

Southern **Tidings**

June, 1996



**Oakwood College . . .
Observe the Past
Celebrate the Present
Anticipate the Future**

Observe... Celebrate... Anticipate...

by Olson Perry

Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, took center stage Easter weekend, April 4-7, as an estimated 30,000 people trekked across the country to renew acquaintances and celebrate the essence of Oakwood. According to Dorothy Smith, homecoming coordinator, it was the largest gathering in the history of the institution, and the largest of its kind in the city of Huntsville.

The homecoming Centennial Celebration, with the theme "Observe the Past, Celebrate the Present, and Anticipate the Future" officially began the weekend of November 10, 1995, with a worship service by Charles Bradford and a concert with Shirley Verrett. The celebration will conclude with a campus birthday celebration November 17, 1996, as Jon Robertson, chairman of the department of music at UCLA, conducts a mass choir and orchestra at Huntsville's Von Braun Civic Center.

Homecoming activities during the April 4 weekend included the UNCF Banquet, a variety of programs which featured Take 6, Angela Brown, Clifton Davis, Barry Black and the Southern College Band. There was also a golf tournament, youth services, basketball games, awards program, and the Sabbath worship service which featured Walter Pearson, Jr., associate secretary for evangelism and church growth at the ministerial association of the General Conference, as the guest speaker. Pearson, who is credited with baptizing more than 4,000 people and who has been inducted in the Martin Luther King, Jr., Board of Preachers, Sponsors, Colloquium of Scholars' fraternity by the president of Morehouse College, spoke of Oakwood's past, present and future.

This year more than any, the financial impact on the Huntsville community has been awesome. During the Centennial Celebration weekend, covered by the Huntsville news media, \$9-million was realized by north Alabama, seven million in Huntsville alone. Every hotel, motel, rooming house, and

bed and breakfast lodging was full. Alumni report staying as far away as Birmingham.

Sunday, the reunion continued. The campus was packed. Merchants hawked souvenir shirts, autographed books, and homecoming mementos. Thousands of alumni and current students mingled, introduced their children, and shared plans for the future.

When Oakwood College opened its door in April 1896 it was the culmination of several significant events. Ellen White had stressed the importance of establishing an educational training center for blacks. The Morning Star was inspired by James Edson White, son of Ellen White. His idea was to build a boat, housing a chapel and educational materials, which could sail along the bank of the Mississippi bringing education and religious teaching to blacks along its shores.

Three church leaders, Ole A. Olsen, General Conference president; George A. Irwin, director of the Southern district of the General Conference; and Harman Lindsay, a former treasurer, visited the 360 acre Irwin farm with its 65 oak trees, an old mansion, and nine slave huts. They all agreed this was the place. The property was valued at \$10,167.50, and purchased for \$6,700.

Monday, November 16, 1896, the first classes were offered after months of repairs, remodeling, and other renovations necessary to provide livable accommodations



One of nine slave huts on the property when the school began. Oakwood's male students lived in these huts, without running water, heat, and electricity.



Dorothy Smith, homecoming coordinator.



Maude Bookhardt celebrated her 103rd birthday April 9. She graduated from Oakwood in 1913.



Walter Pearson, associate director in the ministerial department at the General Conference, speaker for the divine worship.



C.E. Moseley, first Black pastor of the Oakwood College church, was honored during homecoming festivities. A heritage wall has been erected in the church as a tribute to him.

with the bare minimum requirements. On that special Monday, there were 16 students and four white teachers: Hattie M. Andre, A. F. Hughes, H. S. Shaw, and Mrs. Solon M. Jacobs, and principal Jacobs.

The students were Frank Brice, George Graham, Ella Grimes, Robert Hancock, Etta Littlejohn, Mary McBee, Nanie McNeal, Charles Morford, Mary Morford, Thomas Murphy, Lela Peck, Daily Pollard, Harry Pollard, Grant Royston, Samuel J. Thompson, and Frances Worthington.

Minneola L. Dixon, Oakwood's museum director, archivist, and history consultant, tells of "One of the first sixteen students, Etta Littlejohn Bradford, who was first taught on The Morning Star steamboat school in Vicksburg, Mississippi. As a nursing graduate of the Oakwood School she continued her training at New England Sanitarium in Massachusetts, where she had the unique distinction of providing nursing care to Ellen White." Dixon continues, "Etta Littlejohn later married Robert Bradford, an Oakwood student, and became the mother of Charles E. Bradford, himself an Oakwood graduate, who became a well known Adventist leader and the first black person to serve as president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists."

Pioneers such as Eva B. Dykes, the "first black American woman to graduate from Radcliffe, an Ivy League university, and to receive a Ph.D., defined and upgraded the curriculum (Oakwood's) over the years. Frank Hale, Jr., Ph.D., as president, stimulated thought and encouraged creative leadership. Calvin Rock, D.Min., Ph.D. "cultivated an impressive increase in the college's enrollment." Benjamin Reaves, D.Min., current president who recently accepted a vice president position with the General Conference, has kept the college in the community through involvement in civic affairs, says Roy Malcolm, Ph.D.,

college relations director and chairman of the centennial study commission.

Today Oakwood boasts more than 1,600 students "from many states, nations, and experiences," says Malcolm. There is a faculty size close to 100. Earned doctorates are held by 57 percent of them. Oakwood now offers concentrations in 40 areas of the curriculum, says Malcolm, and an "adult degree completion program which enables participants to complete college without disrupting employment." The tuition has mushroomed from \$1.50 to \$3.00 a month depending on the class level, to the current \$3,452 per semester for full time tuition.

Oakwood has evolved over the years from an obscure, dilapidated farm to an industrial school (1896), a manual training school (1904), a junior college (1917), and a fully-accredited four-year college (1943). The College, now considered one of the historical landmarks of the City of Huntsville, boasts 1,185 acres, with facilities valued in the millions and an operating budget in excess of \$20-million.

Those who created Oakwood, also brought Adventism to Huntsville. Today, there are ten Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Huntsville area with more than 5,000 members. There are others in the surrounding areas of Athens, Decatur, Courtland, Florence, Stevenson, and Scottsboro. There are also two retirement homes, sponsored by the Church.

The College and its students are heavily involved in the community through active participation in civic projects such as United Way, Red Cross, disaster relief, soupline, Big Brother/Big Sister, literacy, tutoring, caring for the elderly, community cleanup, drug abuse education, AIDS, other health related concerns, and the Mayor's Vision 2000 program. Oakwood's involvement in the community has resulted in Huntsville's support of the College and its success.

Oakwood's \$21-million budget boosts the Huntsville economy. Its continuous expansion projects pools architects and workers from the local com-

munity, resulting in dollars being returned to the community. Oakwood's cultural programs, its radio station, WOCG, and its graduates who decide to remain in the Huntsville community continue to make an impact on Huntsville through positive relationships with the business community and city fathers.

Oakwood's influence over the years has grown world-wide as its graduates have assumed positions in government, education, medicine, the arts, communication, sciences, and ministry. It is estimated that approximately 90 percent of black Seventh-day Adventist pastors graduated or attended Oakwood at some time. "Since 1979, Oakwood has remained in the top ten US Colleges and Universities in the preparation of black applicants to medical and dental schools," according to Malcolm. "The College also ranked 12th in the nation ('90-'91) in awarding African-American bachelors degrees in life sciences." Graduates have become leaders in various fields, and are making a difference. Oakwood's impact has been tremendous, not only in the city of Huntsville, but in the Church and the secular world. It has truly been a success story as Ellen White predicted in the Adventist Review in 1904 when she wrote that Oakwood was "to give evidence that Seventh-day Adventists mean to make a success of whatever they undertake."

Cover: "The Bell," located in the center of the campus, has been used to summon students to worship over the years—Photo Credit: Olson Perry, Benjamin Reaves, D.Min.,

president ('85-present), was recognized during the Sabbath services with former presidents Calvin Rock ('71-'85), Garland Millet ('54-'63), Emerson Cooper (Interim 8/'85-12/'85), and Frank Hale, Jr. ('66-'72). —Photo Credit: Fred Pullins.

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The Best Is Yet to Come

by Vanard Mendinghall

On Thursday morning, March 28, 1996, at eleven o'clock, Harold L. Cleveland, Sr., became the sixth Seventh-day Adventist minister to become a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Board of Preachers and Collegium of scholars at Morehouse College in Atlanta. The Crown Forum Induction Service was the highlight of the Week of Spiritual Emphasis at the Martin Luther King, Jr., International Chapel. A galaxy of stellar preachers from various denominations provided inspiration for Morehouse students and visitors from the community during this most important week.

