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ROGER MORTON

Dan Clark joins with 93-year-old mountain climber, Hulda Crooks, as two of the inspirational speakers motivating young people to be the best they can possibly be.

"Celebrate

bonding which develops in such a short time," observed Barbara Wetherell, of the General Conference Health and Temperance Department and convention Family Group coordinator, "It was amazing!"

A highpoint came Friday evening as Hulda Crooks, a 93-year-old Adventist who has become internationally famous for her mountain climbing accomplishments, shared the excitement and privilege of adopting the Adventist drug-free, health-promoting life style. "I didn't know how, the young people would respond to an elderly 'seasoned citizen,'" convention director Roger Morton reflected, "but I needn't have worried. They loved her."

Sabbath afternoon, more than 800 messages promoting drug-free living were written and attached to helium balloons which were released with a colorful display of cheering enthusiasm. An activity, "Capturing the Spirit of Celebration," incorporating a disposable camera aimed at the family group as it formed itself along specific spiritual themes, allowed a pictorial record to be made of each friendship cluster.

Musical concerts enriched the weekend. Keyboard artist Ritchie Carbajal delighted all with his amazing mastery of the synthesizer. Marshall Kelley endeared himself to his audience with his rich and sensitive songs of hope and commitment. Higher Power, vocalists from Miami, blended messages aimed straight at the heart as they closed the Sabbath hours with their music.

The climax came Saturday night in a skit entitled "Turn Around" portraying the entanglement of a lonely, rejected teen in chemicals. Though surrounded by a wall of drugs which separated him from his former friends, he was rescued by peers who broke through and encompassed him in their love. As the skit concluded, hundreds from the audience surged to the stage to become a part of an

The thin covering of newly fallen snow that lay on the ground as participants awakened for the second Adventist Youth to Youth convention in no way dampened the spirits of the nearly 400 who were present. Representing every conference in the Southern Union, plus delegations from nearly every union in the North American Division, the young people had registered at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center for the four-day February retreat during the evening before with high expectations. Some based their anticipation upon their own memories of the launch of Adventist Youth to Youth the year before, while the others were excited by the reports which original attenders had brought back.

Adventist Youth to Youth is an adaptation of a high school drug- and alcohol-prevention program recently developed in Ohio. It aims at reinforcing positive peer pressure in favor of a healthy, balanced, and functional life style. It attempts to give the church's young people creative options and strong motivation for drug- and alcohol-free living.

Presentations such as "Cocaine Killer" by devotional speaker Ronnie Vanderhorst from Prepare Our Youth, Inc., in Washington, D.C.; "The Family Factor in Alcoholism" by Dave Williams, staff trainer from the national Youth to

Youth in Ohio; and "Advertising Mythmakers" by Patricia Mutch, staff trainer and director of the Institute of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency at Andrews University in Michigan; helped to inform those present about the traps set for the unwary.

Three workshop periods offered choices from several dozen topics, such as "How to Help a Buddy Kick Drugs," "To Rock or Not," "Peer Pressure Reversal," and "Helping Those With Eating Disorders." They aimed at increasing the teenager's awareness of or enhancing his skill levels in important areas of life.

Key to the success of the program was the thorough day of training given the nearly 80 youth and adult staff members prior to the convention. Though supporting the retreat in many ways, their primary assignment was to lead a 10-12 member "family group" into an experience of openness and trust during the seven periods in which they met together. To accomplish this, they learned how to conduct numerous group activities and guide into discussions designed to create unity and closeness. The groups were assigned so that every member would be from a different school. Their success was evidenced in the end by the many tears shed as new-found friends separated to return to their individual campuses. "It's hard to imagine the strong

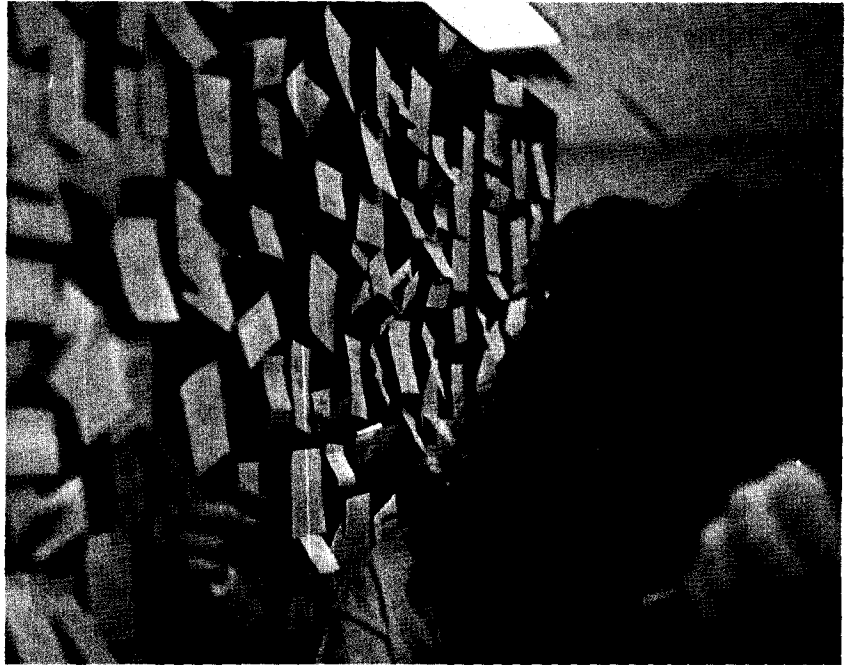
Life — Drug Free™

by Roger Morton

expanding circle of friends which embraced him. It was a deeply moving experience for those involved.

Popular to the retreat was speaker Dan Clark. Former athlete and entertainer, his messages were calculated to motivate his audience to its finest performance. Returning to the convention for the second year, his presentations drew many collegiate alumni of last year's Youth to Youth convention.

The energy level at Youth to Youth is high. The experience is designed to be intense. Yet in this setting many commitments have been made for quality drug-free living. And that's really what it's all about. ▣



MELINDA DEVER

The "warm fuzzy board" provided an opportunity for notes of affirmation, helping create the positive spirit characteristic of youth to youth.



Balloon lift provided the opportunity of sharing drug-free life style messages over north Georgia on Sabbath afternoon.



RANDY REESE

"Turn Around" skit, a Youth to Youth tradition, prompted Adventist youth in a commitment to celebrate life drug free.

Cover: Lynn Humi, Forest Lake Academy (left); Julie Bietz, Collegedale Academy; Peter Kroll, Mt. Plisgah Academy; Mindy Yoo, Forest Lake Academy; Dean Carlisle, Indiana Academy.
PHOTO BY MARTIN BUTLER.

Reaching Out with Revelation, Now

by Mary Quick

Gail Skilton is evangelism coordinator with the Revelation Now evangelistic team from the Southern Union's Evangelism/Church Growth Institute. The Revelation Now crusade will be presented in Charlotte May 5 through June 10.

Gail, is this the standard evangelistic event?

The Revelation Now crusades are not really an event. We start planning at least a year in advance. There have to be certain ongoing ingredients to make a crusade a success. One of those is an active church. We don't feel that just coming in and holding a crusade and leaving is going to be totally beneficial. We have surveyed a congregation before we come to find out if they really want us, if they will really become involved. We begin work about three months before the crusade actually begins. We do quite a few training programs before our crusade. We initiate what we call a five-pronged approach; 1) Evangelism Explosion; 2) Serendipity; 3) Prayer Warriors; 4) Bible Survey; and 5) Home Seminar training.

Evangelism Explosion trains lay people in how to lead someone to Jesus Christ. We have already started the Evangelism Explosion and have eight people, four from the Matthews church and four from the Charlotte church, in our team. We are into our third week now and this is not only classroom teaching, but these people



PHOTOS BY RON QUICK

actually go out and see people led to the Lord. Last night, in fact, we went out in teams of three, one trainer and two trainees, and as a result of that two people gave their lives to the Lord. It was a beautiful experience. I know it really excited the trainees to actually see the power of God at work.

We train in Serendipity, which is training group leaders for small groups.

Would you tell us, Gail, how the name Serendipity came about? I have had three or four people ask.

Serendipity is not original with us. The name itself means "surprise," and I believe the reason the people chose that name is that it was a pleasant surprise to many people to see how a small group really means a lot to them spiritually—how it changes their lives. We are really concerned with small group training and having Serendipity involved in our countdown as a place where we can put our new members. We want them to develop relationships with church members. We feel that will take place in a small group a lot easier than in a big congregation. We train group leaders before the

crusade with the idea that they will start a six-week, small study group after the crusade that involves new members who have just been baptized.

Prayer Warriors. We consider prayer to be extremely important and so we develop a prayer ministry also. We will have a prayer breakfast here in Charlotte about six weeks before the start of the crusade. At that time we really get serious about it. The people who come will get a manual, and a prayer card to remind them to pray for Revelation Now. This isn't just for the crusade. Hopefully, this is to develop a deeper habit of prayer and a more meaningful prayer life. We send out a Prayer Warrior Newsletter to all those who are praying for the crusade. The prayer card is to indicate specific people that they would like to see give their lives to the Lord. There is a sheet at the prayer



breakfast where people sign up to pray specifically for different aspects of the crusade. Some people may sign up to pray specifically for Ron Halvorsen, our director and evangelist, others for the pastors in this area, others for the nursery, for me, for the hostesses, the ushers—we need prayer



to cover every part of the crusade. This doesn't mean that is all they pray for—that's just the one area they won't forget every day. We need prayer for the community, that God will touch the hearts of the people to come out and hear the Word of God.

Another prong is Bible Survey. In the Bible Survey we train members to go into their community, in a very simple, direct approach, survey their neighborhood and find out who has a religious interest. As a result of that we start a series of eight lessons for eight weeks, mainly to bond with these people in a friendship, not to get into any doctrinal studies, or anything like that, just to become friends with them and share the word of God on a very neutral basis. We are hoping these people come to the crusade as they have developed an appetite for God's Word through the Bible Survey.

The final point is Home Seminar training. These home seminars include the Ken Cox video, Revelation seminars, or Daniel seminars. We started nine seminars in Charlotte the first of March, and the conference staff will present a version of the Fox Crusade for one month beginning March 31. This will further prepare a select group of people for the Revelation Now crusade.

All of these programs are geared to move toward the crusade, but they're also programs that can continue on after the crusade is over. The new members need avenues in which they can minister. They may have been led to the Lord through Evangelism Explosion. They are ripe trainees for the next Evangelism Explosion, which in the Matthews and Charlotte church, will be taking place in the fall.



Ron Halvorsen (left), Gail Skilton, Pastors Dave Dobias, David Prest and Kenneth Harding, in front of Howard Johnson Plaza, site of Prayer Warrior Ministry breakfast and future meeting site.

How are students involved?

We will be having a field school evangelism beginning on May 4. There are 11 religion majors from Southern College who will be a part of that field school. Their supervisor is Doug Bennett, who is professor of religion, and these students will go through an Evangelism Explosion leadership clinic. This consists of five days in which they will learn how to teach Evangelism Explosion to others. They will also be involved with classroom work in the morning on how to put a crusade together, how to preach, how to visit, how to get a decision for the Lord, how

to put a budget together for a crusade, how to get advertising together for a crusade. They will be given a syllabus which Ron has put together, plus they will be given everything that we go through in our countdown. We will teach them how to do a countdown for a crusade, how to put a yearly calendar together for a church. We have a wonderful time with them.

I would think some of our pastors would enjoy going through that.

Five pastors from the Carolina Conference will be a part of this field school and we're looking forward to that. ■



Ron Halvorsen speaking on commitment at the March 5 prayer breakfast attended by 97 people.

