

# The Sabbath Recorder

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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. . . ."

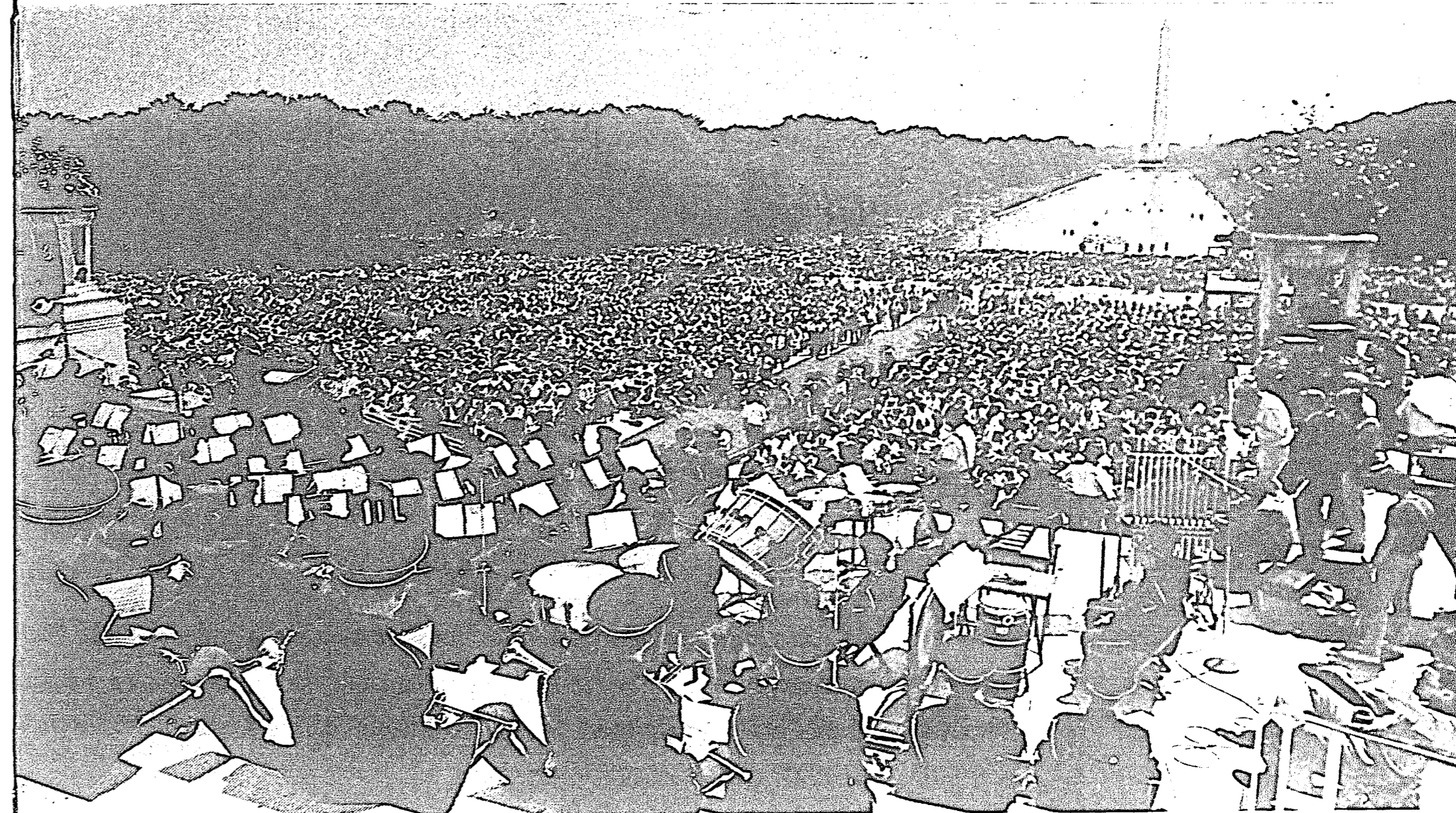
Exodus 20: 9, 10

"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."

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## Church Growth in Mission Countries

There is a single local church in Canada that reports supporting over 200 missionaries and expects to be able to increase that number. The life of that church is its strong missionary emphasis. On the other hand, the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society has just published its overseas mission statistics showing a total of 276 missionaries. The news release says that since publication the number has dropped to 271 and is expected to go down to 250 by the end of 1970. The reason for the shrinkage is said to be budgetary.

The Baptists point out that the work in foreign fields is not necessarily in relation to the number of foreign missionaries presently on the field. They note that there are 13,490 national church workers to whom they are directly related, as well as 3,286 Baptist pastors in Europe. Attention is called also to the fact that although there are now no missionaries in Burma, the churches of that country reported 9,460 baptisms last year.

Are we to conclude that it is God's will for us to taper off our foreign mission work? We had better take a second look at that conclusion. True, the Baptist churches in Burma seem to be doing pretty well even though missionaries have been excluded. Furthermore, it was not until after the socialist government of Burma banned missionary work that the Seventh Day Baptist Churches and Conference sprang up. This is far from saying that the gospel will make its way into new countries without representatives from countries like the United States. Bibles and tracts will do their work, but they have to be brought in. There has to be a starting point and a nucleus of personal work with either foreign missionaries coming in or with nationals returning from places where they have had contact with Christian churches. The baptisms in Burma are an indirect result of the first foreign mission work of the Baptists when Adoniram Judson caught the vision of "To the Golden Shore."

Circumstances may cause the shifting of personnel from one country to another. Some doors do close as a result of

extreme nationalism or the rise of anti-Christian governments. In such cases it can be hoped that good groundwork has already been done and that literature and financial help may still be supplied to the struggling native leaders. Perhaps the missionaries have been there long enough to set up training schools for evangelists and pastors. This is not always the case.

When native Christians are educated (usually through mission schools) they can read and interpret the Bible for themselves. Perhaps they organize churches that emphasize the truths they have discovered in the Word. This is the way Seventh Day Baptist churches start missionaries—and in some where literature is not sent until called for to extend the work of the new churches.

A word about foreign missions. Their day is not done. The world needs all that we can send. It is not a question of sending missionaries or supporting native workers; it is doing both according to the need. It is not a question of literature or missionaries, but both, according to the need and our ability. We rejoice in the church growth in foreign countries and find joy in encouraging it in whatever ways we can.

