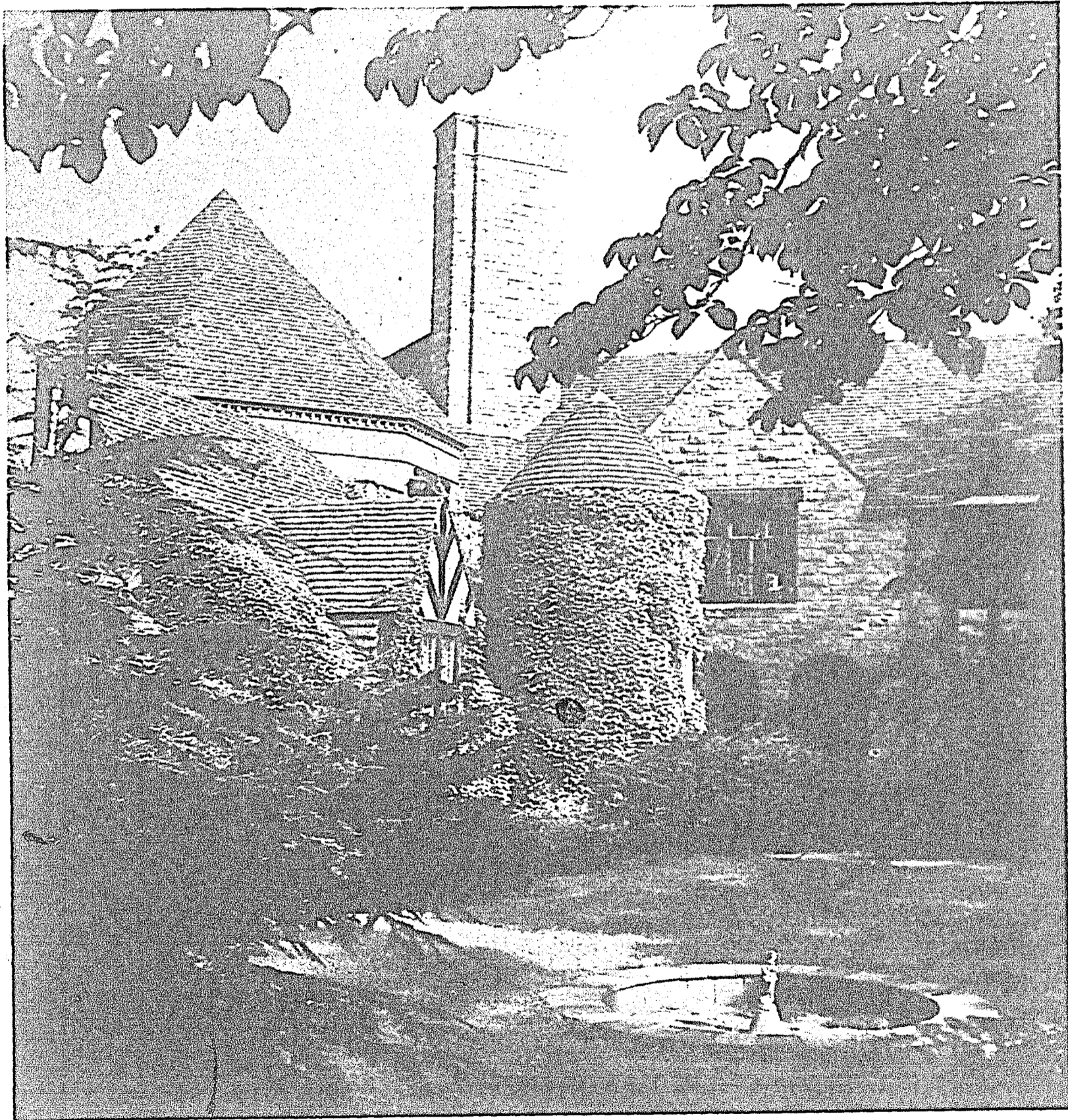


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The Sabbath Recorder



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When the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference convenes in August at Nyack, N. Y., the beautiful Administration Building (once the home of a very wealthy man) will be our headquarters, with most of the rooms available for our use. Just to see such a building with its gracious appointments is worth quite a trip, but Conference is more than the buildings which house it.

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Conference Emphasis Issue

Our Conference president, Leland Bond, has been furnishing inspiring articles regularly for the *Sabbath Recorder*. This week much more of the material relates to Conference at Nyack, N. Y., and is brought together under his supervision. This is the Conference Emphasis Issue, coming after all of the first-of-the-month emphasis issues highlighting the work of the major boards. It is only about a month until delegates from all over the United States and a few Seventh Day Baptists from other countries assemble for the serious business and the inspiration of our annual Conference.

"Sensitive in His Service," the theme chosen by President Bond, has caught on well during the year, due in large measure to the way he has filled it out with his own experiences which he has related in the churches he has visited. When this theme reaches its culmination at the meetings at Nyack Missionary College next month, our people will doubtless express great joy that they have made new progress in love and service. Our president is leading us well in being "Sensitive in His Service."

To Go or Not To Go

General Conference time is almost here. Probably most of us have some advance planning to see if we can afford the cost. The denominational leaders and the Host Committee (of which the editor is a member) are doing their best to promote attendance at Conference. They are stressing the attractions of the program and of the place. They are calling attention to worthwhile tours on the free afternoon and the sights that can be seen in before or after Conference. It could be considered almost traitorous to raise the question, "To Go or Not To Go?" Let us take a look at the reasonableness of that question.

If going to Conference becomes a substitute for the Great Commission, we would have to say that it is a poor substitute. If the cost of travel and the \$45 a week housing and meals cost is beyond our means and would make it impossible

for us to continue our support of the work for which Conference meets we should think twice. When we go to Conference we vote for next year's OWM budget, which has to be a little larger than the current budget (now in arrears). If we can't both give and go (to Nyack) we might find ourselves voting both for and against our missionary outreach.

Would it be wrong to suggest that we make a little comparison between what we give to OWM in a year and what we would spend in a week attending Conference? The comparison may not be quite valid because we have to eat wherever we are and the prices at Nyack for meals and lodging are not out of line. Still, we could make the comparison. It will cost much more to go to Conference than the average Seventh Day Baptist gives to OWM. But it is worth a lot in increased interest and increased giving incentive to attend Conference.

Your conscience must be your guide in how you spend your income and savings. This is not a suggestion for everyone to stay home and contribute the cost of the trip to the Seventh Day Baptist denominational work. My business as a member of a host church is to invite and urge people to come. On the other hand, there may be a few people who could come who would feel better inside to stay at home and pray for the guidance of the delegates and to make a contribution equal to the cost had they attended. If that is the way you feel led, you should follow that leading.

