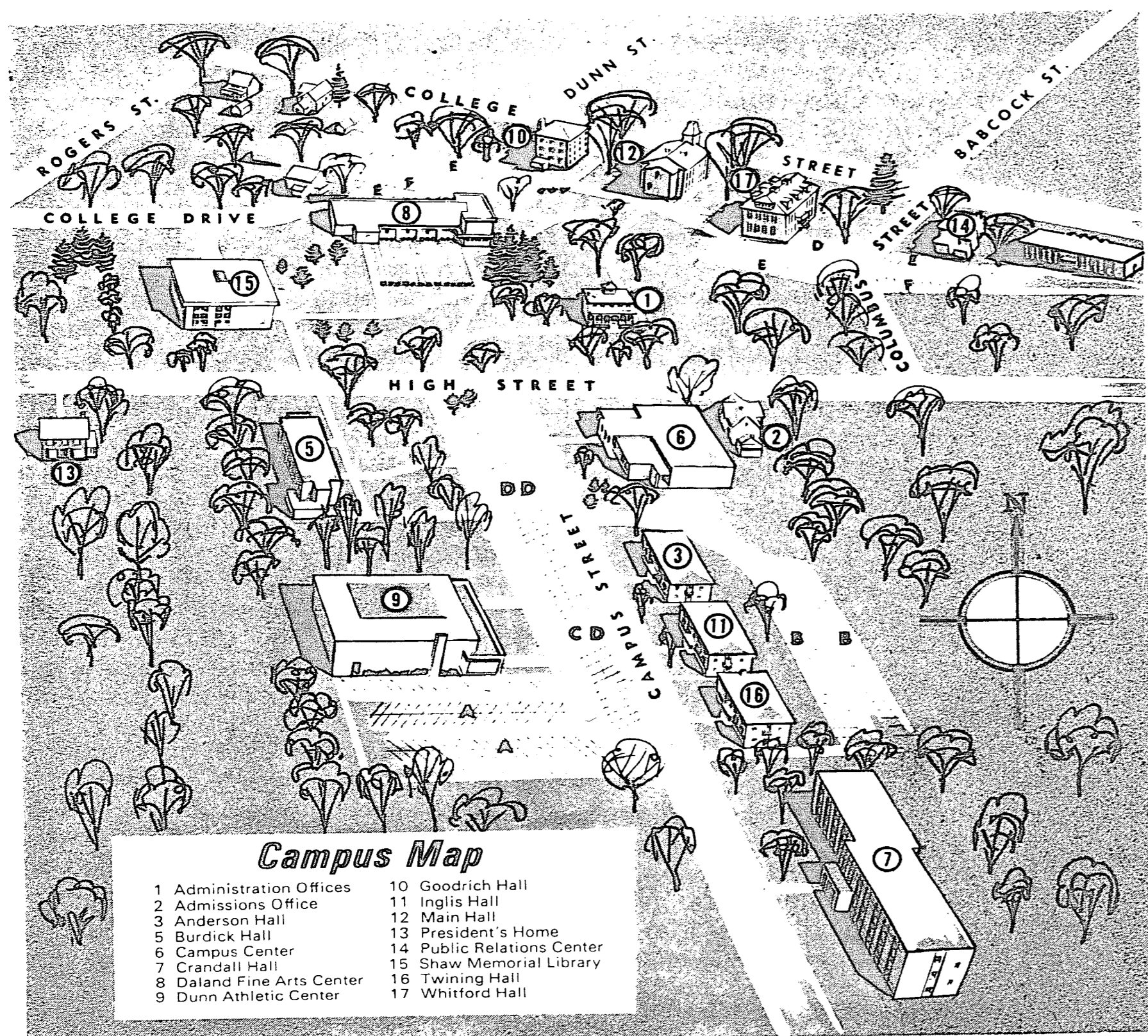


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Seed Thoughts from Nature

There was an abundance of rain this spring, which has kept the grass growing in every well-fed lawn and has given a chance for nature-scattered seeds to germinate in greater abundance than usual. From man's point of view this is either good or bad, depending on whether or not he wants these seeds to grow in the places where they have fallen.

Walking to the office on a Monday morning after a somewhat rainy week, I passed a little well-kept church on the corner. It has paved driveways and a high wire fence with gates that are locked except when services are being held. Just inside the fence on the asphalt driveway was a small pile of wet leaves a few inches high. To my surprise I saw several little maple trees with their characteristic five-pointed leaves starting up from the little mound of leaves. Usually we find such seedlings only in protected places like hedgerows where there is depth of soil. I couldn't help but think of their fate when dry weather comes or when their slender roots find it impossible to get through the thick black pavement.

Jesus gave a parable about the sower broadcasting his seed grain on ground that was supposedly prepared to receive it. Some of the seeds, we are told, fell on stony places where there was not much earth. Anyone who has seen the hills of Judea and Galilee can readily understand that it was no fault of the sower that some of the seeds did not find much earth. The ground is so stony that it is a wonder that any of the seeds found deep soil. There are places where seedling trees were planted in bits of soil between the stones. When they grew to six inches in diameter they completely filled the space between the rocks so that no soil was visible—just rocks and trees. But in those cases the roots could go down and could even draw sustenance from the minerals in the rocks. Not so the grain that found no depth of earth—like the little maples living on nothing but the decaying leaves from the mother tree.

The maple to be propagated has to commit its winged seeds to the wind in prodigal waste. It can do nothing about

preparing the soil other than to mulch the ground with last year's leaves which, in turn, sailed at the whim of shifting winds and left bare spots on which no seeds could take root.

There is no future for the little maples I saw this morning unless some man transplants them from their shallow leafy bed to a better piece of land. We who are sowers bearing the precious seed of the gospel are of a higher order of nature than the stationary, mindless trees that can follow only the precept of creation to bring forth seed after their kind. We can carry the Word of God in our minds as well as in printed form. We can cooperate with the Holy Spirit in preparing the hearts of our fellowmen to receive that message which produces new life. It may be that some of our effects will appear to be fruitless.

