

# The Sabbath Recorder

by giving as a church unit. Every month that has a fifth Sabbath is a special one for us. The morning offering for that particular Sabbath goes to the Washington Project.

With the opening of schools this month three of our members have returned to the classrooms in a teaching capacity.

—Correspondent.

WESTERLY, R. I.—From June to September, the interim between the departure of Pastor Cruzan and the arrival of Pastor Davis, our church work went right on because we have a pastor emeritus who is able to serve in any emergency. Retirement does not mean inactivity for the Rev. Harold R. Crandall of Rockville, R. I. He agreed to serve during the summer and has filled the pulpit well. We are grateful to him.

Extra service in time of need does not come just from retired people; young folks are able to fill in also. We were fortunate to have a young girl, Kathy Kenyon, able and willing to take over for our organist, Miss Clara Pashley, who took an extended vacation this past summer. She did a superb job for us. In addition she rounded up a generous supply of young talent for a junior choir, which was presented to the church on July 30.

It was noted in an address by Karl G. Stillman that the Missionary Board has met in our church building for more than a century and that many of the members of the Board of Managers are now and always have been from this local church. We have also supplied several of the missionaries who have gone out.

—Adapted from the Pawcatuck Post.

## Accessions

DODGE CENTER, MINN.

By Baptism:

Milo E. Zincke  
Randy Langworthy

RICHBURG, N. Y.

By Baptism:

Kitty Lain  
Candace Lain  
Melody Lain  
Jeffrey Lain  
Mrs. Robert (Evalyn) Lain  
Robert Lain

## Marriages

Hopkins-Cushing.—Kathryn Ann, daughter of Mrs. Donald G. Cushing of Ormond Beach, Fla., was united in marriage to Paul Michael Hopkins of Pierson, Fla., Aug. 27 in the First Christian Church of Daytona Beach, Fla., by the Rev. Sam Paul Combs, pastor.

Schuler-Wheeler.—Peter Schuler, son of Mrs. James Ball of Sunnymead, Calif., and Rolanda Wheeler, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Alton L. Wheeler of Plainfield, N. J., were united in marriage in Sunnymead, Calif., on August 21, 1966. The bride's father conducted the double ring ceremony. The couple will reside in Sunnymead.

Zincke-Greene.—Milo Zincke, Rochester, Minn., and Lorna Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Greene, were united in marriage Sept. 4, 1966, in the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. Their pastor, Wayne Babcock, officiated.

## Births

Burrows.—A daughter, Kimberly Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Burrows of Arlington, Va., on July 22, 1966.

Burrows.—A son, Craig Harold, to Mr. and Mrs. Duane Burrows of Newfane, N. Y., on Aug. 10, 1966.

## Obituaries

BECKER.—Mrs. Pauline, was born in 1873 in Germany and died July 7, 1966, in the Medical Reconvaleszenten Home in Wayne, N. J.

On August 11, 1935, she was baptized in the Plainfield, N. J., church and was a faithful member of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church in Irvington, N. J. She was the oldest member of the congregation.

Funeral services conducted by the Rev. L. M. Maltby were held at the Haberle & Barth Funeral Parlor in Irvington with interment in the Arlington Cemetery.

—Frank Schober.

DAVIS.—Orlen Cleveland, son of Joshua and Ella Ford Davis, was born Nov. 2, 1884, in Doddridge County, W. Va., and died in Clarksburg, W. Va., Aug. 23, 1966.

He was twice married, first to Gertrude Davis, and later to Anna M. Hutson, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Murray of West Union, W. Va.; Orlen C. of Ashtabula, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. Fernon (Lucille) Gregoire, of Clarksburg, W. Va.; one sister, Mrs. Orla (Arlene) Davis, Maricopa, Ariz.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Davis was a retired mail carrier, having carried mail on the rural routes of Salem for more than thirty years. He was a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, and served as church treasurer for thirteen years just prior to his death.

Burial was at the IOOF Memorial Park in Salem. The Rev. C. W. P. Hansen officiated, with the Rev. J. Paul Green assisting.

