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# The Great Floods of '94

by Julie Tillman, Angi Ascher, and Olson Perry

**T**he folk in South Georgia were beginning to wonder if they had missed the call to build another ark. Every corner of more than 30 counties was drenched with water. The rainfall count was 21 inches in 24 hours. The sweeping flood waters were responsible for the deaths of 28 Georgians and more than \$100 million in damages.



Adventist Community Services (ACS) volunteers sort items donated by millions of people.

Many people lost all they had. The *Atlanta Journal* told of one 51-year-old woman who said "my original birth certificate, bridal bouquet, and baby book are all floating around my living room—ruined. These things are not replaceable. Even if they were, there is no insurance to cover them."

Macon residents cried, worked, and sweated as they sorted through soggy belongings for anything worth saving. Many can't restore or rebuild immediately because they have no insurance. Some of the homes will have to be totally destroyed, others won't rebuild for fear of another flood.

In Bainbridge, Georgia, brown water surfaced from sewer lines and storm drains as the Flint River poured over its banks. Crawfish splashed in the water and carp skittered across intersections as people darted about looking for a dry place to set up home. The Bainbridge church members were afraid they would lose their new \$300,000 church. They

removed the carpet and furniture and prepared for the worst. Miraculously, the flood waters stopped two blocks from the church door. Entire subdivisions such as the exclusive River Vale went under water. Linda gazed at her home, knowing her 4,000-square-foot, \$500,000 house was doomed. Like the majority of other residents, Linda and her husband did not purchase flood insurance. This type of disaster was considered unlikely.

South Georgia, in a matter of hours, was turned into confusion and chaos. Roads were flooded, and when the waters receded it left behind big sinkholes, crumbled roads, and broken bridges.

Disaster relief centers sprang up and lines began to form. People gathered at 3 a.m. to wait for an office that opened at 7 a.m. The Federal Government issued food stamps to 6,000 Macon residents. These people are starting from scratch. They have lost everything, and are still losing since they are unable to go to work.

Added to the gruesome scene were the caskets that seemed to explode from the ground. The pressure from the rising water sent the caskets shooting from the earth. At least 400 caskets were sent to Atlanta to be identified so that they can be reburied.

Added to the chaos were the animals from the Humane Society. Only two of the 80 indoor animals survived. Seven dogs that were in the outside pen were able to climb to the roof of the building and wait for help.

In the Albany Zoo, animals were released to save themselves. The bears were trapped in their cages. They had eight inches of air at the top and had to balance on their hind legs for eight hours in order to survive.

Alligators became a threat because of the rising river waters. The rivers are full of alligators and they began to overflow the banks as well.

In the midst of the mess, the Adventist Community Disaster Re-



Adventist Community Services (ACS) provided relief and temporary assistance.

lief Service (ACS) was found helping out where needed. They provided materials to soothe the sting of the devastating flood waters. Sites were located in central areas easily accessible to flood areas.

The gym of the Lee Acres Adventist school, which was the central Adventist reception site, made food, paper goods, and cleaning supplies available to the victims. Among donations from all over the southeast were 101 mattress and box spring sets from Simmons Mattresses and Macy's, and more than 2,000 pairs of work gloves were donated by another organization. They also received a truckload from the Collegedale, Tennessee, area containing Little Debbie Snack Cakes, granola from Sovex, and canned goods.

Another group, headed by Ral Elsberry of the ACS program, processed cleaning supplies in an Alabama warehouse. After a long day of organization this group traveled to Caryville, Florida. They went door-to-door delivering cleaning supplies.

Jimmy Elsberry, 30, was great at keeping everyone's spirit high—workers and victims alike. He always introduced himself by saying, "Hi, I'm Jimmy, and I'm always happy. I'm never unhappy."

When asked why he is always so happy, he replied, "Because good Christians are always happy."

Within three days of the flooding, the ACS team was on the site. Verdie Culpepper, consultant for the disaster response planning had relief centers in working order. During the peak of their services, eight relief centers were operating throughout Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. These centers were run by volunteers from the surrounding communities and from out of town.

These centers distributed a wide assortment of things. ACS "has come out of the closet—it's not just clothes anymore," said Culpepper. Larry Buckner, director of disaster response planning, said, "You name it and we distributed it—just use



The brown shadow across the attic air vents gives an idea of the water level during the flood which swept away coffins from grave sites, pets from roof tops, and people out of trees.



Discarded mattresses, floor coverings, appliances, sofas, chairs, and other debris line residential streets in garbage heaps for miles, revealing the losses of thousands.

your imagination." Verdi said, "Disasters are terrible things to have happen, however, when it does happen it presents an incredible witnessing opportunity. It's a great outreach for the community."

The ACS organization is 120 years old. They constantly strive to better their response to disasters. They work extensively with other service-oriented organizations such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Red Cross. Last year, through Ingathering in the Atlantic Union, ACS raised over \$800,000. Almost \$300,000 of the money came from the Southeastern Division. The flood is one kind of disaster that benefits from Ingathering funds.

The ACS has developed a program to train church members how to respond in disasters. This will help people to maximize their effectiveness and their witness.

As one man picked through debris in his water-soaked living room looking for family pictures, he commented, "If you don't keep laughing, you cry. We can't rebuild. I don't know what we're going to do."

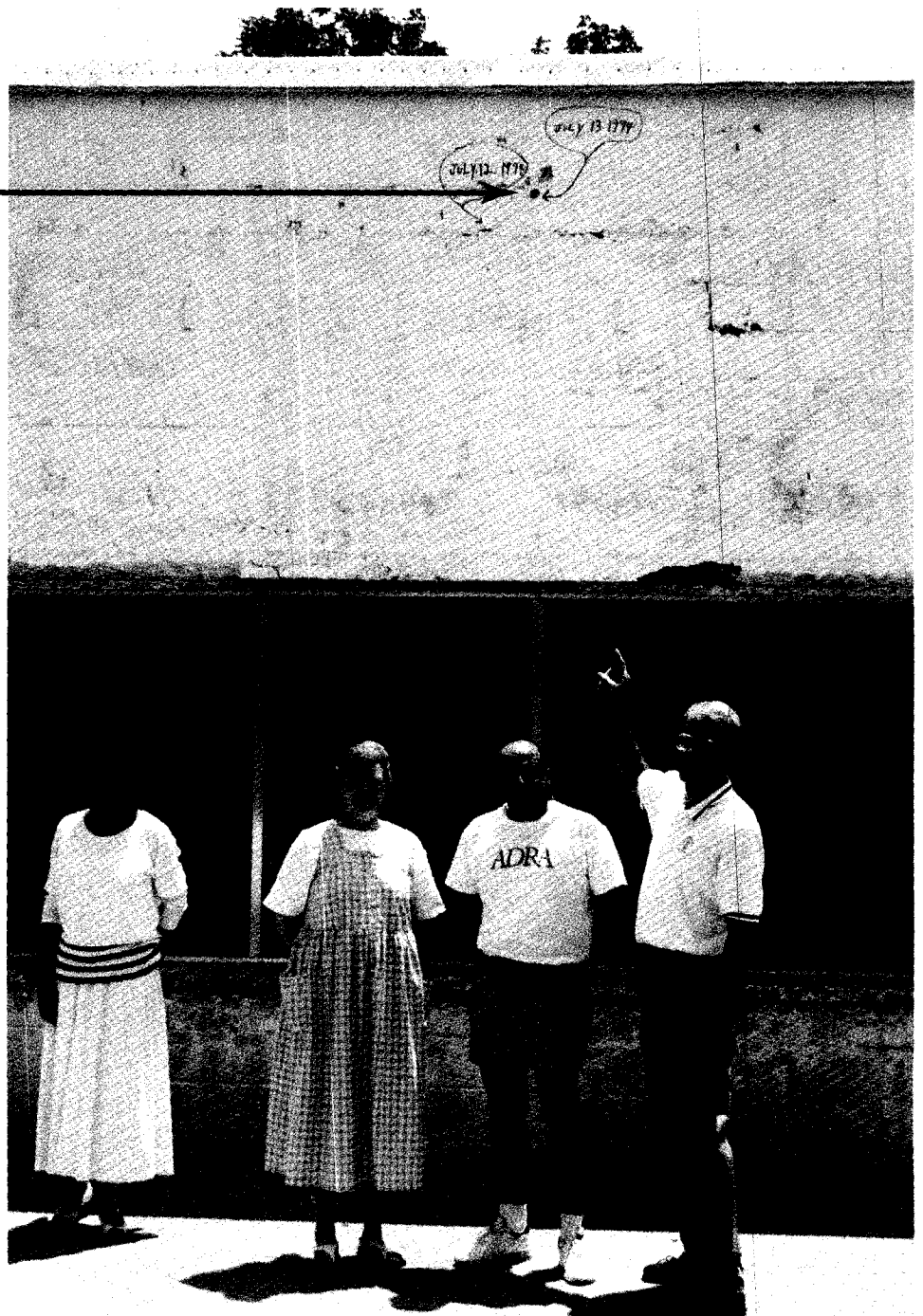
On the other hand, it is amazing what adversity can create in the human spirit. "Disaster brings people together," said Richard Aultman, a Methodist minister. "This week I have seen people from all walks of life, all economic situations, working together and getting their hands muddied."

One woman sat in the corner of an elementary school with a blank stare pasted across her face. "I lost everything," she mumbled, "my home, my car, my belongings. I even lost my Bible, but I still have Him. Nothing can take my Jesus from me."

*Julie Tillman and Angi Ascher are seniors in the journalism department at Southern College.*

Cover: This tranquil river became a raging flood—swallowing homes, cars, buildings, playgrounds, and neighborhoods. Lakes and rivers rose above flood levels and created paths of destruction.

Cynthia Bietz, Cindy Frost, Tom Baez, and Gordon Bietz stand on the sidewalk outside an establishment in Newton, Georgia, which suffered severe losses. Bietz, president of Georgia-Cumberland Conference, points to the red dot on the wall which indicates the water level as of July 13, 1994.



# Off and Running



Sharon Cress (center), speaker for the shepherdess program with the Southeastern Conference shepherdesses. Their theme was "Love in Any Language."

by W. L. Taylor

Since the Southeastern Conference Triennium last May 22, when presidential leadership transferred from Jackson M. Doggette, Sr., to R. R. Brown, former executive secretary, Southeastern has been off and running. From the secure foundation of the Doggette administration, Roy R. Brown has aimed far and high, setting goals and challenging all workers and departments to reach for the sky and excel.

Expectation was in the air. A battery of planning and organizational meetings were called. Ideas, plans, and goals were discussed administratively. Each department was asked to develop a five-year plan and present it to the administration. Later, all plans were

presented to pastors, teachers, and literature evangelists, and, finally, to the executive committee for ratification. When the constituency heard of the plans at camp meeting, expectation turned to excitement especially as campground improvement plans were presented by the president. Each worker, committee member, and regular church member, was invited to financially commit to these plans which include a new multipurpose pavilion and a 50-room hotel. More than \$90,000 was committed to the development project by the end of camp meeting.

This year's camp meeting began Wednesday night with a special communion service for all workers. The Thursday keynote speaker and first worker's meeting speaker was Israel Leito, presi-

dent of the Inter-American Division.

The Triennial theme, "Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us," was also used at camp meeting. The first Sabbath C. B. Rock, vice president of the General Conference, watered our thirsting souls. C. D. Brooks and Walter Arties of Breath of Life Broadcast Ministries were guests for a live telecast service on the second Sabbath. Our spiritual foundations were made even more secure by the ministry of these leaders. We received great challenges from Charles Bradford, former North American Division president, and W. C. Jones, a former president of Southwest Union Conference and trust officer at Oakwood College.

Sharon Cress, director of Shepherdess International, General Conference, addressed the women for the camp meeting program.

The weekend senior youth speakers were Walter Pearson, associate director, Ellen White Estates; Raymond Saunders, evangelist in the Northeastern Conference; and Aaron Tompkins, pastor in the Allegheny East Conference. Facilitator Harry Williams of South Atlantic, daily captivated the youth while speaking about youth issues. Claude Matthews, new conference youth director, chose the theme, "Next Stop, New Jerusalem."

Other new or adjusted departmental changes are reflected as follows: Herman Davis became trust services and stewardship director; D. A. Walker, health/temperance and N.S.O.; and S. J. Jackson was given lay pastoral, family life, and religious liberty. R. R. Brown is ministerial secretary.

