

# The Sabbath Recorder

## Paris Pop Star

### Converted by New Testament

A former night club singer and pop recording star in Paris now devotes his talents to evangelistic meetings and recording religious music.

Gil Bernard is the son of a Moroccan Jewish family who came to Paris at the age of 26 with bright hopes for the future. For a time, it seemed that he was about to realize all his hopes and dreams.

"When a young man of 26 comes to Paris to win over the glamorous world of the music hall, he first of all is completely overwhelmed by the big city," Bernard said.

The youth began with performances on the night-club circuit, and then moved up into the big time of radio and television and recording contracts.

But success was not without its problems. "The more money I earned, the more I lost at gambling," Bernard recalled one day "when I lost at poker one entire year of my copyright income."

Added to his other problems was a marriage that seemed about to break up because of conflicting personalities.

During this time a missionary bringing a copy of the New Testament visited the couple. Several "missionary" editions of the Scriptures, designed to sell at a very low price, had been produced by the French Bible Society in 1967 and 1968 to encourage evangelism and mis-

sions. Through personal contact and through reading the Bible both Bernard and his wife were led to profess faith in Christ.

Bernard continued his career in the entertainment world, but longed to do something different. Then last spring the French Baptist Federation asked him to sing gospel music during their nationwide crusade.

"For four years I had been waiting to sing the Gospel of Jesus Christ," he said. "This offer to sing publicly for Christ was the turning point of my life."

Six months later he left the entertainment world.

—ABS News Briefs

## Ecumenical Gifts Needed

Attention is again called to the need for special contributions to designated funds for the World Fellowship and Service phase of the Our World Mission. More specifically the pledges to the National Council of the Churches of Christ and to the World Council of Churches are in need of our support.

As of June 30 we had a total giving of \$75.32 toward an NCC pledge of \$150. To the World Council, toward a pledge of \$240, there is in hand \$37.98. While \$133.48 has been received toward the WCC budget, \$95.50 of that amount was used to complete payment of last year's pledge. This leaves us owing \$74.68 to complete our NCC \$150.00 pledge, and \$202.02 to complete the WCC \$240 pledge.

The council would urge that special attention be given to these two agencies in our designated giving prior to December.

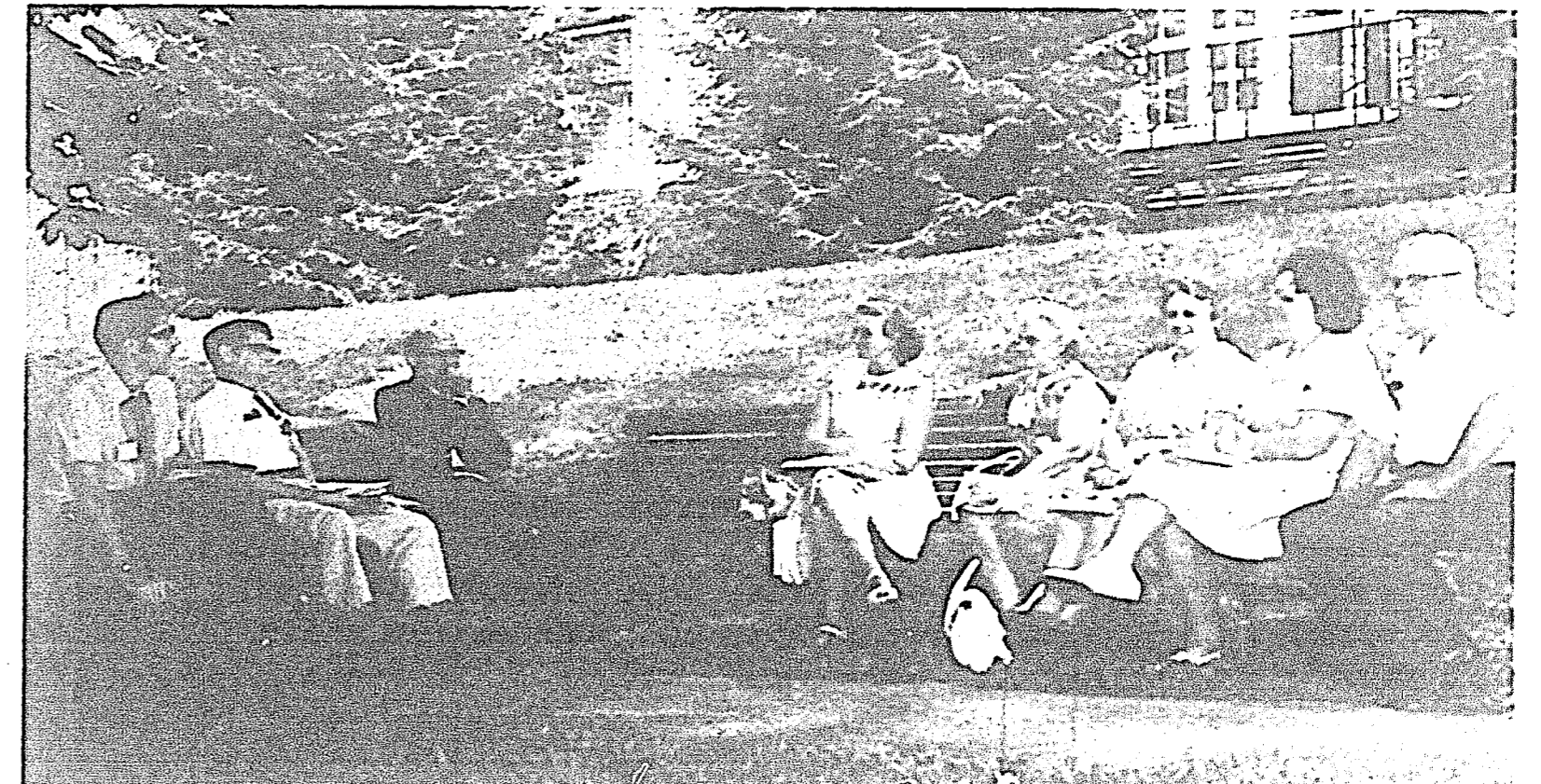
—Council on Ecumenical Affairs

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 6, 1969

GOD GRANTS ISRAEL A KING

Lesson Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:4-7; 9:27 through 10:1b; 12:19-22; 18:8-9



## What Is General Conference?

Conference is all the delegates and visitors assembled to hear addresses or to transact necessary business. Conference is also a large number of small discussion groups as pictured here. Above is one of the sensitivity groups questioning themselves as to how they could be more sensitive to the needs of others. Below is a portion of the committee to consider missionary work on the home field, pondering questions.

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## Conference Attendance

One way to report or estimate the impact of the annual session of our General Conference is to see how many were present, and how representative the delegates and visitors were of the churches. It is interesting to try to estimate how well the people attended the meetings after they got there. How much interest did they take in the fourteen committees to which they were named, the sixteen sensitivity groups that met during prime time, the Bible studies, the business sessions, and the evening meetings? Accurate statistics on attendance at the various meetings mentioned are not available — just guesses in most cases.

What can be observed from the report of the Credentials Committee that may help us to evaluate the "pull" of the Conference program?

