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1981-1985 Quinquennium Report



L. D. Beers (left), undertreasurer; W. D. Sumpter, secretary; R. P. Center, treasurer.

A. C. McClure, president.

Southern Union Conference

1981-1985 Quinquennium Report

As I begin this report for the years 1981 through 1985, I pause to acknowledge the Source of all blessings, for it is only through the benevolent hand of our Heavenly Father that the work of His church advances.

While our focus must be on the future, we review the past with gratitude, saying, with Samuel, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." (I Samuel 7:12). We are reminded that "we have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." (*Life Sketches*, 196).

I also want to express appreciation for the faithful work of those in each of our eight conferences and our educational and medical institutions. Without them the Southern Union Conference would have no report. Indeed, it would not exist.

Church Growth

When the quinquennium began January 1, 1981, Southern Union Conference membership stood at 99,186. By the end of 1985, membership had surged to 118,540, an increase of nearly 20 percent.

During this period we experienced the three best years for soul winning in our history. The five-year total was 33,871, the equivalent of a new congregation of 130 members each Sabbath!

Organized churches at the end of 1985 numbered 738.

Conferences	Churches		
	Organized	Built or Acquired	Dedicated
Carolina	9	9	16
Florida	21	14	10
Georgia-Cumberland	7	11	7
Gulf States	4	7	10
Kentucky-Tennessee	2	5	3
South Atlantic	16	25	3
South Central	19	21	7
Southeastern	21	6	4
Totals	99	98	60

The only blemish on an otherwise commendable record is

the number lost to our fellowship from apostasy and unknown whereabouts, 13,134. This should constitute a clarion call for increased emphasis on Bible-based, Christ-centered preaching, careful nurture of new believers to establish them in the faith, involvement of each member in witnessing, according to his spiritual gifts, and genuine application of the principles of the Caring Church.

Administrative Team

During most of the quinquennium H. F. Roll was secretary of the Union and J. H. Whitehead served as treasurer. The effective leadership of these men was greatly appreciated by me and the thousands they served. In 1985 Elder Roll moved to Orlando, Florida, to become a vice president of Adventist Health System/Sunbelt. Elected to succeed him was Elder W. D. Sumpter, who had been associate secretary. He has executed his enlarged responsibilities well and is favorably received throughout our territory. In 1984 Elder Whitehead retired in Jemison, Alabama. The Executive Committee chose R. P. Center as his successor. Elder Center had previously served as treasurer of the Gulf States and Georgia-Cumberland conferences. His leadership has continued the effective financial expertise which has come to characterize the Southern Union.

Treasury

While there are many indicators of the health of the church family, one important index is the faithfulness in giving. Tithe during the quinquennium increased by 55 percent over the previous five years.

Besides their systematic support of missions, evangelism, education, church development, and local operating needs, members responded to special appeals, such as African Famine Relief, which brought in nearly \$160,000 in a brief campaign in December, 1984, and the establishment of an Adventist-owned short-wave radio station on Guam to reach Asia's billions, with \$230,000 contributed during 1985.

A remarkable success story has been the growth of the

Southern Union Revolving Fund from \$160,000 to more than \$14 million during the quinquennium. Members place funds with the Southern Union Conference Association, at 8-8½ percent interest currently, which is loaned at 10½ percent interest for church, school, and camp development.

Working with Elder Center is Lee D. Beers, undertreasurer, who oversees the accounting and day-to-day operation of the Treasury Department. Elder W. E. Wasenmiller, assistant treasurer, has worked closely with the Home Health Education Service and been responsible for loss control functions.

Ardith Beers is assistant treasurer for the Association. Roger Parker is director of data processing and has developed numerous programs for the conferences to use in their accounting and membership records.

Audited financial reports for 1981-1984 appear at the end of this report. An unaudited report for 1985 will be distributed to the delegates at the March 17-19 Union Conference Session in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Adventist Health System/Sunbelt

Adventist health care has been an integral component of our work in the South since its early days. The financial and management demands, brought on by expensive, sophisticated equipment, increased governmental regulation, and rapid expansion in the number and size of hospitals, has necessitated closer cooperation between health-care institutions.

Adventist Health System/Sunbelt includes facilities in the Southern and Southwestern unions. The 14 hospitals in the

Southern Union, plus three satellite units, contain nearly 2,500 beds. Florida Hospital, with 1,071 beds, is the largest Adventist hospital in the world, and is recognized as a major critical-care facility.

Acquisitions during the quinquennium included East Pasco Medical Center, in Zephyrhills, Florida, and Park Ridge Hospital, Fletcher, North Carolina, which was operated for many years by Adventist laypersons.

Major building programs included an 11-story patient tower at Florida Hospital, Orlando, a wellness center at Medical Center Hospital, Punta Gorda, Florida, a Walker Memorial satellite facility at Lake Placid, Florida, and totally new plants at East Pasco and Highland Hospital, Portland, Tennessee, with the new Park Ridge Hospital nearing completion.

The corporation also operates eight nursing care centers in the Southern Union, with 932 beds.

In 1984 D. W. Welch left the presidency of AHS/Sunbelt to become president of Adventist Health System/US, the national corporation. Elected to succeed him was Mardian J. Blair, who had been president of Florida Hospital. Regional vice presidents in the Southern Union are Jan Rushing and Thomas Werner.

Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries

This organization of laypersons, previously known as the Association of Self-supporting Institutions (ASI), has been expanded to include individuals in private medical and legal practice and entrepreneurs, while retaining a strong institutional component.

Southern Union Conference staff (below): Gerald R. Bietz (front row, left), HHES treasurer; D. K. Griffith, director of education; Norwida A. Marshall, associate director of education; Ardith A. Beers, association assistant treasurer; G. S. Culpepper, publishing director; George A. Powell, director of communication; R. P. Peay (back row, left), youth and health-temperance director; W. M. Abbott, Jr., ASI secretary and personal ministries director; W. E. Miller, associate publishing director; T. R. Smith, associate publishing director; Glenn E. Smith, director of trust services; Roger M. Parker, director of data processing; H. E. Metcalf, ministerial secretary; Gary L. Ivey, assistant director of communication. In the background is a sculpture of the three angels of Revelation 14 which was placed in the Union office in 1985 to symbolize the mission of the Church. (Right): Don L. Weatherall (left), associate director of education; O. J. McKinney, director of stewardship and development and associate ministerial secretary; W. E. Wasenmiller, assistant treasurer. (Photographs on pages 2 and 3 by Greg Rimmer).





The Southeastern Conference began official operations the first day of the 1981-1985 quinquennium. For several years it and the parent conference, South Atlantic, held joint camp meetings at the campground in Hawthorne, Florida. A scene from the 1982 convocation is pictured here. Beginning in 1984 South Atlantic moved to its new campground in Orangeburg, South Carolina. (Photograph by S. E. Gooden).

Although self-supporting work began in the South, it wasn't until 1978 that a Southern Union chapter of ASI was organized, with 25 members. Members, guests, and visitors at the 1985 chapter meeting numbered more than 300.

Members of this organization have unique opportunities for witnessing through business contacts in their communities.

Elder W. M. Abbott, Jr., is the executive secretary of the Southern Union chapter. The chapter president is Edwin Martin, of Dalton, Georgia. The national ASI president, Philip Winsted, lives in Kernersville, North Carolina.

Communication

This is a relatively new, but growing department of the Church. It involves the electronic and print media, plus special emphases such as church beautification and identification and public address functions.

The department has a broad service area, communicating both with those inside and outside the Adventist Church. It serves the administration and all departments, as well as conferences and institutions, in their communication needs.

Specific accomplishments during the quinquennium included nearly 300,000 column inches of newspaper coverage reported, 1,176 highway signs erected, a new fair display emphasizing healthful living, annual seminars for the three Adventist-owned radio stations in the Union and career days at Oakwood and Southern colleges, academy newspaper judging and awards, and 26 audio-visual or video productions. The first Union-wide communication seminar in more than 10 years was held in 1983 at Southern College.

Included in the department's responsibilities is the publi-

cation of *SOUTHERN TIDINGS*, whose circulation is approaching 45,000.

In 1984 the department added another major responsibility, evangelistic advertising. To date, it has been involved in 38 crusades. The purpose is to combine demographic research, selection of target populations, media selection and diversification, data collection and processing, test marketing, and development of new advertising materials. The department functions as an advertising agency, leaving the pastor and/or evangelist free to concentrate on preaching, visiting, and getting decisions. The service is available to any pastor or evangelist in the Southern Union.

Leading out in the Communication Department is Elder George A. Powell, assisted by Elder Gary L. Ivey. Carl D. Crowson is the sign engineer.

Education

Few activities of the Church carry a higher priority than Christian education. Accordingly, the Church has invested heavily in buildings, equipment, materials, and personnel.

The Southern Union K-12 (Kindergarten through 12th grade) education team, directed by Elder D. K. Griffith and associates Dr. Norwida A. Marshall and Dr. Don L. Weatherall, has given creative leadership. Among the accomplishments are *Focus on the Adventist Home*, a quarterly journal that has now been adopted by the North American Division. Dr. Marshall developed the magazine and continues as co-editor. In the most recent academic year 728 Home and School Association meetings were held, 208 more



Laypersons throughout the Union, such as those attending this 1984 institute at Camp Alamisco, became involved in conducting Revelation Seminars. (Photograph by R. R. Hallock).

than in any of the other eight union conferences in North America.

The department has developed Minimum Adventist Performance Standards, an evaluation instrument designed to ensure that the Adventist life style and beliefs permeate the entire curriculum, not merely the Bible classes. Witnessing and service are integral elements in every school evaluation.

This report would be incomplete if it ignored the enrollment trends of recent years. K-10 enrollment in conference-operated schools fell 364 during the quinquennium, with 8,600 students for the present school year. Total conference and self-supporting academy enrollment gained 57 to 2,243, but the elementary decline could signal a downturn in the years ahead. Factors include a declining birth rate, the cost of operating private schools, and a reduced level of support for Christian education on the part of some. The well-being of the Church demands that Adventist education continue as a dynamic priority.

Education Endowment

A recent development aimed at ensuring the future of Adventist education is Project SAFE (Student Assistance for Eternity). SAFE consists of endowments for secondary and college institutions, with the principal being securely invested and the earnings from interest providing student scholarships.

Impetus for an endowment sprang from a visit to Southern College of a retired businessman (not a Seventh-day Adventist) who had attended school there for a brief period in the 1920s. Donations by him and his wife led to the adoption of Century II, a campaign to raise \$10 million for an endowment. Cash and pledges total \$6 million, with \$2.5 million already in hand. Interest returns are assisting needy students with scholarships.

Five of our conferences have joined in a cooperative venture with Southern College, hoping to raise an additional \$18 million for secondary education during the next five-to-ten years.

Most presentations and visits are made jointly by college and academy personnel, with gifts divided equally between the two endowments unless specified otherwise by the donor.

The rapid growth of Project SAFE demanded that someone be employed who could devote primary attention to it. Thus Stewart J. Crook joined our staff as of January 1, 1986. Elder Crook had been responsible for field contacts for the Southern College endowment program. He will provide coordination for the total Union endowment program.

Health/Temperance

Health/temperance ministries range from elementary school programs to stress management classes to physician recruitment.

During most of the quinquennium Health and Temperance functioned as separate departments, directed by H. F. Roll, MPH, and R. P. Peay, MPH, respectively. With Roll's departure in 1985, the Southern Union followed the General Conference's lead and combined them into a single Health/Temperance Department, with Peay as director.

During the past five years 691 smoking cessation programs have been held, with 5,633 smokers claiming victory. One hundred and forty other health classes were conducted, with 1,232 participants. Nearly 29,000 health screening contacts were made, and 86,063 pieces of literature distributed. Health-education programs by Adventist hospitals in the Southern Union would likely equal or exceed the conference reports.

During the past 10 years 334 have participated in the

Southern Union's off-campus program, sponsored by Loma Linda University, leading to a master's degree in public health.

Special assistance in medical and dental recruitment is provided by Joe S. Cruise, MD, and J. Glen Linebarger, DDS. Their leadership, along with that of H. F. Roll and AHS/S personnel, has resulted in hundreds of health professionals locating in Southern Union territory. In 1970 physicians and dentists numbered 450. The present total is 850.

Inner City

In a society where millions have not shared in the prosperity of the nation as a whole and where urban conditions pose formidable obstacles to proclamation of the Gospel, Inner City Services seeks to extend a helping hand. This is done through shelters for the homeless, soup kitchens, screening programs, community services centers, and summer camps. Centers and vans in the Southern Union total 322.

Another outreach receiving support is prison ministries. While numerous Adventist churches and schools engage in such programs, special efforts have been made in Birmingham, Nashville, and Orlando.

Inner City was also involved in Appalachian Adventure, a project to support church growth and development and combat rural poverty in eastern Kentucky.

More than \$400,000 has been appropriated to inner city



Opening ceremonies were held January 27, 1985, for this 11-story patient tower at Florida Hospital, the largest Adventist hospital in the world. (Photograph by Florida Hospital PR staff).

ministries by the Southern Union and General conferences during the past five years.

Elder W. D. Sumpter gives direction to Inner City activities in addition to his duties as secretary of the Union.

Ministerial

The Ministerial Association is charged with fostering evangelism and pastoral growth throughout the Union. Among the methods used to accomplish this have been annual evangelism councils and continuing education programs leading to master's and doctoral degrees through off-campus intensives conducted by Andrews University.

Elder Harold E. Metcalf and his associate, Elder O. J. McKinney, have endeavored to set the pace by conducting more than 50 Daniel and Revelation and Sanctuary seminars,



The Church has made major investments in its educational program. The Highland Academy campus (above) was extensively renovated during the quinquennium. (Photograph by Lyle C. Anderson). Music Festivals (below) are one of the annual Union-wide events provided for academy students.



seven public evangelistic crusades, and preaching more than 500 sermons during the quinquennium.

Scores of visits have been made to ministers' meetings and camp meetings.

A Union-wide Caring Church and Conflict Management Council was held in 1984, attended by more than 500 ministers.

Other functions of the association include fostering divorce and remarriage committees to provide guidance and counsel for those confronted with these intricate and difficult problems. Such committees now exist at the Union and all local conferences.

The Ministerial Association is also the Church's liaison with Adventist Singles Ministries, a growing organization which provides activities and services for unmarried adults in the Church.

Unlock Your Potential, a quarterly magazine for ministers, completed 20 years of publication in 1985.

After 43 years of denominational service, the last 22 as secretary of the Southern Union Ministerial Association, Elder Metcalf is retiring, concurrent with the March 17-19 Union Session. Thousands have been added to the Church through his ministry and many thousands more have been helped in numerous ways. We extend to him and his wife, Marjorie, our thanks and best wishes.

Oakwood College

Although it is a General Conference institution, a special relationship exists between Oakwood College and the Southern Union Conference, inasmuch as it is located in our territory. Oakwood educates hundreds of our young people yearly, and furnishes many of our church leaders.