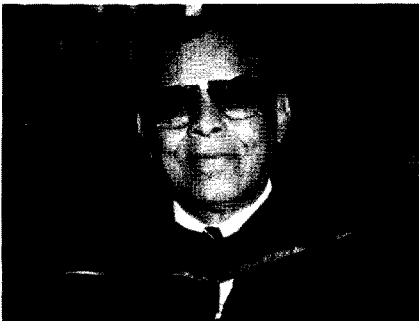
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vogue. Truly a man before his time promoting a social gospel with no political base or ambition.

An articulate, insightful, enthusiastic, personable administrator, who not only surrounds himself with others of talent, but continues to pull the best from his apprentices. Scores of notable pastors, church

administrators, counselors and other professionals proudly claim Cleveland as the source of their inspiration, their training and their mentor in ministry. Truly a giant among men, who has not lost the common touch. He is esteemed and admired by tens of thousands, who value his contribution.

Cleveland, who has served for 11 years as personal ministries director, has requested of his president that he be assigned a church pastorate in the South Central Conference. He is eagerly looking forward again to active pastoral ministry. Though seasoned, Cleveland says . . . "The best years of his ministry is yet to come" ■



Dr. Harold L. Cleveland.

land there was no surprise or wonderment as to why he was selected. If in their search to recognize leaders, men who have had extraordinary positive impact on their community, and their family, those who are guarantors of continuity, innovators, and builders of other men, then Harold Cleveland is an obvious choice.

The cities of Savannah, Atlanta, and Cleveland just to name a few, have all benefited from his phenomenal leadership qualities. His renowned preaching skills earned him the reputation as a premier rhetorician as he enraptured and inspired thousands to embrace the Christian life, and give their hearts to the Lord.

Not only is he a pioneer in community enrichment programs which included and involved all ages, but he made public health a viable concern, an outreach before it became



H. L. Cleveland and family.



Inductees in the Morehouse Board of Preachers.

Seventh-day Adventist ministers and friends in attendance at the induction service.





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Erin Atkins of SDA Jr. Academy, launches her plane during the paper airplane design event.



Gideon Curry and Holly Geysinger, both of Corinth school, build a ribbon-winning bridge.



Melvin Wade, principal of Mobile Jr. Academy, and Charlie Drechsel, teacher of Jr. Academy in Pell City, apply the standards to the toothpick bridge.



Vicki Cook, of Brakeworth, and partner explore the insides of a crayfish.

Education Fair

A New Tradition in Gulf States

**By Barry Mahorney,
Educational Superintendent**

Students and staff broke with tradition in the Gulf States Conference this year by conducting and participating in an education fair instead of the music festival which has been conducted by Bass Memorial Academy and the office of education for many years. While attendance for the music festival has been holding fairly stable, it was recognized that many students were not being served because of a lack of interest in music. Conference teachers discussed this issue and determined that it was time for a new approach.

Three important goals were agreed upon. 1) Social—These annual gatherings afford excellent opportunities for students to meet and make friends with students from other schools in the conference. This is especially important for those students from small, one-room schools. 2) Educational—It was felt these events should have recognizable educational benefits. Music festivals accomplished this goal, but there were other activities which could accomplish this for more students. 3) Recruitment—Getting students on the academy campus would increase the likelihood they would return someday as academy students.

It was decided not to eliminate the music element, but to add events to increase student interest and attendance. Thus, education fair was born. This is not a new concept, but

it is the first time Gulf States has tried it, at least in recent times. The results—an increase of nearly 50 students and far more excitement.

This year's education fair was limited to music, science, and geography events. Choices had to be made between music and science events. The one-day event began with choir rehearsals and science projects. The choir worked on three songs while the science students built bridges of toothpicks, designed paper airplanes, and dissected crayfish. Without question, the crayfish dissection was the highlight event. Don Harvey, science teacher at BMA, and some of his students directed this well-attended experience. Following lunch and the judging of the bridges, five groups were created to complete the preliminary rounds of a geography bee. The goal was then to determine the ten finalists for the final round to be conducted at the closing program. Joshua Anderson from Phenix City school won the grades 5-8 finals and Steven Youkey, from Big Cove Christian Academy, won the grades 9-10 finals.

The closing program consisted of the Geography Bee finals, science demonstrations by Don Harvey (Mr. Science), awards, and several choir renditions.

While changes will be made in next year's program (student surveys are being studied), the education fair committee (Melvin Wade, Lynda Cockrell, Gwen Stinson, Kathleen Martin, Charlie Drechsel and Clyde Whitting) feels the concept is right and that a new tradition is being established. ■

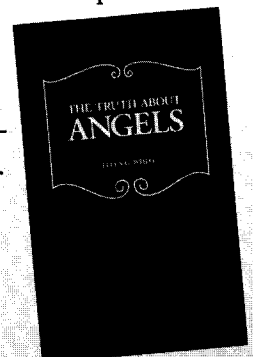
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Carolina

One hundred participants recently attended a **CHURCH MINISTRIES WORKSHOP AT NOSOCA PINES RANCH**. The weekend program was for educating and training Sabbath school, prison ministries, and health /temperance leaders.

CAROLINA JAIL/PRISON MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION volunteers met at Nosoca Pines Ranch March 16 to learn, share, pray, plan, and develop an association council to start an organized effort to reach "people of the fourth-world." These are people who find themselves incarcerated in jails in the Carolinas.

Members of the Foster Memorial church in Asheville, N.C., held their second **FOSTER INSTITUTE**. Several seminars were offered each Wednesday evening in March. Topics included: discovering your spiritual gifts, preteen and teen parenting, the early Christian church, nutritional sense and nonsense, and contagious Christianity.

A gospel worker team from the **MORGANTON CHURCH** conducted a **DUNAMIS GOSPEL WORKER TRAINING** class at the Spartanburg

church earlier this spring. Forty-eight students registered for the classes. The same team taught a class at the Arden church. Fifty members attended. The class ended with more than 20 studies.

John Earnhardt, pastor of the Westminster and Anderson, S.C., churches, and his wife Crystal have collaborated with several authors to create a book entitled, **POWER FOR EVERYDAY HEROES**. The book is written by such men as Ron Halvorsen, Mark Finley, Delbert Baker, Joe Wheeler, Len McMillan, and the late Joe Crews. It was submitted to the Pacific Press and accepted for publishing. All proceeds from the book will be donated to Global Missions.

Fourteen members of the Spartanburg church went to the Philippines to conduct an **EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE** to a predominantly Moslem population. There are more than 200 groups traveling to the Philippines from the USA doing evangelistic work as part of the Voice of Prophecy 50th year of broadcasting in the Philippines.



Florida

Greater Miami Academy held its first **SAVE A LIFE BLOOD DRIVE** April 18. The bloodmobile from the Community Blood Center of South Florida, Inc., parked at the school. Forty-one people, including students age 17 and older, parents and faculty members gave a pint of blood each. Twenty-four of these contributors also signed up to be a part of the nationwide Bone Marrow Donor Registry.

Miami Springs church youth participated in an **EASTER PROGRAM** written by their pastor, Steve Adessa, on April 20. The presenta-

tion was performed on behalf of the Boan family. Their son, Joel, lost his life recently on a school mission trip. Members contributed more than \$500 to the Boan Memorial Fund.

CHILDREN AT THE MACKLEMORE CENTER HOME for the Children at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami are visited three Sundays a month by Kendall church community service members. Leaders read to children up to 12 years of age, or take them on outings to the park.



Georgia-Cumberland

Georgia-Cumberland Academy students Samantha Evans, Amanda Evans, Becky Tre-cartin, Jody Evins, Heidi Olson, and Mindi Rahn, were inducted into the **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**. Students were nominated by the faculty for their outstanding scholastic levels, service, and leadership abilities. The academy was given a certificate of appreciation for its outstanding volunteer service benefiting the community from the Voluntary Action Center.

Fifteen students from the **MURPHY SCHOOL RAISED \$860.10 FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL** in Memphis by participating in a math-a-thon.

