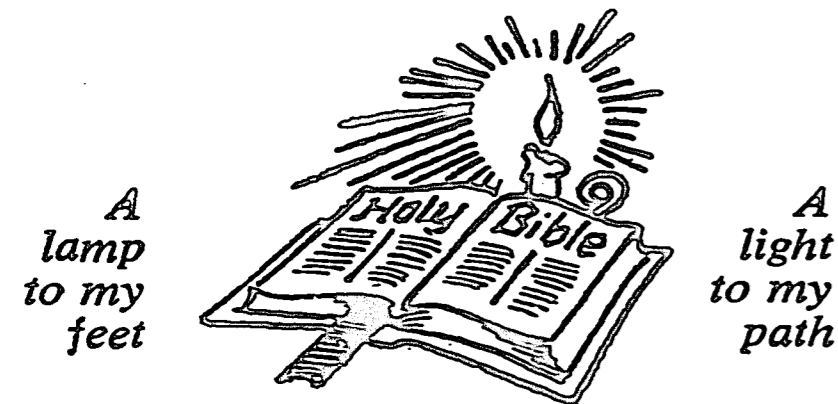


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DAILY BIBLE READINGS for September 1971



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

Thinking About God

- 1—Wed. Not Without Witness. Acts 14:1-17
- 2—Thur. All Men Are God's Children. Acts 17:16-34
- 3—Fri. God Dwells with Man. Rev. 21:1-8
- 4—Sabbath. Sign for Progress. Ezek. 20:8-17

God Transcends Our Understanding

- 5—Sun. God Can Guide. Exodus 33:12-23
- 6—Mon. God's Deep Realities. Job 11:7-20
- 7—Tues. God's Wondrous Work in Nature. Job 37:5-24
- 8—Wed. Man's Limited Knowledge. Job 38:12-21; Rom. 11:33-36
- 9—Thur. God's Glory and Man's Honor. Psa. 8; Isa. 40:18-26
- 10—Fri. God's Transcendent Knowledge. Rom. 12:1-21
- 11—Sabbath. No Shortcut to God's Fellowship. Col. 2:16-23

God Reveals Himself

- 12—Sun. God in His Creation. Psa. 19
- 13—Mon. Word of Life and Light. John 1:1-8; 9:1-5
- 14—Tues. The Word Became Flesh. John 1:9-18
- 15—Wed. Seen Through Jesus the Christ. John 14:5-14

- 16—Thur. All of God's Fullness. Col. 1:15-29
- 17—Fri. "God Spoke . . . by His Son" Heb. 1:1-14
- 18—Sabbath. Sovereign of the Sabbath. Isa. 40:21-31; Luke 6:1-5

God Gives Meaning to Life

- 19—Sun. Envy of Others' Prosperity. Psa. 73:1-14
- 20—Mon. How God Gives Values. Psa. 73:15-28
- 21—Tues. God's Purpose and Plan. Eph. 1:1-14
- 22—Wed. Hope, Inheritance, Power. Eph. 1:9-23
- 23—Thur. Christ Is the Way. Phil. 3:4b-16
- 24—Fri. God's Progressive Revelation. Eph. 3:1-13; Matt. 23:1-12, 16-22
- 25—Sabbath. The Sabbath Signals Reconciling Work. Ezek. 20:13-21

God Calls Men

- 26—Sun. Calling for a Deliverer. Exod. 2:23-3:10
- 27—Mon. Promised Deliverance. Exo. 3:11-20
- 28—Tues. Called to Saving Service. Judges 6:7-14; 2 Tim. 1:6-12
- 29—Wed. "Be Not Afraid." Ezek. 1:28-3:3
- 30—Thur. From Darkness to Light. Acts 26:9-23