## Accentuate the Positive

(The following unsigned article from Industrial Press Service was designed for a general newspaper audience rather than a strictly religious journal like ours, but when we add just a little of our Christian faith and concern to the reading it has a place here and we are glad to pass it on.)

Many people have promoted positive thinking. Dale Carnegie made a lifetime profession out of it. Rev. Norman Vincent Peale topped the bestseller list with books of sermons on it, and songs have been written about it.

Closely intertwined with this philosophy are the attributes of integrity, respect for fellowman, and productive living.

Then, along comes something "new"—as old as civilization—the era of the iconoclast. Down with everything. The moral fibre of the theatre, the arts and music are seriously affected.

Marijuana is in. When this crutch fails too many turn to stronger drugs as an aid to accentuate the negative. Get a

subject: Cambodia, free love, pollution, student power, people power. Destroy the institutions.

Civic, industrial, business, and educational leaders are attempting to reverse this tide of self-destruction.

The time is late. Let's return to positive thinking even as we urge positive action to solve our community problems. Let's stop worrying about making excuses for the purveyors of death and destruction, the drug pushers, by bringing them to justice. Let's return to respect family, flag, divinity and the nation.

## Belief and Behavior

Some of the editors of Baptist papers were quite critical of the behavior of the people who made a scene at the Convention about the Genesis Commentary published by the Christian Life Commission. Evidently there was some heat developed in the discussion. *The Western Recorder*, trying to rebuke those who were out of line in attitude and spirit asked, "Which is the more damaging heresy, the heresy of belief or the heresy of behavior?" The question could be applied in any similar situation, past or future. There have been times when someone might well have asked such a cutting question of Seventh Day Baptists. We trust that there will not be occasion for anything like that at Milton in August when we meet for our General Conference.

The question is more cutting than correct. One is expected to admit that it is just as bad or worse to be unorthodox in behavior as in belief. May we suggest, however, that none of us has been given the authority to answer the question categorically. Who is going to say which is worse? The only person who has a definitive answer is God. Let us leave it to Him at the judgment or as He speaks to our conscience day by day. Furthermore, unethical behavior and unbiblical belief are both wrong and call for repentance. The Bible does not condone either one, and neither should we, especially in our own lives. Perhaps we can do more about unchristian behavior than wrong doctrine. At least we can do it

more quickly. To drift into wrong interpretations of Scripture may take some time, and to correct our understanding may require patience and study, but to willfully misinterpret the Bible may be very damaging to our destiny and the destiny of those we lead astray by so doing.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

### Let's Grow Up

Some church members say that they do not understand theological terms. None of us thoroughly understand all of them. Every pastor should try to express the eternal truths he is called to convey in a form that his people can understand. However, some folks complaining about failing to understand are not talking about hard words but Biblical words that are used over and over again and should be known by anyone who has a grade school education and has read the Bible. Often they are words commonly used by public speakers. We expect our children to increase their vocabulary with every grade, learning the new words with zest. The same ought to be true of Christians growing in the faith. So says the Bible in a number of places.

The writer of Hebrews called his readers to more growth than they had attained and reproached them for still being on a milk diet or spoon fed. Thus we read: "For indeed, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the ABC of God's oracles over again; it has come to this, that you need milk instead of solid food" (Heb. 5:12 NEB).

Someone has expressed the pastor's difficulty in reaching those who refuse to grow in spiritual understanding thus, "He almost has to part their whiskers to give them a bottle." It is one thing for the pastor to be gentle with these adults who are still insisting on milk instead of meat; it is another thing for the man who readily picks up all kinds of technical terms to plead that he has no time to become Biblically educated. Let's grow up! —at least a little.



### Doctor Honored at Little Rock

Dr. Lloyd D. Seager retired June 30 as professor and chairman of the department of pharmacology at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, Little Rock, Ark. He will continue there on active status as professor emeritus.

Dr. Seager was honored on his retirement with a departmental luncheon and a tea at the Student Union, having taught at the center since 1949. Born at Farina, Ill., he studied at Milton College, the University of Illinois, and St. Louis University where he earned the doctor's degree in 1934. He was on the faculties of the University of Tennessee Medical School, Knoxville, Tenn., and Women's Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., before going to Little Rock.

Honoring his major research, colleagues gave Dr. Seager bound volumes of eighty-eight articles he has written in the fields of chemotherapy, cardiovascular studies and pulmonary edema. He was a pioneer in the development of oral penicillin in 1951.

Besides being one of the founders and a deacon of the Little Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church, Dr. Seager represented Seventh Day Baptists at the World Coun-

cil of Churches assembly held at Amsterdam, Holland, in 1948. He was president of General Conference in 1950.

Dr. and Mrs. Seager, the former Oma Pierce, are parents of three children. His father was Rev. Lely D. Seager, pastor and evangelist.

—A. N. Rogers

### India Story Unfolds

It may not be quite correct to say that the story of Seventh Day Baptist work in India is unfolding. There is much that we do not know or cannot comprehend from our sources of information. As yet none of our American leaders has been able to visit the work in Southeast India and tell the story of it in ways that we can fully understand. However, the correspondence with the Rev. B. John V. Rao and a few others has become voluminous in the files of the secretary of the Tract Society. Reports and personal glimpses help to round out the picture and make us long for more information as to problems and spectacular accomplishments.

The Seventh Day Baptist Conference of India has been organized, replacing the former Telugu Seventh Day Baptist Mission. A new attractive letterhead has been printed and was used on the first letter that has come from the president, dated June 28. The letter reports the recent evangelistic work and tells of the personal sacrifices made by the founder of the mission and now secretary of the conference, Mr. Rao.

From this and previous correspondence we learn that B. John V. Rao once was a very prominent and well-to-do Hindu. For the past twenty years he has been a Christian and has been expending his money to evangelize the people of city and country. The Rev. T. Boyanna, president of the conference says that Mr. Rao has fed "hundreds of orphan boys and girls in the S. D. B. Mission and established eighty-five churches with several sorts of Sabbath teams with his own money." More recently he sold his remaining wet land on which he grew food for his family (said to be eighteen dependent on him alone). His purpose in selling the land was to start a church

### Our Prayer Corner

#### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

##### Pray for:

1) Our new educational missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crandall, who are just now beginning to fit themselves into the Jamaica work and ways.

