chaplain H. C. Reading officiated at the ceremony.

FISHER — BATA
Cynthia Sue Bata and Gary Howard Fisher were united in marriage on Sept. 2, 1984, at Burnt Mills church, Silver Spring, Md. Cynthia is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Bata, of Hyattsville, Md. Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fisher, of Joelton, Tenn. The couple is residing in Madison, Tenn.

FORD - STINSON

Johnna Faye Stinson and James (Jamie) Marshall Ford were united in marriage the evening of Oct. 13, 1984, at the Ridgetop, Tenn., church. Lawrence Walton performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Faye Stinson and the late Edward Stinson. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ford. The couple is residing in Madison, Tenn., where Jamie is employed by Madison Hospital.

GREGG — LOPEZ

GHEGG — LOPEZ

Tamara L. Lopez and James W. Gregg were married Nov. 22, 1984, in the Winter Springs, Fla., church. Tammie is the daughter of Elder Ruben and Delpha Lopez, of Longwood, Fla. Jim is the son of Dean and Gretta Gregg, of College Place, Wash. The couple is making its home in Avon Park, Fla., where Tammie is teaching school. Jim is continuing his studies in computer science at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne. The wedding was performed by the father of the bride.

GROVE — BROWN

Tracey Leverne Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown, of Rock Spring, Ga., and Timothy Lee Grove, son of Mrs. Elaine Grove, of Hagerstown, Md., and Clarence Grove, of Rock Spring, Ga., were united in marriage on Dec. 2, 1984, by Don Schietzelt. The couple is making its home in Lanham, Md. Both are attending Columbia Union College.

POENITZ — UNDERWOOD

Erney Underwood and Steve Poenitz were united in marriage Dec. 30, 1984, at the McDonald Road church, McDonald, Tenn. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Underwood, of Ooltewah, Tenn. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nowald Poenitz, Arlington, Tex. Morten Juberg, Portland, Ore., performed the ceremony. The couple is making its home in Kansas City, Kan., where Poenitz is pastor of the Chapel Oaks church.

SWEATMAN -- WILKINSON

Irene Ruth Wikkinson and Perry Doan Sweatman, III, were united in marriage Oct. 14, 1984, in the Ooltewah, Tenn., church. The ceremony was performed by Gerald H. Morgan. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald H. Wilkinson, of Collegedale, Tenn. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry D. Sweatman, Jr., of Columbia, S.C. The couple is residing in Marion, S.C.

THOMAS — CHACKO

Hannah Chacko and Samuel Thomas were united in marriage at the First Christian church in Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 16, 1984. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs.
Abraham Chacko, of Frankfort. The groom completed the M.Div. at Andrews and has been taking the medical course at Loma Linda University. Hannah is well-known in Frankfort for her singing, and the wedding included much music—including a harp and boys' choir. Words of counsel for a happy home were given by the bride's father. Edwin Shafer performed the marriage covenant. The couple is liking at least 1 index Colif where both or approximated the liberarish. living at Loma Linda, Calif., where both are employed at the University

URSO — COWGILL

Cathy Renia Cowgill and John Richard Urso were married in the Apison, Tenn., church on Dec. 30, 1984, by Harold Kuebler. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cowgill, of Raytown, Mo., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Urso, of Collegedale, Tenn. The couple will reside in Collegedale to continue education.

VOORHEIS — ROBERTSON

Alice Robertson and Arl Voorheis were married Dec. 23, 1984, at the Montgomery, Ala., church. Arl is the district pastor in Troy and Andalusia, Ala. Alice is superintendent of education and director of communication for the Gulf States Conference. The marriage was performed by Dwight Herod, pastor of Hickory, N.C., district, assisted by W. A. Geary, president of the Gulf States Conference and D. K. Griffith, director of education of the Southern Union Conference.

WHEELER — BAUER
Carol A. Bauer and Carroll M. Wheeler were married Dec. 22, 1984, at the Sheboygan, Wis., church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Bauer, of Sheboygan. The groom is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, of Salem, S.C. The marriage was performed by the groom's father. The couple will reside in Collegedale, Tenn.

