

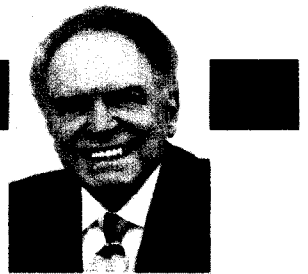
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Southern Union to Celebrate 100th Birthday

Birthdays are special occasions. Even though some people dread them, we really should take time on the occasion of our birthdays to thank our Heavenly Father for another year of health, safety, and all the blessings of life. There are many points of passage when it comes to birthdays. One is the 13th birthday when that special time of teens becomes a reality. Our youngest grandchild, Tiffany Delight, is only six but she can't wait to be a teenager.

Another milestone is the 21st birthday when adulthood officially arrives. The 40th year is celebrated by some with "over-the-hill parties." I personally feel that it should be a time not of mid-life crisis, but of mid-life renewal as we take stock of our life up to that point and how we can become more effective in our Christian living.

Among other major points of reference is the 70th birthday. Although many have a dread of this birthday, when we think it through, it is certainly better than the alternative. If we look at it in a positive way, we consider this as a time in life when we have reached the full bloom of maturity. Many of the greatest accomplishments have taken place by individuals who were 70 or older.

A significant milestone is to be reached soon by the Southern Union Conference. We are going to be celebrating our 100th birthday in the year 2001. We plan to make this a year-long cel-

ebration that will focus on how God has lead us in the past as well as making bold plans for the future.

The theme of the centennial will be "100 Years of Progress—1901-2001—A Past With a Future." Among the significant activities that will take place will be a pioneer day celebration at the site of what is believed to be the first Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Southern Union. This event will take place at Valle Crucis in the mountains of North Carolina between Boone and Banner Elk on May 5, 2001. The building is no longer there but we know where the site of the building was and those interested will meet there to commemorate this significant milestone. It is important to note that Valle Crucis means "Valley of the Cross." What a tremendous place to start the work in our Union.

A Union-wide celebration will be held September 14-15, 2001, in Atlanta, Georgia. We have rented a large church with a seating capacity of approximately 7,000.

3ABN has agreed to uplink the weekend activities so our members throughout the Union can either attend personally or watch the events on television.

Among the many features will be the Oakwood College Aeolians, Southern Adventist University orchestra, and Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, as our Sabbath morning speaker. Emphasis will be given during the weekend on the es-

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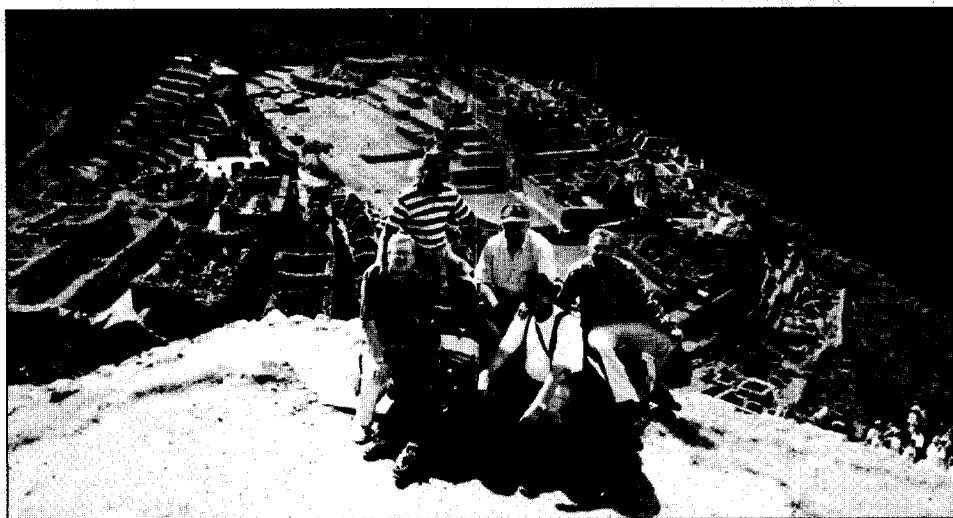
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Cover: Hana Metzoua and Sarah Eirich pause long enough to have their picture taken. These young ladies are part of the student literature evangelist team whose members have been working in the Carolinas. Two student literature evangelist teams of "MagaBook" workers have been working in the Conference this summer, one in Columbia, South Carolina, the other in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Hispanic Pastors Help With Central/South America Evangelism

FLORIDA FEATURE
BY JORGE MAYER, MARTIN BUTLER



Six of the 10 pastors from the Southern Union Conference who participated in Peru's Impacto 2000, pose at the Machu Pichu Inca Indian ruins. Front row, left: Jorge Mayer, Florida Conference; Hernando Guttierrez, Gulf States Conference; Raul Cruz, Southeastern Conference. Back row, Florida Conference pastors: Emilio de León, left, Rolando del los Rios, and Orlando Lopez.

Peru, Honduras, Cuba, and Mexico were targeted for public evangelism in recent months as 10 Florida Conference pastors helped bring more than 39,000 people to baptism. Travel funds were raised mostly by church members who, like their pastors, have a vision to make a difference in the world.

Impacto 2000—Peru

Jorge Mayer, Florida Conference vice president for Spanish language ministries and Southern Union Conference Hispanic coordinator, led pastors Rolando del los Rios, Forest City Spanish; Emilio de León, Brandon Spanish/Wimauma Spanish/Plant City Spanish; and Orlando Lopez, Hialeah Spanish, into the mountain, jungle, and river regions of the East Peru Mission.

These Florida pastors, along with six others from the Southern Union Conference, were among 68 guest pastors invited to Peru to conduct one-week reaping campaigns in 68 cities, May 13-20.

Lopez went to the jungle village of Yurimagua where evangelistic brochures were distributed "like the leaves of autumn" from the Mission airplane. More than 4,500 people attended the meetings



Nearly 3,000 people gathered at a jungle river near Nueva Cajamarca, Peru, to witness 251 baptisms by Manuel Perez, Walter Lara, Emilio de León, and Jorge Mayer.

and 445 were baptized.

"This experience enriched my ministry," says Lopez. "I have a larger vision of the Gospel, having seen it reach another nation, kindred, tongue, and people."

When the 68 pastors completed their one-week series throughout Peru, they gathered in Lima to assist Alejandro Bullón in his May 20-27 satellite series at the San Marcos Stadium. An average crowd of 40,000 people heard the South American Division evangelist and ministerial director speak each night.

In this two-week emphasis on evangelism, 27,100 people were baptized in Peru.

Mayer attributed success of the meetings to the "outstanding organization" of *Impacto 2000* by the Peru Union Mission; small groups that ministered in neighborhoods throughout the country prior to the series; and pre-meeting television programs featuring Bullón and the work of the Church in Peru.

Mayer believes the experience will have a lasting effect on the ministry of each pastor who participated. He knows it has had an effect on him. "I came home with a renewed commitment to do even greater things for God in evangelism," he said.

Honduras Esperanza 2000

Luis Moreno, Kissimmee Spanish pastor, was among the Adventist pastors, health professionals, Bible workers, and laypeople from 16 countries to assist in Honduras with April-May evangelistic meetings. Organized by Outpost Centers,

Inc. (OCI) of Apison, Tennessee, the project goal was to conduct more than 150 campaigns simultaneously.

OCI is a member of Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) and the parent organization of nearly 100 self-supporting ministries.

Moreno spoke each evening for

three weeks in one of the Adventist churches in Tegucigalpa. Moreno, who has a Ph.D. in psychology, offered free counseling every day before and after his meetings. Area residents, still coping with the death and destruction caused by Hurricane Mitch in 1998, were touched by his spirit of service in the community.

"The theme of my topic each night centered around God's healing love," said Moreno. The 70-member congregation more than doubled when 100 people were baptized and studies continue with 125 interests. Baptisms throughout the country

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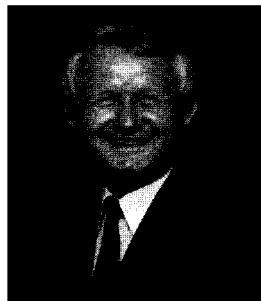
Russian Singer Thanks Florida Members



Helen Salo, Adventist opera singer.



Hanna Korzhenevskaya, piano accompanist.



Ivan Khiminets, mission president.

Russian opera singer Helen Salo presented 20 concerts in Florida churches during May to express gratitude to members for their financial support of 168 evangelistic series in Moldova during the past six years. "These meetings resulted in more than 2,000 new members and 40 new companies," reports Robert Robinson, Euro-Asia Division treasurer.

Salo, 26, who joined the Adventist Church in 1993, is employed by the national Academic Theater of Opera in Minsk. She sings in eight languages and has received enthusiastic acclaim in Germany, Belgium, Korea, and Italy—performing roles selectively chosen in

harmony with her faith.

Hanna Korzhenevskaya, a professor at the Belarus Academy of Music where Salo completed a seven-year graduate program, was her accompanist on the tour.

"Helen sang with such conviction, humility, and joy that the audience was moved to praise God," said Ron Rodgers, administrator of Florida Living Retirement Community where one concert was held. "Not only was their music powerful, they were so personable and humble."

"The gift of a voice like Helen's is the work of God's hand," said Walter Maier, Winter Haven pastor. "She and Hanna made our church rafters ring."

Ivan Khiminets, president of the East Russian Union Mission in the Euro-Asia Division, traveled with the two musicians. At each concert, he shared soul-winning stories from this vast East Siberia region and told of plans for 50 evangelistic series, led by Siberian pastors, scheduled in 2000. The offerings received at the Florida concerts will help fund the 50 campaigns. Several members donated \$1,000 to sponsor an entire series of meetings.

The three Russian visitors were guests in the home of retired pastor Merrill and Mrs. Alberta Enright in Winter Park, Fla. The Enrights coordinated Salo's tour before she departed for Toronto to sing at the General Conference Session.

Enright, who held three series of meetings in Moldova between 1994 and 1996, accompanied Lee Huff, former president of the Euro-Asia Division, and Barbara, his wife, earlier this year to four Florida church speaking appointments. The Huffs thanked members for their support in Moldova, including Alan Jilks' Sabbath school class in the Bradenton, Fla., church which has raised money to build six church buildings, and hope to finance six more this year.

HISPANIC EVANGELISM

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totaled more than 12,000 as a result of *Honduras Esperanza 2000*.

Jesus En El 2000—Cuba

Fidel Falcon, Miami Beach First Spanish/Northwest Miami Spanish pastor, returned to the land of his birth for the first time in 17 years to share the Gospel in the city of Santiago de Cuba. His nine-day series saw 800 guests attend after receiving personal invitations from church members. "People almost couldn't wait for the doors of the church to open. They were so hungry for the Bible," says Falcon.

The meetings resulted in 100 baptisms and nearly 250 people continue taking Bible studies. These interests will be

among island residents invited to Havana, February 17-25, 2001, to attend *Jesus te Ama—Cuba 2001 (Cuba—Jesus Loves You 2001)* in the La Víbora Adventist church. This reaping campaign will be sponsored by *La Voz de la Esperanza* and also feature guest speaker Alejandro Bullón. The series will be rebroadcast via satellite during Easter week, April 7-15.

Esperanza Para Un Nuevo Milenio—Mexico

Greater Miami Academy students, along with young adults from the Tampa First church, brought hope for the new millennium to Cancun, Mexico, during their spring break. Sergio Torres, associ-

ate director for Florida Conference youth/young adult ministries, and three Florida Conference youth pastors, led the group.

Pastors Orlando Lopez, Jr., Miami Central Spanish; Andrew Moreno, Tampa First; and Alvin Payne, North Miami, shared the speaking responsibilities with Torres during an eight-day evangelistic series. Students presented skits, special music, and gymnastic performances.

"What a great opportunity this was for our youth to participate in evangelistic meetings, to witness before 1,000 people every night in a large public hall, and have a part in 125 people giving their hearts to Jesus through baptism," says Torres. "It was a powerful experience for all of us."



BY MARYON STARKEL

Teachers on a 33-year Run in Cradle Roll

Can you imagine volunteering in one Sabbath school department for 33 years? Leon and Boots Mann and Chrystal Graw of the Sarasota, Fla., church started working together in cradle roll when their own children were small. Now, following in her mother's footsteps, Katie Graw-Stillwell is the church's kindergarten leader.

