

# The Sabbath Recorder

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS for October 1971



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

### God Calls Men

- 1—Fri. Called to Godly Living. 2 Peter 1:13-19  
2—Sabbath. God Feeds Spirit and Body. Neh. 9:9-17

### God Creates a Community

- 3—Sun. "Keep My Covenant." Ex. 19:1-15  
4—Mon. Prepared To Receive God's Law. Ex. 19:16-20:17  
5—Tues. God Keeps His Promise. Josh. 23:1-8, 14-16a  
6—Wed. Promise of a New Covenant. Jer. 31:27-34; 29:10-14  
7—Thur. Members of One Body. 1 Cor. 12:12-26  
8—Fri. God's Own People in Community. 1 Peter 2:1-10; Matt. 18:10-20  
9—Sabbath. Sabbath, A Community Force. Acts 16:11-22

### God Responds to Prayer

- 10—Sun. God Responds to Prayer. Psalm 34  
11—Mon. God Hears His People. Psalm 102:1-22  
12—Tues. How To Pray. Matt. 6:5-18  
13—Wed. Ask, Seek, Knock. Matt. 7:1-14  
14—Thur. The Spirit Intercedes. John 16:4-17; Rom. 8:24-28  
15—Fri. When Weakness Is Strength. 2 Cor. 12:1-13  
16—Sabbath. Thirst for the Living God. Psalm 42

### God Heals Broken Humanity

- 17—Sun. The Healer from God. Is. 61  
18—Mon. Supported and Protected. Is. 62  
19—Tues. His Steadfast Love. Is. 63:7-19  
20—Wed. God's Restoring Love. Zeph. 3:14-20; Eph. 2:11-19  
21—Thur. Peace from God. Is. 60:17-22; Col. 1:21-23  
22—Fri. Assurance in God's Promise. Is. 42:1-12  
23—Sabbath. The Sabbath, a Day of Health. Luke 18:10-17

### God Judges Nations

- 24—Sun. God Punishes Through Other Nations. Hab. 1:1-13  
25—Mon. God's Sure Judgment. Hab. 2:1-8  
26—Tues. The Covetous and the Grasping. Hab. 2:9-20  
27—Wed. Awe Before the Lord. Hab. 3:1-11; 17-19  
28—Thur. God Rules the Nations. Acts 17:22-34  
29—Fri. A Drop from a Bucket. Is. 40:9-20  
30—Sabbath. His Justice Is Ours. Ez. 22:1-8; 17-22

### God Sustains His Creation

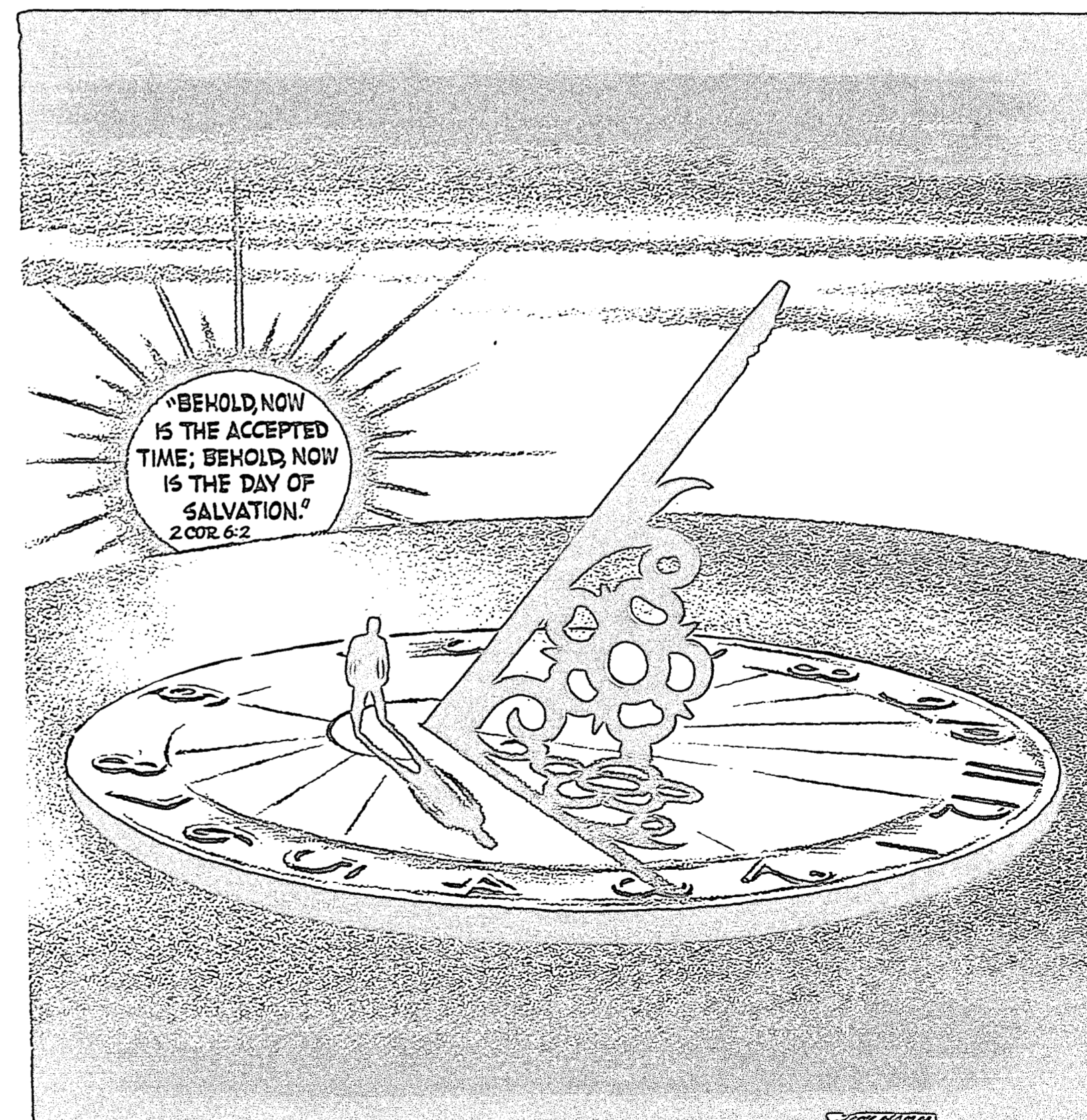
- 31—Sun. God's Majesty. Psalm 104:1-18

### Pakistan Refugee Relief

Over 4,000 tons of basic protein foods have been shipped into the massive East Pakistan refugee zones by Church World Service.