In a word, one felt that Conference started stronger and interest was more sustained than usual. Moreover, although there were many new people at the end of the week the influx was not as great as anticipated. Of the 586 delegates and visitors who registered, 525 were registered by Monday, the first day of scheduled meetings. All available rooms were spoken for before supper time on Sunday. If the college had not opened up more houses for young folks and allowed doubling up in some rooms there would have been a real shortage of rooms for those who registered late. Some churches exceeded their quotas of voting delegates while others fell somewhat below, and a few had none present. The Credentials Committee announced 386 registered delegates plus seven duplicates. There were forty-six ministers and pastors attending and members of fifty-one churches, which is pretty good.

The absence of some ministers was noted. The reasons for absence were probably diverse. Economic reasons can be presumed to have played a part in the absence of retired ministered whose income is low and there is no church to help. Sickness and funerals kept some away as did births and marriages. Interestingly, a marriage (his own) brought one California pastor east, a wedding (his son's) kept another California pastor on the West Coast. Speaking of West

Coast ministers, two who are employed in other than pastorates were present; one was not. Of the retired ministers listed in the *Yearbook* Paul Burdick was the only one present. A few of the other ministers missed were Clifford Hansen, Wayne Maxson, Melvin Nida, Ernest Bee, Jr., Earl Cruzan, and Elmo Randolph.

Attendance of those registered seemed quite consistent through the week. The board programs were better attended than sometimes. The auditorium was well suited to smaller or larger audiences, being much wider than it was deep. It is probable that, with the closeness of the platform to the people and the absence of outside noise, the speakers could have made themselves heard without the public address system. Business could have been carried on without calling participants to a microphone, but amplification made things go better and enabled the volunteer technicians to tape-record everything.

A greater number of young people than usual showed a keen interest in the working part of Conference. They were well sprinkled through the committees and sensitivity groups. At the beginning of the week they constituted about one-third of the total number on the campus. They were interested in the evening meetings, which included two or three vital testimonies each day and were a little less formal than delegates have been accustomed to in recent years. The structure of the whole program emphasized vigor and life, which probably contributed to the sustained attendance.

A few more figures are needed to round out the picture of attendance by ages. All ages of children were well taken care of with profitable meetings as was apparent when the different groups showed what they had learned in programs presented Sabbath afternoon. There was a nursery for the little tots as usual. Primary Conference enrolled twenty. Junior Conference had an attendance regularly of twenty-one. Junior High was larger, with twenty-nine young folks who had profitable training in doctrine and witnessing.

## Vanishing Problems

Were there any problems connected with General Conference at Nyack? Of course there were a few, and probably not everybody was completely satisfied with the facilities or the program. A few general remarks may pretty well express the way most people felt about how things went.

People seemed happy from the beginning to the end. Daily discussions on being sensitive to the physical, personal, and spiritual needs of others undoubtedly contributed to the general spirit of love and happiness that seemed to brighten the faces of people. Discontent, bickering and strife were noticeably absent outside the buildings and in discussion and business sessions.

There were a few large problems faced by the Host Committee, almost all of which were resolved ahead of time or did not loom nearly as large as expected when the time came. It can be aptly said that one of the best ways to cause frustrating problems to disappear is to anticipate them with adequate preparation. The chairman of the Host Committee, the Rev. Herbert Saunders, had spent many hours and days giving attention to details of room assignments, signs, and other matters long before Conference began. The Entertainment Committee and other committees had their procedures well in mind for smooth functioning.

Things would have been much more centralized and convenient if the construction of the large Student Center had been completed. The college had fully expected to have it ready in the fall of 1968. There were legal and other delays. We got along without it fairly well — as the student body did also during the year. Lack of a centralized headquarters, display area, and dining area was a handicap, but it was found that the new gymnasium was not particularly needed and the auditorium building, Pardington Hall, was adequate even for Sabbath Day. The college had been worried about feeding our people at the price agreed upon, but it worked out remarkably well for us and for them. Cafeteria lines were long, but the food was good. There was

time for much social fellowship in and around the expansive dining rooms.

Problems other than physical could well have arisen at this Conference. There were some anticipated. Doctrinal and ecumenical disagreements could have come to a festering head, but they did not. They were not tabled nor swept under the rug in a conscious effort to dodge them, so far as your editor could observe. There was nothing really new along this line. The attitude seemed to be that we should be sensitive and working together rather than arguing, and trying to force agreement without full understanding. People were impressed with the need to be watchful of ecumenical trends, to be sensitive to social needs, but above all to be active in the work of the Kingdom to which we are called. The emphasis of the president, of the evangelists, field workers, and secretaries was on moving forward on all fields, particularly by means of consistent personal witnessing. This seemed wholesome and promisingly productive.

### Conference Elections

The report of the Nominating Committee (which is composed largely of individuals named by the various associations) is always awaited by the delegates with keen interest because the nominees for office made by the committee are seldom added to from the floor. The greatest interest is shown in the first vice-president and the new members of Commission since they in a sense, will be guiding the destiny of the denomination for several years. It will be recalled that election of the next president, though highly important, is determined a year in advance, since the first vice-president is expected to succeed to the presidency.

President Edgar F. Wheeler, whose inaugural message will appear soon on these pages, has already served one year on Commission and Planning Committee. Nominated and elected first vice-president was Stephen Thorngate, M.D., 1022 Adobe Lane, Pebble Beach, Calif. 93953. He is associated with the Thorngate Medical Center at Monterey, Calif. The family

### MEMORY TEXT

The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord.  
—Jeremiah 23:28

has sponsored a Seventh Day Baptist fellowship in that area ever since the starting of their medical center shortly after the end of World War II. Dr. Stephen Thorngate was present at this Conference serving on the Young People's Work Committee and active in Sensitivity Group 2.

Second and third vice-presidents, who do not normally move up, are Miss Esther Burdick of Waterford, Conn., and Robert L. Butler, Jr., of Brownsboro, Ala. A new assistant recording secretary, Mrs. Eugene Fatato was elected. The treasurer of General Conference is also changed from Mrs. William McAllister of South Plainfield to John L. Harris, 24 Canterbury Dr., Pennsville, N. J. 08070. This treasurer handles only the funds of the General Conference, not the total funds of the OWM treasurer. Gordon Sanford continues in the latter office. Incidentally, Conference voted to change Mr. Sanford's title to denominational treasurer, a more definitive term.

New members elected to the Commission of General Conference were: Dr. Stephen Thorngate (as first vice-president) and the Rev. Leon R. Lawton. Going off are the Rev. David S. Clarke and Don V. Gray. Remaining on are: Leland W. Bond, Rev. Paul B. Osborn, Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler and Warren F. Brannon.

The complete list of nominations of trustees, standing committees, interdenominational representatives and board members will be published later in the 1969 *Yearbook*. Advance information on these officers and memberships may be obtained from the Conference office. Election of members and officers of boards and agencies must, in some cases, await annual meetings yet to be held.

### Congratulating the "Crier"

This is the second year that the daily Conference newspaper, the *Conference Crier* has been edited by Becky Butts of Alfred, N. Y., a girl with unusual journalistic and executive ability. Under her direction a staff of thirty young people did a splendid job of interviewing, writing and mimeographing. They used nearly 15,000 legal size sheets of paper, producing nearly twice that number of pages of material. The publication of six to ten pages a day was ready for distribution at the close of the evening session.

The question was asked, "How about a *Crier* telling the story of Sabbath eve and Sabbath day?" The staff had plans. When the Sabbath was over they went to work writing, typing stencils and mimeographing. They worked, some of them at least, until 5:30 in the morning and distributed a ten page edition at breakfast time to the delegates who were leaving. How do you pay young folks for such a sacrificial service? You don't; you only thank them and carry home the result of their labors to read again and to share with others in your home church. Most of the *Crier* staff did not eat at the college cafeteria but lunched at the snack bar on the campus. They could not attend much of Conference but were busy bees gathering nectar and bringing it back to the hive for refining.