The college has grown significantly during the quinquennium, reaching a peak of nearly 1,500 students. As is the case with nearly all Adventist colleges in North America, Oakwood is confronted with financial and enrollment challenges, but the future looks promising.

Following his election as a general vice president of the General Conference, Dr. C. B. Rock concluded a 14-year tenure as president of the College. In October, 1985, Dr. Benjamin F. Reaves was elected to succeed him. Reaves had been chairman of the Division of Religion.

Personal Ministries

In an attempt to reflect the importance of one-to-one witnessing, the former Lay Activities Department was changed to Personal Ministries at the beginning of this



Numerous community services, such as this "soup kitchen" in Thomasville, Georgia, give evidence that the "Caring Church" is more than a slogan. (Photograph by R. R. Brown).



Chessie and George Harris (right), founders of Harris Home for Children, Huntsville, Alabama, were honored at the 1983 National ASI Convention for outstanding humanitarian service. Over a 30-year period they cared for 847 foster children! (Photograph by H. G. Crowson).

quinquennium. Leading out in the personal evangelism thrust has been W. M. Abbott, Jr.

Among the responsibilities of the department is the annual Ingathering campaign. The Southern Union raised more than \$1 million each of the five years.

Approximately 3,177,084 missionary journals (*Signs of the Times*, *Message*, *El Centinela*, etc.) were distributed during the period.

Community Services has seen accelerated activity, including federation meetings, annual Union-wide workshops, and the introduction of new Community Services

uniforms. Volunteers have been active in numerous disaster-relief operations.

"Personal Touch," an audio-visual program which highlights lay witnessing, began in the Southern Union in 1980. By 1985 it had become the approved audio-visual for the Personal Ministries Department of the North American Division, with nearly 1,200 churches subscribing to the quarterly program.

Union-wide lay training seminars have been held, both for lay evangelists and those wishing to conduct Revelation Seminars.

A summary of other activities is as follows:

Bible studies	560,409
Literature distributed	6,949,173
Souls laymen helped win	10,412
Persons helped	1,964,725
Cash given away	\$3,876,184
Community Services vans	43

The most recent witnessing tool introduced by the department is a "Caring Edition" of the Bible, containing a section called "God's Promises for You" and another called "God's Helps for You." The first printing order was 13,000.

Publishing

The literature ministry holds a cherished position and historical significance for Seventh-day Adventists. Although it has advanced from simple tracts to include colorful, multiple-volume sets, the goal remains the same—to reach people with the message of God's love and His plan for their lives.

The past five years have been a period of reorganization and financial stabilization. For some years prior to this quinquennium the publishing leadership in the five conferences affiliated with the Home Health Education Service was centralized at the Union office. This has been reversed, and each of those conferences now has a resident publishing director.

In order to return the operation to a sound financial footing, several steps have been taken. Some of them have been painful, such as the reduction of office personnel. However,



An aggressive program of church growth and development resulted in 98 newly constructed or acquired church buildings during the period, such as that experienced by the Pageland, South Carolina, congregation in 1984. (Photograph by S. E. Gooden).



The Caring Church expressed itself in such ways as conducting camps for the blind. A blind camper (center) participates in a talent show at Nosoca Pines Ranch. (Photograph by Robert L. Sheldon).

this has been accomplished without curtailing essential field services.

Other actions include tighter collection procedures and writing better contracts, produced, in part, by increasing the necessary down payment. Considerable strides have been made in recruiting successful literature evangelists. The result has been the repayment of some \$500,000 in debts owed by HHES to various entities.

Sales for the five-year period came to nearly \$15½ million. Baptisms totaled 1,300. Literature evangelists have helped raise up congregations in Gainesville and Thomaston, Georgia.

A summary of five-year activity includes:

Free literature distributed	800,000
Bible course enrollments	89,394
Former SDAs contacted	5,956
Prayers offered in homes	273,865
Bible studies given	35,290

Also under the umbrella of the Publishing Department are the Adventist Book Centers. Some of the seven ABCs in the

Union have experienced remarkable strength, while others have had financial struggles. Steps are underway to encourage greater member support for these important entities so that our church's outstanding publications might receive wider circulation.

Serving as publishing director throughout the term has been Elder G. S. Culpepper. Associated with him are Elders William E. Miller and T. R. Smith. All of these men are veteran literature evangelists and have been used of God in numerous ways. Elder Smith works primarily with the Family Health Education Service, a program followed by our predominantly black conferences, similar to HHES, but with certain provisions designed to better serve that target population.

Gerald R. Bietz is HHES treasurer.

Religious Liberty

Thomas Jefferson declared, "There is no safe deposit for liberty, but with the people themselves. Nor can it be safe with them without information."

Through rallies, personal intervention in religious discrimination cases, and promotion of *Liberty* magazine, the Religious Liberty Department has sought to provide relevant information and support.

Issues have included the energy crisis and Sunday closings, the proposed constitutional convention, proposed school prayer amendments, the "conscience clause," problems resulting from the Hardison and New Jersey rest day cases, the Vatican ambassador issue, and the Clearwater, Florida, solicitation ordinance. Numerous Adventists with Sabbath work or labor union problems have been helped.

The department serves as liaison with the Southern Society of Adventist Attorneys, which held its 11th annual retreat September, 1985.

During the five-year period 286,365 *Liberty* magazines have been sponsored by members in the Southern Union.

For the past 10 years Fernon D. Retzer has served as religious liberty director for the Union. He retired at the end of the quinquennium after more than 41 years of service to the Church. He and His wife, Dorothy hold a special place in the hearts of thousands in the Southern Union and around the world. We bid them a reluctant, but sincere, farewell.

Sabbath School

Elder Retzer has also served as director of Sabbath school activities in the Southern Union. His tenure has been



Thousands of members, such as those in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Lay Witness Team, found numerous ways in which to share their faith. (Photograph by Maryan B. Wilkinson).



The Aeolians, of Oakwood College, presented concerts in many countries of the world during the past five years. Here they appear at the 1982 World's Fair at Knoxville, Tennessee, with author Alex Haley and actress Jayne Kennedy. (Photograph by Juliaette W. Phillips).

marked by numerous innovations, including "You Can Understand the Bible," a short course which has been presented at the camp meetings of all eight conferences and in numerous churches.

Union-wide Workshop Demonstrators' Seminars have been held annually to better equip those who conduct quarterly workshops on the local conference level.

Vacation Bible schools during the period numbered 776, with an enrollment of 41,992, of which 23,254 came from nonAdventist homes.

Offerings during the quinquennium amounted to \$13,618,927. Sabbath school Investment accounted for nearly \$2 million of that.

The Sabbath School Department played the leading role in Appalachian Adventure, a project that sparked impressive growth for the Church in eastern Kentucky.

Audio-visual programs promoted by the department include Family of God, a 12-part series designed to acquaint members, particularly new converts, with the organization and mission of the Church; Mission Spotlight, which is now seen in 3,500 churches in several parts of the world; the Adventure Series, a collection of Bible, mission, and nature programs designed for the kindergarten and primary divisions; and Hall of Faith, a new program featuring former and present Adventist personalities who can serve as appropriate role models for junior and earliteen youth.

Southern College

The past five years has been a period of both growth and challenges for our college. Several major campus structures have been completed, including the music building, communication/business/arts building, and headquarters for the Division of Religion, which involved a major renovation of the former music building.

During this period enrollment peaked at 2,091, but, in line with a national trend, has experienced losses. This has posed financial challenges and some reductions in staff, but virtually all disciplines remain intact, with adequate and competent faculty.

The quinquennium has also seen a resurgence of spiritual fervor and outreach activities.

Other positive elements: The Division of Nursing is the largest such program in the State of Tennessee. A chair in business entrepreneurship has been endowed, further strengthening that area of instruction. Virtually all ministe-

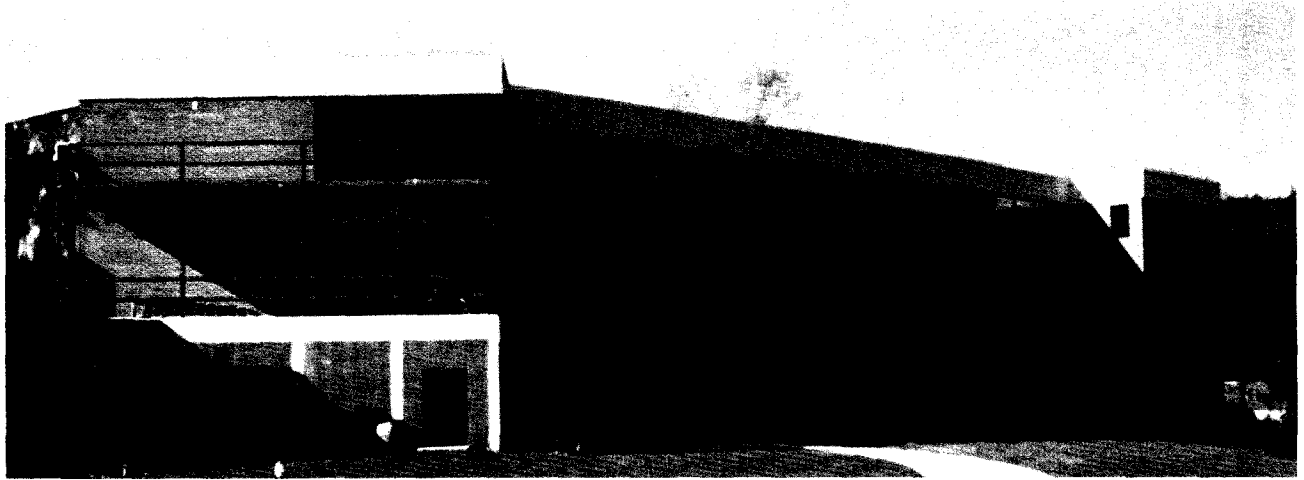
rial students are placed promptly after graduation. College industries have increased. A Conference Center has been established to better accommodate seminars and conventions.

In 1982 the name of the institution was changed from Southern Missionary College to Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists. While the former name was filled with positive images and fond memories for many of us, the new name is providing a clear identity for the school and has been increasingly well received by a large majority of the constituency. Eight large signs along Interstate Highway 75, placed by the Tennessee Department of Transportation, mark the exits and roads to Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists.

In 1983 Dr. Wagner became president of Southern College, succeeding Dr. Frank Knittel, who had served with distinction for 12 years. Dr. Wagner's leadership has been greatly appreciated, and it is with our regrets, but best wishes, that



Carlos Turcios, of Homestead, Florida, was one of scores who took to the airwaves during the quinquennium to communicate the gospel. (Photograph by Volker R. Henning).



Brock Hall, completed in 1984, is the newest structure on the Southern College campus. The building houses the business and communication departments and FM90.5, WSMC-FM, the College radio station. (Photograph by Todd K. Parrish).

he concludes his tenure at the end of the current academic year to become president of Union College. The Board of Trustees has elected Dr. Donald Sahly as the new president (see page 39).

Stewardship and Development

While most think of finances when the word "stewardship" is heard, true stewardship is a total life concept, incorporating one's time, talent and treasure.

Stewardship education has been advanced through family finance seminars, sermons, revivals, offertory readings, meetings with church boards, 41 workshops by the Union director, and thousands of pieces of stewardship literature.

The Personal Giving Plan was introduced during this period, and has been adopted by 335 churches in six conferences. The Plan seeks to replace crisis-oriented giving with systematic support for all phases of God's work.

The Conference Development/Advance plan has been implemented in 506 churches, generating funds for education, evangelism, youth activities, community services and inner city projects, and campground development. Nearly \$6 million was received through these offerings.

As noted earlier in this report, 98 church buildings have been constructed or acquired during the quinquennium.

The stewardship director, Elder O. J. McKinney, conducted four evangelistic crusades during the period. The result was nearly 200 persons baptized and a church organized in Waycross, Georgia, where the Southeastern Conference had previously had no established presence.

Trust Services

Trust Services has experienced significant growth during the past five years. Mention has already been made of the Southern Union Revolving Fund. About 600 members now have deposits in SURF and more than 100 church entities are enjoying substantial savings, with one local church saving \$150,000 through reduced interest payments!

In view of the need for special expertise and continuing education for those dealing with trusts, certification requirements have been established and 19 trust workers in the Southern Union have qualified for their certificates. Most Trust Services personnel are not attorneys, and thus do not engage in drafting legal documents. However, they can suggest a wide variety of ways through which a member

might benefit both himself, his family, and the Church, ranging from simple wills to complex trusts and annuities.

During the course of the quinquennium, a number of our faithful folk have been laid to rest, leaving empty places in our hearts and churches, but many continue to bless the work with the gifts they have left. Gifts and maturities to the work during these five years total more than \$11 million.

Trust Services has developed a number of effective promotional and informational materials, and has been very active in the development of the SAFE Endowment project.

Elder Glenn E. Smith is the director.

Youth Ministries

The youth of the Church have been appropriately identified as "an heritage of the Lord" (Psalm 127:3) and a potential "army of workers" in the cause of God. (*Education*, 271).

There are more than 500 active Adventist Youth Societies in the Southern Union, with nearly 20,000 members. More than 7,000 youth were invested in the Friend to Guide progressive classes, and an additional 622 Master Guides.

Our Pathfinder program has grown from 259 clubs in 1981, with 4,102 members, to 369 clubs and 7,593 members. The Union had the second-largest delegation at the NAD Pathfinder Camporee at Camp Hale, Colorado, in August, 1985. Florida had the largest delegation of any conference.

In the area of senior youth ministries, the Union was well represented at the Pan American Youth Congress in Mexico City. Adventist youth federations and youth fellowships are thriving in many places. Youth Ministries Conventions were held in 1981, 1983, and 1985, with up to 300 attending each gathering. Adventist clubs have been organized on several secular college campuses.

An accumulating resource packet, now totaling nearly 2,000 pages, has been prepared for use by conference youth directors.

Other activities involving youth ministries personnel have included 65 Bible conferences and 30 Weeks of Prayer.

More than 11,000 youth were involved in more than 900 evangelistic events, resulting in some 6,000 baptisms.

The Southern Union has designated nearly \$100,000 dur-



The Florida Conference had the largest delegation at the North American Pathfinder Camporee, held during 1985 at Camp Hale, Colorado. (Photograph by John Lazor).

ing the five years for summer ministries scholarships.

Serving as director of youth ministries is Elder Ralph P. Peay.

Conference Administration

The past five years have seen considerable turnover in conference leadership. Indeed, at the beginning of 1986, the presidents of five of the eight conferences had been at their current posts for no more than a year!

While this has necessitated certain adjustments and required time for new emphases to be developed and implemented, it has also instilled new vigor and fresh approaches into the conference programs.

