

## Marriages

**Burrows-Gray.** — Duane Burrows of Friendship, N. Y., and Marjorie Gray, of Lockport, N. Y., were united in marriage Sabbath day, December 20, 1958, at the Wrights Corner Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Dr. Clyde W. Meredith.

**Sutton-Pierce.** — Lyle Sutton, son of Mrs. Madge Sutton, of Alfred Station, N. Y., and the late Rev. Harley Sutton, and Betty Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pierce, of Alfred Station, N. Y., were united in marriage at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church by the groom's brother-in-law, the Rev. William Webster, of Sanborn, N. Y., on November 27, 1958. The couple is residing at 709½ Union Avenue, Morgantown, W. Va.

## Obituaries

**Ritter.** — Maurice U., son of Frank and Mabel Spencer Ritter, was born June 26, 1907, at Hopkinton, R. I., and died December 24, 1957, at the Westerly Hospital, Westerly, R. I.

Mr. Ritter was a member of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Kelly Ritter, of Westerly, and a sister, Mrs. Ralph Briggs, of Hope Valley, R. I.

Funeral services were held in the Buckler Funeral Home, Westerly, with interment in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway, R. I.

— E.F.W.

**Roney.** — Nevah Thompson, daughter of Orin and Mary Thompson, was born September 13, 1900, in Aline, Okla., and died in Riverside, Calif., Nov. 13, 1958.

At the age of three she contracted spinal meningitis from which she lost her sight. At the age of twelve she attended a school for the blind in Kansas City and later completed her academic work for a four-year degree at UCLA in Los Angeles.

For several years she was employed in the entertainment world doing considerable radio work in the Midwest.

As a consecrated Christian, she ever had an open, warm, and glowing testimony for her Lord and used well her talent as a singer. For some thirty-five years she was an active member of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, having sung "Open the Gates of the Temple" at the dedication service of the newly built church in 1927.

She is survived by her husband, Golden Roney; her son, David Westover, of San Bernardino; a sister, Mrs. Helen Walters, of Riverside; two brothers, Lynn, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Homer, of Burbank, Calif.; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in Riverside by her pastor, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, and interment was at the Olivewood Cemetery in Riverside. — A.L.W.

**Shaw.** — Emma, daughter of Clifford and Myrtle Crosley Maxson, was born in Farina, Ill., October 30, 1902, and died in Wisconsin General Hospital, Madison, January 7, 1959.

She spent nine months in an iron lung. In childhood Emma was baptized by the Rev. J. T. Davis at Leonardsville, N. Y., and later in her youth she affiliated with the Battle Creek, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She was graduated from Milton College in 1927 and on Christmas Day of that year she was married to Elston Shaw. Before moving to Milton, Wis., in 1935, they had lived at Streator, Ill., Port Huron, Mich., and Mansfield, Ohio.

A beloved and valued member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Emma served as deaconess and held many other church and civic offices.

Survivors besides her husband are a son, Edwin, of Milton; three grandchildren; three sisters, Ina Maxson, Burlington, Vt., Dorothy Maxson, Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Bernice Hoekstra, Houston, Tex.; four brothers, Rex, Russell, Edmond, and Clarke; and her father, Clifford Maxson, all of Battle Creek.

Funeral services were conducted from the church, with the Rev. Victor Skaggs officiating due to the illness of her pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery. — E.F.R.

**Sheets.** — Albert E., son of Norman and Adelaide Sheets, was born Dec. 1, 1882, in Moulinette, Ontario, and died in Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 21, 1958.

A recent convert to the Sabbath, he was baptized and joined the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, August 10, 1957. He had lived in Battle Creek for over 40 years, serving as one of the caretakers at the Memorial Park Cemetery. He was a member of the YMCA, Townsend Club, Senior Recreation Club, and the Interracial Club.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Mallory of Battle Creek, and Mrs. Maud Derickson of Santa Rosa, Calif.; one brother, William, of Downey, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Farewell services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Leland E. Davis, from the Shaw Funeral Home, and interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery. — L.E.D.

**Stillman.** — Dayton Theodore, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stillman, was born in Nortonville, Kan., April 22, 1904 and died in Montebello, Calif., June 22, 1958.

As a young man he accepted Christ and was baptized, joining the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Milton, Wis., later transferring his membership to Riverside, Calif. Training as an educator, he was destined to serve some thirty-two years as a teacher and administrator in Wisconsin and California. For the past fifteen years he served as principal of the Montebello Park Elementary School where he resided.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille; a son, Theodore Gerald; a daughter, Joyce Thompson; two brothers, James, of Houston, Texas, and Claire, of Madison, Wis.; one sister, Rose Stillman, of Milton, Wis.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, with interment at the Rose Hills Cemetery in Montebello.

— A.L.W.



## WORKMEN TOGETHER

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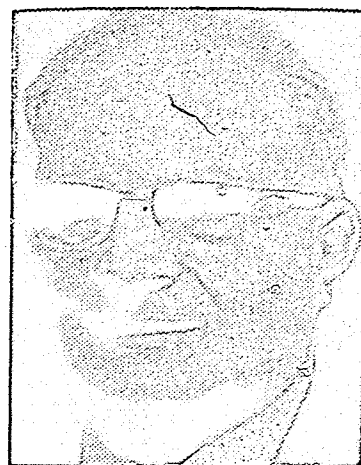
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## Introducing The Editor of this Special Issue



The Rev. Paul S. Burdick is pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Waterford, Conn. His early schooling was obtained at Alfred University and at Rochester Theological Seminary. Former pastorates include those in Rockville, R. I.; Leonardsville and Adams Center, N. Y.; and Salemville, Pa.

Mr. Burdick has for many years taken special interest in the means by which difficulties between individuals, between races, and between nations may be settled by peaceful means and by the application of Christian principles. He is currently working for the ministers of New London, Conn., in arranging for Protestant services at the County Jail, and has been active in their Committee on Race Relations.

He and his wife, Hancy Brooks Burdick, have reared a family of seven children, one of whom is a medical missionary for the denomination in Nyasaland, Africa.

In view of Mr. Burdick's interest and qualifications he was invited by the American Sabbath Tract Society to edit this special issue of the Sabbath Recorder.

The regular weekly issues of this magazine contain feature articles, editorials, missionary inspiration, and news both denominational and ecumenical. See the masthead on this page for subscription terms. — Managing Editor.

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## COVER PICTURE

Schenectady congregation building their church.

## Foreword

In the church of tomorrow, the laymen must play an ever-increasing part. With ministers generally underpaid and overworked, it becomes more and more evident that if the church is to grow, it will do so only as the laymen and laywomen of the church are restored to the first century enthusiasm that caused the early church to propagate itself by evangelism and even through martyrdom.

The fastest growing sects in America today are the ones which make the best use of all their laymen. All have duties to perform, leading many times to house-to-house evangelism, and diligent training in the home to conserve what gains have already been accomplished.

We do not intend to imply that growth is a sign of the presence of greatest truth. Far from it! Error can be propagated as well as truth, as we have noted in the advance of Communism. But we have seen again and again that failure or success in an undertaking depended upon the extent to which the greatest number of the common people could be imbued with a determination to see it succeed.

It is for this reason that this issue of the Sabbath Recorder is dedicated to the laymen of the churches. Especially would we pay homage to the many faithful men and women who have carried the burden of the work on their shoulders, and a concern for the cause of Christ upon their hearts.

Gratefully yours,  
Paul S. Burdick, Editor.

## A PRAYER FOR THIS ISSUE

Our Father in Heaven, this special issue of the Recorder will enter many homes, some for the first time. It will meet with many responses. Some will throw it aside as worthless. Others may receive it with joy and expectation. However, with it may we send our heartfelt prayers that into whatever home it goes, it may

carry the light of the Gospel, an expression of truth, and a concern for the welfare of the soul of the reader.

Bless all who have made this issue possible: the editors, the composers, the printers, and all the busy folk who are our servants for Christ's sake, and not alone for material reward. We are debtors to so many.

And to whomsoever these messages may come, may they represent a true effort on our part to subdue self, lift up the Christ to draw all men unto Himself, and bring a ray of sunshine into homes and lives where need exists. Amen.

## The Choir Leader's Prayer

O Lord of Mercy and of Love, we have come here this morning with our plans made and our practicing done. We leave the result in Thy hands. Dear Lord, if we have come to this service with any thought of selfish gain, or any seeking of the praise of men, forgive us.

Humbly we ask that some heart may be touched by our music to feel the upward pull of Divine Love, and yield itself to the harmony of oneness with Thy Will. Amen.