WILLIAMS — RIMER

Angela Leigh Rimer, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Fred Rimer, of Jackson, Mississippi, and Kelly Bryant Williams, son of Mrs. Virginia R. Adams and W. E. Williams, of Hollywood, Fla., were united in marriage on Dec. 16, 1984, at the Cohutta, Ga., church. The marriage was performed by the father of the bride, assisted by his brother, Harry Rimer, of Pensacola, Fla. The couple is residing in Hollywood.

WOODS — WOOTEN

Gina Lynn Wooten, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Ronald Wooten, of South Lancaster, Mass., and Daniel Christian Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Woods, of Avon Park, Fla., were united in marriage on Oct. 28, 1984, at the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park. The marriage was performed by the father of the bride and Elder Harold Schaefer, grandfather of the bride. The couple will reside in Palm Bay, Fla.

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Moment Meditation

The Call

It is in different ways that God calls men-in mysterious and different ways that He comes to the rescue. He has a hundred ways of plucking at a man's heart. He nudges some; others He taps on the shoulder; to some He comes in music, to some in a picture, to others in a story or a chance meeting on the street.

Every man must be sure of this divine call. It is very important that a man is called of God. When one is called of God, there is no alternative. However, at one time or another everyone becomes discouraged and doubtful momentarily, but that urge begins to move in one's heart and mind, and there is no turning back. Isaiah spoke of his call as a strong hand laid on him.

To the young man who feels the wooing of the Spirit of God, I say, as Paul, "Let no man despise your youth." God has called men from all walks of life. Samuel was just a child, and God called him while he was asleep. David was only a shepherd boy on a lonely hillside with his sheep, and God called him. Moses was in Midian minding the herd for Jethro, and God spoke to him out of a burning bush. Gideon was threshing wheat when God called him. God has a thousand ways that He calls His servants.

Every man who is called of God must consider three questions: Where is he? Why is he there? What is his mission? A preacher must not forget his mission or the message he has been commissioned by God to preach. Brethren, I don't care where you are now, remember you were called to preach the word. That's your first duty; if you are in the office, that is secondary

Whenever God spoke to my heart, it was as clear as a bugler's call. I shall never forget that call, that commitment I made.

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I must conclude with the words of Paul in I Corinthians 9:16: "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel."

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Obituaries

ALLEN, Penelope Johnson, age 97, died Jan. 9 in Chattanooga, Tenn. Mrs. Allen was an Indian historian, genealogist, and a member of a pioneer Chattanooga family. She was one of the first women to rua for the Tennessee Legislature. She was director of a state project to preserve important Tennessee historical records and collection of the same. She was an author and one of the foremost experts in the nation on the Cherokee Indian. She published books on the "American Revolution," "The War of 1812," as they related to the Tennessee soldier, and "Historic Chattanooga: A Guide Book." She was baptized into the Standifer Gap church at the age of 92. Funeral services were held in the Episcopal Church in St. Elmo, Tenn., and burial in the St. Elmo Cemetery.

BOUTWELL, Lily M., born Jan. 7, 1897, died Nov. 1, 1984, in Bluffton, Ohio. Lily was a member of the St. Petersburg, Fla., church.

BUCHANAN, Lewis Daniel, born July 17, 1908, in N.C., died Nov. 10, 1984, at Madison, Tenn. Survivors include his wife, Mabel; two sons, Joseph, of Ona, W. Va., and Lewis, of Alexandria, Va.; 23 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; six stepchildren; and four sisters. He was buried in Sylva, N.C. Ray McNall, of Sylva, and Ken Ford, of Waynesboro, gave thoughts of hope.

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CLARK, Zoro Dennis, born May 15, 1912, in Omaha, Neb., died Jan. 13 in St. Petersburg. Fla. He was a member of the St. Petersburg church. Clark is survived by his wife; two sons, John D., of Pinellas Park, Fla., Edward H., of Brooksville, Fla.; two brothers, Eugene E., of Winter Park, Fla., and R. Reynolds, of Miami, Fla.

