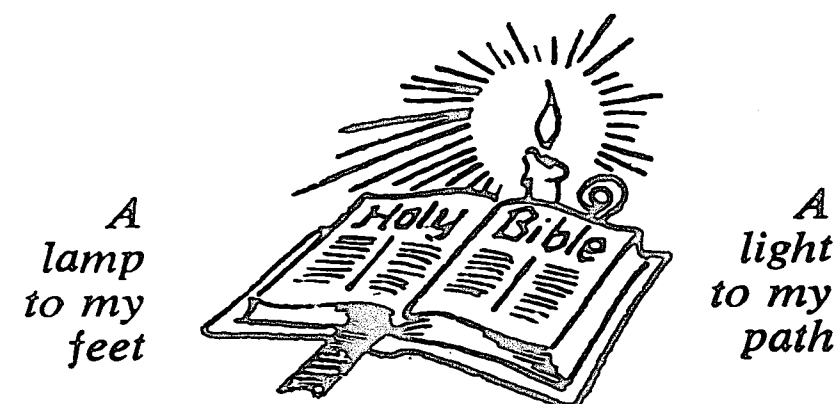


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## TOPICAL BIBLE READINGS



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.

## COMFORT

- Aug. 30—In Affliction — Psalm 27  
Aug. 31—In God — Psalm 62  
Sept. 1—Prophesied in Christ — Isaiah 40:1-2; 61:1-3  
Sept. 2—Promised by Christ — John 14:1, 16-18, 27; Matt. 11:28-30  
Sept. 3—To Christians — Romans 5:9-11; 8:14-18  
Sept. 4—From Christ — John 14:1-14  
Sept. 5—Shown by Paul — 2 Cor. 1:3-7; 4:8-17

## SELF-EXAMINATION

- Sept. 6—Job's — Job 13:22-28  
Sept. 7—The Psalmist's — Psalm 4:4; 19:12; 77:6; 119:59; 139:23-24  
Sept. 8—Before Communion — 1 Corinthians 11:23-29  
Sept. 9—Before Judging — Matthew 7:1-5  
Sept. 10—Example of — Luke 18:10-14  
Sept. 11—Before Correcting Others — Galatians 6:1-10  
Sept. 12—The Prodigal's — Luke 15:17-21

## NATURE

- Sept. 13—Created by God — Genesis, chapter 1  
Sept. 14—Praise for—1 Chronicles 16:27-36  
Sept. 15—Mystery of — Job, chapters 38, 39  
Sept. 16—Reveals God's Greatness — Psalm 104  
Sept. 17—Praise of — Psalm 19; 24:1-2

- Sept. 18—God in Nature — Psalm 139:1-18  
Sept. 19—Miscellaneous Verses — Eccl. 3:11; Song of Sol. 2:12; Mat. 6:28-30

## WORLDLINESS

- Sept. 20—Described — Psalm 73:1-22  
Sept. 21—Vanity of — Ecclesiastes 2:1-12  
Sept. 22—Described by Paul — 2 Timothy 3:1-10  
Sept. 23—Enmity with God — James 4:4-9; 5:1-6  
Sept. 24—Described by Peter — 2 Peter 2:12-22  
Sept. 25—In the Day of Noah — Genesis 6:1-7  
Sept. 26—Of Sodom Described — Genesis 19:1-11

## MORALITY

- Sept. 27—Love to Neighbor — Lev. 19:18; Luke 10:25-37  
Sept. 28—Pleasing to God — Isaiah 58:6-7; Matt. 7:12  
Sept. 29—Of Judges — Deuteronomy 16:18-20  
Sept. 30—Justness — Ezekiel 18:5-9; Luke 3:13-14  
Oct. 1—Thought — Philippians 4:5-9; Prov. 23:7a  
Oct. 2—Of Christians — Col. 3:1-10; Gal. 5:22-26  
Oct. 3—Miscellaneous Verses — James 1:27; 3:17; 1 Pet. 2:11-12; 2 Pet. 1:5-7

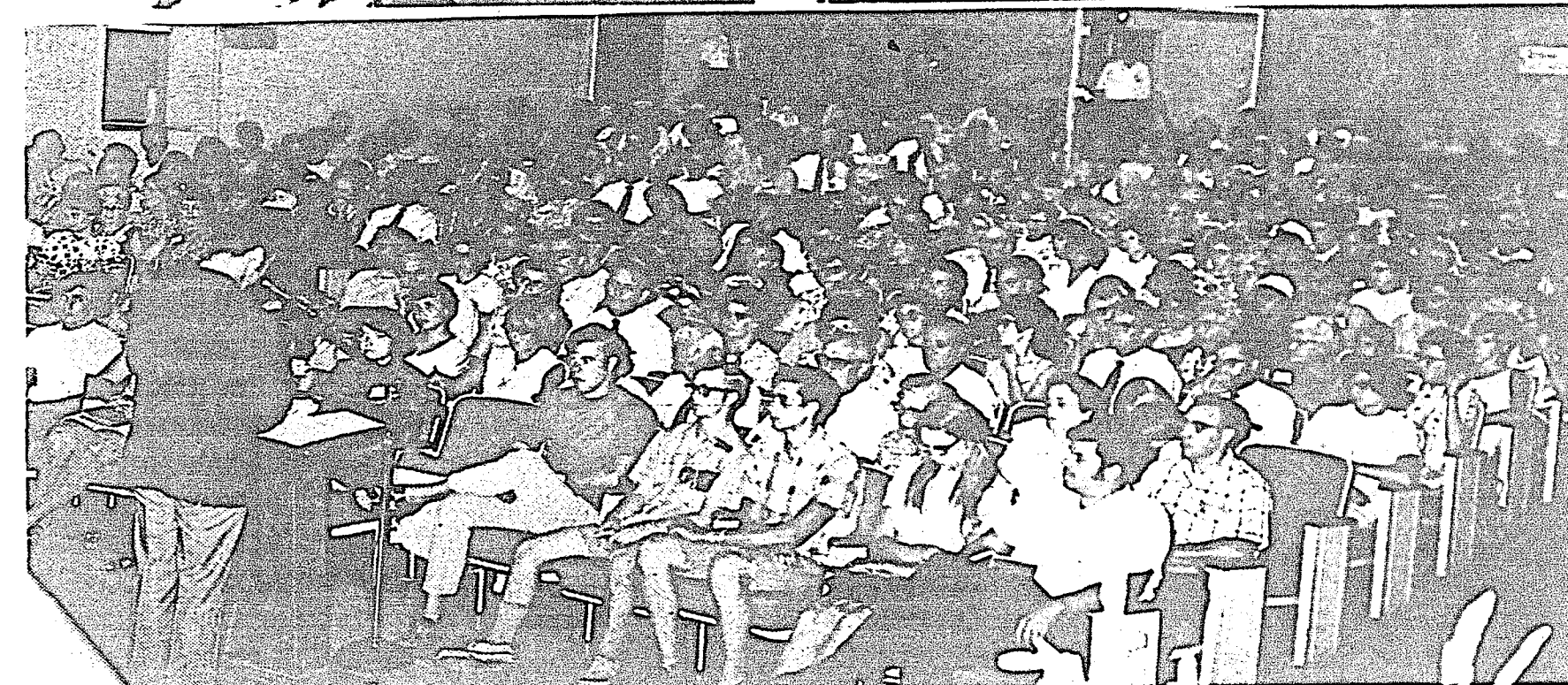
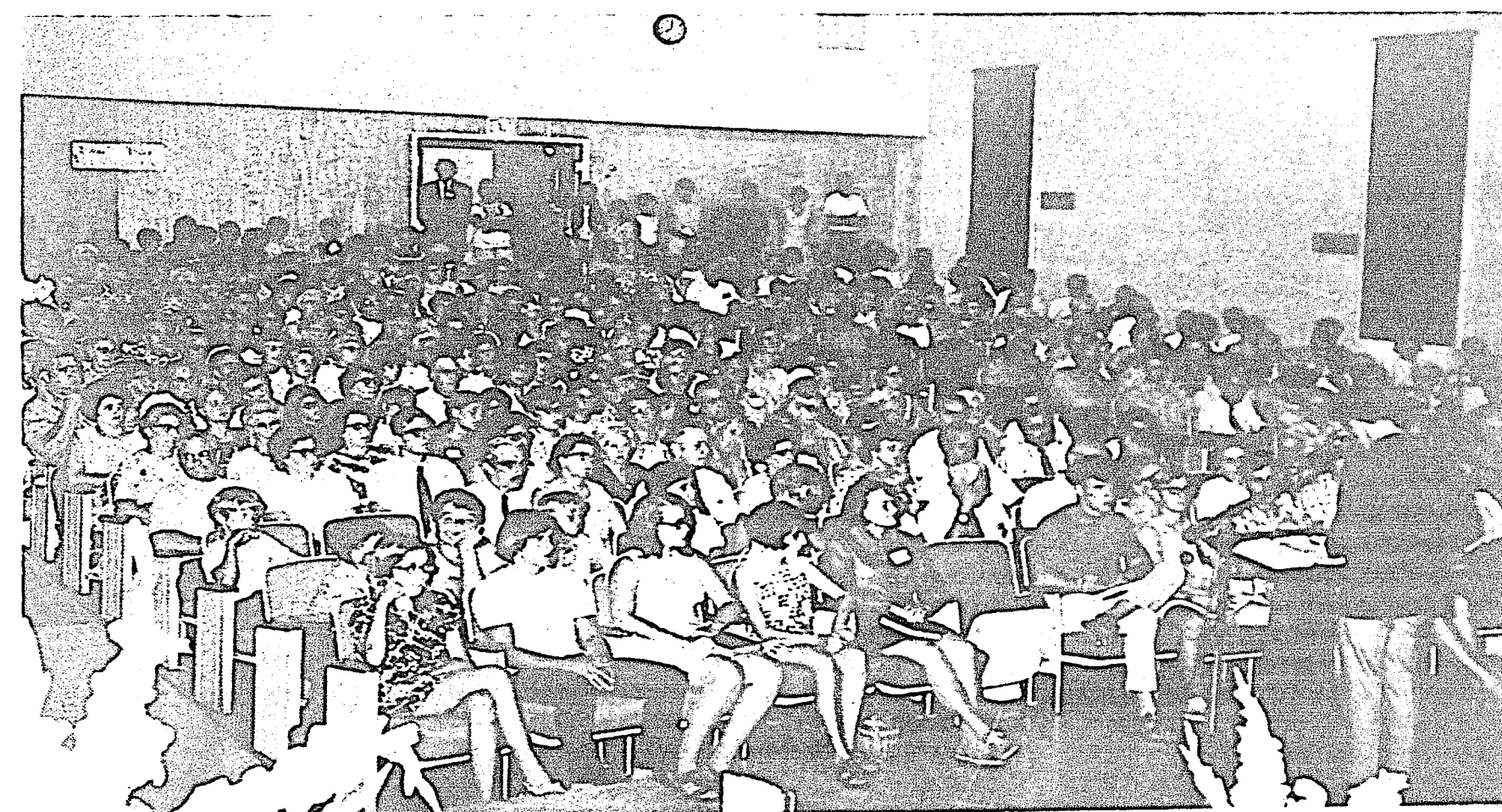
## ANALOGY

