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THE SESSION

The 56th Quinquennial World Business Session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was called to order June 29, 1995, by G. Ralph Thompson, world secretary, as he read the constitutionally mandated official call of delegates to the assembly.

The world president of the 8.5-million-member church, Robert S. Folkenberg, told the opening assembly, "There is only one solution to the troubles of our world. That solution is Jesus and the power of His love presented in the gospel." There were nearly 10,000 persons, including 2,600 official delegates attending the keynote assembly of the congress in the Prince of Orange Hall of the Royal Dutch Fairs (Jaarbeurs).

The church leader cited four elements he considers key to taking the gospel to the entire world: (1) assurance in Jesus Christ for each member that he or she is a valued child of God; (2) streamlining church governance to more efficiently proclaim the gospel; (3) developing strategies to reach every person on earth with the gospel message; and (4) greater utilization of the youth of the church in its spiritual mission.

Noting that 3,064,612 persons have been added to his church's membership since the last world congress five years ago — one new member every 50 seconds — Folkenberg said, "Significant decisions will be made, strategies formulated, and a future path charted" to carry the gospel to every people and nation. "When that happens, there are no limits to what can be accomplished."

In his opening address, Folkenberg took note of the fact that "thousands of us have come from countries in Eastern Europe that only a few years ago did not enjoy the freedom to travel to our church's world congress. I welcome you especially," he said.

The assembly's initial devotional speaker, Benjamin Reaves, president of Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, told congress attendees, "The barriers of exclusion, hostility, chauvinism, and superiority are broken when Christians treat each

United in Christ

Compiled by Olson Perry



Many colorful gardens exist in the Netherlands. Tulips are a major export item.

other as brothers and sisters, not just when they go to church but every day. Nothing is more impressive than a church that is a family. Conversely, nothing more grossly misrepresents our Lord than a church torn by division, discord, tension, and turmoil."

The world congress, attended by thousands of Adventist believers representing 205 countries of the world, was the largest international conference ever staged in the Netherlands. Daily attendance averaged 10,000, while the 30,000 projected figure was easily surpassed on the final weekend by 20,000. All activities of the session were transmitted to believers across the globe via satellite, short wave, FM radio, and computer communication.

THE BUSINESS

The ten-day world business meeting, June 29-July 8, is organized by the General Conference of the

Seventh-day Adventist Church, the highest authority in the administration of the church's worldwide work. The session theme was "United in Christ."

Delegates from all over the world represented the membership of the church and met to elect new leadership, review practices and policies, evaluate trends, plan mission outreach for the next five years, and determine strategy for the future.

Launched into a whirlwind of activity at the last General Conference session as president of the world Seventh-day Adventist Church, Robert S. Folkenberg was elected Friday, June 30, to a second term of office. Also reelected was G. Ralph



Charles Gall, a representative from the Southern Union, ponders over a Dutch menu. Other representatives at the session were Atlanta Adventist Academy Advent Ringers and Collegedale's children's choir.

Thompson, secretary. The new General Conference treasurer is Robert L. Rawson. Rawson was formerly the treasurer of the North Pacific Union. He replaces retiring treasurer Donald F. Gilbert, who has served the denomination for more than 42 years around the world.

Five general vice presidents were reelected, while a sixth, Jan Paulsen, moves from the presidency of the Trans-European Division, with its headquarters in St. Albans, England, to a world vice presidency.

Alfred C. McClure, originally from Florida, was reelected president of the North American Division, which has seen an 11 percent gain in membership since 1990. Five other presidents of world divisions were reelected to serve another five-year term. Also reelected to their North American Division posts were Harold W. Baptiste, secretary; and George H. Crumley, treasurer.

Other elections included: Dennis C. Keith, as an associate treasurer, who has been serving as vice president for financial affairs at Oakwood College; Samuel Leonor, Avon Park, Florida, elected treasurer of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division headquarters in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa. Leonor has been president of Walker Memorial Medical Center, Avon Park.

Delegates voted to reduce the number of members on the Executive Committee of the church while increasing representation from the world field and non-clergy.

According to the changes, each division will have representation from three non-clergy (laypersons) and one church pastor or frontline mission worker for every 500,000 members. Under the original proposal, there would be two laypersons for every 500,000 members. The Seventh-day Adventist Church divides the world into 11 divisions for administrative purposes.

In an action that will govern future quinquennial world gatherings of the church, delegates voted to place a limit of 2,000 on the number of official delegates who will vote on church business at the 57th session in Toronto, Canada, in 2000. Delegates at the current world congress numbered some 2,600.

In another change, divisions will now appoint heads of departments, associations, agencies, and services who shall serve under the direction of their respective division presidents. They shall also appoint associate and assistant directors/secretaries as may be needed to serve in special capacities under the direction of their respective directors/secretaries. North American Division departmental directors will be se-

lected in the fall. More than 50 proposed changes ranging from counsels on courtship to discipline were considered for the church's official manual. Changes voted included references to church institutions, baptismal vows, church membership, and the organizing of prechurch companies of believers.

It was voted to reorganize the GC's department of church ministries and return to the same departments prior to 1985. The new departments include family ministries, personal ministries and Sabbath school, stewardship, and youth (which includes children's ministries). Several new departments were also created.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Casting what is essentially a vote against the ordination of women, delegates voted not to allow world divisions of the church to ordain individuals without regard to gender.

Fewer than one third of the delegates voted in favor of the request from the North American Division of the church which asked that divisions, not the church as a whole, be allowed to make the decision on ordination. Of the 2,154 votes cast, 1,481 voted against the request, 673 voted in favor.

Ordination was not the only topic of discussion pertaining to women during the session. There were more than 60 seminars, workshops, and discussion groups on a variety of subjects ranging from "The Value of Women" to "How CompuServe Can Work for You." There were topics on sexuality, abusive relationships, literacy programs, AIDS, women's health issues, public speaking, and temperaments by some 41 presenters.

Women attending the session received a message from Hillary Rodham Clinton, wife of the President of the United States. "I am pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings to each of you," she wrote.

"The topics you discuss at this congress recognize that investing in the health and education of women is essential to improving worldwide prosperity. The fortunes of women are inextricably tied to the fortunes of our global community. Women must thrive if the world is to thrive.

"As you come together to discuss ways to empower women throughout the world, you work to achieve a common goal of improving the lives of women worldwide," wrote Mrs. Clinton. "It is my hope that your efforts will help create new opportunities for women in all nations. I commend your efforts to recognize and support the rights of



Cheese! Cheese! Cheese! A leading export product.



Wooden shoes are quite popular in the Netherlands.



Shops along the streets of Amsterdam provided ample opportunities for delegates to purchase souvenirs.



Canal rides offered relaxed tours from a different perspective.



Daniel Romanovich and his daughter Dina Litovehenko. Dina and her mother hand typed the Bible into Russian from 1957 to 1989. Thousands of hand-typed Bibles were produced 30 to 40 pages per day.



Malcolm Gordon, Southern Union president, confers with Rose Beavers of Florida, one of only four women on the nominating committee of 220.



Delegates spent just as much energy dodging bicycles as cars. The bicycle is a major source of transportation in the Netherlands.



Downtown Amsterdam offers a unique study in architecture.

women and family living in countries throughout the world."

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

Delegates spent one afternoon in six break out groups discussing issues facing the church and society. Topics were: "The Use of Scripture in the Life of the church," "The Authority of Scripture," "Relationships Among the Community of Believers," "Tobacco Issues," "Religious Liberty," and "Abuse and Family Violence." Discussion papers were presented for each issue to provide background information and help generate discussion. Recommendations from all six break out sessions will advise the church and leadership about concerns which will need to be addressed in future strategy planning.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

During the session public statements were released by the Office of the President, after being adopted by the administrative committee of the General Conference. Topics included such issues as: support of the United Nations proclamation of 1995 as the "Year of Tolerance"; freedom of conscience and religion as a fundamental human right; improvement of world literacy, especially among women; respond rather than be indifferent to all forms of abuse and family violence within the church and in the community; equal role of women in church and society; the hazards of tobacco smoking; environmental stewardship; respect for the Holy Scriptures as the message of God; and rejection of date setting for the return of Jesus.

ROOM AND BOARD

An estimated 250,000 vegetarian meals were served during the session. Millie Kurtz, food service

director for the congress, said this was the first time all four kitchens at Jaarbeurs Convention Center were used at once; also the first time that an exclusively vegetarian menu was served.

"Another unique aspect of the service was that the staff was made up of 335 volunteers from about 10 different countries including 40 from the Netherlands, 30 from Russia, and others from the United States, Trinidad, Mexico, Poland, and several countries in Africa. Our biggest challenge was to choose our staff and have them working as a food service team within 24 hours of their arrival in Utrecht," Kurtz said.

The menus were planned to include foods that reflect the backgrounds of the international staff and guests.

Peter Gray, an ADRA senior financial compliance officer and resident coordinator of dormitory housing at the General Conference session, was responsible for providing dormitory accommodations for 6,000 men, women, and children within the Jaarbeurs Convention Center.

Like coordinating any emergency disaster, the basics had to be provided: 578 rooms of 216 square feet made of white laminated pressed wood panels to sleep two to four people (some accommodated families of eight); portable showers; toilets; and blankets.

Residents had three options from which to choose: an open dormitory hostel with an air mattress and three meals a day for \$250; a cabin with two beds and blankets for \$640; or a cabin with four beds and blankets for \$860.

There were some 100 shower stalls (50:1); about the same number of lavatories, and long lines marked the way to the men's sinks. There were six sinks to 500 men.

Despite the challenges, the inadequate staff, language barrier, and the tension, unlike any other temporary shelter, there was a common, positive thread of understand-

ing and patience that infiltrated each situation.

As Russian delegate Euro Highl said through an interpreter, "What family doesn't have problems? I'm just thankful to have a place to stay. Without it I wouldn't be here."

FINAL COMMENTS

A General Conference session always serves as a reminder that we are all different; however, we are "United in His Salvation," as Gordon Bietz, president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, reminded the delegates in his devotional message.

"The glue that holds us together is the gospel, the good news that Jesus didn't leave His Father's side to give us new burdens, but to lighten our load. . . . He came to earth with the good news of the gospel of free grace and acceptance for all — whether black or white, Russian or American, French or African. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).



Jacquelyn Ross and Hazel Gordon provide a musical repose just before the North American Division report.

Small on Means— Big on Character



Each evening the local church was filled to capacity for the evangelistic meetings.

by Teri Fowle

The Fletcher church sponsored a missionary trip to Cuba for the fourth consecutive year March 11-17. The team of 25 evangelistic and health professionals went to Cuba under the invitation of the country's minister of health and the Cuban Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This was the largest group of American religious and health professionals that had come to Cuba in recent years. Professionals from as far away as Maine, California, and Florida were involved in this mission project. In Southern California, the *Times Advocate* newspaper printed the Adventist story in the Sunday and Monday editions of the paper.

Medical supplies weighing 2,000 pounds and valued at \$100,000 U.S. dollars were donated by various pharmaceutical companies and carried to Cuba. The majority of these supplies were placed in the hands of church leaders who distributed them to church members and government clinics. In addition, a new slide projector, overhead projector, Bible study courses, children's educational supplies, clothing, soap, shampoo, hygiene supplies, new kitchen pots, pans, and utensils were distributed to the Cuban people.

The group of professionals was very busy from the moment of



Joyce Hanscom-Lorntz, associate pastor of the Fletcher church, Mirta Gonzales from Cuba, and Gail Handysides, R.N., of Escondido, California, pause for a quick photo.

A trio sings at the evangelistic meetings in one of the Cuban churches.



arrival. The various projects included hands-on dental and medical clinical work, professional scholarly interchange, visitation and participation in the Cuban school system, evangelistic meetings in several local churches, a five-day (six hours per day) course in pastoral counseling for 40 Cuban pastors, children's meetings, negotiations for future American medical teams to visit Cuba, extensive tours of a variety of medical facilities, and stewardship presentations for pastors, seminary students, and church members.

Many in the group were impressed by the cleanliness and dignity of the Cuban people in such a poverty-stricken area. Where Americans struggle to find solutions to the growing mounds of garbage, Cubans have no such problem since everything is recycled. Many were also awed by the lack of homelessness or public drunkenness. There are problems, but it seems families corral their own so they aren't a public nuisance. In short, they are a people with little means, but also a people with hope, dignity, and self-respect.

Tentative plans were made to return to Cuba within two years to do a full scale evangelistic crusade in one of the eight Seventh-day Adventist churches in Havana. ■

Summer Ministry for God's Kids

by Don Livesay

Summer brings a heightened concern for the needs of youth in local churches. While conference-wide programming such as Cohutta Springs Camp, Pathfinder Mission Challenge, and VBS teams effectively touch the lives of more than 1,500 young people each summer, they do not provide the personal touch at the home church that is essential to keep our youth in God's church.

