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"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth. . . ." (Revelation 14:6)

by the Editors



“The Message and the Mission”

What Seventh-day Adventist hasn't experienced the drama of visualizing those three mystical angels descending to the earth with urgent messages for the end time?

As the hands of that celestial clock make their relentless sweep across earth's troubled face, how well is the preaching of the gospel progressing in the territory of the Southern Union Conference?

While we readily acknowledge that “the great body of Christ's true followers are still to be found in” other religious communions (*The Great Controversy*, 390), we rejoice over the 116,038 who now comprise God's special family.

In 1940 only one person in 1,113 living in the eight southeastern states was a Seventh-day Adventist. By 1980 that had improved to one in 392. If such trends and time should continue until the end of the century, approximately 200,000 people will belong to the faith, or about one in 220.

Challenges

The days ahead throb with challenges for the Church. The first is for its membership to maintain a living connection with God in a society marked by materialism, secularism, and a religious world split between listless liberalism and sensational fanaticism. Challenges confront every phase of the Church's ministry.

Evangelism

Although 1981 and 1983 witnessed the largest number of additions in the history of the Southern Union, growth in recent years is occurring at a slower pace than in the early and middle 1970s, especially among the majority population. Traditional methods of public evangelism are often faced with diminishing returns. If intensive, short-term crusades are to continue to prosper, member support for and attendance at such endeavors must accelerate. Meanwhile, alternate approaches, such as the now-popular Revelation Seminars, must be developed. Other approaches (nearly all public

evangelism now centers on prophecy), such as health, family life, archeology, etc., must be refined so that they will produce consistent results. To help meet the challenge of securing attendance at evangelistic crusades, the Communication Department is working with conference evangelism coordinators, evangelists, and pastors to advertise more effectively and produce materials which will draw greater returns. While it is not presently possible for all crusades to be included in this project, the 25 affected series of meetings held to date in 1985 have shown encouraging results. Additional steps must also be taken to curb the losses due to apostasy and unknown whereabouts, which numbered 1,894 in 1984, down significantly from 2,769 in 1983.

Education

Although enrollment at most grade levels continues to climb, the rate is much slower than the growth in membership. While general population demographics are responsible, in part, other factors are the cost of Adventist education, commitment to Adventist education, and the expanded role of students in choosing schools, particularly on the academy and college levels. A \$28 million endowment fund (Project SAFE) is in the early stages of development for secondary and college education in a bold effort to keep Adventist education available to all students.

Trust Services

A significant blessing to the Church has been the decision of hundreds to designate the Church or one of its entities as a beneficiary in their wills or entering into other trust agreements with the denomination. Perhaps the most dramatic example is the success of the Southern Union Revolving Fund, which is approaching \$10 million. Members place money with the conference associations in the form of revocable trusts, at eight or eight-and-one-half-percent interest, which is loaned to churches, schools, and camps for capital development at an interest rate (10½ percent) considerably below what is available from commercial institutions, thus provid-

ing a safe, interest-bearing account for the member while saving interest payments for the church, more than \$150,000 in one instance.

Publishing

Literature sales are rebounding in the Southern Union, with all conferences showing gains through July over the same period last year. However, due to the increased cost of publications, sales totals must continue to rise in order to result in larger numbers of volumes placed in the homes. Another challenge, also showing signs of improvement, is the turnover among literature evangelists. About half the Adventist Book Centers in the Southern Union face financial difficulties in their operation. Consistent member support of these facilities, encouraged by reliable service, must increase.

Communication

The widening circle of the Adventist family in the South will call for clear and comprehensive communication in the years ahead. The rapid growth among language and ethnic groups could lead to provincialism or even fragmentation unless common goals are frequently kept before us and fellowship and mutual understanding nurtured, using all available methods and media. Nor is it sufficient to communicate with ourselves when society is bombarded with increasingly complex and sophisticated methods of information and entertainment. Bold steps must be taken to reach the masses where they are and introduce them to present truth.

Health Care

Recent government decisions regarding patient care are having profound effects on health-care institutions, threatening the survival of many smaller units. Due to the strength of the System as a whole, member hospitals in Adventist Health System/Sunbelt have considerable financial security. One concern has been to reduce the level of indebtedness, which is being accomplished. Larger hospitals must invest enormous sums in sophisticated diagnostic and treatment equipment, while smaller units must struggle to retain clients who are inclined to bypass the local hospital in favor of better-equipped hospitals in nearby cities. Trends toward shorter hospitalization and alternate approaches to the delivery of health services pose challenges, both financially and to the spiritual ministry of health-care institutions. Maintaining unity among the healing, preaching, teaching, and literature ministries of the Church will not be achieved without mutual respect and periods of fellowship.

Inner City

The contrasting blends of development and decay in the large cities force compelling and formidable demands on the Church to provide a redemptive, uplifting ministry to the jobless, abandoned, victimized, and forgotten of society on the one hand, while discovering ways to penetrate the board rooms, offices, and towering institutions of corporate America. While beneficial as far as they go, our outreach must go beyond the limited food distribution and health screening programs in operation in some cities. Although not limited to the cities, encouraging steps have been taken to reach the prison population through groups such as United Prison Ministries and Jesus Behind Bars.

Sabbath School

"The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ." (*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, 10). Thus, the Sabbath school has the twin duties of fostering the outreach of the Church and serving as a

nurturing ministry to those already within the fellowship. Although mission giving is not limited to the offerings received in Sabbath school, it should concern everyone that mission giving in the Southern Union tumbled from 31 cents per dollar of tithe in 1947 to 6.5 in 1984. Challenges facing the Sabbath school would include encouraging deeper Bible study, upholding the worldwide mission of the Church, retaining the interest of the youth, particularly those in the junior, earliteen, and senior youth sections, and reversing the practice of some to absent themselves from the Sabbath school portion of morning worship.

Stewardship

While the "coming of age" of the Church in the Third World and the monumental challenges confronting the Church in North America are valid reasons for focusing on local needs, the dramatic decline in support of foreign missions can only be viewed with concern. As noted above, per dollar of tithe, mission offerings fell from 31 cents in 1947 to 16 cents in 1960, 12 cents in 1970, and 6.5 cents in 1984. In contrast, local church offerings per dollar of tithe in the Southern Union soared from 21 cents in 1947 to 57 cents in 1984. It should be noted, however, that the willingness of Southern Adventists to respond to specific overseas needs can be illustrated by the nearly \$160,000 raised in a brief campaign in December, 1984, for African famine relief and the \$230,000 given in 1985 for an Adventist shortwave radio station on Guam. The practice of some to divert personal tithe monies to various worthwhile projects rather than returning them through regular channels is fraught with grave consequences for the organized work of the Church.

Ministerial

Assumption #1: There are more pastors to serve the membership today than in the past. Assumption #2: Ministers in the past produced more baptisms than do today's pastors. Right? Wrong on both counts. While it is probably true that there are now fewer multi-church districts, at the end of 1960 there was one ordained or licensed minister in the Southern Union per 116 members. In 1985 there is one minister per 195 members. And baptisms? In the decade of the 60s the annual average per active minister in the Southern Union was 8.8. In the decade of the 70s that increased to 10.3 per year. From 1980-84 the annual average per minister was 10.5. While the present emphasis on nurture must be retained, pastors must not forget their role as trainers and facilitators of the church membership. A trend toward aloofness on the part of ministerial spouses, brought on by career decisions and financial necessities, must be stemmed. Attitudes toward self-fulfillment and personal development must never overshadow the philosophy of unselfish service.

Personal Ministries

The explosion of entertainment available both at home and in the community, the sophistication of society, materialism, and the complexities of modern living all contribute to diverting the vision from seeking "first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." (Matthew 6:33). Some have abused the valid principle of individual spiritual gifts by avoiding the traditional witnessing methods such as literature distribution and Bible studies and doing little in their place. The Personal Ministries Department, in cooperation with the Sabbath school and other departments, has been active in fostering the "Caring Church" concept of reaching the community. Total Ingathering funds have reached a plateau, despite increasing membership figures and inflation. In 1972,

the first year for which such figures were available, 69 percent of Ingathering funds in the Southern Union were solicited. By 1984 that amount had fallen to 40 percent.

Youth

As generations pass, fervor and commitment to the Church can diminish. On the other hand, our youth, rightly trained, can comprise a mighty "army of workers." (*Education*, 271). However, in our media-saturated society, debasing music, entertainment, and literature abound. Promiscuity is commonplace. It is crucial that increasingly effective methods of education be combined with strong parent-child relationships and commitment by the Church to provide appropriate opportunities for service and witnessing and encourage wholesome entertainment and social interaction. Pathfinder activities and senior federations continue at an encouraging level. There were 2,704 Pathfinders from the Southern Union among the 17,000 who attended the North American Pathfinder Camporee at Camp Hale, Colorado, July 31 - August. 6.

Church Organization

Changes in church structure (such as the recent General Conference action merging the Personal Ministries, Sabbath School, Stewardship, and Youth departments and Home and Family Services into a single Church Ministries Department) will call for patient and determined effort if they are to be blessed with success. Accountability must be expected of leadership on all levels. The ministry and laity must lay aside suspicion and unite in the common task of upbuilding God's kingdom on earth.

Human Relationships

While the Southern Union has a long and enviable record of racial harmony, good will and careful planning will be required to avoid potential conflicts and financial difficulties. As recently as 1960, black membership was only 28 percent of the total. With membership growing more rapidly among minorities than the majority population, the three regional conferences now comprise 40 percent of the Union membership. In 1958 the first Spanish-speaking congregation in the Southern Union was established in Miami with 37 members. It wasn't until 1969 that the second Hispanic church was organized. Today, there are 19 Spanish-speaking congregations in the Florida Conference alone, with 3,146 members, with another 500 in the Southeastern Conference and 213 in other conferences. Other ethnic memberships include: Haitians, 1,024; Koreans, 443; Vietnamese, 53; and Filipino, 49. It would not be unreasonable to project 20,000-25,000 members, whose first language is not English, by the turn of the century. While this is cause for rejoicing, one would be naive to assume that a spirit of unity, brotherhood, and harmony can be retained without mutual effort on the part of all.

Challenges? The list seems endless. But "greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." (1 John 4:4).

God has given abundant assurances that we are not alone. "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20).

"The truth contained in the first, second, and third angels' messages must go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; it must lighten the darkness of every continent, and extend to the islands of the sea. There must be no delay in this work.

"Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward! Angels of heaven will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the regions beyond can never be laid down till the whole earth is lightened with the glory of the Lord." (*Gospel Workers*, 470).



"When you think about angels, what do they look like?"

This was only one of the problems that confronted sculptor Kent Juillard after he was approached about executing the likeness of the three angels of Revelation 14 which is now displayed in the lobby of the Southern Union Conference office in Decatur, Georgia.

The two-and-a-half-month project was undertaken by Juillard at the request of interior decorator Jean Bidelman of Venice, Florida, as part of a facelift recently completed at the Southern Union. While Juillard is not a Seventh-day Adventist, he studied the scriptures concerning the three angels in preparation for the work.

"When I think of a positive message, I sense maybe a little more of feminine quality," Juillard says concerning how he pictures angels. "When I think of judgment I think of a masculine image. . . . I think in my first drawing they probably were a little more feminine and then Jean sent some things that she had found and I kind of combined that with what I already had. . . ."

The sculpture was first formed of clay, from which a plaster "mother mold" was made. The outer surface of the sculpture is epoxy with a cream color added. It is held together by glass fibers applied from the inside. The whole structure weighs about 60 pounds.

Making it in two pieces, with the middle angel coming out of the wall was something that developed relatively late in Juillard's thinking. The middle angel was actually molded in eight pieces, then assembled. It is a true three-dimensional sculpture. The rest of the work is done in relief.

The curved area at the bottom is intended to suggest the horizon of the earth. Above that are the clouds.

When asked if he sometimes experienced a "block," as writers sometimes do, he said, "The funny thing was that it didn't happen on this piece. I usually spent probably a half hour or 45 minutes with devotional time before I started in the mornings. I think this was probably the most helpful thing I did."

(About the cover: In order to dramatize the three angels, they were lighted with two 25-watt tungsten bulbs—one red and one blue. All other lights were turned out or blocked. The exposure was made on Kodacolor VR 100 film with a Nikon FE2 at f5.6 for about eight seconds.

Getting Acquainted With Spiritual Roots

by Jack Blanco

The outside reading reports from my Adventist Heritage class were now on my desk. I was curious to see how the students had reacted to the specific Spirit of Prophecy reading assignments I had assigned from *Early Writings*, *Life Sketches*, and *Testimonies to the Church*.