The relief agency had previously sent large supplies of medicines and shelter materials into the refugee camps. Breakdown of the huge food shipments of 4,128 tons revealed the agency has dispatched 6,614,000 pounds of wheat; 661,000 pounds of powdered milk; 661,000 pounds of vegetable oil and 332,000 pounds of beans.

Field representatives of CWS in India reported that the number of refugees has passed the 8,000,000 mark.



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## The Work Before Us

We as a people have been greatly stimulated by a year of celebration of our 300th anniversary of organized Seventh Day Baptist churches in this country. Many of us were able to attend Conference, make a pilgrimage to the site of our first church, and meditate on the responsibility of this kind of maturity. More than one-tenth of our membership attended all or part of Conference. A much larger percentage has been getting some of the inspiration and outlook through these pages and from the church representatives who, like working ants and bees, brought back all they could carry of good food and sweetness. Some churches through tape recordings have extended the music and messages of whole services to the local congregation.

We do well to get all we can from the well-prepared worship and other programs of our August meeting, but there comes a time when the forward-looking business of the church and denomination has to take precedence over past experiences, no matter how helpful they were. There is a work to do and we must be at it. The past is preparation for the present and future.

Sometimes you and I have to meet some physical emergency. In the course of life we may unexpectedly be called upon to walk some distance or to run for aid. Or some unusual strength of hand, arm, or back may be needed. It is then that we find out, to our joy or to our embarrassment and shame, whether or not we have kept ourselves physically fit. Consistent exercise strengthens us for the known or unknown requirements of the future. Moreover, there is the general feeling of well-being and good tone that comes from proper exercise with its deep breathing.

Just as bodily exercise is profitable, so, too, are mental and spiritual exercise. We are hampered in our attempts to think clearly and imaginatively if we have not done much thinking. We may be thrown into an emergency situation where a friend needs spiritual, Biblical counsel. We can help if we have been taking our daily walks in the Bible and have kept our spiritual life toned up. Otherwise we will fail.

Have our past experiences, including our historical and other exercises, caused enough deep breathing to send the blood tingling through our spiritual bodies?

The fall months are here. The best of the year for Christian work may be with us right now. The year will soon be gone. We know that we have done more talking about the Lord's work than doing the Lord's work. Have we said that we have no good contacts, that all the people around us have fully made up their minds in favor of another religion or no religion? It isn't true. "God's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save." We realize that someone else in the same circumstances that discourage us might do a great work for the Lord or start a new group. People in need are all around us if only our eyes are open and our love seeks them out. God expects something of every church member now, not just during some future year.

## Religion and Safety

The National Safety Council is concerned with highway safety and places considerable emphasis on ways to combat the hazards caused by drinking drivers. This privately supported service organization has a Religious Activities Department of which Richard Winsor is the newly appointed director. A little publication *Church and Safety* is mailed periodically to editors of religious papers. The current number raises some questions as to whether the leaders are fully aware of the Christian attitude toward safety.

The council has long pushed the slogan, "If you drink, don't drive." It has not backed away from this advice, but says it has been forced by the prevalence of drinking to change its emphasis and to start a new program of instructing the drinking driver on how much he can drink and still drive with safety or how long he should wait after drinking before he gets behind the wheel (at least an hour after an average drink). The program suggests ways of determining whether he is fit to drive. This may be realistic, but it is not religious. It may be all right for a nonreligious organization, but there is question as to whether Christians who are committed to absti-

nence will recognize this as a Christian ideal. It seems to put our stamp of approval on indulgence in alcohol which we have fought these many years as an evil of society and an enemy. In other words, this approach does not belong in the Religious Activities Department of the National Safety Council.

The distinguishing emblem of "Church and Safety" makes an appeal to the Bible that does violence to careful interpretation of the message of the Bible. It pictures a Bible with rays of light emanating from it and a hand pointing to the open page. Underneath are the words, "Therefore choose life" (Deut. 30:19). Those are indeed good words and might conceivably be applied to observing the rules of safety so as to prolong life rather than throw it away through unsafe driving. We need to remember, however, the message Moses had from the Lord on this occasion was so much more lofty that this application completely misses the point and reduces religious precept to secular advice. Verse 15 of Deuteronomy 30 sets the standard which is also found in verse 19. The message to Israel and to us is, "See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; . . . therefore choose life."

The choices before us today are not just choices of defensive driving and whether or not to take a second cocktail before going on the road. The choice as always is between good and evil.

## Our Prayer Corner

### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

#### Pray for:

- 1) Boldness and love in presenting the salvation plan of Christ and the joys of conforming to His will.
- 2) A realization that the whole world is our field but that we must first of all be lighted candles right where we are.
- 3) A greater willingness to make sacrifices of time and resources in keeping with our profession and the blessings we have received.
- 4) The recruiting and training of new leadership for our churches at home and abroad.

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## How To Live Longer

Traditionally every man wants to live to a good old age in health and vigor. The way we cling to life indicates that we enjoy it and also have a certain amount of fear of dying. On the other hand there are a few who at an early age become so discouraged, frustrated, or mentally unbalanced that they talk of ending it all.

The Christian has an added motive for longevity. If he is serving the Lord and winning souls he wants to continue that work until God calls him to rest from his labors. He avoids habits that will shorten his life span.

People are asking if death is a matter of fate or if certain actions shorten life. Studies have been made showing that people of average vigor and vitality can order their lives so as to live longer than others. Statistics are quoted to show that a person twenty-five percent overweight is likely to die early. A man who smokes a pack of cigarettes a day can expect to cut off seven years of life expectancy and a two-pack smoker twelve years. A country dweller may expect five more years than a city dweller. There are figures also to show that a married person lives five years longer than an unmarried, divorced, or widowed person — which would seem to indicate that the later years of married life are more important healthwise than the earlier years.

The trouble with statistics is that you can't put them all together to show, for instance, that an overweight, divorced, heavy smoker living in the city will die some twenty-five years younger than his country cousin who stays married and doesn't smoke. However, clean, normal living not only makes a difference in length of life but in the joy of life. The Christian lives joyously in the service of the Lord and undoubtedly lives longer than the non-Christian. One reason is that he is sure of eternal life and has calmness of soul.

