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Return to Battle Creek

by Martin Butler

It was an article in her *Adventist Review* which sparked the idea. Imagining herself in Battle Creek—celebrating with 5,000 believers—Johnnie M. Jones reached for the telephone.

"When I saw the picture of the White's home on Wood Street I got real enthusiastic. I knew I had to call my friends here in Newnan, Georgia, to see if they would like to make the 17-hour trip north." The answer came: "Let's go!"

One of those asked was Katie McGinty who recalls: "I was set to go to Virginia, but as I thought about what a time the others were going to have, I changed my plans."

On October 13, a minivan arrived in Battle Creek with its six passengers and driver Rubin Mitchell from the First Newnan Seventh-day Adventist church.

Friday dawned with the sun shining, pushing Indian summer temperatures into the 70s. It was the perfect setting for touring the northwest section of Battle Creek, referred to 140 years earlier by local residents as "Advent Town." It was here the resident honor roll of Adventist pioneers included James and Ellen White, Joseph Bates, Uriah Smith, John Byington, J. N. Loughborough, F. E. Belden, John Harvey Kellogg, and many others.

Today "Advent Town" is taking



Members of the First Newnan (Georgia) Seventh-day Church who made the trip to Battle Creek were (from left): Johnnie M. Jones, Cedric L. Harden, Katie J. McGinty, Gracie M. Mitchell, Willie J. Stargell, and Rubin A. Mitchell. Irene Furlow also traveled with the group.

shape under a new name—"Historic Adventist Village." Thanks to the dedication of Adventist Heritage Ministry volunteers, led by its president, Alice Voorheis of Montgomery, Alabama, restoration of several pioneer homes is underway.

Plans are also in place for Adventist Heritage Ministry to construct authentic replicas of the Western Health Reform Institute, the second Adventist church (where organization took place), the *Review* and Herald building, and a general store.

The White's dwelling on Wood Street reached completion in time for the 140th anniversary—Return to Battle Creek celebration. As Johnnie Jones climbed the stairs to the second story bedroom, a sense of awe came upon her. "Being present where Sister White had walked—where she had written *The Great Controversy*—prompted me to imagine her being right there giving us a tour of her home."

As Friday progressed, the Newnan touring group was taped on camera when a local television station reporter spoke with Gracie Mitchell. They were also interviewed by a columnist with the *Battle Creek Enquirer* and quoted in the Saturday, October 14, edition's front page article, "Adventists Celebrate 14-Year History."

The lead paragraph read: "The camp meeting was getting underway Friday afternoon, and already Seventh-day Adventists from Battle Creek to Georgia were feeling inspired by the landmark event."

In addition to Historic Adventist

Village tours and thought-provoking walks among the grave sites of pioneers in Oak Hill Cemetery, visitors were invited to the Battle Creek Academy campus where Friday seminar offerings included four Sabbath topics and four on the Spirit of Prophecy.

Commenting on these subjects, Robert S. Folkenberg, General Conference president, said, "Ellen White's visions had virtually stopped prior to 1855 since many of the leaders had become closed to her counsel. In Battle Creek, in 1855, the leadership acknowledged her work as a manifestation of the gift



Geraldine Hess (right) of Apopka, Florida, was assisting customers at the Heritage Shoppe in the Battle Creek Academy gymnasium when Mary Phillips came by to browse among the memorabilia. When Mrs. Hess learned that Mary is the caretaker of the White's Wood Street home she enjoyed hearing from an insider what it is like to live in a house with so much history.



Alice Voorheis, president of Adventist Heritage Ministry, and retired education superintendent in the Gulf States Conference, was delighted to welcome students from Martinsburg, West Virginia, to Battle Creek.

of prophecy to the Church and the visions returned."

As the October 13 sun began to settle in the west, a steady stream of worshipers made their way to the campus of Battle Creek Academy and into the large canvas tent erected for the weekend meetings. Rubin Mitchell observed, "It was the largest tent I had ever seen—longer than a football field."

His wife Gracie added, "I've been to tent meetings, but this was something I'd never seen before—over 5,000 people in one tent."

The Friday evening meeting opened with a rousing song service, just as it had the night before when a program of early Adventist hymns and stories kicked off the celebration in the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

Under the direction of James Nix, C. Mervyn Maxwell, Paul Gordon, and John Thurber, the congregation lifted their voices in the spirit of the pioneers. Inspiration may have come in part from the rustic surroundings of old wooden chairs, quaintly hung lights, an antique pulpit, the rustle of canvas, a warm evening breeze, or the smell of the freshly-mowed lawn.

The group of friends from Newnan sensed it came from another source. Mrs. Mitchell said, "You could feel the Holy Spirit moving under that tent." Katie McGinty echoed, "Hearing those old songs was such an inspiration!" Johnnie Jones added, "The music was beautiful. We were able to sing the songs of the pioneers—some of the same songs Sister White used to sing."

The preaching was equally inspiring. Des Cummings, Jr., executive vice president at Florida Hospital in Orlando, touched the hearts of thousands across North America by way of satellite with his sermon, "Original Love." The Sabbath-themed presentation was the first of two weekend uplinks provided over the Adventist Communication Network.

The evening closed with participants experiencing warmth in both body and spirit. But while they slept that night, temperatures outdoors dropped into the 40s.

Folkenberg reflects, "After attending a brief, early Sabbath morning prayer and praise service in the home of James and Ellen White, I joined the 5,000-plus believers who braved cold weather to attend morning and afternoon meetings."

The previous evening's gentle breeze was transformed into a blustery wind. The gently-rustling tent flaps now snapped at each other. In each corner of the tent, powerful butane heaters strained



Herbert Douglass presented one of the Friday seminars on the Spirit of Prophecy.



The congregation of 5,000 was blessed and challenged by Charles Bradford's message during the 11 o'clock hour.

to bring warmth. As the 5,000 believers moved closer together, a Spirit from above descended to add a special warmth to their waiting hearts.

The audience was reminded of this Presence as the Southern Union Conference's own Hazel Gordon and Jacqueline Ross sang "Down From His Glory" to help create the atmosphere for Charles Bradford's powerful message, "A Movement Is Born."

Following a complimentary box-lunch break, weekend participants came back for a season of simple, old-fashioned prayer and praise. The service was a reminder of the early days of the Advent movement when prayer held a vital place in the lives of our pioneers and how, for today's Christian, prayer is no less needed.

The final program of the afternoon was again uplinked by satellite to viewers across North America. It included a 28-minute video tour hosted by Faith for Today's Dan Matthews featuring significant historical events in Battle Creek central to our Adventist heritage; music of our pioneers presented by the Andrews University Singers; and a challenging send-off message, "Let's



Jacqueline Ross (left) and Hazel Gordon blended their voices in song before the Sabbath morning sermon.

Talk About Courage," by Alfred C. McClure, North American Division president.

In a guest editorial appearing in the November 1995 NAD issue of the *Adventist Review*, McClure reflected on his return to Battle Creek. "I wasn't disappointed, for it became a time to re-explore our roots and God's providential leading in our history."

He continued, "It is more important than ever . . . to serve in Christ's name to complete the task that burned deeply in the hearts of the pioneers who preceded us to this midwestern city. God lighted a fire within them that we must not allow to be extinguished. After 140 years the task is the same, the power is available, and the prize is in sight." ■



Richard Guerrero, a member of the Southern Union Conference Executive Committee, enjoyed seeing fellow Floridian Libby Riano Forrester during the weekend celebration. Libby now works for the Youth Resources Center at Andrews University. Richard and other Southern Union Committee members were in Battle Creek as delegates to the NAD year-end business meetings held earlier in the week.

Tennessee Christian Medical Center

by John W. Fowler

Tennessee Christian Medical Center, formerly known as Madison Hospital, in Nashville and Portland, Tennessee, are experiencing tremendous growth. Obviously, God is blessing. The accompanying graph will show that Tennessee Christian is experiencing substantial gains in almost every area of activity. Admissions have almost doubled in the last three years. Outpatient registrations have more than doubled. Home health visits have a similar increase, and net operating gain or profit is holding steady, while many other hospitals are experiencing substantial losses (see chart).

Even though Managed Care is rapidly reducing inpatient reimbursements, greater outpatient activity is increasing, and patient admissions have not decreased. The anticipated increase in all areas during 1996 will result from taking on a multimillion dollar Managed Care contract (see chart).

One must ask why and how Tennessee Christian Medical Center (TMC) is experiencing this steady, and substantial growth when many other hospitals are failing. There are several significant developments that have resulted in this growth, both in patient care and financial growth.

Quality Care

The first reason for growth is the quality care provided by TCMC. This care involves, not only well trained and highly competent personnel, but new equipment and facilities. A new plaza building is under construction at the Portland, Tennessee, campus. This medical plaza building will provide 16,740 square feet of floor space to be used as

Conference president Richard Hallock (left), and TCMC president Milton Siepman, following the ground-breaking ceremony.



Dr. Milton Siepman, president of TCMC.

medical offices for the growing medical staff.

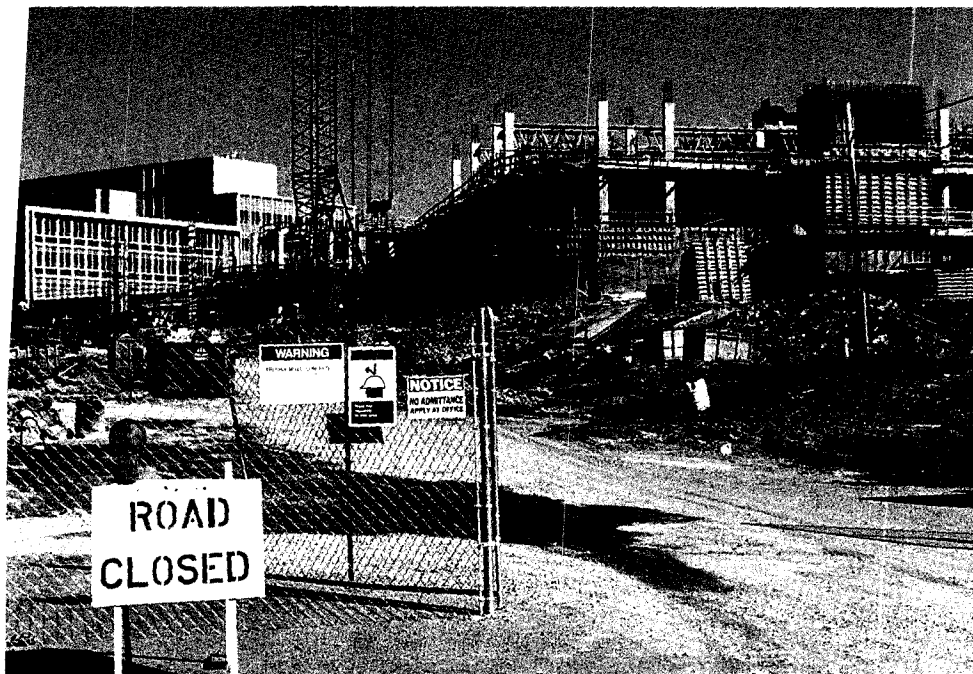
Milton Siepman, M.D., president of both campuses of TCMC, hosted the ground-breaking event. Siepman spoke to the city and county officials, not only of the needs for expansion of the Portland facility, but talked openly and enthusiastically about the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The buttons on my shirt almost popped off as I listened to this dedicated, spiritual, and progressive administrator tie the medical work directly to the overall mission of the Adventist Church. He boldly told the attentive community leaders, "We're here because the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a mission; a mission to help meet the

physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the community in Portland." The response of the dignitaries from the city and county was obviously enthusiastic and positive.

Tennessee Christian Medical Center, Nashville, is also undergoing major construction to not only enlarge the hospital itself, but to build a large medical building. The medical building will provide 100,000 square feet of physician office space on the main campus of TCMC. This joint venture between TCMC and Baptist Hospital, capitalizes on the strength of both organizations, and will substantially increase the community's access to high quality, affordable health care. Please note that this agreement maintains the independent ownership of each hospital; consequently, this agreement will enable TCMC to maintain its own identity and its uniquely Adventist approach to medicine, while at the same time significantly enhance its medical work in the Nashville area.

The accompanying pictures show that construction for the new Baptist Medical Plaza at TCMC is progressing rapidly with the building rising toward the heavens. The walls and roof are in place. At the same time, TCMC is building a new addition to the hospital that will provide floor space and facilities for numerous additional services. Both of these projects are scheduled for completion in the fall of '96. Also, major renovation of the





TCMC expansion project.

Interior of the main campus is underway and completion expected early in '96.

Commitment to Mission

The uniquely Adventist mission of TCMC is another reason for its growth. The Mission Statement says: "We exist to reflect the life and work of Christ and to assist physical, emotional, and spiritual healing." Obviously, TCMC is dedicated to utilizing the medical work as an effective means of advancing the central and primary mission of the Adventist Church—that of bringing the message of God's love and truth to the community, and preparing the world for the coming of Jesus.