CLOUSE, Homer C., born Oct. 21, 1998, in Skituk, Okla., died Nov. 21, 1984, in Orlando, Fla. Mr. Clouse worked for the Review and Herald Publishing Association for 44 years and was a member of the Takoma Park, Md., church. He is survived by his wife Ethel V., of Winter Park, Fla.; one brother, Walter, of Nowata, Okla.; three sisters, Tressa Johnson, of Altamonte Springs, Fla., Edna M. Winegar, of Hagerstown, Md., and Hazel Owen, of Nowata. L. R. Mansell officiated at services.

CREWS, John E., born Dec. 30, 1913, in Wachula, Fla., died Dec. 8, 1984, in Orlando, Fla. A member of the church at Florida Hospital, Dr. Crews recently was honored by Florida Hospital for 40 years of service. He attended Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Md., and graduated from Loma Linda Univ. in 1944, In Oct. 1944 he and his wife, the former Theresa Gleason, a nurse from Chicago, moved to Orlando. He is survived by his wife, Theresa; sons, Jerry R., of Longwood, Fla., James J., of Tampa, Fla.; one daughter, Janet Goetsch, Gaithersburg, Md.; brothers, C. Warren, of Perry, Fla., C. Merle, of Jesup, Ga. Alton, of Pueblo, Colo.; sister, Hazel Haddock, Marietta, Ga.; and four grandchildren.

CROFOOT, Kenneth S., was born Aug. 11, 1911, in Minneapolis, Minn., died Oct. 11, 1984, in Orlando, Fla. Crofoot had moved to Altamonte Springs, Fla., from Cumberland, Rl., in 1973. He was a member of the Forest Lake, Fla., church. He is survived by his wife Eleanor Andrews; daughters, Ellen Crofoot Nixon and Kathleen Crofoot Harring

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

FELTON, Theo L., born Nov. 19, 1941, in Perry, Mich., died Dec. 12, 1984, in Clearwater, Fla. She was a member of the Clearwater church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, and is survived by four sisters, Christine Merignac, of Perry, Mich., Elsie Blazer, of Mason, Mich., Cecilia Marenis, of Owosso, Mich., and Frieda Wilkins, of Largo, Fla.

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GENTRY, Lone Lee, 82, died Dec. 26, 1984, in the Marion, N.C., hospital after several years of failing health. She is survived by three daughters, three sons, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

GRAHAM, Hilda Elizabeth, born Oct. 3, 1897, in Pa., died Nov. 8, 1984, in Apopka, Fla. Mrs. Graham was a member of the church at Florida Hospital. She moved to Orlando from Atlanta, Ga., in 1947. She is survived by her sons, Richard Bergman, of Atlanta, Dennis Bergman, of Orlando; daughter, Beverly Feese, of Jefferson City, Mo., one sister, Vera Haight, of Candler, N.C.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

HADLEY, Dorothy Mae, died Jan. 18 in Jacksonville, Fla. She served our Southern Union in the South Atlantic and Southeastern Conferences. In the South Atlantic Conference she served as Bible instructor for seven years and in the Southeastern Conference as teacher for Ephesus Jr. Academy, Jacksonville, Fla., for 17 years. Survivors are her daughter, Francenia Bethel.

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HARTLEY, Ellen C., born June 12, 1899, in Berlin, N.J., died Dec. 12, 1984, in Clearwater, Fla. She was a member of the Clearwater church.

HERNOUD, Cora I., born May 11, 1911, died Dec. 20, 1984, in Bryant, Ala. A previous resident of Ocala, Fla., she was a member of the church there. She is survived by one daughter, Betty Mitchell; one son, Leonard J. Hernoud; two sisters, Golda Sessions and Gladys Randall; one brother, Douglas Thompson; and six grandchildren.