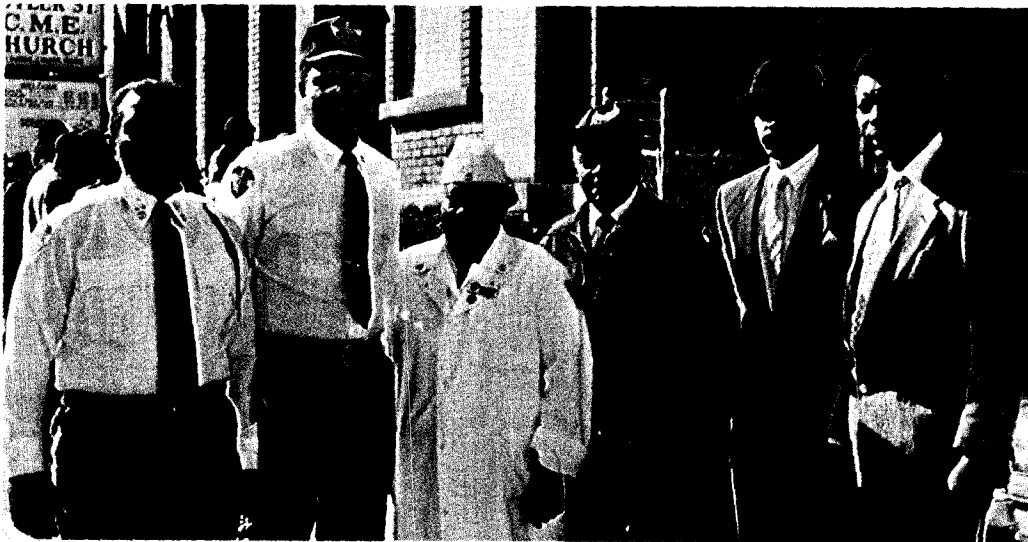
The Community Services at Atlanta-Maranatha has now opened a home for battered women. The large crowd at the opening was out in front of those who were cutting the ribbon on Sabbath, January 21. They are left to right: Ward Sumpter, secretary of Southern Union Conference; Calvin Watkins; Areathus Keeper; C. Preston, pastor of Maranatha; Linda Bemby; Arthur Keeper; and Lizzie Dawson.



One of the most precious soul-winning mediums is literature evangelism. Those who have been involved in this ministry have enjoyed their work. The director of literature evangelists is R. T. Smith. At the latter part of November, 1988, Smith and his associate, Stan Robinson, had a banquet for those who made a good record during the year 1988. The ones who had the best record were recognized for their services. Stan Robinson and his wife; Raymond Smith; Shirley Anthony; T. K. Smith of Southern Union Conference; Ida Rochel; Willie Mae Reese; and President R. P. Peay.



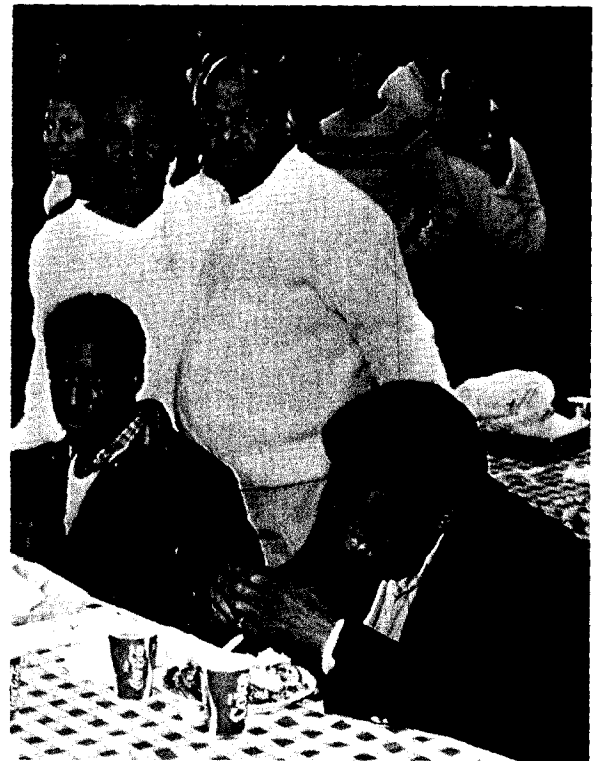
The primary business of the church is to win souls for the Kingdom of Heaven. The Newnan, Georgia, church was organized August 1986 by former president R. B. Hairston after a major evangelistic campaign by evangelist J. J. Rodriguez. He was assisted by Conklin Gentry, an enthusiastic intern from Andrews University. His performance at the tent impressed Hairston to the extent that he gave the newly organized church to Gentry. Under adverse conditions in 1988, Gentry and his wife had the task of blowing up a 70-foot high, 92-foot long, and 45-foot wide, dome-shaped bubble tent, some 30 miles from home in Peachtree City at Hogansville, Georgia—a real dark county to preach the Adventist message. With the aid of the Holy Spirit they baptized 32 and established the first SDA church in Hogansville, Georgia, 1988. The last night of the meeting, rain poured, but the pastor, his wife, and Bible worker, June Mack, conducted the meeting and had a good audience. Conklin Gentry (left) and his wife pose with the new congregation in Hogansville. Ralph Peay, South Atlantic Conference president, stands at far right.



The Community Services Department of South Atlantic Conference is under the auspices of Calvin Watkins. He, with his Atlanta team, being fortunate to use the facilities of the Butler Street CME church in the heart of Atlanta, were able to feed several hundreds of the poor, homeless, and hungry. This is a regular program with the Atlanta-Berean church team and others helping. Among those helping on this occasion outside the church are: Sam Perry; Carl Nesmith of the Lithonia church; Ada Davis, directress of the feeding; Bishop Minter; G. Jouett, assistant pastor of Atlanta-Berean church; and C. Watkins.



Pastor Samuel Perry, manager of Metro Atlanta Better Living Center, carries multitudes of doughnuts and other baked goods to distribute to the poor at their homes in the projects. Here, he is at the door delivering the bags according to the size of the family.



The winning of souls goes beyond the evangelistic thrust. It also includes feeding the poor, the homeless and the hungry. Jesus included these needs of humanity. Members of the SDA churches in the Atlanta area work along with others to see that the job is done. Congressman John Lewis stands with Earlie McClure, 1988 communication leader of Atlanta-Berean, after serving food to the community.

CAROLINA

Helen Self has been a member of the Morganton, N.C., church since 1970. She is the personal ministries secretary, communication director, she has a pen pal ministry and teaches a Sabbath school class. Helen has articles published in the newspaper every month and often letters to the editor as well. Her pen pal ministry includes prisoners and others across America, 36 total. For investment, Helen sells the complete Bible on cassette tape and Sabbath truth stickers. The newsletter from Morganton, which Helen edits, is eight pages long and reaches 250 homes monthly. Helen wasn't helping at the Five-Day Stop-Smoking Clinic, but she felt she should attend on Wednesday night. As she was greeting people, a lady came in and asked, "Do you study the Bible here tonight?" Helen assured the woman that they did, and even though she wasn't interested in the Five-Day Plan, Helen and the lady stayed for prayer meeting. Today that lady is a baptized member of the Lenoir, N.C., church. Helen also has a full-time job.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

James Quick, senior theology student from Southern College, was the guest speaker at the Graysville, Tenn., church, January 14. Theology students from Southern College speak in 22 Adventist churches in the tri-state area, according to the religion department.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

The Highland church and Kentucky-Tennessee Conference honored **Evelyn Simmons** upon retirement at a special ceremony in February. Friends and former students came to honor her for teaching 28 years in the Adventist educational system.



Faith For Today

William A. Fagal, founder of the longest-running religious television program in America, died February 16 in Camarillo, Calif., following complications of a stroke he suffered a year ago. He was 70.

Fagal was pastoring a Seventh-day Adventist congregation in New York City and broadcasting weekly on WHN radio when he was asked by his denomination to begin a religious television program. Faith For Today went on the air on May 21, 1950, on WABC in New York.

The program, or one of its updated formats, has been on the air ever since. Only NBC's Meet the Press has been broadcast longer.

Television was still in its infancy when Fagal, his wife, Virginia, and members of their Brooklyn congregation first went on the air live. The original format combined a religious drama with Fagal's sermonette. Rod MacLeish, later a CBS radio and television commentator, wrote the first scripts. Church members served as unpaid actors.

In later years, Faith For Today also included interviews and on-location stories which Fagal filmed around the world.

Two years after going on the air, Faith For Today launched a Bible correspondence school. More than 450,000 students have completed one or more of the courses during the past 37 years.

Although he stopped his on-camera work in 1981, Fagal remained involved in the ministry of Faith For Today as a speaker for church groups, a counselor in the Bible school, and a member of the board.

Fagal is survived by his wife, Virginia; a son, William Fagal, Jr.; a daughter, Kathy Prall; a brother, Harold; and three grandchildren.

Simmons taught first and second grades at Highland Elementary School from 1981-1988. She had also taught grades 1-4 and 1-6 at this same school during the '55-'56 and '56-'57 school years. "I started teaching at the age of 17 after I finished high school," she says. "During the war years, they needed help in the plants and schools. They filled the country school teaching positions with kids out of high school." She taught in the Carroll County and Henry County public schools in West Tennessee for two years each and has been working in the Adventist educational system since 1949, with a few years off to raise two children.

SOUTH CENTRAL

In addition to serving as the manager for the South Central Conference Adventist Book Center, **E. Freddie Brown**, of Nashville, is the pastor for the nearby Clarksville, Tenn., congregation. He and his wife, Barbara, journey several times each week to visit with the members, give Bible studies, conduct the mid-week prayer meeting and the services on Sabbath. The Lord is blessing their labors and souls are being baptized on a regular basis. Pastor and Mrs. Brown conducted a tent meeting this summer from which 12 souls were baptized. Some members from the military at nearby Ft. Campbell, Ky., help to keep the program moving during the Browns' absence.



Fifteen-year-old **Cynthia Ford** was the winner in the South Central oratorical contest held in Huntsville on February 11. She was representing First church of Huntsville, Ala., where she serves in the youth church as choir member, secretary, and clerk. "Cyndie," as she is called by family and friends, attends Lee High School. She wants to be an attorney or business

administrator. She will represent South Central Conference in the oratorical contest at the United Youth Congress to be held in New Orleans in April. Cyndie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irving of Huntsville.

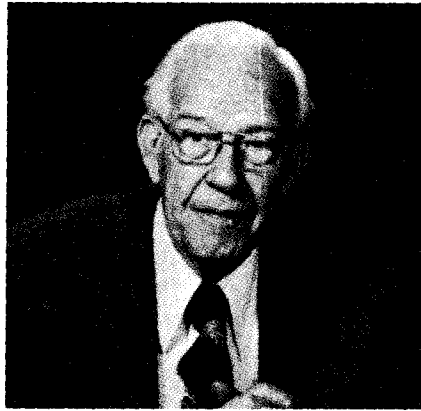
OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Caryll L. Dormer, assistant professor of nursing, was awarded the doctor of education degree on December 22, 1988, by Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, according to Associate Dean J. H. Hogge. Dormer joined the Oakwood faculty in 1973 when the college began its RN program under Edna Roache, director. Dormer made significant contributions to the program until he left 10 years later in 1983. During the time away from Oakwood, he continued working toward the doctorate in higher education administration. He obtained the AS in Nursing from New York City College in 1969, and the BS from Hunter College in 1973. The Medical College of Georgia awarded him the master of science (MSN) in 1976. Dormer rejoined the Oakwood nursing faculty this school year.



AHS/SUNBELT

W. O. Coe has joined Adventist Health System/Sunbelt in a part-time position as vice president for spiritual affairs. In this new position, Coe will work with AHS/Sunbelt hospital leaders in emphasizing the Christian witness of the organizations. Coe, who recently retired from the General Conference as a general vice president, served for many years in the Southern Union. He was president of the Florida and Gulf States conferences. Coe was also president of the Columbia, Central, and Northern union conferences.



The Quiet Hour

J. L. Tucker, founder of the Quiet Hour ministry, died February 28 in Loma Linda, Calif., at the age of 93. From pastorates in Montana and Minnesota, the Tuckers moved to Portland, Ore., where he was invited to use the rich voice he had developed to complete a radio contract made by two visiting evangelists—Dan and Melvin Venden. From that 1937 beginning, Tucker later added a dramatic program to The Quiet Hour ministry. It was called "The Friendly Neighbors," modeled after a secular broadcast called "The Seth Parker Program." He also began a print ministry with *The Quiet Hour Echoes* and afterwards a correspondence school and book publishing. In 1943 the Tuckers were invited to Berkeley, Calif., where he transferred the radio ministry. From there he and his staff drove into San Francisco to make 28 broadcasts per week—four daily! From California Tucker moved his radio ministry to Michigan in 1954, then to Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs. His next move, in 1959, was to Redlands, Calif., where the broadcast became self-supporting—from his home at first. A uniqueness of the Tucker ministry has been the involvement of listeners in overseas missions projects. In 1966 they donated their first plane, which was sent to Papua New Guinea. Since then donors have given 53 more planes, plus boats, motorcycles, bicycles, jeeps, tractors, and have provided Christian education, two daily meals, basic medical care, school uniforms, and shoes to more than 1,100 children annually. Survivors are his widow, Dorothy, (Ida Jane pre-deceased him in 1979); son, LaVerne; daughter, Jewell Sparks, of Takoma Park, Md.; grandsons, Bill and John Tucker and Larry Erickson, all of Redlands; and five great-grandchildren.