*Showing the folly of trying to rationalize religious formulas in advance of personal experience*

I am standing on the threshold about to enter a room. It is a complicated business. In the first place I must shove against an atmosphere pressing with a force of fourteen pounds on every square inch of my body. I must make sure of landing on a plank traveling at 20 miles per second around the sun. I must do this while hanging from a round planet, head outward into space, and with a wind of ether blowing at no one knows how many miles a second through every interstice of my body. The plank has no solidity of substance — to step on it is like stepping on a swarm of flies — shall I not slip through?

Verily, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a scientific man to pass through a door.

—direction



**Capacity Crowd at Evening Session of Conference**

Bill Bond, a young man from Dodge Center, Minn., who gave his spring vacation to personal work with students at Daytona Beach, brings a Scripture-studded message to a capacity audience of delegates and visitors on Youth Night at the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Milton, Wis., Aug. 10-15.



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## Reflections Before Conference

Your editor was one among many who had occasion to be at Milton some days prior to Conference. He had heard that more than the usual number of extra people would be there ahead of time, but was surprised to see how many out-of-state people were on hand five days before the beginning of the session. They had come early for various reasons: some to meet with Commission in the "Introspect-Prospect" discussion of Seventh Day Baptist work, some to transport young people to the two Pre-Con camps, and some for vacation experiences. A number brought trailers so that they could take care of themselves. There were opportunities to visit relatives and friends before the big week began—if you were not involved in continuous meetings, as Commission members were.

Travel across country always has its joys, its difficulties, and its interesting episodes. There is always something different on each trip, especially if one travels only occasionally. It is impossible to gather up the experiences of all or to describe the impressions and reflections of many. We may find, however, that people of the same age group have somewhat similar experiences.

The writer was required to be at a meeting with Commission on Wednesday afternoon and did not feel that he should leave home before Wednesday morning. He learned what it might be like to be a New York - Chicago commuter. The first two flights in the morning are called commuter flights. The businessman sitting with me was getting ready for his appointment even as he ate his breakfast. He would return to New Jersey the same evening. I used only part of the flight time and layover in Chicago to finish preparing for my participation in the afternoon meeting. He chose an aisle seat so he would not be distracted; I chose a window seat so that I could look down on the busy world below and the beauties of nature as seen from above.

I was reminded again that at 35,000 feet the rushing traffic with which we have to cope when driving seems to come to a standstill. In fact, the roomy cars reduce to matchbox size and even disappear. Only the wider roads remain

like lines on a map. Great fields of corn are but patches of green in square sections of land. We even crossed portions of two of the Great Lakes in just a few moments. It is interesting to see life come into closer focus again as we lose altitude and touch down to the end of the runway seen by the pilot but unseen by the passengers because it lies dead ahead.

We are aware that life is like a morning flight, the start and the arrival at the destination loom larger than the smooth period of high flight. Sometimes we give too much attention to what we can see through the patchy clouds along the way and not enough to a clear view of the destination for which we set out in the beginning.

There was a time when I found it hard to enter into the feelings of people who came back to the Milton College campus after being away for many years. Time has a way of changing one's perspectives in such things. A Seventh Day Baptist graduate of the college and particularly one who is in the ministry does get back to Milton occasionally for denominational conferences. An editor gets around also. Arriving several days ahead of Conference with not too tight a schedule of meetings gave a chance for a little orientation to the new campus and a little checking up on the things that were so familiar back in student days. It was hard to realize that it had been forty-one years since I was handed that coveted sheepskin awarded for four years of study. Much has changed and much has remained pretty much the same. Some of the people in the registration office were the same, which gave a nice feeling of continuity.

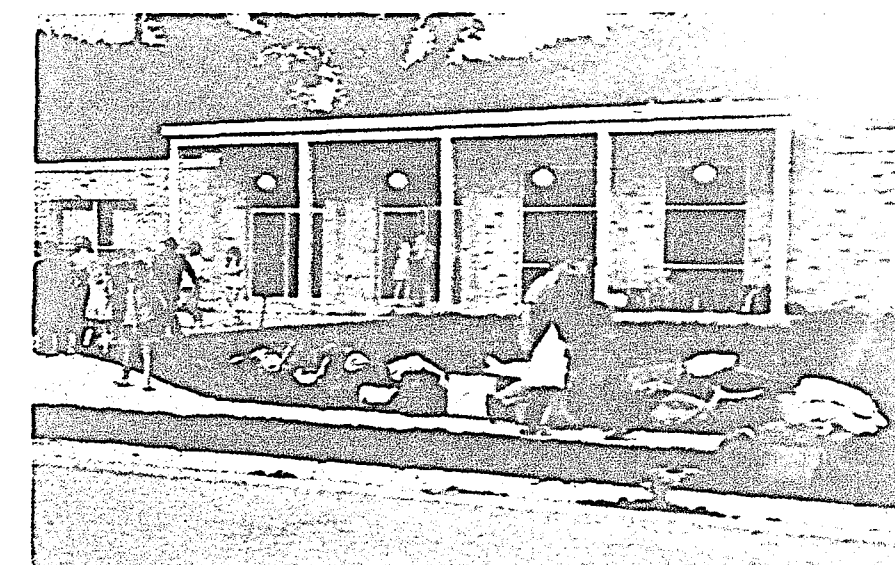
One does not completely forget the experiences and the associations of college years even though they may be overshadowed by further schooling, ministry, and bringing his own children through their college years. Back in those college days I turned to what was familiar to me, dairy farming, for a job to supply room and board and a little pin money. The two farms on which I worked are no longer operated by Seventh Day Baptists, but when I borrowed a bicycle

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and rode out to them in the early evening I saw much that was familiar—roads, buildings, fields, and cattle. It occurred to me that the black and white cows that looked and acted pretty much like the cows that grazed there 40 years ago had gone through some four full generations during that time. The corn fields were the same and looked even more productive than in 1929, but I was reminded that I was looking at the fortieth generation of corn (assuming that the farmers had saved their own seed). It may not be an important consideration but people are more durable than cattle and corn.

