

"if you have faith
as a grain of mustard
seed..."



EXPERIMENT
IN
FAITH

The Sabbath Recorder

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Thou shalt have no other gods
before me.

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Thou shalt not make unto thee
any graven image or any likeness
of any thing that is in heaven above
or that is in the earth beneath, or
that is in the water under the earth:
thou shalt not bow down thyself to
them nor serve them: for I the Lord
thy God am a jealous God, visit-
ing the iniquity of the fathers upon
the children unto the third and
fourth generation of them that hate
me; and showing mercy unto thous-
ands of them that love me and keep
my commandments.

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Thou shalt not take the name of
the Lord thy God in vain: for the
Lord will not hold him guiltless
that taketh his name in vain.

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Remember the sabbath day to
keep it holy. Six days shalt thou la-
bour and do all thy work: but the
seventh day is the sabbath of the
Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not
do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor

thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor
thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle,
nor thy stranger that is within thy
gates: for in six days the Lord made
heaven and earth, the sea, and all
that in them is, and rested the sev-
enth day: wherefore the Lord bles-
sed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

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Honor thy father and thy mother;
that thy days may be long upon the
land which the Lord thy God giveth
thee.

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Thou shalt not kill.

^{vii}
Thou shalt not commit adultery.

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Thou shalt not steal.

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Thou shalt not bear false wit-
ness against thy neighbour.

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Thou shalt not covet thy neigh-
bour's house, thou shalt not covet
thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-
servant, nor his maid-servant, nor
his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing
that is thy neighbour's.

began to discriminate about 1880, social clubs not much later, while private colleges did not set ethnic quotas until well into the twentieth century.

For many years Jews were the main targets of social discrimination because they were perceived as the most economically and socially mobile of the new ethnic groups. In 1959, an American Jewish Committee survey of clubs in the U. S. showed that roughly 90 percent had no Jewish members, and ten years later, in 1969, the rate was still high—80 percent.

Other minorities, however, fare even worse than the Jews, with such groups on the way up as blacks, Orientals, and Spanish-speaking Americans “scarcely in the picture at all.” Mrs. Morris continues: “More and more members of these groups are starting to bid for prestige and status and are running into the same resistance the Jews have known . . . No doubt the victories already won by earlier frontliners will help the newly rising groups in fighting their own battles.”

While “the door is opened just a crack” in some downtown clubs, Mrs. Morris finds that “less progress has been made to date in fraternal lodges.” The Improved Order of Red Men does not accept American Indians as members, while Elks and Moose explicitly bar non-Caucasians. As recently as 1970, the Elks, meeting in national convention in San Francisco, once more voted, 1,550 to 22, to keep their all-white membership policy. Moreover, some individual Elks lodges discriminate not only by color but also by faith. In Kenosha, Wisconsin, to name one case, eight Jewish applicants for membership were blackballed in 1970.

Probably not a very large proportion of the subscribers to this periodical are members of exclusionist social clubs or fraternal organizations, but some are. The time is fast approaching or now here when this type of discrimination can no longer survive in the crucible of Christian or even public opinion. We are taking our stand against social exclusivism and the social climbing that it promotes. Does the title of the Terry Morris book *Better than You* make us feel guilt?

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The guidance of the Holy Spirit in the cooperation of four or five groups of churches in Nigeria that wish to be known as Seventh Day Baptists.

2) The plans for and the financing of the first full meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation prior to Conference.

3) The opportunities and program of the Little Rock church as they serve from their new church building.

4) Courage in all of our United States churches, especially those that are seeking pastoral leadership.

ty? Let us correct any of our attitudes that are wrong.

When clubs throw open their membership to all, there may be a temporary influx of social climbers, but in the end there will be a leveling off. It is much the same as in the matter of open housing. Society is dislocated temporarily by what is called blockbusting in the better neighborhoods or concentration of blacks in a single open community. If, however, we could make it easy for blacks to live in any city or on any street of their choice the struggle would end and equality of opportunity would make all fair-minded people happy.

Eastern Association To Meet

The Shiloh, N. J., church is host this year to the Eastern Association comprised of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of New England (including Eastern New York) and New Jersey area. The meetings are to be held on the full weekend of May 21-23. The theme is “Let Go and Let God.” It promises to be a stimulating and helpful meeting for all who can attend. Hospitality is arranged by the host church. This is the first time Shiloh has entertained association since completing their large educational building with its large dining facilities.

Conference Publicity

Registration Procedures and Costs

When the General Conference meets in the Campus Center at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., there will be some new methods of operating and some different registration arrangements and fees. For instance, registration will be conducted by the representatives of the University at the dormitory assigned to the Conference, and the program packets will be provided by representatives of the Host Committee.

Naturally, one of the more important considerations will be the cost of attending Conference, and while nothing in the New England area is cheap, the facilities at “UMass” as arranged for by the host committee of the New England Yearly Meeting are quite advantageous to the delegates.

General registration will have a separate fee for the University facilities and for the General Conference operation. These fees are \$7.50 and \$3.50 respectively, and cover all the extra services that the delegates have come to demand from the Conference and its site. This includes the auditorium, committee rooms, office space (including adequate quarters for “The Crier”), and such amenities as nursery, rest rooms and special exhibit spaces. These registration fees apply to every Conference attendee regardless of duration of stay on campus and place of rooming, age thirteen and over. Registration for children twelve and under is only \$1.50 total.

Many services and facilities are covered within the registration this year that usually are covered with room rates or “package” deals that include total room and board as well. Partially because of this, the charge for rooms in the modern dormitory will be only \$2.50 per person per night, with children five and under free. It is to be noted that no bedding or linen is furnished by “UMass,” so each delegate should provide for his own needs, including towels. Plan now—plan ahead—enjoy Conference in historic New England.

Tract Board

Holds Quarterly Meeting

Seventeen members and three consultants of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., for a three-and-a-half hour quarterly meeting Sunday afternoon, April 18. It had been preceded by committee meeting in the morning and the evening before.