The new president of Smyrna Hospital is **Milton R. Siepman, Ph.D.** The appointment was effective February 1. He comes from Takoma Park, Md., where he served as vice president for clinical and ancillary services at Washington Adventist Hospital—a 300-bed facility. Siepman's background includes both health-care and educational administration. From 1983 until the present he has achieved several accomplishments in the health-care field at the Washington facility. His educational experience spans several continents, serving at several posts in Zimbabwe, South Africa, and the United States. He served as principal of Bethel College in South Africa from 1972 to 1978, then became principal of Berrien Springs SDA elementary school from 1978 to 1980. More recently, he covered a four-state area as associate director of education for the Lake Union Conference. Smyrna Hospital is a 100-bed, general acute-care medical facility located in suburban Atlanta. It will celebrate its 15th anniversary in June of this year.

REVIEW AND HERALD



John F. Wilkens, associate treasurer for the General Conference, was elected the 15th president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. The opening for the position came as a result of the vacancy created by Harold Otis, Jr., who became a special assistant to Neal Wilson, president of the General Conference. Otis will be in charge of Seventh-day Adventist projects in the Soviet Union. Wilkens began denominational work in 1956 in the bindery at the Review and Herald, and in 1958 he transferred to the accounting department. During this time he attended night classes at Benjamin Franklin University in Washington, D.C., and graduated with a BCS degree in business in 1960.

Carolina

A **REVIVAL CRUSADE** entitled "Message of Hope" was held February 18 through 25 at the Morganton, N.C., church. Dan Jarrard was the guest speaker. Chicken pox, snow, flu, and a house burning didn't slow attendance. Forty attended the revival.

Seven Pathfinders from the Camden, S.C., church participated in "**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**" Sunday, February 5. The Pathfinders asked family, friends, and neighbors to sponsor them for every minute their team jumped in the event. They raised \$272 for the American Heart Association.

Stanley Folkenberg presented the **SANCTUARY STUDY** and a scale model of the sanctuary at Charlotte, N.C., and Mt. Pisgah Academy in February. The model of the sanctuary was made by Folkenberg's father-in-law more than 40 years ago.

The Carolina Conference will hold a **KEN COX VIDEO CRUSADE** at the conference office in Charlotte. Brochures will be sent to 3,700 people living near the office. The starting date is March 31.

Seven young adults who were baptized at the conclusion of the **REVELATION SEMINAR** held in Charleston, S.C., have joined with other young adults to form a class. They are anxious to share their faith, and decided to hold their own Revelation Seminar. They are renovating an old building on church property to conduct the seminars.

Asheville, N.C., hosted a **POSITIVE PARENTING SEMINAR**. Twenty-eight people, half non-church members, attended. The participation remained steady throughout

the five-week period of the seminar.

Matthews, N.C., hosted a **REVIVAL** at the Sharon church in Charlotte. Dan Jarrard was the guest speaker. His theme was "Glory in the Church."

Jim Sawtell, of the Arden, N.C., church, invited Doctors Bailey and Collins to present a **HEALTH SEMINAR**. Their theme was "Longevity and Better Health." Close to 45 non-church members have been attending every night.

Steve Krunich, of Lenoir, N.C., presented the **WORSHIP SERVICE** at a local juvenile reformatory. One hundred and twenty hands were raised for Bible study. The Lenoir area is busy trying to find a way to fill the need of these young people.

Donna Mull, kindergarten leader at Morganton, N.C., had a real surprise. She always felt the children were too young to have a real **INVESTMENT PROJECT**. Second quarter of last year, on faith, she started one with her group. At the end of the year, \$282 had been raised by her kindergarten group.

A recent **HERALDS QUARTET CONCERT**, started a little differently. Members of the Columbia, S.C., church decided they would also like to be a blessing to the quartet. As the quartet members walked up to the front, everyone present rose and gave a standing ovation. With more than 300 in attendance, that was quite a welcome. Pastor Denver Cavins hosts a local TV program on which he interviewed the quartet concerning their ministry. Two of the members have been performing with the quartet for more than 25 years.

Georgia-Cumberland

BOOK SALES by literature evangelists during 1988 totaled \$888,000. This represents an \$80,000 gain over last year's record.

Georgia-Cumberland begins 1989 with five **CONFERENCE-EMPLOYED EVANGELISTS** in the field. This is a record for recent years. The first-round crusades in Georgia included Clifford Vickery in Thomaston, Rudy Skoretz in Douglas, Wendell Stover in Albany Pieter Barkhuizen in Columbus, and Buddy Brass in Tifton.

COHUTTA SPRINGS ADVENTIST CENTER is a member of Christian Camping International. At its convention in California, it was announced that the advertising brochure developed by Cohutta Springs had won second place in the national brochure competition.

THE GREATER CHATTANOOGA EVANGELISTIC COUNCIL has been active in outreach during 1988. More than one-third of the tri-county territory has been visited by members of the literature distribution teams. More than 200,000 invitations to enroll in a Bible course have been mailed, with more than 2,000 persons completing the 24 lessons so far. George Vandeman's book, *What I Like About . . .* has been received by 56,308 homes in anticipation of 15 Revelation Seminars launched at the conclusion of his mini-crusade at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo. The direct result of this coordinated witness was 64 baptisms during the year with hundreds more preparing.

The Ogden Road church, near Dayton, Tenn., raised \$400 for **INVESTMENT** under the leadership of Hazel Fisher. Projects included the sale of kittens, garden

produce, cans, houseplants, and handicrafts. The church also sponsored a cooking class conducted by Ruth Dennis and Trudi Shaw which saw a nice non-member attendance.

Ten students and two staff from **LAURELBROOK SCHOOL** spent a recent vacation in the Dominican Republic for 15 days assisting in the building of a dormitory, church, school, hurricane barriers, trusses, and rafters.

The social committee of the Duluth, Ga., church raised \$200 at a spaghetti dinner and talent show. The money will **BENEFIT** Duluth Junior Academy's eighth-grade class for its trip to Bermuda.

The **FOLLOW-UP OF MEETINGS** conducted in Thomaston, Ga., with Evangelist Clifford Vickery and Pastor Ross Sawyer, ended February 18 with 12 people being baptized and six very good interests attending church.

FOUR INDIVIDUALS WERE BAPTIZED at the end of meetings conducted by Rudy Skoretz for the recently organized Douglas Company.

Bob Whalley reports that after three nights of meetings being conducted by Pieter Barkhuizen at the Morristown church, an **AVERAGE OF 120 PEOPLE ARE ATTENDING**, with 60 non-Adventists.

Alma, Ga., church mailed out 6,000 **SOMETHING WONDERFUL CARDS** in their area. One hundred individuals interested in Bible studies responded. The church is planning an evangelistic series in mid-April with Tom Baez.

Gulf States

The **BIRMINGHAM FIRST PATHFINDER FALCONS** are providing a meal each week to raise funds for the Friendship Camporee.

A **DISCIPLESHIP LAB** was held at the Montgomery, Ala., church two consecutive weekends in February by Ben Maxson, ministerial director of the Carolina Conference.

The Gulf States Conference **MARANATHA ORGANIZATION** met in Troy, Ala., February 26 to help the church with an addition to its facility.

A **BREATHE-FREE PLAN TO STOP SMOKING** was held

in Montgomery February 19-23. Lee and Glenda Davidson and other members of the Montgomery church led out.

Twenty-seven people attended the **BREATHE-FREE PLAN TO STOP SMOKING** in Panama City, Fla. The plan was held at the Bay Medical Center under the direction of Jim Murphy, who is a Breathe Free graduate. Both Murphy and his wife became Seventh-day Adventists as a result of the program.

W. J. Clemons, conference church ministries associate, presented a **LAY TRAINING WORKSHOP** entitled "Seeking the Lost," at the Panama City church Sabbath,

February 11. He presented the same workshop at the Bearfork Road church in Mobile, Ala., February 24.

The Meridian, Miss., church has organized **CARE ACTION TEAMS**. Members of each team will be responsible for visiting and encouraging church members within its territory.

The annual elementary school **MUSIC FESTIVAL** was held on the campus of Bass Memorial Academy February 16-18. One hundred twenty-five elementary students were present.

A Northeast Alabama **YOUTH EMPHASIS WEEKEND** was held at the Floral Crest School at Bryant, Ala., February 10 and 11. The Celesta Singers and gymnastics team from Bass Memorial Academy performed. Allan Williamson, Southern Union youth/young adult coordinator, was the guest speaker.

Bill and Janet Wood conducted a **FAMILY LIFE SEMINAR** for the Water Valley, Miss., church the weekend of February 24 and 25 to a maximum capacity crowd. Members from the Olive Branch church also participated.

A **VALENTINE BANQUET** was held for the members of the Montgomery, Ala., church February 12. Pastor and Mrs. Fred Rimer organized this special social fellowship.

A **FAMILY EMPHASIS WEEKEND** was held in Huntsville,

In 1988 the conference had its **LARGEST DECEMBER TITHES** in history, \$850,449. This resulted in a gain of 7.17 percent for the year.

The January 8-10 **MINISTERS' MEETING** focused on evangelism, church growth, and theological issues with

The Anniston/Gadsden, Ala., district worshiped from place to place on a periodic basis. However, a **BUILDING HAS BEEN PURCHASED**, but there are still many challenges. City officials ordered the group to either renovate the structure or raze it. The roof was leaking, windows were broken, people from the streets used the building as a lodging place at night, and bats and snakes visited periodically. The challenge was overwhelming, but Pastor Washington Johnson, Jr., gathered his flock and with the assistance of relatives, friends, and nearby pastors, things

The First church in Huntsville featured some of the most prominent black leaders in the Adventist denomination for **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**. Charles Bradford, president of the North American Division; C. D. Brooks, general field secretary of the General Conference; Joseph McCoy, secretary of the South Central Conference; and Rosa Banks, Ph.D., currently the executive assistant to the president of Oakwood College, who is making Adventist history as the first woman to serve as a general field secretary of the General Conference.

At the annual **DINNER FOR PHILANTHROPY** in Minneapolis, Minn., BECA grants, senior class participation and

A strong **SOUL-WINNING SURGE** in December (1,164) carried the Southern Union to a 1988 baptismal total of 6,408, an increase of 129, or two percent, over 1987. Florida's 1,580, a 16 percent gain over 1987, was the second highest total in the conference's history. Other conferences with more than a thousand accessions were South Central, 1,222, and South Atlantic, 1,048. The most dramatic comparative growth was in Gulf States, whose 326 baptisms and professions of faith were 55 percent more than last year's report. Other conference totals were: Carolina, 380; Georgia-Cumberland, 778;

Ala., the weekend of March 3 and 4. Organized by the conference Family Life directors Bill and Janet Wood, the weekend featured several areas of family life. Afternoon seminars were held on the topics of Family Worship, Divorce Recovery, Singles, Teaching Children About Stewardship and Loving Discipline, and How to Get Along With Your Parents. Guest speaker was Ed Wright, associate pastor for Family Life at the Collegedale church. Seminar facilitators were Ed Wright, Sherman Cox of Oakwood College, Bill Clemons, and Bill and Janet Wood.

BAPTISMS for the first two months of 1989 show an increase of 109 percent over the same period in 1988, reports J. O. Greek, conference secretary. Included are 13 baptisms in the 70-member Andalusia, Ala., church at the conclusion of a series of meetings by Leo Schreven of Amazing Facts, and eight baptisms in the Hanceville, Ala., church following a Kenneth Cox video seminar conducted by Les Musselwhite. In addition to seven baptisms in Jackson, Miss., at the end of meetings by Dan Collins, 13 persons requested rebaptism.

Opening night, February 25, in Pensacola, Fla., brought 85 nonmembers to Lyle Albrecht's **EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS**. Beginning in Dothan, Ala., the same night, John Earnhardt saw 100 non-members in attendance.

Kentucky-Tennessee

presentations by General Conference representative George Reid, director of the Biblical Research Institute; Clinton Shankel, Kentucky-Tennessee president; and Jim Thurmon, ministerial director of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

South Central

began to move. The work has not been completed, but soon the church will look like a newly built structure.

Alfred Hill and the members of the First church of Tunica, Miss., are negotiating to buy a **NEW CHURCH FACILITY** from the Church of God in Tunica. The congregation was organized five years ago when Roy L. Patterson conducted a follow-up tent crusade from interest that had been created by Lay Outreach Programs. Alfred Hill's leadership in Batesville, Miss., has resulted in a new congregation which has built and paid for a new church.

Oakwood College



class agent programs were presented to North American colleges and universities. Oakwood received a check for \$20,000.

Two Oakwood students, Raymond Baynard, Jr., and Robert Paterson, Jr., have **AUDITED THE ZION TEMPLE** church records in Greenwood, S.C. According to Pastor Fred Nealy and treasurer Marie Griffith, they did a thorough job of auditing the church's financial records, and made suggestions for improving bookkeeping procedures. As a result of the work of these young men, "We will be able to come in line with the conference's expectations," said Nealy.