This description of summer activities in various parts of the conference is not just a report, but a source of ideas for involving youth in the local church. Some activities are simply recreational, others social, and still others intensely spiritual. Most churches do not have the resources to provide all the programs and activities listed below. Every church, however, can do something to provide ministry and nurture for its youth. This attention makes a powerful statement about the importance of the young person to the local church. When an adult shows love, talks, plays, or studies with a young person, it makes a big impression.

Atlanta SYMTREK

The SYM in SYMTREK stands for Summer Youth Ministries. The program is in its eighth year and is directed and coordinated by Harold Cunningham. Cunningham directs several activities through Atlanta Adventist Academy and also networks the youth activities of the individual churches. This provides a greater variety of youth ministry options in the Atlanta area.

SYMTREK seeks "to provide social, athletic, and spiritual programs for Atlanta's college and high school age youth in a clean, safe, drug-free environment," says Cunningham. "Our goal is to make good memories which will anchor youth to the church and to the Lord—now and in the future."

From June 4 to July 29, an activity was scheduled for all but four days. Last year, the combined attendance to all the activities was 2,300. The 1995 program included:

- **Softball League** which met on Mondays and Tuesdays at Peachtree City.
- **Friend2Friend** was teams of youth who visited friends and shared the good news of God's saving grace.
- The **Feed the Homeless** program operated every Sabbath through the Atlanta Metro church and provided meals for hundreds of homeless people in downtown Atlanta.
- **Gym Nite** was scheduled every Wednesday night for basketball at Atlanta Adventist Academy.
- **Youth Worship Services**, designed just for youth, took place Sabbath mornings at 9:30 at the Stone Mountain church.
- **Summer Jubilante '95** was a Christian music concert on the lawn of the Atlanta North church.
- **Youth Vespers** was a festival of fun, fellowship, and real spiritual growth at the Stone Mountain church on the first and third Friday nights of the month.
- **Teens Need Time** (TNT) was a series of social and spiritual meetings in homes of Marietta church members.

Gordon County Youth Council

The Calhoun and Georgia-Cumberland Academy churches joined forces to provide activities for youth in grades 8-12. The ten-week program focused on spiritual growth, outreach, social, and recreational activities. Under the direction of youth pastor Jeff Wood and task force worker Mark Reams, the 42-event schedule included two youth worship services, ten vesper programs, six service and outreach projects, and 24 social and recreational activities.

Attendance for youth church reached 68. Personal visitation of the 115 teens and young adults on the list of active and inactive members was a strong priority. "I have really enjoyed the variety of spiritual and social activities—they are all fun," said Lisa Edgemon, a member of the youth council. "I also appreciate the focus of involving the youth in the planning and preparation for our youth events."


COOL Camp

The **Collegedale-Ooltewah Outdoor League** (COOL Camp) operated for the fourth year with 110 campers, ages 6-13. Directed by children's ministry pastor, Jim Herman, and Jonathan Wohlers, the May 22–August 4 camp was a week-day program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Child supervision accommodated the needs of working parents.

Ten high school and college age staff assisted the directors in a daily schedule of swimming lessons, playtime, worships, stories, and counseling. Special trips to the library, hiking, and water skiing added unique sparkles to the daily routine. The cost for COOL Camp was \$375 for one child and \$525 for two children from the same family.

Bowman Hills

Youth pastor Stan Dobias directed the June through July youth program at the Bowman Hills church located in Cleveland, Tennessee. Three part-time summer ministry workers—Maria Swafford, Amy Burrof, and Chad Regester, worked to reach the important goal creating a closer fellowship between the high school and academy age students who are typically pulled in different directions by school activities and friends. Recreational and social activities are effective tools for building the youth into a trusting group of friends who like to be together. Spiritual emphasis included vespers, youth church, and worship. "A wide variety of activities were planned in order to meet the needs of as many youth as possible," said Dobias. "As the young people form into a group, the main emphasis will shift toward spiritual activities and will include a spiritual retreat."

One of the prime resources of the church is its youth. The investment of time and talents in God's youth is an enormous need. A good youth program is not just full schedules with fancy recreational activities or sparkling events, it is committed Christians who care enough to invest themselves in God's kids. 



SHERIE PLATT

Amber Marmon (left), and Jessica McGrady stay cool during COOL Camp swim time.



The Collegedale church COOL Camp staff provides summer programming for 100 children ages six through 13. Pictured are Brenda Seifert (left), Stacey McClarty, Tonia Jefferson, Jonathan Wohlers, Jim Herman, pastor, Jennifer Attaway, Brian Dickenson, and Ryan Perry.



HAROLD CUNNINGHAM

Task force workers Jonathan Geach (left), Brian McAlvin, and Mike Gilkey check an Atlanta map in preparation for Friend2Friend visitation.

CAROLINA

Monica Tucker, a junior at Fletcher Academy, recently received the Employee of the Month award from her employer, Park Ridge Living Center in Fletcher, N.C. Park Ridge Living Center is one of the many industries for which students attending Fletcher Academy have the opportunity to work. The special honor that Monica received from her employer was not the only award presented to her. During the past year she was also awarded the Principal's Award. This is presented to the student that best exemplifies the standards of the school. As Jon Smith, principal, presented the award he stated, "An excellent, all-around student, that's how you best describe Monica." Fletcher Academy, which is completely self-supporting, has been training students since its beginning 85 years ago. Today, graduates of Fletcher Academy span the globe as they work in their fields of endeavor preparing for the Lord's return.



GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

John Moore graduated May 7 from Columbia Pacific University with a Ph.D. in Health and Human Resources. The degree was conferred during Southern College's graduation ceremonies. John is a member of the Coalfield church where he is a Master Guide in the Pathfinder club.



Gary Fritts was appointed Rhea County Sessions Court Judge in April 1995. Fritts has practiced law in Rhea County, Tenn., for 21 years. During that time, he has served as assistant district attorney general, Spring City and Graysville city attorney, municipal judge for Graysville, and president of the Rhea County Bar Association. Fritts lives in Dayton and is a member of the Graysville, Tenn., church.

Chris Swafford is off to Cambodia. He and another worker will be involved in starting a new church in Kampong Thum. Along with Bible work, he will have other opportunities such as teeth extracting, assisting in surgery,



Blessings to Count

Little did **Lynette Wood**, '93, realize that within two years of graduating from Oakwood she would receive offers from some of the finest universities in the country to enter a doctoral program in accounting. Because each institution generally admits only three to four accounting doctoral students per year, competition for these slots is extremely intense.

Not only have the universities extended lucrative financial packages in addition to full tuition waivers, but external fellowships have also been awarded. Among them are the KPMG Peat Marwick Minority Doctoral Scholarship (\$10,000 annually) and the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship (\$15,000 annually).

More than 200 applicants vied for the distinction of being selected as McKnight fellows. Wood was among the 25 chosen to receive the award.

Wood also received a summer auditing internship with Arthur Andersen & Co., the world's largest accounting firm. She expects this experience to prepare her to be a more effective teacher and researcher in the auditing field.

In May, Wood completed a master's degree in management at the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout the program and was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. In addition, the university's College of Administrative Science gave her its highest scholastic honor by electing her to Beta Gamma Sigma, the business honor society, and naming her the outstanding graduate student of the year.

Wood gives credit to Oakwood's accounting faculty for its outstanding training—especially for preparing her to pass the May 1993 Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exam on the first attempt. She also recognizes that her supportive family played a major role in all her endeavors. Wood's husband Don, and their children Donald, Jr., 12, and Summer, 9, are looking forward to experiencing life in the Midwest.

Roy E. Malcolm

teaching English, and digging wells. This past year Chris was the Student Association pastor at Collegedale Academy and week of prayer speaker at Spalding Elementary.



Instead of going to graduation, Mario went to Sabbath school. **Mario Meriweather** of the Collegedale, Tenn., church didn't feel right about attending his graduation at Ooltewah High School since it was on Sabbath. So Randy Harr, pastor, planned a special Sabbath school program. The youth department held a graduation service for Mario. He marched in wearing a graduation robe, but not the hat because, "I looked stupid in it," he said. Michael and Angela Meriweather, Mario's parents, each shared memories of him growing up. Mario's mother sang. Ed Wright, senior pastor, gave a graduation address. Harr presented Mario with a certificate of accomplishment from the church.



Chris Knopper of the Collegedale church is going to Kibidula, Tanzania, as a student missionary. At the remote mission compound Chris will be working in the sawmill industry, health clinics, assisting in the construction of homes, churches, and schools. He will also gain experience in aviation and farming.



Sam James, English and German instructor at Collegedale Academy, embarked on an exciting professional adventure this summer. He will teach for one year at the Adventist secondary school, Seminar Marienhohe, in Darmstadt, Germany. In exchange, Dietmar Henning, instructor at Marienhohe, will join the Collegedale Academy staff. Sam and his wife, Gloria, are glad for this experience abroad. The two teachers will exchange homes, cars, offices, and students. Sam hopes to gain greater fluency, a clearer understanding of the German culture, and experience teaching in a vastly different educational structure.

Bill Young, who recently won Region One EMT (emergency

medical technician) of the Year, has just been awarded the Statewide EMT of the Year Award. Bill has been a Whitfield County Emergency Services associate for seven years and has 20 years experience in the emergency medical services field. Nominees for this prestigious award had to meet very rigid criteria to be considered according to the director of Whitfield Emergency Medical Services John Hitchens.

J. Fred Scott was recognized recently during the dedication of the Knoxville Grace church. He was recognized for his vision and persistence in building the church. He donated the land, and built the church with no financial assistance. When the church was completed, he gave the deed to the Conference Association. After all this work, Scott was still not satisfied. He didn't feel that the church he had built was good enough. He wanted the congregation to have something better. He persisted, and a new church was built. The new building was dedicated on May 13. The congregation posted a plaque in appreciation to Scott.

OAKWOOD ACADEMY

Joanne Williams is a national Merit Scholar, a National Achievement Scholar, and has received many scholarships for the coming school year. She was the president of the student government, OCASA (Oakwood Christian Academy Student Association), and a former SHARP Scholar. She has received scholarship offers from Oakwood, Toledo, Oklahoma, Tuscaloosa, Florida A. & M., Andrews, Southern California, Texas at Dallas, and Howard.



AHS/SUNBELT

Paul Norman is the new president of Takoma Hospital, Greeneville, Tenn. Norman comes from Walsenburg, Colo., where he has been president and CEO of Huerfano County Medical Center for the past six years. Among his accomplishments at the 74-bed facility, he oversaw construction of a \$14 million replacement facility, implemented a new management information system, and developed a self-insured health plan. Previously, Norman



Austin Saves Lives

Thanks to the quick-thinking efforts of eleven-year-old **Austin Wooley**, a member of the Winter Springs church, the lives of three fishermen were saved.

On one unusually cool afternoon, Austin, his brother Travis, and parents had just returned from a Pathfinder campout and were working in their backyard. Austin was busy carrying armloads of sticks into the woods and swamp that separates the fenced part of his yard from Lake Jesup. After working hard for about an hour, he called for his mother, Susan, to come into the woods and said, "I know a panther sounds like a lady screaming, but there's a man screaming in the woods."

Austin's dad, Steve, turned off the chainsaw. Travis turned off the lawn mower, and his mother heard what Austin's sharp ears had heard—a man screaming. The cries for help were coming through the swamp from the lake's edge. Lake Jesup, about six miles long and one and a half miles wide, is populated with more alligators than any other lake in central Florida. Very few homes lie on the shores of the lake to call for help, and on such a windy, cool day, few fishermen were tackling the waves.

As the chilling screams continued, Austin's dad pulled on his boots, grabbed his shotgun, and headed out into the swamp. Austin's mom ran to the phone and dialed 911. Ten minutes later, Austin opened the gate for the sheriff and rescue vehicles. Within 30 minutes, three scared and wet men were safely back on dry land. After the last sheriff's vehicle pulled away and they knew the men would be okay, Austin and his family returned to their yard work.

Two days later, a van drove up to the Wooleys' home. Three men got out and asked to speak with the person who saved their lives. Austin came shyly out to meet them and each man expressed his sincere appreciation. They said the waves swamped their boat as they fished. The men attempted to climb a tree but were bitten by ants. They were unable to swim the one-third mile through choppy water to the closest dock as they were fearful of water moccasins and alligators.