What I read made me happy, and I wanted to share some excerpts, with the students' permission.



Fulbright

Mike Fulbright, a sophomore religion major from Florida, wrote: "After reading these 100 pages in *Early Writings*, I believe even more strongly that we have the present truth. I believe God has given our church great light. . . . I was extremely impressed and moved by Ellen White's words concerning those who are 'messengers of God' but are not really called of God at all. Mrs. White was very stern concerning this matter of the church and said that we should take every precaution possible to make sure that all of our ministers are called of God and dedicated to the path ahead which we as Christians must follow in order to reach the heavenly kingdom. . . . She showed us that we must constantly keep our eyes on Jesus. These were probably the greatest words of advice she could give to the remnant church."

Wrote Jeff Stone, a senior nursing major from Tennessee: "Having read only such books as *The Great Controversy* and *Early Writings*, you might say I have had a rather narrow or incomplete view of the Millerite movement and the early Advent Church. These books presented mainly theological content and dealt very little with personal situations, problems, and



Stone

experiences. In *Life Sketches* Ellen White gives a personal account of her childhood and experience in the Methodist Church and how she became involved in the Millerite movement. . . .

"Reading about her personal experience, her trials, and fears proved to be enlightening. It shed some light on her counsel and instruction by giving some of the circumstances surrounding the letters she wrote. Both the book, *Life Sketches* and the class Adventist Heritage have revealed the practical side of the Advent movement and the role of the Spirit of Prophecy. It makes the writings and counsels of Mrs. White seem so much more reasonable.

"Growing up in an Adventist community, being raised in an Adventist home, and going to an Adventist school, I guess I came to look upon Ellen G. White as someone bigger than life. Someone who walked with God from birth and never had to struggle with everyday problems or temptations. The best thing this reading has done for me could be summed up in that it made Mrs. White human. She seems to be someone I can relate to and identify with. I may have grown up an Adventist and been familiar with the doctrines and dates, but as simple and elementary as it is, *Life Sketches* has opened my eyes to a different understanding of the events that influenced and founded the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

Wanda Epps is a sophomore biology student from Florida. In part, she wrote: "I must admit that when I first started on this reading assignment, I had doubts. I didn't know what I should read. I figured that all the books were boring, so it didn't really matter as to which book I got. I chose *Early Writings*, because it was the first one on the list that I came



Epps

across. But I am glad I did. It is a very intriguing book. I meant only to read 100 pages, but I stayed up all night and read the whole thing. I had always figured that all of Ellen White's books were boring. I am very impressed with her writings. I now intend to read some more of her books.

"There are two chapters in particular that I really like, 'The Trial of Our Faith' and 'Death Not Eternal Life in Misery.' They are very special chapters to me because I had been fighting depression over successive deaths in my family and the fact that everything I put my hands on seemed to go wrong. I was on the verge of just giving up, but surprisingly, just reading this book has helped me a great deal. If we overcome our trials and get victory over the temptations brought by Satan, and endure the trial of our faith which is more precious than gold, then we are stronger and better prepared to meet the future."

When I read these reports and others, I was thrilled to see that our classes and efforts are not without immediate benefits, but that we are helping our younger brothers and sisters. We are touching their hearts, directing them to look to Jesus Christ, getting them acquainted with their spiritual roots and God's hand in our history, and redirecting their lives by giving them hope. That's exciting!

Without a doubt it's expensive to send our young people to our schools, but, in all honesty, for us as parents to deny them the maximum exposure to sound biblical principles at an age when they need it the most would be something hard to live with. They will always be free to choose the way to go in life and that's how it should be, but as a parent and a teacher I can assure you that we will do all we can to give them the exposure that is rightfully theirs.

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Claude Matthews held a tent effort in Thomasville, Georgia.



Community members listen attentively to the gospel being preached.

HARVEST '85 EVANGELISM

by R. R. Brown



Pastor Brent Waldon preaches the word down in Brunswick, Georgia.

The Southeastern Conference takes the challenge of soul winning seriously. The blessed hope and glorious appearing of our Lord are the motivating factors. Across the territory, evangelists in English, French, and Spanish proclaim God's word with power and conviction. Harvest '85 is now in progress, and so it will be

through 1990. As you know, Harvest '90 is the new theme given by General Conference President N. C. Wilson for the 1990 General Conference Session. It is expected that more than two million souls will be added to the family of God by then.

In Thomasville, Georgia, Evangelist Claude Matthews

Site of future home for Miami SDA Union Academy. O. H. Paul (right), superintendent of education, stands with some teachers.





Ministerial ordinations at camp meeting included Jonathan and Vanessa McCottry (left), and Betty and Roy Parham.



A sneak view of the tent where the crusade was held.

reports that a family was baptized as a result of the preached word and the caring church effort. Evangelist Brent Waldon, in Brunswick, Georgia, declares from night to night the immutable counsels of God. Pastors Harris in St. Petersburg; Myrtel in Miami; Vento in Hialeah; McCottry in Lakeland; Sterling in Hollywood; and Edwards in Florida City, Florida, are only a few of the voices involved in Harvest '85 showing the way back to God.

Evangelism through Christian education is another of Southeastern Conference's Harvest '85 thrust. Ellen G. White says in *Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, page 166 "Only the power of God can save our children from being swept away by the tide of evil. The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church members to do their part in cooperation with God is greater than words can express." To save our boys and girls is evangelism at its peak. Our educational system, under O. H. Paul, superintendent, is taking

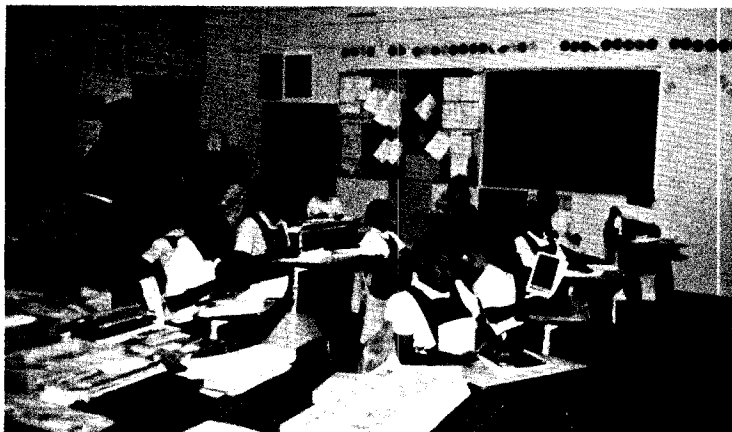
on new dimensions. Faculty and staff are becoming increasingly aware that Christian education, when rightly fostered, causes everyone to win here and hereafter. The major facet of evangelism by Christian education is to see children saved in God's kingdom. This impelled the SDA Union school in Miami to purchase six acres of land, for more than \$200,000, to erect a school that will be an

evangelistic center of the highest and most concentrated order.

Principals and teachers join in Harvest '85 with literature evangelists and church members who have a story to tell. Through many ways God's Holy Spirit will create a blaze of glory that is unprecedented. All the results of evangelism will not be easily identified, nonetheless very effective.

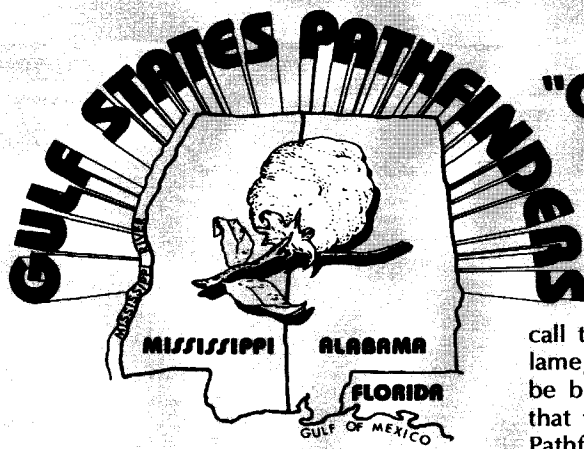


Site of the crusade held in Lakeland, Florida, where Pastor Jonathan McCottry preached the word of God.



To save our boys and girls is evangelism at its peak.





"GROWING QUALITY MATERIAL FOR HEAVEN"

by Bill Wood

"Pathfinding" in its many dimensions is a strong pulse beat in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Whose heart does not skip a beat at the sight of a sharply uniformed club marching in step carrying their banners and flags!

Going about doing good and ministering to the needs of people, as the manner of Jesus was when here on earth, is one of the joys of belonging to Pathfinders. The Gulf States Pathfinders believe and accept the challenge of Luke 14:13, 14: "... When thou makest a feast,

call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed. . . ." They believe that the purpose of Pathfinding is to share with others the blessings which God has so abundantly given to them.

Within a few weeks Pathfinders from all areas of the Conference will fan out across neighborhoods to gather food and other items to make Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the needy.

Last fall the Pathfinders and their directors agreed to make the annual can-collecting campaign a conference-wide event by setting a collective goal of 10,000 cans and striving to reach it as a conference. Each club accepted an individual goal and worked to reach it in

order to contribute its part to the overall conference objectives.

During the months of October and November, 7,851 cans of food were collected and then distributed by the basketful to 167 needy families for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. This did not quite reach the goal but the \$412.50 that was contributed along with the canned goods made funds available to help the needy families in other ways.

As the 1985 campaign dates draw near the Gulf States Pathfinders will once again renew their pledge of self-sacrificing service for others.

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

Clanton, Alabama.



Milton, Florida.



Vicksburg, Mississippi.



Huntsville, Alabama.



late news of the conferences



The Gastonia, North Carolina, church just completed a 5-DAY PLAN at Eastridge shopping mall. The church, in addition to reaching out to the community, is searching for property in the Gastonia community. Three pieces of property are being considered at this time for the location of the new church facility.

The High Point, North Carolina, church conducts 5-DAY PLANS on a quarterly basis. Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson are in charge of the health program. They are utilizing the 5-Day Plan concept known as "2-5-4." The pastor of the High Point district, Ken Taylor, is planning an evangelistic series this fall as a follow-up to the Adventist Awareness Advertising Campaign in the Triad area. Taylor is planning a multi-media presentation. This is the second of two regularly scheduled evangelistic outreach projects per year in the High Point church. It's all part of the church growth concept which has been undertaken by the people in High Point.



Don Gettys, pastor of the Arden, North Carolina, district, reports the PATHFINDERS bought a van in which to go to the camporee in Colorado. The club raised a substantial amount of the \$5,000 for the 1978 Ford van it recently purchased. In addition to going to the camporee at Camp Hale, Colorado, the 12-15 member club is planning an additional week for an educational excursion in the western part of the country.

Last minute preparations are underway for the ADVENTIST AWARENESS ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN in the Triad area of North Carolina. The campaign is scheduled to begin the first part of September. The raising of funds for the \$20,000-plus program is almost complete. The right mixture of radio stations and newspapers has been determined. Just before the advertising appears, seminars will be conducted in the Triad churches on how to present the best possible situation for those expected to visit the churches. The slide program "Iceberg Sanctuary" is one program that will be shown in the seminars. It illustrates how not to be a cold (iceberg) church. Follow-up evangelistic series are planned in each of the churches.



R. S. Folkenberg, Carolina Conference president, spoke at the OPEN HOUSE at the Salisbury, North Carolina, church on Sabbath, July 13. The special celebration at the Salisbury church climaxed 20 years of searching for property on which to build the new church facility.

Our Heritage of Hymns, a 152-page book tracing the HISTORY of Christian hymnology from the first century to the present, has been released by the Andrews University Press. Written by Bernard E. Seton, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, reference is made to 591 hymns, 339 tunes, 269 poets, and 144 composers. Seven indexes facilitate cross-referencing. Seton is also the author of the fourth quarter, 1985, adult Sabbath school lesson quarterly dealing with Peter's second epistle and the epistle of Jude. He also wrote the companion study volume, *Meet Pastor Peter*.



Bruce Koch, pastor of the Winston-Salem church, is conducting the NATURAL WAY TO WEIGHT CONTROL. The 21 participants are walking an average of 30 minutes a day, four days per week—some as many as six days per week. Koch reports that "Lifestyles are being restructured and the participants are enjoying greater physical fitness." The meetings are held Tuesday nights at the church. On Thursday nights, Rodney Worley, the health/temperance leader for the church, is holding an "Eight Days to Resolving Stress" class. There are 13 in attendance. The stress class is being offered free to those who are part of the Natural Way to Weight Control class. Layman Rodney Worley is the nursing home administrator for the Willowbrook Nursing Home in Kernersville.



