

The Sabbath Recorder

I'll Walk Tomorrow A Book Review

To write a book with such a title is quite an achievement for Roger Winter, a man now in his forties who has not walked since college days when he was struck by polio and has not been able to move hand or foot since that time. But he has written this paperback of 112 pages published by Warner Press. He types on a specially equipped typewriter operated with a slender stick held in his teeth. The titles come from the last sentence in the book, "It matters not that I may not walk today, for with Christ I'll walk tomorrow."

When Roger was in high school and starting college he did not speak of walking with Christ. He had no knowledge of nor time for God. He was an athlete in three major sports determined that his weight (140 pounds) and small stature could be compensated for. When paralyzed by polio and unable even to breathe without an iron lung or respirator, he was as rebellious as any. Eventually through the nurse whom he later married he came to a knowledge of Christ and a life of Christian influence and achievement.

This book is more than a story of how one man overcame the most severe handicap; it is the philosophy of a man whose life was changed by Christ. Its value lies in its application to the rest of us who think we have nothing to offer or are too busy to get involved in the work of the church. Here is an evening's reading that will stay with you for many a day and inspire you to use your talents.

The former athlete who now from his

wheelchair coaches church basketball teams when not on speaking engagements writes thus on page 111:

I can truthfully say that I have overcome the stigma of being completely paralyzed. Though I cannot lift a finger or breathe without conscious effort or mechanical aid, I am content in knowing there is much more to life. In each chapter of this book I have shared experiences and philosophies based upon which I find life victorious. Each chapter-theme—attitudes, freedoms, witnessing, God's will, healing by grace, problems, church involvement, generousness — is integrated into my relationships with God and with my fellowman. It is here that I now "play to win"!

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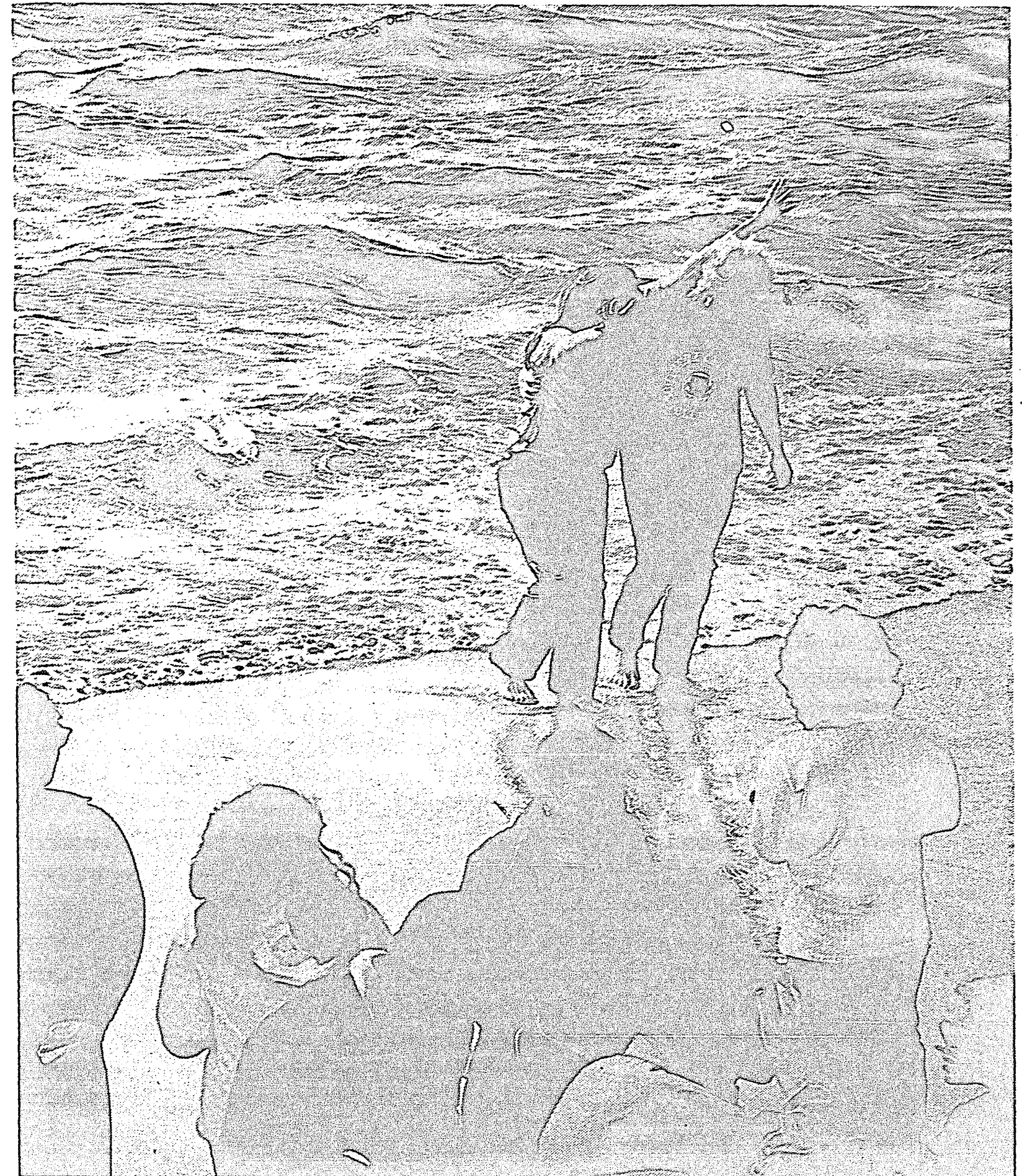
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Theology and Technology

A number of scholarly papers were prepared for a high level Exploratory Conference on Technology and the Future of Man and Society that was convened in December of 1970. Those papers and the responses to them are still interesting reading although a bit difficult for the layman (like me) in this field.

Among those deeply involved in the conference was Harvey Cox who has much to say about *The Secular City* and technology as related to theology. He has his own well-recognized theological emphasis which is considered quite modern. He responded to the papers on technology at the above-mentioned Conference making some remarks that he said would come as a surprise to those who were familiar with his writings. What he said was that he did not believe that the future is going to be very secular. We quote:

"It is a rather dramatic religious renaissance, both in western countries and certainly in some of the non-western countries." He goes on to say, "Professor Mills says a secular future is not necessarily bad. I would say that a religious future may not be necessarily good. If another religious renaissance happens, I think one of the first words is, which? What should the relationship of the Church be to the issues raised both with reference to technology and non-technological issues where where many of these movements have a kind of neo-romantic, anti-technological quality?"

The theologian, analyzing the present trend away from science in religious thinking, throws in another bomb when he says that the way the church should relate to any kind of society "is not by being all that relevant." He may be right. He continues, "At times the church can be so in step with the times that no one notices it. To be a little out of step with one's time is to call some attention to the way in which the steps are moving. One of my criticisms of the church would be that at points we have not been sufficiently out of step with the time."

