

# The Sabbath Recorder

## Things That Don't Need Changing

Any writer or speaker is well aware that both the first and the final draft of his message would be better with some changes. Not only could the thought be expressed better than our best, but time also calls for changes. What we write goes out-of-date so quickly as new knowledge comes or new situations arise. We would like to call back some of our sermons, articles and books in order to revise them. This is even more true in the secular than in the religious area. The ultimate in medicines, machines and technology soon becomes obsolete.

It is refreshing to note that there are a few things that do not grow old or out-of-date. The tides rise and fall as predictably as in the days of Jonah or Paul. We may know more ways to use the law of gravity than our ancestors did, but the law itself is constant. There are some unchangeable religious absolutes. The Ten Commandments may be irksome, but haven't they always been a bit restrictive? The Decalogue hasn't changed since the days of Moses and is not about to.

Charles Allen, pastor and author of some ten inspirational best sellers, says in the introduction to *The Sermon on the Mount*: that man's hopes, fears, sorrows and happiness are the same now as in all centuries of human history. Perhaps it is for that reason that the Sermon on the Mount has never needed revision. This is the way he expresses the valuable thought:

"If Jesus lived today in the flesh, rode in jet airplanes, watched television, lived in an air-conditioned home, had all the information which scientists have gained in reference to outer space, and had access to all of today's scientific knowledge, He still would not need to

change one word of the Sermon on the Mount. The words which He spoke are eternal and apply equally to every age and to every generation. In fact, He Himself felt that His words were even more enduring than this universe. He said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away" (Mark 13:31). Therefore, when we study the Sermon on the Mount, we may be sure that it applies to our day and to each one of us."

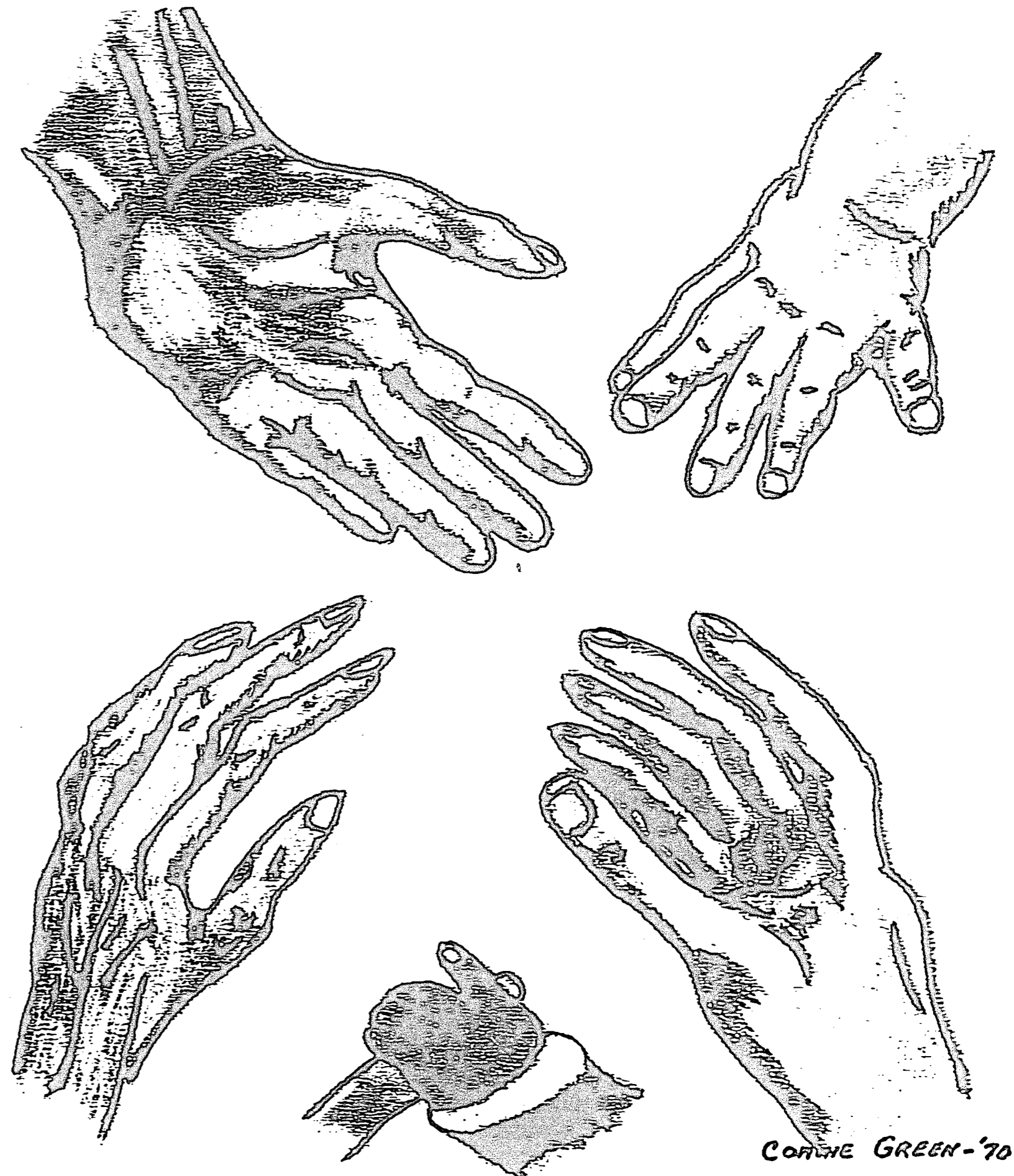
## Arthur Glasser To Join Fuller Faculty

Arthur F. Glasser, noted missionary, lecturer and scholar, has been appointed associate dean and associate professor of missions in the Fuller Theological Seminary School of World Mission. He will join the faculty at Pasadena, Calif., in September.

His latest post has been as home director of the China Inland Mission-Overseas Missionary Fellowship, where he has served for the past fourteen years. He has played an important role in the Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

The Author of *And Some Believed* and co-author of *Missions in Crisis*, Glasser contributed chapters to *Religions in a Changing World* and *Protestant Crosscurrents in Mission*. He has written for numerous religious magazines on a variety of subjects including race relations, communism, ecumenics, mission strategy and exegetical problems.

Glasser joins the faculty of the School of World Mission which is composed of noted authors, missionaries, mission executives, anthropologists and linguists, headed by Dr. Donald A. McGavran, dean.