Of the 50 active children attending the Pine Hills VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 34 of these young people were non-Seventh-day Adventist members. "There is so much enthusiasm among the children," declared Pastor Louis Wisdom. "I've really never seen anything quite like it!" In the six years the Pine Hills congregation has been meeting the facilities have been rented, thus hindering somewhat its outreach programs. But in newly inaugurated headquarters, members have been able to conduct this first vacation Bible school. The VBS was

conducted from July 16-25 and many of the nonmember parents stayed with their children to observe. Letters were sent to all before the end of the VBS inviting them to attend a graduation which was held July 27. Leaders Carol Haughton, Barbara Simmonds, and Lurline Philpotts also informed parents in the letter of the various programs offered by the church: Saturday morning Bible class, Pathfinders, 5-Day Plans to Stop Smoking, and prayer meeting. As time goes by close contact will be kept with the parents as additional Family Life programs are conducted and possibly a branch Sabbath school or story hour.

There were 2,680 TESTS conducted in New Orleans by Florida Community Service/Health Department personnel and volunteers. Man hours totaled 342 during General Conference Session time to conduct these tests. The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference scheduled the Florida van to be located at Schwaggmans Store on the West Bank in New Orleans. Texas and New York had their vans in other locations. An offer was extended to screen Schwaggmans manager, Mr. Skaggs, and his employees. Over the course of days this was accomplished and Skaggs made a speech to van workers afterwards: "I have never met such a congenial and kind group of people. Any time you are in the area you are more than welcome to have your screening program at this store." Van personnel had prayer with him and everyone parted smiling.

Daytona Beach church members closed transactions on the SALE OF THEIR CHURCH at 300 N. Halifax on July 25 and they have a contract to sell the 10-acre parcel located on Beville Road. "With the monies we obtain from the sale of the church we'll have enough to pay off the remaining balance of Beville Road. When that transaction is complete funds will be there to buy new property and start building a new church," states Forrest Zill, pastor. "Our people are rejoicing. We've needed a different building for years. There was virtually no parking and we had inadequate facilities." The church has a preliminary plan already drawn and accepted for a facility which will seat more than 400. They are presently meeting at the Calvary Baptist church, 210 N. Peninsula Drive.



GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



John S. Driggers, administrator of Ridgewood Manor Nursing Home, Dalton, Georgia, recently received the American College of Health Care ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR award. The nominees were judged on education, experience, professional activity, community involvement, and evaluation of patient care. Driggers began working in long-term care as an assistant administrator in 1975. His interest in health care grew from his service as a Combat Medical Corpsman in Viet Nam where he was awarded a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, and a Purple Heart. He holds a college degree in business administration and received his administrator's license in 1978. Driggers serves on the Georgia Health Care Association's legislative committee and has been elected president of the Northwest Council of GHCA for 1985-86. He is a certified fellow of the American College of Health Care Administrators and is currently vice-governor of Region IV. In his civic involvement Driggers serves as president of the Dalton Noon Lions Club, a board member of the Dalton Vocational School of Health Occupations, and is on the board of the Dalton Alzheimer's Disease Support Group. He also serves on the budget and allocation committee of the United Way. Along with his wife, Carmen, and daughter, Stacie, Driggers is a member of the Dalton church where he serves as youth leader and member of the finance committee.

Desmond Doss, an Adventist noncombatant who received the CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR for bravery during World War II, was featured by more than half a page in the August 5 U.S. News and World Report. The article, which includes a color photograph of the 66-year-old Doss, identifies him as a Seventh-day Adventist. The story begins, "A shower of combat boots, catcalls, and curses greeted Desmond Doss when he knelt beside his bunk to pray on his first day with an Army infantry unit." Doss and his wife, Dorothy, live in Lookout Mountain, Georgia.



GULF STATES

The Dixie chapter of ADVENTIST SINGLES MINISTRIES met in Mobile, Alabama, the weekend of July 13, 14. Following the worship service and a fellowship dinner, the group spent the afternoon enjoying God's handiwork in nature at Bellingrath Gardens. Vespers, a pizza supper, and a business meeting closed the day. A tour of the battleship USS Alabama was the highlight of Sunday's activities.

Members of the Alumni Association of Bass Memorial Academy are pooling their time, energy, and resources to restore the LITTLE WHITE HOUSE now used as the alumni center. A work bee was held there on August 2-5, reports George Powell, president of BMA Alumni Association.

Two hundred Pathfinders and their directors from 11 clubs attended the North American





Division PATHFINDER CAMPOREE at Camp Hale, Colorado, July 30 to August 6, reports Judy Dunn, Youth Ministries Department secretary.



A special YOUTH EMPHASIS WEEKEND with Don Holland as guest speaker was held July 12-14 at the Pensacola, Florida, church, reports Harry Rimer, pastor. The weekend began Friday evening at National Seashore Park with a picnic supper followed by discussion time led by Holland. Sabbath school and church services were held in the school gymnasium. Following a fellowship dinner the youth visited the Naval Air Station museum and toured Fort Barrancas. Church members furnished housing for the out-of-town young people and the weekend came to a close with breakfast at the park at Fort Pickens.

A. C. McClure, president of the Southern Union Conference, gave a report of the recent GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION at the First church in Birmingham, Alabama, where he was guest speaker on July 13.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



Copies of the special introductory issue of *Signs of the Times* were MAILED to 6,000 families in the Ridgetop, Tennessee, area and included a personal letter from Pastor Lawrence Walton offering interested persons an opportunity to receive a gift subscription to the magazine and inviting them to worship with the Ridgetop congregation.

As a result of a REVELATION SEMINAR held in Hendersonville, Tennessee, by a layman, Marvin Glass, two individuals have been baptized into the Gallatin, Tennessee, church and two more are preparing for baptism. Glass and the pastor, Ray Hartwell, are continuing to follow up the interests in the Hendersonville area.



More than 350 people attended the first of a THREE-PART PRAYER MEETING series called "A Summer Sacred Series" at the Madison, Tennessee, Boulevard church. Pastor Lester Keizer reports that this special summer prayer meeting series consisted of mini-concerts by Roy Druskey, the Westerbeck Family, and Duane Hamilton, followed by the Spoken Word. Guest speakers included Leslie Keizer (father of Lester Keizer), who spoke of his experience of being held captive in an enemy concentration camp for three years. Jack Clarke and Conn Arnold, of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, finished the series by preaching on "If I Had But One Sermon to Preach."

Under the leadership of John Jones, community service leader for South Louisville, the churches in Metro Louisville took part in taking BLOOD PRESSURES at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville August 15-24. In addition to the screening van, the large disaster trailer and tractor were on display.

SOUTHEAST ATLANTIC



Dorothy Tate, 16, from Wilmington-Ephesus, North Carolina, has spent the summer at the GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL of North Carolina. Dorothy, the daughter of Mary and Lewis Tate, was recommended by her principal as among the most gifted high school students in the State of North Carolina. Her record shows that she has scored better than 98 percent in every standardized test given in the State of North Carolina.



LADIES' DAY on May 11 at Bethel church, Asheville, North Carolina, was a successful venture, especially for the Building Fund Committee, because the program brought in \$1,200 to help the worthy cause. Ladies' Day is an annual celebration, according to communication secretary Carolyn Morman. The program was spearheaded by Delores Workman and Joyce Crawford. The concert in the evening by the Reynolds Miller Chorale, under the direction of Sherman William, was the high point of the day. The guest speaker for the eleven o'clock hour was Cassie Evans, a lecturer and retired school teacher of the Asheville school system. She reminded the congregation that from Bible times, Christian women have been on the move for God. They have always been, from then to now, the leaders in receiving the commendation from the Lord found in Matthew 25:35-40—the praise and approval for helping the poor and needy.



According to the May 19 Greensboro, North Carolina, *News and Record*, three students of the East Market Street elementary school received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, and the Who's Who Award. These AWARDS went to Joel Williamson, 11; Dona Schools, 13; and Tony Draper, 13. To qualify for these awards, a student must put forth extraordinary effort during the school year in all areas of school activities, and must maintain at least a B-plus grade point average. In addition to that, they must score a minimum of 80 percent on the nationally recognized academic test which the school uses. In addition, they must show leadership ability among their peers, and must show involvement in school and community programs. These three students from East Market Street met all these requirements. Hats off to principal Vernon Norman and the teachers of these children, but double hats off and congratulations to the parents who took time to instill in them the discipline that was necessary to help them in these outstanding achievements.



On May 1 Jim Joyce, associate managing editor of *The Index Journal*, reported the incident of 10-year-old Greenwood, South Carolina, Pathfinder Leatrice Harrison as she received a PLAQUE from Sheriff L. Giles for her bravery in saving the lives of her sister and two cousins from a fiery death. The plaque reads as follows: "Life—God's Precious Gift. Leatrice Harrison — The Greenwood Sheriff Department honors you for your act of compassion and bravery which resulted in the saving of three Precious Lives." According to the report of Sgt. Wayne Saylor, the four children were in the room sleeping when Leatrice smelled fire. Without hesitation she picked up the smallest child, grabbed the other by the hand, and rushed them outside. She then returned through the flames and rescued her cousin who was still inside. Leatrice suffered second- and third-degree burns on her face, arms, and hands. All the other children suffered burns in varied degrees. Leatrice and one other were hospitalized for 23 days. The Sheriff recommended her for the state award also. He said, "She deserves it."

SOUTH CENTRAL



Tithe record nudges ahead of its total this time last year and it had the largest percentage of INCREASE IN TITHE of any conference in the Southern Union during the month of May. This information was given to us by Treasurer F. N. Crowe.



The ministers, evangelists, and members of Birmingham, Alabama, are working together to hold two large EVANGELISTIC CRUSADES and expect to organize a new church in the city. There are two churches of South Central Conference in Birmingham and one in Bessemer. It seems that the third church may be organized this year.

Dr. C. E. Dudley, president of the Conference, announced that several of our laity are conducting EVANGELISTIC CRUSADES under tents this summer. They are: J. E. Milner, in Cleveland, Tennessee; Fred Brown, in Franklin, Tennessee; Don McPhaul, in Huntsville, Alabama.



The South Park church in Birmingham, Alabama, was happy to have two souls with whom the members had been studying JOIN THE CHURCH in July. The church is working and praying that there will be many more to come in after the tent meeting conducted by Evangelist E. E. Cleveland.

There are six churches that have been set up by laymen and are waiting to be ORGANIZED. They are, Hartselle, Brent, Moulton, Stevenson, and Scottsboro, Alabama; and Batesville, Mississippi.

SOUTHEASTERN



Ephesus church, Jacksonville, Florida, celebrated its 15TH ANNIVERSARY during the week of April 20-27. Guests participating for this occasion were: Pastors Theus Young, Tampa; R. C. Parham, Daytona Beach; R. W. Bates, Gainesville; and George Murray, Ocala, Florida. Part of the week-long activities featured tributes to the women and men. Sabbath, April 20, was highlighted by Dorothy Niles. Sabbath April 27, Herman Davis, host pastor, served as speaker for the men. Music for this celebration was provided by Jaye Chalemeers and combined choirs from the local area.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE



Seven European countries are on the itinerary for the ADVENTURE IN EUROPE 1986 humanities study tour. Tour director and contact person is Dr. William Wohlers, professor of history. Up to 30 students, parents, and others will fly to Amsterdam on June 15, returning to Atlanta July 13. Six hours of credit may be earned.

Dr. Bruce Ashton, professor of music, has written the fourth quarter, 1986, EARLITEEN SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS and teaching aids.

The PIPE ORGAN in the Collegedale church will be named the Anton Heiller Memorial Organ after one of the world's most outstanding organists. He was a professor of organ at the Vienna Academy of Music from 1945 until his death in 1979. Dedication services are planned for late April.



Laurel Wells, student finance director, has been chosen chairman-elect of the NATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE for the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. The 1986-87 conference, to be organized by Mrs. Wells, will be held in Dallas, Texas. Members of the Association represent 3,200 schools of higher learning.

PROMOTIONS have given new professional rank to the following: Jan Haluska, associate professor of English; Steve Jaacks, assistant professor of physical education; Katie Lamb, associate professor of nursing; Robert Moore, associate professor of mathematics; Helmut



Ott, professor of modern languages; Hazel Rice, professor of nursing; and Jeannette Stepanke, associate professor of education.