The conference administrative team is comprised of capable, committed servant-leaders: Elder C. E. Dudley, South Central; Elder J. A. Edgecombe, Southeastern; Elder R. S. Folkenberg, Carolina; Elder W. A. Geary, Georgia-Cumberland; Elder M. D. Gordon, Florida; Elder R. B. Hairston, South Atlantic; Elder R. R. Hallock, Gulf States; and Elder C. L. Shankel, Kentucky-Tennessee.

Moving the Caring Church Into Action

This concludes my report to the membership for the 1981-1985 quinquennium. Much more could be said. Far

from the public eye countless unsung heroes, soldiers of the cross, carry forth their labors of love.

But even if we were to recount all that has been accomplished, we would be compelled to confess that we have been insufficient to the task. All about us are multitudes—some hurting and searching, others indifferent or hostile to the claims of Christ.

How will the work be finished? We readily confess, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." (Zechariah 4:6).

But while we seek no glory for ourselves, while we entertain no illusions of self-importance, we hear the voice of our Heavenly Leader declare, "Arise, shine; for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." (Isaiah 60:1).

Time is fleeting. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand." (Romans 13:12). It's time to move the Caring Church into action. Harvest 90 demands our wholehearted involvement and support.

"The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become the church triumphant. And still our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance; enter new territory.' . . . There must be no delay in this work. Our watchword is to be Onward, ever onward!" (*Evangelism*, 707).

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Consolidated Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984

ASSETS	1981	1982	1983	1984
Current Assets				
Cash	\$ 833,750	\$ 699,017	\$ 1,462,946	\$ 2,072,615
Accounts Receivable	3,760,796	4,571,580	4,643,613	4,314,205
Notes and Loans Receivable	579,507	370,837	376,915	482,820
Merchandise and Supplies	196,495	145,208	156,620	113,000
Prepaid Expense	63,045	6,502	11,164	1,678
Total Current Assets	<u>5,433,593</u>	<u>5,793,144</u>	<u>6,651,258</u>	<u>6,984,318</u>
Other Assets				
Long Term Receivables	-	217,212	136,799	54,463
Fixed Assets				
Equipment	306,698	276,055	234,369	302,311
Total Assets	<u>\$5,740,291</u>	<u>\$6,286,411</u>	<u>\$7,022,426</u>	<u>\$7,341,092</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$2,965,983	\$3,199,980	\$3,406,997	\$3,381,410
Trust Funds	422,239	412,017	356,919	334,221
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,388,222</u>	<u>3,611,997</u>	<u>3,763,916</u>	<u>3,715,631</u>
Total Liabilities	3,388,222	3,611,997	3,763,916	3,715,631
Fund Balance				
Tithe Fund Operating Capital	1,141,700	1,318,502	1,727,622	1,879,393
Specific Purpose Fund Balance	310,725	427,270	427,270	427,270
Net Investment in Equipment	306,698	276,055	234,369	302,311
Operating Sub Fund Balances	592,892	600,767	756,471	973,351
Capital Sub Fund Balances	54	51,820	112,778	43,136
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,352,069</u>	<u>2,674,414</u>	<u>3,258,510</u>	<u>3,625,461</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	<u>\$5,740,291</u>	<u>\$6,286,411</u>	<u>\$7,022,426</u>	<u>\$7,341,092</u>

(The footnotes are an integral part of this statement.)

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Consolidated Statement of Income and Expense
For Years Ended December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984

	1981	1982	1983	1984
INCOME				
Tithe Income	\$3,750,465	\$3,973,975	\$4,293,008	\$4,505,699
Other Income	1,704,631	1,591,101	1,681,651	1,991,129
Total Income	<u>5,455,096</u>	<u>5,565,076</u>	<u>5,974,659</u>	<u>6,496,828</u>
OPERATING EXPENSE				
Tithe Percentages	677,794	718,145	775,819	825,579
Workers Salary and Expense	1,212,485	1,195,786	1,290,949	1,413,340
Administrative and General	432,505	458,598	465,117	513,280
Departmental Expense	58,326	29,533	38,610	34,200
Appropriations From Tithe	109,863	185,324	221,854	363,285
Specific Purpose Operating Expense	3,434,474	3,027,525	2,919,890	3,331,235
Total Operating Expense	<u>5,925,447</u>	<u>5,614,911</u>	<u>5,712,239</u>	<u>6,480,919</u>
Net Funds Available Before Subsidies	<u>(407,351)</u>	<u>(49,835)</u>	<u>262,420</u>	<u>15,909</u>
Subsidies Received	869,020	327,448	216,176	283,872
Net Income with Subsidies	<u>398,669</u>	<u>277,613</u>	<u>478,596</u>	<u>299,781</u>
Net Other Income (Expense)	2,523	44,732	105,500	67,170
Net Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance	401,192	322,345	584,096	366,951
Previous Total Fund Balances	1,950,877	2,352,069	2,674,414	3,258,510
Present Year Total Fund Balances	<u>\$2,352,069</u>	<u>\$2,674,414</u>	<u>\$3,258,510</u>	<u>\$3,625,461</u>

(The footnotes are an integral part of this statement.)

**Notes to Financial Statements for the Years Ended
December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984**

NOTE 1 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Fund Accounting — To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Conference, the accounts of the Conference are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. The accounting records are divided into two funds: the Tithe Fund and the Specific Purposes Fund. The Tithe Fund is used to account for tithe income and its related expenditures. The Specific Purposes Fund is used for non-tithe projects and certain tithe activities that require a separate accounting. The year-end statements are consolidated to reflect the full operation of the Conference in a single financial statement.

Accounting Method — The accounting records are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting.

Inventories — Departmental and supplies inventories are stated at cost based on the weighted average method, with allowance for obsolescence being made.

Equipment — Equipment is capitalized at cost in the Specific Purposes Fund. Depreciation is computed at 15% of the previous year's net value for equipment and furniture, and at various other rates which vary from 4-7 years on a straight-line basis for all other fixed assets.

NOTE 2 — Retirement Plan — Employees are eligible to participate in a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan administered by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C.

NOTE 3 — Rental of Office — The headquarters office building is leased from the Southern Union Conference Association, who owns the property. The office rental expense is recorded in the operating statement of the Southern Union Conference.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

To the Constituency
Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Decatur, Georgia

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984, and the related statements of income and expense for the years then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records, such tests for compliance with denominational policies, and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, as auditors of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, applied on a consistent basis, and also in conformity in all material respects with applicable policies of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

Decatur, Georgia
January 30, 1986

General Conference Auditing Service

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

**Consolidated Balance Sheet — Owned Funds
As of December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984**

ASSETS	1981	1982	1983	1984
Current Assets				
Cash	\$ 811,448	\$1,227,542	\$1,572,657	\$1,828,888
Accounts Receivable	207,093	180,596	139,113	42,334
Notes and Loans Receivable	204,000	178,190	321,505	210,159
Total Current Assets	1,222,541	1,586,328	2,033,275	2,081,381
Fixed Assets				
Land and Improvements (Net)	118,454	114,334	110,300	106,270
Buildings (Net)	732,422	713,600	734,204	726,607
Total Fixed Assets	850,876	827,934	844,504	832,877
Other Assets				
Long-Term Receivables	269,097	261,623	66,299	198,322
Real Estate Investments	88,471	88,471	88,471	84,471
Total Other Assets	357,568	350,094	154,770	282,793
Total Assets	<u>\$2,430,985</u>	<u>\$2,764,356</u>	<u>\$3,032,549</u>	<u>\$3,197,051</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 736	\$ 4,642	\$ 753	\$ 11,232
Notes & Loans Payable (Note 3)	3,373	3,618	3,882	4,164
Due to Non-Owned Funds	192,535	166,535	124,075	77,375
Total Current Liabilities	196,644	174,795	128,710	92,771
Other Liabilities				
Notes & Loans Payable (Note 3)	45,372	41,754	37,873	33,709
Deferred Interest Income	497	1,884	-0-	-0-
Total Liabilities	242,513	218,433	166,583	126,480
Fund Balances				
Unappropriated Fund Balance	778,390	973,498	1,281,323	1,436,327
Reserve Fund Balance	130,560	130,560	-0-	-0-
Unexpended Plant Fund Balance	477,391	659,303	781,893	849,978
Net Invested in Plant Fund Balance	802,131	782,562	802,750	784,266
Total Fund Balances	2,188,472	2,545,923	2,865,966	3,070,571
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	<u>\$2,430,985</u>	<u>\$2,764,356</u>	<u>\$3,032,549</u>	<u>\$3,197,051</u>

(The footnotes are an integral part of this statement.)

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

**Consolidated Statement of Income and Expense — Owned Funds
For Years Ended December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984**

	1981	1982	1983	1984
INCOME				
Interest Income	\$ 127,400	\$ 171,138	\$ 212,266	\$ 219,820
Rental Income	79,256	79,735	80,149	78,100
Miscellaneous Income	2,620	4,737	4,341	4,941
Total Operating Income	209,276	255,610	296,756	302,861
EXPENSE				
Interest Expense	9,089	9,699	7,557	5,548
Miscellaneous Expense	17,373	13,602	13,024	15,164
Office Building Expense	50,850	60,054	42,377	77,771
Residence Expense	29,602	15,157	23,812	9,751
Total Operating Expense	106,914	98,512	86,770	108,234
Total Operating Gain (Loss)	102,362	157,098	209,986	194,627
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE				
Gain on Sale of Plant Assets	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,215
Maturities — Net (Note 4)	15,985	60,353	4,457	10,281
Appropriations — Plant Fund	120,000	140,000	110,000	10,000
Interest	30	-0-	-0-	-0-
Appropriations made from Maturities	(15,985)	-0-	(4,400)	(11,518)
Net Other Income	120,030	200,353	110,057	9,978
Net Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance	222,392	357,451	320,043	204,605
Previous Total Fund Balance	1,966,080	2,188,472	2,545,923	2,865,966
Present Year Fund Balance	<u>\$2,188,472</u>	<u>\$2,545,923</u>	<u>\$2,865,966</u>	<u>\$3,070,571</u>

(The footnotes are an integral part of this statement.)

**Notes to Financial Statements for the Years Ended
December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984**

NOTE 1 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Fund Accounting — To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Association, the accounts of the Association are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. This is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified according to their nature and purposes. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, in the accompanying financial statements, funds that have similar characteristics have been combined into fund groups. Accordingly, all financial transactions have been recorded and reported by fund groups.

Owned Funds — The consolidated statement of the owned funds includes the operating or Current Fund, the Plant Fund, and the Investment Fund. Each fund is a self-balancing fund as follows:

The operating or Current Fund includes the unrestricted resources and represents the portion of the expendable funds available for support of the Association. The Plant Fund represents resources designated for plant purposes and funds expended for plant. The Investment Fund represents a fund for the investment of monies from other funds not specifically invested.

Non-Owned Funds — The non-owned funds, which include the Agency and Demand Fund, the Revocable Trust Agreement Fund, the Irrevocable

Trust Agreement Fund, the Annuity Fund and the Unitrusts, are for funds which the Association holds in an agency, trustee, or fiduciary capacity.

AGENCY AND DEMAND FUND:

This fund includes those funds which are placed on deposit with the Association and other funds for which the Association is acting as an agent

REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT FUND:

These funds are subject to formal inter vivos trust agreements and are revocable on the part of the contracting parties.

IRREVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENTS:

These funds are subject to formal trust agreements and are irrevocable.

ANNUITY FUNDS:

These funds are subject to an annuity agreement and are irrevocable.

UNITRUSTS:

Unitrusts were established by the Tax Reform Act of 1969 and are irrevocable.

Accrual Accounting — The accounting records are kept on an accrual basis and the financial statements are presented on this basis.

Plant Assets and Depreciation — The rental income paid for the use of the plant assets is reported as income in the operating fund. Depreciation of buildings and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets on a straight-line basis. Office equipment and other movable equipment is recorded on the records of the Southern Union Conference.

Marketable Securities — Marketable securities are presented at cost or market, whichever is lower based on the value of the portfolio as a whole.

NOTE 2 — Pooled Investment Fund — A pooled investment fund facilitates the management of the investment program and keeps investment income at highest possible levels. Most of the investment funds come from the owned funds, however the Pooled Investment Fund also manages some of the non-owned funds. All of the earnings from the Investment Fund are distributed each year. The portion of the earnings attributable to the non-owned funds are distributed first and the balance is distributed to the Current Fund.

NOTE 3 — Notes and Loans Payable — These notes represent mortgages on the parsonages which the Association owns. Rent for the parsonages is received as income in the Current Fund.

	1981	1982	1983	1984
Decatur Federal Savings & Loan	\$13,764	\$12,536	\$11,218	\$ 9,805
Decatur Federal Savings & Loan	13,788	12,652	11,446	10,164
Decatur Federal Savings & Loan	<u>21,193</u>	<u>20,184</u>	<u>19,091</u>	<u>17,904</u>
Total	48,745	45,372	41,755	37,873
Current Portion	<u>3,373</u>	<u>3,618</u>	<u>3,882</u>	<u>4,164</u>
Balance — Long Term	<u>\$45,372</u>	<u>\$41,754</u>	<u>\$37,873</u>	<u>\$33,709</u>

NOTE 4 — Maturing Trusts — Maturing trusts amounts are recorded as income in the Operating Fund. Distribution of these amounts are made according to the terms of the trust, and those amounts that are determined for the Association are distributed by action of the board, usually for use by the Southern Union Conference in the work of the church.

NOTE 5 — Salaries — All salaries and other related employee expenses of individuals working for the Association are paid by the Southern Union Conference.