Gene Juhl, publishing director for the conference, reported \$50,366.50 was sold during **LITERATURE EVANGELIST'S BIG WEEK**,

March 29-April 5. Six out of the top ten sellers in the Southern Union were from this Conference. Jose Cintron lead Georgia-Cumberland with \$6,100.

The Collegedale church held a **SONRISE RESURRECTION PAGEANT** April 6. Approximately 3,000 people witnessed scenes depicting Christ's triumphal entry, Pilate's judgment hall, the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane, His death on the cross, and His resurrection. More than 150 participated in the different scenes portrayed.

A \$61,000 CHAPEL HAS BEEN INSTALLED ON THE RENTED PROPERTY IN MILLEDGEVILLE. Wendell Stover held an evangelistic crusade April 12-May 10 with Darren Brisco, pastor. After three weeks in a public hall, the meetings concluded in the new facility.



Gulf States

Jerry Arnold, a pastor in Montgomery, recently conducted an **EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE** in nearby Prattville. A Montgomery man and his son were both baptized and is now leading a group back to Prattville to give Bible studies to crusade drop-outs. Thus far, four Bible studies have begun.

Giving Gulf States Adventurers a **BATTITUDE** was the goal of this year's Adventurer Fun Day. About 75 Adventurers, staff and families attended the event held at Camp Alamisco on Sunday, April 14. Adventurers learned about caves and bats while sitting in a cave constructed of 2x4s and black plastic. Adventur-

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ers were ferried across a lake to an old abandoned gold mine to get the feel of a "cave" and where most had the opportunity to see a real bat.

This year's **OUTDOOR SCHOOL** was held at Camp Alamisco, April 15-18. This outdoor education program open to fifth and sixth

graders from church schools and home schools in the Conference, attracted more than 100 students and staff to learn about the world around them. Recreation, classes, special programs, night hikes, and pontoon rides provided a great outdoor experience.

Kentucky-Tennessee



A BREATHE FREE PLAN TO STOP SMOKING was conducted April 23 at the senior citizen center in Maury County. Assisting in the program were several medical and paramedical personnel.

The Columbia, Tenn., church has **RECENTLY PURCHASED A 14-ACRE LOT** on a main road just outside the city limits. Nine acres have been sold, leaving five frontage acres for construction of a new church and school.

THE CONFERENCE EXPERIENCED A NET INCREASE IN OPERATIONS of \$297,072.46 in 1995. This is due in large part to the 4.5 percent tithe increase during 1994.

This summer, students from both Highland

and Madison Academy, as well as other schools, will **SELL BOOKS TO EARN A SCHOLARSHIP**. Larry Carter, the new Southern Union student coordinator, will supervise the program.

NET '96 will be seen in 31 churches throughout the Conference via satellite broadcasts on giant screens. The program will be aired from Orlando beginning October 5.

Twenty-two churches in the Conference are using guest evangelists for **PUBLIC EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS**. Eugene Johnson, Lin Powell, Dale Hoover, Jack Nash, Kei Kim, Vladimir Vargas, and John Fowler are also scheduled to conduct their own evangelistic meetings this year.

South Atlantic



The McClellanville, S.C., church will celebrate its **GRAND OPENING** June 22.

Fort Valley, Ga., church has completed **EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS**. A special grand reopening is scheduled for June 8.

According to the year-end figures, baptisms

in the Southern Union totaled 7,630. Of that number, **SOUTH ATLANTIC BAPTIZED 1,075 OR 14 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL**. The Union membership is 159,547. With a membership of 25,722, South Atlantic is 16 percent of the Union membership

Oakwood College



Ten students in business education are winners of the **ALABAMA 21 REGIONAL INDIVIDUAL/SUBJECT COMPLETION**. In addition to a trophy, first-place winners will represent the State in Washington, DC, at the National Conference, July 13-16. Second and third-place winners will receive a special Award of Merit Certificate.

For two years Oakwood graduates have been elected **STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT** at Loma Linda University—Robin Roberts (OC '92, biochemistry), 1995-96 school year, and Gregory

Mims, II (OC '93, biochemistry), 1996-97 school year. Their election is a tribute to their leadership ability.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (SIFE) team was named regional champions at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta April 22. The team received a check for \$1,500; team individuals will be eligible to compete in the SIFE International Exposition in Kansas City. They also won the Kraft Foods Success 2000 Competition which carries a \$1,000 award.

Southern College



VIEWSOUTHERN brought 625 guests to the campus this spring. These included seniors from academies and public high schools and their sponsors as well as students considering transfers from community colleges. The next such event will be October 13 and 14, though prospective students and their parents may arrange visits at any time by calling 1-800-SOUTHERN.

THE ADVENTIST COLLEGIATE BAND FESTIVAL brought together under the baton of Jared Spears, members of the Southern College Concert Band and students from Union College in Nebraska. Spears, a professor of music at Arkansas State University, has composed music for radio and television commercials and produced more than 250 original ensemble works.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES, a pilot television program, was completed this spring by

members of a video production class under the direction of Volker Henning. The discussion-style program, hosted by Ron du Preez, discussed the weekly Sabbath school lesson and was broadcast by White Oak Mountain Broadcasting Association on local channels 5 and 26.

Twelve students participated in a **WRITER'S WORKSHOP** at Southern College in May under the direction of Lori Peckham, editor of *Insight*. Their work formed the backbone for two issues of the youth magazine.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST by Dubois was performed this spring by the Southern Singers, the Master Chorale, and the Southern College Symphony Orchestra.

A STUDENT MISSIONS RETREAT was held at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center in April. Former student missionaries helped prepare 63 new missionaries for a year of service.

CAROLINA

Ferdinand Wuttke, principal of Captain Gilmer School in Fletcher, N.C., is retiring after 39 years at the school. Wuttke began teaching at Captain Gilmer in 1957. He was one of two teachers, each teaching four grades with a total of 44 students. The teaching staff has grown to the present 15 members. Currently, the attendance has been running between 125-140 students.



FLORIDA

Rodger Bird, a member of the Cocoa, Florida church, received an unexpected \$35,200 for one lamp that, until now, had no particular value. *The Orlando Sentinel* gave Bird front page coverage on Thursday, March 21, 1996, telling of the excitement that was generated by the lamp at Bird's auction and that he planned to donate some of the money to the Cocoa Adventist School. *Florida Today* covered the story on March 25 and reported that Bird requested the auction start after sundown on Saturday, his Sabbath, and that by 6:30 p.m. this "little lamp" was sold. At one point, five people, who were bidding over the phone, started raising the price of the lamp in increments of \$1000. The final bid was \$35,200 from a man in New York who had its match and has been looking to complete the set for the last 20 years. To Bird, the lamp didn't have a whole lot of value. It was just a lamp that his wife had placed by his bedside 20 years ago. Bird, whose wife Elza died just one week after their move to Florida, kept the lamp packed away in the garage for the last eight months with, as he called it, "a lot of other junk." It wasn't until he decided to sell some of this "junk" that, by mishap (or fortune), he unwrapped the lamp and showed



JOSE NEVES, FLORIDA TODAY
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Angel From God

It was 1958 when we first met this angel sent from God. She was small, distinct, and earnest. Though she could barely speak above a whisper, her strength of character, and her Christlike demeanor compelled us to invite her in. There was something uniquely different about the way she lovingly made her way into our home to pray and introduce us to the Third Angels Message.

When **Anzie Whittaker** was born, the United States president was Chester Arthur and her hometown of Gastonia, North Carolina, had been on the map only six years. Born September 23, 1883, the youngest of 13 children, she remembers working on the family farm.

Whittaker decided to devote her entire life to traveling around the south preaching and teaching the word of God. For decades with her own personal meager income, she either purchased or had printed her own literature, in order to spread what she so passionately, and fervently, called this marvelous truth.

During her work as a missionary, she would dress in all white apparel, and walk door to door for miles. She became a vegetarian, choosing to eat only fresh vegetables and boiled water mixed with milk and sugar.

That's what we discerned almost 40 years ago, when the entire Mendinghall family of nine, embraced the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A sweet little elderly lady, who lived what she taught. Anzie is now 112 years old.



it to the auctioneer. Suddenly this little Pairpoint puffy lamp became a fascinating story, as well as a fairy tale for students at the Cocoa school. After Bird actually received his check he donated \$1000 to the Cocoa school that went towards the purchase of a state-of-the-art computer. "Praise the Lord!" Bird exclaimed to Pam Harbaugh, writer for *Florida Today*. "Elza (Bird's wife) would have been dumbfounded by the whole thing."