Unrestricted gifts from ALUMNI again have put Southern College over its goals qualifying the College for some \$30,000 in incentive funds from the BECA (Business Executives Challenge Alumni) program. The alumni drive brought in \$132,571.87. In addition, alumni gifts for specific projects exceeded \$1 million. The 10-year Century II Scholarship Endowment Fund, with its \$10 million goal, received a major part of these gifts.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION has come to a Collegedale physics professor, selected as one of the 10 finalists in the 1985 Professor of the Year competition conducted by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Ray Hefferlin, Ph.D., who has been on the faculty for the past 30 years, was nominated by the College, with supporting letters from colleagues and former students. His extraordinary effort and distinction as a teacher and scholar, his dedicated service to the College, his direct involvement with students and its impact on their lives and careers, were considered by the grand jury convened by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The jury announced the finalists on July 15. Dr. Hefferlin can be described as a world-class scientific researcher whose belief in God as Creator and ultimate Controller of the universe is bedrock for his life and teaching. "He has a remarkable ability to translate the jargon of science into common terms anyone can understand," says a friend. "When we single out gifted teachers for special recognition, we send a powerful and important message that teaching in America counts," commented Ernest Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which funds the annual competition.

ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM/SUNBELT

Some individuals will do anything for an education and certainly Anita Hayes, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH EDUCATION at Walker Memorial Hospital, Avon Park, Florida, is one of those people. In 1981 Anita began an off-campus study program through Loma Linda University School of Health for a Master's Degree in Public Health. During the time Anita was studying and sometimes attending classes in Orlando, South Carolina, Michigan, and California she also managed to be a mother of two children, a wife, and director of health education. Anita received her diploma in July by mail because she could not attend graduation ceremonies in California on June 16. "One of the benefits of the courses," according to Anita, "was being able to meet other health professionals and share ideas and plans." Two other Walker employees, Gretel Ashley and Elizabeth Sager, have also studied for their MPH through the off-campus program at Loma Linda.

Bill Sager, president of Walker, announced that Manual Antonio Tejada, of Beeville, Texas, is joining the PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT. For the past 14 years Manual has been director and chief physical therapist at Beeville and physical therapy consultant and therapist with Texas Star Home Health Care System, Merida Nursing Center, and Hillside Lodge Nursing Home.

On August 8 Walker employee, Joyce Kelly, an RN and nursing supervisor, will celebrate a VICTORY. It will be one year since Joyce signed a Walker Memorial Hospital Stop Smoking contract. Because statistics show that the employee who smokes has more medical problems and thus more lost days due to illness than a nonsmoker, Walker Memorial has offered a challenge to smoking employees. The challenge was and still is \$100 in cash paid to the employee in \$25 increments every three months for one year who does not smoke or use tobacco in any form during that year. Joyce, a smoker for 25 years, will be the first employee who has lived a tobacco-free life for one year since the program began in 1984.

On July 26, Walker Memorial Hospital was the scene of the 100th flight of FAITH FLIGHT, the air ambulance Sikorsky 558T helicopter which is based at Florida Hospital, Orlando. Faith Flight has been in service since April 17.

John Clough, MD, has just arrived in Portland, Tennessee, to practice medicine in HIGHLAND MEDICAL CENTER, adjacent to Highland Hospital. He shares the building with Drs. Ralph Ruckle, John Taylor, and Paul Porter. Dr. Clough, a graduate of Loma Linda University School of Medicine, just completed a residency in family practice medicine at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. He is now a diplomat of the national board of medical examiners.



SOUTHERN UNION

A partial, unofficial report of Southern Union ACADEMY ENROLLMENTS is: Atlanta Adventist, 69; Bass Memorial, 141; Collegedale, 250; Greater Atlanta Adventist, 90; Fletcher, 173; Forest Lake, 389; Georgia-Cumberland, 190; Greater Miami, 154; Highland, 138; Madison, 100; Mt. Pisgah, 206; Oakwood, 100.

Pictorial Stories

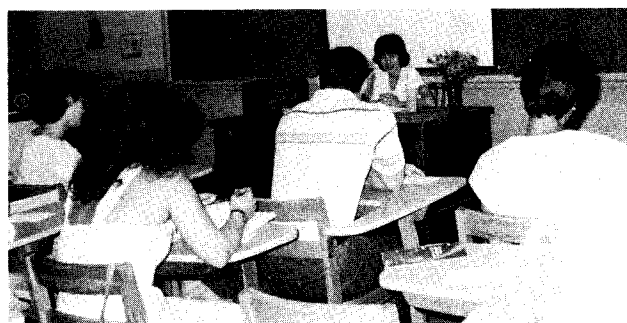


One of the early leaders of the Christian Reformation was John Hus, a 14th century monk who lived in a region of what is now Poland. During the recent General Conference Session in New Orleans a copy of the Faith For Today film, *John Hus*, was presented to the leadership of the Adventist Church in Poland. Pictured from left to right are: Dan Matthews, speaker/director of Faith For Today; Zachariasz Lyko, secretary of the Polish Union; and Stanislaw Dabrowski, president of the Polish Union.

On July 30 a new congregation was organized in the southern area of greater Atlanta, Georgia. The new company will be known as the Fayette church. Don L. Aalborg, Georgia-Cumberland Conference secretary, officiated at the organizational meeting. Other Conference and area pastors participating were: John Swafford, Steve Darmody, Bill Henson, and Curtis Morton.



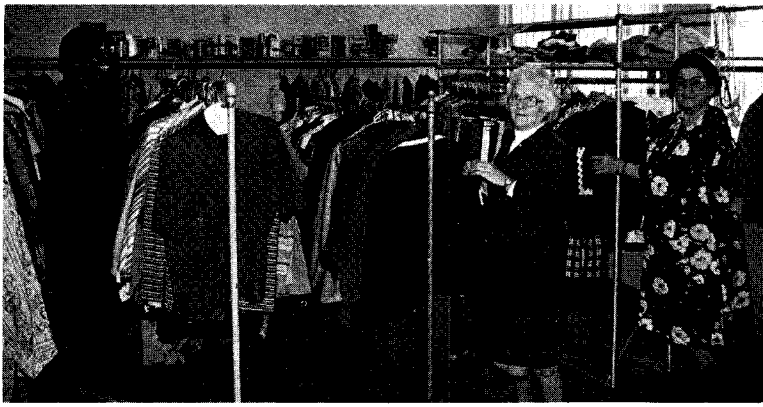
Bethlehem church, Clearwater, recently joined with the Pinellas County Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation in a united effort of sickle cell screening in the Clearwater community. At the Southeastern Conference Medical Van are three volunteers from the Pinellas County Sickle Cell Foundation (left), Mrs. Williams, and Eugene Armstead, pastor.



Hiroko Bowers is a lay person conducting a Revelation Seminar at Burnsville, North Carolina. While she is teaching the seminar at Burnsville, Mrs. Bowers (a housewife) is translating the lessons in Japanese. She plans to return to her home town in Japan later this year. There she will conduct a Revelation Seminar for her friends and relatives.

Puppets Amy (left) and Hattie tell the children attending the vacation Bible school at the Highland church in Portland, Tennessee, to improve their teeth by eating less sweets and more fruits and vegetables. Other nights, they and four other puppets also spoke on springs of living water, Hosea's body shop, and rest. Approximately 100 children listened to them as well as attended Bible classes and made crafts. Rita Taylor produced the puppet program. Suzanne Fuller and Karen Schimp directed the vacation Bible School.





The Pewee Valley, Kentucky, church has an organized Community Service under the direction of Ozema Knight (left). Knight and her assistants, Jewell Grider and Willie Moon, have worked hard to get the community service area well stocked.



Arthur L. White autographs copies of Volume I of the new six-volume biography of his grandmother, Ellen G. White, at the General Conference Session in New Orleans' Superdome July 3, accompanied by his wife, Frieda. *The Early Years: 1827-1862* will serve as the textbook for the new "Adventist Roots Countdown" seminar scheduled for SDA Churches in North America September 15.



Twenty enthusiastic men and women attended a Bread-making Seminar conducted in Panama City, Florida, by Ernest and Freda Clark, assisted by Janice Shipbaugh, as part of the church ministries outreach program with emphasis on healthful living. Most of the group were people who had read about the seminar in the local newspaper.



Students at the Greenwood, South Carolina, Temple church school take turns learning to use the computer donated by a local merchant. Training has also been provided free of charge. The 40-member church conducts school in the sanctuary under the direction of Lula Felts, a retired public school teacher, and assistant teacher Marie Griffin, retired school principal from Brooklyn, New York. Drake Barber, special intern, is the pastor.



On May 19 the New Smyrna Beach, Florida, church celebrated the opening of its new educational wing. On hand to make the ceremony more joyous were Conference President and Mrs. M. D. Gordon. The new building includes four children's Sabbath school rooms, a church school classroom, office, storeroom, and restrooms, Pastor Gordon R. Doss reports.



Nancie Harris (center), age 93, recently completed courses in computer science and Spanish at Pensacola (Florida) Junior College, driving herself to and from school each day. She was interviewed during South Central Conference camp meeting at Oakwood College by Conference President C. E. Dudley (right), accompanied by M. E. Joiner, personal ministries and Sabbath school director, and J. Jenkins, Bible worker.

The Church In Action Education

Johnston School Graduates First Class

South Atlantic — Johnston, South Carolina, has a small church with a book membership of 27. A church of that size is not expected to open a church school. However, like the bumblebee, which would seem unable to fly, but seeing other bees flying, he flies anyway, so did the Johnston church.

The few faithful members of this country church could no longer tolerate their children attending the public school. Thus they prevailed upon Conference Superintendent V. J. Mendinghall and the Conference to permit them to open a school at their own expense.

Wilhelmina Johnson, the principal-teacher, is an experienced teacher who is on early retirement. It is quite unusual for a small self-supporting school to graduate three eighth graders the



Vickie Culbreath (left), Shirley Miller, and Matana Simpkins are the first graduates from the school begun last year by the 27-member Johnston, South Carolina, church.

first year of operation, but so did the Johnston school.

The school is looking forward to a larger enrollment, and an even more joyous experience in the 1985-86 school year which starts August 19.

Project SAFE Begins in Florida

Florida — September 14 is the kickoff date for Project SAFE in the Florida Conference. Project SAFE (an acronym for Student Assistance For Eternity) is an endowment program sponsored jointly by the Florida Conference and Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists. The concept for endowments is that funds will be raised and placed in the endowment fund to be invested. The earnings or interest from these funds will be used to help needy, worthy secondary and college students obtain an Adventist education.

On the September 14 kickoff Sabbath, each church service will feature a sermon on Christian education and the importance of the endowment to the high school- and college-age youth of Florida.

"The whole concept is exciting," states Dean Kinsey, recently named director of endowments for the Florida Conference. "We are beginning a program that should have been done at least 20 years ago. And we are feeling support from all levels of the church. Now it looks like there is a possibility of helping parents keep up with the cost of education."

Gifts to the Endowment may be made in the form of cash, pledges, annuities, property, or wills and trusts.

Oakwood Seeks New President

Oakwood College — At the recent 54th General Conference session, Calvin Rock, president of Oakwood College, was elected one of the general vice-presidents of the General Conference.

In an emergency session of the Oakwood College board July 5 in New Orleans, Louisiana, the board appointed an interim president, Dr. Emerson Cooper. The board also appointed a search committee,

chaired by General Conference Associate Secretary R. L. Woodfork, with a broad-based representation from the board itself, regional conferences, alumni, faculty, General Conference personnel, and students.

This committee, which held its first meeting on July 30, will be developing a master list of candidates for early board consideration. Persons interested in being considered or wishing to recommend individuals for consideration should write or call Woodfork at the following address immediately: R. L. Woodfork, 6840 Eastern Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20012. Telephone: (202) 722-6000.

Students Depart For Mission Fields

Southern College — Each year, students from Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists join the ranks of student missionaries and Task Force workers. These students leave friends, family, and the comforts of home to step into new cultures, often on the other side of the globe. For the following nine months to a year, they learn and share as they teach English, Bible, or science classes; assist at church-operated radio stations; or serve as nurses or assistant deans.

This year, 15 students from Southern are going as student missionaries, and another four as Task Force workers. Five students will serve on various Pacific islands. Four of these go to the Marshall Islands to teach: Jill Bishop, sophomore office administration major from Benton Harbor, Michigan; Rob Shanko, junior French major from Charlotte, North Carolina; Ronda Wash, sophomore pre-dietetics major from Big Clifty, Kentucky; and Mark Wedel, junior religion major from Fenton, Michigan. Helping to set up Adventist World Radio in Agana, Guam, will be Gerald Kovalski, senior communication major from Lumberton, Mississippi.