C. W. P. H.

## WORSHIP

As in silent contemplation  
In Thy house I sat, O Lord;  
Listening to the strains of music  
And the reading of Thy Word,  
Softly organ chimes were calling  
And as heads were bowed in prayer  
On my breast a calm peace settled  
As I felt Thy presence there.

The pastor rose, and in his words  
Thy voice I seemed to hear,  
"Be not afraid of anything  
For I am always near."

A peace that none can understand  
Your troubled heart will fill  
If you will only heed the message,  
Listen and be still.

Winfield W. F. Randolph.

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## Mirrors of Church Life

The weekly church bulletin may mirror the life of the church better than any quarterly or annual reports. The reason is that the pastor or layman editor of the bulletin is not aware that he is writing a continued story. He writes what he hopes will happen and then perhaps the next week describes the progress made. It is current. It can be quite revealing to the person who reads not as a participant but to gain a perspective of the life and work of different congregations.

The editor recently read at one time all the sermon topics and notices of one of our churches over a three-month period. It was stimulating reading because the church was really doing the very next week what the pastor had said needed doing. Here seems to be a busy church, an enthusiastic church, a witnessing church. It announces a booth at the fair; it sets up and mans such a booth. It calls for extra Bible study meetings and the formation of a choir; it speaks of strong beginnings immediately made in these things.

Your denominational paper, coming weekly as it does, is another mirror of church life—of all the churches working together. It picks up local and associational news by way of appointed correspondents. It announces denomination-wide programs and plans. It brings to all readers some of the more significant sermons preached. It tells of successful outreach programs. It opens a window on the world to broaden our individual horizons and to encourage us to "open our hearts loving."

## Church Covenants

Each Seventh Day Baptist church has an interesting document which it may have prepared for itself many years ago when the congregation was new. It may have drawn new ideas for the document from a parent church or some other back-home church from which the charter members came. It is the church covenant. Unlike a constitution and set of by-laws this church covenant is not concerned with mechanics of organization or definition of committee functions. Rather, it is a Bible-based statement of what the members promise to do in the living out of their

faith. It is a group covenant more than an individual promise, we more than I. But of course it has to be affirmed individually in order to be read meaningfully together.

The similarity of church covenants is an evidence that there is great unanimity and also that all later churches have been somewhat dependent on the earlier churches in drawing up their covenants. The little differences in wording indicate serious thinking and sometimes catch significant points of emphasis relating to conduct. One case of this is in the covenant of the New Auburn, Wis., church.

Article I of this church reads as follows: "We covenant and agree to keep the commands of God and to walk in the faith of Jesus, and submit ourselves to be disciplined by the church, according to Scripture." The interesting thing here is the agreement to submit ourselves to be disciplined. Other churches make some mention of settling difficulties according to the instruction of Jesus concerning the church. This goes further. If wholeheartedly followed it could go far toward making church discipline what it was originally intended to be—a binding together, a purifying, loving procedure fostering humbleness on the part of all.

## "Where You Want Me to Go"

One of our churches recently announced in the morning worship program of its weekly bulletin that the hymn following the sermon would be "I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord." It is a familiar hymn, sung perhaps by many other congregations that same day. I am for singing it more often, but I wonder sometimes if it might not be better for most of us to hum it; the words are hard to sing with their full meaning. If it is sung only by those who really mean what they are saying it might better be announced as a solo, duet, or quartet.

Can we say we will go where the Lord wants us to go when we make mental reservations or state in other connections a great many places we would refuse to go? I'll go anywhere as long as it is not outside the country. I'll go anywhere that is easy, but not to a cold part of the country, a hot part, a poor area. I'll go

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## MEMORY TEXT

Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Job 42: 3.

and do Your work, Lord, if the salary is high and the fringe benefits good. I would be glad to distribute tracts a hundred miles from home, but not where I have friends and acquaintances. I'll go where you want me to go once a month, but not much oftener. In fact, Lord, I would like to decide where and when I will go. I don't want to go to prayer meeting and I don't want to go to church every Sabbath. We put the accent on "I," not "Thou."