Barbara Dennison, a member of the Arcadia, Florida church, is one of the 5,500 "Community Heroes" selected to carry the Olympic flame 0.31 miles to-

wards Atlanta this summer. The *Desoto Sun Herald* gave this local "hero" front page coverage with her picture taken in front of the Arcadia church. The caption, written by staff writer Hunter McGee, said "Barbara Dennison, wearing a medal and Olympic Games T-shirt, is pictured recently in front of her Seventh-day Adventist church on State Road 31 near Arcadia. The Arcadia student has been chosen to serve as a torch bearer and help carry the Olympic flame to Atlanta in July." The article went on to say that "last Thanksgiving Dennison worked alongside fellow members of the local Seventh-day Adventist church to provide food and clothing to Arcadia's needy." Dennison has been featured in the newspaper three times this year for serving the community. Recently she had a live interview on a Tampa TV station (channel 11), at an award ceremony held in Sarasota on February 15, 1996, in honor of being chosen to carry the flame. She says she wants to use this experience to glorify God. "God gave this opportunity to me and I'm going to use it to glorify Him," said Dennison.

Pear Canther, of the Orlando Central church, was given special recognition by Bob Folkenberg, pastor, for her 40 consecutive years of dynamic and spiritual leadership in the primary division of the Sabbath

school. In 1955, Canther began her work in the children's department in Michigan. For eight years, she was asked by the Michigan Conference to present Sabbath school youth workshops. She moved to Orlando in 1977 and continued her role as primary division leader for the Orlando Central church. As a result of her well-planned, effective programs for the primary division, the Florida Conference Sabbath school department invited her to join a special team to provide workshops for the children's divisions.

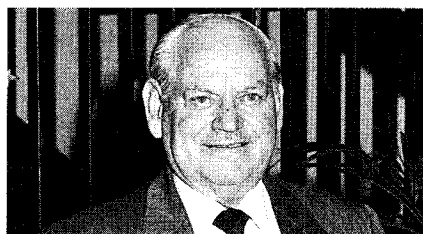


For the past five years, **Robby Wade**, 12, of Apopka, has observed the Sabbath and refused to participate in his team's Little League games that were played on Sabbath. Because the fifth grader has proven himself as a valued team leader and all-star player, the Little League board of directors voted to allow his team to play the 7:30 p.m. time slot on all his team's scheduled Saturday games. Normally, the scheduling rotation permitted his team to play only a few Saturday night games. The Board's decision is a testimony to Robby's character and his convictions.



GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

"We offer heartfelt thanks for your excellent, professional service to us and to the patients of our region over these last many years. We will honor you, **Myrna Long, RN**, on this day every year and on every trip to Dalton, when we discuss the public health system in Georgia and consider how public health nurses impact on the welfare of patients with chronic disease...." With these words 13 physicians, students, and staff of the department of neurology, Emory University School of Medicine at Dalton, Georgia, paid tribute to one of



Apopka Member's Poetry Is Published Nationally

His church family at the Apopka Highland, Florida church, has enjoyed his poems for years, but now the nation can read the work of **Clarence Diller** in the recently published *A Delicate Balance*, a poetry anthology compiled by The National Library of Poetry. The poem is entitled "Common Nails, Uncommon Love," and its verses deal with what happened at Mount Calvary when the common nail met the uncommon love of Jesus Christ. Further accolades are coming Diller's way. A poem he wrote for The National Library of Poetry's 1996 volume entitled "Cup of Bitters" was given the Editor's Choice Award. Based on that honor, Diller was asked to submit a poem of his choosing to be included in the Best Poems of the 1990's anthology.

The National Library of Poetry sponsors poetry contests that are open to the public and publishes poems in widely distributed hard-back volumes.

Diller has been writing poetry, solely religious, for 25 years. His first poem was a Mother's Day tribute, hastily written before his duties as Sabbath school superintendent when he couldn't find an appropriate one. Since that time, Diller estimates he's written 150 poems shared primarily with his fellow church members. "Common Nails, Uncommon Love" was written for Apopka Highland's annual Easter Cantata for the community last year.

The impetus for Diller's writing occurred after he was miraculously healed from suffering from amnesia for 12 years. "My writing came at a time when I was so thankful for my improved health that I wanted to express my gratitude to the Lord," he said. "I realize my writing is a gift. I look on it as an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to lead people to contact me about my philosophy of life."

Lynn O. Huff

their own for excellence in skill and compassion. Despite an extremely full schedule and almost overwhelming work load, Long, lead nurse for the Genetic Outreach Program in the Northwest Health District in Dalton, is able to bring an extra measure of compassion to her work with the many people of North Georgia who are suffering from various genetic disorders. With a work load that includes case management for more than 1400 children and adults with genetic problems; coordinating two specialty clinics with physicians, physical therapists, medical social workers, orthodontists, and medical equipment personnel; serving as liaison between Emory University in Atlanta, and the Northwest Health District; providing genetic counseling and follow-up to individuals and families; providing 12 to 18 nurse geneticist assessment clinics each month; some would say it is a miracle she even has time to attend to her responsibilities, much less exhibit genuine compassion. However, based on reports from her co-workers and the people she serves, that is exactly her style. Never too busy to offer a kind word or a compassionate touch, she has a reputation for being the most caring person in many of these people's lives. With the closing words of the award, "You are our best model of kindness and professionalism," her colleagues and friends placed her in a category of caring service virtually by herself.

William Bernal turned 90 years old and celebrated 60 years of marriage with Mercedes P. Bernal earlier this year. William, a native of Chile, moved in his early 20's to Peru and started working as a missionary in the jungle. He met Mercedes and both organized the Seventh-day Adventist school system in Peru. She was an educator and music teacher and he the pastor and director. In Collegedale, Tenn., where they now live, they organized the first Spanish church. Mercedes has composed hundreds of hymns and she is the only alive author who has two hymns in the Hispanic Adventist Hymnal.

Students Hold Crusade

by Christina Hogan

Once upon a time a 21-year-old student named Robert Pierson held an evangelistic series at Igou Gap, not far from where he attended school in Collegedale, Tennessee. From that series in 1932, the Standlifer Gap Church developed, now a thriving body of 350 members. And from that role, the student went on to become president of the General Conference (1966-79).

The old-fashioned tent revival concept isn't dead. It's alive and thriving in 1996 at Southern College.

It was no ordinary evangelistic series. The series, called Hope for a Troubled World, was organized and led by college students, with Robert Delridge and Steven Hunt, freshman religion majors, preaching the message on alternate nights.

"We didn't want to wait until we

were out of the seminary to do something for God," said Delridge.

The free meetings were held each evening a mile or two from the campus from 7-8:15 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. A total of 20 meetings were held through April 11. The last time Southern students held a crusade was about ten years or more ago.

Delridge, Hunt, and Shane Vidal, the manager of the series, brainstormed together at the beginning of the school year and came up with the idea of a student-run evangelistic series.

"We started talking about how God has led in our lives and decided we needed a revival on this campus," said Vidal. "So we spoke to Ken Rogers, campus chaplain, and he and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference approved it. The Lord has really been blessing us. Everything's been donated."

It was not an easy task, how-

ever, for Delridge, Hunt, Vidal and their crew of about 35 student volunteers. In addition to research papers and tests, they planned five revival meetings a week. But they believe it is worth the hard work.

"The meetings are going really well," said Delridge midway during the meetings. "A lot of people are preparing for baptism, and many have given their lives to Jesus. Some people have also asked for Bible studies. I can really feel the Holy Spirit working."

Delridge said about 80 people were coming every night. Some nights they had as many as 160.

"About 75 percent of those who came are Southern students," he said, "and it hits home a lot harder when students are ministering to students."

Each of the meetings covered current events in a spiritual light. Toward the end of the series, the messages concentrated on God's love for each person.

Because of all the positive responses the meetings have received from community members as well as college students, Vidal believes they will do it again.

"Anything the Lord blesses always works out well," he said. ■

New Group for World Service

by Christina Hogan

During a vespers service at the Collegedale church in April, 63 Southern College students dedicated themselves to a year of Christian service.

"I am excited about the opportunity to experience life in a different culture, and help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people there," said nursing graduate Krista Wolcott, who is headed for Lesotho, Africa.

