

# The Sabbath Recorder

## Book Notice

### Old Testament Times

In these days of archaeological discoveries and mounting interest in the land of the Bible one can expect new books that relate the Bible to history. There are many such books, by no means all of which can be said to be really helpful to the Bible student.

*Old Testament Times*, a 1970 book of 350 pages by R. K. Harrison, professor of Old Testament at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto and general editor of the *New International Commentary on the Old Testament* is indeed a helpful book. It gathers together the best scholarship and presents it in nontechnical language. It also points out many instances where the Biblical account, previously questioned by skeptical scholars, has been proven trustworthy upon a fuller understanding of Old Testament times that results from finds in recent excavations and newly deciphered records of the past.

It is not too much to say that if one could afford only one book on this subject this might well be the one to buy since it covers concisely the whole period down to the time of Christ. No matter how much one has read about Hebrew history or Biblical archaeology he will find some new insights on a number of subjects in this volume. Moreover, it carries one along almost like a story in spite of the feeling that there is more information on every page than the average reader can possibly retain. The book could well be used as a textbook in college or seminary. Having read it one wants to put it on the shelf for future

reference. It is designed to complement Merrill Tenney's *New Testament Times*.

Well illustrated with over 100 photographs, it has good footnotes, an index of subjects, of persons, of places, and of Scripture references. It is published by William B. Eerdmans, 255 Jefferson Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49502. List \$6.95.

### Baptism and Lord's Supper Defined

The 1963 statement of the Southern Baptist Convention defines Christian baptism as "the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit . . .," and defines the Lord's Supper as "a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming."

Some of the state conventions (e.g., Arkansas) have gone farther and have excluded local churches that accepted members baptized by immersion in churches other than Baptist or have invited Christians other than Baptist to partake of the Lord's Supper.

In a hard-hitting speech, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Professor William Pinson of Forth Worth called on Arkansas Baptists to be as concerned about "dirty water and dirty air as they are about dirty movies and dirty books"; and to be as concerned about "people kept out of church because of race as they are about keeping people out because of prohibitions against open baptism."



True happiness and joy, according to the Scripture, come only through our relationship to Christ who promised that His joy will remain in us and our joy will be full if we keep His commandments (John 15:10, 11). Besides the joy of this present life comes the fullness of eternity when He shall say to those who are faithful in the use of His bestowed talents, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:21).

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## Consistency a Rare Jewel

It is easy to draw up a list of great evils that ought to be corrected in our nation or to focus on one or two to the exclusion of others just as bad. One of the evils that does not get enough attention and action is the inconsistency of many of those who profess to be fighting the known evils.

Take, for instance, the recent bombing of the Senate Building that caused more damage than anything that has happened to the Capitol since it was sacked in the War of 1812. Initial reports stated that the bomb was placed by people opposed to the extension of the Vietnam War into Laos. It is a good thing to try to stop wars, all wars. But is it consistent to use bombs in the Senate building while protesting their use to cut the Ho Chi Minh supply route in Laos? Is blowing up national buildings and endangering American lives in Washington any less reprehensible than exposing Americans to danger in Southeast Asia?

One answer is that the crime at Washington does not really represent the responsible people in the peace movement. But such tactics are all too common. Many condone them or they would not be on the increase. Perhaps when we learn how to make all people good we will have learned to make them consistent.

Evangelist Billy Graham was recently invited to speak to 3,000 students at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, N. C. He challenged the students to be more consistent in their battles against the evils of society. "You young people want to stop wars, and that is a good idea," said Mr. Graham. "But what are you doing about killing on our own highways? Half of the more than 50,000 highway deaths involve drinking drivers, and half of these are teen-agers." If college students were consistent in their campaign to stop killing they would stop drinking and thus save more lives than are lost in military action.

Again, students who see the dangers of overpopulation should be more consistent in their sex relations, said Mr. Graham. To campaign against the evils of society calls for consistency and personal commitment. Mr. Graham challenged those

3,000 students to take a close look at themselves, charging that youth are quick to blame society and look for a scapegoat for their own failures. We who are no longer in that age group are aware that consistency is a jewel almost as rare among adults as among young people. We demonstrate for peace with the weapons of war in far too many instances.

## How Baptists Do It

It is interesting to note that some other Baptist conventions are studying their structure and their fiscal years. The Southern Baptist Convention in 1972 will change its budget year from the calendar year to a fiscal year beginning in October. They announced a nine-month budget of \$24.6 million for 1972, an increase of 3.37 percent.

Seventh Day Baptists are just getting settled into a budget year that has changed from an October to a January beginning — although our program year still begins in the fall. We thought that we had good reasons for changing over to the calendar year. The Executive Committee of the SBC apparently thinks that there are substantial reasons for changing to October. If nothing else, this shows that Baptists do not all think alike and that they sometimes change their minds on such matters as the best time to start their church year.

It remains to be seen which of these decisions is best. It is possible that the calendar year is better for us and the October-September year better for them. Again it may be that the Southern Baptists have been slow in changing from the natural year to a more suitable church program year. Time will tell whether or not our Conference was wise in going back to the January-December budget year. Up to the present we have done just as well in our giving on this basis as we did before. There are, however, many variables in raising the denominational budget. An increase of loyalty and devotion to the cause of Christ, together with good publicity, is more definitive than the time of beginning the year.

One of the reasons that the Southern Baptists are able to look for more money

for their cooperative program is that their membership keeps growing. We have increased our budget every year without a net increase in total membership by increasing our per capita giving. It is still far below the per capita giving of some zealous denominations, which means that we have not reached our full potential. It is time for us to make greater use of our personal and financial resources in evangelism. More faithfulness in evangelism will mean more members, who in turn will become faithful stewards. Though money is not the goal in evangelism, it is one of the results of true conversion. Those whose hearts are changed soon begin to ask how they can help extend the message to others.

God expects leaders of churches and denominations to pray for wisdom in managing their finances. We have to divide time into suitable years as the Seventh Day Baptists and the Southern Baptists are attempting to do according to enlightened judgment; but we have to contribute on a weekly or monthly basis regardless of the beginning or ending of the year.

## Why We Publish

When a denomination has a message for the world that other churches have neglected, it must publish as well as preach. Seventh Day Baptists, being a small body in comparison with others, have a tremendous responsibility in their publishing work. Not only must we provide the printed material needed to bind our own people together and inspire them to extend the Lord's work, but we must give them the quantities of good literature which will help them to do it. It might be said that we must publish or perish. Since to perish is unthinkable when we have a truth to proclaim, there is no alternative but to publish.