NOTE 6 — Non-Owned Funds Held in Trust — The Association had funds and property held in trust in the various Non-Owned Funds in the amounts shown:

Funds Held in Trust			
1981	1982	1983	1984
\$3,162,369	\$3,339,697	\$3,390,540	\$3,333,309

NOTE 7 — Revolving Fund — The Association administers a revolving fund for the financing of capital projects. Financial information of this fund has not been combined with these statements as this would not produce meaningful financial data. The reader of this statement is advised to review the financial statements of the Revolving Fund for a full understanding of the work of the Association.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

To the Constituency
Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists
Decatur, Georgia

We have examined the Consolidated Owned Funds balance sheet of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984, and the related statements of income and expense for the years then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records, such tests for compliance with denominational policies, and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, as auditors of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists Owned Funds as of December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, applied on a consistent basis, and also in conformity in all material respects with applicable policies of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

Decatur, Georgia
January 30, 1986
General Conference Auditing Service

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

**Revolving Fund — Balance Sheet
December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984**

ASSETS	1981	1982	1983	1984
Current Assets				
Cash (Note 2)	\$188,378	\$1,124,434	\$1,479,016	\$2,019,680
Accounts Receivable	-0-	-0-	-0-	402
Notes Receivable (Note 3)	6,176	64,189	317,811	563,672
Accrued Interest Receivable	-0-	956	26,175	61,559
Total Current Assets	<u>194,554</u>	<u>1,189,579</u>	<u>1,823,002</u>	<u>2,645,313</u>
Other Assets				
Notes Receivable — Long Term (Note 3)	71,715	416,436	2,790,486	4,582,978
Total Assets	<u>\$266,269</u>	<u>\$1,606,015</u>	<u>\$4,613,488</u>	<u>\$7,228,291</u>
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,572	\$ 5,134	\$ 25,201	\$ 59,425
Notes & Loans Payable (Note 4)	249,563	1,584,926	4,545,804	7,062,938
Total Current Liabilities	<u>257,135</u>	<u>1,590,060</u>	<u>4,571,005</u>	<u>7,122,363</u>
Other Liabilities				
Sinking Fund	9,134	15,955	42,483	105,928
Total Liabilities	<u>\$266,269</u>	<u>\$1,606,015</u>	<u>\$4,613,488</u>	<u>\$7,228,291</u>

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SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Revolving Fund — Statement of Income and Expense
For Years Ended December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984

	1981	1982	1983	1984
INCOME				
Interest Income	\$31,714	\$61,477	\$304,092	\$619,039
Miscellaneous Income	-0-	-0-	90	5
Total Income	31,714	61,477	304,182	619,044
EXPENSE				
Miscellaneous Expense	24	42	754	80
Legal Expense	1,431	655	385	1,060
Interest Expense	15,114	48,825	251,313	495,546
Total Operating Expense	16,569	49,522	252,452	496,686
Excess of Income over Expense	15,145	11,955	51,730	122,358
DISTRIBUTION				
Sinking Fund Earnings				
Sinking Fund	-0-	-0-	1,327	4,532
Net Revolving Fund Earnings				
Accounts Payable — Conference	7,572	5,978	25,201	58,913
Sinking Fund	7,573	5,977	25,202	58,913
Total Distribution	\$15,145	\$11,955	\$51,730	\$122,358
Net Income Undistributed	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

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Revolving Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984

NOTE 1 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Fund Accounting — To ensure the observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Association the accounting records are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting.

Fund Description — In 1980 the Revolving Fund was established to provide a source of financing for approved capital improvements projects of conferences, churches and institutions within the Southern Union. Funding is provided by participating conferences and members and evidenced by 90-day demand notes or term notes bearing interest at a rate not to exceed the denominational rate paid on revocable trust money. Loans to borrowing organizations are evidenced by promissory notes paying interest at least 2% more than the maximum interest currently being paid on revolving fund notes payable. A sinking fund has been established for the purpose of providing for bad debts. At the end of each fiscal year net earnings of the fund are distributed to participating conferences on a prorated basis.

Accounting Method — The accounting records are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting.

NOTE 2 — Cash — The amounts shown as cash are primarily represented by time deposits such as certificates of deposit. The Association seeks to ensure that all available cash is earning the highest return on investments in accordance with denominational policies.

NOTE 3 — Notes and Loans Receivable — The notes receivable are represented by capital loans to churches, schools and institutions in the Southern Union territory. These notes are guaranteed by the Conferences for all of the entities making loans within their territory.

NOTE 4 — Notes and Loans Payable — These are demand notes with conference associations for their trustees and with certain members within the various local conference territories. These are all classified as current liabilities.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

To the Constituency
Southern Union Conference Association
Decatur, Georgia

We have examined the balance sheets of the Southern Union Conference Association Revolving Fund as of December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984, and the related statements of income and expense for the years then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records, such tests for compliance with denominational policies, and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, as auditors of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Southern Union Conference Association Revolving Fund as of December 31, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, applied on a consistent basis, and also in conformity in all material respects with applicable policies of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

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NOTE 4 — Notes and Loans Payable (Continued)

	1981	1982	1983	1984
Carolina Conference Association	\$ 63,628	\$ 119,458	\$ 421,121	\$ 881,418
Florida Conference Association	-0-	922,720	2,872,644	3,853,682
Georgia-Cumberland Conference Association	48,086	111,196	332,387	437,460
Gulf States Conference Association	87,849	76,459	189,652	259,174
Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Association	-0-	264,962	541,487	1,210,027
South Atlantic Conference Association	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,100
South Central Conference Association	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,000
Southeastern Conference Association	-0-	-0-	26,017	106,939
Southern Union Conference Association	50,000	90,131	162,496	312,138
Total	\$249,563	\$1,584,926	\$4,545,804	\$7,062,938

World View

Contemporary Culture To Be Studied. A new 21-member committee has been established to aid the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the understanding of contemporary culture and missionary outreach. Citing the "ever-increasing population with little or no concept of God or respect for the Scriptures," GC Field Secretary Lowell Bock says the committee will continue the work done during the past four years by the Committee on Secularism. The Adventist Approach to Contemporary Culture Committee will also seek involvement of SDA professionals and university students in carrying out the mission of the Church. *General Conference News Release*, January 29.

Protests Mark 13th Year of Legalized Abortion. Antiabortion demonstrators noted the 13th anniversary since the Supreme Court made abortions legal with a mass march through the nation's capital—and smaller protests occurred elsewhere across the country. Counter-demonstrations were conducted by abortion-rights groups in more than 100 cities. One antiabortion marcher declared: "We aren't going to quit—ever." *US News and World Report*, February 3.

Guam Radio Station Preparation Progresses. A Notice of Intent to Award Contract for the building of the Adventist World Radio station on Guam (call letters: KSDA) was signed January 17 with a local contractor. The contract, which is in the process of redrafting by AWR-Asia attorneys, was awarded to Loyal Pacific Corporation. Construction will begin soon. Clearing and grading of land is complete in the area where two of the antennas will stand. Rain has hampered the site preparation. *AWR/Asia News Release*, January 15.

'Smokeless Tobacco' Comes Under Fire. The National Institutes of Health announced that smokeless (chewing) tobacco may cause oral cancer and other mouth diseases. "This is not a safe alternative to smoking," said Dr. Brian MacMahon, professor of epidemiology at Harvard School of Public Health. Legislation requiring health warnings on the packages of such products was blocked in Congress last December by Rep. Bliley of Virginia, who feared the proposed warnings would lead to tougher messages on cigarettes. *Newsweek*, January 27.



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late news of the CONFERENCES



Vann Camp has been appointed the PRESIDENT of Fletcher Academy Inc. Fletcher Academy is located approximately 20 miles south of Asheville, North Carolina. Camp graduated from Fletcher Academy in 1954 and has been working with the Pardee Hospital since 1968. Camp assumed his responsibilities as the president of Fletcher Academy Inc., the first of February.

Larry Allen, pastor of the Waynesville, N.C., church, reports the church has just completed a CARING CELEBRATION WEEKEND. Approximately 25 members attended the weekend activities. They wrote mission statements concerning the future of their church and where they want to go. The weekend ended with a film entitled "Super Christian," followed by the groups determining through self-analysis what concerns they wanted to address. Then each group outlined rough timetables for when they wanted their goals to be accomplished. The next step will be to carry these ideas to the planning committee of the church.



The fourth annual Maranatha-lay Evangelists TRAINING SEMINAR was held at Camp Kulaqua January 17-23 with more than 100 attending. One hundred ten lay ministers participated, with Miami Temple leading in attendance, sending 25 delegates, Port Charlotte with 14, and Ft. Pierce with 12. In addition to lay preaching, lay Revelation seminar training was given. "Many felt the seminar was such a rich spiritual revival that it was as good as camp meeting," reports R. H. Shepard, Florida Conference personal ministries director. "It was one of the most highly spiritual experiences all year," adds Richard O'Fill, community services/health and temperance director, and one of the seminar instructors. "I was also extremely pleased that Pastors Mike Cauley (Port Charlotte), Clarence Pillsbury (Ft. Pierce), and Earl Snow (Jacksonville Regency) were there." In the past three years more than 100 baptisms have resulted from the work of dedicated lay ministers who have been trained in these Maranatha seminars. General Conference instructors included: S. F. Monnier and Gilbert Bertochini, Jacksonville First church Bible instructor, Barbara Noonan, was also a key instructor on the weekend's teaching staff.



More than 100 members signed up for CHURCH TEAMS as a result of Markham Woods church in Longwood defining its statement of mission and mobilizing the church for service, including better serving the church family. "Our church leaders discussed the purpose and needs of the church," explains Pastor Doug Foley, "and decided to establish clear goals for fulfilling them and wanted to make sure everyone has a place of service."



Seven YOUTH MINISTRIES WORKSHOPS were conducted in January, reports Lewis Hendershot, youth ministries director. Designed for pastors, youth leaders, and youth Sabbath school personnel, they defined each area of youth ministry in the local church and prepared a working list of responsibilities for youth leaders and functions of an Adventist youth society. Two of the seven workshops were conducted in Spanish and were held in central and south Florida.



Walker Memorial pastors and a chaplain from Walker Memorial Hospital have had several opportunities to give the Seventh-day Adventist viewpoint on a variety of subjects through THE BIBLE SPEAKS TODAY telecast. Produced in Sebring and aired Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Storer Cable, Channel 5, the five-year-old program is hosted by Pastor Lewis Llewellyn, of the Calvary church. While the program is not Seventh-day Adventist in origin, it brings the church before the public. Wayne Niemeyer and Emil Moldrik, associate pastors at Walker Memorial church, previous Walker Memorial Pastor Gordon Henderson, and Wayne McNutt, chaplain at Walker Memorial Hospital, have been guests on the program.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



The Sabbath school council of the Augusta, Georgia, church has moved into the new Celebration program with several GOALS for 1986, including a 10 percent growth in membership through baptisms, a 75 percent attendance rate overall, and a 90 percent attendance at opening exercises. General superintendent Doug Daniels also reports that a prayer group meeting will also take place each Sabbath morning at 9, prior to Sabbath school time.

Conference membership stood at 17,483 at the close of 1985, according to Conference Secretary Don Aalborg. This represents a GAIN of 18 for the fourth quarter over the third quarter.

Tithe received for the support of the Conference program represented a 5.3 percent



INCREASE at the end of 1985 over the previous year, reports Conference Treasurer Errol Eder. This gain totaled \$472,494.

Prevention Magazine recently carried an article featuring WILDWOOD SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL, Wildwood, Georgia. The article called Wildwood one of the 25 hottest health spots, stating that, "Wildwood's specialty is simple, natural remedies, and preventive care in a peaceful Christian atmosphere."

Ken Wilson, pastor of the Augusta, Georgia, church, has been elected president of a local MINISTERIAL ORGANIZATION, the South Augusta Christian Ministries. This organization is a joint effort by some 12 churches of various denominations and community agencies to meet the needs of the poor in south Augusta. Each entity of the organization specializes in some area of the help ministry, such as food, clothing, overnight lodging, etc. The Adventist church which Wilson pastors has the responsibility of overnight lodging.



As a member of the Warren County MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION in McMinnville, Tennessee, Adventist Pastor Mark Bresee became friends with a local Presbyterian pastor. In June, Bresee was invited to give a Sunday night presentation on the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to the Presbyterian congregation. Subsequently Bresee preached at the 11 a.m. Sunday worship hour at the Presbyterian church at the invitation of the pastor while he was away on vacation.



Cohutta Springs Adventist Center Director Wolf Jedamski reports that CONSTRUCTION is underway on the recreational vehicle park, which is part of the overall development of the Center. The roadway and culverts are in and further construction on parking sites is taking place.

Forty-eight BAPTISMS were reported in January, representing an increase of eight over January, 1985, according to Roy Caughron, evangelism coordinator. The ministerial staff, joined by involved laypersons, is increasing the amount of evangelistic activity Conference-wide.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS being held by Richard Halverson and pastors of the Atlanta Belvedere and Stone Mountain churches are being well attended. The opening night saw 200 nonAdventists attending.

At the annual Publishing Committee Review meeting held in January, the Publishing Department presented OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARDS to District Leaders Gilbert Green and J. G. Henderson. Green's district had the largest sales increase in the Southern Union for 1985. Henderson's district showed a gain of almost \$40,000 over sales of the previous year. The Georgia-Cumberland publishing program had a 21 percent increase in sales during 1985.

On December 21, the Moultrie, Georgia, church hosted a MARY McCALL DAY in honor of one of its members. People from the church congregation and community participated by sharing what Mary McCall has meant to them. McCall has been church treasurer for 30 years and is known throughout Moultrie for her continuing acts of kindness.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



The Tennessee State Department of Education has invited Lyle Anderson, superintendent of education for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, to be a member of its ADVISORY COUNCIL ON NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The purpose of this council is to draft guidelines and make recommendations on policies pertaining to private schools. Its first meeting was held on January 28.

The Williamsburg, Kentucky, church has just completed an extensive REMODELING PROJECT, including the expanding of the narthex, the addition of a steeple, construction of a balcony, and complete recarpeting of the building. Additionally, new fixtures were added in the sanctuary. Landscaping was also done outside. The work was performed by members of the church, with the assistance of fellow church members from the London and Stearns churches, under the leadership of the pastor, John Riggs.



Members of the Ridgetop, Tennessee, church have been involved recently in a variety of community OUTREACH PROGRAMS. These included two nutrition seminars. Dorothy Walters led out in one seminar and Dr. Wayne Swilley conducted one at the Goodlettsville Community Center. Oscar Torkelson, assisted by J. W. Malmede, directed two Five-Day Plans—one in the church school and the other at the Springfield Public Library. A Sunday bread-bake, with more than 250 loaves of bread being made by church members in the school gym and kitchen, were distributed in the community, along with copies of *Still Waters*, a small devotional book.

SOUTH CENTRAL



The Ephesus church, in Birmingham, Alabama, is planning a RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY in March or April of this year in which the pastor, Patrick Vincent, plans to lead some 1,000 members into the 1,200-seat sanctuary. When asked about future expansion plans, Vincent answered, "After two years, we will be working to create other churches in the Birmingham area. These 'Ephesians' will work with any pastor to win souls."

A FAITH VENTURE, is what Mrs. R. Lynes calls the school operated by the Fayette, Mississippi, church in its almost-new church building. The district school board plans to build a new school building on land right next to the church land. "The new \$350,000 school building will accommodate 150 students." When asked if there were 150 potential students in the church district, her answer was "No, but we are not building for the past, but for the future. There will be a waiting list of students in a few years." The land was donated by a

businessman who was called on by local elder S. Edwards. The church building was donated in the rough by Otis Rupright.

The NEW DIMENSIONS TV program was started by Jessie Wilson, a young pastor of two small churches in Franklin and Columbia, Tennessee. He had the vision of a TV program in prime time on Sunday evening. Channel 39 gave prime time to Wilson for one hour, 7-8 p.m. The program is very popular and is declared to be a "miracle" in the timing and the funding of the program. Wilson declares that he operates weekly on faith.