The hymn is good. Doubtless it has figured strongly in the decisions of many people to go out as missionaries or to do some other significant work for the Lord. It is like the invitation hymn following an evangelistic sermon which may provide just that additional impetus needed to bring full commitment. The pastor who selects a hymn like this hopes that there will be those who in the singing of these words will reach a new level of determination to "go where You want me to go." Whether or not you are asked to sing that song next Sabbath, why not make the decision now—a new dedication to do the will of "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us."

## Correction

It has been called to the editor's attention that he made an error in his editorial on "Ecumenical Conversations" (Sept. 12, p. 3), an editorial which noted the fact that whereas the American Baptist Convention last May was dominated by what might be called ecumenical conversations, our Conference this year had almost no discussion on church union or mergers. The error consisted in saying, "A letter from the chairman of our committee was read, to the effect that it did not seem that there could be a merger without compromise." A check of the tape recording reveals that the letter referred to was not read and that the editor did not remember correctly the general content of the portions mentioned. The committee is ready and willing to make further contacts with the American Baptists, the recording reveals. The editor is sorry that he did not recall the incident accurately.



# Announcing

## The Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House

The Tract Board announces that a new printing service has been established. As of October 1, 1966, the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House, a non-profit religious printing service, will do the printing of denominational literature and materials. In this way the decisions of the Tract Board relative to The Recorder Press have been implemented.

Trading since the 1920's as The Recorder Press, the commercial-and-denominational business was officially terminated on September 30, 1966. In the two weeks following the September 18 meeting of the Tract Board, stepped-up activity on the part of both shop and supervisory personnel has resulted in the completion and delivery of all commercial printing, and in the organization and initial staffing of the denominational printing service to be known by the new title.

The successor organization has been designed to carry on the Society's principal object, "to print and circulate the religious literature" of the denomination, as the Society has tried to do since its organization in 1843 when its chief activity was printing and distributing tracts.

In 1872 the Society established a publishing house at Alfred, N. Y., which it furnished with a plant fully equipped for doing all the denominational printing then required, including periodical publications, tracts, and books. Early in the 1880's the capacity of the plant was doubled to meet the demand made upon it for increased denominational publications, together with a modicum of commercial work. At the close of 1894 the publishing house was moved to Plainfield, N. J., where it began operations the first week of 1895. Its commercial work grew, and in March 1922, the Press occupied a new fireproof building erected at its present location at 510 Watchung Ave.

The new Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House will occupy the same building and continue to do the work of denominational printing. It will be open to orders from Seventh Day Baptist church-

es, associations, General Conference and its agencies for letterpress and offset printing, mimeographing, and other related services.

Over the years The Recorder Press has been known for the quality of its work and for the service it has rendered the denomination. All Seventh Day Baptists may well unite in prayers of thanksgiving for those who have served, and in prayers of petition for those who will now serve the denomination in this new venture.

MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

### Fifth Sabbath Mission Observance

It took the secretary of the Missionary Board a long time to realize that the yearly calendar for 1967 does not coincide with 1966 in offering a fifth Sabbath at regular intervals. A study of the 1967 calendar will show that "the fifth Sabbath" jumps from three to four months and then back to two-month intervals.

In planning a five-year program of "Facing Frontiers with Faith" such jumping around would be confusing to say the least. It seemed better to change the name to "End of Quarter Mission Emphasis."

Once every three months, on the last Sabbath of the quarter, a mission field will be featured, with material going to the missionary keyworker for use in planning such an observance in all Seventh Day Baptist churches and Sabbath Schools.

The first such Mission Sabbath Observance, then, will be held on December 31, 1966 (which month happens to have five Sabbaths). The emphasis will be on home field opportunities and services. Material for helping churches and Sabbath Schools prepare for this observance will be sent to missionary keyworkers early in October 1966.

The next such mission observance will emphasize Guyana, South America, and will be held on the last Sabbath of March (March 25, 1967).