HILERIO, Santos, 64, was born in Puerto Rico and died in Nov. 1984. Hilerio moved to Orlando, Fla., from New York City in 1973 and he became a member of the Forest City Spanish church, Forest City, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Martha A.; one son, Ferdinand, of Worcester, Mass., one brother, Jose, of Forest City; one sister, Fernanda Diaz, of Berrien Springs, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

HUBBARD, Ive Lee, born March 8, 1896, in Springfield, Ga., died Jan. 7 in Memphis, Tenn. She was a member of the Tampa, Fla., First church. Mrs. Hubbard is survived by one son, Wilson B. Wallace, of Memphis. Tenn.; brother, Bill M. Brown, of Perry, Fla.; sisters, Lucy Gattis, of Ft. Pierce, Fla., Bobble Ford, of Tampa, and Ethel Freyermath, of Savannah, Ga. Also surviving her death are four grandchildren.

JOHNSON, Brian Emest, 36, born March 26, 1948, died in Lake County, Fla., Oct. 17, 1984. Johnson was born in Brainerd, Minn., and moved to Apopka, Fla., in 1982. He was a member of the Markham Woods, Fla., church, Surviving are his wife, Paulette; a daughter, Shemay, a son, Chad; his parents, Ernest and Dorts Johnson, of Brainerd; sisters, Sharon Morrison, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Berndine Delafield, Rochester, N.Y., Roberta Christiansen, Longwood, Fla., Diane Straka, also of Brainerd.

JOHNSON, Isadora, was born in Albany, Ga., on Dec. 5, 1887, She passed away on Dec

survived by four children, Rosemary Clark, of Albany, Ga., Clinton Johnson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Sarah Henderson, of Atlanta, Ga., Albert Johnson, of Lakeland, Ga., 10 grandchil-

Pa., Sarah Henderson, of Atlanta, Ga., Albert Johnson, of Lakeland, Ga., 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

MADDOX, George M., born Jan. 1, 1902, in Louisville, Ky., and died Jan. 5. Services were conducted by Mel Eisele and Mike Pettengill. Survivors include his wife, Alberta; daughter, Caryl Ann Morey; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

MGGALLJARD, Kezia Lance, was born in 1900 in Buncombe County, N.C., and passed to her rest Dec. 1, 1984, in Clermont, Fla. She was a member of the Clermont church. Surviving is her sister, Mrs. Lessie Shoup, of Ferndale, Fla. Funeral services were conducted at the Calvary Episcopal Cemetery, Fletcher, N.C., with Albert M. Ellis officiating. PALBICKE-HARRIS, Shella Rose, 34, died instantly Oct. 14, 1984, as a result of injuries sustained from a car while walking. Shella was born in Waukegan, Ill.; moved to Hialeah, Fla., in 1962, where she attended Miami Springs church, and was a student at Greater Miami Academy. In 1981 she moved to Statesboro, Ga. Survivors include an only child, Jody Harris, of Statesboro; parents. Bessie and Michael Palbicke, of Statesboro; three brothers, Stanley Palbicke, of Boise, Idaho; Brian Palbicke, of Burbank, Calif., and David Palbicke, Imma M., born Dec. 14, 1897, in Albertville, Ala., and died Dec. 10, 1984, in

Palbicke, of Ashland, Va.

PIERCE, Irma M., born Dec. 14, 1897, in Albertville, Ala., and died Dec. 10, 1984, in Kissimmee, Fla. She was a member of the South Orlando, Fla., church. Mrs. Pierce is survived by her husband C. Z. Pierce; one son, D. Arnold Haynes, also of Kissimmee; two daughters, Norma Jean Shaw and Erogene H. DeRamus, both of Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers, L. B. Gray and Grover Gray; and three sisters, Mattie Vaughn, Geneva Myers, and Dolisca Lancaster.

RAY, Flish C. 57, was born in Palatte, type 28, 1027, and died at host brothers.

and Dolisca Lancaster.

RAY, Elise C., 57, was born in Palatka June 26, 1927, and died at her home in Maitland, Fla., Nov. 12, 1984. Mrs. Ray moved to Maitland from Washington, D.C., in 1969. She was a member of the church at Florida Hospital, Orlando, Fla. She is survived by her husband, Robert R.; son, Robert R. II, Maitland; daughters, Cynthia Taylor, of Denver, Colo., and Cheryl Merritt, Orlando.