Southern Union

Kentucky-Tennessee, 300; Southeastern, 874.

The Southern Union has completed a new **WORKER'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LITERATURE EVANGELISTS**. The group of new workers came from every walk of life: heating and air-conditioning technician, sheet metal worker, manufacturer's representative, apartment manager, industrial sales representative, brick layer, farmer, business owner, licensed practical nurse, police officer, registered nurse, social worker, merchant, housewife, restaurant manager, painter, hospital administrator, taxi driver, photographer, construction worker, and welder.

Education

Nashville Mayor Congratulates Madison Students

Kentucky-Tennessee
—Nashville Mayor Bill Boner congratulated Madison Academy honor students at the annual honor roll banquet January 29 on the campus of Trevecca Nazarene College. More than 200 students, parents, and friends braved a drenching thunderstorm to attend the festivities. Mayor Boner challenged the Madison Academy students to

make the most of their lives and complimented the academy for its long history of educational excellence in the Nashville area.

Sixty-seven of the 129 students at Madison achieved a 3.00 GPA or better for the first semester of the current academic year. Thirteen of these honor students earned a perfect 4.00 GPA.

Madison Academy has been a part of the Nashville area educational scene since its founding with Madison College in 1904. The academy shares the former campus of Madison College with Tennessee Christian Medical Center.

Bob DuBose



Mayor Bill Boner (center) talks with honor roll student Brandon Downs and his mother, Myrtianne Downs.

Southern Enrolls 1,375 Second Semester

Southern College—The highest second-semester enrollment in four years is making the Southern College campus a lively climate for Christian education. Official head count is 1,375, down just 68 from first semester's

count. Among that number are 176 new students who came to the campus in January. No December commencement was held in 1988; however, 24 students completed their classwork and hence did not return for second semester.

Full-time students are taking an average of 14.7 semester hours of classwork. Part-time students carry an average of 4.9 hours. This totals close to 17,000 hours of student-

teacher interaction per week.

Nearly 900 students live in the residence halls. On academy campuses are 44 students taking college extension classes. Another 68 are enrolled in Orlando, Fla. Twenty-three students are off campus this semester as student missionaries, four are in Europe studying in the Adventist Colleges Abroad program, and four are away from the campus to complete final requirements for their medical technology degree.

Doris Burdick

Oakwood Upgrades Engineering Equipment

Oakwood College—The department of mathematics, physics, and computer science has received a gift of a CAD (computer aided design) system for its pre-engineering program. The system was donated by Herring of Jones and Herring, Architects. It comes with the CPU, magnetic storage devices, an alpha numeric CRT, a graphic display unit, a digitizer (similar to drafting board), all manuals, and software.

The system will be used for computer-aided drafting and will replace manual drafting as is currently done in the EG 211, 212 courses.

Computer-aided drafting represents current technology in the fields of engineering and architecture. It is used in disciplines such as mechanical drawings, electrical, hydraulic, and pneumatic schematics, and the like.

The department was fortunate to find highly

technical services in John and Joseph Jeries, instructors at the college. Their work entailed dismantling and reassembling the system.

John Blake

U of Wisconsin and OC Exchange Faculty

Oakwood College—The University of Wisconsin-Madison and Oakwood College have begun a faculty exchange program for two weeks—one in March and the other in May, 1989. The participants are E. A. Cooper and Arthur B. Ellis.

Ellis received a B.S. degree in chemistry from California Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He will teach Cooper's class in general chemistry. He presently advises 16 doctoral students at his home institution.

The program is funded entirely by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The plan is designed to increase the cultural diversity of the university. Cooper has taught courses at the university during the past three summers.

Roy E. Malcolm



E. A. Cooper

—Evangelism—

Sylacauga Grows 38 Percent

Gulf States—Measurable growth is always exciting and motivates to new and continued growth, especially when it's 37.9 percent in one year.

TIDINGS readers may remember an article a few years ago identifying the church at Sylacauga, Ala., as a church with vision. While still a small company of 10 adults and 10 children, Sylacauga members built a church facility with provision for an elementary school. The school, now in its fifth year of operation, is still a hub of activity, giving life and meaning to the entire congregation which now numbers 40 baptized members. It is now an organized church which is well known and accepted in the community.

1988 was an exceptional year of growth under the leadership of Pastor William Peterson and his wife, Darlene, assisted by school-teacher Dan Whitlow and his wife, Lisa. The year began with a "Special Gifts Seminar" followed by several

church business and board meetings to make and carry out specific plans for growth.

Two Revelation Seminars were conducted by the pastor. The first one was exclusively for the members to prepare them for living their convictions and to enable them to participate and share in the second one to which nonmembers were invited. This resulted in several additions to the church.

Dan and Lisa Whitlow led out in a Marriage Commitment Seminar. Five other couples attended.

Several "firsts" were experienced during this year of special growth emphasis: candlelight communion; eighth-grade graduation; a church lending library with more than 200 books and tapes; computer classes for adults; 25th wedding anniversary in honor of Cecil and Maye Knight; wedding ceremony for Suzanne Henderson and Samuel Braxton; a birth was celebrated when baby Andrew arrived to make Dan and Lisa Whitlow proud parents; and a trophy brought home from the Southern Union Pathfinder Camporee.

Alice R. Voorheis

—Health—

Ft. Payne Conducts Breathe-Free Plan

Gulf States—The Ft. Payne, Ala., church has conducted its second annual Breathe-Free Plan to Stop Smoking. Co-sponsor of the program was the

Baptist Medical Center of Ft. Payne, which furnished meeting rooms, video equipment, and advertising.

Fourteen of the 15 persons participating graduated from the program, under the direction of Fred St. Clair, church personal ministries leader. At a follow-up meeting in the church, 23 visitors—non-smokers and their families, swelled



Members of the Ft. Payne church assisted in the Breathe-Free stop-smoking plan: Anna Spicer (left), Kathy Delude, Roxy St. Clair, Nytta Roberts, and Corty Delude.

the 39-member congregation. A fellowship lunch was served, followed by a program on effects of stress

and smoking on the heart.

One of the graduates is preparing for baptism. Roxy St. Clair

—Outreach—

Florida Homeless Ministry Yields Studies

Florida—A chain of events, beginning with a Rolling Hills, Fla., company member working in a Sanford shelter for the homeless, has resulted in the pastor and several members of a non-Adventist church keeping the Sabbath.

Norma Hofmann has been one of scores of members across Florida ministering to the homeless for several years. When learning of a shelter in Sanford, she began helping. The

shelter is operated by the Rescue Church of God. The pastor and others began to ask Hofmann questions about the Sabbath, and indicated an interest in Bible studies.

Rolling Hills member Dennis McKeever had previously taught Revelation Seminars "with good success," and agreed to give the group studies. Rescue church deacons, deaconesses, elders, and Sunday school teachers joined their pastor and attended the classes from November through January. Attendance varied between nine and 20, and now these members are teaching others in their congregation what they have learned.

Sandra Diller

—Progress—

Camden Dedicates Multipurpose Room

Carolina—Late in 1988, a new Community Services Center was dedicated by the Camden, S.C., church. Guests attending the event included State Senator Don Holland, plus several from the city council and other

organizations. D. E. Kenyon, of the Carolina Conference, explained the work of ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) and the philosophy of Adventist Community Services during the ceremonies.

The church reports that many more people are being referred to the center by the Red Cross and a crisis ministry organization sponsored by local churches.

The new building



Camden Community Services director Thelma Wilson accepts a program schedule from a Pathfinder on dedication day.

serves as a fellowship hall in addition to community services. It was built on ground between the church and the school during a

two-year period. This connects all three buildings. Most of the work was done by church members.

Don Kenyon

Update

Loma Linda University Halts Campus Unification Plans

Loma Linda University—Loma Linda University's board of trustees terminated any further consideration of merging the university's two campuses February 13 at its semi-annual meeting.

At the conclusion of the two-day meeting, the board announced that it was taking this action because there was neither enough available financing nor land use information. In addition, they noted that there appeared to be little support for consolidation on either campus.

The action came after more than two years of study which had been

authorized by the trustees in 1986. During that period, opposition to the consolidation continued to mount among faculty, students, alumni, and church members.

The 22 to six vote reversed actions taken by the board at two previous meetings which had called for studying the consolidation issue and eventually uniting the campuses by 1995.

In addition, the board voted "to establish a group representing the General Conference . . . the Board of Higher Education, the faculties of the affected schools, the university administration and the Pacific Union Conference to consider the possibility of operating a viable 'single university' on two campuses and also the option offered by the Pacific Union Conference for a

separate corporation for ownership, operation, and control of

the La Sierra campus."

C. Elwyn Platner

Youth

Orlando Wins Bible Bowl

Southeastern—During the Southeastern Youth Federation Bible Bowl contest in Ft. Myers, several youth from Orlando-Mt. Sinai were the first-place winners in the junior and senior division. Winners of the contest were selected for the correct answers given according to National Bible Bowl rules.

Mt. Sinai winners will represent Southeastern Conference in the United Youth Congress to be held in New Orleans April 12-15.

Junior division winners were Ricky Wilson, Andrew Morgan, Natalie Barclay, Melvin Hosten, Tasha Robinson, and Nadine Henry.

Senior division winners were Ava Murray, Willie Owens, June James, Mae Orr, and Jennifer Cooper.

Patricia Moore



Winners of the Bible Bowl receive trophies from Benjamin Browne, pastor of the Mt. Sinai church.

Conference Hosts Youth Emphasis Weekend

Gulf States—"We Are His Hands" was the theme for the fifth annual Gulf States Conference Youth Emphasis Weekend at Bass Memorial Academy the weekend of January 27 and 28.

Organized by Bill Wood, conference youth/young adult coordinator, the purpose of the weekend was to bring the youth together for spiritual and social fellowship. Doug Martin of Southern

College challenged the young people representing 17 churches to put their "hands" to work in service for their Master.

Steve Varro, Christian illusionist from Loma Linda, Calif., used his talents to present unique gospel illustrations and Bill Young, from Nashville, Tenn., warmed the hearts of those attending by his music.

A new video on missions produced by Adventist Development and Relief Agency was shown Sabbath afternoon and challenged the young people to involve themselves with the mission of the church.

Bill Wood



Jessica Copeland (left) and Margie Richards wash a Hospice patient's car.

Ocala Students Learn Practical Lessons

Florida—The Ocala, Fla., church school principal, Kent Greve, seeks to make Bible lessons come to life for students by providing opportunities for them to follow Christ's example to serve others. Greve divided his 14 students in grades 7-9 into two outreach groups. Through these outreaches both goals

are being achieved: learning through service to others, and projecting a positive image. Jan Greve, employed by Ocala Hospice, a non-profit agency which serves the terminally ill and their families, knows of ongoing volunteer needs. The students' projects have included helping this agency. They have also participated in story hours at Tenderhearts Child Care, and group activities at the Oakhurst Manor for geriatric residents. All of the firms have invited the groups back for repeat visits.

Hans Borger

One Hundred And Sixty-Five Attend Bible Conference

Georgia-Cumberland—One hundred sixty-five young people attended the Academy Bible Conference from Georgia-Cumberland the weekend of January 12-14 at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center. Andy McDonald, pastor of the SDA church at Florida Hospital, presented the theme "God-Confidence," and challenged the delegates to discover the joy of Chris-

tian living presented in the apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians. The Bible Conference was sponsored by the Youth Church Ministries Department of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Throughout the weekend, students from each school presented skits and musical selections. Participants included the Advent Ringers Bell Choir from Atlanta Adventist Academy, the Madrigal Singers from Collegedale Academy, and the Camarata Singers and Bell Choir from Georgia-Cumberland Academy. Destiny Drama Company, a Christian drama touring group from Southern College, made presentations.

Dave Cress

Youth Leadership Convention Offers 13 Workshops

Georgia-Cumberland—Local church youth and young adult leaders from Georgia-Cumberland attended a conference-wide Youth Leadership Convention December 2-4, 1988, at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center. Dave Cress, youth church ministries coordinator, reports this was the first Youth Leadership Convention conducted for the entire conference in many years.

Ted Wick, youth and young adult coordinator for the North American Division Church Ministries Department, was the guest speaker and a workshop presenter. The youth leaders could choose from 13 different workshops focusing on youth and young adult ministries in the local church. Christian film previews, Destiny Drama company presentation, games, and recreation ideas complemented the 13 practical workshops.

In addition, each delegate received a Youth Ministries Resource notebook which included 52 Adventist youth program ideas for 1989.