The annual camp meeting feast ended with the ordination of Jean-Claude Alius, pastor of Naples, Ft. Myers, and Immokalee district, a heartwarming concert from the Miami Pilgrim Spanish church, and the annual Pathfinder march around the lake. A final challenge was given by the president and prayer for safe travel was offered by the secretary and treasurer. ■

J. M. and Mrs. Doggette, outgoing president for Southeastern, are recognized by Malcolm Gordon, president, Southern Union Conference.



Israel Leito, president, Inter-American Division, delivered the keynote address for Southeasterns 1994 camp meeting.



Roy R. and Mrs. Brown, newly elected president of Southeastern Conference.



PHOTOS BY W. L. TAYLOR

# Maybe I'll Have to Start Selling Some of It

by Bill Hay

I honestly didn't believe I had heard correctly. So I asked again, "You raise what in these sheds?"

"Red earthworms. Millions of them. Here, let me show you," Francisco replied enthusiastically. And with that he plunged his rubber-gloved hand into the rich, dark soil of the raised bed in his greenhouse. As he sifted through the loam, I could see more than a dozen fat, red worms writhing about in just that one handful. "Since I have retired and am legally blind, I supplement my income by raising and selling these earthworms. I can hardly keep up with the demand for them. Right now I am packing an order for 288 dozen worms for a distributor this afternoon. Every bait shop around here sells my worms."

Next came the obvious question, "Francisco, how in the world did you ever get started in a business like raising red earthworms?"

"It did not start out as a business," he said. "You see, all I wanted was to have some good fertile soil. So I got some earthworms, put them in some buckets, and let them do their work. It just grew from there. God has blessed me beyond all measure. Would you like to know some of my secrets of success?"

Granted, Francisco's Worm Farm was not exactly a Fortune 500 company, but here was a man who had built something from nothing, and no doubt had some good tips for me. Of course I wanted to know.

So he began, "The most fundamental principle of building something up is to not increase spending upon your own self. As God blesses, you begin to have more to spend. At first, you have to put all your earnings back in the business. But as you start to accumu-

late profits above the needs of the business, it is a real temptation to relax your efforts to economize and to develop the 'I deserve this' mentality. But don't fall into that trap. Continue to economize.

"Once the business is well-established, then you can begin helping other people who are in need. That is one of the greatest joys of my life. It is especially fun when I can do it without them knowing who did it.

"I believe that God blesses me because I am mindful of others' needs. The more I help others, the more God will give me to pass on. One time I was returning home after helping a family. We were riding down a road that we had been on many times before. But this time we noticed a stack of used lumber on the side of the road. We stopped and asked about it, and the owner said that it was scrap, and I could have all I wanted. These sheds that house my worm farm are all built from that free lumber that God gave to me as I was coming home from helping someone else."

But the greatest blessing that Francisco feels is the impact that his stewardship convictions has had on his children. All of his children are dedicated workers in the cause of God. One son has left behind a very lucrative professional position in order to be a youth lay minister near a college. Francisco believes that a lifetime of self-denial for the benefit of others has kept his children faithful.

God says that if we will follow His instructions regarding our possessions, He will open the windows of Heaven and pour out blessings in such abundance that there will not be room enough for us

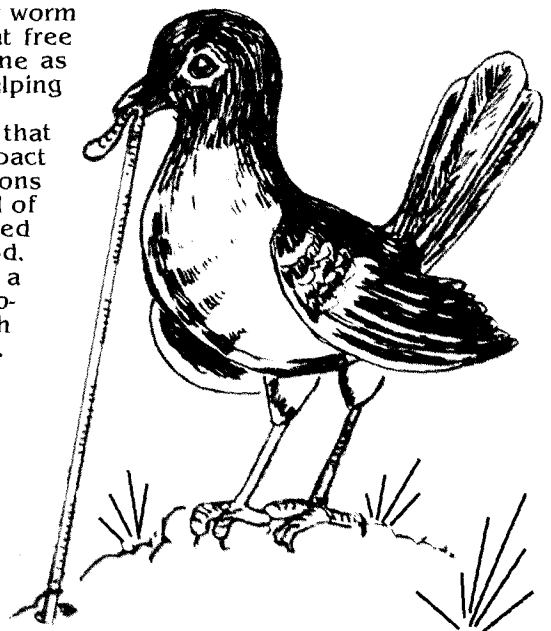
to receive them (Malachi 3:10).

"God has not given us riches to use just as we shall fancy, to indulge impulse, to bestow or withhold as we shall please. We are not to use riches in a selfish way, using them simply to our own enjoyment." *Christian Service*, p. 133.

As we began walking back to the house, I noticed several hundred plants of very expensive elephant garlic growing in his garden. "Francisco, what are you going to do with all of this garlic?" I asked.

"I didn't intend to end up with this much. I keep planting the seeds at the end of each season, and they have just accumulated. Maybe I'll have to start selling some of them. . . ."

*Bill Hay is director of trust services at Gulf States Conference.*



# CONTINUING EDUCATION



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Indiana University  
School of Dentistry

**Topic:**

- Glass Ionomer-Restorative and Liner
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- Isolation-Materials Success & Enhancement of Infection Control
- Casting Preparations
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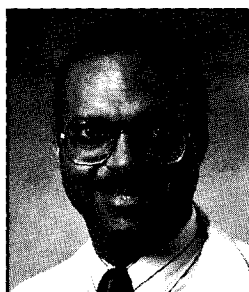


**Michael H. Walter, M.D.**

Associate Professor of Medicine  
Head, Division of Gastroenterology  
LLU School of Medicine

**Topic:**

- Another Look at Peptic Ulcer Disease
- Cholecystitis and Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy
- Drug Therapy for Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Viral Hepatitis



**Keith Doram, M. D., F. A. C. P.**

Assistant Professor of Medicine  
LLU School of Medicine

**Topic:**

- Diet, Exercise and Lipids: Their Role in Congestive Heart Failure
- Diabetes Mellitus: New Hope for an Old Disease
- Are There Rational Uses for Herbal Therapy in the 90's?
- Alzheimer's Disease: An Update



**Daryl Mann, O. D.**

Omni Eye Services  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Topic:**

- Management of Your Patient Following an Ophthalmic Laser Procedure
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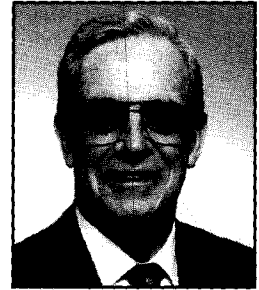
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- The Gift of Prophecy  
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- A Prophet Writes  
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- Who's Buried in Battle Creek?  
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### Gordon Bletz

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Georgia-Cumberland  
Conference

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### Maurice Abbott

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Loma Linda University, School of Dentistry designates up to six hours of continuing dental education of Category 1.

### Optometry Continuing Education:

Tennessee/Georgia Boards of Optometry designate up to four hours of continuing Optometry education.

**CAROLINA**

**Don and Avadene Stutler** were recently honored at the Spartanburg, S.C., church for 40 years of service in ministry and education. Just before retiring they completed construction on a new school and Family Life Center.

**FLORIDA**

**Mary Alice Castonia** has been selected for inclusion in the third edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1994*. Castonia teaches second grade at Orlando Junior Academy, and is a member of the Florida Hospital church. *Who's Who* is the only publication dedicated exclusively to the recognition of the nation's premier teachers, and is also a resource for everyone concerned with quality education.



**John Agard**, pastor of the Key Largo/Taverner, Florida, churches builds relationships with the community through the monthly patrols he participates in as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Agard is among many Florida pastors and members who create witnessing opportunities by rubbing shoulders with the public. When his colleagues ask why he patrols only on Sundays, it sometimes provides opportunities for discussion on how the common day of worship was changed to Sunday, who was responsible for the change, and why Adventists believe as they do. Agard says he never force-feeds anyone, he lets it flow naturally.



**"Entrepreneur of the Year"**

**Bryan Hall** recently received the prestigious 1994 North Carolina Young Entrepreneur of the Year award. Hall, a member of the Greensboro church, is the president of Graphic Printing Services, Inc.

This young entrepreneur started his printing business with a used duplicator to make a little extra money while working on his accounting degree. He began printing letterheads, business cards, and envelopes at night and on weekends. He had no idea then that the company would become what it is today.

Hall and his father, Tom Hall, work together at Graphic Printing Services which has grown from Bryan as the sole employee to 43 employees, and now occupies 23,000 square feet of space. Graphic Printing's sales have soared from \$75,000 in 1988 to \$5 million in the past year. In June, it was recognized by the *American Printer* magazine as being the nation's fastest growing printing company.

Bryan Hall attributes much of his and the company's success to his father, Tom, co-founder of Media Press printing in Greensboro. Tom Hall left Media Press in 1991 to become vice president at Graphic Printing. Both Tom and Bryan Hall energetically give credit for their success to God and His blessings and a first-class team of employees who work together to make everything printed at Graphic Printing the highest in quality and service.

Ron Quick

**GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND**



**Violet Richardson** was recently chosen Volunteer of the Year by the North East Correctional Center in Mountain City, Tenn., at an awards banquet. At 93

she is the oldest volunteer in the system. Violet provides religious services weekly, and is assisted by her daughter and husband, Leta and Carroll Davis; Wayne Barker, their pastor, and Joe Wammack.



**Ed Wright** became the new senior pastor of the Collegedale church Sunday, July 24. The position was vacated in April when **Gordon Bietz** accepted the position of

president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Ed spent many years at Pacific Union College as a youth. He is the son of Melva and Earl Wright. Both were professors at PUC, Melva in music and Earl in theology. Serving as youth pastor at the Fresno Central church in California, Ed came to Collegedale in January of 1985 to be the young adult and family ministries pastor at the Collegedale church. In these two positions he has been responsible for small group ministry, nurturing, and reclaiming inactive members. In the past year he has worked on his dissertation for the Doctor of Ministry degree, and on June 5 he received this degree from Andrews University. His doctorate project was entitled *A Strategy for an Intentional Ministry to Young Seventh-day Adventist Professionals*.



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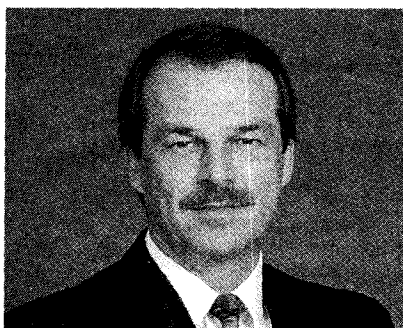
**Melvin Davis, Ph.D.**, vice president for development, was recently elected by the National League of Nursing to the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Program (CBHDP) public member for the fall of 1994 to spring 1997 term. CBHDP Board of Review members serve on one board per year. Boards are put together based on the types of schools being reviewed and a combination of new and experienced board members.



**Edith Fraser**, associate professor of social work, received the Ph.D. degree from Smith College School of Social Work in Mass. Fraser's dissertation is entitled Family Influence on Self-Esteem and Adaptation to College for First Generation African American Women: An Exploratory Study. Fraser has been a member of the Oakwood faculty since 1984.



In a series entitled "Behind the BY-LINE," the *Huntsville Times* of Sunday, July 17, 1994, featured **James McWilliams** as one of the award-winning members of the paper's news department. The citation reads: "James McWilliams strives to include humanity in his coverage of the business environment. For business news is more than numbers. It's corporate espionage, workplace violence, downsizings, and common people struggling from debt."



**Building Community Relationships**

"You pray the most meaningful prayers," the Rotary International chapter president said to **Terry Pooler**. Pooler is senior pastor of the Forest Lake church in Apopka, Florida, the largest church in the Conference, with 1709 members. Pooler has been a Rotary member since someone on his church board suggested he join. He is one of two ministers in the South Seminole Chapter.

Some months ago he was invited to offer the opening prayer and a brief inspirational thought at the organization's meeting. It seems his prayer struck a chord with the president, and Pooler is scheduled to offer the invocation at the upcoming Rotary convention in Orlando.

Pooler says his goal is "to build long-term relationships, confidence and trust. Many Rotary members don't have a pastor, and I can be a pastor to them."