We may not always see evidence that the word of the Sabbath, for instance, has taken deep root. But it is the nature of the seed of truth to grow—perhaps planted by a Paul and watered by an Apollos, but depending on God to give the increase (1 Cor. 3:6). What if the one who plants and the one who waters are forgotten so long as the seedling is brought to fruition by God. The Scripture says we are to sow in hope. It also says that we are to sow bountifully (like the maple tree) if we hope to reap bountifully. There are more pieces of prepared ground for personal testimony and distribution of literature than we imagine. Let us be faithful! We will find that God is.

Doing Your Thing

There is something intriguing and challenging about "doing your thing" if that expression is taken in its better sense. It may be a modern way of saying what is found in that familiar passage of Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Whether we are young or old, most of us have developed certain aptitudes so that there are some things we can do better than others. The "preacher" of Ecclesiastes urged his readers to find that thing and "do it with thy might." He evidently had in mind something physical rather than mental. Modern youth have broad-

ened "your thing" to include musical talent and quite a variety of other things, some good, some not so good.

The Scripture verse referred to is more applicable to mature men than to youth and maidens for it goes on to give an adult reason for doing it with your might: "for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." That is a pretty pointed reminder not to drift through life but to consider the urgency of doing what we can do before it is too late. The Apostle Paul picks up this thought and gives it more definite direction when he writes, "But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14). With him everything had to have an eternal goal. His life had been changed by an encounter with Christ, and all the present was colored by the future.

There is another passage in Paul's epistles which, though it does not detract from the goal, does give a hint that there may be some lesser things that we can do with our strength. To the Corinthian Christians, young in the faith, he wrote, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). There are limits to what sort of things can be done to the glory of God, but in that "whatsoever" there is breadth enough to cover a wide range of activity. It is broadened by another passage, "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).

What is your thing? Is it one or is it many? Apply these Scriptures to it and find joy in it. Don't put your hand or mind to anything that breaks your connection with Christ. If you can do it as a Christian, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and can give thanks to the Father, go to it.

As for me, I have been devoting most of my energies during the past seventeen years to two things, editing this denominational journal and performing the duties (mostly letter writing) of the correspond-

MEMORY TEXT

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacles? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. —Psa. 15:1-2

ing secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society. I hope that it can be said that in "doing my thing" I have done with my might what my hand has found to do. Certainly you, too, have had one or two main lines of activity that make use of your special aptitudes.

There is joy in doing a few things that are avocations rather than vocations. Some of them contribute to our health and well-being and make us better able to do the main job. Some of us feel, with Paul, that bodily exercise is profitable even though we are reminded that it needs to be coupled with godliness which "is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4:8).

When I was younger, I was far from being an athlete but I liked to run or jog long distances. It was probably good for my lungs and heart, with which I have never had any trouble. I took up bicycle riding as a hobby and as an incentive to pastoral calling while in California. Two years ago I had an accident. Although I have fully recovered from that leg injury, I have not been able to feel comfortable in jogging or running. Bicycle riding, however, continues to be "my thing" as far as bodily exercise is concerned.

My advice to others is to "do your thing." Change it if you have to, but do it. Perhaps I am more honest than wise in mentioning that I cannot enjoy running. I believe that we should accentuate the positive. That's the meaning of doing our thing. If one gets a thrill out of the endurance required for an all day bicycle ride, this would seem to be compatible with Ecclesiastes 9:10 or 1 Corinthians 10:31.

I believe one can ride a bicycle to the glory of God. Specifically I found a recent trip somewhat productive of good

exercise and good thoughts. One of the young men of our church was spending his first weekend at Fort Dix preparatory to basic training. Sunday morning dawned bright and clear, cool and windless, an unusually good day for a long ride. How nice it would be to visit this young man who did not yet have a firm address and deliver to him the current issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*—a kind of delivery service that cannot be promised to all. The miles were long, but I was able to make those 55 miles (in pretty fair time) by 9:40 a.m. The recruit was off to a good start in his military tour; I found him listening to a good gospel sermon in the chapel. After delivering the *Sabbath Recorder* and visiting for nearly an hour, I started for home and back to a little office work that awaited me.

My thing, upon occasion, is pedaling a light-weight bicycle. Douglas Wheeler, the recruit, will find his "thing" to be physically strenuous for the first six weeks—more so than teaching music, which was his thing this year.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

- 1) The church leaders in Guyana who are preparing to take over extra responsibilities during the furlough of the missionaries.
- 2) The continuing work of the SCSC in camps, Bible schools, and personal evangelism.
- 3) The calling by the Holy Spirit of new workers for our portion of the Lord's vineyard and the acceptance by our people of such new workers as the Lord does call.
- 4) A consuming love for people and careful consideration of programs designed to help us reach people for Christ.
- 5) The newly ordained minister, Gordon Oliver, that he may know the further leading of the Lord, and other ministers in the Southwest who are distributing tracts and trying to organize groups.

Fraternal Delegate Attends Adventist World Conference

By Leon M. Maltby

Not for many, many years have we sent fraternal delegates to the Seventh-day Adventist Conference as was done this year. As a matter of convenience and availability, your editor was asked to represent Seventh Day Baptists at the fifty-first session of their World Conference held at Convention Hall, Atlantic City, June 11-20, 1970. He and his wife were able to attend the first day, Friday, and the second Sabbath (which some speakers likened to that last great day of the feast mentioned in John 7:37).

The Adventists do not have fraternal delegates (they call them observers) but the top people extended every courtesy of badge, seating, and other services. The only other observer present that day was the top executive of several Lutheran bodies of America. In this observer status one does not appear on the platform or bring official greetings from his denomination, as is expected of fraternal delegates visiting our Conference. Being an editor as well as an observer delegate gives one access to the Press Room and the prepared releases.

One of the most impressive achievements from the journalist's point of view was the daily bulletin printed by the staff of the *Review and Herald*. On the last day the editor, Kenneth H. Wood, presented your delegate with a compilation of these bulletins totaling 176 pages. Complete with pictures, many messages, and serving as the official minutes of the World Conference these bulletins were a masterpiece of reporting by teletype and rapid printing. The work was done at the publishing house in Washington during the night, and 2,500 copies delivered by truck at Atlantic City the next morning.

The machinery of the Conference seemed to be as well oiled as the printing presses. During the first day—a day of business—there was no discussion. One gets the impression that delegate participation other than in the committee meetings (which we did not observe) is

a matter of trusting the leadership and putting the stamp of approval on what has been decided. Perhaps that is the easier way to operate with large numbers in Convention Hall.