"The Lord saved me and changed my life," said theology sophomore Mario Delise, "and I want to give other people a chance to know our gracious Lord." Delise will teach science on the island of Pohnpei.

During the candlelight service, the students entered carrying the flag of the country to which they will be going. The special service included the baptisms of Tim Stubbett who will serve in Pohnpei. Travis Patterson, a theology major who will work as a chaplain for Guam Adventist Academy, was the speaker. Music was provided by the Southernaires.

The 53 student missionaries will

work in the Pacific Islands of Majuro, Ebeye, Yap, Pohnpei, Guam, and Saipan, and in Cambodia, Thailand, Korea, the Philippines, Australia, Taiwan, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Romania, New Guinea, Ecuador, China, Belize, Poland, Puerto Rico, and Lesotho. Student missionaries serve as teachers, secretaries, assistant deans, radio technicians, and medical assistants.

The 10 task force workers will serve in West Virginia, New York, Washington, Mississippi, Colorado, Florida, Oregon, Hawaii, and Wisconsin, as assistant deans, youth pastors, and in various departments at Adventist high schools.

The student missionaries and task force workers are: Bill James from Alabama, Heather Cook from Arizona, Shawn Fitzgerald, Mona Marinel, Eric Stubbett, and Tim Stubbett from California; Sandra Larsen and Katie Martin from Colorado; Amy Adams, Everton Collins, Earl Gensolin, Nicole Peoples, Robert Quintana, and Jorge Torres from Florida; Jodi Allan, Wendy Garner, Rachel Kirk, Jenny Reifsnnyder, and Todd Vincent from Georgia; Daniel Battin from Kentucky, Nathaniel Joy from Maine, Michael Brandt from Maryland, Chris

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Southern began its student missionary program in 1967. This past year Southern sent out 61 student missionaries to 24 countries around the world. ■

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Rayl's humor and experiences touched the hearts of the audience.

Herman and Sonnie Harp's music drew the ladies into the presence of God.

Women We Come From

by Barbara Willis

When you ask the Lord for a blessing, be prepared to receive it." This statement became reality and a challenge for the Joyful Journey Retreat committee as it planned for 275 women—405 attended. Remembrances of times past were displayed in the lobby, hallways, fireside lounge, and dining areas of the Cohutta Springs Conference Center reflecting the theme, "These Are The Women We Come From." As mothers and daughters, sisters and friends viewed the displays, they shared and talked of their past, and desires for the future.

The retreat began Friday evening with a sacred concert by Herman and Sonnie Harp. Their musical ministry represented a spiritual witness, presenting a true testimony

for God. The featured speaker was Betty Rayl, women's ministries director for the North Pacific Union Conference. Rayl's simple, and at times humorous, stories gave insight into understanding "The Women We Come From."

Workshops included coping with depression, balancing career and home, marriage, and forgiving those in our lives who have hurt us. Nature workshops were a new addition and brought enthusiastic responses.

A special video produced by Beverly Holweger, retreat coordinator, and Don Livesay, Georgia-Cumberland Conference former communication director, was shown at the conclusion of the Sabbath evening vesper program. Family photos and video clips from women around the conference provided a personal touch to the presentation.

Doris Trinkner of the Carrollton, Ga. church, Eva Nordgren of the

Ooltewah, Tennessee church, and Betty Hoehn of the Cleveland, Tennessee church were honored as "Chosen Ladies" at the awards ceremony. Women's Ministries has established a vehicle to recognize and honor modern day models of the "chosen lady" the apostle John addressed in his letter in II John. A special tribute honoring Evie VandeVere, women's ministries director for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, was a highlight of the program. Jane Ruf presented VandeVere with a plaque thanking her for the work she has done in leading women's ministries in Georgia-Cumberland. She has provided the direction and encouragement for women's ministries since its beginning in 1989.

Plans for the 1997 retreat are underway. The featured speaker will be Tami McGrew, associate pastor of the Azure Hills church in Grand Terrace, California. ■



"Chosen Ladies" awards were given to Doris Trinkner, Eva Nordgren, and Betty Hoehn.



Sisters Bonnie Phillips, Sharrie May, and Judy Trigg began their plans in January to meet for the retreat.



Daughter-in-law, Jodi Ruf (left), and mother, Cleo Stiles (right), participated in the tribute to Evie VandeVere (center).

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Conference President Richard Hallock presented a gift, along with words of gratitude, to four pastors who are retiring this year. These four—Eugene Johnson, Gordon Paxton, Luther May, and Ernest Clark represent 145 years of ministry. The presentation took place during the annual workers' meeting, which was conducted January 29 at the Conference headquarters. Although officially retiring, these pastors continue to pastor a church, conduct evangelistic meetings, and one will be teaching part-time at Southern College.

Ron and Karen Flowers, General Conference family ministries leaders (left), spend an intimate moment with the participants of "Invitation to Intimacy." This highly successful marriage enrichment program, held in Columbia, S.C., dealt with topics such as commitment, anger, empowerment, and intimacy.



The Crossville, Tennessee, church members held a mortgage burning ceremony recently. The speaker was Errol Eder, Georgia-Cumberland conference treasurer. Those who assisted in the ceremony were Joan Anderson, church treasurer, Loren Vistaunet, and Russell Vaughn.



She's known as "the needlepoint lady." Carol Koch of the New Port Richey, Fla., church brings a needlepoint project with her every year to work on while sitting through Florida Conference camp meeting. "I get a real blessing out of sewing and listening at the same time. I find I can listen better if my hands are busy," she said. Camp meeting is the only time of the year Koch does her needlework because she stays busy as Pathfinder director for 18 years.



Because pastors are transferred periodically, long-standing relationships between pastor and laity are limited. Richard Shepard, Florida Conference stewardship director, has managed to maintain a unique relationship with the Charles Haugabrooks family of the Mount Dora church through the years. He baptized Charles in 1978, performed the wedding ceremony for Charles and Minerva in 1980, and officiated at the dedication of their infant children, Ezra, now 12, and Esther, 10. Recently Shepard baptized both children at the Florida Hospital church in Orlando. Haugabrooks is a popular tenor soloist who is much in demand for concerts. He performed at the 1990 General Conference Session in Indianapolis.



What a piece of work! Actually, it's more than a piece of work, it is hundreds of pieces. The wood-crafted art of three angels extends from the chair molding to the ceiling and is made of 443 pieces of wood. This three angel masterpiece took Florence church member Richard Nagy 175 hours to create.



The chime choir of Lela Whorton Elementary School in Ridgeway, Tenn., recently played at the open house held at the Bowen House and Plantation in Goodlettsville, Tenn. The historic home was built around 1787 and is one of the oldest brick homes in Middle Tennessee. The open house is an annual event in which the house is decorated as it would have been 175 years ago. The chime group consists of 10 students, grades 5 - 8. In appreciation for their performance, the Bowen House Historical Association presented the teacher, Ken Grant, with a check.



Nell Tankersley of the Dothan church takes Ingathering seriously. She is responsible for a large portion of what the church turns in. In fact, for 1995 she solicited about half of the total amount the church received. She was honored in a ladies' day program at the church and awarded a certificate (presented by Bill Copley) in appreciation for her work.



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LEGAL NOTICES

Carolina Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 38th regular session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the auditorium at Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty Hill, South Carolina. The first meeting is called for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 22, 1996. The session will continue through Sunday, August 25, 1996. The session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church is entitled to two delegates with additional delegates prorated to churches according to size as outlined in the Carolina Conference constitution.

Kenneth R. Coonley, President
Ronald G. Schmidt, Secretary

Carolina Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that there will be a legal meeting of the Carolina Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Incorporated, under the laws of the state of North Carolina, in connection with the regular session of the Carolina Conference, which will be held in the auditorium at Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, South Carolina. The first meeting is called for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 22, 1996. The session will continue through Sunday, August 25, 1996. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and trustees and to transact any other business that may come before the association at that time. The delegates of the 38th session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates of the association meeting.