We are concerned about a generation gap; the cattle are not. God has given us the ability to be concerned and the years in which to do something about it. We take courage from the thought that whereas we can be concerned about only three or four generations we have a Father in heaven who looks down upon all generations and stretches out His guiding hand with equal love to all.

## The People at Conference



It was late Sunday afternoon, registration day. It took several cars and a school bus to move the luggage and personnel of the 100 Youth Pre-Con people more than 100 miles down to Milton. Much of the luggage arrived hours before the bus. Here in front of the Campus Center it waits to be reunited with its owners while other reported a great experience at the camp found many wholesome activities at Conference in addition to taking their places on committees with the adults.

Conference is not the place but the people. In another way of speaking, it is



the people gathered together in one place for a purpose. It is quite evident, however, that some places draw more people than others. We can have a good Conference on a campus that is strange to all, but we can have a better Conference in a Seventh Day Baptist community where there is a large church, many hospitable homes in addition to the facilities, and the past associations of a church-related college. At Milton, after a space of more than a decade, there was a flocking of visitors besides the local residents who attended sessions regularly.

Most of the visitors were housed in a row of dormitories on a new street, at the head of which was the Campus Center with its busy Conference registration office and its well-equipped cafeteria. Speaking of the cafeteria, which quickly became the social center at meal time, it might be noted that many of the local people as well as the visitors ate there regularly. Some even took up residence in the dormitories so that they could readily attend the early morning prayer meetings and get the feel of Conference life.

The cosmopolitan character of a Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in such a place as Milton was evident from the start when so many gathered at the reception the evening before the meetings began. Registration figures continued to climb all through the week as people came in from distant places to swell the total. By Thursday there were well over 700 registered and more coming. (The total registration was 724, and the attendance Sabbath morning was 1,100.) The editor took an early morning walk past the cars parked in front of the dormitories. It seemed that of the first twelve or fifteen each was from a different state. Curiously enough, it was the California license plate rather than some nearby state that showed up twice. End to end were cars from Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania, California, Florida, New Jersey, etc.

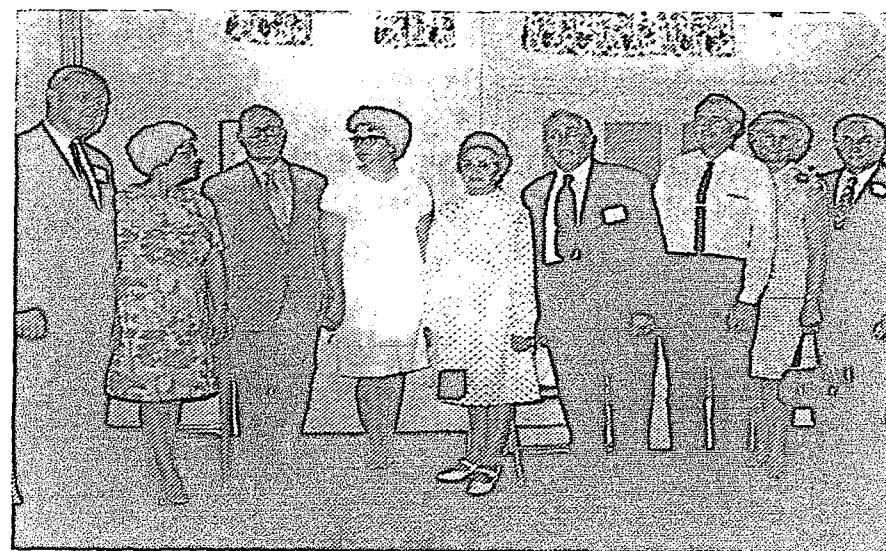
Conference, as we have noted, is the people rather than the place. The joy of such a meeting is the association with friends of like faith, friends old and new. It is wonderful for most of the

people to have fellowship again with friends of previous years. It is also stimulating to meet folks who have never before attended Conference, those who have just found the Bible teaching about the seventh-day Sabbath, and the young people who have developed so much in faith and ability in the last year or two. New voices in committee meetings and new speakers in floor discussions make one conscious of that ongoing flow of life—denominational life. It is safe to say that most of us thought that there were more interesting people at Conference than ever before—interesting because of the inspiration all were getting from the meetings and the forward-looking plans.

### V I P Reception

It doesn't take many years to establish some traditions at General Conference. As traditional now as the Women's Board presentation of the Robe of Achievement at their annual banquet in midweek is the reception on Sunday evening preceding the opening of Conference. It is to honor chosen VIP's but is also a chance to get in a lot of visiting when people first get together.

The reception this year was held in the spacious social rooms of the Milton church. It honored missionary personnel and some of the elected officers of Conference and their wives.

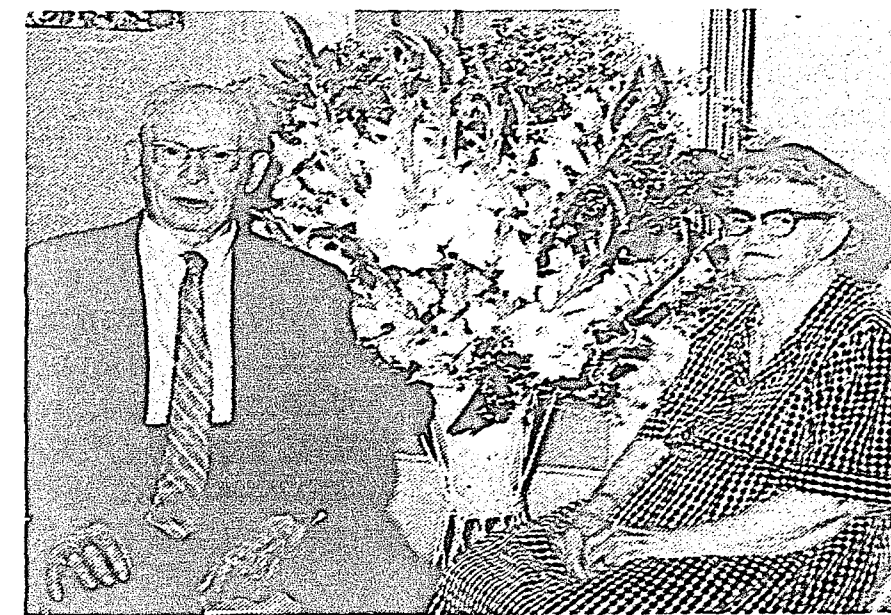


Pictured here, left to right are: Rev. and Mrs. Leon R. Lawton, new executive vice-president of the Missionary Society (Rev. and Mrs. Everett T. Harris, retiring from that position, were honored in absentia), Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Thorngate (first vice-president of Conference), Rev. and Mrs. Grover Brissey, just returned from Jamaica, Rev. Leroy Bass, on furlough from Guyana, and Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler.

The Wheelers were prepared for the reception, but were taken by surprise when they were escorted after the hand-



shaking to a special table that the guests had previously visited, a table with "Wheel - R - Barrow" of love gifts to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Their church at Ashaway, R. I., had also sent a silver tray for the occasion.



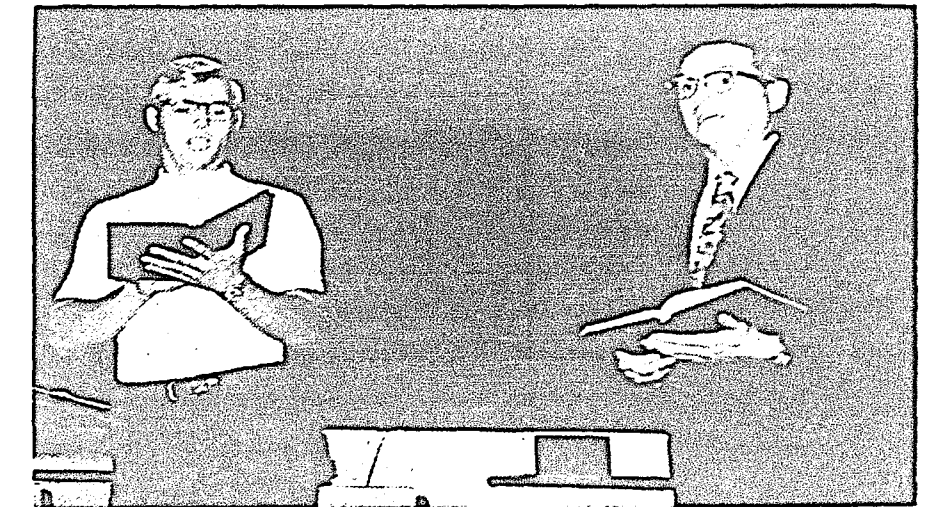
The guests at the reception were also in for a little surprise. It was announced that Professor and Mrs. D. Nelson Inglis, who were seated near the special table, would be celebrating their 65th anniversary the next day. The Conference photographer, Arthur Brayman, caught them in a very appropriate setting.