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## A Call for Volunteers

By Gladys Drake

President, Seventh Day Baptist Women's Board

Today there is a crying need for volun-  
teers to assist in the services of charitable  
organizations. One such appeal appeared  
not long ago in a local newspaper: "If  
you are a woman who wants to feel  
needed outside of your home or job; a  
newcomer in the area who is anxious to  
become an active part of the community;  
a woman who has finished with the rear-  
ing of her children and wants to turn her  
energies to other tasks; an older citizen  
who would like to become more useful  
. . . here is your chance to join one of  
the outstanding service organizations in  
our area."

God has showered women with many  
gifts such as education, personality, con-  
cerns, intelligence, varieties of talents—  
and especially His own love. These gifts  
were given to us so that we might give  
them away! There are many dedicated  
people who are devoting some of their  
spare time to volunteer services. They are  
putting their Christian love into deeds  
and making it real, following the exam-  
ple of Jesus of Nazareth.

Health, employment, home responsibi-  
lities, and age all determine how much  
and in what areas a woman is able to  
participate in volunteer work. But every  
woman needs to search her own heart and  
mind to decide what her response *can be*  
to the needs of the people.

Jesus urged believers to go the second  
mile. Society will see to it that some of

## Our Cover

The cover design for this issue is the  
work of Mrs. Edwin (Connie) Green,  
mother of three sons and a member of  
the Milton church. She formerly was  
Connie White from the Denver church.

Strong and capable hands which can  
accomplish so many deeds; Care-worn  
hands grown tender and patient in the  
sharing of many experiences throughout  
the years; Gentle, soothing hands which  
bring relief and peace to the ill; Playful,  
trusting hands of a baby which bring joy  
to the heart; These are hands that reach  
out in love and compassion to those in  
need.

the basic obligations of people are met,  
but Christians are not those who do what  
is expected; they go farther. In times like  
these and in a land like this, volunteers  
have a chance to exercise religious con-  
cern in constructive ways. To paraphrase  
Barbara Streisand's song — "People who  
help people are the luckiest people in the  
world."

## BEING A VOLUNTEER

The articles submitted for this issue of  
the *Sabbath Recorder* were written by  
women who have been participating in  
various areas of volunteer service. Their  
experiences may suggest activities which  
can be duplicated by other Seventh Day  
Baptist women in other parts of our  
country. There are scores of other areas  
and programs using volunteer help which  
could be explored by interested indivi-  
duals or groups: Red Cross agency,  
Friendly Visitor, "Big Brother" or "Big  
Sister," Elementary Teachers' Assistants,  
Day Care Centers, Head Start, Meals on  
Wheels. The list could be extended in-  
definitely! Most cities have a Social Ser-  
vice Bureau or Volunteer Service Bureau  
where information can be obtained.

## Hearing God's Voice

Modern technology has made it posi-  
ble for man to communicate with man  
under seemingly impossible situations.  
The illustrations keep multiplying.

Just the other day I read of the de-  
velopment of a device by which it will  
soon be possible to communicate with  
men buried deep in the earth. The need  
for such communication is small but it  
is urgent. From time to time explosions  
occur in deep mine shafts, cutting off all  
communication with the trapped miners.  
Ordinary radio cannot be used because  
the earth absorbs too much energy from  
high frequency waves. How then can the  
buried men be located and rescue opera-  
tions carried on? The answer is coming.  
Westinghouse scientists say that if radio  
waves are sufficiently low in frequency  
they can be made to pass through the  
ground without losing effectiveness. Thus

those few men who would be lost can  
be saved.

The poetic language of the 139th  
Psalm takes on new meaning. You recall  
some of the key verses: "Thou knowest  
my downsitting and mine uprising; thou  
understandest my thought afar off . . .  
Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or  
whither shall I flee from thy presence?  
. . . If I take the wings of the morning,  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the  
sea; even there shall thy hand lead me,  
and thy right hand shall hold me." These  
verses are followed a little later with one  
that seems to now have a partial parallel  
in the new scientific communication de-  
vice mentioned above: "My substance  
was not hid from thee when I was made  
in secret, and curiously wrought in the  
lowest parts of the earth" (Ps. 139:15).

The voice of man can now penetrate  
the ocean depths. Sound or pictures can  
be bounced off satellites to reach the  
other side of the earth. Man-made instru-  
ments can be sent far out to Mars and  
return a report to tracking stations on  
earth. We marvel at such communications  
and sometimes forget that there are no  
barriers in all the universe that cannot  
be surmounted by the voice of God.  
History is full of the testimonies of men  
who have heard the voice of God in  
every place where they have sought to  
"flee from the presence."

Man specializes in communicating  
with large numbers of people; he trans-  
lates books only into the major lan-  
guages. The few men who get caught in  
mine disasters may eventually be thought  
of if there is enough money to spare.  
Not so with God; He is fully as interested  
in a single lost soul as in a whole nation  
and spares no pains to get His voice  
through celestial space, ocean depths, or  
the heart of the earth.

What is more, man can cry out to God  
from the belly of the whale or the hell  
of the battlefield and know that his voice  
is heard by a loving heavenly Father.  
Communication between the finite and  
the Infinite is no new thing. In sleep we  
are not forgotten, and "when I awake,  
I am still with thee" (Ps. 139:18).

—Editor

## Summer Christian Service Corps By Lucile Todd

Very soon some of our college-age young people will be starting a summer of dedicated service. They have been studying three books: *The How of Vacation School*, *The Art of Personal Witnessing*, and *Setting Men Free*. Eight of the nineteen youth who applied have had the experience of serving either last summer or before. We hope that each may be used in one of our church projects this summer.

Surely the training session at North Loup, Nebraska, will be an especially fine one under the excellent direction of the Rev. Leon R. Lawton of the Missionary Board. Assisting him will be the Rev. Rex Zwiebel of the Board of Christian Education, the Rev. Mynor Soper who has been serving our denomination in evangelistic work, and Miss Florence Bowden, retired teacher of Shiloh, N. J.

Funds are beginning to come in from some of our church groups and interested individuals but we are far short of the amount needed for the SCSC teams and teaching staff this summer. The contributions now in the treasury are enough to get the teams to North Loup! Costs will be higher this year. Student stand-by plane rates, which in former years allowed those under twenty-two to travel half-fare, have now risen to sixty percent plus tax. Some will travel by train and probably some by car or bus where feasible.