For 33 years, the Manns and Graw have focused on three main goals—to tell of Jesus' love, teach reverence in God's house, and instill a desire to come to Sabbath school. Each week, the sounds of little voices singing *I'm Glad I Came to Sabbath School* fill the air.

The cradle roll room is a happy place, delightfully decorated to light up the children's eyes and imaginations. Colorful scenes draw each child into an under-seas excursion, an African mission field, or a farmyard. A memory tree with bright red apples holds photos of cradle roll members from past and present.

The Manns and Graw constantly introduce new visuals, new materials, and new



Leon Mann (left), Boots Mann, and Chrystal Graw have volunteered in the Sarasota, Fla., cradle roll department for 33 years.

methods to make a lasting impression on the minds of the children. What continues to amaze them "is how much children have the capacity to learn at such a young age."

Classroom props built by Leon assist the teaching process. There's a large, two-sided felt board that swivels and a felt-covered fiberboard surrounding the lower half of the room on which the changing farmyard, African, and underwater scenes are

exhibited. His elephant, donkey, camel, and kangaroos serve as offering bearers.

Every Sabbath school closes with a new "surprise" made by Boots for the tykes to take home. On 13th Sabbath, each child receives one of her artistically created memory verse books.

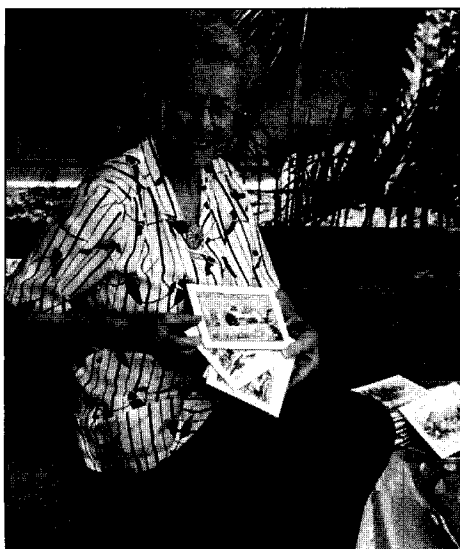
"We always had a variety of activities," recalls Sarasota member Kim Lucas, now a young adult attending the University of South Florida in Tampa. "I still have a bright gold treasure chest that I made in cradle roll. Each week we'd receive a memory verse card with a gem on it that we'd place in the chest."

"There's no doubt, Kim's spiritual foundation was established in cradle roll," says her dad, Mike. "Jesus' love was taught in such a positive way. Even as a little girl, Kim knew her Bible."

As the Manns and Graw watch their tiny tots such as Kim grow into adulthood, go to college, marry, or enter life-careers, their prayers continue for each one to "keep the faith" and to always remember their spiritual roots.

Paintbrushes, Passion for God, Proceeds for Preaching

BY CINDY KURTZHALS



Jean Carter

Jean Carter wants to raise money NOW for the Lord. "My husband and I have everything willed to the Church, yet I wanted to do something extra now." And she's doing it. She paints watercolor and ink paintings with proceeds going to Adventist World Radio (AWR). "Her work is gorgeous, professional," said one patron.

Carter, a member of the Florida Living church in Forest City, has raised \$1,400 so far this year and is persistent about raising more. She pulls out handfuls of the seasonal nature scenes from her satchel for prospective buyers to peruse. She keeps her sales dollars until they reach \$100 and then turns them into offerings. Recently, in just a few days, she raised \$475.

As a teenager she took private instruc-

tion in oil painting. Another class or two in art were taken "for fun" while George, her husband and a retired pastor, studied at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.

What stems from her fingers and paintbrushes translates into Bible stories about God being transmitted over the airwaves in lands she will never see, yet whose message will bring new believers into heaven and the Family of God.



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Project Reach Out: Christian Teens Making a Difference

"It's hard to express in words just how much you are doing for us... I'd bake you a cake or something if I could," said Casey Clark, a boys' counselor at Indian Creek Camp in Liberty, Tenn., in response to the work the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Project Reach Out team did for their camp. This group of three energetic Pathfinder teens, along with adult staff, worked at clearing a significant portion of land to be used as grazing pasture for the camp's horses.

Project Reach Out is a one-week trip to a destination within the Southern Union designed to provide a mission oriented work experience for Pathfinder teens. John Swafford, Pathfinder director for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, said, "It's a lot of hard work, but it's a lot of fun just working together as a team accomplishing a project."

When Indian Creek Camp expressed its need for a group to come and clear some

much needed horse pasture, the Project Reach Out team accepted the call. The Smithville, Tenn., church offered to provide accommodations for the group, and the church pastor, Dennis Clark, lent his help for the weeklong project.

When the youth were asked what motivates them to participate in such a trip, their responses share a similar goal...

"I came to help other people and have some fun. This will be my vacation for the summer," said Daniel Leatherman, a Collegedale Academy senior.

"I came to help others, that's what I came to do!" exclaimed Monica Nunez, a high school senior and member at the Dalton, Ga., Spanish church.

Monica Nunez, from Dalton, works hard at cutting brush. She was one of three teens who participated in the outreach mission project.



Summer Camp Celebrates Banner Year

Summer Camp 2000 at Cohutta Springs is celebrating a banner year for attendance. Approximately 1,100 kids attended camp this summer keeping the camp staff of 70 hard at work. For eight weeks the staff sought to make certain that the campers who attended had a positive spiritual experience.

"I really love sharing Jesus with the kids. It's awesome. Every summer I come

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Sharon Rho, a camp counselor, is surrounded by some of the girls from her cabin.



BY JAMIE ARNALL

Southern Cooking Done Right!

"I'm going to get the most I can out of every day I live... and this is the way to do it," exclaimed Nancy after attending the cooking school hosted by the Camden church in Kingsland, Ga. For three nights, approximately 17 individuals attended the classes in an effort to improve their dietary habits.

Carolyn Lipscomb, co-director for Adventist Community Service South Georgia, taught the cooking school at the request of church members, and said she thought the program was "extremely well accepted." As part of each class, Lipscomb prepared a vegetarian dish for everyone to sample.

"When I first started becoming a vegetarian, I didn't think there was anything I could cook or eat. Now I will go home and fix a meal for my husband that he will enjoy," commented Kristie, after sampling some of the vegetarian foods.

"I found it very informative. She gave



Each night approximately 17 individuals attended the cooking classes. Carolyn Lipscomb, who taught this cooking school, said she felt the event was "extremely well accepted."

a lot of really helpful information, things that I think could change a lot of peoples lives for the better," said Amber, a participant.

For the Camden church, it was also a chance to reach out into their local community and address a very basic, yet important need in every person's life, and their physical health. Lewis Norwood, pastor of the Camden church, said that they want to hold more cooking schools in the future and that plans are currently underway to eventually open a community service center so that they can better meet the needs of their community.

Conference News Notes

Summer Camp continued

back and do it some more," said Becki Whetmore, a girls' counselor.

"I chose to come here because I love it here, I love kids and I want to give them a chance to know God," said Cara Anderson, a dishroom worker.

While camp provides every child the opportunity to know Christ better, it also gives staff members a chance to strengthen their own relationship with God.

"I learn a lot about others, myself and my relationship with God," remarked Sharon Rho, a camp counselor.

For many of the camp staff, it is the camp experience they once had, that motivates them to return later as staff members. Thomas Wentworth, a kitchen worker, said, "I wanted to show other kids what I was shown as a camper and that is the love of Christ."

Adventist Elected Circuit Court Judge

Roger Bradley, a member of the Ellijay church, was elected judge in the Appalachian Judicial Circuit in a recent election. The Appalachian District includes Fannin, Gilmer, and Pickens counties. He will be sworn in this January.

LifeTalk Radio Moves to Georgia-Cumberland

LifeTalk Radio, a division of the Adventist Media Center, has located its headquarters in Vonore, Tenn. Construction of the new facility is now underway. Their Web site is www.LifeTalk.Net.

Eight Weeks to Wellness

The Andrews church conducted an Eight Weeks to Wellness program with an average of 30 people in attendance each night. Richard L. Perkins, pastor, stated, "I was really excited about the program. I saw all of these people from the community interested in their health, and this is something we did to help them."

Ranger Mission Group Purchases Church

Last September a small group of Adventists met in a rented church hoping to spread God's message in Fairmount, Ga. "I didn't want to be a bench warmer at a big church. So we got Bible studies going with 15 people," says Deward Edgmon, retired pastor who works with the growing mission group. On June 2, this group purchased the Ranger Methodist church and held their first services on June 11.



Blessings at the Door

It was 8:30 in the evening, who could be visiting at this hour, we wondered? After opening the door I could tell there was something strangely familiar about this young person. The young man standing on my front porch that evening, just a few weeks ago, was somehow different from anyone who'd ever stopped at our door. This person spoke with such confidence about the book he'd just skillfully placed in my hand. Could it be one of those student literature evangelists, I wondered?

I didn't have long to find out. The next book he placed in my hand I recognized.

Then, after closer examination, I noticed the familiar "Bible Story" logo embroidered onto his white shirt. Now I knew for sure who was standing on my front porch. Yes, this was a student literature evangelist.

I didn't want to

tell him who I was and that I knew all about the work he was doing. So, I just listened. But that didn't work for very long. The young man was skillful and was doing exactly as he was taught. You see, you've got to know whom you're talking to so you must ask questions. This way you'll know what the other person may be thinking and what their needs may be. After asking several direct questions, this young man found out who I was and that I too, am a Seventh-day Adventist. This made his day. Somehow he knew that perhaps he'd run into another Seventh-day Adventist . . . he had, and I was the one.

Why do they do this Work?

These young people, energetic and full of optimism, are doing what many people wouldn't think of doing. They are ringing strangers' doorbells. All of the statistics indicate that door-to-door selling, an industry that is dying as Americans find new and tidier ways to buy things, is going out of style. If this is true, then why would Seventh-day Adventist publishing

leaders encourage youth to continue selling this way?

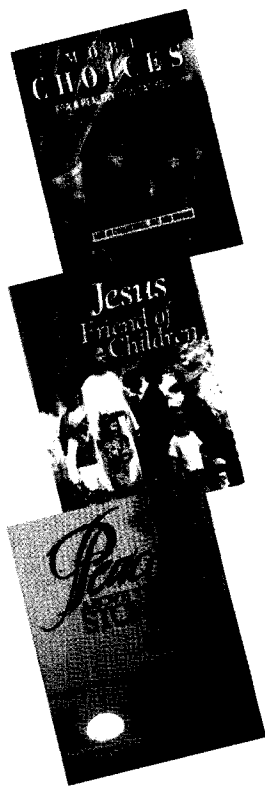
The answer to this may be prophetic. Listen to this, "*The Lord has instituted a plan whereby many of the students in our schools can learn practical lessons needful to success in afterlife. The very best education young men and women can obtain is by entering the canvassing field and working from house to house. In this work they will find opportunity to speak the words of life. Thus they will sow the seeds of truth. Let young men and women show that they have resting on them a burden from the Lord . . .*" Colporteur Ministry, page 30.

Remember that young man that stood at my door one evening? His name is Donald Ewards. Earlier this year, when Donald started the literature work, he came across a man who



Donald Ewards





Between 12 and 1:00 in the afternoon the students hop in the van and head for their assigned territory. Two-way radios keep them in contact with their team leaders.

was doing some carpenter work. Donald stopped to canvass the gentleman. The man carefully listened, but seemed more interested in the concept of why Donald



Harmoni Couturier

was doing the work. "The reason," Donald told him, "was to earn money to attend a Christian school." Then Donald told the gentleman that the books are offered on a donation basis and that some folks give \$15 while others may give \$20. Donald waited for an answer. The gentleman simply reached into his pocket and pulled out a one-hundred dollar bill. Then, to Donald's amazement, the gentleman told him to keep the change.

Now if that wasn't enough encouragement for this young literature evangelist, think about this! It was the very next day that young Donald had a similar experience. This time it was the "lady of the house" who took out her check book and wrote a check for one-hundred dollars. And that was for just one of his MagaBooks. Donald knew for certain that,

"God wanted him to do this work."