### Adults Not So Bad

Today's adult generation is not all bad says Charles L. Gould, publisher of the *San Francisco Examiner*. One of many indications is that each year our private gifts to charities are billions—more than the total federal budget of just a generation ago.

### Overall View of Conference Program

The first comment to our readers is that the Conference program was well planned and well carried out by President Edgar Wheeler and those he asked to take part. Program planning is one of the major responsibilities of the president. A different person at the helm each year assures a welcome difference of emphasis.



Robert Wheeler, son of the president and choir director of Conference, leads a song service. After years of tutoring the son, father now seems to be following the son's lead quite nicely—as did the assembled delegates.

The items of business are, for the most part, pretty much the same from year to year. The new president can only hope to expedite the reports and make sure that new business is fairly conducted. Not so with the inspirational parts of the program; there he can show some individuality and hopefully create a good tone by his use of speakers and music.

Mr. Wheeler, himself a good preacher, offered less preaching than usual in the 1970 bill of fare. On the first evening there was a good sermon by the Rev. Charles Bond, but no sermons on Tuesday or Wednesday evening which were Youth Night and Women's Night. On Thursday and Friday he had arranged for sermons by the Rev. Herbert Saunders and the Rev. C. Rex Burdick. The only other sermon was that of the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis on Sabbath morning. These messages were closely related to the theme, "Called Apart — To Be a Part." We heard what that should mean "Through a Hope Received and Shared," "Through Consecration of Personal



Gifts," "Through Perseverance with Christ," and "Through Rest and Renewal." These themes, drawn from the First Epistle of Peter, were assigned.

A further emphasis on the special book of the Bible suggested for study during the year was made the first thing each morning when four different ministers conducted studies from 8:30 to 9:00 entitled "Perspectives from Peter." They were enlightening and valuable. Perhaps the substance of one of them can be printed at a later date.

Some presidents in times past have started off Conference with a choir and a full worship service. This year the beginning was less formal and concentrated on getting the essential business well under way. Referral of reports was faster than usual. There was a little less choir music than usual; the choir rehearsals led up to anthems on Sabbath Eve and Sabbath morning only. There was, however, much good music by the youth, by quartets and other groups, arranged largely by Robert Wheeler, Conference choir director. The faithful and capable organist was Mrs. S. Kenneth Davis.

The boards and agencies that represent the different areas of denominational work were allowed a little less time on the program than usual, but their programs were informative and well received. One thing characterized not only these but other presentations, the judicious use of slides, transparency projections, and dramatic skits. There was this simultaneous appeal to eye and ear not only in the programs but also in the daily OWM presentations of the stewardship chairman. The transparency projector was also used to good advantage in business meetings.

The daily prayer meetings were scheduled at 6:45 a.m. in each of the dormitories and led by young people who had been in dedicated service during the summer. Attendance was not proportionately large but it increased when the youth editors of the Conference *Crier* made a survey and reminded people that attendance at the cafeteria was better than at the early morning prayer meetings. These were times of refreshing and

#### MEMORY TEXT

Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?

—2 Chron. 1:10

strength for many.

Another observation about Conference that was felt by all was felt by all was the physical unity of the whole thing. Although the college campus has shifted, it is still very compact. The Campus Center which housed registration, cafeteria and some social rooms was not more than two or three minutes walk from the auditorium and the classrooms where committee meetings were held. What once was the college gymnasium had some years ago experienced a complete "face-lifting." With its sloping floor and the augmented public address system it was adequate for the well-attended meetings prior to the Sabbath. President Wheeler and his advisors promoted the feeling of togetherness by not using the high platform except for some of the music and dramatic presentations. There was no distinction between audience and speakers or between business and sermons; all was conducted from the level floor area in front of the platform with a small lectern for the main speakers.

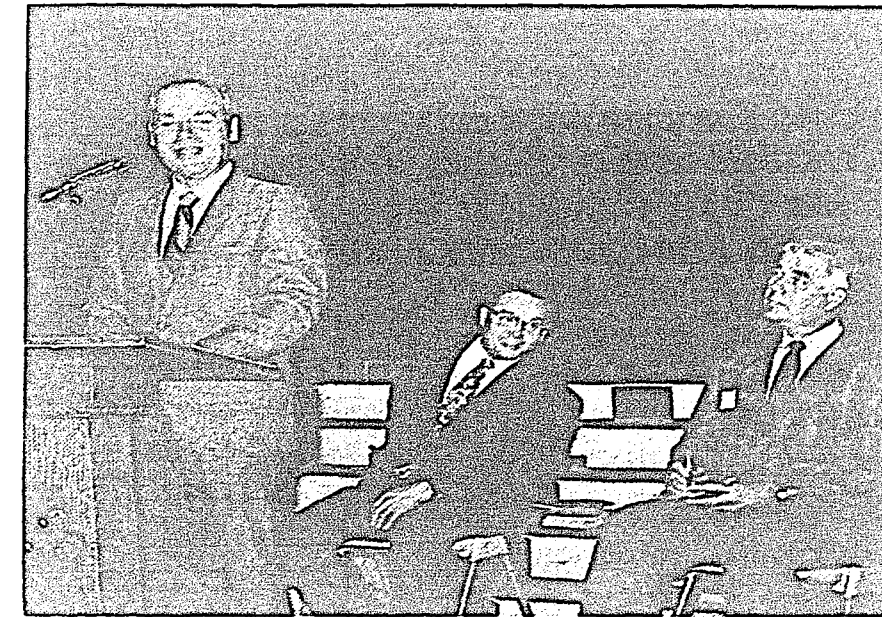
#### Our Prayer Corner

##### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

- 1) Our new Conference president, Dr. Stephen Thorngate, that he may guide us well through the coming year.
- 2) The eight new churches in India reported to have been organized in July, the pastors leading them, and the hundreds recently baptized in these places in Madras state.
- 3) L. Sawi Thanga of Rangoon, Burma, who has requested prayers for a strengthening of his faith.
- 4) The Brazil Conference as it welcomes the dedication of Leo Floyd and seeks ways to make more use of literature in the Portuguese language.

#### Opening Business



Kenneth E. Smith, president of Milton College, in his welcoming speech displayed the little lantern that the first president of the college carried when he went around to see that all the boys were in bed. Dr. Smith brought smiles when he said he was not going to tuck us in at curfew time, but that the Milton people did intend to show the same sort of concern. Leland Bond, taking notes, appears to be wondering what he could say to follow up that story in his response. He rose to the occasion as a true son of O. B. Bond.

Conference opened auspiciously with the president of the college, Dr. Kenneth Smith, giving the welcome and the chairman of Commission, Leland Bond, responding. The message of President Wheeler appearing in this issue speaks for itself.

Before going into the business session, the Rev. Paul B. Osborn (using the transparency projector) gave the first of his daily OWM Budget reminders which became popular as the days went by. He noted the reasonably good OWM receipts of \$11,039 for July (which are printed in full on page 15).