We quote the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler: "The Lord has wonderfully blessed this kind of ministry. This is the time for giving thanks to our heavenly Father for young people who are willing to do something to make ours a better world rather than to join the dissident groups who find fault with that which others are doing."

May you share the enthusiasm of our young people who show the love of Christ through their service. We solicit your generous financial support of the SCSC program. Please remember the staff and teams as they begin their work together in preparation for the summer, praying

that their efforts may be effective in pointing the way to Christ. Any checks written to the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society and intended for SCSC work should be so indicated. Mrs. Harold Baum is the treasurer, Route 1, Box 13, Edgerton, WI 53534.

In tabulating SCSC members over the past six years we find that, with this year's new workers, sixty-eight have given one or more summers of service to their Lord and our churches.

## Making SCSC Projects Fruitful

By Lucile Todd

Has your church used a team of Summer Christian Service Corps workers? If so, was the summer project considered a great success, a dismal failure, or something in between? What makes the difference?

There are so many factors involved that no one could have all the answers. Some of us have had the special privilege of reading reports from both the young people involved and the directors of projects over the past six years of SCSC work. Some of the reports from directors have been glowing with high praise of their teams. Others have not. We appreciate both kinds for they help in planning better training sessions to prepare workers to give more valuable service. For more maturity of teams, this summer they are limited to college age. There are nineteen, eight of whom have served previously. It should be our best summer yet.

We feel there are several things a church can do to aid in the success of a project. Advance planning is a good start with definite goals made known to the entire church. A project director who takes time to work with the team is a must. Usually this is the pastor but not necessarily so. If, instead, a committee is involved with the plans, one should take the lead so that the young people in the team are not confused by directions from too many people. Materials needed for Bible Schools in which a team is to work should be selected well in advance and enough time allowed for the team to study it before classes again. Too often

there is little time for preparation—a bad mistake!

A team is chosen with the needs of a particular church in mind. If possible, one of the team members has had some previous experience in team work and is often placed with someone new to SCSC. Usually they are sent outside their own association so that they may learn about other areas of the denomination. Of course, each team is different as to abilities and background. Some of the young people may be good speakers while others have musical ability or artistic talent. We trust you will get acquainted early and make the best use of your team. Their instruction has necessarily been of a rather general nature during the training session so they need to be briefed on your specific plans.

Lack of communication can spoil a project. If you are the director be very sure to outline your aims and goals to the team at the beginning and let them know how you expect them to help attain the goals. Please don't take it for granted that they know what is expected of them. If you have planned a visitation program have definite times they should make calls and specify the areas to be covered. Set times to talk things over and evaluate the work being done. In a new situation they need your guidance many times. Be kind and encouraging but "level with them" too—let them know if there are ways in which they can be more helpful. They can take it! Do remember, they want the project to succeed as much as you do but they can't see through your eyes nor read your mind. A regular time when you can pray together and discuss things openly is a good way to keep lines of communication open. Listen to them and use some of their good ideas but stay in the driver's seat.

When setting up the schedule with specific working hours, it is well to let the team know that certain times are free time for them. They have letters to write, clothes to keep up, a need for recreation and time alone. This "refueling" is not only important to them but also to the success of the project. Plan-

ning for this in advance is a big help and lets them budget their time.

Success to your project this summer! May you love the team and treat them not as guests but as fellow-workers with Christ.

## SCSC Training Planned Funds Urgently Needed

On June 9, North Loup, Nebraska, will be humming with the arrival of nineteen members of the Summer Christian Service Corps. Directing the week-long training session will be the Revs. Leon R. Lawton, Rex Zwiebel, Mynor Soper; and Miss Florence Bowden.

Mrs. Loyal Todd writes, "The SCSC fund in the Women's Board treasury is at low ebb, with only about one-fourth of the funds needed for the expenses of young people and staff this summer."

Since the SCSC program is largely financed by donations from church groups and individuals we once more publish the address of the treasurer of the S.D.B. Women's Society:

Mrs. Harold Baum  
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## Our Prayer Corner Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The work of the associations that have recently met and the outreach work to be considered by the associations soon to meet.

2) An awakening of tract distribution zeal among our people to back up our increasing desire to be effective witnesses of the saving power of Christ.

3) The work of the Women's Board as it strives to carry through its SCSC program for this summer and undertakes new projects.

4) Unselfishness in our hearts that will show in daily concern for others and weekly giving to our denominational work.

## Mental Health Programs

By Mrs. Arthur Anderson\*

What can the woman volunteer do in the area of mental health today? Such a question can be asked and can be answered in every section of our country.

The type and structure of the local and state mental health agencies and mental hospitals determine the kinds of services in which a volunteer might become involved, but generally speaking there is a never-ending need for people who care about someone else.

Many volunteers today are giving of their time in serving the mentally ill under care in mental hospitals. In one such hospital setting, volunteers work either in groups or individually in serving the patients in various areas of entertainment, recreation, occupational therapy and self-improvement. It does not require much of a volunteer to join with a few others once a month to put on a simple birthday party for these patients who may have been hospitalized for years and who have little, if any, contact with the outside world.

Some patients enjoy playing games or cards. Some enjoy reading and need to be kept in touch with the reality of on-going events outside the hospital. Volunteers working in small groups, helping the individual to read and discuss, are contributing to his recovery. In the summertime or good weather, car riding or even walking is usually a welcomed interlude from the routine of hospitalization.

Occupational therapy is an important part of the program and volunteers with a wide variety of interests in crafts (knitting, crocheting, art, ceramics) can by friendly encouragement guide and teach. Music therapy offers opportunities for community choruses, choirs or their individual members to reach out to patients through music. Some volunteer groups enjoy sewing for people or providing birthday and Christmas gifts, collecting

(Virginia Anderson lives in Janesville, Wisconsin, and has been a member of the Rock County Association for Mental Health for several years. She is the daughter of Mrs. L. L. Loofboro who is a member of the Women's Board.)

books, jigsaw puzzles or clothing throughout the year.

There are increasing opportunities for helping the person who has been released from hospital care. In some areas organizations such as *First Friends* or *The Postals* have been established to help the patient bridge the gap from the dependency of institutional living to the reality of functioning in a less protective environment. This frequently involves emphasis on social skills, helping in the management of personal affairs, and learning or relearning to use modern day conveniences or facilities.

Increasingly, too, outpatient mental health clinics are recognizing the value of volunteers who can offer a supporting relationship to individuals with emotional problems who are served by the clinic. The lack of a sufficient number of professional mental health personnel to meet the enlarging number of requests has opened up a new opportunity to volunteers in this type of setting.