During the last quarter of 1995, all 900 full- and part-time hospital employees, including volunteers, participated in an eight-hour workshop entitled "Share." This program focused on human inner relationships, quality of care, and accountability as aspects of our individual responsibility to reflect Christ as part of our mission. It also focused on our work as a divine calling and a holy ministry, not just another job. Siepmann argues eloquently that we have a divine responsibility to meet the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of patients, their family members, and our own colleagues. In a sense, he says, "We are all chaplains."

Not only does TCMC have regular chaplains who visit, pray, and encourage patients and their families, but beyond that they have one chaplain, Julie Schafer, who works full time in direct, Bible study programs with patients and former patients. Already, a number have been baptized as a result. This mission-oriented approach to medical care no doubt plays a vital role in the health and growth of

the Madison Campus church, which is adjacent to TCMC.

Commitment to Wellness of Community

A third reason for TCMC's growth is the health education program offered to the community. The development of healthy community programs that interact with other agencies seeks to improve the health and quality of community life.

These include a smoking cessation program available at the Center or to be conducted wherever TCMC is invited. It also includes health classes such as weight control, nutrition, etc. Recently, health classes were conducted at the Books-A-Million store in Madi-

son, for the employees as well as other invitees.

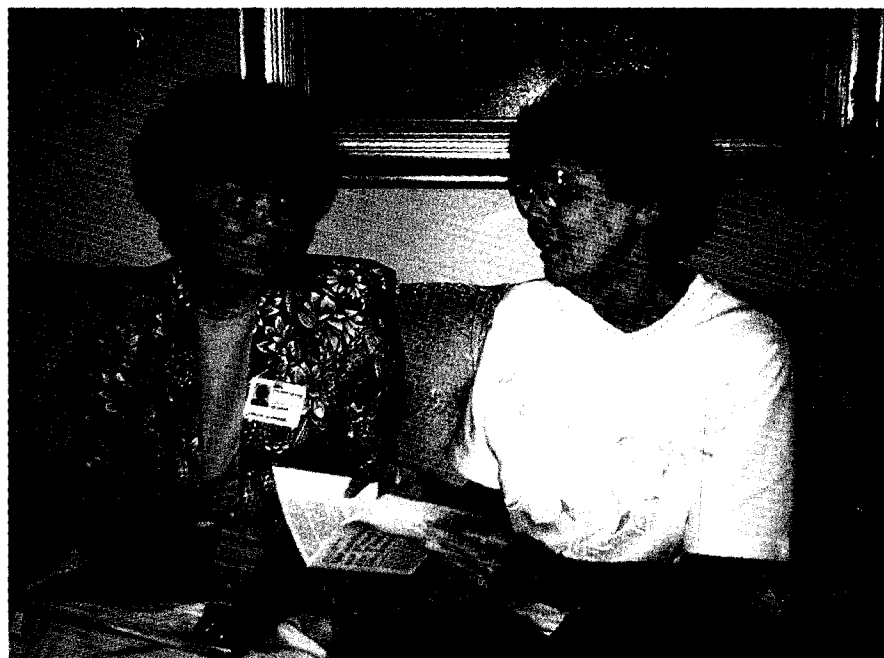
TCMC also has a speaker's bureau of specialists available to go to any organization, group or corporate office and lecture on various topics of health—physical, mental, and spiritual.

TCMC offers to the community, at a very low cost, a complete physical fitness center with virtually every kind of exercise program, including water therapy. Anyone can become a member of the fitness center and take advantage of all the programs on a regular basis.

Tennessee Christian Medical Center is a very important part of the work of the Adventist Church in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. It not only provides the highest medical care for the Nashville community, but many other ministries. The result is people learn about the Adventist Church and its message, and have an opportunity to make a decision to become a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. ■

TCMC STATISTICS

Detail	1993	1994	1995
Med-Surg Admissions	1941	3231	3137
Sub-Acute Admissions	1035	1129	1079
Behavioral Admissions	1666	2297	2455
Outpatient Registrations	19,981	30,111	51,172
Home Health Visits	56,062	72,775	87,268
Net Operating Gain (profit)	\$3,682,710	\$3,936,326	\$3,028,000



Julie Schafer, chaplain (left), conducting a Bible study.

Convicting Evidence

by Julie Tillman

Say 'Yes' or 'No!' screamed the commander as he held out a gun in Desmond Doss' face. Despite numerous attempts by the commander, Doss refused to give the desired answer.

"Due to my religious convictions, I cannot bear arms," answered Doss. The commander's aim was to get Doss one way or another. He knew that if he could get Doss to answer "no" that he could have him court-martialed for disobeying a direct order.

Since Doss was a Conscientious Objector (CO) they could not court-martial him for religious convictions. Had it not been for the CO status, he could have been court-martialed several different times.

"My superiors had plenty of reasons to dislike me," Doss remarks. "My commanding officer was Jewish major. When I asked him to give me a pass so I could go to church, he said, 'I'm a Jew, and I have to work on Saturdays. You'll have to do the same. You're in the army now.'"

The major told Doss he wouldn't give him any more passes and he wouldn't allow anyone else to give him a pass. Doss went to see Chaplain Stanley who was the regiment chaplain. Stanley went to the division headquarters and obtained an order allowing Doss his Sabbaths off.

When it came time for the next pass, Doss had to go to the major to get his signature. He was out doing calisthenics with his men.

Since it was a division order, the major had to sign it—in front of all his men.

"You can see why he never liked me," says Doss.

"Later, the major tried to give me a section eight discharge—that means you're off your rocker," Doss points to his head and laughs.

Doss sits tall and straight with an ear-to-ear smile. He wears a red and white striped tie with the Statue of Liberty on it. Around his neck he wears the Congressional Medal of Honor presented to him by President Truman 50 years ago. Doss is one of two noncombatant soldiers to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. The other soldier was killed in action before the medal was awarded. Doss is living proof that one doesn't have to carry a gun to be a wartime hero.



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Desmond Doss and his wife Frances. Doss is wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor. The flag in the background was flown at the Capitol Building.

On the walls of Doss' living room are pictures of him with the different presidents he has met. He has Ronald Reagan's autographed picture on a small table, flags that have been flown at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., and many other mementos. He points past a picture of himself and John F. Kennedy shaking hands to one of H.M.S. Richards, Sr.

"I got to meet him," he says. "He made me sit in his comfortable reading chair at his home. We visited and he autographed my H.M.S. Richards Bible."

"When I was a little boy, we had this picture hanging in our house." He points to a picture illustrating the Ten Commandments. It is a picture of Abel right after Cain murdered him. Under the picture it says, "Thou shalt not kill."

"I applied that to myself," says Doss. "I thought, that says don't kill. That means you, Doss. Desmond Doss shall

not kill. That picture made a deep impression on me. The Ten Commandments helped make me who I am today."

Doss saved many lives during his time in the army. When President Truman presented him with the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest honor, on Columbus Day in 1945, he praised Doss for his service since his recommendation for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

"On May 21," says the official citation read at the ceremony, "in a night attack on high ground near Shuri, Doss remained in exposed territory while the rest of his company took cover, fearlessly risking the chance that he would be mistaken for an infiltrating Japanese and giving aid to the injured until he was himself seriously wounded in the legs by the explosion of a grenade. Rather than call another aid man from cover, he cared for his own injuries and waited five hours before litter bearers reached him and started carrying him to cover."

"The trio was caught in an enemy tank attack and Private Doss, seeing a more critically wounded man nearby, crawled off the litter and directed the bearers to give their first attention to the other man. Awaiting the litter bearers return, he was again struck, this time suffering a compound fracture of one arm. With magnificent fortitude he bound a rifle stock to his shattered left arm as a splint and crawled 300 yards over rough terrain to the aid station."

"Through his outstanding bravery and unflinching determination in the face of desperately dangerous conditions Private Doss saved the lives of many soldiers. His name became a symbol throughout the 77th Infantry Division for outstanding gallantry far above and beyond the call of duty."

Doss became a hero because he put others ahead of himself. He also put God above the expectations of others. Among his possessions, he has a small leather folder. In it is his mother's Sabbath school quarterly and a ribbon he was given for eight years of perfect attendance at Sabbath school and daily study. He points out a quote pasted inside the cover.

"It's one of my favorites," he says with a big grin.

It reads, "If you were arrested tomorrow for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" ■



Doss's uniform.



Norman and Leona Gulley with Daniel Jiaou in Forbidden City, Beijing, China.

Three Windows on Mission

by Doris Burdick

Window One— The Challenge of China

Kathy Leon openly teaches about Christ in the universities of China. She has been thrown out of several, but leaves hundreds of Christians behind. Kathy is an Adventist English teacher. Norman and Leona Gulley, professors at Southern College, met with her several times during their summer trip to China. "A female version of the Apostle Paul," comments Norman Gulley.

A deep hunger is felt in hearts all across China. Mainland China is home to one-fifth of the world's population. Gulleys found the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Beijing packed, with five services during the day. Some 70 Sunday keepers had become Adventists, and another hundred worshiped with the Adventists that Sabbath. The Church in China has only 20 ordained ministers, so lay persons carry most of the responsibilities.

The Gulleys spent more than three weeks in Hong Kong recording 45 hours of radio programs for the Chinese. Leona Gulley presented programs on human relationships. "I had the joy of presenting the 27 Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs in their Christ-centered, and Calvary-centered context," says Norman Gulley. They were pleased to have Robert Wong and David Jiao, both former students at Southern, as their translators. The programs are broadcast by Guam-based Adventist World Radio.

"One of the highlights of the trip was to take across the border 60 Bibles for those studying Christianity," recalls Norman Gulley.

Window Two— Here at Home

Eddie began reading aloud from 1 Corinthians. "Wait a minute!" he called out, choked with emotion. "I've made my decision. I want to be baptized." The baptismal class erupted with joyous applause. They had just witnessed a man decide for Christ under the sheer force of God's Spirit.

Eddie and his family had attended every one of the evangelistic meetings conducted at the North Florida University Jacksonville campus. He had spent hours checking "whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). Once his decision was made he could not contain his joy. He would be baptized with his wife—another miracle—and 41 others that very evening.

For the first time since its inception in 1964, the Field School of Evangelism program at Southern College included two field schools in the same year. Thanks to the opportunity afforded by NET '95 in Chattanooga, eight students participated in addition to the 12 already assigned to Jacksonville. Two more are planned for the summer of 1996, barely able to handle the increasing number of theology students wanting to participate.

The results? A dozen churches baptized 181 people in the Chattanooga area at the time. The satellite telecast influenced thousands of others to join in the following weeks. Among the 61 baptized in Jacksonville this past summer was a mechanic who brought about 25 others to the meetings; also a young adult who decided to keep the Sabbath come what may. Several students from Southern consider the field school their most significant learning experience in college.

Window Three— Teaching in Russia

"Stalin!" Instantly Ron du Preez knew that some student in class was referring to him. It was more than his mustache alone that drew out the comment. Dr. du Preez admits it was the incredible amount of classwork and assignments he was requiring.

It was the first day of teaching a group of about 60 pastors and pastors-in-training in Rostov-on-Don in Russia. Admittedly, the load was heavy—lectures for an entire undergraduate course to be done in one week, including tests and outside reading—all as part of the teacher's vacation.

"Nevertheless, God blessed us richly. Towards the end of the week-long course in Adventist Heritage, a student came to me and succinctly stated, through a translator, 'In the words of Cornelius to Peter, I'd like to say, 'God sent you to us,'" recalls du Preez.

Originally, he had been told he would teach one course over two weeks, but the evening of arrival, he was told he would need to teach two courses. So he ended up teaching a full course in Christian Ethics the second week. "What a challenge this was, especially to include relevant issues and current problems in their country," says du Preez.

"Before we were even midway through the course, I was already observing the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. By the end of the week virtually all of these pastors had come to recognize the importance of living an ethical lifestyle based on 'faith in the Father' instead of 'fear of the future,'" he commented.



FLORIDA

Daniel Forbes, pastor of the University, Florida church, has received the National Council on Family Relations Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) designation. He is one of 850 family life educators certified since 1985. The CFLE designation recognizes professionals in the family life education field as qualified family life educators. It also denotes a proven background and knowledge in ten family life substance areas. Forbes holds a master of arts and Ed.S. degrees in Guidance and Counseling, both from the University of South Florida in Tampa, and certification in grief recovery by the National Association of Death Education and Counseling (ADEC).



Ronald Vaughn, has been appointed chaplain with the rank of First Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol/Sabal Squadron in Longwood, Fla. Vaughn is a member of the Markham Woods church and is a chaplain for Sunbelt Health Care and Subacute Centers which services extended care facilities in Apopka, Orlando, East Orlando and Lake Wales. He was a chaplain 11 years at Florida Hospital and has been with Adventist Health System Sunbelt since 1994. Vaughn's primary function with the squadron will be moral leadership training for cadets which is done through monthly classes, and be responsible for the general spiritual leadership of the squadron serving in a counseling, supportive, positive role for the entire squadron.



At Florida Hospital Medical Center, there is a group that combines the tasks such as answering phones, sorting mail, delivering packages, etc. with larger duties like lending a kind



Angel Tree

Heather was born January 21st, 1989. Shortly before her birth she respiratory arrested, was intubated, and placed on life support. We were told she had only hours to live. . . .