The third mission observance of the Conference year will be held on June 24, and will center on Jamaica Missions.

The fourth and final observance of this Conference year will be held on September 30, featuring Malawi Missions.

A study of the Co-ordinating Calendar which has been distributed among all the churches will confirm the above dates.

### Dispensary at Thembe, Malawi



On the missions page of the September 19 issue is the story of how a dispensary, in addition to the Makapwa Station medical facility, came to be built at Thembe, Malawi. Here is a picture of the modern building designed to serve the medical needs of an area in Malawi that could not well be served by the larger medical center at Makapwa. This building was erected by funds contributed by American doctors and by labor contributed by Africans.

### Fall Associational Meetings

Pacific Coast Association has scheduled a full weekend of meetings at Los Angeles October 14, 15, 16 with Ben Piel as chairman of the Program Committee.

Northern Association, embracing the churches of Michigan and Ohio, has changed its usual October time of meeting to November 4 and 5. The place is White Cloud, Mich.

Mid-Continent Association, with Jane Bottoms as president, holds its annual meeting October 7, 8, 9 at Boulder, Colo. The theme is, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths."

The semiannual meeting of the Wisconsin and Minnesota churches will be held at New Auburn, Wis., October 14, 15, 16.

The fall meeting of the Central New York Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches has been postponed for one week to October 15 because of the Ministers Retreat. It will be held at the Brookfield church. The theme is "God's Hill-tops."

The semiannual meeting of the Western Association will be held at Alfred (Sabbath eve) and Hebron, Pa., Sabbath day, October 14 and 15.

Another fall meeting not yet held is the Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York churches with Plainfield as the host church, October 14 and 15.

### Church Planning Retreats

Mention has been made previously of one or two churches that carried out the idea of an outdoor fall retreat and planning conference with special programs. The advantages to churches that can conveniently arrange for it are several. It is a drawing apart for perhaps a more objective appraisal; it gives more time than a brief Sabbath afternoon meeting at the church; it is an experiment in church-family living.

Added to the list of churches announcing camp retreats are Shiloh, N. J., and New Auburn, Wis. Shiloh planned for both dinner and supper at its own Jersey Oaks camp. New Auburn secured a nearby Girl Scout camp, started at 5:30 p.m. Friday and continued till after lunch on Sunday.

Los Angeles reports an inspirational time at its weekend retreat at Pacific Pines Camp. They went to the mountains: "to plan new ways to preach that message of love; to rejuvenate old ways; to plan for future service."

### AGE

More than 64% of the great achievements in this world have been accomplished by men who have passed their 60th year. The decade between 60 and 70 years of age contains 35% of the world's greatest achievements; between 70 and 80, 23%; after 80, 8%. Old age can be the most fruitful part of our lives.

—Andrus Driftings

**Young Adult****Pre-Conference Retreat**

Civil engineer Albyn Mackintosh, Los Angeles, Calif., was key lecturer for the 1966 young adult group before General Conference. Leading the staff and campers in a Bible study of "God's Will," Mr. Mackintosh provided a solid base of stimulating thought around which worship, music, recreation, and informal relations orbited. Music leader Rev. Albert Rogers brought Revolutionary-period Seventh Day Baptist music, contemporary hymns, and anthems into clearer relation with their composers' motives and environment through his introductions and directing. Soprano singers were "imported" from Riverside to give balance to the small group. Mynor Soper was very efficient as business manager.

Besides her work as women's counselor, Mrs. Albert Rogers graciously led the group in a Sabbath eve fellowship hour around a table of foods reminiscent of Jesus' simple life and suggestive to fullness of friendship with God and man. Samson Ojo, a Baptist from Ibadan, Nigeria, and now a student at Alfred Ag-Tech Institute, spoke each day of issues of life in Nigeria—vocations, social relations, church worship, and church work. Director of the retreat was the Rev. David Clarke, who brought Mr. Ojo with him from Alfred. The pleasant and complete facilities of Redlands University campus were at the group's disposal.