REDDICK, Christine Harvey, 74, died Oct. 4, 1984. She is survived by her husband, Chandler, of Madison, Fla. O. Maize and C. J. Smith officiated at the services, which were

held at the Madison church

held at the Madison church.

RIEBOW, Jerry L., born Jan. 4, 1942, Big Rapids, Mich., died Dec. 23, 1984, National City, Calif. Son of Elder and Mrs. Carl D. Riebow, Jerry was active as a lay youth leader in churches at Lansing, Mich., and Collegedale, Tenn. Survivors are his wife, Loraye; three sons, Jeffrey, Scott, and Todd; and one sister, Cheryl Little, Pontiac, Mich. Funeral officiates were L. O. Coon and R. M. Ruf. Burial was in Collegedale Memorial Park. RIOS, Carlos Augusto, born March 27, 1910, in Sepahua, Peru, died Nov. 18, 1984, in Orlando, Fla. Rios was a member of the Collegedale church in Collegedale, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, Wanda May; sons Rick, of Winter Park, Fla., Jens, of Orlando, Augusto and Julius, both of Madison, Wis.; daughters, Sina Bruneske, of Albuquerque, N.M., and Karla Bisalski, of Nashville, Tenn; one brother, Ricardo, of Iquitos, Peru; two sisters, Maria Dieckmann, of Iquitos, and Berna Fink, of Brazil.

SAIDAT, Mathilda E., 89, passed to her rest Jan. 18 at the Greensboro, N.C., Wesley Long Hospital. She was born in Hannau, Germany, Surviving are her daughter, Sonya Purdy, of Greensboro; one son, Paul Haberland, of Batavia, Ill.; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Services were held by Victor Brown and she was interred at the Westminster Cemetery in Greensboro.

seven great-grandchildren. Services were held by Victor Brown and she was interred at the Westminster Cemetery in Greensboro.

SCHEIBE, Bobble Jean, born May 7, 1941, in Columbia, S.C., died Dec. 11, 1984, in Jacksonville, Fla. Bobbie was a member of the Jacksonville Mandarin church. Surviving her death is her husband, Robert S., of Jacksonville, one son, Robert S. II, also of Jacksonville; parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Metts, of Columbia, S.C.; one daughter, Debora Gay Stunkard, of Berrien Springs, Mich.; sisters, Ollie Mae Giles, of Greeneville, Tenn., Joice Painter, of Ore., Nancy Griff, of Columbia; and one brother, Olen Metts, of Augusta, S.C.

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SPENCE, Anna Mary, 94. died in Oct. 1984, in Ft. Pierce, Fla. A native of Indiana County, Pa., she moved to Ft. Pierce 24 years ago. She was a member of the Ft. Pierce church. Mrs. Spence is survived by a daughter, Vesta Violet Wissinger, of Ft. Pierce; two grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

TAYLOR, Ruth M., born July 13, 1988, in Ga., died Nov. 13, 1984, in Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Taylor was a member of the Jacksonville Mandarin church. She was preceded in death by her husband William B., but is survived by her daughter, Eloise M. Evans; son, Harold B. Taylor; five sisters, Avis Wilson, Clara Bates, Doris Tice, Mary Collins, and Juanita Watson; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

TRACE, Emily K., born Dec. 12, 1906, in Ramsey, Minn, died Jan. 6. She married Ernest J. Trace and they served at the Africa Herald Publishing House in Kenya, the Maracle Press in Canada, Columbia Union College Press in Md., and then with the Atlantic Union College Press from 1959-1970. They retired in North Carolina and were members of the Fletcher, N.C., church. She is survived by her husband, Ernest; three sons, Ian, Ronald, and Alvin; one brother, Cyril Bartlett, of Shepton Mallett, Somerset, UK; and eight grandchildren. Memorial service was conducted by Paul E. Anderson and Bernard E. Seton at the Fletcher church.

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the Fletcher church.