For six weeks, Heather remained on a ventilator, battling for her life, undergoing heart and brain surgery. She was diagnosed with a rare, genetic disorder known as C.H.A.R.G.E. Syndrome, and we were told, if she lived, she would be mentally retarded, as well as blind and deaf. Her birth defects included every body system, i.e. the absence of a corpus collosum (middle part of the brain), multiple holes in her heart, the absence of a left lung, a paralyzed left hemidiaphragm, choanal and tresia, no rectum, colobomas (blind spots) of both eyes, left ear deformity, horse shoe shaped kidneys—and many others.

At two months of age, Heather was disconnected from all life support and sent home to die.

Her parents could not cope with the seeming hopelessness of the situation, and moved to Florida, abandoning two month old Heather in a trailer to die.

A neighbor heard the infant crying, and notified the authorities. I, as her grandmother, was asked to take Heather home to make her as comfortable as possible for what time she had left.

Heather is now six years old, and has undergone 25 surgeries. She requires oxygen, but is a happy, loving, intelligent child; and is an inspiration to all she meets.

About six months ago, Heather began having dreams of talking with Jesus. During the five different dreams, Heather said Jesus told her she would be coming to Heaven soon. She said Jesus told her He would take off her oxygen, and she could run and play—and that He would count to seven—and she could hide behind a cloud, and He would find her. In another dream, Jesus was holding her two kittens that had died—and He told her she could play with them soon.

In the third dream, Jesus told her He would send three angels for her—one to carry her head, one to carry her body, and one to carry her legs so she would not fall, and would not be afraid. In the fourth dream, she saw heaven—and she said, "the trees are 17 feet tall and the houses look like castles."

In her final dream, she was told that "heaven would be her home" and that she would not come back. Jesus told her to hug everybody (and she does!) so they would know that Jesus loves them.

Because of these dreams, we established an *Angel Tree* with each angel labeled with the name of a person praying for Heather. The local television station and newspaper



ear, being there for a family in the hospital, and raising money. This special group is the Florida Hospital Auxiliary and teenage volunteers. For 40 years they have

been dedicated to helping out wherever they are needed always volunteering with a smile. Recently, the Auxiliary and teenage volunteers were honored at the 40th anniversary luncheon at the Orlando Marriott in downtown Orlando. During the event, **Genevieve Roadman**, member of the Kress Memorial church, was recognized for her 40 years of volunteer service with the hospital. She is the only charter member still volunteering today. Irene Crewes was honored for volunteering the most amount of hours—a total of 33,756. During the last 40 years, the Auxiliary has grown considerably. In 1955, the Auxiliary started with 100 volunteers working for 14 different services in the hospital. In 1995, they have the highest active member list ever with 683 active members working in 125 areas. Since the volunteer services began, they have dedicated more than 1.7 million hours and raised more than \$3.5 million. Donations have purchased a variety of hospital equipment and to help fund various building projects.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND



Rose Allen or "Aunt Rose" as she is called by many who know her, was born January 20, 1897 in Manasha, Wisconsin. Aunt Rose had four sisters and four

Both of her parents were German and so she spoke only German until she was seven. In 1906, her grandfather obtained a copy of the *Great Controversy* in German. Believing what he read, the whole family began keeping the Sabbath, without even knowing about the Seventh-day Adventist church. After moving to Cleveland, Tenn., in 1910, the entire family was baptized. Rose has a master's degree in education. She has taught church schools in Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Florida. She served as a missionary from 1927 to 1964 in such places as Spicer College and Vincent Hill School and College in Calcutta, India, and in Bangkok, Thailand. After an absence of many years, Rose is again a member of the Cleveland church—she just moved from Avon Park, Fla.

In addition to his already busy schedule as president of Outpost Centers Inc., **Harold Lance** became the president of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) this August. Lance was elected to a two-year-term. He will represent Adventist laymen and communicate with the church and travel to encourage and help the growth of ASI. Early each year, ASI members meet and review various requests for money. They choose a number of projects to fund and pledge money for the projects. The amount pledged has grown from \$400,000 per year to more than \$1,000,000. This year ASI is sponsoring projects in China, Cambodia, Tanzania, Ecuador, Africa, the Ukraine, Canada, the United States, and the Inter-American Division. Lance is a local elder in the Dunlap, Tenn., church. He practiced law for 32 years in Ontario, Calif.

carried the story, and there are more than 500 angels on the tree. The tree is up year round, and angels are still coming in. Even the mayor and governor have sent angels, and President Clinton wrote Heather personally. The tree skirt is embroidered with "Heather's Prayer Tree"—and people call our home the Angel House.

Heather is a blessing to all she meets—and is so filled with love. She has given her testimony in several local churches. She has served as Ambassador for the March of Dimes (locally) for two years, and is featured each year on the children's Miracle Network on Channel 7-T.V.

Janice Gail Haddock



Distinguished Awards for Brian

It seemed as though 11-year-old **Brian Johnson** was ahead of schedule when he drew his Mother's Day card last December.

It turned out he was in the nick of time. Brian, who was 10 at the time, finished the card just in time to enter it into a nationwide Mother's Day card contest and to come out the winner for South Carolina.

Brian's card was selected as one of the 51 best entries in the country.

The contest was sponsored by Good Housekeeping magazine and Kentucky Fried Chicken, which have arranged for Brian's card and the top finishers to be displayed in the Empire State Building in New York.

Brian's card featured a drawing of the Earth circled by children of different nationalities.

The greeting reads: "If all the children of the world had a mother like you, the world would be full of love."

As Brian tells it, his approach was logical. He knew one of the prizes was an atlas, so he drew the Earth.

"And since it was for Mother's Day, I drew mothers' children all around the world," he said.

It all started when his mother saw a promotion for the contest in Good Housekeeping. "I said, 'Do you want to do this?' and he said 'No.'"

But then he started thinking about it and, a few days before it was due, decided to give it a serious try.

Mrs. Johnson admits to a little bias, but she said she thinks the card is just wonderful.

As for Brian, he has one job already out of the way when Mother's Day comes. His mother asked if he was going to make another card in May and he wasn't so sure.

"I might just give you this one," Brian said.

Brian attends Boiling Springs Elementary School and is a baptized member of the Spartanburg church.

Brian also received two distinguished awards this year at school, one was the Lieutenant Governors Award for Literary Excellence, and the Presidential Education Award for maintaining a 92 percent grade average every year for the past five years.



He has performed the marriage ceremony more than 500 times. He has baptized more than 1500 people. He has sold cars, antiques, and books. His name is **Lester Orville**

Coon, better known as Bishop. Coon was honored this year for his inspirational, compassionate, and dedicated service. Coon is one of the younger sons of an eight-boy family. "The only girls we had around were the ones we hunted up," Coon says with a mischievous grin. Five of the eight sons became ministers. Coon attended Washington Missionary College which later became Columbia Union College. In the 68 years of his ministry, Coon has pastored in 17 states, and has performed more than 150 weddings in Collegedale alone. John Sines, and Gordon and Cynthia Bietz presented flowers and plaque awarded by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and the Collegedale church.

GENERAL CONFERENCE



Tom Lowe has been appointed regional director of the Southern Region for Christian Record Services (CRS), the General Conference organization serving the blind and the deaf.

Lowe will direct the work of all CRS representatives in Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. His duties will include recruiting, training, and evaluating district representatives; assigning representative territories; and coordinating the National Camps for Blind Children programs at Indian Creek Youth Camp (Tennessee), and Camp Alamosco (Alabama).



Carolina

At the recent **FLETCHER ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND**, former students joined current students for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and worship. On Sunday morning, a business meeting was held and funding was voted for projects in the boy's dormitory, a computer for the alumni, and chairs for the library.

ON OCTOBER 7, THE FOURTH MINISTER IN THE LAST TWO YEARS WAS BAPTIZED AT THE MORGANTON CHURCH. James Walter Blackwell, an ordained Baptist minister with the Catawba Baptist Association, made his stand for God.

Dennis Schwartz and Tom Fite of the **MORGANTON CHURCH** operated a **BOOTH DURING THE BURKE COUNTY FAIR**. They, along with others, gave out literature and Bible enrollment cards. The effort has led to more than 20 Bible studies.

Church members in **COLUMBIA, S.C.**, enjoyed **A WORKSHOP ON GENDER DIFFERENCE** entitled "He Said, She Said, Understanding Gender Differences at Home and at Work." The three-part seminar focused on the qualities essential for optimal communication by discussing how the genders communicate differently.

Members of the **ASHEVILLE FOSTER MEMORIAL CHURCH** sponsored an **ANNUAL FALL FAIR** to raise money for their Christmas community services projects.

NEARLY 30 CAROLINA PASTORS TOOK PART IN A JOHN MAXWELL/BILL HYBELS CONFERENCE ON LEADERSHIP held in Charlotte, N.C. The pastors gained interesting and practical insights for Christian leaders.

Adventurers in the Erwin Hills church attended **A FIELD TRIP TO THE KNOXVILLE ZOO** October 8.



Florida

THIRTY PEOPLE WERE BAPTIZED INTO THE MIAMI CENTRAL SPANISH CHURCH AS THE RESULT OF A RECENT EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN held by 27 of the church's children (ages 7-14). Luis Reyes, church youth pastor, and Josefita Cantillo, children's ministries leader, coordinated the meetings entitled "Hand In Hand With Jesus."

GREATER MIAMI ACADEMY'S GYMNASIAC TEAM IS PRESENTING PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE MIAMI AREA AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA PROMOTING PHYSICAL PROWESS AND A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. The team draws members from all 12 grades at Greater Miami Academy and is off to an exciting start this year.

Ralph Ringer, conference evangelism coordinator, reports **1,702 BAPTISMS CONFERENCE-WIDE DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1995.**

New Port Richey church members have formed a committee to make their church facility more **DISABLED FRIENDLY**. The special committee is the result of a *Disabilities Awareness Seminar* held at the church, September 10. Thirty people attended the event featuring Joan Bova, conference disabilities ministries coordinator. Bova discussed the structural and attitudinal barriers disabled people face, and how the church can help break down such barriers.

ETHNIC DIVERSITY is reflected among the 444 students enrolled at Forest Lake Academy for the 1995-1996 school year. The academy's current racial makeup includes students from African-American, American Indian, Asian, Caucasian, European, Hispanic, and Islander-Interracial backgrounds.

Twenty-eight couples, of which three were nonAdventists, attended a statewide **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT** at Camp Kulaqua, October 6-8. The meetings were sponsored by the Conference's family life department. Topics discussed included: characteristics of a good marriage; developing good communication skills; family finances; sexuality in marriage; and parenting styles.

THE MARKHAM WOODS CHURCH HAS DEVELOPED CLUB WILDERNESS, an outdoor adventure club for its young people in grades 9-12. The purpose of the club is to give teens the following opportunities: to seek God's love in the great outdoors; to grow spiritually, physically, and emotionally through challenges and support; to develop lasting friendships; and to understand that being a Christian can be a "great adventure."

THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION DIRECTORS OFTEN REQUIRES TIME AND EFFORT TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH MEDIA PERSONNEL THAT YIELDS RESULTS. Recent North Port church communication directors have worked at building those relationships. Three outstanding women have filled this role over the past several years—Louise Johnson, Geraldine Taylor, and Eleanor Dillon. Most recently, the *North Port Sun-Herald* ran a Camp Meeting article Dillon submitted, in addition to listing the North Port church in its weekly church listing. The newspaper has also featured a photo of the church in its "House of Worship" feature several times. Dillon was so delighted with the coverage that she took a batch of muffins to the editors as a token of appreciation.



Georgia-Cumberland

ACADEMY DAYS AT GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND ACADEMY ON OCTOBER 1 BROUGHT 101 VISITORS TO CAMPUS. Recruitment plans

include a New-Parent Day for all new families. The 1995-96 school year began August 16.

Responding to issues in science and Chris-

tianity, the Biology department and Southern Scholars worked with the Collegedale church to present **ORIGINS WEEKEND**. Presenters included Jim Gibson, director of Geoscience Research Institute in Loma Linda, Elaine Kennedy, a geologist also from GRI, and Leonard Brand, chairman of the biology department at Loma Linda University.

THE COLLEDGALE CHURCH TRIED TWO NEW APPROACHES TO COMMUNION SERVICE IN OCTOBER. The first was to offer communion to the elderly who cannot make it to church. The elders visited those who requested the service and provided an "in-home" service. They also provided a second communion service one week after the first so that those who missed the first one could attend the second.

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, THE COLLEDGALE PATHFINDER CLUB EARNED MORE THAN \$250 WASHING CARS at Southern

College's Motor Pool. From the time they started, there was always at least one car being washed—many times there were two or three cars waiting.

The Greeneville, Tenn., women's ministries committee had a **MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET**. The evening included lasagne, hairstyling, tips on wardrobe selection, and babysitting.

MATHEMATICS MAKES SENSE was the theme of the Conference's 1995 teacher's convention with 150 attending. The meeting was held October 15-18 at the Cohutta Springs Adventist Center. At the convention, teachers voluntarily raised more than \$600 for Heather Barker to help with college expenses. Heather's mother, Sue, died in October and was a teacher in the Conference.