Note: A Readers Digest article states that twenty-five percent of the smokers have quit and predicts that more than fifty percent will stop for health reasons — probably not unless the truth continues to be told.

## A Very Special Kind of Relevance

By John De Mott

(Following are portions of a statement made by John DeMott who was asked to evaluate the periodicals of the Associated Church Press and to judge their "general excellence." Though he has some cutting remarks, he sees impressive improvement in religious publications in the past several years.)

The professional journalist is tempted to evaluate his success on the basis of circulation and readership — the size of his audience, and its approval — rather than on the basis of how well his publication is articulating and promoting the church's philosophy. For example, I get the impression from reading some of today's "super-relevant" religious publications that an occasional editor is straining so hard to imitate the slick, popular magazines of general circulation that he has succeeded in making his own magazine more or less superfluous, as far as his special audience is concerned.

Such publications sometimes tend to be little different from the secular press, devoting themselves to conventional discussions of the "establishment" and its "insensitivity" toward "dissent," the evils of the military-industrial complex, the drug culture, abortion, pollution, the need for population control, turmoil on the nation's college campuses, and other common topics being reported and exhaustively analyzed in the secular press daily.

All the aforementioned topics are appropriate ones for frequent discussion in the religious press, of course, but church publications should avoid duplicating the secular press by applying society's conventional wisdom to such subjects in the kind of conformist spirit that Orson Welles has so perceptively labeled "creeping get-with-it-ism."

At the other extreme, of course, is the organ of sectarian propaganda. Addressing itself to what sometimes is made to look like an alienated audience, such a propaganda organ tries to ignore the secular issues — secure in what appears to be a pathetic trust that the problems of modern life will go away, if we somehow manage to avoid involvement in them.

Whenever the secular life does intrude

to a degree impossible to ignore, such a publication can exhort its readers to rise above the secular, asserting their independence of it.

Virtually all of today's religious publications fall somewhere between those two extremes, naturally.

What is the ideal position, however?

First, the magazine should be attractive — an appealing format, with layout and typography making it easy to read. Its style and make-up should give the reader genuine pleasure, in addition to information. In this age of information overload, speed in absorbing the content of print media is a precious capacity. The accent must be on readability.

Second, the content should be diversified, and highly appropriate to the magazine's readership — news of the church itself, and of secular affairs related to its faith. Ideally, the content should be an interesting mix of straight news, interpretative articles exploring problems of the church in depth, inspirational features, thought-provoking letters to the editor that provide a meaningful forum for the exchange of comment and criticism — praise and encouragement, too — and editorials that take a positive stand on issues of peculiar interest to members of that church.

### CORRECTION

It has been called to the editor's attention that in quoting the report of the Conference Committee on Social Action Interests on page 4 of the September 11 issue the last paragraph was lacking. This paragraph is important because it is the action part of the report and calls on the standing committee to make available to churches study materials on peace and the other issues with which it is concerned. The final paragraph of the adopted resolution follows:

"Since we believe that ignorance leads to fear and misunderstanding, and that fear often leads to war, we recommend that the standing committee of Christian Social Action make available to the local churches, study guides and whatever is deemed necessary to conduct group study in endeavoring to promote understanding of the problems that confront us."

## Tract Distributor Arrested

Tract distribution can be quite rewarding and in some circumstances quite hazardous. That is the way Sammy Tippit found it in Chicago. Sammy is a respected Southern Baptist who does evangelistic and mission work in Chicago.

He felt that there was no more needy place for distributing gospel tracts than in front of some of Chicago's night spots. Evidently his work was recognized by the owners as being more effective than some tract distribution efforts. Their strong men threatened him because his work was not good for their business. Perhaps the prospective patrons did not drink as much or otherwise live it up as freely with gospel tracts burning in their pockets. Anyway, evangelist Sammy Tippit found himself arrested by Mayor Daley's cops and charged with disorderly conduct. He and others felt that there was collusion between the local policemen and the night spot owners.

The seventy-two member Board of Directors of the Illinois Baptist State Convention at their meeting in mid-September adopted a resolution protesting the arrest of Sammy Tippit on charges of disorderly conduct claiming that "passing out tracts" could hardly be considered "disorderly conduct."

The forces of evil do not take kindly to loss of income by competition of their own kind and especially by competition of the gospel that takes away the desire to participate. It has been so ever since the days of the apostles who "turned the world upside down" with their teaching. Times are a little different now. The apostles faced stiffer charges than disorderly conduct. But then they did not have "harmless" tracts to distribute and were more aggressive for the cause of righteousness and faith.

We need more Seventh Day Baptists with the courage of Sammy Tippit to hand out tracts in front of night clubs and more leaders to protest the trumped-up charges that smack of some sort of law enforcement of corruption.

—Corresponding Secretary of the Tract Society

**The Sabbath Visitor  
for the  
World's Boys, Girls, Families!**

The current issue of the *Sabbath Visitor for Boys and Girls* has a cover picture that will puzzle both youngsters and their parents. The photo was taken from an airplane flying low over a hamlet where there's a Seventh Day Baptist church. Most of us don't have the thrill of flying that low over our home town, so even villagers from the one pictured might not recognize their own church.

The fun of trying to identify churches whose history has brought very clear changes in name, or appearance, or mission is being suggested to families who read the *Visitor*. The current puzzle is just one of a series that have been published in the past year.

Several parents and grandparents subscribe to the *Visitor* for themselves and/or their grandchildren. Mrs. Lloyd Pierce, Alfred Station, NY 14803, is circulation manager and can arrange monthly mailings to individuals for only \$1.50 per year (\$1.00 each in club subscriptions of ten or more).

Of course, primary subscribers are from the United States, so the cover pictures and accompanying questions are related to American Seventh Day Baptists mostly. The World Federation meetings this past August have emphasized that there are boys and girls, pastors, parents, and grandparents in other English-speaking countries (even in non-English-speaking nations) who enjoy reading such magazines. And since the *Sabbath Visitor* is just what its title says, Sabbathkeepers around the world might help each other keep the Sabbath better by good use of the *Visitor*.