Schools with special classes for the emotionally disturbed; welfare agencies with emotionally disturbed clients; health agencies; and special handicapped agencies—all are seeking help from the volunteer.

When one views the cost of mental illness today in terms of lives and money, it is a real challenge to the volunteer to "reach out" and be someone who cares.

### Family Care Program

#### Taking Retarded Children into the Home

By Edna Ruth Richards

*Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me (Matt. 25:40).*

I was a wife and mother of four children. I liked it that way, and found more than enough of the necessary, and not-so-necessary, activities to happily fill my time. There were home responsibilities and pleasures; there were church-related interests; there were community activities. I felt "fulfilled" and challenged in this life.

But the time came when I felt it was important that I help with the family in-

come. I preferred being at home with my family, and felt it was important, so we prayed that God would guide in the job-seeking and that we would be sensitive to His guidance. There were no baby-sitting opportunities in our area that we knew about, so that was a closed door for now. We had been inspired by several friends who so lovingly and wisely cared for welfare children, preadoptive babies, and unwed mothers. While we knew there was no real financial gain in being foster parents, we thought we would investigate the possibility. This door was slow in opening, if not really shut to us. Some time before one of our friends had told us about a program at the State School for Retarded Children whereby families are paid to care for patients. We had had a keen interest in retarded children for some time, and all our family loved little children, so we felt it right to knock on this door.

I wish I could tell you the exciting story of the "Family Care Program"—of the church group who cared and really activated the program in our area; of the church bus which picks up the former patients and takes them to church-sponsored parties and picnics; of the very young family who is taking trainable young women and within the first year had a turnover of nine women who had jobs and were financially independent; of the personal stories of "blossomed" individuals. Our hearts and imaginations were touched. We thanked God, and felt this was a real way to serve Him through loving and serving these "least of these my brethren." And God opened the door for our family to have this opportunity—and with a very good income.

With some fear and much happy anticipation we welcomed our three-year-old Tina. The social worker came toward me leading a sweetly dressed, stockily-built, unsteady, fair-skinned little girl whose blonde head sat awkwardly and heavily upon her shoulders. I felt my love pour out to her, though she did not respond to me at all. Our family came home from school and work, and joyfully engulfed her in their love. The neighbor children came to welcome her. It was several days before she started to respond

to us, but steadily and surely she grew in her feelings for us. How could she help it when she had a cheering section of from four to ten who literally clapped their hands and shouted "yeah" at her slightest accomplishment! I think probably the sequence of the words she learned to say tells our story. First there was "uh oh," then "meow," and finally "Mama" — and she was a part of the family.

A little over a year later, Kathy came to live with us. She was an adorable, loving, tiny four-year old (the same age as Tina, and half the size) who was tense and strongly independent. Tina provided for her a loving companion with whom she didn't need to compete, and we could give her the love, security and encouragement with which she had been surrounded at her home a short while before.

Today the girls are both five-and-a-half. They are precious children who help each other button their sweaters; who help with the dusting, setting the table, and clearing the table ("uh oh"); who go to Sabbath School and sing "Jesus Loves Me"; who giggle as they change lunch boxes while they wait for their bus to take them to the Day Care Center for Retarded Children; who recognize and use their numbers to "four"; who talk enough to communicate to their teacher that Kathy has a baby brother, and Tim has a birthday cake at home; who make our hearts swell with love and pride and thanksgiving — and an ache.

This issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* is dealing with volunteer services, and I have been challenged by the thought of many volunteer services that are rendered by people "on the job." I think of the "extra mile" things that are happily done; I think of the personal, active concern shown for fellow-employees and employers; I think of the "heart" put into baby-sitting, nursing, teaching, etc.

Perhaps this part of the poem "Kitchen Prayer," by an unknown author, expresses, your feelings, as it does mine:

"Accept this service that I do—  
I do it unto Thee."

## Hospital Volunteer Services

By Dorcas Van Horn

"Service Is Our Business" is the motto of the hospital volunteer. If one has some free time and wants to make it count, there are many areas of hospital work where it can be utilized.

Several years ago in the Westerly Hospital a Hospitality Shop was opened where visitors could enjoy a cup of coffee, a toasted bun and friendly service, while waiting word of new babies or results of operations. This service was performed solely by volunteers. Today the facet of service has grown until we now serve lunches, and require the services of two paid cooks, a paid manager and a paid cashier. The volunteers are still needed for table and counter service, and we still offer a sympathetic ear and a cheery word to those who seem to need it. Today there is also an extensive gift shop where nearly every item a patient might need, but had forgotten, can be acquired. This is also run by a paid manager but staffed by volunteers.

Several women from our Women's Society go regularly to fold linen at the hospital. This is a great help as is the service of taking mail and flowers to the rooms. These latter two services are part of the duties a courier performs. Courier services also aid in dismissing patients, in taking them to X-ray or therapy. Couriers are "delivery boys" for any of the nursing stations that need drugs or anything that can be carried in a basket. This service relieves the nurses from being taken from the duties which can only be performed by the trained.

There is a social committee of volunteers that puts on a staff party for all the hospital workers—usually given in February. In this way the town shows its appreciation to those who have our care in their hands. A music committee of volunteers sees to it that special music is presented in and throughout the hospital at holiday time especially. There is a committee of puppet makers — women who make cloth hand puppets for each and every child patient in the hospital.

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### MEMORY TEXT

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And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.—Col. 3:17

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There is a group who are volunteer drivers, taking cancer patients to and from the city hospitals where they receive radium or cobalt treatment. Another group is responsible for seeing that fresh flowers are placed in the chapel weekly; some of these are in memoriam. The hospital committees are all part of an organization called the Hospital Aid Association which is a national organization.

I have enjoyed being involved in most of the above services at some time in my career but perhaps none of the aforementioned have as much value as the volunteer service now being done by our pastor and his wife as they aid many other volunteers including the Wheelers of Ashaway in performing a service called "patterning." In Ashaway there is a child who requires a team of five, four times a day, to put her through the pattern of crawling — a process of learning from the infant stage. Progress has been made and the patterning has gone on for two or three years. There are many supplies needed for this child as for a baby and the women in our society have been most generous in helping keep these supplies going. Pam's disease is the result of brain damage caused by some strange malady when she was about eight, and a normal child.