He says he sees rapport and bridges being built. Some members didn't even know who Adventists are, but they have come to know what church he pastors, then they come to respect him as a person, opening the door for him to invite them to visit his church. Pooler calls it his "long-haul witness."

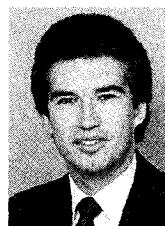
Some of his greatest opportunities for witnessing come when he participates in Rotary-sponsored community fund-raising projects like athletic competitions, where he rolls up his sleeves and helps staff a refreshment concession booth. "When you're working together with someone for hours at a time, you soon begin to share your ideas and beliefs," Pooler says. "And they respect someone who's willing to work."

"I won't hesitate to give a Rotary member a hospital call, or to minister to them when they have a need," he adds. "My approach is—just to build trust."

Oswald Rugless

McWilliams, 23, has written on all these subjects. He admires the writing style of *The Wall Street Journal*, which awarded him two scholarships. He also won a scholarship from *The Huntsville Times*. *The Times* hired McWilliams as a part-time reporter-intern while he was a junior at Huntsville's Oakwood College. He had worked as a summer reporter-intern for *The Tampa Tribune*. He attended the Dow Jones editing program at Virginia Commonwealth University, and edited his college newspaper. McWilliams graduated from Oakwood in 1993, and joined *The Times* full-time. McWilliams covers business, crime and general assignments. He's reported on visits to Huntsville by first daughter Chelsea Clinton, Star Trek's James "Scotty" Doohan, controversial "Holocaust revisionist" David Irving, and Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Kweisi Mfume. He earned a citation in the Alabama Press Association's newsletter last year. McWilliams calls suburban Atlanta home.

**AHS/SUNBELT**



Florida Hospital vice president **Rick D. Mace** recently became one of only four affiliates to achieve fellowship status in the American College of Cardiovascular Administrators.

Mace, who joined Florida Hospital in 1982, is administratively responsible for the operation of 11 hospital departments. He is executive director of Florida Heart Institute and president of United Health Ventures. Mace is a member of the Markham Woods church, in Longwood, where he serves on the board of elders. He is past chairman and currently serves on the board of directors for Forest Lake Elementary Educational Center.



## Carolina

The Columbia First church recently handed out 5,000 **BIBLE ENROLLMENT CARDS** for Bible studies and a free copy of *The Great Controversy*. Within the first two weeks after handing out the cards, approximately 15 have responded. Bethany Sorensen took several cards to hand out near her home. When she collected her cards, she found several were missing. She inquired of her husband where they might be and he stated he had taken several to the Fort Jackson Army base where he works and handed them out to new recruits. He is not a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church but was excited about the offer.

**A JOINT MEETING OF THE LENOIR AND TABLE ROCK, N.C., CHURCHES** was held at the Table Rock church the Sabbath before Mothers' Day. The Conquerors from Hickory and Lenoir, N.C., conducted a musical program featuring a tribute to mothers.

The Mount Pisgah Academy church had **A UNIQUE IDEA FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** this year. They contracted Asheville resident artist John Esposito to create a painting of Jesus looking on with love as children learn and play together. What is special about the painting is that the children in the picture are actually children from the Mt. Pisgah Academy church. On Sabbath, June 4, the painting was unveiled during the church service. It remained the central figure in the sanctuary, setting the atmosphere for the week-long series of evening

VBS meetings. Esposito is now retired after 39 years with Met Life and paints as a hobby. Three of his many paintings hang in the entryway of the Saint Lawrence Basilica in downtown Asheville. Esposito owes none of his success to formal art instruction—he's had none. According to his wife, his painting ability is a "God-given talent."

The **MT. PISGAH ACADEMY CIRCUIT RIDERS** have completed another successful year. The Circuit Riders are a group of 10-15 students who travel about the conference and conduct worship services for the various churches.

The Salisbury church is sponsoring the **WORD OF PROPHECY CRUSADE** with Conference Evangelist Dale Pollett and pianist/recording artist Joey Gore. To date, the meetings have been extremely well attended with standing room only on some nights.

Students from Mt. Pisgah Academy, along with school chaplain Stanley Knight, attended the second annual **SPRING FLING** at Camp Rockmont just outside of Asheville. Throughout the day, students supervised children's games, wagon rides, face-painting, and life-guarding in the swimming and canoe areas.

Church members in Burnsville, N.C., held a special **APPRECIATION DAY** for Gerald Mobley, pastor, and his family. The family was surprised with a fruit basket and many "gems" written on cards given to them.



## Florida

The St. Petersburg church held a **FINANCIAL PLANNING** seminar for church members June 25. Topics discussed included how to save money, planning for a debt-free future, and biblical principles of money management.

Domestic violence and illiteracy were key topics discussed at the Brandon church's second annual **WOMEN'S EMPHASIS DAY**. Patricia Shanko, Conference director of women's ministries, was the speaker.

St. Petersburg church members have formed **TENDER LOVING CARE (TLC) GROUPS** to strengthen each other spiritually and reach out to the community. Each group of three to 12 meet on a regular basis and invite friends and neighbors to join them in studying the Scriptures.

Three children registered for West Coast Junior Academy's '94-'95 kindergarten class as the result of a **COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE** held by the school. More than 75 attended the July 24 event in Bradenton which included tours of the school and refreshments.

Two hundred attended a recent **STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR** sponsored by the Eden French church. Topics included family budgets, proper use of credit, and buying a home.

**THE TAMPA FIRST CHURCH CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY** October 22. H.M.S. Richards, Jr., will be the keynote speaker at the event. A number of the church's former pastors, including Conference President Obed Graham, will also attend. The church was organized at the Conference's first camp meeting in Tampa in 1894.

After renting for many years, the 130-member **ALL NATIONS CHURCH HAS PURCHASED AND MOVED INTO NEW FACILITIES**. The new church, located at 2611 First Avenue North in

St. Petersburg, houses a sanctuary, fellowship hall, Sabbath school classrooms, and church office.

One hundred thirty-five children, of which 60 were nonAdventists, attended this year's **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** at the Markham Woods church.

Conference literature evangelists shared soul-winning stories and experiences about their work at a **LITERATURE EVANGELIST RALLY** at the Dade City church, June 25.

Thirty young adults of the Kress Memorial church have a **GREATER SENSE OF OWNERSHIP** in their church these days by planning the church's first worship services. A major goal of the new praise and prayer service is to reach out to the unchurched in the community.

The Mt. Dora church is using a four-color brochure called **BUILDING BRIDGES OF LOVE AS A WITNESSING TOOL** to invite the community to its monthly Visitor's Day Sabbaths. The brochure's cover shows pictures of the church and its community service programs. Inside, an invitation is given to attend worship services and a "low-fat vegetarian feast."

One hundred twenty young people, many from the surrounding community, attended a special **YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT CHURCH** held at the Forest Lake church July 16. Gospel recording artists New Creation were featured at the special service.

The Bradenton church held an **EVANGELISTIC SERIES** April 9 to May 7, and West Coast Junior Academy was honored for one week with the presence of the Voice of Prophecy evangelistic team. Many young people rededicated their lives to Jesus and some gave themselves to Christ for the first time.

## Georgia-Cumberland



More than 70 people attended Nancy Van Pelt's **HOME ORGANIZATION SEMINAR** at the Collegedale church June 27. The seminar was sponsored by women's ministries.

Adventist Community Services and Home Bound Medical Care teamed up to present free health seminars for the community called **SMART HEALTH CHOICES**. The seminars covered the subjects of breast cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

The Hamilton Community church began a 9:00 a.m. church **WORSHIP SERVICE** this summer. The existing 11:00 a.m. community worship service is designed to be an attractive place for members to invite their non-Adventist friends from the community. A survey of members revealed that 67 percent have invited non-Adventist friends to this service, and 95 percent of those who have had friends come said their impression of the church was very favorable. At the earlier service, the worship experience is to help church members and regular attenders grow to full Christian maturity.

**COHUTTA SPRINGS CAMP JUST FINISHED ITS 15th SUMMER WITH AN ATTENDANCE OF 1,035 CAMPERS.** From 1981-94 the attendance total is 12,704.

**AN 11-MEMBER TEAM FROM WILDWOOD**

**HOSPITAL AND SOUTHERN COLLEGE TRAVELED TO RUSSIA RECENTLY.** While there the team conducted health programs, evangelistic meetings, and a field school.

Twenty-five of the 28 Conference executive committee members, plus families, came together for a **WEEKEND RETREAT AT COHUTTA SPRINGS**, July 29-31, to worship, fellowship, and take extended periods of time for planning the conference agenda for the triennium.

The July conference executive committee voted to authorize the organization of the **HERITAGE COMPANY** in Monterey, Tenn. Thirty-seven charter members are anticipated. The company will be in the Crossville/Meister Memorial district.

**THE HALLS CROSS ROADS COMPANY** (North Knoxville) has received approval to organize into a church, scheduled for October 22, and will have approximately 65 members.

**LITERATURE EVANGELISTS HAVE DELIVERED \$125,090 WORTH OF BOOKS** in June, bringing the midyear cumulative deliveries to \$621,600, a 7.01 percent gain.

A seven-month total of 301 individuals and families have written **WILLS THROUGH THE TRUST SERVICES DEPARTMENT.**

## Gulf States



**THREE HUNTSVILLE CENTRAL CHURCH YOUTH WERE BAPTIZED RECENTLY.** They are all students at Big Cove Christian Academy.

**A CANNING AND PRESERVING SEMINAR** was held at Central Hall by the Huntsville, Ala., Central Church June 23. Church member Betty Noel demonstrated preserving techniques, discussed canning tips, and gave away samples of items she had preserved.

**VBS** was conducted at the Anniston, Ala., church July 11-15. The theme was The Earthmaker. Adventist and non-Adventist children and parents attended nightly enjoying skits, lesson studies, crafts, and games. Friday night each class gave a review of its lesson studies and displayed crafts. VBS certificates were given to each participant.

**MEMBERS OF THE PHENIX CITY, ALA., CHURCH RESPONDED TO AN URGENT PLEA** from the members of the flooded Dothan area. One hundred fifty comfort kits were prepared and delivered to distribution points in flooded areas of south Alabama and north Florida. In

addition, six individuals volunteered their time in the flooded area.

The Panama City church made up 135 comfort kits and supplied 100 pillows, among other things, to **FLOOD VICTIMS**. Many members also contributed time and money in helping alleviate the disaster. One father took his children to help "so they won't take things for granted."

The new **EARTHMAKER MYSTERIES** vacation Bible school during the week of June 6-10 in Huntsville, Ala., was attended by 45 children. Seventy-five parents and friends were present for the final Friday evening program and awards presentation.

Members of the Greenwood, Miss., company are assisting their community with **LITTER PICKUP** on a regular basis.

Evangelist Dwight Davis and Bill Painter, pastor, teamed up for a **SERIES OF MEETINGS** in Phenix City, Ala., which resulted in 12 people accepting Christ and joining the Phenix City church.

**FIVE-HUNDRED PERSONS MARCHED AGAINST DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO** in the Miami area. The Philadelphia church organized the march May 27. Participants wore

a T-shirt that read "stop violence, tobacco, alcohol, and drugs." The band from Sinal church, Ft. Lauderdale, played instrumental music while the marchers made a circle of 21 blocks.

## Southeastern



## Oakwood College



After a thorough self-study and twice-postponed site visit, **THE OAKWOOD COLLEGE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT ACCREDITA-**

**TION WAS REAFFIRMED** by the council on social work education in its June meeting of commissioners.

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# CALENDAR

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**New Ministers' Meeting**—Sept. 12-14. Camp Alamisco.  
**Gulf Coast Camp Meeting**—Sept. 16, 17. Panama City.  
**North Alabama Camp Meeting**—Sept. 23, 24. Floral Crest.  
**Conference Executive Committee**—Sept. 27. Montgomery.  
**Women's Retreat**—Oct. 14-16. Destin, Fla.

### Southern College

#### Vespers

Sept. 2. Paul and Carol Cannon.  
 9. Bob Bretsch.  
 16. Pete McLeod.  
 23. Randall Roberts.  
 30. SC Band.

#### Church Pulpit Guests

Sept. 10. Bob Bretsch  
 24. Randall Roberts, Mark Finley.

#### Concerts

Sept. 10. CARE lawn concert.  
 25. Bruce Ashton, piano; Nora Kile, flute.