Primary, junior, and even junior high youth are invited to consider helping send the *Sabbath Visitor* to Seventh Day Baptist friends in other countries. There are so many such youth who have little or no reading materials, and little or no "spending money" that it seems only kind of you to consider taking from your abundant resources to subscribe for Sev-

enth Day Baptist boys and girls overseas. We would like to send thirty *Visitors* to Jamaica each month, fifteen or so to England, twenty-five to Guyana, fifty or more to India, ten to New Zealand. And there may be others who would like to have it, if we'd send them samples — and hope of sponsors in America. What finer "year-round Christmas gift" than to send a Christian magazine?

Write to Mrs. Pierce or to the board office (Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803) about gift subscriptions for overseas Seventh Day Baptists.

And while we're talking about contributions, "Aunt Fran" (Mrs. Frances Clarke) as the *Visitor* editor urges youngsters to send a story, or a picture, or a puzzle, or a response to her questions. Gene Van Horn, who publishes the *Visitor*, can easily put your picture into the next issue if Aunt Fran gets it for planning.

**Christian Education Week**

**Sept. 26 - Oct. 3**

Pastors, clerks or moderators, and Christian Education keyworkers have received suggestions for observing Christian Education Week this year. The emphasis is on use of the materials in the new *Era of Action* "resource guides" sent out by the Planning Committee this August.

"Learn To Reconcile" is the key issue of the green section of the Planning Committee guide. To "create hope" through the improved teaching and learning that goes on in our Sabbath Schools is possible as we more consistently express the gospel of Jesus Christ among our friends.

Creative use of the suggestions is urged, with a worshipful commitment to our Christian ambassadorship as reconcilers. Resources for a message on one of the urgent issues in education are many, and you are urged to relate the educational tasks of the church to the moral and religious values caught by our youngsters, whether in church school or not.

**MOMENT OF RECOGNITION**



It has come to be an important moment on the Conference program when the Board of Christian Education gives public recognition to Sabbath Schools that stand at the top of the list in achievement of certain goals. This year Battle Creek drew double honors. Representing the Board in this picture is Mary Clare (right) presenting to Jean Albion of the Battle Creek Sabbath School a certificate indicating excellence in training of local Christian education leaders and a beautiful plaque for the greatest percentage of increase in Sabbath School enrollment and attendance.

**Giving Can Increase**

Two of the large Baptist denominations report an unprecedented amount of money received from their people for the total mission program during July-August, which are not normally the highest months. This should help to keep us from assuming that we are in an economic squeeze and that there is not enough money available to support our church work. This upsurge in giving from people in like circumstances indicates confidence in the future and a growing love for the Lord's work. Seventh Day Baptists also gave well in August. They can do so in the remaining months of the year.

**MEMORY TEXT**

"Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord" (Jer. 17:5).

**Continuing Education**

The 1971-1972 *Continuing Education and Career Development Opportunities* brochure has arrived from Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois.

It lists lectures, workshops, and seminars on the seminary calendar from October 25, 1971, until the summer session that starts, August 11, 1972.

Seventh Day Baptist ministers who may be interested in attending one or more of these programs are urged to write to Continuing Education

Garrett Seminary  
2121 Sheridan Road  
Evanston, IL 60201

For possible financial aid, write for application blank to

S.D.B. Center for Ministerial Education  
Box 868  
Plainfield, NJ 07061

**Order Conference Tapes**

Did you know that you or your church can get the highlights of Conference on tape? K. Duane Hurley, experienced master of ceremonies, organized and produced each night a resume of the important events of the day using the voices, for the most part, of the speakers of the day. It is done on a seven inch reel at 3¾ IPS. Total time is two hours, but you can listen to as much or as little as you like. Copies of this tape will be made at \$2.50 plus postage by Calvin Babcock, RD 6, Box 173A., N. Little Rock, Arkansas 72118.

Another excellent one-hour tape features interviews with the SDBWF delegates and is MC'ed by Mynor Soper. The delegates not only tell about their countries, but also respond to questions about what is wrong with the way we are doing the Lord's work in our country. This tape also can be ordered from Calvin Babcock at cost — same price, same size and speed. Order now.





## And God Said . . .

Prophetic Anniversary Sermon

Sabbath Morning of General Conference

By Herbert E. Saunders

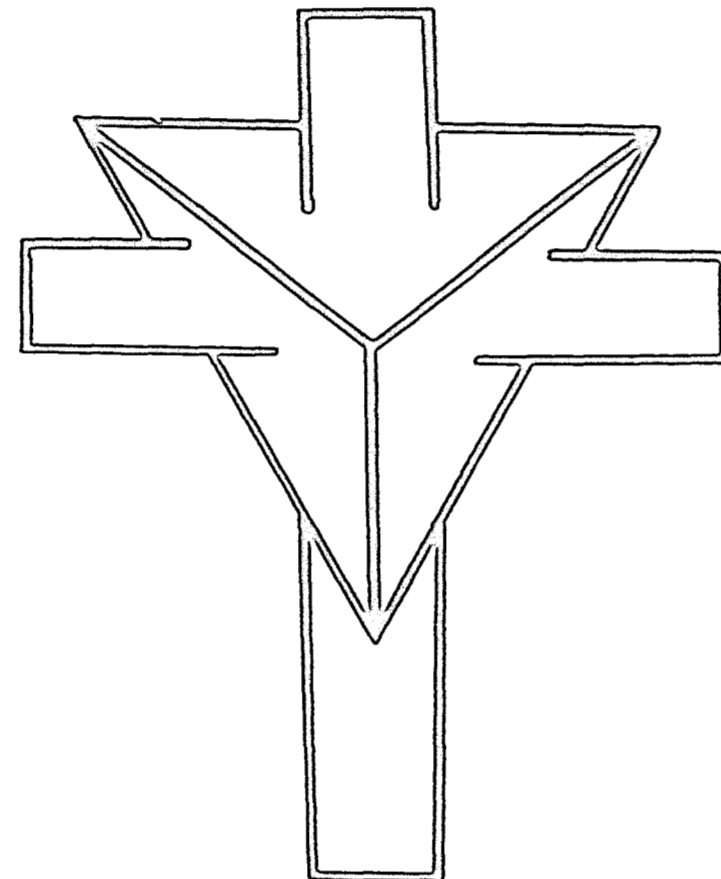
Continued from last week

“Seventh Day Baptists, you want to be a great servant people — turn to Me— let Me decide your fate. Give Me a chance to show you what I expect from you and can make you. You have a brilliant heritage and tremendous potential, but so long as you continue to hide your denominational head in the shifting sands of time, so long will it be before I can really use you. I want to use you, Seventh Day Baptists, because I know you search for truth wherever you find it. You recognize that I am the one God and Father of all men, and you call men to come to Me and find life. But you still have far to go to be what I want you to be. You’ve done so much, for which I am thankful, but you have so much yet to do. You are a mature people, but that maturity ought to call you into introspection and self-examination and instil within you the determination to really become ‘My people.’”