On another subject Harvey Cox had some words of analysis. The following is worth pondering, "I do not think we should have too much of an expectation

about the WCC. Its major influence has been through the stimulation of thinking and ideas. But we may be entering a phase in the history of the Church in which the major innovations will come not from ecumenical conferences (although some may indeed come from there), but from inventive local breakthroughs, where a particular small group at a local level does something different, and creates something of a new marvel which might be emulated in other places."

Internationalizing Jerusalem

Much publicity has been given recently to putting Jerusalem under international control. Some are advocating that such internationalization under the United Nations be a part of the hoped-for peace settlement in the Middle East. Before accepting this as a worthy goal one should examine the sources of the proposal and evaluate the probable results.

The proposal does not come from Rome but from an organized Muslim-Christian pressure group. The idea has been endorsed recently in the editorials on *L'Osservatore Romano*, the official Vatican newspaper. It has been charged that Israel has been trying to "Judaize" the city and is "suffocating" its Christian and Muslim population.

The Rev. Franklin H. Little of Temple University and a large ad hoc committee released a statement from Jerusalem on June 10 praising the state of Israel for its behavior in making the holy places of Jerusalem available to all claiming, "It has achieved the main purpose of internationalization, which is to provide protection and free access to the holy places for all." The statement pointed out that the United Nations "now includes a large proportion of officially atheistic countries, or countries which have no interest in or ties to the holy places of Christianity, Judaism, or Islam." The clear implication is that Israel might continue to do a more sympathetic job of protecting. Moreover, the Christian leaders argued, "internationalization has never worked, and the world has had its fill of divided cities."

In addition, the Christian leaders re-

futed the charge that the Christian Arab population in Israel was decreasing. They pointed out that "since the end of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, the Christian and Muslim population of Israel has more than doubled" and that "in Jerusalem, the non-Jewish total (Christian and Muslim) has increased steadily in the last three years."

In evaluating the proposals for returning the old city to Arab or to international control, one must differentiate if possible between religious and political motivations on both sides. It must be remembered that the holy places were not available to Christians or Jews before the six-day war. Immediately afterward the barriers came down and the city is open to all.

The Gospel on the Air

From time to time the editor has mentioned the Far East Broadcasting Company in order for our readers to get a larger vision of the gospel work, especially in the Orient. In some respects this gospel broadcasting company performs a function like that of the Bible societies. It renders a service to all missionary organizations and all local churches in the vast area that it covers. It does not aspire to being a denomination or a church. Probably it cannot be quite as unbiased as the American Bible Society, which is pledged to publish the Scriptures without note or comment, but its message is gospel centered and strictly undenominational or interdenominational.

For a whole generation the work of the Far East Broadcasting Company has been expanding its borders through the faithful support of people regardless of their church affiliation. Undoubtedly the increase in receptivity that missionaries and native workers are finding is due in considerable measure to the continuing proclamation of the gospel on the air in lands where comparatively few have any other way of regularly hearing the Bible message. This means that our missionary work in half the world covered by FEBC stations should be easier and more fruit-

MEMORY TEXT

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

ful. When the Bible is read, the Sabbath becomes known and interest in it is bound to increase. When the gospel is preached over the air (even without any Sabbath emphasis), it creates a love for the Bible and a desire to do the will of God as found in the Word of God. For that reason we take an interest in it and feel compelled to pray for God's blessing on such an enterprise.

The magnitude of the work of this, the world's largest missionary broadcasting program, is almost beyond comprehension. So said a group of people who recently had the opportunity to observe it in various parts of the Far East. Robert H. Brown, president, recounts what one well-informed friend of long standing said. After visiting stations and studios in San Francisco, Japan, Okinawa, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Korea, and after having read all the published material about the FEBC remarked, "Nothing you have said prepared me for what I saw in existing FEBC installations. It was fantastic. I was not prepared for the size, the scope, the development of the FEBC radio ministry.

One of the staff members from the home office, A. Reid Japson, also made the tour of the Far East and reports on the scope of it in a fresh brochure as follows:

The director and staff in FEBC's Japan studios provided charts and statistics to show the rapidly increasing letter response to prayerfully produced Japanese language programs.

In Hong Kong (4,300 people to the acre!) the story was the same—success in spite of difficulties, letters from behind the "curtain," censorship notwithstanding. Quality personnel and talented specialists all "work together for the good" of the biggest of all worlds, the Chinese world! Okinawa has three radio stations working smoothly with consecrated engineers and programmers. Primary languages used:

Chinese, Japanese and English. Manila is the main outpost overseas. Its library of 30,000 tapes in forty languages must be a world's record! It is a beehive of activity with nearly 200 missionaries and associates from many countries (mostly Filipinos). Overseas and local broadcasts are beamed from sixteen stations in the Philippines. The Lord's hand of blessing is very evident upon FEBC with its twenty-two transmitters. Remarkably unique is the fact that about three-fourths of the 400 FEBC people are trained nationals from around the world.

Blood for the Cause of Christ

When we quote such Scriptures as "The blood of Christ cleanses all sin," we are in the realm of theology and voicing the doctrine that has put hope into the hearts of countless people conscious of their woeful shortcomings. The blood of Christ shed for the remission of sin is the heart of the gospel.

The blood of missionaries has been shed for the cause of Christ in lands where the people could not yet understand such Biblical expressions as "The love of Christ constrains us." The day of martyrs is not past, though not many missionaries are now lost to cannibals.

There is another story of the shedding of blood for a cause. Last December there was a great missionary and evangelistic conference at Urbana, Ill., sponsored by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Not all who attended were Christians. Some even said that they came to protest. Among those who attended were a number of black students from Detroit. They had not intended to come but the way was opened up through the blood—the blood of members of the IVCF Chapter on the campus of the University of Michigan. These young people sold their blood to pay the expenses of their black brothers.

The results of the IVCF missionary conference in changed lives and lives dedicated to the service of Christ made these Michigan students feel that in a measure they, too, had given their blood for the cause of Christ. One student decision card read, "Thank you for helping me fully discover Christ and completely give my life to Him!"

Conference Publicity

General Roundup

In covering the myriad details of Conference for the benefit of the public, many things are perhaps left out or not explained explicitly enough. This is a short roundup of little odds and ends that the host committee is concerned about, so that the details will fill in some of the gaps in previously published articles.

Although meals are at individual option, the University has graciously added another option: a meal ticket for the week at \$25. This ticket covers all meals except the banquets and the Friday pilgrimage, so that there will be no duplication for persons attending. Dining will be in Franklin Commons, just a block from the Campus Center and midway between that and the dormitory. Banquets for the Women's Board and the youth require advance reservation so that the chefs can be alerted as to number attending and facilities can be readied for them. Because of this, all who plan to attend these special functions are urged to make it known immediately upon registering.