### Southern Union

**Attorney's Retreat**—Sept. 9-11. Atlanta.  
**Religious Liberty Convention**—Sept. 9-15. Williamsburg, Va.  
**Bible Conference**—Sept. 14-17. Nosoca Pines.  
**Medical/Dental Retreat**—Oct. 13-15. Gatlinburg, Tenn.  
**Health Education Emphasis Week**—Oct. 23-29.

### Carolina

**Women's Retreat**—Sept. 23-25. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speaker: Linda McGinn.  
**Young Adult Retreat**—Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Nosoca Pines Ranch.  
**Youth Rally**—Oct. 14-16. Pisgah Academy.  
**Red Ribbon Campaign Against Drugs**—Oct. 23-31.  
**Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting**—Oct. 28-30. Oak Island, N.C. Speakers: Louis Walton and Patricia White.  
**Freshman/Sophomore Bible Conference**—Nov. 4-6. Nosoca Pines Ranch.  
**Evangelistic Crusades**  
 Sept. 1. Woodruff, S.C. Eugene Melashenko.  
 Sept. 8. Hickory, N.C., Charles Hindman.  
 Sept. 14. Charlotte, N.C., Martin Lee.  
 Sept. 16. Camden, S.C., John Davis.  
 Sept. 19. Erwin Hills, N.C., Jerry Mobley.  
 Sept. 21. Greensboro, N.C., Martin Lee.  
 Sept. 24. Albemarle, N.C., Tim Sheridan.

### Florida

#### Evangelistic Crusades

Oct. 1-29. Melbourne. John Newbern.  
 Oct. 2-22. Silver Spring Shores. Harry Williams.  
 Oct. 9-Nov. 29. Melbourne Span. Byron Rivera.  
 Oct. 15-Nov. 19.  
 Ebenezer Spanish. Demetrio Hernandez.  
 Westchester Spanish. Eradio Alonso.  
 Kendall Spanish. Eradio Alonso.  
 Kendall. Harry Robinson.  
 Bradmore Spanish. José Fuentes.  
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 Coral Springs. Joe Escobar.  
 Miami Temple. Harmon Brownlow.  
 Plantation. Lester and Zula Pratt and Roy & Amy Pauley.  
 Homestead. Robert and Joyce DuBose.  
 Northwest Dade. Art and Margo Swaningson.  
 Pompano Beach. William Bornstein.  
 Jensen Beach. Wayne Gosling.

#### Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners

Oct. 1. Florida Hospital.  
 8. West Palm Beach.  
 15. University  
 22. Kress Memorial

#### Estate Planning Seminars

Oct. 2. Brooksville, 9 a.m.  
 9. Forest Lake, 9 a.m.  
 16. Apopka Spanish, 9 a.m.  
 23. Kissimmee Spanish, 9 a.m.  
 30. Orlando Spanish, 9 a.m.

**NET '95 Training Program**—Sept. 23-25. Camp Kulaqua. Details: 1-800-331-2767.

**Fall Fest**—Oct. 1. Outdoor concert at Lake Eola. Details: Florida Conference Youth Department, (407) 644-5000.

**Marriage Commitment Seminar**—Oct. 7-9 Camp Kulaqua. Pre-registration and payment required. Details: Ken Bryant, (407) 869-8106 or (407) 644-5000.

**Pathfinders CIT Workshop**—Oct. 8. Tampa Spanish church.

**Pathfinders Reville**—Oct. 14-16. Camp Kulaqua.

**Tampa First 100th Anniversary**—Oct. 21, 22. Speaker: H.M.S. Richards, Jr. Details: (813) 933-7505.

**150th Anniversary of Great Disappointment**—Oct. 20-22. William Miller Farm.  
**Children's Ministries Convention**—Oct. 21-25. Camp Kulaqua.

**Festival Of Faith '95**—Oct. 22. Conference-wide commemoration of 150 years since the Great Disappointment. Orlando Central church.. Details: (407) 841-7510.

### Georgia-Cumberland

**HEALTHfest**—Sept. 15, 7-9 p.m. and Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Concord Baptist Church, Interstate 75 and E Brainerd Rd., Chatta-

nooga, TN. Contact: Jane Sines (615) 472-8842. FAX (615) 396-3156.

**Young Adult Retreat**—Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Cohutta Springs.

**Intimate Encounters With God seminar**—Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Details: (615) 339-1144. Family Matters Conference Center, Cleveland, Tenn.

**Business and Professional Association Retreat**—Sept. 17, 18. Cohutta Springs.  
**ABC Open House Sale**—Sept. 25.

**Academy Ingathering Field Day**—Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

**Young Adult Retreat**—Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Cohutta Springs.

**Retired Workers' Retreat**—Oct. 6-9. Cohutta Springs.

**GCA Home Leave**—Oct. 13-23.

**K-12 Teachers' Convention**—Oct. 16-19. Cohutta Springs.

#### Evangelistic Crusades

Sept. 16-Oct. 15. Duluth, Ga. Pieter Barkhuizen.  
 Sept. 30-Nov. 5. Augusta, Ga. Wendell Stover.  
 Oct. 21-Nov. 19. Dalton, Ga. Cliff Vickery.  
 Oct. 22-Nov. 19. Columbus, Ga. Harold Turner.  
 Sept. 16-Oct. 15. Standifer Gap, Tenn. Cliff Vickery.  
 Sept. 30-Nov. 5. Augusta, Ga. Wendell Stover.

#### Ministerial Meetings

Sept. 13. Macon.  
 Sept. 14. Atlanta Belvedere.  
 Sept. 15. Knoxville.

#### ABC Bookmobile Schedule

Sept. 17. Greeneville, Tenn.  
 Sept. 18. Johnson City, Tenn.  
 Sept. 18. Tri-City School.  
 Sept. 18. Morristown, Tenn.  
 Sept. 18. Knoxville, Tenn.

### Gulf States

**Adventist Book Center Open**—Sept. 11. Montgomery.

# TRANSITIONS



Brewer



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Owen

### Georgia-Cumberland

**Ed Skoretz**, from Gulf States, has been assigned the Rome/Summerville district. **Lew Norwood**, also from Gulf States, is the new pastor of the Roan Mountain/Mountain City district. **Wayne Owen** from the Kingsport/

Bristol district is now at the Marietta church as associate pastor. **Jim Frost** is the new pastor in Albany, Ga. **Jeff Wood** is the assistant interim pastor at Cleveland, Tenn., replacing Byron Voorheis who has assumed responsibilities at Camp Kulaqua. **Eugene T. Rimmers**, former association treasurer of the Kentucky-Tennessee conference, is the new association treasurer for the Georgia-Cumberland conference, replacing **Jay Shanko** who has retired.

### Florida Conference

**Eugene Brewer** has returned to the Florida Conference as an associate superintendent of education. **George Whitsett** has been named pastor of the Bradenton church.



### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

... somewhere along the line the word "stewardship" got all tangled up with simply money. You've heard the comments, and so have I. Whenever the church budget runs low, someone usually pipes up, "Let's have a stewardship campaign. That'll raise the funds!"

Well, it might raise the funds, but such brash reasoning limits the biblical concept of what stewardship is all about. For stewardship isn't about money alone, it's about a relationship, a trust relationship between the Creator and His creation.

Myron Widmer

# Sunset

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# Sun Digest

## *A one-way ticket to Anytown*

by Irma King  
Executive Secretary  
Anytown Adventist Hospital

You won't find Anytown Adventist Hospital listed in the directory of Adventist Health System/Sunbelt. Nor will you find my name on any employee roster.

The following is a true story that continues to unfold. But because of threats made against her life, the heroine's name—and all other people and places—have been changed. All other facts are reported as they happened.

### *Abused by father*

Denise was born blind in one eye. Along with eight brothers and sisters, she lived an isolated life in the country. The children never went to school; in fact, they were never allowed off their property. They were both physically and sexually abused by their father.

When Denise was 12, her father tortured her so badly that neighbors two miles away heard her screams and called an ambulance. In the hospital



*Leaving behind a past of abuse and fear, Denise boarded the Greyhound bus with a one-way ticket to a city she did not know. Neither did she know what her future would hold—that she would go blind, learn Braille computer skills, “adopt” a new family at an Adventist hospital, and meet Jesus Christ who would become her best friend.*

she was fascinated by the electric light switches she saw for the first time.

After a trial, her father was sent to prison and her mother to a mental hospital. At that time Denise's father threatened to kill her if she ever disclosed what had happened during her childhood.

### *Labeled “unteachable”*

At the orphanage where she was sent, Denise was labeled “unteachable.”

She received \$5 a month from the state, and she saved most of it. Because she couldn't read or write, she didn't know how much money she had, but it seemed like a lot to her.

When she was 18, Denise was transferred to a nursing home where she had nothing to do but watch television. Three years later she saw a commercial for Greyhound Bus Lines. From her window she saw the same dog on a nearby

sign. A few days later, Denise walked to the bus station and asked the clerk where her meager savings would take her.

The clerk suggested a one-way ticket to Anytown, and although she knew no one there (or anywhere else, for that matter), Denise bought a ticket and boarded the bus. Terrified, she rode for 24 hours with nothing to eat or drink, and unaware that there was a rest room in the bus.

A fellow passenger hired Denise to do housework. She gave her clothes and let Denise live in her home for two years. Before the woman moved from Anytown, she helped her find a job and a place to live.

Denise came to the Anytown Adventist Hospital to apply for work. When she asked me to help her fill out the job application, I had no idea she couldn't read or write.

### ***Life begins to change***

When Denise was hired in the hospital's house-keeping department, her life began to change dramatically. I remember how she would walk down the hall, always staying close to the wall, head down. She would acknowledge no one—not even me—although I always greeted her. I still remember the day Denise first spoke to me in the hallway.

Chaplain Jerry Johnson had noticed Denise and wanted to help, but because of her abusive father, she was terrified of men. Finally, the chaplain's kindness won her trust, and she began to talk with him. Chaplain Johnson enlisted a psychologist to help Denise with emotional problems dating back to her childhood.

### ***Denise is baptized***

One year after she walked into Anytown Adventist Hospital, Denise

was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. More good things were happening in her life. She was taking the bus to classes at a community college and had learned to print three-letter words.

Then her one good eye began to trouble her, and Denise went to a hospital-sponsored eye screening. Later, at a follow-up visit at the Anytown Eye clinic, Denise learned she would someday go blind from retinitis pigmentosa.

That same day the ophthalmologist dilated her eyes, and Denise became disoriented. Although she couldn't see, she tried to get home. She heard horns blowing and tires squealing around her as she somehow maneuvered across a busy highway and ended up at the Anytown Mall.

When I stopped at the mall during my lunch hour, I saw Denise and waved. She didn't wave back, so I knew something was wrong. After hearing her story, I skipped my errands and drove her home.

She was frightened about going blind, but we thought it would happen gradually. Just seven months later, Denise was grocery shopping when suddenly everything went black.

Again, I just "happened" to be in the right place at the right time. I discovered Denise—alone and permanently blind—

standing in front of a display of cereal and not knowing what to do next. I took her home.

### ***Surprised by party***

Later that year, hospital friends surprised 30-year-old Denise with her first birthday party. Sandy Young, a nurse who also had befriended Denise, told her husband about the young woman. They invited Denise to live with them and she accepted.

Meanwhile, the hospital administrators worked to get Denise admitted to the State School for the Blind. There she earned her GED in just six months. When Denise graduated, 25 hospital families drove more than 60 miles each way to attend her graduation! Denise returned home to Anytown to live with the Youngs and attend a special school to learn Braille computer skills.

### ***Blindness an inconvenience***

Today Denise is working again at Anytown Adventist Hospital. She takes pride in supporting herself and living independently in an apartment nearby. Although she's been recognized by the State for her achievements, she insists that her blindness is an inconvenience and not a handicap.

Denise has no contact with her relatives (and is fearful of the day her father is released from prison). She counts her

hospital friends as her family and spends many evenings and weekends with me, the Youngs, and other friends. She often bakes us cookies as gifts.

Our mission at Anytown Adventist Hospital is more than just physical healing. It's also to embrace the stranger within our gates. With persistent love, that stranger may even become a fellow employee, such as my dear friend Denise.