Kenneth R. Coonley, President
Louis Canosa, Secretary

Sunset

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5	July 12
Atlanta, Ga.	8:47	8:50	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:50
Charleston, S.C.	8:27	8:30	8:32	8:32	8:32	8:30
Charlotte, N.C.	8:36	8:39	8:41	8:42	8:41	8:39
Collegedale, Tenn.	8:53	8:56	8:58	8:58	8:58	8:56
Huntsville, Ala.	7:58	8:01	8:04	8:04	8:03	8:01
Jackson, Miss.	8:06	8:09	8:11	8:12	8:11	8:10
Louisville, Ky.	9:05	9:08	9:10	9:11	9:10	9:07
Memphis, Tenn.	8:13	8:16	8:18	8:19	8:18	8:16
Miami, Fla.	8:11	8:13	8:15	8:16	8:16	8:15
Montgomery, Ala.	7:51	7:54	7:56	7:56	7:56	7:54
Nashville, Tenn.	8:02	8:05	8:07	8:08	8:07	8:05
Orlando, Fla.	8:20	8:23	8:25	8:25	8:25	8:24
Wilmington, N.C.	8:22	8:25	8:27	8:28	8:27	8:25

TRANSITIONS

On the Move

Florida

Art Swinson, who pastored the Ft. Meade/Wauchula district, now pastors the Wauchula church only. **Bob Beck** has come out of retirement to fill the Ft. Meade pastoral position. **Marcello Sique**, who has served in the Asia Pacific Division but was recently head elder of the Filipino-American church, has filled the pastoral position left by **Eddie Demiar**, who has returned to his full-time position of associate Conference publishing director. **Robert Goransson**, a retiree from California, has joined the Florida Conference as an evangelist. Plant City pastor **John Sabo** has added Riverview to his district, filling the vacancy left by **Richard Roos** who transferred to the Arizona Conference. **Don Johnson** has transferred from the Brandon church and now serves on a special evangelism assignment with the Tampa First church. **Egerton Carnegie**, returning from the North Caribbean Conference to the North American Division and serving in a lay pastoral position, now serves as pastor of the Punta Gorda church. **Winston Wiggan**, who has served as temporary leader to the Emmanuel company, has filled the pastoral position of that company.

Georgia-Cumberland

Fred Fuller has accepted the position of youth ministries director. He was the pastor of the Apison, Tenn. church.

Thomas W. Lighthall is the new pastor of the Cedartown/Carrollton district.

(Pictures - Fuller at top
- Lighthall at bottom)



Weddings

ZERVOS - TITTLE

Karen Tittle and **Kenneth Zervos** were married December 10, 1995, in Orlando, Florida. The garden ceremony was performed by Brian Pleasants. Karin is the daughter of Elaine Kester of Altamonte Springs, and Kenneth is the son of Robert and Ellen Zervos Brown of Forest City. The couple resides in Winter Springs, Florida.

JORDAN - GILLIAM

Bettie Gilliam and **Chet Jordan** were married January 1, 1996, in Leesburg, Florida, at the home of Obed and Coretta Graham. Obed Graham officiated. Chet is a retired pastor in the Florida Conference and Bettie works as secretary in the communication department. The couple resides in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

TANNER - PETRY

Shirley Ann Petry and **David Michael Tanner** were married at the Fannin County church January 21, 1996. Shirley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Petry of Cherry Log, Georgia. David is from Blairsville, Georgia. The service was performed by Harold Keubler and Francis Scott.

PRACHNIAK - BARLOW

Amy Barlow and **Michael Prachniak** were married March 24, 1996, in Orlando, Florida. The ceremony was performed by David Stunkard. Amy is the daughter of Don and Kathy Barlow and Michael is the son of Ken and Carol Prachniak. The couple resides in Orlando, where the bride is pursuing graduate studies at Rollins College.

Carolina

Charlotte/Triad-Area Women's Retreat—June 8. Charlotte. Speaker: Carol Zarska. Theme: The Woman God Created You to Be.

Western North Carolina Women's Retreat—July 13. Fletcher. Speakers: Joyce Lornitz, Jan Young, Carl and Glenda Ashlock. Theme: Journeying Within God's Heart.

Florida

Adventist Divorce/Grief Recovery Support Group—Every Thursday night. Altamonte Springs church. Details: (407) 291-8321.

Evangelistic Meetings

In Progress—July 20. Cocoa. Bill and Cora Waters.

In Progress—Aug. 3. Shuler Memorial. Art and Margo Swaningson.

June 29—Aug. 10. Interlachen. Bob and Mary Goransson.

Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners

July 6. Florida Hospital.

July 13. Forest Lake and West Palm Beach First.

July 20. Deltona English and University.

July 27. Kress Memorial

Extreme Adventure Camp

June 30—July 7. Grand Canyon Excursion. Ages 18-30.

July 7-12. Waterskiing. Ages 16-25.

July 17-21. Boundary Water. Ages 16-25.

Georgia-Cumberland

Literature Evangelist Rally—June 28—July 2. Cohutta Springs.

Ministers' Retreat—July 28-31. Cohutta Springs.

Evangelistic Meetings

August 2. Jasper, Tenn. Pieter Barkhuizen.

August 9. Macon, Ga. Wendell Stover.

School Registration

Aug. 11. **Pathfinder Leadership Convention**—Aug. 16-18. Cohutta Springs. Preregistration required.

Gulf States

Conference Executive Committee—July 2. Montgomery.

Southern College

Academic Schedule

June. 4 Second summer session begins. June 24-28. Preregistration for third summer session begins.

July 1. Third summer session begins.

July 29-Aug. 23. SmartStart for new students.

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Family of God Festival—July 4-7. Radisson Grand Resort, Fort Mills, S.C. Speakers: Richard Duerksen, Lynn Ortel, John and Joyce Lornitz, Jan and Kay Kuzma, and Len McMillan.

NET '96. Discoveries in Prophecy: Beyond 2000—How to Thrive in Difficult Times—Oct. 5-Nov. 9. Forest Lake Academy. Apopka.

Announcement

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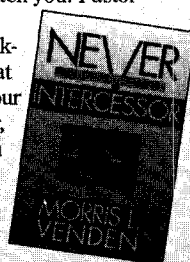
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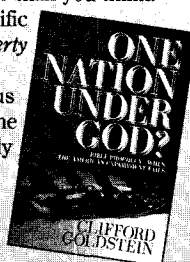
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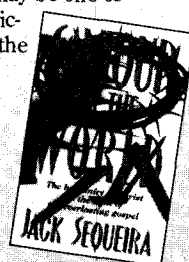
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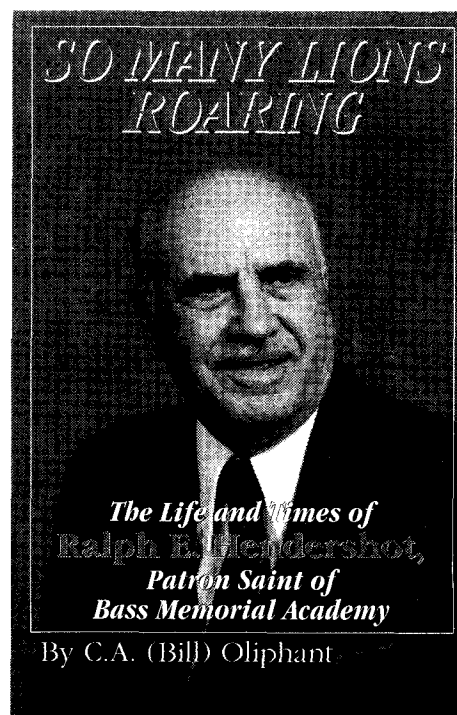


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BENDER, Mary Elizabeth, 77, was born in Phenix City, Ala., where she died Jan. 14. She was a member of the Phenix City church. She is survived by one sister, Margie Tharpe; and one son, Charles Wright, both of Phenix City.

BOMAR, William Frank, 75, died Jan. 4 in Ringgold, Ga. He was a member of the Ringgold church. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; one daughter, Celia B. Bond of Tullahoma, Tenn.; one son, William L. of Ringgold; two brothers; three sisters; and four grandchildren.

CALHOUN, Lina, 87, born in Dothan, Ala., and died Dec. 14, 1995, in Woodstock, Ga. She joined the church in 1954 in Panama City, Fla., where she lived for 35 years. She was a member of the Cherokee church in Woodstock, Ga. She is survived by one daughter, Sonia Guinand of Woodstock; and one grandson, Mark Harris of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

COX, Sherman, born Sept. 28, 1929, and died Jan. 7 in Altamonte Springs, Fla. He was a member of the Apopka Highland church. He is survived by his wife, Donelda; and two daughters: Candace Burpee of Apopka, Fla., and Cindy Neff of Birmingham, Mich.