The dormitory assigned is now firm, and quarters for the delegates will be available in Cashin Dormitory, just about two blocks from the Campus Center where most activity will be. It is modern and well-equipped, and has washer and dryer equipment in the laundry; it has a basement recreation room, lounges and a kitchenette.

Rooms in the dormitory are arranged in suites that include three bedrooms, a lounge and bath so that six, seven or eight persons can be accommodated in each suite depending on the assignment and occupation of the rooms. It is suggested that delegates sign up early if they are in large groups, big families, or have special friends they wish to be near during the week.

For those who drive, use Interstate 91, taking Exit 19 at Northampton which turns onto Route 9 leading directly to Amherst.

If your child is school age, you'd better start doing your drug homework.

—from an ad

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Rex E. Zwiebel

Field Education Future

"The Association of Chicago Theological Schools recently engaged in research of opinions of 1967 graduates and 1969 seniors, for a consultation on field education. Divinity School people were tiny minority samples in the polled group. Sixty-seven percent of the graduates expected to remain in the profession five years from now; eight percent did not; twenty-five percent did not know. Seniors hoped for multiple staff situations in interracial communities; graduates were usually working along, in white middle class settings.

"Preaching, Christian education, counseling, and community action were desired components in training for the future.

"The Divinity School has been working for two years to adapt its pioneering Doctor of Ministry Program both to current needs of ministry and to the resources and mind-casts of this institution. That task is nearing completion."

—Alumni, May 1971
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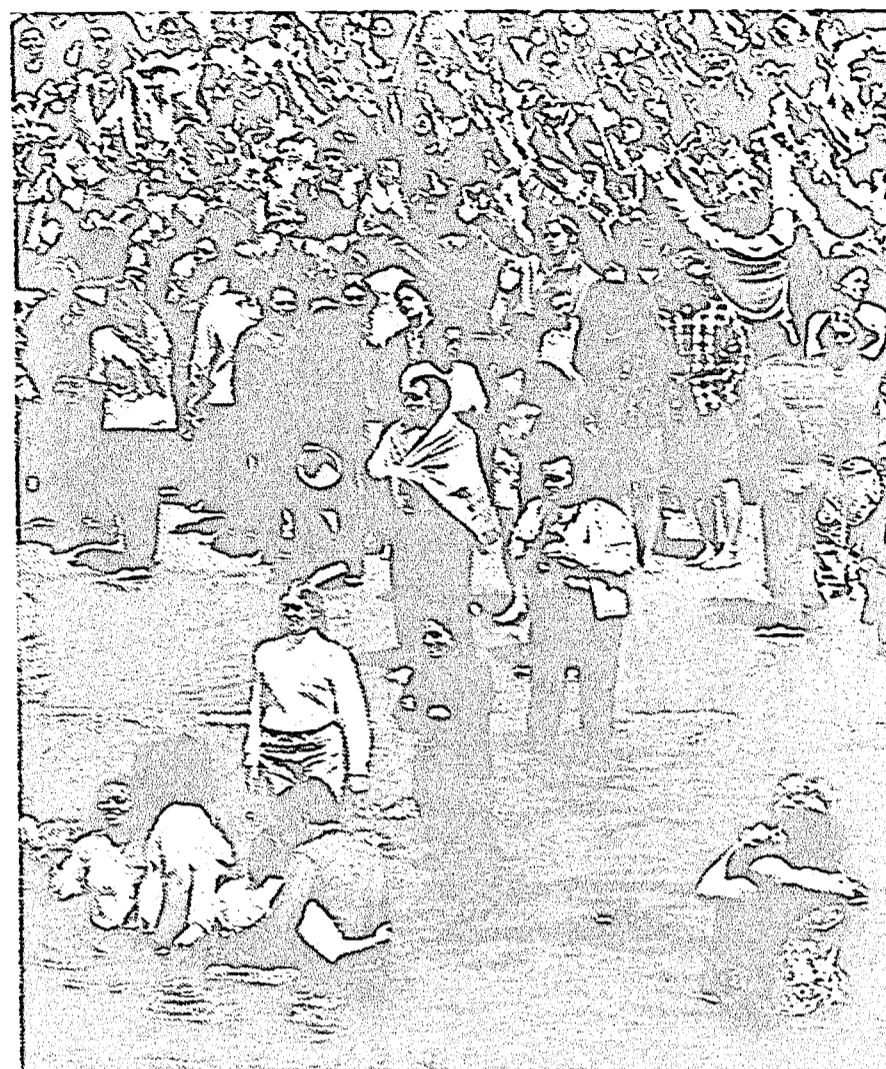
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Jesus Movement Sweeps On



Baptism in the Pacific Ocean

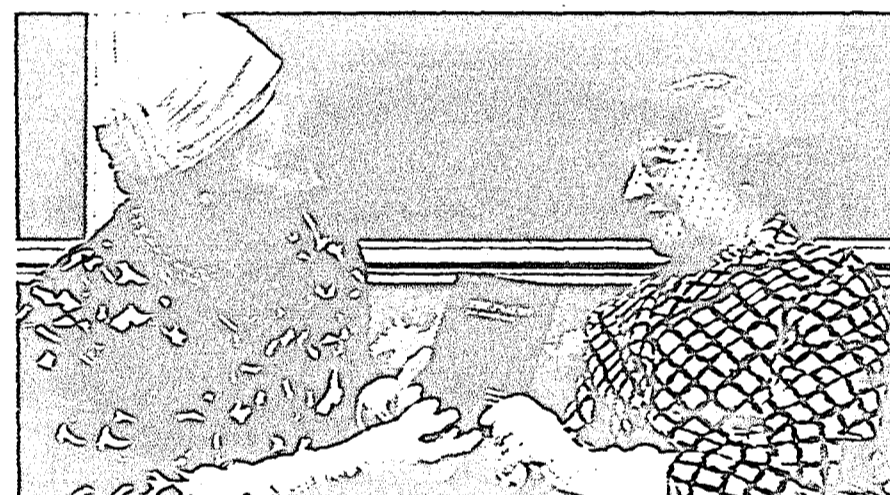
Recently we printed two brief articles on the Jesus Movement because this is one of the most newsworthy stories of 1971. *Home Missions* magazine gave over almost all of its enlarged June-July issue of seventy-eight pages to articles and large pictures showing the great joy that young people across the land are finding in a new relationship to Christ.

Will the movement burn itself out with the intense heat of such high experiences? Whether or not it lasts as a movement it is real for the moment and is transforming many lives. Dallas Lee reporting the "electric revival" asks, "Will it roll into or around the churches?" One church leader is willing to be quoted, "If we bend a little we'll see the greatest revival there's ever been . . . If it goes down, the churches blew it." Another headline statement in *Home Missions* in the revival article hits the eye, "Many churches are reeling; they were headed toward social action when the kids went ripping past—racing the opposite way."