There are questions as to what is most important to publish. These are not easy questions. It could well be argued that we should economize on publications that are of a housekeeping nature or are for use only within our fellowship and concentrate on the printed material that can be used outside our own circle to

bear a witness to the world. One reason for this is that quantity printing is far more economical than short runs on the presses. The American Sabbath Tract Society publishes tracts in large quantities for handing out to others. The larger the number the less the unit cost. Therefore, distribution can be generous and brings results hopefully in proportion to the number wisely handed out. On the other hand, materials to be used only among ourselves need to be considered carefully to determine whether or not the extra expense of small quantity printing is good stewardship of the Lord's money. Will these materials equip our people spiritually and otherwise to do the work to which we are called?

The *Sabbath Recorder*, our time-tested and valuable weekly periodical, has a dual purpose. It presents the news and overall program for our whole church, thus serving as a unifying force. It is also an action stimulating periodical. It presents the needs of the world and the message to meet those needs. It has content that can be used to carry forward the truths we hold dear. It does not attempt to compete with the well-financed larger magazines of Christian truth or missionary emphasis, but it is more broad-based and timely than some and keeps its readers abreast of much of what is important in the Christian world.

Insofar as the *Sabbath Recorder* succeeds in educating and stimulating its readers to evangelistic effort, missionary work, and consistent adherence to the Word of God it can claim to be worth the cost. Much of its content has been and can well be shared outside our fellowship. We must avoid letting it become merely a newsletter or a program sheet or it cannot qualify for the contributions needed to keep it coming. So it would seem to the present editor and secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society.

The *Sabbath Recorder* is increasing its subscription price to \$5.00 per year to catch up with costs that have been rising steadily for a number of years. No apology is needed for this increase. If any apology were to be made it would be to those who in times past and in the

present are still providing the major share of the cost by their denominational and board contributions. We do not apologize, however, for we think that we are performing a necessary function for the growth of the work.

The more people we reach with our periodical, the more can be accomplished in the work that it promotes. Now is an opportune time for gift subscriptions. The bargain price of \$4.00 expires the first of April, but at \$5.00 it is a bargain that none should pass up.

### Telling Our Story

Every religious organization that is dependent on the public for support—and that includes most of them — has to devise ways of telling its story. This is as it should be. If the work is worth doing it is worth talking about. Contributions sometimes come in from people who are looking for places to put their tithes; other people wait to be asked. In either case the good work that expresses its need most convincingly to the greatest number of willing contributors gets the best support.

The Latin American Mission, doing a million dollar work in Costa Rica, Colombia, and other countries as well as the United States, tells its story in a four-page brochure prepared by its devoted general director, Horace L. Fenton. After outlining the needs of people in many places he writes, "We cannot turn a deaf ear to them. God never meant His church to be limited geographically, and He insists that what we have is always meant to be shared with those who are in need . . . ."

"Am I dreaming? I don't think so. Are we expecting too much of God? How can we? Are we expecting too much from you, in prayer support and in gifts? Of course only you can answer that."

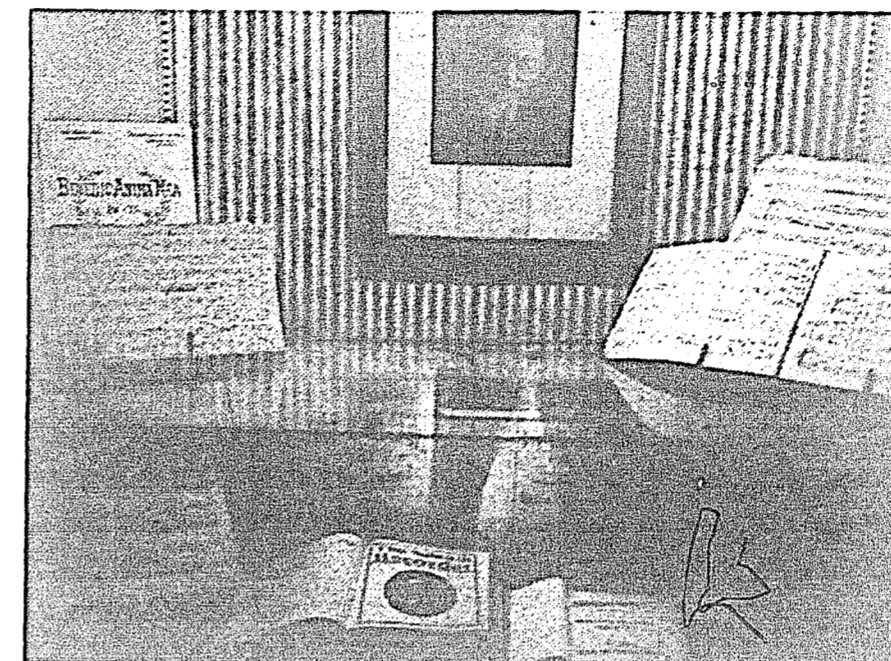
The same things may well be said about many other gospel causes and about the Seventh Day Baptist work included in our total denominational budget. We are not expecting too much from God or from ourselves.

William C. Daland

S. D. B. Stalwart

By Albert N. Rogers

Musician, linguist, theologian, college president — the name of William Clifton Daland suggests all of these wrapped in



—Photo, courtesy of Warren F. Brannon

a warm and vibrant personality which is recalled in the current foyer exhibited in the Seventh Day Baptist Building. The exhibit is second in a series of stalwart characters of Seventh Day Baptist history featured in light of the tercentenary of Seventh Day Baptists in America.

Born in New York City of Huguenot descent in 1860, Daland grew up in Elizabeth, N. J., and was a church organist and piano teacher at fourteen, continuing these endeavors for several years. Entering Union Theological Seminary, New York City, as a Baptist, he became a Sabbath convert, influenced by A. H. Lewis, then pastor in Plainfield, and by Earl P. Saunders who was a fellow student. He served pastorates at Leonardsville, N. Y.; Westerly, R. I.; and London, England, doing special missionary work in Germany and in West Africa during the latter period. He was co-editor of "The Peculiar People," a publication devoted to Christian Judaism, and did an original translation of "The Song of Songs." Familiar with French, German, Latin and Greek, as well as Hebrew, he began the study of Anglo-Saxon and Sanskrit during his European sojourn.

As president of Milton College, Milton, Wis., from 1902 until his death in 1921,

## Our Prayer Corner

### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

#### Pray for:

1) Not so much for victory in Vietnam or victory in the campaign to terminate our involvement there in 1971 but for victory in our personal battle with sin and Satan.

2) The overcoming of any attitude of defeatism in the outreach work and growth of our local churches, realizing that with God all things are possible.