Dave Cress

New Covenant Celebrates Pathfinder Day

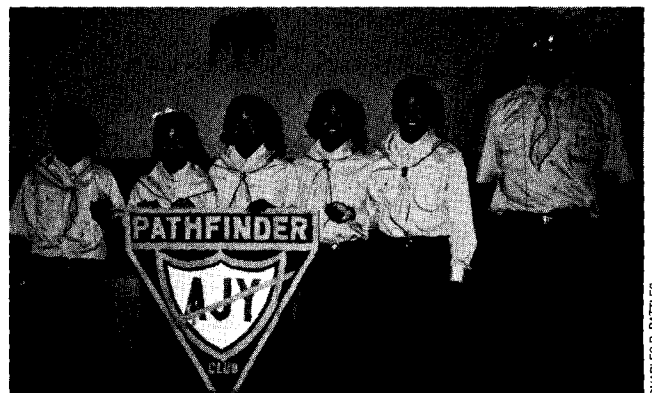
South Central—Ron Mitchell, Pathfinder leader of New Covenant church in Memphis, believes in the youth of his church. His commitment and dedication were once again demonstrated during the first Pathfinder Day recently. Roland Hill, pastor, delivered the morning sermon, emphasizing the role of Pathfinder-

ing. Special music was presented by the children's choir of New Covenant.

Other special guests included the Pathfinder leaders from the Breath of Life, Longview Heights, and Word of Life churches in Memphis.

Although the Pathfinder club is at New Covenant is in its infancy, it is very active. The club meets Sunday and engages in various arts and crafts and regular outings, along with working toward the traditional Pathfinder honor requirements.

Charles D. Battles



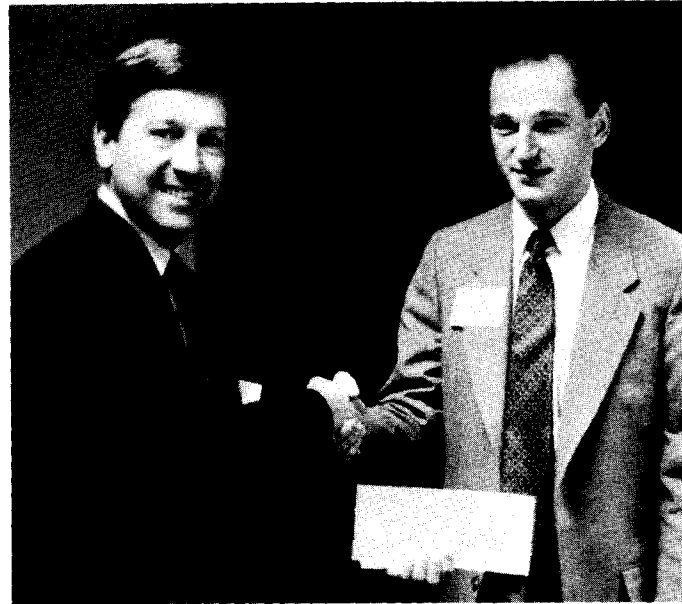
Terrynce Dandedge, Sonia Hill, Melondie McGhee, Myla McGhee and Mian Hill pose with Ron Mitchell, leader.

CHARLES D. BATTLES



RUSS ALDRIDGE

"I'm not trying to get into politics, but am trying to touch base where I can," says Russ Aldridge (right), in Tallahassee, Florida's capital city. Aldridge, pastor of the Tallahassee/Crawfordville district, was asked three times in 1988 to participate in government functions. He offered prayer at the Cabinet's opening and closing meetings for the year, and most recently presented the invocation at a special banquet with Governor Bob Martinez (center), his Cabinet and aides.



Smyrna Hospital Foundation Chairman Larry Freeman (left) accepts a \$7,000 challenge grant from the assistant director of Philanthropic Service for Institutions (based in Washington, D.C.), David Colwell. The hospital foundation received the grant after successfully completing its 1988 annual fund drive. Gifts from community individuals and businesses, hospital volunteers, board members, civic clubs, hospital employees and physicians totalled nearly \$55,000 in 1988, far surpassing the goal of \$45,000.



JANICE TREPANIER

Prophecy Panorama, conducted in the latter part of 1988 by Evangelist Robert Weise at the Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., church, resulted in the baptism of five new members. Pictured with Evangelist Weise (left) and Pastor Roger Burke (right) are Dennis Boone, Vance Willis, Rachel Brown, Fred Carr, and Rick Love.



Betty Benson receives a plaque in recognition of her work as superintendent at Charleston, S. C. and president of the South Carolina Youth Federation for the past six years from Richard Long (right), youth ministries coordinator. Her husband, Thomas, is at left.



HARRY HULSEY

The Lehigh Acres, Fla., elementary school opened its doors the fourth quarter of 1988 to the Ft. Myers Shores, Fla., church to conduct a community-wide Revelation Seminar. A second Revelation Seminar was conducted simultaneously at the church by Pastor Frank Walker. Lewis Blumenberg, pastor of the Bonita Springs church and Lehigh resident, conducted the school-located seminar. Both were well attended, says Walker, with baptisms numbering 13. Two Daniel Seminars are in the planning stages to follow up additional interests.

Fred and Louella Empson, of the Ridgetop, Tenn., church, were recently honored with a floral arrangement presented by Pastor Rick Johnson in recognition of their 50th wedding anniversary. The Empsons were married in Marion, Ala. Louella joined the Ridgetop church in 1970, and her husband became a member three years later.





When the Tupelo, Miss., church participated in a "Toys for Tots" program in cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps, Tupelo Mayor Jack Marshall paid a personal visit to the Community Services Center to express appreciation for the church's involvement in the project.

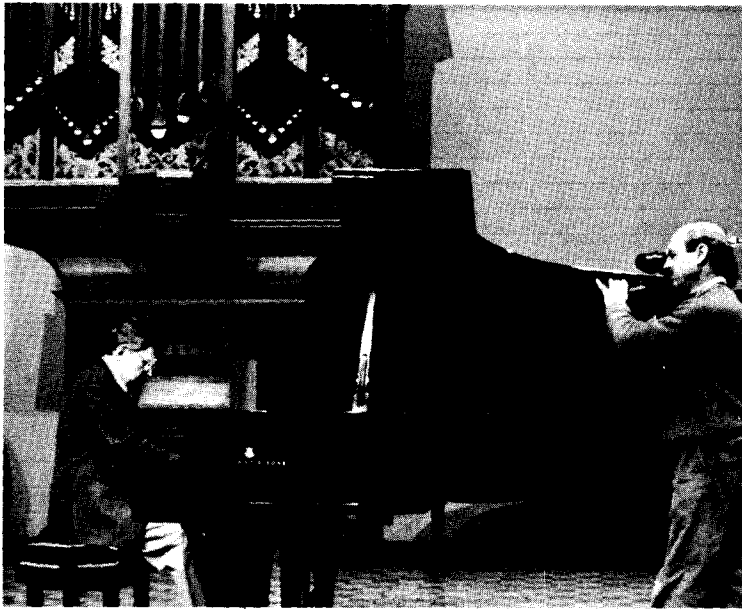


Destiny

D r a m a C o .

A. ALAN MARTIN

The Destiny Drama Company, a Christian theatrical group from Southern College, performed religious plays at Hamilton Place Mall in Chattanooga, January 27 and 28. Their 30-minute program, repeated four times at center stage in Tennessee's largest mall, consisted of Christian street drama, vignettes, and pantomime.



CURTIS SALES

Pianist Eugene Istomin, considered by many to be one of the world's five finest pianists, performed at Southern College January 17. His visit to the campus was filmed by CBS for Charles Kuralt's "Sunday Morning" program. Istomin also conducted a masterclass for piano students and area musicians.



"Wholeness of Man" was the theme for the booth at the Okaloosa, Fla., county fair sponsored by the personal ministries and community services departments in the Ft. Walton Beach church. Against a backdrop of the second coming of Christ, two manikins caught the attention of visitors. A "man" slumped over a table occupied by liquor and cigarettes, and a second table with a "woman" studying her Bible consider if they would be ready to meet Christ. An invitation to Bible studies yielded five requests for studies.



ROSE DONKE

Gulfport, Fla., Mayor Bert Williams presented St. Petersburg member Dorothy Streams a plaque for contributing more than 1,000 volunteer hours. The presentation was made at an Appreciation Luncheon at the Treasure Island Yacht and Tennis Club. Hosted by the city of Gulfport, the luncheon honored volunteers who had served during 1988. Streams accumulated 1,000 hours during the past five years as an information specialist and hostess at the Gulfport Senior Multi-Service Center, and as a new book processor at the Gulfport Public Library. Newspaper coverage in the Gulfport Gabber said of her, "Those who meet her quickly discover a warm smile and helpful attitude are characteristic of Dottie." Streams also serves as a deaconess and greeter at the First SDA church of St. Petersburg.

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

I have often wondered what it is going to be like to stand before the Lord and have Him evaluate my works. I wonder whether I will hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord" (Matt. 25:21). Or, on the other hand, will I watch as most of the works that I have accomplished are consumed by fire? My greatest fear is that I may fervently work at the wrong task rather than faithfully complete God's work for me.

—Ron Blue



CALENDAR

April

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Carolina
Evangelistic Crusade — May 5. Charlotte. Ron Halvorsen.

Georgia-Cumberland
Evangelistic Crusades
 April 14. Lyle Albrecht — Augusta, Ga.
 April 14. Roy Caughron — Moultrie, Ga.
 April 14. Wendell Stover — Duluth, Ga.
 April 21. Tom Baez — Alma, Ga.
 April 21. Rudy Skoretz — Dayton, Tenn.
 April 21. Clifford Vickery — Jonesboro, Ga.

Community Services Federation Meetings
 April 9. Atlanta, Ga. Belvedere church, 10 a.m.-12 noon.
 April 16. Baxley, Ga. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

Pathfinder Mini-Camporee — April 14-16, Cohutta Springs.

AYF Youth/Young Adult Rally — April 15, Savannah, Ga.

Young Adult Urban Retreat — April 29, Atlanta, Ga.

Great Commitment Celebration — May 6. Conference-wide.

Ponder, Harp, & Jennings Concert — May 6. Grand Opera House, Macon, Ga., 7:30 p.m. Free Admission.

Youth/Young Adult Meeting — May 24-27. Collegedale, Tenn.

Pathfinder Recognition — May 27. Collegedale, Tenn.

Smoky Spokes Bicycle Tour — May 28-June 4.

Adventist Singles Ministries
 April 29. Hixson church.
 April 29. Film — "Steps of Bonding," King Springs church.
 May 7. Helen, Ga., bus trip. For info.: call (404) 952-2676.

Cohutta, Ga., Church Homecoming and Fellowship Hall Open House — May 12-13. For info: call (615) 236-5006; (404) 694-8605.

Southern College
Church — April 15. Al McClure, speaker.
Vespers

April 7. Chamber Singers, 8 p.m.
 April 14. Destiny, 8 p.m.
 April 21. Collegiate Missions, 8 p.m.
 April 28. Bill Wohlers, 8 p.m.

Florence Oliver Anderson Nursing Series — April 6. Nursing Club Assembly, 11 a.m.-12 noon by Margaret Heins, Ed.D., R.N., FAAN. "Professionalism in Nursing," Mazie Herlin Hall.

E. A. Anderson Lecture Series
 April 6. Sheree Parris Nudd, FNAHD, CFRE, "25 Things Your Boss Wants You to Know," 8 p.m., Brock Hall.

April 13. Donald L. Jernigan, Ph.D., "Doing Work Versus Doing Good—Mission and Profit," 8 p.m., Brock Hall.

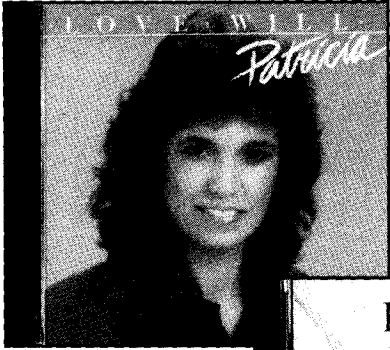
Chamber Music Series — April 4. Daniel Williams, trumpet, and Carolyn Mills Williams, harp, 8 p.m., Ackerman Auditorium.

Special Events
 April 1. SC Band Spring Concert, 8 p.m., P.E. Center.
 April 8. Gym-Masters Home Show, 9 p.m., P.E. Center.
 April 22. Die Meistersinger Concert, 8 p.m., Ackerman Auditorium.
 April 23. SC Symphony Orchestra Dinner Concert.
 April 29. Student Association Strawberry Festival, 9 p.m., P.E. Center.