VAN INTHOUDT, Inaz Perkins, born Nov. 21, 1917, in Mt. Nebo, W. Va., died Dec. 31,
1984, in Raleigh, N.C. She was a member of the Kress Memorial church in Orlando, Fla. In
1984 she was the first woman to be ordained as a lay elder in the Kress church. She had
three children, John, Trish, and David. David passed away in 1970, and her husband,
Marion Perkins, passed away six months later. In 1974 Inez married John Van Inthoudt,
who passed away in 1978. Inez was stricken with illness in October 1984 and later passed
to her rest. She is survived by son, John, of Winter park, Fla., her daughter, Trish Barton,
Raleigh, N.C.; and one sister, Mrs. Nesby Button, Novi, Mich.

WILLIAMS, Burton M., born May 29, 1905, in Coydon, Pa., died Dec. 10, 1984, in
Melbourne Beach, Fla. He was a member of the Melbourne; brother, Ernest Williams, of
Bradford, Pa.; four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

WILLIAUTH, Dorothea C., born March 30, 1901, in Germany, died Dec. 25, 1984, in
Orlando, Fla. She is survived by sons, Ted Willruth, of Leminster, Mass., Calvin W.
Willruth, of Orlando; daughters, Gloria Maurer, of S. Lancaster, Mass., Eunice Burk, of
Cincinnati, Ohio: brother, Gerhardt Beck, of Va.; sister, Lillian Praeger, Orlando.

WILSON, Elizabeth C., born in Louisville, Ky., Aug. 14, 1908, died Dec. 7, 1984, Survivors
Include her husband, Herbert E. Wilson; two daughters, Dorothy Ulrich-Sturgis, and Betty
Roark; one son, Harry Eddington; one stepson, Ralph E. Wilson; one sister, Ethel Hooper;
12 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

WYNN, Robert Gould, 87, died in Nov. 1984. A resident of Apopka, Fla., Mr. Wynn was
born in Baltimore, Md. He moved to Apopka from Lakeland in 1962. He was a member of
the Winter Springs, Fla., church.

YOUNG, Floyd, born May 29, 1901. in Creston, Ia., died Dec. 31, 1984, in Altamonte
Springs,

CAROLINA



Larry Allen, pastor, addresses the new congregation.



More than 45 persons were present for the first meeting of the Warrensville, North Carolina, group in a rented storefront.



The children present for Sabbath school the first day indicate a good future for Warrensville.

A Day of Rejoicing

by Larry Allen, Photography by George Garrick

The mountains of western North Carolina are well known for their beauty and snow skiing. In the remote section of these mountains where four-wheel-drive vehicles are the rule rather than the exception, and people are few, there has been a desire to have a church. That dream has lived in the heart of some local Adventists for years.

Larry Allen is pastor of the Wilkesboro district. He has been heavily involved in the beginnings of an organized work in the westernmost section of the mountains of North Carolina. Here, in his own words, he shares with us what is happening in that area:

Sabbath, November 17, 1984, was a day of rejoicing for the Warrensville, North Carolina, believers. Why? Because this was the first day that this group had met; and what a meeting it was! More than 45 people came to witness the result of several laymen's earnest and persevering efforts.

Rest assured that this did not happen by chance! Many years of earnest and fervent prayers by Darrie and Glee Owen had ascended to the Throne of God that some day God would raise up a work in the mountains of North Carolina. It was through this earnest prayer and through a firm and unmovable belief in the power of God to answer such a prayer that they finally witnessed one of the largest gatherings ever in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. "It has been a long time, but God does answer prayer on His own time schedule," states Glee Owen.

Developments which led to the establishment of the group began when a Seventh-day Adventist physician moved into the area. Dr. Ronald Haupt and his energetic wife, Faye, talked of starting a strong and sound work in the Warrensville/Jefferson/Lansing area, but it wasn't until two more extremely talented couples, Russ and Nan Sturgill, and George and Charlotte Garrick, moved into the area that it became apparent that a fire had been kindled that could not be put out. Names from the Voice of Prophecy broadcast and it Is Written telecast were immediately visited. People were found who had been praying that a Sabbath-keeping church would one day

be started near them, too. What a joy it was to these three couples as they saw the undeniable workings of the Holy Spirit develop right before their very eyes!