The board was brought up to date by reports from officers, employees, and committees and was ready then to vote approval of what had been undertaken and to consider recommendations for future work.

The Sabbath Promotion Committee reported a packet of twelve items was sent out to the churches recently to help all ages to have a meaningful Sabbath Renewal Day on May 15. Requests for help in renting booth space at fairs are being met. The committee, by later action of the board, is being asked to prepare Sabbath lessons for church use two or three years from now.

The Publications Committee reported good progress on a number of projects including the printing of the Tri-Centennial two-color postcards, the production of a youth song book in mimeographed form, the republishing of the Study Guide booklet for our new Sabbath book, and the reprinting of some of our popular tracts. They are also sending out samples of discussion materials for youth.

Long-range plans for the Publishing House and the other work of the board are under discussion with several sessions already held with consultants, Commission and Planning Committee. A special committee composed of the Supervisory and Advisory Committees was named to look further into the replacement of present personnel when that becomes necessary and meeting the possible new needs that may arise. The consensus seemed to be that present printing and office procedures do not need to be changed much in the next year or two. The Publishing House is working efficiently with present equipment and personnel, although there is

an expressed desire for some new small equipment to do better publicity work.

The board gave general approval to the annual report for 1970 as presented by the secretary. The quarterly reports of the editor and corresponding secretary called attention to some of the outstanding features of the work of these two offices. Foreign correspondence was reported as challenging and hopeful. Interest in organizing Seventh Day Baptist churches in the Philippines is shown by native leaders who are using some of our literature in the Visayan language. Funds have been sent to India to print two of our tracts in the Tamil language, thus fostering the work in another state.

The editor called attention to renewals and new subscriptions before the new rate went into effect the first of April. Indications were, he said, that Seventh Day Baptists who had voted at Conference to meet increasing printing costs by a \$1.00 increase in price would be loyal and would take it in stride.

Looking toward Conference, the committee on Audio and Visual Services asked for funds to assist Consultant Calvin Babcock and Chairman Fred Ayars in their Conference expenses to set up and operate the public address and tape recording service. The committee is also working on Conference photography. Considerable progress was noted on the construction of a sound-proof studio in the Seventh Day Baptist Building for the eventual production of recordings for denominational use.

The Church Must Not Lose Hope

The following letter was received by the pastor of one of our churches and reproduced in his church bulletin. It fits other working churches. We pass it on to our readers in slightly edited form.

Never, my friends, lose hope. Though you have not evangelized your whole community, nor fed all the hungry in Vietnam, nor conquered all the problems of society, never lose hope. The apostle Paul said, "I have not attained, but I press toward the mark." Keep your vision alive looking unto the "Author and Finisher of your Faith." Hold high the torch ("Let your light shine"). March on even

into the darkness. Though defeated innumerable times, never give up the vision. This would be a lethal blow to your progress in God's Kingdom.

Modern man is difficult to reach. He has "double-talked" God out of his mind and heart. He has new and changed views on the world, sex, politics, the church, material gain and even on what constitutes life and death. But the Word of God endureth and still points the way. Many in this world are simply "running scared"—scared of world catastrophe, of air and water pollution, of war; too little afraid for the pollution of their souls. They are lonely and live complex and split-up existences. Many say the church is outdated and has nothing to say to them. "To you the word of salvation is sent," says the Scripture.

To reach modern man, and others whose lives may not be so complex, we may have to initiate new forms, "new wineskins," and new approaches. But don't give up the vision that it is God in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. It is also just possible that we will have to use Jesus' plan to do His work (See Luke 10:1, 17; Matthew 10:1, 5, 16). You see, there is still hope. "I have not attained, but I press on." The message is the same, the media *may* change. God helping us, we press on. Hold to the vision, though many will say it's no use. The Holy Spirit goes before you and follows after. There is a visible goal before us. Pray earnestly for a "Pentecostal experience"—that the Holy Spirit will be poured out on all who are in Christ Jesus.

So press on, hold the vision, keep your eyes on Jesus and your face toward God.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held on Sunday, May 9, 1971, in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., at 10:30 a.m. for transaction of the business prescribed in the bylaws of the society.

—Albert N. Rogers, president

THE SABBATH RECORDER

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Rex E. Zwiebel

Continuing Education

Here are listed more opportunities for our ministers who wish to take advantage of further educational opportunities.

They are quite typical of opportunities offered by schools and agencies across the United States.

For quickest information from a school in which you are interested write directly to the school's address given.

Some financial help is offered in every instance from the Council on Ministerial Education.

Choose the school you would like to enroll in, determine the cost as nearly as possible, figure how much money you will need. At the same time contact the Center for Ministerial Education, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061, for a Continuing Education application blank for assistance.

The application will be processed by the dean and the chairman of the Council for Ministerial Education and this takes some time, so apply as early as possible.

Continuing Education Opportunities for 1971

- Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway (at 120th Street)
New York, NY 10027
July 12-16 Week I: Fifty-first Summer Conference for Ministers and Religious Leaders.
July 19-23 Week II: Same
- Church Center for the United Nations
May 10-14: Workshop on Simulation Games in Church Education. At Church Center for the United Nations. Cost \$90—\$25 with application.

For application write to: Director of Program, Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10017.

Some scholarship money available from the above. Limit: forty persons.

- School for Summer and Continuing Education
Georgetown University
Washington, DC 20007
June 14-18: Eighth Annual Institute of Sacred Scripture: The Wisdom of

MEMORY TEXT

"We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company" (Psa. 55:14).

Israel; The Dead Sea Scrolls; The Resurrection of Jesus.

Tuition \$65. Housing \$20.

- Institute of Stewardship and Finance
3960 W. 95th Street
Evergreen Park, IL 60642

May 11 or 12 or 13: One-day Seminars: On "Mission, Money and the Minister," etc. At O'Hareport Hotel and Convention Center, Northlake, Illinois. Tuition \$67.50.