Almost everything about the quadrennial Conference of the Adventists was impressive — its mass of clean-living people, its size, its finances, its displays, its statistics, and some of its programs. Speaking of programs, nothing could compare with the one-hour presentation at 6 p.m. on the Sabbath of the North American work in slides and commentary. It employed twenty-six projectors and a wide screen divided into nine frames. Automatic and computerized in its slide changing, the near-perfect production taxed the capacity of eye and mind to comprehend all the pictures of nature, people, and institutions so beautifully presented.

Mixed with the delegates and visitors from this country for a total of more than 30,000 on weekends were some 1,400 overseas representatives, many of them in colorful native costume. The cost of transporting so many people from around the world (there were about fifteen from India) is one of the reasons, we were told privately, for the proposal that the World Conference be held once in six years instead of quadrennially.

There seems to be no diminishing of the emphasis on the prophetic inspiration of Ellen G. White. Her works were prominently featured in the elaborate displays: her pictures (slides) were given away. The eighteen pound family Bible which she reportedly held at arm's length for an hour in trance was displayed under glass. Karl Waber, head of the work in Switzerland, in a lengthy discussion with your editor, maintained that the writings of Mrs. White quoted in all churches of the world are a major unifying force of Adventism.

The Sabbath morning sermon by the world secretary was good. To most of the audience it was probably better for the five carefully spaced and climaxing quotations from "God's messenger." To us the paragraphs quoted added nothing valuable.

National Prayer Day Proposed to Nixon

The Southern Wisconsin District of the American Lutheran Church has voted to support Dr. James E. Albrecht of Jackson, Wis., in his efforts to gain a "national day of prayer" through radio and television networks.

Dr. Albrecht, a well-known Jackson general practitioner, came up with the idea for a "National Day of Prayer" to emanate from the White House.

The church will ask newspapers, the three major TV and radio networks for donated time so prominent religious leaders of the nation can have the opportunity "to encourage our country to turn to the power of God through prayer as a source for guidance."

In addition, Dr. Albrecht has written a letter to President Nixon in which he said:

"I wish to share with you a vision which came to me while I was reflecting on your recent press conference as well as on the many areas of tension, conflict, and turmoil in our country.

"The thought occurred to me that as a nation and individual members of the nation, we have drifted away from God. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have a national day of prayer culminating with an hour of meditation and prayer lead by the nation's religious leaders on an interdenominational basis, with all TV and radio networks emanating from the White House?

"This prayer would be directed not to asking God to be on our side, but to ask Him to help us get back on His side: asking His blessings upon our leaders, upon us as a people; asking His forgiveness for our own shortcomings, and helping us to become the men and women He created in His image.

"We should ask specifically for guidance 'pouring oil on troubled waters,' reestablishing better relationship with God. Over the years we have drifted away from reliance on God to a reliance on our own strength and wisdom only to drift into greater personal and community chaos.

"You, as head of this great country, are the only one who can call the people of this country to unify and to become a nation under God as conceived by the founding fathers. It would seem *now* is the time to have a day of supplication to God so that we will truly have a day of Thanksgiving in November."

It is not known at the time of setting this type whether or not the President has endorsed this day of prayer and its radio-TV impact. Other religious bodies and periodicals are expected to promote it. Does it appeal to you? If so, talk it up. The pastor of the Jackson church writes of the power of prayer, "And this is why we would like to see this nation make use of this enormous power rather than continue to use the means it has been using." He asks, "Is it so impossible a dream? Would it be a needed corrective to help relax our anxious nation in the midst of all the turmoil?"

Southwestern Association Meeting

By Muriel Osborn, secretary pro tem

A pastor's family has many homes and so, although we love Nortonville, it was a thrill to be able to return to another of our homes, Little Rock, where Paul represented the General Conference at the Southwestern Association meeting held June 18-21.

On Thursday morning we met six heavily laden SCSC workers at the airport in Kansas City. We left Shelley Austin and Geneva Wells to come with Phil and Harriet Burrows and took Ralph Mackintosh, Bob Cartwright, Pat Lawton and our Karen with us down through the beautiful Ozarks and on to Little Rock.

The weather was warm and humid but we received a warmer reception and great southern hospitality.

President Kenneth Van Horn called the 79th session of the Southwestern Association to order Thursday night and appointed the necessary committees to carry on the business. We were welcomed by Berwin Monroe, church moderator, and Pastor H. Earl DeLand of the Hammond and Metairie, La., churches, re-

sponded. Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Davis from Verona, N. Y., were recognized as delegates from the Central New York, Allegheny, and Eastern Associations. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hyde, also of Verona. Pastor Kenneth Van Horn introduced the theme of the association, "A Witnessing Faith," and brought the evening message on "God's Call To Witness," using Isaiah 6:1-9 as the Scripture.

Friday morning the president conducted the business session and then turned the meeting over to the ladies who presented an inspirational worship service prepared by Mrs. Clifford Beebe. Scriptures and sketches of the lives of Ruth, Hannah, and Martha were read, also, a sketch about Susie Burdick and a tribute to a modern Christian woman, Connie Coon.

Friday afternoon the president turned the meeting over to Pastor Clifford Beebe who acted as chairman of the Ordaining Council in the examination of Brother Gordon Oliver of Abilene, Texas. The Texarkana church called him to ordination and asked the association to serve as the Ordination Council. A former Landmark Baptist pastor, Brother Oliver's statement showed the depth of his conviction concerning the Sabbath which caused him to leave his former church associations and seek membership in the Texarkana church. Pastor Beebe asked Pastor Paul Osborn to lead the council in its deliberations. The council voted unanimously to recommend Brother Oliver for ordination.

For many of us Sabbath Eve was the high point of the weekend. The Spirit of God was manifest throughout the song and testimony service to such an extent that it seemed the church building must surely burst with the expressions of praise which were given. Pastor Earl DeLand brought the evening message, using a visual presentation of one method of witnessing.

Robert Butler, Jr., taught the adult Sabbath School lesson Sabbath morning while Mrs. Kenneth Van Horn was in charge of the children and young people.