2) Missionaries John and Joyce Conrod whose experiences in Malawi bring to them and to us a challenge to greater devotion.

3) The secretary of the India Conference, the Rev. B. John V. Rao, whose friends have requested prayer for the burdens he bears and decisions he must make.

4) The great opportunities before us in all of our home churches this summer that will be missed if we let down in our evangelistic zeal and relax our Sabbath-keeping convictions or practice.

building in Nellore and "to establish the Seventh Day Baptist Seminary School at Nellore." Some special gifts from friends in America have been used to buy bricks and steel for the building, but as yet there are not enough funds to complete the structure. Mr. Bayanna remarks with some sadness that after having helped so many orphans with his family funds the church leader now has no funds to pay for the education of his own children. He is even considering moving to a distant city where he might get help from a friend in maintaining his family, says Mr. Bayanna.

The report of the finances of the conference for last year received some time ago detailed all the money sent for tracts and building purposes and the money raised from the churches. In summary it showed a total of \$650, about one third of which was from our Tract Society for the printing of thousands of tracts translated from English to Telegu. Much of the remainder was from people not involved in our OWM budget. Total national contributions: for feeding conference, for gospel work and for construction were \$1,685 (including \$450 for construction from Mr. Rao). The amount

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### MEMORY TEXT

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And some days after, Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do. — Acts 15:36

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paid out in grants to churches, support of pastors, workers, office rent, printing, etc. adds up to \$5,944 leaving a debit of \$4,259, according to the report. It is noted that printing amounted to \$750, which included advertising as well as tracts. With figures like these it is no wonder that in 1970 some of the plans for evangelism and support of newly recruited workers had to be cut back.

In spite of discouraging financial limitations there are recent reports of large scale evangelism both in the cities and in primitive forest areas. Three more of our familiar tracts have been printed (27,000) and largely distributed. The conference president reports that meetings were held from June 12-17 in Tirupate where 8,000 listened to the preaching of Mr. Rao and 160 accepted Christ as their Savior and accepted the seventh day as the true Sabbath. He reports fifty-one people healed through prayer.

Another big effort was made in Madras June 21-27. It is reported that 50,000 attended these meetings, which featured discussions with thirty-two ministers of other denominations who were unable to withstand the Bible teaching on the Sabbath. It is reported that six ministers accepted the Seventh Day Baptist statement of belief and that 281 persons were baptized at the close of the meetings. Seventy-two previously baptized people also united with the new church, it is said. The writer speaks of the effectiveness of "Statement of Belief," "Lovest Thou Me?" and "What Church Membership Implies" in winning souls.

There is another story of work in a forest area the previous month told by Brother Rao. The work is quite different from mass evangelism in the cities, but the evangelist feels that they too need the gospel of the love of God and the healing of their many diseases.

—Leon M. Maltby

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiobol

#### Certificate of Achievement

##### Requirements for earning the BRONZE CROSS Certificate of Achievement

1. A total increase in average attendance over last year.
2. Fifty per cent of the teachers attend at least one session of a leadership training school—either one sponsored by the church or by a district organization.
3. Teachers and staff attend four workers' meetings a year.
4. Accurate records have been kept.

##### Requirements for earning the SILVER CROSS Certificate of Achievement

1. A total increase in membership of two per cent over last year.
2. A total increase in average attendance over last year.
3. Ninety per cent of the teachers attended at least one session of a Leadership Training School.
4. Teachers and staff attended nine workers' meetings during the year.
5. Accurate records have been kept.

##### Requirements for earning the GOLD CROSS Certificate of Achievement

1. Total increase in membership of five per cent over last year.
2. Total increase in average attendance over last year.
3. Ninety per cent of the teachers and staff attended at least three sessions of a Leadership Training School—either one sponsored by the church or by a district organization.
4. Its Christian Education Committee has held three training sessions.
5. Teachers' or workers' meetings have been held monthly.
6. Accurate records have been kept.

Sabbath Schools that have met the requirements for one of the above certificates are urged to get their report of achievement to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education three weeks prior to General Conference. Recognition will be given at Conference.

### MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

#### Wayne Crandalls

#### Arrive in Jamaica

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crandall arrived safely at Kingston, Jamaica, on Wednesday afternoon, July 1, 1970. Mr. Crandall wrote, "We had a perfect flight to Kingston. We shared our seats (on the Air Jamaica Airline) with a very attractive young lady who is the assistant accountant in one of the branches of the Royal Bank of Canada. She was very helpful in answering questions we still had about Jamaica."

The Crandalls were bid farewell at the New York airport by the Rev. and Mrs. Leon R. Lawton and were met at the Kingston airport by the Rev. and Mrs. Grover Brissey. Also, in the welcoming party at Kingston were Mrs. Frankie Davis, Mrs. Olga Bennett and the Rev. and Mrs. Joe A. Samuels.

Mr. Crandall wrote, "We are staying with the Brisseys who are doing everything to make us comfortable . . . Mrs. Brissey spent considerable time last night explaining some of the problems we will be facing. We pray the Lord will give us wisdom and strength to meet this challenge."

It is noted that the Brisseys will close the school year at Crandall High School on July 9 and will return to their home at Laurel, Md., on July 12.

—E. T. H.

#### Assistant in Evangelism

#### Makes Her Report

Our assistant in evangelism, Connie Coon, spent six weeks beginning May 1 in the Southwestern Association. Her brief report for this period follows:

"Five Bible Clubs were organized in the Texarkana-Fouke area. Mondays, Kindergarten — 3rd graders averaged fifteen for the five week period. Tuesdays at Fouke the average attendance counting helpers was eight. Wednesdays, 4th - 6th graders averaged eighteen and Thursday p.m.'s teen-age group averaged five.

"Thursday evening it was my privilege to hold a club at the Church of God in

Christ where the attendance for four weeks averaged twenty-four.

"Six children's messages were given and several calls were made.

"The highlight of the whole experience was visitation done with Sally Hays when she was used of the Holy Spirit to win another to Christ through use of the four spiritual laws.