- Department of Psychology
University of Detroit
Detroit, MI 48221
(Director of Admissions)

Pastoral Counseling—Marriage Counseling toward a Master's degree.

Prerequisites listed.

Taught will be "Principles and Techniques of Psychotherapy and Marriage Counseling."

Practical experience given.

Courses take five trimesters to finish. Registration Fee \$10. Tuition \$55 per semester hour.

- Postgraduate Center for Mental Health
124 East 28th Street
New York, NY 10016

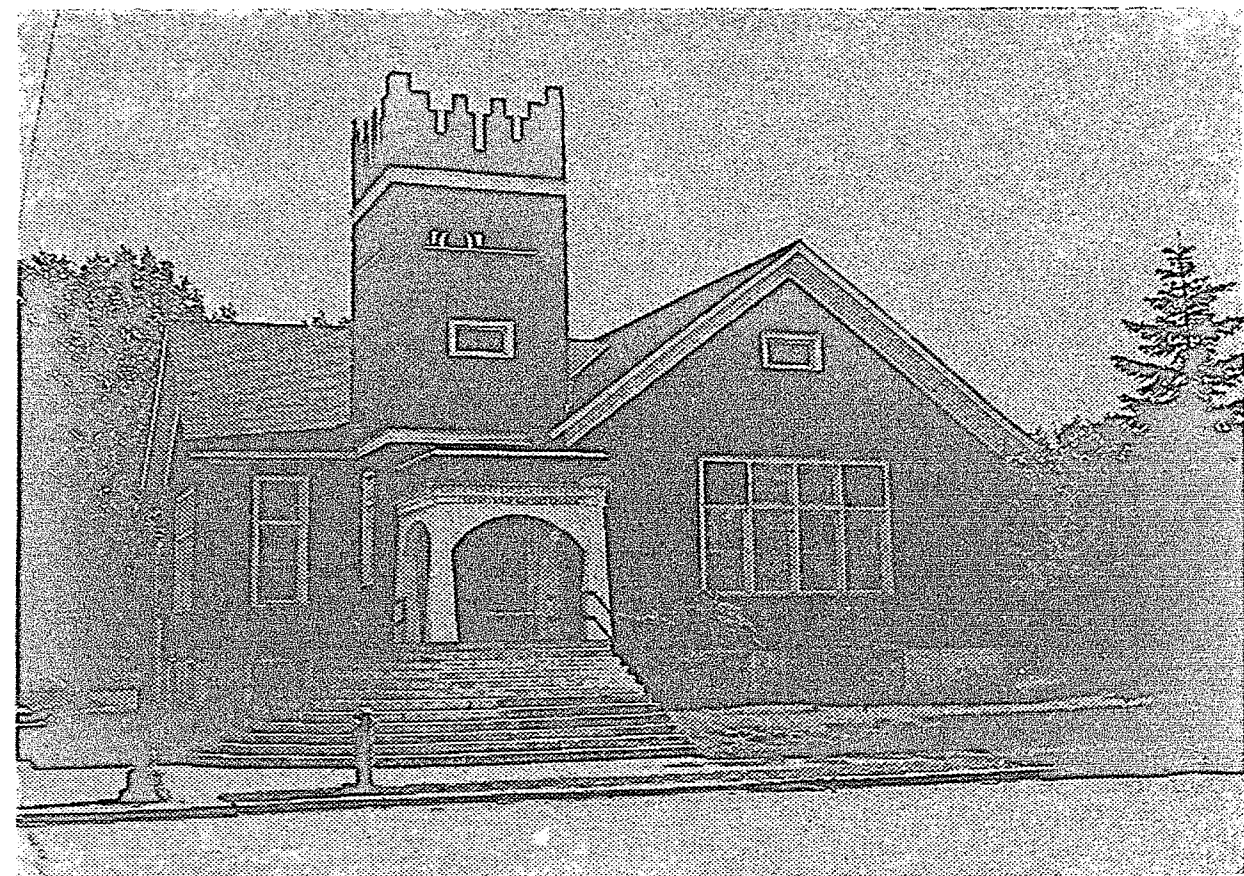
Has two summer training programs in Mental Health.

Church Changes Address

The Little Rock, Ark., Seventh Day Baptist Church has moved to a new location — a new building recently purchased — 4801 West 11th St. The pastor, Kenneth Van Horn, has also announced a new address as of May 1. It is 9423 McDonald Dr., Little Rock, Ark. 72209. Those who have copies of the Directory of Churches put out by the Tract Society last summer will want to make these corrections. Make a note also in your 1970 *Yearbook*, remembering that city churches are harder for visitors to find than village churches.

Reflections of Inspiration and Blessing
at White Cloud, Mich.

By Nettie Fowler and Norma Rudert



As we began analyzing those unseen qualities that might be called the chief characteristics of the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church, we wished, with Robert Burns, for the power to "see ourselves as others see us." What seems to stand out could, we hope, be called Christian concern.

We find happy evidence of concern for each other within the congregation. For many years we have enjoyed a fellowship luncheon, which is a pot-luck meal served following the morning worship of the first Sabbath in each month. This time of sharing good food and conversation gives us also the warm knowledge that we do care about one another within the church family. We know that Christian fellowship is one of the finest of all human relationships; we wish more people everywhere could experience it.

Part of our concern now is for the pastor's family, and this is reflected in a new project for financing much-needed aluminum siding on the parsonage. To dramatize this need and the progress be-

ing made, Sam Cruzan has painted a large picture of the parsonage. Each contribution is shown by a small, white "board" with the donor's name. Our slogan is, "Help cover up the old gray!"

Pastor Charles Swing and his family have been an inspiration and blessing to us in many ways. His cheerful, understanding manner is especially appreciated by those who are ill or shut in, as he carries out a faithful program of visitation.