Disappointing as it was, the number of five full-time campers with one Air Force man able to attend two days of his leave was more than compensated for by quality of the persons and the depth of relations during the retreat. Campers and staff all helped in leading worship and in discussions. Evaluations indicated rewarding experiences for both staff and campers.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

for October 15, 1966

**In Whom Do We Trust?**

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 7: 3-7a, 9c-16; 31: 1-3.

**International Lesson Annual**

"The International Lesson Annual," 1967, edited by Horace R. Weaver, will soon be on sale from the office of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, \$2.75 a copy. The Annual is used by many of our Sabbath School teachers as resource material for study of the lessons in the **Helping Hand**.

Now in its twelfth year of publication, the Annual more than meets the exacting standards set by previous volumes in this series. For every week it provides: complete texts of the lesson in both King James and Revised Standard versions of the Bible, special meanings in the biblical passages not readily gained from the text, a penetrating analysis of the Bible in terms of modern living, and step-by-step lecture and discussion methods.

Sabbath School classes often buy the book for their teachers, and several serious students purchase copies for themselves. Place your order now with the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803.

**Weekday Religious Education**

When Secretary Zwiebel was working on his Master's degree at Syracuse University, his research project was to interview the pastors of the Protestant churches in Rochester, N. Y., regarding their participation in and their opinions about the Weekday Religious Education (Released Time) program of their city. The work that the secretary did was only a small part of the total project.

An evaluation of the total project may be found in the September 1966 issue of the **International Journal of Religious Education**, beginning on page 3. We believe that it will be worth your time to study the report as written by Dr. Howard M. Ham.

Revelation may be perfect, infallible, yet incomplete. Jesus told His followers to seek guidance from the Holy Spirit for information beyond what had thus far been told them. Not all the answers are in the Bible.

—I. E. B.

**Robe of Achievement**

Again this year the Women's Board felt led to honor two women with the "Robe of Achievement." (Could it be we have some catching up to do?)

At the annual meeting of the Women's Society in Redlands, California, the robe was presented to Helen Shaw (Mrs. George) Thorngate and the biography of her life was written and read by Mrs. Paul Green, Sr. The picture shows Mrs. Thorngate wearing the robe which has just been placed upon her by Carol (Mrs. Burton) Crandall who was on the mission field in China with the Thorngates. She is receiving the Certificate of Award from Pansy (Mrs. Ralph) Green.

It was thought for a while that Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Davis, who also was honored with the robe, would be present at the annual meeting to receive it, but the Lord did not will it so, and the robe was sent to Marlboro, New Jersey, with the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bond where the women's society will arrange a service of presentation. The biography of her life was written by her sister, Mrs. Agnes P. Schertz.

The 1966 Conference authorized the Women's Board to study materials prepared by Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Davis for a children's book on the Sabbath with an eye to possible publication. This has been a dream of hers for many, many years. Perhaps this dream will become a reality.

(See next issue for story of the life of Mrs. Thorngate).

**Presentation Concerning the SCSC Planning Committee Program General Conference 1966**

By Mrs. Don Gray, pres., Women's Board

Yesterday I heard one of our leaders ask, "What does S.C.S.C. stand for?" That convinced me that somewhere along the line communications had fallen down and we had better be accused of over-emphasis than to have any of our people unaware of what S.C.S.C. means. It stands for Summer Christian Service Corps.

I found an interesting little poem that I would like to present to you. It was written by Kenneth E. Boulding.

Arithmetic and ethics both  
Shudder at population growth  
And automation's horn of plenty  
May smother us by 2020.

A generation on the run  
Has little root, but lots of fun  
And home, where people used to dwell,  
Becomes a second-rate motel.

Nothing stands still within our range  
Except the things that need to change,  
The Earth's into a nutshell curled,  
With every sneeze heard round the world.

In breaking through this tangled thicket  
It seems that boldness is the ticket.