"The week of June 7-14 it was my privilege to teach two classes at Camp Miles. The theme was, "My Heart for Christ." The senior high group responded wonderfully to the personal witnessing program done on the campgrounds.

"This was truly a highlight of time spent in the South."

Connie is now working with the Battle Creek, Mich., church in their summer outreach. She will be involved in the Youth Pre-Con being responsible for evening and special services and will direct Junior High Conference the week of Conference sessions.

The end of August she will conclude three years of field service, the first as an extended dedicated service worker, the others as assistant in evangelism, employed by the Missionary Society.

#### Conversions Continue in Rwanda

Large numbers of conversions continue to be reported from the central African nation of Rwanda, where the Danish Baptist Union has missionaries.

During the 4-month period, October 1968 - January 1969, the number of converts baptized reached 702. There is only one ordained African minister among Baptists there.

He and Jorgen Larsen, a Danish missionary, baptized the 702 converts. On one Sunday alone, in Runyombyi, the two men baptized 158 persons. Early the following morning, they immersed another 60 converts.

In 1962, there were only 908 Baptists in Rwanda. Presently Baptists are estimated at 8,000. This has raised problems for new member training.

In addition, there are over 4,000 more who have made professions of faith in Christ, but who will not be baptized until they complete a class of instruction in the faith. (EBPS)

## SABBATH RE-CREATION

### Book Review

By Victor W. Skaggs

"There is nothing in the Sabbath unless there is much more in it than either its friends or its enemies seem to apprehend." This quotation from A. H. Lewis is the theme of a new book soon to be released. The Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, pastor of the Plainfield, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, has authored a one hundred and twelve page discussion of the Sabbath in this day under the title, *The Sabbath: Symbol of Creation and Re-Creation*.

Published under the auspices of the American Sabbath Tract Society and printed by Judson Press, this significant new study is soon to be available. Its cover is bright and strikingly designed. The price is \$2.50 per copy.

Mr. Saunders has endeavored to move from his introduction to his conclusion by a series of steps which follow a logical pattern. After introducing the reader to the question: "What does it mean to keep the Sabbath as Sabbath?" he proceeds in the rest of the book to answer the question in a Twentieth Century setting. Nevertheless, the Biblical background is not neglected, since the author demonstrates that we of this day must consider the Biblical background of the Sabbath if we are to come to grips with its meaning for contemporary man.

The Old Testament presents the Sabbath in its relationship to creation, the giving of the manna, the law of God, the practice of God's people, the literature of faith, and the inspiration of the prophets. With simple straightforward scholarship Mr. Saunders interprets these references in the light of current Sabbath faith. Thought-provoking sentences illuminate the reader's understanding:

He (God) created many things but chose the Sabbath to represent the holiness of himself.

There is a deep spiritual quality about the Sabbath simply because God and man can observe it in spiritual fellowship together. In the author's view, the Old Testament becomes the background for a spiritual Sabbathism that is Christian and up-to-

date. It "gives ample witness to the fact that the Sabbath stands at the heart of man's spiritual nature."

The New Testament witness to the Sabbath is drawn into clear perspective as the author deals with general statements and particular passages. He sees the Sabbath as an integral part of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ:

He (Jesus) made the Sabbath a symbol of His own ministry to man's need, making it an opportunity for works of mercy and Christian concern.

He recalls the incidents which give the Sabbath the "sanction of Jesus Christ, the witness of the disciples and apostles, and 'the stamp of Christian approval' and practice." He concludes, "Belief in Christ as God's Son and as the redeemer of the world demands belief in the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath."

From a consideration of the Sabbath in the Bible, Saunders begins the development of a "theology of the Sabbath." It is apparent that he is thoroughly convinced of the Sabbath's importance to the church and to mankind in the late Twentieth Century. He sees the Sabbath as the "most precious symbol of man's fellowship with God" and "the most perfect representation of true spiritual life." For the first time we see the development of the idea that the Sabbath is not only a memorial of creation, but also a memorial of re-creation, redemption and resurrection. The pressures of present-day living in a tense and confused world weigh heavily on the author's mind, and he sees the Sabbath as an antidote to those pressures:

To ignore the Sabbath is to place ourselves at the disposal of a temporal universe rather than at the hands of an eternal God.

The author commits himself in a statement of faith:

The Sabbath could become the vehicle for . . . the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In the fifth chapter, entitled "The Sabbath: Day of Delight," the central concern of the book is brought to a point. Here the author speaks to contemporary Christians regarding Sabbath observance. Mr. Saunders draws together the several approaches to the Sabbath which have

been significant in the past. He sees it as a day of "rest"; its spiritual nature is predominant:

The Sabbath brings one into the relationship of life that allows one to emerge out of selfish concerns into the heart of God.

He sees it as the base for moral and spiritual renewal:

On the Sabbath one meets God gaining courage to face the moral social order with confidence and integrity.

He sees it as the expression of God's will for man and man's loyalty to God:

The Sabbath, then, as part of God's will for man, becomes a symbol of our acceptance of God's love and is a response, in kind, to that love.

The Sabbath becomes a spiritual vehicle through which love for God is expressed and life is made meaningful and vital.

He sees it as a day for developing and strengthening the interrelationships of family living:

There needs to be in our modern society a catalyst that unifies the family and brings life to dying relationships. I believe the Sabbath can be such a means of renewing the family in the Twentieth Century.

He sees it as the base for service to others and the inspiration of social concern:

Properly kept and given significant influence in the life of man, the Sabbath provides time and opportunity and a reason for spiritual and moral social service.

What the Sabbath does to our social life will determine, to a large degree, its effect on our spiritual life — and vice versa.

The author concludes that the Sabbath is essential to Christian life and practice. He suggests that the Christian may find it to be the vehicle through which he may express his faith and his concern for the needs of men. He has found much of worth in the Sabbath for the Twentieth Century:

In the Sabbath is to be found

- the peace and comfort and joy that come from God.
- the reality of spiritual fellowship with the Father and with Jesus Christ.
- all the symbolism that brings men to a saving knowledge of God and an awareness of God's goodness and love.
- the experience by which men become dedicated Christians committed to service and love in the world of men.