## ***New brochure outlines SDA history, beliefs***

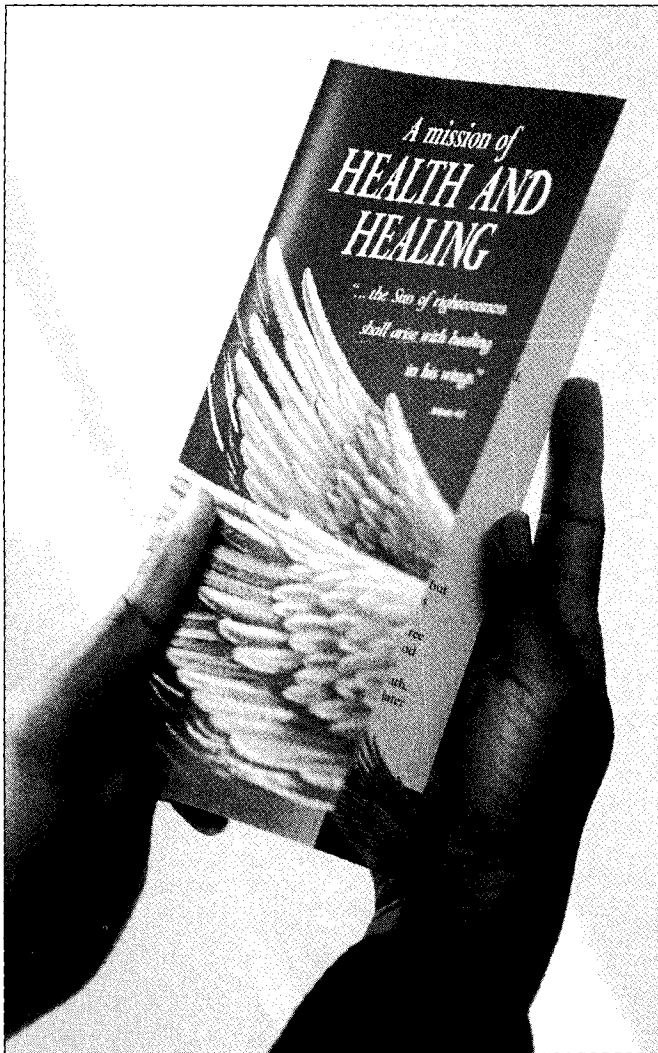
Patients, employees, community leaders, vendors and many others who associate with Adventist health-care organizations often know very little about the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. And, they may not understand some things they do know, such as Sabbathkeeping and dietary practices.

AHS/Sunbelt leaders felt the need for a brochure to briefly describe the church's history, its health-care mission and key beliefs and lifestyle practices.

### ***Need to communicate faith and quality***

"We felt it was important that the brochure focus on Jesus Christ and the plan of salvation because these are things all Christians can relate to," says Jane Allen,





Employees feel better prepared to relate to the mission of Adventist health care when they know the church's beliefs. Use and demand for this new AHS/Sunbelt brochure has exceeded original expectations.

AHS/Sunbelt director of corporate communications. "We wanted the reader to sense our high regard for our beliefs. The brochure needed to reflect quality in design, art and even the touch of the paper."

#### **Cost-effective piece**

The full-color brochure called "A Mission of Health and Healing" was completed in 1993. Because of the large quantity in this initial

printing—155,000 copies—the cost was only 10 cents per copy.

The eight-page, pocket-sized publication begins with an overview of Adventist health work, then summarizes major doctrines in one or two short paragraphs—with large easy-to-read headings to help the reader find specific topics.

Demand for the brochure has exceeded expectations. It is now

used by hospitals throughout the United States in addition to physicians and churches.

Employees of other faiths, many of whom are strong supporters of the Adventist health-care mission, have been most positive about the new brochure. They say that knowing Adventist beliefs helps them relate to the mission of the hospitals.

#### **Roll the presses**

Another printing of "A Mission of Health and Healing" is planned as soon as sufficient requests warrant a large enough printing to keep the piece cost-effective. For more information, write or call: *Communications Dept. AHS/Sunbelt 2400 Bedford Road Orlando, FL 32803-1489 407-897-1919, Ext. 7177.*

### **Hospital conducts BP screening at local churches**

Central Texas Medical Center (CTMC) of San Marcos, Texas, has begun a cooperative effort with four local churches to teach area residents the importance of blood pressure. Congregations organize and administer blood pressure screenings for their members.

The program, organized through CTMC and the San Marcos Ministerial Alliance, and supported by the American Heart Association, provides

training and equipment to interested church groups.

CTMC nurses, cardiopulmonary and education staff use videos and hands-on training to teach church members how to perform the screenings. Equipment is then donated to the church, along with printed information from the American Heart Association that explains important health facts related to blood pressure.

Most congregations organize screenings once a month or more. One church combines the blood pressure screening with its weekly food line for the needy, thus bringing health education to a relatively untapped segment of the community.

### **"Park Ridge gave me back my life"**

"In August of this year I will have been in recovery from an eating disorder for five years. If any of the staff of the Eating Disorders Program at Park Ridge Hospital (Fletcher, N.C.) remembers me, she can tell you that no one expected to see me discharged—they all expected to transfer me to some other facility.

"I was a very sick young woman, unable to function. I had been actively bulimic for 17 years and had given up hope by the time I got to Park Ridge in 1989.

"I truly believe that the Lord used Park Ridge to

give me back the shattered pieces of my life and begin the process of making me whole again.

"During the past five years I have married a wonderful man and moved to California. We found a warm church home, and I accepted the Lord as my Savior.

"I am now a whole person. I make decisions and I live with the results. I began graduate school but quit when I realized it wasn't really what I wanted.

"Nine months ago my sister—whom I loved passionately—died in a tragic accident. A few months later I watched as my husband's brother was brutally murdered. Life has not been just roses, yet I am still in recovery.

"I wish there was some way to tell you how grateful I am to have life."

## ***'I'm Willa from Huguley Hospital'***

As Willa Williams, LVN from Huguley Memorial Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas, drove home from work one afternoon, she saw an accident. A man was attempting to repair his car when another automobile hit him.

Willa stopped and sized up the situation. The man was suffering a compound fracture of his leg, as well as other injuries. His leg was bleeding profusely, so

Willa made a tourniquet and applied pressure to stop the bleeding.

She elevated the leg and covered the man to prevent him from going into shock. Because Willa was on her way home from the hospital, she had her blood pressure cuff with her and was able to take his vital signs.

As she continued to apply pressure to his leg, she said over and over again, "I'm a nurse; I'll help you. I'm Willa from Huguley Hospital."

"I was afraid that if I didn't keep his mind focused he'd go into shock," Willa says, "so I kept repeating, 'I'm Willa from Huguley.'"

A helicopter ambulance arrived and transported the patient to a Fort Worth hospital, where he was rushed to surgery. Physicians said if it had not been for the expert and timely care Willa gave him, they would not have been able to save the man's leg.

"I just did what I was trained to do," declares Willa. In more than 19 years of nursing experience, she had never before needed to respond to an emergency outside the hospital.

Willa and her husband visited the man in the hospital, where he expressed his gratitude. "I'll never forget Willa from Huguley," the grateful patient said.

## ***Hospital conducts spiritual life study***

Eight years ago Florida Hospital developed its first Spiritual Life Master Plan, a comprehensive document focusing on the spiritual aspects of the hospital.

The Plan is updated each year and continues to be revised in 1994. The Plan seeks to address the spiritual needs of employees, patients and their families, and visitors by:

- A. Creating a spiritual atmosphere in the workplace;
- B. Providing spiritual resources for self-study;
- C. Utilizing every relationship to build a spiritual life; and
- D. Meeting community needs.

Although the Plan includes inanimate objects such as Christian artwork, they are made meaningful through the hands and hearts of the hospital staff.

"The essence of spiritual nurture is the personal touch," says Tom Werner, hospital president. "Spiritual aids are initiated only to foster the personal contact that will lead individuals to find Jesus Christ the sustenance, comfort and growth they desire."

### ***Mission evaluated***

Is it possible to measure the mission emphasis of an Adventist hospital? This question was posed at AHS/Sunbelt's 1992

Conference on Mission.

Health-care and church leaders agreed that effort must be made to evaluate the mission emphasis in the Sunbelt hospitals. Subsequently an evaluation process was formalized involving among other things a self-evaluation study and peer review.

The first peer study was conducted at Florida Hospital by a team led by Donald Jernigan, executive vice president of AHS/Sunbelt.

The team's report acknowledges that Florida Hospital has been a leader throughout Adventist health care in mission programming, creativity and implementation. The report gives significant commendations, as well as recommendations for strengthening existing programs and initiating new ones.

### ***Systemwide plan***

Similar planning and mission evaluation is underway at all AHS/Sunbelt organizations. This process is adapted and modified for the specific needs of each facility and community. Across the system, experience shows that intentional planning for mission advancement produces increased understanding and support among employees, patients, community and others.

## Education

### Oakwood Offers New Program

**Oakwood College—**Leadership Education for the Adult Professional (LEAP) is the name of a new program at Oakwood College. LEAP is designed to enable working adults 25 and older with two or more years of college to complete their

bachelor's degrees in approximately 18 months.

The degree is in organizational management. The student attends classes one night per week on a year-round basis.

LEAP is part of the Adult and Continuing Education Program initiative at Oakwood under the direction of Marcia Keller.

Roy Malcolm

## Health

### Walking Club Logs 200 Miles

**AHS/Sunbelt—**Members of Park Ridge Hospital's Pacers Walking Club who logged 200 miles before the hospital's Christmas party are eligible for hotel accommodations for two in historic Charleston, S.C.

The getaway incentive is part of the hospital's wellness emphasis for employees and physicians. The names of those

who achieved the 200-mile mark will be entered in a drawing for the getaway to Charleston. Mileage credit is also given for running, biking, swimming and other forms of aerobic exercise.

Park Ridge conducted an employee health assessment earlier this year to provide participants with baseline information. By providing activities, such as the "walk to Charleston," the hospital aims to have a healthier work force.

Jane Allen

## Outreach

### Carolina Schools Assist Arizona Students

**Carolina—**The sun had not yet topped the horizon as ninth and tenth graders from Tri-Cities, Columbia, Salisbury, and Adventist Christian academies left their individual schools and traveled to Holbrook, Arizona, where the 50-member missionary task force joined to work at the Holbrook Adventist Indian School.

Holbrook, Arizona, better known as the location of the Petrified Forest and Painted Desert National Park, is also the home of the

only Seventh-day Adventist boarding school for Native Americans. Although SDA-owned and operated, nearly 90 percent of the students are nonAdventists.

H.I.S., as the school is better known, functions with a budget which depends heavily upon private donations. Carolina youth were there to donate their strong backs and willing hearts to several work projects.

During their seven-day stay, the young people laid cement blocks for a new addition to the campus church, built two garages for the H.I.S. staff, helped install water and sewer lines,



LOREN TABOR

Students from the Carolina Conference were awed by the magnitude of the Grand Canyon on their spring break mission trip to Holbrook Indian Reservation in Arizona.

reorganized the cafeteria, helped with food preparation, patched potholes and cracks in the school's roads, hung sheetrock inside a new church on the Navajo Reservation, painted the interior of the campus thrift shop, and even helped build a genuine "hogan," the traditional Navajo dwelling.

However, their service was not limited to physical tasks alone. During their stay, the Carolina group provided the H.I.S. students and faculty with morning worships, Friday night vespers and the worship service on Sabbath. One Tri-Cities student com-

mented, "I think in some way both the Navajo people and each one of us students benefited spiritually."

Despite the busy work schedule, the group did manage some sightseeing. They visited the Petrified Forest, hiked to the bottom of Canyon de Chelly, viewed the Painted Desert, and were awed by the spectacular magnitude of the Grand Canyon.

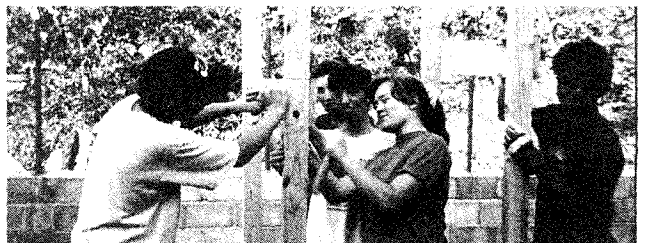
The trip was a blessing to both those who gave service as well as those who received the service. Ultimately, that is what makes a mission trip successful.