Harmoni was walking from one house to another when a young man in a pickup truck yelled for her to come over to his truck. Harmoni was cautious as she turned to see who was talking to her. The driver of the truck then asked, "Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?" It turned out that, just a few minutes prior to this, one of the other students had stopped by his house. When this happened, his mother told him to get out of the house. As he drove a couple of blocks he saw Harmoni, and recognized her from the colorful shoulder bag of books. He wanted to see the books she was carrying. The young man got out of his truck and went over under a shade tree to examine the books. It was then, Harmoni told me, "He just broke down and cried." He told Harmoni that he needed to know more about Jesus. He had just recently joined the Army and had come home to get his civilian clothing. He told Harmoni that he'd had some bad experiences and that he just needed to know more about Jesus.



Earley Simon

What in the World is a MagaBook?

The books sold by the students are unique. They are a cross between a magazine and a book, thus the name, "Maga-Book." These colorful books have a soft cover and are a mix of titles from vegetarian cookbooks to children's Bible story books. Several of the MagaBooks are re-titled Spirit of Prophecy books. For example *Steps To Christ* carries the title *Peace Above the Storm*, while *Christ Object Lessons* is entitled, *He Taught Love*.

The books are carried from place to place in a colorful shoulder bag. Included in the bag is a hand held two-way radio. The radio is used so the leaders can stay in contact with their workers.

When Earley Simon, who is from San Palo, Brazil, was calling on retail businesses he noticed a post office across the street from a small shopping strip that he was working. He thought to himself, "They certainly wouldn't want anyone calling on them and besides," he'd reasoned, "it's probably against the law to sell in a post office." There was a strange nagging on his conscience. "The Lord was telling me I should go to the post office," Earley told me. "I didn't heed the voice at first." Finally he listened to the voice and



Hana Metzoua peers over Linna Zetko's shoulder to inspect what she's preparing for their breakfast. The students begin the day with their own private devotions. Breakfast begins at ten in the morning, then an hour later, joint worship begins. This is also the time they'll share the previous days experiences and have some sales training. Between 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. they'll load the vans and head to their territory. The students won't eat again until about four in the afternoon.

went. He stood in line with everyone else then when it was his turn he asked to see the person in charge. Earley was ushered to the postmaster's office. To Earley's amazement the women in charge of the post office thanked him for stopping by because their children are always asking questions about the Bible. With that in mind she eagerly purchased three books from the young literature evangelist. Earley will always remember the importance of listening to that *Still Small Voice*.

Why do they do it?

The days are long and hot. You're up from dawn to dusk. These days hardly anyone is home during daylight hours. And, on top of all this, the rejection can wear on a person. Well then, why would a young person choose to do this work?

Rosanne Miles, a student leader from Orangeburg, South Carolina, may have one of the answers. Since it looked dark and appeared that no one was home, Rosanne was about to skip that house. Just then a car pulled in the drive. Rosanne went to the house, where a young girl, 15 or 16 years old, answered the door. She took Rosanne to her mother who was in a back room. The mother told Rosanne that she was so thankful she stopped and that she needed the books for her young daughter who had, just that week, attempted suicide. The



Rosanne Miles

mother was impressed with this young literature evangelist and thanked her for her comforting prayer.

"This is what makes it all worthwhile," Rosanne told me.

This is why they do this work! Our student literature evangelists are **"Co-laborers with the Savior."**

Facts about our Student Literature Evangelists

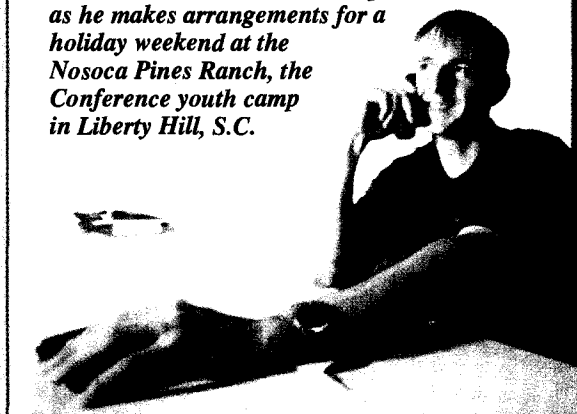
Students receive scholarships for their summer work. Adventist schools will match the students sales from 50 to 100 percent, depending on which university or academy they may attend. This year there are over 200 students working throughout the Southern Union. They will have knocked on one million doors and will have sold more than 140,000 books. In 1999 Southern Union students sold more than \$850,000.

They reported 33 baptisms for 1999.

They will have enrolled 12,000 people in personal Bible Studies.

Nearly 10,000 of the books sold will be the Great Controversy.

Zigi Metz, student leader for the Columbia group, spends a few minutes on the phone with Nosoca Pines Ranch leadership as he makes arrangements for a holiday weekend at the Nosoca Pines Ranch, the Conference youth camp in Liberty Hill, S.C.





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Murfreesboro School Meets Reading Challenge

At the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year Richard Teller, pastor, gave a reading challenge to the students of the Murfreesboro church school. There were seven students in the school and Teller challenged them to read 280 books that year. If they reached the goal, Teller said he would grow a goatee and take them out to eat. That is an average of 40 books per student. As an extra incentive there would be a special surprise for each student that read a minimum of 30 books.

The teachers, Brad Lewis and Linda Dickinson, had to approve each book and the children had to write a short report before the book would count toward the



Neely Campbell (back, left), Wayne Brown, Noel Hernandez, Brad Lewis. Middle row: Linda Dickinson, Richard Teller, Billy Mathis. Front row: Saundra Robinson, Kimberly Brown of Murfreesboro.

goal. Dickinson made an 11 x 14 picture of the pastor as a goal chart. The children got to color part of the pastor's chin for every 35 books read.

The children reached and surpassed their goal. They read almost 300 books. Every child read well over 30 books, with some reading over 50. Some of the students achieved goals that they felt they could not reach at the beginning of the year.

Teller started growing his goatee in April and will keep it for at least as long as it took the children to reach their goal. He took them to Ryan's Buffet to eat and on the day of graduation gave them an ice cream party.

Celestial Ensemble Visits Nashville



The 15 members of the Filipino singing group *Celestial Ensemble*, along with 10 support staff, visited Nashville July 19-26. All members of the ensemble are graduates of Adventist University of the Philippines and most are in the medical profession. As students, they sang during their college days and, as alumni, have been singing together since 1982. Larry Boughman, education superintendent of the Conference, and his wife, Carol, knew the members of the group when they

served in the Philippines from 1983-1994. They helped to make the arrangements for the United States tour.

The group has adopted a special project of taking medical care to the remote mountain regions of the Philippines. During their trip to the United States the group received a thank offering at each concert to assist in their special project. While in the Nashville area, the *Celestial Ensemble* presented programs at the Highland church, Ridgetop church, Madison Campus church, Madison Academy, the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference office, Tennessee Christian Medical Center, and at the Radisson Hotel for the Filipino-American Association. The group will present programs in Maryland, Virginia, Florida, and California before returning to the Philippines.

Wedding

BY MARY CHARLES GOOD

John Woodrow Jones and Christine Traylor were married May 21 at the South Louisville Church. John is a retired literature evangelist and a long-time active leader in community services. The couple will live in Louisville, Ky.



New Publishing/PARL Director

Tim Leffew has been elected the new publishing and public affairs and religious liberty director of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Leffew replaces David Haugsted who accepted

a call to another conference.



Leffew graduated from Southern Missionary College in 1982 with a BA in theology. He worked his way through college as a student literature evangelist. He

spent his junior year at Newbold College in England, where he met his wife, Jane.

Following graduation, he entered the literature ministry, canvassing in the Gulf States and the Carolina conferences. He was called into leadership in Carolina in 1987. Since 1990, he has served as the leader of the Kentucky district. The Leffews have two children: Nathan, 8; and Elizabeth, 6.



BY MARTIN DAVIS

Health Screening in Woodbury

The Woodbury church was asked to participate again in a health fair at the Cannon County High School. The Tennessee Army National Guard was responsible for screening that included weight/height, blood pressure, pulse, vision, hearing, and dental exams.

The group emphasized smoking cessation. To do this, they had a five-foot inflatable cigarette, a scientific smoker, and a mechanical smoker. They made available a 5½" x 8½" printed card—"What Smoking Can Do to My Body" on one side and "Sixteen Weapons to Kill the Urge to Smoke" on the other side.



Martin David and Doris Tucker at the Adventist booth.

"Mr. Gross Mouth" showed the harm of smokeless tobacco.

Members promoted total health by referring to "Nature's Doctors" which includes nutrition, exercise, water, sunlight, temperance, air, rest, and trust in Divine power. They used a 10' banner and had handouts emphasizing the same thing and the "Good Health in One Package" brochure. One of the doctors present was very interested in what was offered on total health.

The volunteers who participated were Ron and Myra Hanna, Bryson and Ann Johnson, Doris and Eddie Tucker, and Martin Davis.

Kenersons Retire from Pathfinding

BY HELEN KELLY

After 34 years as Pathfinder and/or Adventurer Club leaders, Don and Marilyn Kenerson of the Ridgetop, Tenn., church have decided to "pass the mantle" to younger leaders. Since they were toddlers, the Kenersons' seven children have all participated in Pathfinder activities. A second generation of Kenersons has enjoyed Pathfinder/Adventurers Club activities under their grandparents' leadership.



Part of the Kenerson family—all Pathfinder/Adventurer Club participants at one time or another Kayla Kenerson (front left), Haley Russell, Kurtis Kenerson, Brittany Russell, Kirsten Russell. Back row—Dana and Dwight Kenerson, Don and Marilyn Kenerson, Sharon (Kenerson) and Jerry Russell.

Among the special memories the couple has are camporees and backpacking trips. Camporees include sites in the Southern Union, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and the last, *Discover the Power*, in Oshkosh, Wis.

It gives the Kenersons pleasure to hear the youth say that being a Pathfinder was an important part of their lives. Don and Marilyn are happy they have had a part in teaching the youth to know God as a very special friend, that to serve others is a blessing, and that they can have a good time without getting into trouble. The couple agrees that seeing the youth grow up and return to be leaders is especially gratifying.

Tullahoma Celebrates Baptism

On Sabbath, May 20, Jack Nail had the privilege of baptizing his mother, Catherine, at 92 years of age. Nail baptized his father several years ago, but Catherine had never committed herself to Jesus through baptism. Several months ago she sold her home in Terre Haute, Ind., and moved to Tullahoma to live with Jack and his wife, Ann. Through their love and the love of a caring church family, Catherine made the decision to commit her life totally to Jesus and become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



WWII Veterans Honored

Ridgetop, Tenn., church members Joseph Malmade (left) and Ted King with State Senator Jo Ann Graves at the Ridgetop Historical Society's program that recognized World War II veterans who were from the Ridgetop area. Malmade was a T-5 in the 556 Air Warning Battalion in Iceland, and King was a T-5 in the 490's AAA in Europe.





Eighty Percent of Students Live in Residence Halls

"Our goal is to apply Christian principles consistently to all facets of our program."

This is how Southern's residence hall deans express a key objective they share. But they go beyond that:

"Above all, we desire that every man and woman living under our roofs will experience the joy that comes with the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ."

About four out of five students at the Collegedale campus live in Talge (men's residence) or Thatcher (women's residence) during the school year. There they make new friends and practice living skills that will enrich their lives forever.

"When I first came here, I thought I'd never get used to dorm life," commented Nathan Wood early in his college experience. "Now, when I go home [to Nashville], it feels kind of weird." Nathan graduated in May.



Residence hall rooms are sometimes quiet refuges for study but they are also social places where cosmic problems are discussed and lasting friendships are built.

PHOTOS BY BILLY HOWARD



Engineering

Southern's physics department offers the first two years of a baccalaureate degree in engineering.

Students completing it earn an associate of science degree in engineering studies.

Besides taking courses in calculus, physics, and chemistry, they study engineering mechanics, both statics and dynamics, and are introduced to mechanical drawing and computer-aided drafting (CAD).

An affiliation with the Walla Walla College School of Engineering makes the transition to the final two years a smooth one. Southern's engineering studies program is also compatible with the engineering programs of many other colleges and universities.