As this review hints, *The Sabbath: Symbol of Creation and Re-Creation* is filled both with affirmations of faith and challenges to long-held presuppositions. It is a thought-provoking presentation of Sabbathkeeping and its meaning to the Christian, to the church, and to the world in the present day. Its theme, drawn from Dr. Lewis, is borne out in the author's development of the need for Sabbath consciousness:

"There is nothing in the Sabbath unless there is much more in it than either its friends or its enemies seem to apprehend."

### Studies on Giving

Do you know why church people don't give as generously as they might to religious causes? Probably no one person has the full answer. Dean Kirkwood, western U. S. representative for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, has just published a leaflet (which we have not yet seen) entitled "Why They Don't Give: Clues for the Concerned." The second part of the title indicates that denominational leaders promoting missionary and other gifts ought to look into the causes and cures of diminished giving on the part of supposedly loyal members.

Among other causes of withheld support suggested by Mr. Kirkwood are negative remarks by leaders about the organization or its members. A little of this goes a long way. For instance, a leader making a speech or filling a pulpit may say something about the church being irrelevant. If just a few of the leaders are known to feel that the church is irrelevant, it dries up the giving of the people. If the leaders are not enthusiastic about the present mission and program, why should the people give sacrificially to support the work? After all, there are other things to do with the money. The writer mentions other factors in reduced giving such as discouragement over power struggles, other bids for support, and involvement — fatigue, which could be elaborated upon.

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# Christian Education, a Place To Start

By Wesley McCrea



It is a generally known fact that one of the major boards in our denomination is the Board of Christian Education. Certainly Christian education is a vital function of any organization which would claim to guide others in living a Christian life. It is unfortunate that we too frequently consider the matter of Christian education well attended to by our board and immediately direct our attention elsewhere. I will endeavor to express my personal views as I see the nitty-gritty of Christian education. I would not seek to limit the scope of Christian education; rather I am confident that by starting at the core of the job, ever widening horizons will naturally follow.

We are thankful for the work done by the board in furnishing helps, advice and communications throughout our denomination. These services have the potential of tremendous service to the local churches and Sabbath Schools. The use of the term *potential* is significant in that the best organization in the world with the very best helps and programs available does not insure the best in education; indeed, perhaps the organization just described does not educate at all. The basis for this statement is twofold. First, we must realize that a centralized board can directly communicate with only a pitifully few people and the job of Christian education is more thoroughly done by our churches and Sabbath schools. For the most effective and thorough job, Seventh Day Baptists as individuals must take this responsibility to educate in the home, the school, the office, the store, the social club and in any other place where there are people who may be seeking understanding and purposeful direction to life. Our board's most significant contribution to the strengthening of our wit-

ness may well be in the form of a training program for you and me as teachers.

Secondly, what should Christian education be all about? What is it that we should attempt to communicate; the Sabbath, moral living, ethical living, the concern for starving people in remote parts of the world? True, these are all concerns of the Christian, but what takes the priority? What does the church have that would make a unique contribution to those to whom we communicate?

We live in a world where people are looking for help. In my short lifetime, there has never been such a level of frustration. Never has the negative approach to everyday living been so prevalent. It is good and right that people should reflect their accepted way of life; their ethical and moral standards; the wisdom of our religious and political leadership; reweigh the values assigned to our individual goals. However, it appears at this time that all the attention is directed at finding what is wrong. Allowing this negative aspect of the analysis to completely cover up and ignore the positive side of the analysis leads to distrust, disillusionment, frustration and discouragement. The real challenge for our Christian education today is to give these people the spirit, the confidence and the will to live life in expectation which will lead to a search for those things which are true, and just, and God willed.

LOVE is an important element in the life of this recreated man who seeks truth, justice and righteous living. These qualities of life are centered in God. This relationship between God and love is clearly stated in 1 John 4:8-12, where we are told that he who does not love cannot know God because God is love. This love must encompass our relationship to God and our relationship to man (1 John 4:21).

Love is a popular word today. Many causes use the term to add dignity and decency to otherwise selfish and unjust movements. A distinction is made in 1 John 2:15-16 between love of the world

and Christian love which is from God. Indeed love of the world and material goods is contradictory and diametrically opposed to Christian love in many cases. The love of which I speak pertains to our relationship to those things which are spiritual and our relationship to our neighbors.

*The love of God involves a commitment to a philosophy of life.* A philosophy which compels man to seek good (Rom. 12:9), to deal justly with his neighbor (Rom. 13:10), to build up rather than puff up (1 Cor. 8:1-2), and to seek expanded horizons through the unselfish commitment to the good of man (John 15:12-13). This is the love which makes life a quality experience.

This love is sincere and transcends families, races, nations and ideology. This is the love which will end nuclear bombs, Vietnams, riots, crime and immoral living. Let me emphasize that this love does not come easily. It is not something which we can put on and start wearing instantly like a new hat. This love requires work, patience, compassion, and commitment. That this love involves rigorous discipline can be seen in 1 John 3:16-18 where we are charged with the responsibility of concern for our neighbor if we would claim to love God. This love cannot be taught. As with any discipline it must grow within the individual and to achieve any level of this love requires honest and rigorous effort on the part of the individual.

It seems that another basic quality supports and nurtures the growth of Christian love within the individual. This quality must develop before or simultaneously with our attitude of love. I would call this personal quality *hope*. We are faced with frustrations and disappointments, our desire to love can be bolstered by the confidence that a new day will come; a day when the personal qualities in Galatians 5:22-23 will prevail and the act of compassion and commitment to our neighbors and to God will seem natural and the essence of the good life.

Until that day arrives, we must have hope. The commissioning of the disciples and the inspired writings of the Bible were for the purpose that we indeed might have hope (Rom. 15:4). Yet Paul points out that we have more than ordinary hope which relates to our immediate, material and physical world. Indeed if our hope in Christ is only for this life we are of all men most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:19-20). The Christian not only has hope for this life but through Christ's triumph over death the Christian has a greater hope which sustains his hope in this life and makes his hope really meaningful. Then with hope as his armor, man is ready to start meeting the world in Christian love and his efforts will be directed at bringing other men's aspirations and values above those things which tarnish and rust away to those things which last and endure.