The Ladies' Aid helps widen our circle of concern with useful service. We continue to make cancer pads during work meetings, plus lap robes and bibs for elderly patients at the Newaygo County Medical Care Facility. We made four colorful scrapbooks for hospitalized children. With yarn furnished by the Fremont Foundation, we knit mittens for distribution to needy children in the county at Christmas time. Quilting bees are held in the basement of the Raymond Branch home, so that we always have one ready for any family that loses its possessions in a fire. We have found that these are

How Jesus Christ
Has Guided Me

(Testimony from Georgetown's "Crusade of the Americas" by Lilyan Lam: edited and submitted by Leroy C. Bass)

Many years ago, when I was only ten, I became worried and unhappy as I saw others being saved and baptized. I heard the gospel preached, but I did not know that I had to be converted, as I was not aware that I had any sin that needed to be confessed. I had a deep desire in my heart to serve the Lord, but I hadn't the second birth. I wanted to be really saved. I prayed to the Lord and He revealed Himself to me. I awoke one night and felt I was dying. With fear I ran into my father's room, told him, "I am going to die," but he prayed with me and told me that I must pray and ask God to save me. I went back to bed again, but felt no change.

After a few weeks I had the same dying fears again one night, but this time there was a week of gospel meetings in the church. I heard: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and "born in sin" and "shapen in iniquity." As the Spirit of God spoke to my heart I then realized I was a sinner and needed the second birth. When I asked the Lord to save me and take away the fear of dying, He did.

The next night the message was on Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." I then took Him at

"comforters" in both senses of the word.

Because we are concerned about the problems of the black community in our area, several of our members have helped in the organization and support of the Inter-Racial Fellowship, which meets monthly in local churches, black and white. We seek to promote friendship, appreciation and understanding between the Negroes, whites, and Mexican brothers. We held an eight-week class in Negro history and annually sponsor a banquet and art festival.

Our church has joined with others in providing leadership and staff in Vacation

His word, and He took away my fears and gave me joy, peace, and rest for my soul. At the age of thirteen I was baptized and united with our church where my father was an elder.

Many years have passed since my baptism and I have kept my faith in Jesus, until only recently when God gave me a new blessing which started when someone came to my door and invited me to attend a series of Crusade meetings held at the Georgetown Seventh Day Baptist Church. I had never heard of this church before, but I listened carefully and keenly every night and knew that the truth was preached. I saw the Sabbath was as true a commandment as all the others, and I realized that when God said "Remember the Sabbath," it was for me. I desired to follow the Lord and to obey His Word, so I entered in the fellowship of obedient Sabbathkeepers, uniting by testimony with this very church.

For my support I run a private kindergarten day school, teaching sixty boys and girls. Because of this experience, and as there was a vacancy for a Primary Sabbath School teacher in my new church, I was asked if I would take this class. I gladly consented.

I have the joy and peace in serving Him, and am assured of His promises to me as I continue to daily walk in love and obedience for Him, confident that someday I will enter my heavenly home.

Bible Schools for many years. Our women regularly take part in the observance of World Day of Prayer, held this year in the local Catholic church. The community Good Friday service was held this year in our church.

This is a partial picture of our church life in White Cloud. We are humbled by the realization that we do not always fulfill our high calling as Christians, but we press on, prayerfully seeking to keep our eyes and hearts open for opportunities to witness for Christ by showing concern for others.

Though Blind He Helped Men "See"

By Fedson F. Makatanje, journalist

There are many blind men and women in Blantyre City walking along and across the streets led by small boys and girls. These boys lead them into shops where they ask for help from the shop-owners. And most of the time they receive money, clothes or food from those shop-owners. After getting money from these kind people, they are quickly led to the market square to buy food for that day. This is how these blind people live. And for them to be forced to leave Blantyre City means starving to death.

In the city of Jerusalem there were some blind people who were also asking help from others to get their living. When Jesus saw them, He felt very sorry, and He helped them to see. A good example is found in John 9:1-12. John tells us that this man was nothing else but a blind beggar. "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" (John 9:8 TEV). This question was asked by his neighbors who were astonished to see him walking, not feeling his way at all, but looking and seeing perfectly well. All this was done because Jesus opened his eyes. Now the man could see everything and I hope he did work to earn his living. He did not sit and beg. And the Bible tells us that this man witnessed for Jesus.

At Makapwa S.D.B. Station there was an old gray-haired blind man, Pastor Gallion Kadamanja. He was believed to be more than eighty years of age. And this blind man was different from those blind people living in Blantyre City and in the city of Jerusalem. The fact that these blind people in Blantyre City and Jerusalem City were beggars is a great difference; for Pastor Kadamanja was not a beggar. Another greatest difference is that those in the cities are not Christians, and the one in Jerusalem was not a Christian when he was blind. But when he was made to see he became a Christian. This was not so with Pastor Kadamanja. He became a Christian when he was a young man. At that time he was

not blind, he could see very well. He became a pastor of Nthinda Seventh Day Baptist Church in Ncheu district, Central Region.

When he became blind, he continued to witness for Christ. And in 1947, he came to Makapwa Mission Station where he became a Makapwa Boarding School chaplain. He preached challenging sermons to students; and if some students accepted Christ, there is no doubt, they did so through his influential sermons. His desire to preach continued to burn in him. One of his favorite verses in the Bible was "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Heb. 13:2 KJV). From this verse, Pastor Kadamanja would go back to Genesis and tell the story of Abraham and Lot. His way of telling the story proved that he knew most of the Bible verses by heart. The writer remembers one Friday evening when he was reading for him, he missed the verse he was supposed to read and read a wrong one, but he corrected him as though he had a copy of his own Bible. Most of the time he urged his audience to be righteous, for he always said, "Righteousness exalteth a nation" (Proverbs 14:34 KJV).