No wonder the churches are reeling;

they had just gotten around to responding to the social action ideals (or extremes) that the student generation seemed to be crying for. Now it seems that a vast number of college youth are fed up with demonstrations for civil rights and such like; they are now caught up with the love of Jesus and want to demonstrate that with gospel-rock music, Bible studies and the other things that go with a transformed life. Just as the churches attempted to get with the social action bit they must now get with the Jesus movement and really appreciate the depth of religious experience that is manifested and can be channeled into constructive work in the years to come.

Favorite Psalms of Favorite Women



Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower (left), and Mrs. J. C. Penney, widow of the late chain store executive, disclosed their favorite Psalms during a recent meeting in New York. The former First Lady said the Ninety-first Psalm is her favorite and cited the eleventh verse: "God will put his angels in charge of you, to protect you wherever you go" (Today's English Version). Mrs. Penney's favorite, Psalm 121, begins in the same version: "I look to the mountains; where will my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." The two Psalms were read after Mrs. Penney presented Mrs. Eisenhower with a red leather-bound copy of "The Psalms for Modern Man," a gift from the American Bible Society.

MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

Secretary Lawton Arrives in Malawi

After departing from New York Airport on Thursday, June 17, and after visiting with the Seventh Day Baptist brethren at Curitiba, Brazil, on Sabbath, June 19, the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, executive vice-president of the Missionary Society, arrived at Blantyre, Malawi, on Wednesday, June 23. He ran into flight difficulties enroute and so arrived later than had been expected. He wrote:

"Pan American Airlines had sent word I would be coming on the first direct flight (from Salisbury, Rhodesia, to Blantyre) arriving Wednesday p.m. even though I had no confirmed seat. I phoned Bettie Pearson when I arrived in town and she picked me up. We had our 'welcome' service late that afternoon with pastors, students and the missionaries all here. It was a service of praise and thanksgiving led by Pastor Mataka. Pastor Mungoni spoke and others prayed. The Conrods and Sarah Becker were up from Makapwa so it was quite an occasion.

"Yesterday a journey to the country was planned and carried through. We left about 7:30, driving by the new Blantyre church building, and drove south about seventy miles to the church at Mpheza, arriving at the set hour of 10 a.m. service and discussions lasted until about 1 p.m. This is the home area for Pastor Manani, and his brother is one of the church leaders. It is served by a student from Likubula (not yet ordained). Local problems were presented and considered. Bettie had packed us a lunch which we enjoyed. On the return journey we stopped briefly at Lengwe Nyala National Park where we saw a few Nyala antelope and some baboons. We arrived back 'home' for a 7 p.m. supper which Bettie had ready. Pastors Mataka and Nantikwa travelled with us.

"A meeting of the mission family is set for Sunday at Makapwa. Today we're in town doing several things and tomorrow (Sabbath) we will travel to the central region for services at Nthinda."

Our Prayer Corner

Pray for:

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

1) The chosen representatives of many Seventh Day Baptist Conferences of the world coming to the SDBWF meeting in Westerly and the other leaders who carry on the work in their absence.

2) The large delegation expected at Conference in this 300th anniversary year, that all may be as conscious of the seriousness of our mission as the foreign representatives appear to be.

3) That all of us may be willing to make sacrifices for the best things and that we may be given to see clearly what things are most important in the sight of God.

4) A greater appreciation of and generosity for all those of like faith who do not have quite the same background and emphasis as that to which we are accustomed.

New Tract Valued

A special delivery letter came to the office of the Tract Society at Plainfield recently. It was from a man who had evidently picked up a Sabbath tract at the hamburger stand of Frank Brown on U. S. Highway 1. Mr. Brown distributes many Sabbath and gospel tracts as he visits with his customers. Only recently has he had a supply of our new tract, "Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of a Spirit-Filled Sabbath?" A copy of this tract was enclosed in the special delivery letter mentioned above.

The new reader enclosed a \$4.00 donation and asked that we send him as many of these booklets as we could for that amount. The small seed sown is being multiplied manyfold as this man supplies himself with more tracts than the complete stock of the man who gave him the Sabbath booklet.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

July 24, 1971

WHY THE FAMILY?

Lesson Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31;
Genesis 2:18-25

Recent Developments in the Soviet Jewish Problem

By Lawrence A. Shepp*

Coincident with the expected opening of still another round of anti-Semitic show trials in Kishinev, a commission of civic and religious leaders met on June 22, 1971 at the Carnegie Endowment Center in New York City to conduct an inquiry into the rights of Soviet Jews. Aided by Nobel laureate, George Wald, Bayard Rustin chaired the Commission, which heard testimony from (among many others): a) Sovietologist John A. Armstrong, b) Ephraim Margolin, American lawyer who recently met with some of the relatives of the defendants and reported their open demands for acquittal, c) Alexander Gittelsohn, Jewish activist and recent emigrant from USSR to Israel. There were about fifty invited listeners at the hearings which were not open to the general public.

Armstrong pointed out that the Ukrainian Catholics and Jehovah's Witnesses are even more restricted than religious Jews in their worship. The experts stated that these and other groups are illegal because they refuse to cooperate with the government to a relatively extreme degree. Other groups, Armstrong pointed out, particularly the Russian Orthodox, are permitted at least a national organization. Judaism, he stated, is officially legal but no nationwide organization comparable to that allowed the Orthodox or Muslim is permitted.

Further, the number of synagogues is grossly inadequate, training of rabbis is virtually impossible, ritual objects and books are extremely difficult to obtain. He further states that the official attacks on all religions are particularly invidious for the Jews because they reinforce strong traditions of anti-Semitism reaching back to prerevolutionary times.

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Thus every evidence of Jewish religious practice tends to jeopardize the position of all Soviet Jews, religious or not, whereas the Orthodox Christian who chooses to participate his religion at great personal self-sacrifice exposes his avowedly atheist relatives to little if any risk of reprisal. The devout Jew, on the other hand, can confess his faith only by risking the well-being of those dear to him.

The Jew who is an atheist and loyal Communist and who desires only to assimilate into Soviet society is also unable to accomplish his desires because, in Armstrong's words, every person of Jewish heritage is officially and irrevocably identified as a Jew. This identification is accomplished by issuing, at age sixteen, an internal passport identifying Jews as members of the Jewish nationality, which must be displayed on innumerable occasions, even to obtain a library card. Thus the numerous anti-Semites in positions of hiring, etc., have a simple and positive identification of their victims. Although all passports show the bearer's nationality, Russian, Ukrainian, etc., the effect of the passport is peculiarly invidious upon Jews, leading to quotas on Jewish employment in official agencies and admission to higher educational institutions. From time to time the Soviet press becomes filled with attacks on Jews as a tainted biologic element, says Armstrong.