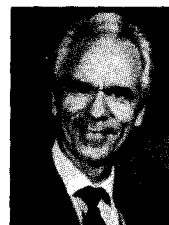
Without Austin's keen hearing and quick follow-through, this story might have had a very different ending.

was at Hinsdale Hospital in Illinois from 1980 to 1988 where he was administrative director of ambulatory services at Bolingbrook Medical Center.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE



Helen Pyke is the 1995 recipient of the Thomas and Violet Zapara Award for Undergraduate Teaching Excellence. She joined the English department in 1987. She either edits or writes a book a year. Her influence extends across campus as director of the writing program. She is also active in the Conference on Christianity and Literature, an association of college and university teachers whose special interest is the influence of Christianity found in literature.



Bruce Ashton, D.M.A., received the Distinguished Service Medallion at Southern College this spring. He has been on the music faculty for 27 years. His citation stated that he has "consistently captured the acclaim of audiences because the music he produces originates in his heart." In addition to his keyboard teaching, he has played both wind and string instruments in the college orchestra for about 20 years. For nine years his programs of religious classical music interspersed with readings have been a regular feature of WSMC, the college-owned 100,000-watt FM radio station.



Earl Evans was a second recipient of the Distinguished Service Medallion. For 17 years he has headed the institutional food service, "providing students and faculty with meals that are gourmet as well as balanced and nutritious." "His banquets have become 'almost legendary,'" said Floyd Greenleaf, academic vice president, when making the presentation, "everything from elegant ice sculptures to desserts concealed as dirt in flowerpots." He was recognized for blessing thousands of lives with his skill in transforming common, everyday food into an art.



Carolina

In order to keep up the ministry started in the **NET '95** meetings, the Columbia, S.C., church is sending a one-year subscription of *Signs of the Times* magazine to everyone who attended the Discoveries in Prophecies meetings. The church counted between 125 and 150 guests who attended at least one of the meetings. Church members sponsor the subscriptions and then the name of the person receiving the subscription is passed along to the donor for prayer support.

Members of the Elizabeth City, N.C., church have realized a renewed desire to proclaim Christ's soon return. Since **NET '95** they have enjoyed the fruits of eight additional members. During the last three years, offerings have steadily increased making further ministry possible in the community. Instead of collecting the offering during the church service, a box was placed in the lobby to collect the tithes and offerings anytime during the week. Members feel the new method is more personal, "between them and God."

May 20 was **A DAY OF DEDICATION** at the Greenville, S.C., church. Seven children, accompanied by parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, squeezed onto the platform for dedication to the Lord. Beth Sanders expressed her dedication to her Lord in

a tangible way as Gene Young, pastor, baptized her into the family of God.

At the conclusion of the Carolina camp meeting, Tony Cirigliano, pastor, announced **71 NEW BIBLE STUDIES** as a result of the Gospel Worker's Training seminar. During the week, telephone lines were made available to the 80 people in attendance. One attendee, Don Shelton, the only Adventist in his family, used the phone lines to offer Bible studies to his family members and seven accepted his invitation.

Members of the Foster Memorial church in Asheville, N.C., have adopted a community service project of helping with **THE MARTHA HOME**, a homeless shelter which serves six mothers and up to 14 children. The mothers must commit to 120 days in a recovery program for substance addiction, abuse, emotional problems, and poor lifestyle choices. The shelter is financially supported only by individuals and churches in the community.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR FROM THE KERNERSVILLE, N.C., CHURCH COMBINED WITH THE CHANCEL CHOIR FROM LOVE'S METHODIST CHURCH IN WALKERTOWN, N.C., TO PRESENT A CANTATA. The cantata was entitled "Rejoice, the Lord Is King." The combined 37-voice choir performed in both churches.



Florida

More than 200 people attended a recent **SOUTH FLORIDA HISPANIC CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES WORKSHOP** held at the Westchester Spanish church. Donna Williams, conference children's ministries director, and others presented seminars on the theme of children Reaching Out to Jesus With Joy.

CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 913 YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE PATHFINDER DEPARTMENT'S CIT (COUNSELORS IN TRAINING) PROGRAM—a 33 percent increase since 1993. The CIT program was created to give academy- and high school-age youth leadership responsibilities and a sense of ownership in their church family.

THE TOPIC OF AIDS ATTRACTED 30 PEOPLE TO A SPECIAL SEMINAR given by the South Orlando church May

13. The event was sponsored by the church's women's ministries department. Kathy Robinson, AIDS lecturer of south Florida, was featured.

THE FOREST LAKE CHURCH HAS JOINED EFFORTS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND OTHER APOPKA AREA CHURCHES to help raise \$35,000 to construct a new home in Apopka for a family. Habitat for Humanity is a nationally-known organization that provides financial support for many low-income families to own their first home. Forest Lake church members have raised \$3,000 so far.

Fifty women attended a recent **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES SEMINAR** and luncheon sponsored by the New Port Richey church. Pat Shanko, conference women's ministries director, was featured and spoke on The Touch of Christ.

DIRECTIONS

Georgia-Cumberland



THE BRISTOL CHURCH VOTED TO PURCHASE A FOUR-ACRE TRACT OF LAND FOR \$70,000. The closing took place June 9.

ADVENT HOME FOR BOYS IN CALHOUN, TENN., REOPENED JUNE 12 after closing for a few months to reevaluate their program. Applications begin with a phone call to 615-336-5052.

THE ADRA ANGELS OF A. W. SPALDING ELEMENTARY HELPED TO RAISE \$615 FOR ADRA. The students donated \$154. These funds were matched by the United States Agency

for International Development to make the total \$615.

A. W. SPALDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS PURCHASED A MICROSOFT ENCARTA MULTIMEDIA ENCYCLOPEDIA AND MICROSOFT BOOKSHELF PROGRAM containing seven reference books. The community saved Campbell's labels to raise purchasing funds.

IN JUNE A 1200-SQUARE-FOOT KINDERGARTEN ADDITION WAS STARTED FOR THE MURPHY, N.C., ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Completion is scheduled for September.

Southern College



TWENTY-FOUR COUNTRIES ARE THE DESTINATIONS OF THIS YEAR'S 61 STUDENT MISSIONARIES OR TASK FORCE VOLUNTEERS. Many of them will be teaching in the Far East, particularly on Pacific islands. Among other destinations are Tanzania, Czech Republic, Madagascar, New Zealand, and Peru. About a dozen are already at their posts and the remainder leave this month.

A 1996 SPRING CONCERT TOUR TO THE BRITISH ISLES is in the planning stage for the Southern College symphony orchestra.

TUITION AND OTHER COSTS AT SOUTHERN CONTINUE TO BE AMONG THE LOWEST IN NORTH AMERICA. Though a year's tuition is \$8,880 (16 hours per semester), four out of five students receive financial aid to help offset these costs. Work is also avail-

able on and off the campus.

A GRANT OF \$75,000 TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS for Southern's long-term health care administration program has been awarded by Life Care Foundation for Education and Research. The money will be paid in \$15,000 installments over five years. Five Benjamin Preston Scholars were named this year for \$3,000 scholarships.

Plans are proceeding for **PREVIEW-SOUTHERN** on October 15 and 16, a campus event especially for public high school seniors and students considering college transfer. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-SOUTHERN.

NATIONAL TEACHERS EXAM RESULTS for second semester indicate a 100 percent passing rate for Southern College students on the first try.

AHS/Sunbelt



The corporation's name now reads **ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM SUNBELT HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**, as voted December 8 by the membership. "Healthcare" is now spelled as one word and the slash between "System" and "Sunbelt" is omitted.

Walker Memorial Medical Center has a new name—**FLORIDA HOSPITAL HEARTLAND DIVISION**. This name

reflects a closer affiliation with Sunbelt's flagship organization. Announcement of the name change was made at Walker's groundbreaking for a new hospital at Sun 'n Lakes. Florida Hospital Heartland Division includes all Walker entities: three hospitals, Heartland Professional Plaza's outpatient services, and several outpatient rehabilitation centers.

Education



Clinton Cornell, teacher (left), with chain saw as students assist.

Highland Adds New Requirement

Kentucky-Tennessee—Highland Academy has added a new requirement to its curriculum. One half day per month, students and teachers work together in community services. Included are health screenings, painting houses, helping in orphanages and day care centers, discouraging substance abuse, and cutting firewood.

Clinton Cornell, who has taught math and science at Highland for 16 years, says the

program donated 20 truckloads of firewood last year to the needy and elderly. Cornell has been doing this type of work ever since coming to Highland, but it became an official school program this past school year. "I have no trouble getting the kids to work," says Cornell.

"We consider this to be as important as academics," says Jim Ingersoll, principal. "We have gotten positive responses from the community, which is starting to recognize us as a resource to call in time of need."

Al Dittes

Education Directors Attend Computer School

Southern Union—Virgil Hauselt Memorial Christian school (VHM) in Santa Cruz, Calif., hosted the winter meeting of North American Division and union education directors so they could see firsthand the model technology school in operation.

Marilyn Eggers, director of the model technology school project office, guided

the educators through the school's philosophy and curriculum. She recruited several of the teachers and students to demonstrate the classroom instructional techniques using computers and video.

Three students, directed by Marlan Knittel, demonstrated their use of computer-generated visuals projected on a screen and presented in a Revelation Seminar.

"Our teachers have learned to change from being the sage of the stage to the guide on the

side," Eggers remarked. "They are no longer intimidated by the computers in their classrooms, but have

learned to use them to enhance the learning process," she added.

Elwyn Platner,
Pacific Union Conference



Jim Epperson, standing, and Don Weatherall of the Southern Union education department, receive computer assistance from David Garza, a 10th grade student at VHM model technology school in Santa Cruz.

Health

TCMC Receives Unique Donation

Adventist Health System—Tennessee Christian Medical Center in Madison, Tenn., was the recipient of a rather unique donation from the King Pharmaceuticals Benevolent Fund (KPBF) of Bristol, Tenn.

The donation is a drug, commonly known as Alteplase, which is used in dissolving blood clots in a patient suffering a heart attack.

The donation of six

dosages of Alteplase will be specifically used for six indigent patients. According to Philip Cooper, international director of KPBF, "The typical charge to a patient for the use of Alteplase is \$4000. Although Alteplase is not used by every patient suffering a heart attack, it is an effective and specialized drug used for a very specific set of conditions. King Pharmaceuticals is very excited to have selected TCMC for this charitable gift. This

contribution illustrates King Pharmaceuticals' concern for the lives of TCMC patients and for the community it serves."

Cooper stressed that

the donation "Will be given in the name of Jesus Christ to impact the health and spirit of needy people in the Madison area."

Kimberly Fox

TCMC Awarded Accreditation

Adventist Health System—Tennessee Christian Medical Center in Madison, Tenn., has achieved reaccreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Tennessee Christian, which provides acute care, behavioral, rehabilitation, and home health

services, received the accreditation award as a result of its demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission's nationally recognized health care standards.

The Joint Commission's on-site survey of Tennessee Christian Medical Center took place last October, and the re-accreditation is effective for three years after that time.

Kimberly Fox

Outreach



Baptismal candidates resulting from the DeLand crusade.

DeLand Crusade Produces 21 Baptisms

Florida—The Richard Pollard Revelation Lectures closed with a baptism of 21 people at the DeLand church. "Pollard's powerful preaching and beautiful singing made a deep impression upon those who attended," remarked Horace Walsh, pastor. "Not only was the church blessed by significant growth, but also by a revival of love for God and the great truths of the

Adventist faith."

The series was held April 8-May 15 and received pre-event publicity on WXVQ Radio, 1490 AM. Walsh and Pollard followed up a referral given by the conference communication director to visit Al Everson, WXVQ news director. Everson also hosts a talk/call-in radio program called Radio Free Volusia (Volusia County) which airs Monday through Friday from 12:30-2 p.m. As a result of their visit, Everson invited Pollard to be a guest on his program for two days.

Interestingly, one of the baptismal candidates, Roy Jaeger, an ardent Bible student, already familiar with the biblical Sabbath, hosts a one-hour radio program on Christian Radio WYND, also in DeLand. Since his baptism, he has broadcast "the truth."

Walsh and his members plan to keep abreast with the cutting edge of new technology for the finishing of God's last work in the earth. They installed a satel-

lite dish in time to get involved with NET '95.

DeLand is Walsh's fifth pastorate in two conferences since he "retired" in 1983 as pastor of the Forest Lake church in Apopka. His ministry began 51 years ago in the Chesapeake Conference. He said that preaching is his life, and he can't adjust to the idea of not being involved in the winning of souls in such a late hour as this.

Horace Walsh, Cindy Kurtzhals.