Pastor Paul Osborn brought the message on the theme, "A Witnessing Faith," using righteous Abel as an illustration of one who was obedient, even unto death.

Sabbath afternoon the ordination of Brother Oliver was conducted. Pastor Ralph Hays brought the message, using Hebrews 12:3 as a text, and showing that we should "Consider Christ." Deacon Calvin Babcock of Little Rock gave the charge to the candidate and Pastor Beebe delivered the charge to the church. Evangelist James Mitchell of Little Rock led in the ordaining prayer and the laying on of hands. The service concluded with Pastor Hays and Pastor Oliver conducting the communion service.

Night after the Sabbath Janis Mitchell led the youth including the SCSC teams (who will be working in Texarkana and Paint Rock) in a vesper service at the pavilion in Alsopp Park where most of the meals were eaten.

The final business session was conducted Sunday morning. Actions taken showed increasing concern in outreach in the Southwest field and interest in the delegate exchange between associations. A motion to adopt a resolution protesting Conference membership in the NCC and WCC was thoroughly discussed and tabled, with a committee appointed to send questionnaires to the churches to find out specific details about the effect of such membership on the local churches.

The session adjourned at noon to meet at Texarkana in 1971 under the leadership of Robert FitzRandolph as president.

It was good to see old friends and encouraging to meet many new friends, folks who had not previously been acquainted with Seventh Day Baptists.

On to Wisconsin

May this be the slogan of Seventh Day Baptists looking toward the 1970 session of General Conference at Milton, Wisconsin, August 9-15.

**Statement of Christian
Experience and Beliefs
of Rev. Gordon D. Oliver**

(Given at his ordination to the gospel ministry at the Southwestern Association meeting at Little Rock, Ark., June 19, 1970)

My first awareness of the presence of God and of His ability to speak to me mentally or intellectually was when I was eight years of age. From eight to fifteen years of age I was very wicked. My father kept whiskey in the home of which I indulged to excess many times.

In August of my fourteenth year our family attended a brush arbor revival meeting of a First Day Baptist Church in an adjoining community. My father was brought heavily under conviction during this time. Many times after this I found my father praying. In the spring of my fifteenth year a revival was held in the church building in the same community. My mother had lived a moderate Christian life through the years, but my father was a very wicked man all this time. They both rededicated their lives and joined this church.

Later in the summer a young evangelist and singer came to our community (a large community where there was no church) and had a revival meeting in a school building. It was during this series of meetings that I realized I was a sinner doomed to a devil's hell. After my first public profession for three days and three nights I was heavily burdened and prayed, weeping with bitter tears. I felt I had been truly saved, but I became very concerned about my salvation. It was revealed to me that I was saved, that my sins had been forgiven and blotted out, and my name was written in the Lamb's book of life, and I had become a child of God and of the King.

Even in the constant state of prayer this burden was not lifted and I besought the Lord for the reason of this burden with bitter tears. Then he showed me a vision of a high, lifted up throne with a Heavenly Being sitting on the throne and made known to me to be God the Father and another Heavenly Being standing immediately to His right, which

was made known to be the Son of God. Below the feet of the Father and the Son was brought before me an almost immeasurably wide highway with a numberless host of people marching past in one direction and disappearing. I inquired what the disappearance was all about. The Father showed a glimpse of the bottomless pit and these people falling into the flames of fire. The Father pointed one hand to the people and one hand to the Son saying, "Point them to Him." I asked, "To preach?" and He answered, "Yes, preach Christ to them."

I was licensed by this Baptist church in 1935 and did some supply preaching and held revivals for the following two years. During the year of 1937 I was ordained and have pastored First Day Baptist churches and worked at secular jobs for support. In 1941 I was drafted into the United States Army and had many wonderful experiences. I filled in for an Army chaplain and for several months I held all the services for a colored battalion. It was during the last part of my military service I backslid and the second state was worse than the first.

In 1948 I was a salesman for General Foods Coffee Campaign. As we were finishing this campaign I was working south of West Memphis, Ark., and again became greatly convicted over my dangerous, sinful, rebellious state. I was impressed to repent and surrender my life to God or it would be taken. In prayer I promised God, that after six months to get my business affairs adjusted then I would begin preaching.

More than six months had passed and I was happily trying to go on with my good work on the highway between Pochontas and Corning, Ark. I was without any meditation upon religious matters, as my thoughts dwelt on sales calls and plans of sales talks, when God caused me to be brought under great conviction, warning that unless I repented, surrendered to following God, and preached the gospel, I would lose my life. I was caused to think, You are going to have an accident. With no cars in sight, I questioned God. He insisted, "But you

will have a heart attack. Stop this car now and turn off the motor." I obeyed and sat on the roadside quietly thinking, this is nonsense, but I couldn't go on without praying. After much prayer and weeping, I promised God I would preach for Him in three weeks. This time I made the surrender, began preaching again, and later started to college, finishing Ouachita Baptist College in June of 1953 with a B.A. degree.

While preaching on the Commandments through the years, I would stop in my studies and meditate on the Fourth Commandment, never understanding why we held the first day instead of the seventh. I also would wonder who had given the pagan names to each of the numbered days.

In the spring of 1961 I learned from a Seventh-day Adventist more about the Sabbath, studied with them, and finally accepted this Sabbath truth in 1965. I joined the Adventist church and remained a member until in January of 1966 I asked to be dropped from the rolls as I could not accept all of their doctrines. During the year of 1966 and until August of 1967, we kept Sabbath in our private home at Wichita Falls and Abilene, Texas, at which time my family and I joined the Texarkana Seventh Day Baptist Church, and have been witnessing to the truth and been doing a tract ministry until the present time. Sister Lillie Mitchell suggested to me, then to brother Ralph Hays, and finally to the church, that the church ordain me as a minister. So I now stand before you brethren waiting upon the will of God to be done. To God be the glory.

Statement of Beliefs

As to my beliefs: I believe in God the Father, Eternal Spirit, Creator, and Sustainer of the Universe, who is holy, ever present, all powerful, and all knowing, and who extends redeeming love to all men.

In Jesus Christ: God manifest in the flesh and my Savior, teacher and guide who draws unto Himself all who will come unto Him in love and faithful obedience.