Accept a word of caution. Suppose you are planning a vacation. More and more people are nowadays. Don't try to find a vacation just a little cheaper that will be lacking in the spiritual refreshing you could get from Conference. Again, don't be so bent on seeing the sights that are available to an East Coast traveler that you shortchange yourself and the Lord and fail to get the full blessing of a whole week with friends on the beautiful campus overlooking the Hudson River. People of like purpose and faith — they are what make a vacation profitable.

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Leisure Looms Large

We cry high cost of living and poverty. We say that taxes for government and social services rob us of our income. There is, indeed, some occasion for complaint but perhaps not as much as we suppose. The vast majority of people in the United States are enjoying more leisure than ever before. As a matter of fact, figures were given to a meeting of 500 church executives recently showing that leisure surpasses work as an economic resource in our country. If so, the church needs to gear itself for serving people in their leisure time and developing the inner spiritual stamina to resist the temptations that go with leisure.

What do the experts mean when they say that leisure surpasses work as a resource? Figures show that industries catering to vacationers and people on leisure time are doing more business than those that produce the necessities of life. Leisure industries are among the top three industries in thirty-six states. Tourism is a \$40 billion a year business. The average man has seven hours a day beyond earning his living which he can spend in leisure, we are told. There are longer vacations as well as longer week-ends. More and more people own camper trailers, boats, cottages and sporting goods. This indicates affluence and a much larger portion of life lived on the leisure pattern than a few years ago.

To say that there are dangers in leisure time both to the spiritual life of the individual and to the work of the church does not require the insight of a prophet. Mr. Average Christian has not used enough of his past leisure time in Bible study and meditation to fortify himself for the greater leisure he now has. Too often we speak of getting out in nature to be alone with God only to find that we have not developed the techniques for it. It often turns out to be alone without God. We go to the woods, the lakes or the shore with all kinds of equipment except spiritual equipment like the Bible and good books. We haven't learned to discipline ourselves to more than a few

minutes of quiet time per day even on vacation.

When we go to the cottage for the weekend or the vacation, we work so hard at our leisure that we want to rest when we get back to work. What can the church do about this? We must ponder it and come up with ways of developing the inner resources that will enable members to keep close to the Lord wherever they are.

Church work suffers when leisure time looms large. The reasons for this are apparent. Local churches have to stay where they are. Their buildings are rooted in the ground. It may be argued that a mobile vacationing membership will attend other churches of like faith and people from other churches will swell the Sabbath morning congregation of our church. It doesn't seem to even out that way. Only a fraction of those who are away from their home church for the weekend or an extended vacation attend one of our churches. Moreover, they do not work or contribute with the same measure of responsibility as at home.

Then, too, there are fewer people at home to "bear the burdens" as our church covenants express it. We accepted these responsibilities upon joining the church. Can we plead that we didn't know we were going to have shorter working hours, more money and more leisure? Are we right in leaving the work of the church to the poorer parishioners and those who are too old or infirm to travel?

What does it add up to? More exercise of conscience, more devotion to the cause of Christ and more plans by local church leaders to serve those who are away. We can't turn the clock back and live within a horse and buggy radius. Like the space walkers, we must take the Bible and the Great Commission with us. Let us remember also that the Sabbath is more than an idea; it is a sacred day — sacred on vacation as well as when we are working.

COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE

The *Sabbath Recorder*, as announced before, has now reached the mature age of a century and a quarter. This calls for a celebration, with the help of all our friends. In a venture of faith we are planning a rather expensive commemorative issue to be dated August 4 and distributed in quantity at General Conference.

The 125th anniversary commemorative issue will be something to keep and to distribute. It will come in a heavy cover done in gold sheen. There will be a total of twenty-eight pages instead of sixteen. The articles will be both historical and forward looking. Such an issue will cost much more to produce, but it is being offered to regular subscribers as a bonus — no extra cost.

How can you help? First of all, by making sure that your subscription is paid up in advance. Secondly, by ordering extra copies. Finally, by encouraging friends and relatives to enter new subscriptions. There is no better time for gift subscriptions or special gifts. So far there has been one organizational gift to help defray the extra cost of this special issue. Individual gifts will be appreciated. Attention is called to the fact that subscribers pay only about one-fifth of the total cost of their much cherished denominational weekly.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week
Pray for:

- 1) The minister's wife, whose faithfulness and unsung service need to be upheld in thanksgiving and intercession.
- 2) Those among us who have some impairment of the senses, hearing, seeing, etc., and cannot get the full blessing of church or Conference.
- 3) The fraternal delegate, Rev. J. Paul Green, who goes to the Jamaica Conference in July, and for Byron Lewis, the fraternal delegate who comes from Jamaica to our Conference.

President's Column

Conference President

Concludes Visits to Churches

The visits that I have just concluded to the churches throughout the denomination I consider to have been among the most rewarding experiences of my life.

It has been encouraging to find that the Conference theme has appeared to have caught on and many people are actually becoming more "Sensitive in His Service." For example, when I visited Battle Creek recently, the men had prepared and served the Sabbath dinner including the clean-up following the meal because they wanted to be sensitive.

As always, youths provide much of the inspiration and stimulus to all our church activities. I find them ready to burst forth but also find them stymied by tradition, heritage and distrust. If adults were as willing to step out and stand up for what they believe, then I could foresee a rewarding growth among Seventh Day Baptists.

Everywhere I have traveled, I have found many persons who are searching for help in resolving personal problems. These are persons who want you to pray for them, since they do not seem to find an answer in conventional methods. To me, the answer in many cases lies in the total commitment and acceptance of Christ as our personal Savior. Many persons are seeking a personal experience with their Lord. If we are to be "Sensitive in His Service" we need to be seeking ways to help others find "peace with God."

I feel that it is about time that we as Seventh Day Baptists share the "Good News" with others. Christ first, the Sabbath second. I find many wanting to find the peace that comes through salvation in Jesus Christ. These persons are my neighbors, friends, as well as the strangers within our gates. We have failed when we have not raised our voices in words of commendation for our wonderful Savior. These same people want to

know the truth concerning the Sabbath.

Are you willing to join me in being "Sensitive in His Service" by witnessing to others?

I appreciate the opportunity afforded me as your president to visit many of the churches throughout the denomination and I look forward to seeing many of you in Nyack, August 10-16.

Ted DeMoss To Be Guest Speaker

A special feature of the Conference program will be the guest appearance of Mr. Ted DeMoss, the international chairman of the Christian Business Men's Committee. Mr. DeMoss, a young man from Chattanooga, Tenn., will be completing his second year as the leader of this organization which has committees in over 25 countries and the United States. In this unique organization, businessmen from all walks of life have banded themselves together — not to discuss business or professions, not for social reasons, but solely and simply to explore ways and means by which they may influence other businessmen to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior and to witness effectively to all others whom they may reach.