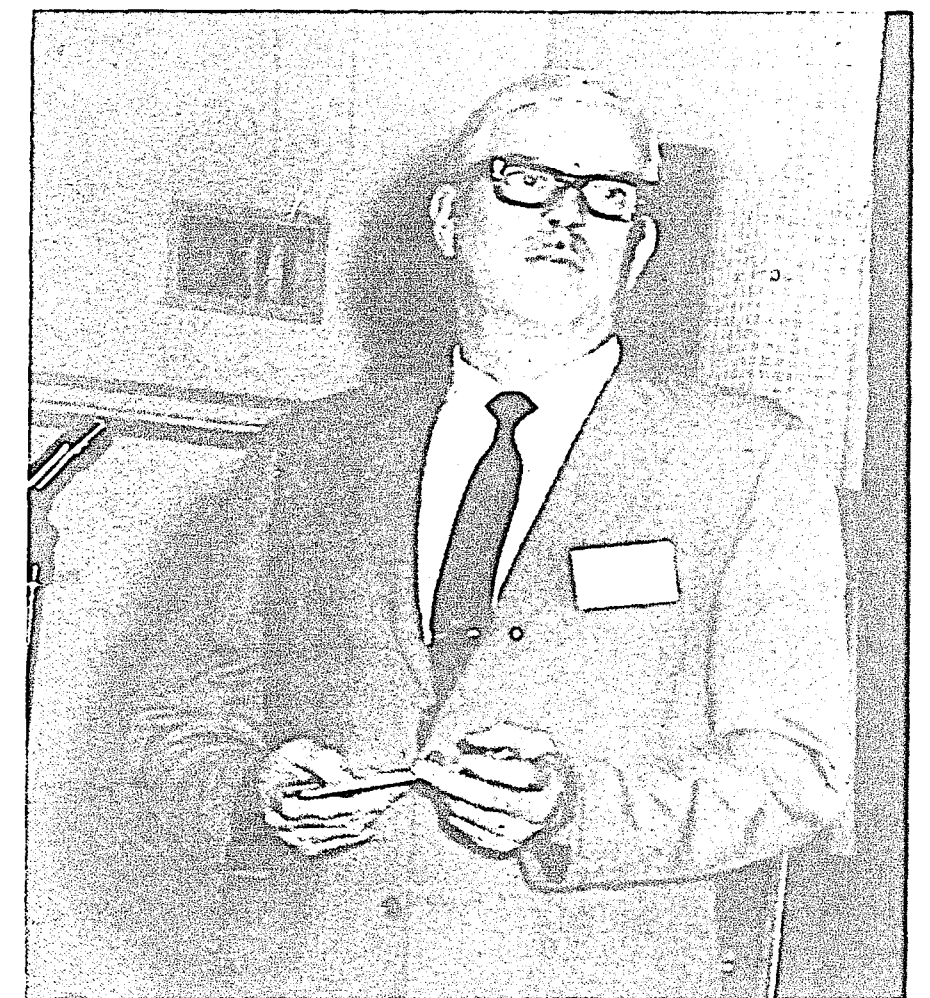
Board and agency reports had been included in the delegate packets and upon presentation were quickly referred to the proper committees for study and recommendation. There was time for the reading of such reports as did not need referral and still time for the more monumental report of Commission to be presented by the members as well as in mimeographed form. That body had been meeting at Milton for more than a week prior to Conference. A summary of Commission recommendations will ap-

pear later.

Among the reports read was that of the Obituary Committee which collects the names of ministers and deacons who have passed on during the year. A period of prayer by the Rev. J. Paul Green added to the tribute paid to one minister, Herbert Polan, one minister's wife, and eleven deacons and deaconesses whose obituaries had appeared in the *Sabbath Recorder*.

The Seventh Day Baptist World Federation reported growth, with a Conference in India of some 12,000 members joining the SDBWF during the year. Attention was called to the first five-year meeting of the SDBWF scheduled for next August and the need for some \$5,000 to help meet the cost of it.

After the referral or adoption of reports, not much business was done until there had been time for two or three meetings of the committees to which the reports were referred.



I'm listening. On the first morning of Conference the Rev. Albert Rogers, president of the Historical Society and involved with several other boards and agencies, had some reports to submit. He appears to be waiting for questions or actions. Many others not caught by the camera had somewhat the same feeling.



# Called Apart - To Be a Part

## Reaching Our Potential

Conference President's Message delivered the first morning, August 10, 1970

by Edgar F. Wheeler

*"But I keep going on, grasping ever more firmly that purpose for which Christ Jesus grasped me." — Phil. 3:12 (Phillips)*



When our children were all very young and we took them on travels involving several hundred miles, an inevitable question would pop up after the first hour or so of driving: "Aren't we about there?" Despite our explanation that such a long trip would take many hours, the impatient query would come out again and again. This impatience is a characteristic of the childish mind, for it has no concept of time and distance. It thinks in terms of beginning and arriving.

When Peter declared: "But ye are chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9, AV), he pictured high privileges and responsibilities for the Christian of such dimensions that the heart cannot fully grasp them nor experience encompass them in a few moments, or a few years.

Our Conference theme, *Called Apart — To Be a Part*, is built upon the assurance that the believer in Jesus Christ is called as a child of God into a vital, intimate relationship with God, and that God intends to use him to demonstrate His power, righteousness and love "where cross the crowded ways of life." I hope and pray that none of us as Christians will think that as soon as we have received the call of Christ we have arrived at the destination. For the full scope of the Christian calling with its privileges, responsibilities and possibilities cannot be grasped in a moment, or in a year. These exciting discoveries will take all of our lives, and the great climax will be revealed only after this life is over.

I want to turn our attention to a passage not found in our Bible study book for the year, because Paul in this portion of Scripture gives his understanding of the possibilities of the Christian life and states his determination to reach them. In Phil. 3:8-11, he declares his consuming desire for "the knowledge of Christ Jesus" and to be filled with the righteousness "which is of faith in Christ," and "to know the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead" (vs. 10, 11). These are the possibilities opened up to the believer: To know Jesus Christ intimately in his personal life and experience, to be filled with His righteousness and love for righteousness; to experience the power of His resurrection in forgiveness of sin and in newness of life, in the ability to live the life of self-denial to serve Him in the world, and finally to experience resurrection ourselves after our earthly life has ended.

Paul says, "I have not attained . . . I have not apprehended" (vs. 12-13), "But I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am appre-

hended of Christ Jesus" (v. 12). In fact, he made this quest "the one thing I do" (v. 13). His words suggest three elements that are essential to the believer's reaching his spiritual potential.

### I. Time

Someone has said that "time is the stuff life is made of." Paul again agrees as he counsels Christians to "make good use of the time" in Eph. 5:16.

God does not bring things into being fully developed in an instant. He may will a thing in a moment, but He takes time to carry out His will. He created in a moment, but what He created has been developing ever since.

In nature we see the importance of time. Sometime long before Jesus was born some tiny seeds fell to the ground in California. They have been growing ever since to become the tremendous redwoods that they are today. The possibility of the mighty tree was in the seed, but it took time, lots of it, for the tree to reach its potential. And it will keep growing as long as it is alive, because it is continually drawing energy and nourishment from the sun, the air and the soil.

When one responds to the call of God, receiving salvation and surrendering his life through faith in Jesus Christ, he begins a new life as a babe in Christ. There is the beginning of a Christlike life, with the potential of fellowship with God and of being used of God. But he will be a lifetime appropriating his privileges and developing as a useful, strong, obedient life through which God may live. He cannot know all the privileges and implications of the Christian life all at once.

It takes time to develop a good marriage. In a moment the relation of two people to one another is changed as they are pronounced man and wife at the wedding. But a good marriage takes time—to live together, to experience joy and sorrow together, to give and take, to try to understand one another.

That new relationship of sons of God comes about at the moment of a step by faith. But the life develops as we feed on the Word of God, converse with Him

(this we call prayer) pray, walk with Him, seek to give ourselves fully to Him, grow in our comprehension of Him. How important that we use the time allotted us to become as He would have us be.

### II. Persistence

The Bible word is "patience."

Life is no "bed of roses." We deceive ourselves if we think that we are on easy street, once we put our lives in Christ's hands. Jesus promised His disciples a sword rather than peace, cautioned them that they would be hated for His name's sake, and emphasized that the difficulties to be encountered would demand endurance: "He that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matt. 10:22).

Moreover, He predicted that not only would some soon fall away from faith because they had no determination, but that many would be turned from the course by the more subtle erosion of "the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches" (Matt. 13:22).

If one assumes that Christian character, and awareness to God, and usefulness will come about easily and in a moment, he is doomed to disappointment.

Owen D. Young, an attorney and corporation executive, once said that the only reason most business men never become leaders in their fields is their unwillingness to pay the price. He said: "It is their unwillingness to pay the price of responsibility . . . hard work, hard, driving work, the courage to make decisions and to stand the gaff, a scourging honesty, never fooling yourself about yourself."

Many professing Christians never grow spiritually great and useful simply because they have never counted the cost and totally committed themselves to what God wants them to be.

One must realize that his faith will be challenged by doubts, that he himself will fail many times, that serving the Lord will cost self-denial and love poured out—and then accept these things as a part of growing in the Christian life.

The hardest and strongest trees in the

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Excerpts from Quarterly Reports  
of Home Field Pastors

Berea, W. Va.

Pastor Leslie Welch writes appreciatively of the Missionary Pastors' Institute which he and Mrs. Welch attended at Westerly in April. They visited and took part in Sabbath services of the Waterford, Conn., and Leonardsville, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Churches while on their trip. There were sixty-eight registered campers at Southeastern Association Youth Camp at Berea in June and approximately 150 at the closing Sabbath service in the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Daytona Beach, Fla.