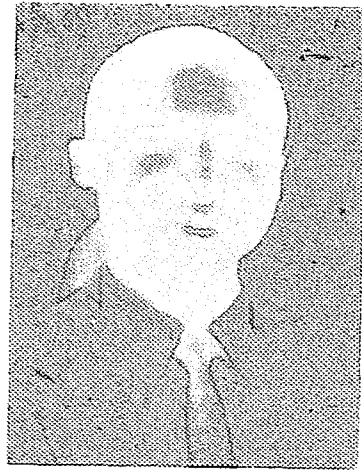
## In Church:

### A Prayer for My Neighbor — and Myself

Dear Lord and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, here in Thy holy courts this morning, I have sat and contemplated my neighbor with unfriendly eyes. I have thought upon his faults, and had bitterness in my heart for his failings. Forgive me, Lord, for what, in Thy holy eyes, must seem most profane and sinful in me.

Help me, Lord, to turn with sorrowful eyes to my own faults and my own need. Replace the spirit of enmity with the spirit of love. Rub off the rough corners of my life with the sandpaper of penitence, and curb my hasty temper with the bit and bridle of truth and fairness. Then send me through Thy dry-cleaning establishment of morning devotions, church attendance, and secret prayer. And Thy name shall have all the glory. Amen.





Naval Harley

## INFLUENCES THAT LED ME TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

By A Recently Baptized Jamaican Convert

Christianity is a new way of living. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5: 17). Some people have become Christians by being brought up in a Christian home, but others have learned it by very touching and convicting experiences. Experience teaches wisdom and leads many of us into lasting decisions. My decision for Christ was influenced by some of those experiences.

Unlike some Sabbathkeepers today, I had the privilege of being brought up by Sabbathkeeping parents. I recognized and realized the importance of the Sabbath, yet my conversion did not come about as quickly as some people thought. My way of life did not comply with the requirements of a Christian. I thought very seriously about baptism but — Wasn't there enough time left? Feeling secure, at first I went my way unconcerned. I even thought of trying to live perfectly before I got baptized. What was my trouble? Perhaps I needed a terrible experience or a deep conviction. I was unaware of the fact that it was necessary, but such were the things which determined my later attitude towards and relationship with my God.

I feel quite happy and privileged to share my experience with others as we witness for Christ. It is one that I am sure will help someone to understand better God's plan of salvation. Of course, it is mysterious, but God is like that. We sometimes feel everything pertaining to Christianity should not be mysterious at all or that we have to be good people before we can be saved. We sometimes forget that God is everywhere and His

plans for mankind are many and different. My conversion is an example of how God is at work in our lives unknown to us.

I am quite sure that there are individuals beside myself who have had a knowledge of God and His Sabbath, but who needed a convincing experience to set them on the Christian way. In St. Luke 9: 57-62, I saw quite clearly that the Christian Way was one of "no rivalry," "no refusal," and "no retreat." That offered me a challenge which we sometimes overlook. I then tried to be good and then I learned something. Too much "I" and too little "God" was one of my troubles. "I," when capitalized, is a selfish letter which wants to stand by itself at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end of a sentence. I prayed about my selfish ways and invited God into my life and He came right in. He came through a series of experiences which impelled me into a decision.

My decision for Christ came as a result of a sequence of events in mine and other people's lives. After I left high school I taught for one month and then I decided to do dispensing. I was assigned to a public hospital in the country as a pharmaceutical student. Not long after I assumed duty, I found myself questioning certain irregularities in individuals' lives and mine. I later realized that there were certain things which should never happen to a Christian. I did not want any of those things to happen to me and I was very careful about that. I soon had a better understanding of how good God was to mankind, the mentally and physically ill. Patients often at the point of death recovered in such a way that praise could not be given anyone beside God.

By An African Christian

"For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" If any man is not in Christ Jesus, he is lost. John 3: 16 says that "... who-soever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I was lost in heathenism. The fact was that in our village none of the families knew about Christ. Instead of worshiping God, men were dancing, drinking, and fighting.

Fortunately, one day, a Christian family came to visit my family. When the message found in the above verses was given, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior. I am thankful for God's mercy which permitted our family to learn of Jesus. In Christ I am happier than I was before. All of my needs are met in Him. Nothing I ask will be denied, if

I am in His will. When I falter Christ will lead me in a way everlasting.

At present I am employed as a medical laboratory worker at Makapwa. I work in the ministry of healing men's bodies, but also find the privilege of witnessing for Christ. Large numbers come in for treatment, but prior to treatment we extend a Gospel witness.

One morning I preached of Christ's power in raising Lazarus. Some were converted. Others seem not to understand, but we continue to witness.

I ask your prayers that we here might continue on to win lost men to newness of life.

The foregoing was written by Macmorland Mitengo, one of Dr. Victor Burdick's medical workers at the Makapwa Mission in Nyasaland, Africa.

Many times doctors and drugs alike failed and faith was the only answer.

In Kingston I entered into the final stage of these events and came to one decision. Kingston was a place I had always wanted to stay away from because I felt God was going to do something terrible to it some day. I found myself there, again faced with the problem of insecurity. Death was striking everywhere and near to me too. Friends passed on at the tick of the clock and some of them just were not Christians. Who would be next? I was sure it was I. Death hung over me like a cloud each day. Some people are prepared for the judgment day, but I was not. My problem was preparing for death. I was sure it was God Himself acting at this stage, and I traced the sequence of events in my life and their relationship to one another. It looked like going through school from kindergarten to university. I was now ready for my diploma as a Christian. Death drove home the last lesson. It was turn around and be saved or continue and die. I got my last assurance of divine

guidance the very evening I spoke to my pastor about my baptism. That was the very evening he planned to ask me about it, having checked his records and not finding my name on any of them.

Experiences, as I have said before, come in various ways and at diverse places. They help us to make decisions, and the greatest decision that anyone can make is one for Christ! Let us all endeavor to work and seek salvation now while it is day for the night cometh when no man shall work. Eternal death offers a challenge to every one of us as our existence is inevitably terminated on this earth. It would be a good thing if we could sense the seriousness involved as we go about making our decisions. By doing so we find no other refuge but Christ.

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*When Converted and Consecrated*

## YOUTH SPEAKS FOR CHRIST

### WHY I AM A CHRISTIAN

By Colleen Horton

I am a Christian because God saved me when I could not save myself. When I was at the end of my road, God reached down and turned me around. He gave me something to live for, and the joy of knowing that there is a wonderfully perfect life after this one is over.

Sometimes everything seems to be going wrong, and I begin to get discouraged; then God reminds me that He is with me, and will take care of me no matter what happens. Then I remember all the things He has done for me, and how He has taken care of me in so many difficulties before. I feel better immediately, and rely on Him to work all things for good.

When I have something to do that seems too hard for me, I just ask God to help me, and as I keep trying with my trust in Him, my work seems to become easier, and I am able to complete it successfully.

Being a Christian is just so wonderful that one cannot conceive of the joy until he has accepted Christ as his own personal Savior. The Psalmist who wrote these words has expressed the joy of being a Christian so beautifully:

"But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defense and the God of my mercy" (Psalm 59: 16, 17).

Colleen Horton, is a girl of nineteen, living with her family at Hickory, North Carolina, and attending the Yonah Mountain Church.

### WHY I TOOK CHRIST AS MY SAVIOR

By Ruthann Dickinson

In everyone's life, at some time or another, there arises the question, "What is the best thing for life?" A few years ago I asked this same question. Should I take Christ as my Savior and become a Christian, or should I go on trying to find something else to fill my wants? If I accepted Him, it meant giving up many things, I thought — worldly pleasures, un-Christian attitudes, for example. As a Seventh Day Baptist, I would give up social and school activities on Friday night and Sabbath day.

On the other hand, if I accepted Him, there would be the peace and joy which God has promised to those who accept His Son, and are willing to be led by His Spirit (Gal. 5: 16-26). Then in time of trial and temptation there would be someone to go to; there would always be someone to understand my wants and needs.

This was a hard decision to make, but I know now that I made the right one. Now I have Christ as the center of my life, and try to witness to others so that they may have the same opportunity of accepting this wonderful Savior. I have always liked as a testimony the words to a chorus that goes like this:

Thank you, Lord for saving my soul,  
Thank you, Lord, for making me whole,  
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me  
Thy great salvation so rich and free.

Ruthann Dickinson is seventeen years old, and a junior in high school. She and her father and mother, as well as three sisters and a brother, are all active members of the Shiloh, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

*Youth Speaks to Our Age*

## A FAITH FOR TODAY

We are now living in an age of great speed — an age of atomic power, space satellites, rockets to the moon, and ever-increasing feats of doing more and more in less and less time. This seems to be an age of hurrying off in all directions.

Very few of us take the time necessary to commune with our God. We are just too busy with our worldly cares. We don't give thought to recharging our spiritual batteries and refilling our pitcher of life. We give little thought to the purpose for which our Creator placed us here. We get so involved with "my will" and "my wants and desires," that we completely forget to consider "His will" for us.

We endeavor to face our trials and temptations and hours of decision alone, and oftentimes find ourselves completely lost and confused — without a sense of unity, purpose, and direction in our lives. We forget to call on our Heavenly Father for help when we need it, yet we feel He has wronged us when things don't go as we would have them.