Abundance must be justly shared,  
Deference needs to be deterred,  
A world too big for all our boots  
Is growing out of man's pursuits.  
And as an alien he must go  
Through worlds of wealth as well as woe,  
For a Christian in his Cadillac  
Still bears a burden on his back  
And finds that he must hear the call  
To be a pilgrim after all.

The members of the S.C.S.C. may not ride in Cadillacs but I am sure they find themselves "pilgrims" with burdens on their backs at times.

Perhaps the "newness" of the S.C.S.C. project is wearing off; perhaps the enormity of the job out there in this world which is "too big for all our boots" seems somewhat hopeless to some of them; perhaps they have difficulty expressing the feelings they have experienced during their work to us older folk who love them and want to share fully; perhaps this feeling that they have not been able to make us older ones understand has somewhat dampened their spirits—I do not know.



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It is no small thing that our S.C.S.C. teams have been doing—

It is no small thing to change the thinking and the emotional life and attitudes, and goals, and character of a man.

It is no small thing to break the bands of alcoholism.

It is no small thing to open the windows of an individual soul to behold the beauty of God's wonderful universe and to breathe the air of truth.

It is no small thing to surround children with love; to provide youth with both a challenge to their souls and a guide to their feet.

It is no small thing to furnish comfort and security as the shadows of life lengthen, to point to a world where there is no sorrow, no pain, no parting.

It is no small thing to be a bulwark of faith to men and women in the midst of life's fierce battles.

It is no small thing to change the center of a man's concern from himself to that of being for all the world.

It is no small thing to restore a sense of dignity and significance to people who have lost it and to equip others against the danger of losing it—both inside and outside of the organized church.\*

Do you think our S.C.S.C. hasn't done all of that? Then you weren't listening very closely during the reports they have given for three years. They have done all of that and more.

Young people, this is one of the best opportunities in the world to witness and teach. It gives you maturity, too, and some of these who have served faithfully are ready to move on into the next phase of service. We need volunteers, with God's finger on them, to fill their places. God has not promised that witnessing will be easy or always as fruitful as we humans feel it should be. But never forget that God moves! He moves at His own rate and in His own time, but He MOVES! and He can continue to move through our S.C.S.C. Will you pray about it and ask for the Lord's leading?

We are looking for Christian "pilgrims" who will take the pack on their backs for the summer of 1967.

\* Adapted—Roy B. Deer, American Baptist Convention.

## World Evangelism Congress

"The World Congress on Evangelism is an idea whose time has come." So says Editor Carl F. H. Henry of **Christianity Today**, the conservative Protestant magazine which is sponsoring the ten-day global conclave in Berlin beginning October 26.

Dr. Henry announced that the flood of interest in the Congress required a moratorium on delegate and observer invitations as of mid-September, six weeks before the scheduled start of the meeting.

Henry states that "this is no stage-managed conference. No secret strategy has been drawn up for ratification by the delegates, no public declarations have been devised in advance, and there are no projections for the last-minute plotting of organizational maneuvers. The Congress will be in the hands of the delegates."