The responsibility for a *Crier* editor rests with the Conference president. The gathering of equipment and supplies was easier this time than usual because Conference headquarters was only an hour and ten minutes distant. The paper and the machinery came from the Seventh Day Baptist Building and Publishing House transported by car and trailer. Among the items going out from the Plainfield building were ten typewriters, the Gestetner, the small folder, the stencils, the paper, and numerous stands and tables. Three New Jersey churches as well as some Rhode Island churches loaned tables and equipment as needed for Conference use. Quite a few electric

fans added to the comfort of workers and guests.

*The Sabbath Recorder* is drawing on the *Conference Crier* for some of the reporting of Conference since the many reporters could cover things that the editor could not look in on or find time to write about. The *Crier* staff included for the second year a young man from Amsterdam, Holland, who came back this year just for Pre-Con and Conference, John Farenhorst. The full staff is listed here:

Becky Butts	Faye Bond
Cyndi Sanford	Don Graffius
Leda Young	Linda Smith
Ed Page	Barbara Dickinsen
John Farenhorst	Linda Greene
Nora Catlin	Paul Davis
Marilyn Bennett	Bill Babcock
Ralph Mackintosh	Paul Fatato
Jude Frechette	Larry Graffius
Shelley Austin	Cathy Clarke
Chris Pederson	Carol Clarke
Bette Bond	Bruce Burdick
Lisa Cudahy	Mark Warner
Stephen Crandall	Phill Osborn
Irene Lederer	Phil Rood

### Our Prayer Corner

#### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

##### Pray for:

1) A continuation of the high level of sensitivity that pervaded the 1969 Conference.

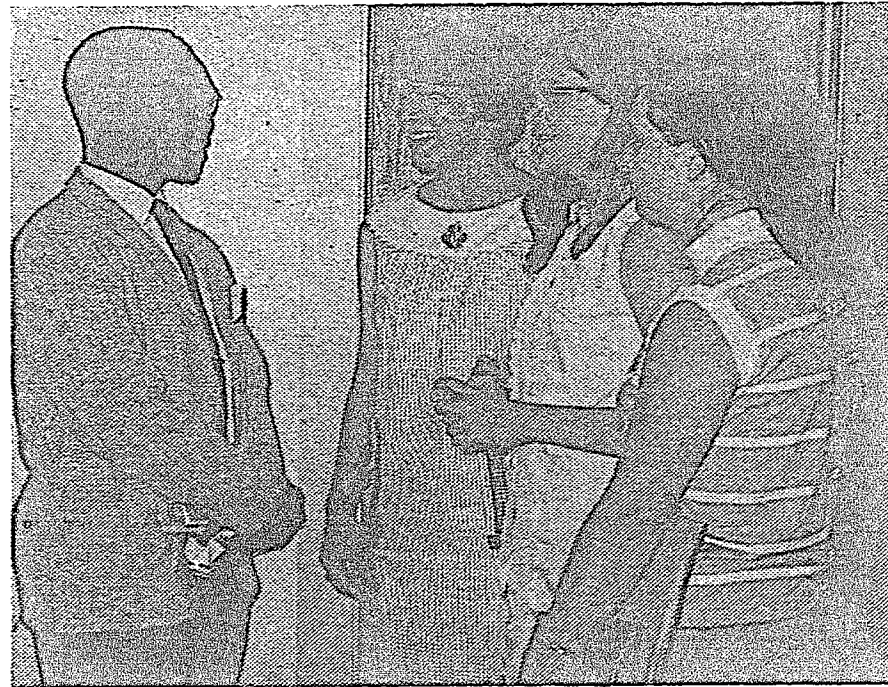
2) A grasping of the new president's theme, "Come Apart To Be a Part."

3) Rev. and Mrs. John Conrod and Sarah Becker now under appointment and preparing for missionary service in Malawi.

4) Velma Maxson volunteering to go back to Jamaica this fall and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crandall going to Jamaica before next Conference.

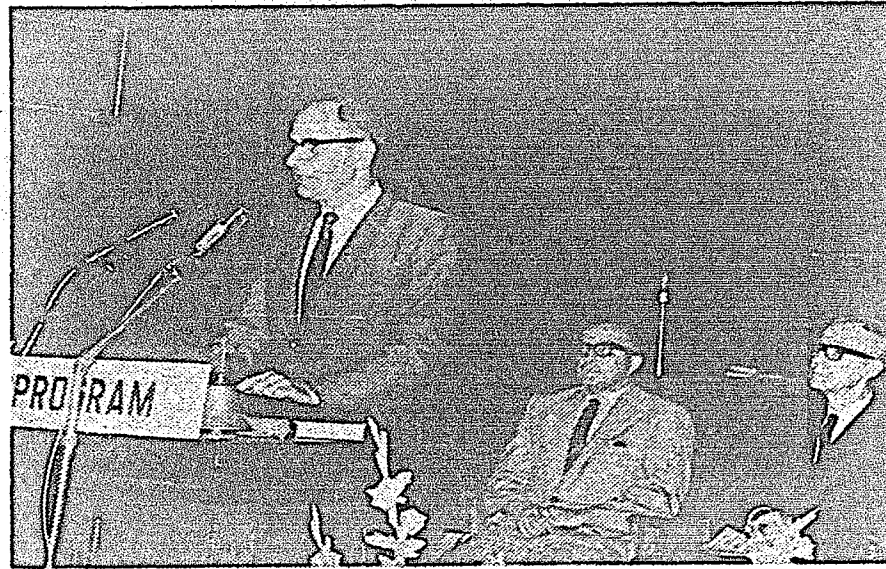
## Fraternal Delegates and Representatives

The exchange of delegates with other Seventh Day Baptist Conferences may be on the way to becoming a regular thing, limited by funds for travel, of course. This year the Jamaica Conference sent Byron Lewis to our General Conference. He was the speaker for one of the evening services and was prominent in other programs as well. (No other Conference was able to send a fraternal delegate this year.) The Rev. J. Paul Green was our fraternal delegate to the Jamaica Conference held in July. A story of his experiences will appear in an early



issue. Pictured here is Mr. Lewis visiting with three young ladies interested in Jamaica, Martha Welch, of Berea, W. Va.; Lynne Skaggs, Plainfield, N. J.; and Dorothea Merriam, Scio, N. Y.

Fraternal representatives are those who are sent (upon invitation) by other denominations. Our corresponding secretary was asked to send invitations to other Baptist conventions, namely: American Baptist, Southern Baptist, North American General Baptist, Progressive Baptist (Negro), and National Baptist (Negro). The last three did not find it convenient to exchange representatives this year. Dr. Robert G. Torbet, the head of the ecumenical relations office and a previous fraternal representative to our Conference, came from the headquarters of the American Baptist Convention. Rev. Howard Taylor, a prominent Southern



Alton Wheeler, Howard Taylor, Robert Torbet

Baptist pastor in New York State came as the representative of the Southern Baptist Convention (which has also previously sent a man). Both brought greetings and spoke briefly of the interests we hold in common and the areas where cooperation can be mutually helpful. They are pictured here being introduced by Secretary Wheeler.