Now, it would seem that everything is quite complete. We have the essence of the philosophy to save mankind. Yet hope and love are not enough. Hope cannot sustain itself. Hoping on hope is the adventure of the fool. Quite obviously there must be another basic quality that sustains this hope. I have alluded to this basic ingredient yet I have not given it the emphasis it deserves. This final quality undergirds the hope of man just as hope supports our attempts to live in Christian love. This quality is *faith*. It appears to me that somehow the basic idea of faith is not being communicated through the church and I would suggest that the communication of faith is a basic and vital part of Christian education. Paul in 1 Timothy 1:5, tells us that sincere faith is a stone upon which Christian living rests. It seems to me that from faith springs hope and from hope springs love and in love we find God and things which put life in its proper perspective. In 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, Paul acknowledges the interrelationship of these qualities in Christian activity.

(Continued next week)

### Fatal Accident

Miss Elizabeth Nida, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Melvin G. Nida of Salem, W. Va., was killed in an automobile accident July 11 near New York City. Miss Carol Rasmussen, formerly of Salem, was in the car at the time but was unhurt.

Arrangements are incomplete but it is understood that interment will be at Shiloh, N. J. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family. Mrs. Nida was a member of the *Recorder* staff some years ago.

### LET'S THINK IT OVER

#### Modern Legalists

Shades of the pharisees! Modern legalists! If our information is correct, no ancient or Twentieth Century religious legalists can compare with Governor Rockefeller of New York, who is reportedly sticking to the letter of the law and seeking to evade its intent and spirit in the matter of aid to church schools.

The Governor is sponsoring a bill that provides \$28 million, much of which is to help private and parochial schools keep attendance and other records. Authorization is found in that part of the Constitution which prohibits the use of state funds for sectarian schools except for "examination and inspection." The devious reasoning seems to be that this opens the way to give those schools large sums of money so that they can keep records that will pass inspection.

Another case of searching for legal loopholes is attacked by PEARL (Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty). The laws requiring that the buildings in which classes are held (including parochial schools) be safe and sanitary are stretched into authorization for using state funds to construct or maintain buildings to assure compliance with the law. The PEARL statement adds: "Gov. Rockefeller's bill provides for direct financial aid to religious schools and therefore violates the State and Federal Constitutions. It represents a powerful attack on the principles that public funds may be given only to public institutions."

### Denominational Negatives

Albert McClellan, incisive in his analysis of denominational achievements and failures, is program planning chairman for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. A review of gains and losses between 1910 and 1970 dwelt on the negatives as well as the positives. Three among a number listed might be as applicable to Seventh Day Baptists as to Southern Baptists. At least they are worth pondering. Dr. McClellan thinks that the following negative aspects are beginning to be scraped away:

1. Preoccupation with the mechanics of "relevance" at the expense of the "ageless character of our mission."
2. Timidity in asserting the claims of the Christian faith as vital in an age of science and materialism.
3. Inclination to mistake Christian dialogue with the world as surrender to the world.

#### Studies on Giving

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How can support be encouraged? Kirkwood says people don't give just one type of support, such as money; they give out of a sense of goodwill and identification, which must be carefully cultivated. Support is not automatic in a voluntary association. People want a positive approach, and they want to see progress — although not too much at a time, since they test new things by their relationship to what is already familiar to them. They don't expect unanimity among members and leaders, but they want differences to be harmonious, with provision for flexibility and creativity. If there are channels for airing grievances and there is an assurance that they are being seriously heard, people can accept pluralism. Trouble comes when people feel they aren't listened to unless they withdraw support. And, to sum it up, Kirkwood mentions pleasure — people must get some pleasure out of giving; and, to go back to the beginning, getting pleasure is a highly personal matter, so that leaders need to know the members if they are to have a successful organization.

### WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Cruzan

#### Mrs. Drake in Tokyo

Mrs. Arthur Drake, president of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Board, left July 4 to attend executive committee meetings of the North American Baptist Women's Union which are being held in Tokyo, Japan, prior to the Baptist World Congress. The Congress sessions will be held July 12-18 with an estimated 8,000 Baptists from 75 countries expected to attend.

—Milton Courier

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—The Inner Circle, our women's group organized by Doris Van Horn who served as its first president, has recently elected the following officers for 1970-71: Betty Seager, president; Linda Van Horn, secretary, keyworker; Karen Wagner, treasurer. The retiring president is Oma Seager.

Women of the Bible are being studied this year and the Women's Board programs are being continued. "The Inner Circle" has been chosen as our theme song.

These meetings are an inspiration because they provide us with a unity of spirit here and a link with other women of the denomination.

—Correspondent

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.—We observed Sabbath Rally Day at the suggested time in May asking Roger Dangerfield to bring the message on "A Day Set Apart for a People Called Apart." A layman from the Walworth church living in Delavan and working in Beloit, he is the president of the quarterly meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Churches. His message was well received.

Pastor and Mrs. Appel on Sabbath Rally Day attended the annual meeting of the Old Stonefort, Ill., church to present association matters and to encourage that church to entertain the association next year in connection with their centennial celebration.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 1, 1970

"THE FRUIT OF HATE"

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 4:1-15

On June 27 our congregation met with the Albion church for a worship and communion service. There was a fellowship dinner at noon and a Jamaica mission emphasis with filmstrips in the afternoon.

We attended the quarterly meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches at Camp Wakonda July 4. Alan Crouch, serving as assistant pastor at Milton for the summer, brought the morning message.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A need has been felt for secretarial service to relieve the pastor for more spiritual work. An appeal was circulated. Bernard Keown of North Loup, Nebr., accepted the invitation of the church to do secretarial work this summer on a dedicated service basis. He arrived on June 24 and has begun his work.

The Sabbath morning services on the last weekend of June and the first weekend of July while the pastor was at association and camp in West Virginia were conducted by Deacons Chroniger and Dickinson. Phil Hazen and the Chronigers took charge of the Singspiration and the Bible studies on the two Sabbath eves.

—Bulletin

WATERFORD, CONN.—We are looking forward with a sense of joy to the coming of our pastor and his wife the last of August. Dale Rood is the son of Mrs. Edward Rood of Milton, Wis., and Althea is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Greene of Center Berlin, N. Y.