THE RETIRED WORKERS' RETREAT was held at the Cohutta Springs Adventist Center October 12-15. One hundred seventy-eight attended.

Gulf States



THE LAUREL, MISS., CHURCH WAS RECENTLY RECOGNIZED BY THE RED CROSS WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THE FOUR-COUNTY AREA. Since the church began its work in July, they have given blankets and comfort kits to 10 burned-out families. Soon arrangements are to be made for the church's fellowship hall to be used as a shelter area in case of major catastrophe.

THE BILOXI, MISS., CHURCH BAPTIZED 33 INDIVIDUALS through the ministry of Amazing Facts evangelist Steve DeLong and

pastor Bill Peterson.

AMAZING FACTS EVANGELIST STEVE WOHLBERG AND PASTOR GARY TRACY, RECENTLY BAPTIZED 18 INDIVIDUALS IN CORINTH, MISS.

Layman Mallory Sump held meetings in the Valley, Ala., church where there are only 16 members. **SIXTY-SIX INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED ON OPENING NIGHT.** There were six baptisms.

SIX INDIVIDUALS WERE RECENTLY BAPTIZED in the Hispanic group meeting in Gadsden, Ala.

Kentucky-Tennessee



Eugene Johnson and Tim Peterson began an **EVANGELISTIC MEETING** October 27–November 21 in the Murray Adventist church.

Jack Pefley of Amazing Facts, and Jerry Higgs just concluded an **EVANGELISTIC MEETING** in Smithville with four baptisms, and three more soon to follow.

Mike Foraker and Eugene Johnson just concluded 22 nights of **EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS** in the town of Jackson, Ky. A total of 130 Bibles were given and the average attendance was 45 nonmembers.

There are nine active Adventist members in Jackson. While the nonmembers accepted the message of the Sabbath, etc., the message of not-smoking was harder. Excellent follow-up is taking place with a **"BREATHE FREE" PROGRAM** being conducted by Aaron Jonan, M.D., and Foraker. At the close of the meetings, land was purchased and sometime in December a modular home will be set up for a meeting place. Soon there will be a sizable congregation in that small town of 2,600 residents.

Southern College



CONTINUED ACCREDITATION EXTENDING UNTIL 2003 has been granted Southern's baccalaureate nursing program by the National League for Nursing. This year Southern College has 182 students pursuing a B.S. in nursing, in addition to 240 who are enrolled in the associate degree nursing program.

Faculty, staff, and students contributed a total of \$10,893 to the 1995 **UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN**.

Forty-four prospective students visited the campus to **PREVIEW SOUTHERN** this fall. The fall event was targeted at high school seniors. The next ViewSouthern, the primary time for academy seniors to visit, will be March 31 and April 1. Other

prospective students are also welcome.

AN ART SHOW BY TWO RUSSIAN ARTISTS, Nikita Fomin and Irina Safronova, was hosted on campus in the Brock Hall Gallery October and November.

TOTAL VOLUNTARY SUPPORT from corporate donors and generous friends of Southern College totaled \$1,860,233 in cash during the year ending May 31, plus an estimated \$133,515 as gifts-in-kind. Faculty giving increased significantly. Currently 109 family-named scholarship endowments are established to help students who need a boost in order to attend Southern. From the total scholarship endowment of \$8.5 million, 444 students received scholarships from its earnings.

Education



Students from Northwest Miami Spanish church who now attend Greater Miami Academy pose with their parents.

GMA Increases Enrollment

Florida—Student enrollment at Greater Miami Academy (GMA) this year has increased by more than 50 students over the last school year. As of the end of September, 256 youth were attending the elementary, and 125 had registered in the academy. A cooperative effort on the part of GMA administrators, churches, and members has brought this success.

Principal Don Watson and business manager Efrain Murillo, both new to their posts at GMA since the summer, have made it a point to include personal visitation with area pastors, and then offer some help in solving any financial challenges causing an obstacle to a young person getting Adventist Christian education.

Watson has visited and preached in nearly all of GMA's constituency churches and reminded members of the importance of Christian education. Murillo has spent hours of his personal time

speaking to parents on a one-to-one basis and assisting them in finding ways to meet their school financial obligations. Moreover, since September, the school board meetings have been bi-lingual which has been a powerful factor in increasing attendance. All these efforts have borne the fruit of better understanding, relationships, and the total school enrollment.

During a recent prayer meeting at Northwest Miami Spanish, a young man stood and asked for a chance to testify to what the Lord had done for him. In tears, he compared the type of life he led when he attended his former inner city public school with the new life he had found at Greater Miami Academy. All this thankfulness went to God for the ministry of the school and the support of the parents and churches. His gratefulness was also expressed for the special donation to GMA's Worthy Student Fund. This fund had also made a significant impact on the school's increased enrollment.

George Aristide

Pollard Named Vice President

Oakwood—At the meeting of the Oakwood College Board of Trustees on October 22, 1995, Prudence L. Pollard, Ph.D., was appointed vice president for administration, human resources, and planning.

Pollard, the wife of Leslie Pollard, D.Min., Ph.D., senior pastor of the College church, joined the administration in July 1994, as executive director for administration/human resources. Prior to coming to Oakwood, Pollard worked as an organizational effectiveness and human resource consultant to for-profit corporations.



A graduate of Oakwood College ('78) and the University of Michigan ('82), Pollard obtained the Ph.D. in educational leadership (evaluation and measurement) and research design from Western Michigan University in 1993.

Roy Malcolm

Outreach



Stephanie Hunt (left), Jill Taylor, Pamela Fekete, Shannon Bracebridge, Jeremy Wetmore, Kelly Caswell, Johannes Lohmus, Steve Harrison, and Serge Garipey.

Circuit Riders Presents First Program

Carolina—The Circuit Riders, the talented preaching group from Mount Pisgah Academy, presented their first Sabbath presentation in Albemarle, North

Carolina, on October 21. This versatile group of young preachers and musicians travel to different churches throughout the conference where they conduct the Sabbath services. You're in for a blessing if these young circuit riders come riding your way.

Bonita Springs Excited About Mail Results

Florida—For the past year, Bonita Springs church members have committed to putting innovative soul winning ideas into practice, and

as an unexpected bonus, the entire church has been rejuvenated, according to Lewis Blumenberg, pastor.

It all began when the church decided to undertake a direct mail campaign. Their goal was to place the Adventist-produced



Andy Hilton (left), and Vern Snively (not pictured) greet people in the parking lot of the Bonita Springs church.

pamphlet *Something Wonderful for You* into every Bonita Springs home to solicit Bible studies by mail.

A local post office box was secured for interested parties to respond, and the first in a series of five mailings during an eight-month period was sent to 10,000 area homes.

Blumenberg received 20 responses from the first mailing which he personally followed-up by grading the studies and visiting the interested parties.

Church members responded in a variety of ways: a women's prayer group, Andy Hilton and Vern Snively began to personally greet every worshiper in the parking lot on

Sabbath, and interested parties were matched to specific church members of similar age and gender as a "buddy." Perhaps the most innovative idea enacted was a poster hung in the front of the church on which visitors' names are placed on one side, and moved over to the other side when they are baptized.

As a result of the church's soul winning emphasis, approximately 100 responses for Bible studies came in, of which 20 families actually studied with Blumenberg. Three baptisms have occurred, some are still studying through the mail, and several people are attending church.

Lynn O. Huff

Radio's promotion department for Florida Conference office workers to sing to the popular morning announcer over the air. Roth and Shafer go back a way, too. Roth visits Shafer at WCBO remote broadcasts many mornings on his way to work. They talk and eat "cinnabuns." Shafer also had heart bypass surgery two years ago at Florida Hospital and has very fond feelings towards that institution.

A dozen people crowded into communication director Cindy Kurtzhals' office for quick rehearsals the day before Turner's birthday, and again a few minutes before they were to call. And they didn't sing the regular happy birthday tune either.

They sang an adaptation of a peppy song from Walt Disney's 1946 film *Song of the South*. "Zipadeedoodah, zipadeey, my oh my, what a (happy birthday)! Plenty of sun-

shine headin' (your) way, zipadeedoodah, zipadeey!"

Turner, definitely taken aback, said, "Very good, very good. That was neat. That was pretty cool even over the telephone speaker mic. I'm embarrassed!"

This kindness had the "value-added" benefit of being heard by 87,600 people during the morning rush hour at 8:17 a.m., and thus witnessed to an even larger number of people. "It also showed that we aren't two headed monsters like some think of Seventh-day Adventists," added Terry Hall, song leader, and correspondent for the Conference communication department.

Afterwards, Roth and Kurtzhals drove to the WDBO Radio remote broadcast near the Conference office to thank Shafer for his help in arranging the surprise birthday tribute.

Cindy Kurtzhals

Conference Office Workers Put Zip Into Witnessing

Florida—The Conference communication department considers relationships it has built with people in the media to be evangelistic as well as profes-

sional. Singing happy birthday to the long-time, well-liked morning radio announcer, Jim Turner of WDBO Radio 580, was a gesture done from the heart to perpetuate the rapport with him.

Arrangements were made by Conference printer Ken Roth with Dutch Shafer of WDBO

Church Plans Olympics Involvement

Georgia-Cumberland—The major event for Atlanta is the once-in-a-lifetime Summer Olympics in 1996.

More than two million international visitors will converge on this city and hundreds of competing athletes will engage in numerous competitive sports.

The Seventh-day Adventist present truth message must be proclaimed during this international event. The pastors and churches of Metro Atlanta are uniting under the organization entitled Greater Atlanta Evangelism Council (GAEC).

Headquarters for GAEC is a modern well-equipped office in the newly-constructed Adventist church in Hiram, Ga., with Henry Uhl as director.

Plans are underway to develop an agenda and events that will benefit all of the Atlanta area Adventist churches. Plans include evangelism, education, and outreach programs.

GAEC is also cooperating with Quest Atlanta '96 which is an initiative outreach centered around the Olympic games. This program involves 28 Christian denominations, 1500 churches, and 1.5 million Christians. Quest Atlanta '96 was developed in 1992 with a vision for the Olympics. It is now



Conference office employees sing to a popular local radio announcer.

a reality as Christians of all denominations work together to share God's love with the world during the Olympics.

Quest Atlanta '96 activities include: hospitality/Atlanta host, prayer, community development, faith in the arts, games out-

reach, sports net, social action, and international partnerships. Christians are invited and urged to join one or more activities to make a world of difference. For information call 770-943-7842.

Henry Uhl

Caughron Conducts Crusade

Georgia Cumberland—Roy Caughron conducted a Bible Prophecy Crusade in the Coalfield church September 29-October 21. Attendance was boosted by the Harriman church members who also provided special music.

Several nonmembers attended regularly,

including a Church of God pastor and members from his congregation. The nightly sermons were video recorded and are being shared with nonmembers.

Music was provided one weekend by the Blessed Hope quartet. The crusade concluded with a baptism of six and one joined on profession of faith.

Jane Moore

Ridgetop Member Writes Successful Grant

Kentucky-Tennessee—Cynthia Fisher, a member of the Ridgetop church, served as project director for a nutrition education center in Clarksville, Tenn., recently. The center is the first for Tennessee, and the second of its kind in the country.

Cynthia, a registered dietitian and licensed nutritionist with the Tennessee State Health Department, wrote the \$50,000 grant for the center. The grant was awarded to establish the center, which contains a mock grocery store with more than 10,000 food items, a demonstration kitchen, and a mothers' room.

Major contributors were the Fort Campbell Officers' Wives' Club, Montgomery Central High School, Kroger, and H. G. Hill companies.

The purpose of the



Cynthia Fisher

center is to educate consumers by improving their ability to shop for healthful foods that contribute to improved health and chronic disease reduction; provide nutrition education programs and other services upon request; provide a place for breast-feeding mothers and support groups; and instruct pregnant women on the benefits/techniques of breastfeeding.

The official opening of the center was August 31 and the event was featured on local television newscasts in the Nashville area.

Helen Kelly



Elvis Epps (left), Patrick Vincent, Jim Baptiste, and Charles Allen baptizing Charles and Jessica Montgomery.

Evangelism Thrust Results in 105 Baptisms

Southeastern—The Mt. Sinai church launched the theme "A Going Church for a Coming Christ." With this theme in mind, plans were laid for an evangelism focus during 1995. To make this a reality, a SWAT team was developed under the leadership of Patrick Vincent, pastor. In conjunction with this evangelistic thrust, strategic plans were laid to conduct a Revelation Seminar during the summer months.

Ramada Hotel Resort in Orlando was the site where members and visitors gathered to hear the third angel's message delivered for eight weeks in a Revelation Seminar. The commission "Go ye into all the world" was implemented literally

through strong church membership support and a synchronized team.

To organize this powerful evangelistic team, Vincent sought help from Jim Baptiste in New York. Other individuals served as Bible workers.

The combined efforts resulted in 66 baptisms. To celebrate the birth of these new souls, a special worship service was dedicated to them. Powerful, personal testimonies were shared by many of their journey learning about God, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in particular. These experiences served as inspiration to those who heard.

