

# *Southern* **Tidings**

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*Spalding students erect bluebird houses for their community beautification project.*

# Southern Adventist Education

by Olson Perry

**I**wish I could spend more time teaching," commented a public school teacher. "As it is, I currently spend more time disciplining kids than I do teaching."

The Seventh-day Adventist school system has its problems also. "We may hear of a student using alcohol or drugs once in awhile, or a child abuse case once in three years. However, in the public school system, these problems occur more often," says Don Weatherall, an associate director of education for the Southern Union. A bigger problem is the lack of growth.

The school system has not grown during the last 15 years despite the fact that there has been a 100-percent increase in church membership. Less than 50 percent of Adventist children attend Adventist schools. This fact exists despite the increased number of schools from 186 to 224 during the last ten years. Recent figures show that whereas 70 percent of academy graduates in the early 70s attended an Adventist college, only 39 percent are now attending.

Educators and administrators agree that misplaced priorities and the lack of commitment to Christian education are the largest problems faced by the church's educational system today. Parents' priorities toward the church have changed. Therefore, Christian education is no longer as high a priority.

Jim Epperson, director of education for the Southern Union, sees the school system's problems as symptomatic of a larger problem that the church must face. "There is less loyalty and commitment to the church overall, and it shows up dramatically in the schools."

The reason most often given for a child's not attending church school is "it costs too much," says Epperson. "However, it's becoming apparent that cost is not the problem. Tuition for a sixth-grader has increased 45 percent over the last ten years while income has increased 49.4 percent.

Interestingly enough, the students have a different idea regarding the schools than their parents. Sixty

schools are evaluated each year where students, parents, and teachers are interviewed. Nearly 100 percent of Adventist students who have been in the school through the years want to continue. "I have never heard a former public school student say he or she wanted to go back to public school. They express how they feel cared for, how much they are learning, and how they feel a part of a family in our schools," says Weatherall.

Critics also have expressed concern that children "sheltered" in an Adventist environment all their lives may be handicapped when they have to face the "real" world. However, Epperson challenges the critics to define "the real world," and present an Adventist student who has not adjusted to this "real world." "As a matter of fact," says Epperson, "Adventist students as a whole adapt and adjust extremely well outside of Adventist circles and compete very successfully in the professional and economic world."

As a matter of fact, the students are

better prepared and achieve higher on nationwide achievement tests than ever before. The results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills rank our students at an average score of 72 percentile, confirming that Adventist schools are on a par or superior to the academic scores of public schools.

Epperson, in an effort to improve the already outstanding academic achievements of the students who attend Adventist schools, is demanding greater accountability. The department of education is in the process of diagnosing academic and curricular weaknesses throughout the Union.

"Because parents conclude that costs are higher and question the value of Adventist education," says Norwida Marshall, an associate director of education in the Southern Union, "it is necessary to reassess the educational needs of youth and the quality of curriculum and instruction in Adventist schools throughout the Southern Union."

Marshall, with responsibility for K-8, has endeavored to increase the use of the North American Division (NAD) Life Reading Series developed in 1983. Though extremely helpful, it created a backlog for students and teachers in that it was not originally designed for the small schools. Marshall, with a team of teachers, developed the Adventist Reading Management System (ARMS) materials based on a condensation of the content of the Life Series. The ARMS materials allows the teacher more time to teach students on an individual basis. Students in grades four through eight can now work more independently, freeing the teacher to work with other study groups. This system is now in use in the entire North American Division, and Australia is interested in using the series in its curriculum.

The curriculum used in the Adventist school system is carefully analyzed and evaluated scientifically by a team of experts before it is implemented in the classroom. Sometimes parents are concerned that their child may receive a less than adequate education due to the "smallness" of the Adventist system when compared to the public system. However, that is the very reason why the system is successful. It does not have to cater to the whims of many.

There are several projects currently being tested and analyzed for the near future. Due to the changes in

society which demand that women work, there is an ever-increasing demand for an activity-oriented kindergarten curriculum which Marshall is developing in conjunction with the NAD. "Societal changes are causing us to reassess and reevaluate our SDA philosophy in regards to when children should begin school and the kind of developmental activities that should be taking place at that time."

Marshall is also preparing the first Seventh-day Adventist Black Heritage curriculum, to be implemented in 1989 for grades K-12. A Bible achievement test is currently on the drawing board. Other projects in the works will help develop students' listening, thinking, and study skills, according to Marshall. The curriculum of smaller schools, with two to three teachers, is being reevaluated to see if it is achieving its intended goal. An AIDS curriculum is being developed for teachers and administrators under the auspices of the North American Division with guidelines for dealing with AIDS victims in the classroom.

As part of Harvest 90 a project showing the roots of the Seventh-day Adventist church through text, video and other reading material such as calendars, is being developed. It is an attempt to teach children about the church by integrating history, witnessing projects, games, and

questions for stimulation and discussion.

Epperson is pursuing ways to become more efficient in selecting a quality educational staff. He demands greater accountability of administrators through management by objectives. There is a conference educational evaluation program in place to study supervision of students, libraries, administrative proficiency, and financing.

Computer software is being developed for administrative levels in local conferences to upgrade efficiency, testing, and statistical review. Teachers are now required to demonstrate proficiency in computer usage for recertification.

Aside from the spiritual dimension, Epperson's greatest reward comes from seeing the students in the Southern Union excel academically. However, he is not the least bit apologetic as the Southern Union emerges as an educational leader in church developments when the North American Division borrows a number of programs from the Southern Union to be used nationwide, such as the *Adventist Home and School* magazine and textbooks, or when he meets with superintendents from the public school system who comment on the Adventist system saying, "It boggles the mind. If we just had a system like this." ■

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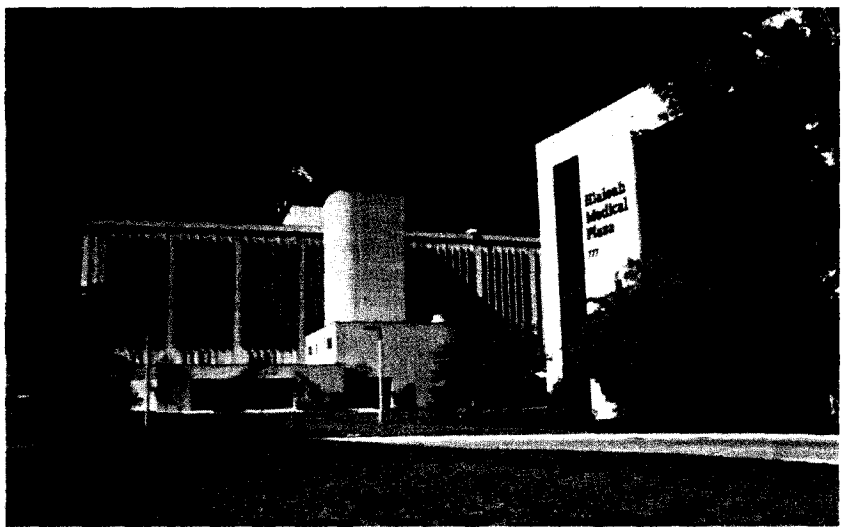
Two students and their charges cheer the Big Sister program at Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

# Not Just Another Hospital

by Volker Henning

In 1951 a group of Miami Temple members founded an organization known today as Versacare. This group of Seventh-day Adventist laymen believed in the special health-care message of the church. They felt a responsibility to the community and the church to present that message by operating hospitals and other medical institutions. AMI, later Versacare, was created so like-minded Adventist laymen in various communities could share in their dedication to the ministry of the church. One of the organization's goals is to work with, encourage and strengthen the endeavors of local Adventist communities. To help fulfill these purposes in the Miami area, Hialeah Hospital was built.

Today, after several phases of construction, Hialeah Hospital stands as the flagship of Versacare hospitals, and is the largest A.S.I. (Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries) institution in the world. The 411-bed acute-care hospital has 1,200 employees, and 500 members on the medical staff. About one-third of its employees are Seventh-day Adventists, one of the highest percentages of any Adventist hospital.



Hialeah Hospital, the flagship of Versacare hospitals.

PHOTOS BY VOLKER HENNING

As one walks the halls of the 375,000 square-foot building and talks with employees, it becomes apparent that Hialeah is not just another hospital. There is something special at this hospital that is beginning to make itself felt in the Miami-area Adventist community. In an ever-expanding way, Hialeah Hospital is reaching out to the churches in an attempt to help them in their outreach. "Our goal," explains Chaplain Ernest Roy, "is to provide resources to help each of our churches be a better living health center." Therefore, the hospital conducts training sessions for pastors and laymen, holds seminars at churches, and provides speakers for church-sponsored outreach projects.

Monthly luncheons for pastors serve as times of fellowship and communication. "These monthly get-togethers started out small," says Roy, "but have continued to grow. They provide a good opportunity for

us to fellowship and find ways we can be of help to each other." These luncheons have served as the springboard for training seminars, sponsored by the hospital, for pastors and key hospital employees.

Hialeah also conducts community outreach programs. Stroke clubs, Breathe-free Plans to stop smoking, health fairs, senior health screening programs, and a work/study program involving Greater Miami Academy students are just a few. This latter program enables students to get involved in various aspects of health care and help defray the expenses of their education. Opportunities for job shadowing are also available to GMA students to help them learn what various jobs entail.

It was through a similar program that Hialeah Hospital President and CEO, A. David Jimenez, first came in touch with the hospital. While he was a student at Greater Miami Academy, Jimenez washed dishes in the hospi-

tal cafeteria. Later, he worked as an orderly and in the hospital's physical therapy and maintenance departments.

Jimenez stated that he had worked in hospitals most of his life but had steered clear of medical school. "Probably every person, at least for a moment, considers being a doctor," Jimenez says. "What I determined was that I wanted to work on the business side. I found I did not have a great affinity for the illness part."

Apparently Jimenez does have an affinity for the business side of hospitals. When he came to Hialeah in July, 1987, "the hospital was under financial distress," he says. "There were fairly severe cash-flow difficulties. There was a problem with collections. There were a lot of hospital systems that were just not working."

The problems were made worse by several other facts. When International Medical Centers' health maintenance organization collapsed it owed Hialeah \$2.5 million. That entire amount proved uncollectible and had to be written off. Besides that, health care in South Florida is extremely competitive. Medical costs to consumers are well above average, and the area has the highest malpractice rates in the country.

As a result of the difficulties, contracts were renegotiated, services internalized, and staff had to be trimmed. "Word was that we were going under," says Brenda Boynton, vice-president for patient services, "but we are here and we are strong." Expenses have been reduced by more than \$1 million and "the goal to stabilize has been substantially accomplished," says Jimenez. Part of the credit goes to employees such as one nurse who remarked, "This is a Christian facility and we'll survive because it is a Christian institution."