“I plead with you again, throw off the burden of worldliness that continues to plague you as individuals and as a people. Let selfishness be no more. Abhor anything evil and take a firm hold on the good. Determine here and now to *live*— really *live*, because the cross of Jesus Christ holds you fast. And I will bless you — I will give you a stability of mind and purpose that you have never known. I will strengthen your efforts and I will give you power such as you would never believe. And I will receive you unto Myself, that where I am, here you may be also. Come, Seventh Day Baptists, accept My offer, find security and *live*.”

“But,” continues the Lord, “There is a right ‘crossbar’ on that cross My Son bore, and as you see it emerging from the tetrahedron, remember that *faith* has brought you to this moment. It is the

‘faith of your fathers which still lives’ that you celebrate today. And that faith is centered in Jesus Christ — in the one who has taught you what life is to be



all about. What a joy it is for you to remember your past — to remember the great men and women of faith who have come to share eternity with Me. John James, Samuel, Joseph and Edward Stennett, Stephen Mumford, Samuel Ward, William C. Daland, A. H. Lewis, George B. Shaw, Arthur E. Main, A. J. C. Bond, Rosa Palmborg, Loyal F. Hurley and the countless others whom you have known and loved. But their lives are compromised and their efforts diminished unless the faith they held holds sway and finds expression in your lives and the life of your people. The past must be remembered as it renews the present — as a call to commitment which must be acted out in life today. I gave you my Son because I love you, and I ask you now to

come to Me in renewed faith and trust. And the harvest of your faith, as I once told Peter to tell you, will be the ‘salvation of your souls.’ Believe in Me and My Son and your faith shall live.

“But too often, oh My people, your faith has been very shallow. You act as if I am not even here. You call to Me in your times of need, and sometimes I feel like some kind of spiritual ambulance or religious rescue squad. I’m here, and I’m willing to do for you what I’ve always done for those who call upon Me, but you seldom call. You have too much faith in your own accomplishments, Seventh Day Baptists. You believe in your cause but you fail to recall that I am the source of your cause — that I am the one who made you what you are.

“I know you live in a world that changes too rapidly — a world that demands so much of everyone and everything. I know that times are hard and faith is difficult when pressures and struggles continue to bear down. I know that it is difficult to be courageous and hopeful in a fear-crazed world. I have a deep concern for you because I know what the burden of life can be like — and My heart weeps when I see you under such pressure. That’s why I can’t understand why you continue to hold Me off — why you take so little time to be with Me — why you refuse to let Me help you in your time of need. Your faith can be strong if you will let Me strengthen it. Your faith can be real if you will only let Me substantiate it for you. Your faith can bear the burdens of three hundred more years of continued service if you will only reach out to Me and trust Me. I can restore your faith in My world. I can restore your faith in the basic goodness of human flesh. I can make you what you want to really be, if you will only have faith in Me. Change your ways, my children, and come to Me with the deep desire to build a better life of faith for yourselves and for others. And the future will hold great promises because I ordain it. Remember, today is the first day of the rest of your life as a people— and faith can make it rich and joyful.

“Seventh Day Baptists, remember the ‘faith of your fathers.’ It brought you to

this moment just as those still unborn await your response to Me in faith. I sent My Son to strengthen that part of life you call faith, and I ask, that through you His life will be shared with others. Spread your faith, not because you have to, but because you cannot help it. You say you have faith — then live it, be a part of it, share it — that’s what I ask of you.”

Then the Lord said again, “Seventh Day Baptists, take another look at that cross. It has a left ‘crossbar.’ Two hands were spread out across it. Just as one reaches out in faith with one hand, so he must reach out in love with the other. What one receives one must also give. I love you so much that I was willing to share My Son with you — to live your common life, to teach you the way all men ought to live, to share the burdens and pains of human flesh, and to die once for all of you — for each one of you. It is not enough for Me just to tell you that I love you — I had to show the deep devotion of My heart. I made you and through My Son I also redeem you.

“But you have yet to really show My kind of love to others. You receive it, as you claim, by your faith, but you have yet to give it. What I need on this earth of Mine is a caring people — a people whose prime purpose in life is to love as Jesus, My Son loved you. I search the world over these days for that kind of love that gives without thought of reward or return. And I look to you. But I see the selfishness of your ways, and I know that it doesn’t yet exist here. You are more concerned about maintaining your pure strain than you are for loving people — regardless of who they are. I hear your eloquent words of love, but somehow they just don’t coincide with your actions. You have large mouths but small hearts. And what I don’t need in this selfish impersonal world, oh Seventh Day Baptists, is a people who can’t hear My plea to love.

“I love you, each of you. Is it too much to ask that you love Me, and love each other, and love those thousands out there who have never known any kind of love? ‘What my world needs now is love sweet love.’ I thought I taught you a lesson in

love two thousand years ago. I thought you heard what love is when John James gave his life for your cause. I thought you were listening when your Conference president just four years ago asked you to 'Open your hearts, loving.' Was I wrong, oh my people, or has it just taken this long to sink in? I need a caring people in this world today, won't you be my 'caring people'? It won't be easy. It will undoubtedly be exceptionally hard, because there is one thing that is certain, people in My world today think less than highly about those who care — those who really love. But I want you to be that people — I want you to play that role— I want you to reach out with open arms to embrace the human race, not because you desire some kind of eternal reward— but simply because you have listened to Me and dared to love. I want you to love, heedless of the consequences of expressing that love, oblivious to the cries of outrage that may block your way.