SOUTHEASTERN



W. C. Byrd, district pastor for the Dania, Ft. Lauderdale, and Pompano Beach churches in south Florida, was HONORED for outstanding leadership in the area of stewardship at a recent awards banquet. When 1985 closed, the tithes for Southeastern Conference was \$3,698,574. Byrd's district had the highest tithe, \$287,618.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE



The biology department at Oakwood College, headed by Professor Anthony Paul, has begun using the **CADAVER** to support its instruction in the anatomy courses. This acquisition is considered important in view of the fact that Oakwood College plays a major role in sending blacks to medical and allied health schools. Dr. Paul believes that this exposure helps bridge the gap between undergraduate and the professional school by reducing the anxiety that exists during the first year in medical school. This anxiety is usually due to the lack of familiarity of the student with the cadaver.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE



SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS of \$10,000 designated for nursing students from Appalachia have been awarded Southern College by a foundation seeking to upgrade health care in that region. Prospective students seeking scholarship information may call the Financial Aid Office at Southern College (800-624-0350 if calling from outside of Tennessee, or 615-238-2111 in Tennessee).



Tony Mavrakos, a senior religion student and former Baptist minister and handball champion, conducted a week of nightly REVIVAL MEETINGS for the Hixson and Daisy churches in February. "Christianity Is Christ" was his sermon topic on the first Sabbath of the series. Tony is enrolled for a full load—17 hours—of classwork, and credits the Lord for seeing him through the busy week and using him as a channel for God's love.



The Division of Religion has moved into its NEW LOCATION in So-Ju-Conian Hall, the renovated former music building. This year the division has more than 70 declared religion majors, including 16 who plan to graduate in May. Dr. Gordon Hyde, division director, has expressed gratitude to the Southern Junior College-era alumni who funded the building transformation.



AMBASSADOR TEAMS from Southern College are visiting 12 academies this semester. In each group are two student missionaries who have already served abroad, and two students anticipating such service. Team leaders are faculty members Norman Gulley, Des Rice, Cyril Roe, and Merlin Wittenberg. Seminar discussions, music, informal dorm exchanges, and slides round out their visits.



Bob Kamienski, professor of physical education, has been named interim director of the DIVISION OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. In that division are the following departments: behavioral science; education; health, physical education, and recreation; home economics; and library science.

Jenifer Jones, a senior public relations major, is a STEP/UP INTERN in Southern's development office this semester. STEP/UP (Student Training and Experience Program Underscoring Philanthropy) is part of a five-year program to orient and train students for careers in development at Adventist institutions.

In a district COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS COMPETITION sponsored by CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education), two Southern College entries won grand awards. There were approximately 540 entries from 150 schools of higher learning in the Southeast.

FM 90.5 WSMC has begun BROADCASTING PERFORMANCES of the San Francisco Symphony on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. Herbert Blomstedt, a Seventh-day Adventist, is the incoming conductor and music director of this well-known symphony.

Seniors graduating in May have chosen Doug Gates (religion), of Apison, Tennessee, as CLASS PRESIDENT. Kevin Rice (chemistry), of St. Louis, Missouri, is vice president. Class secretary is Susan Crabtree (accounting), of Ft. Myers, Florida. Greg Cain (religion), of Ooltewah, Tennessee, was chosen as class pastor. Though 106 seniors graduated in the December class, the majority of this year's 370 seniors will receive diplomas May 4.

Fred A. Moore has been appointed SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MANAGER for the health-care marketing and public relations firm Coffey Communications, Inc. Southeastern offices have been established in Altamonte Springs, Fla., with this appointment.

The Church In Action

Education

Oakwood Launches UNCF Fund Drive

Oakwood College — Forty-seven Oakwood College pre-alumni contestants have mounted a vigorous fund-raising campaign in support of the United Negro College Fund annual fund drive. This proves to be the largest field of competitors to solicit donations in the school's history. The student with the highest fund-raising total will be crowned Mr. or Miss UNCF for Oakwood College.

Top scholarships and prizes, including a 1986 Pontiac Fiero, color televisions, microwave ovens, trips, and a waterbed, have served as strong incentives for these Oakwood students to strive for the magic \$15,000 personal goal.

The United Negro College Fund has proven to be an effective financial backer for the 43 predominantly black private universities



Firemen arrived too late to save the old Highland Academy maintenance building, but they did keep the flames from spreading to an auto body shop and two mobile homes.

and colleges in the United States. The UNCF has consistently contributed to the upgrading of the quality of academics, educational facilities, and has provided scholarships for both faculty and students across the nation.

Academy Structure Goes Up in Smoke

Kentucky-Tennessee — Fire has destroyed one of the landmark buildings on the Highland Academy campus.

A blaze of undetermined origin broke out the evening of Sunday, January 5, in a two-story, white building on the edge of the campus. Flames destroyed hay and other flammable materials inside and an automobile parked next to the structure.

A family in a home near the site reported they heard a loud blast, looked out, and discovered the flames.

This building was built in 1930 under the supervision of Roy Edmister. It has since served as maintenance headquarters and as an instruction center in auto

mechanics and mechanical drawing. At the time of the fire, it was used for storage of hay, corn, alfalfa, and farm implements used by Ron Lake, who is attempting to revitalize the farm program at Highland Academy.

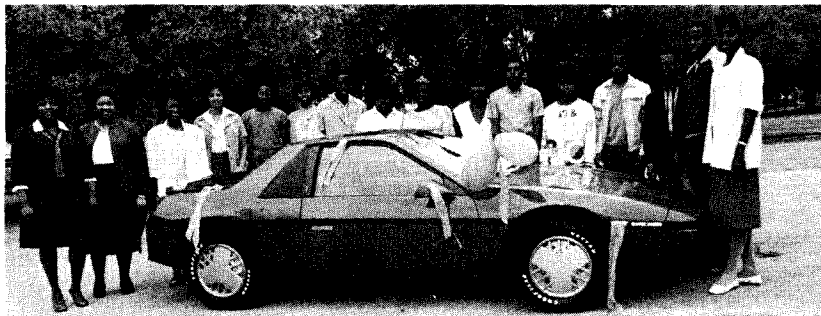
Due to its age, the building had no insurance, but academy officials say the contents had minimal coverage. No estimate has been placed on the value of the implements and crops stored in it.

Environmental School Is for Sixth Graders Only

South Central — The 4th annual sixth-grade Outdoor Environmental School was held at Camp Alamisco in Dadeville, Alabama, last fall. The Environmental School was sponsored by the Education Department of the South Central Conference.

Four days were spent outdoors where all regular classes are taught in an unusual way. Everything was geared to nature. Bible classes were often correlated with nature study. In "Nature Math," students learned to tell the temperature from the sounds of the cricket and measured the height of a tree by the "stick method." Canoeing took on new meaning when combined with compass reading.

The Haiku, Japanese poetry which is about nature or the seasons, was more enjoyable when studied on the side of a slope, looking into the rippling waters of a 700-mile shore line and picturesque islands on Lake Martin.



Pre-alumni sponsor Willette Smith (far left) and some of the contestants surround the grand prize—a 1986 Pontiac Fiero.

The director, Zeola Allston, and two of the five teachers were from Oakwood College. Milton Brown taught Wilderness Survival (social studies). Maple Jones taught Man's Environment (science). Dawn Allston, a parole officer from Birmingham, taught language and art. Nathaniel Higgs, South Central's education superintendent, taught "Nature's Math."

The program included water activity for classes in orienteering, recreation, and physical education. The water safety instructors were Milton Brown and Xavier Butler, who also served as camp chaplain. Some students said they would like to come back each year and spend more than four days. They were told, "This is a special program for sixth graders only."

Youth

Bible Conference Resumes

Georgia-Cumberland — One hundred thirty academy students and staff members attended a Bible Conference held at Cohutta Springs Camp January 17 and 18 for secondary students of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Youth Ministries Director Don Livesay reports that delegates came from four academies, Atlanta Adventist, Collegedale, Georgia-Cumberland, and Laurelbrook. Featured speaker was Benjie Leach, director of counseling and testing at Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, Texas.

Theme for the weekend Bible conference was "To Reveal Christ." In addition to the group meetings, smaller workshops were held dealing with ways youth can reveal Christ. Workshops dealt with: dating (Leach); personal devotions (Richard Cadavero); life style (LeClare Litchfield); and family relations (Harold Cunningham).

Although this was the first Bible conference sponsored for academy students by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference for some years, Livesay indicates that it will now be an annual event.

800 Youth Meet For Spanish Congress

Florida — Eight hundred Hispanic young people gathered in Miami December 13-15 to celebrate the Eighth Annual Hispanic Youth Congress sponsored by the Florida Conference Youth Ministries Department. Young people came from all the Hispanic churches in the Conference.

The Congress opened with "a moving and exciting" performance of "The Life of a Gymnast" by the Greater Miami Academy gymnastic team. H. M. S. Richards, Jr., speaker-director of the Voice of Prophecy, and Dr. Jose Angel Fuentes, Loma Linda University, were the guest speakers. Richards' messages centered on the theme of the congress, "Vida Magnifica" (The Magnificent Life).

A program designed for adults was running simultaneously all day Sabbath. This "Adult Edition" had about 600 in attendance.

Sabbath evening "The Messengers of Inspiration" from California presented a sacred concert. The Youth Congress balanced out the weekend with a full day of sporting events. Three churches earned trophies: 1st place, Forest City Spanish church; 2nd place, Miami Spanish church; and 3rd place, Hialeah Spanish church.

Home's Program Helps Teens' Behavior, Grades

Florida — "We give God the praise for the turn-around that we are experiencing in the lives of these teenagers," gratefully says Dr. Blondel Senior, founder and director of Advent Home. Advent Home is a self-supporting, residential counseling center for Seventh-day Adventist teenagers who are experiencing behavioral and emotional problems. Located in St. Petersburg, Florida, the Advent Home provides individual and group counseling, tutoring, spiritual guidance, character and self-development. Students living at the home come from all over North America.

One mother called Senior, so

happy she could barely speak. Her son received his first semester school report with all passing grades. "Originally he was failing every course in school," explained Senior. "This child had a poor self-image and when he was upset, he would throw temper tantrums and damage everything in sight."

Another youth, 16, had been dismissed from boarding school. He then took his father's car for a joy ride and was picked up by the police. A week later he broke into a house and stole two guns. He also had been making Ds and Fs in school. "After three months of counseling, tutoring, and encouraging at Advent Home," says Senior, "it appears he will make all As and Bs. We are proud of the improvement he is making!"

Advent Home is best suited for teenagers who are beginning to get into trouble, showing hostility and defiance to their parents, and failing in school. "If we get them into the program early, before they are hardened," says Senior, "we are able to turn them around sooner."

Advent Home is located at 2555 Madrid Way South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33712.

Health

Breathe Free Attracts Greensboro TV

Carolina — The Greensboro, North Carolina, church recently had its greatest turnout ever for a Breathe Free Stop Smoking program. The members attribute the success of their activities to proper promotion.

The church contacted the local television station and explained what Breathe Free was all about. As a result they had two segments on the Good Morning Show on the local station in Greensboro, WFMY-TV.

The Breathe Free program was done in conjunction with the Great American Smokeout. One of the segments was an interview with Dr. Kenneth Karb, of the American Cancer Society, who mentioned the Breathe Free program. Another segment dealt with the showing of the booths at both shopping malls

manned by the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church which advertised the Breathe Free program.

Progress

Lake City Occupies New Building

Southeastern — The Lake City, Florida, Macedonia, church, under R. W. Bates, pastor, opened a new building on January 18. Bates has distinguished himself for building two houses of worship in less than three years for the Southeastern Conference. Assisted by a cast of faithful, dedicated church members and workers, the congregations in Live Oak and Lake City now have permanent residences.

President J. A. Edgecombe spoke at the divine hour. W. D. Sumpter, secretary, Southern Union Conference, Pastor and Mrs. Herman Davis, and R. R. Brown, secretary, Southeastern Conference, were among the scores of guests who came to make the occasion. Special music was provided by Camellia Johnson, singer for the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

The Lake City church began through a series of Bible studies conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Bookey Cobb in a rented church on Long Street. Seven persons were baptized as a result of those studies. The group grew to 22 members. Members from Live Oak joined the Lake City church to swell the numbers.

Previous pastors were J. B. Williams, E. S. Sumpter, A. LaCount, and L. Edwards.



Pictured at the Lake City opening with Elder and Mrs. R. W. Bates are Southern Union and Southeastern Conference representatives, members, and friends.

Carrollwood Opens 'Miracle Building'

Florida — Four generations of Tampa Carrollwood members cut ribbons during the open house on December 21, 1985. The services were a celebration of God's evident leading in the building project.

Four years ago this congregation, then known as Tampa Southside, took its courage in both hands and made a major decision to sell the old church and relocate to the northwest part of Tampa. There was no cash in a building fund; no assured sale of the old property; no new location; but there was determination to let the Lord lead. "What you see here today," concluded Pastor V. J. Puccinelli, "is nothing short of a miracle and an answer to the prayers of this congregation."

The beautiful 14,000-square-foot structure consisting of the church, fellowship hall, and Sabbath school rooms is built on 10 acres of land (acquired at well below market value) in a rapidly growing area of Tampa.

The congregation is planning for a debt-free dedication by about camp meeting time this year.

Who and Where

Evangelistic Council Organized In Chattanooga

Georgia-Cumberland — Nineteen area Adventist churches have organized into the Greater Chat-

tanooga Evangelistic Council in order to be more effective in all types of outreach programs as well as to tap the maximum potential of human and financial resources in soul-winning endeavors. Six major committees have been formed under the general chairmanship of Gordon Bietz, senior pastor of the Collegedale, Tennessee, church. The committees include literature distribution, health, Bible correspondence school, communications, follow-up, and finance.

The first concentrated-organized mass literature distribution occurred January 11 in the East Ridge suburb of Chattanooga, with 180 enthusiastic members participating. Approximately 5,000 *Happiness Digest* books were distributed.

Prison Ministry Reunites Father And Son

Florida — A prisoner of the Lake Correctional Center in Lake County north of Clermont, Florida, has



"God brought Pastor Hector and Mrs. Emmanuelli 1500 miles to see his father," says Winter Garden Pastor Eugene Torres (right). At their reunion the "prodigal father" as Torres calls Samuel, said, "This day I want you to know God is alive and makes miracles in people's lives." When the senior Emmanuelli is released this year he wants to become a Seventh-day Adventist and to be a missionary with his son.

been reunited with his son as a result of a prison ministry from the Clermont, Winter Garden, Apopka Mt. of Olives, and Mt. Sinai churches led by Clermont/Winter Garden Pastor Eugene Torres.

Samuel Emmanuelli, in prison with a 14-year sentence, was bitter and resentful toward his son. They were separated in New York in 1974 and hadn't seen each other since. Emmanuelli learned his son was in Cayey, Puerto Rico, that he had become a Christian and a Seventh-day Adventist minister, but after writing

a letter to him, the son did not reply. Burdened because of this, he asked the lay group for help.

Torres contacted the East Puerto Rico Conference and his own father with an urgent message for the son. Torres learned the letter had never been received, but "providentially" Hector Emmanuelli and his wife were coming to Miami for a visit. At Torres' invitation, they traveled to the Winter Garden church. He gave the congregation a thrilling testimony of the work in his district where he is an intern. He and his pastor baptized 100 souls in 1985.