Mr. DeMoss is a successful insurance executive in Chattanooga and Atlanta. He is a member and deacon in the Highland Park Baptist Church of Chattanooga; a member of the Board of Trustees of Tennessee Temple College; a member of the Board of Trustees of the World Wide Faith Mission; president of the Bethel Bible School Christian Home, a home for children whose parents are in prison. He is a pilot of some 20 years and uses his plane to commute in his work and to make the several hundred appearances in behalf of Christian Business Men and other Christian endeavors.

This year Mr. DeMoss has traveled extensively for CBMC visiting Italy, Greece, India, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Suva, Fiji, and Hawaii. He visited several European countries during the month of May.

Mr. DeMoss is scheduled to bring the

Friday evening message and has agreed to remain over for Sabbath morning when he will talk about witnessing. He makes it a practice in his personal life to take time each week for personal witnessing.

You won't want to miss this special feature of Conference.

—Leland W. Bond

What's a Facilitator?

By Loren Osborn

A better phrasing of the question as it will develop for those delegates who attend General Conference this summer will be "Who are the facilitators?" Why? Because facilitators are going to be busily working to aid small groups of interested individuals in an experience of sensitivity that will not only have far-reaching influence in their lives, but hopefully increase the effectiveness of the witness of Seventh Day Baptists where they live and work.

In setting up the program for General Conference, President Leland Bond defined four areas in which there was need of increased sensitivity on the part of individuals. These areas will be explored in depth by the small groups, aided by their facilitators, using the stimulus of a dramatic presentation of the subject each day to spark the reactions.

Daily subjects, as assigned, are:

Tuesday — "Sensitivity Toward Daily Associates"

Wednesday—"Sensitivity Toward Fellow Church Members"

Thursday — "Sensitivity Toward the Pastor and His Family"

Friday — "Sensitivity for Denominational Concerns"

These presentations will be made at 9:00 a.m. on the mornings noted, and will be short and dynamic. The remainder of the period until 10:30 will be devoted to reaction in the smaller groups to the subject, with the facilitators providing the necessary direction to get maximum sensitivity from this interpersonal experience.

Conference Publicity

Operation Conference, 1969

The Cost

(Number 5 in a series)

You have seen, or at least have been told, what a Seventh Day Baptist General Conference really is. You have been urged to attend. And you have been given at least a general idea about the area. So what is it going to cost? The breakdown is as follows:

1. Registration Fee:

This charge is \$2.50 for adults, and \$1.00 for children 12 years old and under. It pays the General Conference costs and fees for such services as phones, office equipment, nursery, etc.; for the Conference guests' expenses and fees; and provides both medical and liability insurance for each person registered. This charge does not apply to Sabbath Day "visitors" who do not formally register.

2. Meals/Room Package for the Week:

For those who plan to attend the entire Conference week and desire to participate in the added fellowship of "common meals" at reasonable cost, the package deal is ideal. The cost is \$45.40 if a "single" room is desired, \$40.40 per person on a shared basis. (Most rooms are arranged two to a room.) This includes lodging from Sunday night, August 10, through night after Sabbath, August 16. Meals include Sunday, August 10 (whenever you arrive), through and including breakfast on Sunday, August 17. This means a total cost for the full package will be \$47.90 for single occupancy, \$42.90 for shared.

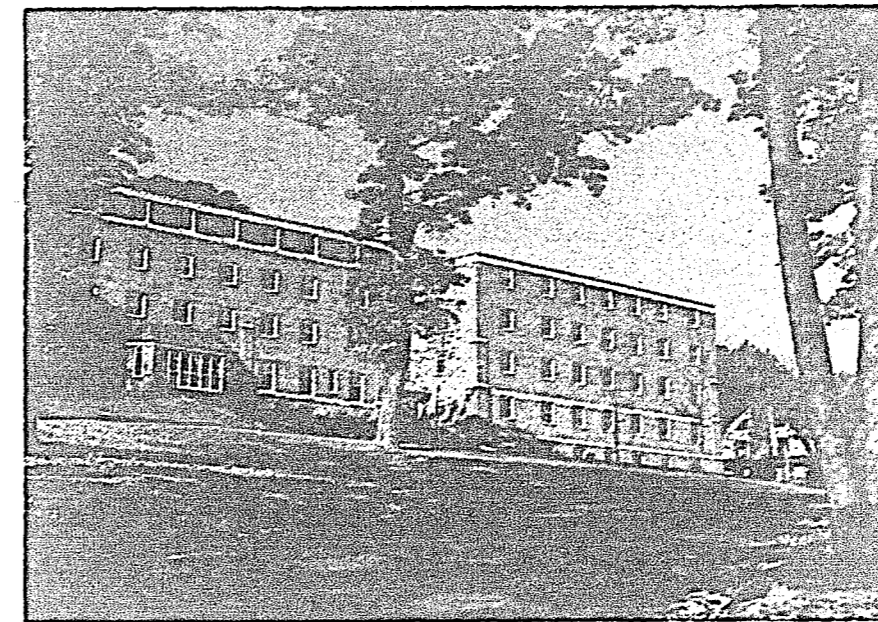
3. Meals:

Individual meals will be available, and will be priced according to the following schedule: Breakfast \$1.00; Lunch \$1.50; Dinner \$2.00. "Package" meals will be \$20 per person per week. Children 2-8 will be half price. All meals are subject to the 2% New York State tax.

4. Rooms:

Individual night accommodations will be available at cost of \$5.50 per person

A Nyack Campus Building



This is Christie Hall, the modern dormitory for women, viewed from below. Another curving drive gives automobile access to the rear of the building at a higher level. This dormitory is much closer to the auditorium and the dining hall than the men's dormitory, which will also be filled with Conference guests.

for individual occupancy, or \$4.25 per person shared occupancy. "Package" rooms only, for the week, will cost \$30 per person (single) or \$24 per person (shared). Children 0-12 who bring their own bedding and sleep on the floor or use their own cot will be permitted to do so without charge. Children who use a college furnished bed, however, will be charged at the adult rate.

The "package" for children can therefore get somewhat confusing, and the cost will depend a great deal on the arrangements you want. It will range from a minimum of \$11.10 (meal charge only) to something like \$35.10 to \$41.10. Make sure you specify the type of arrangement desired.

Registration is being handled by the Host Committee representative, Miss Ruth Ellis. Registration forms and other appropriate information will be made available to our churches some time in early July. A special mailing has been directed toward all families. Direct inquiries are welcome, and should be made to Miss Ellis at Berlin, N. Y. 12022.

One further note. The hilly terrain and the spread out campus will tend to create some discomfort for those "less able to get around." So we urge all of those who just think that they might have

a problem to ensure that this information is included on the registration, and that it is mailed as soon as possible. The Christie Hall Dorm is much more centrally located, and will be held in reserve for this purpose.

—Hiram Barber III

Adventists To Be Guests at Nyack

By the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, president
Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society

Carroll Farnsworth, grandson of Rachel Preston whose Sabbath witness in 1844 led to the founding of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, will be a guest of honor Monday, August 11, on the program of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference session at Nyack, N. Y.