3) The stabilizing of the faith of young people now enrolled in pastors' classes looking toward meaningful church membership.

4) The elimination of "any root of bitterness" that may have gotten into our churches at home or abroad.

Doctor Daland's brilliance was applied with energy and understanding. The English and foreign language departments were of special interest to him, and he added much to the musical interests for which Milton has been known. His son John N. Daland later became dean of the college. The respect of colleagues and love of students was often expressed when this writer was at Milton a decade after Daland's death. A former Milton student of our acquaintance now in his mid-eighties still remembers the personal gift of a watch he received from "Prexy" Daland.

We expect to go beyond eulogy in this 300th anniversary year. The Tercentenary Stalwarts series is intended to show us varieties of being in the family of Christ.

Musical scores, both published and in manuscript, on exhibition were loaned by Miss Elizabeth Daland of Milton, granddaughter of William C. Daland. Others were given by the late Elva Champlin who was a member of the First Brookfield church at Leonardsville during Daland's two pastorates there.

If a thing hinders worship, or hinders development of the spiritual life, it has no place on the Sabbath.

—Ashaway Bulletin

### Week of Prayer Brings Blessing

Rev. Leland E. Davis, pastor of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church writes in his report on the "Prayer Life of Our Church"; "Our local congregation joined Seventh Day Baptists around the world in a 'Week of Prayer' emphasis held January 3 through 9, using the theme from the prayer booklet, 'Wait on the Lord.' Six special prayer sessions were held starting on Monday evening at the parsonage, followed by services in the homes of the Robert Simmons family, Highland Park; Lena Barnhart of Whittier; and the Richard Wears in Alhambra. Prayer meetings concluded at the church on Sabbath Eve in Fellowship Hall and climaxed on Sabbath afternoon in the sanctuary with fifty or so present. As a result of this effort the prayer life of our church has been greatly strengthened and we see continued evidence of the Spirit's working as the two's and three's 'Wait on the Lord' as well as in the larger body of Christ. People are making requests for prayer during the Sabbath morning service as well as on Sabbath Eve."

While most Seventh Day Baptist churches encouraged their members to use the booklets privately in their homes, a growing number are scheduling area prayer services or having at least one special prayer emphasis meeting in the church. We trust that the emphasis was helpful to you and that you will be looking ahead to next January when again Seventh Day Baptists around the world will join in the Week of Prayer emphasis.

### Guyana Conference President

Brother George L. Bowen, president of the Guyana Seventh Day Baptist Conference, wrote on February 11 as follows: "I beg to report that the Guyana Conference Executive Committee met at Kitty (Georgetown) on the 31st of January. The business of the day went through smoothly. Delegates reported on the attendance and the work done in their churches. They also reported on the plans

### MEMORY TEXT

"Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered" (Psa. 40:5).

they have for raising the necessary funds assigned to send our delegates to the World Federation meeting. I led out in the Week of Prayer at Uitvlugt which closed with a coffee morning. The Women's Society is working hard to promote a countrywide bazaar.

"As I write you I am halfway in a crusade at Parika. The opening and second night the church building was full to capacity and the third and fourth nights it just overflowed. We are expecting big things of the Lord in the next three days.

"We have already booked the camp site at Main Stay on the Essequibo Coast and the other plans pertaining to camp this year are moving along. There is an improvement in the giving to the last quarter mission Sabbath offering.

"Another crusade is planned for Kitty next month, God willing. The women at Uitvlugt have pledged to work hard this year to build their church building. The attendance at Kitty is very good on the Sabbath but there has been a drop on midweek and Sunday night.

"Rickford English, from Pomeroun, preached at Uitvlugt on the West Coast of Demerara on the 30th and 31st of January. He reported that they had put in six new glass windows. His wife has volunteered to assist in cooking at camp this year."

It is good to learn of the continued witness and outreach of our brethren in Guyana who look forward to the return of Missionary Leroy Bass and his family early in July of this year. Let us continue to uphold them in our prayer support as well as in our giving through Our World Mission.

### The First Commandment

Elder Paul V. Beebe

(A synopsis of his last sermon, preached at Paint Rock, Ala., Jan. 2, 1971)

*Scripture: Exodus 20:1-3; Matthew 4:10; Psalm 96:1-9*

God commands: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Have you put something else in place of God? Is your time, your interest, your service taken up more with something other than the true God? What idol have you placed between yourself and the true God — studying His word and living by it?

God affirms: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork" (Ps. 19:1). Throughout its pages, the Bible declares that God is the real Creator of the earth and the universe. He is the One who gives life and breath to all creatures.

Do you honestly think of and worship God as your Creator and the one who gives you every breath of air you breathe? You should, for that is part of worship-

ing the true God and having no false gods before Him!

What you serve is your God. Most people who just go to church once a week and take their religion for granted, actually don't really know what worship is. They think it is something you do once a week in church, not realizing that it affects every thought and word and action every day of your life.

In everything you think or say or do you either serve God or else you serve your own lusts and Satan the devil!

Paul the apostle was inspired to explain this: "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness" (Rom. 6:16). There is no middle ground! You either delight in God and serve and obey Him all day long, or else you serve and obey your own lusts!

### President Prays

#### for Understanding Heart

President Richard Nixon, speaking to 3,000 persons at the annual National Prayer Breakfast, asked God for "an understanding heart" for himself and other persons in positions of world leadership.

The President of the United States—always the guest of honor at the annual prayer meetings, was joined by a host of prominent government officials, religious leaders, business and professional persons and diplomats from more than 100 countries. Southern Baptist evangelist Billy Graham was among the persons at the head table with President and Mrs. Nixon.

Mr. Nixon said that in thinking of a prayer to use in his remarks to the group his mind turned first to the Old Testament story of King Solomon's request for

"an understanding heart" to rule best his people.

"Let us have an understanding heart in our relations with other nations, an understanding heart in our relationships between races and religions, parties and generations, and in our relations with each other," the President urged.

Mr. Nixon made his plea for "understanding" as he described what he wants the nation to be when it celebrates its 200th anniversary in 1976. "We want America to be not just big, not just strong and not just rich, but a good country in every sense of the word — good at home and good in our relationships with other nations and the world," the President declared.

Before the President spoke, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger held spellbound the 3,000 listeners as he talked about the

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## MORE REFLECTIONS

of a

Missionary on Furlough

By Leroy C. Bass

After returning to the States last year I was studying a magazine picture: two men of different generations looking intently at the other as they waited for the light to change. One was on his motorcycle, wearing beard, moustache, dark glasses, tousled hair, and a "shredded Indian" coat. The older man, looking out his automobile window, was wearing his business suit. There are some words placed at the top of this picture, which I agree with:

"This Isn't the Generation Gap We're Worried About."