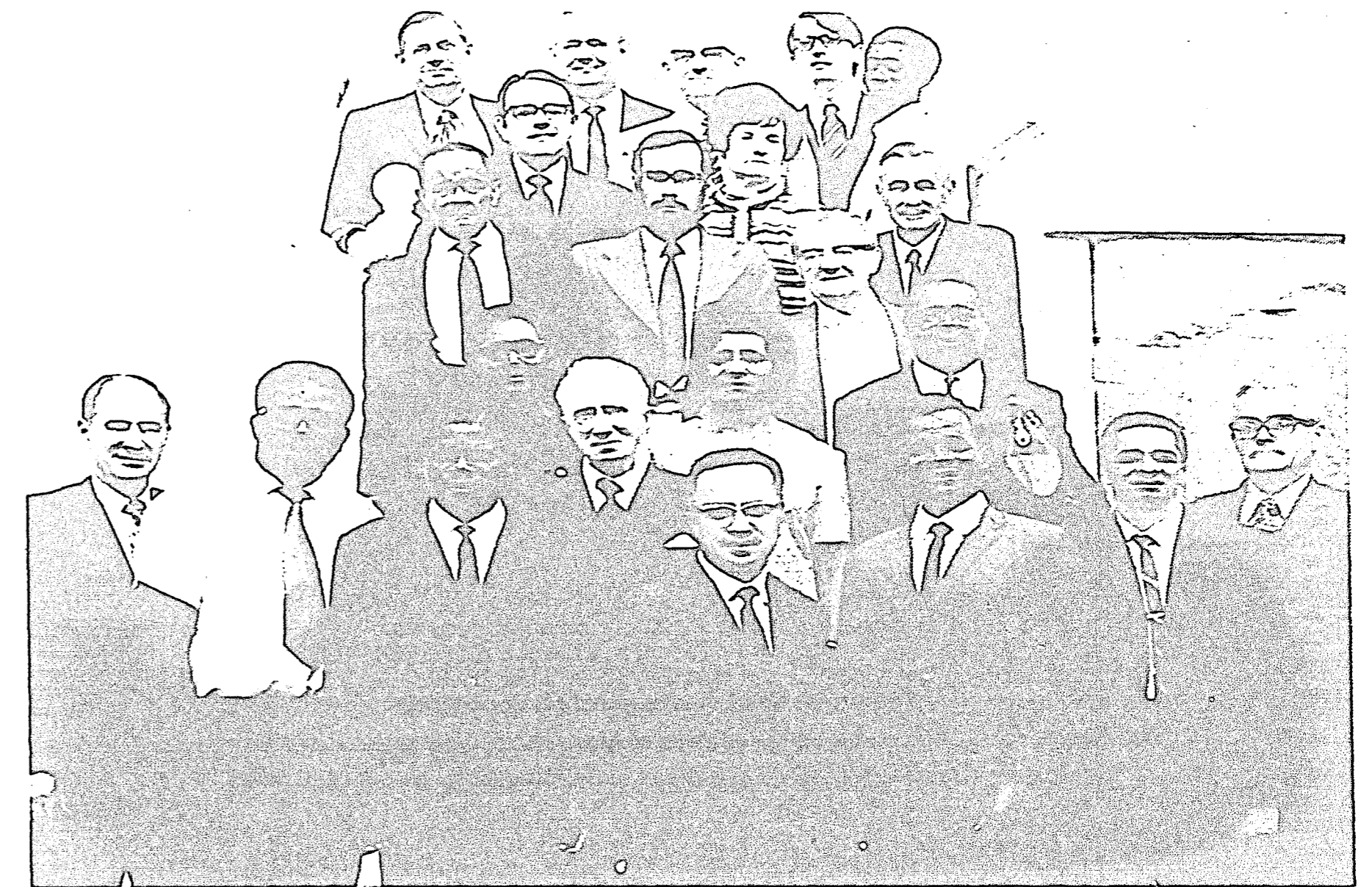
Refuse Obscene Mail

The U. S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that a private citizen has the right to stop obscene advertisements from being sent to him.

The justices upheld a 1967 law which permits any person to tell the postman to stop "pandering advertisements" which "the addressee in his sole discretion believes to be erotically arousing or sexually provocative."

A group of fifteen companies argued that they had a right to communicate through the mail.

The court agreed that "communication is imperative to a healthy social order" but, it said: "The right of every person 'to be let alone' must be placed in the scales with the right of others to communicate."



SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST WORLD FEDERATION
Representatives gathered on the steps of the host church at
Westerly, Rhode Island, August 6, 1971

Left to right, first two rows: Alton L. Wheeler, U. S., executive secretary; Joseph A. Samuels, Jamaica, vice-president; Otrain B. Manani, Malawi, vice-president; Inez Peters, Guyana; Johannes Bahlke, Germany; Antonio Barrera, Brazil; Iris Codrington, England; Watson Mataka, Malawi; Simeon Lyons, Jamaica; Vincent Smith, Jamaica; Loren G. Osborn, U. S., president. Third and fourth rows: Albourne Peat, England; Rex E. Zwiebel, U. S., recording secretary; Peter Nieuwstraten, Netherlands; Ethel Wheeler, U. S.; Everett T. Harris, U. S., treasurer; Francis L. Johnson, New Zealand. Top Row: Leon M. Malby, U. S.; Leon R. Lawton, U. S.; G. Zijlstra, Netherlands; James A. Skaggs, U. S.; Jacob Tyrrell, Guyana.

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Conference: First Impressions

One of the first impressions of those coming to the campus of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst to attend Conference was lostness. We had chosen this as the most economical campus available within driving distance of Newport, R. I., where our first church was organized three hundred years ago. If we had come with thoughts of quaint little colonial churches of bygone days, we had some adjusting to do.