### Seventh Day Baptist Decals

Seen for the first time at Conference were samples of a new three by four inch Seventh Day Baptist decal suitable for car windows, luggage or other display areas. These hexagonal decals are most attractive, done in glossy gold, blue, red, white, and black. They proved very popular at Nyack when offered after the Tract Board program. Because of their high quality they have to be priced at 25 cents each. The balance of the order was delivered during Conference, so the supply is now ample. Order from the American Sabbath Tract Society, P.O. Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061. Proudly identify yourself with this Seventh Day Baptist emblem of convenient size.

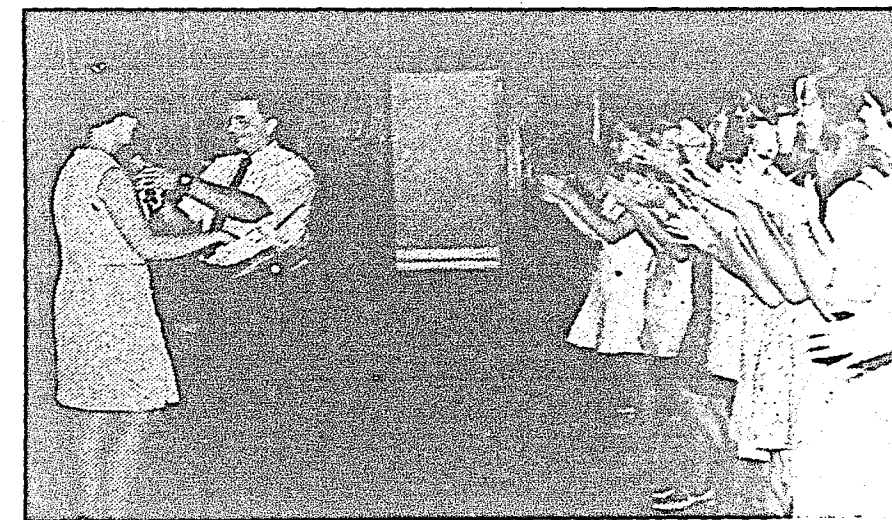
### Annual Meeting Notice

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held on September 21, 1969, at 2:00 p.m., in the Parish House of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. All delegates to General Conference at Nyack, N. Y., are eligible to attend and vote.

## Musical Participation

Those who have consistently attended General Conference, as a large number have, are sure to speak of the music and perhaps compare one year with another as to what the message of the singers did for them. It is hoped that someone will later say some words that do justice to this year's special music; it was good; it was uplifting, and full of meaning. There was not quite as much Conference choir music as sometimes, but there were groups small and large that inspired a sensitive audience.

The first striking musical presentation was that of the Youth Pre-Con group of nearly 100 voices on Monday evening. The youth marched in by ones and twos from the back of the auditorium filling all four aisles. Standing silently, at a given signal they burst into the drumming sound of "Reconciliation." It beat upon the ears of the surrounded congregation in a never-to-be-forgotten proclamation of the gospel. Reconciliation is one theological word that by song and choral reading made an impression. The remainder of the Youth Pre-Con presentation from the deep-set choir loft was inspiring under the direction of Barbara Saunders. As a token of their appreciation the youth, at the hand of Glen Warner, director of Pre-Con, presented Mrs. Saunders with a beautiful corsage.



The clapping in the accompanying picture shows that the young folks really appreciated the musical training and leadership of Barbara Saunders.

The director of the Conference choir, Mrs. Francis Saunders, also did a magnificent job with the main choir.

## Planning Committee

The denominational Planning Committee, which holds two or three week-long sessions during the year and a shorter meeting just prior to Conference met in the Seventh Day Baptist Building for a longer than usual session jointly with the Commission of General Conference Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the first week of August. The meeting with Commission was largely discussion of budgetary planning and program matters of mutual concern.

The separate meeting of the Planning Committee with two members unable to be present, was held Friday morning, August 8. Quite a number of agenda items were considered and acted upon. Among these were: reporting progress on advance program planning to Conference, laying plans for publicity and church visitation, and a decision about how to handle continuing correspondence with outside groups and individuals. These inquiries normally come to the corresponding secretary of the Tract Society. It was decided that continuing correspondence would be under the direction of a committee comprised of Leon M. Maltby, chairman, Herbert E. Saunders and Alton L. Wheeler, all of Plainfield, N. J.

Another joint meeting of Planning Committee and Commission was held Sabbath night, August 16, after the close of Conference. It continued until midnight. Several matters of mutual concern were taken up. The greater portion of time was given to a presentation by Esther Burdick of what she had observed in her year's work with young people and consideration of her suggestions for dedicated service of youth in the year to come. There will be further consideration of such plans at the fall meeting of Planning Committee scheduled for the week that ends September and begins October.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 13, 1969

DAVID'S REIGN — ISRAEL'S GLORY  
Lesson Scripture: 2 Samuel 5:1-5,  
9-12; 6:12-15

## President's Address

(First morning of Conference)

Following are extracts from President Leland Bond's address. Last week's cover picture and the accompanying snapshot help us to visualize some of the emphasis.



This year, as your president, must be classified as one of the greatest years of my life. God has blessed and guided. He has, I believe, been leading all the way. I approached this responsibility with fear and uncertainty, but have ended this experience greatly strengthened.

I am thankful for the support given me this year and especially for the prayers that have meant so very much. Truly, I feel that our theme "Sensitive in His Service" has been a vital part of the very lives of many individuals throughout our denomination. Everywhere I traveled, I discovered evidences of real sensitivity. People were making efforts to meet my challenges by:

1. Putting Christ first in their lives;
2. Reading their Bibles regularly and studying the book of James;
3. Praying regularly and specifically;
4. Making efforts to be aware of the needs of their families, neighbors, local church, their minister and his family and those that faithfully serve our denomination.

Many acts of sensitivity have been demonstrated to me by the wonderful way that individuals and groups have responded in accepting the responsibilities of this Conference.

God came into my life by His Holy Spirit at a time when I needed Him most in order that I might be more "Sensitive

in His Service." As many of you know, I have tried to share this blessed experience with you. My desire has been that through my personal witness you too might find God, who can help you meet your needs as He helped me meet mine.

Through unprecedented cooperation from my company through this past year I have had the opportunity to visit and speak in at least seventeen churches and have attended associations where I have visited with the representatives of at least fifteen more churches. I have seen the will of God working in these churches. I shall never forget the experiences with the college youth groups at Salem and Alfred, as well as with youth wherever I went. I have hopes for the future.

It was a unique privilege for me to give my personal testimony and represent Seventh Day Baptists at the Baptist Men's Congress on Evangelism and Lay Involvement in Nashville, Tenn., last month. All my travels have yielded valuable insights into our wonderful denomination and the people who compose it.

My friends, we are gathered here this week in Nyack, N. Y., to further explore the unknown and the known, to discover more of what it means to be "Sensitive in His Service" and to discover ways and means of making our theme work in our personal lives and in the life of our denomination.

We have just recently witnessed with our very eyes one of the greatest scientific accomplishments of mankind. Of course I refer to our landing of man on the moon. It occurred to me that we might draw several analogies from this historic event.

First of all, I feel that this Conference might well be looked upon as a historic event in Seventh Day Baptist history, for this very day we could begin a series of events which would launch Seventh Day Baptists into orbit around this world.

(At this point the speaker uncovered the S.D.B. rocket.)