Patient census is up to 250, and



*Miriam Carta, RN, assistant head nurse, cares for one of the infants in the 10-bed Neonatal Special Care Unit.*

several departments are working at or above capacity. The hospital's 20-bed substance abuse unit now has 34 patients. A certificate of need has been filed with the state to expand that department. The maternity department has an average of 200 deliveries per month and plans are being laid to expand. The emergency room is operating at normal capacity, and the ICU is very active. All the indications are there that Hialeah Hospital is healthy.

The new challenge is to maintain the hospital's market share. The introduction of Versacard has resulted in more patients choosing Hialeah as the location for their treatment. Versacard is a networking card which avails members of discounts for hospital services as well as at participating merchants. Long-range strategic planning seeks to make the hospital more effective and more productive in serving the community. Because of these changes administrators feel the challenge will be met and that the future looks bright. ■



*Hialeah Hospital President A. David Jimenez (center), confers with Drs. A. Garcia Romeo (left), and Miguel A. Nunez.*



*J. A. Edgecombe (left), president; I. L. Harrell, personal ministries director; and Sandy Robinson, sales and marketing representative for NAD; hold MESSAGE Cup of Excellence given for the highest number of subscriptions in the NAD.*

# Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

by **R. R. Brown**

**Y**esterday we were considered the part of the South Atlantic Conference that was given new leadership. Yesterday there were 8,511 members in 51 churches. Start-up funds amounted to \$365,000. Tithe at the out-set was at a generous giving level by God's people of \$2,237,286, and we said, "To God be the glory." The campgrounds showed the wear and use of years. There was a debt of more than \$400,000, and the conferencewide development offering was a mere \$70,000. Joint camp meetings brought the South Atlantic and Southeastern brethren together for fellowship, straining the resources of the facility.

Yesterday, 24 pastors, baptizing 37 individuals per pastor, and a few literature evangelists who delivered \$121,000 in sales made up the total working force. Five schools with 630 pupils and 34 teachers, and 76 students at Oakwood College, reflected the Christian educational thrust. The publishing and Adventist Book Center activities originated from Atlanta. Yesterday we were in rented quarters subjected to conditions that were every bit temporary. Yesterday it was



PHOTOS BY R. R. BROWN

*R. T. and Mary Ann Smith and Daisy O. Brown share a moment after recognition for Smith's seven years of service as publishing director.*



Trevor Fraser, recruiting officer, Oakwood College, lectured on worship and gave the keynote address for a recent banquet recognizing conference growth.

J. A. Edgecombe, president; D. A. Walker, secretary/treasurer; K. A. Dennis, youth ministries; R. T. Smith, publishing; I. L. Harrell, Sabbath school and personal ministries; Eugene Mason, auditor. One French pastor, Gerard Nozea, cared for the French believers and one Spanish pastor, Julio Astacio, for the entire Spanish work, and that represented total foreign language involvement.

That was yesterday. Today, seven years later, it's not jubilee, but can anyone fail to see God's hand among His people executing His will through those delegated with the responsibility of shepherding the flock? Today there are 13,667 members in 78 churches, with 39 watchmen on Zion's walls. Of the 39, five French pastors lead seven churches. Today's tithe, at \$4,608,181 the highest gain in the Southern Union Conference, is more than double 1981's and almost \$50,000 more than our sister conference South Atlantic, and only \$20,000 less than South Central. The campground's \$400,000 debt has been met. Camp facilities' plans are afoot for improvement. Today the Publishing Department boasts more than \$320,000 in deliveries. Associates Hugh Lee, Welton Jones, and John Wells are now publishing director and Adventist Book Center managers. Now we have seven schools with 601 students, 37 teachers, and the third-highest number of students at



Gerard Nozea (left), Amos Boussous, Jean-Claude Alius, and Nathanael Myrthil are four of the five French pastors.

Oakwood College. 180 Westmonte Drive, Altamonte Springs, Florida, is our permanent address. Today there are J. A. Edgecombe, president; R. R. Brown, secretary and communication; D. A. Walker, treasurer; Patricia Allen and Eugene Mason, assistant treasurers; K. A. Dennis, youth ministries; R. T. Smith, publishing; I. L. Harrell, Sabbath school and personal ministries; Eugene Mason, auditor. That's today.

Ingathering soars to \$103,772, *Message* magazine subscriptions in the North American Division are highest in Southeastern. Today we publish *Southeastern Sketches*. Today we still do evangelism the old-fashioned way, we still have workers' meetings, church officers' meetings, laymen's rallies, education weekend for

graduating seniors, youth federations, investitures, and much, much more. That's today's Southeastern Conference.

But what of tomorrow? Across the seas yet uncharted lies an ocean of possibilities, successes and adventures known only to Him who has the chart and compass and has been the Pilot for these seven years. Tomorrow belongs to Him. We know Him and His promise is a future bursting with blessings regarding which mortals dare not speculate.

So with the joy of knowing, "We have nothing to fear for the future except as we forget how the Lord has led us in the past," we move into tomorrow with bright hopes and say, "Be with us, Lord, lest we forget." Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. ■

## FLORIDA

Four states, 800 miles, six sets of horseshoes and three cases of missionary books later, **Ted and Evelyn Pritchard** arrived in Dunnellon, Fla. Ted's dream to travel in a covered wagon across the United States became a reality when his physician said to take the trip now. Pritchard has lost 75 percent of his eyesight because of glaucoma. The Pritchards traded their car for a wagon; sold their Arabian horse for Laddie, a strong, two-year-old Belgium mix; brought Snuggles, their cat, and had \$30 in their pocket when they left Benton, Ark. They traveled on state and county highways 20-30 miles a day, two to five days a week for nine weeks; presented books for donations, and gave Bible studies to everyone possible they met. They told their story at the Inverness church vespers. In their sight-seeing/missionary venture they "met so many beautiful people who wanted to hear about God's word. We met someone who believed in the Sabbath, but didn't know how to keep it. We met another interested in healthful living, but didn't know how to go about it. Because of Ted's eyesight it has been difficult for him to obtain employment. However, Evelyn is working toward her RN license and is employed as a nurse's aide. They've sold their horse and wagon, and plan to purchase two saddle horses and three cases of books for their return trip this spring.

**Emmanuel Pupo**, a retired minister and for many years an active layman and communication leader for the Forest City, Fla., Spanish church, "is devoting as much time as possible to proclaiming the three angels' messages in the newspaper." Working with *La Semana's* editor, Raul Delgado-Baguer, he will have two articles in the paper weekly. He will write a column on spiritual topics and has secured permission from Pacific Press Publishing Association to reprint selections from the Spanish daily devotional book of 1987. These selections are currently appearing as a special "Meditacion" (meditation) section of the paper.



ROY E. MALCOLM

## The Loving Scholarship

A scholarship fund for eligible students at Oakwood Elementary was established at the First church in Huntsville, Ala., by the late **Mary Bell Winston Loving** of the class of 1914, and her daughter, Jeanne Wilson. To date 10 students have benefited from this scholarship, according to Lola Stewart, a friend of the family who cared for Mrs. Loving for some time before her death. The scholarship is in memory of Mrs. Loving's younger daughter, Barbara Ann, a victim of Down's Syndrome.

Mrs. Loving was born in Atlanta August 14, 1895, one year before the founding of Oakwood College. Her father was William H. Winston, a Seventh-day Adventist minister from West Point, Ga. In January, 1912, Mary Bell arrived on the Oakwood College campus in a horse-drawn wagon from the Huntsville train depot, to continue her educational preparation.

Mary Bell was an excellent student. She was also a fine Christian, and dedicated wife, mother, and teacher.

She obtained her education in the Atlanta public school system, and attended Atlanta University before transferring to Oakwood College. Mary Bell was the first church school teacher for the SDA school in Louisville, Ky. There she met Albert A. Loving who became her husband for 61 years, 55 of which were spent in Chicago. In addition to their two daughters, they also had two sons—Albert and William.

The Lovings moved to Huntsville in 1973 and united with the First church. Elder Loving passed away in 1977. Mrs. Loving remained faithful to the Lord and the church until the time of her death in October, 1984.

Roy E. Malcolm

## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



**Wendall Stover**, one of Georgia-Cumberland's native sons, on January 9 launched his first crusade as the newly hired third evangelist for the conference. Valdosta Pastor John Hanson phoned

Evangelism Coordinator Roy Caughron to report attendance on opening night. "There were 20 in attendance, he began. Caughron consoled that all we asked of our men was to do their best. "Well, that was the Adventist attendance," Hanson continued, "One hundred eighty-four non-members also came out!"



A retirement party was held for **William H. Driver** on January 27 at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center. Driver was presented with a plaque from the employees of Georgia-Cumberland Conference, along

with a resolution of appreciation signed by the three officers. The theme for the evening was Voices from the Past, with recorded messages from people Driver has worked with over the more than 30 years he has been with Georgia-Cumberland.

## GULF STATES

**David Westerdahl**, a member of the Vicksburg, Miss., Pathfinder club, submitted an article entitled "Why I Should Stay in School" to the *Vicksburg Evening Post*, which published it on November 11. Some of the reasons David gave to support his position were: each successive grade teaches new vocabulary and increases comprehension of the English language; without a good command of the English language and an adequate reading level, progress is handicapped in the development of math and science skills; there is a clear relationship between progressive levels of education and economic rewards; education brings exposure to a wide



range of career possibilities and influences decisions; each advancing grade level contributes to social, physical, and intellectual development; and "someday I plan to become a professional in some specialized field so it is vital that I stay in school," David said.

**Betty Garver, RN,** MSN, associate professor of nursing at Southern College, was the keynote speaker for the ministers' wives of the Gulf States Conference during the December ministers' meeting at Camp Alamisco. Her topic was "Health, Humor, and Self-Esteem." Mrs. Garver presented the psychological as well as the physiological benefits of laughter. Research in jollintology indicates that during laughter the endocrine system is stimulated and increases circulation, respiration, and relaxation. Psychological benefits of humor include using humor as a coping mechanism for stress as a safety valve to relieve anxiety, and in unifying a group. Humor also helps in dealing with reality.



**John T. Saeva,** a member of the Vicksburg, Miss., church, has been appointed to the medical staff of Vicksburg Medical Center with podiatric surgical privileges. Saeva, the first podiatrist in Mississippi to have obtained both hospital residency training and podiatric surgical board eligibility, is one of two podiatrists in the state currently possessing hospital surgical staff privileges.

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

**Dawn Germaine Franklin,** daughter of Elder and Mrs. Ralph Franklin, director of trust services and School of Bible Prophecy, is a student at Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy. She took the semi-final PSAT examination in October, 1986. According to the officials of the Merit Program, there were more than a



FAYE MORELAND

## Sgt. Crocker – A Gift of Love

**Sgt. Gary Crocker,** Marine Corps recruiter for Tupelo, Mississippi, was awarded the Community Service Award plaque on January 13 by Faye Moreland, communication leader and director of community services for the Tupelo church. Each year Faye and her helpers at the community service center at the Tupelo church have joined forces with the local Marines in collecting and distributing toys for needy children.