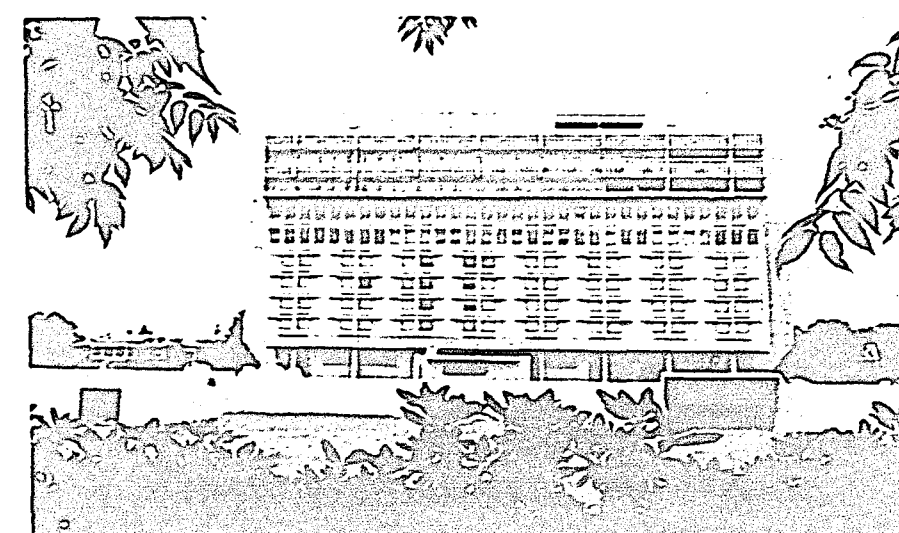
The campus is so vast and so new that even the personnel in the administrative offices of the high-rise Campus Center could not identify all of the new buildings going up nearby or those on the skyline. Most of the delegates experienced difficulty finding the dormitory and the auditorium, both of which were very new and not very well identified.

We were scarcely prepared for such a quick shift from rural New England villages and the farm smells of the nearby agricultural college to the mid-city environment of a university that houses some 20,000 students. The new and the old might be in close proximity, but on campus the emphasis was on the new as far as buildings were concerned. Many of the summer students, though presumably keen of mind and full of new ideas, looked as if they had just stepped out of prehistoric times with their uncut hair, full beards, and scanty clothing. This concentration of long-haired students was something for older folks to get used to. It was quite different from the general atmosphere on the campus of the Christian and Missionary Alliance College at Nyack, New York, where Conference was held in 1969.

The evening before Conference officially began was occupied with a reception for the foreign representatives and missionaries. It was a great occasion for meeting people and renewing acquaintances. The line was long, but the contacts were rewarding. It was a good preparation for one of the main features of the Conference that took place each day. The foreign representatives were assigned large committee rooms and at 11:30 and 1:30 the delegates met with them for discussion of their work. It was so arranged that every delegate or visitor

Where Conference Was Held

The building pictured here is the new Campus Center of the University of



Massachusetts, where Conference was held August 8-14. It is but one of the many modern buildings already completed or under construction to meet the needs of 20,000 students enrolled. We did not use much of the visible portion of this building and shared the dining and lounge areas with a portion of the 5,000 students taking summer work at the university.

The cafeteria, coffee shop, lounges, and large campus book store were one level down from the large windows on the first floor. The auditorium and most of the committee rooms were at a lower level reached by a long escalator, which was greatly enjoyed by the children. A huge underground garage with four levels, not extensively used by our people,

could spend half an hour with the representatives of each country.

Another first impression of Conference was the time saved in getting the business started. There was no formal presentation and referring of reports of boards and agencies. All reports were included in a packet and referral was announced rather than voted upon. The committees, also designated in advance, were able to go to work quickly on the matters before them. People wondered whether or not the president could achieve his goal of finishing all Conference business on Thursday afternoon, but he was able to do it by reason of the good committee work and the lack of controversial items that came to the floor.

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provided ample parking at ten cents an hour. A portion of the eighth floor was reserved for committee and small group meetings. A few delegates who needed the comforts and convenience of modern hotel rooms were housed on the upper floors by their own request. Others occasionally took meals in the plush dining room on the top floor where they had a grand view of the extensive campus.

Speaking of eating facilities, it is interesting to note that food prices in the cafeteria were very reasonable, geared evidently to students with limited funds. There was not a very wide selection of main courses, but all had enough to eat and found the small tables ideal for visiting. Our people far outnumbered the students during the week but were mixed among them both in the cafeteria and coffee shop (which was open longer hours).

Brown dormitory, another new building of nine stories housed most of the delegates in simply furnished student rooms arranged in suites. On a hillside overlooking the tennis courts and a portion of the campus, it was only a ten-minute walk to the Campus Center, where many people spent the full day, returning to their rooms after the evening program.

There was little recollection of what the campus looked like in 1961 when Conference was last held there. The services Sabbath Eve and Sabbath Day were held in Stockbridge Hall where the sessions were held ten years ago. Adjacent to the Campus Center, it was more suited to Sabbath services and proved adequate for the increased attendance. All in all, the accommodations as finally arranged by the hard-working host committee were very adequate for our needs. Particularly ideal were the facilities for well-lighted display areas around the outside of the auditorium and the centralized committee room arrangements.

Twenty young people in England were recently asked, "Do you think God understands radar?" Out of the twenty, eighteen gave "No" as their first reaction!