Pastor Marion Van Horn tells of an extra effort to provide seven young people the experience of attending Camp Joy at Berea, W. Va. (Southeastern Association Camp). He writes, "The church is planning on increasing its pay to the pastor by \$100 for another year and have the Missionary Board decrease its grant-in-aid by the same amount, keeping the pastor's salary at the same level."

Hammond - Metairie, La.

Pastor Earl DeLand has written that they are "trying to pay off loans to bank and Memorial Board and keep present expenses paid." The Missionary Pastors' Institute was attended at Westerly and he and Mrs. DeLand wrote words of appreciation. "Evangelistic meetings were held at Pastor Adolph Showers church with rededication and one added to the church . . . This quarter has been a very meaningful one to me as I see young people make decisions and rededicate their lives, a fellowship growing with our brothers in Christ, and a spiritual gathering to further the work of the Lord."

Richburg, N. Y.

Pastor C. Harmon Dickinson reports having held a service honoring senior citizens. "A consecration service was held for SCSC worker, Bob Cartwright. Vacation Bible School was held with 37 boys and girls enrolled . . . I am conducting instruction classes for those contemplating

baptism." He and Mrs. Dickinson assisted at Senior Youth Camp at Camp Harley Sutton. He expected to help at Junior Camp also July 19-26 and would help with a Seventh Day Baptist booth for Alleghany County Fair the next week.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Pastor Sam Studer has written, "A special work, which was really not work at all but a great pleasure, was along the line of home Bible studies held in various homes in the area. These Bible studies and fellowships have developed into real challenges to the truth-seekers. Ten or twelve meetings have been held at various times with an average attendance of 13.

"The biggest problem of this quarter has been along the very difficult road of fulfilling our obligations of serving the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church to the conclusion of the church's call and yet to hold (in the spirit of love) definite convictions we have in regard to the denominational system of things." Pastor Studer has tendered his resignation as of September 1, 1970.

Seattle, Wash.

Pastor Duane L. Davis reports one decision for Christ and three added to church membership. He reports a total of 191 calls of which number 154 were pastoral calls and 37 were pointed toward winning decisions for Christ. He has written, "Most of the quarter was spent in getting acquainted with church members, calling on people on the prospect list, serving in pastoral ways and in the regular work of teaching and preaching ministry." He adds, "The first quarter in the Seattle area has been satisfying and challenging. Our church members opened their hearts and homes to us and have helped us to get settled in our new home and to begin our work for the Lord here."

Texarkana, Ark.

Pastor Ralph Hays comments that the work of Miss Connie Coon in setting up Bible Clubs is being carried on by the SCSC young people. These dedicated youth are also carrying on "door-to-door work." He notes that he has been away from the church four Sabbaths dur-

ing the quarter, attending Missionary Pastors' Institute, Southwestern Association meetings and Camp Miles (the Association Youth Camp). "We have one, Rev. Charles Holliday from Hillsboro, Texas, who desires membership in our church. He plans to come to Texarkana some time in July."

Washington, D. C.

Pastor Delmer E. Van Horn reports "The quarter opened with the pastor and his wife in attendance at Missionary Pastors' and Wives' Spiritual Retreat at Westerly, R. I., April 1-8. We appreciated the privilege of attending and felt that we were helped immeasurably by the retreat. Our student pastor, Dale Rood, led the worship and brought the message on April 4 in the pastor's absence." Southeastern Association Retreat (at Berea) was also attended.

Pastor Van Horn writes of special work done during the quarter as follows: (1) Tutoring classes held to help 4th, 5th, and 6th graders with needs in arithmetic and the language arts. This is giving contacts within the church area; (2) Volunteer secretarial service program—initiated to assist the pastor, so that he might have more time for visitation and evangelistic calling; (3) Summer secretary (Dedicated Service)—furnished by denomination on a matching basis."

Little Rock, Ark.

Pastor Kenneth Van Horn's report has been delayed. He and Mrs. Van Horn expected to go on vacation with assistance from the Ethel T. Stillman Rest and Recreation Fund before attending General Conference at Milton. They attended the Missionary Pastors' Institute at Westerly in April.

Your Missionary Society  
at Conference

Monday afternoon at Milton was the time for the presentation of the society program, chaired by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, retiring chairman of the Home Field Committee. We were fortunate to have two missionary couples present—Rev. and Mrs. Grover S. Brissey (from

Jamaica) and Elder and Mrs. Leroy C. Bass (from Guyana).

Mr. Brissey shared an overview of the work at Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, where he had just completed a second term of service. Many improvements have been made to the buildings and facilities, but, more important, the student body had been increased substantially and the incoming class for the fall term appears to be the largest for some years.

Brother Bass shared some slides of the work in Guyana and told how the national leaders were assuming more responsibility. He shared information on their growing witness. He introduced us to several individuals who are active in the work there. Because time ran out, Brother Bass was not able to finish his presentation and this was held the next Sabbath afternoon.

The work in Malawi was also presented by the voices of our missionaries and national workers (on tape) and several slides showing recent activities. Among these were the construction of the new church building and pastor's home in Blantyre and the picture of a church building whose congregation recently joined the Central Africa Conference.

Articles from Guyana as well as recent pictures from Malawi were highlights of the Missionary Society exhibit.

Impressions of Conference

One of the highlights of Conference was the guilds. It gave us a chance to share our personal experiences with others of like occupations throughout the denomination. All agree that God calls us to be a witness for Him, and to use the talents that he has given us to the fullest extent. We must show Christian love and patience to those who are new employees. We must choose a vocation that enables us to keep the seventh-day Sabbath. God blesses those who keep His commandments. It is hoped that all who attended the guilds have gained ideas that will be helpful to them in the coming year.

—Onnalee Saunders



### Through-the-Week Curriculum

by Catharine S. Jacox

"Like the Crocus" is the title of one of two courses available for grades 9 and 10 in the Cooperative Through-the-Week series. This is published for the Cooperative Publication Association by Brethren Press, Elgin, Illinois. The title, "Like the Crocus," was taken from Isaiah 35:1-2a—"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing."

The subject of these lessons is, "What Is Man and What Is His Purpose in Life?" The course is for the 14- and 15-year-old youth, "an emerging human being pulled by strong physical forces, pressured by a personality wanting to be known and accepted and torn in many directions by conflicting demands for his loyalty and attention." The purpose of the course is to help guide public school students to a Christian interpretation of the world introduced to them by the school curriculum. The sometimes brutish, sometimes angelic personality of man is the subject of the first section. The second section is on society and its sessions probe the social demands of competing and overlapping loyalties. The lessons are centered on church-state issues. The third section is a historical study, hopefully adding the dimension of time and tradition to the everlasting struggle of man to become human and civilized. The final sessions relate to the relationships between modern technology and salvation. The concluding three lessons have these purposes:

1. To examine the relevance of the Christian faith in the modern world.
2. To describe the mission of the church both as revolutionary and as a reconciler.
3. To listen to the voices of protest and hope of this generation, to confess again our Christian understanding of life, to suggest possibilities for that life in the future. "Like the Crocus" is a well-de-

veloped course of study using the most modern methods of teaching. It makes use of present day adolescent situations, language and problems. It has a bold outlook and a forward reach. It is strong medicine, but needed for today. Young people led through these sessions by a keen and sympathetic teacher, should gain respect for a church meeting the challenge of the times.

### Nominations and Elections

Stephen Thorngate, M.D., 1022 Adobe Lane, Pebble Beach, Calif., was elected president of Conference for the coming year. That was no surprise since he was chosen as first vice-president last year and was placed on Commission with a view to becoming president. This unassuming layman with good ideas inspires confidence. His address on the closing night of Conference will appear in an early issue.

Delegates await with keen interest the nomination for first vice-president. It is a closely guarded secret until the Nominating Committee makes its long report. There is a stipulation that no one shall be president who has not served on Commission, but that leaves considerable leeway. The Rev. Paul B. Osborn, presently on Commission, was nominated and elected. This automatically keeps him on Commission for three more years. His knowledge of budget items assures continuity in this area of Commission work.

Other members newly elected to Commission are Mrs. Arthur Drake (Milton) and the Rev. Francis D. Saunders (Lost Creek, W. Va.). Going off are Leland W. Bond (expiration) and Leon R. Lawton (resignation).

The committee on Christian Social Action, named by Commission, includes four new members from the Southern Wisconsin area for a three year term: Mrs. Paul Abelmann, Forrest M. Branch, D.D.S., Jared A. H. Van Horn, and Miss Linda Smith.

New members of the Council on Ecumenical Affairs (chosen by Commission)

are Rev. Melvin G. Nida (1 year) and Leland W. Bond (5 years).