"In recent years," Faye states, "the campaign has been sagging and this year there was some debate on whether to even try it. But then," she adds, "Crocker stepped in and offered his help."

Sgt. Crocker expressed it this way: "They told me they weren't going to have the drive this year for the annual 'Toys for Tots' campaign, but I asked them to give me a chance." Crocker then began soliciting contributions of toys and clothing for children and his efforts resulted in Christmas gifts for more than 500 children. He had succeeded in collecting more than \$18,000 worth of toys for needy children and he delivered most of them in person.

"When I saw the work Sgt. Crocker had done, I knew we had a candidate for the Community Service Award plaque," Moreland said.

Faye Moreland

million 11th graders who took the test and Dawn was highly commended among the top 50,000 students. Although the test performance of all 50,000 is very high, only the top scorers in each state would be honored to continue in the program for finalists in November, 1987. Dawn was among the 1,500 semi-finalists in Georgia. She took the test in November, and is waiting for the result. At present she will receive a \$2,000 scholarship, and if she is successful this second round, she will receive a \$4,000 scholarship from the Merit Scholarship Corporation instead of \$2,000.

## SOUTHERN COLLEGE



**William R. Wohlers, Ph.D.,** is now the vice president for student services at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists. This post involves coordinating the non-academic aspects of student

life. The residence halls, chaplain's office, health service, counseling and testing service, and security are areas receiving Wohler's attention. He joined the history faculty at Southern nearly 15 years ago, and most recently had chaired the history department. He also is chairman of the Artist-Adventure Series program committee. Wohlers earned his doctorate in history at the University of Nebraska in 1976. "The Anabaptist View of the Family in Its Relationship to the Church" was the subject of his dissertation. His wife, Rita, is manager of the Campus Shop. Their two sons are Jonathan, 15, and Jason, 13.



An article written by **Ray Hefferlin, Ph.D.,** professor of physics at Southern College, has been accepted by the McGraw-Hill Encyclopaedia of Science for its 1989 yearbook. The article describes work on

molecular periodicity by the physics department at Southern, and also by groups from the Soviet Union, People's Republic of China, Belgium, and the U.S.



## Carolina

The Fayetteville, N.C., church has **RAISED** slightly more than half of its \$300,000 goal for a new sanctuary. The funds were raised in approximately three years.

Marvin Hunt, new youth director in the Carolina Conference, has sent an open letter in the "Carolina Action" to each constituent asking for input on the youth program concerning the formation of an **ADVISORY COMMITTEE** to discuss the young people's needs.

The Foster Memorial church in Asheville, N.C., will be the site of a **CONCERT**, Sabbath afternoon, March 5, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Alexander Henderson, who received national attention from a television appearance at the Crystal Cathedral in California, will perform a program of classical, spiritual, and gospel music. He has performed with many musical groups throughout Europe and North America. He sang the national anthem at the kick-off ceremonies for President Reagan's reelection campaign.

A three-part **SERIES ON THE SANCTUARY** was presented by Darwin Whitman at the Rockingham, N.C., church the weekend of January 15 and 16. Whitman wore the High Priest garments and explained the importance of each part of the apparel during Sabbath services. He also presented a model of the Sanctuary and clarified its contents and services.

Eighteen pastors attended a **PASTORAL EVANGELISM TRAINING PROGRAM** January 3-7 at Nosoca Pines Ranch. During the sessions each pastor preached an evangelistic sermon. Ron Halvorsen, Benny Moore, Ben Maxson, and J. J. Rodriguez also gave general presentations on different areas of evangelism. Because of an approaching snowstorm that eventually dumped up to 12

inches of snow, efforts were made to finish the meetings by Wednesday night. At 10:15 p.m. Wednesday evening, Ben Maxson led out with a short devotional on the Day of Pentecost. What was to be a brief, 15-minute session of testimony and commitment turned into a three-hour prayer and praise service. The imminent heavy snowfall did not dampen the participation of those in attendance. Some left for home that night, others left at daybreak. The Lord provided safety for all.

Seven days . . . seven meetings . . . 1,400 people . . . and 1,300 miles. Such is the statistical summary of the **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY "RUN-ABOUT"** in the Carolina Conference the week of January 15-21. Herb Crawley, then religious liberty director of the Carolina Conference, was joined by Gordon Engen and Lewis Stout from the General Conference and Southern Union, respectively. The week's activities began in Asheville, Arden, and Fletcher in the western portion of North Carolina. Meetings were then scheduled along the eastern seaboard in Charleston, S.C., and Wilmington, N.C. Raleigh, Kernersville, and Matthews, N.C., completed the busy schedule. The turnout was excellent in each church. Members throughout the Conference expressed support for the religious freedoms we enjoy in America.

The Rockingham, N.C., group is **VERY ACTIVE**. There are 22 people listed as members of the company. One of the members, Mary Priest, heads up the community services center. Since February, 1986, Mary, with her friends, has distributed more than 48,000 pieces of clothing. They include literature for each person who receives help. Rockingham company is also actively involved in Revelation Seminars and Bible studies.



## Florida

"The success of the **ADVENTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP RETREATS** in the various regions of Florida is the lay leadership," states Lewis Hendershot, director of youth ministries for Florida Conference. Laymen planned the late fall West Coast/North Florida retreat from start to finish. Some 200 youth and young adults attended the retreat, learning tips on making choices from guest speaker Ralph Peay, Southern Union's associate secretary. The event was held at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, Fla., and was put together by the North Florida officers: Des Suarez, coordinator; Dale Pritchard, associate coordinator; Sandy Currier, secretary; and West Coast officers: Gary Arquitt, coordinator; Mark Schiefer, associate coordinator; and Phil Matthews, associate coordinator.

The Daytona and New Port Richey, Fla., congregations have **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE OFFERINGS** to benefit particular projects. "Who says money doesn't grow on trees?" wrote Floy Blosser, editor of Daytona's *News-Notes*. "Our annual building fund Christmas tree was decorated with 'ornaments' for our new church. The 'greenery' was the kind which contains pictures of Washington, Lincoln, and other 'greats,' pinned on by our members. It grew and grew until the tree yielded

\$4,502.25." In the New Port Richey *Communique* it was reported that \$13,684 came in during their December Christmas tree offering and more has come in since. Those monies are earmarked for a church building project in the Dominican Republic. Members will join with Maranatha Flights International later this year to erect the facility.

"The **OLD-STYLE INGATHERING** still works if you work it," says Cocoa, Fla., pastor William Webb. "Some churches who had had Ingathering in their budgets are working toward reinvolving their members in solicitation as Ingathering was intended," says Richard Shepard, vice director of church ministries and director of adult ministries. "Previously Cocoa was using unallocated church funds to complete its Ingathering goal. Webb set out to change that system. He personally led a caroling program and the church reached its goal two weeks before Christmas. Teachers Bob and Kathy Couch conducted a two-week program for the students. Most of the students earned camp scholarships and two raised more than \$500. The church more than doubled its goal. The South Orlando church also more than doubled its goal," reports Shepard. Pastor John Fox stated that 68 percent of the Sabbath school members were in-

volved. Each Sabbath school class had a thermometer goal device showing percentage of participation, not dollars raised. The church school and Pathfinder club raised \$4,900. Nine young

**BAPTISMS** exceeded their goal of 800 by five during 1987. Since this reflects the unique, individual efforts of dozens of soulwinners in the field, it is surprising how close to a goal one arrives when all bend their efforts to that end.

Another benchmark in Georgia-Cumberland history occurred when, at the close of 1987, Conference Secretary Don Aalborg was able to announce that **TOTAL CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP** passed the 18,000 mark to a new high of 18,071.

Rudy Skoretz began a **CRUSADE** on January 9 at Statesboro, Ga. Twenty non-members were present.

On January 15 **EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS** began in Albany, Ga., with Conference Evangelist Clifford Vickery. Twenty-four non-members were in attendance.

Georgia-Cumberland's 26 full-time **LITERA-**

Jim Greek, coordinator for adult church ministries, reports the highest per capita **INGATHERING** of any conference in the Southern Union, \$18.91.

Pathfinder clubs across the conference have committed themselves to a **SPECIAL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN** to provide storage and display cases for exhibits in the nature center.

A **NEW CAMPFIRE BOWL SITE** is being completed at Camp Alamisco.

The Madison, Tenn., campus church recently received **CARILLONS** from James A. Carr in memory of his wife, Dorothy. The chimes ring at noon each weekday and for church services on Sabbath. Several times before her death Mrs. Carr had expressed a wish that there be carillons on the church. Carr hopes that as the bells and chimes ring out the glory of God, each heart will be filled with true fellowship and Christian love.

Members of the White House, Tenn., church sponsored a **MAILOUT** of nearly 6,000 *Signs Digest* in December. This represents 10 rural routes and post office boxes in three post offices. This is the largest mailout ever attempted by the church and covers every home in a 15-mile radius. White House is a growing area 15 miles north of Nashville.

M. M. Young, former stewardship director of the Southwest Region Conference who now pastors in Miami, Fla., conducted a **STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS WEEK** in Jacksonville, Fla. The church members viewed anew their relationship to God in

people earned full camp scholarships, with 11 earning half scholarships." Conference wide, members surpassed the \$300,000 goal by \$31,400.87.

## Georgia-Cumberland



**TURE EVANGELISTS** sold \$808,000 in literature in 1987. This is more than \$100,000 increase over 1986 and represents the highest annual literature sales in conference history.

The first meeting of the newly organized 32-member **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR EVANGELISM** occurred January 17 at Cohutta Springs. The members spent several hours discussing the various strategies for organized witness toward the many target populations found within Georgia-Cumberland. The group was divided into three working committees. Jim Haney will chair those focusing on dark county ministries, Gordon Bietz' group will consider methods of evangelizing the metropolitan areas, and J. R. McKinney's group is planning how to organize individual churches for effective community outreach.

## Gulf States



The Columbus, Miss., church is airing a **RADIO PROGRAM** every Saturday night which consists of sacred music, topic discussions, and telephone call-ins which allow persons in the community to call and ask questions. The first program was aired on December 26.

The Vicksburg Confederates Pathfinder club held a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** followed by games on Sunday, December 14.

## Kentucky-Tennessee



On January 16, the entire Highland Academy student body went out and **VISITED** 20 districts in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference to promote the academy. Each student participated in the worship service.

Highland Academy students conducted a **WEEK OF PRAYER** on campus recently. Among those participating were Claudine McConnell, Dwayne Cole, Melody Shelton, Vicki Calfee, Jim Dittes, John Bennett, Yvonne Gibson, Virgil Covell, and Melissa McCoy.