We lack a deep and abiding, unshakable and everlasting faith and trust in our kind and loving Heavenly Father. We do not, at all times, accept God as our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. We try to be sufficient unto ourselves, until such time as we discover that we are unable to cope with all of our problems. Then we are lost and don't know which way to turn.

Young people today are, in far too many cases, being reared under the influence of this idea of self-sufficiency and lack of necessity for God. They are given the impression that they, or their parents, or some other mortal soul can fulfill all of their needs, solve all of their problems, and give them a full and happy life. They get the idea that the world owes them a living; that the world, and the people in it will always take care of all their needs.

These young people usually get a rather rude awakening when they leave home for the first time to attend college, join the service, or take a job. They find that they are poorly prepared to cope with the problems which they encounter in adjusting to new and different types of personalities, different values, and the idea of being on their own. The problem of loneliness, missing loved ones left behind, throws them a little off-balance for a while, and they are not as able to make decisions as they were before making the change. At times like these, if they cannot recognize a Power outside themselves which can, and will help them to mold their lives, they will be helplessly lost.

Decisions have to be made. Standards have to be set. Every Christian young person has to learn to say "No" and to accept being different from "the crowd." There are common problems of smoking, drinking, and sex, along with other less-common ones, where young people must ultimately chart a course which will be in accord with what they believe is right and proper for them. Decisions on these problems are not easily reached, and often times the non-Christian reaches no decision at all, but rather drifts aimlessly according to whim and fancy, the fads of the time, and the laxness of others around him.

At the point where young people are on their own, they must have a Power outside of themselves — a Power that is far greater than themselves. Such a Power sufficient to meet all of their needs is the Power of God, as represented through His Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. If we will but let Him, He will show us the path our feet should tread. When we let Him come into our hearts, our problems become His problems, and ultimately we

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## A Teacher and His

# WITNESS FOR THE SABBATH

Burton B. Crandall, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ben R. Crandall, of Alfred, N. Y., is Associate Professor of Transportation and Business Administration, College of Business Administration, Syracuse University, and a member of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church. His wife (Carol) is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis of Alfred.

Christ was the world's greatest teacher and those who follow this calling have as an example the man whose three short years of teaching and preaching did more to mold the course of human history than any other person. For that reason alone the teacher should study the pedagogy of the Master as the great source of inspiration for his task.

Teaching as a profession requires a considerable period of preparation. Christ spent 30 years to prepare for His short ministry. This period of preparation, in terms of book knowledge, experience, maturity, and responsibility, is of fundamental importance to the success of the teacher. If he is inadequately prepared he can scarcely expect to have the respect of his students or challenge them to greater academic achievement. And without this respect he will have little or no influence on his students nor will he be a vital witness for Christ and the Sabbath.

One of the greatest challenges which faces the teacher is the continuing responsibility to balance correction with commendation and punishment with patience. In this area of the teacher's work lies perhaps the greatest opportunity for the application of Christian discernment and also the greatest need for divine guidance. The teacher is not a substitute for the parent at either the secondary or college level. His counsel must be just, however, and the student must realize that failure to meet requirements brings with it a penalty in school as well as in later years. Although the teacher may modify the penalty, his task is to determine how the student may be shown the underlying causes for his difficulty. One does not have to be a psychiatrist to accomplish

this but he does need a deep Christian faith in his students. A longer prayer list may be a partial answer.

Freedom of conscience has given each of us the right to choose how we observe the Sabbath. Some have kept it very strictly, others very liberally. The tendency in recent decades, however, has been to hold our heritage too loosely and many, both within and without the church, no longer revere and sanctify the Sabbath. This is a problem for both those who are members of a Seventh Day Baptist church group as well as the lone Sabbathkeeper. Worship and frequent contact with those of the Sabbath faith are of inestimable value in strengthening one's own faith. The lone Sabbathkeeper who worships and works in a first-day church group finds a double pleasure in actively engaging in church activities while still maintaining his allegiance to the Sabbath.

As a teacher, the Seventh Day Baptist should have a definite policy on Friday night and Saturday activities which is known and understood by the school administration. There are numerous ways in which the Sabbathkeeper can offer additional service to offset his inability to participate in all curricular (Saturday classes) and extracurricular activities.

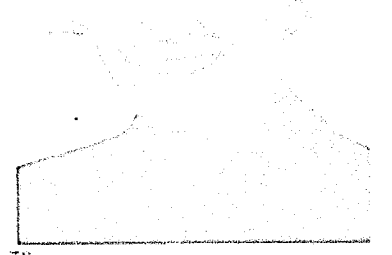
Teaching affords greater opportunity to witness for Christ and the Sabbath than many vocations. Do we do it?



## A Teacher Declares

# THERE IS WORK FOR ALL

Greta F. Randolph is a member of the Middle Island Church at New Milton, W. Va. She is a teacher in the graded schools in Salem, W. Va.



When we become members of the church we want to have some part in the work of that organization that can be done by a layman. The idea of being a worker together with God is an appealing one. To work in partnership with God should challenge us to prove ourselves worthy by seeking to understand our part in the partnership and then learning to do it well in a humble way.

Anyone who tills the soil either as a vocation or merely raises a few flowers as a hobby can readily see that he cannot make the seeds grow. His task is to provide the right conditions for growth. God alone can give the life. This story may illustrate the point. A customer in a florist shop was looking at some beautiful hybrid roses and marveling at their perfection. "What wonderful things God can do," he remarked. "God and man working together in harmony produced these roses," answered the florist. He then showed the customer a wild rose with its many thorns and single blossoms. "This rose grew without that teamwork," said he.

Many a public speaker or a singer has been able to develop his talent when he became aware of his role as the partner of God. It was then that his message in word or song could best reach others to inspire them to a higher plane of living — a greater love for God.

At the present time when so much of the training of the children is left to the school it behooves the teacher to have the Master Teacher as a partner and work in harmony with Him. Certainly it is the hope of every teacher that the children in her care may develop a

character of growing beauty comparable to the hybrid rose.

The housewife as she keeps her family well and growing physically and spiritually; the businessman as he lives the Golden Rule; the laborer as he does an honest job, and the youth as he seeks to learn his place in society may each be a worker with God and live a daily witness to that fact.

Perhaps someone may say as did the Rich Young Ruler, "This I have done all my life and still I am not satisfied." Maybe the answer to us will be, "Give a tithe of your time, beyond your vocation, for some type of church work." Let us explore this field a bit; not turn away sorrowful as the Ruler did when given his task.

The needs are all about us, the ways to serve fit all abilities, the opportunities for a positive witness endless, and the blessing sure. Sabbath School classes, Vacation Bible School projects, church camps, Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, and many others need volunteer workers trained in many skills, yours and mine, to lead the youth to a better understanding of the Christian life. The choir may need your voice. The sick or shut-in enjoys a call and a bouquet of flowers. A troubled person wants a sympathetic listener as he tries to define his problem and seeks a solution. Someone depends on your car to get to church. All these and many more await your talents and time.

"Look all around you, find someone in need,  
Tho' it be little — a neighborly deed,  
Help somebody today."

May each of us as a workman strive to present ourselves to God as one approved and needing not to be ashamed.

# WITNESSING TO THE LOVE OF JESUS



Metairie Fellowship

"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2: 17).

The New Orleans Fellowship, I believe, has more "ups and downs" than most churches. One reason for this is our burden for the underprivileged and handicapped people. The Lord has led us to work in several housing projects set up for people in the lower income bracket. We have had several families with whom we have been spiritually blessed. They have shown an interest in the Lord, in the Sabbath, and in our church, but because of the loss of jobs, changing of jobs, and similar changes, these families have moved out of our reach, except by letters and prayers. We feel that the seed was planted, and that is what is expected of us.

Of course, outwardly, we cannot see that these families have accepted what we have to offer, but only the Lord knows the heart. Perhaps the seed may sprout with a little watering and food in another locality. Remember Jesus'

words in Matthew 13: 3-8, "Behold a sower went forth to sow. . . ."

Our ladies' project is the distribution of used clothing to the needy. If necessary these clothes are washed, mended, and pressed before being given out. We have also distributed many sacks of groceries and medicines, as well as the clothing.

As our pastor has so well put it, we do not want a merely "social" church, where people feel that they can come for material help, and then leave; but the point always to be kept in mind is the need of the soul. Through these kindnesses, we always have the opportunity of witnessing for our Lord and for the Sabbath.

Our talents are not all the same. To some it may appear that the talent of working with children, visiting hospitals, and helping the handicapped is not spreading the Gospel, but didn't Jesus go about comforting the sick and visiting in the homes of people? "For I was

# WITNESSING IN EVERYDAY LIFE

There are those who believe that Christianity is only following a set of prohibitions as: not smoking, not wearing lipstick, not doing this or that, after one has accepted Christ as Savior. Such people also seem to think that the time spent on the sick or handicapped, except for the definite challenge to witness for the soul's salvation, is wasted time.