The challenge and the theme have been taken seriously and to date, after the third quarter, 105 have been added to the membership of the church.

Melinda Muganzo

Progress

Church Building Fund Grows With Aluminum

Florida—Church buildings are not inexpensive, and when a church goes through a building project some learn very quickly what sacrifice is all about. Others jump ship to avoid the pressure of financing a task as grand as building a

new House of God. Nevertheless, the Winter Garden, Fla., church has learned that when the chips are down, there is always at least one person who keeps plugging away at bringing in the money for the project.

Joe Gillam, a retired oil industry worker from Detroit, believes he has been called to do whatever he can to help build Winter Garden's new church—

and he takes his calling seriously. Gillam and his wife, Ann, are faithful supporters of the church, both physically and financially. The interesting twist to Gillam's new "work" is that he is building this church with aluminum.

Gillam is a conservationist. By recycling aluminum, he's cleaning up trash on the countryside, and bringing in money for the building program. Last year alone, the aluminum he found on the side of the road, at job sites, and even at some of the local taverns was worth more than \$2,000. Each week he seems to average just a bit more than the week before. Even when the price for aluminum goes down, the Lord fills his coffer with just enough extra cans to make up the difference.

With his trusty grab stick, he hits the streets at least five days a week to do his collecting. He can be seen in town peddling his bike with racks full of bags, each containing dozens of cans. Bags will be stretched out on his handlebars and sometimes bal-



RON PRIEST

It's not uncommon to find people collecting cans for various reasons, but Winter Garden member Joe Gillam is no ordinary can collector. Sometimes he's even seen pulled off the side of the road tossing cans in the trunk of his brand new Cadillac. Joe is not hurting financially, yet he and his wife are committed to do ALL they can do.

anced on his lap.

Churches CAN be built with people's tossed out beer cans, just ask Joe Gillam. Better yet, ask Jesus . . . He can show you what special project you can adopt to help fund the gospel. The magic is not in the aluminum—it is in your faith.

Ron Priest

Bowman Hills Completes Expansion

Georgia-Cumberland—At 10 a.m., September 30, a ceremony officially opened the new addition to the Bowman

Hills church in Cleveland, Tenn.

The building project, costing \$775,000, includes new Sabbath school classrooms, additional classroom space for the school, and renovations to the Manous Center on Benton Pike. Also, a matching stone sign



Bowman Hills church.

with a lighted message board replaced the old sign on Ocoee Street.

The most visible part of the project is the 8,000-square-foot addition. It is three stories high and contains seven classrooms, as well as two stairwells and three handicap accessible restrooms. The addition also includes a covered drive-through which connects with the school via a covered, stairless walkway.

The restrooms and corridors of the original church building and the Manous Center also received

needed improvements.

Although less visible, the school received many changes. The kitchen, lobby, gym, restrooms, and other areas were renovated. Also, Loraine Hall's kindergarten and pre-first classroom was moved into a room on the lower floor of the church addition. This gave Valerie Hunt's seventh- and eighth-graders a larger classroom and opened up a separate room for the computer lab, which was previously located in the library.

Tyson Hall



W. C. Byrd (left), Carol Byrd, Alfreda Redding, and D. Smith stand by one of the new vans donated by Redding.

Ephesus Receives Van Donation

Southeastern—Alfreda Redding, a member of the Ephesus church in Jacksonville, donated two vans to her church. One van was donated to the Ephesus Junior Academy and the other van was donated to the community service department.

At the dedicatory service of the vans, Redding mentioned that she is concerned in mak-

ing sure more children receive a Christian education and that she has a burning desire that everyone who is interested in being transported to the church to hear the Gospel has that opportunity.

W. C. Byrd, pastor, the community service leader, the school board chairperson, and church members presented plaques in appreciation to Redding for allowing a special dream to become a reality.

Carol Byrd

Update—Carolina Hosts First Hispanic Women's Retreat

Carolina—On the weekend of October 20-22, the Hispanic women

of the Carolina Conference made history. They celebrated their first women's retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch.

There were 66 women present. The main speaker, Carmen Gonzalez of New York,



Retreaters were engrossed with the information shared during the weekend.

delighted them with presentations entitled, "I Will Always Love You," "The Daughters of God Flourish Where God Plants Them," and "Silver Gifts."

Lillian Lopez of New Jersey was another invited guest speaker. She presented two seminars on the topic of marriage and family. She also presented a concert, "Songs of the Heart."

The women gathered in a circle and prayed

for their families and spiritual needs. They held hands and consecrated their lives once more to the Lord.

A devotional concluded the weekend as the women shared their testimonies and presented their petitions. As they left this historic retreat, the women expressed a renewal and inspiration in the Lord. Each made a commitment to return next year and bring friends.

Loida Rojas

Women React to Retreat

Carolina—For the last six years, the Carolina Conference women's ministries department has hosted a women's retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch. Each year, it becomes bigger and better. As women across the Carolinas share their thoughts, they weave a tapestry of various impressions of this event. . . .

"The devotional and small circles of prayer meant so much to me."

"Being pampered; beautiful tables; wonderful roses at vespers and singing together was tremendously touching."

"Meeting and talking with Natasha Ivanova from Russia and fellowshiping with sisters of God made me realize I have so much that I take for granted. It made me realize how much God



Guest speaker Natasha Ivanova and Carolina women's ministries director Ann Pendleton.

is doing for me."

"All the learning I have experienced has been so meaningful. I was blessed and refreshed."

"The spiritual emphasis of the weekend, developing a closer relationship with God and making new friends were all a part of the emotion-packed event."

As a participant was leaving the retreat, she commented, "How can we possibly top this retreat next year?"

Debbie Rapp

Blythewood Erects New Church

Carolina—The 20-year anniversary of the organization of the Blythewood church was a special event for this church in a country setting. Sabbath, October 7, church members participated in a special service in honor of the founder and first pastor and his wife, Pastor and Mrs. Peter Christakos. The dream of building and organizing a church across from Mrs. Christakos's birthplace became a reality in 1975.

Blythewood was organized as a company in 1973; then in March of 1975, the church building was completed. Providential guidance led Christakos to increase the insurance coverage on the church. Later that same year, the church was struck by lightning and destroyed. With the increased insurance money, church members were able to erect a larger church. The Blythewood church was organized and dedicated debt free in August of 1975. Even though Christakos officially retired in 1987, he and his wife continue to serve their church.

Ron Quick



Peter G. Christakos and his dog, Lassie, along with Eli Rojas, pastor, and Ronald Schmidt, Carolina Conference secretary, pose for a picture with church members from the "miracle" church in Blythewood, S.C.

Veterans Honored on Armed Forces Day

Florida—The Apopka Highland church wanted to acknowledge servicemen and women and veterans who have fought for our country's freedom, and especially to remember World War II vets on the anniversary year of that war's end. As a result,

a special vespers service was held on Armed Forces Day. Several people from surrounding churches came to the service, as well as several area residents.

Patriotism shined in each component of the program. A Color Guard from the Orlando Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol marched in and remained at attention during the pledge of allegiance.



Murtrice Rucker (left), and Chris Spradley were part of the Color Guard from the Orlando Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol which participated in an Armed Forces Day at the Apopka Highland church celebration.

Sixteen-year-old Shane Turner, a member at Apopka Highland, was a member of the Color Guard. He and his mother, Trish, are members of the Civil Air Patrol. The Civil Air Patrol is an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. They sponsor a cadet program especially designed for America's youth. Senior members and cadets participate in search and rescue missions and disaster relief.

Carl Fairley, post commander of the VFW Post 8207 in Longwood, Fla., was guest speaker; Vince Boelter, member of the Forest Lake church, was the guest trumpeter who played the Navy Hymn and other

selections; and a patriotic song service was directed by Jack and Luvenia DeGraw. Tom Jones, a member at the Winter Springs church, served as the master of ceremonies for this Armed Forces Day recognition. Jones was active as a captain in the Civil Air Patrol in Maryland with the Bowie/Bel Aire Squadron and flew coast patrol missions over the Chesapeake Bay.

Plans are currently being made to hold an Armed Forces Day vespers in 1996 May 17. Jones will again be master of ceremonies, and civic leaders and members of the armed forces will be invited to participate.

Trish Turner

Conference Sponsors First Retirees Retreat

Gulf States—"Let's do it again!"

"No, let's do this three or four times a year."

These words were echoed by several

different individuals at the conclusion of the first Gulf States Conference Retirees' Retreat. The retreat was held at Camp Alamisco, September 17-20. Forty-five participants, including singles and married couples, comprised the enthusiastic group.

The objectives of the

retreat, sponsored by the trust services department, were to give this special constituency of the conference a good time, a chance for spiritual renewal, Christian fellowship, and an educational experience. Guest speaker for the event was Ed Reid, stewardship director for the North American Division. Reid presented evidence that we are living in the end times and challenged all to do what is necessary to prepare for the final days of this earth. Included in his presentation were very practical insights on how to handle

family finances.

Opportunities for water skiing, boat riding, hiking, horseback riding, and just plain relaxing filled the time. Squeals of delight from three ladies enjoying the thrill of riding in the Ski Nautique at forty miles an hour, a canoe trip to the gold mine, ceramic classes, a field trip to historical Montgomery to see sites including the White House of the Confederacy, Martin Luther King's Dexter Avenue church, and the state capital—these are memories of the retirees' retreat.

Bill Wood



Some of the 45 retreaters relax during an afternoon program.

Singles Retreat in Orlando

Southeastern—

Nestled in the heart of scenic and recreational activities, the Ramada Hotel Resort, Orlando was the site for the sixth annual singles retreat where singles around the Conference territory and beyond gathered. They came from Mississippi, Bermuda and even the Bahamas. Sponsored by the family life department, October 27-29, was a weekend designed with the "single" in mind. Approximately 200 included in their schedules, time to enjoy a weekend filled with fun, food, and fellowship.

Guest facilitators, Richard Neil, M.D.,

president of Rilenco Associates of California, and Norwida Marshall, assistant superintendent of education and singles coordinator for the Southern Union Conference, rejuvenated the singles with inspirational food.

Friday night featured the Central Florida singles; Roy Brown, Southeastern's president, gave a presidential challenge followed by a presentation from Neil on what constitutes success. Sabbath featured the North Florida/South Georgia singles; a morning filled with musical enrichment served to set the stage for the divine worship hour. Saturday evening featured Robert Patterson and his wife as guest presenters for the vesper hour.

This retreat was a real celebration. Saturday night's activity was "Everyone's Birthday Party." Singles dressed in costumes and fashions representing their birthday month. A fashion show ensued followed by table display competition representative of the respective birthday months. First prize winner of the fashion show contest went to LaTonia Cloud from Thomasville, Ga. The North Florida/South Georgia singles won first prize for the table display competition. The delectable western barbecue food theme finished off the evening.

The weekend was concluded by election of officers to serve the next two-year term. The new officers are: Carla Robinson, president; Sarita Johnson, vice president; Theresa Alves, secretary, and Julia McElvy, public relations.

Dixie Church Celebrates Opening

Southeastern—For many years the members of the Dixie church worshiped in a one-room building without restrooms or running water. With the dream of a new church they purchased five acres one mile west of Quitman, Fla., next to a major highway.

The church broke ground in 1990 under the leadership of Claude Matthews, and continued the project under Herman Davis, Sr. In February 1995, Pastor Sherwin

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Next year promises to be a unique event. It will feature a United Singles Retreat where singles from all over the regional conferences in North America will fellowship on Memorial Day weekend.

Melinda Muganzo

Avon Park/Ridge Celebrates Building Program

Southeastern—With "This Far Has the Lord Helped Us," as the theme, the pastor and members of the Avon Park/Ridge church celebrated on July 1, the completion of Phase I of their building program.

Earlier, the term "international" was included in the church's name. At the time, it seemed ambiguous, until the completion celebration. At the beginning of divine worship, a pageant of nations entered the auditorium carrying the flag of their respective countries. Represented

were: Bahamas, Canada, England, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Philippines, Surinam, Trinidad, and United States.

Scripture was repeated in Tagalog (Philippine), Dutch (Surinam), Creole/French (Haiti), and Spanish.

"When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be," became more meaningful to us, as we realized that all nations, kindred and tongues will assemble on that great day.

The afternoon program consisted of a "This Is Your Life" type of program honoring charter members of the Florida church, who were each presented corsages and certificates of appreciation.

Mabel Norman

Lakeland/Refuge Temple Celebrates Opening

Southeastern—On September 30, the Lakeland, Ga., church located approximately 20 miles north of Valdosta, celebrated its opening.

Several years earlier, Roy Brown, president, had participated in the organization of the church. Since then, however, not much work had been done and the membership had stagnated.