On January 21, station WMTS in Murfreesboro, Tenn., **INTERVIEWED** Linda Dickinson, teacher in the Murfreesboro church school, about SDA education. The program host featured Christian education in the Murfreesboro area. Two other denominations were also interviewed.

## Southeastern



time, talent, body temple, and treasures. Pastor Herman Davis anticipates in the near future an upswing in those areas. The membership joined him in expressing thanks for the insights given.

**—Education—**

**Port Charlotte School Completes Addition**

**Florida** — More than 300 parents and supporters of the Port Charlotte elementary school were present at the November 22 ribbon-cutting ceremonies of the school's new addition.

The facility's expansion project began in May, 1986, and has doubled existing space to include three new classrooms, a library, storage, office space, and a lobby.

"We needed space to provide the quality of education these children deserve," said Principal Ed Dancek. The school opened in 1970 with nine students and has continually grown to the current enrollment of 60 children in grades one through eight.

As part of the expansion project there has been a change in the drive and parking lot. "In the afternoon when school was out," said Dancek, "cars were backed up onto Loveland Boulevard. The new drive provides a much safer access to the school," which is located at the intersection of Loveland and Midway Boulevards.

Present at the ribbon cutting were the local pastoral staff and conference administrators. Teachers conducted tours after the ribbon was cut by Conference President Malcolm and Mrs. Hazel Gordon.

Mike Harrell

**Highland Academy Receives Accreditation**

**Kentucky-Tennessee** — Highland Academy has received accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), a regional accrediting agency for elementary-, secondary-, and college-level schools based in Atlanta.

Richard Stevenson, principal, accepted the official accreditation papers at the annual meeting of the association in New Orleans December 11.

Receiving this accreditation has come as the culmination of a process begun in April, 1986. At that time, a visiting committee of educators, chaired by Carol G. Thigpen of Tennessee State University, spent a week at Highland evaluating its total program. The main need of the school at that time was for a guidance counselor. Highland added that position to its program this year, with Michael Deming, who had just earned his license in counseling in the state of California.

Highland Academy is accredited also by the General Conference Board of Regents and fully approved by the State of Tennessee. "Now we are accredited as solidly as we can be," says Stevenson. "My predecessor, H. D. Lawson, started the process for this latest accreditation and I am proud to have had a small part in completing it. Our staff will continue to upgrade our program

to provide the finest Christian education for our young people."

Albert Dittes

**Mt. Pisgah Alumni Donate Cabinets**

**Carolina** — The Mt. Pisgah Academy Class of 1962 voted, during its 1987 alumni weekend, to supply its alma mater with cabinets and counter tops for the science lab in the new administration building.

Ron Ennis, a graduate of the class, and cabinet maker in the Chattanooga area, did all the footwork and made arrangements to make sure the cabinets matched the ones already in the lab. He also solicited funds from classmates for the project.

Ennis arrived on a

Friday, delivering the furniture to complete the outfitting of the science laboratory. He installed the cabinets with the assistance of one of MPA's juniors, Ray Bramblett.

The retail value of the cabinets was about \$5,000; but Ennis was able to work out a substantial savings through his business.

The Alumni Association has assisted in other areas, as well. It recently donated a Yamaha piano for use in the administration building auditorium and an Amiga computer for the computer class.

Larry Blackmer, the principal, said, "These improvements will be a definite asset to MPA's program, which would not exist if it weren't for the alumni association. Their support is greatly appreciated."

Tierney Crawley

**—Outreach—**

**28 Quit After Smoking Seminar**

**Georgia-Cumberland** — A Breathe-Free Stop Smoking Clinic was held at the Chattanooga community service center.

The seminar was one of eight various community outreach programs offered to the public from the center during the fall. These seminars are offered to the greater Chattanooga region on a repetitive schedule, and are breaking down prejudices against the church, giving the denomination community identity, and impacting a favorable, positive image. In return, this is conditioning and

preparing minds for eternal spiritual treasures, culminating in conversion, baptism, and church accession.

The November Breathe-Free clinic was held in conjunction with the American Cancer Society's annual national smoke-out day, November 19.

Thirty-six determined and eager, yet somewhat fearful, persons registered, although 45 filled the meeting room with non-smoking spouses, companions, and friends giving moral support to those who desired to get their divorce papers from Lady Nicotine.

John A. Sines, DDS, of the Collegedale Medical Center, presented the physiological aspects of quitting the tobacco habit, and Henry A. Uhl, director of the greater

Chattanooga evangelistic council, presented the psychological aspects.

The final night attested that 28 had discontinued the deleterious habit, while the remainder had significantly reduced their intake.

Henry Uhl

## Student Turns Teacher

**Carolina** — Denver Stephens and his wife presented a Revelation Seminar during November in the Waynesville, N.C., church.

"Six years ago, I knew nothing about the Bible. Then, my wife and I attended a Revelation Seminar in the Winter Park, Fla., church and

our eyes were opened. We were baptized at the conclusion of the meetings," says Stephens.

Their pastor, Larry Allen, says, "Part of the smoothness of the presentation was Denver's preparation. Every lesson, every video, was studied and watched at least four times before Denver presented it to the people. When people are that well prepared, it shows in the presentation."

Three of Denver's students have requested baptism and five more continue studying. Perhaps one of Denver Stephen's students will follow in his footsteps and lead out in the next Revelation Seminar.

Mary Quick

Perhaps the key to the success of the Zima program is a highly organized schedule of visitation and Bible studies. The only preaching is on the four Sabbaths of the time spent in a district.

With nearly 150 meetings completed, Bill is a veteran. In recent years, he has averaged

210 baptisms per year. The Zimas are probably the only team in North America carrying on this program and their burden is to see others doing a similar work. Those attending expressed commitment of applying his insights during the balance of "Harvest 90."

Ed Reid



Denver Stephens conducts a Revelation Seminar.

## Pastors Study Evangelism

### Georgia-Cumberland

— Bill Zima, Mid-America Union evangelist, conducted a ministerial evangelism seminar at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center on December 8-10, for 40 ministers and departmental leaders.

Bill and Pat Zima have been very successful in a unique form of evangelism specializing in winning those who have had some previous



Bill Zima

contact with the Adventist Church.

Bill holds no public meetings. Consequently, there is no outlay for extensive advertising.



Melvin Kent and his new home.

## Volunteers Rebuild Fire Victim's Home

### Georgia-Cumberland

— The spirit of love, giving, and sharing was demonstrated to Melvin Kent of the Summit area near Chattanooga. Kent, a nonAdventist, lost his house by fire. The greater Chattanooga Community Service Center, through volunteer labor and donated building materials, constructed a small house, complete with appliances, valued at \$20,000, and presented the key to Melvin Kent December 22 as a Christmas present, no strings attached.

The event sparked significant responses from the news media as television, radio, and newspaper reporters covered the story of unselfish love.

"In a world filled with hate, love has found its

way to Melvin Kent's little patch of ground," wrote newspaper reporter Buck Johnson as the occurrence received front-page headlines in the Chattanooga Times. All three major television network affiliates carried the story on the 6 and 11 p.m. news report.

Melvin Kent, about 80 years old, at one time worked at a local sawmill. No longer able to work, he supplements his food stamps picking up aluminum cans along the roadside. His only form of security was lifetime privileges to live on his small parcel of land until his death.

Everything he owned went up in smoke when his house burned—he had nowhere to go and if he left the land he would forfeit his lifetime privilege of living on it. For a while Melvin lived in a chicken shed.

When his plight was discovered, a heater, dishes, and clothing were given by the community

center. Then a building committee, chaired by Bill Hulse, was formed to handle this situation. Independent building contractors, Kelly

DeGrave, Harry Branson, and Charles Phillips, all donated their companies' services as the new home was constructed.

Henry Uhl

## Evangelistic Team Survives Pit Bull Attack.

**South Atlantic** — Evangelists Clyde Best, Edward Best, and Solomon Sumner were attacked by a ferocious Pit Bull at the home where they stored their electronic equipment each evening following evangelistic meetings.

According to Sumner, "The family was very friendly but their dog had other plans as we came twice each day to store and pick up our equipment."

Sumner said the dog was chained, but one afternoon when they entered the yard, the dog rushed toward them without any warning.

"Instantly," according to Sumner, "he was at Clyde's feet, who stood motionless in amazement

and shock. The dog went first for the leg opening, closing his strong jaws twice without pulling even a snag from Best. He then launched in the air reaching for Best's throat, but fell to the ground in dismay. He then turned toward me. I stood dumfounded like a zombie watching the power of God in action. As he got ready to attack he became confused and backed away. In a third attack he pinned his nose on my leg but could not move his jaws. He just turned and walked away," said Sumner.

The evangelistic team believes this experience was a demonstration of God's strength in contrast to Satan's weakness, especially in light of recent discussions they had concerning God's superiority over the devil.

S. E. Gooden

need to provide our students with the most positive atmosphere in which to live that we can," says Ron Qualley, dean of men. "If we keep our students comfortable and happy with life in the dorm, it goes a long way toward keeping them here and perhaps bringing their friends here, too."

A gift of \$150,000 got the project rolling. To this will be added the \$50,000 students are seeking for Talge Hall improvements. The Development Office is

seeking gifts and grants for the balance.

The 58 rooms in the "new wing" (circa 1970) are not involved in the current project. However, apart from this central project, new washers and dryers have recently been installed for use of residents, with an accompanying boost in morale. Talge was re-roofed in the fall, and new paint and curtains enhance the chapel. The lobby is scheduled for improvements between now and April.

Doris Burdick

## Monteagle Congregation Burns Mortgage

### Georgia-Cumberland

— December 12 was a day of excitement for Pastor Paul Eirich and the members of the Monteagle, Tenn., church. A "mile post" had been reached with the pay-off of their remodeling mortgage and they gathered to celebrate a special thanksgiving worship service.

Joining them were G. L. Goodwin, pastor as remodeling started; O. D.

McKee, president of the Professional and Businessmen's Association when the loan was made; Errol Eder, treasurer of Georgia-Cumberland Conference; and Don Aalborg, conference secretary.

Members Leonard Mosses and Lois Nivison provided historical reflections on the progress of the church to the present. The climax of the service came when the mortgage was burned and the congregation was challenged to refocus its commitment to see the "work" finished in its area.

Lois Nivison

## Progress

### Southern Upgrades Men's Dorm

**Southern College** — If you had a 180-room house to keep up, it would cost you. And so would replacement of worn furniture after 26 years of intensive use. This is the Talge Hall predicament at Southern College.

The \$50,000 student goal of a \$650,000 project to refurbish the men's residence hall is targeted for achievement by March 7. Under the direction of Jack McClarty, vice president

for development, students (both men and women) began a mail-blitz in December to bring in gifts toward their goal.