Though Pastor Kadamanja was blind, he was still strong. He cooked his own food and split his own firewood. Later he complained of backache and earache. He sought help from Dr. Victor H. Burdick, but he did not feel helped. As years went by, his troubles grew up and up, and his body grew weaker and weaker. In October, 1970, he became very weak and sick then he was admitted in our hospital. By the end of October, his health improved a little and he went to his room. But he was not strong enough to cook his own food; therefore he shared the food with the boarders. In the middle of the first week of November, Pastor Kadamanja became very, very sick. He was taken to the hospital again. This time he could not eat anything solid like "Nsimu" (corn flour porridge), but rather soft food and tea which Miss Sarah Becker prepared for him. In his last days he refused any-

thing except tea. Yes, the old blind man was getting ready for his trip to his Lord whom he served faithfully for years. And on November 18, 1970, at 3:00 p.m., Pastor Kadamanja left this place and went to a new place where he awaits rewards when Jesus comes again.

To those who knew Pastor Kadamanja, we now say to them, he is not with us at Makapwa Station, he is gone to rest from all his troubles and is awaiting rewards for the great service he had done for our heavenly Father, and His Son Jesus Christ.

Mid-Continent Youth Hold Retreat in Nebraska

By Bertha Clement

"An Inward Look at the Outward You" was the theme of the Youth Spring Retreat of the Mid-Continent Association held at North Loup, Nebr., April 2-4. Twenty-eight young folks and their eight sponsors came from Denver, Boulder, Kansas City, and Nortonville to join the North Loup group of twenty-nine youth and three sponsors for a weekend of worship, fellowship, discussion, recreation, and business. The place was really buzzing with activity. Stickers, "Smile, God Loves You," were much in evidence.

Visitors were welcomed at the church Friday and were served supper. A "Sing-in" was led by Jerry Van Horn, Ruth Soper, and Jim Goodrich. The Friday night service with a testimonial beginning "I saw Christ . . ." and Communion was led by Pastor Glen Warner of Denver.

The North Loup Youth Fellowship was in charge of the worship service Sabbath morning. Ruth Soper presented the children's sermon; the North Loup choir sang the anthem, "Let the Whole World Know," and our pastor, the Rev. Victor Skaggs brought the message, "The Christian's Image." Provocative surprises instigated by the youth were a part of the service.

The visiting association pastors, Glen Warner of Denver, Paul Osborn of Nortonville, and Kenneth Chroniger of Kansas City were in charge of the discussion

in the junior high through college-age youth groups during the Sabbath School hour. The congregation and guests enjoyed a bountiful fellowship dinner.

In the afternoon "Life," a young world musical by Otis Skilling, was presented by twenty-five of the North Loup Youth Fellowship, the Galileans under the direction of Jeneane Abel with Marian Soper as accompanist. The message was a stirring one involving commitment to God. This, as well as the Friday night and Sabbath morning services, was open to the public.

A Sabbath evening vesper service was held at Happy Jack Peak at the Chalk Hills with Bernard Keown and Rich Wheeler as leaders; then back to the church for lunch and a business session. At this meeting a new Constitution of the Mid-Continent Association Youth Fellowship was adopted. Newly elected officers are: Michele Hunt of Denver, pres.; Ann Bottoms of Boulder, vice-pres.; Shelley Hunt, sec.; Dan Thorngate, treas., both of Denver. Jerry Wheeler and David August are youth representatives on the Executive Committee of the association. Retiring officers are Terry Keown, pres.; Jerry Van Horn, vice-pres.; Jani Williams, sec.; and Ruth Soper, treas., all of North Loup. An evening of fun at the Ord Bowl and a midnight snack at the church ended the day.

The concluding meeting was the 8 a.m. breakfast at the church. Devotions were led by Pastor Paul Osborn of Nortonville. After closing with the fellowship circle, the visitors left for their homes. All are looking forward to next year's spring retreat at Denver.

Government Spending

The federal government in 1970 spent \$152 million in research alone on heart and lung disease, \$173 million in cancer research, \$355 million in the field of mental health, and \$132 million on arthritis research.

At the same time the government spent only \$10 million on problems in the alcohol area.

Renewed YOUTH

An Open Letter to All Seventh Day Baptist Young People:

In 1966 two young ladies, Nancy Brannon and Andrea Crandall, came up with an idea. They put their thoughts into action and their idea became a devotional publication called *YOUTH*. In 1967 the first issue of *YOUTH* was published. It was made up of daily devotionals that had been sent in by Seventh Day Baptist youth.

If my memory serves me right, only one issue came out in booklet form. Due to the fact that Nancy and Andrea lived in different parts of the country, they were unable to continue the project as they had first planned. I do remember that many of the daily devotions that were sent in but not used in the booklet were later printed in the *Sabbath Recorder* in a column given primarily to writings from young people. I can remember how I enjoyed starting my morning by reading a devotional thought from the booklet and later reading them in the *Sabbath Recorder*.

Back then I realized that there were many talented young people in our denomination. This past year, after seeing all the work that went into the presentation of "Tell It Like It Is" at Conference, I realized that there still is a great amount of talent that the youth of our denomination can share. I can see that many of you are searching for ways in which you can use your talent to help in the Lord's work.

In January of this year, the Board of Christian Education voted to allow me the right to solicit material from each of you to be published in a devotional publication. This book form publication

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 15, 1971

MOTIVATING ORGANIZATION
AND EVANGELISMLesson Scripture: Matt. 28:18-20;
1 Cor. 14:40; 2 Tim. 4:1-5

is to be called *YOUTH* after the devotional that Nancy and Andrea edited in 1967. I asked permission to gather material from you because I feel that each one of you has thoughts and ideas that should be shared with each other. Also I feel that there is a need for a devotional for you and by you.

If this is to be a success, I need your help. Here is how you can help. Send devotional materials to Harold King, Box 12, Little Genesee, NY 14754. We are asking for original poetry, favorite Scriptures, and personal experiences that you would like to share with other Seventh Day Baptist youth. Maybe you have read a magazine article or book which you would like to share an idea or insight. Remember, these are to be devotional thoughts that can be used as a starter for other people's thoughts and meditations.