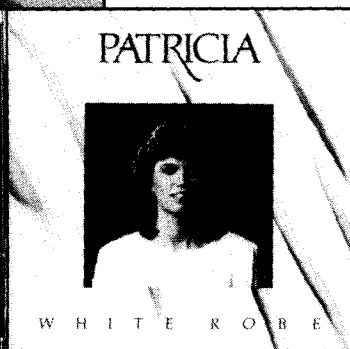
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Nashville, Tenn.	7:14	7:19	7:25	7:31	7:37	7:43
Orlando, Fla.	7:46	7:50	7:54	7:58	8:02	8:06
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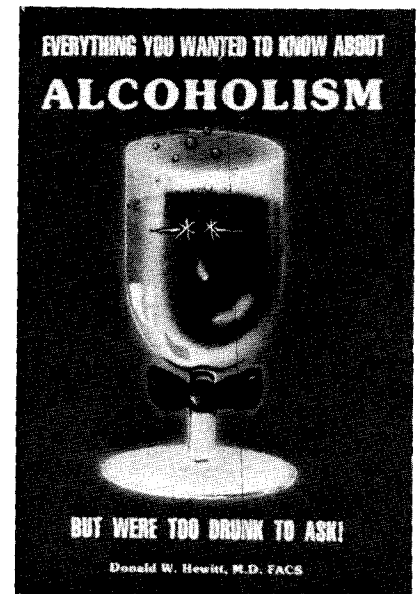
- Between 40-45% of the male students in our colleges drink alcohol (as do 20-25% of our female students).¹
- **ALCOHOLISM** is America's #1 health problem. We Americans are poisoning ourselves with before and after dinner drinks, martini luncheons, happy hours, and all night drinking sprees.
- Purchase of alcohol is justified as business expense, entertainment expense, medical expense, and relaxation therapy

WE DO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY

- "The temperance question is to receive decided support from God's people."²
- "The same way the temperance question is being handled by our people is not in harmony with the necessity of the times."³
- "Upon us, to whom God has given great light, rest the solemn responsibility of calling attention of men and women to the . . . prevalence of drunkenness."⁴

AND WE DO HAVE A MESSAGE

- "This temperance question . . . is just as much connected with the **THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE** as the right arm to the body."⁵
- "As we near the close of time we must rise higher and higher on the subject of health reform and Christian temperance presenting it in a more positive and decided manner."⁶
- Intemperance begins at our tables. Flesh foods, tea, coffee, tobacco all create an appetite for liquor.^{7 & 8}
- Alcoholism is virtually unknown among non-meat eaters.⁸



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¹ Adventist Review 9-27-84, p. 20

⁴ Review & Herald 10-25-06

⁷ See Counsels on Diet and Foods pp. 268-9, 233

² Counsels on Health p. 462

⁵ Review and Herald 2-14-1888

⁸ Kritzer, J. Haskel, M.D., Journal of National Medical Society, Jan-Mar. '47 p. 14

³ Call to Medical Evangelism and Health Education p. 37

⁶ Call to Medical Evangelism and Health Education p. 41

Inspiration

Nothing Is Too Hard For God

Miriam Hardinge—Is any thing too hard for the Lord? Genesis 18:14.

At times we think some things are too hard even for God to do. But nothing is too hard for God to do.

Missionary Halliwell, known for his work on the *Luzeiro*, one of the launches that ply the waters of the Amazon, tells about a missionary who was called by a mother to see her two very sick girls in their home. The missionary recognized at once that they were suffering from typhoid fever. The girls needed about 60 chloromycetin tablets each day to cure them of the disease, but the missionary did not happen to have any with him.

"However," he said to the mother, "the drugstore in the town a few miles down the river has plenty of them, so you can get some."

"How much will they cost?" asked the anxious mother.

The missionary told her, and tears came to her eyes. "I don't have the money. I must just watch my girls die because I don't have the money for those pills."

The missionary didn't even look into his wallet, for he knew that he didn't have any money with him and he was on his way to answer an urgent call for help farther up the river; but together he and the mother knelt beside the sick girls and prayed that the Lord would do something.

As the missionary left the house, suddenly a man stepped up to him and said, "Aren't you the Christian missionary from the hospital boat?"

"Yes," he said.

"Well," he said, handing the missionary a bottle of pills, "here are some chloromycetin tablets. Something has impressed me to give them to you for your work. I travel for a drug company."

The missionary knew what had impressed him. God had heard the prayers for the sick

girls and had sent just what they needed.

No, nothing is too hard for God to do.

Read the story of how Jesus brought back to life a man who had died and been in his grave for four days. It is told in John 11:38-44. ▣

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Family

Moodiness Is Deadly

Miriam Wood—If I were rating unfortunate personality traits I'd be forced to put moodiness near the top of the scale—or bottom, depending on the way you're looking at it. I suppose that's because a moody person gives you the feeling that you're hopelessly entangled in a king-sized yo-yo. Up, down, up, down. The "highs" may be exhilarating, but the "lows" are deadly.

When the "seesaw" is at its top altitude, most moody people are utterly charming, utterly fascinating. They're so warm, so outgoing, so much fun to be with! Even if, like a suspicious puppy with painful memories of past kicks, we circle the moody one warily for a while, it's inevitable that we surrender to his sparkling personality. All the past unfortunate episodes seem like nothing more than a bad dream, or a nightmare. Everything is forgiven.

But a week later, or a day later, or even an hour later, with all your suspicions at rest, you innocently and unsuspectingly chirp a greeting to this your dearest friend, to be greeted by thundering silence, if you're fortunate, and by downright cutting rudeness if you're not so fortunate. Bewildered, bleeding from every pore (emotionally speaking), you slink away to lick your wounds.

I suppose all of us number these moody ones among our friends, which is a rather euphemistic term under the circumstances. How can you relax with someone at whom

you're always casting furtive, sidelong glances to ascertain his emotional climate? How can you feel at ease when at any moment you may be exiled to a figurative Siberia?

Believe me, this kind of person defeats you all along the way. It's a constant series of hurts and humiliations, with you on the receiving end. In this case it would certainly be more comfortable to give (at least a little) than to receive, if not more blessed.

Are You Moody?

Are you a moody person? Well, recognizing this trait in yourself is a half-step in the right direction. But please don't start to defend the indefensible. So your parents are moody; and their parents were moody; and maybe you're just a wee bit proud of this nauseous characteristic? Surely some member of the family should have taken himself by the scruff of the neck a couple of generations back and perhaps altered the course of history—your personal history.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead" who never has arisen one morning to a world turned completely dull gray and lifeless—nothing to wear but clothes, nothing to eat but food, nothing to occupy life but useful study and work? All of us at times feel that we were meant for "better things," whatever that vague, all-encompassing term means. It may actually be true, but it has been my observation that life doesn't always treat us the way we deserve (a good thing, in some cases), and we may as well accept this truth sooner as later. At any rate, there is absolutely no excuse for inflicting moods on families and friends. The world doesn't owe us a thing, but we owe the world at least the courtesy of a pleasant disposition.

How, then, can moodiness be cured? I don't know. If I did, I'd patent the cure and become a millionaire.

I think you might start by contemplating the unchanging nature of God—the same yesterday, today, and forever. You are God's child; you can claim some of His characteristics, as well as those of your earthly parents.

How about the unchanging universe? On a "down" morning

your physical environment has not changed at all; it is just the same as when you were "up." But one of the imperatives of life is that we carry our own atmosphere with us. In an unchanging universe it is slightly presumptuous to change the personal climate for a whim!

One more idea—not a fancy one, but quite basic. Are you sure you're getting enough sleep? I guess we'd all like to think of ourselves as being above the need for proper rest, a balanced diet, et cetera. But this morning's moody character may be last night's insomniac. A perspective can get all out of focus if you're peering through heavy eyelids, you know.

Most effective, I think, would be the dual plan of earnest prayer coupled with self-control.

I'm not suggesting that we all become practicing Polyannas. No one could or should be "gay, gay, gay" all the time, but basic serenity is attainable.

Remember—

When your world seems
upside down
Perhaps you're looking
through a frown! ■

This article is excerpted from The Art of Living When You're Young by Miriam Wood, 1964, Review and Herald Publishing Association.

Fitness

Today You Begin —

Donna Patt—Your personal dieting history may be long enough to fill a few books. But don't delve in the past. What about from here on out?

Don't do anything. You can't do it anyway. Forget dieting and its rituals and let the Lord give you victory. You are not hopeless. God hasn't given up on you. The devil wants you to think you're too much a failure to ever succeed. Not so!

Your precious Jesus gives you victory. He lived a perfect life in spite of temptations far worse than yours. He died a cruel death so you could overcome. He can take your guilt away and make your record clean—a fresh start, if

you please. He wants to do this for you right now . . . like He did for me.

I know. I was a food sneaker, a sugar addict and a glutton. After 25 years of fat and hundreds of futile diets, I found victory.

Your desperate plea reminds me of my last gasp just before going under the third time. With nowhere else to go, I gave my gluttony to God—a pitiful gift for my Creator, but it was all I had.

I gave Jesus complete rulership of my life. Not a nominal profession of Christianity. Not a half-hearted prayer with one hand opening the refrigerator door.

No! How futile to tell Him I would truly live for Him after I lost some weight. All I could do was invite Him to take over my whole heart—especially the kitchen and dining room. I asked Him to sweep all the garbage and junk food out in one grand purge and then take over the controls. I could not do it myself!

"But," you say, "you don't know how many times I have already done that."

No, you don't understand. You can't ask Him to help you say "no thanks" to the pie. You must ask Him to take the reins of your life and completely direct and empower you. Without that commitment, prayer never leads to successful dieting.

If you are ready to make that surrender now, why not take time to talk to God about it? Don't wait. This is a now project.

Because you love Jesus and because He has already given you victory, you can now stop eating all sweets except fruit and foods sweetened with fruit.

"Wait a minute," you say. "That's my big problem. I'm attracted to sweets like lovers to each other. Once I start I can't let them alone."

Can't you? Did you not give yourself to Jesus? Didn't you put Him in charge of your "house," including the kitchen and breakfast nook? Didn't He promise that you already have victory now?

Then you do have it. Right now. Even over your strongest temptation—sweets, because you believe that He took away your craving, it has already happened.

1. Every time your favorite food entices you, repeat these words out loud. "I seek You with all my heart; do not let me stray from Your commands."

2. Purge all sweet food from your environment. Whether in your kitchen, desk drawer, glove compartment of your car, or behind the sale-priced toilet paper in the linen closet, get rid of it. Put it through the garbage disposal. Or mix it up with the rubbish in the trash can. Or bury it.

3. Read every label on everything you eat before you eat it. If it contains sugar, brown sugar, corn syrup, dextrose, sucrose, fructose, honey, molasses, sorghum or any type of artificial sweetener, don't eat it.

4. Start exercising by walking five minutes more than yesterday. (Ten minutes if you are healthy.)

You should not limit your food to fruit for more than one day, so be prepared to start eating more food tomorrow. You will be tempted to "go on a diet." Isn't that how all reducing begins? But don't. Simply eat the best way you know how tomorrow. Don't worry about another thing.

Make no mistake. Strict observance of the usual diet rituals does not lead to permanent reducing success. (You probably know this from experience.) Your trusting relationship with your Lord makes all the difference.

This time de-emphasize the diet ritual and maximize the relationship. Keep these scripture verses in your mind all day. Memorize them so they will be instantly available when temptation comes. You provide the will (or choice), then let God provide the power.

1. "I seek You with all my heart; do not let me stray from Your commands. I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You." Psalm 119: 10, 11.

2. "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13.

Remember, your success is not measured by how well you stick to your diet, but how well you stick to your Lord. ■

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I'm Here to Help in Any Way I Can

by Lawrence Kidder

As Ivan Crowder walked into the hospital room, the woman in the bed quickly drew the sheet over her head.

"I don't want to see anyone," she warned.

Crowder began speaking in a reassuring way. "I'm a chaplain here at Florida Hospital and I want you to know that I'm here to help you in any way I can."

As he continued talking, the sheet lowered slightly. His reassurance calmed the woman, and within minutes she was sharing her fears and concerns.

In another part of the hospital, Lorraine Crowder noticed that the patient she was visiting seemed especially uneasy. The reason for her anxiety soon became apparent.

"I'm a Christian Scientist," she said. "I'm sure you're wondering what I'm doing in a hospital."

"I know you must have your reasons for being here," Mrs. Crowder replied. "I'm just here to help you in any way I can."

Her words calmed the woman and soon their conversation became warm and friendly. After a few minutes, Mrs. Crowder offered to pray, and the woman graciously accepted the invitation.

The Crowders and 38 other special people are part of Florida Hospital's very successful volunteer chaplain program.