"Over two hundred years ago one of my servants of your people, a pastor of the German congregation in Ephrata, Peter Miller, heard that one of his worst enemies, a man who had hurt him several times by bitter words and angry accusations, had been imprisoned and sentenced to death by the Colonial armies for treason. He walked almost ninety miles to the headquarters of General Washington to plead for the life of the man. General Washington, refusing the request, commented to the old pastor that the man to die must have been a very good friend, to which the reply came, "No, he is my worst enemy." "Then the pardon is granted," declared the man who was to become your first President. That's the kind of love I seek — the kind of caring I want from you — the kind that pleads for the life even of enemies.

"My Seventh Day Baptist children, three hundred years have come and gone. There have been glimpses of love punctuating your past, and even expressions evident today, but what about tomorrow? I need a people whose essential purpose for existence is to love — sharing the message of My Son, Jesus Christ, because in Him is life — creating a world based upon the reality that I am love.

Will you be that people? I can't wait long for an answer. I need an answer now— but not one written in pen and ink, or mimeographed and distributed for everyone to read, or acted upon by some interest committee. I need an answer of the heart—from each of you individually as mature Christian people—and from your people, dedicated once and for all to being what I created you to be at the beginning of time. Will you be 'your brother's keeper' or do I have to look elsewhere? You have a unique history, my people — and how long it lasts will depend upon you. Let My Son take over that part of your life called "love" and let My Spirit fill you to overflowing that true love might indeed be the expression of your faith. I have great faith in you if you learn to love. Remember what My Son Jesus said to you? 'If anyone wishes to be a follower of mine, he must leave self behind; day after day he must take up his cross, and come with me. Whoever cares for his own safety is lost; but if a man will let himself be lost for My sake, that man is safe.' Seventh Day Baptists, be willing to give up your individual lives and life as a people for Me, then you will find out what it really means to be alive. Love one another, love those who observe you, and love Me and nothing will be able to stop you. Reach out, accept with the hand of faith the love of Christ, My Son, and in love, give it to others. Then you will have fulfilled the promise, and your life will be blessed."

Then the Lord continues, "Now, Seventh Day Baptists, I want you to look upward. The cross is not complete without the upper beam—the upright part which reaches upward to me and onward to greater things. It emerges quite significantly from that part of life you call hope. As the tetrahedron is not complete without its fourth side, so the cross of Christ is never complete as a symbol of your faith without the upper bar — hope. It is here that the message of your life in Me reaches its climax—'the hope that will never disappoint you.' You live your life in the world and you recognize that without My Son as the foundation upon which your life is built, there is nothing at all

—it is His Spirit that holds you up. You celebrate your past of faith, realizing, of course, that the strength of your faith resides in the genuineness of its expression in your life—that "faith without works is dead, being alone." You see yourselves in the present as a people who ought to love, without reservation, reaching out beyond your own lives into the core of life that is in others. But the joy and strength of your life is hope — is in the anticipation of what can be — is in the strength of a future that responds to the past and is made real by the present. And your hope — your confidence — your security — is to be found in Me.

"I have shared with you My concern, My people, because I desire for you the life that reaches beyond the bounds and limits of your human frailty. But now I wish to share with you the joy of My divine heart as I call you to a new awareness of what you are to be and to do. You have a tremendous future as individuals and as a people if you will make the adjustments necessary. I have great confidence in you, because I know what you can be, if you will only let Me make you into what I need.

"You have much to remind you of your possibilities — your potential. As a people you have been out front in many ways among My Christian fellowship. You've shown your cooperation with others. You have indicated a maturity in that you recognize potential and act accordingly. You are out front, as many of your contemporaries are saying, in the education of your leadership — in the training of My servants, your pastors. You carry the banner of My Sabbath as a symbol of the goodness of creation and life, the strength of spiritual and moral character and the hope for renewed unity among My world's people. You witness in places that no others have been able to go. Your voice is heard in places where no other group your size would dare even speak. Your youth are dynamic, alive and creative.

"You are known, Seventh Day Baptists, and you have a unique mission in My world. And I am certain that you have the potential and opportunity for even greater service. I honor you, My people, because you have thus often proven your-

selves capable of great efforts on my behalf.

"But I call you, My people, to even greater effort. You cannot afford to rest on the laurels of your past and hope to gain a future. You cannot ignore the present and your responsibility to it, blinded by a hope that only reaches into some eternity still unknown to you. As one of My servants so ably put it, 'It is a tragedy if by your neglect of today you enter eternity inexperienced.' My children, remember that hope resides in the activity of the moment — that eternity begins here and now and reaches out beyond what you can see. If you put your hope in Me — if you let Me live your life for you now, you can be assured that the future will hold great promise for you.

"I need you to serve Me now. I need individuals and a people *now* who put their trust in Me and live according to My divine plan. I need a people *now* who know that 'all things work together for good to those who love Me, who are called according to My divine purpose.'

"Seventh Day Baptists, I can instill within you a *hope* that transcends all the barriers of worldliness, past and present. I can give you a challenge of hope that will reach beyond the very limits of your human understanding and give you reason for continuing to exist. I can make you a dynamic people, a concerned people, a faithful people, a hopeful people, a living people, if you will only let Me.

"You want 'a hope that will never disappoint you'? Look to Me. Bear the burden of My life on earth today. Touch the lives of others with the message of reconciliation and life that I offer every creature of Mine. Feel people's needs, meet these needs with your calloused hands, search people's hearts and pick their minds and find that spark of hope that resides in each one and put Me there. Forget your selfish interests as individuals and, yes, as a people, and serve Me without thought of tomorrow — tomorrow will take care of itself, for I am in control. You say you believe in Me — you claim three hundred years of service — now you have the opportunity to prove it.

"Oh My people, I need you — I need your mature Christian lives committed



### Missionary Grandmother Honored

Some mothers and grandmothers are more motherly and grandmotherly than others. Some who have other qualities and skills are best known for the motherly characteristics that they have cultivated. So it is with Frankie Davis who was honored in absentia by the Women's



Board at their annual banquet at Conference. Here we see the Robe of Achievement being pinned on Susan Davis Bond, a granddaughter, by Made-

once and for all to My service. I need your ingenuity, your talent, your creativity, your experience. I need your desire, your concern, your faith, your love. Give them to Me, Seventh Day Baptists, don't hold out any longer. 'It only takes a spark to get a fire going.' My children, I offer you that spark today. Make Christ the sole motivator of your life — let His life control you in every side of your life. Respond to Me and My Son, and see what We will do for you. Then, my children, you will inherit eternity, having received the 'hope that will never disappoint you.'"

line Randolph, president of the board.