Speaking at that time on behalf of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be Eld. W. P. Bradley, associate secretary, of Washington, D. C. He and Mr. Farnsworth, who lives at Washington, N. H., will appear in the program time of the Historical Society in recognition of the 125th anniversary of Mrs. Preston's witness.

Seventh-day Adventist leaders from Washington, D. C., recently visited the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., on invitation, and expressed themselves as happy to join in recognition of the common Sabbath heritage enjoyed by the two denominations. Fraternal delegates were exchanged between the General Conferences of the two bodies for several years but were then discontinued. Historical materials will be on exhibition at Nyack related to the early development following acceptance of the Sabbath by the Adventists.

Mrs. Preston was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Verona, N. Y., until she joined the new congregation at Washington, N. H. (See *Sabbath Recorder*, June 16, 1969.) Facsimile pages of church records of Verona as well as a large photograph of her will be also on display.

MEMORY TEXT

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Matthew 12:36

Stewardship Chairman Does Some Meditating

As we approach General Conference we are in the midst of the annual OWM Budget push! Actually, almost every article in the *Sabbath Recorder* is a budget promotion item, and could be labelled "This program is partially supported by Our World Mission." So I will let you find your own budget promotion for now, and try a little stewardship education.

I lay on the bed and wondered if my sleepiness was the first stages of diabetic coma, the result of going off my diet. Coma comes on slowly, until one day you just don't wake up . . . until you wake up in a hospital, if you've been lucky! Thoughts like this keep me honest with my diet except . . . but it's the exceptions that are making the trouble. "Just this once" won't hurt, you know . . . but the "onces" become "twices" until you are getting drowsy!

I looked over my checkbook and wondered when I had last written a tithe check! Could it have been that long ago? Sure, I like to be a consistent supporter of the work of our church and Our World Mission, but when other things press us, "just this once" won't hurt . . . but the once becomes twice, etc.

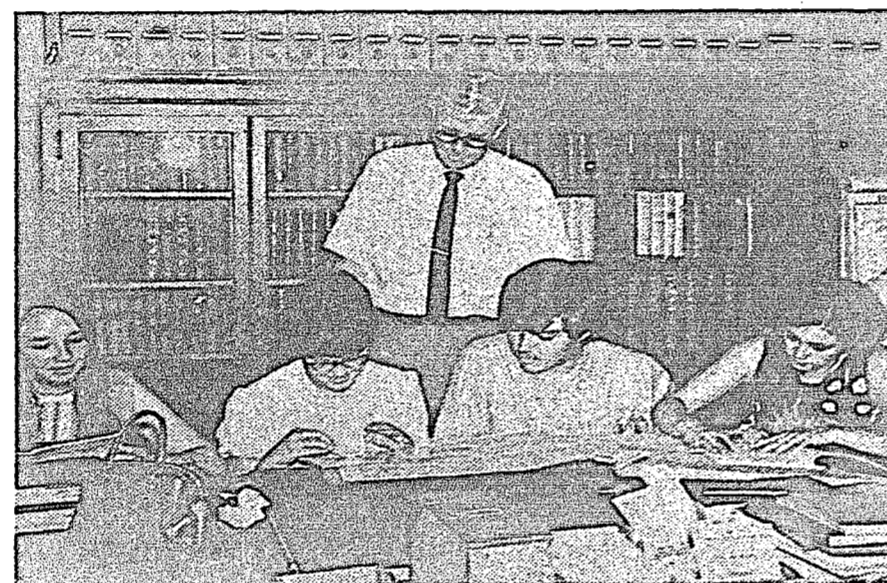
So you see, it is "just this once" that causes the trouble. In the first place, whether it's counting calories or consistent giving, that "once" shows that we are confusing our priorities. With calories, it's our physical life we are risking when our diet is ignored. With money, it is the eternal importance of the work of Christ that we ignore when we neglect to put our tithe and gift *first* in our budget.

"Sure, I like to give to the church," said one, "but God isn't pressing me like the rest of my creditors are!" If He isn't,

it's because you are getting hard of spiritual hearing. I don't know what programs and people in your local area may be suffering because of your attitude, but I do know that when I see folks wanting to work for Christ and remaining unemployed because of "lack of funds," when I hear of fields left ripe and un-reaped because OWM is too high now! . . . I get pressed!

—Paul Osborn

VCSC Workers Study at Historical Library



L. to R. — Irene Lederer, Boulder, Colo., Faye Bond, Dodge Center, Minn., Kevin Crane, Dodge Center, Minn., Michele Hunt, Riverside, Calif., and the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, historian of the Historical Society.

Dividing their time between Bible School teaching and personal visitation under direction of the Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, pastor of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church, and training in the Historical Society, the team of VCSC workers is keeping busy this summer in northern New Jersey.

Study at the Historical Society library is in preparation for the young people to serve as guides at Conference-time tours. Miss Evalois St. John, consultant at the library, is supervising the study with Mr. Rogers, historian. Mornings are opened with Bible study and each afternoon's visitation is evaluated and lifted up in closing team prayer periods. Miss Jane Harris, assistant to the pastor, shares in direction of the visitation program.

MISSIONS—Everett T. Harris

Evangelist Soper Begins Services

It is expected that the Rev. Mynor G. Soper will begin his services as evangelist on the home front by conducting lay visitation training sessions followed by preaching services with the Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church July 8-20, 1969. Just preceding the special services at Paint Rock Mr. Soper plans to attend the Baptist Men's Congress on Evangelism at Nashville, Tenn., July 3-5.

The purpose of the Congress on Evangelism and Lay Involvement at Nashville has been stated as threefold: (1) "to involve laymen in the Crusade of the Americas, especially in a program to conserve results of the Crusade; (2) to instruct and encourage laymen to a greater commitment to evangelism through personal witnessing, Bible teaching, witnessing to groups, and mission involvement; (3) to instruct and encourage laymen to a greater acceptance of their total responsibilities as Christians."

Mr. Soper has written, "The family is going with me and we will be traveling by way of our camper . . . We anticipate visiting a friend at Nashville so will be there from July 3rd to probably the 7th." After the COTA meetings at Nashville the Sopers will drive to Paint Rock for evangelistic services from July 8 through 20. They plan to leave Paint Rock on July 21 heading back for Kansas City where arrangements have been made for services with the Kansas City Seventh Day Baptist Church July 24 through 27. They hope to arrive back home at North Loup on July 29 or 30 and will leave soon after for Conference at Nyack, N. Y.