Then at the lower part of this picture are words of explanation that ought to be boldly printed in every publication across the land. In part these words are:

"But there is a gap that does bother us. The ever widening gap between technical progress and the generation of social advancement. All of man's age-old social problems are still with us: Poverty, Crime, Prejudice, Injustice, plus a few new ones, like Pollution.

"You've probably asked yourself: 'Why can't a people that can put a man on the moon and produce the highest standard of living in history solve these problems?'"

"We can. And technology can help. But you know as well as we do, that the big change has to take place within people themselves."<sup>1</sup>

Coming from a secular business company, not a religious organization, this quotation struck me with a peculiar sense of surprised joy for it expresses one of the deepest truths for our successful living together on earth, epitomized by the last sentence quoted. It does omit saying, however, just what is "the big change" needed. We, as Christians, born of the Spirit, know what "has to take place within people themselves." It is a brand new birth by the Holy Spirit which takes away old things, and brings into us new things. This is man's most important

single need in this decade, for upon it hinges the successful solutions of all our social problems. But man cannot change his own heart. Neither can missionaries and ministers change the hearts of people. But God can!

And God will! He will do this on a personal basis for every individual who asks Him, and who asks honestly with all his heart. The deep truth expressed in the above quotation is that until "the big change" does "take place within people themselves" our "age-old social problems" will continue to remain and, if anything, become more complicated.

Other social problems that could well have been included in the quotation are these: the world's increasing overpopulation, starvation and food shortages, wars, V.D., national and international power politics. All of these serious problems are really what may be called "front problems," not the real basic one. Hence, it ought to be evident to Christians that when we, or society in general, works for the correction and elimination of these social problems, without first reaching "within people themselves" we are at best doing a stopgap work that can never be completely successful. It is a "cart-before-the-horse" method. We easily recognize that the real basic problem is something within people themselves. It is obvious that we must get at the root of the matter, the heart of man himself.

When I read the words of Solomon: "out of it (the heart) are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23), I understand this to mean that the issues of life are the reflection of what we are inside. As Jesus emphasized: "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within" (Mark 7:21-23).

Outside of God humanity will most

certainly be selfish, careless, lustful, greedy, jealous, hateful, and disobedient. These are the "behind-the-scenes" enemies of the human race, and it is these awful, sinful attitudes in the hearts of men that are the root causes of our social problems. Society is more interested in fighting the social problems only, but the church ought to know better, because of Christ's teachings. The social problems are serious, and because they are seen and feared and have become so alarmingly threatening in a worldwide way, we just naturally want to hit hard at these things. I, too, am in one hundred percent complete sympathy with clearing these things up so we can have the kind of world we all desire to live in. But except we fight and overcome the unseen and deceptive root cause, the sin in man's heart, we shall never, never succeed in eliminating the "front-problems" plaguing us.

I want to make it clear that without the divine power of God in the hearts and lives of people, there are no unfailing solutions for the social or the "front problems" on earth.

What shall we do then? The only sensible thing to do is to pray and work at witnessing to the truths of a heart-changing gospel in a more intense way than we have ever done before in every one of our churches. Evangelism is the most relevant activity to bring about a reduction and an elimination of the world's social problems, and with no apologies we must daringly accept the challenge of saving a dying world. We must put a priority on evangelism as the number one need of the world right now, and continue throughout this decade. We as Christians had better not be so concerned with offending men in talking with them about their hearts and souls and the things of God, or we are going to offend God by not talking to them on these things, as well as bring our world nearer the brink. We can never be effective for God if we are lukewarm believers. The apostle Paul must have had a similar outlook when he said:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God

unto salvation to everyone that believeth (Rom. 1:16).

We have got to help America and all the world to take God seriously if we will reverse the life-destroying happenings now going on and lead them to Christ and to obedience to the holy laws of God. Those who turn their ear from the message are going down the drain to hell, captives of Satan. The trends of our present worsening social problems will, without a heart change, unalterably become so terribly serious that our world will inevitably be edged closer to the end of all life. If and when this happens, it will be the final payoff for modern man's sophisticated, smart, self-sufficiency, his living without God and spiritual rebirth, and helplessly failing to cope with his own "primary problem," his personal sins.

The Savior has come as God Himself into this world to solve man's primary problem, the sin in his own heart. He is willing to take our sins away and give us all power to live a new life. It is for you and for me, and for everyone who asks Him for it.

<sup>1</sup> U. S. News & World Report, Aug. 24, 1970, inside front cover, by the Bendix Corporation.

### Turkey Forbids Evangelism

A missionary couple serving an English-speaking congregation in Ankara since 1966 has been told to leave. When Baptist world leaders Robert Denny and Virgil Hughey consulted with the Turkish counselor in Washington, he explained that Turkey is a lay state and that all religious propaganda is forbidden. Turks may attend religious services if they so choose, but they may not be urged to attend. There are especially strong objections to distributing religious literature, the counselor added. But, if a missionary strictly observes Turkish law, there are no objections to the existence of an American church in Ankara, he said. It would appear that the pastor being asked to leave may have spoken to someone about Christ or may have handed him a gospel tract.

### Allegheny Association

#### Dates for Camps

Men and women actively engaged in their own vocations contribute valuable time to plan for many church activities, including camps. L. Maurice McCrea not only gives much time to keeping the treasury of the Board of Christian Education but serves on local and association committees. He releases the following camping plans for Allegheny Association at Camp Harley Sutton:

**Primary Camp**, July 12-13, including overnight on the 12th. Mrs. David Hauber of the Hebron church is director. Evelyn is active in education and fellowship and music ministries. Fee is \$1.00 per camper.

**Junior Camp**, July 25-Aug. 1. Pastor Harold King of Little Genesee and Hebron churches is director. Camper fee, \$13.00 with family adjustment when more than one member are attending either Junior or Senior sessions . . . \$11 per camper.

**Senior Camp**, July 18-25. Pastor Edward Sutton of the Alfred Station church is director. Camper fee, \$13, with \$11 rate if more than one family member attends.

**Family Camps**, July 2-4 with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Snyder directing. The Snyders belong to the Alfred Station church. "Nels" is operator of an auto service station and active in church young adults. "Manda" is active in music and education work of the church and co-chairman of the board's Family Life Committee.

**Second Family Camp**, Aug. 27-29 with Pastor and Mrs. Harmon Dickinson directing.

Rates for family sessions are \$6 for single adult, \$10 for couple, \$2 for each child (but no fee for those under two years), and a \$15 maximum family fee.

These fees are not increased from the 1970 season.