However, if we note our Savior's attitude, we see a concern for people as people, and not simply as candidates for heaven. How else can we interpret sayings about sharing what one possesses, "giving the cloak also," going the second mile," and forgiving one's enemies? Not once only, but so many times that it becomes deep

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ahungered and ye gave me meat . . ." (Matt. 25: 35-46). Some lives just show the love of Jesus without words; others can go out and preach the Word, but unless they live it, their witness is ineffective.

After our Sabbath service, cars go in every direction returning people to their homes. The majority of us then spend our afternoons in some kind of witnessing: passing out tracts; classes consisting of Bible stories, songs, handwork with children in different homes. Others spend time with those who wish to know more about the Sabbath and salvation, while still others spend the time visiting in hospitals, with shut-ins, or new prospects, thus opening the door for more Christian interests.

We need the prayers of all Christians that we may continue to do the Lord's work here in this large city. No one realizes the number of miles that have to be covered in one city to do the work we are doing. Pray for our work.

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habit, does He insist on this. "Sell what thou hast and give to the poor," "heal the sick," both physically and spiritually — these are some of the ways in which He taught true values — "writing my laws within their hearts."

And so it was regarding His attitude toward God's Sabbath. It was to be used as a time for spiritual recreation. As His custom was, He went into the temple or synagogue. He used the Sabbath to bring new life to those who were troubled or ill. His uses of the Sabbath were also His Father's, for He said, "I and my Father are one."

How do we measure up to His standards? Do we put our pet dislikes ahead of true humility? Are we contentious about small matters? Do we constantly try to cast a "mote" out of another's eye, when we can't see well because a "beam" is in our own eye? "Judge not, that ye be not judged," said Jesus. "Go thy way and sin no more," said our Savior, but He left it to the saved conscience to judge what sin was. He did not define sin word for word and letter by letter.

Can we be as gracious as our Savior? Jesus saved souls, of course, but He cared for men for themselves alone, whether they followed Him or not. So let us learn this fact about the Sabbath. It is "made for man." It is so precious a gift of God to man that Jesus is glad to call Himself the "Lord of the Sabbath." How do we use it?

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"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'" (Acts 2: 38, RSV).



# TWO FARMERS SPEAK

## Close to Nature

### Close to God

By Arlie Greene

Farming is an occupation which is spoken of many times in the Bible. We find farming first mentioned in Genesis 2: 15, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it."

As we read the Gospels, we learn of Jesus telling stories, in parables, to illustrate certain truths. Jesus used different phases of farming in many of His parables, for instances, "The Growing Seed" (Mark 4: 3-20); "The Mustard Seed" (Matthew 13: 31-32); "The Lost Sheep" (Luke 15: 3-7); and "Laborers in the Vineyard" (Matthew 20: 1-16).

Farming, I believe, is second only to the ministry. A farmer works very close to God's creation. He depends upon God for the rain, the sunshine, and processes of nature established by the Creator. He cooperates with God in raising crops.

The story has been told of a minister who called on a certain man. As they were looking over the man's garden, the minister spoke to the man about the wonderful job he and God had done together. The man said, "You should have seen my garden last year when God had it all to Himself!" He perhaps failed to realize that only by cooperating with God in our farming can great things be accomplished.

Farming is very confining, but it is an occupation that makes it possible and easier to keep the Sabbath. Of course, the necessary chores have to be done on Sabbath day, but we can plan our work so it is different from the other six days. We can take time to worship God as a family by attending church services and Sabbath School. Also, I feel the farm is the best place to rear God's precious children. It gives them a place to play without being on the streets and where they can see and feel God's presence in His great universe.

I think the farmer and minister have one thing in common — their income is rather

## Obedience Through Love

By Aubrey Davis

How often we take for granted the blessings of God's love, never stopping to consider our own unworthiness and never realizing that if it were not for God's grace we would not have the opportunity of eternal salvation. As Christians, we need to measure ourselves often, deter-



low compared to the rest of the world. A farmer has quite an expense for feeds, equipment, livestock, and the like, so it is necessary for many to seek other means of income. Like myself, some of them drive a school bus to supplement their income. This gives us an opportunity to witness. As I go on my egg route each Monday, it gives me a chance to speak for Christ in my business.

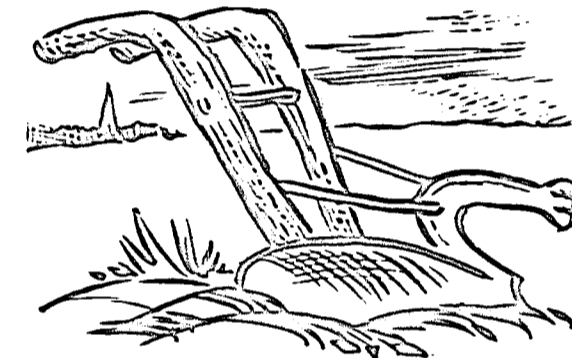
In Matthew 24: 14, we read the words of Jesus, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Therefore, a farmer has just as many, if not more, opportunities than others to witness for Christ and the Sabbath.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5: 16).

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mining our value in His service. There are many ways we may witness for our Christ, but as Sabbathkeeping Christians we have an unusual opportunity to witness for Him. Our fellow men notice the peculiar difference of Sabbath observance by comparison. For instance, on the farm they note a consistent cessation of work at sundown, the inconvenience of marketing crops in certain cases, the lack of participation in certain community social activities, and the conscientious reluctance to perform everyday business. These are sure ways to set one apart and yet these alone are not enough in fulfillment of our mission. We must ever be on the alert for new ways and opportunities to bring other phases of the good news to those who have never heard — even to those who do not care to hear.



All in all the call to service is a supreme challenge, calling for the best in us. Yes, even more — calling for a dependence and trust in God's guidance that transforms us and lifts us out of ourselves, radiating His love, shown by our daily living and by the seizing of opportunities we would otherwise not see.

It seems to me we have several reasons for seventh-day Sabbath observance. First, we have the commandment in Exodus 20: 8. God in His wisdom gave man the commandment to rest, realizing man's need for physical rest as well as for a renewing of his spiritual nature. He specified the time for man's own good at the end of six days' labor; and because in it He had rested.

Also, we have Christ's example as we read in Luke 4: 16, "And as his custom was he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day." This was definitely the seventh-day Sabbath as there was no other

day observed as a weekly day of worship at that time.

And last of all, Christ came to establish and fulfill all righteousness and to give men everywhere a new conception of His love. "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another" (John 13: 34). "For this is the love of God that we keep his commandments" (1 John 5: 3).

Here to me are several good reasons, and if there were no others I think these would be sufficient. It seems when we have fulfilled these, surely we can say, "I do these things because I delight to do thy will, O my God." And being of this enlightenment, we keep this whole law through love, desirous of a full attainment; which, of course, few attain in this life but are nonetheless subjects of His grace. If we could only bear in mind at all times Christ's love for us and why He asked us to do these certain things, it would be a joy for us to witness for Him in every circumstance.

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## A Prayer for Our Minister

O Lord and Father, help me to be a better listener. Sometimes when I have come to church, I have let my mind wander over other concerns, and have not given thought to the message of the morning.

Sometimes I have wished that our minister had more appeal in his message, and a more attention-getting voice. But, Lord, I know that the fault is in me, that I have not learned to give to the message the attention that it deserves. Forgive me.

Dear Father, give to our minister this morning a message from Thee and from Thy Word, and give me a mind alert to receive it.

May all those who have come to church this morning, even some who, like myself, have come in a critical mood, may they receive a message that will cause a searching of hearts that will bring conviction of sin, and a crying out for divine forgiveness and salvation through Christ. Amen.



SABBATH-KEEPING IN THE HOME

An effective witness to the true Sabbath of the Bible requires more than a casual profession of Christianity. The love of God must be the most vital part of one's life. The homemaker's witness of first importance is in the home. The members of the household, especially the children, are definitely influenced by the witness before them daily. Do we find stalwart Christians — consecrated Sabbathkeepers — coming from homes where parents are "half-hearted" Christians, who know the real Sabbath and make a weak effort to observe it? If we indeed love God we want our influence to descend to our "children's children" as in Psalm 103: 17.

Many difficulties are certain to arise in every Sabbathkeeper's home to test his Christian strength. Parents and children face problems concerning school activities: making up time (lost in emergencies) on Sabbaths, school programs, other social and sports activities on Friday evenings, and often the problem of vocations. Shall we be confused about our witness here? Remember the religious clause in our National Constitution. Moreover, upon finding the real feeling of others, it is evident that there is deep admiration for one who has definite convictions and the courage of a consistent life — even by those who prefer to follow the customs of the majority than to stand alone for Truth — and the courageous person will find favor in most cases. Remember? Was your pledge to God (when, "at the foot of the Cross" He took all your sins) to give Him first place in your heart? How then shall we consent to deviate from His way?