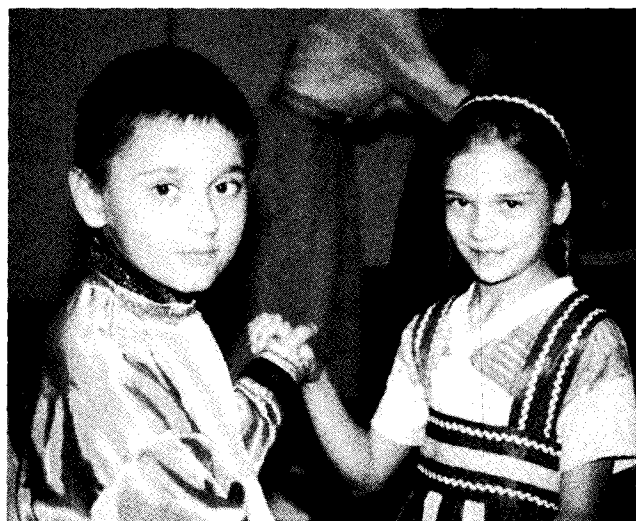
Relationship With Homeowners Association Sparks Russian Visit

Florida—Forest Lake Elementary Educational Center (FLEEC) in Longwood ended its 1994-95 school year by hosting a Russian "invasion" of the peaceful kind. Nine third graders from Moscow's School of Tomorrow visited FLEEC for six weeks as part of a mission project sponsored by the First Baptist church of Sweetwater in Longwood.

Sweetwater church

members Sam and Linda Nompoggi, Baptist missionaries to Russia in 1992, were coordinators of the project. They also belonged to the same homeowners association as FLEEC principal Miriam Kittrell.

"Many of our homeowners' meetings were held at FLEEC," says Linda Nompoggi. "I had a general knowledge of Seventh-day Adventists, but Miriam and her staff showed me how warm, friendly, and Christian they really were. When it came time to choose five schools to host our 32 Russian students, FLEEC was at



Two Russian students perform a native dance in costume for their FLEEC hosts.

the top of the list."

FLEEC's Russian charges left a lasting impression on every staff member and student at the school. "It was an eye-opener to see America as they saw it," says Debbie Payne, FLEEC office manager. "These youngsters took nothing for granted—our spacious homes, the cars, the toys, our food—everything amazed them. They were so excited when Florida Hospital Orlando donated meals,

T-shirts, and tickets to Disney World."

Some students also began a relationship with Christ for the first time. Ten-year-old Nadejda Drapaliouk learned to pray during her stay.

"This trip exposed many of these children to Christianity and Adventism for the first time," says Kittrell. "As they return to their families and friends in Russia, we pray that God will continue to work in their lives."

Terry Hall

ACS Moves to Ooltewah

Georgia-Cumberland—After operating for nine years just inside the Chattanooga city limits, Adventist Community Services is planning a move to Ooltewah, Tenn.

When the Red Food Shopping Center was sold recently, ACS was able to swap their 12,000-square-foot building on Old Lee Highway for a 25,000-square-foot space in Ooltewah. A generous donation by the owner made it possible to transfer title to the Red Food portion of the shopping center free and clear of debt.

The former supermarket has been vacant for more than two years and will require renovation before ACS

can move. A fund-raising campaign is in progress.

The move will double the space available for thrift shop, offices, and educational programs. "Having more space will make it possible for us to offer more programs and services to the community," says Gail Williams, executive director.

ACS provides job placement, food, clothing, household items, financial assistance, support groups, and educational programs. Last year more than 2,000 households were helped by one or more of these services. The social work staff multiplies the resources available to their clients by networking with more than 60 other area agencies and churches.

Andrea Andrews

Outreach Councils Join Forces

Georgia-Cumberland—The Greater Atlanta Evangelistic Council (GAEC) is joining with the Adventist Interchurch Ministries of Greater Chattanooga to present the gospel message more effectively in the greater Atlanta area, especially

during the 1996 Olympics. The Hiram, Ga., church will serve as the local office for GAEC with Albert Ellis, pastor of the Belvedere church, serving as chairman; Henry Uhl, director; and George Mercurius, of the Smyrna church, treasurer.

The Adventist Interchurch Ministries of Greater Chattanooga was responsible for bringing to the city an It Is Written crusade,

Voice of Prophecy crusade, Healthfest with Ben Carson, M.D., Revelation Now crusade with Ron Halvorsen, and NET '95 satellite crusade with Mark Finley.

"We solicit earnest prayers of the Southern Union constituents in asking for heaven's power, wisdom, and spirit. We want to

Lee Acres Aids Community

Georgia-Cumberland—The Lee Acres church in Leesburg, Ga., used last summer as a supply center for flood-relief efforts, is the new home of a program aimed at continuing the work begun during the disaster.

"The flood really opened (volunteers') eyes to the needs in the area," said Carolyn Lipscomb, who, along with her husband, Hew, runs Adventist Community Services South Georgia, an outreach program designed to help needy residents throughout the region.

ACS workers will focus on Albany's needy population, but will work to provide

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spread the good news so Jesus can come very soon," says Uhl.

Don Livesay

services from Americus to Valdosta, the Lipscombs said.

"You have to meet people where they are, and show the love of Christ by helping them," said Mrs. Lipscomb.

The newly formed ACS has a staff of two—the Lipscombs. ACS will rely on volunteer workers and eventually may hire some other permanent workers.

Clothing and food distribution are the immediate priorities. However, ACS has long-range goals to establish a literacy program, a clinic, and a mobile unit to reach rural areas.

"We want to network with other agencies such as Red Cross and Interfaith to see what niche needs to be filled," Lipscomb said.

Christina Hogan

Black Evangelistic Team Evangelizes Europe

Southeastern—James Parham, former pastor of the Boulevard church in Atlanta, and his evangelistic team traveled to Hungary, a former Communist nation in eastern Europe, to share the message of a soon coming Savior.

When the cold war came to an end several years ago, most of the evangelism attention was focused on the huge Soviet Union bloc that broke up. But many of the other eastern

European nations, once under the Communist regime, began to cry out for the gospel.

The invitation came to preach a three-week crusade in Hungary in 1993. Parham, who currently pastors the Mt. Zion church in New Haven, Conn., was visited by Janos Raki and his family from Szekesfehervar, Hungary.

It became apparent that this mission was going to be unique. When on the plane, returning Hungarians asked why so many black Americans were headed to Hungary. When they were told why, they commented on the bravery of these

Americans going into a white European country where most of the inhabitants had never seen a black person. This was compounded by the fact that none of the Americans spoke one word of Hungarian. However, the evangelistic team felt that they had the best Translator in the world, the same one who was present on the day of Pentecost.

Many of the hundreds of people who attended the meetings said they came because they saw black Americans on the flyers and were compelled to come and see.

Many were baptized. The size of the Szekesfeharvar church was tripled.

Later, Parham received another invitation from the Hungarian Union president, Joseph Szilvasi, to return and conduct evangelistic meetings in two cities for six weeks; two in Szekesfeharvar and four weeks in a city called Szekszard. This time, the evangelistic team included Parham's brother Roy, pastor of the Kissimee, Fla., church and his niece, Faithe DesChampes. Roy Parham took care of the preliminaries of the meetings, provided the health lectures, and conducted a successful stop-smoking program. Most of the graduates of the stop-smoking program were baptized. Faithe brought a unique musical talent that made her an instant

celebrity. Her talent led to free exposure on Hungarian television, radio, and newspaper, with invitations to visit the school system. Many people were drawn to the meetings by this medium for Christ and were baptized.

Szekszard presented a tremendous challenge for the team. There were no Adventists living in the city. There was no established church in the city. The meeting place was very beautiful, but the city was not prepared for an evangelistic meeting. The conference sent several literature evangelists to help and it was greatly appreciated.

God blessed the meetings and attendance nightly as many people accepted Christ for the first time in their lives and prepared for baptism.

At the end of the meetings, many were baptized and a new church was established in Szekszard.

The team also visited Vienna, Austria, to preach the gospel in the English church and 14 people joined that Sabbath. Two weeks later the team was invited to visit the Ukraine, formerly of the Soviet Union. The gospel was preached in four churches during the weekend. Parham's team has since been invited to conduct meetings in the Ukraine, Austria, Bulgaria, Transylvania, and Romania.

James Parham



Louisville Korean church.

Tennessee Conference office, the Business and Professional Association, and the Korean Publishing House in California attended. Those who could not attend sent telegrams, letters, flowers, money, and gifts. There was also a communion

service. Hosts of friends and family were present to help celebrate. The day was packed with good music, inspirational preaching, touching testimonies, and lots and lots of delicious food.

Kay Fowler

Carolina Koreans Organize New Church

Carolina—Koreans in Charlotte, N.C., were rejoicing as the Charlotte Korean company recently became the Charlotte Korean church.

The new church started with 48 baptized charter members. Ron Schmidt

spoke at the morning church service and Martin B. Rho presented the congratulatory address at the dedication in the afternoon.

The company was organized May 16, 1992, with two families in attendance. The group has grown tremendously over the last several years under the direction of Martin Lee, pastor.

Teri Fowle



Members of the Charlotte Korean church.

Update

Korean Church Organized in Louisville

Kentucky-Tennessee—Nineteen years ago Pewee Valley provided the Koreans with a room in which to worship, but after a short time, they

discontinued.

In 1992 a group began meeting again and in 1994 a company was organized. Just one year later a full-fledged church was organized.

April 15 marked the special day for this active and aggressive group. Representatives from the Kentucky-

Florida Hosts NET '95 Reunion

Florida—NET '95 speaker Mark Finley was deluged by Floridians who had either attended or been

baptized as a result of the NET '95 meetings held in 62 Florida churches. The reunion was held at Florida Conference's 101st camp meeting after one of his evening sermons. He spoke twice



Men and women gathered around It Is Written's Mark Finley at the reunion of NET '95 attendees and baptismal candidates.

in a lineup of Adventist Media Center hosts that week, May 26-June 3.

Lady Lake/Leesburg district pastor Eugene Torres arranged the reunion. Torres felt there would be great interest by members, and would be something Finley could do in his summer camp meeting tour across the nation. Finley graciously talked with scores of people including two of Torres' newly baptized members, Dale and Gerri Thomas.

Overall, more than 2,387 people joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Florida in 1994, most of whom had never been to a camp meeting. Florida's membership stands at 36,437 as of the first quarter of 1995, with the Church having a global membership of nearly nine million.

While people have been hoping for a NET '96, 26 participating Florida pastors overwhelmingly want to

host it in Orlando. It Is Written's Ernestine Finley met with Ralph Ringer, conference evangelism coordinator, and 14 pastors June 16 at the Florida Conference office. During a previous six-week period, NAD NET '95/96 coordinator Don Gray had already surveyed locations of the Tupperware, Inc. Auditorium, the Orange County Civic and Convention Center, and the Forest Lake Academy gymnasium.

Because of proximity to members, nonmembers, cost, and scheduling, the gymnasium was felt to be the better choice with consideration given to proper aesthetics and more comfortable seating.

While this is preliminary, and much dialogue and planning will be done on various administrative levels of the conference and the North American Division, Orlando may well be the site for NET '96.

Cindy Kurtzhals

Naples Church Experiences Phenomenal Growth

Florida—So rapid has been the growth of the Naples church that four satellite churches have spawned from it during

the past 10 years: the French-speaking Manheim church in Immokalee; Fort Myers Spanish; one church which is now part of the Southeastern Conference; and most recently a multi-cultural congregation of 50 members. And during the last quarter of

1994, a record number of 65 people joined the Naples church. In addition, only about 10 percent of the membership is inactive, a statistic that is normally closer to 50 percent.

What is the impetus behind this amazing growth and commitment? David Canther, pastor, credits two components: commitment to prayer by the members, and comprehensive outreach activities which combine mainstream groups such as Pathfinders, choir, band, women's fellowship, and Bible study groups with such diverse ministries as prison ministry, men's fellowship, a feeding ministry for the homeless, and Alcoholics Anonymous.

"With our prayer ministry, cards are brought forward weekly for prayer chains to lift up during the week," explained Canther. "Several all-night prayer vigils and anointings have bonded the church as they see God's mighty working power. When a challenge occurs, key people are called and soon many members are praying."

Naples' prison ministries have resulted in 10 baptisms over a seven-year period thus far. Mark Finley's It Is Written videos are currently being shown

at Hendry Correctional Institute in Immokalee. Both the women and men's fellowships meet weekly at a restaurant to eat, pray, study, and fellowship. The responsibility for the feeding ministry at the St. Matthews House—a shelter for the homeless—rotates weekly among various church subgroups, so all can take part in preparing and delivering meals and praying with the homeless. Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are led weekly in the fellowship hall by an Adventist couple who are recovering alcoholics and reaches many people in the community. Another effective ministry is Angels Anonymous, which surprises needy church families with help.

Both the pastor and his wife, Sherri, believe music to be just as important as the sermon for evangelism. Many have become members through involvement with the choir, which she leads.

"We've found 'cold turkey' advertising, such as brochure advertising, to be ineffective."

"The only 'product' we use is people in touch with other people," says Canther.