Brother Soper wrote further, "I wish to express my and Marian's deep appreciation to the Mission Board for making it possible for us to attend the Campus Crusade training sessions in San Bernardino. We received a great blessing from it and I am confident that the additional training and inspiration which we received will in turn be a blessing as we are able to pass it on to the various

churches. Already, we have seen some thrilling results in the lives of individuals, both in the North Loup church and in other nearby churches, with whom we have shared. I might add at this point that Pastor and Mrs. Duane Davis were so enthused about their experience that when her folks visited them over Memorial Day weekend, they were so impressed that they went home and requested the Denver church to ask for us to hold training sessions for them in Denver."

In concluding this article it is urged that our people remember Evangelist Soper and his talented family in prayer, asking God's blessing upon them as they travel and especially requesting His blessing upon their services for the Lord.

African Conference Trustees

(The minutes of the Board of Trustees' Meeting of Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists held at Makapwa S.D.B. Station, Sandama, Malawi, Africa, December 18, 1968, have been received from Secretary O. B. Manani and portions are shared in this article.—E.T.H.)

Those present at the meeting were Pastors C. Nangazi (chairman), L. Kawere, H. J. Mwangi, G. Msonkho, D. C. Pearson, O. B. Manani (secretary), Dr. V. H. Burdick. Notice was given by the secretary saying that he had received a message from Preacher M. J. Chisi of the death of Pastor L. Zimba. Pastor L. Zimba of Luwazi S.D.B. Church in the North passed away on 3rd December 1968. The board was very sorry to hear this. Then each one knelt down for a silent prayer followed by a loud prayer by Pastor L. Kawere in paying tribute to Pastor Zimba who served many years for the Lord and His church in the North. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and accepted.

Reports:

Regarding a refresher course for pastors and preachers from the North, Rev. D. C. Pearson told the board that he had a good school with these church leaders. They learned well and had good Sabbath church meetings at Blantyre and a few other churches they got to visit.

Women's Classes at Blantyre: The chairman told the board that some of the women who attended these classes at Blantyre wrote him letters of appreciation to the fact that they had good, helpful school with Mrs. D. C. Pearson. Rev. Pearson added by saying that the women were so happy with their lessons at Blantyre, and the school ended well.

Thembe School: Dr. Burdick said that the new four-roomed school block is almost finished. We shall ask assistance from the District Council of Mlanje for another block of similar number of rooms, he said. The headmaster, Mr. Ng'ombe who was offended because of being criticized over his work has been persuaded to stay on until the end of the next school year. Mr. B. Namondwe and Mr. Kolove who have just graduated this year will teach for us at Thembe, this coming year. Then we shall have five certified teachers.

Chikanda School: This school has five standards, Stds. 1-5, but we have four uncertified teachers. At present there is no certified teacher who has agreed to teach for us at this school. Mr. L. Zakeyu, one of the four uncertified teachers, will resign this year if he will be accepted by Malawi Railways for a certain course. There are many applications for teaching work from uncertified persons. Should some of these be wanted, they could be employed.

Regarding Tithes and Offerings: Dr. Burdick told the board that there was a request for the financial report for 1968 to be duplicated and sent to the churches and he would like its approval. The report would include Sabbath School offerings and tithes and the proposed goals for each church for 1969. The board approved this.

Makapwa Church: Dr. V. Burdick reported that by introducing many church activities the attendance of people to the church services has considerably increased under the leadership of Pastor Watson Mataka. Weekly visits to the outlying villages are carried forward every Sabbath afternoon. Children's and

youth meetings are conducted every Sabbath afternoon. The teaching in Sabbath School has improved. Many of us (residents of Makapwa) realizing that we have no full time pastor try to help the church work in many ways. And now because of our working together and hard trying, the church work is strengthened and Sabbath church services are well attended by the people.

A few members of the Board of Trustees and the invited pastors who were present at a meeting called on October 29 discussed many of Makapwa church troubles. They tried to find possible ways with which to help get the Lord's work strengthened. After much discussions, it was said that when trying to dismiss people from the work after they have committed a sin we should do it with loving, merciful and forgiving heart. Regarding the station pastor, it was recommended by the same committee that Mr. W. Mataka should be assisting to preach at Makapwa Church twice a month. It was also said that when he shall finish his Bible School studies at Likubula next year, he should become the pastor of Makapwa Church.

Rev. D. C. Pearson explained the Port Elizabeth matter saying that Netherlands Seventh Day Baptist Conference desires that a Bantu missionary be sent to Port Elizabeth, S. Africa, to work among Seventh Day Baptist groups down there for approximately six months. And they were asking us to send a Bantu missionary from Malawi immediately, if C.A.C. would agree to do this. The Netherlands Conference promised to pay the salary of the missionary for six months, plus the travel cost and sundries. When the board heard the report, it was decided that now was the time to think of choosing one to go to Port Elizabeth. Thereupon the secretary (O. B. Manani) was chosen to go. Rev. Pearson said that he had written a letter to Port Elizabeth asking if they would be interested to receive and to find a suitable place where a minister from Malawi could live in

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WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Cruzan

Summer Dedicated Service

Though tentative plans had been made for summer service several weeks ago, final assignments were made at the training session in Dodge Center, Minn. The twenty-three workers have already begun work in the following areas:

Alfred/Alfred Station

Janice Skaggs, Alice Rood and Linda Greene

Boulder

Philip Rood and Bette Bond

Historical Society

Faye Bond and Michele Hunt

Little Genesee

William Babcock & Christine Ayars

Little Rock

Karen Osborn and Jerry Vaught

Milton

Robert Harris and Linda Davis

North Loup

Ralph Mackintosh, Alfred Hill, Lynne Skaggs and Martha Welch

Paint Rock

Alice Rood and Linda Greene

Plainfield

Irene Lederer and Kevin Crane

Riverside

Steven Crouch

Verona

Cathy Clarke

West Virginia churches

Christine Pederson and Carol Soper

The Rev. Leon R. Lawton was the director of the training session, June 10-18, with the assistance of the Rev. Rex Zwiebel and Miss Esther Burdick. Mr. Zwiebel is designated the summer coordinator.

(You may refer to an earlier *Sabbath Recorder* to find out where these young people are from.)

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 19, 1969

HEIRS OF THE COVENANT

Lesson Scripture: Genesis 28:10-14; 35:9-12; 46:1-4

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Important News Items

The chairman of Commission has assured us that we will have help in paying the fees of those who plan to attend *Youth Pre-Con*. The fee will be in the neighborhood of \$20 per camper — that is, that will be the camper's share. The Youth Pre-Con will be held at Nyack Missionary College, Nyack, N. Y., August 6-10.

Miss Alice Rood is the new editor of the *Beacon*. Her address is Box 415, Milton, Wis. 53563. She succeeds Miss Jane Harris.

The revised edition of *You and Your Church*, A Membership Manual, has just come off the press at the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House. You may order from the SDB Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803.

Has your Sabbath School qualified for the Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate to be given out at General Conference? Recognition will be given to the contest winners at General Conference.

Young Adult Pre-Con retreat will be held at Lewis Camp. August 6-10.