Many of our group belong to FISH. Pastor Kenneth Davis is the local chairman. Their slogan is "Love Thy Neighbor" and members of the group stand ready to give any help at any time. This group has furnished meals to families where the mother was suddenly taken ill and stands ready to help in other emergencies.

I have thought some lately of trying to have a Senior Citizen Tea Day one afternoon a month since there are several in this category who might be able to

walk to my home for a bit of conversation and a spot of tea — just something different to look forward to rather than just the four walls. Maybe women in other areas would find that they could do something similar.

The times have made it so that the church is no longer the whole center of our social life. We have much more leisure time than ever before. Let's make it count!

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### CANDYSTRIPERS

By Deborah Davis\*

Most of our candystripers volunteer as waitresses in the Hospitality Shop at the Westerly Hospital, although some work as couriers and receptionists when needed. Still other girls work as nurses' aides. Their duties consist of filling ice water jugs, offering soft drinks or fruit juices to the patients, helping in the making of beds, giving backrubs and cheerfully doing numerous other small jobs requested by the patient or nurse. Each girl works one day each week on a voluntary basis. My major job at present is working as a nurses' aide.

There seem to be many calls for volunteer service. This past winter I was called to sit with an elderly lady who had a broken leg. (A request from the Westerly-Pawcatuck FISH organization). Last summer I transported four blind children to the Rhode Island Association for the Blind in Providence. Although my main job was transportation, which was approximately 150 miles a day for four weeks, I did help with them during recreation periods. The mileage on the car was paid for by the association, but the rest was voluntary.

I find volunteer work very rewarding.

\* (Deborah is a daughter of the Rev. Kenneth Davis)

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### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 13

### WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH

Lesson Scripture: 1 Cor. 11:23-26; 1 Cor. 14:23-26, 40

## Adopt a Family for Christmas

By Linda Hays

Our daughter was eighteen months old—a curly-haired toddler whose blue eyes sparkled with delight at the tinsel and baubles of Christmas. A shopping trip with her was a discovery tour of wonderland. She would have a merry Christmas indeed — a new red velvet dress and patent leather slippers—presents under the tree stacked as high as she stood—plenty of food in the freezer for a real family Christmas feast. Last year, her first Christmas, she was really too young to know much about it. But we were looking forward to Christmas with her now.

The thought seemed to hit both my husband and me at the same time: what if we *couldn't* give our princess a merry Christmas? What if there were no new clothes nor toys, no Christmas tree, no turkey? What if Jack had been laid off, or sick, or hurt? What if we just plain didn't have enough money for the extras? How would we then feel about Christmas?

Then we began to realize that for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of children in this city, December 25 would be just another day. For them there would be no toys, no clothes, no fancy food. What about them? What could we do for them?

We couldn't help everyone, but we knew we had to do something for someone. And perhaps, we thought, there were others who felt as we did and who would be willing to share their blessings with a less fortunate family. The adopt-a-family idea began to take shape. It was more than taking a basket of food to the poor. It was a "helping" family meeting a "needing" family — seeing their homes, looking into their faces, learning about their needs. If people could begin to talk to each other — rich to poor, black to white, suburban housewife to welfare mother—if people could see each other as people with common needs, hopes and desires, then just maybe some of society's problems could begin to be diminished.

The idea was advertised with the help of local newspapers and TV stations.

Families wanting to participate on either the giving or receiving end were asked to phone or write us with the information. Those requesting aid were asked to give a reference—a neighbor, pastor, school or other—who could verify theirs as a legitimate need. We made two sets of cards: one of “helpers” listing name, address and phone number; one of “needer” listing name, address, number and ages of children, and any special needs. (No requests were accepted after December 12.) Then the cards were matched by proximity of addresses and each “helper” was sent the information of the “needer” assigned to him. From there on it was up to each helper to make contact and do as much as he felt led to do.

Was the program a success? We know that more than one hundred children had new clothes and toys and a good Christmas dinner who might otherwise have been forgotten. We know that some thirty helpers found a special blessing in putting lights in some hungry young eyes.

And what about our own Christmas? To be truthful, I don't remember much about it. One night, about a week before Christmas, we left our supper to get cold on the table to take some emergency groceries to a family of seven children whose father was sick and out of work. We helped raise the money to pay their rent. Our daughter adopted them all as big brothers and sisters. Someone else bought their turkey, but we'll never forget their marshmallow bodies with toothpick arms and legs, or the gusto with which they devoured bread and peanut butter.

We spent the morning of December 25 trying to get emergency medical aid and food for six very small children who were sick with the flu. Their father had a broken ankle and had been unable to work. They lived in a three-room apartment where water stood in puddles on the floor every time it rained. By New Year's Day they had a new apartment, new shoes, new furniture, food in the cupboard, and their father had a new job.

This is what Adopt-a-Family-for-Christmas was all about—people caring

about and sharing with other people; getting involved to the point of giving more than they thought at first they could afford. All because we wanted to make our moppet happy, and because of another baby whose mother called Him Jesus.

#### Ecumenical Emphasis Materials

In compliance with action on the part of the Commission that the Council on Ecumenical Affairs be encouraged “to establish an ecumenical emphasis Sabbath and that all churches be encouraged to contribute to designated commitments at such time,” the CEA has established the date of June 13 as World Fellowship and Service Sabbath. Although the 13th is the proposed date, it is understood that some churches may be unable to use that date for this particular emphasis. Any June date may be utilized.

The council has prepared for mailing to each church (1) bulletin covers, (2) an information sheet of excerpts from comments made by delegates to the most recent meeting of the National Council of Churches of Christ, (3) a brief Bible study on the basis of Christian cooperation, as well as (4) a covering letter to local church leaders.

It has been the responsibility of the Council on Ecumenical Affairs to oversee the distribution of designated funds falling within the council's budget. In addition, the denomination for many years has had working relationships with other non-designated areas. These latter areas must be funded through special appeals made by the council. However, the council acknowledges the fact that there are areas of special interest that individuals and/or churches more readily support. Consequently, a gift designated toward any World Fellowship and Service commitment will certainly be appreciated.

#### An LSD Trip

Why is indulgence in LSD called a trip? Statistics seem to show that from the disastrous results it is indeed a trip—like stubbing your toes and landing heavily on your face.

MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

### Conrods Arrive in Malawi To Begin Ministry

—as seen from three perspectives

#### 1. F. F. Makatanje, journalist, Central Africa Conference of SDB's

A new Seventh Day Baptist missionary, the Rev. John A. Conrod and his family arrived in Malawi from United States of America, April 28, 1970. The Rev. Mr. Conrod, who will take over from Dr. Victor H. Burdick as treasurer of the Central Africa Conference will stay in the country for four years.

Dr. Burdick, who has served the Central Africa Conference as the medical officer of Makapwa Station Hospital since February 1957, and as treasurer since 1959, is due to leave Malawi for United States of America on May 12, 1970.

Pastor Conrod and his family will be staying at Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist Station near Sandama in Cholo District while in the country. He and his wife Joyce, and their two sons, Michael and Philip, were very happy to land at Chileka airport, Blantyre. Just for their first time in Malawi and in Africa as a whole, it was surprising that Mr. Conrod was able to say many Chichewa words. Greeting the people who went to meet him at the airport, he said, “Moni, moni.” Asked how he was, which is “Muli bwanji,” he replied, “Ndiri bwino Laya inu,” meaning “I am quite well and how are you, too.” Showing the picture he took in the plane when it was just landing at Chileka, he said, “dziko labwino!” meaning “a good land.”

At the airport the Rev. and Mrs. Conrod were met by Dr. V. H. Burdick and family, the Rev. D. C. Pearson and family, the Rev. O. B. Manani and family, the Rev. L. M. Vumah of Rhodesia who was in Malawi for a two week course at the Pearsons, the Rev. W. Mataka, Pastor C. Nangazi, Pastor L. Mungoni, and Mr. F. F. Makatanje. Thereafter the Conrods and all who met them were taken to Namiwawa at the Rev. and Mrs. Pearson's house in Blantyre where all had a wonderful welcome dinner.

At Makapwa Station the new missionaries met one hundred and one people who came to greet them in the evening of the same day. Mr. F. F. Makatanje, who was the speaker, welcomed the Conrods by reading from Psalm 121. Knowing that the Lord who keeps does not sleep nor slumber was meaningful to the people, because the Lord really kept the Conrods all through from U.S.A. to Malawi. That they arrived here safely was the reason to praise the Lord.

Speaking to the people in Chichewa, Mr. Conrod said, “I am very happy because you want to hear my words. I have many thoughts, but I must learn more Chichewa so that I can speak out these thoughts.

“I am very happy because I can be here in Malawi, and I want to feel at home in your country. I want to meet you all and know each one of you better. I pray God that He brings us together with Jesus Christ, and we shall be able to do many good things for Him together. Thank you!” His wife then greeted the people and introduced her sons in Chichewa also.

All the people were very happy to see this new missionary family at Makapwa. They were so surprised to hear them speak their own language when the family has never been in the country before.

We are therefore thankful to our Missionary Society for sending this family to the Christian Service Corps to learn Chichewa. We are also thankful to the Christian Service Corps for their time which they gave in teaching this new missionary family many Chichewa words. We feel that the family has a very good start and we hope that in one or two months time they will have more Chichewa words than they have today.

Above all we thank God who made it possible for them to get as much as they could when they were at the Christian Service Corps. The Lord must be blessed for His wonders!

#### 2. Bettie Pearson, missionary wife

How grateful we are to the Lord for the safe arrival of the Conrod family, John and Joyce, Michael and Philip, who

have come to work for our Savior in Malawi.

A few days before the designated date, a cablegram had been received which said there was a flight change. Upon inquiry at the Air Malawi office here, we were told that the arrival time would be 7:55 a.m., April 28. When the day actually came, only a few of the welcoming party were there to see the BOAC Aircraft come down, as it was thirty minutes early. The others were present, however, to greet them when they had completed the arrival details.

On a plane coming east, one meets the sun a few hours early each morning. Two such brief nights, and many hours on the plane, left our new missionaries exhausted. However, they were somewhat refreshed after a bit of rest at the Blantyre home and lunch together with friends, old and new. In the afternoon they went on to Makapwa, where a full schedule awaited them as Missionary Conrod learns the many details of his new responsibility.

Some trips had been planned to introduce them to the new work, and allow Christians in various areas to meet the newcomers. The day following their arrival, Dr. Burdick took Pastor Conrod and Miss Becker to the outstation clinic at Thembe Village.

On Sabbath, May 2, a meeting at Mphangala church gave opportunity to welcome the new missionaries, and to farewell the outgoing ones. Pastor Conrod spoke at the morning worship, using in his message some of his own Chichewa phrases. In the afternoon, Dr. Burdick gave a farewell message. At the close of the service the two families stood at the door while the congregation gave them their greetings and bade farewell.

A similar service was planned for the Thembe church on May 9, where the Christians from several churches of that area met to give them a warm and friendly welcome and farewell.

May our prayers support this missionary family as we look to God to sustain them in this, His work.

3. *John Conrod—“My First Week at Makapwa”*

After leaving Boston on Sunday night we arrived the next morning at London airport without much sleep. Too tired to tour London we got a room and slept most of the day. When we awoke we felt we had enough time to eat lunch and tour London a bit, but by the time the bus got to London it was past time to go back to the airport. (I didn't realize how far the airport was from London.) So we stayed on the bus and rode directly back, just barely making it in time to catch our next plane. After landing at Zurich, Switzerland, and Uganda, Africa, we arrived Monday morning to be greeted at Blantyre by the Burdicks, Pearsons, Sarah Becker and several of the African pastors. Work began immediately with a trip to the bank to sign up as the new treasurer of the Central African Conference and then to the Pearson's home in time for a trustees meeting. Toward evening we finally headed to Makapwa turning off the paved Cholo road onto one rivaled only by the road going to Mt. Evans in Colorado. We immediately started in on the work at Makapwa from posting petty cash vouchers and making up salary envelopes, to starting the diesel powered generator and replacing blown fuses in the dark. The first week would not be complete without making a regular monthly trip to Thembe Dispensary back over the "Mt. Evans" road, and also a special Sabbath trip to Mphangala for their Sabbath worship services.

We have found the people here very friendly and ready to help. We were glad to have had lessons in the language before coming to Malawi so that even though we still don't understand everything that is said to us, we can express some of our thoughts directly to them. I already have had some of the nationals who speak English interpret for me and so I get to hear how I should have said it. I don't think it will be too difficult to preach with an interpreter although it will be odd to hear someone else start speaking every time I finish a sentence. The Burdicks will only be here one more week and then we will be on our own on many things. We trust the Lord will help in the areas that we will not

have time to cover. I'm not too sure I can find my way back out from Makapwa to Blantyre yet.