Truly these methods have seen results for the Naples church, which

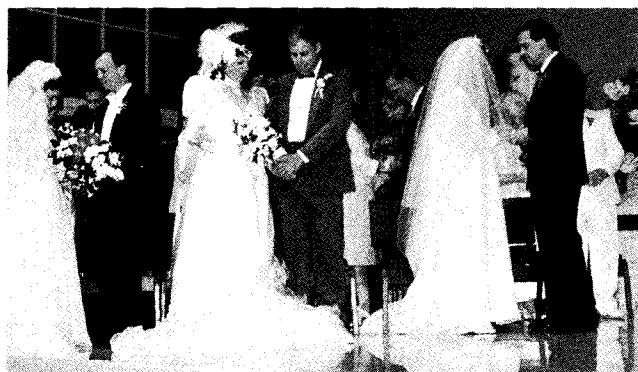


The Naples Adventurers club makes sandwiches for the feeding ministry.

in addition to spawning four new churches, has more than doubled its membership in the past 10 years. Canther says, "We must realize that in order to be a

part of the Body of Christ, it also means responsible service, which then becomes the greatest blessing to ourselves."

David Canther, Lynn Huff



Couples bow their heads in a prayer of recommitment during Forest Lake's special "wedding" Sabbath.

Thirty-two Couples Renew Wedding Vows

Florida—"Recommitment and renewal" was the key phrase at a recent Forest Lake church worship service as 32 couples marched down the aisle to renew their wedding vows. Many dressed in their original wedding clothes. One couple had been married 56 years, another only one.

Forest Lake's "wedding" Sabbath was sponsored by the church's family life department. "Our goal is to create special services that will strengthen and uplift the family life of our members," says Greg Cain, family life pastor. "A strong, committed marriage is vital to a healthy family unit."

"This was a wonder-

ful idea," says Len and June Smith, who celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary, June 8. "Len was not an Adventist when we were first married," says June. "This finally gave us a chance to have a wedding service in the church."

After the official ceremonies, the couples and their families were treated to a wedding reception, complete with cake and photographer, in the church's youth center.

"It was great to be given the chance to relive a very special day in our lives," says Evan and Jan Chesney. Evan is Forest Lake church's minister of music. "After 11 years of marriage, our wedding vows mean more to us than ever before. We were grateful for the opportunity to recommit to each other and to God."

Terry Hall

Florida Sets Camp Ministries Model

Florida—In an effort to meet the challenges

of today's local conference camp directors, the North American Division Pathfinder Committee voted to begin a professional organization called the Association of Adventist Camp

Professionals (AACP).

"It's an idea that is past due," said Phil Younts, Camp Kulaqua administrative director and vice president for publications of AACP. "People who work in camp ministry need to be recognized as professionals. Their work now includes such areas as seminar services and banquet planning. In order to best serve the needs of the Church, camp workers need professional growth."

Norm Middag, North American Division Pathfinder Ministries director and AACP officer, said the newly formed organization's goals are to provide networking opportunities, recommend standards for certification, issue certification to qualified candidates,

provide technical assistance, develop working relationships with other Christian camp organizations, encourage surveys and research on Adventist camping, assist NAD in developing programs and services for Adventist camps, provide in-service educational opportunities, encourage camp nurture and outreach programs, and advocate hiring of camp professionals on the conference level.

This last goal has been met in the Florida Conference through Younts. In fact, Middag said Florida is a role model for the NAD. He concurred that the camping industry in the Adventist Church needs to be looked at as a ministry.

Lynn Huff



Inaugural board members of the Association of Adventist Camp Professionals.

Carolina Conference Wins State Fitness Award

Carolina—For more than two decades, the columns of the *Adventist Review* have been used to define healthful living. Little by little, this has been accomplished.

The Carolina Conference promotes the same goal of health through the Fitness for Witness program. On Wednesday, May 31, Ken Coonley, conference president, received the Governor's Award for Excellence in

Wellness at a ceremony held in Raleigh. The award was presented by a representative from Governor James B. Hunt's office.

The conference organization ranked as having the best "wellness" program within the category of organizations with 1,500 employees. This is not only an honor, but a first-time achievement for any religious organization.

Seeing the need to emphasize Fitness for Witness, the conference began this program for pastors, spouses, and office staff in 1989. Charles Knapp, M.D., of Warrensville, N.C.,



STATE PHOTOGRAPHER

Pictured left to right: Dr. Ronald Levine, state health director; W. Benny Moore, conference treasurer; Ken Coonley, president; Dwight Peebles, Blue Cross Blue Shield; Kathleen Smith, human resources director; and Mark Richardson, Carolina Panthers director of business operations.

directed the program by holding seminars for workers and established a hotline for consumer advice.

With the rising costs in medical expenses, the conference examined health care costs and recognized that they must be controlled. This can be accomplished only with the help of all workers. They decided they could interest workers in a program mutually benefitting both employee and employer. By decreasing medical costs and offering bonus incentive programs for fitness, employees can experi-

ence healthier living, less personal medical expense, and a cash bonus for participation in exercise classes and weight-loss programs. In turn, the conference pays less in medical benefits as employees are healthier and happier.

The ultimate goal is to gain 100 percent participation and satisfaction of all employees. New and exciting incentives are being implemented. The program will not only boost healthful living, but will also help workers become effective witnesses spiritually, physically, and socially.

Lawanna G. Williams

Columbia Celebrates Baptisms

Carolina—The Columbia First church held a "Happy Re-birthday Party" on May 20 to celebrate the new life of those baptized or rebaptized in the last 18 months.

According to

Jeanne Hartwell, associate pastor, the occasion honored 41 individuals. All enjoyed food, a decorated cake, and special songs about discovering a new life in Jesus and a new family in the church. Souvenir booklets with a biography of each new member were given to all participants.

Lori Selby Scott



Some of the baptismal candidates who celebrated at Columbia First.

Fletcher Park Inn Celebrates Anniversary

Carolina—At the fifth anniversary open house of the Fletcher Park Inn, an independent retirement community, on June 4, 1995, special recognition was given to Howard Pendleton. Pendleton was recognized for the hard work he has contributed to the living center. His time and service have been donated. He was presented with a computer and software of E.G. White writings at the open house.

Fletcher Park Inn is

situated on the grounds of Fletcher Academy and Captain Gilmer Elementary school which offers educational services for grades one through twelve. Also located on the 800-plus acres of Fletcher Academy is Homestead Farms, a natural foods store; the Academy Press, a commercial print shop; Park Ridge Living Center, a skilled care nursing home; Fletcher Community Pharmacy, and Fletcher Medical Center. Across the road from Fletcher Park Inn is Park Ridge Hospital, a facility owned by the Adventist Health System/Sunbelt Corporation. Teri Fowle



RON QUICK

Sharon Garner (left), Pendleton's daughter, Sandra Spencer, director of Fletcher Park Inn, and Mrs. Howard Pendleton pose for a photograph by the new computer given to Howard for all his years of donated service. Because of a recent surgery, Howard Pendleton was unable to attend the event.

Amazing Facts Relocates to Sacramento

Amazing Facts—On Sunday, June 11, the Amazing Facts constituency voted to relocate its headquarters from Frederick, Md., to the Sacramento, Calif., area.

The action came as the result of a recommendation from the officers and board to expand the ministry to include a church growth center. This center, which will be established in the Sacra-

mento Central church, will serve as a model for North American Division churches. The congregation, which is pastored by Amazing Facts director/speaker Doug Batchelor, has grown 500 percent in attendance in the past 18 months.

Amazing Facts will operate a radio/television studio within the church. The ministry's office headquarters will be located nearby in separate facilities. Relocation is expected to be completed within the next year.

Debra Hicks



Plant City Pathfinders enjoy their annual ski trip.

Plant City Pathfinders Combine Service and Social Life

Florida—"We make a living out of what we get, we get a life out of what we give." Winston Churchill. This motto's philosophy of service is what drives the Plant City Pathfinder Club, according to leader Dennis Frazier. "We strongly promote missionary outreach, and consequently, our young people support the club very heartily," he said.

Within the past several months, the 25-member club collected several thousand food items for community services and also raised \$200 which enabled a needy family to stay in its home. "We'd taken a little nonAdventist girl home from a camp-out and noticed that the electricity had been turned off in her home. A church member paid the bill, and then the money our Pathfinders raised for selling snow cones at the camporee went toward the family's rent."

Local youth are actively recruited for the club. Several nonAdventist children now attend club meetings, and a Mormon youth recently stated his desire to be baptized.

As a service to other Adventist churches, the club regularly performs skits for vesper programs called "WJER News." Written by church member Marilyn Peeke, it depicts the

birth and life of Jesus through an eyewitness news report.

The young people serve their own church by conducting the Sabbath school program for the adults on a monthly basis, give the children's story during worship services, serve as junior deacons and deaconesses, and teach the younger children's Sabbath school classes.

Frazier also strongly believes in the social benefits that Pathfinders provide. "With so much pull on young people in the world, we try to provide opportunities to keep them active and pointed to Jesus." In the past year, club members attended the Dare to Care Camporee in Colorado, went on backpacking and caving trips, and attended the Adventist Winter Festival in Colorado. They also go on a few day trips a month. Saturday nights are usually filled with a local social activity.

Because of the varied opportunities the club provides, Frazier said virtually every youth in the Plant City church is a member of Pathfinders. "Although our club is relatively small, our Pathfinders are a marvelous inspiration to the church and community. By providing our youth chances to serve, they are learning lifelong lessons that come from giving."

Dennis Frazier,
Lynn Huff

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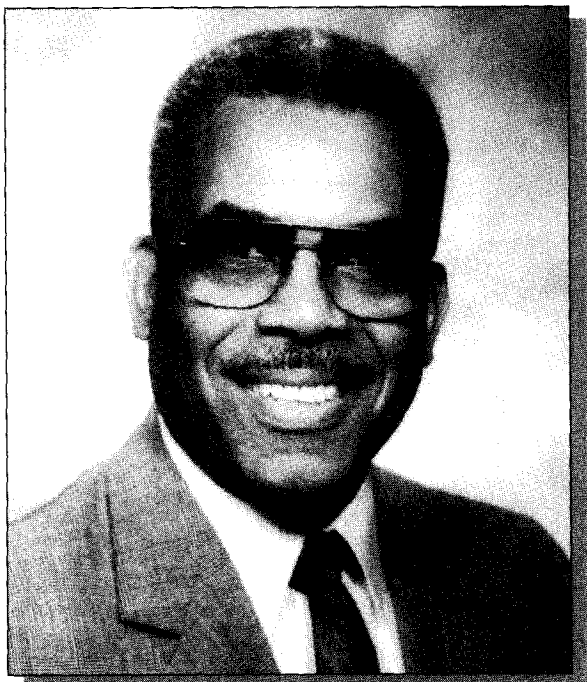
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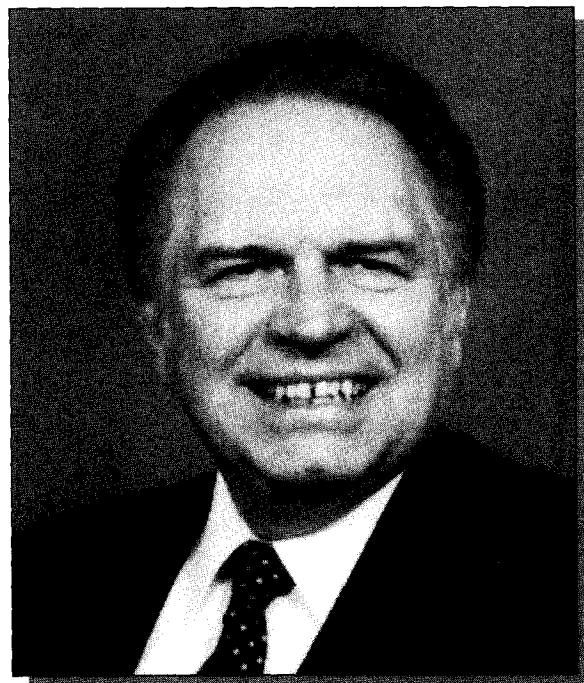
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Carolina

LE Rally—Aug. 9-12. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Grades 9-12 Teachers Convention—Aug. 14-17. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Convention—Aug. 25-27. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Prison Ministries Rally—Aug. 26. Arden church. Speakers: Hensworth Weaver and Frank Shirley.
Family Camp—Sept. 1-4. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Caring for You—Sept. 15-17. Charlotte.
Lay Pastoral Assistant Training—Sept. 15-17. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Eastern Carolina Youth Rally—Sept. 22-24.
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Carolina and Potomac Pathfinder Camp-ore—Oct. 5-8. Grand Radisson Resort, Fort Mill, S.C.
Young Adult Retreat—Oct. 15-21. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speakers: Pat and Willard Kaufmann.
Young Adult Training—Oct. 20-22. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting—Oct. 27-29. Oak Island, N.C. Speaker: Marvin Moore. Musicians: Steve and Susan Zork.
Caring for Marriage
 Sept. 8-10. Charlotte.
 Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Charlotte.