Twenty - three Seventh Day Baptist youth are serving in the summer dedicated service programs. The SDB Women's Board is picking up the bills for this great work. Your support is needed. Send it through OWM treasurer.

Has your Youth Fellowship done its part in the financial support of our youth field worker? We need it now.

The Vocations Committee of our board has prepared a new edition of "Successful SDB Laymen and Their Work." We plan to publish it by mimeograph.

—Rex E. Zwiebel

The Story of the Davis Genealogy By John Fitz Randolph

During the early part of the present century, Thomas Clayton Davis collected a vast amount of genealogical data intending to produce a *Davis Book*. The family of Rev. William Davis (1), the emigrant, after nine or more generations, became a very large one. Besides those who bore the name of Davis were scores of those who bore other names. Among these are many other early Seventh Day Baptist family names that persist to this day. This collection of family records is more than that implies; it is also an important chapter in Seventh Day Baptist history.

In the *Sabbath Recorder* of May 12, 1919 it was reported "The Davis Genealogy is now ready for publication." At present, after fifty years, the book has not come off the press. Many interested people were sorely disappointed.

A substitute for the *Davis Book* appeared in the *Alfred Sun*, Alfred N. Y. on May 17, 1945, when the *Davis Genealogy* began to appear in serial form. Hope revived. Eventually T. C. Davis's works would be available to those who eagerly clipped each column as it appeared. On Sept. 30, 1948, the publication of *Davis Genealogy* was discontinued in the *Alfred Sun*. The cause seemed lost.

At the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in 1956 at Alfred, N. Y., two good friends, not two distant cousins, met. Both were bemoaning the fate of the *Davis Genealogy* and the possible loss of T. C. Davis's valuable work. After a few shots in the dark, it was learned that a monstrous sheaf of genealogical materials had been left to the Rev. Duane L. Davis, presently of North Loup, Nebr., by his grandfather, T. C. Davis. To a busy pastor of a church any such undertaking as this offered was impossible. It was also learned that Mr. Davis had made galley sheets of all his manuscripts and these were preserved in the archives of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society in Plainfield, N. J.

Through the kindness of Miss Evalois St. John, custodian and librarian of the Historical Society, all needed material was made available to Karl Randolph Davis of Texarkana, Ark., for copying. He made two complete sets, one for himself and one for his colleague, the Rev. John Fitz Randolph of Milton, Wis. Happy in their possession of this material, they felt the need of an index for ready reference. After several months of combing the pages, the Rev. and Mrs. Randolph produced an alphabetical index of all heads of families, about three thousand names. Davis and Randolph might have been satisfied with their project, but two privately owned copies were not enough; for the public a third copy was compiled to be presented to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Library in Plainfield, N. J.

One wish remains, that sooner or later, someone with sufficient financial backing will make this makeshift edition obsolete by publishing the original —

Davis Genealogy
by
Thomas Clayton Davis.

Tours During Conference

By A. N. Rogers
(for the Host Committee)

At the request of the Conference president the following are suggested as possibilities for a tour by a family or a group of friends on the Wednesday afternoon (Aug. 13) set aside for this:

1. *Local Tours* — special information available.

2. *Plainfield, N. J.* — 1 hour driving time each way, tolls \$2.00. A guided tour of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Ave., showing offices of denominational boards and agencies, the Publishing House, Center for Ministerial Education and Historical Society museum; also Plainfield church, 511 Central Avenue.

3. *Mystic, Ct.* — 2 hours driving time each way, tolls \$4.50. Seaport museum including old Greenmanville church, clipper ship and whaling exhibits (admission

charge). Optional addition one half hour each way to Westerly and/or Ashaway churches.

4. *Lederle Laboratories*, Pearl River, N. Y., arranged by Leland W. Bond to include bus transportation from Conference site. Limited to persons 18 years of age and older, medical personnel given preference.

5. *New York City* — 45 minutes driving time via G. Washington Bridge and expressways: uptown, midtown and downtown areas each offering distinctive attractions of general interest.

Information and suggestions regarding any of the above will be given by the Rev. Albert N. Rogers or members of the Host Committee. Write P. O. Box 868, Plainfield, NJ, 07061, or telephone (Area 201) 754-3404 or 561-0054.

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while working among them. And when a good reply comes, Pastor Manani will get ready to go.

Mitumbira Church: It was explained that the members of Mitumbira church bought the iron sheets for the new roof on their church. They made a new roof, but the iron sheets were not adequate. They needed iron sheets worth £13-0-0. They themselves collected approximately £20-0-0, and they were asking for an assistance from the Conference through Board of Trustees. After discussion, the board agreed that the assistance of £13-0-0 be granted to Mitumbira church.

A Special Request: Because of Pastor H. J. Mwangi's trouble to find funds for secondary education of his two children who will be going back to school next year for Form II (Junior Certificate), Pastor Mwangi requested the Board of Trustees to allow him to run a fish business for three weeks in order to find the money needed. After discussion, having known that the Conference money was low and that a loan could not be granted him for his children's education, the board allowed him to go to the lake for fish business.

Regarding the S.D.B. Week of Prayer: It was stated that this Week of Prayer was for all Seventh Day Baptists who are members of S.D.B. World Federation. It was then recommended by the board that the local leaders of each local church shall lead prayer meetings in their very home churches. Each pastor can make his own arrangement to send deacons and preachers to the local churches of his area in exchange.

It was recommended and agreed by the board that the dates for Camp Meetings for 1969 be as follows: Southeastern Association, August 6-9, 1969; Central Association, August 13-16, 1969; Southwestern Association, August 20-23, 1969; Northern Association, the date to be worked out later in accordance with the Northern trip which Pastor Pearson shall lead; and General Conference, September 9-13, 1969.

The Request of Rev. L. M. Vumah, Rhodesia: It was explained that Pastor Vumah requested that a preacher from Malawi be sent to Rhodesia, and also that he be allowed to come to Malawi with Mr. Magodi, one of his members there, when he shall be coming to Malawi in 1969 for church polity course. The board decided that we could not send a preacher there now. Then the secretary (Pastor Manani) was asked to visit our mission of Rhodesia for one week on his way to Port Elizabeth, South Africa. It was agreed that Pastor Vumah should be invited to come to Malawi with Mr. Magodi.

Regarding Conference Workers: It was said by Pastor Pearson that there was a great need for Conference workers to be trained so that they could be doing their work well. It would help much if a church Advisory Committee were organized to each and every church, with pastors encouraged to sign a kind of agreement form for their work.

Regarding Youth Sabbath School Class: It was agreed that special lessons should be prepared. Mrs. Bettie Pearson was asked to prepare these lessons.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on March 18 and 19, 1969.

ECUMENICAL NEWS

Consultation Committee Set Up

A task force of the National Council of Churches held two lively meetings to discuss the Black Manifesto and to draft a proposal for the Executive Committee to act on at its scheduled June 23 meeting. Seventh Day Baptists were represented at the first two meetings but not the Executive Committee.