Mrs. Davis was not picked just because of outstanding abilities or just because she is on the mission field serving a "daughter" Seventh Day Baptist Conference in Jamaica. Part of the reason for selecting her for the honor this year was because of the quality of service that she has rendered and continues to render although she is widowed and could have gone into retirement. She mothered her own children in ways that made them unusually appreciative and loyal. She took on numerous grandchildren inviting the older ones to come to Jamaica one at a time when she did not feel that she could leave her work to come home and visit them. Now her granddaughter Susie who tearfully represented her at the robing has children of her own, making Mrs. Davis a great-grandmother.

There are not many great-grandmothers on the mission field in any denomination, much less a small denomination like ours. The devotion to the task and the sense of need keeps Mrs. Davis serving without pay in Jamaica. Her motherliness, which was so much appreciated in the Plainfield church and in the Publishing House before she went to Jamaica with her husband upon his retirement from the principalship of the city schools, went with her to the Caribbean Island. Students and ministers needed an understanding mother who could get things done. They found such a one in "Sister" Davis.

It is not a case of serving beyond one's time or tying children too long with the apron strings, but of continuing to render valuable service where it is most needed. Here is a great example of a woman who became a missionary mother after she became a grandmother. It is no wonder that the younger women chose to honor her with this "Robe of Achievement."

#### Three R's

Whether it is true or not, much of the American public believes that the three R's that are preeminent on the campus today are "raiding, rioting, and revolution," and this belief has done nothing to increase college support, financial or otherwise. — Ralph A. Phelps, Jr.

### Home Field Statistics

In reviewing the quarterly reports of missionary pastors for the first six months of this year, some striking totals are discovered.

Statistics are shared under two headings, Pastoral Services, which relate the weeks of work, sermons, prayer meetings and attendances at Sabbath services, pastoral calls, baptisms and the number added to the church. The second heading is Extension and Growth. This includes meetings the church evangelistic committee held, evangelistic calls (pastor), evangelistic calls (laymen), evangelistic literature distributed, decisions for Christ made, and rededication of members.

At the present time there are eight churches receiving aid in the support of a pastor. Four of these are in large urban areas and four are in rural areas. The newest was organized in 1968 and the oldest will soon be celebrating its 190th year of existence.

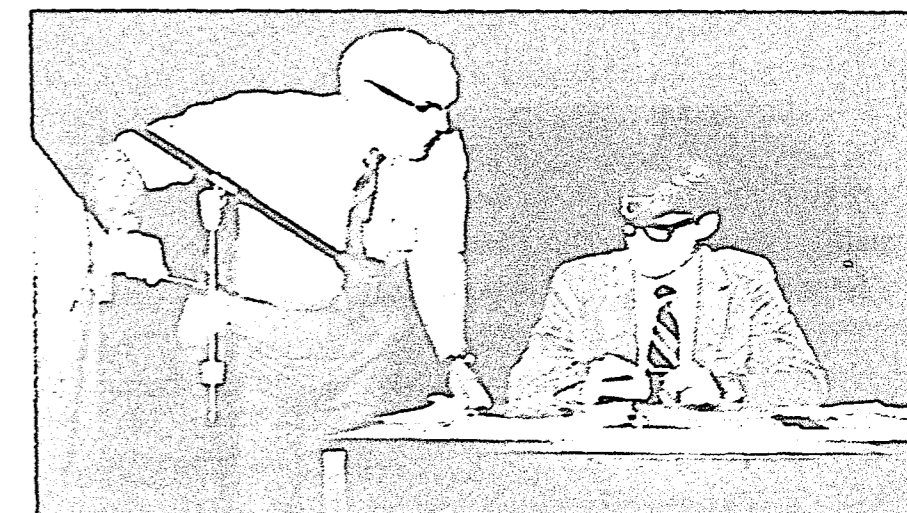
Some people are interested not so much in the ongoing work and ministry to the members of the church but rather in how many are being baptized and added to the church. How many decisions are there made for Christ? How many people have rededicated their lives to Him? It is these statistics we want to share with you. In the six months ending June 30, the missionary pastors reported that these churches had recorded 30 decisions for Christ. They recorded 47 individuals who had rededicated their lives to Him. There were 13 baptisms and 22 members received into the fellowship of these churches.

These are not startling figures or ones to brag about but they do indicate growth and outreach. We hope that they indicate a beginning of a movement in these and others of our churches as the Holy Spirit is moving to bring people to a knowledge of Christ and into the fellowship of His Body.

Let us praise the Lord for these reports. Let us continue to pray that God will move in the hearts and lives of all of His people that through them fruit might be borne. Let us remember especially

the missionary pastors who are serving in these areas as they seek to meet the challenge and the problems of their parish. Let us continue to give faithfully to Our World Mission, for it is through such giving that these men are enabled to give their all in these areas in the work of the Lord.

### Advice Needed by President



Those who attended Conference this year will recall with appreciation this picture of Dr. Steve Thorngate, president, seeking the advice of his parliamentarian, young Jim Skaggs. The president did things a little more efficiently than other presiding officers. Whenever there was business to be transacted that might become complicated President Thorngate had his knowledgeable junior assistant right at his elbow on the platform. He could turn away from the microphone and get a quick answer on procedure if it was needed. There were not many complications this year and little time was wasted — partly because of good planning and good spirit, but partly because the president turned to the parliamentarian whenever in doubt of the status of the motion on the floor.

"Youth of today have one thing in common with Jesus Christ — their hatred of sham," a college president told graduating students of a theological seminary.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 9, 1971

GOD CREATES A COMMUNITY

Lesson Scripture: Exodus 19:1-8; 1 Peter 2:9-10.

### Correct Figures; False Impressions

It is sometimes said that figures don't lie but that liars do figure. Like other trite sayings it falls short of the whole truth. As a matter of fact, the quoting of figures, correct as they may be, often leaves a false impression by design. The person who has an ax to grind is likely to quote statistics that favor his position and put the other side in a bad light. The reader often has to do his best to line up another set of figures to balance the ones quoted. This is particularly true in the continuing struggle between capital and labor or between political parties.