Finally a date and place of meeting were set. November 17, 1984, at the Warrensville Community Center. But Satan was not without his own plans. Upon arriving at the Community Center the couples found that the door had not been opened as promised. It seems that the caretaker had gotten "sick" and had forgotten. But, thanks to God and that same combined persevering spirit, the door was "miraculously" opened and the children of Israel marched triumphantly in ready to glorify and praise their wonderful God.

After some quick rustling and bustling and some general setting up of chairs, the Haupts, Garricks, Sturgills, and Allen and his family anxiously awaited the anticipated crowd. But anticipation quickly turned into the realization that more chairs were needed than had originally been set up. What a blessing! What a wonderful problem! Before it was all over, 47 people were seated and joyfully participated in the worship service.

Faye Haupt led out in Sabbath school. Special music was provided on several occasions by Charlotte Garrick and Russ and Nan Sturgill. Lesson study was engineered and implemented by Dr. Ronald Haupt. The church worship service was conducted by local elders Owen and Sturgill, and Pastor Larry Allen. Afterward, a dinner was provided for all who came.

Plans call for the Warrensville believers to immediately purchase approximately two acres of land. Then a mobile chapel will be pulled onto the property until more permanent facilities can be constructed. Also, plans have been designed so that "every interest will be followed up within 10 days," states George Garrick. A Revelation Seminar is definitely in the workings and who knows what else God will inspire these fruitful and energetic laymen to take on?

When one looks at the rapid advancement of the movement in Warrensville, one is quickly reminded . . . "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." (Numbers 13:30).

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Members of the Covington, Kentucky, church dressed in the style of the mid-1800s for Pioneer Day February 23. Pictured are: Louise Baynum (front left); Angie Mulligan; Beulah Simpson; Gloria Bunger; Irene Bunger; Shannon Dickman, Debbie Dickman; Norma Robison; Keri Robison; Clyde Leeds, pastor (back row, left); Chris Robison, Carolyn Brossfield; Jack Clarke, Conference trust services field representative and morning speaker.



Sabbath, February 23, was Pioneer Day in Covington, Kentucky, and what an exciting day it was for the whole church! For months Pastor Clyde Leeds and the members had made preparation for this special occasion.

The theme chosen was, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." (Testimonies, vol. 9, page 10). All were encouraged to dress in the attire of the mid-1800s and many of them did—children and adults. Judges were designated to choose the most authentic costume of man, woman, and youth. For the fellowship dinner, dishes of that era were prepared. The entire day was dedicated to the theme and reminded all of the beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

For Sabbath school, superintendent Judy Lake gave pertinent thoughts of the Sabbath school and its beginning. The special feature was a report by Annie

Smith (Lou Ann Hyde) as she told of her love for writing poetry and hymns. She also related some experiences of her brother, Uriah Smith, and interviewed Joseph Bates (Leeds) concerning his strong interest in the temperance work.

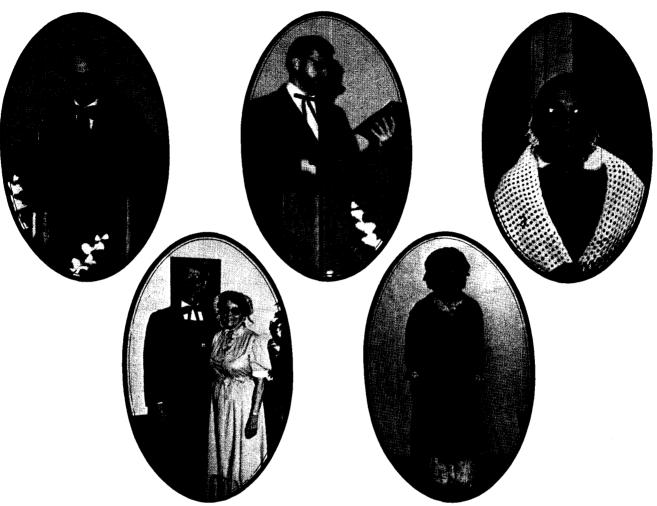
Howard Warren led the congregational singing, with the members keeping time with the music by the clap of the hands as was done quite often during those early days.