A total of 10 will be immersed deeper in the Orient. Of these three will be stationed at the English Language School in Osaka, Japan: Ken Bradley, junior physics major from Ellijay, Georgia; Jon Miller, senior biology major from

Centerville, Ohio; and Tamara Peters, freshman accounting major from Auburn, Washington. One more, at the SDA Mission in Bangkok, Thailand, is Karen Carter, sophomore pre-physical therapy major from Lakeland, Georgia.

In South Korea, five students will be teaching English: Sharon Dyke, junior pre-physical therapy major from Jellico, Tennessee; Brenda Labar, junior long-term health care major from New Mexico; Vanessa Radovan, junior nursing major from St. Louis, Missouri; Cheryl Read, junior nursing major from Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Troy Rockwell, junior computer science major from Palmer, Alaska.

Heading for northern climes, sophomore math major Christopher Hansen, from Rogersville, Missouri, will journey to Iceland.

Four other students remain in the United States as Task Force workers. Of these, three will be assistant deans at academies: Darlene Blair, junior behavioral science major from Erin, Tennessee, serves at Ozark Academy in Gentry, Arkansas; Michael Exum, junior history major from Dothan, Alabama, goes to Bass Memorial Academy in Lumberton, Mississippi; and Alan Starbird, freshman biology major from Miami, Florida, will be at Valley Grande Academy in Weslaco, Texas. Lastly, Bill DuBois, senior theology major from Herndon, Virginia, will take over the duties of assistant chaplain at Southern College.

Youth

SDA Students Win in Violin Competition

Georgia-Cumberland — Four Adventist violin students from the Collegedale area participated in the state level auditions held recently in Johnson City, Tennessee. All four won honors in this event sponsored by the Tennessee Music Teachers' Association.

Shannon Pellington was winner of the elementary level I for stringed instruments. Her sister, Sharlynn, received honorable mention in the same category. Shannon and Sharlynn are daughters of Mr.



These students won honors in the annual Tennessee Music Teachers' Association competition: Robert Rempher (counterclockwise from top), age 13; Brian Liu, age 7; Sharlynn Pellington, age 6; and Shannon Pellington, age 8.

and Mrs. Steve Pellington of Collegedale. Their son, Shawn, who was winner at his level for the three previous years, was unable to compete this year because of a broken arm.

Also receiving honorable mention in level I was Brian Liu, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. Y. Liu of Ooltewah.

Winner of the junior high level was Robert Rempher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rempher of McDonald. This is the second year Robert has been a winner.

These students earned the right to compete at state level by receiving a "superior" rating during their participation in the local adjudication held by the Ocoee Music Teachers' Association. All four are students of Mrs. William Aldrich of Cleveland, Tennessee.

The Tennessee Music Teachers' Association rescheduled the Adventist Students' adjudication time

and the honors recital time in which the students performed to avoid the Sabbath hours.

2,000 Attend Youth Federation

Southeastern — "Lo He Comes . . . Youth Are You Ready?" served as the theme for the M. C. Strachan Youth Federation held in Lakeland, Florida, May 10 and 11. Forty-two churches from North and Central Florida and Southeastern Georgia attended this annual event.

Keith A. Dennis, Southeastern Conference youth director, Dr. Betty J. Stewart, federation president, along with the M. C. Strachan Federation executive committee, planned the weekend activities not only to stress the lateness of time, but also the celebration of youth living for Jesus.

Highlights of the weekend's events included a candlelight Pathfinder investiture service on Friday night. The Lakeland district churches, under the direction of Mrs. Jackie Titer, presented the Sabbath school. The lesson was given by Ron Williams, member of the Patmos Chapel church in Winter Park, Florida. Mayor pro tem Ron Dodson, and Pastor Jonathan McCottry brought the welcome and greetings for the Divine Worship service. Richard Barron, associate director of Adventist Youth Volunteer Service Corps, spoke to the more than 2,000 persons attending the morning service. Emphasis was placed on the book of Daniel and how it relates to



Contestants who participated in the oratorical contest are pictured, including winners Vicky Hewitt (left), in the senior division, and Mark Jones (third from left), winner in the junior division.



The "Superfoods for Superkids" class, at the Eustis VBS, was taught by instructor Regina Young.

Christian living in the last days.

Sabbath afternoon was filled with programs such as nursing home visitation, door-to-door witnessing, and a presentation by Gary Wim-bish, director of recruitment at Oakwood College. Music was enjoyed as a number of choirs participated in a choir festival. Elim church, St. Petersburg, Florida, took first place. Diane Moore, of Tampa-Mt. Calvary church, coordinated the oratorical contest where Mark Jones, also of Mt. Calvary in Tampa, won first place in the junior division and Vicky Hewitt, of Pat-mos Chapel in Winter Park, won first place in the senior division.

Food Is Theme For VBS

Florida — "Superfoods For Superkids" was an innovative class in hands-on food preparation for the junior-aged among the 54 children attending the Eustis church vacation Bible school. Thirty-four of the youngsters were from non-member homes. Gorilla Granola, Mystery Mud (carob fudge), Hawaiian Crunch (carrot/pineapple salad), Grab Your Grapple (date/apple butter) and Chiller Thriller (frozen bananas dipped in a carob/peanut butter topping) headed the list of culinary adventures. The last day they made bread, which was displayed, along with crafts made by kindergarten and primary children, at the Family Program.

"Vacation Bible school involves

more church members than most projects," commented Mary Jane Rasnic, VBS director. "We had 40 staff which included two people from Leesburg and three non-member volunteers. In addition, there was a prayer-fellowship chain in which several church women telephoned members daily to pray. Every VBS morning at nine a.m. prayer was being offered for the children and staff of the VBS."

The positive Christian influence is already having an effect. Parents and friends attending the Family Program were given a gift packet containing a copy of *Happiness Digest*, *Signs of the Times*, and *Rainbow Friends*. A one-year free subscription to the two magazines was offered. So far, 11 have taken advantage of this offer. Everyone was invited to a Wednesday night extension of the VBS through the summer.

This Family Bible Hour consisted of a class for adults and activities for the children. Between seven and 14 nonmember children have attended these Wednesday night programs.

Ridgetop VBS Has Bread-making Class

Kentucky-Tennessee — For the second year the Ridgetop, Tennessee, vacation Bible school has offered bread making as one of its activities, and this has proved very popular with all age groups from the kindergarten to the juniors.

As a follow-up this year, VBS director Julie Estella and bread-

making instructor Dorothy Walters decided to offer a free bread-making class for interested parents and others in the community.

The class was held in the school gym, which has a well-equipped kitchen and large commercial oven. Of the 17 persons making bread (some of them children), eight were visitors. Two ladies who had seen the notice in the local paper came from two different communities more than 10 miles from the church.

The slide presentation, "The Great Grain Robbery," was shown, and several recipe books and periodicals on a healthful diet were displayed. Several of those present indicated an interest in a vegetarian cooking school.

Dorothy Walters was assisted in the bread-making class by her husband, Floyd, and a few other church members.

Health

Dade City 5-Day Plan in Great Demand

Florida — At the conclusion of a successful Dade City 5-Day Plan in April, 36 people quit smoking and their excitement level was high. Their most often repeated question was, "When are you going to hold another Plan? I have a friend that wants to come." Pastor Hershel Mercer responded, "As soon as we receive enough requests, we will hold another."

Within two weeks there were more than 20 requests phoned in! Without advertising, the 40 limited-seating reservations were filled. Dr. Randy Knight, Dade City member and Plan physician says, "I see more and more people who are interested in their health these days. Take, for example, Pasco County Commissioner Sylvia Young who successfully completed the Plan with her husband." Commissioner Young's sister was one of the first to request a reservation in the June Plan. Dade City Manager Ben Bolan has also attended and quit smoking in the recent Plan.

Dr. Knight's presentations have

been so well received that the participants clapped each evening at the conclusion of his presentation," Mercer adds.

Mercer feels the mounting momentum is attributable in great part to the new location of the plans at the East Pasco Medical Center. The modern new facility has an excellent image in the community and people "want to come there." Already more requests have been received to attend the next 5-Day Plan than space will permit, Mercer said in a late report. The next Plan is tentatively scheduled for October.

Booth at Statesville Mall Informs Of 5-Day Plan

Carolina — Members of the Statesville, North Carolina, church are trying a unique method of inviting the public to a 5-Day Plan.

They have set up a booth in the local mall at which they run the "One More Victory" slide show to passersby. They pass out brochures to those who stop, inviting them to the next 5-Day Plan. The materials they use are "Crush the Cigarette Habit" and "Up In Smoke." These have been customized with the time, date, and place of the 5-Day Plan scheduled for the last of July and the first of August.

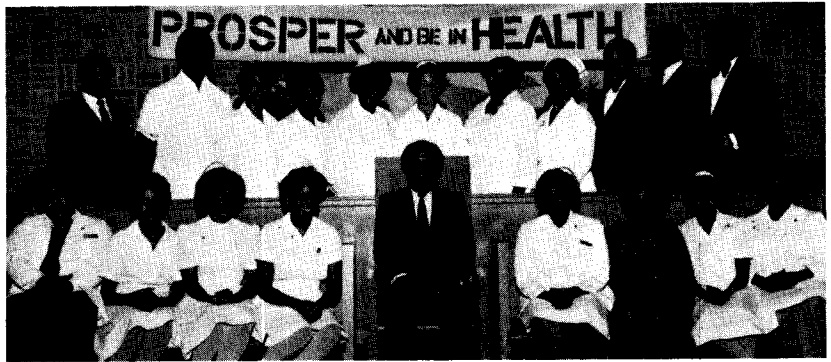
The booth with the slide show is operated during regular mall hours. The pastor of the district, Sid Mills, indicates that quite a bit of interest has been aroused as a result of this unique approach.

Mills has also recently conducted a 5-Day Plan at the Mocksville, North Carolina, church. Dr. F. W. Slate assisted with the presentation.

Jacksonville Sponsors Health Day

Southeastern — Health Day was sponsored by the medical group of the Ephesus church, Jacksonville, Florida, on April 13.

Roy R. Brown, secretary and director of communications for the Southeastern Conference, delivered a soul-stirring message on



Pictured with the Jacksonville, Florida, Ephesus church medical group are R. R. Brown, conference secretary (left, second row), and Herman Davis, pastor (center, seated).

"Health, Holiness, and Happiness" at the eleven o'clock service.

Wallingford H. Bowlin, MD, conducted a workshop entitled "Facts and Not Fiction" at 4:30 p.m., assisted by Neil Brathwaite, MD. Free medical tests were given following the workshop.

Progress

Valdosta Pays Off School Debt

Georgia-Cumberland — The 130 members of the Valdosta, Georgia, church believe that the Lord has kept His promise to move mountains and cast them into the sea. In four months the church raised \$14,600 to pay off the debt on its school!

It seemed the members were fully committed to reaching this goal together. Money came in from friends and relatives throughout the Conference, from sacrificial giv-

ing by members, from yard sales, benefit dinners, car washes, and bake sales. A "Lamb's offering" was also taken every week at church.

The Conference contributed \$5,000 when the Valdosta church reached the point where it was only lacking \$5,000. The total debt was \$19,600.

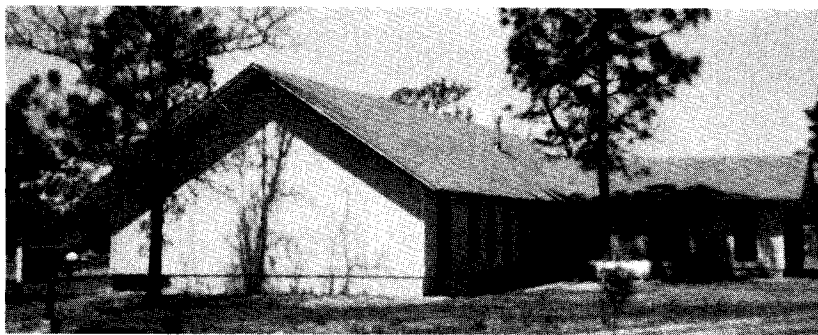
Working on this project has drawn the members closer together. They hope their experience will encourage other churches and schools which face similar situations and be an example of what God can do with a church committed to Christian education.