In the Holy Spirit: God indwelt in man, as Paul said, by the mystery of the operation of salvation, who inspires; comforts; actively at work in the hearts, lives, and minds of men; reproofing of sin; convicting of righteousness and judgment to come; empowering for His service.

In the Bible: As the inspired Word of God: His will to and for man, of which Jesus is the supreme interpreter: the final authority in matters of faith, practice, and conduct.

In Man: Made in the image and likeness of God in spiritual nature and personality; the noblest work of creation; and that we are responsible to answer the call and invitation of God to come to Him. He was created for divine sonship, and fellowship with God and man, but because of disobedience fell and now needs a Savior and salvation.

In Sin and Salvation: That sin is the transgression of the Law of God and a lack of conformity to the character and will of God. Salvation from sin and death is possible through repentance and faith in the work of Christ. It is the gift of God by redeeming love.

In Eternal Life: Because Jesus arose we also shall rise, be glorified, and live eternally with Him.

In the Church: All the redeemed people gathered together of which body Christ is head. Local; organized for fellowship; for service; for proclaiming His message of salvation and mission outreach.

In the Sacraments: Baptism by immersion of born again believers: outward picture of what has happened inwardly. The Lord's Supper: A memorial of the suffering death, resurrection of our Lord: "till He comes."

In the Sabbath: Of the Bible; seventh day of the week; and the only sacred and holy day of the week from the beginning of creation. That it should be kept holy and man should rest from all his labors. A command from God; a sign between God and His people; a day of worship; and a pledge of God of our eternal rest.

Guyana Missionaries To Begin Furlough

Plans are progressing for Pastor Leroy Bass and family to begin a furlough of ten months following four years of missionary service in Guyana, South America. It is expected that they will arrive in this country on Thursday, July 23.

The Basses have been making their home and headquarters at the recently purchased 19 Gordon St., property, Kitty, Georgetown, since their arrival in Guyana in August 1966. They have been very busy during recent months preparing Guyanese leadership to take over the work while they are in this country on furlough.

The hour and place of arrival or airline flight schedule are not definite at this writing. However, it is expected that the Basses will arrive either at Kennedy International Airport, N. Y., or Bradley International Airport at Hartford, Conn., on Thursday evening, July 23.

Arrangements have been made for Pastor Bass and family to take a few days of rest and recreation on the Island of Grenada, just north of Trinidad, as they are enroute to this country. They would be leaving Georgetown, bidding farewell to their many friends and brethren of Guyana, on Thursday, July 16.

Through the kindness of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church arrangements have been made for the Missionary Board to rent the parsonage at Rockville so as to provide a home for Pastor Bass and family during furlough months. This would make it possible for the children to attend public school and also for the Basses to live in the New England area—not far from Pastor Bass' parents at Northampton, Mass., and Mrs. Bass' parents at Niantic, Conn. The car given by the Rev. and Mrs. John Conrod will be available for their use.

It is hoped that the Basses will attend General Conference at Milton, Wis., in August where friends may greet them.

New Worker Going to Brazil

Brazil has some serious problems with its economy, politics, and religion—perhaps less with religion than with the other two areas. For quite a few years the gospel as presented by Protestants has been making rapid gains in this supposedly Catholic country. Evangelism is bearing more and more fruit each year. Seventh Day Baptist work in some parts of Brazil shows much promise even though we have sent no missionaries and native leadership is not fully trained for the task.

The newest development may not be a parallel to the inviting of two former Catholic priests of Colombia to work with the indigenous leadership a few years back but it is something like it. Leo Floyd, whose wife is native to Brazil, is a Navy man stationed for quite a time in the Canal Zone and now retiring from military service. He has recently accepted the Sabbath and identified with Seventh Day Baptists as a result of correspondence and literature. Not content to retire without an important purpose, he has been encouraged in his desire to help the Seventh Day Baptist work in Brazil without denominational appointment or support.

Correspondence with the Conference leaders in Curitiba has brought an invitation and the firming up of plans to move permanently to that country for gospel work such as he may be able to do.

A letter of June 28 states in part:

"We finally received a letter from Sr. Nisio and it was better than anything we could have expected. The Lord is most certainly leading in this matter as everything is working out just as smoothly as you could ever imagine. We have decided to go to Brazil and permanently reside in Curitiba leaving here about the 21st of July. We will go directly to Rio where we will remain for about a week and then go on to Curitiba. We already have our passport and will go to the Brazilian Consul tomorrow (the 29th) to pick up our visa. The Navy is taking care of the cost of transportation for my family and myself plus the expense of shipping my car and household effects.

So, the move can be made without any great expense on our part. God is certainly answering the prayers of His people in this matter. I just hope that we will be worthy of the call."

Mr. Floyd has been contributing generously to our denominational work in recent months; he has ordered and distributed tracts; has been an enthusiastic reader of the *Sabbath Recorder* and *Helping Hand*, which will be forwarded to his new address.

The decision to go to Brazil was not quickly made. He at first could not see how he could be of sufficient help to warrant the undertaking. He had considered additional schooling in this country or taking a good paying civilian job in the Canal Zone. The urgency of the Seventh Day Baptist work and the relative ease with which he and his family could fit into it no doubt contributed to his feeling a month or more ago that this was the leading of the Lord.

When we stop to think of it, who else could go at no cost to our American budget and at no burden to the economically limited churches of like faith in Brazil. It is, of course, a cutback in the family's standard of living at a time when they could have had retirement and civil service income that would have made life uncomplicated.

The Lord has a way of finding workers in places and circumstances that none of us could have anticipated. It is quite possible that with a good correspondent like Leo Floyd in Curitiba we will get much more regular accounts of the progress of the work of our sister Conference.

—Secretary of Tract Society

Late Bible News from Jerusalem

There is a Sabbathkeeping evangelist in Jerusalem who has undoubtedly given away more Bibles and Testaments this year to Jews and Arabs in Israel than any other person regardless of connection. The evangelist is Shlomo Hizak, a native of the country, who formerly was an Orthodox Jew. He was one of the most interesting characters met by your editor

in Israel last January. He has a staff of workers to help him in his evangelistic literature and Bible distribution work. All are dependent on the prayers and financial support of Christian people.