The Conference executive committee voted to send Larry Harris to pastor the district which also includes Fitzgerald and

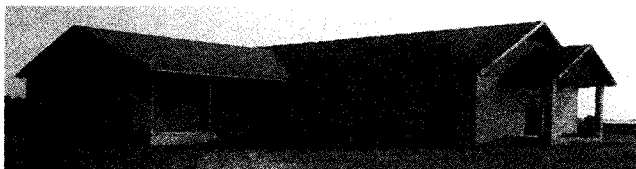
Hazelhurst. The old trailer and the crowded lot with the oldest pecan trees in the county rendered the situation prohibitive for comfortable worship. Harris completely revived the spirits of the few members left in the church. He entreated the support of the community, including the mayor whom he says the project could not have been successful without. After clearing the lot and purchasing a large double-trailer, the members felt ready to invite the president back for a new look at what he had helped start. Although he was sorry those two old pecan trees had to be destroyed, he was very

Callwood, the newly appointed pastor, continued the drive to bring into completion the building project. There were a lot of setbacks and the work is still difficult, but the members have kept faith in God, along with the dream of worshiping in a new church.

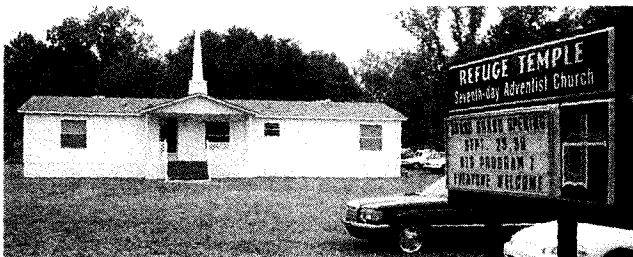
On July 29, 1995, members and well wishers joined in celebration and praise to God as they began services in the new fellowship hall. Davis gave the heart-felt message of the day.

Progress continues towards the completion of the sanctuary and classrooms.

C. Ashley



The newly constructed Dixie church.



Structure of the new worship home for Refuge Temple, Lakeland, Ga.

pleased with the progress as he expressed to the members prior to his sermon.

Harris thanked the members of Hazelhurst for their invaluable help. Appreciation was extended to the members of Valdosta who

attended and gave special music. The church is also proud of their sign, he said. They are now happily a part of the community and expect to be a powerful witness for Jesus in the future.

Willie Taylor

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Brings Health, Healing, and Hope

Would you like to make a difference in someone's life this holiday season? On December 23, you'll have the perfect opportunity to do so. How? By giving generously to the fourth Quarter 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering, you will help to support life-changing health outreach and prison ministries projects, not only throughout North America, but here in the Southern Union as well.

Funds gathered from this special offering will be used to develop an Adventist Health Network across North America in which pilot projects will be set up in 10 cities identified as having critical needs. These are cities having a high percentage of crime, homelessness, hunger, low income families, and very little Adventist presence.

In the Southern Union, Atlanta has been selected to serve as a pilot site to initiate the development of the Adventist Health Network. The Adventist church in the Atlanta metropolitan area has seen tremendous growth during the past decade. Yet, one in three of the area's 2.8 million residents is a member of the Baptist church, and an even greater number do not belong to any

church.

But with your prayers and generous offering, you can help change these facts. In the spring of 1995, a cross-section of people from the Southern Union, including community service workers, pastors, lay health and temperance people, doctors, nurses, conference workers and administrators, and other thought leaders began to create an overall vision for establishing a health network in this region. Through a series of strategic planning sessions, this visionary group is developing plans for reaching the cities with the Adventist health message—the entering wedge for the proclamation of the gospel. And the funds collected on 13th Sabbath will help make this vision a reality. Isn't that exciting?

"We want our teachers, preachers, health professionals, and church members to work together to bring health and healing to people in our communities across North America," says DeWitt Williams, director of health and temperance for the NAD.

But that's not all. Prison ministries will also use funds gathered from this offering to develop 200 prison ministry programs, strengthen existing programs, train pastors and church members in prison ministry, provide Bible studies and literature for prisoners,

and minister to their families.

"We need to help those who are incarcerated, and we need to help their immediate families—especially the children," says Dan McManus, president of the Adventist Prison Ministries Association (APMA).

Alfred McClure, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, is calling on Seventh-day Adventist members around the world to lend a helping hand.

"Through a stronger

outreach in the large cities—the mission fields of our division—Adventists can touch people in need, build relationships with them, and introduce them to the Saviour," McClure says. "And by following the message we've been given, we can offer health, healing, and hope to this dying world."

Won't you lend a helping hand? Please remember to give a generous offering this 13th Sabbath.

Patricia Humphrey

Northside/Miami Celebrates Grand Opening

Southeastern—The Miami/Northside church officially celebrated the long-awaited grand opening of its fellowship hall on October 7, with several hundred smiling and satisfied members and guests worshipping in the new edifice. There was standing room only at Sabbath school when Conference treasurer Robert Patterson began teaching the lesson.

After the ribbon cutting, the platform guest entered the auditorium to the music of Handel's *Messiah*. In the bright and beautiful worship hall all eyes focused

on a lovely backdrop painting of Jesus by McArthur Hunter, a member of Tampa/Mt. Calvary.

Under the direction of Joan Jarrett, the Sanctuary choir rendered music appropriate for the grand opening. Janie Fryson recounted excerpts of the rich history of Northside. Roy Brown, Conference president, admonished all that "we are born into the church as missionaries," as he recounted the story of Jesus and the woman at the well during the divine worship.

Members of several churches in the city were present. They also brought with them financial contributions.

Willie Taylor



Roy Brown congratulates the congregation at Northside's grand opening.



Gerald R. and Mable Nash celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this year with their two daughters, Beverly Morton and Gloria Lawson, and their families. The couple was married July 18, 1925, in Peru, Ind. Nash served the church in Africa for several years. Upon his return from Africa he served the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as president, then as president of the Carolina Conference. He retired from active service after spending several years as Sabbath school secretary of the General Conference. The couple resides in Fletcher, N.C.



Several individuals were honored with the Achievement Award for Excellence from the North American Division during 1995. Twenty awards were given, ten went to the Southern Union: Richard Shepard (sub.), Noel Shanko, O. J. McKinney, Jr., John Swafford (sub.), Donald Walker (sub.), Ramona Greek, Willie Taylor, Laura Smith (sub.), Gene and Carole Anderson, and Allan Williamson. The substitutes represented those unable to attend the award ceremony: Joyce Hanscom-Lorntz, Tony Cirigliano, Tim Lewis, and Roy Caughron.

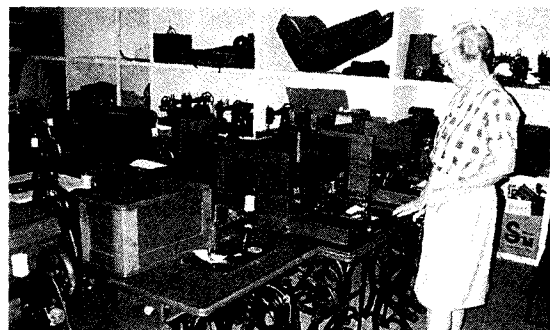


One of the first customers to the newly-opened Carolina Adventist Book Center in Charlotte, N.C., was 98-year-old Sylvia Lange. Family members Marjorie and Don Bankhead and Marcella Manley, pictured, drove Mrs. Lange the two-and-a-half hours from their home in Hendersonville to visit the new ABC located on Harris Boulevard. ABC manager Mark Kendall and Mary Sorrells, secretary (right), presented Mrs. Lange with a special gift.



When Hurricane Opal struck earlier this year, volunteers of the Kentucky-Tennessee, disaster team had less than 24 hours to rearrange their personal lives and prepare for service. The newly-purchased Cube Van was filled with blankets, jugs of water, bedding, and other much-needed supplies. The team worked closely with Our Savior Lutheran church in Crestview, Fla., and floor-sleeping space was shared in the church with the Army, Navy, National Guard, and various other volunteers whom the Lutheran church hosted.

Visitors to the community services warehouse during the Florida camp meeting received a mini-history lesson by viewing an antique sewing machine display. Proceeds from the antiques, which were for sale, benefited the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). The sewing machines, dating from the mid-1850s to the mid-1950s, were from a personal collection of former Winter Haven church member Barbara Hill who believed in supporting the disaster relief work of ADRA. More than a dozen different makes in commercial and home styles—both pedal and tabletop operations—comprised the 66-piece collection. All but two were in working order, and many were in perfect condition.



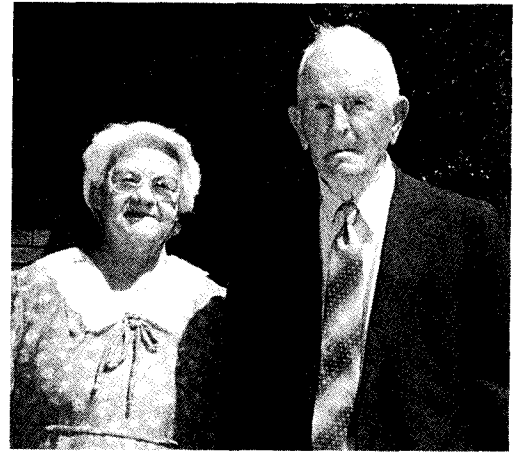
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Ken and Goldie Bogar of Frostproof, Fla., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house in Madison, Tenn. The event was hosted by their daughter, Bonnie Hicks, and sons Larry and Donald Bogar. The Bogars were married July 7, 1945, at the Riverside church in Rapid River, Mich. They are currently members of the Walker Memorial church in Avon Park, Fla.



Pathfinders experienced the first teen leadership training weekend at Coble Elementary school with 29 in attendance. This program is designed to promote leadership skills enabling teens to become partners in the mission of the Church.



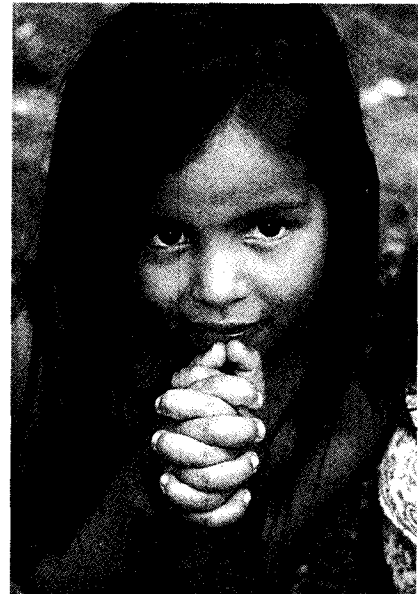
John and Lorraine Dillahay were honored at the Ridgetop church recently for their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Springfield, Tenn.



The Graysville, Tenn., Pathfinder club turned a fund-raiser into a fun-razor, as club director Ted Doss shaved his beard for the first time in 18 years. Doss told club members he would shave if they raised money to buy the five new tents the club needed.



On September 9, Columbia First church honored W. P. Harrison on his 93rd birthday. Harrison has been a church member for 47 years. W. P. and Agnes Harrison were joined by five generations of the Harrison family.



One of many children from Pinto, Chile, who attended Bible class daily during a Carolina youth missionary trip earlier this year.



Southern's department of nursing team includes 20 full-time faculty, three of whom teach on the Florida campuses (Orlando, Bradenton, and Hudson). With an enrollment of 403 nursing students, the department is the largest of the 20 departments (offering 39 baccalaureate majors) at Southern College. The nursing program is a 2 + 2 program that leads to a B.S. in nursing with the option to exit at the A.S. level. Students taking board exams in February 1994 achieved a 100 percent first-time passing rate. Since 1989, the rate has consistently been 90 percent or above.



Harold E. Roy, a retired minister, participated in the 50th anniversary of VE Day in the capital city of Frankfort, Ky. Roy was chosen to participate, not only as clergy, but also to represent all Kentucky World War II navy veterans. As part of the ceremony all WWII veterans were presented certificates of appreciation by Governor Brereton Jones.

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The Windows of Heaven

by Bill Hay

It was really scary for us to think about venturing out to start a business of our own. Would we be able to make ends meet? How long would it take us to get on our feet? What if it failed? What impact would this have on our young children? We had always had a secure job when we worked for someone else and just got a paycheck at the end of the month. Was it presumptuous to venture out on our own?"

Thomas and Mary now own a business in Alabama. They praise God for the way He has led them, and the blessings He has poured out upon them. In a recent interview, this is what they had to say: "As we contemplated going out on our own, two of God's promises became our guiding light.

'I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them' (Isaiah 42:16).

'Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again' (Ecclesiastes 11:1).

"God's promises are for us to **act** upon. They are not just rhetoric and poetry. They are from God to **me**; they are there to guide me in my daily decisions. After claiming these promises, we decided to step out in faith.

"It was touch-and-go for a while. There were several times when we would buy a giant bag of beans and rice, and that is about all we would eat for several days at a time. We never went hungry, but neither were we living off the fat of the land. There is more to it than just 'stepping out in faith.' You must also continually live by faith. And we have discovered that living by faith in God is actually more secure than trying to live by just what we can see with our own human eyes.