What's Happening

- With the addition of a recently earned doctorate for Denise Michaels, associate professor of education, Southern Adventist University now has 70 faculty with doctorates. This brings the percentage of faculty holding terminal degrees to 59 percent.
- Stephen Nyirady, Ph.D., chair of the biology department, is being honored as one of America's best teachers by inclusion in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000*.
- This fall three freshman-level courses are offered online (via computer and Internet) to academy juniors and seniors. Students can get a jump on college by taking Introduction to Psychology, English Composition 101, or Civil War, Soldiers, and Civilians
- An Adventist Frontier Missions 2000 rally was hosted by the Collegedale church on the campus the last weekend of July. Interest in missions is fanned by the fact that two recent graduates of Southern, Braden and Johanna Pewitt, are preparing to go to Cambodia to launch pioneering mission work.
- Freshmen receiving large music scholarships include Kristina Nelson and Kristin Holton of Tennessee, and Keturah Grindley of North Carolina (all three homeschooled); Tim Mercer of Fletcher Academy, and Evita Santana of Forest Lake Academy.
- Arriving students and their parents once again appreciated the faculty and staff who gave them a hand moving into the residence halls. This was the fourth year for the We-Haul initiative.
- This summer 84 student missionaries and Task Force volunteers scattered in every direction to spend the 2000-2001 year in service to their Church and the world around it.

MagaBooks, Students, and Miracles

GULF STATES FEATURE
BY BECKY GRICE

When you ask them to tell you about their summer, smiles lighten their faces. The words tumble out—"It was awesome!" "God was leading." "I learned to trust." "Miraculous!" As you listen to these young people who worked as student literature evangelists selling MagaBooks in the Mobile and then the Montgomery, Alabama areas, other words come to mind. Words such as—enthusiastic, energetic, willing and faithful.

Laszlo Soos says, "I always ask the 'Holy Spirit' to come into people's lives and to impress them to accept the message books. When I see people choosing these books, I see how God is working in their lives."

Drew Rester has experienced how God can soften people's hearts and change the course of events. "One man came to the door and immediately said he wasn't interested," says Drew.

Drew was walking toward the next house when the man's wife came bounding down the steps. "I was in the other room," she said. "I want to see the cookbooks." Her father was having health problems and she was interested in learning more healthful ways of cooking. After visiting with the family for a while, the husband warmed up and Drew felt comfortable talking about spiritual things. The family told him that their teenage daughter was discouraged because many of the students in the private Christian high school she was attending weren't Christians. Drew encouraged them to get the book *He Taught Love* because it had helped him when he was in the same circumstance. He prayed with the family and left. Several blocks later, the daughter caught up with him. "I was in my bedroom, but I heard your testimony and prayer. Thank-you," she said with tears in her eyes. Because of this family's influence, Drew was able to place books in several more homes.

For the past four years, teams of student literature evangelists have worked in Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi; North Alabama; and Birmingham, Alabama. This year they began their work in Mobile, Alabama and finished in Montgomery, Alabama. These young people have walked hundreds of miles, knocked on almost every door in their territories, prayed with thousands of people, touched innumerable lives and sold more than \$345,000 worth of Christian books.

As a result of their witness to others, the students have received many blessings and learned much. "When you're out there by yourself, you learn to really trust God," says Candice Humphrey. Many students learned to set goals and work toward them. Several mentioned how God helped them overcome their fear and how they had learned to meet and talk with people. After



This team of student literature evangelists worked in Mobile and Montgomery, Alabama.



Marla Samaan (above) is ready to meet the public.

Laszlo Soos (below) enjoys seeing the Holy Spirit work in people's lives.



their summer of canvassing, the students returned to their homes and back to school. But their witness will continue through the books they left in the homes. The experiences of the students will continue to benefit them and the church in the years to come.

Southern Union prepares to celebrate 100th anniversary

Not only are we turning 100, but we're the *first* Union worldwide to hit the centarian mark! The Southern Union Conference will mark Year 100 officially on April 9, 2001, and a big birthday party will be held in September to celebrate our longevity.

Between now and September, 2001, each issue of the *Southern Tidings* will feature a

The Morning Star was used for a special mission to reach the black population in the South.



timeline (see facing page) with happenings around the world and within the Adventist Church.

We will take a look at the best—and sometimes the worst—in our Southern Union history, and we'll celebrate our growth in both numbers and maturity.

As we come closer to the September event to be held in Atlanta, watch for details about scheduling, programs, lodging, etc. Enjoy!

And now, to set the stage

1863 Seventh-day Adventist Church is organized May 21. Ellen White has health reform vision on June 6.

1865 Education movement begins. First school south of the Mason-Dixon Line is established in Lexington, Kentucky, in February.

1872 First Adventist school opens on June 3.

1873 First Adventist churches in the South established at Edgefield Junction, Tennessee, and Locust Grove, Kentucky.

1874 James Andrews goes to Europe as first official missionary.

1876 Kentucky and Tennessee Conference organized.

1878 Ministerial licenses given to a woman, Mrs. Julia Owen.

1883 First Negro Adventist company organized at Edgefield Junction, Tennessee, with Harry Lowe serving as first Black Adventist pastor.

1889 A Review and Herald office opened in Atlanta. Charles Kinney is first Black ordained as Adventist minister.

1891 *Southern Agent*, later known as *These Times*, first published on December 1.

1892 Southern Adventist University opens as Graysville School on February 20. *Gospel Primer*, a religious reader to teach Blacks how to read, is published by Edson White.

1893 Florida Conference organized at Barbersville, Florida.

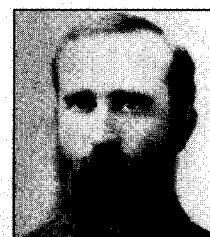
1895 Edson White's *Morning Star* boat steams into Centennial Lake at Vicksburg, Mississippi, on January 10. The first school for Blacks is opened there later in the year.

1896 Oakwood College opens as Oakwood Industrial School on November 16.

1898 *Desire of Ages* is published.

1900 Cumberland Conference established September 14 in Harriman, Tennessee.

1901 *The Southern Union Conference is organized on April 9 in Nashville, Tennessee, with Robert M. Kilgore as president.*



PRESIDENTS

John Byington, 1863-65	1874-80, James S. White
James White, 1865-67	1880-88, George I. Butler
John N. Andrews, 1867-69	1888-97, Oles Olsen
James S. White, 1869-71	1897-1901, George A. Irwin
George Ide Butler, 1871-74	1901-22, Arthur G. Daniels

CHURCH GROWTH

1863: 3,500	1880: 15,570	1895: 47,680
1875: 8,022	1885: 20,547	1900: 75,767
	1890: 29,711	

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Years
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1901 to *1910* in the Southern Union Conference

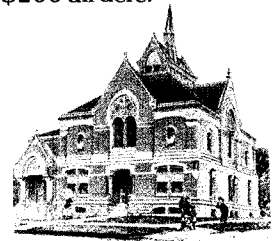
Around the World . . . and . . .

Motherhood: A Book for Girls and Women was advertised as telling the "plain facts that every one of the gentler sex ought to know."



Compulsory attendance was gaining favor for public schools.

Land could be purchased in the southern United States for \$150 to \$200 an acre.



1901:

- Ellen White visits the Southern Union in 1901.
- The Nashville Colored Clinic opens in 1901.
- Rock City Sanitarium opens between 1904 and 1907.

President McKinley was shot by an anarchist in 1901.

1907:

- *Report of Progress* becomes new official publication of the Southern Union.
- Southern Union contains AL-MS, Louisiana, KY, and TN Conferences.
- Newly formed Southeastern Union includes FL, GA, Cumberland, NC, and SC Conferences.

... Within the Adventist Church

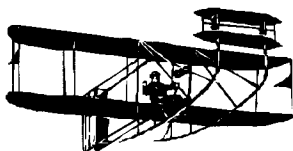
1909:

- Southern Missionary Society succeeded by Southern Union Mission as branch to oversee work for the colored people.
- Mrs. Helen McKennon Keate becomes first woman conference officer in SUC, as secretary-treasurer for AL.



Henry Ford sold the first Model A for \$850

The U.S. had one black congressman, George B. White, a Republican lawyer in North Carolina.



The Wright brothers' flying machine takes to the air.

1910:

- Union Negro Mission Dpt. formed in Southeastern Union.

Early in our Union history, many Sabbath-keepers were forced to work on chain gangs for following their beliefs over the Sunday laws.

Coca-Cola Company replaced cocaine in its soda with caffeine in 1906.

SAMPLE NEWSPAPER AD: Situation wanted by a young man of good habits, willing to do anything honorable.



A Michigan minister threatened two women with dismissal from church for not wearing hats.

GA (Aug), Carolina (Sept), & AL (Oct) Conferences organize

1901

Carolina splits into NC Conf. & SC Mission

1904

South Carolina becomes a conference

1907

Southern Union divided into Southeastern & Southern Union

1908

Union Negro Mission Department formed in Southeastern

1910

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Helping Habitat for Humanity

On April 30, 2000, representatives from six Hendersonville, N.C., area churches erected a house for Habitat for Humanity in East Flat Rock, N.C.

Organized by Bud Hadley of the Hendersonville church, about 40 members from Arden, Brevard, Fletcher, Hendersonville, Mills River, and Upward, joined to build a house for a single mother with four children.

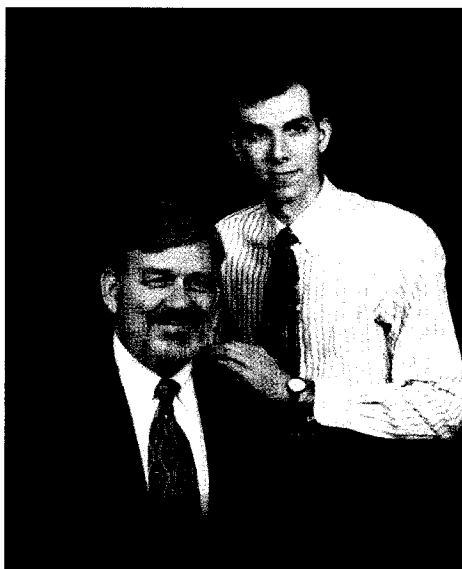
The crew started at 7:15 a.m. with the foundation in place, and by 5:00 p.m., the exterior and interior walls were in place and the roof was up. Neighbors and Habitat for Humanity officials were amazed at the outcome of this project. Men, ladies, and youth worked side by side in accomplishing this Sunday project. Other church members brought food for the noon picnic meal. The weather was beautiful; the spirit was high; and everyone had been blessed by having been a part in this project.



Impacting Toronto

John Van Eyke, Campus Ministries director for the Carolina Conference, is surrounded by "Impact Toronto" volunteers as they wait to go on stage at the 57th General Conference Session.

Father/Son Team on the Internet



Billionaire computer tycoon Bill Gates stated that 54 percent of all American households have computers and half of them are connected to the Internet. That fact has not fallen on deaf ears within the Seventh-day Adventist community. A growing number of Adventist Internet ministries and online Bible studies are out there "on the net" and flourishing. One such site is run by Fred Gibbs and his son Author Gibbs, who is the pastor in Jacksonville, N.C.

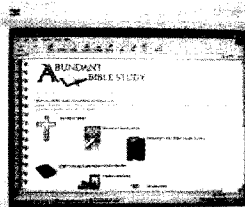
This father/son team named their

website "Abundant Bible Study." They offer opportunities for interested people to choose between four different Bible studies and to sign up for Gibbs' devotional series. Along with the Bible study a subscriber will receive a short, uplifting devotional almost every day.

Gibbs describes his devotions as follows: "Abundant-Bible Devotionals is a free Christian mailing list. Spiritual food to feed one's relationship with Jesus. Subscribers receive one short, uplifting devotional. Then inspirational quotes are chosen from many years of reading through various study and devotional Bibles. Anyone who has a paraphrase, commentary or testimony on this passage of scripture, may share it with the moderator. However, this list is not a discussion list. Thanks in advance for your interest and let's keep uplifting Jesus that all might be drawn to Him."

The Gibbs have come a long way since they started with 6 studies back in the summer of 1996. Today, thousands of people "log on" to their website and connect to Bible studies.

The father/son team feel they can name five or six baptisms that are directly traced to this Internet ministry.