In a letter of June 22 he speaks of the worsening war situation which is likely to shorten the opportunities for evangelism. "We are praying, and we ask you to pray with us," he writes, "that we can still do as much as possible in the time that is at our disposal." "We want to give the Word of God to the people in this country, both Jews and Arabs, because the Messiah, the Christ of the Bible, is the only one who will bring peace to the individual hearts and to this nation," he asserts.

What he has done and what is yet to be done by the influence of the Holy Spirit comes out in the following words from his personal letter: "In the past six months of this year we have distributed some 10,000 Bibles and New Testaments in the country. We want you to rejoice with us over this. But we need to pray for all these people who have received them. It is surely the sign of a spiritual hunger and awakening, but it takes a real break-through.

"We have prepared a new booklet for the Jewish people, called *Three Messages for Israel*. The subjects are: 'Of whom speaketh the prophet? (Is. 53),' 'The prophet like Moses,' and 'Why do the Jews suffer?'

"We are sure that this book will help to answer many questions and we also believe that some will find Christ as their Saviour through it. We are planning to have 100,000 copies of this distributed. We are yet praying for this project. We will need help to bring it to pass."

Any readers who would like informational literature about the life and new work of Evangelist Hizak may request it from Editor Maltby or may write to P. O. Box 8017, Jerusalem, Israel.

How much do you believe? All things are possible through faith. World conquest for Christ? Absolutely. — Bill Glass, evangelist

Billy's Back!

The widely distributed advertisements for the brief Graham crusade in New York June 24-29 read "Billy Is Back." Indeed he was back for what appeared to be a highly successful campaign, although the great stadium was never filled to capacity. It was my privilege to take a carload of people to two of the five services and to appreciate once again the apparent moving of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of thousands listening to the simple, straightforward preaching of the world's foremost evangelist.

Crusade officials reported that the five-day evangelistic effort drew a total of 137,700 persons to the home of baseball's world champion New York Mets. Six thousand twenty-five (6,025) people registered public decisions for Christ.

The audiences at the third Billy Graham New York Crusade (previous Crusades in 1957 and 1969) were composed of all ages and all races. Up to seventy-five percent of the audiences were under twenty-five years of age. One-fourth of each audience was black. Every service drew thousands of Spanish-speaking New Yorkers. Five hundred earphones were distributed for translation of the entire meeting from English to Spanish. The audiences were composed of every strata of society—from those on relief to business tycoons and entertainment celebrities. Crusade Director Bill Brown said, "With New York being the headquarters of the UN, we were especially encouraged by the attendance and also the response to the spiritual appeal by so many of every nationality, ethnic group, age, and background." In summing up his reaction to the Crusade, Fred R. Esty, chairman of the Executive Committee, cited Scripture verses in Lamentations 3:23 and Philipians 1:3 referring to God's faithfulness and our thanksgiving. Brown also thanked hundreds of volunteer workers by saying, "Spiritual success came about because so many Christians were so concerned and worked and prayed so much for their neighbors and friends."

With results like these we can rejoice

that radio and television support helped make possible the stadium rental and other expenses of half a million dollars. Six thousand souls reached for Christ—a good investment. —L. M. M.

Your New Filmstrip Catalog

The Filmstrip Library at denominational headquarters maintained by the American Sabbath Tract Society has been growing rapidly in recent years, which necessitated a new catalog. That catalog of fifty-seven pages plus cover has now been prepared and sent out to the churches.

Two copies were sent to most pastors so that one could be given to the Sabbath School superintendent or some other person desiring to order audiovisual materials. Two copies may not be enough for some churches. At present we have an ample supply. If you are a teacher, youth leader, or are involved in preparing programs for Christmas or other special occasions, feel free to ask for a catalog and order from the wide variety of denominational and other filmstrips offered.

The new catalog offers more than filmstrips. It is produced by the Committee on Audio and Visual Services of the Tract Board and includes all of the Conference tape recordings and radio tapes which were formerly listed in a separate catalog. If your church has, or hopes to have, a radio program you will want to consult the list of programs available.

It is to be noted that new filmstrips have been acquired since the list was typed. More will be produced by the committee during the year. Insert sheets will be provided upon request to all who need them.

Situationists

One of the criticisms of situation ethics is that it is too often based on exceptional situations. To throw overboard the ideals of the Bible to meet these exceptions just isn't a valid approach, says Albert McClellan.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiobel

New Filmstrips

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education has added three new filmstrips to its library for use with children, and a set of four filmstrips to be used with young teen-agers.

The filmstrip "Christian Community Around the World" has sixty-seven frames and has a script-guide. It tells of missionary work starting from the beginning of the church to today with challenging thought for primary and junior ages.

"Different" is a filmstrip of seventy frames in color for use with boys and girls in grades one and two. It is approximately sixteen minutes long and comes with a script-guide and record. The story depicted is of a lad, Ribbins, who lives in the Land of Same. He is taught a lesson by an ugly frog, a blind cat, and a pretty crippled girl crying because they are different. Not until he enters his village disguised as each of his new friends does he begin to understand what it means to be really different. He realizes how thoughtless Ribbins-the-boy had been. The viewers will enjoy reenacting the scenes.

"Dealing with Conflict" is a filmstrip of sixty-one frames in color with a script guide. Designed for junior and junior-high ages, it will stimulate discussion of the question, "How may a Christian face daily conflicts?" In the filmstrip, the students are invited to consider some typical conflicts faced by fifth and sixth graders in our culture. Much time is spent on interpersonal and intergroup conflict. Pressures of differing points of view serve to confuse the issues and complicate relationships. If this filmstrip is to be an effective aid to learning, the viewers must be involved. Unless there is involvement, it will serve only as entertainment, and little more.

The filmstrip kit for "Young Teens and Family Living" has four individual filmstrips with script-guides and records. The titles give much of the essence of the presentation. Number one is called "Parents Can Be a Problem." It leads to

frank discussions of specific problems that youth feel are very real in relationship to their parents.

Number two is titled "Becoming More Independent." Area of discussion is centered around how young teen-agers can demonstrate their ability to become more independent in areas where parents can hardly realize their child is able to be responsible.

Number three is "Learning To Live with Brothers and Sisters." Youth will be led to discuss matters of respect to their brothers and sisters, equal responsibilities, how a year of two's difference in age makes a difference in reactions.