Florida

Schools Open
 Aug. 15. Option A (Elementary Schools).
 Aug. 21. Option B (Junior and Senior Academies).
Evangelistic Crusades
 In Progress—Aug. 26. Jacksonville Spanish. Jose and Ofelia Fuentes.
 Aug. 19-Oct. 7. Sanford. Art and Margo Swaningson.
 Aug. 26-Sept. 30. Kissimmee. Lester and Zula Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley.
 Aug. 26-Sept. 30. West Palm Beach. Gordon Henderson and John and Pat Thurber.
 Aug. 26-Sept. 30. Cocoa. Bob and Joyce DuBose.
Pathfinder Leadership Convention—Aug. 18-20. Camp Kulaqua.
Pathfinder Reveille—Sept. 15-17. Camp Kulaqua.
Family Camp II—Sept. 1-4. Camp Kulaqua.
College Adventist Youth Fellowship (AYF)—Sept. 15-17. Camp Kulaqua.
Senior Citizens Camp—Oct. 15-19. Camp Kulaqua.
Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners
 Sept. 2. Florida Hospital.
 Sept. 9. West Palm Beach First and Forest Lake.
 Sept. 16. University.
 Sept. 23. Kress Memorial.
South Union Conference Community Service Retreat—Sept. 7-9. Camp Kulaqua.
Executive Committee—Sept. 17. Conference Office.
Urban Ministries Conventions
 Sept. 22-23. Spanish. Miami.
 Oct. 20-21. English. Miami.
 Details: Sergio Torres (305) 225-0528.
Filipino Camp Meeting—Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Camp Kulaqua.
Children's Ministries Convention—Oct. 6-8. Camp Kulaqua.
Marriage Commitment Seminar—Oct. 6-8. Camp Kulaqua. Pre-registration required.

Ken Bryant (407) 869-8106.
Men's Ministries Conferences
 Nov. 4. Jacksonville Mandarin.
 Mar. 15-17, 1996. Conference-wide. Camp Kulaqua.

Georgia-Cumberland

First Day of School—Aug. 14.
Pathfinder Leadership Convention—Aug. 18. Cohutta Springs.
Madison, Ga., Homecoming—Aug. 19.
Executive Committee—Aug. 23.
Hispanic Convocation—Sept. 1. Cohutta Springs.
Professional & Business Association Retreat—Sept. 8, 9. Cohutta Springs.
Adventure Planning Day—Sept. 17. Cohutta Springs.
ABC Anniversary Sale—Sept. 24. Colledale and Atlanta.
GCA Academy Days—Oct. 1, 2.
Young Adult Retreat—Oct. 6-8. Cohutta Springs.
Retired Workers' Retreat—Oct. 12-15. Cohutta Springs.
Young Women's Retreat—Oct. 12-15. Cohutta Springs.
Evangelistic Crusades
 Aug. 18-Sept. 16. Macon. Cliff Vickery.
 Aug. 19-Sept. 16. Ellijay. Harold Turner.
 Aug. 19-Sept. 23. Rome. Wendell Stover.
 Sept. 8-Oct. 7. Augusta. Pieter Barkhuizen.
 Oct. 7-Nov. 11. Cedartown. Wendell Stover.
 Oct. 13-Nov. 11. Stone Mountain. Pieter Barkhuizen.
 Oct. 14-Nov. 11. Warner Robins. Harold Turner.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Ministers' Meeting—Aug. 6-9. Indian Creek Camp.
Pathfinder Leadership Retreat—Aug. 25, 26. Indian Creek Camp.
Business and Professional Foundation—Sept. 1-3. Indian Creek Camp.
Lay Assistant Pastoral Training—Sept. 8, 9. Indian Creek Camp.
Young Adult Retreat—Sept. 22-24. Indian Creek Camp.
Young Women's Retreat—Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Indian Creek Camp.
Women's Retreat—Oct. 6-8. Indian Creek Camp.

Southern College

Registration—Aug. 28, 29.
Classes Begin—Aug. 30.
Vespers
 Aug. 4. Ron Lizardo.
 Aug. 11. Ron de Preez.
 Aug. 25. LeClare Litchfield.
 Sept. 1. Don Sahly.

Oakwood College

Centennial Events
 Nov. 10. Opening Ceremony.
 Nov. 11. Concert. Shirley Verrett. Von Braun Civic Center.

Southern Union

Community Services Retreat—Sept. 7-9. Camp Kulaqua.
Christian Edition Concerts
 Aug. 17. Bowman Hills. Cleveland, Tenn.
 Aug. 18. Colledale, Tenn.
 Aug. 19. Dalton, Ga. 11 a.m.
 Aug. 19. Decatur, Ga. 7 p.m. Cathedral at Chapel Hill.

Out of Union

Greater Boston Academy Alumni Weekend—Oct. 6-8.
Union College Academy/College View Academy Homecoming—Oct. 13-15.
Campion Academy Alumni Homecoming—Oct. 20, 21.
North Shore Church 40th Anniversary—Nov. 11. Details: (312) 561-0282.
National Association of SDA Dentists Annual Meeting—Oct. 5-7. Alexis Park Resort, Las Vegas, Nev. Details: Karen Sutton, P.O. Box 101, Loma Linda, CA 92354-0101. Phone (909) 794-8025.
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Wedding

HADLEY - KIRKHAM

Noelle Elin Lund Kirkham, daughter of Bodil and Kenneth Kirkham, and **Richard Brett Hadley**, son of Bud Hadley and Nita Smith, were married Sunday, July 2, in the Boulevard church in Nashville. Brett is currently the youth chaplain at Madison Academy and Noelle is working on her degree in social work.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"The value of time is beyond computation," wrote Ellen G. White. "Christ regarded every moment as precious, and it is thus that we should regard it. Life is too short to be trifled away. We have but a few days of probation in which to prepare for eternity. We have no time to waste, no time to devote to selfish pleasures, no time for the indulgence of sin. It is now that we are to form characters for the future, immortal life. It is now that we are to prepare for the searching judgment."

Myron Widmer

Sunset

	Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 25	Sept. 1	Sept. 8
Atlanta, Ga.	8:36	8:30	8:23	8:14	8:06	7:56
Charleston, S.C.	8:17	8:11	8:03	7:55	7:47	7:38
Charlotte, N.C.	8:24	8:17	8:09	8:01	7:51	7:42
Collegedale, Tenn.	8:41	8:34	8:26	8:17	8:08	7:58
Huntsville, Ala.	7:47	7:40	7:33	7:24	7:15	7:05
Jackson, Miss.	7:57	7:51	7:43	7:35	7:27	7:18
Louisville, Ky.	8:51	8:43	8:34	8:25	8:14	8:04
Memphis, Tenn.	8:01	7:54	7:46	7:38	7:28	7:19
Miami, Fla.	8:06	8:01	7:55	7:48	7:41	7:34
Montgomery, Ala.	7:42	7:35	7:28	7:20	7:12	7:03
Nashville, Tenn.	7:51	7:43	7:35	7:26	7:16	7:07
Orlando, Fla.	8:14	8:08	8:02	7:55	7:47	7:39
Wilmington, N.C.	8:11	8:05	7:57	7:49	7:40	7:30

Church Budgets

by Richard Shepard

Many churches struggle in their ministry due to a lack of local funds. However, we are told that if we will be faithful in following God's plan, our offerings will increase 1,000 percent. Note the following: "If all the tithes of our people flowed into the treasury of the Lord as they should, such blessings would be received that gifts and offerings for sacred purposes would be multiplied tenfold. . . ." *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 4, p. 474.

Successful churches work on a combined budget like all other levels of the church organization. With a combined budget, every phase of the church program receives its fair share and eliminates the need for emotional appeals for funding. Some members faithfully return God's tithe, but unfortunately give little or no offerings due to a misunderstanding of tithes and offerings.

God claims the tithe as His own and we return it to Him as He has instructed those who are in covenant relationships with Him. Therefore, "giving" does not begin until after we have returned the tithe. None of the tithe is retained by the local church. The tithe is a specific amount, ten percent of income, and is used for the support of the gospel ministry. Offerings are "as God has prospered" (1 Corinthians 16:2). Giving should also be to God and not to causes or things. There are many calls for offerings to meet needs for which the tithe cannot be used, but the local church budget deserves the largest percentage of our "giving."

The Personal Giving Plan was designed to make the giving of offerings simple and proportional to the needs. The suggested giving guide is an average of five percent (based on need) of one's income for church budget which includes conference development, world budget, and all mission offerings, several organizations, in-

stitutions, and ministries. Special projects can be given to as one is able. These are guidelines only. Each person must decide what percentage of his income he can give in addition to the tithe.

We cannot enrich God by our gifts, giving enriches us. Systematic Benevolence is God's plan to starve out the sins of covetousness and selfishness. We are told, "God . . . has provided His people with a surplus of means, that when He calls for help, they may cheerfully respond. If they will be faithful in bringing to His treasury the means lent them, His work will make rapid advancement. Many souls will be won to the truth, and the day of Christ's coming will be hastened." *Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 45. ■

Richard Shepard is director of stewardship department, Florida Conference.

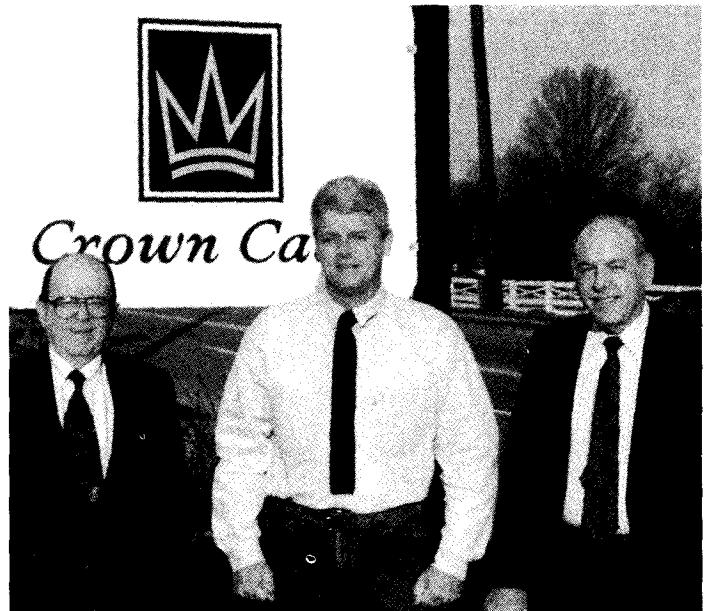
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The North Atlanta Hispanic church youth choir, under the direction of Elsa Sequi, presented a musical drama "To See a Miracle" in the Atlanta area Hispanic churches and the Calhoun and Atlanta Belvedere churches. This drama was based on the final days of Jesus' life on earth. The group has dedicated its talents to raise funds for their new church which was purchased in Doraville recently. At present they have \$1,400 toward this project.



The influence of NET '95 was greatly enhanced recently in the Shelbyville, Ky., area through the good graces of Richard Hembree, director and manager of Crown Cable, headquartered in Shelbyville. Don Wade, an active layman, and Ernie Clark, pastor, took Hembree video copies of NET '95. After viewing them, Hembree offered to play them free on cable television. While he did not take it live from the satellite, a video was made each evening at the church, taken to Hembree the next morning, and played that evening on cable throughout the surrounding area.



Six out of the seven years the National Geography Bee has been held, a student from Jackson, Miss., church school has been a participant. The three former and current students of the school who earned the right to participate in those six years are shown here: Thomas Dudley (left), Kelli Adams, and Paul Martin. After winning the school bee, a student must score in the top 100 places in the state on a written test sent out and scored by the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C.



Second Mile Service awards were distributed at a special staff meeting to four staff members of Oakwood College. The winners are LeRoy Ramey, Barbara Jackson, Henrietta Lathon, and Weldon Lewis. President Benjamin F. Reaves (center) presented the plaques.

The Dickson, Tenn., church celebrated a special homecoming Sabbath, May 13. Recognition was given to the mothers during Sabbath school and church services. The day ended with a concert in the afternoon by Joe Pearles. A circle of love with everyone clasping hands concluded the Sabbath.





Several youth from the Atlanta North Hispanic church participated in the National Bible Bowl sponsored by the North American Division which took place in the General Conference office in Washington, D.C. These youth, in the 16-21 age category, placed second in the division. They were awarded certificates, medals, and a trophy showing their accomplishments. Congratulations to Joe Rosich, Eusebio Lima, Elda Pizana, and Erick Carballo.