That afternoon, Torres, Emmanuelli, and laymen went to the prison for their Sabbath program. "We had been studying with the father and he was praying all along to see his son," said Torres. When the group arrived, father and son recognized each other. The prison chapel was full of rejoicing by members and inmates alike.

Laymen Honored For Conducting Seminars

Florida — Laymen awards for 1985 were presented to seven Venice-Nokomis members for their dedication and effort in conducting and hosting Revelation and Daniel seminars.

"These laymen conducted the seminars in small groups in homes and we thought we should recognize them for their efforts," said Pastor Quinton Burks.

Jim and Racquelle Muller also received awards in Daytona Beach at the Southern Union Literature Evangelist Institute. The Mullers, with four baptisms in 1985, were



Denver Cavins (left) pastor of the St. Matthews, Kentucky, church, delivered his first address in Spanish on the occasion of his graduation from a conversational Spanish course taught by Elba Colon (fourth from left).

joined with another family for the top LE's with baptisms in the HHES.

Since the North Port group in the same district with Venice-Nokomis was organized into a company December 21, this soul-winning group has transferred membership to the North Port company. The North Port group, which was already an industrious congregation, will be bolstered for even greater success with these seven dedicated men and women!

Sabbath School Class Hosts Spanish Course Graduation

Kentucky-Tennessee — An unusual graduation party was held November 16 at the St. Matthews church in Louisville, Kentucky. The Spanish Sabbath school class hosted the graduation of the eight-week conversational Spanish course, sponsored by the Adult Learning division of the University of Louisville.

Among the graduates was the pastor, Denver Cavins, who also was given an "exam" by host Bas-cillo Claxton. Cavins then delivered

his first address in his new "tongue."

The ceremony was followed by a meal of Spanish dishes prepared by members. Some of the students were interested when they discovered the unique diet followed by the church. Samples of the church's inventory of health foods were shown the guests.

Members of the St. Matthews church believe the city must be made aware of their presence before the church will be able to share its beliefs.

Community Service Center and School Bolster Mobile Church

South Central — Emmanuel church members in Mobile, Alabama, have witnessed changes that make them believe that "God still lives."

In recent days, for example, the much-needed Community Service Center was opened under the leadership of the former pastor, A. L. Sanders and Ann Parker. The opening-day ceremony was highlighted by guest speaker S. B. Williams, the membership chairman of Baldwin District Boy Scouts of America and an active volunteer for the Mobile Red Cross.

Another example of God's moving through Emmanuel was a much-needed school program to boost into second gear the school program of enrollment, finance, and quality of teaching and learning. Under the former pastor and a few dedicated women, some parents, and one concerned elder, the church school now operates in separate buildings from the church. The new buildings brought new enthusiasm for Christian education in all phases.



Seven laymen of the Venice-Nokomis church were honored for their part in hosting Revelation and Daniel Seminars: Jim and Racquelle Muller, Eloise and Frank Ponce, Dot Robertson, and Ron and Delvie Powell.



The Bethel Community Service Department serves the cities of Homestead and Florida City, Florida, about 30 percent of the population of which is comprised of migrants and 25 percent who live in poverty. This allows the members of the Community Service Department an opportunity to come to their aid. Along with other meaningful duties performed by the department, they were successful in feeding more than 500 individuals during the Thanksgiving holiday. Food was prepared and served in the Adderley Annex adjacent to the church. The director of the department is Bertha Thompson. The pastor is W. Don Edwards (left).



The auditorium at the new administration building at Mount Pisgah Academy was filled to overflowing for the Christmas band concert. The concert was held Saturday night, December 21. Family, faculty, and friends from the community, plus students, gathered in the new auditorium. The acoustics were wonderful and everyone felt as though he were in a front row seat. The concert was under the direction of the band director Steve Roche.

Pictorial Stories



Members of the Douglasville, Georgia, church have organized a Golden Club for a very elite group of people. Membership requirements are that couple must have been married for 50 years or more. This picture was taken on the occasion of the 50th anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Arnold (second couple from right), newest members of the club. Other members are, from left, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Woods (61 years), Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Woods (60 years), Mr. and Mrs. John Powell (52 years), Mr. and Mrs. Austin Butler (51 years), and Mr. and Mrs. John Kellogg (52 years).

These Cookeville, Tennessee, Pathfinders were featured on the front page of the Cookeville *Herald-Citizen* as they donated three large boxes of food to the Cookeville Rescue Mission, administered by Larry Self (right, rear). More food was contributed to the shelter of the Upper Cumberland Alliance Against Domestic Violence. Pictured are: Christina and Stephen Bralley (front), Matthew and Hope Dodd, Jennifer Stover, Deborah and Randall Dodd.



The eighth-grade class of the Clanton, Alabama school gave a performance of the play "Curly's Christmas." A spaghetti supper followed. Proceeds were for graduation and class trip. Those participating in the play were Robert Hill and Cindy Martz (pictured), Bonnie Martz, Jeff Davis, Regina Garrigan, Sherri Wilson, Terri Wilson, Edward Higgins, and T. C. Champaign.





George I. Pearson, pastor of the Nashville, Tennessee, New life church, is ready to begin receiving and sending messages on his ham radio station by teletype, microphone, or Morse code. During the Mexico City earthquake, his station was a link between survivors and relatives in the Houston, Texas, area. Pearson has earned many awards for contacts made all over the world. He constructed some of his equipment from kits.



When flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, or other disasters strike, simple needs like a hot meal, a bed, and medical attention are important luxuries. Those needs are met by the local American Red Cross chapter. Working with the Ridge Federation Community Services, the Highlands County Chapter fed many on UnDisaster Day, January 22. Kay Pyle (left), Florence Davis, and Edith Creadon, of Sebring; and Ethel Detweiler and Marie Perry, of Walker Memorial churches, served hot meals. During the luncheon, sound effects, including high winds and ambulance sirens, were played in the background to give participants a sense of realism. Cots were set up in the shelter, emergency radio communication equipment and comfort kits were on display, and nurses provided blood pressure checks.



Travelers along Interstate 75 can easily find the right exit for Southern College. Two signs were replaced and six new road signs were installed by the Tennessee Department of Transportation. "I'm delighted that our visitors now have this assistance when driving to the campus. Name recognition by the public is also improved by these fine, new signs," said Dr. John Wagner, president. "I am certainly pleased that our identity as a Seventh-day Adventist college is so evident."



Linda Newman (left, front) and James Randy White were baptized as a result of the prison ministry of Charlie Moore (left, rear), Daryel McGarnett, and Thomas Brewer, all members of the Springfield, Tennessee, church.



A special award, Deacon of the Year, was presented to Ed Tolley (right) at a recent church service of the St. Matthews church, Louisville, Kentucky. A beautiful lawn in the summer, painted rooms, wallpapering, Mission Spotlight set up, and many little things no one asks him to do, made Ed an ideal person for this recognition. Making the presentation is Denver Cavins, pastor.



Pastor Dale Hoover and three laymen of the Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, church recently conducted a Revelation Seminar. Forty-two people responded to the county-wide mailing and 32 of those attended the meetings regularly. The average nightly attendance by non-Adventists was about 30. As a result, nine of those people are now attending Sabbath services. Here, Ray Barger, church elder, presents an evening topic.



"The community packed the church both nights," said Julia Hunter, communication secretary for Walker Memorial church, Avon Park, Florida. "It was standing room only for our annual Christmas cantata." Joy to the World, a musicale by John W. Peterson, was presented to Avon Park residents and members of Walker Memorial church. Pictured are Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, portrayed by Ruth Moldrick and Forrest Hilton, with the choir as old-fashioned carolers in the background. The performance was directed by Dr. Lita Gensolin, choir director, with the drama coordinated by Debbie Hilton. The Celebration of Christmas was complete with orchestra, bell ringers, organ, and piano. The Walker Memorial church has presented these special programs since 1981.

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Calendar Events

CAROLINA

Spring Bookmobile Schedule

March 8	Fayetteville	Sundown
9	Ephesus-New Bern	11-1
10	Jacksonville	3-4:30
15	Durham	Sundown
16	Gethsemane-Raleigh	10-11:30
	E. Market St.-Greensboro	2-3:30
22	Hendersonville	Sundown
23	Fletcher	10-2
	Mount Pisgah Academy	4-6
29	Columbia	Sundown
30	Charleston	10-11:30
	Charleston Shiloh	12-1:30
	Myrtle Beach	4-5

FLORIDA

Christian Life Management Seminars

Including Money Management for Young Adults

March 1-8	Winter Springs church
15	Maranatha French
22	Tampa Carrollwood
29	Silver Springs Shores
April 5	Vero Beach
19-26	Lakeland

Florida Conference Elementary and Junior Academy Music Festival — April 24-26. Forest Lake Academy. Clinicians: Dr. Carlyle Manous, band; Dr. Alma Blackmon, choral; Rhonda Burnham, strings.

Adventist Singles Ministries

March 4	— 7:30 p.m. Planning and business meeting, Forest Lake church library.
March 8	— 1 p.m. Fellowship Dinner, Forest Lake Youth Center.
March 8	— 7 p.m. Bowling at Altamonte Bowling Lanes, 280 Douglas Ave.

Youth Ministries

March 1	— 10 a.m. Central Florida AYF, Orlando Youth Rally, Florida Hospital Pods. David Osborne, speaker; Bill Young, guest musician. Rally Topic: Dating and Marriage.
March 2-6	— Horsemanship Camp, Camp Kulaqua
March 7-9	— Pathfinder Teen Camporee, Sheriffs' Boys' Ranch, Tampa
March 21-23	— Pathfinder Jr. Camporee, Sheriffs' Boys' Ranch, Tampa
March 22	— South Florida AYF Youth Rally, Miami
March 28 - April 19	— Voice of Youth Crusade, Miami
April 4-6	— Big Cat Trip, Tallahassee
April 18-20	— West Coast AYF Retreat, Camp Kulaqua (North Florida AYF invited for Sabbath combined rally)
April 21-24	— Senior Citizens' Camp, Camp Kulaqua

Evangelistic Crusades

March 1 - April 5:	Sarasota	George Carpenter
	Leesburg	Robert DuBose
	Tampa Carrollwood	Lester Pratt
	Ft. Pierce	David Weigley

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Area Camp Meetings — Friday evening and Sabbath Services. Adventist Book Center Sale Saturday night in each area.

March 7, 8	McMinnville, Tenn.	April 4, 5	Savannah, Ga.
March 14, 15	Lakeland, Ga.	April 18, 19	Greeneville, Tenn.

Community Services Federation Meetings — 10:00 a.m. - Noon at each location.

March 23	Atlanta/Belvedere, Ga.
April 6	Lakeland, Ga.
13	Collegedale, Tenn.
20	Greeneville, Tenn.
27	Cumberland Heights, Tenn.

Vacation Bible School Workshop — March 21-22. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

Personal Ministries Workshop/South Georgia — March 22, 3-5 p.m. Tifton, Ga.

ABC Open House — March 23. Atlanta and Collegedale stores. Storewide Discounts and Inventory Reduction sales, March 23-30. Toll Free numbers: Ga. 1-800-253-BOOK; Tenn. 1-800-258-BOOK.

Conference-wide Pathfinder Camporee — March 27-30. Cohutta Springs Camp.

Trust and Wills Seminar — March 29. Ooltewah, Tenn., church.

Evangelistic Meetings

March 8 - April 12	— Lyle Albrecht, Maurice Witt, Steve Haley, Marietta, Ga.
March 21 - April 12	— Cliff Vickery and Jim Erwin, Kingsport, Tenn.
April 12 - May 17	— Rudy Skoretz and Ron Neall, Columbus, Ga.
April 25 - May 17	— Cliff Vickery and Mitch Hazekamp, Murphy, N.C.

20th Annual Georgia-Cumberland Academy Alumni Weekend — April 11-13. Guest Speaker: Roger-Bothwell. Honor Classes: '66, '76, '81.

Cohutta Springs Development Associates Retreat — April 25, 26. Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

Academy Days — April 27, 28. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Elementary Music Festival — April 29. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Chattanooga Homecoming — May 9, 10. First church, 400 Tunnel Blvd. Vespers service with the Herald.

Adventist Singles Ministries — March 22. Meet at Atlanta, Ga., Belvedere church for Sabbath services and a fellowship dinner and go to the Passion Play Sabbath afternoon. Contact Esther Tobiasson, Rt. 3, Box 48, Hiram, GA 30141, or phone (404) 943-1578 for details and/or reservations.

Firm Foundation Conference — March 21-26. Apison, Tenn., church school. Theme: "The Second Coming of Christ." Speakers: Robert Weiland, Thomas and Margaret Davis, Colin Standish, W. B. Quigley, Jack Blanco. Contact Trevor Hoover (615) 236-4792 or Hal Mayer (703) 672-3100 for information.

GULF STATES

Youth Rally — March 14, 15. Birmingham Roebuck church.

Area Ministers Meetings — March 24, 25.

Bas Memorial Academy Alumni Weekend — March 28-30. Honor Classes—1966 and 1976. Celesta/Believers reunion. (Contact Aiden Olmsted (601) 794-8888).

Student Outdoor Education — March 31 - April 3. Camp Alamisco.

Youth Ministry Workshop — April 4, 5. Bass Memorial Academy.

Community Services Federations — April 5, 6, 12, and 13.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Family Enrichment Series — March 14-16. Lyle Cornforth, clinical psychologist and family counselor. Madison Campus church. Call (615) 865-5822 or 868-7102.

Highland Academy Homecoming — April 4, 5. Speakers: Benny Moore, '56, and Bill Crofton, '66. Honor classes: '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, and '81. Special honor class, 1970. For more information call (615) 325-2541 or write Highland Academy, Rt. 4, Portland, TN 37148.

Highland Academy Days — April 6, 7.

Kentucky-Tennessee Youth Rally — March 15. Madison Academy Gymnasium, Madison, Tenn., near Nashville.

Pathfinder Field Day — March 23.

Elementary School Evaluations

March 20	Williamsburg, Ky.	April 1	Hopkinsville, Ky.
27	Ashland, Ky.	2	Tullahoma, Tenn.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Publishing Survey Meeting — March 5.

Laymen's Congress — March 7-9. Joe Wheeler State Park, near Florence, Ala.

ABC/FHES Review Committee Meeting — March 10.

Housing Board Meetings — March 12, April 23.

K-12 Board Meeting — March 13.

Basketball Playoffs — March 15.

Regional Publishing Leadership Seminar — March 17-22. Nashville, Tenn.

Conference Officers' Meeting — March 24.

Conference Staff Meeting — March 25.

Community Service Federations

March 29 West Tennessee

April 19 Kentucky

Baptismal Day — March 29.

Youth Congress Camporee — April 10-12.

Lay Advisory Council — April 13. Board Meeting. Oakwood College.