Large numbers of Soviet Jews want to emigrate to Israel and have been openly petitioning and demonstrating in recent months to attain this goal. This is in spite of the fact that demonstrations are forbidden in the USSR and are severely punished, that applications for exit visas mean certain loss of employment and severe danger to family and friends, and in spite of (or perhaps because of) the systematic government attempts to destroy the culture and unity of the Jews by not permitting the study of either Yiddish

or Hebrew, or their cultural expressions as language, literature, or theater.

It was reported by Gittelsohn that Jews are now receiving visas for emigration to Israel and that 2,000 have emigrated since January despite the absence of diplomatic relations with Israel, Arab complaints, a selling price of \$900/Jew, and continuing propaganda attacks by the Soviets on Israel as a Nazi state and on Moshe Dayan as a new Adolph Hitler. Although only certain Jews from certain larger cities are granted exit visas, the recent outflux of Jews is very encouraging compared with the situation a few years ago. Without referring explicitly to the Jewish Defense League, Gittelsohn explained the recent increases in Jewish emigration as the result of public opinion and protest in the West on the situation of the Jews in the USSR and said that the Soviets are very conscious of the image and especially sensitive to complaints of foreign Jewish Communists and Socialists. The recent wave of anti-Semitism, beginning with the six-day war and culminating in the hijacking trials in Leningrad, are now considered a serious error by the Soviets, said Gittelsohn.

Asked by Armstrong for some explanation of how the Soviets choose the Jews who receive exit visas, for there are many valuable young people as well as Jewish activists and elderly, Gittelsohn replied that some attempt seems to have been made to choose people whose professions are not particularly valuable to Israel. To another question about the Kremlin's thinking processes, Gittelsohn replied that a real Russian soul would not even ask such a question, referring to the inscrutability of many Soviet practices. Another colorful exchange took place when attorney Joel Sprayregen asked how a non-Jew whose last name was Rabinovich would be treated. Came Gittelsohn's reply — "like a Rabinovich."

The Kishinev trials continue—perhaps because of the bureaucratic machinery already set in motion, perhaps more ominous things are in store. Our prayers are with the brave Jews of Kishinev, who have since been sentenced to labor camps for one to five years.

Letters from India

The mail from the Rev. B. John V. Rao, secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of India, continues to be interesting, informative, and spiritually refreshing. It is not surprising that there is frequent mention of the financial problems that go with the extension of a large work and the maintenance of a large family.



The most recent letter enclosed a snapshot of part of the family. Although it is not as sharp as might be desired (as snapshots go), it is an interesting group. The older children were away at school when this was snapped.

The letter answers some questions about the value of tracts in evangelism in Southeast India. From his twenty years of experience Mr. Rao indicates that tracts meet some situations in India that do not exist in America. He writes, "The high or upper castes and communities in India will not come to public Christian meetings or churches; but they have found Christ as their personal Savior and accepted the Bible Sabbath through our Seventh Day Baptist tracts Our Lord Jesus Christ has done a tremendous gospel work here in India through the public gospel meetings; not only through meetings but through the Sabbath tracts also. We are praying to see greater things in the future through tracts only."

In some other respects the reasons for a tract ministry in India are comparable to those in the United States. The leader adds: "Moreover, some of our people who have no capacity to preach the Word of God will reach the unreached areas with the glorious gospel in tract form."

Values or Problems

Along with the current emphasis on "persistent life concerns" and the "intersection of the gospel with life problems," a growing development in Christian education turns the educator's plans to "human values."

Dr. Paul Maves, highly regarded Christian educator, recently spoke on human values in curriculum. "It's only Christian to be human! That's because to be human is what God intends us to be. It's what Christ came to enable us to be. To be human is to become like Christ. It's to be involved in His struggle to free persons to be fully human. It's to be committed to those values to which He was committed. It's to live by the vision of the New Humanity and to participate in the Community of the New Being."

Drawing from a book, *Values and Teaching* (Rath, Harmin and Simons), Dr. Maves characterized a value as something which "must be: (1) freely chosen (2) from among clearly conceived alternatives (3) after thoughtful consideration of consequences, and must be (4) cherished, (5) publicly affirmed, (6) acted upon until it becomes (7) a consistent pattern of life. Unless each of these seven conditions exist it cannot be said to be a value for us."

"The various values we have may be in conflict, if not contradictory, so we relate them to each other in a system of values (with) priorities. Values are intensely personal. But social groups foster certain values as expectations about what persons who belong to that group will, ought, or must believe and do Groups do well to look at what they value and how they pressure persons to conform."

Value Clarification and Bible Study

"Christian education is the process of enabling persons to become fully human through clarifying values and making authentic commitments rather than to drift or be dragged through life as victims of circumstances and group pressures Value clarification can take place within the context (1) of ongoing classes as they

are engaged in the study of almost any topic, (2) of casual encounters and conversations or (3) of decision-making and policy-setting groups Such questions as 'Is that what you want to be?' or 'How do you feel about what happened?' or 'Did you really intend to do that?' may open up questions of value. Also the question of 'What kind of a group do we want to be?' raises the question of group norms."

"Bible study may reveal what the Christian tradition says about what is desirable and what gives meaning to life. The great themes, such as love, justice, mercy, liberation, life, reconciliation, can be explored with reference to what they mean in the contemporary world The evaluation of values, our own and those of our culture, needs to be made. The Christian tradition can help us make it and teach us what it means to be human."

A fruitful series of books and audio-visuals is recommended by Dr. Maves. It is hoped that Seventh Day Baptist groups will become involved in a new curriculum search which will bring into greater prominence the values of the Law and Prophets as fulfilled by Christ.

If you are interested in forming a group to help "evaluate values" and point to new Seventh Day Baptist curriculum, write the Board of Christian Education. If you belong to a group that would be able to participate in such a study, write and offer your services.

Sharing Camp Experiences

At a meal during Conference in Amherst, it is hoped most of our camp leaders at Conference can eat together and compare notes on meanings and means used in the 1971 camp programs.

The Board of Christian Education expects to secure materials to share not only among Seventh Day Baptists, but with a new National Council of Churches' program of bringing together "vacation and leisure-setting ministries." Through the Department of Educational Development, a network of agencies will gather the goal-setting and program-planning ideas of groups who are serving Christ through

the special circumstances of leisure activities.

Seventh Day Baptists have a unique opportunity to witness for Christ and the Sabbath in the insights we have from the teachings and example of Christ regarding the Sabbath. If man's leisure is not to warp and corrupt his soul, he is going to have to learn the Sabbatic quality of time not required to "earn his bread."

Your ideas on camps, retreats, family outings, congregational ventures-in-vacation, Vacation Bible School, and planning conferences are needed by the Board of Christian Education. We glean a number of ideas from bulletins or camp schedules sent to us, and thank those who mail such material to us. But we need more examples of unique ways of education, celebration, fellowship, discipline, etc. from which to share with the "vacation and leisure-settings ministries" study. Write whenever you complete an experiment in following Christ in use of leisure time.