Less than ten years ago the United States set the goal, "A man on the moon by 1970." The primary purpose was

probably to beat the Russians. I'm sure you will agree that when we have established a purpose for doing something we, too, usually find a way to accomplish it. Friends, I feel that the time has come for Seventh Day Baptists of this generation to define their purpose for existence. I for one believe that we do have a definite *purpose*. I feel that God wants us to spread the message of salvation to the world. I believe that He wants us to demonstrate to the world what He means by living a Christian life and keeping His Commandments. We have heard in the last few weeks how the unexpected discoveries associated with our moon flight may be worth more than the original objectives. I want to witness to the fact that the unexpected discovery of Christ in my life is worth more than my original objective of being a devoted church member. It naturally follows that I would now believe that our primary purpose as Seventh Day Baptists would be to proclaim the Christ and to help others discover Him, and thus naturally will follow the desire to keep His Sabbath holy. I believe that our purposes have been well stated in our "Statement of Beliefs," but do we really believe them and put them in practice?

Our space scientists have a program—or a plan. It is carefully laid out with specific timetables. Men are dedicated to that program. I believe that it is time for Seventh Day Baptists to develop a meaningful *program*—a program directed toward our purposes—a program in which we are dedicated. Our astronauts spent months and weeks in training. Do we need a training program? Is prayer a part of that program? Our program must be geared to include all our people working together. Do you remember how Mike Collins directed his remarks from space in recognition of the hundreds of people who worked together to make their mission a success? Our program should be one in which we as individuals are working together to make our purposes succeed.

All of you remember how the astronauts went through their check lists.

They had a *procedure* to follow. My observations of other vital and growing denominations indicate to me that they have a procedure for accomplishing their purposes. It further appears to me that we as Seventh Day Baptists have little to offer in this area. In sales we have a technique or a procedure to follow in making a sale. What are the techniques of Jehovah's Witnesses, Adventists or other growing denominations?

I believe that Christ and His disciples gave us an example of a good procedure, which was personal witnessing. I have had the opportunity this year to see this kind of procedure work. What has made our SCSC program successful? I feel that it has been the personal witnessing done by these young people. Why shouldn't we have an adult SCSC program with adults going out to witness? I am certain that the lack of growth among Seventh Day Baptists is due to our unwillingness to witness beyond ourselves.

E. Stanley Jones says that the constitution of India has a clause that reads, "The right to profess, practice and propagate one's faith is guaranteed." Someone has said, "The duty to propagate is inherent in the Christian faith, so if you do not propagate you do not have the right to profess and practice." Have we given up our rights to profess and practice because we have failed to propagate our faith?

I feel that if we would work on developing a *procedure* of witnessing we would begin to propagate our faith.

One other lesson we can learn from our moon mission is that certain procedures have *priority*. Priority for the Christian is putting Christ first. Are we as Seventh Day Baptists putting Christ first? Have we been operating with a wrong set of priorities?

The instruments used for the moon mission were unbelievable. The instrument package which would make it possible for Seventh Day Baptists to launch their mission is not very big. However, if we will let our mission be controlled

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African Interests Committee  
of Missionary Board

By Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler, Chairman

As presented to General Conference  
at Nyack, N. Y., August 15, 1969

Six words will give us an outline for  
reviewing the Malawi work:

- A ggressive Action
- F oresight
- R eplacements
- I ncorporation
- C hallenge
- A nticipation

**Aggressive Action.** From one of the African pastors, Otrain Manani, has come the suggestion that the World Federation of Seventh Day Baptists become, in part, a missionary agency. Thus Seventh Day Baptists in other lands would share in the world missionary endeavor of Seventh Day Baptists. Seventh Day Baptists in Malawi have indeed expressed their own initiative through missionary contacts in Portuguese East Africa, South Africa, and Rhodesia. When Pastor Manani was refused an entrance visa to South Africa, he expressed the hope that the time set apart for that effort could be used to aid Pastor Vumah in Salisbury, Rhodesia. There is a commendable aggressiveness among the people of the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists.

**Foresight.** With the building of a home for a director of evangelism in Blantyre (remember the "Bricks for Blantyre?"), and the return of Pastor and Mrs. David Pearson to Blantyre to fill this office and to carry on a ministerial training program, African leaders became aware that this city was a strategic area for advance of Seventh Day Baptist work. Accordingly, they requested of the Malawi Housing Corporation, and were granted the opportunity to lease a plot of land in the city on which to build a house of worship and a parsonage for the pastor. They are now enthusiastically working to secure the funds necessary for the required development of the land.

**Replacements.** Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick plan to return to this country in July 1970, and he plans to go into a residency in White Memorial Hospital in California. After prayerful and prolonged efforts, a family has been secured to take up the work at Makapwa Station. They are the Rev. and Mrs. John Conrod and family of Marlboro, New Jersey. This does reflect some change in the status of the medical work, as we will no longer have a resident doctor, but it is anticipated that a clinic and maternity unit can be maintained. Miss Sarah Becker, R.N., who has already served one term as missionary nurse at Makapwa, has agreed to go again in the spring of 1970 and assist in this matter.

**Incorporation.** After prolonged effort, the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists has realized its dream of incorporation and registration with the Malawi government. Now they can hold property title.

This step is very significant in our goal of indigenization of the church there, giving the Africans increasing control of and responsibility for its work. The training of Mr. Dzumani in London as a male nurse is a step in this direction, as it is expected that he will take over much of the medical work at Makapwa upon his return.

**Challenge.** A growing sense of the call to pastoral ministry is evident among the Africans. Nine Seventh Day Baptist men are enrolled for ministerial training in the Likubula Bible Institute in Blantyre. Pastor Pearson is giving additional training in Seventh Day Baptist beliefs at the training center in his home. In addition, he plans to spend several weeks this fall in teaching pastors and leaders in the less developed Northern Region of Malawi.

**Anticipation.** Some time ago, an appeal was made to the Missionary Board for a missionary to lead in expanding the work in northern Malawi, where leadership is desperately needed. Regretfully, the Missionary Board had to reply that our resources would not permit us to send additional personnel at this time, but suggested that the churches of the

Southern Region move to fill this need. They willingly responded and made plans to share their own pastors periodically for ministering in the North. In addition, it was agreed that Pastor Pearson would help to meet the need.

As we have seen Seventh Day Baptists taking the initiative and working with vision for the future in Malawi, and as we have seen faithful leaders emerge among developing Seventh Day Baptist groups in Portuguese East Africa, South Africa and Rhodesia, we look to the future of the African community of believers with assured anticipation that it will continue to grow and to make its influence felt throughout the world.

Please pray for the Africans, for their leaders and our workers on the field, that their faith and vision fail not, but continue to grow and express themselves in like measure.

President's Address

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by the Master Computer, Jesus Christ, we cannot fail to reach His planet. It is when we finally become "Sensitive in His Service" that we can successfully launch it. I do not feel that it is impossible for Seventh Day Baptists to make this journey into the unknown.

O. K. Armstrong a former senator from Missouri and currently a writer for the *Reader's Digest* told us in Nashville recently how *enthusiasm* really works. He arrived about 10:30 one night at his hotel in Denver, Colorado, for a speaking engagement at a Church of God Assembly the next day. He had had a trying week and was exhausted. He had just crawled in bed when someone knocked at his door and announced that there was a 12 o'clock prayer meeting that night and they wanted him to attend. He was tired and tried to excuse himself, but they wouldn't take no for an answer, so reluctantly he joined them. The meeting lasted until 2 a.m. What a prayer meeting it was! Mr. Armstrong later observed, "You have to be enthusiastic to keep up with those people. Why you even have to sleep enthusi-

astically if you are going to get enough rest." I've been looking for *enthusiasm* among Seventh Day Baptists. Where is it? I can tell you that unless we can develop a different kind of fuel through conversion by the Holy Spirit we will never find it.