The committee (with 22 of its 25 members present) on June 23 drew up a 530 word preliminary response to the demands (\$500 million) of the National Black Economic Conference contained in the Black Manifesto. A NCC news release summarizes the action by saying that the Executive Committee agreed to appoint a committee of sixteen members "empowered to enter into consultation with the NBEDC to recommend program proposals for the NCC," and directed it to report on these proposals July 14. Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president, was named head of the sixteen member committee, eight of whom are from Black communions.

Forman Asked To Desist

Representatives of the National Council of Churches and other denominational agencies which had been "occupied" by supporters of the National Black Economic Development Conference met in New York with James Forman to urge the black militant to "let up" on his pressure. (Mr. Forman is the author of the Black Manifesto aimed at the churches.)

Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, told NCC employees in the Inter-church Center that the denominational agencies were coming to the point of taking some action against the NBEDC leader.

The agencies, occupied in an effort to win recognition for the demands and legitimacy of NBEDC, are the United Church of Christ Board of World Ministries, the United Methodist Board of

Missions, the Reformed Church in America headquarters, the United Presbyterian Board of National Missions, and the National Council.

Dr. Espy told his staff that representatives from the affected units were meeting with Mr. Forman on the National Council floor and were stating "their strong desire for Forman to cease and desist." The National Council has been trying to keep open lines of communication with the militants, Dr. Espy continued, but there "comes a time at which the demands have been heard."

In other developments around the country, Mr. Forman, speaking in Cincinnati June 12, said NBEDC would ask the churches for \$3 billion, instead of the former \$500 million, in "reparations" for their role in "exploiting" blacks.

—ABNS

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Southern Baptists Reject Manifesto

The following material from a news release of the Southern Baptist Convention clears up the matter of that convention's reaction to the Black Manifesto of James Forman and the NBEDC which was mentioned in the June 23 issue. The convention spent considerable time debating a strongly worded resolution which, as passed, stated:

"Be it further resolved that we reject in total the demands, principles and methods espoused by the National Black Economic Development Council which has made outrageous claims against religious bodies in our nation, proclaiming our disapproval of the intimidation, threats, and ultimatums propagated by the leaders of this movement"

Rumors had been rampant that the author of the Black Manifesto, James Forman, might come to the convention to present personally his demands for reparations, but Forman never showed.

As adopted by the convention, the strongly-worded resolution not only rejected the demands of black militants for reparations, but also expressed apprecia-

tion for those persons and agencies which have made courageous efforts to work for racial justice and human betterment in difficult areas.

The resolution concluded by calling upon "all citizens of whatever race, creed or national origin to work for racial justice, economic improvement, political emancipation, educational advancement and Christian understanding among all peoples of the nation and world."

The position of Southern Baptists toward the black manifesto contrasted sharply with that of a visiting fraternal messenger, Thomas Kilgore, Jr., of Los Angeles, Negro president of the American Baptist Convention.

Sabbath Rally Day Echoes

The Sabbath Promotion Committee of the Tract Society furnished suggestions and materials to the churches for the observance of the annual Sabbath Rally Day, May 17. The committee later sent out a questionnaire to get some echoes that might be of help in preparing material for next year. Although it is known that many pastors and Sabbath School superintendents made use of the materials the questionnaires have not yet come back in sufficient numbers to help much in planning for the third Sabbath in May 1970. What sort of materials would be of most help in making your Sabbath Rally Day as significant as you think it ought to be? If you have not returned your questionnaire try to do so.

Jesus did not come to set up a new religion or do away with the old. Rather He came to show us the Father and reveal to us true worship of Him in spirit and in truth.

—Paul Beebe

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.—The pastor and a number of others drove to the Southeastern Association and camp at Lost Creek and Berea, W. Va. There were no morning services scheduled at

the church June 28 and July 5. After returning from West Virginia Pastor and Mrs. Van Horn will make a trip to Mexico to visit the Seventh Day Baptist churches there. This will be the second tour of the Mexican churches for the pastor. The first was an official visit with the Rev. Leon R. Lawton.

—Bulletin

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—Correspondence from a church worker tells of the new venture in trying to reach the children in a fairly large area around the church. Instead of Vacation Bible School (which the church has not felt led to undertake in recent years) a big effort has been put forth for a five-day Bible Club using the facilities of the church and the adjoining Parish House.

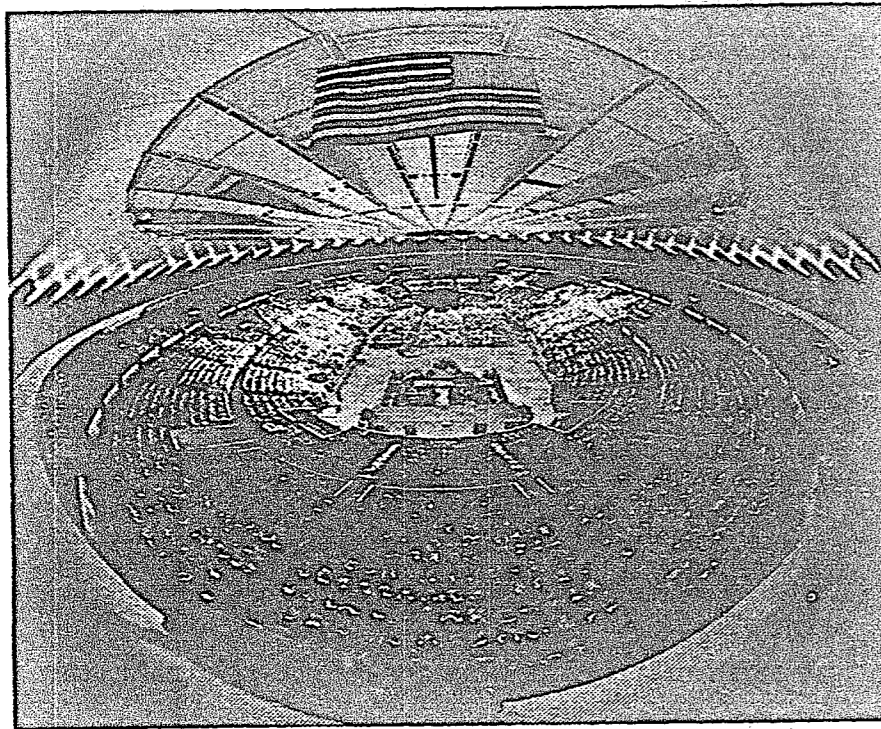
On one Sabbath afternoon the young people hung Bible Club notices in the form of a hand on the doors of 350 homes. The process was duplicated the next Sabbath. At the time of writing it was not known what the response would be. The correspondent says: "We are quite thrilled at the prospect for a new type of witness for the Lord within the local area of the church. There are many unchurched children that we hope to interest and do a good job on follow-up to get them into our Sabbath School in the coming months."