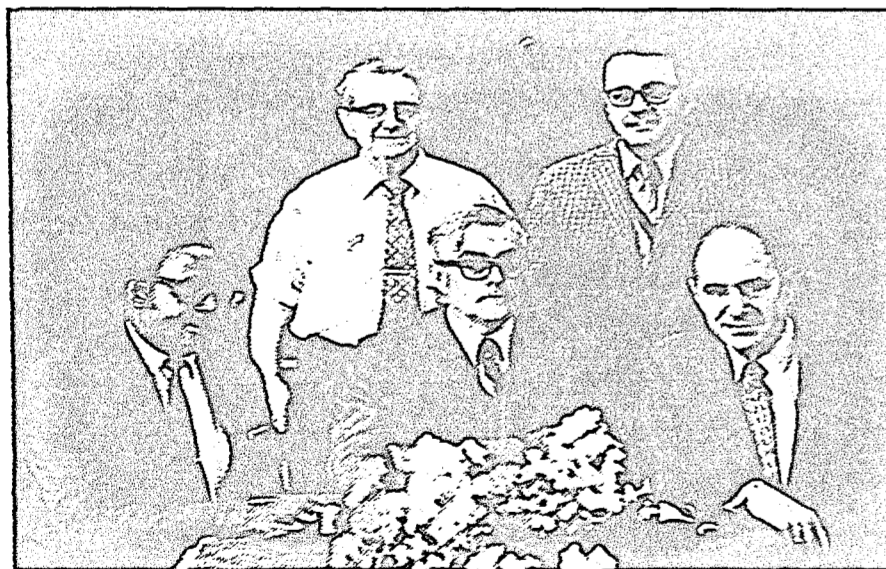
World Federation Meets

By the Editor

Seventh Day Baptist churches in America date back 300 years. The General Conference has been organized and meeting for 170 years, but the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation is a new thing in spite of the fact that mission churches in foreign lands have been established about a century and a quarter. Coming into being in 1965, the federation of conferences held its first meeting at Westerly, Rhode Island, August 4-8.

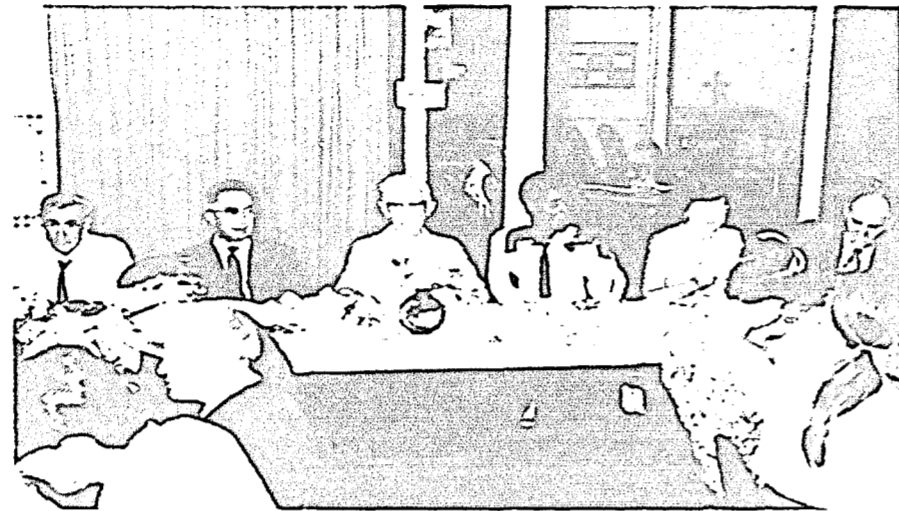
The organization, judged by this historic gathering of representatives from nearly all the continents of the world is off to a good start in achieving its main purposes. Those purposes, clarified by discussion, include binding together the national Seventh Day Baptist bodies that have come into being or may spring up and ask for membership.

The officers who acted as the Executive Committee to steer the work and make necessary decisions prior to this first formal meeting pictured here are: left to right, Rev. Joseph A. Samuels, vice-president; Rev. Everett T. Harris, treasurer; Loren G. Osborn, president; Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, recording secretary; Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, executive secretary. The other vice-president, Rev. Otrain B. Manani, of Malawi, Africa, had not yet arrived when this picture was taken by *The Westerly Sun*.



The Westerly meeting was not designed as an inspirational conference but as a meeting of official representatives and observers to discuss the constitution and the present and future work of the world

organization. Participation was limited to the delegates, who were seated at tables in the vestry of the church. Observers, both American and foreign, with separate seating benefited from the discussions and were occasionally asked to contribute something to the four-day meeting.



Lunch and supper provided

The conferences or national groups represented were: Brazil (1), England (2), Germany (1), Guyana (2), Jamaica (3), Malawi (2), the Netherlands (2), New Zealand (1), and the United States (5). The representatives from Burma, India, and Mexico, were unable to attend though they had been expected. Considerable financial assistance for travel expense was offered to those coming the longest distances. In addition, the host churches in New England provided free lodging and meals while the Federation was in session. Among the observers were former and furloughed missionaries as well as members of the British and Jamaican churches. It was interesting to note that of the official representatives present, nine were white and nine black. It was also noteworthy that after the first session there was such oneness in Christ, that it was hard to remember that there was a difference in skin pigmentation. The discussions of Seventh Day Baptist world work called for the best thinking of all the good thinkers present. The differences in the various parts of the world were national and cultural, varying with the development of the country and the strength of the churches rather than the prevailing skin color of the church members.

The keynote address by Executive Secretary Wheeler was entitled, "No Longer

Strangers," a thought derived from Ephesians 2:12-19. The Gentiles at Ephesus, Paul says, were at one time without Christ and strangers to the covenant of promise. He points out that they are now one in Christ and "no longer strangers."