Since the Women's Society is about to be relocated from Southern Wisconsin to Colorado a whole new list of members from that area was presented and elected.

Nominations for the other major boards were read. Elections will take place at the annual meetings of the societies.

### News from Brazil

Seventh Day Baptist work in Brazil is apparently taking on new dimensions with the arrival of new workers just retired from military service in the Canal Zone. (For a picture of the Leo Floyd family, see issue of August 3, page 8.) The previous article quotes a letter stating that their preparations for departure on July 21 for Brazil were going well. The first letter from Brazil to the secretary of the Tract Society was dated August 11 and received August 17. We quote the first two paragraphs.

Just a few lines to let you know that we arrived in Curitiba after a very good journey from Panama which was undertaken without any major problems or events. Our reception here by the Seventh Day Baptists has been and still is a very wonderful thing. They have all gone out of their way to make us comfortable and help us get settled into our new way of life.

We have been pretty busy trying to get settled, finding a place to live, and getting the children in school, all of which, thanks to the good Lord, have been accomplished, at least for the present. We are in a rented furnished apartment which we will remain in until our furniture catches up with us, then we hope to move into a house.

In a later paragraph he asks for information that would help the Brazil Conference in the proposed setting up of a tract society similar to ours to publish and distribute Seventh Day Baptist literature. His interest in our work, with which he has been acquainted only a few months, is shown by the following:

I know that you are presently involved in the General Conference session at Milton and will no doubt see this letter after the session is over. But, do please be advised that our

prayers are with you all at the conference session that God may pour out His blessings upon you and give you wisdom to meet His needs in the ministry of the Seventh Day Baptists in America and throughout the world.

### Reflections

By Wayne Babcock

As the Conference theme of "apartness" came through to us in the business sessions, worship time, and our "differentness" in fun and recreation, we have all been made more aware that our apartness is grounded in the Fatherhood of God. Pastor Bond, in his Monday evening address, pointed out that children of God are set apart *unto* Him, therefore they do not try to outdo or even match the "marginalness" of the world's ethics in business and social relationships, quite the opposite.

*God loves you* and so He does His best for you. If you love God, you will want to do your best for Him.

I overheard two people in conversation, speaking of their disappointment at the lack of enthusiasm and spiritual depth in our Conference. This is a disappointment not shared by many.

It appears to me that our General Conference is somewhat like life as a whole in this respect. We get out of it in direct proportion to what we contribute.

Life anywhere is more than vegetating. The Christian life is found in sharing. At Conference we come to share the best — our hope in Christ, our hope for the church and to revel in the love of God. Perhaps our disappointed friends missed the boat by not taking hold of one of the oars.

What were your conversations about in relation to Conference? —*Crier*

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 12, 1970

THE PERIL OF SECULARISM

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 25:21-23, 27-34

**"Called Apart—To Be a Part"**

(Continued from page 9)

world are said to grow on the coasts of Norway where they must endure severe cold and constant buffeting of winds. The destructive elements become the means of making the trees strong.

True faith takes the hardships of life and makes them into a ladder to greater Christlikeness. See this in the experience of Paul: "We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts . . ." (Rom. 5:3-5).

Persistence means we will not quit before we get to our destination, no matter what stands in the way. "I keep going on."

**III. Sensitivity**

We need an awareness of God's calling and the world's need in order to reach our possibilities in serving Him. God does not shout loudly to be heard, nor write out His orders in the clouds. He speaks by "the still, small voice" to our conscience. Because of this, many do not hear and do not see opportunity when it is right before them. The priest and the Levite professed to be God's own, but He could not make them hear when they came across the wounded man in Jesus' story.

There are many "causes" and needs and demands clamoring for our loyalty and energies today. Some Christians may be deaf to these voices, but many others are confused and, as a result, practically useless to God and to the world. How does one single out God's call and respond to it?

The ability to hear correctly must begin with a conscious and consistent attuning of the heart to God. There is indeed a place in the Christian's life for "the quiet hour" to seek and enjoy his Lord. There is a need to maintain intimate ties with Him, and to keep an open communication between himself and God.

It is not long before the new mother, if she is a worthy mother, develops an

almost uncanny ability to hear a baby's cry in the night or above the din of many voices or confusing noise. Others may not hear, but she does. She is so in love with her child and so attuned to his needs that even when she is asleep, his cry reaches her subconscious mind.

Those Christians who worship and serve God best are those who are so attuned to Him in love that they sense His will amid the din of the world. But this relationship comes only as they respond even to His quietest, seemingly most insignificant call in their hearts. It is thus that we are enabled

To love some one more dearly ev'ry day,  
To help a wandering child to find his way.  
To ponder o'er a noble thought, and pray,  
And smile when evening falls.  
To follow truth as blind men long for light,  
To do my best from dawn of day till night,  
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight,  
And answer when He calls.

*Maud Louise Ray*

We are *Called Apart—To Be a Part*. This is the call of God in Christ Jesus. What are our possibilities in enjoying the relationship of those who are "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people"? To what extent will we "shew forth the praises of him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light"? To make this discovery is the challenge of our lives.

The call of God is to "keep going on, grasping ever more firmly that purpose for which Christ Jesus grasped me." And it will take time, persistence and sensitivity. It will take all your life.

**MINISTERIAL EDUCATION CENTER  
TO GET NEW DEAN**

The Seventh Day Baptist Council on Ministerial Education announces the appointment of the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel of Alfred Station, N. Y., as dean of the Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education. Mr. Zwiebel, currently the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, will assume his new duties on November 1, replacing Dean Victor W. Skaggs who has accepted the pastorate of the North Loup, Nebr., church.

**OUR WORLD MISSION**

**OWM Budget Receipts for July 1970**

Treasurer's			Boards'			Treasurer's			Boards'		
	July	7 mos.	7 mos.		July	7 mos.	7 mos.		July	7 mos.	7 mos.
Adams Ctr NY ..S		515.45	20.00	Milton WI .....	2,171.76	8,171.26	873.25	Milton Jct WI ..	92.00	526.80	35.00
Albion WI .....		202.08	119.51	Monterey CA .....		200.00		New Auburn WI	56.41	300.49	20.00
Alfred NY .....	508.20	3,675.41	130.00	New Milton WV		250.00		New Orleans LA		5.00	
Alfred Sta NY .....	664.00	1,904.35	20.00	North Loup NB ..	405.26	1,805.26	30.00	Nortonville KS ..	40.00	1,374.75	115.00
Ashaway RI .....	487.00	1,942.91	140.00	Ohio Fellowship..	20.00	120.00	100.00	Paint Rock AL ..		280.00	20.00
Assns & Groups		754.36	692.32	Plainfield NJ .....	277.81	2,916.87	426.20	Richburg NY .....	55.75	903.74	30.00
Battle Creek MI ..	364.35	3,108.77	160.00	Riverside CA .....	1,031.67	4,205.54	60.00	Rockville RI .....	44.25	215.25	10.00
Bay Area CA .....	125.00	465.00	33.40	Salem WV .....		1,520.00	70.00	Salemville PA .....	55.00	385.00	51.00
Berea WV .....		271.83	10.00	Schenectady NY ..		67.00	20.00	Seattle WA .....	70.00	100.00	
Berlin NY .....	60.00	1,019.61	250.00	Shiloh NJ .....	295.65	5,459.45	185.00	Stonefort IL .....	23.00	187.00	20.00
Boulder CO .....	83.68	631.68	105.00	Syracuse NY .....		63.95		Texarkana AR .....		10.00	
Brookfield NY .....	77.50	494.00	20.00	Verona NY .....		986.26	70.00	Walworth WI .....	90.00	670.00	25.00
Buffalo NY .....		125.00		Washington DC ..		416.00	30.00	Washington			
Chicago IL .....	1,410.00	1,510.00	20.00	Washington				People's DC .....			
Daytona Beach FL	200.00	715.25	75.00	Waterford CT .....	128.91	897.25	100.00	Westerly RI .....	600.00	4,344.50	206.00
Denver CO .....	261.40	1,899.66	1,380.00	White Cloud MI		257.84		Totals	\$11,039.07	\$67,685.90	\$6,688.68
DeRuyter NY .....	66.40	452.50		Non-Budget		120.40		Total			
Dodge Ctr MN .....	321.04	992.68	65.00	To Disburse		\$11,159.47					
Farina IL .....		134.25									
Fouke AR .....		218.00	10.00								
Hammond LA .....											
Hebron PA .....		423.87	60.00								
Hopkinton RI .....	4.00	23.00	110.00								
Houston TX .....		165.00									
Independence NY	17.25	431.30	20.00								
Individuals .....		620.00	232.00								
Irvington NJ .....		1,200.00	100.00								
Jackson Ctr OH ..											
Kansas City MO	48.00	288.00	20.00								
Leonardsville NY	70.00	359.00									
Little Genesee NY	136.33	927.53	15.00								
Little Rock AR ..	36.19	217.24	20.00								
Los Angeles CA ..		2,100.00	220.00								
Lost Creek WV ..	350.00	1,030.00	60.00								
Marlboro NJ .....	291.66	2,228.96	85.00								
Metairie LA .....											