Jesus told the questioning scribe that to

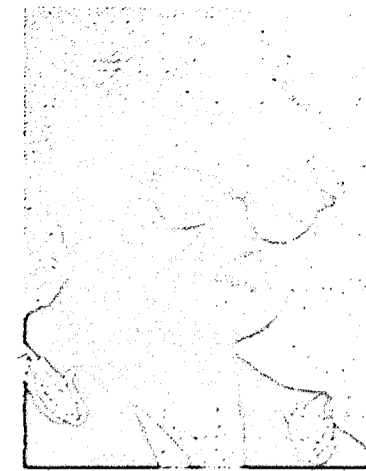
inherit eternal life one must love the Lord with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength, and his neighbor as himself. Being a godly homemaker — a profound witness to that supreme love — requires courage. When children feel the adverse influence of friends, when neighbors criticize, one often feels alone in this conviction; yet there is an assurance deep and strong, that the Power within the soul sustains — that there is a reward out yonder that far outweighs anything that this life has to offer. Then at the close of the day, when that homemaker lies down to the silence of the night, what peace pervades the soul to be able to know that courage — only the courage that God gives — has prevailed!

The most important rule for the homemaker in witnessing for Christ (and therefore for the true Sabbath) is faith and kindness with patience. In severe trials this is the test where we often fail. Without strong faith and loving-kindness an effective witness is impossible. This is the dew watering the "soil" to receive "the seed." Sowing Truth without long-suffering kindness is like sowing upon desert soil. A true witness reveals firm convictions at all times, yet remembers that "in her tongue is the law of kindness."

The Christian professes to be a follower of Christ. His precepts are the Ten Commandments COME TO LIFE — written by the finger of God upon the heart. How often Jesus referred to that fact! Only the blind are unable to see. To be a follower of Him we must obey — even unto death. In this way the home can be the inspiration that God in Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 says it should be.

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"... let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55: 7, RSV).



TEACHING RESPECT FOR LAW

Do we have to be watched to obey? We are not fooling God when we disobey His laws. We are only hurting ourselves. God has given us the gift of life. What will we do with it?

There are Ten Commandments in the Bible. (Read Exodus, chapter 20.) These are God's laws; they set a standard to live by. Why should we need more discipline than is contained in these words, given to Moses to be handed down from generation to generation? They are most wonderfully revealed in the teachings of Christ. He brought the most exalted truths to the humblest understanding: to the peasant He spoke about His corn and the mustard, the wheat and the tares; also to the shepherd about his sheep and goats. He talked to the fishermen about their nets and boats. These were lessons of divine wisdom and love to men in all walks of life, the rich and poor, beggars and thieves alike.

Man-made laws are patterned after God's laws, and if we obey one set, we naturally obey the other. Man-made laws are for our protection; heed them, be honest. You are setting an example. Therefore, if we, as parents, adhere to the teachings contained in our Bible, and point out the benefits to be derived from honesty and truth, the seed will sprout and grow.

Take, for example, the driver of a car, speeding through the country, exceeding the speed limit of the posted signs, keeping an eye on the rear-view mirror, and saying to himself, "I can't see a highway patrolman so I am all right." That driver is sinning, not only against the laws of the state and man, but against the commandments of God. What an example

to be set before others! I say again, "Why do we have to be watched?"

How hard to say that one commandment is more essential than another, for we must heed each one! However, I will start with the fourth.

\* Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. The seventh day is a sacred holiday, set aside by God for man to worship and rest. On it you replenish your spiritual vitality, and rest your physical being. Do not say that any day will do.

Thou shalt not kill. A Christian does not have angry, unloving, quarrelsome feelings in his heart, which would lead to murder. Rather he seeks to win people for Christ.

Thou shalt not commit adultery. This would be a violation of the marriage vows, unchastity. We learn a wonderful lesson from the flowers; their sweetness and purity. We love the drooping snowdrop, no stain upon its pure, white flower. The seventh commandment teaches modesty in your thoughts and feelings.

Thou shalt not steal. He who takes the very least thing is a thief. It may not be missed, but it is far better to go without than to get the thing dishonestly. An instance comes to mind, trivial perhaps, but I recognized a well-known businessman buying a basket of apples at a market. I was also buying, and he did not think I saw him take fruit from another basket and heap it on his own. What do you think of this person? I think he was cheating, and not living according to the eighth commandment.

I could go on with each one, but time and space will not allow.

May I close by quoting the words of the late President Coolidge, "The foundations of our society and government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible, that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings should cease to be practically universal in our country."

Pray that we as Christian laymen may be obedient to God's laws, that our light may be seen in other nations. Amen.

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*In Business for Christ*

## A Business Woman's Experiences

By Ruth Hunting Parker

"You say you're a Seventh Day Baptist and don't work on Saturday?" queried my prospective employer. "Well, in that case, your salary will be \$22.50 instead of \$25.00 a week."

"That's all right with me," I replied.

Thus began my career as a textbook editor with the Macmillan Company seventeen years ago. When my three-month probationary period was over, my employer called me into his office.

"Your work has been satisfactory, and you'll receive a \$2.50 raise," he announced. "And furthermore, I don't see why you should be penalized for your religion. You'll be getting \$27.50 from now on."

I had found that it paid to state my religious conviction at the outset of my new career. There was never any question about whether I would work on the Sabbath or not.

Ten years later when I applied for a job with the American Book Company, the publishing companies were working only five days a week, but I made it clear that I would not be available for overtime work on the Sabbath, and I have never been asked to work on that day.

I realize that not all Seventh Day Baptists have found it as easy to get a five-day-a-week job as I have. But I believe that Sabbathkeeping young people should enter a vocation that makes it possible for them to keep the Sabbath every week. It should also be a vocation which they feel is honest and constructive from a Christian viewpoint. One's choice of a vocation is an important way of witnessing to Christ and the Sabbath.

Another important way of witnessing is to have a Christian attitude toward one's work. It has been my aim to do as thoughtful and constructive a job as I

am capable of doing in the time available. I have tried to demonstrate my sincerity by concentration on the job at hand, cheerfulness, self-control, humility, and a willingness to go the second mile.

A third way in which I have tried to witness to Christ is in my relationship toward the people I work with. I don't believe in having long religious discussions on company time, but there are opportunities, especially at lunch time, for letting people know directly that I am a Seventh Day Baptist and am proud of it. When a person shows some interest, I hand him a Sabbath tract. I often mention church activities, such as choir and Women's Society. Recently I asked my editor-in-chief for permission to leave early on choir nights, since my train had been changed, and he quickly granted it.

Two of my authors are receiving copies of the Upper Room from me. One author, to whom I have sent it for six years, has told me several times how much the Upper Room and our religious conversations have helped her in finding her way back to God.

I try to maintain a prayerful attitude at work. When I am called into an executive office, I pray, on the way in, that my words and actions may be in accord with God's will. Choosing a Christian vocation, getting the right kind of job, and being a Christian on the job have all been matters for continual prayer, in order that I may witness to Christ in my work.

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## THE POWER OF PRAYER

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7: 7).

"Power of Prayer" — three little words, but what a big meaning!

Picture a man in his late fifties, enjoying good health, a happy home life, many friends and business associates, a hobby he enjoyed in his spare time, suddenly finding himself in the hospital, not knowing what was wrong. A consultation of doctors resulted in a recommendation to inject a shot directly into the heart, which, his wife was informed, would either remedy the situation or cause instant death. The injection was administered, the patient remained alive, and spent the next eleven weeks in the hospital. Five weeks were spent in an oxygen tent, this man not realizing anything most of the time, suffering with pneumonia and pleurisy, together with other complications.

Then another specialist was called in and within two hours a chest operation was performed. Blood transfusions and intravenous feedings followed. Two more weeks, most of which time the patient was unconscious, then he rallied, and was on the road to recovery. Four weeks more were spent in the hospital. His weight had dropped from 160 pounds to 98. I was that man!

In my conscious moments during the first five weeks, I prayed as I have never prayed before. I wanted to live! There were many things I wanted to do. I wanted to enjoy the later years of my life. My aged parents needed me. So I prayed. The next two weeks I do not remember. But the last four weeks I enjoyed my wife's visits, those of my minister, and of many of my relatives and friends. There was no particular time I prayed — morning, afternoon, evening, and night. I enjoyed having my wife read to me from the "Upper Room" and the "Secret Place" every night at the close of visiting hours. By this time my prayers were actually an expression of

thanks. It was pleasing to learn that so many individual prayers had been uttered for me. A local church of colored people held prayers for me (one of the members was employed by the company for which my wife worked). My sister's church in San Diego, Calif., 2,500 miles away, held special prayer services for me.

Do I think all these prayers helped me? Let me assure all you readers that I do! Without discrediting the doctors, nurses, surgeons, and other hospital personnel, I unhesitatingly say that prayer brought me through the ordeal. Some of you will agree.