DeFuniak Springs Celebrates Open House

Gulf States — The DeFuniak Springs, Florida, church held an open house May 4 to commemorate the near-completion of its new sanctuary. Dave Coggin recognized and thanked those from Maryland



These are some of the Valdosta church members who participated in the endeavor to raise money for their church school debt.



The DeFuniak Springs, Florida, congregation opened the doors of its new building May 4.

to California, from Florida to Washington State who contributed to the completion of the sanctuary.

Former Pastor Terry Carmichael, who was instrumental in beginning the construction, addressed the congregation, remembering the establishment of the church in DeFuniak Springs. Present Pastor Ralph Reedy introduced the guest speaker, William A. Geary, then-president of the Gulf States Conference. Geary spoke on "Faith in Action."

Especially remembered was William H. VanSant, Sr., who helped establish the church's building fund. Flowers and plants were given in loving memory of him by his wife, Evelyn VanSant.

Who and Where

Every Home Visitation Planned

Carolina — Church members plan to visit every home in Davie County before Thanksgiving of this year. An ambitious plan? Yes, it is. The Mocksville, North Carolina, church, under the direction of the Sabbath school superintendent, Susan Chinn, has accepted that as its goal.

Approximately two dozen members of the Mocksville church are part of the prayer and witnessing bands that have been organized to accomplish this ambitious undertaking.

Every Tuesday evening and Sabbath afternoon the members take awareness materials and go door-to-door distributing them. At each home an invitation is given to visit the local Seventh-day Adventist

Church. There are approximately 15,000 homes in Davie County. The outreach program began the middle of June.

Growth at North Miami Is International

Florida — A dynamic forward thrust continues for the community in the active international congregation of the North Miami church. Members are from countries around the world including: Jamaica, Haiti, Romania, Brazil, Canada, Argentina, Czechoslovakia, East India, Indonesia, England, and the smaller islands of the Caribbean.

Together they have helped the church double its size in the past four years. The Adventist young people and adult youth membership has swelled to 200! Under the leadership of Associate Pastor Robert Fuller, these adult youth have conducted workshops and seminars in cooking, stress control, physical fitness, 5-Day Plans to Stop Smoking, plus a Revelation Semi-



Several musical groups out of the North Miami church choir perform for the many functions of the church and also perform for neighboring sister churches. This group is practicing outside just before performance time.

nar this past spring. Pastor Harold Friesen also conducted several crusades, Fuller has conducted two Revelation Seminars, and the church keeps on growing.

The growth has also brought with it the growing pains of a physical plant bursting at the seams. One Sabbath, 600 members and visitors crowded into the sanctuary with hundreds coming forward in an altar call for rededication. Monies have since been pumped into the public address system, flooring, roof, health food store, parking lot, and the baptistry which was refurbished to keep up with the every-other-week baptisms!

"Visitors are plentiful," says Friesen, "providing us with good interests for Bible studies and baptisms. And, there are no major problems or internal difficulties that cannot be solved. The members mingle with one another and love their environment."

Kernersville Outreach Uses Amazing Facts Brochures, Video

Carolina — The Kernersville, North Carolina, church has initiated a visitation program utilizing the "Amazing Facts" material. Four men of the church have accepted as their challenge the visitation of 32 homes each weekend.

Edgar Brooker, a deacon in the Kernersville church, organized the visitation program. He and three other men (two deacons and two elders), for the past 10 weeks have been visiting each Sabbath afternoon and Sunday afternoon, if needed. They take with them the "Amazing Facts" Bible study materials. At each home the invitation is given to study the Amazing Facts with them.

After an eight-week period they bring with them the video Amazing Facts lessons and suggest that they complete the lessons by using the video. They presently are showing the Amazing Facts lessons each week in several homes in the Kernersville area.

Tony Wessels, the pastor of the Kernersville district, says, "It is an exciting program. One that is producing excellent results." The church is presently looking for

more men and women who would be willing to be part of going door-to-door two-by-two.

Gratz Holds Pioneer Day

Kentucky-Tennessee — The Gratz, Kentucky, church members set aside a Sabbath to remember our pioneers. Fellow-members from Louisville, Lexington, Covington, and Frankfort joined them for this memorable occasion. Most everyone was dressed in 1844-period costumes.

After the morning worship service, as in 1985, and a delicious fellowship dinner, they came back into the sanctuary and were reminded that the clock of time had been turned back to 1844. There was beautiful old-time singing with some keeping time with the music by clapping their hands and some good old-time preaching.

Pastor and Mrs. Ed Shafer (Elder and Mrs. James White), Elder and Mrs. Lin Powell (Elder and Mrs. William Miller), and Gerald Robinson, from Covington (Elder Joseph Bates), presented messages of hope in the "newly" discovered teaching on the second coming of Jesus.

The celebration strengthened the members and their friends in the "blessed hope" and the church.



Youth dressed in 1844 attire join in Pioneer Day at Gratz, Kentucky. Mary Aldridge (right), her son Steven, daughter Vickie, visiting friend Kim Meadows, and son, Tim.

Southern Union Conference



COMMUNITY SERVICES WORKSHOP

Oct. 10-12, 1985, Cohutta Springs Adventist Center

FOR: — Community Services Leaders
— Community Services Federation Officers
— Pastors
— Conference Personal Ministries Directors

Speakers: Betty Ahnberg, Medina, Ohio; W. M. Abbott, Jr., Southern Union Conference.

How You Can Attend:

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Time You Should Arrive:

Thursday, Oct. 10. Registration 4-7 p.m. Keynote address 7:45 p.m.

What It Will Cost:

Lodging is free! You will be responsible for travel to and from meeting and your meals. There will be a \$5 registration fee to be paid at registration. The meals will be \$2.50 each and meal tickets will be sold at registration.

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* CHILDREN ARE NOT INVITED TO THIS MEETING FOR LACK OF ACCOMMODATIONS.

Send to your local conference Community Services Department.

SEPTEMBER						
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Calendar Events

FLORIDA

Evangelistic Crusades

Sept. 4 - Oct. 12

Ocala

Altamonte Springs

Venice

Lester Pratt

Robert DuBose

George Carpenter

Youth Ministries

Sept. 27-29

Pathfinder Teen Invitational

Molasses Key

Oct. 11-13

Junior/Senior Retreat

Camp Kulaqua

Single Adult Fall Retreat — Sept. 20-22. Camp Kulaqua. Guest speaker—Blondel Senior, founder of Advent Home, presenting topics "Christian Leadership," "Redemptive Discipline," and an inside look with "A Month in the Life of a SDA Problem Teenager." LeRoy Albers will be presenting the worships Friday evening and Sunday morning and is back by popular request. Special music by Florida Conference President Malcolm Gordon and his wife Hazel. Discount if reservation made by 9-14-85 postmark. Bring bedding, casual clothing, musical instruments, a can of fruit for meal donation. Registration begins at 4:30, supper at 6:30. For more info. call Carol Jones, (305) 862-0244. 105 Alhambra Ave., Altamonte Springs, FL 32714.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Personal Ministries Workshops

Sept. 7

Albany, Ga.

3-5 p.m.

28

Morristown, Tenn.

3-5 p.m.

Lay Witness Weekend — Sept. 20, 21. Carrollton, Ga.

Standifer Gap Rd. Church Homecoming — Nov. 1, 2. 8310 Standifer Gap Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421, (The Brush Arbor church). Former Pastor Robert Pierson, speaker. Potluck dinner on Sabbath. For info. call Thelma Hydas (615) 892-0398 or Geneva Dempsey (615) 894-4326.

Fourth Annual Harvest Moon Celebration — Oct. 4-6. Atlanta. Sponsored by Adventist Singles Ministries, Georgia Chapter. Sabbath services at Cascade Road gymnasium. 5-mile hayride. Laser show. Craft fair. Contact Esther Tobiason, Rt. 3, Box 3231, Hiram, GA 30141, (404) 943-1578. Reservation deadline Oct. 1.

Volunteers and Communication Workshop for Church Secretaries — Oct. 9, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Southern College. To register call (615) 396-2814.

GULF STATES

ABC Bookmobile Itinerary

Sept. 21

Floral Crest

After sunset

22

Huntsville, Ala.

12:30-3:30 p.m.

22

Florence, Ala.

5:30-8 p.m.

23

Athens, Ala.

Noon - 1 p.m.

23

Decatur, Ala.

2:30-5 p.m.

23

Hanceville, Ala.

6:30-8:30 p.m.

24

Greater Birmingham Jr. Academy

2:30-5:30 p.m.

24

Birmingham Roebuck, Ala.

7-9:30 p.m.

Oct. 2

Phenix City, Ala.

2:30-4:30 p.m.

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Yuchi Pines Institute

6-9 p.m. EST

Gulf Coast Camp Meeting — Sept. 13, 14. Pensacola, Fla. Jack Blanco, of Southern College, speaker.

Northern Alabama Camp Meeting — Sept. 20, 21. Floral Crest School, Bryant, Ala. Robert Pierson, speaker.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Paducah, Kentucky, Church 70th Anniversary Homecoming — Sept. 20, 21. Speakers: Friday (7 p.m.), Bill Strong; Sabbath (11 a.m.), Paul Hoover; (6 p.m.), Denver Cavins. A sacred concert (2:30 p.m.) will feature David Pitt.

Attention All Nurses (RNs and LPNs) Six Clock Hours of Continuing Education — Sept. 20-22. Offered at a regional meeting of ASDAN at Madison Hospital, Madison, Tenn. On Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Dr. W. H. Beaven will present "The Nurse and God's Law" (6 hours of cont. ed. credit). For reservations call Adela Kabigting (615) 865-5405.

Marriage Encounter Weekend — Oct. 18-20. Memphis, Tenn. For info. call (901) 853-2373 or (615) 396-2724, or write Marriage Encounter, Box 1626, Collegedale, TN 37315.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Community Service Federation for North Carolina — Sept. 7. Burlington.

Religious Liberty Rally for South Carolina — Sept. 7. Columbia.

Local Elders' and Head Deacons' Retreat — Sept. 13-15. River Oaks Camp, Orangeburg, S.C.

South Atlantic Conference Workers' Meeting — Sept. 15-18. Orangeburg, S.C.

Literature Evangelists' Big Month — Oct.

Ingathering Crusade Begins — Oct. 12.

Religious Liberty Rally for North Carolina — Oct. 19. Charlotte.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Youth Federations

Sept. 7

Alabama

21

Mid-Tennessee

Oct. 5

West Tennessee/North Mississippi

19

South Mississippi

Finance Committee Meeting — Sept. 9.

Conference Officers' Meeting — Sept. 16.

Housing Board Meetings

Sept. 17

Oct. 22

Kentucky/Tennessee Music Festival — Sept. 21.

Conference Executive Committee Meeting — Sept. 25.

South Central Workers' Meeting — Sept. 25-29.

Tennessee Literature Evangelist Rally — Oct. 19.

SOUTHEASTERN

Elders' Retreat — Sept. 6-8. Hawthorne, Fla.

South Florida Federation — Sept. 13, 14.

Workers' Meeting — Sept. 22-25. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Executive Committee Meeting — Sept. 22.

Oakwood College Central Florida Alumni Association Banquet — Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m. Hilton Inn, Florida Center, 7400 International Dr., Orlando. Guest speaker—Chaplain Barry Black, lieutenant commander, US Navy. Musical entertainment by the Voices of Liberty from Epcot Center/Disney World, Orlando, Fla. This banquet, one of many fund-raising events, is being coordinated to inspire young people to attend Oakwood College. Contact Winton Forde, chapter president and former dean of men/director of development for Oakwood College, (305) 869-7727 (work) or (305) 297-1409 (home) or Melinda Sewer, corresponding secretary, (305) 339-4324.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Collegiate Commitment Weekend — Sept. 5-7.

Vespers — Sept. 6, 8 p.m. Collegedale church. Steve Daley, "An Evening With Uriah Smith."

Church Service — Sept. 7, 8:40 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Collegedale church. Speaker: Doug Martin.

Lawn Concert — Sept. 7, 5:30 p.m. Summerour Hall.

Artist Adventure Series

Sept. 14 David Holt, 8:30 p.m., PE Center

Sept. 21 "The Chestnut Brass," 8:30 p.m., PE Center

Week of Spiritual Emphasis — Sept. 16-20. Walter Pearson.

Sacred Concert Sept. 27, 8 p.m., Collegedale church. Steve Darmody.

Ingathering Field Day — Oct. 2.

Convocation — Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m. Mark Littman, "Halley's Comet." PE Center.