For hundreds of patients and their families, the volunteer chap-

lains play an important role in the healing process by providing caring friendship, understanding, and support.

"The main role of a chaplain is to listen, discover the needs of that patient or family, and meet those needs," says Chaplain Chet Damron, coordinator of the volunteer chaplain program.

The volunteer chaplains work directly with the pastoral care department. Many are retirees, a number are young people, and some are hospital employees. In 1988, they made 13,394 patient visits.

"One of our goals at Florida Hospital is to visit every patient before he or she leaves the hospital," says Damron.

With 800 or more patients in the hospital at one time, the eight staff chaplains couldn't begin to achieve this goal without the help of the volunteers.

Each staff chaplain is assigned to specific areas of the hospital. For example, Damron is responsible for 132 beds in the heart unit. On some days, he may spend the entire day with two or three families who are in the midst of unusually critical situations. This is where the work of the Crowders and other volunteer chaplains comes in.

"They give valuable pastoral care while I'm ministering to special cases," says Damron.

The pastoral care department has held three seminars for volunteer chaplains since September, 1987. Nearly 90 people have graduated from the program. Of

these, 40 are now working at Florida Hospital and eight are at East Pasco Medical Center in Zephyrhills, Florida.

The seminars consist of 11 classroom sessions of two and a half hours each. The curriculum ranges from the theology of sin and suffering to a theoretical approach to the stages of grief and suffering.

Giving balance to the theory, case studies, exams, and role-playing in the classroom, the volunteers get some very important on-the-job training. They shadow the full-time chaplains on patient visits, and later the roles are turned when the chaplains shadow the trainees.

As a result of the work by volunteer chaplains, to date five individuals have been baptized and joined local Adventist churches. In fact, one now works as a volunteer chaplain at Florida Hospital. In addition, 10 other people are studying the Bible with volunteer chaplains, and several referrals have been given to area pastors for follow-up.

With the success of the volunteer chaplains at Florida Hospital and East Pasco Medical Center, Adventist Health System/Sunbelt has asked all of its hospitals to consider implementing a similar program. The goal is to effectively involve local laity and clergy in helping to fulfill each hospital's mission. ■

Lawrence Kidder is a freelance writer living in Orlando, Florida.



Ivan and Lorraine Crowder volunteer a few hours every week to visit patients at Florida Hospital. A total of 40 volunteer chaplains are working with the hospital's staff chaplains in an effort to see that each patient receives a pastoral visit while in the hospital.

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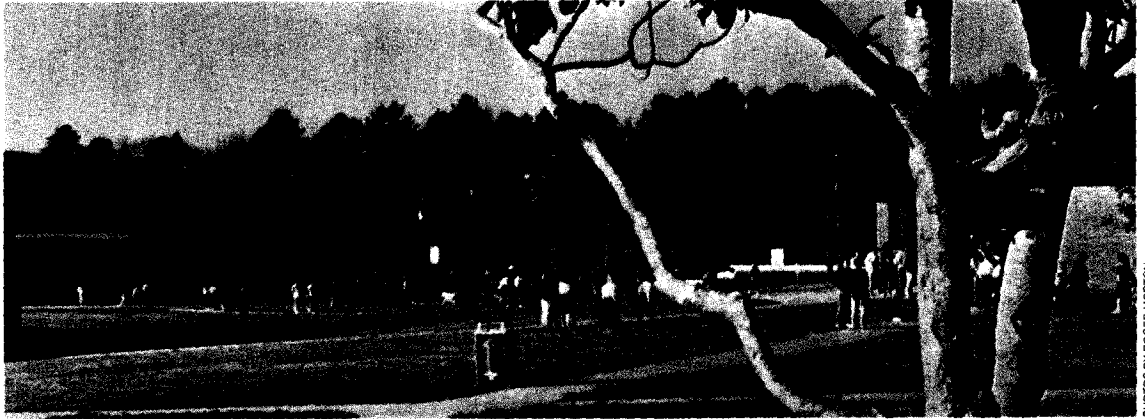


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GCA Portrait



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The Georgia-Cumberland Academy offering slated April 15 will help to revitalize a campus which has served its conference youth for nearly a quarter of a century.

by Shelly Litchfield with Roger Morton

The school bus lights flashed me to a stop one afternoon as the youngsters fanned out from the stop. One blue-jeaned boy with books in one hand and a lunchbox in the other caught my eye. What a picture of typical Americana, I thought, then watched as he sat the lunchbox down in his driveway. My reverie was jolted as he gave it a furious kick with a look of disgust and frustration. "Must have had a bad day at school," I thought.

Education is no rose garden. It involves many challenges and negotiating the course successfully is hard work, not only for students, but for teachers as well. The Adventist commitment to the whole man, educating the head, the heart, the body, and the soul, is what gives our schools a special edge in today's world of learning.

The faculty at Georgia-Cumberland Academy have committed themselves to providing support to their students in all of these areas, giving that extra touch, that added dimension of devotion that transforms a common job into an inspired calling. For keyboard instructor Barbara Willis, that

meant a basket of necessities like shampoo and toothpaste slipped to a student of slim financial resources. Satisfaction is what P.E. teacher Wally Fox would define as "the doorbell ringing on Sabbath afternoon with a former student dropping by just to say "Hi!"

Closeness develops through shared activities on campus. Student Debbie Langford recalls an instance when the GCA Bell Ringers, under the direction of Principal Vic Kostenko, felt that closeness. "When Jennifer had to be away to a wedding, we felt we couldn't play without her. We could have pulled it off musically, but we're so close that a part of us would have been missing."

Every year each member of the faculty adopts a portion of the student body as his "family" with such get-togethers as Friday night popcorn, birthday celebrations, or individual counseling on "down grades." One avenue of recording special memories throughout the year is GCA's newspaper, *The Cumberlandite*, sponsored by administrative secretary Patti Speer. It's a part of the network of caring that supports growth at GCA.

Of course, academic challenge is woven into many of the threads that make up the fabric of academy life. Yet even the scholastic threads come in a variety of col-



Principal Vic Kostenko looks forward to the benefits that these students will enjoy through the refurbishing planned for the GCA campus.

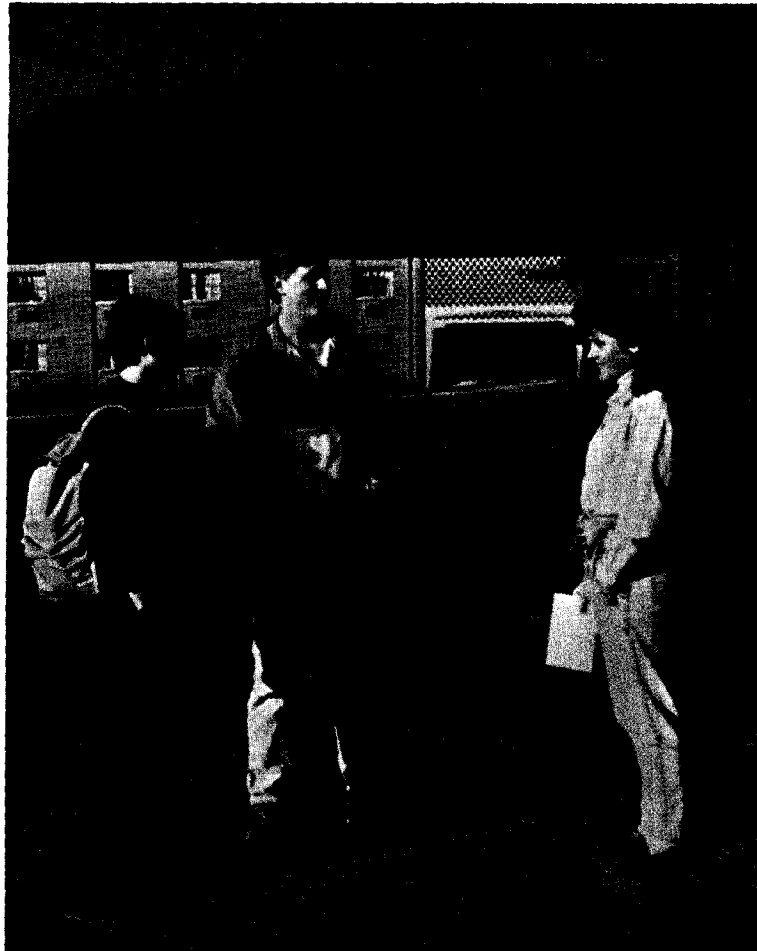
ors. For instance, junior students in Ora Mae Kirk's English classes who have maintained an "A" level during first semester, may choose to join Honors English which bypasses regular coursework in favor of in-depth reading, discussion, and the preparation of a paper on works of literature.

Mrs. Kirk and vice principal and history teacher Nick Minder also sponsor a New England trip each fall that uses "discovery learning" at sites such as Boston's Old North church, Plymouth Plantation, and Walden Pond. By contrast, the cutting edge of modern technology is offered by Ed Connell in his math and computer classes and by Tyke Connell in the sciences.

And for those students not geared up for the cutting edge, Chana Kostenko offers small, supportive remedial classes in basic English and basic math which are highly individualized. Practical vocational classes in woodworking, welding, auto mechanics, and architecture, taught by Lowell Jenks, add skills which will come into future play in hobbies and careers. A well-rounded program will also include the fine arts. Loren Frost has written and arranged music, some of which is used to make his band, Camarata, choir, and music lessons all the more interesting. Shelly Litchfield brings the joy of creativity and beauty through her instruction in art and sculpture.

Physical development and recreation also give balance to academic pursuits. Frequent intramurals organized by Wally Fox, with teams made up of both faculty and students, emphasize good sportsmanship and teamwork. Fellow coach Ed Eberhart carries special responsibility in the development of a gymnastics troupe which performs in schools throughout the conference.

Librarian Mary Ellen Fox, after studying methods used in other academies, has arrived at an attendance policy with its much-anticipated Perfect Attendance Trips which has not only revolutionized performance but attitudes as well. Another morale builder is food. GCA's cafeteria, under the direction of Larry and Edna Kitchen, features a highly popular salad bar and homemade multigrain bread that makes store-



John Ringhoffer and Dennis Steele compare notes with Jennifer Fox on a typical GCA day.

bought a letdown. Nurse Tricia Minder cares for students' ills with a firm, yet gentle, touch.

Georgia-Cumberland Academy guarantees work for every dorm student. A thriving student industry is Grafe Stained Glass which, under the guidance of Betsy and Dennis Grafe, employs 20 students to create products to be sold throughout the U.S. Little Lake Industries, under manager Don Harris, produces cushions for recreational furniture. Students also work alongside Arnold Basham in plant repairs and campus maintenance.

Yet at the heart of any Adventist academy program is a strategy which fosters the spiritual life of each student. Deans Wendy Eberhardt and Craig Heinrich, with their assistants Lisa Jardine and Troy Fitzgerald, share morning and evening worships as a part of this plan. Task Force worker Randy Reece provides "Daily Manna" on each bulletin board for devotional reading.

Pastor and Bible teachers LeClare Litchfield and Ron Cook on

any weekly Sabbath might be seen leading speaking teams to outlying churches, hospital visitation, Share-A-Loaf with its bread and literature, *Signs* distribution, Christian Drama practice, and nature hikes. Also Treasurer Steve Fuchs leads in a Sabbath clown ministry to nearby hospitals. During the week, witness continues in the Teach-A-Kid and Big Brother/Big Sister programs. Spanish teacher Curtis Schafer supervised students in helping on the construction of the Collegedale Spanish church.

Education is no rose garden. Yet the beauty that grows out of the process on an Adventist campus is more delicately fine and eternally enduring than any blossom botanists have ever developed. That is why the Master Gardener spends so much time cultivating the soil there. □

Shelly Litchfield teaches art and sculpturing at Georgia-Cumberland Academy.



Missionary Magazines Put Jesus and People Together

by **B. Russell Holt**

If you have flown into or out of Memphis, Tennessee, recently, or Charlotte, North Carolina, you probably noticed the attractive *Signs of the Times* display at these airports. Each large, lighted panel includes complimentary copies of the current issue, and in each magazine is a response card offering a free year's subscription and Bible study guides.

Memphis and Charlotte are two of the seven air terminals in the United States currently featuring *Signs of the Times*. (By the time you read this, *Signs* will be in the Orlando airport as well.) During 1988, travelers mailed back 1,458 response cards from these airport magazines, 801 of which requested Bible studies as well as the free subscription. This is just one of the innovative ways your Church is using missionary journals to put Jesus and people together.