The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in its 27th regular constituency meeting April 30, reelected Richard Hallock, president; John Fowler, secretary; Douglas Hilliard, treasurer; and all office departmental directors. It was also voted to conduct the next constituency meeting in four years instead of three as has been done previously.



Southern College students and Bill Beckworth, Southern Union publishing director (center), standing in front of empty boxes of MagaBooks sold by them in the previous two months. This represents thousands of homes reached by these student literature evangelists either with books sold or given away.

Justin Ritchie, third-grader (left); Chrissey Lucas, fourth-grader; Colton Miller, fourth-grader; Loren Herbert, principal; and John Klaver, eighth-grader; and the tesia coil experiment creator, observe as the sparks fly on the low-voltage experiment. Herbert is the inspiration behind the Salisbury school science fair held biannually.



Robert and Armethia Lively celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 15. Family and friends gave them a surprise celebration at the Coalfield Senior Citizens' Building. The renewing of marriage vows was presided over by Paul Carlson, pastor of the Coalfield Tenn., church.



Mary and Ernest Wold of the Fort Myers Shore Church celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary April 9 at an open house in their home. Married in 1930 in International Falls, Minn., the Wolds moved to Lehigh Acres, Fla., in 1969.

Celebrating a Decade of Service

by Jerry Sterner with Pat Horning Benton

aring for the health of a community is always a tall order. But in a community like Zephyrhills, Fla., the challenges demand constant reevaluation. During the hot summer months Zephyrhills, 20 miles inland from Tampa, is a bustling town of 8,000. However, as blizzards blow through northern states, and Snowbirds head to Florida and Zephyrhills for winter, census burgeons to some 70,000. That enormous fluctuation in population strains all community services, including its hospital.

This year East Pasco Medical Center (EPMC) is observing a decade of service to Zephyrhills and surrounding communities. As part of its celebration, hospital leaders and staff are sharing the hospital's mission in creative ways.

"Treatment may be a hospital's primary responsibility, but health-care providers must strive to expand the scope of their healing," says Bob A. Dodd, EPMC president. "Today, more than ever, equal emphasis must be placed on prevention and education. As part of Adventist Health System Sunbelt, we're also concerned about the spiritual, social and mental well-being of the people in our community."

In 1985 EPMC opened with 78,000 square feet. Every year since then the facility has been remodeled or expanded. On May 7, 1995, the hospital family and community took part in the grand opening for a major addition, which triples the size of the original building.

The expansion provides larger or improved areas for physical, occupational and speech therapy, echocardiology, medical records, a physicians' lounge, nurse-server stations, the gift shop, and a conference room to accommodate 55.

Central to the remodeling is the spacious atrium entrance, in which

a mural and series of bronze sculptures, "The EPMC Hands," depict East Pasco's mission. As visitors and patients come through the front entrance, they see an image of Christ with a hand pointed upward.

"Christ's right hand is the hand of support for each of us just as He is supporting the young person who appears in need of comfort," says Dodd.

Next are five sets of bronze hands. The lowest pair is open; above them is a pair of hands clasped together, and still higher on the wall, the hands take different forms until they transform into a dove.

"The dove represents peace and the Holy Spirit. With all our caregivers joining hands in harmony under the influence and power of the Holy Spirit, we can support our community and make a difference for eternity," Dodd says.

The staff and community are delighted with the new facility. But more important than beautiful public areas are the enhanced services made possible by the renovation.

The addition houses a health information library available to both professionals and the public. This innovative library, thought to be the first of its kind in the Tampa Bay area, exemplifies the hospital's philosophy of encouraging individuals to take responsibility for their own health.

The new wellness center, featuring a complete line of exercise and fitness equipment, is popular. For a modest fee, community members can participate in a variety of activities at the center. Those in rehabilitation can see their progress through the monitoring station, continually observed by a hospital employee who follows heart and breathing rates.

Rehabilitation is an important and growing service in a retirement-based community. For their 180



Christian art helps share the mission of Adventist hospitals. This bronze sculpture called "The EPMC Hands," was designed especially for the new entry and waiting area of East Pasco Medical Center.

patients a week, physical and occupational therapists have state-of-the-art equipment to assist those regaining strength and relearning basic living skills.

But not all rehab patients are elderly. EPMC has added a children's room and a pediatric gym to meet the needs of youngsters.

A second chaplain has been hired to assist with visitation, crisis support, and short-term pastoral counseling. Chaplains are also available to conduct worship services, funerals, and weddings.

"Many patients and their families come to the hospital feeling confused or out of control," says head chaplain Marc Gordon. "We do all we can to help them regain as much control as they can and reestablish their dignity."

In 10 years a community gets to know a lot about its hospital, and people at the hospital become acquainted with its community and its citizens. Relationships, like hospital facilities, are always growing and changing.

"To be entrusted with the responsibility of making our community a healthier, happier, and safer place to live is a challenge our board of trustees, our physicians, our nurses, and our ancillary staff take very seriously," says Dodd. "We consider serving our patients a privilege and a sacred responsibility."

Jerry Sterner is director of public relations and marketing at East Pasco Medical Center; Pat Horning Benton is a free-lancer who specializes in writing about Adventist healthcare.

Big Weekend Events to Kick Off Oakwood's Centennial

Shirley Verrett in Concert at the VBCC



Shirley Verrett, soprano.

by Roy E. Malcolm

Mark your calendar—November 10–11, 1995. Everyone (especially those within a radius of 100 miles of Huntsville) is invited to join us on this weekend for the opening events of our **Centennial Year**. The Centennial Steering Committee, working creatively for more than a year, has scheduled programs and activities from November 1995 to November 1996.

The opening ceremony scheduled for Friday evening, November 10, will focus on the life and work of each of Oakwood's presidents. In a moving documentary video presentation, you will meet presidents J. I. Beardsley, Joseph Tucker, James Moran, Frank Peterson, Garland Millet, Addison Pinkney, Frank Hale, Jr., Calvin Rock, Emmerson Cooper (interim), and Benjamin Reaves. The program includes live interviews with all living presidents.

We also anticipate all living presidents to be in attendance to participate in a Sabbath afternoon town hall meeting.

The worship service on Sabbath, November 11, will feature the best of Oakwood's music and the spoken word.

A major attraction for the weekend will be the Shirley Verrett concert at the VonBraun Civic Center Concert Hall Saturday, November 11.

Verrett, who attended Oakwood College, is internationally acclaimed for her operatic performances, concerts, recitals, films, and recordings. She is distinguished by her repertoire of both dramatic soprano and mezzo-soprano roles.

During the 1992–93 season, Verrett appeared in recitals in Germany, Italy, and the USA. A film depicting her musical life was completed in 1993 in Italy.

Verrett holds honorary doctorates from Holy Cross College and Northeastern University. Her honors and awards include: The Marian Anderson Award; Achievement Award of the Albert Einstein of Medicine; Chevalier des Arts et des Letters; and Commandeur des Arts et des Letters. Fellowships from Ford, John J. Whitney, Martha Baird, Rockefeller, and Sullivan Foundations.

In 1989, Verrett participated in the opening concert in celebration of the Bicentennial of the French Republic with heads of state and the president of France in attendance.

On November 11, in the VBCC Concert Hall, you will have the pleasure of hearing Verrett in concert at the opening of the Oakwood College Centennial. For further information, call (205) 726-7120.

Join us in the opening ceremonies and activities of Oakwood's 100th year. ■

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Rustic Palestine, A.D. 30 Makes Jesus' Life Real for Kids

by Cindy Kurtzhals
and Joe Escobar

Children enjoyed a sermon that made them feel as if they were right there in the presence of Christ, in Bible times. Children reacted the same way. Their imaginations raced as they walked through a Palestine, A.D. 30 village they helped recreate during the 101st Florida Conference camp meeting, May 26-June 3. The concept was brought to life by Caren Ippolito, Brandon church kindergarten leader and other Brandon church members in cooperation with the camp meeting children's divisions.

"The kids were all excited. They worked hard," said Grace Carlos, conference children's ministries assistant. "This is the first time (that she's aware) a joint project was sponsored by the three camp meeting divisions—kindergarten, primary, and junior. The kids really looked forward to everyone coming to tour their vignettes of Bible history. We wanted kids to see that Jesus was a real person, to transport them back in time to get a glimpse of His life and the times He lived in—to make Him more real to them personally."

More than 1,000 members strolled through the village which began at the Forest Lake church sanctuary. The church, adjacent to Forest Lake Academy in Apopka where camp meeting is held, annually hosts the children's meetings. Tours started with an ongoing video of the Holy Land. Every few minutes, small groups were escorted through "Palestine" by youngsters in Bible costume, beginning with the kindergarten division.

After passing through realistic city gates, one immediately noticed the Sea of Galilee on the right. Myrna Wright, kindergarten division director, explained their program. "My husband, Burton, dressed as Peter, sits in a boat, fishing with an empty net. Realistic waves (fan-powered plastic sheeting) lap against the boat, and surf sounds

fill the room. Then Jesus tells 'Peter' to fish on the other side of the boat. When he does, his net is filled with fish. The fish," said Wright, "are actually made of paper and inscribed with texts which the children held as they sang about Jesus making them fishers of men."

After leaving Galilee, numerous shops and stucco houses, complete with windows aglow, came into view—the settings of Palestine. "Mary," the mother of Jesus pointed out the home where Jesus lived as a boy and the carpenter shop where He worked. Visitors then passed Bethlehem's manger scene, a rooftop sleeping loft, and the well of Samaria. In the market place, paper coins enabled the purchase of nuts and crackers, and the grist mill offered hands-on grinding of wheat, millet, and rice. The Temple displayed the table of shewbread, altar of incense, ark of the covenant, and other replicas of the Sanctuary furniture. Upstairs was the potter's shop, displaying a potter's wheel and pottery made by the children.

Continuing over to the "Mt. of Olives" to the primary division, visitors saw the Agora Marketplace offering free samples in shops called The Fruitopia, Hummus 'n Pita, Crescent Valley Imported Nuts, Jacob's Lunch Shop, The Juicery, Palestine Scroll Stand, and Lydia's Textiles, Inc. There was something for everyone here.

Finally, the guided tour ended at an archeological "dig" at "Tell Ef El" operated by the Junior Division. "Tell Ef El" identified the location of a lost city at Forest (Ef) Lake (El). "Tell" is an Arabic word for a mound of dirt that covers the place where an ancient city once stood in ancient times. People would build new buildings on top of old ones that had fallen down or been destroyed. Over the centuries, the city became a small hill that grew higher and higher. When the city was abandoned, the winds and rains finally covered it with sand and dirt. Reports began circulating at camp meeting that real artifacts were being discovered as the ruins of this ancient civilization were unearthed.

Four dig teams of 40 juniors each, had jobs as supervisors, diggers, trowel/brush workers, artists,

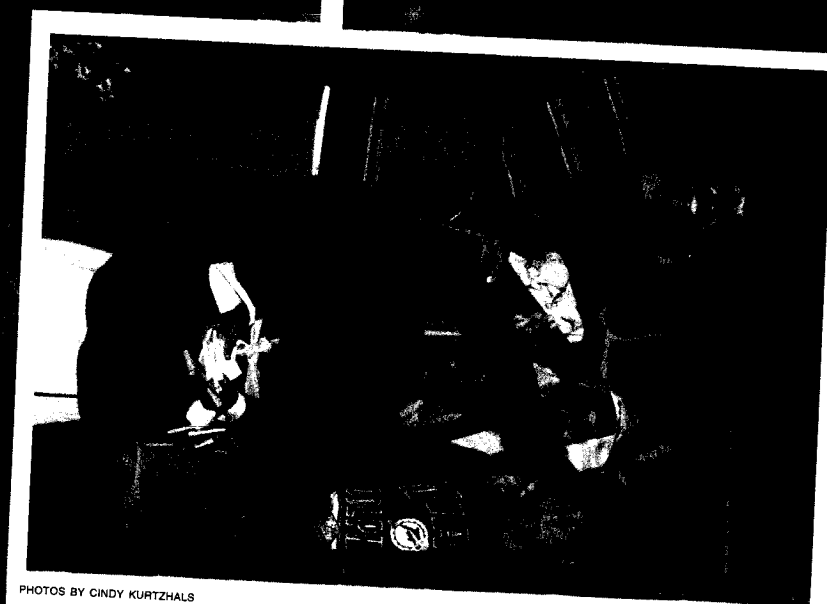
measurers, photographers, taggers/recorders, artifact personnel, sifters, and a bucket brigade that carried the partially filled buckets from the dig to the sifter.