The representatives had come together from widely separated places having traveled an aggregate of 65,880 miles. Most of them were previously unknown to each other but even before they came they were not strangers because of their common faith and purpose.

There were a number of things on the agenda which were quite thoroughly discussed. Some items took much more time than others, which was acceptable to the president and program committee. The gathering was for sharing national concerns, determining suitable Federation projects, and revising the constitution to make the organization function well in the future.

The question was raised as to whether the Federation exists primarily to provide a unifying force for the many national groups of churches of like faith or whether it should be a missionary, evangelistic organization surveying the world need and extending the Seventh Day Baptist faith to new countries. Those engaged in worldwide correspondence saw the value of the more or less passive role. It gives new churches something to belong to rather than being dependent on the one Conference that has done the most in missionary work.

On the other side, it was argued ably that the time is short and that Seventh Day Baptists must be reaching out to new fields. Eventually a committee was appointed to bring in recommendations as to certain projects by which churches in one conference could be helped by the pooled resources of other conferences. Two or three (out of many) projects were settled on and conferences were urged to make annual contributions to provide funds.

A constitution revision committee had done considerable work prior to the Westerly meeting but when the representatives broke up twice into small discussion groups a number of new ideas came

MEMORY TEXT

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him" (John 14:21).

up in regard to the constitution. On the last day these were considered by the whole group and blended together into what appears to be a well-rounded constitution.

A statement that had been buried in a paragraph by the Constitution Committee was made Article II for emphasis. It reads, "The Federation shall not have authority over any of its members." The thinking was that certain groups seeking membership would appreciate the prominence of this statement.

Of the six purposes stated in Article III, the fifth one went through several suggested changes before the following wording was agreed upon: "To receive and evaluate statements of need as may come to the Federation and to share such expressions of need with its members, inviting their response as the Lord may lead."

The representatives strengthened the article on finances to read: "The members of the Federation shall be encouraged to finance the work of this organization by funds contributed annually as God gives them ability. Additional support is welcomed from churches, groups, and individuals."

Those who participated in the World Federation meeting as official representatives or observers will long remember the good fellowship and the serious consideration of the missionary and indigenous work in the many lands. Never before had so many conferences worked together on a person-to-person basis. No one can accurately predict the future of the Federation or how many more countries will be members at the next meeting perhaps five years from now. The consensus of opinion was that the future could be brighter — much brighter than before the meeting.



**We
Worship
God**

By
Dr. George Thorngate*
(A message at the opening convocation of Conference)

It is altogether fitting and proper that we start the celebration of our 300th anniversary of organization in America with worship of the God who has led us these 300 years.

It is said that our forefathers, when they landed on these shores, first fell upon their knees, then upon the aborigenes. That could never be said of Seventh Day Baptists. We have always loved the Indian, the black man, the Chinese, the Mexican, everyone.

Worship is glorious. There is a mysterious link with infinite power, mercy and love, with the God who led us. "God of our fathers, whose almighty hand . . ." That good old hymn could have been written for Seventh Day Baptists.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this fair land, by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay;
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day.

Worship is joyous. It is sometimes thought that it should be solemn and long-faced. I don't know about that. I do know that it must be humble and reverent, and it must be joyous. It can't be anything else. It is something akin to the young man who has just become engaged to the most beautiful girl in the world. How could such a marvelous thing happen to me! I remember the morning after I was engaged the night before. I got up real early. I could hardly wait

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until I could properly go to the house of my beloved. I wanted to be with her, to see her, to hear her. I wanted to be in her presence to adore her. It gave me joy. Worshipping God is like that.

A little boy was saying his prayer at his mother's knee. As he was finishing, he burst into, "Mairsy doats and dosey doats and liddle lamsie divey. A kiddely divey too, wouldn't you?" His mother was aghast.

"How could you sing that silly song as a part of your prayer?"

"Oh, God has to listen to sad things all the time and have people ask Him to do things. I thought He might like something happy and funny once in awhile."

It's true. Our God is a happy God, and a sense of humor, especially kindly humor, is a gift of God. Moreover, it is an evidence of maturity.

We hear a lot nowadays about the Jesus revolution. It is a most striking thing. Those young people have tried drugs, destruction, violence, hatred, riots, and they were not satisfied. Truly the angel spoke right, "I know that ye seek Jesus." They found Jesus; they became joyous. Their faces shine, their eyes sparkle, they sing. They have found love.

"Jesus loves you, man."

They found God. For God is love. Wherever there is God, there is love. Wherever there is love, there is God.

A few days ago I attended the commencement exercises of my grandson, Stephen II. One of his classmates said in his oration, "We must return to God, the God of the Bible. Not a God of permissiveness but a God of righteousness and of love."

The years between 1910 and 1930 witnessed throughout all Christendom a great outburst of missionary zeal. Seventh Day Baptists partook of that feeling. We sent missionaries out to Java, to the interior of Africa, to South America, to China, to West Indies and other places. Those missionaries were remarkable people. They loved mankind. The watchword in those days was service. But service is another way of saying love. They were imbued with that formula for success in any sphere: Give every-

thing of yourselves; demand nothing for yourselves. Accept anything.