Several doctors, nurses, and hospital staff members have since told me that night after night little hope was given that I would be alive the next morning! I believe in the power of prayer. I hope you do.

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6: 6).

"Power of Prayer" — It exists!

Following the experience described in this article, on March 22, 1958, Richard G. Walton was baptized and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Battle Creek, Michigan. Recently he was elected to the local Board of Trustees.



"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53: 6, RSV).



OUR DUTY  
TO GOD  
AND CHURCH

In general our duty as Seventh Day Baptists to God and the church is the same as for any other Christian. We must have first of all a deep and lasting faith in God and a love which reaches out toward all people. We must serve the church by doing our best cheerfully no matter how unimportant the task may seem. And we should always be willing to at least try what is asked of us.

Stewardship is also an important part of our job as Seventh Day Baptists. Everything we have is God's. He has given it to us to use for His glory. Therefore, our time, our money, our talents, and everything we have, we should use in a way that God would be proud of.

As Christians it is our responsibility to tell others of the joyful news of Christ. As Seventh Day Baptists it is our responsibility to tell others of the truth of the Bible Sabbath. Many people will stop and listen to us. Young and old alike may witness; there is no set age. That means us, you and me; we cannot leave this job for the other fellow to do.

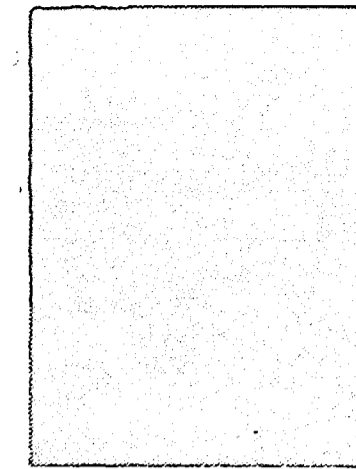
To be effective witnesses we must follow God's commands about the Sabbath ourselves. God gives us six days in which to earn a living and to do what we need to do. It seems as though we could give one day entirely to Him. He made the world in six days and then rested on the seventh. If God had to rest after six days of work, surely we, who are only mere mortals, need at least one day of rest from all the cares and pleasures of this world. If people see us working on the Sabbath they will soon take it to

mean that the day is not important to us. Why should they even think about keeping it, if we, who are supposed to believe in it, don't?

There are many problems that we must face if we keep the Sabbath. But in anything we attempt to do that is worth while we will have problems. As Seventh Day Baptists we believe that the Sabbath starts at sundown Friday night and continues until sundown Sabbath night. For us teen-agers this is especially hard. Most of the social activities of school take place on Friday night. Also many football and basketball games are played on Friday nights and Sabbath days. This means that we can neither play nor watch these games. However, if we stand up for our beliefs, something could happen to change these situations. We must stand together though. One or two cannot do it alone. If we observe Friday night and Sabbath day as God wishes us to we must be consistent in the things that we do or do not do on His holy day. We can not go to things on Friday nights sometimes, and then when something comes up that we want to get out of, give the Sabbath as an excuse for not going.

It is true that we are a minority group. Because we are, we must work extra hard to make ourselves known. I am convinced that we must strive to be outstanding in this one thing in our everyday life and contact with others. Only in this way will we be missed when we are absent from an event because of our religious convictions. And if we are missed, people are going to begin thinking about why we are absent. We, the Seventh Day Baptist young people of today and our parents, must stand up for our convictions. In this way, perhaps the road may be made easier for those who will follow us in a few years.

If we really want to keep the Sabbath, we can find a way. Often we may wonder how, but if we have faith and trust in



The Sabbath Needed in College

A student is one who is devoting some part of his life to the gaining of knowledge. The life of a college student is full of work and study, fun and play, serious talks about the world, and life, and man, and silly snowball fights. The years spent at college are occupied with learning and growing up. Each hour is filled with new experiences — wonderful, amusing, unusual experiences which are serving to make the student more mature.

Frequently, a college student loses his perspective on life because his time is occupied with everyday activities and he does not take a moment to stand aside and get a different view of his world.

The student in today's college spends much of his time studying the needs and purposes of laws, and their effects on humanity. The most important laws, almost everyone agrees, are the laws of God given to us in the Ten Commandments. Among these laws for the governing of man, is one in which we are commanded to set aside the Sabbath day to rest and worship God.

The Sabbath seems increasingly important in today's college world because it represents a principle which never changes — a day of rest and of turning aside from the "busyness" of the week.

God, a way will always be provided. I read a poem the other day that started me thinking. It is a familiar one, yet it never had such a meaning before. It goes like this:

"I read in a Book  
That a man called Christ went about  
doing good.

It is very discouraging to me  
That I am so easily satisfied with just  
going about."

I think this is a good thing for every Christian to think about. But I also feel

It is necessary for a young person to have a principle upon which he can base his faith and his ideas. During the college years, the student's faith is challenged from every side. The Sabbath is a firm "backstop" which aids us in maintaining our faith. We remember that people for many thousands of years have rested on the Sabbath from their mundane chores. It is reassuring to think that we are stepping aside on the Sabbath day to regain our perspective as young people for thousands of years have done.

We go to our church with the idea that the Sabbath is a special day. We have lived the rest of the week, busily involved in being a student, learning about the ways in which man relates himself to others and to God, his Father. On the Sabbath we reserve a special time to discover how to relate ourselves to our personal God. We must have some time to relate to God, or we lose our entire meaning of existence. This, the relating of ourselves to God, is the importance of our Sabbath, to young people as students of His creation.

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that it has a special significance for our special group. Let's not only think about this but pray and work that others may think of us as Christians who not only go about doing good, but who live our faith in such a way that in everything we do, we are witnesses for God and His Sabbath.

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## TWO BY TWO EVANGELISM



"You're from the church — how nice! I've lived here seven months and you're the first person to call on me," and the mother smilingly opened the door.

When did your church last conduct a visitation program? Did you help, and does the warm glow still remain with you as a result of your participation? Is your church and Sabbath School growing or are you "just holding your own"? It has been rightly said that growth is one of the fundamental properties of life.

If you have not tried a visitation program, by all means start planning for one now. According to your needs, this can be a plan for friendly calls to make people aware of your church and what it has to offer; it may be a special effort to contact the families of all the children enrolled in your Sabbath School. You may wish to visit all members on the church roll who are not now attending services, but the ultimate in planning a visitation program is no doubt one in which the visitors go out to bring Christ to hungry hearts who know Him not. It may be that each of these aims can and will be combined in an all-out campaign.

The ideal way is to have a Personal Workers Group in each church working the year around but there is much to be said for the once-a-year special visitation campaign, where every one goes "all-out" for the occasion.

Enthusiasm is contagious. The word "enthusiasm" is derived from two Greek words, en and theos, meaning "God within you." Real enthusiasm therefore is spiritual in nature.

You will need to:

1. Set a definite time.
2. Build up a spirit of expectancy in your congregation.
3. The pastor should prepare his people through a series of sermons.
4. Advertise the plans in the press, don't keep them a secret.

On the night or day of the visitation some churches plan to serve a simple meal to the workers before they go out. At that time the workers should be given instructions by the pastor. Cards should be ready giving names and addresses and any other background information. While these visitors are out making the calls another group, maybe the shut-ins, should spend the time in prayer for these workers and those to be visited. In other words everybody in the church should take some part.

These are some of the results one can look for:

1. This kind of visitation will bring back to the church those who have become indifferent.
2. It will tell nonchurch-going people that the church is interested in them.
3. Many will be brought to Christ and into the church.
4. It gives the worker a chance for personal service and deepens his own Christian experience.

"Never forget that you are a chosen ambassador of your church. In the eyes of those upon whom you call, you are the church."

It will take time and effort but the results will be more significant than you may ever know. You made the visit in the name of the Master who said, ". . . and ye visited me."

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## CHILD EVANGELISM

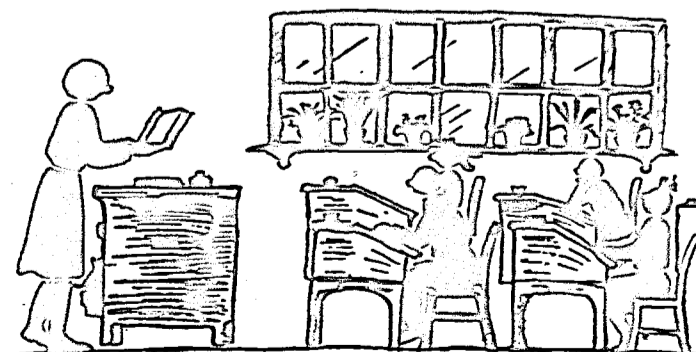
"Do you think that it's very important to teach children about Jesus?" I asked our eight-year-old son. "Oh, yes, Mommy." "Why?" I asked. "Well, because if Jesus should come back for us now and the children hadn't learned about Him, He couldn't take them to heaven!"