Music Evangelism Council — April 20.

MESSAGE Magazine Report Meeting — April 21.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Pre-Exam Week — March 2-7.

Final Exams — March 9-12.

Spring Break — March 13-15.

Spring Quarter Registration — March 16-18.

Youth Motivation Task Force — March 25-27.

UNCF Banquet — March 27.

Alumni Weekend — March 27-30.

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	Mar. 7	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28	Apr. 4	Apr. 11
Atlanta, Ga.	6:39	6:45	6:50	6:56	7:01	7:06
Charlotte, N.C.	6:24	6:30	6:35	6:41	6:47	6:52
Collegedale, Tenn.	6:42	6:48	6:53	6:59	7:05	7:10
Huntsville, Ala.	5:47	5:52	5:58	6:04	6:09	6:15
Jackson, Miss.	6:03	6:08	6:13	6:18	6:23	6:27
Louisville, Ky.	6:42	6:49	6:56	7:02	7:09	7:15
Memphis, Tenn.	6:01	6:07	6:12	6:18	6:24	6:29
Miami, Fla.	6:26	6:29	6:32	6:36	6:39	6:42
Montgomery, Ala.	5:48	5:53	5:58	6:03	6:07	6:12
Nashville, Tenn.	5:47	5:53	5:59	6:05	6:11	6:17
Orlando, Fla.	6:29	6:33	6:37	6:41	6:44	6:48
Wilmington, N.C.	6:13	6:19	6:24	6:30	6:35	6:40

SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Chapel

March 20 — Chaim Potok, "The Chosen," 11:05 a.m., PE Center.
 March 27 — Hal McClure, "San Diego Adventure," 10:30 a.m., PE Center.

Vespers — March 28. Chamber Singers, 8 p.m., church.

Week of Spiritual Emphasis — March 10-15. Dick Duerksen.

President's Lecture Series — March 19. Chaim Potok, "The Chosen," 8 p.m., Ackerman Auditorium.

E. A. Anderson Lecture Series

March 20 — Dean Bassham, "Success Performance Behavior—The Critical Differences," 8 p.m., Brock Hall, 3rd floor, E. A. Anderson Seminar Room.

March 27 — Paul Cinquemani, "Long-Term Care and Acute Care," 8 p.m., Brock Hall, 3rd floor, E. A. Anderson Seminar Room.

Florence Oliver Anderson Nursing Series

March 20 — Barbara Stevens, "The Nurse Manager," 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Ackerman Auditorium.

March 27 — Willem Rivenburg, "ARDS and COPD: Assessment and Current Treatment," 7-9 p.m., Mazie Herin Hall, Room 103.

Elderhostel — March 16-21.

Perspectives Film Series — March 15. "In His Steps," 8 p.m., Thatcher Hall Chapel.

Special Events

March 19-22 — Adventist Collegiate Band Festival. Alfred Reed, conductor.

March 19-22 — Southern Union String and Organ Festival.

Church Service — March 29. Collegedale Homecoming.

College Days — April 13, 14. For prospective students.

Adventure in Europe Tour — June 12 - July 11. Directed by Dr. William Wohlers, Division of Humanities.

SOUTHERN UNION

Adventist World Radio Offering — March 8.

Adventist Youth Week of Prayer — March 15-22.

Southern Union Session — March 17-19. Knoxville, Tenn.

Adventist Youth Day — March 15.

Southern Union Music Festival — March 19-22. Forest Lake Academy.

Sabbath School Community Guest Day — March 22.

Missionary Magazine Emphasis — April 5.

Andrews University Offering — April 12.

Literature Evangelism Rally Day — April 19.

Communication Emphasis Days

March 31—Southern College; April 1—Oakwood College

It Is Written 30th Anniversary Telecasts — March 9, 16. Check local listings for times and channels in your area.

Andrews University Musical Programs and Alumni Meeting — March 29. Southern College. AU Wind Ensemble sacred program in the church at 4 p.m. Alumni meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the music dept. auditorium. Media show and Andrews updates, refreshments, and secular music by the Wind Ensemble.

Southern Union ASI Convention — April 10-12. Madison Campus church, Madison, Tenn. (See ad on page 37).

Adventist Singles Ministries

Southern Union ASM Spring Retreat — March 28-30. Camp Kulaqua, near High Springs, Fla. Bradley Galambos, speaker, and Charles Haugabrooks, tenor. For reservations contact Dr. Wynett Scott, 42 E. Trouble Creek Rd., New Port Richey, FL 33552; (813) 842-3233.

Singles Camp Meeting — June 26 - July 5. Southern College. Contact Betty Gardner, Rt. 7, Cardinal Blvd., Calhoun, GA 30701, (404) 629-0353.

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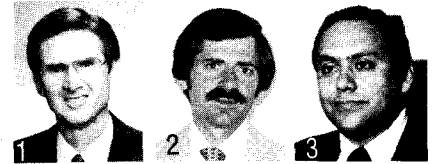


J. H. Whitehead



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Carolina

Neil Brady is the new assistant treasurer for the Carolina Conference. He had been the assistant treasurer for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference since May, 1983. Prior to that he served in the Florida Conference in the Association and Trust Department for six years. Neil and his wife, Deborah, have a 15-year-old daughter, Amanda.

Florida

1. Relious L. Walden has been named the new treasurer/office manager for the Florida Conference. For the past 10 years he has served as vice president for finance of the Southern California Conference. He has also served in finance-related positions at Southern Publishing Association; Georgia-Cumberland Adventist Book Center; Florida, New Jersey, Ohio, Iowa, and Southern California conferences; and the South American Division. His wife, Beverly Smith Walden, worked as administrative secretary for the past eight years at a 1,400-member church. They have three grown children. Walden replaces **J. P. Rogers**, who has served the Florida Conference as treasurer/office manager for the past 12-and-one-half years. Rogers has joined Q-Care, a subsidiary of Adventist Health System/Sunbelt. **2. Mike Miller** is the pastor of the Melbourne church, replacing **Jim Albertson**. Albertson is now a trust services representative with the Florida Conference Association and Trust Services Department. Miller pastored for the past nine years at the Chestnut Hill church in Philadelphia, Pa. Miller and his wife, Jan, have two sons, Russell, 16, and Brian, 15. **Bill Waters** is the new associate pastor and youth ministries director at Altamonte Springs. **Gary Tolbert** is the new pastor of the Ft. Myers church. **Gordon Blandford** is the new pastor of the Jacksonville First church.

Georgia-Cumberland

Greg Taylor has transferred from the associate pastor position in Augusta to the pastorate of the Maryville and Lenoir City, Tenn., churches.

Carl Pine is serving as interim pastor of the Ogden Road-Walden's Ridge, Tenn., church.

Southeastern

3. Raul Cruz has accepted the pastorate of the Miami Beach and Ephesus (Northwest) Spanish churches in south Florida. Cruz and his wife, Marta, have three children: Rebecca, David, and Ronald.

Collegedale Church

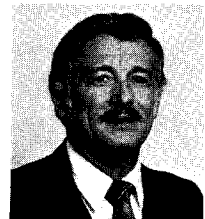
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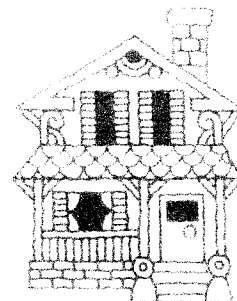
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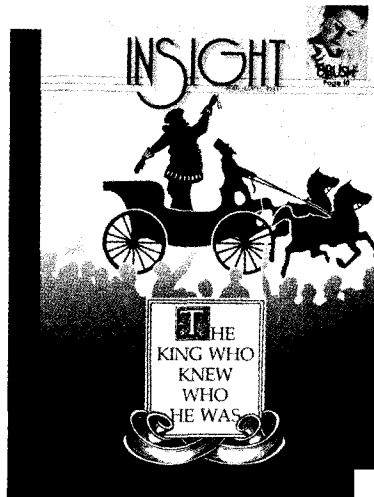
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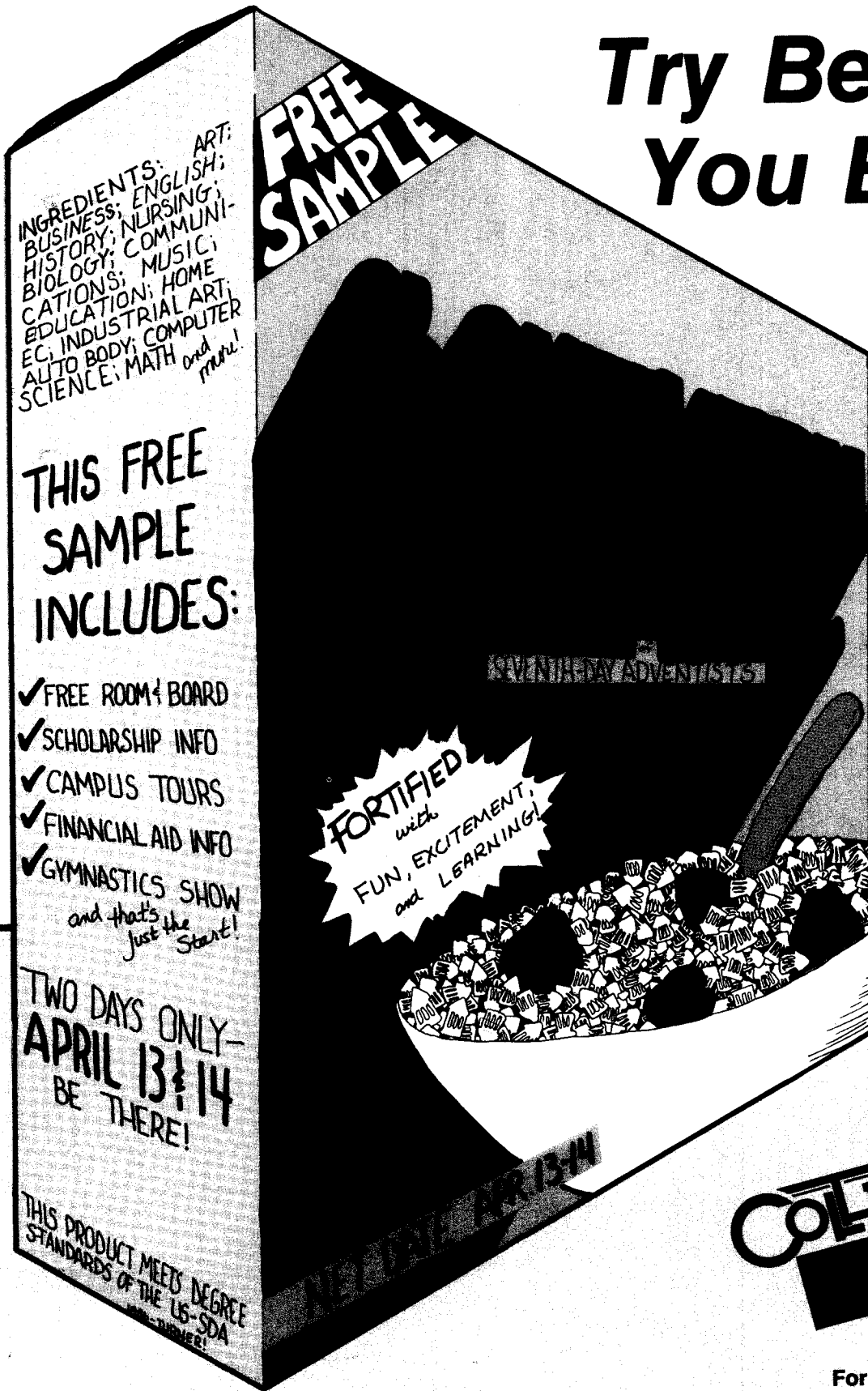
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18,000 and Growing

by I. J. Johnson



Pastor Ronsard Broussard (right), gave a check to F. N. Crowe, treasurer of South Central, to pay off his church's mortgage. This brought smiles to both men.

When the workers of the South Central Conference came together for their annual workers' meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, Marcus Taylor, pastor of two Methodist churches in the nearby area, also attended as an invited guest of Xavier Butler. Butler had been studying with the pastor for some time and speaking to him of the times in which we live and of the importance of a total commitment to the service of God in helping to make ready a people to meet Jesus when He comes. Butler wanted Taylor exposed to Adventist workers' reports and plans.

The fellowship was Spirit-filled. The items on the agenda were challenging. After struggling with the Holy Spirit for many hours and days, Taylor made a commitment to become a Seventh-day Adventist and do so the Sabbath following workers' meeting at the Riverside church, where Butler is pastor.



M. T. Battle of the General Conference, was one of several guests at the workers' meeting this year.

Taylor's two sons also joined. More than 50 ministers of other disciplines have become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Central Conference.

The workers reported 1,201 baptisms for the year; 11 new buildings were purchased or erected; a new school building was erected; the tithe income had reached \$4,000,000, the highest in the history of South Central; with the membership climbing to more than 18,000. C. E. Dudley, Conference president, announced that "We are now the second largest conference in the Southern Union and the 11th in the North American Division. To God be the glory! Hats off to the past and coats off to the future. There is much more to be done.

Some of the persons to speak to the workers were R. C. Brown, sec-



Roland Hegstad, editor of *Liberty* magazine, spoke of preserving the freedoms of the forefathers at workers' meeting.

retary of the Lake Region Conference, who spoke of the workers' retirement programs; Dr. Michael Lester, physician from Nashville, who spoke of the workers' good health; Joyce McGlory, vice president of General Mills, who spoke on the preservation of the predominantly black institutions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; M. T. Battle, associate secretary of the General Conference, who spoke about the General Conference and its policies as it relates to the local field; Roland Hegstad, editor of *Liberty* magazine, who spoke of preserving the freedoms of the forefathers; and Donna Powell, a



Earlene Madison, assistant treasurer for the Conference, gives a financial report.

representative of the Internal Revenue Service, who spoke to the workers concerning the income tax return. She was presented by Earlene Madison, assistant Conference treasurer.

John W. Jones was elected the Pastor of the Year for 1985 and J. A. Jones was elected the Evangelist of the Year. The fellowship was warm and unforgettable throughout the meeting. Other special guests included, H. J. Fordham, Jr., of the Allegheny East Conference; L. A. Paschal, of the Northeastern Conference; and two concert violinists, the Sykes sisters, Chenoa and Lori, from Memphis, Tennessee, students of the Suzuki Violin program at Memphis. They will be the first blacks to graduate from this program. They were invited by Memphis Bible Worker Juanita Jenkins, who is a music teacher. Sandy C. Robinson, of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and T. R. Smith and O. J. McKinney, of the Southern Union, were guests also.



Two Memphis students entertained the South Central workers during workers' meeting by playing the violin.



Treasures Found on a Christian Campus

by Doris Burdick

Flowers! Growth! Budding friendships! In March springtime officially returns to the beautiful campus of Southern College! It's a favorite time of year.