**JULY DISBURSEMENTS**

Board of Christian Education .....	\$ 857.46
Historical Society .....	7.21
Ministerial Education .....	843.05
Ministerial Retirement .....	1,173.29
Missionary Society .....	4,406.10
Tract Society .....	1,330.86
Trustees of General Conference .....	72.05
Women's Society .....	202.49
World Fellowship & Service .....	291.13
General Conference .....	1,945.83
S. D. B. World Federation .....	30.00
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$11,159.47</b>

**S U M M A R Y**

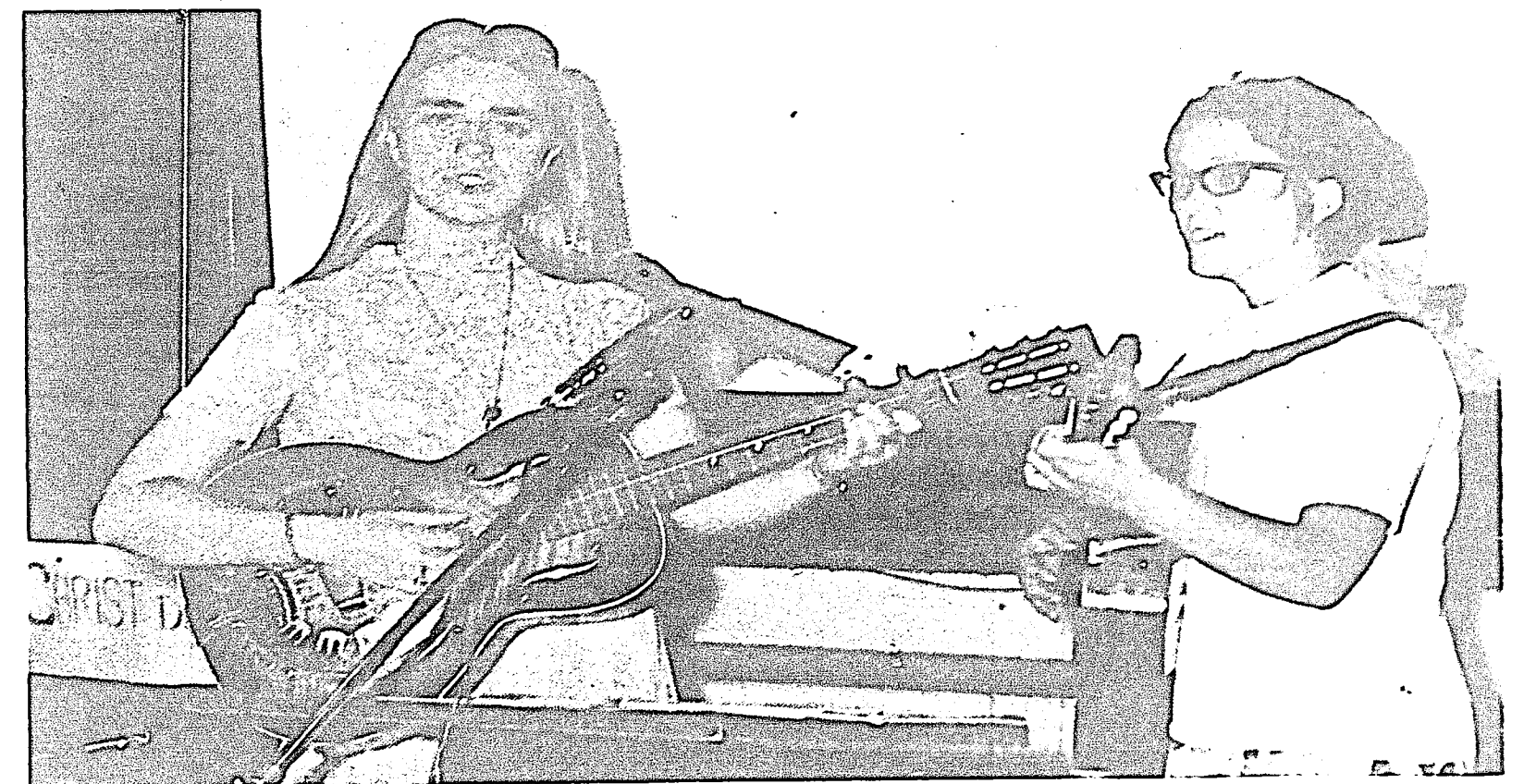
1970 Budget .....	\$140,833.00
Receipts for 7 months:	
OWM Treasurer .....	\$67,685.90
Boards .....	6,688.68
	74,374.58
Amount due in 5 months .....	\$ 66,458.42
Needed per month .....	13,291.68
Percentage of year elapsed .....	58.3%
Percentage of Budget raised .....	52.8%
	Gordon Sanford
	OWM Treasurer
	July 31, 1970

**Sabbath morning offering at Milton \$4,583**

**Total Conference offering as of August 15 — \$13,212**



# The Sabbath Recorder



## Why Christ Kept the Sabbath

Submitted by Ralph Hays, 24 Pleasant St., Texarkana, Ark.

Jesus Christ, the messenger of the New Covenant, came with the power of the Holy Ghost, power which all of us may share. By that power Jesus kept the Sabbath as it was intended to be kept!

By keeping the Sabbath, Jesus also became our living flesh and blood example to show us *how* to keep it.

Yes, Jesus Christ kept the Sabbath (Saturday), and so did all those who followed Him. Their examples are recorded in the Bible for us to follow today!

1. Let's begin to understand by reviewing a few things. Was Christ the Word, with God from the beginning (John 1:1)?

2. And wasn't it Christ who actually created all things (John 1:3 and Col. 1:16)? Then who created the Sabbath (Gen. 2:2-3)?

3. Isn't this the reason why Christ referred to Himself as "Lord of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:28; Luke 6:5; Matt. 12:8)?

For this reason Jesus has authority over the Sabbath. As the Lord—one with authority, the Master, the ruler—Christ was and is the only one to determine when and how the Sabbath should be kept.

4. Did Jesus set His Church the example of how the whole Christian way of life is to be lived (1 John 2:6)? Does Jesus, the "Lord" of the Sabbath—the true "Lord's Day" therefore teach us, when and how to keep the Sabbath?

5. Did Jesus show the disciples, the future leaders of His Church, exactly how He, as Lord of the Sabbath, intended that the Sabbath Day should be used (Matt. 12:1-13)?

6. Was the Sabbath to be a blessing or a curse (Mark 2:27; Heb. 4:9)?

7. Was it the custom of Christ to attend church services on the Sabbath (Luke 4:16-31)?

8. Are we to follow Christ's perfect example of obedience to God, which includes Sabbathkeeping (1 Pet. 2:21; 1 Cor. 11:1)?

9. How did Jesus say it would be possible to worship in vain (Matt. 15:9)?

10. Did you know Paul preached to Gentiles on the Sabbath (Acts 13:44; 18:4-11)?

11. How many Sabbath Days can you count in Acts (Acts 13:14-27, 42-44; Acts 16:13; Acts 17:2; Acts 18:4-11)?

12. What are we to fulfill, and how (Romans 8:4)?

Why not Honor Christ by following the example He gave us and keeping the Sabbath?

## The Good Preacher

Every preacher should exhibit two things: First, a blameless life by which he can defy the world and one no one have cause to slander the teaching, and second, irreproachable teaching, that he may mislead none that follow him. So he will be right on both sides: with his good life against enemies who look much more at his life than at his doctrine; with his doctrine among friends who care more for the doctrine than about his life and will bear with his life for the sake of his teaching.

For it is indeed true that no one lives so perfect a life as to be without sin before God. Therefore it is sufficient that he be blameless in the eyes of the people, But his doctrine must be so good and pure as to stand not only before man but also before God.—Martin Luther

## Music at Conference Takes Varied Forms

Linda Greene and Faye Bond of Dodge Center, Minn., sing a gospel song of their own composition growing out of their deepening Christian experience. The Rev. Mynor Soper leads his family in a group of songs for the women of Conference.