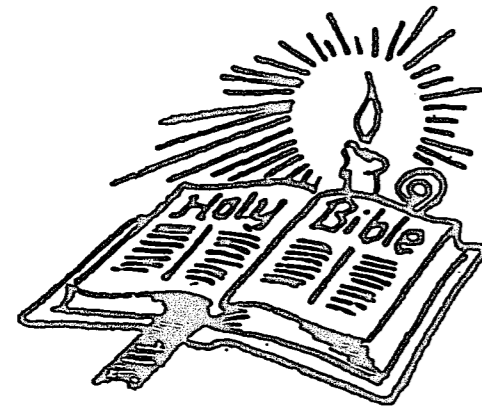
We have been fortunate to secure an apartment for them near the church. Our church building has been receiving improvements, including better lighting, a study in the upstairs room, and other improvements.

Several of our young people attended Lewis Camp and enjoyed the experience there.

—Correspondent

TOPICAL BIBLE READINGS

A lamp to my feet



A light to my path

These passages for daily Bible reading are suggested as a help in understanding what the Bible has to say about many areas of interest to us. They do not pretend to be exhaustive. The topics are arranged in weekly cycles, beginning on Sunday and ending on Sabbath. Some daily readings have more verses than others. You may find more passages that will help your thinking in regard to the topics listed. We encourage you to memorize passages that hold particular meaning for you.

TEMPTATION

- Aug. 2—First Temptation — Genesis 3:1-13
- Aug. 3—To Forget God — Deuteronomy 8:11-20
- Aug. 4—By Sinners — Proverbs 1:10-17
- Aug. 5—Of Jesus — Matthew 4:1-11
- Aug. 6—To Be Resisted — James 1:2-4, 12-20
- Aug. 7—Equipment Against — Ephesians 6:11-18
- Aug. 8—Against Tempting Others — Rom. 14:13-21; 1 Cor. 8:9-13

VICTORY

- Aug. 9—Romans 8:30-39
- Aug. 10—1 Corinthians 1:8-9; 15:1-2, 57-58
- Aug. 11—1 Peter 1:3-9, 22-25
- Aug. 12—Revelation 2:7-11, 17, 25-28
- Aug. 13—1 John 5:1-5
- Aug. 14—Psalm 98
- Aug. 15—1 John 4:15-21

FORGIVENESS—God and Man

- Aug. 16—Need To Forgive — Matthew 18:21-35
- Aug. 17—From God — John 3:14-21
- Aug. 18—In Christ — Romans 8:31-39
- Aug. 19—To Be Forgiving — Matt. 6:12, 14-16; James 2:13
- Aug. 20—Christian Conduct — Luke 6:27-38
- Aug. 21—Paul's Preaching — Acts 13:26-39
- Aug. 22—A Psalm of — Psalm 32

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

- Aug. 23—To Be Blameless — Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Pet. 3:10-12, 15-16
- Aug. 24—Described — Psalm 15
- Aug. 25—To Be Desired — Prov. 22:1-4; Eccl. 7:1
- Aug. 26—The Beatitudes — Matthew 5:3-12
- Aug. 27—Described by Paul — Eph. 4:22-32
- Aug. 28—Required of a Leader — 1 Timothy 3:1-10
- Aug. 29—Described by John — 1 John 3:1-10

Need To Bring Giving Level Up

The denominational giving level dropped considerably between May and June according to the figures released by the treasurer this week. He reports receiving only \$6,738 in June as compared with \$11,779 in May. The picture does not change much when you note that several larger churches failed to get their money in soon enough to be counted, for there were a few other churches that had failed to get theirs recorded in May. Also some smaller churches sent in substantial amounts for the first time. The general level was down as a comparison of figures will show. In fact, there were 29 churches that gave less in June than in May. We wonder why. There have been efforts to keep our denominational budget needs before the people. Didn't we do a good job of it? Whatever the explanation for the slump, the task ahead is to correct the situation in the months to come. It can be done, it must be done.

Failure to keep up our giving can be explained quite simply by saying we did not remember. It is so easy to let regular monthly bills go by; it is no wonder that we forget to give to the church and missions. But if the milk bill or the garbage bill aren't paid, the men involved do not forget. If we were unpaid missionaries on the field we would not forget that the people back home had neglected to pay their tithes; we would have debts or hunger to remind us. Let us try to get that picture. The least we can do is to be faithful in holding the ropes for those who are scaling the cliffs in the Lord's work.

SDB Church Signs

Available at Conference

The Dodge Center adult group which sponsored the large metal church signs now used by a number of Seventh Day Baptist churches announces that more of these signs will again be available at Conference at Milton, Wis. The price is \$9.00. Come prepared to take home what your church needs for better advertising.

—Claston Bond

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for June 1970

	Treasurer's		Boards'	Treasurer's		Boards'
	June	6 mos.	6 mos.	June	6 mos.	6 mos.
Adams Ctr NY .. \$	189.45	\$ 515.45	\$ 20.00	Milton WI .....	5,999.50	873.25
Albion WI .....	83.36	202.08	97.51	Milton Jct WI ..	77.90	434.80
Alfred NY .....		3,167.21	130.00	Monterey CA ..		200.00
Alfred Sta NY ..		1,240.35	20.00	New Auburn WI ..	18.00	244.08
Ashaway RI .....		1,455.91	140.00	New Milton WV ..	50.00	250.00
Assns & Groups	161.24	754.36	592.32	New Orleans LA ..		5.00
Battle Creek MI ..	665.88	2,744.42	40.00	North Loup NB..	100.00	1,400.00
Bay Area CA .....		340.00	33.40	Nortonville KS ..	177.50	1,334.75
Berea WV .....	25.00	271.83	10.00	Ohio Fellowship..	100.00	100.00
Berlin NY .....	166.07	959.61	250.00	Paint Rock AL ..	80.00	280.00
Boulder Co .....	90.68	548.00	55.00	Plainfield NJ ..	732.13	2,639.06
Brookfield NY ..	85.50	416.50	20.00	Richburg NY ..	113.50	847.99
Buffalo NY .....		125.00		Riverside CA ..		3,173.87
Chicago IL .....		100.00	20.00	Rockville RI ..	23.00	171.00
Daytona Beach FL		515.25		Salem WV .....	430.00	1,520.00
Denver CO .....	283.49	1,638.26	1,355.00	Salemville PA ..	55.00	330.00
De Ruyter NY ..		386.50		Schenectady NY ..	19.00	67.00
Dodge Ctr MN ..	123.72	671.64	40.00	Seattle WA .....	30.00	30.00
Farina IL .....	10.00	134.25		Shiloh NJ .....	860.75	5,163.80
Fouke AR .....		218.00	10.00	Stonefort IL ..	46.00	164.00
Hammond LA .....				Syracuse NY .....		63.95
Hebron PA .....	140.00	423.87	60.00	Texarkana AR ..		10.00
Hopkinton RI ..	4.00	19.00	110.00	Verona NY .....	106.20	986.26
Houston TX .....	165.00	165.00		Walworth WI ..		580.00
Independence NY	56.75	414.05	20.00	Washington DC..		416.00
Individuals .....		620.00	117.00	Washington		
Irvington NJ ..	200.00	1,200.00	100.00	People's DC ..		
Jackson Ctr OH ..				Waterford CT ..	94.42	768.34
Kansas City MO	40.00	240.00	20.00	Westerly RI .....		3,744.50
Leonardsville NY	60.00	289.00		White Cloud MI	50.62	257.84
Little Genesee NY	122.58	791.20	10.00			
Little Rock AR ..	23.03	181.05	20.00	Totals	\$6,547.95	\$56,646.83
Los Angeles CA ..	350.00	2,100.00	105.00	Non-Budget	190.75	\$6,006.68
Lost Creek WV ..		680.00	60.00			
Marlboro NJ .....	338.18	1,937.30	85.00	Total		
Metairie LA .....				To Disburse	\$6,738.70	