ITEMS OF INTEREST**Teen-agers on National TV**

It is quite an accomplishment when a teen-age church group is selected to appear regularly on CBS television. The Carol Burnett Show has gone off the air for the summer and was replaced by "The Newcomers," a variety show hosted by Dave Garroway.

Although many of the musicians are not Christians, featured on this show will be a group of ten young people from the Lemon Grove Baptist Church and all under twenty. They call themselves "The Californians." Their director, Bill Hawes, minister of music and education at the church says, "We were stunned when they asked us to be on the show. Somehow God must have been in it."

Two other young people recognized as active Christians will be soloists on the program. These twelve youth who will have an audience of some forty million are learning that there is room at the top for Christian young people who can sing and can show that Christ motivates them. (Two thousand were interviewed.)

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 - Vol. IV— *The Church* by Colin W. Williams
 - Vol. V — *Christian Life* by Paul Heschert
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- Theology of Hope*, by Jurgen Moltmann

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More Christian?

Two hundred years ago when a Christian persecuted a Jew he did so because he was a Christian. If he does also in our times, it is despite his being a Christian. Such Christian persecution, as distinct from hostility or discrimination, has disappeared almost entirely from the modern western world. —Prof. Samuel Sandmel

My Memories of Southwestern Association

By Edgar F. Wheeler, visiting delegate

Uppermost in my reflections on the 1971 sessions of Southwestern Association at Texarkana, Ark., June 10-13, is the good theme, "The Simplicity of Christianity," that President Robert Fitz Randolph chose and carried out so well. All of the worship leaders and speakers contributed to the thought of this winsome simplicity so that those present were inspired to praise God anew for the gospel of Jesus Christ, to live under its power and to witness to others of its simple but mighty message.

I remember, too, the spirit of Christian love that prevailed. The tone was set by Winfield Fitz Randolph who pointed to love as the key word in Christian living as he welcomed visitors to the Texarkana church for association. "The ties that bind our hearts in Christian love" were everywhere apparent in all the activities and worship.

Hospitality—Southern hospitality, but more than that, Christian hospitality—stands out in my memories. The energetic and willing work of Seventh Day Baptist friends in the Texarkana area kept us royally entertained and fed, and this was done in a way that made us feel that our hosts did not consider themselves inconvenienced.

Young people made a lasting impression. Not a large group, they warmed our hearts as all ages freely mingled and as they gave loving attention to the little babies that were present. It was good to see Christian youth appreciating one another and the simple God-given pleasures of fellowship and concern.

People, Christian friends, remain in my thoughts. There were old acquaintances, and new ones readily made. There were people with problems and concerns to share. There were those, too, who enthusiastically shared their progress and hopes, as Pastor Kenneth Van Horn and other members of the Little Rock church told of providential events leading to the securing of a new and fully equipped house of worship in a more favorable location.

There were also the personal touches, as the playing of a tape recording from Janet Van Horn Smith who had been seriously injured during the winter in a plane crash that took the life of her husband. A telephone conversation with her, using an amplifier so that all could hear, was arranged by Gerald Coalwell that evening, and several persons talked with Janet.

The unifying love brought about by the simplicity of the gospel and demonstrated at Texarkana is a deeply cherished memory. Not everything was peace and joy, but the healing balm of Christian love brought harmony. The gospel that brings this love is the hope of the world. We are entrusted with this simple good news, to share it with our fellowmen everywhere.

Graham's Success with Youth

When Billy Graham returned to Chicago for an eleven-day Crusade, June 3-13, it was a return to the city where he went to school and began his ministry and where he conducted one of his greatest Crusades in 1962. The meetings were held in the rebuilt McCormick Place, which is described as big enough to hold four football fields. The response to the evangelistic appeal was predominantly from youth, who made up about seventy percent of the audience each night. There were 1,793 decisions counted on the first youth night. With a total attendance of 325,000 there were 12,000 people who came forward, sixty percent of whom indicated that they came "to receive Christ as personal Savior."

Special guests at the Crusade who told the audience what being a Christian meant to them were Chicago Cubs short-stop Don Kessinger, Chicago Bulls basketball general manager Pat Williams, pastor and radio preacher Ben Haden, converted Hell's Angel Rick Carreno, former Black Panther James Weston.

Residents of the nation's second city and guests are saying that the metropolis is a little friendlier now, the churches are more united, and there are evidences of spiritual awakening.

Books for Christian Teen-Agers

It is good to know that there are books for Christian teen-agers as well as books that tell about the rebellion of the non-Christian teen-agers. Moreover, some of the best writers are coming out with very readable, challenging books for youth—paperbacks in popular language and at a price the teen-ager can readily afford. While we cannot begin to name all that are on the market, we mention two that we have recently read.

Robert A. Cook, president of Youth for Christ International, has a sixty-six page book *It's Tough To Be a Teenager* (published by Miracle Books) now in its third edition. The author draws from his wide experience with youth to show that tough as it is to be a teen-ager it can be a great experience if one is a Christian and willing to witness for Christ. He wins the right to give advice and gives some of it in the last chapter, one section of which is captioned, "It's Your World—Don't Just Stand There—Do Something!" A word that applies to more than youth is, "Too many of us worry over complete consecration while we are stubbornly refusing to work up some honest perspiration in the doing of what we already know to be the will of God."

Teen Sense (A Guide to the Turbulent Teens) by David Edens is a just-out book of 112 pages published by Warner Press, the press that prints "Peanuts" cartoon books that deal with some of the same subjects. The book is designed to be read by teen-agers though adults will find it very interesting and helpful. It has chapters that help youth to really understand the transition they are going through. It is indeed a guide book to help the teenage Christian to be really Christian in these in-between years.

It covers drugs and sex in a nice way. The final chapter is titled "Marriage Is for the Mature." The writer closes with an appeal to participate in the life and work of the local church saying, "The church as a fellowship of the concerned can be a meaningful buffer in the turbulent teen years. Group acceptance and approval are needed by every person."

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Rex E. Zwiebel

Post Conference Leadership Institute

The Post Conference Leadership Institute, with out-of-country SDBWF delegates as special participants, will be held at Jersey Oaks Camp near Shiloh, N. J., August 15-20, 1971. Proceedings will begin at 3:00 p.m., August 15, and will conclude at 2:00 p.m., August 20.

The leaders include:

- The Rev. Mynor Soper teaching "Effective Evangelism"
 - The Rev. David Clarke — "Church Camping" and "Your Sabbath School"
 - The Rev. Paul Osborn — "Stewardship"
 - The Rev. Alton Wheeler — "Living Internationally"
- Vespers will be led by the Rev. John V. Rao and Mr. Jacob Tyrrell. Bible studies will be conducted by the Rev. Joseph Samuels.