Rick Marshall

### Students Make Missionary Trip to Honduras

**Carolina—**Students from Mt. Pisgah Academy enjoyed an exciting adventure for their

spring break this year. A total of eight students traveled with school chaplain Stanley Knight to Santa Barbara, Honduras. Their goal was to build a playground for the hospital pediatric ward and malnutrition cen-



Students framed several structures during the trip.

ter. Hundreds of malnourished and sick children are cared for there every year. These institutions can offer them little more than a bed and food to eat, which is more than they have at home.

The majority of students were able to raise the money required for the trip by donations from friends, family, and their home churches. Knight and his family raised the funds needed for the playground equipment, school supplies, toys, clothes, baby blankets, and stereo equipment they would take with them. The response from the Mt. Pisgah Academy church members, residents of Pisgah Estates, and students at MPA and Enka High School was overwhelming.

Each day was spent working on the construction of a playground which included a tower with sliding pole, monkey bars, and two teeter-totters. The students also spent considerable time in the malnutrition center playing and caring for

the children. They spent time doing crafts, singing, handing out toys and candy, playing ball, and coloring Bible pictures with the older children.

The group was also able to take a few trips into the mountains where they visited several villages and schools. In these areas they took badly needed school supplies, clothes, and toys which were given to the children. These trips opened the students eyes to the poverty these people experience and their day-to-day struggles to survive with the little they have.

Besides their original goals for the mission trip, the MPA group also made badly needed curtains out of sheets for the prison they visited and soccer goals for an Adventist school.

The students arrived home after ten action-packed days tired, but filled with the memories of all they had seen and done in that far away land that didn't sound foreign to them any more.

Valerie Knight

## The Pinellas Spanish Church Has Ministry On Wheels

**Florida**—Acquisition of a church van was the dream of many Pinellas Spanish church members, and today it's

a reality. Because of the faith and donations of many individuals, including a generous \$2,000 donation from a friend in Orlando, Pinellas church has its van—a ministry on wheels.

The purpose of the van is to bring people to Christ each week. It's used by the com-



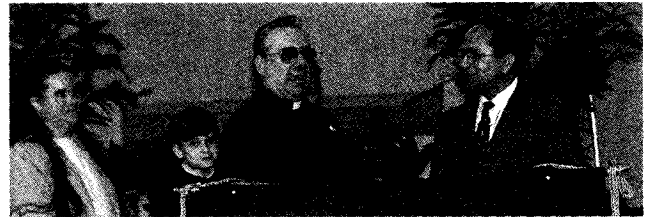
"We're soooo excited," say the women of the Pinellas church. "We got our van."

munity services women for distribution of food, clothing and other items. It enabled 15 women to attend the Hispanic Women's Retreat this past March at Camp Kulaqua, and young people and children use the van for recreational activities. The van is also

used by the musical group, *Arco Iris*, as they share Christ with various churches across Florida Conference.

Lettering on the side of the van also witnesses to motorists. It carries the name of the church and *Arco Iris (Rainbow) Music Ministries*.

Mayda Roman



When Clemens (center) joined the Mt. Dora church, he gave his testimony and removed his clerical collar. Betty Shrouder (left), played an important role in the Clemens family conversions.

## Bishop Joins Mt. Dora Church

**Florida**—In two years the Mt. Dora church grew from 252 to 334 members, and continues to experience a chain reaction of baptisms. The focus of pastors Bill and Sunshine Waters' ministry is love and caring, and assimilating new members into active participation.

Jim Wilson was already a member when circumstances drew his sister Judy and her friend Frank Peters to church. They attended, were married and baptized, and then brought Flo and Bruce Peplinske to baptism. With inspiration and the hard work of a strong laity/pastoral team using the Kenneth Cox *Dimensions of Prophecy* video series, there have been another 20 conversions.

Bishop David Clemens, a worldwide presiding bishop of the United Assembly of Jesus Christ, Inc., is among many who have joined the Mt. Dora church. Founder and editor of the monthly

magazine *Son Lighter*, Clemens has served as the National Home Missions director for one of the largest Pentecostal organizations in the world. Writer and publisher of more than 60 songs and poems, he comes from a family of ministers.

The Clemens family was introduced to Adventism through a friend and Mt. Dora member, Betty Shrouder. With both having similar interests in religion, they compared their beliefs. She invited them to her church and they accepted.

When Mt. Dora held a video evangelistic series, Clemens attended most of the time. He read several printed materials including *Seventh-day Adventists Believe . . . 27 Fundamental Doctrines*. Each Sabbath the Clemens family was in Sabbath school and church. The children enjoyed Sabbath school so much they told their parents they preferred attending Mt. Dora. After studying with Waters, the family accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

Virginia Inman

## Carrollwood Helps Working Parents

**Florida**—Parents took their children to summer camp at the Carrollwood church while they worked. Carrollwood pastor Rick Esterline and church board members decided several months ago how the church could serve the community better. Esterline sees this project as a type of evangelism to the Carrollwood community.

The community program offered various activities for youngsters between grades 1-6. Parents dropped their children off at the church to enjoy a fun-filled day of education and physical activities. Learning to cook pasta primavera, plant



Community and church children have fun during the daytime while parents work.

tomatoes, and appreciate fine music were some of many programs in store for some 50 children this summer.

Dame Looby

## Small Groups Bring Back Members

**Gulf States**—For 10 years, Bob Stagner prayed for his wife. Loretta had been an Adventist at one time, but had asked to have her name removed from the books. Always active, Bob began a small Bible study group to nurture some of the new members. At first, Loretta would leave the apartment and return about the time the group left. However, before long, she soon began coming in earlier and then staying to keep the kids in the next room, and finally sat in on the studies.

When the group launched a prophecy seminar, Loretta didn't miss a meeting. May 8, 1994, Loretta once again became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist family. She firmly believes that the rela-

tionships formed within the small group played a vital role in her return to the church.

David White agrees with Loretta about the impact of small groups. Out of the Adventist church for more than 20 years, he was apprehensive when his wife, Carol, a new member for about two years, told him that a small study group would meet at their home. Although he was now attending church somewhat regularly and had already decided to be baptized, he was at first reluctant to try this venture. Now David is a deacon, and emphatically testifies to the blessings received from being a member of a small group.

Small groups in the Meridian church have nurtured new members, strengthened not-so-new members, and provided growth and outreach in a way that traditional evangelism alone does not. Those struggling

with smoking have found support to gain victory. The discouraged find strength to go on. And God's Word

is meeting the needs of His people once again through this small effort.

Deborah Jo Burg

## Progress

### Library Improvements Made at Southern

**Southern College**—McKee Library has undergone some changes this summer. It took most of the library staff to move some 10,000 books in the SDA collection from the basement to the main floor.

This collection consists of the writings of Seventh-day Adventists over the years.

"There are several reasons for the move," says head librarian Peggy Bennett. "We've been having trouble with the humidity and mildew in the basement. The move upstairs will protect the collection. Also, the move will make access to the collection much easier for students and faculty." E. G. White's writings are still kept together and now they are easier to find.

"Finally, the library is running out of room," she concluded. Back issues of the 67 different journals to which the library subscribes, will now be kept downstairs in the newly provided space of the old SDA room.

Library staff indicate that students and other users are really appreciating the convenience of having the SDA resources on the same floor as other reference books.

The library is also changing with new technology. Southern College has a node in the superhighway of Internet and the library has several direct connections for students. The Internet provides endless access

to up-to-date scientific, governmental, and miscellaneous information and is an excellent means of communication. Catalogs of other libraries around the world can be searched through the Internet.

In addition, McKee Library is a member of the On-Line Computer Library Center. This makes the resources of other libraries accessible through an interlibrary loan system. If someone is looking for a title that McKee Library doesn't have, another library can provide it. Last year the library loaned 750 books to other libraries and borrowed 125.

Soon students with computers will be able to find a book title or magazine article in the library from their dorm rooms.

The resources of the library are growing quickly, and changes are necessitated to support the demand for knowledge in this new era of information.

Scott Guptill



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**Update**



Oakwood Academy's 1994 graduating class.

**Oakwood Academy Graduates 26**

**South Central—**Principal Jessie Godley Bradley, Ph.D., presented diplomas of graduation to 26 members of the Oakwood Academy class of 1994 on Sunday, May 29, at the Oakwood College church. The speaker was the Honorable Ralph Cook, Supreme Court Justice of Alabama.

Joseph Roberts was class president, while Jordon Roddy, Jennifer Patterson, and Sharifa Winbush achieved the highest grade point averages. Several class members received community and academic achievement awards.

Other weekend speakers were E. C. Ward, consecration, and Abraham Jules of Kingsboro Temple, New York, spoke for the baccalaureate service.

Roy E. Malcolm

**South Florida Braces for Evangelistic Crusades**

**Florida—**Ralph Ringer doesn't want to turn the world upside down—just Florida. He'll start with Dade and Broward counties, and then head to Jacksonville and Orlando.

"We will have 30 to 40 churches participating," said Ringer, conference evangelism coordinator and organizer. "Meetings will be held in English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese. We're using television, radio, newspapers, and mailing out 500,000 handbills to get people to come."

"The Coming New World Order" will be both the theme of the

series and the opening night topic for the meetings which run October 15-November 19. All Florida Conference evangelists will join guest evangelists and local pastors to cover the 30 to 40 meeting sites. The handbills will have a panel giving residents information and the closest meeting site.

This isn't the first time Ringer has been involved in a comprehensive evangelistic effort. "In 1992 we had more than 700 baptisms in the 31 participating churches," he said. "It was the first time we tried something over a large area."

Financial concerns played a part in having many meetings spread over a relatively small geographical zone. "The Dade-Broward metro-

politan area is an expensive place to advertise," said Ringer. "By pooling the advertising budgets of 31 churches, we had about \$150,000 to work with. The cost per meeting site to the conference was under \$5000, much less than if we conducted meetings one church at a time."

Ringer found additional benefits in having the meetings at the 31 churches. "A higher percentage of converts continue to attend church when they've come to identify with the church they attended all through the meetings. In the past it was difficult for new interests and converts who attended meetings in a large auditorium to make the transition from that large auditorium to an unfamiliar local church."

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important benefit is spiritual. "The pastors and churches bring a unity and togetherness in the Lord," says Ringer. "People can't change other people's lives, only the Lord can."

Arthur Chamberlain

**Women's Day Program Brings Mayors Together**

**Florida—**Dynamo Ruthie Cramer doesn't let anything discourage her. Even if she's ill, she'll hold the South Broward church women's ministries meetings from her bedside so the work can go forward. After a few years of persistent wooing, she was able to get the schedules of Rose Otis, General Conference women's ministries director, and local Broward County

mayors to coincide for the Seventh annual Ladies' Day.

Cramer puts these events together "so we can be involved in our community. We need to know what's going on. When women have key positions in our government, like our seven women mayors in this county, it's important they know we're interested in what they're doing and sympathetic with their problems. We'd also like them to know what we're doing."

"One of the reasons my husband and sons believe women need to



Miramamar mayor Vicki Coceano, left; Ginger Church, Review and Herald Publishing Association marketing manager; Hollywood mayor Mara Guilianti; and Rose Otis greet Ruthie Cramer, right.

be involved in the life of our community, our religious institutions and schools—all the things that are important in life—is because it would be a pity to waste 50 percent of the brain power and a whole lot of hard work that women have traditionally been doing," said Hollywood mayor Mara Guilianti.

When given Rose Otis's book, *Soviet Sunrise*, she was pleased that book sale proceeds were going towards educational scholarships. Both she and Miramar mayor Vicki Coceano were impressed with the 100-year history of Seventh-day Adventists in Florida

and the Church's community outreach and educational system.

More than 60 percent of the worldwide membership is women. In Korea and Japan, female membership exceeds 80 percent. In the last three and one-half years, women's ministries has expanded to eight of the 11 divisions of the world church, Otis shared. Women's ministries is a ministry to build up and support the church, especially to focus on the unmet needs of women within the church, and those with whom we associate in our community.

Cindy Kurtzhals

church has stayed in a tent for 23 years.

Alice Johnson from St. Augustine has come repeatedly for 60 years. Alice and her husband became Adventists after they were married, and began attending camp meeting. When he passed away, she just kept on coming. She remembers hearing "old-timers" like A. G. Daniels and W. A. Spicer in the old pavilion. Originally the pavilion had a sand floor and later it was covered with sawdust or pine needles.