Take the case of George Meany, president of AFL-CIO, whose views on labor and social betterment differ widely from those of the President. In a recent speech (and Mr. Meany is always speaking) he lists a number of things showing the terrible state of the national economy about which the present administration is allegedly doing too little. The longer the list, the more conclusive the arguments. One statement is that the number of people who live in poverty has grown to over 25 million. He doesn't point out that by a stroke of the pen millions can be added to the poverty roll. It makes a difference whether you arbitrarily set the poverty level at \$3,000 or \$4,000 income or somewhere in between. Other figures could be quoted to show considerable progress in the national war on poverty. An increasing population also increases the number in various categories. To say that 5,000,000 workers are unemployed does not recognize the fact that the percentage of unemployment has been dropping in recent months. The charge that the President was doing nothing to create jobs lost its punch when Mr. Nixon the same day declared he was signing such a bill.

Figures are quoted showing that unemployment among blacks is 10 percent, among teen-agers 17 percent, and among returning GI's 13 percent. All of this is bad, but it could be expected to be much worse. There has been a great cry to get the men out of Vietnam. It takes time to absorb them. The blacks also are getting preferential treatment and are at

last making some inroads into construction unions.

The National Association of Manufacturers of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce would pick out other figures than those quoted by the president of AFL-CIO and could show that business is trying hard to do what it can for a stronger national economy in a time when the labor force is increasing and the market for American-made goods is decreasing. There is difference of opinion as to who is to blame for our loss of overseas markets and the influx of foreign made products. It is a question of who selects the figures to quote. Mr. Meany notes that nearly all radios sold in the United States are imported and that auto imports now comprise 20 percent of the U.S. market. It could be observed that some of the countries that a generation ago had to be carried on our backs are now taking care of themselves by selling their goods to us.

Far be it from the present writer to pose as an economic analyst or advisor, especially on the pages of this religious periodical. We may point out, however, that state socialism, toward which labor leaders and others are trying to lead us is not necessarily the Christian answer to our problems. The cause of most of our frictions is the basic sin of selfishness practiced by individuals, groups, and nations, and for which applied Christianity is the cure. For these many years we in America have felt that we have a right to live better than all others. Minorities and emerging nations are now challenging the assumption that people of one nation have a right to live ten times or a hundred times better than people of other countries who work harder and have the same basic needs. Our protective trade walls are beginning to crumble.

What is the Christian attitude? As the world shrinks and all men become our neighbors through improved means of communication, can we continue to live in affluence when almost all of the people of other lands would consider themselves wealthy at half of our stated poverty level? Is it not possible that Christianity will impel us to accept a lower standard of living so that others may at least exist?

Eventually there must be a leveling even if it hurts. It will hurt more if we continue our selfish ways and all the deprived of the world rise up against us. There is enough to go around for many years to come. Of course, the Christian solution of the ills of the world includes missionary work in other countries. They, too, must become Christians if they are to overcome their basic selfishness and we are to live together in harmony.

—L. M. M.

### SDB PUBLICITY

Many delegates to our General Conference at Amherst, Massachusetts, may have met Miss Anne Eggebroten who was sent there by the news editor of *Christianity Today* to cover our 300th anniversary celebration for that interdenominational magazine which is probably more widely read by religious leaders than any other.

Miss Eggebroten spent several days at Conference (more than she intended) in order to catch the spirit of our gathering. Her article is interestingly written and shows carefulness in factual matters. It should bring our denominational witness to the thoughtful attention of many who have not had occasion to read the news of Seventh Day Baptist work.

The American Sabbath Tract Society has carried a small ad in *Christianity Today* which brought quite a number of requests for literature.

### Tape Requests Filled

There were many requests for certain portions of the Conference program filed with Fred Ayars, chairman of the Audio and Visual Services Committee of the Tract Board. They were mostly for sermons, although some were for other parts of the celebration. Mr. Ayars informs us that the copies have been made and sent out. Most of the requests were for cassettes, indicating that many now have such equipment. To fill these orders, he purchased more than \$30 worth of cassettes — which are more expensive than regular tape reels. The service is

offered free but materials and postage need to be reimbursed.

Requests for Highlights of Conference and the interviews with SDBWF delegates should be sent to Calvin Babcock at Little Rock, Arkansas. See notice elsewhere in this issue.

### Accessions

#### BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

By Baptism:  
Charles H. Aurand

By Testimony:  
David L. Roberts

#### MARLBORO, N. J.

By Letter:  
Darrell Gilson  
Mrs. Darrell (Harriet C.) Gilson

### Marriages

Dalton - Smith.— Billie Ralph Dalton and Brenda Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Smith, of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage in the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, August 21, 1971, by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, pastor of the bride.

Doll - Smith.— Adrian ("Art") Doll, son of Anton Doll of Spokane, Wash., and Kay L. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Emerson, Milwaukee, Ore., were united in marriage at the sanctuary used by the Seattle Area Seventh Day Baptist Church in Des Moines, Wash., by Pastor Duane L. Davis, on Sept. 11, 1971.

Gregg - Cox.— Laurence Dale Gregg, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Gregg, Nehawka, Nebr., and Maris Jane Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cox, North Loup, Nebr., were united in marriage Aug. 21, 1971, at the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, officiating.

Lawrence - Freeman.— William Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawrence, and Shirley Ann Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman, were united in marriage at the home of Joseph Freeman, Jr., the bride's brother, on August 7, 1971, by the Rev. Charles Bond.

### Births

Fogg.— A son, Peter Scott, to Peter and Karen (Peterson) Fogg, on July 25, 1971, at Bridgeton, N. J.

Tayvinsky.— A son, George Albert, to Robert and Carol (Nelson) Tayvinsky, on June 12, 1971, at Bridgeton, N. J.



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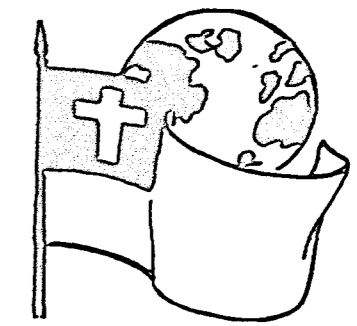
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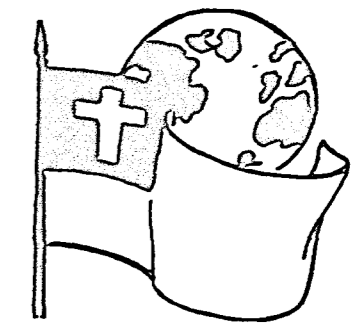
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