If we get a good response from you we hope to be able to publish more than one issue of the *YOUTH* devotional. There will be no deadline for materials, but because we would like to get the first issue printed and distributed before Conference, we suggest that you please send your devotional thoughts in by June 15.

I wish to thank you in advance for helping to make the *YOUTH* devotional come alive again.

Humbly in Christ,
Harold D. King

Wealthy Church

Riverside Church in New York has revealed the amount of its financial assets. The balance sheet as of December 31, 1968, showed endowment funds totaling \$23,994,000.

The endowment is figured as the market value of the securities or other assets at the time they were given. In addition, "realized and unrealized net gains amounted to \$13,700,000."

Of the endowment funds, \$18,156,000 is restricted so that income from it must be used for building operation and maintenance. Income from \$4,443,000 is available for a variety of other purposes.

Women's Groups Alive

Your Woman's Page editor has been very interested, though not really surprised, to discover that women's groups appear to be on the decline, in some areas at least. They are still organized, but meet seldom and do little.

Is this happening as part of a great general decrease in every church activity?

Not necessarily! In one notable instance, increased membership is occurring in the same church where women's societies are virtually nonfunctional.

Perhaps we might ask why women's societies were ever formed in the first place?

We do not know why, but we suspect that women's societies were formed in a time when people lived in virtual isolation and any society or group that provided fellowship with other human beings was almost sure to succeed.

Or is there some other reason? And are women's groups on the decline? Comments will be welcome.

Women's Forum

The war continues to be a real concern to many of us, and letters from our women reflect this.

From Sheila Crane, Dodge Center, Minn.

I'm concerned about the war — I have a fine son in the army. I'm concerned about drugs — I have four other teenage children. Naturally spiritual development is uppermost in my mind and heart — I have the world's greatest family so my greatest concern is for them all to sincerely live their lives as Christ wants them to.

None of these above mentioned things are different from any other woman, I'm sure, and I haven't a single answer to my concerns except Christ.

From Alice Bonser, Dodge Center, Minn.

How can one put down in writing all the different things that bother a mother who has the big blessing of one son getting home safe and sound from the war in Vietnam, but also has another son nearing the age of having to go into the

Death of William B. Lippard

During the annual convention of Associated Church Press at Philadelphia (April 15) news came of the death of a former president and executive secretary of ACP. Dr. William B. Lippard (84) was perhaps better known as editor of the Baptist magazine *Missions*, which was discontinued this past year. Dr. Lippard was associated with the editorship of that magazine for fifty-eight years and wrote a book in 1963, *Fifty Years an Editor*. Thousands followed his column "As I See It," for he had a world view.

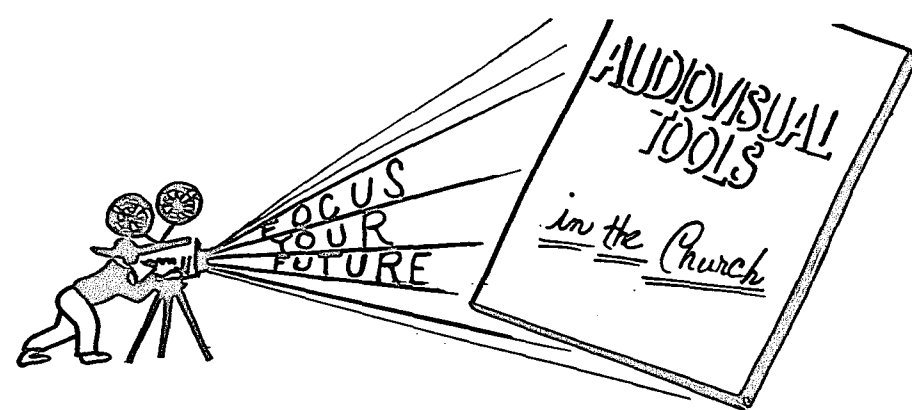
Dr. Lippard was an inveterate world traveler. During his active years, he journeyed to practically every meeting of the Baptist World Alliance, the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, and the American Baptist Convention. He crossed the Atlantic Ocean more than twenty-five times by ship. The pages of *Missions* throughout his years of service chronicled the major church events of the time with able reportage and incisive editorial comment.

Dr. Lippard's editorials were at times controversial, but they were never dull. His strong anti-war positions, his deeply felt concern for the poverty-stricken masses of the world, his deep dedication to the ecumenical movement (he was, however, against church union), his rebellion against the hollow facades of his day, his anti-alcohol sentiments, and his commitment to Baptist freedom and cooperative action (he was against centralization): all made an unparalleled contribution to the prophetic ministry of American Baptists.

The veteran editor attended all the annual conventions of ACP until the last few years. He and his wife were residents of Baptist Home for the Aged in New York when he died.

service, and perhaps being sent to Vietnam also. I feel this war will never stop as the Bible says there will be wars and rumors of wars till the end of time. Am I right?

—Theona Andersen
Johnstown, Nebr. 69214



There's something for everyone in the Filmstrip Library of the American Sabbath Tract Society — and all this help is free for the asking.

Adults can find in the catalog much material on special days, missions, Bible, social concerns, worship programs, etc.

Young people can find help for classes or youth discussion groups and the things that help youth to mature in leadership.

Leaders of Bible clubs, children's classes, Vacation Bible Schools, and camps can fortify their presentation with filmstrips of three different kinds, 35 millimeter, Stori-Strips, and Show 'N Tell. There is much in the catalog and some that is too new to be listed.

Look ahead, determine your needs, order early and return promptly. Help us to make the service run smoothly.

Need for View-Master Pictures for Guyana

Here is an opportunity for owners of View-Masters to send your surplus and used stereo-pictures — on any subject — to missions.

I recently acquired four simple View-Masters at a sale price but have no stereo-pictures, or reels, to go with them. I felt that some readers might be glad to give to missions some of your no-longer-used stereo-pictures. I will take them to Guyana with me for uses such as youth camp, and for children while I am visiting families.

Please send these within one month from now direct to me addressed as follows. Thank you very much in advance.