If we expect to get our Seventh Day Baptist rocket off the ground, a lot will depend upon the kind of fuel we use. Our final product may need to be put through a conversion process. This conversion which has as its catalyst, the Holy Spirit, will produce a fuel which has the unlimited power of *enthusiasm*. What has contributed to the successful launches of our recent probes by the SCSC? I believe it can be traced to the fuel that they have used which is power packed with *enthusiasm*.

I feel that the analogies I have presented have their application in each and every person's own life, the life of his church, and in the life of our denomination.

I propose to you that if Seventh Day Baptists would define their purpose, develop a program, establish procedures, operate with priority, fuel with enthusiasm, and guide with sensitivity we could successfully launch our own probe into the unknown which would lead us to the discovery of a place in God's Eternity.

So saying, President Bond pulled some cords and the S.D.B. rocket was launched to the ceiling. The large audience (one third young people) seemed to be with him in eye, ear, and heart. Each day one of these emphasized words was removed from the blackboard and placed on the pulpit as the theme for the day.

A Believable Church

The church will become believable to the world when its actions are consistent with its beliefs, when it lives like its Master — dangerously, openly, sacrificially, heroically; not cowardly, timidly, unlovingly, afraid of itself.

Robert T. Smart  
Provost of the University of Richmond  
in an address to S. E. Baptist Seminary

## Junior Conference

Many of those who are now grandfathers had their first experiences of attending Conference when they were of junior age. Junior Conference is no new thing, but it is a great experience for the many who attend it for the first time, or several times. It sets patterns that may last a lifetime. Thus to be the leader of Junior Conference is a sobering responsibility. This year the job was given to Bob Harris, college student from Shiloh, N. J., who is looking toward the ministry and has had two summers in SCSC. He wrote the following story for the Conference *Crier* after the first session. When his group came to the platform on the last day it was apparent that the juniors thought highly of him and that they had learned much during the week from the daily program as he outlines it here.

"The theme for the 1969 Junior Conference is 'Sensitive to God and Others.' The spirit of sensitivity was felt in many ways on the first day. The Conference started with a short devotional thought by the director, Robert Harris.

"Highlights of the morning included a Bible study of Psalm 150, presented by Mrs. Ella Sheppard, a deaconess of the Shiloh church. In this study we discussed different ways people back in the time of David worshiped God, and the different musical instruments they used.

"Miss Alice Rood and Miss Gretchen Zwiebel led a time of singing together. Cathy Clarke talked to the group about drama and what we will be doing later in the week.

"The afternoon began with a worship service presented by Miss Florence Bowden, followed by recreation.

"Highlights of the week will include a presentation by a member of the Board of Christian Education, and a member of the American Sabbath Tract Society, along with presentations by Rev. Neal Mills about Jamaica and General Secretary Alton Wheeler. We are looking forward to more Bible studies this week.

"The Junior Conference staff and members are happily learning together what sensitivity is. We are striving to achieve

it along with the rest of Conference and the denomination this week in Nyack."

### WHAT CONFERENCE MEANT TO ME

"Conference was great. I'm speaking of Junior Conference which was led by Mr. Bob Harris. He had Bible studies and music every morning and guest speakers like . . . ."

—Kevin Chroniger

## The Plainfield Miracle

By Dora Hurley  
Riverside, California

A miracle has happened at Plainfield and the Seventh Day Baptist Building. (About sixty-five Conference delegates from Nyack visited the building during the Wednesday afternoon tours.) It begins with the freshly pointed exterior brick and stone and boxes of petunias, gay pink ones, at the entrance. Then clean painted walls, a beautiful floor in the lobby, (the original tile floor), and a focal point in a lighted display where choice treasures from China and our work there are shown in the current display.

This miracle continues as you observe the newly refurbished offices, the polished staircase, and the attractive arrangement of the Center for Ministerial Education as well as the Historical Society collections. In back one sees the desks and machines of the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House.

All this was explained to us by special guides on the day we visited as Conference guests. The guides were Michele Hunt, Riverside, Calif.; Irene Lederer, Boulder, Colo.; and Faye Bond and Kevin Crane, Dodge Center, Minn., who were VCSC workers for the Historical Society and the Plainfield church during the summer. They have profited by this summer of service in Plainfield. Such young people, acting with dignity and sensitivity, are a living witness to the glorious history of the Seventh Day Baptists. They are part of its biggest miracle showing what Christ can do through dedicated service. They are part of the Plainfield miracle!

## Report of Louisiana Association

Rev. Mary Craig Johnson, pastor of the Algiers, La., Seventh Day Baptist Church, which hosted the meetings of the association, provides the information for this article. She notes that when the people came together for the weekend of July 19-20 it was the twelfth anniversary and the tenth annual session of an association which is comprised largely of her church and the Hammond Westside Seventh Day Baptist Church, pastored by the Rev. Adolph Showers.

The two-day session was well attended. Guest speakers from the local area, as usual, were invited to share the pulpit and lead in various ways.

One highlight mentioned was the presentation on Sabbath night of missionary certificates to two members, Mrs. Bertha Floyd and Mrs. Jacnie Benjamine. The commissioning council consisted of the Rev. Mary Craig Johnson, moderator, the Rev. H. Earl De Land, clerk, and the Rev. H. M. Johnson, secretary. Mr. De Land preached a special sermon for the candidates and presented each with a Bible to carry on her missionary work. Mrs. H. M. Johnson gave them hymn books for their message in song and Mrs. Mary Craig Johnson presented the certificates with a charge to go and teach God's Word to all nations including the keeping of God's commandments.

The business meeting of the Louisiana Association was held Sunday at 5 p.m. The principal officers were reelected for another year. Mrs. Jacnie Benjamine was elected second vice-president. Elder Showers was named president of the Evangelistic Board. The 1970 session will be held at the Westside S. D. B. Church of Hammond. The money collected (after expenses) was divided as follows: \$10 to start a savings account, \$5 for OWM, \$5 for three sick members. H. E. De Land served as recording secretary.

The pastor concludes her communication with, "Continue praying for the success of our little Algiers church. We are praying God's blessing on all of you."

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALFRED STATION, N. Y.— Members have been busy making repairs and cleaning the parsonage for the arrival of the Rev. Edward Sutton who has accepted the call to become our pastor. This work has been done in Sunday work bees with a lunch being prepared and served by volunteers. Pastor and Mrs. Sutton and family arrived at the parsonage August 2. An installation service will be held Sept. 7 as a formal welcome. We are happy the Suttons are joining our community.

Our church and community are most fortunate and grateful to have had the Rev. Hurley Warren as interim pastor for the past year. We hope he and his wife have enjoyed us as much as we have enjoyed them.

We were privileged to have Miss Esther Burdick as our speaker one Sabbath Day while she worked with the youth fellowships of this area. Other workers in the field of youth work who have been our guests are the Misses Connie Coon and Linda Greene.

An art show with twenty-six artists participating was a fine success. The Sabbath School received 30% of the sales. This first art show, under the direction of Mrs. Simon Aldrich (Helena Knox), will be an annual event.