### The Burdicks Arrive

On Wednesday, May 13, a party of family and board members greeted Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick and their three children on their arrival at Logan Airport, Boston, welcoming them for a much needed period of rest following many years of service in Malawi. While rest is needed and planned, there is also opportunity for them to share their experiences. On Friday evening, May 15, they spoke at the Waterford church and on Sabbath, the 16th, at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, in which several other New England churches joined. They are also planning to be at the Eastern Association meetings in Plainfield May 22-24.

### Lasting Impressions

By Joyce Conrod

These are just some of my thoughts and feelings as a mother, wife and, above all, a Christian, of my training to go to Malawi.

First impressions? Most likely these are second or even third ones as time swiftly passes. But to give you an idea of what I remember as being the most lasting impressions I would start with the Christian Service Corps Missionary Training School where we spent ten weeks. After living eight years as an individual family unit it was a refreshing challenge to live with ten to eighteen other young people. Also for me, it was sometimes a bit difficult after being a housewife to go back to school five days a week—eight hours a day. But the many benefits gained from this more than outweighed the problems.

Our children discovered by the example of others' dedication that Christ can really live in us when we obey Him. Also the joy and happiness that radiated from those who loved Jesus inspired all of us. It was stimulating to study the Bible in depth. It was exciting to meet other people in buses, trains, etc., to share with them

our good news of God's love through Christ. But the most enriching experience was a new-found acquaintance that we found through yielding to the Holy Spirit. I am thankful for the opportunity of receiving this which was made possible by God's grace and thankful to all the women who gave so generously to make it possible for me to go.

When we finished our schooling we started a cross-country tour of Seventh Day Baptist churches, about sixteen altogether. In general the response of concern and prayerful support was good at the special meetings. We now feel more closely linked with the individuals in each of our churches and pray that they have benefited in the same way.

I think as we finally headed back to Westerly, Rhode Island, the whole family was ready to stay in one spot and we look forward to going "home" in Africa. Our commissioning service in Ashaway deepened our already present sense of God's calling. With all final details taken care of such as a last-minute oral polio vaccine, we boarded our "NDEGE" (plane) and started the last leg of our trip. We praise and thank God that He allowed us those four months to be spent in preparing for His work. We pray that His name will be glorified as a result of this time both in the U.S.A. and in Africa.

### Christian Communications Congress Held in Tokyo

The third International Communications Congress (held every three years) met in Tokyo, Japan, April 13-18 and drew twice as many participants (300) as the last one in London. The Congress, sponsored by International Christian Broadcasters with the slogan "Committed to Communicate Christ," made progress in that direction.

Dr. Richard Wolff, chairman, appraised the Tokyo conference as "an unqualified success."

"From the opening banquet, attended by His Imperial Highness Prince Takahito of Mikasa and U.S. Ambassador, the Honorable Armin Meyer, to the final challenge and strategy session, the Con-

gress moved forward dynamically, generating excitement, stimulating thought and action."

Delegates included people from twenty-three countries: Japan, Republic of China, Philippines, Korea, Hong Kong, India, Okinawa, Thailand, Guam, Finland, Lebanon, Singapore, Liberia, Great Britain, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Indonesia, United States, Norway, Holland, Guatemala, Malaysia, Switzerland, and Monte Carlo.

More significant than the quantitative success of the Tokyo Congress, Wolff believed, was the outstanding quality of the position papers which gave rise to fruitful discussions that led to involvement.

Maximo Atienza, vice-president of the Far East Broadcasting Company, in the keynote address called for "more than just a lingual link" between people of the world. He stated, "Our primary task is to convey the more potent language of the love of God . . . a universal medium of understanding."

An executive meeting following the Congress set up some priorities for action during the next three years, among which was a proposal to concentrate on the use of mass media in Japan in cooperation with the Japanese churches. Another was to "determine the function of mass media as they relate to the church. Is the purpose of mass media to reinforce, to penetrate, or to permeate?"

#### A Ten Second Sermon Heart Trouble

"We have met the enemy, and he is us" was emblazoned on a poster in the corridor of a university building which I visited a few weeks ago. It's a clever quote aptly describing the problem of our day and reminding me of Scripture's words:

"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

"For from within, out of the heart of man came evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these things come

from within, and they defile a man." (Matthew 15:18-19)

—IVCF

#### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON, WIS.— The biggest item in camp development is the construction of a second dormitory which will begin soon. Don Drake will be the builder. This dormitory will be known as the Lottie Baldwin Memorial Dormitory as the cost of construction is being underwritten from the Lottie Baldwin Association.

The dorm built last spring was much appreciated during the camping season. This was made possible by gifts from various organizations, memorials, and persons. Alan Crouch will be assistant to the pastor this summer, hopefully arriving by June 21. He and his family will live in the Stillman Cottage at Camp Wakonda. He will help with the summer camping programs and with the church work until the last of August.

—Newsletter

PLAINFIELD, N. J.— Our 132nd annual meeting, April 12, reflected the increased enthusiasm and dedication that have been evident for some time. Membership, attendance, and giving had increased, both in church and in Sabbath School. Since the trial plan of having church at 10:30 followed by coffee break and Sabbath School had been successful in helping to increase participation, it was voted to continue the program indefinitely. Part of the plan has been the dividing of the adult Sabbath School into three sections—the *Helping Hand* group, the social concerns group, and the sermon discussion group. This was facilitated by the action a year ago of making the Sabbath School an auxiliary organization of the church, administered by the Board of Christian Education. Mrs. Janette Rogers is chairman of this board, and its members have worked hard to increase the effectiveness of the Sabbath School in all age groups.

Some of the officers elected are: moderator, the Rev. Albert Rogers; clerk, Mrs. Anna North; treasurer, Charles North; assistant, Mrs. Ardale Skaggs;

minister of Christian social action, Elder Reuben Simons; Sabbath School superintendent, Mrs. Kay Satterlee; secretary, Mrs. Etta O'Connor; treasurer, Mrs. Jeannette Duryea. Committee chairmen are: Evangelism, Mrs. Barbara Saunders; Discipleship, Douglas Wheeler; Fellowship, Mrs. Dorothea Paquette and Mrs. Betty North; Christian Social Action, Charles North; Music, Mrs. Peggy Van Horn.