Some of you remember H. Eugene Davis. He was a great man and a great missionary. During all of the years I was associated with him, I never knew Gene Davis to say an unkind word or to do an unkind thing. And he was way ahead of his time as a missionary. He taught the Chinese Seventh Day Baptists to organize and run their own church; to raise their own money; to send out their own missionaries. Now this isn't so strange nowadays, but fifty years ago I doubt if any other mission in the world followed that line.

Miriam Shaw was a registered nurse. She came out to China and to Grace Hospital with her heart overflowing with love for the Chinese people and the patients. One night I was over on the ward after the lights were out. I heard some of the patients talking. They were wondering what Jesus looks like. One of them said, "I think he is a great big strong man." Another said, "He wears a beard and has long hair." The little old man in the corner bed said, "I think he looks like Miss Shaw."

I have just read an interesting and fanciful tale about a scientist who discovered a wonderful gas. When people breathed it, they became benevolent. Then he went on to invent a machine which would produce this gas in vast quantities, enough to cover a whole country. You and I know, of course, that there is no gas that can make a person benevolent. But there is an element, which if it enters into the heart of man, makes him not only benevolent but loving and honest and pure and unselfish. It is the Spirit of God. It is the job of Seventh Day Baptists to spread that Spirit abroad. We can do it with confidence. With God leading us, behind us, round about us, with His power, the power of His Sabbath, the power of our truly democratic church polity, the power of individual free will, He has given us a green light. And when God gives a green light, he provides the ability, the means and the power to go through. So be it with Seventh Day Baptists for another 300 years.



**President's
Address:
The
Responsibility
of
Maturity**

President Thorngate opened his convocation by thanking the Division of Continuing Education for the arrangements made here at "Umee Kazoomee."

He then proceeded into discussion of the theme, "The Responsibility of Maturity." He stated that since last Conference this theme has matured in his mind a great deal.

Since Dr. Thorngate does not claim to be a Biblical expert, he wondered if he would be able to find a Bible reference to go along with the theme. However, he found that the whole Bible was full of Scripture verses that might apply. In particular, he thought the book of Hebrews was an enlargement on the theme addressed to a group similar to ours about 1900 years ago.

The president then launched into definition of "The Responsibility of Maturity." His favorite definition of responsible is accountable. Maturity is a noun with a static connotation, but the verb, mature, is a dynamic process. Therefore, "The Responsibility of Maturity" is: the accountability one has to the future, using the assets of the present which were acquired by the involvement of the past.

—Crier

Saigon Housing Project

Vietnam's largest military hospital, Cong Hoa, located just outside Saigon had no place for its personnel to live.

Hospital officials told Dr. Bob Pierce, World Vision founder, about the problem.

When nearby land became available, World Vision helped the hospital purchase it, providing room to build thirty small homes for hospital personnel, a community center and a three-room school. Eventually the school is to accommodate from 180 to 200 children.

Bible Society Presentation

The American Bible Society each year makes a point of having a good display of materials at our General Conference no matter where it is held. Usually the representative is given about half an hour on the program to tell of the U. S. and worldwide work of the Society.



Miss Miller and the editor

This year for the first time they sent a girl, Miss Marjorie Miller from the main office in New York, who works under Roy Madsen in the Church Relations office.

She came not only with a good display and quantities of Scripture portions, but also with a beautiful presentation copy of *Good News for Modern Man* which



was given to Secretary Wheeler at the close of her talk. The cover is inscribed in gold lettering, "Seventh Day Baptist General Conference." The printed material on the flyleaf reads: "Presented by the American Bible Society to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in commemoration of 300 years of service

in the United States, August 10, 1971, Amherst, Massachusetts."

Miss Miller and her display were very popular. She had mingled with the people and picked up interesting information which she worked into her talk to the delight of the audience. She noted that our per capita giving this part year totaled about thirteen cents, far higher than the average of other denominations. The amount (because of a special gift for Nigeria) was much higher than usual, some of us noted. Everyone seemed to be agreed that hers was the most appealing presentation of Bible Society work that they had heard.

People purchased between 400 and 500 copies of the newly-published Book of Psalms in Today's English Version at the amazingly low price of ten cents per copy. Some of the other literature for free distribution was brought to Plainfield and can be requested from the office of the Tract Society. Miss Miller reports that ten large-print Testaments were sold, sixty New Testaments (Good News) and that an unusually large quantity of catalogues and free materials was picked up. It will be strange if our people who were at Conference do not contribute more to the Bible Society than previously.

The presentation copy of the New Testament has been turned over to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society and will be on display for the benefit of those who visit the denominational building in days to come.

REV. EUGENE N. FATATO

Word has been received from Dr. Lewis H. V. May, moderator of the Riverside, California, church, of the violent death Tuesday night, August 17, of their summer assistant pastor, the Rev. Eugene N. Fatato. Death came at the hands of an unknown assailant as the pastor was returning home from the radio station after taping a church program. The motive for the brutal slaying was apparently robbery. The car and all identification papers were missing. Further obituary material will be printed in a later issue.

Highlights of Conference

Prepared in mimeographed form by Mrs. S. Kenneth Davis, assistant recording secretary, and distributed to delegates late Friday, August 13. Some of the items given here in capsule form will be reported more fully in this journal as space permits.