Family night suppers are proving to be very popular with the entire community enjoying the fellowship. These dinners are held quarterly. At the last dinner our young adults presented a melodrama, "Egad, What a Cad," directed by Mrs. Simon Aldrich.

A strawberry social held in July was enjoyed by a large crowd. This event was under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ellis.

Vacation Church School met from June 23-27. The theme was "The Church and the World." Students, helpers and teachers are appreciated by their associates in the church. Director of the Church School was Mrs. Luan Ellis.

Many other young adults serving our church are not mentioned in this newsletter. Nonetheless those not mentioned are leaders in the prism of light of our church and community. Our congregation

is truly blessed by their presence, each one of them assuming a vital part of serving a living church. We thank our Holy Father for the love and warmth of His presence in our fellowship.

—Correspondent

**NORTH LOUP, NEBR.**— June was a month of camp activities beginning with a union Junior High Vacation Bible School day camp at Camp Riverview. Thirteen churches of this area were represented in the project.

Mid-Continent Youth Camp was held at Rocky Mountain Camp near Boulder this year. Three young people attended from North Loup.

Dr. Grace Missionary Society held installation of the newly elected officers at Camp Riverview at the July meeting in connection with work at the camp. Officers for the year beginning July 1 are Mrs. George Cox, president; Mrs. Melvin Williams, vice-president; Mrs. Udell Williams, secretary; and Mrs. George Maxson, treasurer.

The Sabbath School elected Brice Severance superintendent; Menzo Fuller assistant; Mrs. Ronald Goodrich, treasurer; and Merlyn Williams, secretary.

Junior-Junior High Camp was held at Camp Riverview July 6-12 with 29 campers. Pastor Duane Davis was director. Assisting were the four SCSC workers, Ralph Mackintosh, Martha Welch, Lynne Skaggs and Al Hill. Mrs. Udell Williams was business manager.

On Sabbath Day the rest of the congregation joined the campers and staff for a fellowship dinner and afternoon services conducted by the campers. At the close six youth were baptized in the North Loup River adjoining the camp grounds in an impressive service. The young folks, Pastor Davis and two deacons went out to mid stream singing. The six youth were John Goodrich, Tommy Keown, John Rasmussen, Joan Goodrich, Tanya Bresley and Cheryl Abel.

The annual church meeting was held July 13. R. Clare Clement was reelected moderator. Others elected were Ronald Goodrich, assistant moderator; Mrs. George Maxson, clerk; Sheldon Van

Horn, treasurer; Udell Williams, trustee; Mrs. Harlon Brennick, organist. The Rev. Duane Davis was unanimously elected to serve as our pastor for another year.

Primary Day Camp began Monday July 14 and was held for five days. Fifteen boys and girls from age five to nine attended. The staff consisted of Pastor Davis and the SCSC workers.

The SCSC youth with Pastor Davis went to the Ainsworth-Bassett area in the northern part of the state the forepart of the next week to contact Sabbath-keepers.

The Youth Fellowship, high school and college-age group, had a weekend retreat at Camp Riverview. The SCSC team had charge of the program.

Our church had a booth at the "Farm and Home Show" held in connection with the county fair at Ord July 28-29-30. Four Bibles were given away as well as tracts, special *Recorders*, gospel booklets and leaflets, including Gospels of John in Bohemian. The booth was sponsored by the Evangelism Committee.

On their last Sabbath here (Aug. 2) the SCSC workers presented the message in drama "The Dead Church." They were assisted by Bernard Keown and Earl Soper.

—Correspondent.

#### New Conference President Already Visiting Churches

As this issue goes to press President Edgar Wheeler is visiting some of the churches, conveying the latest concerns and preparing for the next session of Conference at Milton, Wis., next August. His telephoned plans called for a Sabbath eve at Milton, August 29, a visit to Albion and Milton Junction, Wis., Sabbath day, conferring with the president of the Women's Board and the chairman of the next Conference Host Committee on Sunday, August 31. Travel plans also included a midweek visit to New Auburn and a Sabbath, (Sept. 6) at Dodge Center; also a brief visit at Nortonville the first of the following week. He expects to be back home in Ashaway, R. I., September 11.

## Marriages

**Pearcy - Walls.**— John Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evert R. Pearcy of Salem, W. Va., and Nancy Lynn, daughter of Mrs. Frances S. Walls of West Union, W. Va., were united in marriage at the Baptist Church in West Union on June 28, 1969 by the groom's pastor, the Rev. J. Paul Green.

**Grace - Guyer.**— Roger Grace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Grace, Roaring Spring, Pa., and Wanda Guyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Axthle Guyer, New Enterprise, Pa., were united in marriage at the New Enterprise Church of the Brethren on March 30, 1969. The bride's uncle, the Rev. J. Paul Green, Salem, W. Va., officiated.

**Vierow - Leclau.**— Gerald Wayne Vierow, of Oneida, N. Y., son of Alden A. Vierow of Oneida, and Jean Sholtz Vierow of Syracuse, and Marsha Sue Leclau, daughter of Henry Erwin and Lillian Florence Waddington Leclau, Sherrill, were married July 13, 1969, in the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church by their pastor, the Rev. Donald E. Richards.

**Mc Sparin-Rodgers.**—David Mc Sparin, Stonefort, Ill., and Donna Rodgers of Carriers Mills, Ill., were united in marriage June 21, 1969, at the home of the groom by his father, the Rev. Carlos Mc Sparin.

## Obituaries

**BLOUGH.**—Verna, daughter of Isaac and Amanda Detwiler was born at New Enterprise, Pa., May 4, 1885, and died at the Rice Nursing Home, Everett, Pa., May 21, 1969.

She was a long time member of the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church in which she was active until shortly before her death. She was married to Noah Orlo Blough in June 1906. He preceded her in death Oct. 8, 1949. She is survived by two children, Mrs. John (Frances) Kagarise, New Enterprise, and Jessie Blough, Richfield, N. J., seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church with Pastor John Camenga officiating. Interment was in the Salemville Cemetery.

—J. H. C.

**BONHAM.**—Nina Ingalls, was born March 11, 1885, in Linn Township, Wis., and died July 7, 1969, at the Harvard Hospital.

On January 1, 1906, she was united in marriage with James Bonham, who preceded her in death in 1963. She was a member of the Walworth Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters: Vivian (Mrs. Leonard Kimball) and Berta, both of

Walworth. There are three grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Walworth Funeral Home on July 10, 1969, the Rev. Carroll L. Hill conducting. Burial was beside her husband in Walworth Cemetery.

—C. L. H.

**SHOLTZ.**—Eula Warner, daughter of Henry and Vie Newey Warner, was born March 16, 1898, at Higginsville, N. Y., and died June 23, 1969, at Oneida City Hospital, Oneida, N. Y., following a long illness.

On June 10, 1925, she was married to Claude J. Sholtz, who preceded her in death May 27, 1961.

Mrs. Scholtz was a member of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Ladies Aid Society, and the community Dorcas Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Jean Vierow, Syracuse, and Mrs. John (Twila) Viscosi, Oneida; a brother, Stanley Warner, Rome; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Lennon, Vernon; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the church with her pastor, the Rev. Donald E. Richards, officiating. Interment was in the New Union Cemetery, Verona Mills, N. Y.

—D. E. R.