Pastor Herbert Saunders' report showed numerous activities under the headings of preaching, teaching, administration, communications, and calling. Included were eleven sermons for Shiloh's preaching mission. Assistant Pastor Robert Babcock's report also indicated a variety of activities. Dean Victor Skaggs submitted a job analysis for the work of our student pastors.

The church voted a budget of \$19,190 for church expenses, \$5,200 for OWM, and \$5,200 for special projects (the last two depending on designated contributions). It was voted to have a special committee to draw up a master plan for church renovations. It was also voted to become a charter member of the Plainfield Association of Religious Organizations, which our delegates had helped organize.

A delicious spaghetti dinner, served by the Youth Fellowship as a fund-raising project, netted \$25.

Homecoming Sabbath, April 11, was a success with eighty-three at church, including Elder and Mrs. E. Wendell Stephan from Hartford, Conn., and several others from a distance. All seven elders were present. Pastor Saunders preached a challenging sermon on "The Incendiary Fellowship." Sabbath School was followed by a covered-dish dinner.

On Youth Sabbath, March 21, all our young people participated in conducting the morning worship service. Pastor Saunders' sermon, "The In Crowd," was an appeal to young people to take the road to real happiness through loyalty to Christ. Our Youth Fellowship has met frequently, usually on Sabbath evening.

On March 14, Evangelist Mynor Soper

preached on the power of the Holy Spirit in witnessing. After a fellowship dinner, Mr. Soper outlined a lay training program for learning to witness more effectively.

—Correspondent

#### Obituaries

COON.— Mrs. Charlotte, daughter of the late Rev. Joseph E. and Elmira Hague Hull, was born in Red Cloud, Nebr., Oct. 20, 1882, and died April 29, 1970, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Vinton Wardner of Little Genesee, N. Y., after a long illness.

In November 1910, she was married to Adelbert Coon, who died in 1936. Mrs. Coon was a member of the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Blanche Wardner of Little Genesee and Mrs. Christine Hughes of Bolivar; eight grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Schaffner Funeral Home, Bolivar, N. Y., conducted by her pastor. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery in Little Genesee.

—H. D. K.

GREEN.— Ralph L., son of Fred L. and Minnie Clement Green, was born at North Loup, Nebr., May 19, 1898, and died at Cashmere, Wash., March 29, 1970. He was married at North Loup, June 3, 1903, to Alice May Weaver of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Surviving are a son, Fred L. of Okanogon, Wash.; two daughters, Mrs. Kenny Smith, of Cashmere; and Mrs. Kinkle Marsh of Wenatchee, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Kerwin of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Louisa Turner of Los Angeles, Calif.; and nine grandchildren. Burial was in Cashmere Cemetery.

—D. L. D.

TRAVER.— Archie L., son of William and Clara Mead Traver, was born Dec. 8, 1905, in Little Genesee, N. Y., and died May 6, 1970, at the St. Francis Hospital in Olean, following a brief illness.

On October 18, 1937, he married Vivian Morris, who survives. In addition to his widow, he is survived by his father of Portville, N. Y.; four sons, Sgt. Douglas Traver of San Antonio, Tex., and Garry, Philip, and Danny Traver, all at home; four daughters, Mrs. Harry (Nina) Wilson of Portville, Mrs. Harold (Kathy) King of Little Genesee and Miss Linda Traver and Jean Traver, both at home; three sisters, Mrs. Alice Cooper of Endicott, N. Y., Mrs. Norman (Virginia) Lawton of Perry, N. Y., and Mrs. Earl (Opal) Jones of Little Genesee; and two grandchildren.

He was a member of the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church. The funeral service was held at the Schaffner Funeral Home in Bolivar, N. Y., conducted by his pastor. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery at Little Genesee.

—H. D. K.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## LET'S THINK IT OVER

### Constitutional Prayer Amendment

With the death of Senator Dirksen his prayer amendment (which did not get much support) died also until it was revived recently with slight changes by Senator Hugh Scott (R, Pa.).

With the addition of nine new words the Scott Amendment is the same as the Dirksen Amendment. The new revised proposal reads:

"Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public school or other public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate voluntarily in nondenominational prayer or meditation."

The new words added to the Dirksen amendment are: "in any public school or other," "voluntarily," and "or meditation."

W. Barry Garrett, writing for Baptist Public Affairs, maintains that there is nothing essentially new in it and that it gives no guarantees not already covered by the "free exercise of religion" clause in the First Amendment. Voluntary prayer in public schools is permissible; required prayer is not.

The Baptist writer contends that the proposed amendment "continues to make a political, partisan football out of the sacredness of prayer."

"To be for God, mother, and the flag is always a popular political strategy. For a politician to appear to be against these is unthinkable. This makes it most difficult for those who choose to stand on the solid ground of basic principles in the school prayer controversy," he adds. The proposal limits a person's rights to "nondenominational prayer or meditation." Would this mean that if a group of Bap-

tist students got together at lunch in a public school to pray, the location of their prayer would determine that it had to be "nondenominational?" What about the theology and prayer convictions of other groups who pray in certain specific ways? Would their "voluntary" prayers be ruled out?

Mr. Garrett concludes that although the Scott Amendment is relatively harmless, compared to other proposed constitutional prayer amendments, there is no need at this time for a constitutional prayer amendment.

### College Faculty Members Drop Denominational Ties

Faculty members in American colleges and universities have a tendency to shed their religious commitment as they enter their professional careers according to a survey of the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education.

A summary of the survey has been published in The Chronicle of Higher Education with editorial offices in Baltimore, Md., in an article by Malcolm G. Scully. The survey included 60,447 faculty members of all ranks and all types of institutions and in all disciplines.

On the subject of religion the faculty members were asked, "In what religion were you raised and what is your present religion?"

Of the 64 per cent that were raised Protestant only 45.3 per cent remain in that faith. Catholics also slipped from their faith—15.5 per cent were raised Catholics, but only 11.8 per cent remain so. Ten per cent of the faculty members were raised Jews but only 6.7 per cent have continued in the Jewish religion.

Of the 60,447 faculty members surveyed 24.6 per cent reported that they now have no religion.

Printed in Over a Thousand Tongues



Seventh Day Baptists, called into existence by a thorough study of the Bible and a courageous determination to follow its precepts even if it meant a break with the established church and the lifetime habit of Sunday observance, have been pioneers in translating the Bible into Chinese. We rejoice when the Bible reaches another people in their native language, for the Bible speaks to hearts.