When the academy gymnasium was built, the youth occupied the pavilion. Bonita

McLarnan of Daytona and Elaine Oxley remember the enthusiastic singing there. They say the youth leaders would encourage them to sing so loudly they could be heard over in the gym.

There have been lots of physical and programming changes at camp meeting through the years, yet people still come for much the same reasons they did 100 years ago. Time has not diminished the need for inspiration, fellowship, and faith in the soon coming of Jesus—which is nearer than when we first believed.

Ozward Rugless, Michael Miller, Cindy Kurtzhals



CINDY KURTZHALS

At this 100th camp meeting, World War I veteran Miles Frisbee, 97, was given a Commendation of Service in a special Memorial Day patriotic program hosted by Noel Shanko, center, conference ministerial director. Also honored were veterans in the congregation from World War II, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, and Desert Storm.

## Florida Hosts 100th Camp Meeting

**Florida**—One hundred years ago, when the first Adventist camp meeting was held in Florida at Tampa, there were 193 present. This year, 10,000 attended the English camp meeting and 3,000 attended the Hispanic camp meeting, both at Forest Lake Academy.

The history of camp meeting is colorful. The old pavilion meeting

place is now the Community Services warehouse. The children's departments, once in tents, are now in the Forest Lake church and academy buildings.

Lodging is a long-time tradition. Many stay on the grounds in dormitories, tents, or RVs, while others stay at motels, friend's homes, or drive in for Sabbaths. A *Camp News* survey revealed most on-site campers come back year after year. RoseMary Clark from Walker Memorial

## Women Provide Encouragement to Women

**Carolina**—Ann Pendleton, Carolina Conference women's ministry director, was the guest speaker at the Fayetteville church for a brunch meeting. Approximately 45 women attended, eager to hear the inspiring message, "Prayer In a Woman's World Today."

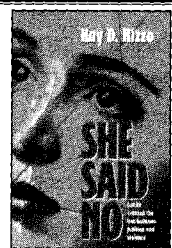
In her message, Pendleton shared various instances about women who were discouraged, down-hearted and sometimes mistreated because of beliefs that differed from those of their mates or relatives. These women turned to God in prayer and found the help and strength needed to obey God's word.

Several pages of suggestions were given to each lady present to help plan for a special time each day for prayer, meditation, and for knowledge to help make witnessing easier and more effective.

The event was orga-

nized by Fayetteville assistant pastor Betty Calloway, Faye Adams, and local church elder Geraldine Dearing. Special recognition was given to Carol Johnson and her assistants who brightened the fellowship hall with various straw hats they had decorated. Following the program, a demonstration of how to make the straw hats was given by Londa Heath and Catherine Richmond.

Betty Calloway



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RON QUICK

Church officials burn the mortgage.

## Mortgage Goes Up in Smoke

**Carolina**—Dave Morgan, local elder; former pastor David Banks, and Pastor Paul Van Buren burn the mortgage to the Durham Five Oaks church. The church paid the mortgage one year early, however, they chose to officially burn the mortgage at their homecoming, April 23.

Construction began on the Durham Five Oaks church, March 4, 1974. One year later, on March 29, the doors opened for the first worship service. There has been extensive work completed since the doors first opened in 1975. Remodeling of the front entrance was

completed in 1990. Church members and friends of the church purchased trees and shrubbery, in memory of loved ones, to landscape the grounds.

In July 1982 the church started a pre-school for children 3-6 years of age. The pre-school has continued to flourish and is "one of the finest in the state," according to a city official.

The Five Oaks church started their elementary school in 1991 in the basement of the church. A modular classroom was installed in October of 1993 in the area behind the church. This created space in the downstairs area for much needed Sabbath school classrooms.

Ron Quick

## Students Win Hearts and Friends in Monument Valley

**Georgia-Cumberland**—The West, they say, was won by grit and determination, but 15 Georgia-Cumberland Academy students proved, on a mission trip, it can also be won by service and sacrifice.

Foregoing their spring break and enduring a three-day drive, the students went to Monument Valley Hospital to refurbish a community service building now used as a Community

Services Center.

Students wielded hammers and measuring tapes and worked under brilliant western skies. Roof sheeting was replaced, tar paper rolled, drip edges were installed, woodwork painted, and a bathroom was remodeled.

"They've done really well, especially considering very few of them had any experience," said Merlin Dick, Georgia-Cumberland Academy grounds supervisor, who supervised the students' work.

Barbara Willis, the teacher who chaperoned, said the students not only individually raised money to pay for the mission trip,

but also raised funds for the building supplies used to refurbish the building.

For three years running, GCA students have made mission trips to Monument Valley, which lies in the poorest part of the vast Navajo Indian Reservation. Willis, a three-year Monument Valley mission veteran, says the trip always transforms her charges.

"It gives them a new perspective to come to a different part of the country with a different culture. Last year's kids could say 'I went, I helped, I had a fun time doing

it—and I'll do it again.' That says a lot."

In addition to work, the students discovered ancient Indian ruins, visited the wondrous geological formations that make Monument Valley famous, rock climbed, and—on the way home to Calhoun, Georgia—stopped for a short look at the Grand Canyon.

A newly-revitalized community service building says to the Navajos and all others in Monument Valley that 15 full-blooded missionaries did come—and won—a part of the West.

Jack Stenger



Fifteen GCA students and faculty spent spring break serving others at Monument Valley.

## Oakwood Holds Commencement at VBCC

**Oakwood College**—The vast gathering of parents, friends and relatives seated eagerly in the Von Braun Civic Center arena awaiting the start of the academic procession was very impressive. It looked like the annual homecoming.

Organist James Wilson hushed the audience with the traditional tune "Pomp and Circumstance" as president, administration, trustees, and faculty in full academic regalia entered,

led by the grand marshal Sandra Price, Ed.D.

The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as 235 of the world's finest youth, the class of 1994, entered with class president Dwain Esmond in the lead.

The speaker introduced by Benjamin Reaves, Oakwood College president, was William White, the former president of the National League of Baseball.

Several individuals received special recognition:

Peter Theuri, assistant professor in accounting, was hon-



ored by a group of graduates for second mile service as a teacher going beyond the call of duty to provide academic assistance.

Donna Smith, assistant professor in dietetics, was recipient of the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Kenneth LaiHing, associate professor of chemistry, won the UNCF Tenneco Excellence in Teaching Award.

Leon H. Bonner, former dean of the Graduate School at Alabama A & M University, received the Outstanding Community

Service Award.

William J. Hicks received the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Eric C. Ward received a thunderous sustained standing ovation as he went forward to obtain a plaque for 22 years of dynamic leadership as pastor of the college church.

Speaker for the consecration service was James Doggette, assistant professor of religion. Captain Barry C. Black presented the baccalaureate address, while Flora Flood spoke for the nursing pinning ceremony.

Roy E. Malcolm

**Youth**

**Young Adults Retreat to New Heritage**

**Carolina**—The annual young adult Spring Thing took place at New Heritage U.S.A. recently. Approximately 45 young adults from around the conference made the trek to New Heritage to participate in the spiritual feast.

Paul Hoover joined David Banks as the featured speaker for the weekend. His talks gave spiritual encour-

agement and challenge to the young adults gathered there. They were given encouragement to stand for Christ, to view themselves through God's eyes and challenged to take the message to others.

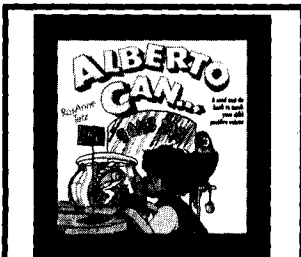
Family Counselor David Beamish of Durham, N.C., conducted a Sabbath afternoon workshop dealing with the perception of religion through the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and the perception today.

The musical guest for the weekend was Joey Gore who provided the praise and worship music as well as a concert.

Scattered throughout the weekend, drama presentations were made with the assistance of Jay Marino from the Asheville Foster Memorial church, and David Banks, youth and young adult director for the conference.

The weekend concluded Sunday morning with an aerobics class directed by Sue Banks. The entire weekend was a spiritual feast filled with choice food to meet the taste of all who attended.

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**Pre-Session Meetings for 1994 Triennial Session**

REGION	LOCATION	TIME/DATE
North Florida	Gainesville SDA Ch	1:00 p.m., Sunday, September 25, 1994
Lower Gold	Miami Temple SDA Ch	6:00 p.m., Monday, September 26, 1994
Upper Gold	West Palm Beach First SDA Ch	6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27, 1994
Ridge	Arcadia SDA Ch	1:00 p.m., Sunday, October 23, 1994
East Central	Kress Memorial SDA Ch	6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 1994
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# PreviewSouthern Slated for October

by Doris Burdick

**P**ublic high school seniors in your home or in your church—what do they know about Southern College? Have they had a chance to visit its campus in the fall? How about the Adventist young people attending the local junior college or some public university? Wouldn't they enjoy at least a day or two on a Christian campus?

People at Southern College, just a few miles east of Chattanooga, Tennessee, have been thinking about these youth. They have always been welcome at College Days each April when a half-thousand academy seniors converge at Collegedale. But this year, a two-day event is planned just for them.

"October 23 and 24 will be a special time for special people," says Merlin

Wittenberg, admissions adviser. "We're calling it *PreviewSouthern*."

As guests of the college, students (as well as parents or pastors bringing them) will be welcomed with open arms for these "grand open house" days. Southern College foots the bill for food, lodging, and hospitality.


"It's an investment that has paid well in the past," according to Ronald M. Barrow, Ph.D., vice president for admissions. "Not a year goes by without students telling me they hadn't been planning to attend Southern, but when they saw the campus and met some of our friendly students and helpful teachers, they decided Southern should be a part of their future."

Just a free phone call to 1-800-SOUTHERN (numerically, that's 1-800-768-8437) is needed to make reservations.

Besides group activities to help

guests get acquainted, the schedule includes some time to explore. They can visit with teachers and students. Guests will be able to scope out such places as the library, cafeteria, student center, and church. They will also learn about work opportunities and financial aid, and have a chance to ask questions.

The traditional spring College Days will focus especially on academy seniors and will be held April 2 and 3. High school seniors and college transfers who can't make it this fall may arrange to come in the spring, according to Barrow. Prospective students and their families may also visit at any other time by arrangement.

Current students are helping to plan *PreviewSouthern* and looking forward to having many who visit on October 23 and 24 return to campus in 1995 as fellow students. 

High school seniors and college transfer students are invited to the beautiful suburban Christian environment of Southern College on October 23 and 24. The thousand-acre suburban campus combines rural advantages with the convenience of being less than 20 miles from Chattanooga, Tennessee.





A group from the 23-member 1994 graduating kindergarten class of Oakwood Elementary.

The St. Petersburg, Fla., church hosted a springtime evangelistic crusade held by evangelists Bob and Joyce DuBose. Fourteen were baptized. Bob DuBose (left), Mike Miller, pastor, and James Rodriguez, associate pastor, look over a St. Petersburg area map to check locations for in-home visits. Miller says his church will host a revival series in the fall, and another evangelistic crusade in January.



Clayton and Hazel Tomlinson of the Tallahassee, Fla., church celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 13. They were married near Williamsport, Penn., in 1934 and lived in Muncy, Pa., for many years.



ROBERT TOMLINSON



Greeneville, Tenn., Adventist Academy held an international program and food fair recently. The children in K-2 dressed up to represent China, Japan, India, and Holland and sang songs from around the world.



MIKE MERRIMAN

Ventriloquist Nancy Merriman and her two friends, Gertrude and Judy, provided the worship service for Brandon, Fla., Children's Church vespers. In 1974, Nancy discovered a talent for ventriloquism, but at that time would only perform in front of children. She was finally convinced to perform for an Oklahoma camp meeting. A little boy heard her perform and three years later, when he met her again, he remembered her story almost word for word. She is a member at the Jupiter-Tequesta church.