New cabinetry and bathroom fixtures, improved wiring, lighting, and insulation, heaters, air conditioning units, carpet, desks, and beds are included in the overall plan. Rooms will become more conducive to study, because sheetrock and insulation will help soundproof the stud walling. Safety factors as well as comfort are involved in the project.

"From a dean's standpoint, I feel we



The newly remodeled Monteagle, Tenn., church.

**Youth**

**ROCK Groups Interest Florida Youth**

**Florida** — Interacting, communicating, supporting, and nurturing are among the goals of the R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out for Christ's Kingdom) group concept.

"ROCK groups are proving to be quite successful for young adults and collegians of the greater Orlando area, and several have been meeting for some time," says Allan Martin, the Youth Ministries Department task force worker in *The Catalyst*, an information medium for central Florida youth.

The ROCK groups have from four to 12 members, meeting weekly to generate a spirit of unity and support. They provide one-on-one contact and relationships whether involved in biblical study discussion, special occasion celebrations, or social functions.

Each ROCK group is led by a servant-leader who helps to coordinate and organize each meeting.

"It really serves as a great support group," remarks Rhonda Robinson, of Oviedo, who has been a member for about two years.

"We really want our meeting to be informal," explains Markham Woods church Associate Pastor John Rapp, describing the ROCK group which meets at his home on Friday nights. "Everyone brings food and we talk about contemporary Christian issues and enjoy the Sabbath as a group."

Allan Martin

**Camporee Captures Youth Attention**

**Gulf States** — "Pathfinder Skills" was the theme for the recent Gulf States Pathfinder Camporee held at Gulf Shores Park. Marching, drilling, knot tying, lashing, and tent pitching were demonstrated to the 250 Pathfinders representing 14 clubs. The last event of the retreat was a mile-and-a-half run called the Gulf States Marathon.

Guest speakers for the weekend were Don and Rus Aldridge from the Florida Conference. They told exciting stories and displayed snakes and other items from nature. One of the main attractions was a pair of 11-foot-long pythons.

Steve Varro, a Christian illusionist from Loma Linda, Calif., awed the Pathfinders by his many spiritual applications using "sleight of hand."

Bill Wood

**4,000 Attend Youth Federation**

**Southeastern** — The preliminaries were over. The bouquets were given, the awards presented, the Honorable Reuben Padgett, Hillsborough County commissioner, was recognized, the Pine Forge Academy Choir, under the direction of Gwen Foster, had sung the meditation song, and worship in another form was center stage.

Walter Pearson, pastor of the Berean church in Atlanta, took the 4,000

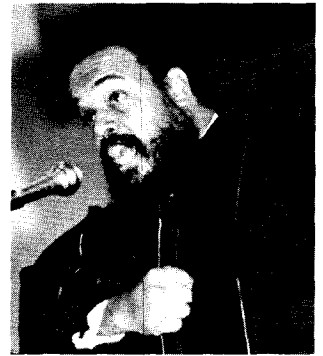
Southeastern Conference Federation attendees from one mountain peak to the next. The message was clear, enriching, ennobling, elevating, and spiritual. Titled "The Glory Almost Missed," it was a message no one missed.

Youth Ministries director Keith Dennis and Federation president Denton Hamilton provided a weekend of activities that showed purpose, planning, and design.

Each year the Federation reflects the countless hours put in by pastors and members of the Federations whose interests are centered in the youth. The officers and staff of the

conference share the dream of young people prepared to live in these changing times, and congratulate those who work so untiringly that the glory will not be missed.

R. R. Brown



Walter Pearson, pastor, Atlanta, Berean church, delivering message at youth federation in Tampa.

**Shiloh Initiates Children's Day**

**Southeastern** — Shiloh church in Ocala, Fla., celebrated its first Children's Day. The children were the focal concern for the entire day. As they marched through the sanctuary, took their seats on the front pews, choir loft, and on the rostrum, a sense of pride and destiny filled the church.

Daisy O. Brown delivered the sermon for the worship service. Using simple but effective visual aids to reinforce her message, she adopted the method of Jesus who employed object lessons to explain

the truths of the kingdom. Her counsel to the children was that they were special in God's sight and that they should act accordingly.

The children and their coordinators, Constance March, lower division Sabbath school leader; Ida Scott, Adventist youth society leader; first elder Eilbert Tolbert; and Pastor Calvin Robinson, used the occasion to launch a church mortgage liquidation drive.

A total of \$3,000 was raised.

The success of this first Children's Day has created plans for future such days.

Elizabeth Hamilton



The Shiloh church children and their coordinators.



Mark and Lisa Nickless participate in Georgia-Cumberland Academy's "Operation Facelift" under the direction of Vice-principal Vic Kostenko. Three hundred pansies and 50 shrubs were planted to brighten the campus. A redecoration of the chapel is a part of future plans.



Pictured above are laymen from the Covington, Ky., church who devoted eight Sundays to improve the appearance of their church and school. Dave Fleissner (left), volunteered to supervise this project. The installation of new siding and eaves was completed. This eliminates all future painting and repair. The work was completed for \$6,000 less than had been quoted on the contract bid.



Students at the Gainesville, Ga., junior academy had a successful bike-a-thon, making possible a field trip to the space museum in Huntsville, Ala.

Southern College students helped to brighten the lives of children from an inner-city school in downtown Chattanooga by sharing refreshments, gifts, and time. Many of the youngsters at G. Russell Brown Elementary School come from low-income, single-parent families. Students at Southern circulated in the college residence halls and collected more than \$500. The decision was made to purchase story books for the children in order to provide an educational gift that each child could claim as his own. Both the Adventist Book Center and Walden Books gave discounts on purchases, and McKee Baking Company donated a case of cookies for a party. A van load of students from the college spent an evening passing out 250 wrapped story books, autographing, and serving refreshments to tots in kindergarden through sixth grade. Plans are pending for another activity with the children in the spring, possibly a picnic and visit to the college since many of the children have never been out of the ghettos in which they live.







ROGER MORTON

Several direct hits were scored at the Dalton, Ga., school (Learning Tree) fair. Pastor Ray Daniels smiles, having just licked away some of the contents of the whipped cream pies thrown his way.



ANN WAITE

The Apison, Tenn., Adventist school displays a new look with a truss roof added. New carpet, curtains, and copying machine have been installed. The church also has a new Rodgers organ.

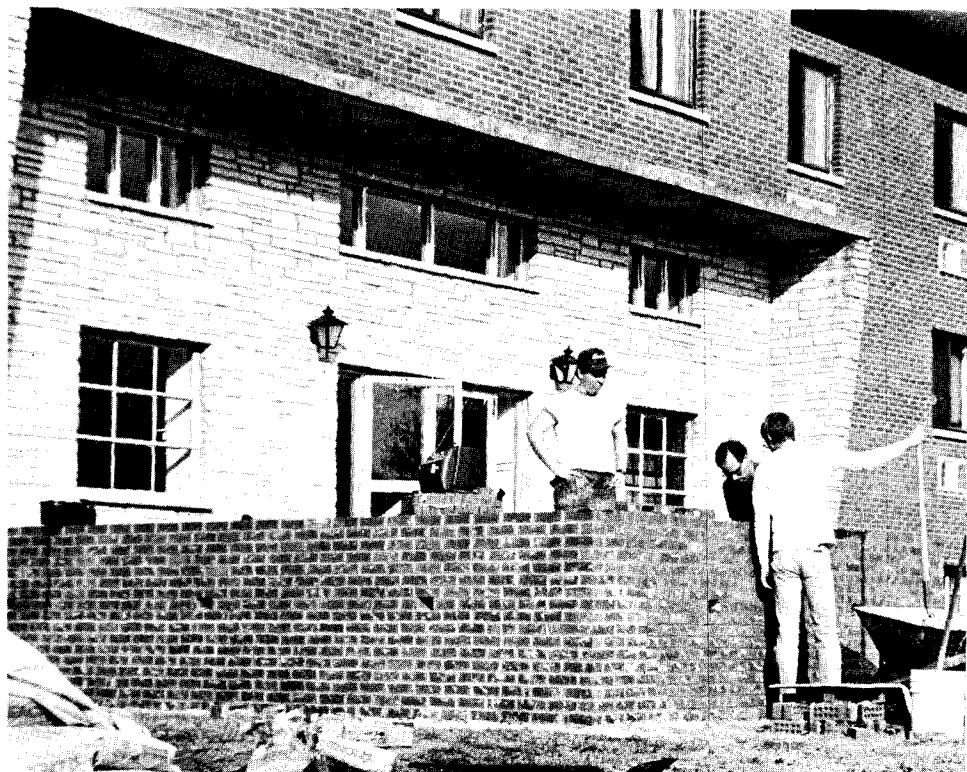


GRAYCE BATEMAN

Pharmacist I. D. Harris (center), owner of Mervon's Pharmacy, occupies a unique place in the Seventh-day Adventist community in Jacksonville, Fla. His business is located between the church and the parsonage. For years he has had excellent working relationships with the members and the community. In recognition of his outstanding community services he was presented the Community Service Award plaque by Pastor Herman Davis (left).



Maria Luisa Caveda was invited to promote the Sabbath school investment fund at the Miami Beach Spanish church. She began knitting little ducks, designed as ornaments. With the help of several members, she was able to sell many of them and inspire others to start their own investment project. Last July someone reported \$60 from the sale of ducklings. The total investment offering for 1986 was \$584.60. The goal for 1987 was \$1,000. With vision and God's help they reached and exceeded the goal.



Tim Blake, Jeff Leeper, and Carl Patterson build an outdoor lounge area in the form of a brick wall around the front porch for the boys' dormitory at Highland Academy. They plan to cap it off with stone. Some friends of the school have donated funds for the project.

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# CALENDAR

March

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## Carolina

### Federation Meetings

- Mar. 14 - Catawba Valley, Morganton
- 15 - Skyland Area, Tryon
- 16 - S. Palmetto, Camden
- 29 - Piedmont Area, Kernersville
- 30 - NE Shores Area, Wilson
- 31 - Lakeland Area, Fayetteville

**Bible Workers Lay-Training Seminar** - Mar. 11-13. NOSOCA Pines Ranch

## Florida

**Evangelistic Crusade** - In progress through March 26. Sarasota. Bob and Joyce DuBose. April 9-May 14 - Dade City/Zephyrhills. Bob and Joyce DuBose.

**"7 Days To Revival."** Mar. 5-12. Forest Lake church, Richard O'Fall, speaker.

**"Passing on the Torch"** - How to pass spiritual values to your children.

Mar. 11, 12 - Forest Lake Academy. Rodger Dudley, Ed.D., director of church ministry at Andrews University, guest speaker. Registration: (305) 862-0642.

**Teen Challenge V** - Mar. 11-13 - Ocala.

**Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Convention**

Mar. 12 - Miami Temple church, 3-7 p.m., for South Florida area.