JUNE DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education .....	\$ 483.24
Historical Society .....	4.06
Ministerial Education .....	475.12
Ministerial Retirement .....	346.32
Missionary Society .....	2,264.70
Tract Society .....	749.64
Trustees of General Conference .....	40.61
Women's Society .....	101.03
World Fellowship & Service .....	248.15
General Conference .....	1,945.83
SDB World Federation .....	80.00
	<b>\$ 6,738.70</b>

SUMMARY

1970 Budget .....	\$140,833.00
Receipts for 6 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$56,646.83
Boards	6,006.68
	<b>62,653.51</b>
Amount due in 6 months .....	\$ 78,179.49
Needed per month .....	\$ 13,029.92
Percentage of year elapsed .....	50%
Percentage of budget raised .....	44.5%
Gordon L. Sanford	
OWM Treasurer	
June 30, 1970	



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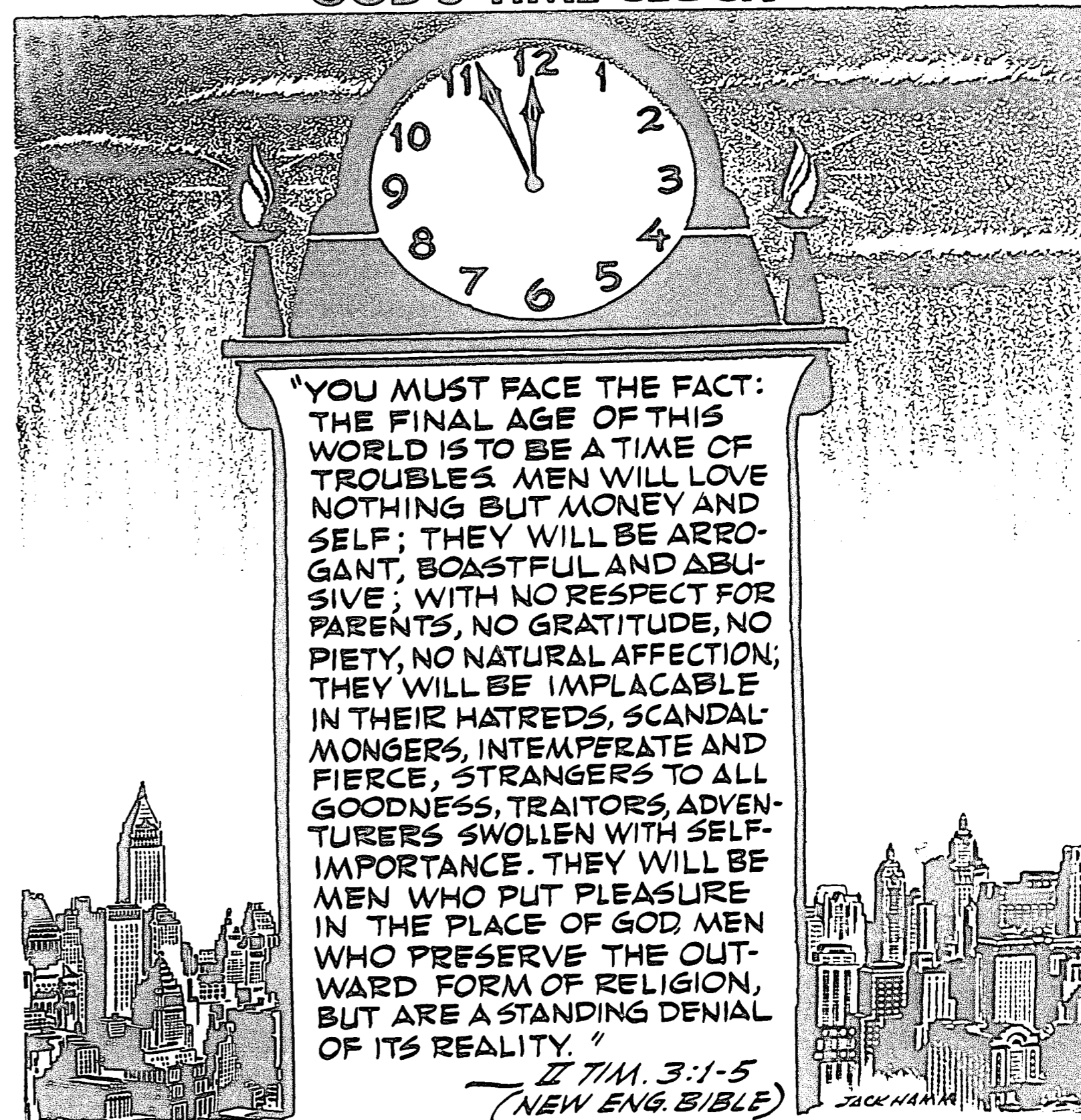
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