Such keen insight children have! They look squarely at problems and come up with the most common sense answers every time, no beating around the bush, or dodging the issue. What better challenge have we for child evangelism than this?

Someone once said, "Keep looking up, and expect an imminent return of Jesus Christ." Surely this will give us all the fuel we need to light our fires of personal evangelism.

What about witnessing to children? First of all, it is a most satisfying and rewarding ministry. The mind of a child is pure, trusting, and receptive. Children, even the two- and three-year-olds, can begin to understand and naturally accept God's love as shown through Jesus Christ. They do not have to have visible proof or wait for "certain feelings." God made the child mind to be open and hungry for His love. One of the biggest reasons for reaching children with the Gospel is because lifetime impressions are stamped on the mind of a child. Surely we all know, "As the twig is bent, so the tree inclines."

We know how much Jesus loved children, and emphasized the importance of dealing with them. He even set the standard of redemption by the innocent mind of a child when He said, "Except ye become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."



What are some of the methods used to reach children for Christ? The most important and first school for this is the Christian home, where Christ is daily lived, both by precept and example. How all-important is the family altar to the healthy home life where father, mother, and children gather at the appointed time each day to worship Him together. But so often this is not the case. Parents are either too busy to fit this into their schedule or are too concerned with their own problems to bother. This leaves this urgent responsibility to someone else if the job is to be done at all. Here is where the church, Sabbath School, Christian Endeavor, and such become indispensable. Another rather new but very effective method is through a week-day "Bible Club." God is raising up many such clubs throughout the nation and world to reach the children for Jesus Christ.

Surely there are varied methods and baits available to the alert fisher of souls. Let us arise to the urgency of this task for child evangelism and be obedient to do our part in "bringing in the sheaves" for our wonderful Lord.

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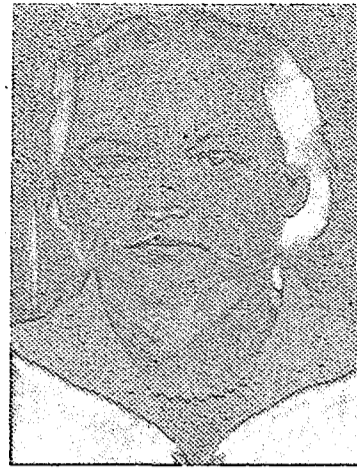
### A FAITH FOR TODAY

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reach the point where we can say, "Not my will, but Thine, be done." Then we are truly children of God, and will always feel His presence in our lives.

"Have Thine own way, Lord!  
Have Thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter;  
I am the clay.

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## The Hand That Rocks the Cradle

### A Mother's Role

It has been said, "The mother in her office holds the key of the soul; and she it is who stamps the coin of character, and makes the being (who would be a savage but for her gentle cares) a Christian man!"

As I think about this subject there come to mind many instances in the Bible where a mother's love and faithfulness have molded the characters of the great leaders. One of the outstanding mothers was Eunice, the mother of Timothy. She gave the most precious gift a mother could give — the gift of "sincere faith" (2 Timothy 1: 5).

Although some noble things have been written, such as, "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy," and, "A woman's place is in the home," they will not take root in the modern woman's mind because of the climate of thought prevailing today; for too many women feel that, with the advent of their suffrage, they have been emancipated from the home as well. In trying to be the equal of man in achievements, woman is destroying her purpose; in trying to compete with him, she is creating an unstable, neurotic society in which children are prey to all sorts of evil. Women have long coveted jobs which, it was supposed, only men were mentally fitted for. So now that she has proven herself to be his mental equal, there is no limit to her selfish ambition.

Basically, I think the problem with the modern mother is that she is too selfish. She wants to live a gay, unrestricted life. It is so much easier for her to indulge the children, and leave them to someone else's care, than to give of herself. At the same time she is very con-

scious of what her neighbors possess in the way of material things, and feels that she must keep pace with them. Many Christian mothers, too, find themselves in the throes of modern living. The pace of this kind of living is not conducive to patient, gentle, Christlike example.

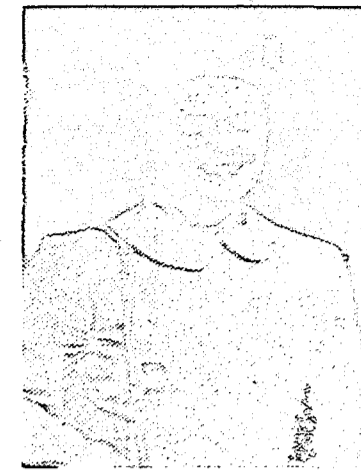
James 4: 4 tells us that friendship with the world is enmity with God. And the Apostle Paul also wrote, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind . . ." (Romans 12: 2, RSV). So it is a truly Christian mother who chooses well the necessities, keeps a firm hold on the family activities, protects the members from worldly influence, and guides them into the "paths of righteousness." For, in so many homes the television set has replaced the Bible as the focal point of family life; indulgence has taken the place of love-centered discipline; and common sense has simply taken a back seat.

If I were to make up a proverb regarding mothers, I think it would go like this: "The woman who uses her intellect to raise godly children is wise, but the woman who thinks she is wasting her intelligence doing her motherly and wifely duties, is a fool, and is giving her children a deplorable heritage."

There is so much a woman, especially the mother, can do for Christ. If she did her part well, the pastor could attend to more evangelistic duties; taking him out of the role of mentor that he might devote himself "to prayer and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6: 4, RSV).

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## GOD IS MY STRENGTH

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isaiah 41: 10).

Where does one start to express one's inner faith and love of the Master? God sent His only Son into the world that we might be saved. All we need do is repent and give our hearts to Him and He will give us the strength to meet the problems of everyday living in this complex and perplexing society in which we live. "He is my strength and my Redeemer." God is always with us and we call on Him whenever we feel weak and uncertain.

As a wife, mother, and homemaker, I so often feel incapable of living up to my responsibility. I put my trust in Him and find a joy in everyday living. Just as I believe that doing all the routine chores of managing a home are my way of expressing my deep devotion to my family, so I believe that serving the Lord and doing His commandments are my way of expressing my love for Him and being grateful to Him. We can witness for Christ by helping others whenever possible as well as telling others about our faith. Faith is not real unless we put it in practice in our lives. Our actions speak louder than words anyway.

We spend a large part of our days in making a living but must take time out for meditation and devotions during the week (and on the Sabbath) for worship and for inspiration to keep us steadfast in our faith. We need physical rest and spiritual uplifting. There is joy in worshipping in church in fellowship with

others and in helping to carry on the work of the church. Each one has an important job to do.

God is my strength and my Redeemer. Will you let Him be yours?

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## PRAYER FOR A LITTLE CHILD

Here, O Lord, Thou hast given us one of Thy little ones to care for — to bring up in Christian faith and love. Help us, we pray, to have the same concern for his development in character as Thou hast for us. That the blessed Child who grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men may be the example that shall continually be set before this child, whom Thou hast placed within our charge.

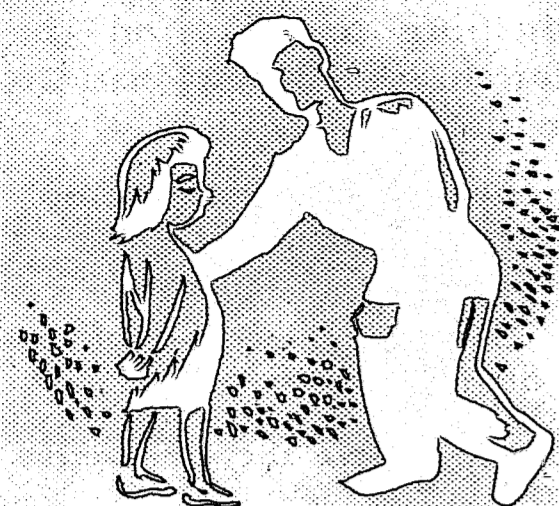
When he places his hand in ours, looking up to our eyes in childlike trust, we are reminded of the total amount of confidence which we should have in Thee. Thy truthfulness, Thine integrity, Thine unwavering love have so often put us to shame in our dealings with others of Thy children. O help us in our dealings with this child, and with all children, never to make promises that we have no power to fulfill; never to fail them when they look to us for an example of truth and love; and never to be critical and fault-finding toward them, regarding the mistakes that we, alas, are too prone to make ourselves.

We ask this through the mercies of Him who once said, "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." Amen.