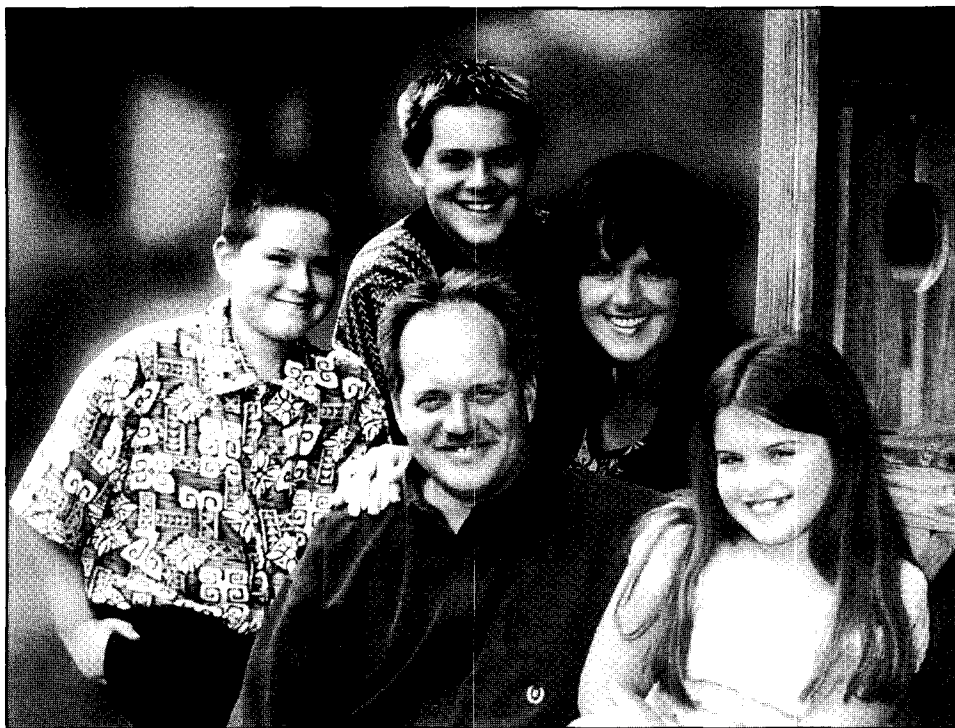
Students Share their Faith



This past school year students at Mt. Pisgah Academy shared their faith by putting into practice what they'd learned in a "witnessing class." The class, which was

taught by Don Dronen, associate pastor of the Mt. Pisgah Academy church, has resulted in two baptisms. Students went out in pairs, usually with a driver from the local church. "This next school year students from last year's class will help teach the class and will go out as trainers with the new students," Dronen stated.

Studying with the family are, pictured left, Lobo Blanco, the driver, Hollie Eirich, a senior at Mt. Pisgah Academy.



PHOTOGRAPH BY RON QUICK

Meet the New Principal for Mt. Pisgah Academy

On July 6th Rick Anderson, the new principal at Mt. Pisgah Academy, arrived on campus with his family to begin a new chapter of Christian education. The Andersons who have three children, Rick, Jr., ninth grade, Kenny, grade six, and Becca, fourth grade, moved from Garden State Academy in Tranquility, N.J. Anderson was the principal at Garden State while his wife, Beth, taught English, desktop publishing, and was the school registrar.

Since graduating from Atlantic Union College, the couple has teamed up and together have built a handsome resume in Adventist Christian education. The majority of their years in education have been at South Lancaster Academy in Massachusetts where Rick taught Bible and social studies. Beth taught in the business education department and was the vice-principal. Also, while in South Lancaster, Rick taught at Atlantic Union College.

There he taught history, theology, and education. After South Lancaster the family moved to Tidewater Adventist Academy in Virginia Beach, Va., where Anderson was the principal of the K-12 grade school.

It was the taste of the south, while there in Virginia Beach, that made the couple realize they wanted to someday return to the friendly south. Rick states that, "It is our love for young people and desire for God to use our talents for Him that we continue to work in education." Rick continued, "We believe there is no higher calling than to work for the salvation of our youth and model Christian family unity to the best of our ability. As God leads us, we ask for your prayers and support as we work together as a team with the MPA staff to create a school environment for our youth that will prepare them to serve their God and community."



Help Needed for Fleetwood

This school year will be the 65th anniversary of the ground breaking on the Fleetwood building at Mount Pisgah Academy. Fleetwood has stood as a witness to the decades of young people leaving Mount Pisgah Academy to further the Lord's work. This one building has connected many alumni through a physical monument that helps keep Pisgah unique and special.

Fleetwood was closed by the fire marshal last year. The building's wiring, plumbing, and access are not in compliance with today's standards. Builders and architects have determined that the structure is sound, and less money would be spent for renovations rather than replacement. The Academy Board voted to proceed with a one million dollar renovation plan proposed by a local architect. The Carolina Conference has started the process of a capital campaign for the academy which will include renovation of Fleetwood.

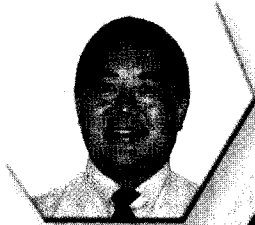
The renovations are needed quickly, but the finances will take some time to gather. With support from alumni and Carolina constituents the Academy is confident the Lord will see them through this time of need. Alumni and friends are invited to help in this project. Gifts should be directed to the treasury department of the Carolina Conference and marked "MPA Capital Campaign 2000."

Medical/Dental Congress

Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Presenter Speakers for Continuing Education

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MEDICAL

Toyomi Fukushima, MD, MPH

Hepatology Research Fellow
Emory University School of Medicine



John Bottsford, MD

Associate Clinical Professor
Vascular Surgery
Medical University
of S. Carolina, Spartanburg



Lee Berk, DrPH, MPH, FACSM

Associate Director, Center for Neuroimmunology
Loma Linda University School of Medicine



John Y. Chung, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor
East Tennessee State University School of Medicine



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Steven Filler, DDS, MS, MA

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University of Alabama School of Dentistry at UAB



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Loma Linda University School of Dentistry,
Department of Orthodontics



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Registration Form

Congress Registration for Continuing Education,
Sabbath Services, and Vespers

Name _____

Specialty _____

Medical License Number _____

Spouse's Name _____

Conference _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

I would like to register for the following CE classes:

- ☐ Medical: Thur., 7-10 p.m., Fri., 1-5 p.m. \$50
- ☐ Dental: Thur., 7-10:30 p.m., Fri., 2-5:30 p.m. \$50
- ☐ Optometry: Thur., 7-11 p.m. \$50

- Will you be attending Sabbath services? ___ Yes ___ No
- Names & ages of children attending if under 18:

Child care will be provided Friday evening for ages 1-5. Sabbath
school and church will be provided for all age groups.

Please mail registration and check to Medical/Dental Congress,
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Ely Senior President Plans Graduation Ceremony for Fellow Adventists

Senior class president Lori Stanbury strides confidently through the noisy, bustling halls of Blanche Ely High School, greeting friends and offering direction to classmates.



Sherwin Callwood, Southeastern's youth director (left), and Roy Parham, former youth director, congratulate Lori at graduation.

"I love this school, I love the students," said the poised, soft-spoken Sunrise resident. "I live, breathe and eat Ely High."

The only thing more important than school to Stanbury is the Bible. A devout Seventh-day Adventist, she keeps the holy book close at hand in her book bag during the school day.

"It's at the center of everything I believe," Stanbury said.

Stanbury's religion and education collided recently when Ely's high school graduation, scheduled for June 10 at Sunrise Musical Theater, conflicted with the Sabbath of her faith. Both fall on Saturday, a day when Seventh-day Adventists are urged to avoid non-spiritual activities.

Faced with the decision of defying her faith or taking her place as the leader of her class in the hallowed ceremony, Stanbury saw only one solution.

"We're holding our own graduation ceremony," Stanbury said.

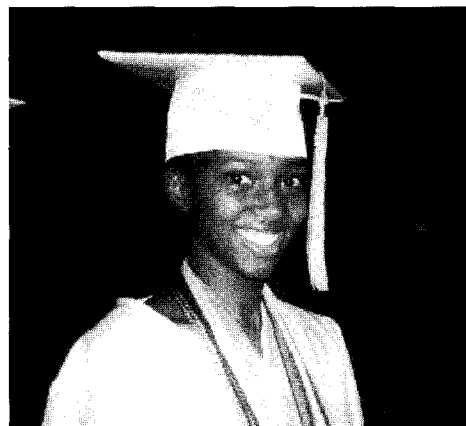
Every day for the past month, Stanbury has been making phone calls, ordering caps and gowns and preparing cer-

tificates to present to students in place of their diplomas, which they'll all receive from their respective schools.

So far, Stanbury has gathered 15 other Seventh-day Adventist students from Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade schools for her alternative graduation ceremony, scheduled for Tuesday at Plantation High School.

Students involved say they are grateful to Stanbury for planning the commencement, which is open to all students, regardless of faith.

"She didn't want her fellow students missing out on something so important,



Lori-Ann Stanbury plans graduation ceremony for fellow Adventists. The Ely senior class president said the decision not to take part in the Sabbath graduation was tough. "I love this school, I love the students," she said. "I live, breathe and eat Ely High."

just because of their religion," said fellow Adventist and Ely senior Jeffrey Mereus. "So she planned something on her own."

The ceremony is being held outside the umbrella of the Broward School District.

The South Florida Adventist Youth Federation is picking up the tab for the expenses, such as the \$500 rental fee for the Plantation High auditorium. Students

are buying their own caps and gowns through Stanbury.

Stanbury also designed a medal for the small group of graduates. She hopes other students will continue the ceremony next year.

Damian Huttenhoff, director of school support in Broward, said the observance of holy days is one of several factors schools consider when they request a graduation date from the School Board.

"We ask schools for a first, second and third choice for a suitable date for their commencement," said Huttenhoff, who oversees the scheduling of commencements for Broward's 23 public high schools. "Schools with a high percentage of Jewish commencements, makes it difficult to please everyone.

Stanbury said she initially discussed changing the day of Ely's graduation with Ely assistant principal William Springer, but both agreed it was not feasible.

"My next feeling was to take the doubt and disappointment I felt and turn it into something positive," Stanbury said. "I placed the question in the hands of God, and the answers came to me."

In 1998, then-Palm Beach County Schools superintendent, Joan Kowal, asked principals at her schools to designate alternate graduation dates after Jew-

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This is the group of graduates who received their diplomas in the special graduation ceremony.



BY OZZIE G. MITCHELL

I Can Keep Sunday No Longer

Harvey Jones, Sr., a former Methodist minister in Avon Park, Fla., recently embraced the Seventh-day Adventist message and became a member of Tampa's Mt. Calvary church.

Jones' mother, a missionary, and his father, himself a Methodist deacon, instilled in their family the importance of attending church every Sunday and of having a personal relationship with the Lord. A blessing was asked at every meal and included in each blessing was "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Jones often wondered why, but he never dared to ask his father.

As a young man, Jones frequently visited Adventist relatives in Fort Lauderdale who constantly preached the "Do's" and "Don'ts" of Adventism. They mentioned little or nothing about the Sabbath and never discussed why they worshiped on the Sabbath day. He often wondered why, however, he never asked.

Jones' brother, also a first-day preacher, with whom he had a rather strained relationship, claimed to have a document, which proves that the Sabbath was changed from Saturday to Sunday. This increased Jones' curiosity about the Sabbath, however, his brother refused to allow anyone to see this so-called evidence.

One day while visiting his sister in Tampa, Jones met a young lady who invited him to prayer meeting. By Jones'

own admission, "I went to this prayer meeting with both of my spiritual guns loaded, and nothing the pastor could say would make me change my mind." Wesley Bruce, the pastor, spoke on "The Mark of the Beast." Jones had never heard such a message, and after the service, he was more determined than ever to learn as much as possible about the Bible Sabbath, the three angels message, Ellen G. White, and Adventism in general.

For several weeks Jones drove 70 miles from Avon Park to Tampa to attend prayer meeting, and before long, not only was he attending weekly prayer meetings, he also began attending Sabbath school and the divine worship services. He decided not to tell his family that he had begun to attend an Adventist church, because after all, he had been a member of the Methodist Church for many years. Not only that, "my family would think that I had lost my mind."