Mar. 13 - Mt. Dora church, 1-5 p.m. for North and Central Florida.

**"How to Get a Job"** - Mar. 15, 7 p.m. Forest Lake church. Jack Copeland, instructor.

**Basic Auto Mechanics** - Mar. 17-Apr. 4, 7 p.m. Forest Lake church. Richard Pomeroy, instructor.

**Spring Fest '88** - Mar. 19, 3 p.m. Mead Gardens, Orlando - for young adults and collegians. Spiritual celebration, with Christian musical artists and drama troop: Higher Power, Destiny, Larry Culey, artist/composer. Meet in amphitheater, S. Denning Drive, Winter Park.

**Divorce Recovery Symposium** - Mar. 19, 3 p.m. Markham Woods church, Longwood. For info. (305) 862-7578.

**Lay Revelation Seminar Rally and Training Sessions**

Mar. 19 - Tampa First church, 4-6 p.m.

Apr. 9 - Belleview, 4-6 p.m.

Apr. 16 - Miami Springs church, 4-6 p.m.

Apr. 30 - Ft. Myers church, 4-6 p.m. Instruction by laymen, moderated by R. H. Shepard.

**Home Fire and Prevention Seminar** - Mar. 22, Forest Lake church

**Forest Lake Academy Alumni Homecoming** - Mar. 25, 26. Honor Classes - 1938, '48, '58, '63, '68, and '78. For info: Alumni Assoc., Fla. 3909 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, Fla. 32703.

**Lay Evangelists Training Seminar (LETS)** - Mar. 25-Apr. 2. Camp Kulaqua.

**The Witness** - Mar. 26, 4 p.m. Markham Woods church, 505 Markham Woods Rd., Longwood. Dramatical presentation portraying Peter's perspective of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Public invited. (305) 862-7578

**"Free to Be Thin"** - Mar. 29-May 10 (Tuesdays) - 8 p.m. - Forest Lake church. \$10. Holly Lacey, instructor.

**Bike Riding-How to Enjoy Your Bike** - Apr. 5-10, Forest Lake church.

**Grief Seminar** - Apr. 5, 7 p.m. Forest Lake church.

**Newstart Homestyle Cooking Class** - Apr. 5, 7 p.m. Forest Lake church.

**"How to Know God"** - Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 3 p.m. Forest Lake church. Bob Donesky, instructor.

**Health & Wellness Cruise** - Apr. 23. For more info: (305) 249-0705.

## Georgia-Cumberland

### Area Camp Meetings

- Mar. 11, 12 - South Georgia, Lakeland
- 25, 26 - North Central Tenn., McMinnville.

- Apr. 1, 2 - East Tennessee, Greeneville.
- May 6, 7 - East Georgia, Savannah.

**VBS Workshop** - Mar. 18, 19. Cohutta Springs.

**Area Youth Sabbath Celebration** - Mar. 19. Savannah.

**Caring Invitational** - Mar. 25-27, Smyrna.

**Pathfinder Trip** - Mar. 25-27, Providence Canyon, Ga.

**Youth Leadership Seminar** - Apr. 9, Atlanta.

**Pathfinder Camporee** - Apr. 14-17, Cohutta Springs.

**Cohutta Springs Associates Retreat** - Apr. 22, 23, Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

**Area Youth Sabbath Celebration** - Apr. 30, Atlanta.

**Grief Recovery Retreat** - May 13, 14, Cohutta Springs.

**Adventist Singles Ministries - Atlanta Chapter** - Mar. 25. Call Gene Anderson for reservations: 404-435-0419. Passion Play & Pizza Supper.

**Georgia-Cumberland Academy Alumni** - Apr. 9, 10. Georgia-Cumberland Academy Campus.

**Atlanta Adventist Academy Alumni** - Mar. 26, School Campus.

**Collegedate Academy Alumni Weekend** - April 8, 9. Honor classes: '48, '58, '63, '68, '78, '83. Contact academy for info: 615-396-2124.

**Gulf States**

**Bass Memorial Academy Alumni Weekend** - Mar. 25-27.

**Outdoor School** - Mar. 28-31, Camp Alamisco.

**Vacation Bible School Workshops**

Mar. 5, 6 - Jackson, Miss.

Mar. 6 - Conference office, Montgomery, Ala.

**Evangelistic Crusade** - Mar. 4-Apr. 2. Mobile, Ala. Lydie Albrecht.

**Bookmobile Schedule**

March

5 Floral Crest church, Bryant, Ala.

6-8 p.m.

6 Huntsville, 6 a.m.-12 noon.

6 Birmingham, 4-5 p.m.

12 Panama City, 6-8 p.m.

13 Pensacola, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

**ABC open for Spring Clearance Sale**

13 Montgomery, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Kentucky-Tennessee**

**Madison Academy Homecoming** - Mar. 26.

Guest speaker, Dennis Millburn, honor class of '68.

**Highland Academy Alumni Weekend** - Apr. 1, 2. Speakers are Ralph Martin, principal from 1937 to 1945, and A. D. Burch, Bible teacher from 1948 to 1950. Honor classes are '48, '53, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78 and '83.

**Southern College**

**Church**

Mar. 5 - Rolland Ruf, 8:40 a.m. and 11:10 a.m.

Mar. 26 - Ken Rogers, 8:40 a.m. and 11:10 a.m.

**Vespers**

Mar. 18 - Chamber Singers, 8 p.m., church.

Mar. 25 - Don and Joan Cruze, sacred drama, 8 p.m., church.

Apr. 1 - Rich Carlson, 8 p.m., church.

**Artist-Adventure Series**

Mar. 8 - David Holt, "From Here to Kingdom Come," 7:30 p.m., PE Center.

Apr. 2 - SC Spring Band Concert, 8 p.m., PE Center.

**Anderson Organ Series** - Mar. 15 - August Humer, organist, 8 p.m., church.

**Chamber Music Series** - Mar. 22 - Philip Cansler, trumpet, and Jeannine Cansler, organ, 8 p.m., church.

**Florence Oliver Anderson Nursing Series** - Mar. 17. Evening workshop with Douglas L. Bechard, M.D. "AIDS Update," 7-9 p.m. (Fee: \$6 if 0.2 CEU certificate is desired.)

## E. A. Anderson Lecture Series

Mar. 10 - Joshua Goh, "A Formula for Success," 8 p.m., Brock Hall.

Mar. 17 - Steve Hall, "Relativity of Ethics and Religion in Today's Real World of Business Markets," 8 p.m., Brock Hall.

Mar. 24 - M. King Deets, Ph.D., "Financial Trends in Long-Term Health Care Through the 1990's," 8 p.m., Brock Hall.

Mar. 31 - Loren Dickenson, Ph.D., "Enhanced Communication or Your Money Back," 8 p.m., Brock Hall.

**Staley Lecture Series** - Mar. 24. Walter Kaiser, chapel, 11:05 a.m., church.

**Spring Break** - Mar. 1-6.

**Southern Union**

**Adventist World Radio Offering** - Mar. 12.

**Youth Week of Prayer** - Mar. 19-26.

**Sabbath School Community Guest Day** - Mar. 26.

**Communication Seminar** - July 17-20.

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## Sunset

	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25	Apr. 1	Apr. 8
Atlanta, Ga. ....	6:37	6:42	6:48	6:53	6:59	7:04
Charleston, S.C. ....	6:19	6:25	6:30	6:35	6:40	6:45
Charlotte, N.C. ....	6:21	6:27	6:33	6:39	6:44	6:50
Collegedale, Tenn. ....	6:39	6:45	6:51	6:57	7:02	7:08
Huntsville, Ala. ....	5:44	5:50	5:55	6:02	6:07	6:13
Jackson, Miss. ....	6:01	6:06	6:11	6:16	6:21	6:27
Louisville, Ky. ....	6:39	6:46	6:53	6:59	7:07	7:12
Memphis, Tenn. ....	5:58	6:04	6:10	6:16	6:21	6:27
Miami, Fla. ....	6:24	6:28	6:31	6:34	6:37	6:41
Montgomery, Ala. ....	5:45	5:51	5:56	6:00	6:05	6:10
Nashville, Tenn. ....	5:45	5:51	5:57	6:03	6:09	6:15
Orlando, Fla. ....	6:27	6:31	6:35	6:39	6:43	6:46
Wilmington, N.C. ....	6:11	6:16	6:22	6:27	6:33	6:38

# LEGAL NOTICES

## Georgia-Cumberland Conference

Notice is hereby given that the 25th regular session (triennial) of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, Georgia, April 10, 1988, at 10 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one (1) delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof.  
William A. Geary, President  
Don L. Aalborg, Secretary

## Georgia-Cumberland Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the regular triennial session of the Georgia-Cumberland Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, Georgia, April 10, 1988, at 10 a.m. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are constituents of the corporation.  
William A. Geary, President  
James C. Reynolds, Secretary

## The Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the legal session of The Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, Georgia, April 10, 1988, at 10 a.m. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are constituents of this corporation.  
William A. Geary, President  
James C. Reynolds, Secretary

## South Atlantic Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 16th session of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Columbia Seventh-day Adventist Church located at 243 Riverchase Way in Lexington, South Carolina, on Sunday, April 17, 1988, at 9:00 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifty members or major fraction thereof.  
R. B. Hairston, President  
V. J. Mendinghall, Secretary

## South Atlantic Conference Association

Notice is hereby given that the regular session of the South Atlantic Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet at the Columbia Seventh-day Adventist Church located at 243 Riverchase Way in Lexington, South Carolina, on Sunday, April 17, 1988, at 2:00 p.m. The delegates to the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituents of this corporation.  
R. B. Hairston, President  
V. J. Mendinghall, Secretary

## The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 25th regular session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Madison Academy auditorium, Madison Academy campus, Madison, Tennessee, Sunday, April 24, 1988. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any

other business that may properly come before the session. Each church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof.

Clinton L. Shankel, President  
Jack W. Clarke, Secretary

## The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the 25th regular session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the Madison Academy auditorium, Madison, Tennessee, Sunday, April 24, 1988. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. The delegates to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of the corporation.

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

## The Seventh-day Adventist Conference Association of Kentucky

Notice is hereby given that the 43rd regular session of the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Association of Kentucky, a corporation, is called to meet in the Madison Academy auditorium, Madison, Tennessee, Sunday, April 24, 1988. The first meeting is called for 10 a.m. The delegates to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of the corporation.