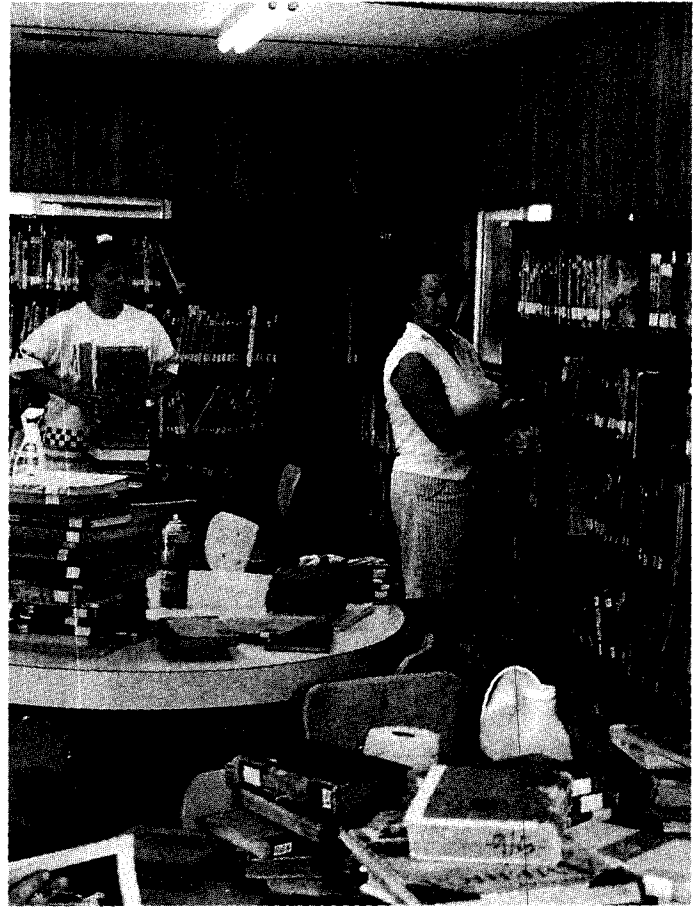
The Revelation Now series conducted by evangelist Ron Halvorsen ended June 18 in Mobile, Ala., with 30 baptisms. Halvorsen and Ron Clouzet, a professor at Southern College, conducted a school of evangelism with 12 Southern College students actively participating in the programs and visitation. A reception for the new converts was held at Mobile First church following the final meeting.





RON QUICK

*Pisgah elementary school gym was "alive" with the real thing. Walking along the street (made to look like real) of old Jerusalem were sheep, rabbits, chickens, and yes, even a llama. Realism was the word for the Mt. Pisgah Academy church vacation Bible school this year. Julie Wilson, a neighbor of the Mt. Pisgah Academy church, brought her animals for the VBS students to enjoy. Children look on as Wilson (pictured above) shears the wool from the sheep. Another feature of this VBS was The Streets of Jerusalem. Children could quickly enter a store front to do their craft or to make a meal just the way they did in the time of Jesus.*



EUGENE SCHERMEHORN

*Forty-three Adventist schools and two senior academies across Florida have started the 1994-95 school year, West Coast Junior Academy in Bradenton has been especially busy holding fundraisers and workdays. School board member Terri Lewis of the Bradenton church and day care board member Sharon Pervis of the Palmetto church sort through the school's library. Conference enrollment records have been set for the past five years straight. The 1993-94 school year saw a total of 2,565 students in grades K-10, and 609 enrolled at the senior academies. The 1994-95 enrollment is expected to be even higher.*



RON QUICK



EVELYN WIESNER

*Fred and Verla Wiesner, members of the Zephyrhills, Fla., church celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 29 with family and friends.*

*It was standing room only on the opening night of The Word of Prophecy crusade with Carolina Conference evangelist Dale Pollett in Salisbury, N.C. The newly restored train station in downtown Salisbury set a historical flavor while pianist Joey Gore started the crusade with music.*

# "A Call to the City"

by Amy Cotto and Cindy Kurtzhals

**A** "Call to the City" was the first major event for South Florida's youth and young adults since Hurricane Andrew stomped the region just two years ago. Well-known for hosting events that youth will attend, Sergio Torres' event drew 1300 to Greater Miami Academy (GMA). Torres is youth/young adult ministries director for South Florida. The weekend provided opportunities of outreach and awareness, and wonderful fellowship.

The theme song—"A Call to the City," written by East Los Angeles-raised Jose Rojas, was an incredible challenge to the youth to go out and do something to ease the pain, hunger, and suffering of those in the cities. The song was made into a music video and played several times during the weekend. Rojas is youth ministries director for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring, Maryland. As guest speaker, he brought first-hand experience to share.

To show youth what, and how, their peers from the city think, a professional marketer interviewed five nonmember teenagers/young adults as a focus group in a separate room off the gymnasium on Sabbath morning. They were videoed as they spoke and projected live on a big screen in the gymnasium. It was an eye-opening experience for Adventist youth.

The focus group was asked 50 questions about church attendance: What do they like in a church? What kind of church would they attend? Have they heard about Adventists? What would attract them to go to church? A question and discussion time followed in the gym.

Adventist youth were asked what they could do to reach these non-member peers. They were challenged all weekend to get involved and take Jesus to the people in

*High volume, high energy, and tight harmony. This is the sound of the South Florida 100-youth "Call to the City" choir. They also sang at the Florida Conference youth ministries camp meeting.*



BERNIE MOLNAR

the city. "For God so loved the world," including the city.

To walk the talk, there were several projects the youth could participate in Sabbath afternoon. Twenty youth went to the South Florida AIDS Coalition. By touring the facility they were made more aware of the reality of AIDS and need for support and education. About 50 kids took part in a worship service at a local youth detention center. Sixty more helped the Bradmore Spanish church distribute food baskets to 100 families in a low-income mobile home park. That church distributes 75 food baskets every Sabbath.

There also were two seminars held at GMA, "How to Survive in Public High School and College" and "Designing a Church for Your Un-churched Friends." Speakers included youth who attend public schools. They spoke about how they try to witness for Jesus and try to make a difference in their schools. Then they discussed what they could do to make a church that appeals to youth, and invite others to come to church and learn about Jesus.

One of the most dynamic components of the event which brought

the young people together was the 100-member mass choir. Youth from all over South Florida participated. They merged youth choirs from three churches, North Miami, Miami Temple, and Maranatha, into a group which sang powerful songs and gave the weekend a unique urban, contemporary sound. "They made the effort to practice together several times and it was an opportunity for them to sing their music," said Torres. "... not in the context of their city living, but their city life with their way of expressing love for the Lord and other people." As a result of their "Call to the City" performances, they were invited to sing August 2 at the national Neighborhood Crime Watch—Night Out event at the James L. Knight Center in Miami.

Follow-up activities from "A Call to the City" have included a six-week summer day camp at the Northwest Miami Spanish church for low income kids in the neighborhood, and basketball and volleyball leagues at GMA. "These activities attract many young people from the area—Adventist and non-Adventist," says Torres. "They provide a good outreach opportunity." ■



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## How the Church Is Responding to the Southern Floods of '94

You may be asking yourself, "What is my church doing to help the victims affected during the current major floods in south Georgia, Alabama, and northwest Florida?"

I am happy to tell you that Adventist Community Services (ACS) has an organizational plan of operation that went into effect immediately. An 800 telephone number was activated by the North American Division (NAD) for public use. This 800 number was communicated through: Union, local conference, and church network. It was also communicated to the media and other volunteer organizations across North America.

A command post was set up to receive all communications from the 800 number and the North American Division. In this case the Command Post was set up in the Southern Union Conference office. This became the center for all operations during this entire disaster.

Receiving and distribution centers were set up usually where Adventist churches or schools are located. The receiving center receives all incoming supplies sent through the Command Center from churches, the public, and the 800 number. The receiving center in turn supplies all distribution centers assigned to them.

From the distribution center, victims of the disaster are helped by going directly to the distribu-

tion center or volunteers going out into the affected areas with supplies to help people on site.

During this terrible flooding, the Southern Union Conference and the North American Division, in cooperation with the Georgia-Cumberland, South Atlantic, and Gulf States conferences operated reception centers in the following areas: Atlanta, Georgia; Dothan, Alabama; and Albany, Georgia.

Distribution centers were located in Dothan, Alabama; Jonesboro, Georgia; Macon, Georgia; Albany, Georgia; Montezuma-Oglethorpe, Georgia; and Newton, Georgia.

In these centers, ACS consultants, church volunteers, local church leaders, local and union conferences, plus NAD all worked together as a team, joining together with state and federal government, and other volunteer agencies to relieve the loss and suffering of the flood victims of the three states.

We give a special word of appreciation to other conferences within the Southern Union who sent their volunteers, supplies, vans, and equipment to aid in this major operation.

The cleanup, relocating, and rebuilding will be an ongoing effort for months to come. How thankful we are that the Adventist Community Services has given and is continuing to give such outstanding help to extend "hands" of mercy to those who became victims during this terrible flood.

Please pray for your brothers and sisters, as well as others who are suffering the effects of the Southern floods of '94.

*M. D. Gordon*

President, Southern Union Conference

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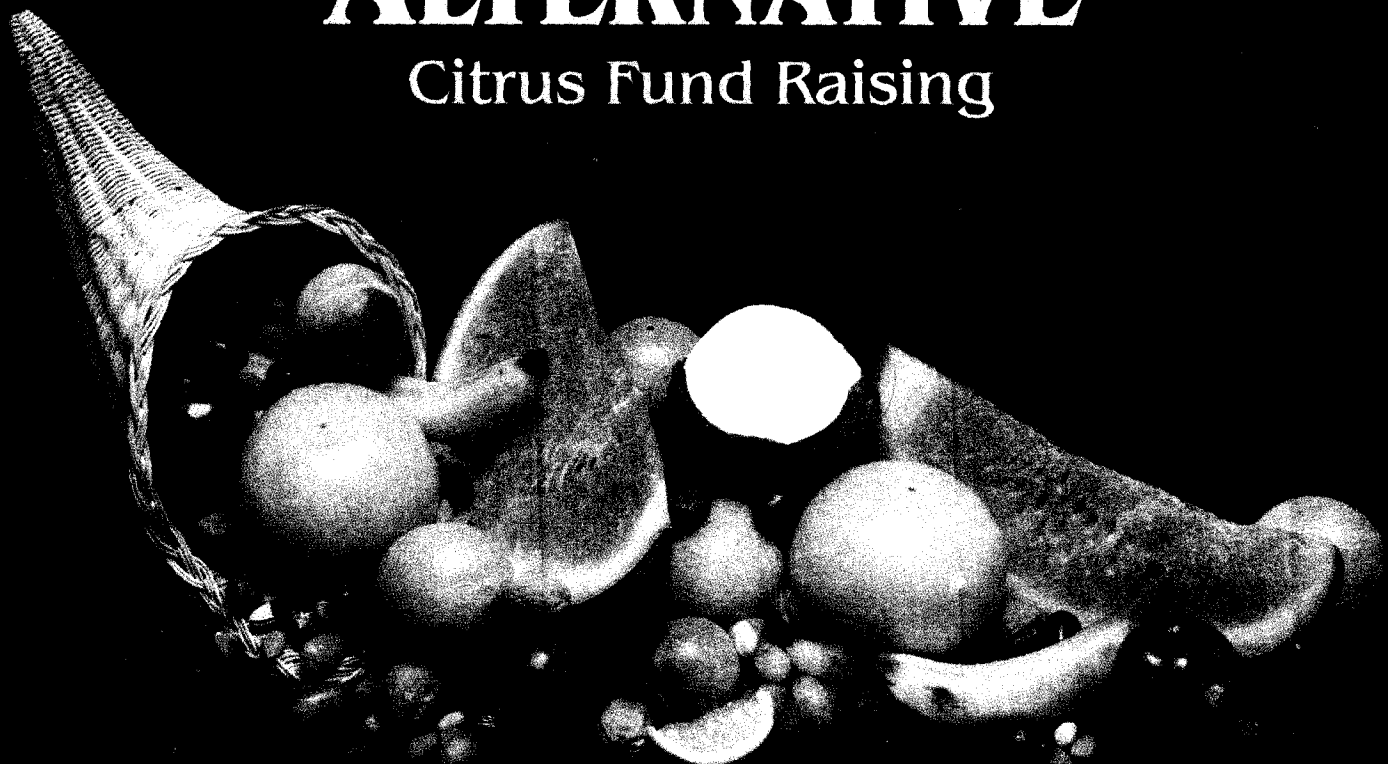
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