Pastor Leroy C. Bass
RFD 1
Northampton, Mass. 01060

American Baptist Convention

The 1971 meeting of the American Baptist Convention at Minneapolis, May 12-16, will have a number of different points of emphasis, according to Frank A. Sharp, director of press relations.

An inclusive resolution calling for wide ranging programs to end the fractured oneness of American communities will be presented. Another resolution to be considered advocates "immediate action to avoid the collapse of health services."

On the spiritual side, announcement is made that the American Baptist Fellowship will hold several sessions at Minneapolis at the end of the convention. This organization within the convention will listen to Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, professor of theology at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and editor-at-large of *Christianity Today*. It will hold discussions on denominational structure, ministering to youth, overseas ministry, and "Evangelism That Works — An Introduction to Key '73."

The American Baptist Fellowship came into existence last year at the Cincinnati ABC meeting as an ad hoc group of pastors whose purpose is to present a positive emphasis on loyalty to the American Baptist mission, to communicate positively an evangelical point of view to the entire American Baptist family, to offer a public relations image for the evangelical perspective, and to provide an alternative to "those who may otherwise withdraw from the American Baptist Convention by tokenism, disloyalty, and disunity."

The group has issued a statement affirming that it is eager to remain loyal to the convention, to work within the "machinery" of the convention, and to create a forum to debate the evangelical views and a context in which to examine openly and objectively the more liberal positions.

Repentance is a lonely piece of business. Sin isolates from God and from one's fellows also. Repentance is an entering into the sense of this isolation and feeling its gravity. —Max I. Reich

Accessions

BERLIN, N. Y.

By Baptism:
Miss Carole Ann Stewart
Miss Cynthia Greene
Miss Lecia Greene

SHILOH, N. J.

By Baptism:
Sandra L. Davis
Lori L. Harris
Cynthia L. Probasco
Joanne Scull
Jasmyne (Florin) Davis (Mrs. Philip)
Frank Mazza
Bruce S. Scull

By Letter:
Linda (Ayars) Dickinson (Mrs. Everett)

Obituaries

ARNOLD.— Rena, was born July 28, 1923, and died at Lakeview General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., April 12, 1971.

She is survived by her husband, Orville J. Arnold; two sons, Daniel at home and La Verne Webster of Hollis, Okla.; and two brothers, Calvin D. Smith and Charles Webster, both of California.

Funeral services were held at the Farley Funeral Home in Battle Creek by her pastor, the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis. Interment was in the Bedford Township Cemetery, Bedford, Mich. —S. K. D.

DAVIS.— Mrs. Lucy F. Davis, daughter of Joseph H. and Louisa Rainear Fogg, was born in Stow Creek, Sept. 26, 1889, and died March 10, 1971, in the Bridgeton City Hospital following a lengthy illness.

On Dec. 12, 1910, she was united in marriage to Howard L. Davis, who died April 16, 1951.

She was a member of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Carolyn F. Davis and Mrs. Edith Branch, both of Shiloh; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; a brother, J. Howard Fogg of Shiloh, and a sister, Mrs. Frank (Carrie) Davis of Marlboro.

Funeral services were held at the church, with her pastor, the Rev. Don Richards, officiating. Interment was in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church Cemetery. —D.E.R.

WILDERMUTH.— Roy, of Bridgeton, N. J., son of Samuel and Addie Edwards Wildermuth, was born July 15, 1893, in Salem, N. J., and died, April 9, 1971, at Bridgeton City Hospital following a brief illness.

On May 8, 1918, he married Edna Ayars. Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Roy L. of Pennsville, N. J., and Frank B. of Salem, N. J.; two daughters, Mrs. Les (Addie) Swallow of Houston, Tex., and Mrs. Alfred (Harriet) Maples of Scario, Ga.; nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and two

brothers, Joseph of Pennsville, and Edgar of Alloway.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Donald E. Richards. Interment was at Fernwood Memorial Park. —D. E. R.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.— On March 27 the morning service was conducted by the youth of the church as *Sabbath Recorder* Recognition Day. Special music was presented by a four-piece youth band rendering three pieces and a youth chorus singing three songs.

Jeff Monroe gave an introduction to Sabbath Recorder Recognition Day. Pam Lewis gave a history of the *Sabbath Recorder*. Gregg Lewis read some of the letters of commendation for the 1944 centennial. Sue Williams talked on "What the Sabbath Recorder Offers." The concluding message by Ricky FitzRandolph was called "Editorial on the Sabbath Recorder."

The Sabbath service is being taped each Sabbath morning and shared by cassette tape recorders with our non-resident members and friends. The church now has three cassette players under its stewardship, but if any have their own cassette player and would like copies of the services, write in and request a copy which will be gladly sent.

—Church bulletin

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. David S. Clarke

Camp Films

Films of camp activities among Seventh Day Baptists are being collected and edited by this board. Some of them will soon be available, especially attractive being the one about Youth Pre-Con. This is part of the overall project of creating camp resources through a "manual." That manual will be coming out in segments as soon as final editorial plans can be effected.

If you have need for resources or advice in planning camp for this year, write to the Board of Christian Education. The experience of many fine Christian groups is available in pamphlets and books, many of which are on hand for loan at our office. Also available are many programs, curricula and projects tried out in our own S. D. B. camps.

The Sabbath Recorder

President Says Religion Is Vital in Drug Abuse Control

At a White House Conference on Drug Abuse for Clergymen, President Richard Nixon called on the nation's religious leaders for help to solve the drug abuse crisis. The President asked the clergymen for their support in enacting adequate laws, in educational activities and in rehabilitation programs.

Nixon cautioned the clergymen that "we can't approach the drug problem with anger, but we must have sorrow for what the victim is doing to himself." This sorrow, the President continued, must express itself in terms of rehabilitation instead of punishment.

The President pointed out that the drug abuse problem could never be solved until young people find the answer in their motivations. "The worst thing that can happen to a youth is to believe in nothing but himself," the President said, as he appealed to the spiritual leaders to give people something "to believe, to turn to."