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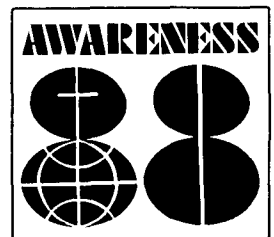
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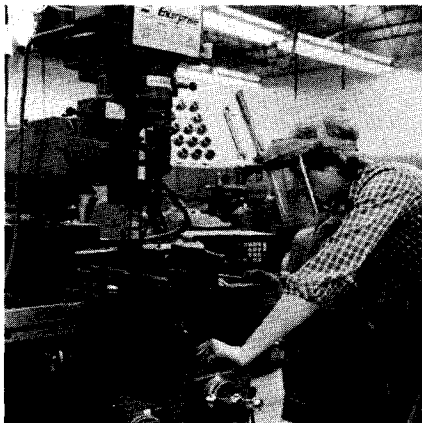
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by Valerie Long

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The milling machine in the Department of Technology at Southern College gives students valuable experience.

The technology department currently offers a one-year certificate in auto body repair and is adding an associate degree in computer-aided technology. Associate degrees are usually completed in two years. The 64-semester-hour course of study includes 6 semester hours of computer science classes, 10 hours of graphics, and 3 hours of automation/robotics with related classes in woodworking, metals, electronics, and automotive

repair and maintenance. An 18-hour minor in technology is offered for baccalaureate students.

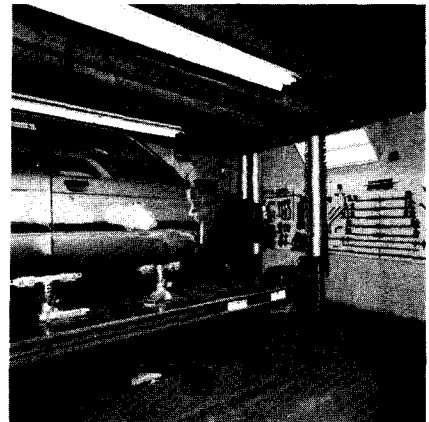
New equipment recently purchased includes a tabletop CNC milling machine, a CNC lathe, and a Scorbot robot. Students learn to program a computer which controls the robot in conjunction with machining small parts. The new equipment was purchased with donations from interested alumni and the sale of duplicate and obsolete equipment. The facilities have a new look, which includes new doors, windows, pictures, and a fresh coat of paint.

A computer laboratory with 10 stations is in operation. Here, classes in computer-aided drafting and desktop publishing are offered. The WYSE pc386 with a 19-inch NEC Multisync XL monitor and the WYSE pc286s have the capacity to process the highly technical software used in the engineering, manufacturing, and publishing fields. Besides the Hewlett-Packard plotter, the lab has a HP laser printer and an HP scanner.

Other equipment purchased for updating the graphic arts area include a Screen Auto Companica 690D computer-operated vertical camera, a T-51 second color head for the AB Dick offset press, and a sunrise thermographer. During International Printing Week a few weeks ago, the department demonstrated the AB Dick offset press and desk-top publishing software in the college cafeteria at lunchtime. Complimentary "To Do List" notepads printed on the press were given to students, staff, and guests during the demonstrations.

John Duricheck, chairman of the department of technology, proposes four degrees in the fields of drafting, automotive, printing, and manufacturing. He acknowledges that this will require funds, students, and the support of college constituents—the church members of the Southern Union.

To promote its new name and concept the department has designed a newsletter which goes to the technology departments of academies in the Southern Union. Duricheck is also visiting the academies of the Southeast to give interested students a chance to ask questions and explore technology's career options.



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## Inspiration



### Virtue Went Out of Him — 2

**Edward Heppenstall** — "I perceive that virtue is gone out of me" (Luke 8:46).

Jesus never failed to enter into the lives of people. He saw with their eyes and felt what they were feeling. He realized their problems, sensed their needs, reached out to them with warmth and love.

All of us have an influence that goes out of us, falling either like a light or a shadow. Unconsciously we exercise a healing spirit or one that may create anxiety and fear. Whatever the spirit is within us, whether of selfishness or unselfishness, of love or hostility, of humility or pride, of concern or indifference, it makes itself felt upon those around us.

From this spirit within us an atmosphere is created, which either lifts people up or drags them down. We can either warm people or chill them, relax them or tense them. We are responsible for whatever spirit and influence we exercise upon others.

For us Christians, there is to be a virtue that goes out from us, an influence born of the reality that is in our own hearts and experience. We are to exercise a loving and gracious atmosphere, so that we will draw others to Christ even without knowing it. There are people around us who need to be softened, whose lives have been hardened by circumstances. We are to inspire them with hope and courage, love them into new life and sweetness. This is the best communication of the gospel there is. When Jesus walked the earth little children ran to Him. He was always the One with shining eyes and loving words. None came into His presence without feeling better.

I am told that the Tate Gallery of Art in London has on display the paint box used by the great painter Turner. The box is nothing to look at, but smudged and marked with old paint and pigments. It really does not belong among the works of art. Yet from it, Turner gave expression to his unexcelled paintings of nature and pastoral scenes. At his hands, the beauties of art came forth.

Paul put it this way: "We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us . . . That the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh" (2 Cor. 4:7-10). In the hands of the Master Artist, glorious possibilities are realized in our lives. ■

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## Family

### Caring for Marriage

The third in a series of articles on marriage.

**Karen and Ron Flowers** — Marriage bestows special responsibilities upon husbands and wives.

When a man and woman make a covenant in Christian marriage, they take upon themselves responsibilities and duties that they did not have before. The husband and father is to stand at the head of the marriage and family unit. This headship is a particular ministry established by God to facilitate the functioning of the family and to promote its unity and harmony (Gen. 18:19; Joshua 24:15; Job 1:5). This setting apart of the husband as head is not to a superior status above the rest of his family, but rather to service within the family. The husband as head is to conduct himself in the spirit of loving consideration for the needs of his wife and family (Eph. 5:22-30). He has the special responsibilities of leading and protecting his family as a shepherd leads and protects his flock. He also has the task of spiritual oversight and moral guidance as does a priest.



The wife is to love her husband (Titus 2:4), to respect him (Eph. 5:33), and to acknowledge and support the position he has as husband by submitting to him as unto the Lord (Eph. 5:22). To do so is not to forsake her personhood, dignity, or self-respect. Indeed, her husband is not to expect this of her. God's claims upon her are higher than her husband's. The wife and mother is the queen of her household. "The mother's work is given her of God to bring up her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The Christian mother's sphere of usefulness should not be narrowed by domestic life. The salutary influence which she exerts in the home circle she may and will make felt in more widespread usefulness in her neighborhood and in the church of God.

While some definite responsibilities are given to husbands and wives as stated above, the potential of each spouse is not limited or fixed by their gender. In their loving, trusting relationship, each is able to pursue interests, fill roles, and take responsibilities according to their spiritual gifts, talents, and abilities. ■

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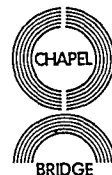
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# 1987 in Retrospect

by S. E. Gooden



PHOTOS BY S. E. GOODEN

A segment of Calvin Watkins' 167 baptisms for Atlanta-West End church.

**W**orkers' meeting in South Atlantic Conference seems to take on a more spicy flavor and encouragement to the soul each succeeding year. What can be more exuberating to the audience at workers' meeting than to hear and see the reports of the churches as they are compiled by the church clerks? The figures for 1987 show the pastors baptizing 1,437 individuals.

The tent is still an attractive place where people who are seeking for truth are flocking. It has proved itself through the years. Some 15 tents were in the air during 1987. These were used by pastor-evangelists, one full-time evangelist, and two departmental directors, C. L. Watkins and J. Hinson. Among these were six centurians (100 or more baptisms) — Calvin Watkins, T. A. McNealy, Walter Pearson (in a hall), Drake Barber, and C. B. Preston. J. J. Rodriguez, the only full-time evangelist, baptized 571.

President R. B. Hairston responded to a call from the United Kingdom for help. Rodriguez was given permission to go to London where he baptized 220. They organized a new church. The call also came from Arizona, where he baptized 49. Then he baptized 302 for South Atlantic, a triple centurian. Watkins baptized 1,121; 954 were left in South Africa where he ran an evangelistic campaign and organized four new churches. He also conducted a summer campaign in Atlanta where he baptized 167.

Our five quinquagenarians (50 or more baptisms) were: Joe Hinson, Doc Hatcher, Oscar Sherrod, Darryl Howard, and Malcolm White. Space will not permit us to point out the many exploits these and other workers have done through the aid of the Holy Ghost.

Hairston was able to induce the presence of the General Conference at officers' meeting in the persons of M. T. Battle and Gordon Engen. From the Southern Union: W. D. Sumpter, secretary and inner city director; R. P. Peay, associate secretary and health and temperance director; Ron Halvorsen and Dennis Ross, from the Church Growth Institute; Lewis Stout, director of religious liberty.

From our own conference was Clarence Kegler of Rock Hill, SC., church.

Kegler, who on his job directs the activities of some 2,000 highly professional workers and a yearly budget of \$200 million, was more than qualified to give two hours of his time to the workers as he spoke to them on the subject of quality and time management.

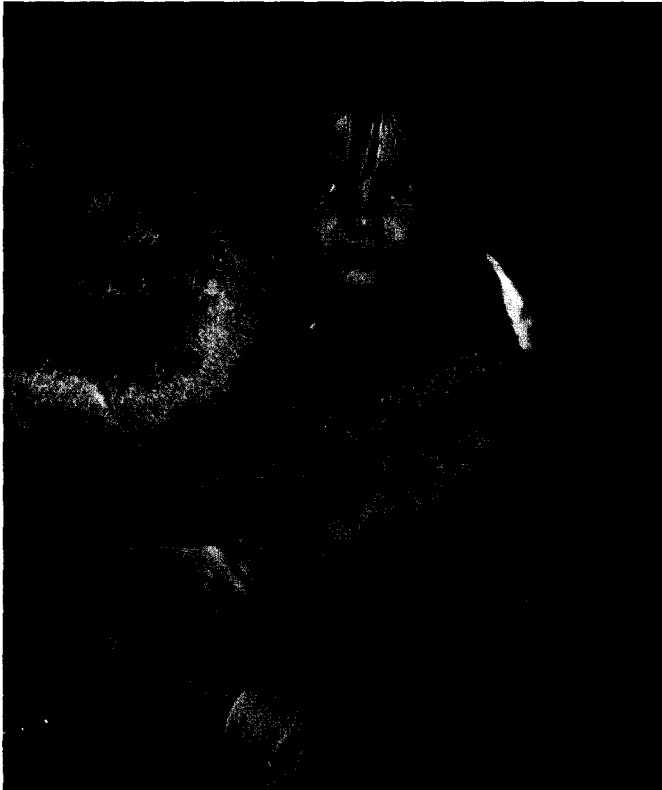
The old adage which says: "A satisfied cow gives much milk," still holds true. The treasurer reports that, for 1987, the saints have returned in tithe the sum of \$4,561,003. That old adage indicates that the members of the constituency must be satisfied with the performance of those whom they have placed in the administration of the Conference. Let us hope that they will keep up the good work. ■



Many years of service were highlighted at the workers' meeting banquet where J. A. Simons, treasurer of the South Atlantic Conference, announced his retirement. Left to right are: President R. B. Hairston; Simons; M. T. Battle, of the General Conference, delivering the plaque; and V. J. Mendinghall, secretary of the South Atlantic Conference.