Alumni Homecoming — Oct. 25-27. Honor classes: '25, '35, '45, '60, '75, and '80. Speakers will include Marvin Williams, pastor, Winter Springs, Fla.; Don Hunter, long-time church administrator; Don Crane, associate director of the Church Ministries Department in the General Conference.

"Adventure in Europe 1986" Humanities Study Tour — June 15 - July 13. Tour director and contact person is Dr. William Wohlers, professor of history. Up to 30 students, parents, and others will fly to Amsterdam on June 15, returning to Atlanta July 13. Six hours of credit may be earned.

Pre-Med Students — Dr. Rene Evard, associate dean for admissions from Loma Linda University School of Medicine, will be on campus in mid-September to interview interested students. All students planning to apply to Loma Linda School of Medicine for the 1986-87 school year should have an interview with Dr. Evard to complete their application. Contact the office of K. R. Davis at (615) 238-2561 to schedule an appointment.

SOUTHERN UNION

Lay Evangelists' Day — Sept. 7.

Missions Extension Offering — Sept. 14.

Bible Emphasis Day — Sept. 21.

Health Ministries Week — Oct. 5-12.

Voice of Prophecy Offering — Oct. 12.

Sabbath School Community Guest Day and Community Relations Day — Oct. 12.

World Health and Temperance Day Offering — Oct. 19.

Caring Church/Health Leaders' Witnessing Conference — Oct. 2-5. Gatlinburg, Tenn. Contact H. F. Roll, Adventist Health System/Sunbelt, 2400 Bedford Rd., Orlando, FL 32803. (305) 897-1919.

OUT OF UNION

30th Annual Institute of Mental Health — Nov. 3-6. Harding Hospital, Worthington, Ohio. Theme: "Pastors' Mental Health." Registration is limited. Contact Pastoral Care Dept., Harding Hosp., 445 E. Granville Rd., Worthington, OH 43085, (614) 885-5381. Application has been made to Andrews Univ. for cont. ed. credit for clergy. Harding is a member of ASI.

Boulder Junior Academy Alumni Reunion — Sept. 20, 21. Registration begins 5 p.m. Sept. 20. For more info., call (303) 499-9982.

Leominster, Mass., Dedication Celebration — Oct. 4, 5.

College View Academy/Union College Academy Alumni Homecoming — Oct. 11-13. Lincoln, Neb. Honor classes: '75, '70, '65, '60, and '55. Honor class reunions will be Friday evening. Sabbath speaker, Murray Deming. Pancake feed Sunday at 10 a.m. at Pioneer Park.

Third National Conference, Association of Adventist Women — Oct. 24-27. Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass.

in transition

On the Move

Carolina

Pastoral transfers and district realignments include: **Dwight Herod** has moved from Hickory, North Carolina, to Asheville, North Carolina, Foster Memorial; **Gerald Mobley**, from Salisbury/Lexington, N.C., will serve Durham, N.C.; **James McLaughlin**, Florence/Manning, S.C., pastor, is transferring to Laurel/Lenoir, N.C.; **Glen Garver** is moving from Clinton/Union, S.C., to Clinton/Greenwood, S.C.; **Waldo Greene**, from Asheboro/Pittsboro, N.C., is the new pastor at Union/Woodruff, S.C.; **Larry Allen** has transferred from Wilkesboro/Warrensburg, N.C., to Waynesville/Sylva, N.C.; **Douglas Brown**, a graduate of Southern College, is going to Wilkesboro/Warrensburg; **Steven Sessler** is coming from Andrews University to Asheboro/Pittsboro, N.C.; **Rodney Brunken**, also from Andrews University, goes to Elizabeth City, N.C.; **Leslie Smart** has moved from Marion/Laurel, N.C., to Marion/Burnsville, N.C.

Georgia-Cumberland

1. **Gerald N. Kovalski**, former principal of Bass Memorial Academy, has assumed duties as director of communication, Sabbath school, religious liberty, and secondary education endowment for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Don Richards, pastor of the Ottuma, Ia., church, has assumed pastoral responsibilities of the LaGrange and Pine Mountain Valley, Ga., churches, replacing **Andrew Musgrave**, who is retiring. Joining the pastoral staff after graduation from Southern College is **Stan Wilkinson**, pastor of the Brunswick, Ga., church; **Bruce Trigg**, who is leading the Tifton and Fitzgerald, Ga., district; and **Dale Tunnell** and **Rob Clayton**, who will enter Andrews University Seminary in the fall.

Gulf States

James Hord, newly appointed publishing leader for the northern district, took up his new duties on Aug. 1, replacing **Joe Martin**, who moved to Colorado to continue work in the publishing ministry there. Hord and his wife, Cynthia, and two sons, Philip and James, Jr., come to us from Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he has served as associate publishing director for the past three and a half years.

Bass Memorial Academy's new principal, **Kenneth Kirkham**, comes from the Florida Conference where he was principal of Orlando Junior Academy for the past four years. Kirkham has 13 years of educational administrative experience.

South Central

Prentiss Surrell, of Hazelhurst, Mississippi, has been asked to serve as the district director for the Leland, Shaw, Cleveland, and Clarksville, Mississippi, churches.

Adventist Health System/Sunbelt

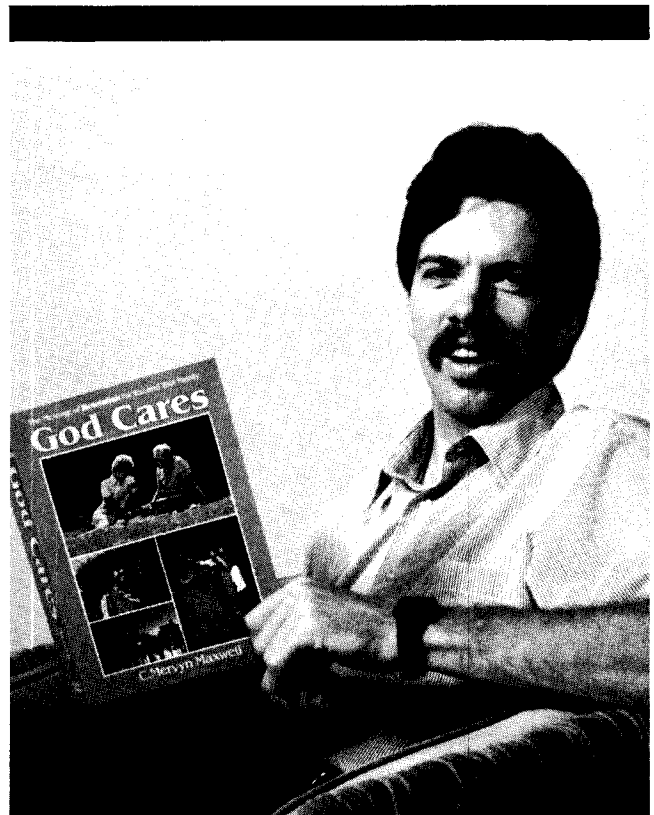
Walker Memorial Hospital board of directors appointed 2. **Brian Rogers** as controller, replacing **William H. Taylor, III**, who accepted a position as vice president of finance at Hyde Park Community Hospital in Chicago. Rogers is a 1982 accounting graduate of Florida State University in Tallahassee and has been employed at Walker since April, 1983. His major responsibilities will include the supervision of the accounting function and cost reports.

Christian Record

3. **Vernon L. Bretsch**, secretary of the Montana Conference, has been appointed president of Christian Record Braille Foundation. Bretsch, 56, has served the denomination for 32 years, 22 years in publishing work, including the Idaho and Upper Columbia Conferences, Japan Union, Far Eastern Division, and Review and Herald Publishing Association as assistant general manager. Other positions served were President of Viet Nam Mission, manager of Transportation Department of the General Conference, and Voice of Prophecy public relations director.

sunset table

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11
Atlanta, Ga.	7:58	7:48	7:38	7:28	7:19	7:09
Charlotte, N.C.	7:43	7:33	7:23	7:13	7:03	6:54
Collegedale, Tenn. .	8:01	7:51	7:41	7:31	7:21	7:12
Huntsville, Ala.	7:06	6:56	6:46	6:36	6:26	6:17
Jackson, Miss.	7:19	7:10	7:01	6:51	6:42	6:33
Louisville, Ky.	8:05	7:55	7:44	7:33	7:22	7:12
Memphis, Tenn.	7:20	7:10	7:00	6:50	6:40	6:31
Miami, Fla.	7:35	7:27	7:20	7:12	7:04	6:57
Montgomery, Ala. .	7:04	6:55	6:45	6:36	6:27	6:18
Nashville, Tenn.	7:08	6:58	6:47	6:37	6:27	6:17
Orlando, Fla.	7:41	7:33	7:24	7:16	7:08	7:00
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From Prisoner to Preacher



The baptismal class is prepared for baptism at the Shelby County Penal Farm at Memphis, Tennessee. There were 10 baptized.

by I. J. Johnson

The International Bible Institute, under the leadership of Pastor J. A. Jones of Longview Heights church in Memphis, Tennessee, conducted the Real Truth Bible School from May 11 through July 20 for two nights per week. Eighty-seven students were graduated and 33 of the graduates were baptized into the Adventist Church.

There was a unique feature of the Bible School. It was conducted in the church and in the Penal Farm in Memphis by Jones, while it was being conducted in the Senior Citizens complex by Claude Jones and in Fort Pillow and in the Lake County Prison by Leo Tate and Willie Wallace.

Workers in the church Bible School included the organist, Cora Reid, and pianists Juanita Jenkins and Gail Murphy. Larry Tibbs

and Claude Jones served as associate evangelists. Mary Wilson and Curtis Hill served as greeters and coordinators. The Usher Board, under the direction of Betty Smith, served faithfully.

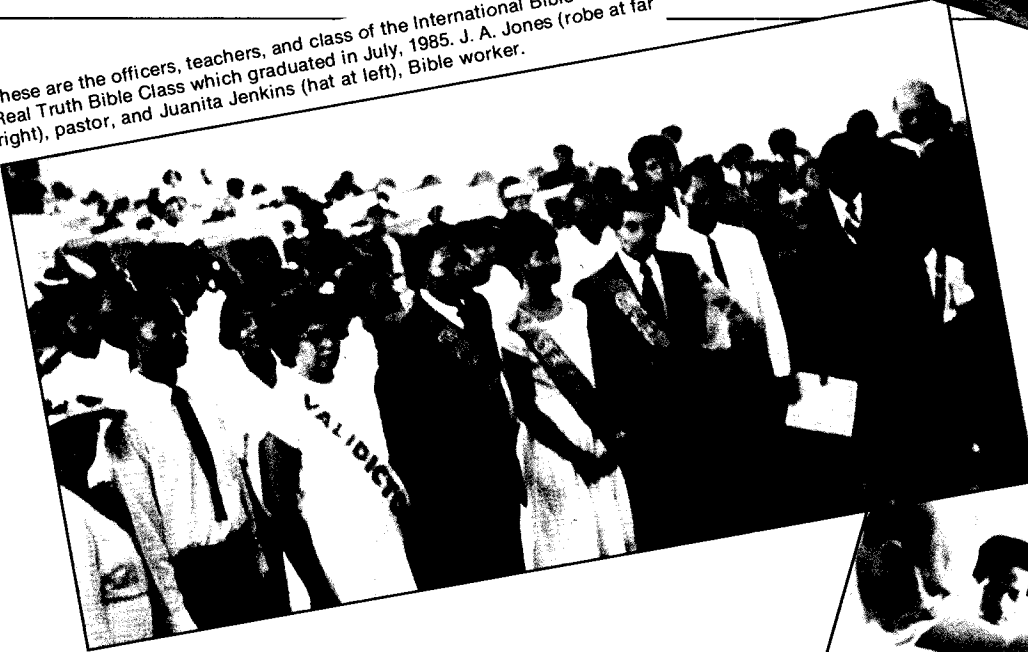
The Prison Ministries Bible School conducted a baptism in December, 1984. Since then three prisoners have been released. They are attending Longview Heights. They are all witnessing regularly with one, Larry Mitchell, planning to go to Loma Linda to study for the ministry this fall. When asked why he wanted to go so far to school, Mitchell answered, "I just want to get far away from my past environment."

Larry says, "That's what Jesus can do for anyone." It seems that some of the inmates feel that the prison was the best thing for

Workers for the Prison Ministry from Longview Heights church in Memphis, Tennessee, are pictured in front of the Shelby County Prison chapel near Memphis.