To see the project through Evelyn Gibson gave up one week of her vacation, Jackie Wells took mornings off from work, and Steve Crouch, the SCSC worker, gave a week. Others were prepared to help in crafts and snacks.

MILTON, WIS.—June 14 was Children's Day at the church. The bulletin gives the names of the children who took part in the morning service and then notes the message given by C. Justin Camenga. The subject looks a little like our Conference theme but also a little different, "Centsitivity and Sendsitivity in His Service." It would appear that the speaker wanted to make it clear that some dollars and "sends" are involved in the service of Christ.

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Madison Square Garden Crusade



Here's the way it looked (with a 180 degree lens) in New York's Madison Square Garden Sunday night (June 22), as an overflow audience of 24,000 heard Billy Graham preach the last sermon of his New York Crusade. The viewpoint is from above the top balcony behind the platform, which looks larger than the crowd seated on the main floor. The camera lens picks up the unique suspended ceiling as well as the attentive crowd filling the auditorium. When the invitation was given each night all the floor space, including aisles was filled with people who had come down from the balconies to register their decisions for Christ. Slightly more than 20,000 persons were in the Garden itself with the remaining 4,000 people in two overflow auditoriums nearby. The overflow halls were equipped with closed circuit color television. More than 250,000 heard the evangelist during the 10-day crusade in America's largest city.

Another Student Revolution

We hear much about the revolt of students, for it has been the news of the hour. There seems to be a strong evidence that it is quite undemocratic and that much of it is related to the aims of the Communist revolution. But there is a different campus revolution coming say some who ought to know.

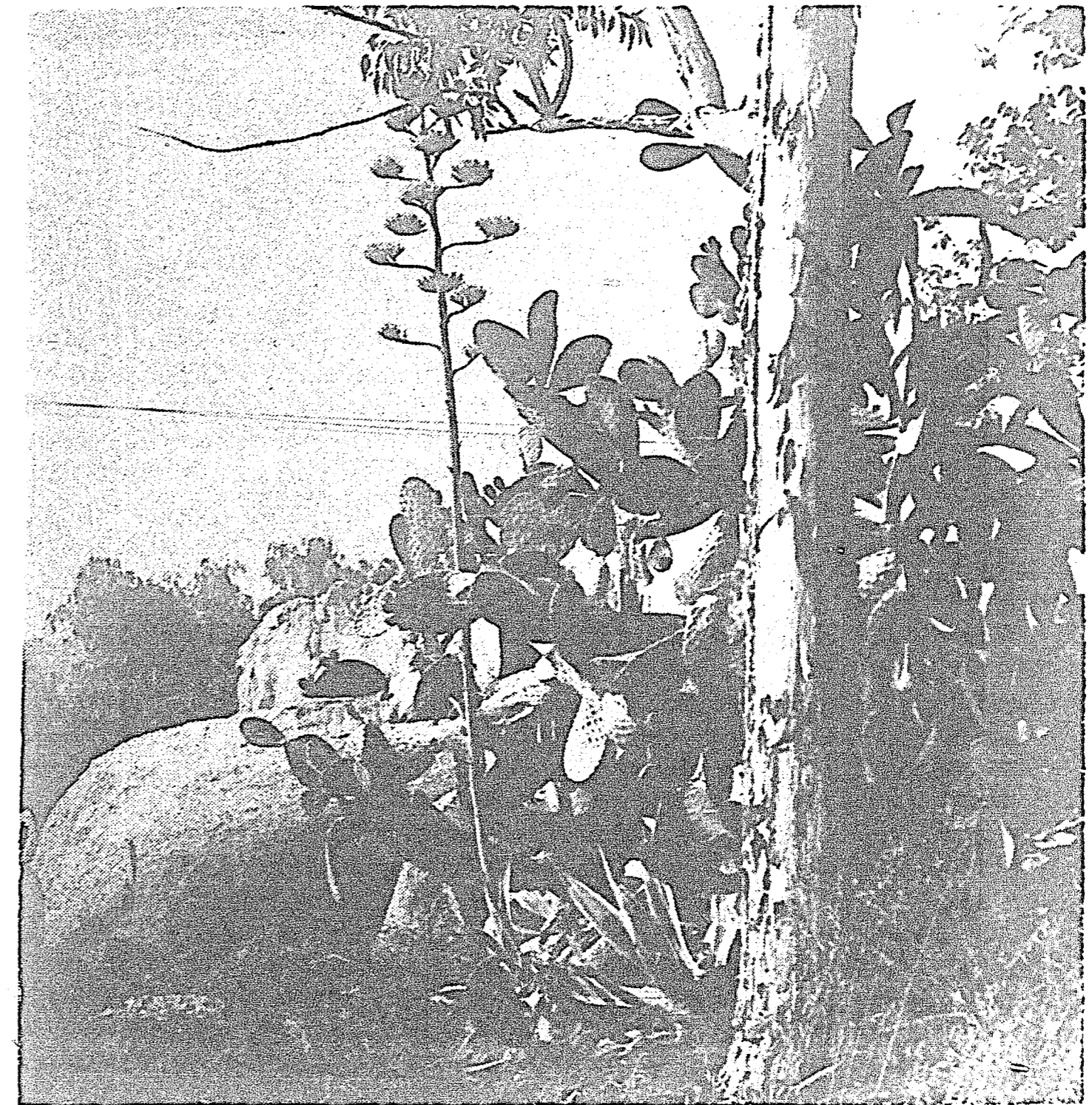
"In a few years we will be involved in the greatest spiritual awakening in 2,000 years. Today tens of thousands of college students are turning to Christ in campus revolutions around the world." So writes Levi O. Keidel, Jr., in the May issue of *World Vision Magazine*, an evangelical, ecumenical reporter of the Christian mission scene.

The activity of such campus organizations as IVCF, the Navigators, and Campus Crusade are making an impact on the non-Christian students. The last named group is coming up strong. It was a current staff of 1,400 working on 400 U.S. campuses and in 40 foreign countries. Their goal is to be in every country of the world by 1976 with an international staff of 10,000.

Seventh Day Baptists have been active to some extent in all three of these organizations contributing to the forthcoming Christian student revolution and are increasingly active in the fast growing Campus Crusade movement.

—Editor

Warren C. Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., told 5,000 Southern Baptist ministers that evangelism and social concerns are not antagonistic, but complementary, if rightly understood.



The Hand of God in Nature

By the providence of God the desert blossoms as a rose. Withstanding drought and sun, conserving what little moisture is available, the century plant rises from between the rocks to bloom defiantly. It shares space with the deathless fruit-bearing cactus and the sturdy eucalyptus tree on an otherwise barren California mountain. Viewing such perseverance and achievement of beauty in the midst of obstacles, how can man, God's crowning act of creation, give up when the going is a little rough?