Chapel leaders include Mr. Peter Nieuwstraten, the Rev. Watson Mataka, Mrs. Inez Peters, the Rev. Vicent Smith, and the Rev. Simeon Lyons.

The ladies of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church will care for the kitchen and dining room. The Rev. Charles H. Bond will serve as business manager. The Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel is the program planner and will serve as director.

It has been agreed that members of the U. S. General Conference churches be limited in attendance to fifteen. Those who wish to attend, either laymen, laywomen, or ministers, may signify their desire to attend by writing, now, to the director, Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061. A fee of \$12.50 will be charged for those from this country who wish to be a part of this adventure.

Gift of God

In no other country of the world is aspiration so definite a part of life as in America. The most precious gift God has given to this land is not its great riches of soil and forest and mine but the divine discontent planted deeply in the hearts of the American people.

—William Allen White

Three Year Degree Program Starting at Salem College

"Next September Salem College will begin the implementation of one of the newest ideas in education — a speedup in college studies so that it will be possible for students with ability and willingness to work to get a bachelor's degree in three years instead of the usual four," Dr. Wayne England, academic dean, announced.

"This curriculum is not for students who are planning to teach," he added.

Dr. England explained that the curriculum is divided into four areas—general studies, the major field or fields of concentration, electives, a paper or project.

A student enrolled in this three-year program will take twenty hours of work each semester, and during the final semester will write a paper or do a project, which, after review and approval by a faculty committee in the student's major division of studies, will carry eight semester hours of credit.

"In order to enroll in this program a student must have a three-point or B average," Dr. England emphasized, "and he must maintain a three-point or B average to stay in the program."

He pointed out that the three-year plan will eventually save colleges money both in operating expenses and construction costs.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ASHAWAY, R. I.—The Ashaway church maintains a close cooperation with the Christian Endeavor movement at all levels. The church bulletin notes that Mr. and Mrs. Joel Buck and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Camara were registered to attend the New England Christian Endeavor Conference for Adult Leaders at Northfield, Mass., June 25-27. It was also announced that David Bowes and Leon Wheeler were to attend the Youth C. E. Conference at the same place from June 27 to July 3.

—Church Bulletin

LOS ANGELES, Calif.— Peter Morris left June 29 for Seattle where he will serve in extension work through the local

church. Under the auspices of the Pacific Coast Association, \$500 was sent to assist in this program. Among other plans there will be a camp held the latter part of July.

John and Ruth Peil left July 2 for the Bay Area where they will serve through the local church under the auspices of the Pacific Coast Association. They are receiving money for travel expense, board and lodging as needed, and a small stipend. Pray for these and others including our Summer Christian Service Corps.

There were forty-eight intermediates at the first camp (Pacific Pines). Twelve were baptized last Sabbath near Pacific Pines at Heart Rock by Pastors Burdick and Davis. Their (the camp) mission offering in the amount of \$113 was given to Peter Morris for the Lord's work.

—Church Bulletin

NORTH LOUP.— The Youth Fellowship gave repeat performances of "Life," a young world musical by Otis Skinner. It was first given at the Mid-Continent Youth Retreat, then repeated at the North Loup - Scotia High School, the Congregational Church at Arcadia, and the Mira Valley United Methodist Church. Audiences were pleased with the production.

Members of the Youth Fellowship have made a number of wall hangings which are displayed in the church basement. Orders are taken if anyone desires them. They are unique.

Maple, linden, and ash trees have been planted in front and north of the church to replace the dead elm trees. They are a memorial for Fern Maxson.

Dr. Grace Missionary Society followed the usual custom of giving May baskets to shut-ins, elderly and sick.

Pastor Skaggs attended the annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society in Plainfield early in May. Recently he and Mrs. Skaggs made a trip to Johnstown, Nebr., to visit the Elmer Andersen family. Carol Rasmussen, a daughter of Mrs. Elmer (Theona) Andersen, is in a cast to her hips, both legs having been broken in an accident.

The Rev. Mynor Soper returned from

his evangelistic work early in May, spent a few weeks here, and following the close of school he and his family left in their camper for their summer's work for the Lord. We miss them.

May was high school graduation month for five members of our church. Leon Bresley, Terry Keown, Earl Soper, and Janice Williams — who was salutatorian from North Loup - Scotia High School — and Theresa Clement from Kearney High School. Pastor Skaggs was the baccalaureate speaker at the local school. Graduates were honored at the May 22 worship service. God bless them!

Janice Williams, Dawn Lippincott, and Janece Goodrich assisted with Vacation Bible School at the Kansas City church for two weeks in June. It was a rewarding experience.

—Correspondent

SEATTLE, WASH.— The first Seventh Day Baptist Church Camp for boys and girls in the Pacific Northwest will be held July 26-31, 1971, at Camp McCoullough, 20665 Southeast 264th, Kent, Wash. 98031.

All boys and girls entering second grade through seventh grade are invited to come. Theme: "Search for God's Hidden Treasures."

—Church Bulletin

STONEFORT, ILL.— May 15 was a big Sabbath for our church. It was the annual homecoming and also the 100th anniversary of the organization of the church.

The anniversary program included the reading of a history of the church beginning with the work of Elders James Bailey and W. B. Kelley who came to this field as missionaries and organized the church in 1871.

The morning sermon was by Pastor A. Addison Appel, a former Illinois man, now pastor in Albion and Milton Junction, Wis. He based his message on John 15, the chapter that speaks of Christ as the vine and His disciples as the living, fruitful branches. A communion service was part of the homecoming, preceded by a renewal of the covenant in unison.

Eight states were represented by the visitors who had once lived near Stonefort. Many old friends met at the dinner

table furnished by the local women in the church basement.

The afternoon service featured singing, testimonies, reminiscences, and looking at pictures that had been preserved through the years. Mention was made of the many pastors who had served the church.

We as members of this church feel very humble in the light of what has transpired in the past one hundred years, yet encouraged by the past to carry on and do our part as the Lord leads us forward.

—Correspondent

WESTERLY, R. I.— The church bulletin for June 26 carried this brief item, "Greeters for the worship service this Sabbath are Mr. and Mrs. Loren Osborn." The fact that they were greeters at the door takes on more significance when it is known that they do not now live in Rhode Island or nearby Connecticut but in Concord, New Hampshire, which is many miles away. It might be noted that they are not able to be present every Sabbath. Mr. Osborn is president of the Missionary Society, a leader in SDBYF, and publicity chairman for the hosting of General Conference in spite of the fact that he and his family, by usual standards, are lone-Sabbathkeepers.

Births

Maddox.— A daughter, Heather Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Boyd Maddox, Federal Way, Washington, on June 22, 1971, at Seattle, Wash.

Schuman.— A daughter, Staci Renee, to Mr. and Mrs. David Schuman of Kent, Washington, on June 23, 1971, at Auburn, Wash.

Obituaries

FATATO.— Lawrence A., son of Peter and Rachel Cornell Fatato, was born December 30, 1907, and died March 27, 1971.