Emphasizing the seriousness of the drug abuse problem in the United States, John Ingersol, director of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, said that "at best we have ten years to prevent a social catastrophe, if it is not too late already."

John C. Broger, director of the Office of Information for the Armed Forces, Department of Defense, said, "my personal conviction is that we are facing the worst crisis in 1000 years."

Commenting on the Conference, V. Carney Hargroves, president of the Baptist World Alliance told Baptist Press that "for me the Conference did three

things: (1) spelled out the problem of drugs and drug abuse and documented it, (2) indicated what government agencies are doing about it by way of detection, precautions and rehabilitation, and (3) suggested that part of the problem represents a crisis of the spirit."

Saved by His Bible

A Bible carried by a U.S. First Infantry Division soldier, recently stopped a Communist bullet from exploding a loaded rifle magazine he carried on his body.

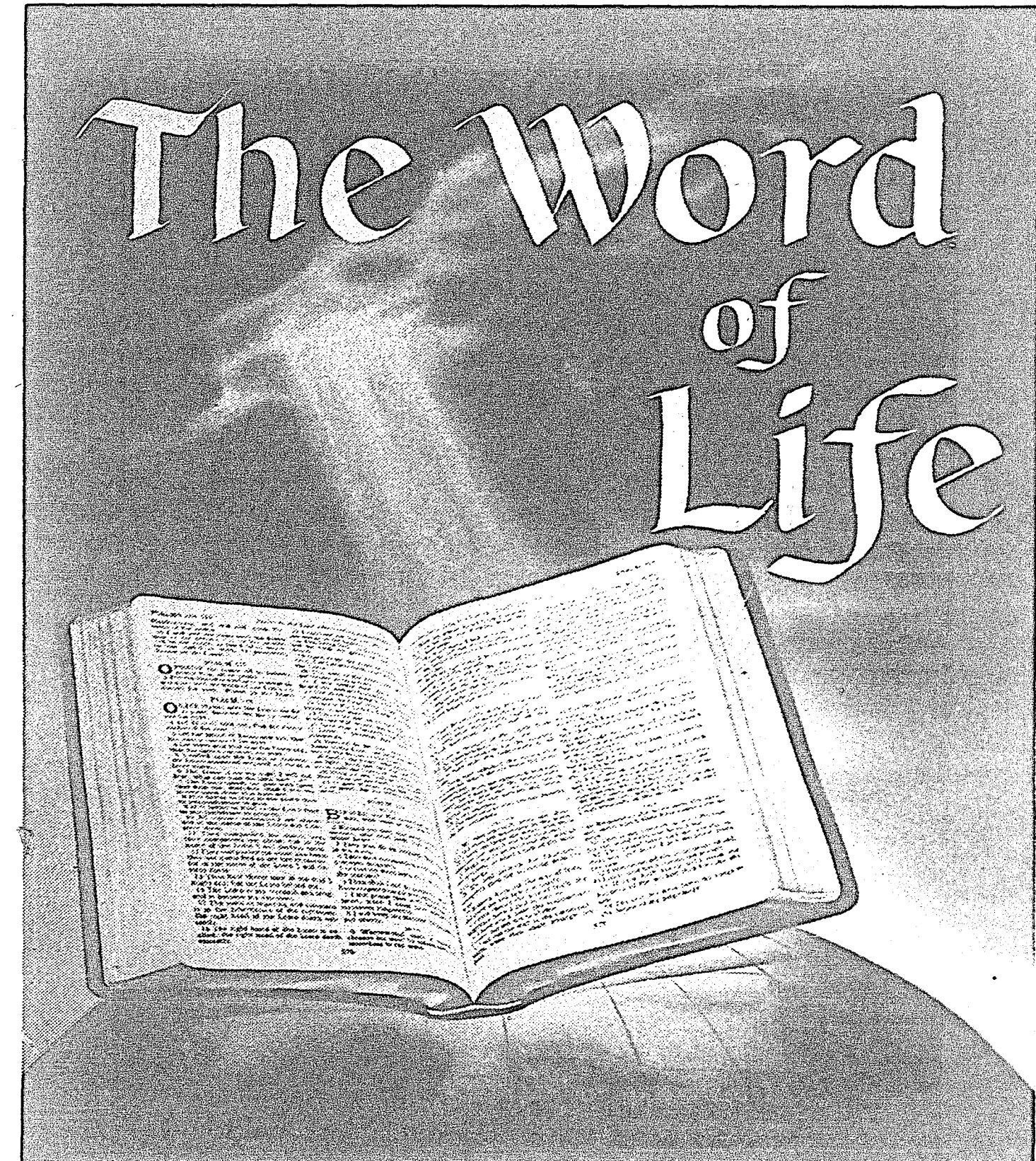
Army spokesmen said Pfc. Roger Boe of Elbow Lake, Minn., was on a routine patrol near Lai Khe, thirty miles north of Saigon, when his unit got into a fire-fight with North Vietnamese soldiers. After the clash, Boe's platoon leader noticed smoke curling out of the Minnesotan's pocket.

"I didn't know what caused the smoke," Boe said, "but when I pulled out the Bible I carry in that pocket, I could see it had stopped an AK-47 round." (AK-47 is the name of Communist assault rifle.)

The bullet from the assault rifle had passed through Boe's wallet and lodged in his Bible, just short of a loaded M16 magazine.

To sermonize, men are not saved by the pocketbook, only by the Good Book.

He who overthrew the tables of the money changers in the temple condemned sacrificial giving in the same temple when He said of the widow and her two mites, "This poor widow hath cast in more than they all" (Luke 21:3).



It is true enough to say that the Bible is "The Word of Life," for there is no other book that unerringly sets forth the way of eternal life. But that is not enough. Paul made it an action word when he wrote to the Philippians (and to us): "That ye may be . . . the sons of God . . . in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life" (Phil. 2:15, 16).