They found shark's teeth, pottery, and broken tile. There was excitement in the air as the digging momentum increased and the clock ran faster than the children wanted. When a startling find was unearthed, children's voices were heard over the roar of the workers. It was a wall made of baked bricks found in the northwest corner. Each junior, with his or her specific job, was called in to do his work as measurer, artist, photographer, and artifact technician. Each did his job remarkably well, just like a veteran archaeologist.

Each day produced marvelous results and the children were excited to find more evidence of life long ago in the days of the Bible. New discoveries included an open in-house fireplace on the floor, a decayed and partially burned sandal, a partially burned cloth used for garments, a small basket with well-preserved barley grain inside, and a money bag made of coarse fabric tied by a small rope containing first century coinage of copper and silver—including a widow's mite.

At this stage of the dig, the children were in awe of the amount of Bible history that had been kept under the earth by the Lord. Their pastor-leaders constantly reminded the juniors of how archeology proves the Bible to be true beyond the shadow of a doubt. Children were heard exclaiming, "This is wonderful," and "God is really true."

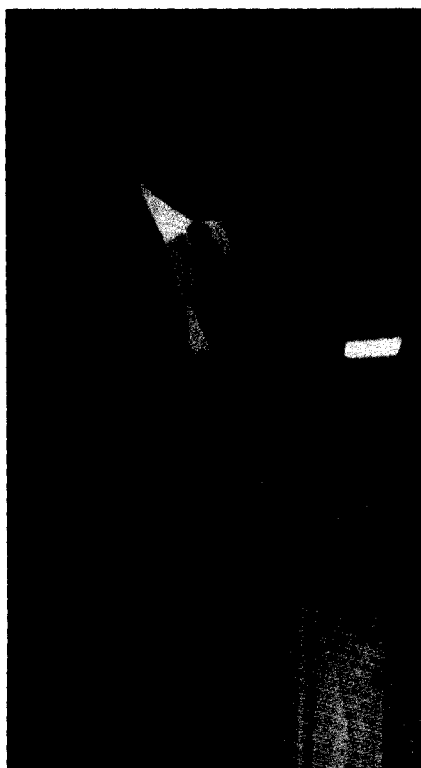
"The light in these kids' eyes, and their enthusiasm was the payoff and benefit of the project to the adults," said Carlos. "The kids came early to work, and stayed late. They caught the vision of doing it all and wanted to open it up to the adults. Often if you ask this age group if they're having fun they'll say, Nooooo, but there wasn't any of that all week long. They answered, Yes enthusiastically. 'Yes, we are having fun.'" And, the mission was accomplished. This rustic Palestine, A.D. 30, did make Jesus' life real for the children. ■



PHOTOS BY CINDY KURTZHALS



Campers were privileged to hear Neal Wilson, former president, General Conference, as he spoke during the first Sabbath worship hour.



Helvius Thompson, Dallas, acquainted campers with the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

A Time for Celebration

by W. L. Taylor

The Southeastern Conference conducted a full ten-day camp meeting despite this General Conference session year. One of the guest speakers, Robert H. Carter, former Lake Union president, said it best when speaking during the second Sabbath afternoon program, "This day started out with a bang and has not let up." That comment briefly summarized the entire 1995 camp meeting program, June 8-17.

On Wednesday evening the workers attended a staff communion service and the following day Rosa R. Banks, director of human relations in the North American Division, delivered the keynote address. Banks eloquently laid a firm doctrinal foundation for the succeeding speakers to both stand on and preach from. Roy R. Brown, conference president, began reacquainting the audience with the Sabbath doctrine on Friday evening. Through sermons, pastors reminded constituents of the doctrines during the devotional and noon preaching hours. Helvius Thompson, of City Temple church in Dallas,

preached each night about the prophecies, using large screen displays. The theme, "This We Believe . . . and Teach," was appropriately addressed.

On the first Sabbath, Charles E. Bradford introduced the speaker for the divine worship, Neal Wilson, former General Conference president. Benjamin Reaves, president of Oakwood College, was the speaker at the divine worship service the second Sabbath.

The Haitian constituents conducted Sabbath school and worship in their own language during the second Sabbath.

The youth tent hosted Walter Pearson, Jr., associate director of E. G. White Estate, and Raymond Saunders, pastor/evangelist, North-eastern Conference.

When the camp meeting evangelism had concluded, 38 individuals were baptized. The synergistic results of youth and adults paid off, but the excitement and blessings were not over.

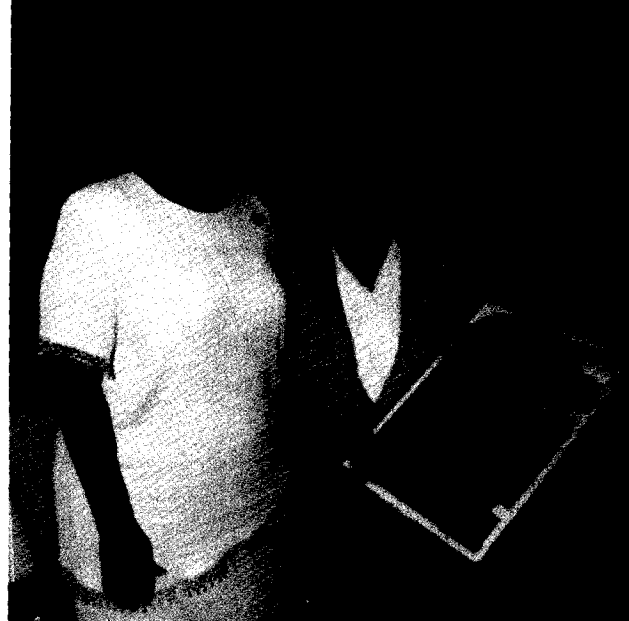
The trust services department, under the direction of Herman Davis, assisted more than 100 campers to complete their wills. Stewart Crook, Southern Union trust



Artist's version of the proposed multipurpose pavilion at Hawthorne.



Young people were challenged each day as Raymond Saunders and Walter Pearson, Jr., preached from the "Old Ship of Zion" tent.



Diane Tramel (right), chosen as the Adventist Woman of the Year for Southeastern Conference, accepts the award from Vanessa Melton, women's ministries director.

services department, and attorneys Barry Benton and Julie Kronhaus assisted the members. Benton remarked that Southeastern leads the Southern Union in number of wills written. The health/temperance workshops, directed by D. A. Walker, was also a hit. Vanessa Melton, women's ministries director, not only had the ladies in an organized exercise class each day, but also awarded special groups of women and selected Diane Tramel as the Adventist Woman of the Year for the conference. Alfred Jones, family life director, Allegheny East Conference, conducted a seminar for both young and young adults dealing with male and female differences. Clarence Hodges, vice president, NAD, also conducted two successful seminars covering ongoing issues relating to religious liberty.

Pathfinders marched into the

pavilion for their usual program. This time they carried the artist's replica of the new approximately 3,500-seat, air-conditioned pavilion scheduled to be constructed soon. They led the constituents to the special groundbreaking ceremony in full regalia. Upon returning to the pavilion, Robert Woodfork, Jr., and Sony Roy of Synergistic Institute in Baltimore, awarded certificates to the constituent members who have demonstrated that Explosive Evangelism "works."

Camp meeting '95 concluded with a mini-concert by Noelette Hutton and a vesper thought by Roy Brown. Brown directed all to make a grand circle around the pavilion, and closed with a special prayer of consecration.

What started with a bang ended in a cloud of excitement and circle of prayer. ■



Raymond Saunders



Pathfinders and constituents took part during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new pavilion scheduled for construction in 1995.



Rosa Banks, NAD, delivering the keynote address.

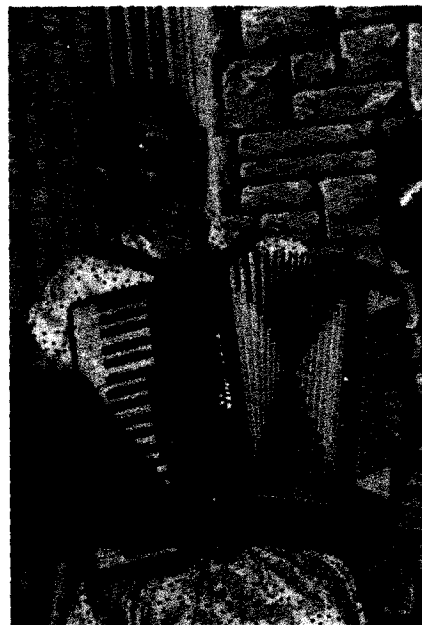
Kentucky-Tennessee Camp Meeting 1995



Tom Hayes.

by Kay Fowler

Camp meeting is history, but the memories are very much alive. Peruse this pictorial story of a wonderful week, filled with spiritual blessings by all who attended. Close your eyes and listen to the music, stand at attention as the Pathfinders march smartly by, laugh with envy at the merry abandonment of youth at play, smile at the proud grandpa and toddling grandchild, drink in the knowledge of seminars, begin and end each day with spiritual food. This is camp meeting. This is a foretaste of heaven. This is Kentucky-Tennessee camp meeting 1995.



Bonnie Calkins.



Grandpa and grandson.



Richard Hallock, conference president (left), Eunice May, and John Fowler.



Eunice and Ralph Davidson.



◀ Zarah Award—Vern Biloff (left), Ann Steiner, and Fred Gull.



Credentiating a teacher. Tina Kinsey (left), and Vern Biloff.



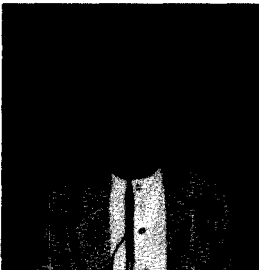
John Loor.



Mark Finley.



Emmanuel quartet.



Juanita Kretschmar.



Marvin Wray.



Mike McKenzie.



Youth at play.



Youth at play.



Pathfinders marching.

Walter Pearson, Jr.



Dorothy Watts.

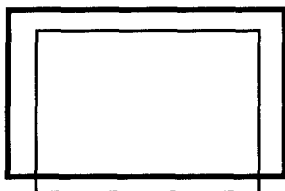
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Florida: Art and Margo Swaningson, Victor Maddox (upper left), Ron and Juli Priest, Carol and Jamie Litchfield (left), Michael Fulbright, and Trudy and Jack Long.



Kentucky-Tennessee: Bruce and Chris Norman.



Southeastern: Antowyn Mells (left), Reigina and Bonard Jean-Marre, and Jean-Allah Monestime.



Gulf States: Dale Martin (left), Evan and Nancy Valencia, and Debbie and Bill Painter.

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Greetings from the 56th General Conference session in Utrecht, Netherlands. Robert S. Folkenberg has been reelected as General Conference president. G. Ralph Thompson was reelected General Conference secretary. Robert L. Rawson was elected General Conference treasurer replacing retiring treasurer Donald F. Gilbert. Rawson has served in a number of financial leadership positions for the Church, including the North Pacific Union Conference and Far Eastern Division.

Thousands of delegates and visi-

tors from nearly every country of the world came together at the Jaarbeurs Convention Center in Utrecht. On Sabbath, July 1, approximately 30,000 persons worshiped and praised our Savior together.

The challenges facing our nearly nine-million-member international Church are greater than ever before. With this in mind, the theme of this great world session is "United in Christ."

This session is debating and voting on many vital issues including church organization.

Please note further details and comments regarding the session in the pages of this issue of the SOUTHERN TIDINGS.

God bless each of you!
Your brother in Christ,

M. D. Gordon

President, Southern Union Conference



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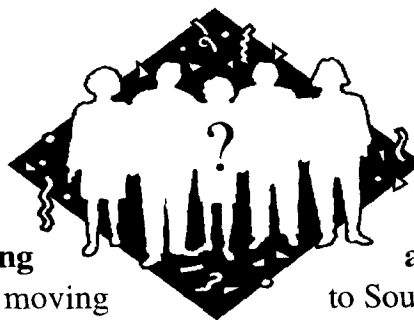
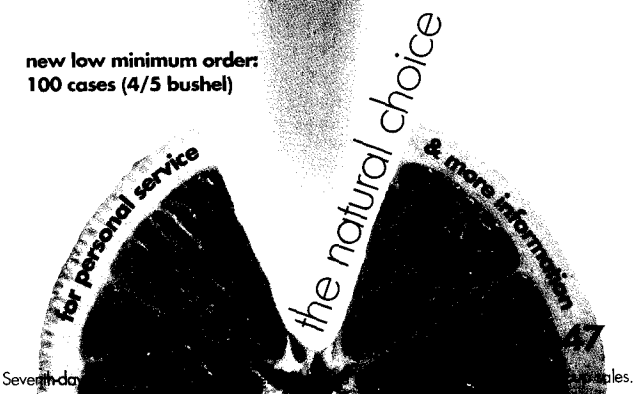
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