These are the officers, teachers, and class of the International Bible Institute Real Truth Bible Class which graduated in July, 1985. J. A. Jones (robe at far right), pastor, and Juanita Jenkins (hat at left), Bible worker.



A prisoner is baptized in a special portable pool at the prison. Pastor J. A. Jones officiates.

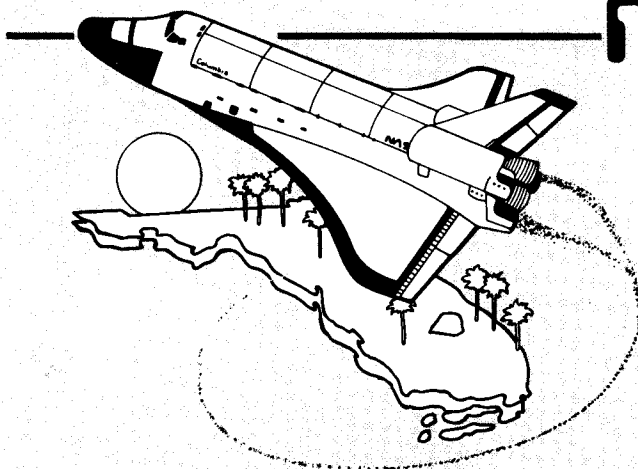


them for they would not have attended a meeting before they were imprisoned. Now they have a new hope and a new life. They are happy.

The Prison Ministries of Longview have been working for years and have baptized more than 100 inmates. Many are now free and good citizens. When this was written, the Prison Ministries Team had another baptism scheduled for August 31.

The prison authorities are happy to work with the Prison Ministries Team because the team not only helps the attitudes of the inmates, but helps the released prisoners readjust in society.

The officers smiled approvingly when they learned of Larry Mitchell's decision to study for the ministry.



Moving Pathfinderine

by Cheeko Cotta and Volker Henning

and diligently worked for the realization of their goal. Could there really be 900 new Pathfinders by camp meeting 1985? When the reports from the individual clubs were totaled there was much rejoicing. Not only had the goal been reached but it had been exceeded! Nine hundred and six had been added to the rolls of the Florida Pathfinder program. This unprecedented growth has made Florida's the largest and fastest growing Pathfinder program in North America with a membership of 2,462. PFC's evangelistic thrust has been responsible for 333 Pathfinders taking their stand for Jesus and being baptized during the past year.

The enthusiasm of belonging to a great program, sponsored by youth-oriented churches and backed by a Conference administration that believes in its youth, helped build a desire among our Pathfinders to go to the North American Camporee at Camp Hale. But how could the necessary funds be raised? Numerous fund-raising projects, including the manufacture and sale of Pathfinder cookies, were launched and gradually the funds accumulated.

Still there was a big gap between what was needed and the estimated expenses. Then, as if in answer to Pathfinders' prayers, Doris Siegel, co-owner of Grove City Bus Lines and Earth Tours, Inc., of Brooksville offered her help. She gave the Pathfinder leadership an irresistible offer; "bargain basement" fares on beautiful, air-conditioned touring buses, driven by professional drivers, to help Florida Pathfinders get to Colorado.

The year progressed, funds came in, and



Cheeko Cotta (left) and Lewis Hendershot help invest 31 Master Guides during the camp meeting Pathfinder program.

Jack NeSmith, Southwest area Pathfinder coordinator, was troubled by the large percentage of young people who take little or no interest in the church and its activities. To increase youth church involvement he developed a plan for Pathfinders to reach out to peers and involve them in Pathfinderine. He envisioned that through this program, named "Pathfinders for Christ" (PFC), 900 new recruits could be brought into the Florida Conference Pathfinder program within one year.

Throughout the '84-'85 Pathfinder year the PFC program was given top priority. Its outreach was concentrated in three areas: 1) The recruitment of nonattending youth through their parents; 2) The recruitment of newly baptized young people who had not heard of Pathfinders; and, 3) The recruitment and baptisms of neighborhood young people.

All year Pathfinders and leaders earnestly prayed

Jack and Joanne NeSmith, parents of the PFC Program, board the bus bound for Colorado.



Into The Future!



Jacksonville First church club marches on to victory at camp meeting parade.



Conference leaders salute Pathfinders on parade at camp meeting.

excitement built as plans were crystalized for the trip to Colorado.

On July 27, the hopes and dreams of 900 Pathfinders and leaders were realized. Following the send-off vespers at which Conference President M. D. Gordon reminded the anxious group that they, as Christians, carried with them the greatest name on earth—that of Jesus Christ; they boarded 18 comfortable buses bound for Camp Hale. Hundreds of parents, well-wishers, and various news media, including two television stations, were present as the buses, with police escort, pulled out of the Forest Lake Academy grounds and onto Highway 436. Including those that flew and rode in

private cars, the total Florida delegation was 1,216—460 more than the next largest delegation.

As they went, each young person was headed for the time of his life. Their activities would include visiting various educational exhibits, including a replica of the biblical sanctuary, good fellowship with more than 16,000 other youth, recreational trips, and more.

Pathfinder leaders are dedicated to reaching each young person and training them for future leadership. They work untiringly to provide quality programs such as those at Camp Hale and others like "Stranger Danger," which heightens awareness of child abuse, kidnapping, and child molestation. To help move Pathfinding into the future they are ever delving into new areas which will help our youth cope with the immense pressures that are upon them in an ever changing and sometimes hostile world.

But through all the programs and activities of a busy Pathfinder club, PFC is ever at the forefront, giving Pathfinders purpose and satisfaction in their lives. Says Cheeko Cotta, Florida Conference associate youth director, "The very heart of the Pathfinder program is evangelistic in nature. We cannot and we will not stand by and see Satan snare away our youth from this great movement. We must always be moving Pathfinding into the future. And that means preparing young people for the soon coming of Jesus Christ."

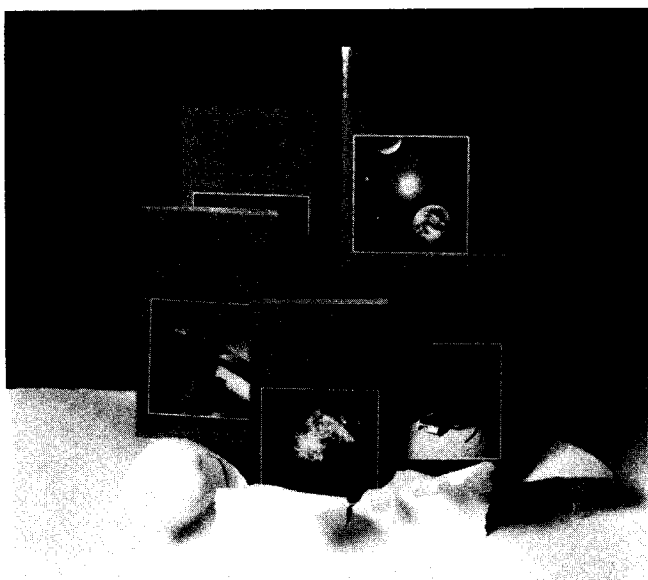
Cheeko Cotta is the Pathfinder director for Florida Conference and is the associate director of the Youth Ministries Department.



Pathfinders get settled on the bus for the trip to Camp Hale.

World View

Australian Youth Forfeits \$50,000 for Sabbath. Andrew Matthes, senior at Sydney Adventist High School, recently won a Prince Charles look-alike contest sponsored by an Australian women's magazine. First prize was a three-week vacation in London with an afternoon tea with the Prince and Princess Diana, and a \$50,000 contract with Paramount Studios in Hollywood. Matthes would star in a television mini-series on the life of Prince Charles to be filmed over a six-month period in London and Hollywood. But after a director from Paramount informed him it would be impossible to film entirely outside the Sabbath hours, Matthes surrendered the prize. The runner-up in the contest took his place. *Adventist Review*, August 15.



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by G. S. Culpepper



Moment Meditation

Disillusioned

Many times people are disillusioned by things they think they see or hear, and will literally go out of their way to investigate that which is unreal.

One day while riding down a beautiful highway in Nebraska my wife and I thought, "What a beautiful sunshiny day!" It was a brisk morning. The farmers had tilled their soil for their early planting, and the stage was set for an outstanding year in agriculture.

As we drove along the highway, we were captivated by a most unusual sight. It was migration time for the geese, and we had already seen many flocks passing overhead and heard their honking signals as they flew in their V formation. In a field far off the highway, we saw what appeared to be thousands of geese feeding in a grain field. We decided we must have a picture of this awesome sight! We had to travel several miles to a turn-around point in the highway, and then backtrack to the country road leading to the field.

Parking the car, we walked along an irrigation ditch, stumbling over rough muddy ground. Finally, we were within a block of our goal. But it was so still—so quiet, and there was no honking geese nor any sound whatsoever! We looked at each other in amazement; then reality began to dawn.

What we had seen were several hundred geese decoys painted white, grey, etc., to fool the geese flying overhead. We were also fooled!

Here we were, so captivated by what we had seen that we had taken valuable time to view this supposed spectacle of that many geese feeding on the ground. It was a chance of a lifetime!

What an object lesson for human beings in real life.

In Ephesians 4:14 Paul writes this admonition: "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." How cleverly men had fooled not only the geese, but human beings as well. From the distance we saw and felt assured that it was the real thing.

Satan, the master deceiver, is constantly deceiving mankind, and luring him to his side through disillusionment of all sorts. Let us be aware of Satan's constant delusions lest we be taken unawares.

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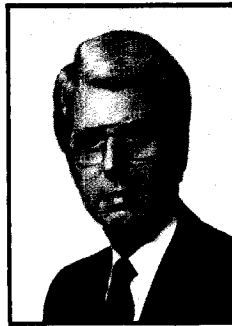
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Roll Accepts New Post

After 16 years as Southern Union secretary, Harold F. Roll has accepted an invitation from Adventist Health System/Sunbelt as vice-president for professional resources. In his new position, he will be responsible for directing the recruiting and placement of physicians in the 23 hospitals within the Southern and Southwestern unions.

During his tenure as a Union officer, Elder Roll has also served as the coordinator for recruitment of physicians and dentists throughout the Union territory. Not only has he been a frequent visitor to Loma Linda University and other professional schools, he has sought to encourage young people in the academies and at Southern College to prepare for service to the Church through the healing arts. His efforts have been richly rewarded to the extent that there are currently more than 790 Seventh-day Adventist physicians, dentists, and optometrists in our eight-state area.

Recognizing the need for fellowship and professional growth, Elder Roll has coordinated a semi-annual Medical-Dental Congress. The idea was conceived by Union Associate Health Secretary Dr. Joe Cruise of Atlanta. The first gathering convened in 1966 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and they have continued since that time, attracting the largest attendance of Adventist medical and dental personnel of any meeting outside of Loma Linda.

Elder Roll has been a valued member of the Union officer group, and as secretary has been responsible for maintaining official records and minutes, processing of worker transfer and retirement applications, granting of licenses and credentials, and assignment of ministerial intern scholarships. In addition, he has provided expertise in the drafting and revision of constitution and bylaws for the many organiza-

tions within the Union and has been a trusted counselor to conference leaders and executive committees.

Harold and Hazel Roll have given uninterrupted service to the Church since 1943. They came to the Florida Conference in 1956 and to the Southern Union office in 1969. They are eminently qualified to fulfill their new assignment in the specialized health care ministry. We will miss them, but wish them every blessing as they continue to serve the Lord and the Church.

Sumpter Elected Secretary

At a special meeting of the Southern Union Conference Executive Committee called in New Orleans just prior to the General Conference Session, Elder Ward D. Sumpter, 49, was elected Union Conference secretary. For the past five years he has been serving as associate secretary and is, therefore, very familiar with the activities of the office.

Elder and Mrs. Sumpter began their ministry in the South Atlantic Conference in 1964. Their experience includes evangelistic, pastoral, and publishing leadership. He has also been associate ministerial secretary of the Southern Union and has given direction to inner city ministry during his six years on the Union staff.

Sumpter was born and reared in Hemingway, South Carolina. His wife, Mary, comes from Atlanta, Georgia. Their children are Shernanda, 16, and Cedric, 14.

The membership of the Southern Union has numerous ethnic components: Korean, Filipino, Haitian, Vietnamese. There are 26 Hispanic congregations, with 3,736 members. And our members in the three regional conferences, which are predominantly Black, total 43,695.

We are happy that the leadership in the Southern Union reflects some of the ethnic mix of our constituency, and welcome Elder and Mrs. Ward Sumpter to their new responsibilities.

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