Jones continued to attend the Methodist church on Sunday and Mt. Calvary church every Wednesday night and on the Sabbath. After attending Mt. Calvary for four or five Sabbaths, he decided, "I had to stop being a phony by attending both churches." He knew then that he had to change. He realized that everything he had heard at Mt. Calvary was Biblically correct. Now he had to make a choice.

The following Sabbath, the appeal was made. According to Jones, "The Holy Spirit



Harvey Jones with Jacinta Davis who invited him to prayer meeting.

descended on me that day and I became a changed man. I had to stop running between two gods." He wondered how it was possible for him not to have known about the Sabbath all of those years. According to Jones, "I could keep Sunday no longer." He took his stand that day and since that time he has been sharing the good news of the Sabbath and Christ's soon return with those he comes in contact.

Ely Senior President Plans Graduation Ceremony for Fellow Adventists (continued from page 22)

ish and Seventh-day Adventist students at Palm Beach Lakes High School protested a scheduled graduation time.

Stanbury's mother, Lorna, said her daughter has always used her religious upbringing to make important decisions.

"It was very satisfying to see her using God's grace to stand up for something she believes in," Lorna Stanbury said. "She made the right decision even if it wasn't the most popular one."

Lorna Stanbury said her daughter has had to rearrange other academic activities scheduled on Saturdays in the past, including her SATs.

"She's a wonderful child," Lorna Stanbury said. "She studies very hard, but some things are more important to her than academics."

Stanbury, who plans to study marketing and American sign language at Northeast University in Boston this fall, said her

high visibility as class president brought attention to her decision not to attend her school's graduation.

I had friends who understood and supported my decision completely, and others who didn't understand at all," Stanbury said. "But this was a personal decision, and I had to stand up for it. This is something I believe in."

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The Evidence:

UNION FEATURE
BY RICHARD DOWER

"Really good television as well as television with a powerful point."

Faith For Today has begun production on a new television program called *The Evidence*. Host of the program is Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and speaker for NET '98. Dwight Nelson is also the speaker of the church service, *New Perceptions*, broadcast from the Pioneer Memorial church and seen on the Three Angels' Broadcasting Network.

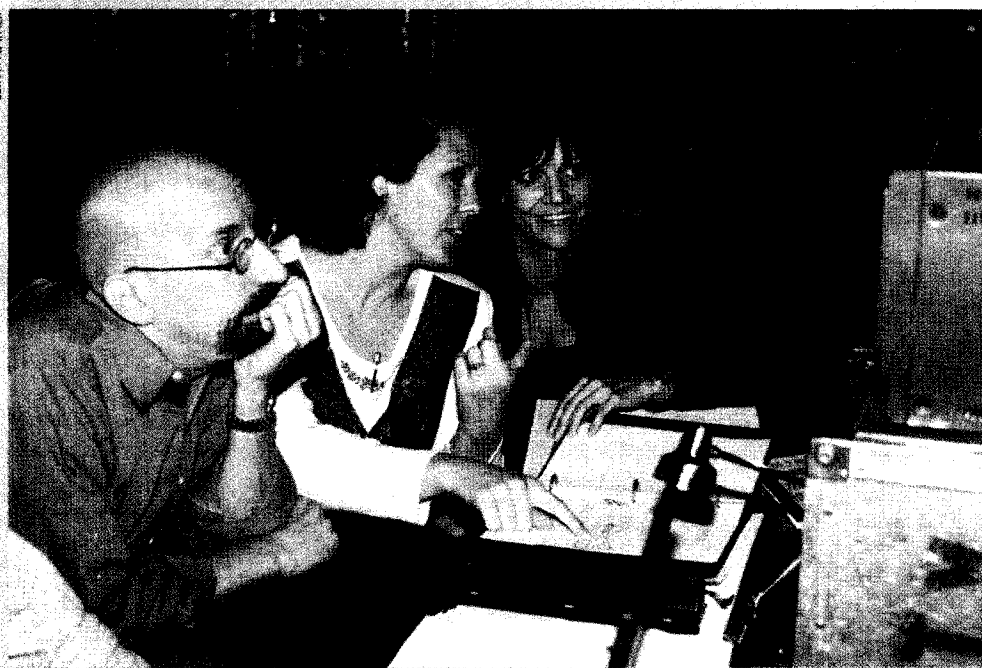
Initial funding for *The Evidence* production came from the North American Division, and to be successful, major financial support from church members will be needed on an ongoing basis. While *The Evidence* is a new product of *Faith For Today*, *Lifestyle Magazine* with host Dan Matthews is continuing to be produced and shown across the country.

On these pages we take you behind the scenes for a look at the video production of this gripping new program



RICHARD DOWER

Jeffrey L. Sheler, religion editor of Newsweek magazine, gives host Dwight Nelson the evidence that confirms his belief in a God that is real and that cares for him.



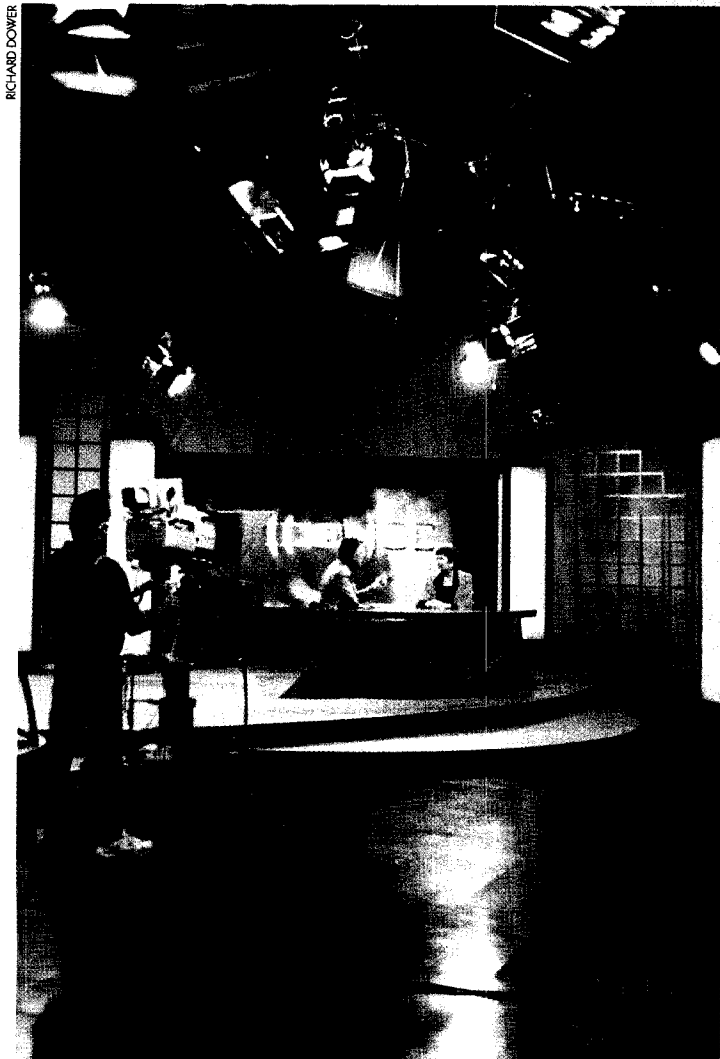
Writers Rodney Vance, Heather Hale, and Hilary Carr watch the teleprompter during the video taping of *The Evidence*.

which took place on May 18, 19 at the historic Occidental Studios in Los Angeles, California. *The Evidence* is slated to begin airing this fall.

An in-depth, eye-opening exploration into the dimensions of God through art, science, history, and the human heart, *The Evidence* investigates the possibility of God in all its expressions. It sets out to bridge the gap between science and theology, between ritual and the human heart. The target audience is the thinking, urban, nonbeliever, not the believing Christian.

As an introduction to God, *The Evidence* explores such fundamental questions as "Where did we come from?" and "Why are we here?" From a basic Judeo-Christian perspective, *The Evidence* not only examines the idea that God exists, but that He also cares.

Using the half-hour newsmagazine format, the television show features on-



On The Evidence set, host Dwight Nelson interviews Linda Segar, originator of the script consultant industry for television and film shows.

location interviews with world-renown scientists and artists who de-mystify the technologies of nature and illuminate the wonder of life. Additional in-depth interviews with experts take place on the beautiful new studio set. Now in its first season of production, *The Evidence* also explores the transforming power of spirituality in the lives of everyday people.

Rodney Vance, head writer for *The Evidence*, explained how they find the people to talk to. He said, "One of the ways we find them is by searching through Amazon.com which is like a *Books in Print*. We search under certain subject areas to find out who has written on that subject. Then we talk to different people to find out who is credible.

"We have been directed to some of the top people in the country in a particular area. Most are eager and excited to talk about God because they are not often able to talk about Him within their work arena. So they are very happy to come on the show and actually talk about how God works in their lives. Their stories create some really good television as well as television with a really powerful point," Vance added.

Richard Dower is the Lake Union Conference communication director.

Faith For Today Celebrates 50 Years of Broadcasting

BY ELWYN PLATNER

On May 21, 1950, under hot studio lights and in front of unforgiving, live broadcast television cameras of WJZ-TV (now WABC-TV) in New York, William and Virginia Fagal began a new era in evangelism with the encouragement and support of the Seventh-day Adventist church leaders.



During the 50-year anniversary of television ministry by Faith For Today, speaker emeritus Dan Matthews, Stew Harty, chief executive officer, Dwight Nelson, host of *The Evidence*, and co-founder of Faith For Today, Virginia Fagal, had an opportunity to reminisce about the many years that Faith For Today has been on the air.

On the same weekend exactly 50 years later, Virginia Fagal and *Faith For Today* (FFT) telecast members of the intervening years presented a golden anniversary celebration at the Loma Linda University church.

Film clips from programs produced through the years interspersed with memories and music from the *Faith For Today* and King's Heralds quartets of the 1960s, with Van Knauss, organist for *Faith For Today*, highlighted the progress of the worldwide television ministry.

The event provided opportunity to see excerpts from *Faith For Today*'s newest innovative program, *The Evidence*, which had been videotaped the previous two days.

Joining Mrs. Fagal for the celebration program were her family and three current FFT leaders, Dan Matthews, speaker emeritus; Dwight Nelson, *The Evidence* host; and Stew Harty, chief executive officer.

Elwyn Platner is the communication director of the Pacific Union Conference.



Banana Boats, Bread in a Bag and Fruit Pops Make a Fun VBS

This year the Shoals church in Florence, Ala., chose "Kids in the Kitchen" for the theme of their vacation Bible school. With Diann Vaden as director, staff was rallied for touching the lives of about 25 children from the church and community.

Each day, Elmer Sanderson and Barry Mahorney, the pastor, led the children in a rousing song service; teachers taught insightful Bible lessons; and a van transported many of the children to and from their homes.

Healthful living for Jesus was the focus of the week. Instead of traditional crafts, fun and healthful recipes, under the direction of Sharryn Mahorney, were prepared in the kitchen by the children. A boat was made with a banana for the boat, grapes and toothpicks for oars, and a straw and lettuce leaf for the mast and sail. Children discovered how to make other fun foods such as fruit pops using no sugar, pizza with tahini cheese, and blender ice cream (with no milk or sugar). A favorite activity was making whole wheat bread in a zip-lock bag.

The children looked forward to graduation exercises Friday evening as they saw themselves in a video taken during VBS by Elmer Sanderson. After the graduation they were each given the loaf of bread they made and a packet of healthful recipes. Parents were able to taste the pizza made by their children as



Making fruit pops is serious business for Lupe and Emily.



Alex creates a bug, using a peach half as the base.

they met and talked with the VBS staff.

One newly baptized parent was heard to say, "I didn't know you could make pizza without cheese, but this is the best pizza I have ever eaten. I've got to make it for my family!"

Youth Attend First Hispanic Summer Camp Weekend

BY BECKY GRICE



More than 75 enthusiastic young people, ages 16 - 30, gathered at Camp Alamisco July 21-23, for the first Hispanic youth camp to be held in the Conference. The audience listened intently as the guest speaker, Ezequiel Osorio, area publishing director for the Lake Union, challenged them to develop a strong faith and to walk with Jesus. The camp began with communion on Friday evening. Seminars on dating and marriage were given Saturday afternoon and recreation, including water activities, were planned for Sunday.