Number four, "Where Do I Fit in?" deals with responsibilities of parents to teen-agers and the responsibilities of teen-agers to parents, and how the Bible can help to resolve differences.

These filmstrips may be used in SDBYF meetings or in high school Sabbath school classes.

As with all Board of Christian Education filmstrips, they may be borrowed with the only cost being the return postage.

We suggest that you remove this page from the *Sabbath Recorder* and paste it into the new filmstrip catalog recently received by your church from our board. A catalog will be sent to you without obligation if you will send your request to the S. D. B. Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803.

Family Filmstrips

Family Filmstrips now has available in filmstrip form the *Tell Me* books written by Mary Alice Jones, world-famed writer of religious stories for children. They come with script for \$7.25 or with record and script for \$11.

Family Filmstrips has two new filmstrips that deal with drug abuse. One is "The Drug Problem: Glue Sniffing and Pills," and the other is "The Drug Problem: Marijuana and LSD." Order from your Family Filmstrips dealer.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

A New Day in Court?

Opinions of a three judge Federal Court in Rhode Island and the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts have been hailed by Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, as "landmark decisions for church-state separation." One of the major devices for evading the ban on government money for church institutions has been that of paying lay teachers in parochial schools for instruction in "secular courses." Not only Rhode Island but Pennsylvania, Ohio and Connecticut have similar aid programs for church schools. This entire scheme may be on the way out as a result of the court's finding.

Of scarcely less significance is the opinion of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court which on June 8 disapproved a proposed "tuition voucher" program for the benefit of the parochial schools. The court found no merit in the plea that parents who send their children to parochial schools are "deprived of their share of public funds." The court held 7 to 0 that "if the children of any citizen do not choose to attend (public schools), no parent is deprived of anything . . ."

These decisions mark a return to our fundamental American concept of separation between church and state under which our people have been protected from any tax for the support of religion.

Going Abroad?

One of the pleasures of overseas travel is to meet people who represent the things you hold dear, people with whom you can talk in a country whose language may be strange to you. If you are traveling you might like to know in advance of 120 cities of the world where you could find English speaking congregations. Would you like to know the addresses of the Church World Service representatives in over forty countries or an equal number of people in the Lit-Lit program in the places you might visit? By making contacts in advance your visit could be much more enjoyable. Most

of these people would gladly give a little spare time to help you understand the countries you visit. A 42-page booklet put out by CWS is full of addresses and is free for the asking.—DOM, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 678, New York, N. Y. 10027. The title is "Going Abroad?"

Contraceptives for Co-eds Decried

Reacting to the report that some of the nation's biggest and best-known schools have adopted policies which permit dispensing of birth control pills or contraceptive devices to unmarried co-eds through the schools' clinics or physicians, Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday school teachers voiced strong disapproval in an opinion poll.

Only 2.0 per cent of the pastors and 1.8 per cent of the teachers "definitely approved" of the policies, and an additional 4.7 per cent of the pastors and 7.8 per cent of the teachers "tend to approve."

The schools having adopted the birth control policies include the University of Michigan, the University of Chicago, the University of Washington, Yale, the University of Illinois, Northwestern, and the University of California campuses in Davis, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Diego, and Berkeley.

Justifications offered by schools for the policies range from "health service," "student demands," to "desperation." Some noted that the changing scene on campuses has put school administrators under tremendous pressure to at times adopt policies which may run counter to their own code of personal conduct.

Excommunication of Luther

William Michaelis of Hamburg, Germany, a Catholic layman, has brought about a number of revocations of excommunications. He reports, according to an Orthodox Catholic bulletin, that the Catholic Church is showing a willingness to declare the decree of Martin Luther's excommunication of 1521 null — a good gesture, but neither the papal bull nor the proposed nullification of it could make much difference in the repose of Luther's soul.

New Minister Ordained at Southwestern Association

Informal reports from some of the visiting delegates to the Southwestern Association held at Little Rock, Ark., June 18-21 indicate that the meetings were spiritually uplifting—a real blessing. One of the highlights of the session was the ordination to the gospel ministry of Gordon D. Oliver of 3166 South 16th Street, Abilene, Texas.

Those who met the new minister for the first time at the association were impressed with his sincerity, deep Sabbath convictions, and ability. He was ordained after proper examination and is reported to be awaiting the leading of the Lord as to where he will serve as a minister and pastor.

The Oliver family consists of two girls, 15 and 7, and two boys, 10 and 2. Mrs. Oliver has a B.A. degree and has taught school.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RICHBURG, N. Y.—On pulpit exchange Sabbath, April 25, Rev. David Clarke of Alfred was guest speaker at the Richburg church. Pastor Dickinson brought the morning message at the Independence church.

Our senior citizens were honored at the morning service May 2. Each received a yellow rosebud.

A fellowship dinner was held in the church social rooms Sabbath Day, June 13, following the morning worship service. An afternoon program on our mission work in Jamaica was given. Two filmstrips showing buildings, several of our missionaries and native workers were shown.

Three of our members have been hospitalized during the past few months. We are glad to report that two are able to be home and are gaining. The third is gaining though still a hospital patient.

—Correspondent

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 25, 1970

THE PROBLEMS OF SIN

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 3:1-15

Accessions

LOST CREEK, WEST VIRGINIA

By Baptism:

Mrs. Judy Seamon
Rick Rock
Sherri (Mrs. Rick) Rock

By Letter:

Rev. O. B. Bond
Lucille (Mrs. O. B.) Bond

By Testimony:

Mrs. Lodgie Rock

SALEM, WEST VIRGINIA

By Baptism:

Richard Clive Devine
Martha Jean Fiffik
Jeffrey H. Powell
Leona Fredette Zinn

By Testimony:

Anne Davis Devine

Marriages

Moser - Boyce.—Rick R. Moser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Moser, of Snohomish, Wash., and Carol Thorngate Boyce, daughter of Mrs. Walter Thorngate, of North Loup, Nebr., were united in marriage at Everett, Wash., on June 19, 1970, by the Rev. Duane L. Davis.

Obituaries

GREENE.—Hanna H., widow of E. DeChois Greene and daughter of Judson and Mary Ladd Horton was born at Hounsfeld (near Adams Center) N. Y., March 1884 and died at a Watertown hospital, May 30, 1970.