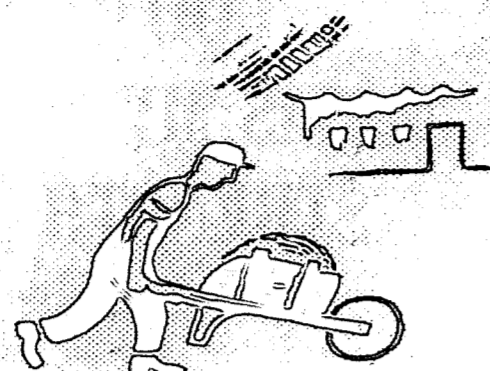




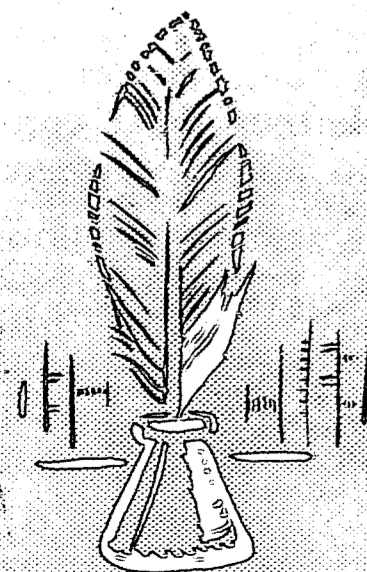
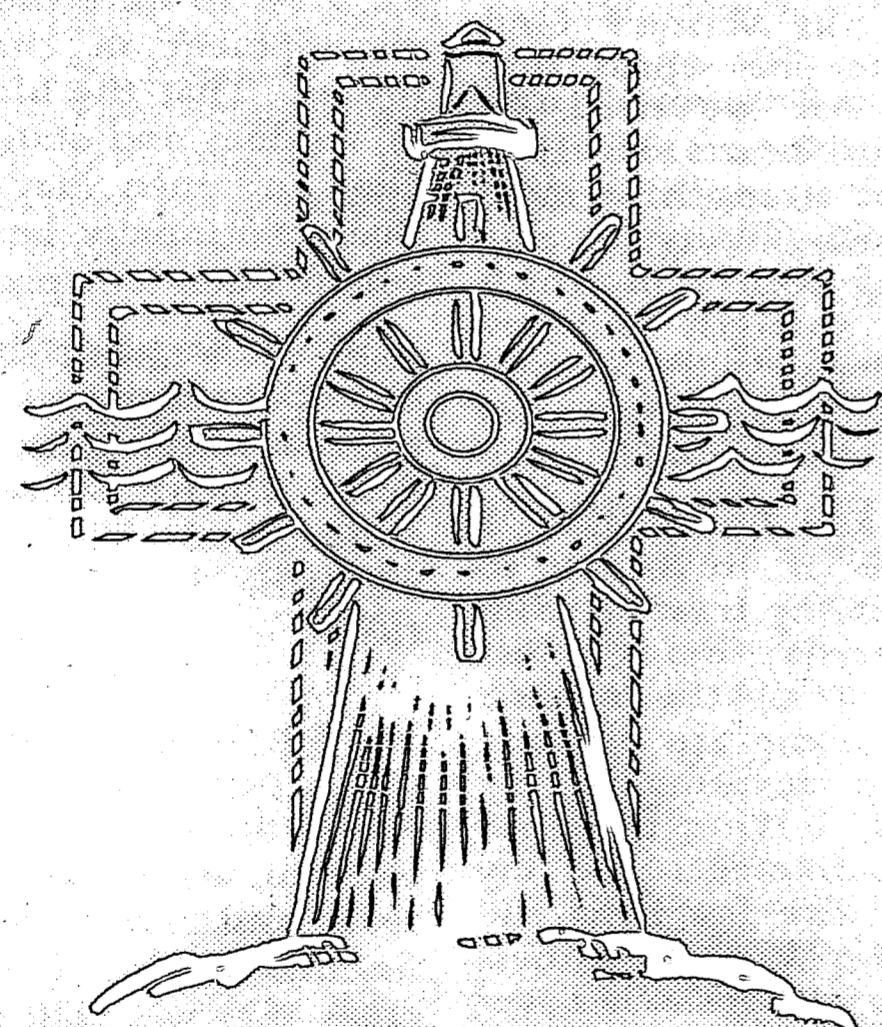
# The Sabbath Recorder



For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph. 2: 10.

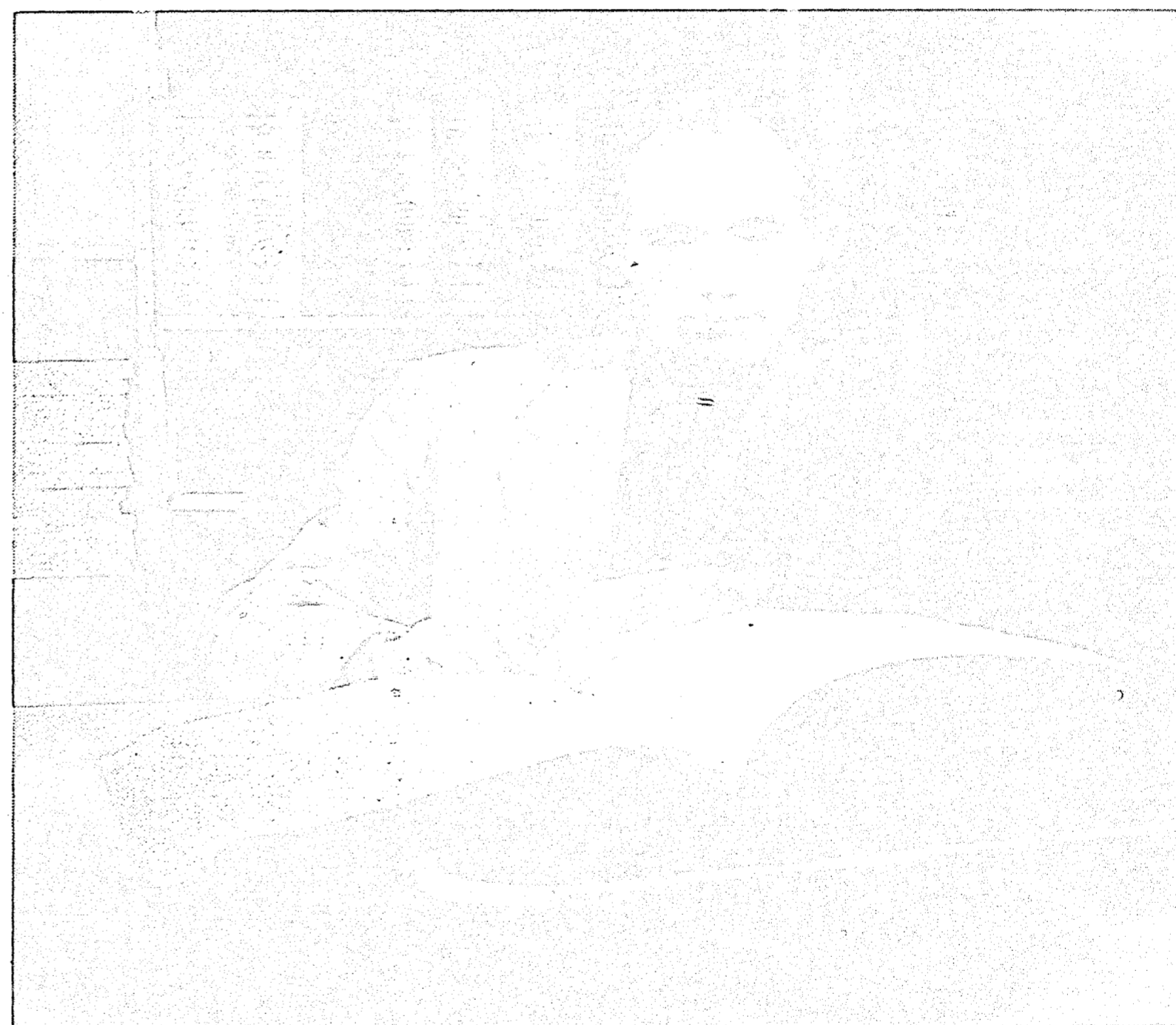
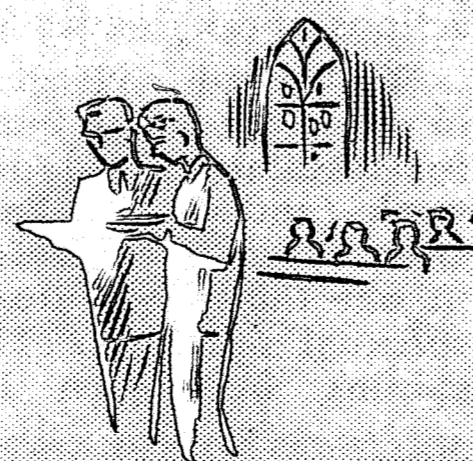


For we are laborers together with God. 1 Cor. 3: 9.



To the angel of the church... write. Rev. 2: 1.

Arise therefore and be doing, and the Lord be with thee. 1 Chron. 22: 16.



### MAKING DARKNESS BECOME LIGHT

"I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not . . . I will make darkness light before them . . . These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them" (Isa. 42: 16). "I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame" (Job 29: 15). The American Bible Society does this as shown in the film "Bearer of the Book."