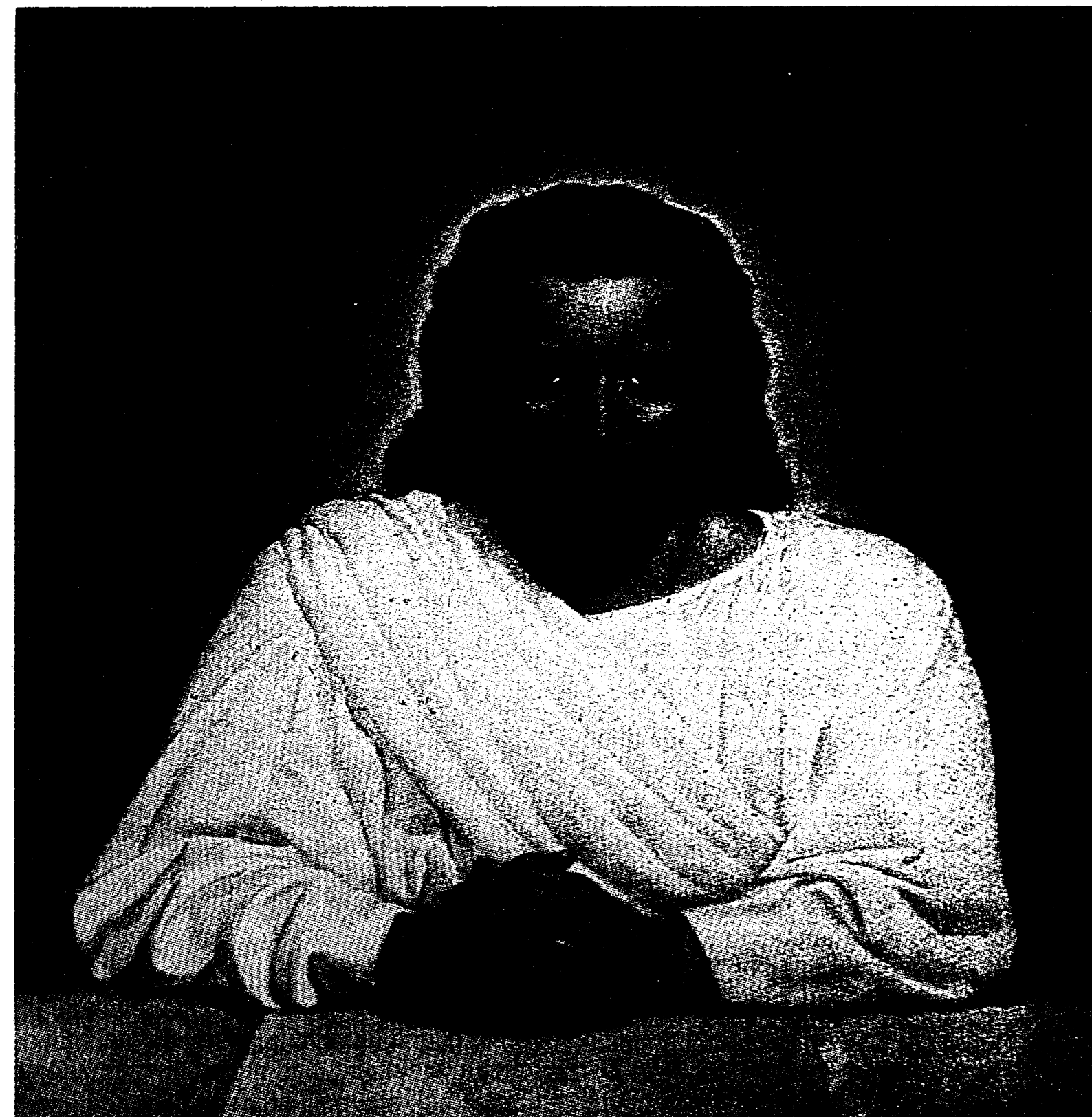
"If indeed the World Congress on Evangelism is an idea whose time has come," he adds, "a flood-tide of spiritual and moral power will inundate the wastelands of modern life with prospects of personal peace and hope, and will lift our sinking civilization to behold anew the commandments and the redemption of God."

## A Pastor Resigns

The resignation of the Rev. Don A. Sanford as pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of White Cloud, Mich., has been accepted effective October 1, 1966. Pastor Sanford, who has served the church for the past seven years, will continue in the part-time employment of the Board of Christian Education as editor-writer of the **Helping Hand**, a position which he has held for the past twelve years.

Although future plans are indefinite, the Sanfords plan to remain through the current school year in White Cloud where Mrs. Sanford is employed as a second grade teacher and he will continue with other work.

In announcing his resignation, Pastor Sanford stated that he hoped to be able to devote his primary interest and concern to the writing ministry.—From the **White Cloud Eagle**, Sept. 22, 1966.



What a difference in the day it would make if we were more fully aware that the piercing eye of Christ is ever probing every effort to hide our faults, cleansing as it probes. "All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4: 13).