Another is the use of Adventist Information Ministries' nationwide toll-free number. Based at Andrews University in Michigan, AIM handles telephone calls seven days a week, 24 hours a day from individuals responding to 20 different Seventh-day Adventist print and electronic outreach media. In the last year more than 1,000 persons contacted AIM from *Signs of the Times* alone, asking for prayer, requesting a Bible course, a visit, or information on a particular topic.

One of these persons was 19-year-old Myles Fudge, of Flinton, Ontario. After reading a copy of *Signs*, he got in touch with AIM and requested more information. Bible studies with the local pastor followed, and Myles was baptized last autumn. He plans now to attend college to study for the ministry.

Each month Adventist missionary magazines, *Signs of the Times*, *El Centinela*, and *Message Magazine*, present Jesus Christ and the distinctive biblical truths God has given this church to thousands of readers. Readers like this individual who wrote the editors of *El Centinela*:

"I was lucky enough to find a loose page from your magazine on the street. On one side of the page was part of an article about eternal life. Although I could read only a fragment of the article, I enjoyed it very much. On the other side of the page was the last part of an article titled, 'How Religion Influences Health.' I must tell you that in that single page I found a message of hope, faith, and a better future. I sincerely would like

to know more about Jesus. Please send me the free Bible course you offer."

In February, *Signs of the Times* received this letter from a man in Arkansas:

"Your magazine came unexpectedly in the mail one day. I want to tell you that it has played a major role in my realization that Christ is real in my life. Jesus has spoken to me through these articles. I love Him. I want to thank whoever ordered this magazine for me. I want to thank the authors who have written such beautiful, stirring messages. I want to thank Jesus Christ for saving my soul."

Another man wrote from California:

"I was visiting in a Seventh-day Adventist hospital and came across your magazine and started reading it. I couldn't believe my eyes. Being a Catholic, I found it touched me in a special way. A few weeks later, I met a person from the Adventist Church who invited me to visit. I did, and since that day, five months ago, I have never wanted to miss a service or Bible study. I am going to be baptized in a couple of weeks. *Signs of the Times* is very special to me. I hope more people will read it and find out what a wonderful world they have just opened."

As you can see from these experiences, "Putting Jesus and People Together" is more than just a slogan. It's what *Signs of the Times*, *El Centinela*, and *Message Magazine* are designed to do; it's the reason they exist.

But magazines alone are not enough. Magazines need your personal witness as a committed, caring Christian to back up their silent witness of the printed page. And these soul-winning magazines need you to send them out into the world, making it possible for them to touch people's lives.

During the special emphasis on missionary magazine evangelism this month, won't you make sure that you send *Signs*, *El Centinela*, and *Message Magazine* to everyone you possibly can? Soon the promise of Matthew 24:14 will be fulfilled: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come." You can help make it happen with *Signs of the Times*, *El Centinela*, and *Message*—magazines that put Jesus and people together. ■

B. Russell Holt is associate editor of *Signs of the Times*.



A Great Place to Grow Leaders

by Doris Burdick

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

—John Fitzgerald Kennedy



The leadership potential at Southern College challenges the imagination.



Elementary education students are leaders—in-training. Shown with the kiddies and the goat is Kim Sigmon from Hildebran, North Carolina.

It's happening. Right before our eyes it's happening. Faculty and staff at Southern College are in a special spot where we can see it happen—and to help make it happen. We watch future leaders grow. We talk with them. We walk with them. We work with them. We play with them. We pray with them. I can't think of a better place in the world to grow leaders than on a Christian campus. Community leaders, business leaders, church leaders, educational leaders, leaders in music and other arts, leaders in service of every kind are growing here, and it's an every-day-of-the-week process.

For example, on Sabbath, you will find students gaining leadership experience in the Thatcher Hall Sabbath school or one of several others on campus. Maybe you can hear a preacher-in-training open God's Word in a small church. This semester 24 ministerial students are serving in churches located in four states, from Murphy, North Carolina, to Fort Payne, Alabama. In the afternoon you might find students taking initiative in singing at a retirement home or taking the stage in Destiny Drama Company productions. And it's a student who leads out in the 7 a.m. Power Hour held every Wednesday in So-Ju-Conian Hall. (Power Hour is a time of power-seeking through prayer.)

Meanwhile, at the seminary at Andrews University, 26 graduates from Southern College are enrolled for post-graduate ministerial training.

Overseas in eight countries 22 student missionaries are practicing leadership skills in language schools, mission communities, and other settings.

Business leaders are in the making. Wayne VandeVere, chairman of the business and office administration department, points with justifiable pride at last year's graduates. Six have already taken the difficult CPA examination and every one of them passed all sections on the first try. In a recent year, the General Conference Auditing Service hired seven auditors from

among Southern College seniors. The Ruth McKee Chair for Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics helps strengthen the department in its training of conscientious business leaders who have ethical anchors amid the drift they might find around them.

Southern College has a history of growing leaders. The name of Robert Pierson comes to mind. A graduate of Southern in 1933, he went on to more than half a century of church leadership and service, a dozen years of it as president of the General Conference. Don Hunter, a 1925 graduate, and Clyde Franz, class of 1932, also gave the church years of front-line service. Gentry G. Lowry, class of 1908 and pioneer to India, leads a long list of graduates who have circled the globe in mission trailblazing. Such leadership is not relegated to the past.

A graduate is principal of Newbold College in England. Our own union President, Alfred C. McClure, presided over, pastored, or chaired numerous student organizations at Southern prior to his 1954 graduation. (A class prophecy listed him "most likely to succeed.") Other graduates are scat-

tered in leadership posts from Washington, D.C., to Malawi, Africa. They are in Hong Kong, Alaska, and Australia.

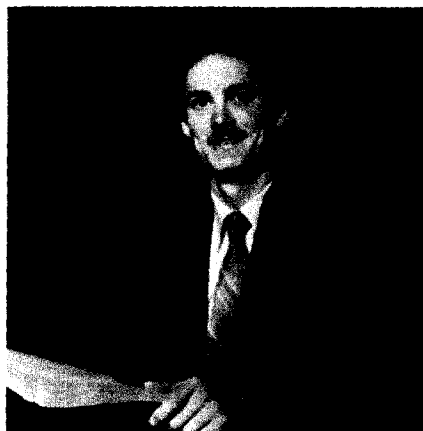
Areas of leadership are diverse. A graduate is on the National Safety Council Board, another managed the American Birding Association for 18 years, another is on the board of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. For eight years a New York market analyst and Southern graduate wrote a financial column for the *Wall Street Journal*.

Educators who received their college education at Southern now teach at every level from kindergarten to postgraduate classes at major universities. One directs secondary education for an entire county. Another teaches public health courses in Rwanda. Several graduates have already improved our world through involvement with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). Adventist World Radio has developed with on-site direction by Southern graduates.

Cancer research, tropical disease research, sports surgery, and medical service of every type are carried on by alumni. The fact that Southern College has a strong ladder program in nursing launches many nurses into leadership roles as they put their BS training to work. Graduates working with orphanages in under-developed countries have helped salvage the lives of forgotten children.

In countless homes, churches, and communities are additional leaders from Southern. They give to those around them—serving on school boards, reading books to their children, preparing a Sabbath school lesson, doing volunteer crisis counseling. Like the teachers they studied under, they see leadership as participative. They recognize servanthood as a mark of true leadership.

"Instinctive service is something we seek to teach our students," says William Wohlers, vice president for student services. "The best way we can teach it is by example." □



Kevin Shelley, '88, has begun his pastoral role in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

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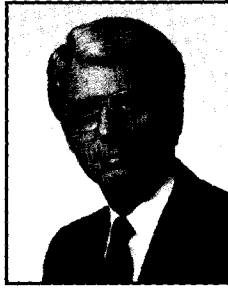
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Vantage Point

Hospital Evangelism

Sicker patients and shorter stays. Hospitals across the United States find themselves facing both of these conditions as they scramble to respond to a rapidly changing health-care environment. Add to this the fact that many medical procedures that formerly required hospitalization are now being done on an outpatient basis. It doesn't require much imagination, then, to understand something of the impact this is having on hospital balance sheets and financial statements.

What is perhaps not so readily apparent, however, is the complication this presents the hospital that desires to provide a spiritual component to its healing ministry. How do chaplains involved in pastoral care of the patient effectively minister to the critically ill whose recuperation is often at home?

There are, of course, very important avenues of ministry that remain available—prayer with the patient and support for the family, plus a host of other opportunities.

Florida Hospital, in Orlando, our church's largest medical institution with 1,071 beds, has taken its patient ministry a step further. Recently Tom Werner, hospital president, shared with me some details of that outreach. He described how their pastoral care department had recruited members from area Seventh-day Adventist churches to participate in telephone follow-up ministry.

At the end of January there were 17 individuals from Orlando churches calling former patients requesting comments on their hospital stay and offering information on community health programs, additional Christian literature, or a visit from a local chaplain.

Response to the phone ministry has been most gratifying. One caller states that she has sent out 320 pieces of literature while 37 individuals have enrolled in Bible courses. Six families have begun studying the Bible with laymen and clergy.

One lady of 45 years came to the hospital deeply depressed because of her daughter's death. Following her discharge from the hospital she was contacted by a volunteer telephone chaplain and is presently enjoying Bible studies.

A 46-year-old man whose wife and children had left him felt that his whole world had collapsed and there was nothing left to do but blow his brains out. A telephone caller was successful in ministering to this man and he, too, is studying the Bible course.

While many will benefit from this personal touch by caring people, three individuals have already been baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The stories of ministry go on and on. There are plenty of hurting people with both physical and spiritual needs. The divine example set by our Lord demonstrated that meeting the physical needs of humanity often leads to an opportunity to meet the spiritual needs. We dare not waste these golden opportunities.

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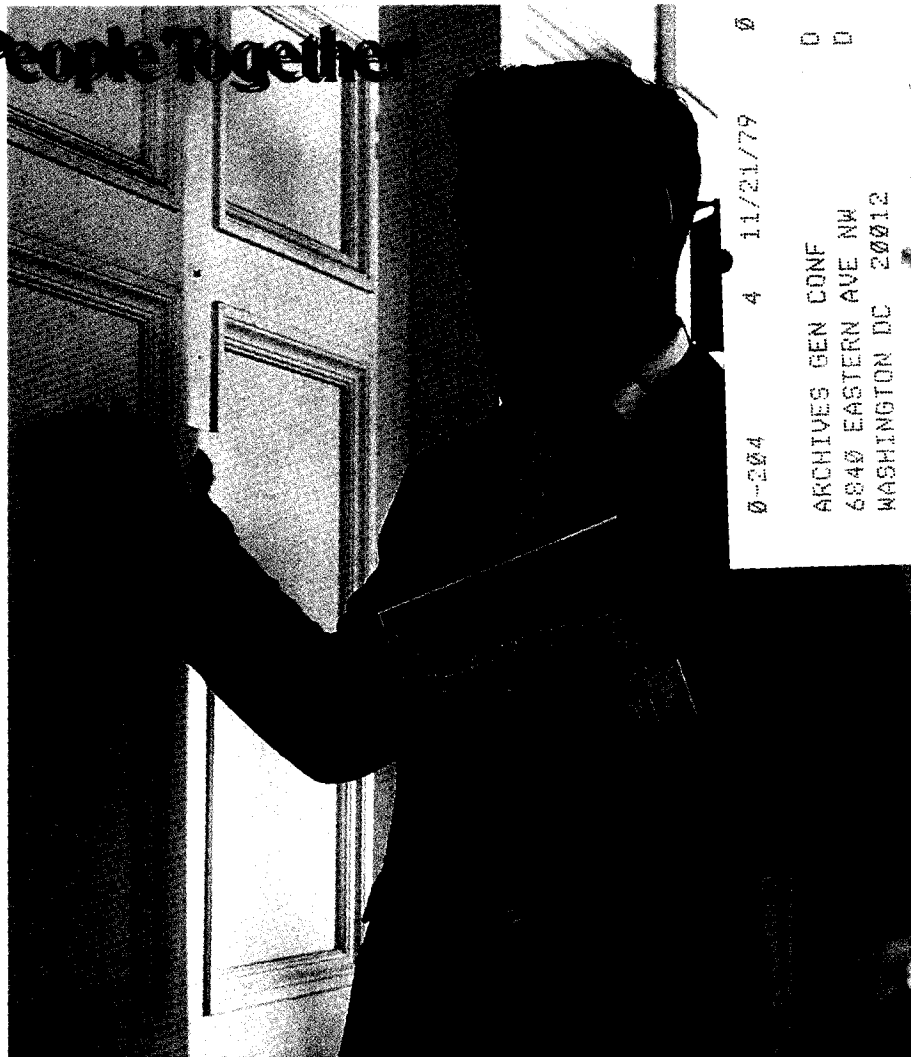
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