ELLIOTT, Osborn J., 85, died Feb. 20 in Orlando, Fla. He was a member of the Altamonte Springs church. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; two sons: Stephen of Oregon and Randy of Richmond, Va.; one stepson, John Payne of Greenwood, Del.; three daughters: Virginia Elliott of Orlando, Fla., Sandra Moore of Tappahannock, Va., and Kathy Grenier of Dunnsville, Va.; and six grandchildren.

ELLIOT, Sr., Richard, 66, died in Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 3. He was a member of the Birmingham First church. He is survived by his wife, Sarah; three sons: Richard, Phillip and James, all of Birmingham; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

FAUGHN, Mary, 77, died Jan. 6 in Winter Park, Fla. She was a member of the Florida Hospital church. She is survived by one son, Joe Harold Faughn of Cashiers, N.C.

FLANAGAN, Thelma Errington, 99, born Aug. 23, 1896, and died Feb. 28 in Farmville, N.C. She was a member of the Greenville, N.C., church. She joined the Adventist Church in 1936 and devoted her life to working for the Church in Florida, Massachusetts, Texas, and North Carolina. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

FOSTER, Donald Leon, 79, of Altamont, Tenn., died Jan. 29. He was a member of the Cumberland Heights church. He is survived by his wife, Laura L.; two daughters: Sherrill Rush of Grants Pass, Ore., and Marci Reno of Compton, Ark.; one son, Barry D. Mao of San Diego, Calif.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

GLOCKNER, Bertha, 70, died Feb. 14 in Lake Wales, Fla. She was a member of the Winter Haven church. She is survived by one son, G. W. Glockner of Davenport, Fla.; one daughter, Christine Nix of Canton, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

HARMON, David H., 67, died July 26, 1995, in Columbia, S.C. He was a member of the Columbia First church. He is survived by his wife, Faye Harmon; two sons: John Harmon and Joe Harmon; two daughters: Dixie Ricard and Rita Ballington; a twin brother, Buddy Harmon; five sisters; and nine grandchildren.

HARRELL, Lonnie, 61, died Nov. 14, 1995, in Brandon, Fla. He was a member of the Brandon church. He is survived by his wife, Annette; two sons: Elton of Land O'Lakes, Fla., and Wesley of Valrico, Fla.; and three daughters: Vicki Rigins of Lake O'Lakes, Fla., Theresa Mayo and Deena Harrell of Valrico, Fla.

HARRISON, A. Lucile, 94, died Feb. 26 in Tampa, Fla. She was a member of the Tampa First church. She is survived by one daughter, Bobette Pestana of Tampa; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

HOLLOMON, Velia Ann, 59, was born March 31, 1936, in Chattahoochee, Fla., and died March 24 in Blountstown, Fla. She was a member of the Marianna, Fla., church. She is survived by her husband, Walter of Blountstown; one son, Walter, Jr.; one daughter, Susan Barber; two brothers; one sister; and three grandchildren.

JOHNSON, Ethel W., 83, of Columbia, S.C., died Oct. 6, 1995. She was a member of the Columbia First SDA church. She is survived by her sons: Larry and Stanley Johnson; two brothers; one sister; and three grandchildren.

JONES, Theresa, 79, died Feb. 13 in West Palm Beach, Fla. She was a member of the Jupiter church. She is survived by four sons: Eric and Frank of West Palm Beach, Fla., Charles of Asbury Park, N.J., and David of Newark, N.J.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

JORGENSEN, Tove, 75, died Feb. 28 in Deltona, Fla. She was a member of the Deltona church. She is survived by her husband, Peter Arthur; one son, Lennard of Riverside, Calif.; and two daughters: Pia Soule of Longwood, Fla., and Lis Soule of Chapel Hill, N.C.

KING, Louise, 92, of Jellico, Tenn., died Feb. 19 at the Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge, Tenn. She is survived by two sons: Jack King of Jellico, and Donald King of Titusville, Fla.; one daughter, LaVerne Hart of Covington, Ga.; eighteen grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

LAKE, Kenneth, 75, died Jan. 30 in Gainesville, Fla. He was a member of the Cross City church. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn of Chiefland, Fla.

MARANAN, Rosario, 72, died Feb. 4 in Avon Park, Fla. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church. She is survived by her husband, Gabriel; three sons: Abner of New York, and Obed and Omri of Avon Park, Fla.; three daughters: Rebecca Maranan of New York, and Bella Marasigan and Loida Mendoza of Avon Park, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

MARTIN, Helen, 71, died June 30, 1995, in Apopka, Fla. She was a member of the Apopka Highland church. She is survived by her husband, Ralph; and one son, Omar Young, Jr., of St. Petersburg, Fla.

MELTON, Forest H., 80, was born in Phenix City, Ala., and died Feb. 7 in Columbus, Ga. She was a member of the Phenix City church. She is survived by her husband, Walter; one son, Jimmy; and one daughter, Betty Scott, both of Columbus, Ga.; one sister, Margie Tharpe of Phenix City; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

MUSSELWHITE, Gordon, 63, died Feb. 20 in Altamonte Springs, Fla. He was a member of the Forest Lake church. He is survived by his wife Dorothy; two sons: Gary and Leslie Musselwhite; one step-son, Jim Closser; one daughter, Teresa Carmichael; four grandchildren; and one step-grandchild.

NEWMAN, Una Spurlin, 89, died Jan. 24 in Tryon, N.C. She was a member of the Tryon SDA church and was a retired nurse. She is survived by her daughters: Frances Newman and Hazel Gardo; one sister, Katie Moore; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

NOBLE, Janice E., 58, of Columbia, S.C., died Dec. 18, 1995. She was a member of the Columbia First SDA church. She is survived by her mother, Pearl Harman of San Antonio, Texas.

NOBLE, Lula Mae, 86, died Jan. 25 in Jacksonville, Fla. She was a member of the Jacksonville First church. She is survived by one son, James Noble of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; one daughter, Geraldine Shumaker of Jacksonville, Fla.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

NORMAN, Eleanor, 100, died Sept. 17, 1995, in Avon Park, Fla. She was a member of the Walker Memorial church.

OGILVIE, Nerissa, 77, died March 9 in Palm Coast, Fla. She was a member of the Palm Coast church. She is survived by six daughters; 19 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

PARK, Bernice, 100, died March 7 in Miami, Fla. She was a member of the Miami Springs church. She is survived by three sons: William, Horath and Thomas; and one daughter, Betty Park.

PEACOCK, Bernice, 94, died Feb. 8 in DeFuniak Springs, Fla. She was a member of the DeFuniak Springs church. She is survived by her sister, Janet Miller of San Antonio, Texas; two nephews; and one niece.

PENDERGRASS, Duncan Augdon, was born Feb. 21, 1918, in Cedar Grove, Tenn., and died Feb. 14 in Empire, Ark. In 1956 the Pendergrass family moved to Collegedale, Tenn., and resided

in that community until 1989. He is survived by his wife, Mary Nell; one son, Gordon of Empire; two sisters; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

PORTER, Clara Annie Beckworth, 69, of Chapin, S.C., died March 3. She was a member of the Columbia First SDA church. She is survived by her husband, Isaac B. Porter; three sons: Enoch H. Beckworth of Wrens, Ga., Thomas and Paul Beckworth of Stapleton, Ga.; one daughter, Priscilla Ann Irby of Stapleton, Ga.; one stepdaughter, Kathy Lumpkin of Keystone Heights, Fla.; mother, Omie Johnson of Columbia, S.C.; one brother, Tommy Boone of Aiken, Ga.; nine grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

PRICE, Lillie Fern, died March 12 in Zephyrhills, Fla. She was a member of the East Pasco church. She is survived by her husband, Victor; one son, Charles; one daughter, Elizabeth Speise; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

ROBERTS, Bernice, 93, died March 10 in Jacksonville, Fla. She was a member of the Jacksonville First church. She is survived by three daughters: Mabel Shrewsbury and Billie Rawls of Jacksonville, and Mildred Ramus of Green Cove Springs, Fla.; two stepdaughters: Celestia Perkins of Del Rio, Texas, and Beulah Bartingale of Eau Claire, Wis.; 14 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

ROOP, Carol Ruth, 58, born in Glendale, Calif., and died Oct. 18, 1994, in Kennesaw, Ga. Her membership was in the process of being transferred to the Cherokee church in Woodstock, Ga., when she died. She is survived by her husband, Walter; and five children.