Regarding other S.D.B. camps, we shall be glad to print other camp dates and basic information as these are sent in to our office. Camper exchange per-

sons are also needed so that the Youth Work Committee can make plans for this significant means of sharing Christian experiences.

#### Camp Holston

Camp dates for Camp Holston have been set by the Battle Creek Board of Christian Education and are listed below.  
Associational Sr. Camp — June 13-20  
Intermediate Camp — June 27-July 4  
Junior Camp — July 4-11  
Primary Camp — July 11, 12, 13  
Day Camp — June 21-26

#### High School Junior Listings

Of help to the Admissions Departments of Salem, Milton, and Alfred Colleges are the names of prospective students who are Seventh Day Baptists. Directors for Admissions of each school have praised the quality of students from Seventh Day Baptist homes and communities.

Without "letting that go to your head," won't you who have responsibility send in the names of your high school juniors? The request form from the Board of Christian Education went out February 5 on salmon colored paper. The request also invited your giving us names of colleges in the area of your church in case you are not near Alfred, Milton, or Salem.

#### Rates for Ministers Conference

Thanks to very generous financial planning of the Battle Creek women, the cost of Ministers Conference will be considerably easier to meet than usual.

Churches should be better able to send their pastors due to this generosity. The cost of speaker and materials have been the other major cost factor for conference fees. The exact price has not been set, but will soon be announced.

Plan for your pastor to be in Battle Creek April 28 through May 4.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 27, 1971

FAITHFUL IN ALL THINGS

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

#### Jack Hamm, Christian Cartoonist

The religious drawings of Jack Hamm have touched millions of lives. Included in the number are thousands of Seventh Day Baptists, for some of these drawings have been purchased for use in the *Sabbath Recorder*. Attention is called to the cover of this issue, which has a thoughtful message. The occasional use of Hamm's pictures in our periodical gives only a small glimpse of the broad area of Christian teaching covered in his constant flow of pictures sent out to editors every month. He is not primarily producing cartoons and drawings for money but as a ministry. It is a ministry that requires a great knowledge of the Bible and of human nature as well as the ability to put the two together in thoughtful, well-executed drawings.

Twenty years ago Jack Hamm began his sale of pictures on faith. He didn't have the postage to send out the first 150 bulky envelopes to the prospective users of them. He depended on the Lord to provide the postage the next day. A gift came to cover it, and he was in business—a business that has grown through the years. He is called the man who preaches with his pen in hundreds of newspapers and religious publications. His worldwide religious work is a nonprofit ministry, though there is a fee for his drawings.

For years Mr. Hamm did not think he could attempt to draw the face of Christ. After a thorough study of the Gospels he decided that Jesus must be pictured as a man with perfect physique and dynamic personality. Many ministers have written him that he has captured something that others have missed in the portrayal of the Master.

Businessmen have been helped and stimulated by the combination of Scriptures and pictures. One proprietor salvaged little from his office when a tornado struck, but he did save a newspaper clipping from the wall entitled "Good Business Associate." It pictured the president of the company rising from his desk and thinking (by caption) "Here's a matter I must take up with my senior partner."

Nor does God's Word have appeal just to the afflicted who hear His voice. The

drawing which meant so much to the man whose business was totally destroyed also caught the attention of a California land developer who wrote, "This is a principle I have followed in my business for quite some time. I want a large picture made of this drawing, for I believe it can be used to speak volumes to those who come into my office."

An editor in New York state wrote Hamm, "I have seen more of your Religious Drawings clipped from our paper and attached to office walls or store windows than any other feature or story we have ever carried."

"Why is this?" asks Hamm. "It is solely because of the Word of God that can be found in every weather-beaten Bible."

#### President Prays for Understanding Heart

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meaning of the twenty-third Psalm. Citing this psalm and prayer as one that gives him personal comfort amid the frustrations and complexities of his work, the Chief Justice concluded his message by quoting the psalm.

The annual National Prayer Breakfast is sponsored by the U. S. Senate and House Prayer Breakfast groups. These meetings are held weekly when Congress is in session. From these meetings, the inspiration has gone around the world where similar prayer groups have been organized by government leaders in more than fifty countries.

It is traditional also that when the President and other national leaders meet for this prayer time in Washington, similar services are held on military bases. This year, it is estimated that more than 200,000 servicemen attended such services conducted by chaplains at 1,000 bases throughout the world.

Billy Graham, in a press conference the day before the prayer breakfast, said he came to Washington for this particular meeting but that he would stay here for the two weeks to meet with senators, congressmen, presidential assistants and other government leaders. Graham's visit with these groups was arranged by leaders of the prayer breakfast movement.

—BPA

## S. D. B. Involvement

### In State Church Center

The State Council of SDB churches maintains an office in the Church Center at Syracuse, N. Y., which belongs to the New York State Council of Churches—a building that serves various denominations as well as Church Women United and the Syracuse Peace Council.

The Rev. Neal D. Mills of Brookfield, who helps to man the office at 3049 E. Genesee St., on Thursdays, recently sent out a letter to the Seventh Day Baptists of the state telling about the annual meeting of the State Council held last month at the Church Center in which he noted some of the areas in which the council (with its Seventh Day Baptist representatives) is active. Excerpts from the letter follow.

There is the Division of Christian Education. It gives counsel and encouragement and provides literature to aid teachers and leaders of Daily Vacation Schools, youth camps, etc.

The division called "Life and Work" has a commission that promotes and assists the chaplain service to state institutions.

The Legislative Commission studies all bills introduced in the legislature, makes recommendations to legislators, sends out weekly releases of information to denominational leaders and others, and attends hearings on legislative issues. Seventh Day Baptists are well represented in this work by Pastor Paul Maxson who has made many trips to Albany for seminars and hearings.

The Commission on Migrant Ministry seeks to stimulate understanding and concern in local churches for migrant workers and to relate the workers to local community life.

Through the State Council of Churches the Seventh Day Baptists of New York have a part in rendering much needed Christian services which we could not give by ourselves.

The worst possible emotion of the Christian is to believe that he is attempting the impossible.—Bill Glass, evangelist

## Deacon Albert C. Blough

Albert Blough was a life-long resident of Salemville, Pa. In January of 1914 he was baptized by Elder Darwin Lippincott and became a member of the Salemville "English" Seventh Day Baptist Church. Albert was married to Mary B. King on September 28, 1919, by the Reverend Royal R. Thorngate and the Reverend Jeremiah Fyock.

On June 30, 1928, he was ordained to the diaconate of his church. Although limited by poor health in his later years, he continued to serve as a deacon. His counsel and concern were highly valued by his church. In addition to his forty-two years of service as a deacon he served as church treasurer for thirty years. He also served as a Sabbath School teacher, trustee and in other offices at various times. He was indeed a trusted and loved member of our congregation.