1. Recognition of the Ohio Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship.
2. Accreditation of the Rev. Leslie A. Welch.
3. Edward J. Horsley, M.D., of Denver, Colo., was elected first vice-president.
4. The Rev. J. Paul Green is the other new member elected to serve on Commission.
5. The Women's Board's Robe of Achievement was presented in absentia to Mrs. Courtland V. Davis, still serving in Jamaica.
6. Retired ministers will have their monthly benefit raised from \$3.45 to \$3.85 per month for each year of service.
7. "Guidelines for Administering the SDB Ministerial Retirement Plan" were adopted and will appear in the *Yearbook*.
8. A Council on Ministry was established to succeed the Council on Ministerial Education. Its expanded responsibility shall include support, recruitment, and pastor-church relations, as well as education.
9. Be sure to see the new "Era of Action" suggestion packet. Copies have been mailed to pastors, clerks and Sabbath School superintendents. Additional copies are available on request.
10. The World Council of Churches' Central Committee will name a limited number of young adults "under 30" to attend its session to be held in Holland next summer and all of some 235 member communions have been invited to make nominations. Our Conference authorized Commission to make such nomination.
11. Participation in a multi-denominational evangelistic thrust, "Key '73," was approved.
12. New Publications:
Directory of S. D. B. Churches —already in print, available from the Publish-

ing House in Plainfield, N. J.

Historical brochure prepared for the 300th Anniversary edited by Karl Stillman, illustrated by Richard Batchelder, distributed at Conference.

New Manual of Seventh Day Baptist Procedure prepared by the Committee on Faith and Order and edited by the Rev. Wayne Rood, to be published by the American Sabbath Tract Society.

Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America, Vol. III, to be published by the Historical Society. Type is already set for everything but the index.

13. The pilgrimage to Ashaway and Newport, the heritage drama, and the *Celebration* on the Sabbath climaxed the week full of inspiration and challenge.
14. Conference next year at Temple Buell College, Denver, Colo.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

- 1) The ongoing work in all Seventh Day Baptist Conferences of the world and the representatives who have been in this country as they take up again their work at home with renewed zeal and a new sense of world oneness.
- 2) The laborers in other countries who were unable to attend the meetings at Westerly, Amherst, and Jersey Oaks Camp.
- 3) The wife of the Rev. B. John V. Rao of India who was near death at the birth of another child after surgery in early August.
- 4) God's sustaining grace to be with the family of the Rev. Eugene N. Fatato who met violent death while serving the Riverside church, August 17.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 11, 1971

GOD TRANSCENDS

OUR UNDERSTANDING

Lesson Scripture: Exodus 33:19-20; Isaiah 40:18-26; Romans 11:33-36.

Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat

"My Spiritual Life and Witness" brought together the program and spirit of the 1971 Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat held at Lewis Camp at Ashaway, R. I., August 4-8. The Rev. Donald Richards was director, with Denison Barber, business manager, ably preparing the framework within which a rich Christian experience was created. Thirteen persons participated as campers for all or part of the retreat.

The Rev. Mynor Soper was the major lecturer on evangelism, with Helen Ruth Green, Dale Thorngate, Janet Smith, Steve Crouch, and Nancy Brannon guiding programs in worship, music, drama, recreation, and health, respectively. Excellent food was prepared by Mrs. Mary Jane Uhland and Mrs. Ruth Harris, much of it donated by South Jersey farmers.

A unique feature of this year's retreat was the practice of some evangelism as taught by Rev. Soper. The campers and staff witnessed on a nearby beach on Friday afternoon. Also unique was the preparation of choral readings and music for the Conference celebration of 300 years in America.

The retreat worshipped Sabbath morning with the Ashaway church and shared fellowship with the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation representatives at the dinner provided by area families.

This pre-Conference event was reported to the Conference by Bob Harris on the Christian Education Board program Wednesday afternoon.

Youth Pre-Con 1971

By Garth and Mayola Warner

Youth Pre-Con 1971 was held at the University of Massachusetts campus, August 4-8, 1971.

The theme was, "On Becoming Responsible Disciples." Eighty-six campers and nine staff members participated in the program.

The staff consisted of: Mr. and Mrs. Garth Warner, co-directors; Mrs. Althea Rood, Rev. Duane Davis, Miss Patti Jo Pederson, Miss Lois Wells, Miss Linda

Davis, Miss Michele Hunt, Mr. Ralph Mackintosh.

Bible studies under the leadership of the Rev. Duane Davis involved the following encounter areas:

1. Encounter with Christ
2. Encounter with the Holy Spirit
3. Encounter with Myself
4. Encounter with the World

"Encounter groups of varying sizes from two to ninety-five" was the method used to discover the relationship of Christ to each individual.

Interest groups were held two days in the areas of Creative Relationships, Creative Writing, Music, and Vocational Testing.

On Sabbath morning a Creative Worship service was conducted in a nearby Baptist church.

Our closing convocation consisted of a communion and testimony service.

We would humbly report that God's guidance was keenly felt in the fine cooperation of each staff member and that we are trusting for God's Holy Spirit to continue working in all of our lives.

Report of Board Meeting

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education was held July 18 at the Parish House of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. Thirty-one persons were present, two of them guests who were extended the privileges of the meeting. President Burton Crandall presided.