Mrs. Greene was a deaconess in the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. She served as organist of the church for thirty years. She had been active in community affairs throughout her life. While confined to the hospital she made provision for improvements in the church building that were completed just before her death. Her husband, whom she married Feb. 2, 1904, was one of the prominent men of the church until his death in 1969.

Mrs. Greene is survived by a son Gerald of Adams Center, a daughter Mary Ellen (Mrs. Chauncey) Reed, also of Adams Center, two brothers, Gilbert V. Horton of the same village, and Kenneth F. Horton of Brockville, Ont.; thirteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. A second daughter, Evelyn Avery, died in 1968.

Funeral services were held from the Carpenter-Stoodley Funeral Home at Bellville, N. Y., with the Rev. Miles Hutchinson, a friend of the family and pastor of the Lorraine and Mannsville Methodist Churches, officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery at Adams Center.

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HOW DO YOU COUNT?

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"6 days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter. . . ."

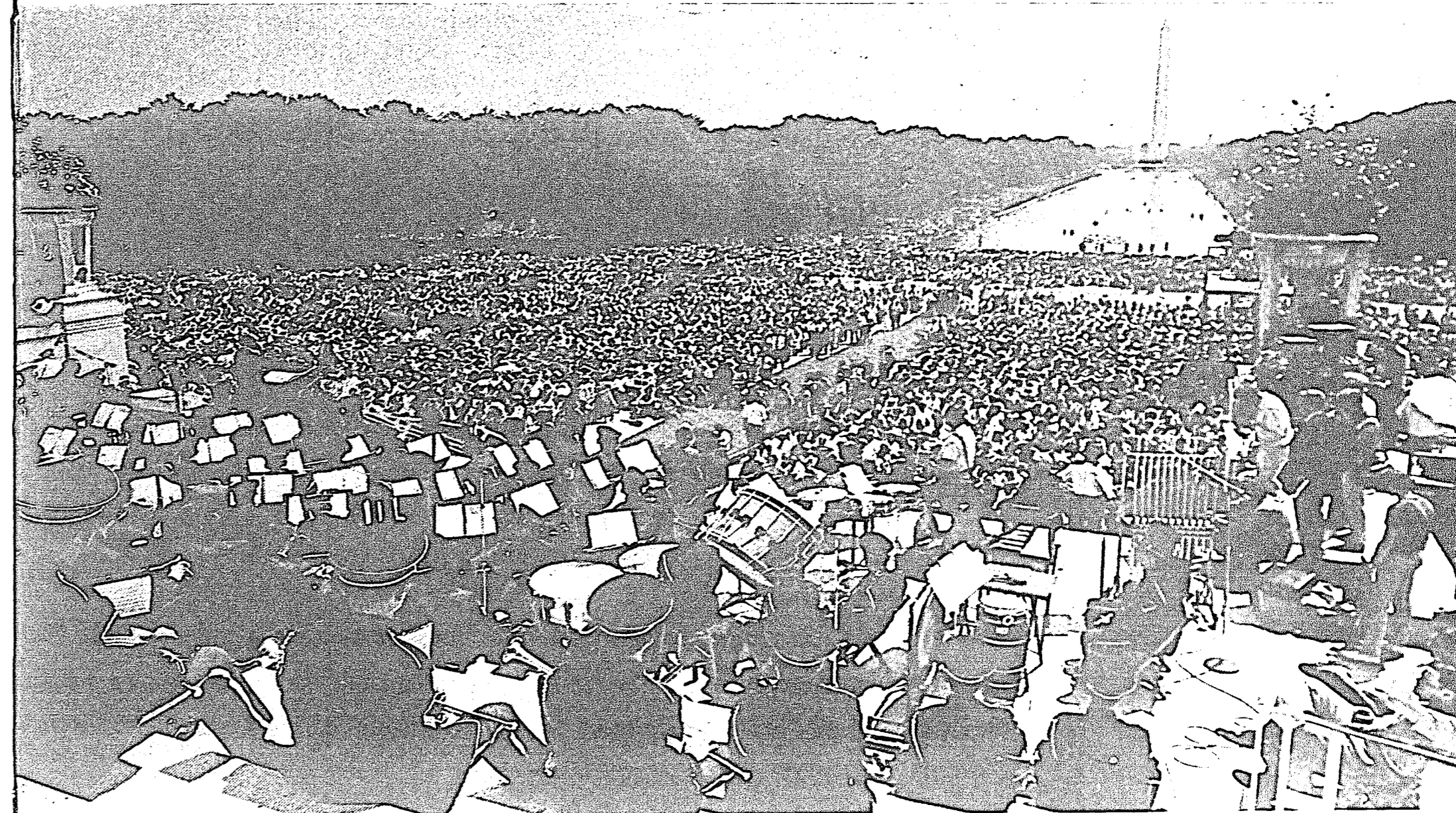
Exodus 20: 9, 10

"And they (the Pharisees challenging Jesus Christ for healing a man's withered hand in the synagogue on the Sabbath) asked him, saying, IS IT LAWFUL TO HEAL ON THE SABBATH DAYS?"

Matthew 12: 10

JESUS CHRIST PUT THE DYNAMIC FOR COMMANDMENT-KEEPING — for life itself — BEYOND LAWFULNESS, YET WITHIN THE EXPRESS COMMANDS OF GOD. . . . "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

John 14: 15



Honor America Day at Washington

More than 30,000 people attended an early-morning religious and patriotic service where evangelist Billy Graham delivered a patriotic address on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the HONOR AMERICA celebration, on America's 194th birthday, July 4.

Evangelist Graham asked America to fulfill the dreams of their forefathers. "This dream was rooted in a book called the Bible. Their goal must be our goal and we must pursue it," Graham proclaimed. "Their vision must be our vision and we must pursue it."

"We are not only here today to honor America but we have come as citizens to renew our dedication and allegiance to the principles and institutions that made her great. Lately our institutions have been under attack: the Supreme Court, the Congress, the Presidency, the flag, the home, the educational system, and even the church — but we are here to say with loud voices that in spite of their faults and failures we believe in these institutions!"

"No nation is ever taller than when on its knees. I submit that we can best honor America by rededicating ourselves to God and the American dream."