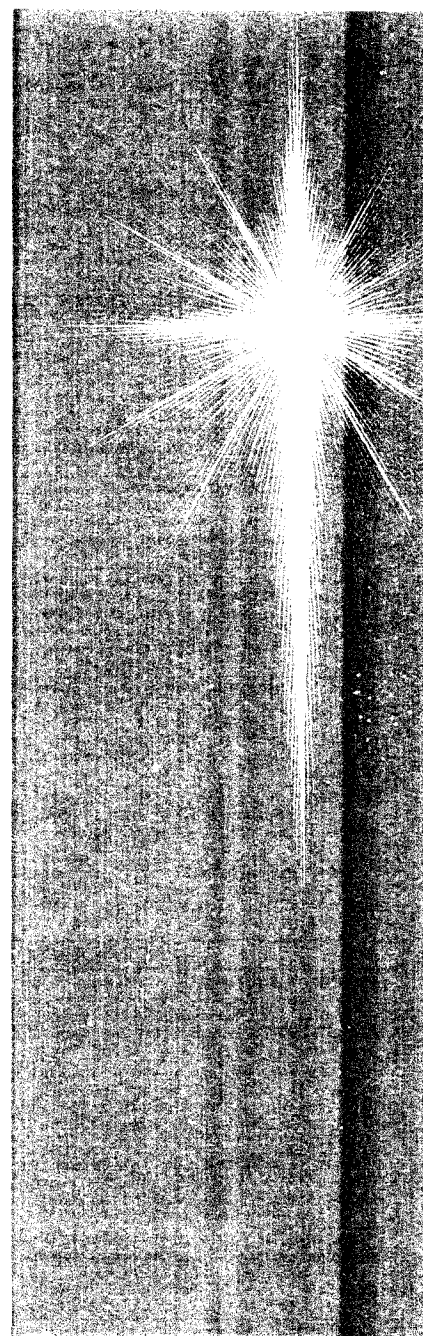
"Immediately the tithe question arose. In the first few weeks it seemed like all the money passing through our hands was outward bound and almost none coming in. At a time like that it is tempting to rationalize not to return the tithe.

But that is out of the question for those who believe that 'it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth' (Deuteronomy 8:18). We decided to accept His challenge to 'test me in this, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it' (Malachi 3:10). But should tithe be returned upon the gross or the net? One Christian financial commentator has stated that 'businesses ought to pay tithe upon the gross, but at the outset that may not be possible.' We were impressed that God would be glorified by our spirit of generosity. We would return tithe on the gross, and we would do it from the very beginning.

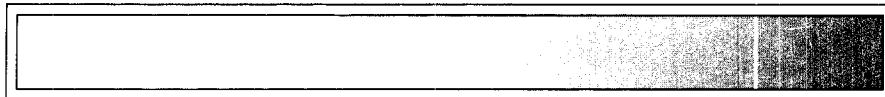
"Very quickly things began to happen. One aspect that really surprised us was how swiftly God began to prosper us. Within just a short time we had patients and contracts coming out of nowhere. We began to see what God means when He says He will open the windows of heaven. It wasn't long before we had so much work that we had to hire additional employees to get it all done. In just a matter of months, our business went from nothing to grossing six digits per year!

"God has continued to bless us beyond our wildest imagination. Sometimes it is tempting to look at all the money flowing through our hands and go 'toy shopping' for a larger house, a newer car, or a few more electronics. But we have determined we are going to maintain our modest standard of living, and any excess earnings above our modest requirements will be used to advance the cause of God, and for other needy people. After all, we are just managers of money that really belongs to God. How can we divert it for our own amusement?

"Wealth comes and wealth goes. If we lost all we have, that would be okay. We could willingly walk away from our material possessions without regret. God has led us to where we are now, but if He should choose to lead in another way, we would continue to follow. We can testify that God is faithful to fulfill His promises. We have taken Him as a partner, and He has never let us down. He is trustworthy!"



Bill Hay is director of Trust Services in the Gulf States Conference.



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Carolina

Elders' Meeting—Dec. 15-17 Nosoca Pines Ranch.
LE Meeting—Jan. 5-7 Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Bible Conference—Jan. 12-14 Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Pathfinder Council—Jan. 19-21 Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Caring For Marriage—Jan. 19-21 Charlotte, N.C.
Men's Retreat—Jan. 26-28 Nosoca Pines Ranch.
It Is Written Rally—Jan. 27 Asheville, N.C. Guest speaker: Mark Finley.
Adventurer Staff Retreat—Feb. 2-4 Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Romance at the Ranch—Feb. 16-18 Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Prayer Conference—Feb. 23-25 Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speaker: Ruthie Jacobson.

Florida

Adventist Divorce/Grief Recovery Support Group—Every Thursday Night. Altamonte Springs church. Details: (407) 291-8321.
Christmas Cantata "King of Kings"—Apopka Highland church. Dec. 22, 7:00 p.m. Dec. 23, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
'96 National Single Adult New Year's Retreat—Dec. 29-Jan. 1. Formerly held at Camp Kulaqua, this year it will be at the Daytona Beach Hilton Resort. Reservations: (404) 434-5111.
Evangelistic Meetings
 Jan. 5-Feb. 9. Miami Temple. Lester and Zula Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley.
 Jan. 6-Feb. 24. Jensen Beach. Bill and Cora Waters.
 Jan. 6-Mar. 2. Interlachen. Art and Margo Swaningson.
 Jan. 13-Feb. 10. Avon Park Spanish/Sebring Spanish. Jose and Ofelia Fuentes.
 Jan. 13-Feb. 24. DeLand. Rick Swaningson.
 Jan. 14-Feb. 17. Carrolwood. Harmon and Margaret Brownlow.
 Feb. 24-Mar. 23. Casselberry Spanish. Jose and Ofelia Fuentes.
Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners
 Jan. 6. Florida Hospital.
 Jan. 13. Forest Lake and West Palm Beach First.
 Jan. 20. University.
 Jan. 27. Kress Memorial.
Academy Bible Conference—Jan. 12-14.
Hispanic Youth Leadership—Jan. 19-21.
Pathfinder Reville-Ranger—Jan. 26-28.
Small School Outdoor—Feb. 27-Mar. 2.
Education—Feb. 27-Mar. 2.
High School Adventist Youth—Mar. 24-26.
Fellowship (AYF)—Mar. 24-26.
Pathfinder Mini Workshops
 Jan. 12-13. Maranatha church. Miami.

Jan. 12-13. Conference office. Orlando.
Communication Director Team Training Workshop—Jan. 21. Miami Springs church. Guest Speakers: Olson Perry, editor, SOUTHERN TIDINGS; Cindy Kurtzhals, Conference Communication director.
Glad Concert—Jan. 27, 8:00 p.m. Florida Hospital church.
Women's Ministries Retreats
 Feb. 2-4 English. Camp Kulaqua.
 Feb. 9-11 English. Camp Kulaqua.
 Feb. 16-18 English. Camp Kulaqua.
 Feb. 23-25 Spanish. Camp Kulaqua.
Men's Ministries Conference-wide Convention—Mar. 15-17. Camp Kulaqua.
Marriage Commitment Seminar—May 3-5, Daytona Beach Hilton Resort. Details: Ken Bryant (407) 869-8106 or (407) 644-5000.
Camp Meeting 1996—English. May 24-June 1. Forest Lake Academy.
Net '96—Oct. 5-Nov. 9, 1996. Forest Lake Academy. Apopka.

Georgia-Cumberland

New Members Retreat—Dec. 8, 9. Cohutta Springs.
Young Adult Retreat—Jan. 5-7. Cohutta Springs.
Cohutta Springs Association Board Meeting—Jan. 14.
Teen Discovery—Kulaqua. Jan. 20.
Bookmobile Schedule
 Dec. 2. Greeneville.
 Dec. 3 Johnson City.
 Dec. 3 Kingsport.
 Dec. 3 Morristown.
 Dec. 3 Jellico School.
 Dec. 6 Knoxville.
 Dec. 9 Augusta.
 Dec. 10 Macon.
 Dec. 10 Gainesville.

Gulf States

Elders' and Deacons' Meeting—Dec. 1-3. Camp Alamisco.
Executive Committee Meeting—Dec. 3. Camp Alamisco.
Ministers' Meeting—Dec. 3-4. Camp Alamisco.

Southeastern

Mt. Sinai Homecoming Week
 Jan. 7. Music Fest.
 Jan. 8. S. J. Jackson.
 Jan. 9. Gerald Wells.
 Jan. 10. Malcolm Phipps.
 Jan. 11. James Best.
 Jan. 12. Benjamin Browne.
 Jan. 13. Abraham Jules. First Church Choir—Huntsville. Banquet—Clifton Davis.
 Jan. 14. Carnival.

Southern College

Semester Exams—Dec. 18-21.
Christmas Vacation—Dec. 22-Jan. 6.
Pulpit Guests
 Dec. 9. Benjamin Reeves
 Dec. 16. Collegedale Schools Music Program.
 Christmas Eve by Candlelight—Dec. 24. Collegedale Church.

Concerts

Dec. 8, Vespers, Christmas Caroling.
 Dec. 9, Southern College Band Concert.
 Dec. 15, Vespers, *Messiah*.
 Dec. 16, *Messiah*, combined choirs and orchestra.

Announcement

Greater Miami Academy 35th Anniversary of First Graduating Class—In 1996, Greater Miami Academy (GMA) in Miami, Florida, will celebrate the 35th anniversary of its first graduating class. The Alumni Association requests help to locate all former students (graduates and non-graduates), and former staff and faculty members. If you, or any one you know, attended or worked at GMA and have not received any communication from the Alumni Association lately, please mail the name, address, telephone number, and the years of attendance (if known) to: Greater Miami Academy, Alumni Association, 500 NW 122 Avenue, Miami, FL 33182.

Wedding

PITTON - NETTEBURG

Charity Netteburg and John Pitton were married August 13 in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Les Pitton. Charity is the daughter of Kermit and Ronnalee Netteburg of Berrien Springs, Mich. John is the son of Les and Joni Pitton of Fulton, Md. John Pitton will be an intern in the Florida Conference starting in January.

Sunset

	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 29	Jan. 5
Atlanta, Ga.	5:30	5:30	5:30	5:33	5:38	5:43
Charleston, S.C.	5:14	5:14	5:15	5:18	5:22	5:27
Charlotte, N.C.	5:11	5:11	5:12	5:14	5:19	5:24
Collegedale, Tenn.	5:29	5:29	5:31	5:33	5:38	5:43
Huntsville, Ala.	4:35	4:34	4:36	4:39	4:42	4:48
Jackson, Miss.	4:56	4:56	4:57	5:00	5:04	5:09
Louisville, Ky.	5:23	5:23	5:23	5:26	5:30	5:36
Memphis, Tenn.	4:48	4:48	4:49	4:51	4:56	5:01
Miami, Fla.	5:29	5:30	5:32	5:35	5:39	5:43
Montgomery, Ala.	4:40	4:40	4:42	4:45	4:49	4:54
Nashville, Tenn.	4:33	4:32	4:34	4:36	4:40	4:46
Orlando, Fla.	5:29	5:30	5:31	5:34	5:38	5:41
Wilmington, N.C.	5:03	5:02	5:04	5:06	5:10	5:16

by Ralph Franklin

The Sabbath School Convention idea started in 1993 in South Atlantic and it has proven to be an inspiration to our leaders and other members in our field. The most recent convention, August 24-27, was held in connection with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the existence of the South Atlantic Conference. Since South Atlantic was organized in 1945, and since 1995 signaled the 50th year, the administrators Ralph Peay, Calvin Preston, and Eugene Mason, Jr.—thought this to be an appropriate time to celebrate our Jubilee.

The Sabbath School Convention and Jubilee Celebration focused on the leaders, teachers, and members in the local Sabbath schools and the conference Sabbath school directors who have served during the past 50 years. The workshop presenters for the children and the adult divisions did a fantastic job in the presentation of their materials. Jaki Bethea of the Columbia Union and Allegheny East; Purette Mills, and Corine G. Smith, Allegheny East, were the resource persons for the children's area. Faith Johnson Crumbly, managing editor of *Celebration* magazine at the Review and Publishing Association, was the resource person for the youth, young adults, and adult areas. Dorothy M. Mants of Atlanta Berean and South Atlantic and John C. Smith of Allegheny West church ministries department were the resource persons for the adults. Sergio Torres of the Florida Conference youth ministries department was a resource person for the youth area.

Some of the titles were: "A Touch of Class" (a program for high school juniors and seniors); "Making Your Sabbath School a Success Organi-

Sabbath School Convention and Jubilee



Mervyn and Barbara Warren of Oakwood College, head of religion and associate professor of early childhood education respectively, was the Sabbath speaker.

zation and Implementation"; "The Four U's of the Sabbath School Teacher"; "Unique Ideas for Adult Sabbath School Classes"; "Meeting the Needs of Today's Children in the Sabbath School"; "Adult Sabbath School Officers and Their Responsibilities"; and "Ministering to Generation X Youth."

The centerpiece of the Jubilee Celebration was the awards ceremony chaired by Ralph Peay, president, and treasurer Eugene Mason, Jr. The persons honored were the Sabbath school directors: N. G. Simons, the first Sabbath school director for South Atlantic 50 years ago; followed by M. T. Battle, Samuel Thomas, Joseph Hinson, G. H. Taylor, F. W. Parker, and the present director Ralph Franklin. Each honored guest, program participant, and all delegates to this convention and Jubilee Celebration wore the special Convention/Jubilee Celebration tee shirt for the occasion.