**Roberts.**—Rodney James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell J. Roberts, of Rodman, N. Y., was born August 19, 1949, and died July 26, 1969. He had been suffering from leukemia.

Rodney graduated from the local high school in 1968, and was working for a local manufacturing company.

He is survived by: his parents; two sisters, Linda, 18, and Karen, 6; three brothers: Lawrence, stationed in Norfolk, Va.; Benjamin, 17, and Mitchell 12; his maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scriven, and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Roberts.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Ralph Hays, from the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. Interment was in the Union Cemetery, Adams Center.

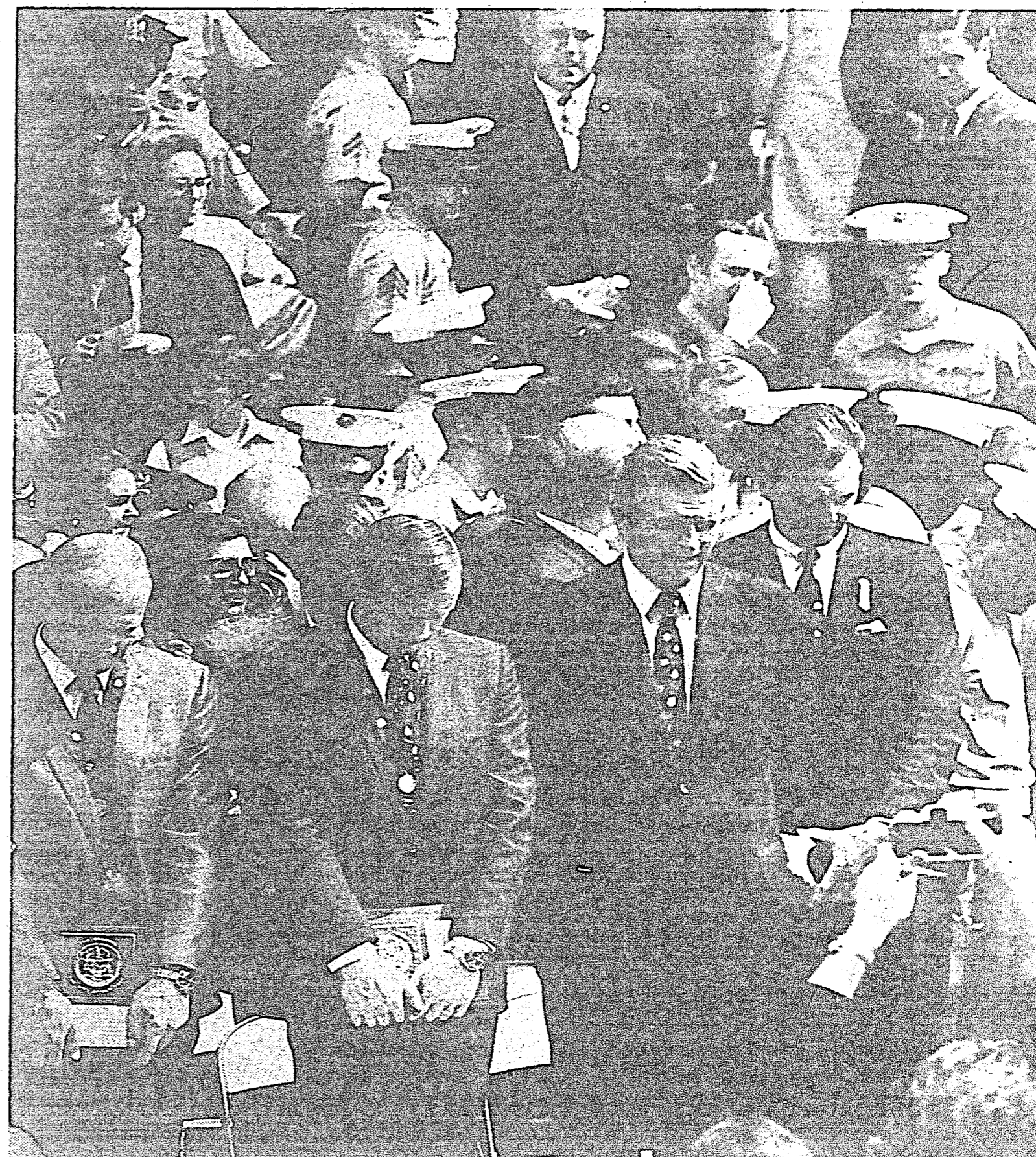
—R. L. H.

## Lord Teach Us To Pray

We need to be taught, for we make mistakes in praying. One mistake is to be constantly asking instead of thanking and praising. On the other hand, we sometimes ask for what we do not really want. For instance, we pray, "Thy kingdom come" when our whole attitude is one of prolonging our worldly pleasures. If His kingdom should come we would have a lot of changing to do. It would be nice if everybody else conformed to the will of God, but do I want to change?



# The Sabbath Recorder



It Happened During Conference

Astronauts Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. and Neil A. Armstrong bow in prayer with Mayor John Lindsay outside City Hall in New York on August 13 at the great homecoming. Prayer, Bible reading and Communion fit well with a pioneering moon mission — and with the mission of our church.

## Southern California Preparing for Graham Crusade

Thousands of Southern California church members from Santa Barbara to San Diego are working daily in preparation for the Billy Graham Crusade scheduled for ten days beginning September 26 in Anaheim Stadium.

Official leadership for the crusade's evangelistic outreach is a 43-member Executive Committee composed of leading laymen and well-known area ministers. Santa Ana's Mayor Lorin Griset is chairman of the crusade policy-making committee.

The chairman listed what some call staggering statistics which go into the organizational phase of a crusade. Some 3,500 men, women and young people are being selected and trained as counselors. They play a crucial role of speaking in depth to the individuals who answer Dr. Graham's invitation to come forward and accept Jesus Christ. Another 3,000 men are being recruited to serve as ushers. Some 6,000 people are expected to sing in a massive choir and are being secured from local church choirs.

The Rev. Harry B. Williams, director of the Anaheim Crusade, commenting on the three series of training sessions for 10,000 prospective counselors said, "These classes make a major contribution to the training of the laity for the continuing tasks of evangelism through the local church."

He continued, "The classes are designed to give practical instruction in living the Christian life in today's society and helping the lay members of the church understand something of the prin-

ciples, importance, values and methods of sharing their faith."

Mayor Griset said the Council of Ministers for the Crusade number 900 clergymen; the Laymen's Council has 900 members, as does the Youth Council.

## Ephrata Cloisters and German Seventh Day Baptists

Pleasant reading and an opportunity to encourage workers in a faraway mission field can now be yours at very little cost.

You have heard of the Ephrata Cloisters of the German Seventh Day Baptists back in the days of George Washington. You can, of course, read the history in the two volume work *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America* available at Plainfield, N. J., for \$10. However, you might like to have a 36 page booklet of Recorder-size pages written by the pastor of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church of Salemville, Pa., the Rev. Charles Graffius. The booklet has a stiff cover, contains thirty-seven photographs and other illustrations and tells an easy flowing story of that strange community that is linked rather closely with our own church history.

By a happy arrangement these booklets can be ordered from the office of the American Sabbath Tract Society at the advertised price of 65 cents. The entire amount (less postage) will be forwarded to India to be used in publishing Seventh Day Baptist literature. So, if you want to add a few cents for postage it will help.

### COSTLY

"A man could retire nicely in his old age if he could dispose of his experience for what it cost him."