For the worship hour, William Miller (Jack Clarke, Conference trust services field representative), presented a good, old-fashioned Adventist sermon on "Christ's Imminent Return." He told of the great disappointment, but assured the congregation that the event was not wrong and that Jesus is coming again and very soon!

After the delicious fellowship dinner, the congregation assembled in the auditorium where there was congregational singing (with hand clapping) and tes-

THE FUTURE"

by Dorothy Bohnert Photography by Jeff Davis



timonies of God's goodness. The feeling of love for one another and the spirit of unity was apparent.

Time was taken for a quiz in the form of Bible baseball. The church school children kept pace with the adults, which helped to demonstrate the value of church schools.

The evening service—with lanterns as the lights—presented Joseph Bates with his powerful sermon on health and one's relationship to God. The setting was most appropriate for the sermon as Pioneer Day came to an end.

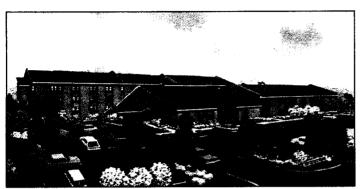
The members felt a closeness to each other as a result of this special program. Clarke summed it up in his testimony when he said, "I am thankful the Covington church is in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference and for the beautiful attitude and spirit manifested during the day. The church has been strengthened as it reviewed the early beginnings of the Advent movement."

- Conference Trust Services Field Representative Jack Clarke spoke to the congregation for the morning worship service as William Miller.
- Clyde Leeds, pastor, spoke to the congregation on healthful living as Joseph Bates might have presented the subject.
- Lou Ann Hyde, winner of the award for the best-dressed woman, presented a special feature as Annie Smith, sister of Advent pioneer Uriah Smith and author of several early Advent hymns.
- 4. Riley Cordrey was selected best-dressed man. He is pictured with his wife, Ruby.
- 5. Angie Mulligan was named best-dressed youth.

Members testified that their confidence in the church, as well as their hope for the coming of Jesus, has been more firmly grounded.

Dorothy Bohnert is the personal ministries leader of the Covington, Kentucky, church.

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President, Southern Union Conference

General Conference Session Delegation

The world church will convene for official business in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 27-July 7. Delegates will travel from most every part of the globe to participate in the session, an event which occurs every five years.

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has formed 82 union conferences that provide coordination and supervision to church activity throughout the world. Nine union conferences are in North America, one of which is our own Southern Union Conference, Since each union conference is responsible for selecting delegates to the General Conference Session, the Southern Union Conference Committee has filled the 114 slots made available.

The General Conference constitution limits the number of official delegates with voting privileges; therefore, provision has been made for a larger delegation through the use of a category called special guests. The Southern Union delegation is made up of 67 delegates plus 45 special guests. In addition there will be two youth observers; 29 of those named are laymen.

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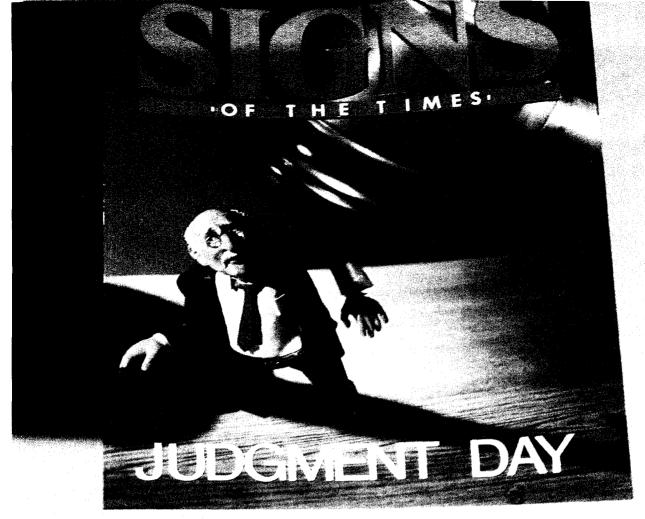
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