One of the most important pluses of a Christian campus is this: Meeting new friends with congenial beliefs and goals, and ultimately that special someone with which to share one's life in marriage.

A secular campus may have wide-ranging academic programs. It may have beautiful buildings and low tuition. But it falls short when it comes to opportunities to develop lasting friendships with many other peers who believe God created us, His Word is a dependable guide in relationships and decision-making, Jesus came to earth as our Saviour and example and He is coming again, and ours is not a purposeless or self-centered existence.

Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists has divested itself from humorous dubbing as SMC—Southern Matrimonial College. Yet it remains one of the best places in the world for an

Adventist guy and an Adventist girl to meet. Check with alumni from any era, and you will find delightful tales of discovery and romance. And students today can match them with their own stories of wowing, wooing, winning, and wedding.

A page in the December student newspaper, *Southern Accent*, offers some examples from among college students who planned holiday weddings. On December 22, Steve Wrate, a graduate last May, and Sonia DiMemmo, a December nursing graduate, married at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, where they had first met at a student missionary retreat two years earlier. As they both participated in the club, their friendship grew. They are beginning their married life at Mount Pisgah Academy, where Steve is chaplain.

Dawn Shupe and Allan Valenzuela got acquainted because they enrolled in the same religion class several months ago. They also were on the gymnastics team together. They got married December 19 in the Collegedale church.

Two associate nursing graduates, Janice Hassencahl and Bryan Lopes, met in a classic way. Her brother was Bryan's roommate. Janice and Bryan picked December 29 for their wedding in Hendersonville, Tennessee.

A blind date set up by a friend on reverse weekend was the beginning of a friendship that progressed to a January 12 wedding in Greeneville, Tennessee. The bride, Debra Odell, received her baccalaureate degree in nursing in December and the groom, Jeff Coston, graduated with a biology major in 1984.

There's no end to the story. Friendships are still in the formative stages. Smiles are still being exchanged. Phones are still ringing in dormitory rooms. Requests for God's leading are still being prayed. Loving parents still experience that deep easing of heart as their baby-turned-adult chooses an Adventist life companion.

Human factors do not allow guarantees that the perfect mate will be found at Southern College. But students enrolling at Southern College do find an environment "calculated to promote balanced development of the intellectual, spiritual, physical, and *social* dimensions of life."* Hundreds of happily married couples and thousands of lifelong friends who met at Collegedale would agree: There's no way to put a price tag on the precious treasures found while taking classes on a Christian campus.

* from Statement of Mission, italics ours.

Doris Burdick is public relations assistant at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists.

A Permanent Home For the Southeastern Conference Headquarters

by R. R. Brown

The Southeastern Conference has been "like a tree planted by the rivers of water." The progress, gains, and successes of this five-year-old institution have rewarded the hopes and dreams of those whose vision made the division of the then-South Atlantic Conference into what is now a Conference.

Never in their wildest dreams did the pioneers of this bold adventure envision that a genesis of only 8,511 would total 12,391 in five years and a one-year tithe of \$3,698,574. The growth has been phenomenal in all areas.

The conference from whom we separated took 34 years to acquire its administrative offices. Here in Southeastern Conference things are done in a unique style. Within five years the Conference has purchased its own campgrounds.

As we approach the next five years of operations, we have the distinction of purchasing an office building which will be the headquarters for the Southeastern Conference family. The General and Southern Union conferences have placed their stamp of approval on this gigantic undertaking.

This modern edifice is nestled in the growing city of Orlando. In close proximity are the airport, hotels, support businesses, restaurants, and other facilities as thought needful by the division committee and administrators.

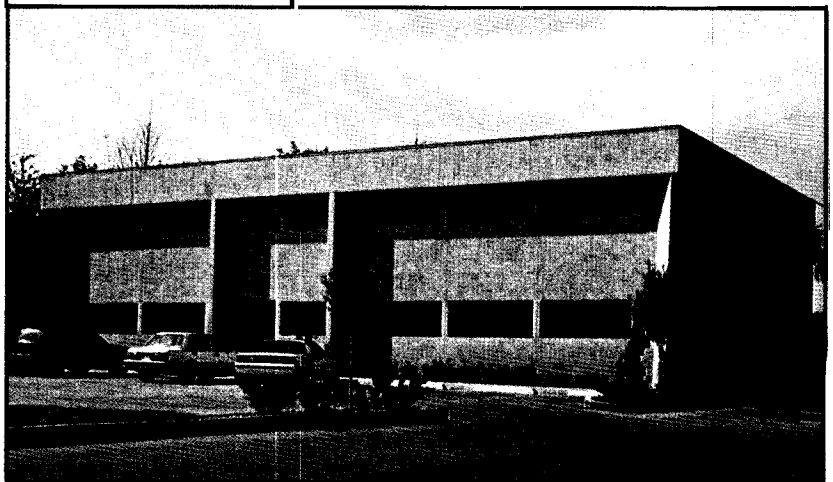
What began in 1980 as a dream has grown into a dynamic reality. Southeastern's reason for existence is to provide spiritual and educational excellence and leadership without peer to its constituency. This has been the characteristic

feature for the past five years. That which began with the leaders of South Atlantic Conference and has stood as a beacon will never dim, but stay ablaze until the Saviour's effulgent glory eclipses the torch held.

R. R. Brown, secretary; J. A. Edgecombe, president; D. A. Walker, treasurer; and K. A. Dennis, youth director, open the doors of new office headquarters.



At the closing for the purchase of the building are: Julius Williams (seated left), attorney, R. R. Brown, J. A. Edgecombe, D. A. Walker, and K. A. Dennis, David Drawdy (standing left), seller's representative, and Frank McMillan, attorney.



Southeastern Conference's newly acquired administrative office building.

The "New" Camp Kulaqua

This drawing of the new kitchen/dining room/laundry building shows the greatly enlarged, trellis-covered deck overlooking the spring.



by Volker R. Henning



Warm Florida sunshine and an azure blue sky greeted the people who assembled on January 12 at Camp Kulaqua to celebrate the start of something big for the Florida Conference youth camp. The group, comprised of Conference leaders, laymen, Conference committee members, camp staff, pastors, youth, and other interested persons, had gathered to watch Max Pate's bulldozer break ground for the Kulaqua rebuilding and renovation campaign.

In his remarks, Conference President M. D. Gordon paid tribute to the "blue ribbon committee which, under the chairmanship of Elder R. J. Ulmer, has spent countless hours working diligently with the architect and engineering firm in working out the many details necessary before construction can begin." After many months of planning the beginning of a new Camp

Kulaqua was getting under way.

The first project to be undertaken is the construction of a new entrance. From that entrance a perimeter road is now being built which will skirt the camp and lead to the new zoo entrance. Also under construction are parking for registration at the Registration Center, at the new camping drop-off location, and at the zoo. Control points, which will regulate traffic through the camp, will be a part of this project. Work upgrading the electric supply to provide three-phase service and water treatment for potable water is also forging ahead.

Foremost will be the rebuilding and total renovation of the cafeteria/kitchen area. The new dining room will more than double current capacity. The all-new kitchen has been designed to be efficient in both food preparation and serving.



The present kitchen/dining room building has served well for 20 years but is now in desperate need of enlargement and modernization.



Work on the new entrance and perimeter road began when road building contractor Max Pate's bulldozer moved the boulders near the old camp entrance.



R. J. Ulmer explains the plans for the rebuilding project, including the new cabins which will provide greater capacity and privacy. To add variety, architect Peter Vukshich has provided at no extra charge, drawings for three different cabin elevations.

A new, modern, automatic, coin-operated laundry is also included in this multi-purpose building. Due to the necessity of extensive planning with architectural and engineering work, construction on this building is now scheduled to start immediately after the summer camp program. In this way it will be possible to obtain all the various permits necessary before construction begins. Thereby the construction will be expedited and the youth camp program assured without unnecessary interruption. Careful screening of contractors has been in progress since October, with the final selections currently being made.

Future projects will include new cabins providing greater capacity and privacy; improved summer staff housing; and the relocation of the infirmary so that the camp nurse can be housed in the same building as the infirmary.

"Under God's guidance," says Ulmer, "the rebuilding committee chose Peter Vukshich, an excellent architect, whose fees are half the usual amount, and the Gainesville engineering firm of Blum, Schumacher and Associates, Inc., both of whom recognize this to be a church project and so they plan expenditures carefully to make the money go far." Because of the wise planning being done by these individuals, future expansions are being accommodated now.

God's leading is evident as we look at the way plans have progressed to this point. With each church doing its financial part in supporting the project, the work started on January 12 will be able to continue as scheduled and we will all be able to enjoy a new Camp Kulaqua, dedicated to the education and training of our youth for eternity.



Investment leader Dennis Greenawalt gives Bill Clemons, Conference Sabbath school director, a progress report on the Huntsville, Alabama, Central Sabbath school's penny collection.

Investmentitis, A Contagious Disease?

by Bill Clemons
Photography by David Fogg

According to Mary Liles, Investment secretary of the Birmingham, Alabama, First church, Investment is contagious among her Sabbath school members. "Just ask the members," says Mary. "The only cure is to get busy with an Investment project, take the Lord as your Partner and watch the miracles happen."

Here is the rest of the story as Mary Liles tells it:

"Our church did not set a financial goal last year but we did have a 100 percent participation goal. It was so exciting to hear people who had never had a part in Investment before get up and tell about their projects and how the Lord was blessing them both spiritually and financially. It would take a book to write all our wonderful experiences but I will mention a few of them.

"We had two Investment yard sales. This is such a good way to get

everyone to take part. People bring their items to sell and then they help out in the sale. Some church members donated large items for sale, such as a beautiful dining room suite, bedroom and living room furniture, a reducing machine, an expensive golf set, and a beautiful hand-made quilt. At one time my home looked like a used furniture store! We put only one ad in the paper and the Lord sent buyers. This resulted in an income of \$1,800.

"Medical students, nurses, and day students gave a certain amount if they made good grades.

"Last, but not least, we have a 'Mr. Cookie King' in our church—Bud Cason, owner and operator of Greg's Cookies. He gives a certain percent of his profit to Investment. The Lord has blessed his business so much that he has a job trying to supply all his customers with cookies. He had to enlarge his

plant. Bud says, 'You can never outgive the Lord.'

"We all believe that through our gifts to world missions the gospel story will be told and Jesus will soon come to gather His people home with Him. We want to invest more for the Lord this coming year."

Investment year 1985 for the Huntsville, Alabama, Central church was a tremendous success. Dennis Greenawalt, Investment leader, started the year with a goal of 100 percent participation. To achieve that goal he decided to start with a little thing—a penny. With the whole church involved, the number of pennies in the jar grew and grew. By the end of the year, there was more than \$200 worth of pennies. An attache case containing another \$180 in pennies weighed 119 pounds.

The success did not stop there. Projects such as newspaper recycling, apple selling, and garage sales sprung up all over the church. One lady set aside an amount for every bloom on her exotic plant (which had not bloomed before). By the middle of the year, the leader, Dennis Greenawalt, had not yet thought of a project for himself. In a discussion with Sabbath school superintendent David Fogg, the subject of dieting came up. When Dennis indicated that he planned to begin a diet, David suggested a poundathon. Church members responded with pledges ranging from 25¢ to \$1 for each pound Dennis lost. A loss of 43 pounds yielded more than \$150. With the Lord's blessing the 100 percent participation goal was reached and \$1,086 was harvested by the Huntsville Sabbath school members, through Investment, for missions.

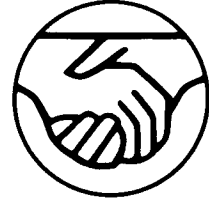
Several churches across the Gulf States Conference had a per capita amount for Investment exceeding \$25. The highest was Birmingham First, with \$12,562 and a per capita of \$58. Floral Crest Sabbath school in Bryant, Alabama, and Athens, Alabama, followed with per capita of \$28 and \$26 respectively. Several congregations had 100 percent participation. A total of \$37,927 was realized for Investment in the Conference.

Bill Clemons is the Sabbath school director for the Gulf States Conference.

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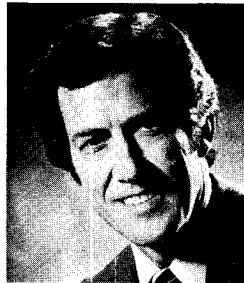
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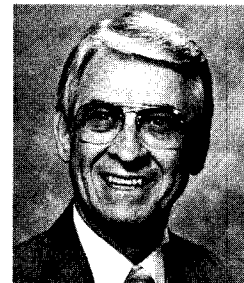
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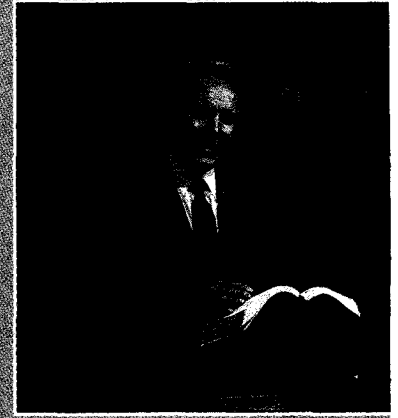
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Southern College Elects President

It is a pleasure to introduce to you Dr. and Mrs. Donald R. Sahly, their daughter April, and son, Quentin.

On January 23, the Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists Board of Trustees elected Dr. Sahly president, effective June 1, 1986. He fills the vacancy created when Dr. John Wagner, current president, accepted the invitation to return to Union College as president.

The Sahly family will come to Collegedale from Singapore, where he is an associate director of education for the Far Eastern Division. His responsibilities there include supervision of all levels of education in the Philippine Islands, Guam-Micronesia, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. Within this territory there are 1 graduate school, 1 seminary, 3 senior colleges, 23 high schools, and 131 elementary schools. He is also director of Home Study International (Far East), offering 56 fully accredited liberal arts college courses by correspondence, with an enrollment of over 500 students. From 1981 to 1984, Dr. Sahly was academic dean of Southeast Asia Union College in Singapore. He was also interim president of the college for more than a year.

Both Donald and Weslyne are Canadians by birth but hold permanent residency in the United States. Their daughter, April, 17, will graduate from Far Eastern Academy in May. Quentin, 15, is completing his freshman year in the academy. Mrs.



The Sahlys

Sahly is a secretary in the office of the Far Eastern Division.

Don Sahly received the Doctor of Education degree from the University of the Pacific in 1978. He also holds an M.A. and B.S. from Andrews University. His professional experience includes principal/teacher of Seventh-day Adventist elementary schools in British Columbia, Canada, Illinois, and California. Just prior to going to the Far East he served as assistant to the Vice-President for Public Relations and Development at Andrews University. From 1979-1981, he was administrator of the Adventist English School in Bangkok, Thailand, as well as superintendent of education for the Thailand Mission.

The Sahlys bring to our college a deep commitment to Seventh-day Adventist education and a love for young people. I hope that you will pray for them and all of the faculty and staff at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists as they unite their efforts in ministry to our young men and women.

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