Albert's interests, however, were larger than his church and his farm which he operated for forty-six years. He served his township as constable for eighteen years and was active in the Cove Lion's Club, the Woodbury Grange, the Southern Cove Sportsmen's Club and the Salemville Band during most of that group's existence.

We are saddened by his death and will surely miss him, but we rejoice when we think of the blessings which his life brought to so many. —J. H. C.

### Bible Way School Begins in Guyana

By Mary Love  
Georgetown, Guyana

The Bible Way Correspondence School has been launched in Guyana, South America, with its first course, "This Is Jesus." In the first four weeks, 460 letters were received from persons requesting the course.

Adapted from the highly successful Bible way school in Zambia, Africa, the course was written by Manget Herrin, Southern Baptist missionary associate, and edited by Motie Surdeen, a Guyanese pastor.

Some who answered the ad filled out the questions in a test booklet and sent it

back to be graded. Of the first thirty-two who returned the booklet, fourteen indicated that they had accepted Jesus Christ as Savior.

In this young, sophisticated nation where education is of prime importance, the Bible way correspondence school can make a real impact and is filling a need long recognized by the Guyana Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). With Catholicism, Hinduism, Islamism and Spiritualism prevailing in Guyana, many people who would never attend an evangelical church are writing for the Bible Way Course.

The Bible Way Correspondence School was started in 1964 by Southern Baptist missionaries in Zambia. It has enabled a small staff of missionaries to teach Bible courses to about 12,300 Africans since then. Groups of missionaries throughout Africa are duplicating the correspondence school's ministry.

### Another Black Convention Joins Public Affairs Committee

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs received the Progressive National Baptist Convention into its membership at its recent meeting in Washington.

This brings to nine the number of Baptist conventions and conferences in North America which are a part of the Baptist Joint Committee.

The Progressive National Baptist Convention, a predominantly black group, was organized in 1961. It has a membership of about 800 churches with more than 750,000 members.

Other black Baptist bodies affiliated with the Baptist Joint Committee are the National Baptist Convention of America and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. For more than a decade, however, these two bodies have been largely inactive in the work of the committee, observers said.

S. S. Hodges, a native of South Carolina, is the new, full-time executive secretary for the Progressive Baptist group. He expressed pleasure that the Progressive National Baptist Convention will have a part in the work of the Baptist

Joint Committee. Many of the churches, he said, are dually aligned with the American Baptist Convention and a few are affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The other conventions which are members of the Baptist Joint Committee are the Southern Baptist Convention, American Baptist Convention, Baptist Federation of Canada, Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., North America Baptist General Conference and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. The Rev. Alton L. Wheeler is the active and respected representative of Seventh Day Baptists on the committee.

### Voters Oppose Parochial School Aid

Protestants United (POAU) and the American Jewish Congress, both championing separation of church and state, see considerable significance in the rejection by voters in Michigan and Nebraska of state support to parochial schools.

In Michigan, Proposition C — an amendment to the state constitution prohibiting state aid to church schools except for bussing of students—won by a wide margin. Although both major candidates for governor and most other political figures in the state opposed the amendment, it won by more than 300,000 votes.

In Nebraska, 58 per cent of the state's voters turned down an amendment to the state constitution that would have authorized the legislature to pass a bill to pay for the teaching of secular subjects in parochial schools.

It would appear that the voters in Michigan were looking more clearly at the issues than the candidates who were running for high office and looking for the votes of the Catholic segment of the electorate.

Adoption of the Michigan amendment voided a bill passed last July that would have given \$22 million to religious schools for salary payments to teachers of secular subjects.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.— As a result of the suggestions of Florence Bowden we have made some changes in our Sabbath School classes and way of presenting the lessons.

The Sabbath School presented our Christmas program. The youth acted out the Nativity scene while some others in the church told the story via a speaking choir and music.

The main church officers for the coming year are Lyle Davis, president; Erma Van Horn, clerk; and Winfield F. Randolph, treasurer. Our new Church Aid president is Velma Maxson. We have welcomed several new permanent families to our congregation this winter, for which we are very thankful.

The Youth Retreats are held the first weekend of each even month. The one held this past weekend was attended by twelve. A fellowship dinner was held this Sabbath and the Boy Scouts were our special guests. The regular church fellowship dinner is held the third Sabbath of each month, and guests are always welcome. The Fair to Middling Group holds a potluck supper and meeting the second Sabbath night of each month.

We are looking forward to the coming of the Rev. Mynor Soper and a team when our community is so full of youth for the spring holidays. Pastor Van Horn plans to attend the Lay Institute for Evangelism in preparation for the Spring Witness on the Campus Crusade at Lake Yale Conference Grounds.

The church is making a big effort to pay off the mortgage and plans to have a special program in March to burn the mortgage.

—Correspondent

NEW AUBURN, WIS.—The youth group recently served a spaghetti supper to a large crowd. They take turns giving the children's message at the morning service.

Of our boys in service, Danny North, who is in the Air Force in Japan, will soon be transferred to Okinawa. Henry Kreibach, Jr., completed his tour of duty in the Navy and with his little family is in Peshtigo, Wis., where he teaches industrial arts. Another Navy man, Dennis

Pederson, is on the "John F. Kennedy." Lawrenz D. Werle, Air Force, and his wife and baby recently returned from Fairbanks, Alaska, and are now in San Angelo, Tex. Kent Froding is at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., having returned with his family from Turkey.

Our lovely new parsonage has had a lot of shoveling activity around it this winter as Pastor Gordon Oliver and his two sons flex their muscles trying to keep up with our heavy snows — quite a change from Texas. Mr. Oliver is busy with his pastoral duties and correspondence course in Seventh Day Baptist ministerial training.

We voted to give \$20 per family on the parsonage debt instead of having the annual chicken dinner. The money is coming in fairly well. We have faithful nonresident members.

The ladies are involved in the World Day of Prayer services with women of all the other churches in the village. We are proud of that word "all."

The Encounter group meets Sabbath afternoons for prayer and Bible Study.

The men of the church and their older sons, along with some friends in the community, were recently given a supper with a short program following. It was enjoyed very much.

We will be helping in the Daily Vacation Bible School after day school closes. This is a large project.

Mrs. C. B. Loofbourrow is home from the hospital and being cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Vivien Nelson of Glencoe, Minn., and the other daughters here.