# Madison's Heritage Continues

by Dean Hunt



Happiness is watching a small girl clutch an unexpected Christmas present.

DEAN HUNT



Students bring Christmas cheer to patients at Bordeaux Hospital.

BOB DUDOSE

**M**adison Academy, nestled in the bend of the Cumberland River, has watched the growth of Music City since 1904. With a rich history that includes being the child of Madison College it continues to share the joy of educating its Adventist youth. Changes take place through the years, but the founding principles continue to govern as it forges its path into the future, providing the very best in Christian education.

As building committees meet, presenting floor plans and drawings depicting the new administration building, library, chapel, new roads and parking, bulldozers roar through



Students like Travis Stirewalt enjoyed themselves as much as the youngsters at the Christmas party for needy children.

DEAN HUNT

older, deteriorating buildings, creating a new look. Although the exterior changes to meet the needs of the next generation, the heart of the program is still evident as the students and staff work together to provide a positive learning atmosphere.

Christmas lends itself to that special spirit of giving when caring people reach out to others. This spirit manifested itself in many touching experiences for the young people at Madison Academy recently. Students planned and participated in projects that allowed them to share their love for Christ. An annual event, the Bordeaux Hospital Christmas gift gave the students the opportunity to not only visit the elderly, to perform with the band and choir, but to roll up their sleeves and join housekeeping, kitchen, administration, and other departments on extra cleaning and work that otherwise would be left undone. Also, the annual underprivileged children's Christmas party provided the students with the true joy of Christmas, bringing a smile to a small child. An evening with games, presents, food, and love left the small children happy and students feeling the real meaning of Christian love.

Madison Academy does not limit itself to reaching out only on these special occasions. Like other academies, what makes this school special is the Christian spirit that is part of the curriculum. An active student body has included a program to both encourage personal growth, meet the needs of other students, and plan for outreach. Devotional groups, as the students refer to them, broke the student body into teams, each sharing with their partner special prayer requests, ideas for reaching out to a lonely or hurting classmate, encouragement to each other for personal study and prayer, and a think tank for outreach projects, as well as vesper programs and church services.

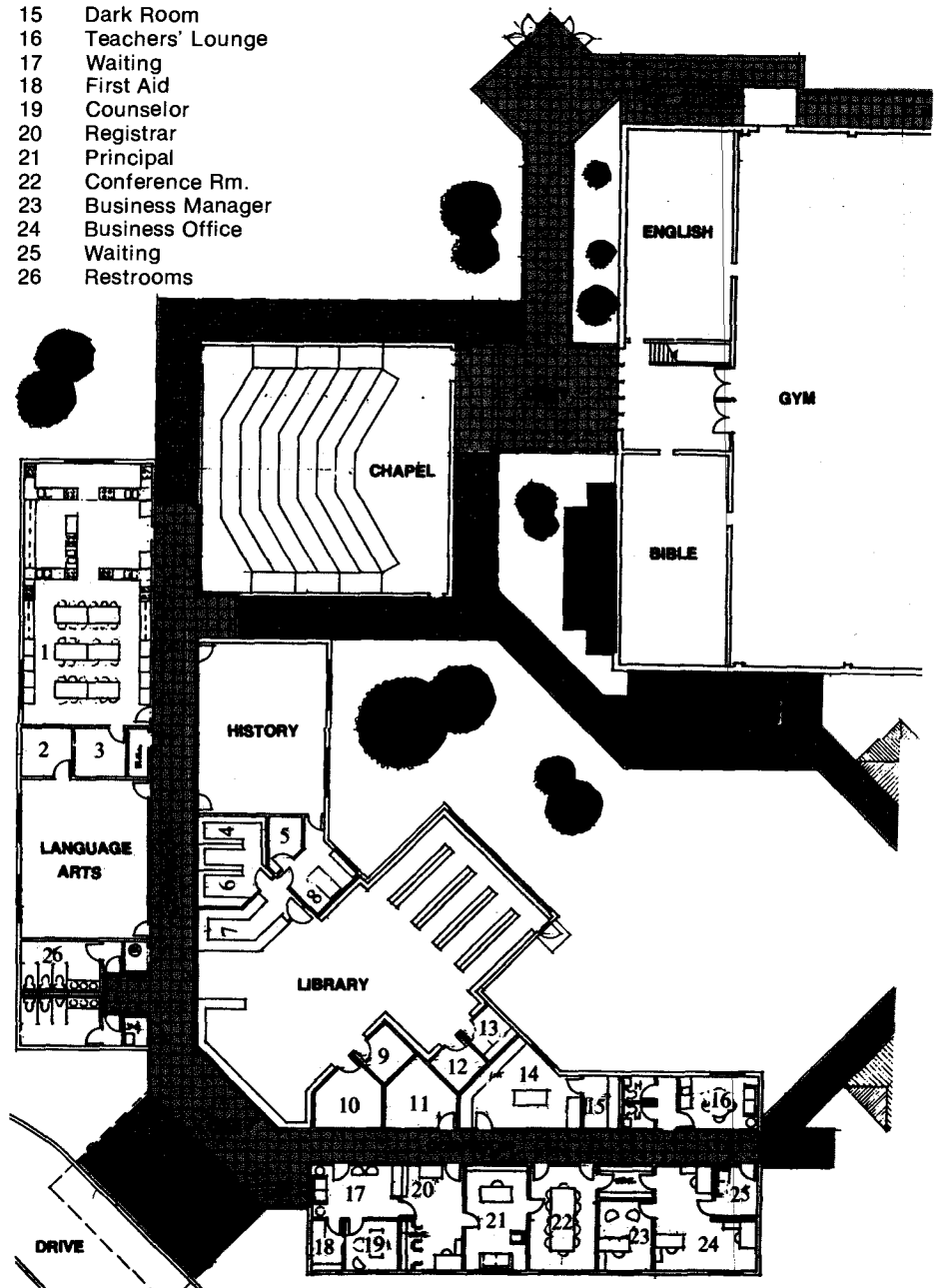
Unique to the day academy, Madison is able to provide its youth with a work program that enhances the education. A commercial laundry employs 65 students, and 84 rental units keep another six students busy. Studying, working, and worshipping together creates a campus atmosphere.

Exciting? Of course it is! Madison Academy is carrying on the tradition of Adventist education with its sister academies in the Southern Union.

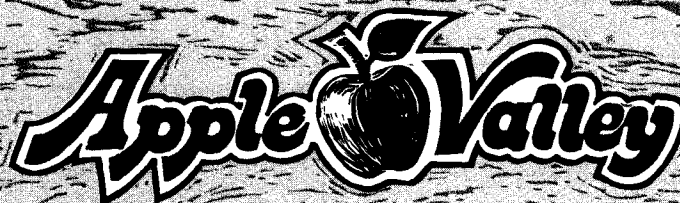
Dean Hunt is principal of Madison Academy.

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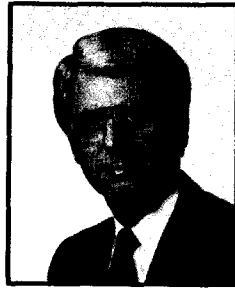
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# Vantage Point

## Church Growth

If we take seriously the commission Jesus gave to His church to go, teach, and baptize, we cannot but believe that this will result in church growth. So it went following Pentecost when the record states that "there were added unto them about 3,000 souls." Then it adds: "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:41, 47.

Church growth obviously takes place in various ways—spiritual as well as numerical. Some aspects are more difficult to measure but no less important. But, as in all of life, a church that is not growing is dying.

## Recapping 1987

We thought you might be interested in growth figures just received. First, accessions through baptisms/profession of faith during 1987 were 6,279—a number nearly equal to the entire membership of the Gulf States Conference. Those figures by conference are:

	Baptisms/ Profession of Faith	Accessions as % of Membership
Carolina	361	3.27
Florida	1,367	5.36
Ga.-Cumb.	807	4.59
Gulf States	211	3.14
Ky.-Tenn.	352	3.41
So. Atlantic	1,437	7.42
So. Central	994	5.42
Southeastern	750	5.76
<b>Southern Union</b>	<b>6,279</b>	<b>5.15</b>

Because of membership transfers, death, and apostasy, actual net

growth falls short of the numbers above. Totals for the union are: Net gain by transfer, 1,001; Deaths, 926; Apostasy and missing, 2,712. Following is the year-end membership of the conferences with their net gain/loss for the year.

	Gain/Loss	12/31/87 Membership
Carolina	-16	11,034
Florida	883	26,400
Ga.-Cumb.	508	18,071
Gulf States	58	6,784
Ky.-Tenn.	138	10,473
So. Atlantic	1,129	20,495
So. Central	300	18,644
Southeastern	642	13,677
<b>Southern Union</b>	<b>3,642</b>	<b>125,568</b>

Twenty-one new churches were organized throughout the union territory during 1987. This brings our total to 774. The Southeastern Conference set the pace with seven new congregations.

While we should never be satisfied, we should praise the Lord for His enablings and pray that He will help every one of us to be irrepensible sharers of the three angels' messages and loving and lovable Christians.

How about your local church? Is it growing or stagnant? What are your goals and plans for 1988? A church is not fulfilling its mission, is not obedient to that for which it is sent, if it is not making disciples to Jesus Christ and planting other churches in nearby areas.

Your church can grow. When the gospel is shared in the power of the Holy Spirit, that gospel will bear fruit and grow. God wants you to help make it happen.

*A.C. McCure*

President, Southern Union Conference

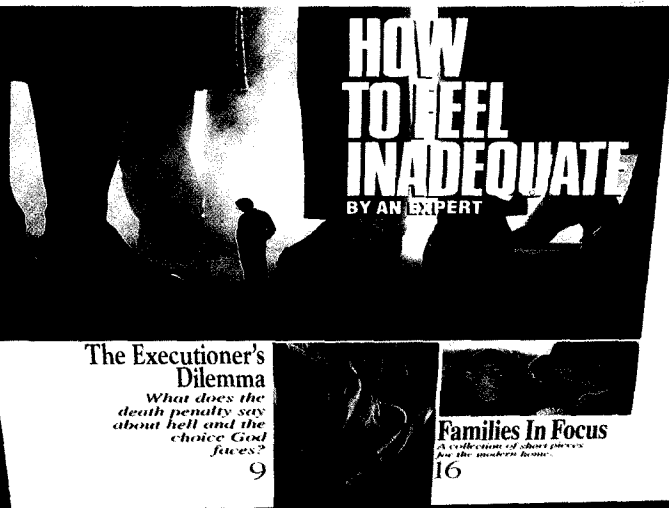
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