Someone said that 1993 could not be equaled. What can I say? The word that the Lord gave through our worship speaker Mervyn Warren of Oakwood College was with power. The message was especially prepared for this occasion and was

just what was needed.

Friday morning inspiration and Friday evening vespers came from Alice and Ard Voorheis of the Gulf States Conference, president and board member respectively of Adventist Heritage Ministry.

The Sabbath school program was in the form of a panel with Edward Crumbly of the Review and Herald serving as moderator. The delegates were privileged to hear from some of the honorees as they responded to questions about the Sabbath school past and present. Pondorics Edmunds of Columbia, South Carolina, provided music that was special, enjoyable and inspirational.

The theme hymn for the convention was "When We Walk With the Lord," and it was sung at the opening and closing of every general service.

The crowning event was the presentation of "Jonah, Jonah." Joel Thompson is executive director of Adventist Creative Evangelistic Ministries located in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He works closely with the North American Division and local conferences to reach secular society with the Adventist message. He explains Jonah in a contemporary manner through his tremendous acting and musical skills.

Joel starred in various Broadway shows and soap operas, composed songs for recording artists including Perry Como and Nell Carter. He was a member of the New Cristy Minstrels along with fellow alumnus Kenny Rogers and John Denver. Joel has appeared on many talk shows including Johnny Carson and Merv Griffin. He wrote, sang, and produced many television, and radio commercials ranging from Jordache Jeans to Arby's Restaurant. Joel has dedicated his life to serving the Lord and using his talents for the gospel ministry.

The Sabbath School Convention and Jubilee Celebration for 1995 is history but we hope the delegates who attended will allow the Holy Spirit to keep them motivated to utilize the Sabbath school to effect personal and church growth. ■



Alice and Ari Voorheis, Gulf States Conference, president and board member respectively of Adventist Heritage Ministry.



Current and former Sabbath school directors since South Atlantic organized in 1945: N. G. Simons, Maurice Battle, Samuel Thomas, Gabe Taylor, and Ralph Franklin. Not pictured: Joseph Hinson and Fred Parker.



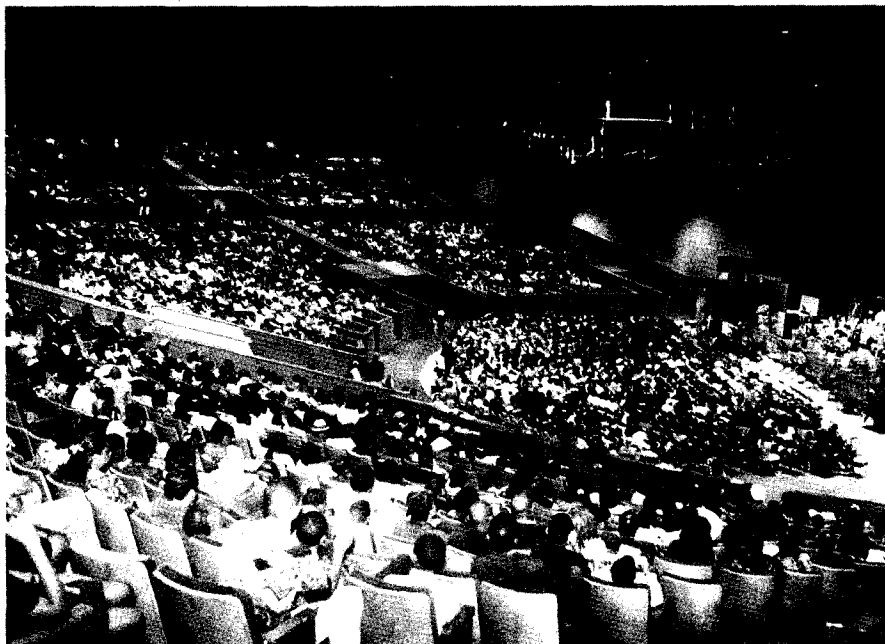
Workshop presenters represented a wide spectrum of disciplines.



Workshop presenters and Conference Sabbath school staff.

Breath of Life in Miami

by W. L. Taylor



Nearly 4000 attended Breath of Life rally at the J. L. Knight Center in Miami.



Reginald Robinson, associate speaker for B.O.L. telecast, speaking to the crowd in preparation for the crusade in 1996.

W. L. TAYLOR

Nearly 4,000 members gathered in downtown Miami's J. L. Knight Center Sabbath, October 21, to worship and rally for what will doubtless be the greatest evangelistic thrust ever witnessed in the city of Miami. The purpose of the gathering was to kick off the 1996 Breath of Life Crusade with C. D. Brooks and the Breath of Life telecast.

Convinced that we must not neglect our cities, and fueled by inspiration which states: "The large halls in our cities should be secured, that the Third Angel's Message may be proclaimed by human lips"; R. R. Brown, Southeastern Conference president, conceived of the idea.

A successful pastor-evangelist himself, Brown organized and mobilized the workers in the Miami area in preparation for the meeting. The October rally, planned as a part of the organization, helped promote the Spirit of Prophecy concept among the members as well as helped work out some logistical concerns in advance of the crusade scheduled to begin July 6 and run through August 3, 1996.

Ira Harrell coordinated the Sabbath school program. Several skits

depicting methods of attracting friends to the meeting were given. A mass choir, directed by Bobby Flintroy, along with several local soloists provided special music.

After Brown informed the congregation of the purpose for the meeting and challenged the members of the 26 churches taking part in the crusade to support the concept, Reginald Robinson, associate speaker for Breath of Life, delivered the sermon.

The large halls in our cities should be secured, that the Third Angels Message may be proclaimed by human lips;"

In the afternoon, Sony Roy of Synergistic Evangelism Institute, led the congregation in the gathering of the lead cards which had been prepared by color-code for the three language groups involved (English, Spanish, French). Pastors of the local churches provided full support. Malcolm Gordon, Southern Union Conference president and Hazel Gordon visited the meeting in the afternoon. Gordon re-emphasized to the crowd the message of Ellen White regarding using large halls to attract thousands in the cities.

The conference administration warmly thanked the local pastors, elders, and members for their support. T. A. McNealy, local pastoral coordinator, was given special thanks for assisting Brown in making the event a reality. Plans are on track for the July 6, 1996, opening night. ■

Another View of O. D. McKee

by Eva Lynn Disbro



O. D. McKEE

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O. D. McKee, cofounder (with his wife Ruth) and chairman of the board of McKee Foods Corporation, died Friday, October 27, at the age of 90 following a massive stroke. His funeral was held at the Collegedale church Monday, October 30. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth King McKee; and by his daughter, Wyn Stevens. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Roberson McKee, of Collegedale; his sons, Ellsworth and Jack McKee, both of Collegedale; his daughter, Beth Alexander of Ukiah, California; a brother, Finis McKee of Monteagle, Tennessee; a sister, Lois McKee of Riverside, California; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Many of you knew of O. D. McKee. You may have seen him at camp meeting or Southern College alumni homecoming. His friendly smile and gracious manner were well known to many.

Oather D. McKee was a man who loved his God, who loved his family, who loved his church, and loved his work.

You probably knew that he was a successful businessman, cofounder and chairman of the board of McKee Foods Corporation. The company is best known for its line of Little Debbie snack cakes, America's leading snack cake brand. The company also produces snacks and granola cereals under the brand name Sunbelt. Corporate headquarters and production facilities are located in Collegedale, Tennessee. In addition, production facilities are located at branch plants in Gentry, Arkansas, and Stuarts Draft, Virginia.

The company began in 1934 on Dodds Avenue in Chattanooga. When the bakery needed to expand, Southern College invited them to move to Collegedale to provide work opportunities for students. The first line started up at the Collegedale plant in 1957. The company was known as McKee Baking Company from the late 1950s until 1991, when the name

was changed to McKee Foods Corporation.

You may have known that he generously shared out of the abundance of God's blessings. He was one of the original members of the Southern Missionary College Committee of 100 and founder of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Professional and Businessmen's Association. He and other family members have generously supported capital building campaigns and other projects at Southern College, other church colleges, academies, and elementary schools in the Southern Union and beyond.

But there were other sides to Mr. McKee, characteristics that the average person might not have known because of his humble and unassuming nature.

He loved the Lord and believed wholeheartedly in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. From the time his family was introduced to the Advent message when McKee was 15 years old, until his death, he never wavered in his faith and commitment to the Church. He cheerfully supported the Lord's work through his tithes and offerings. He supported many special projects in Adventist churches, schools, and missions; he did so quietly, without fuss and fanfare. He generally asked that his gifts not be

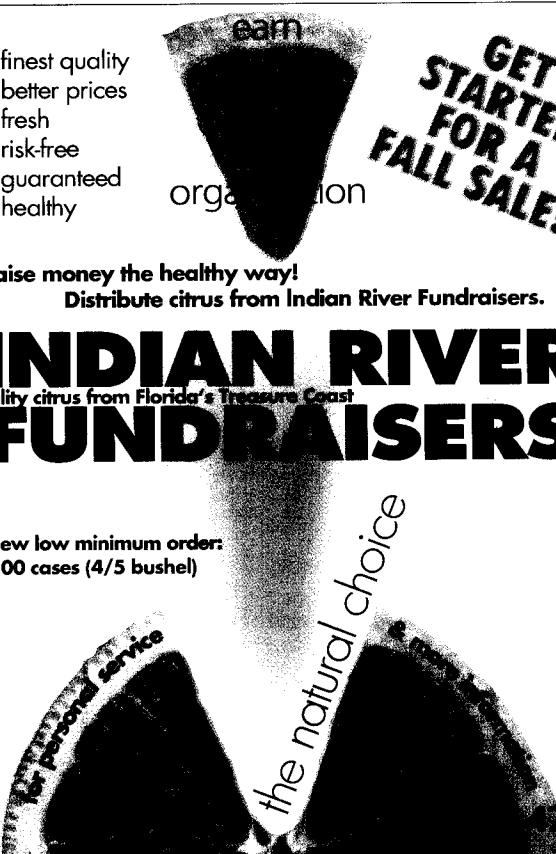
acknowledged publicly.

He loved his family. He and his wife raised four children who echoed his strong commitment to the Church. Now there are 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, most of whom are actively involved in the Church.

He loved his work. McKee Foods employees knew he was a very hard-working and energetic man, constantly looking for new and better ways to do things. He helped establish a business climate based on Christian principles and high ethical standards. He believed in treating people fairly—employees, suppliers, and customers. Fair treatment of employees extends to part-time workers who receive similar pay and half benefits compared to full-time employees.

Student employees knew that he believed in Christian education. Hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of SC graduates have worked their way through college at the bakery. Still, other parents have been able to send their children through church school, academy and college with the good pay and benefits they earned at McKee Foods.

It is said that a person's real character is revealed in the quiet actions that take place when no one is looking, out of the limelight. By that measure, Mr. O. D. McKee stood very tall. ■



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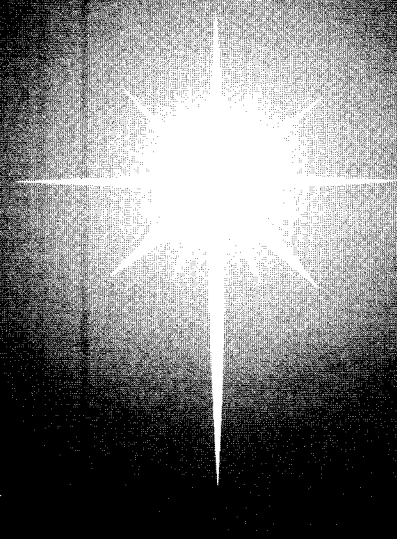


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The Tumbleweed Christmas Tree

One Christmas when our children were young, I decided to use a sprayed white and artificially snow-flocked tumbleweed rescued from the windswept plains of North Dakota for our Christmas tree. Once the colored ornaments, lights and tinsel were hung, I was quite satisfied with the results. But more importantly, the money saved on buying a real tree was used on gifts for the girls.

The following year I planned on a repeat performance until one morning, as we were getting ready for school, I heard the sweet voice of our youngest, Marilee, still clad in her nightie, singing, "Oh, tumbleweed, Oh tumbleweed," to the tune of "Oh, Christmas Tree." I got the message—expense or no expense, we would have a real Christmas tree, falling needles and all!

Marilee's penchant for the real thing has continued. She will save and wait and plan her budget until she

can afford the genuine item.

Today's world is full of fakes, imitations, and copies. And unfortunately, this can be true of Christians, too. To be real means we are all unique, special, and one-of-a-kind, not "stamped out of a machine, put on a conveyor belt, packaged and finally put on the shelf" kind of Christians. God just doesn't operate like that. He values being genuine and unique so much that He has made each snowflake, each flower, and every blade of grass different from the other.

I must tell you that the one quality I admire most in other people is the quality of being genuine. That reminds us of the old truism, "A diamond is a chunk of coal that made good under pressure." Let's resolve not to let life grind us down but to polish us with a beautiful character. That is what God wants to do in your life and mine, and when He does we will become more valuable than any painting, carving, or sculpture that this world has ever seen. We will become an original, a one-of-a-kind, genuine treasure for Jesus.

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