SALT, Harriet, 80, died March 17 in Miami, Fla. She was a member of the Miami Springs church.

SLATE, Jean M., M.D., daughter of the late Donald and Mary Martin McKenzie and wife of the late Roy E. Slate, died Jan. 8 in Asheville, N.C. She was a member of the Asheville Foster Memorial church.

THOMPSON, Willie, 89, died March 8 in Lineville, Ala. She was a member of the Sanford Meadows, Fla., church. She is survived by her husband, Warren of Sanford; three sons; one daughter; 10 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

TRITT, David Sullivan, 75, was born in Sylva, N.C., in 1920. He died in Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 18. He was a member of the new Westside company in Pensacola. He is survived by his wife, Francis; one daughter, Cances Few of Pensacola; three sons: Randall of Molino, Fla., Jeff of Pensacola, and Douglas of N.C.; one brother; and three sisters.

TWOMLEY, Robert Bruce, 96, died Dec. 29, 1995, at his home in Murphy, N.C. He was a member of the Murphy church. He is survived by his wife, Bertha; two sons: Robert of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Dale of Worthington, Ohio; two daughters: Margaret Summer and Elaine Waldo, both of Murphy; one brother; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

VININGRE, Irene, 90, died March 10 in Apopka, Fla. She was a member of the Florida Living church.

WADE, Vernon Charles, 64, died Feb. 16 at his home in Shelbyville, Ky. He was a member of the Shelbyville Adventist church. He is survived by two sons: Ricky and Todd; four brothers; two sisters; one stepdaughter; and two grandchildren.

WEIR, Lucille, 80, was born in Newton County, Miss., Oct. 10, 1914, and died July 25, 1995, in Meridian, Miss. She and her husband were married for over 60 years. She joined the church in 1945 and was an active member until her death. She is survived by her husband, Glover of Newton, Miss.; one daughter, Beth Shelby of Chattanooga, Tenn.; three granddaughters; one grandson; and one great-granddaughter.

WILL, Bennie Beth, 76, of Fletcher, N.C., died Feb. 11. She was a member of the Arden church. She was a nurse and the wife of long time conference worker and pastor, S. S. Will. S. S. is currently a trust services representative and the interim pastor at Hilton Head, S.C. They were married 52 years. She is also survived by two sons: Ken Will of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and Cliff Will of Grayson, Ga.; and six grandchildren.

Women Connecting with Christ

by Vanard Mendinghall

From every state in the Conference, and many sister conferences around the division, they came contemplating and expecting an inspirational retreat with women who have a common need to connect with Christ. The mood was blithe and electrified with anticipation.

The fourth biennial South Atlantic Conference Women's Ministries Retreat, under the leadership of Carolyn Hinson, was held at the Radisson Grand Resort (formerly Heritage USA). The Spirit of the living God was present and all in attendance felt His influence.

As the sun set on Friday, the services began with a tremendous message from the keynote speaker Chaplain Wanda Davis of the Portland Adventist Medical Center. The tone was set for the entire weekend as she laid the foundation for her inspiring message, using a pregnancy motif. A sermon that challenged all who were there to be so filled with the Holy Ghost, that He would be as real and indelible as one who is with child. One who becomes pregnant develops new cravings, and new tastes. Many things you once enjoyed now make you nauseous. Similarly, according to Wanda, once

filled with the Holy Ghost one will no longer covet the things of this world, but will develop new desires and new interests. One who is expecting will not only look differently, but certainly will walk, dress, and eat differently. According to Davis, when one is filled, all that you do is measure with hope, and a vision for a brighter future, with new life in Christ.

Sabbath morning began with what appeared to be an organized, controlled rush as the ladies hurriedly took advantage of their choices in seminars and workshops that were rapidly being filled on many wide, and varied subjects of interest. They included finances, health issues, aging, abuse, parenting, and sexuality.

Together they shared, prayed, sang, and cried. The association, fellowship, and environment for discovery was exhilarating. The atmosphere was positive and non-condemning. Everything was obviously centered around the theme "Women Connecting with Christ." There was no room for political agendas or blaming others, but accepting responsibility and developing a personal relationship with



Crystal Award Winners, Sylvia Wilson, Lydia Cole, and Doris Small.



Bernice King, daughter of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, concluded the retreat.



Carolyn Hinson, South Atlantic Director of Women's Ministries.



Pastor Lisa Smith, divine hour speaker.



Chaplain Wanda Davis set the weekend's tone.

Jesus Christ. A focus was drilled by the divine worship speaker Lisa Smith, pastor of the Dupont Park church in Washington, D.C. Smith's message "A casket of gold is still a casket," made it perfectly clear that one would be foolish to allow the things of this world to stand in the way of salvation.

The evening ended with a formal banquet. Receiving the annual prestigious Crystal Awards were Sylvia Jackson Wilson of LaGrange, North Carolina, Lydia Kemp Cole, of Atlanta, Georgia, and Doris Kenney Small, of Beaufort, South Carolina. These ladies represent some of the best in women's ministries.

Sunday was the grand finale featuring Dr. Bernice King. In the tradition of her famous father, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Bernice inspired and challenged all the delegates to live for Jesus and work for others. She asked the questions, "What drives you? What is it that if you lost it all, would make you long for death?" King insisted that we need to put things into perspective. We need to be preoccupied with Jesus Christ. Our family members and friends are not unfailingly dependable. Loved ones are not consistently reliable. Jesus, and Jesus alone, is forever trustworthy yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Connect with Him and know what peace, esteem, and security is really all about.

The women and teens, referred to as B.U.D.S. (Beautiful within, Unified as one, Devoted to the cause, Sanctified today) of the South Atlantic Conference left fortified, inspired, and committed to developing a deeper, intimate, more personal relationship with Jesus Christ. ■



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Making Dreams Happen

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference and Southern College teamed up to make several dreams come true. Some years ago, at the Southern Union medical-dental retreat in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, Laura Nyirady, nursing instructor at Southern College, visited our display booth depicting the various aspects of the medical evangelism programs of our conference. At that time, she expressed her dream to conduct a class for the nursing students on how to successfully engage in medical/missionary work in remote, primitive areas of the developing world. This spring semester that dream materialized when Southern College offered "Frontier Mission Nursing" for its students.

James Thurmon, ministerial director for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference and Tony Torres, M.D., pastor of the Bordeaux/Ashland City, Tennessee district, kicked off the first class with their medical missionary experiences in Malaysia and the Caribbean. Other guest instructors were invited to share their expertise. Torres taught "Infections and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Tropical Medicine," "Parasitology," and "Obstetrics" while Thurmon taught "Dental Extraction."

During the college's spring break 14 students and five faculty members went to the Dominican Republic to put into clinical practice what they had discussed in the classroom. These nursing students were not required to go—they chose to do this on their own, paying their own expenses.

Each day the students and staff were taken to different areas of the country—a primitive village near the Haitian border, an inner-city school room, a town clinic in a sugar cane field, a shanty town in the capital and an Adventist church in a rural village—where they set up clinics under different circumstances.

Hundreds of patients came to receive the free medical care offered. The clinics were organized into several sections—registration, triage, physical assessment, laboratory, pharmacy, minor surgery, and ear washing. The students rotated through the various sections of the clinic so that they could experience all the facets of medical missionary work. They also gave health education lectures with visual aids on hygiene, parasites, sexually transmitted diseases, and water purification.

One of the students was impressed by the Holy Spirit about her values and priorities in life leading her to express a desire to dedicate her life to the Lord and His service. She requested Torres baptize her at her graduation on May 4 in Collegedale, Tennessee.

Another spin-off from this endeavor is the story of two girls, one 3 years old and the other 23 years old, both suffering with congenital heart abnormalities. They will receive free open heart surgery and hospital care from a children's hospital in Chattanooga. American Airlines has agreed to provide transportation for these girls at no cost. Their dreams were fulfilled as a result of our working out the arrangements.

In medical-missionary work dreams do come true.

M. D. Gordon

President, Southern Union Conference



John Fisher, R.N., from S.C., gives injection to patient.



Dr. Tony Torres (center) examines patient while nursing students observe and assist.



Christine Senior, senior nursing student, examines child at frontier clinic.

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