—Correspondent

SALEM, W. VA. — The Rev. Charles Graffius of the Salemville, Pa., German Seventh Day Baptist Church recently spent a few days in the Salem, W. Va., area. While there he was a guest lecturer in the class taught by John Bevis, Colonial America. He spoke of the beliefs and history of the German Seventh Day Baptists and especially of the work of the Ephrata Cloisters during the American Revolution. The class response was good and was evidenced by the many questions at the conclusion of his remarks. Mr. Graffius presented each mem-

ber of the class with a copy of his book *Ephrata Cloisters and German Seventh Day Baptists*.

Pastor Graffius continued his work in Salem by speaking on Sabbath, Feb. 13, at the Salem church. It is indeed profitable to have this closer fellowship with the German church. (The German church is now a member of the Southeastern Association of Seventh Day Baptists.)

—John Bevis

SALEM, W. VA. — Dedication service for our new parsonage was planned for Friday, Feb. 12 at 7:15 p.m., the service being held in the living and dining room of the parsonage.

The interest and support of many people has made the construction of this fine new home a reality. The parsonage family are already enjoying living in the house. Two Sabbath School classes, a boys' group and a Cub Scout Den are meeting in the basement.

The continuing help of members and friends is appreciated.

There was a fellowship supper in the basement of the church at 6:30 p.m., before the dedication service.

—Pastor

## Obituaries

BLOUGH.— Deacon Albert C., son of Charles K. and Anna (Berkeimer) Blough was born Sept. 8, 1898, at Salemville, Bedford County, Pa., and died Dec. 14, 1970, at the Nason Hospital, Roaring Spring, Pa., after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Deaconess Mary (King) Blough.

Funeral services were conducted in the German (Brick) Seventh Day Baptist Church at Salemville by his pastor, the Rev. John H. Camenga and the Rev. Charles H. Graffius. Burial was in the Salemville Cemetery. (See additional information elsewhere in this issue.)

—J. H. C.

CRITCHERSON.— Doris (Burdick), was born Oct. 18, 1898, in Norwich, Conn., and died Feb. 13, 1971, at the Westerly Hospital, Westerly, R. I.

She was married to Harold D. Critcherson in Jan. 1970, and is survived by her husband and several nieces. She was an active member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and of the Women's Society of the church. She was a registered nurse and had served as a visiting nurse of the Westerly Visiting Nurse Association from 1946 until her marriage to Mr. Critcherson.

Funeral services were held at the Buckler Funeral Home, conducted by the Rev. Everett T. Harris, assisted by the Rev. Francis D. Saunders, with burial at Riverbend Cemetery, Westerly.

—E. T. H.

GEISINGER.— Jennie A. was born in Canada, Oct. 14, 1882, and died Feb. 6, 1971. She was raised by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ray. On March 14, 1905, she was married to John W. Geisinger, who died in 1967.

She was an active member of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Alvin P. (Katherine) Bunting, and two grandsons, Karl and John, all of Bridgeton, N. J.; a sister, Mary Imrick, Alberta, Can.; and a stepsister, Gladys Brosegaard of Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Funeral services were conducted from the Marlboro church by the Revs. Charles H. Bond and Donald E. Richards. Interment was in the Marlboro Church Cemetery.

—D. E. R.

LANGWORTHY.— Leslie D., son of Lewis and Jessie Langworthy, was born Nov. 22, 1900, in Moody County, S. D., and died at his home in Dodge Center, Minn., Feb. 19, 1971.

He had been a member of the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1918. He was married to Ruby Madery on June 18, 1923. He is survived by: his wife; three sons, Roy and Erwin of Dodge Center, Dale of Hayward, Calif.; one daughter, Marlys (Mrs. David Delzer) of Kasson, Minn.; one sister, Mrs. Leta Stebbins of Dodge Center; one brother, Floyd, of Beloit, Wis., and two foster brothers, Lee of Minneapolis and Neil of Duluth.

Funeral services were conducted from the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church on Feb. 21, 1971, by a former pastor, the Rev. Earl Cruzan. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Dodge Center.

—E. C.

PALMER.— Avis Collins, daughter of Cassius and Myra Collins, was born Nov. 29, 1883, in North Stonington, Conn., and died on Feb. 8, 1971, at Uncas on the Thames Hospital in Norwich, Conn.

She married Charles P. Palmer who preceded her in death. Mrs. Palmer was baptized and became a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, May 27, 1900.

She is survived by a son, Charles P. Palmer, Jr., of Clarks Falls, Conn.; two daughters, Mrs. Dudley R. Wheeler of Stonington, Conn., and Mrs. John H. Walter of Clarks Falls, Conn.; a brother, Clay Collins of Detroit, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Albert Williams of Westerly, R. I., and Mrs. Charles Mansfield of Norwich, Conn.; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Pawcatuck, Conn., by the Rev. Edgar Wheeler. Interment was in Union Cemetery, North Stonington, Conn.

—E.F.W.



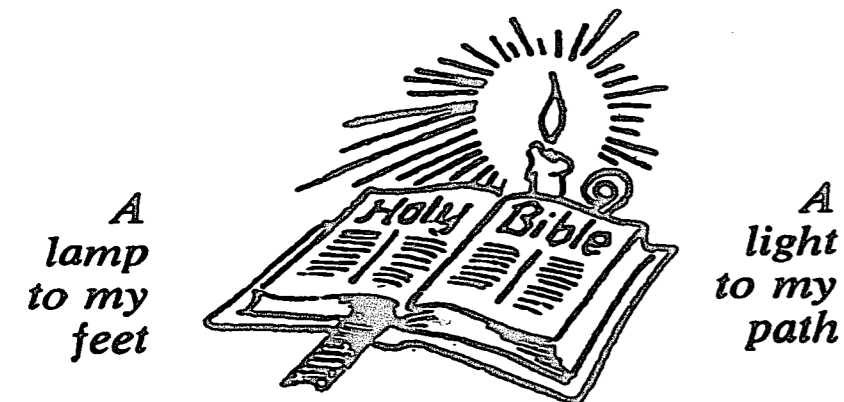
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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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(Including and supplementing the daily Bible readings of the Uniform Series of Bible Lessons published in "The Helping Hand.")