He was a resident of Schenectady, N. Y. Mr. Fatato was baptized in 1934 and united with the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was well known as president of the Gospel Sunshine Group which conducted various activities and services for handicapped and hospitalized people. By trade he was a welder. He is survived by his wife Antoinette Salamone Fatato, a brother Frank, and a sister Mrs. Rose Ciani of Schenectady, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral services were in the charge of the Rev. Paul Maxson of Berlin. Burial was in the Cobblestone Cemetery.

—P. L. M.

The Sabbath Recorder

God's Call

Gerald C. Bond

Revelation 3:20 says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

This verse is no plea for unbelievers to start living for the Lord Jesus. This invitation is for church members, whereby each is called to open his mouth, which is the door to his heart, to be speaking truth in love, and thereby enter a fresh personal relationship with Christ. But as we give our testimony to the faith which is in us, as we give out Christ to others through the portals of our lips, Christ also enters into us in a deeper and more meaningful way.

Perhaps you are disgusted with the wrangling, the jockeying for position, which afflicts so many religious groups. Often there is no quarrel about *what* is being done; simply a difference of opinion as to *who* should be out front. You are at your wit's end, sick at heart, not wanting to take sides, yet hungry for companionship, eager to do work which has value for time and for eternity.

Don't look for a more congenial group. There is no need to withdraw your membership. History has proved each effort on the part of men to establish a new movement and recapture purity of the ancient faith soon degenerates and becomes just another denomination.

This invitation to a deeper fellowship in Christ, though addressed to the group, is acted upon by individuals; and often it is the least prominent, the least esteemed member of the congregation, who has been chosen by Almighty God to serve

as the channel of blessing to all the others. When you hear the call to a deeper consecration, it is not that you are being called to be a leader. Rather, you are called to be led. We must permit the Living Christ, in the person of the Holy Spirit, to be the leader of each local congregation.

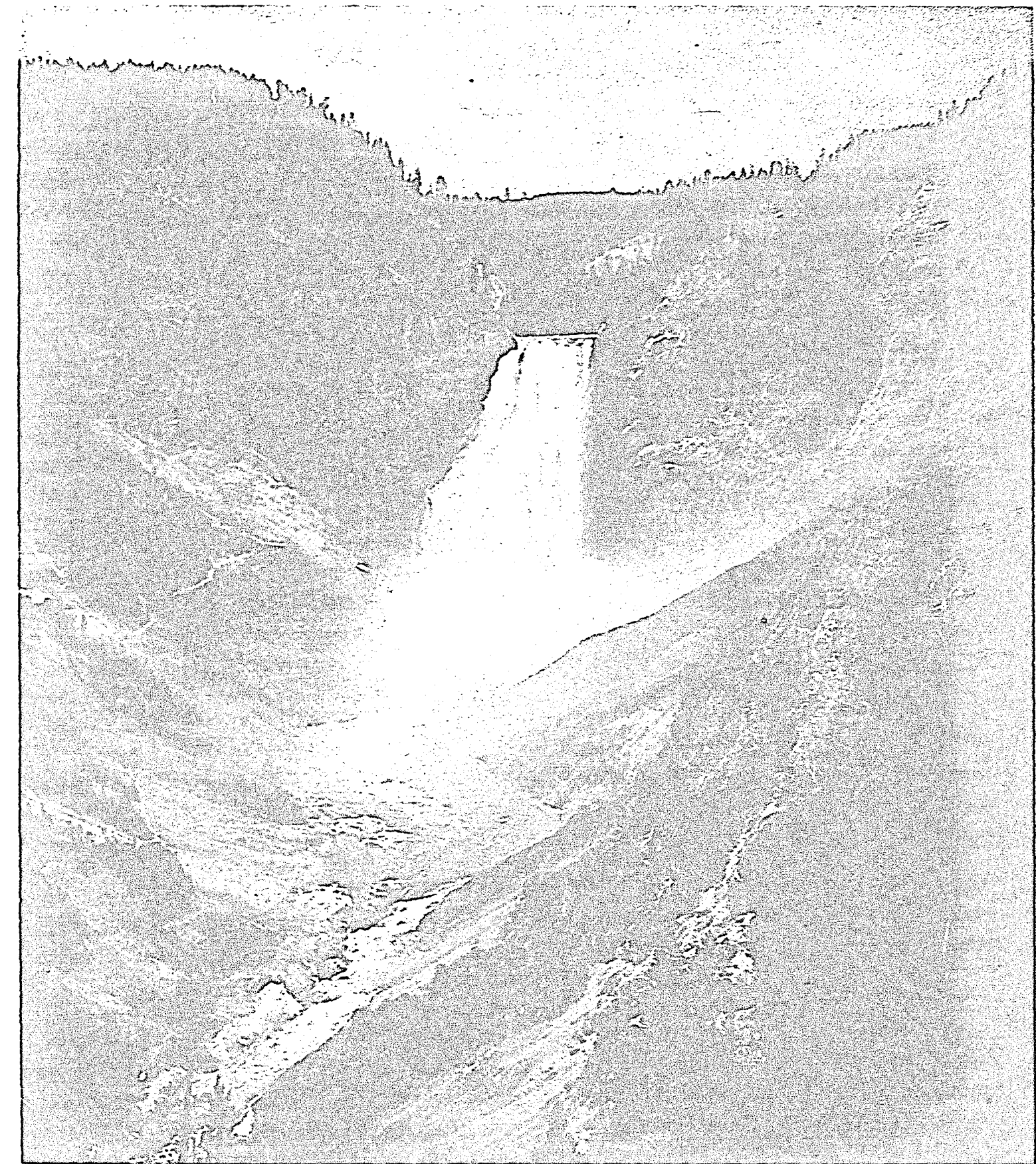
—The Vision

Stewardship Thought

The work bees of recent Sundays have been a remarkable demonstration of the accomplishment and satisfaction from united congregational effort. The entire church has shared in the accomplishments, but only those who took part really shared in the personal satisfaction. This is one of the most meaningful aspects of church fellowship — fellowship in service. To give of one's time, talent and effort and see the effects in concrete terms as men and women serve God in such tasks, creates a warm, cohesive relationship.

While this aspect of the church program is somewhat limited in terms of those who can take part, the stewardship program has no such limitations. Tithing excludes no one because it is based on equal ability — a tenth — not on totals. The participation is proportionate, but the sense of sharing of accomplishment and united effort is equal for all. There is no income too large or too small for tithing, and there is no member who does not need the blessing that comes with dedication of his tithe to the service of God. Let us have every member sharing in this experience of fellowship.

—Dr. Ted Horsley, from Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church Bulletin.



The beauties and mysteries of nature in unusual array and splendor are enclosed in Yellowstone National Park. Here we see the mighty Yellowstone Falls and a portion of one of the most colorful canyons of the world.