Roberto Garcia, from the Albertville church, Ana Vega, from the Meridian church, and Guspar Osorio, from the Ft. Payne church, were responsible for organizing and getting the young people to the camp. This was the first visit to Camp Alamisco for many of the youth.

"I was impressed with the missionary zeal of these young people," said Tui Pitman, the Conference Hispanic coordinator. "For instance, young adults comprise the majority of the Meridian Spanish church and they are the driving force behind much of the growth," he added.

Ezequiel Osorio conducted morning devotionals at the outdoor chapel.



BY BECKYGRICE/BARBARA RUSSO

Meetings Attract Cross-Section of Believers

From young children to senior citizens; from former Adventists to a Pentecostal bishop—a wide cross-section of believers was brought to the Lord during the Revelation Now Seminar held in Pensacola, Fla., May 19 - June 24. The seminar and a field school for theology students from Southern Adventist University was conducted by Ron Halvorsen, Southern Union church growth director. As a result of Halvorsen's enthusiastic preaching, the diligent efforts of George Garrick, support work by Carrol Halvorsen and Charlotte Garrick, the field school members and the involvement of a large percentage of church members, Tom Dunham of the University Parkway church baptized 34 into his congregation, and Mike Hill baptized 11 who are attending the Crestview, Milton or West Side Pensacola churches.

After much prayer and nurturing,



The joy of Maria Best's baptism (second from left) was shared by her friends from the University Parkway church.

Maria Best, employee of the Kiddie Korral Daycare Center at University Parkway church, experienced the joy of baptism. The joy was shared by several ladies from the church who had prayed for, studied with, and become friends with Maria.

Alona Woodard was baptized following the baptisms seven months earlier of her sister and brother-in-law, Alishia and Eric McDonald. The McDonalds had joined the church as a result of NET '99 and previous Discover Bible Studies.

The Lucas family was united by baptism and re-baptism. Papa Nick Lucas joined the church after many years of faithful prayer and witness by his wife, Ruby. Several months before the beginning of the seminar, Ruby and Nick begin listening to video tapes from the church library. Several of the Lucas' children, which included two sons, two sons-in-law, and a daughter-in-law were baptized or re-baptized.

Small group follow-up meetings in the member's homes were started immediately after the seminar. After four weeks more than 80 percent of the new members were attending.

Church Sign Captures Public's Attention

BY BECKY GRICE

Each day more than 20,000 people drive past the Troy, Ala., church which is located on the busy north/south corridor US highway 231. This highway, accord-

ing to the State Department of Transportation, is almost twice as busy as I-65 which goes from Montgomery to Mobile. Because of this strategic location, the members of the church decided to construct a church sign that would be attractive and a witness to their beliefs.

Within a few weeks of the sign's erection, the members began to get feedback. Jimmy Ramage, the mayor of Brundidge, Ala., said, "I like the messages you put on your sign."

"What does your sign say this week? I haven't had a chance to read it yet," a bank clerk asked Mickey Sayles, pastor.

The Troy congregation is small and the construction and purchase of the sign took a group effort, but the benefits are already evident.



The Troy congregation stand beneath its new church sign.



Darlene Steele joins Conference Office Staff

Darlene Steele has recently joined the Conference office staff. Steele is working as an intern in the treasury dept. After attending Southern Adventist University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, Steele worked in the Colorado Adventist Book Center for a year. She is from Calhoun, Ga., where her parents still reside.



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establishment of the self-supporting work in our Union as well as the amazing story of the *Morning Star* boat under the direction of Edson White, the beginning of the NET Evangelism thrust which began in our Union, along with other inspiring programming.

The conclusion on Saturday night will be an evangelistic meeting conducted by Mark Finley, and the *It Is Written* music staff. This evangelistic thrust will be advertised throughout the Union with people invited who have been watching *It Is Written* to attend either in person or by satellite. Mark will take this opportunity to invite people to make a decision to follow Christ and become a part of His last day church.

Many more details will be brought to your attention on the pages of the *Southern Tidings* in future months.

The *Southern Tidings*, with this September issue, will begin a full page feature focusing on the events that took place in the first decade of our Union's history. This will continue each month and will cover over a ten-month period all of the significant events. Along with this, there will be special features of the growth and development of God's work during the last 100 years covering stories like the chain-gang experience in Graysville, the development of ASI, an emphasis on the history of the health ministry, the beginning of the evangelistic work among blacks, and the *Morning Star*.

As indicated by the theme "A Past With A Future" much emphases will be given to youth during the centennial celebration. ASI has offered to help fund two youth crusades prior to our September weekend event. We are hoping to have baptisms from this on Sabbath, September 15.

Please join me in praying that the centennial celebration will not only confirm our faith as we consider God's goodness and guidance, but will also inspire us to plead for renewed in-filling of His Spirit to move forward with renewed prayer and energy to bring God's work to a glorious conclusion in the great Southern Union.

A Railway Built by a Woman

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND FEATURE
BY FRED KNOPPER

Sitting at my dining room table discussing the completion of her video project called "Newstart Railway," I asked Betty Hoehn for a little time to do a story on this innovative project for young children. As a retiree she seems constantly busy, so I was also interested in finding out what keeps this retired medical technician so active.

"Well Betty, when I write this article shall I just call you seventy-something," I asked gingerly. "Oh, I'm 79 and proud of it, almost 80!" she exclaimed with a smile. "You can print it."

Betty retired from Florida Hospital in 1986 just six years after earning a masters degree in public health. She studied public health in anticipation of mission service. "I was thinking about going overseas when I retired and wanted to have credentials for credibility," she explained. "But I never made it overseas, except to visit."

Instead Betty volunteered in her local community and at the Bowman Hills church in Cleveland, Tennessee. "As personal ministries leader, I tried to incorporate the health concepts I learned in my graduate program," she stated. "But really, the place to start is with children before their appetites are fully formed."

She called the conference communication department to ask if I could video tape a group of youngsters at the Bowman Hills School. "They've been practicing their lines, and they are ready to demonstrate the Newstart Railway program," Betty said.

When I arrived, I found not only a room full of energetic first-graders, but an entire miniature village in the center of the classroom. Around the town ran an oval track with an elaborate train complete with smoke and whistle. It was creatively designed with eight signposts that highlighted the eight natural remedies of Newstart: Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest, and Trust in God. This acronym was coined by Weimar Institute and is a registered trademark; Betty received permission to use it in this project.

As the train ran around the track, it stopped at different "health stations" and the children would recite Scripture, read a poem, sing, or do some other activity that reinforced the health principle. It's a very visual and interactive way to get kids involved in learning.

"If you can capture a child's interest, you usually get the parents as well," Betty explained. Teaching children to be healthy, to live by the eight remedies of health outlined by Ellen White in the book, *Ministry of Healing*, gives them a start in the right direction. "Kids go home and sing the song and when visitors come they show them the video," she said. "We've also used this program with VBS."

"But why a railroad Betty?" I asked. "Oh, I've always been fascinated with trains. My grandfather worked on trains. In fact, one day Jesse James stole his lunch, which made my grandfather very upset," she reminisced. "Ever since I've been a little girl I wanted a model railroad, but never got one—till my 75th birthday, when my daughter gave me one," she continued.

"But the Newstart Railway program will work with any kind



Newstart Railway is a program designed to teach young children about the eight principles for healthy living. Betty Hoehn (right) from Cleveland, Tenn., put together this resource packet to assist parents, teachers, and health educators in teaching children how to make choices to live healthier lives. Pictured with Hoehn is Nathan Stevens, student at Bowman Hills School in Cleveland.

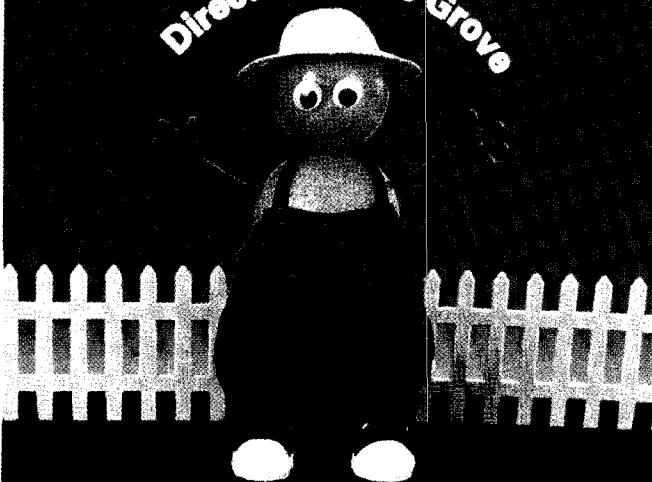
of transportation mode: bus, airplane, car or boat. In fact, one idea I really like is the space station theme where kids, dressed in a space suit with oxygen tank, visit different planets representing each health principle." The goal is to keep kids interested in traveling from one location to the next.

Many individuals helped to successfully complete this unique project. It includes the video which demonstrates how the program works, a manual with instructions, physical exercises, original music score, complete script, and poem, all packaged in a convenient ring binder. Parents and teachers interested in ordering a copy of the "Newstart Railway" health education program can call the Collegedale ABC at 1-800-866-4307.

John Swafford, Conference health director for children, stated that he appreciated this resource for teaching younger children about health principles. "It is a creative and fun way for children to learn the foundation of why we encourage healthful living," said Swafford.

Betty Hoehn is already thinking about her next video project for children. It will focus on nutrition. Few octogenarians have as much spunk and enthusiasm as Betty Hoehn. The world would sure benefit if there were more women like her.

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Ancient and Modern Heroes Remembered

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE FEATURE
BY SUE FORD

Memorial Day Sabbath, May 27, was a day for the members of the Raleigh church in Memphis to reflect on the origin of Memorial Day. More importantly, it was a time to consider its significance to us as Seventh-day Adventist Christians. Our Memorial Day remembrances began in the Sabbath school program as Ernest Jack Colley, Jr., shared some of the significant events in his father's military career and showed some of the medals that he was awarded. Ernest J. Colley, Sr., was given the French Croix de Guiere for his bravery, the Marine Corp Medal of Honor, and many years after the war was over, he was given the Silver Star by the United States government. He had an outstanding military career.

We continued to be reminded of other soldiers for Christ who had gone before us. Aprille Ransom shared her thoughts on some of our deceased members who were soldiers for Christ. We remembered fondly the encouraging words and devotion of each one. Time didn't permit looking at some of the founders of our church who were truly soldiers for Christ. James White went forward for Christ with a soldier's spirit. He did not count the cost of his commitment and was at times in harms way because of his beliefs. Our examples reminded us that there is always a sacrifice for freedom.

The morning worship was led by Bob Russell who said "It is a day to remember the contributions of men and women who have put their lives at risk to assure freedom for the rest of us and to be reminded that, though our country has had some brilliant and successful commanders and leaders, none compare with our Ultimate Leader."

The worship hour began with a procession of former and current uniformed military personnel that were participating in the program. The congregation sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic" to open the program accompanied by the band. Russell reviewed how God has led in the past as he read of Joshua's battle at Jericho (Joshua 5:13-14). Joshua followed God's instructions and as a result, Jericho was successfully overcome. We continued to look at God's work as we read Judges 6:16 which tells us that Gideon received direct instructions from God and he followed them precisely though his army was small and the Midianites numbered as sand by the seashore. God

was faithful to do as he had said and the battle was Gideon's.

Russell encouraged us to "remain faithful as we go about our daily lives in a constant battle with God's fiercest adversary. If we are to gain entry into the Kingdom of God we must be faithful soldiers following God's commandments and daily instructions by reading his word and praying for understanding of his will."

He reminded us that "in the final battle between God and Satan, God will destroy sin forever and there will be no more wars, and no more death. The righteous will live with Jesus for eternity in His kingdom."

The children's story was introduced with Samuel 16:45-47: "You come to me with a sword, with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." The story reviewed the details of David's triumph over



Current and former military personnel: Front row—Herschel Powell, Navy (left); Glenn Bridges, Navy; Jack Colley, Marines; Howard Mills, Army. Back Row—Roy Hawkins, Marines; David Pavcik, Navy; Bob Russell, Air Force; Ted West, Navy; and John Wiltenburg, Navy.

Goliath. We were reminded in this battle like the others of the Bible that the battle was the Lord's.