### Christ Acclaimed and Rejected

- 1—Thurs. Lack of Belief. John 12:27-43
- 2—Fri. Judged by Our Rejection. John 12:44-50; 3:17-21
- 3—Sab. Not on Sabbath. Matt. 24:15-28

### The Nature of Our Resurrection

- 4—Sun. Resurrection Fact. 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Acts 9:1-6
- 5—Mon. In Christ All Are Alive. 1 Cor. 15:20-28
- 6—Tues. The Resurrection Body. 1 Cor. 15:35-45; John 20: 19-29
- 7—Wed. Paul's Hope in Resurrection. 2 Cor. 5:1-10; 16-21
- 8—Thurs. Christ's Resurrection. Luke 24:1-32
- 9—Fri. Raised Up. John 6:27-44
- 10—Sab. Significance of the Resurrection. 1 Cor. 15:12-19; 50-58

### The Role of the Hebrew Prophet

- 11—Sun. A Vision of the Lord. Isa. 6:1-13
- 12—Mon. God Speaks Through His Prophet. Jer. 18:1-11

- 13—Tues. When People Are Unrepentant. Jer. 18:12-18; 22:13-17
- 14—Wed. A Prophet's Responsibility. Ezek. 33:1-16
- 15—Thurs. Denouncing a King. 2 Sam. 12:1-15.
- 16—Fri. God Speaks Through His Son. Heb. 1:1-14
- 17—Sab. The Prophets Proclaimed on the Sabbath. Acts 13:16-34

### God's Judgment Upon Israel

- 18—Sun. Jeremiah's Call. Jer. 1:4-12
- 19—Mon. Doom Prophesied. Amos 1:6-12; 2:6-16
- 20—Tues. Amos—God's Prophet. Amos 3:1-8
- 21—Wed. Sin Brings Punishment. Amos 3:9-4:5
- 22—Thurs. Calamitous Times. Amos 8:9-14
- 23—Fri. God Deals Justly. Ezek. 18:19-29
- 24—Sab. Greed and Oppression. Amos 8:1-8

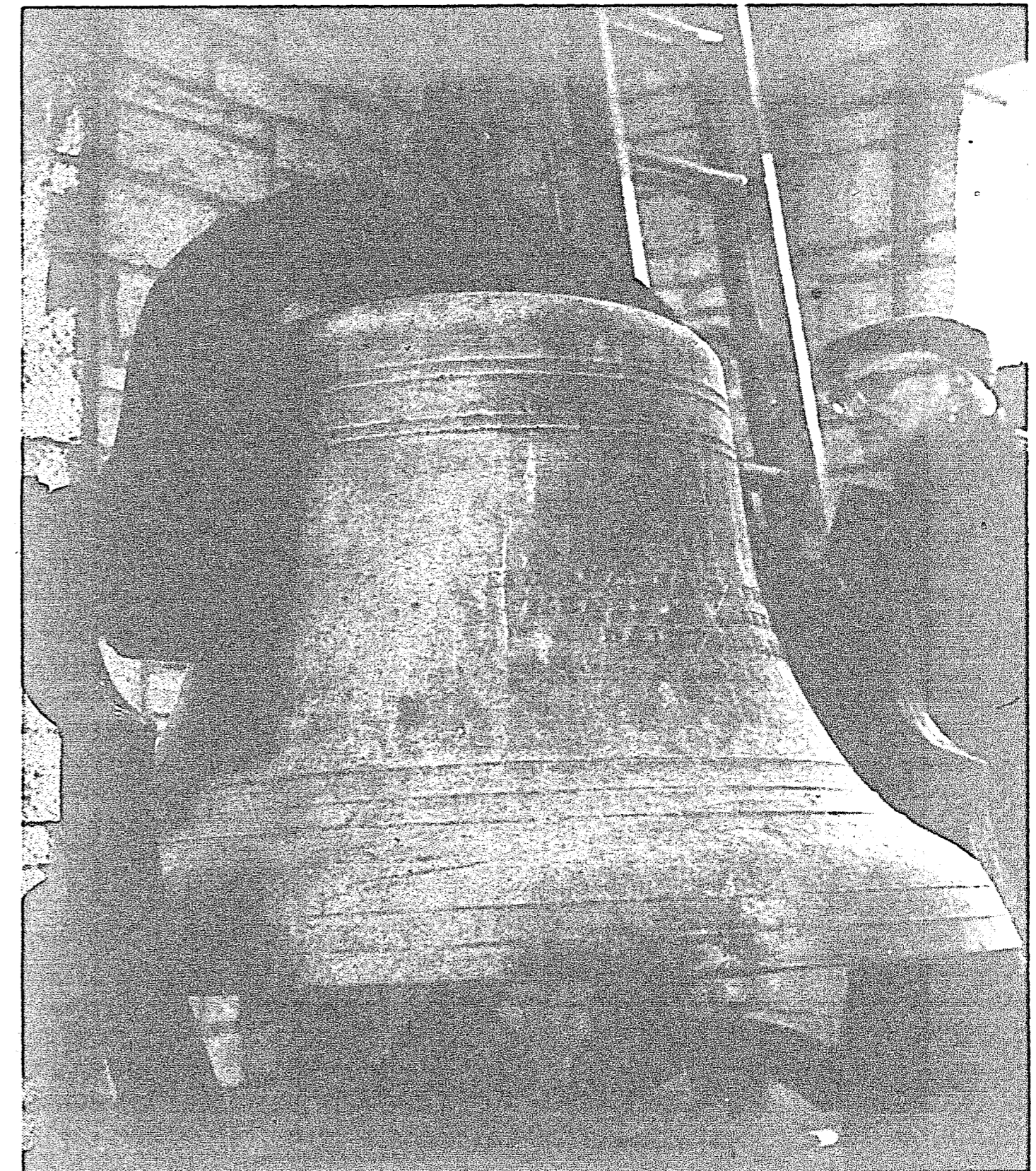
### God's Call to Ethical Living

- 25—Sun. "Seek the Lord and Live." Amos 5:1-9
  - 26—Mon. "Hate Evil, Love Good." Amos 5:10-15
  - 27—Tues. "Let Justice Roll Down." Amos 5:16-27
  - 28—Wed. The Plumb Line. Amos 7:1-9
  - 29—Thurs. Amos Rejected. Amos 7:10-17
  - 30—Fri. The Lord Judges and Redeems. Amos 9:1-15
- If you wish to finish week's readings, include  
May 1—Sab. Use of the Sabbath. Isa. 55:1-11

### "Sinner" — That's Me

An African sat reading his Bible, when a white man taunted him by saying that the book was not for blacks. To this the African replied that the book was his, because it had his name written in it. Pointing to the word "sinner" in the text, the black man said, "There! Sinner! That's my name. I am a sinner; so that means me."

Until we recognize our true condition as sinners, neither the Cross nor the Christ of the Cross will mean a great deal to us.



### The Voice of the Bell

In the 300th anniversary year of Seventh Day Baptist churches in America we cherish, among other things, the bells like this one which have called our people to worship. They have tolled for our ancestors and have challenged our youth to the higher things of life. Great bells help voice "The Responsibility of Maturity."