A tribute was given to those deceased church members who were in military service to our country. Those members include: John Adams, Army; Ernest Colley, Sr., Marine Corp.; Mabre Robinson, Army; Wesley Earl Starnes, Army; Okley "Bo" Taylor, Navy; Roger Wahl, Army; and Alvis Young, Army Air Corp. Taps resonated through the sanctuary as their names were read and a wreath was placed at the front in their memory.

Pastor Colin Morris' message gave us courage and inspiration as he reminded us that our religious freedom was not free. Christ secured it for us when he sacrificed his life for us. In life we all have giants to conquer and battles to fight. God knows our personal battles and he knows how to win. Morris challenged us to take our faith in God and march down our mountain and into the valley to battle our giants knowing that it is God who fights the battle. The challenge for us is to let him defeat the foe.

Our Memorial Day program concluded with a recessional of our military representatives. Memories remain of those in God's army that have preceded us in death. Their memory keeps alive the hope that our Savior and Lord will return to claim us when the final battle is over.

Bible Bowl Champions

SOUTH ATLANTIC FEATURE
BY D. WAYNE DAVIDSON

This year's South Atlantic Bible Bowl championship games had come with a six percent increase in team registration across the three federations that comprise the South Atlantic Conference. In South Carolina, the increase was up ten percent with teams in every division, thanks to the vivifying power of the Holy Spirit and the tremendous effort of their



Senior Youth Champs.

new federation coordinator, Barry Lee. "This is a five-year plan," he states. "This year we are just getting our feet wet." This they did and a whole lot more.

With the increase in team registration, there comes an increase in games played during the season. This challenges us to be more creative in scheduling games. The South Carolina federation finals were played on a Sunday and there had to be a Conference semifinal in order to reduce the number of games played at camp meeting. However, it was in Atlanta that the most significant event took place as the Green Forest Community Baptist hosted Georgia's federation final.

With moderators poised to begin, and players at the ready, the games began. The excitement was evident from beginning through to the end. However, it was the junior and senior youth games that brought the most tension. In the junior game, South Carolina forced Georgia into a rubber game and then reluctantly settled for the first runner-up spot. In the senior youth game, Georgia's 1999 champs came ready

to defend their title, but this was not to be, as North Carolina demonstrated that they were just that much quicker on the buzzer. For the first time since Bible Bowl was revived here in South Atlantic, the senior youth championship title leaves Georgia for some distant shore.

At this year's camp meeting, championship games were again played in all five divisions. The adventurer, junior, and young adult titles went to Georgia, and the senior youth and adult titles went to North Carolina. It is also worthwhile noting that all the teams from Georgia that were Conference champions came from the New Hope church in Ellenwood where their Bible Bowl staff is led by Barbara Edwards.

Special recognition and awards were given to several individuals who had demonstrated over the years their support and involvement in this unique ministry: Patrick Morgan, Carlos and Maxine Edwards from the Charlotte North East church, Jerome Harris from the Atlanta Berean church, and Barry Lee for his work as the new South Carolina federation coordinator. Antanya Chung of Lithonia was also introduced as the new Bible Bowl administrative assistant to the Conference staff.

The Adventurer champs: New Hope church (Jessica Malcolm, Trisha Edwards, Merriah Haynes, Dana Smith, Aldon Stephens, captain, and Hazel Sinclair, coach). **The Junior champs:** New Hope church (Khiry Peterson, Trydy-Ann Fraizer, Natasha Campbell, Alaine Stephens, Kassimier Haynes, captain, with Dawn Grant and Nidia Haynes, coaches). **The Senior Youth champs:** East Market Street church (Christopher Phelps, Calvin Phelps, Jus-



Junior Division Champs.

tin Foster, Latisha Hairston, Norman Phelps, captain, and Connie Phelps, coach). **The Young Adult champs:** New Hope church (Pauline Harvey, Opal Evans-Roach, Karen Anderson, Barbara Edwards, captain, and Fay Smart, coach). **The Adult champs:** Charlotte Northeast church (Maxine Edwards, Tyrone Michaels, Carol Roberts, Cynthia Thompson, Oliver McCoy, Jr., Carlos Edwards, captain, and Patrick Morgan).

The North Carolina churches that participated in the conference finals were LaGrange, Charlotte Northeast, and East Market Street. The South Carolina churches were Orangeburg, Florence, and Greenville. The new books for the 2001 games are Genesis, Leviticus, Esther, Daniel, Malachi, Mark, and 1 and 2 Peter.

Dallas! Here we come! This now constitutes the attitude of those bound for the



Adventurer Champs.

national game in Dallas October 27-28, 2000. Through the strength of the indwelling Holy Spirit we will be victorious. For those who would like to be among those on hand for these exciting games, please contact the youth ministries department at the South Atlantic Conference office.

Morehouse Awards McCoy's Bold Vision for Ministry

Morehouse College inducted President Joseph W. McCoy into the Martin Luther King, Jr., Board of Preachers in recognition of his bold vision for community-impacting ministry.

"Because of the crises of manhood in America," Morehouse College seeks ministers whose ministry exemplifies that they, like Martin Luther King, Jr., have a strong commitment to improving the quality of life for all people.

McCoy reports that he was nominated and inducted to the Board of Preachers in part because of his work with young people, and his innovations and initiatives that improve ministers and ministry since becoming president of the South Central Conference.

Of particular note is his involvement outside the Adventist circle with the Harvard Divinity School's 1994 conference on the New Urban Agenda: The Black Church's Economic Responsibility in the New Millennium. His presence there and the participation of Dr. Charles Adams in South Central's Preaching Retreats of 1994-96 led to his being invited to serve on the Harvard Divinity School's Summer Leadership Institute in 1997. Both events had as an underlying theme the social, educational, and developmental contributions the Black Church should have on the communities they serve.

High on the list of additional things that commended McCoy to the Board was the establishment of the South Central Conference's College for Ministry to prepare its pastors to serve with skill and relevance, a community that places high value on socioeconomic as well as religious, moral, and ethical issues that impact it.

Each inductee is charged to be a positive example for African-American males, assist in righting age-old wrongs that continue to haunt the American family and

the world, and finally to use their time, talent, and tender as a resource to help "raise up another generation of morally motivated leaders and usher in the fulfillment of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, dream."

McCoy is one of ten Seventh-day Adventist ministers who have been honored by Morehouse since 1991. Others in sequential order include Walter Leonard Pearson, Jr., Charles Edward Bradford, Edward Earl Cleveland, Charles Decatur Brooks, Calvin Bovell Rock, William



Left Photo: Walter Pearson (left) and Jesse Jackson congratulate McCoy.

Right Photo: Joseph McCoy is inducted into the M. L. King Board of Preachers.

Clinton Scales, Harold Lovell Cleveland, Sr., Malcolm Graeme Taylor, Jr., and Alvin Maurice Kibble.

The opportunity for Seventh-day Adventists to be involved is traceable to the ministry of Walter Pearson, director of the *Breath of Life* telecast.

In 1985, Walter Pearson accepted an invitation to serve as the main speaker for a special Sunday morning worship service at the Martin Luther King, Jr., International Chapel. A friendship developed between Pearson and Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter, Sr., dean of the Chapel. That friendship would eventually facilitate the introduction of the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* and the *Conflict of the Ages Series* onto library shelves at Morehouse College. Additionally, scores of copies of *The Desire of the Ages* were often claimed



by budding preachers even before they could be formally distributed.

During the years that followed, worship services at the Martin Luther King, Jr., International Chapel included Pearson as well as Dr. Alma Blackmon, Luther Washington, III, and other members of the Berean church. Carter proved his dedication to ecumenism as well as his affinity for his new Adventist brothers and sisters when he arranged to include them officially in the Annual Week of Spiritual Emphasis at Morehouse.

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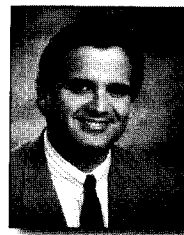
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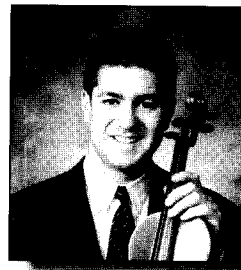


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Sept. 30. West Palm Beach.
Oct. 1. Jupiter-Tequesta, Jensen Beach, Ft. Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville.

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Oct. 7-Nov. 13. Okeechobee. Bob and Mary Goransson.
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Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

Women's Retreat—Oct. 6-8.

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Sept. 29. Emmanuel Quartet.

Sept. 24. Steve Arrington.

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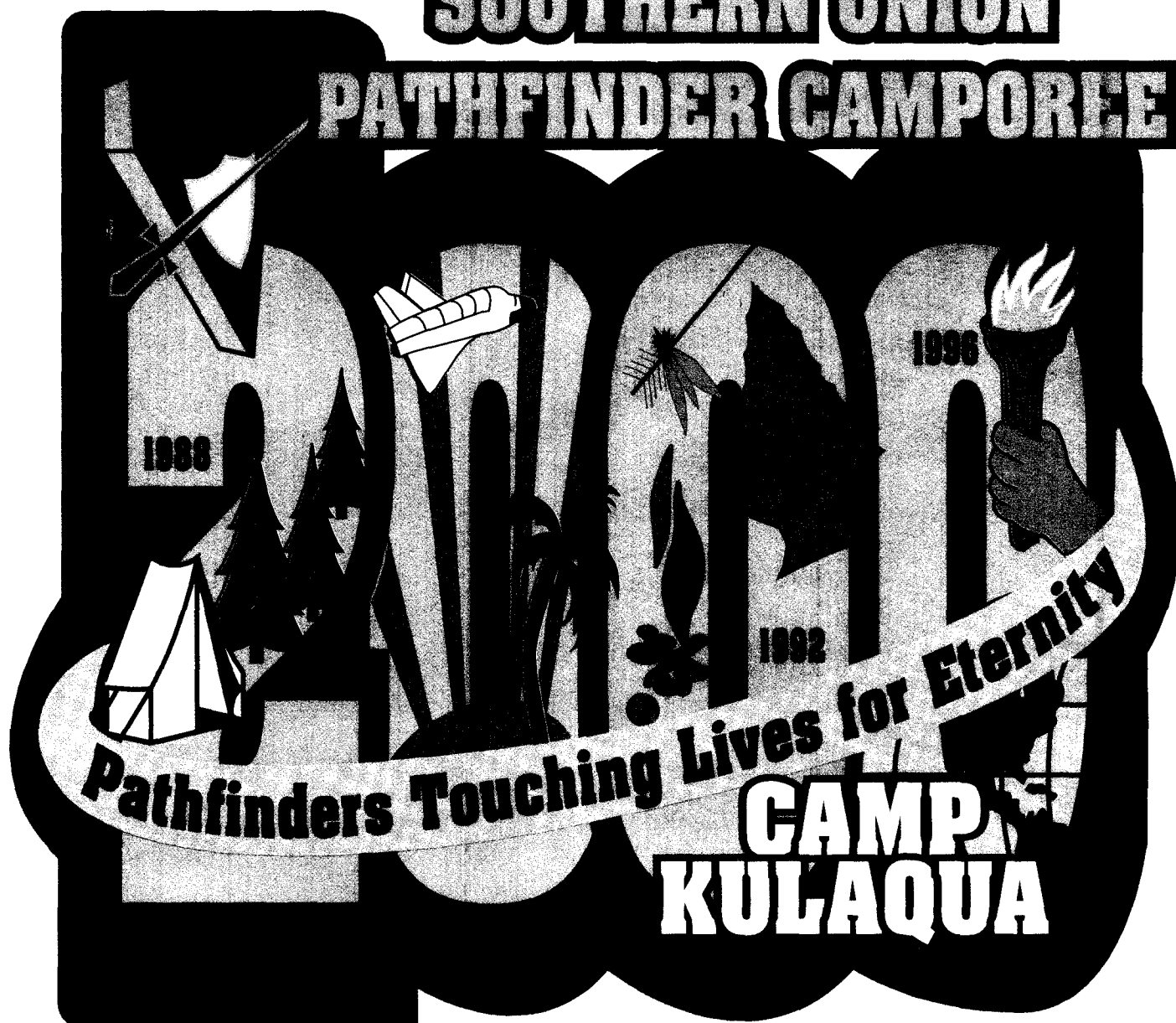
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