Meeting around a huge table, the board reviewed its previous regular session in April and shared reports and discussion in each of the committees' work areas. Members had been invited, along with representatives from other churches in the area, to evaluate two films in a post-session experience, so that Sunday was full of Christian education.

The treasurer reported the six-months' receipts of about \$11,000 with balances of \$5,500. Our World Mission receipts were \$4,451. Costs were met in publications to the tune of \$5,360, with the *Helping Hand* taking \$4,337, *Sabbath*

Visitor \$514, *Beacon* \$100, and *Sabbath: Symbol of Creation and Re-Creation* (one-third of our commitment) \$500.

Mrs. Nelson Snyder reported on the Family Life Committee's work on a variety of social issues in which family life quality is crucial. The mailing of Family Week materials was well-received, justifying the careful work in compiling the packet.

Don Van Horn, chairman of Higher Education Committee, reported on the Ministers Conference as a unifying encounter among our pastors and other ministerial leaders. The 1973 sessions are proposed for several places, with final choice made by polling the ministers and arranging with the inviting churches.

Mrs. Ethel Dickinson reported the Publication Committee's work in publishing the *Helping Hand* and *Sabbath Visitor*. Publication costs, format and editorial needs were discussed, including future changes that might be made. This committee's work, as well as that of other groups, was discussed in the board's Executive Committee session held the previous weekend.

Awards to be made at Conference in the Cross Achievement programs were the major aspect of the Publicity Committee report by Mrs. Mary Clare. The appearance of the special *Sabbath Recorder* prepared by this committee was noted, though much of the work had been done in the previous quarter.

Bob Stohr, national Vocations Secretary, reported a slow response on write-ups for the "Able Seventh Day Baptist" series and the adoption of a quarterly mailing schedule for these vocational pictures. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Catharine Jacox for preparing this past year's Vocations Sabbath material.

The pre-arrangements for the Youth Pre-Con and Young Adult Pre-Con Retreats having been completed, the Youth Work Committee reported on the directors' hopes and plans for the sessions in Amherst and Lewis Camp, respectively. The committee had authorized the supplementing of a delegate from our youth to the International Christian Endeavor convention in St. Louis, July 5-9, but no

one was secured to go, after the first choice was unable to go.

The *Beacon* editing is to be changed from Milton, Wis., to Denver, Colo. The committee announced the search for a successor to Karen Osborn as editor.

Headers for the *Camp Manual* were displayed as they will appear in the presentation to General Conference, and collection of materials will be outlined in the new Planning Committee packet of resource guides.

The Youth Work Committee also reported on its action with regard to the much-discussed matter of youth field worker. In relation to the Conference Ad Hoc Committee on Youth Field Work, the committee has had several lengthy discussions and recommended in this meeting that the executive secretary serve as "field director" in youth program for approximately eighteen months or until a youthful field worker might be secured. It is planned that the executive secretary will combine the various interests of the board in such field direction. The board adopted this recommendation.

The executive secretary reported on programming materials prepared and distributed, editorial writing for *Helping Hand* Daily Readings and the *Sabbath Recorder*, camping conferences, community work with migrant resettlers and drug counseling as well as the local churches, annual report preparations, Planning Committee extra editing, National Council sessions attended and other office and field work.

After the session, several members stayed for film evaluations which had been arranged for the National Council of Churches' Christian Education Division. These will appear in the ninth edition of the *Audio-Visual Resource Guide*.

Heavy Smoking

Not every user of tobacco is a heavy smoker, but putting the light smokers together adds up to heavy smoking. It has been figured out that 1,800,000 pounds of tobacco pollution enter our environment every day — and so needlessly.

Conference Attendance

The Committee on Credentials headed by the Rev. Donald E. Richards reported on Thursday, the fourth day, that the number of official delegates, less duplicates, was 376. The number registered at that time was 489. Others came in later as delegates and visitors. One estimate of the attendance on Sabbath morning was 725, which is a little lower than on some previous years. The treasurer observed that the smaller-than-usual attendance when the Conference offering was taken might partially account for not reaching the suggested goal.

Due to the World Federation meeting the week before, there were more visitors from foreign countries than usual. Missionary families from two of our three mission fields, Guyana and Malawi, were home on furlough and thus able to attend Conference. Pacific Coast churches were particularly well represented.

The statistics showed that there were twenty-five attending Junior High Conference, twenty in the Junior group, and twelve in Primary Conference. It was reported that there were eighty-six in the Youth Pre-Con with a faculty of nine and fourteen at Young Adult Pre-Con with ten in the faculty group (which ratio was easier at Lewis Camp than it would have been at U. Mass).

The representation of ministers and pastors was good, with forty-seven registered at the time of the report. Among the ministers present were several who are not fully aligned with the denomination. Almost every active Seventh Day Baptist church in the United States having an employed pastor could say that its pastor was present. Thus it is easier to note the ministers who were absent than the forty-seven or more present. Retired ministers present all or part time were Paul Burdick, Grover Brisse, Harold Crandall, Paul Maxson, and Everett Harris (who is still partially employed by the Missionary Board). Of the ordained men listed as religious workers in affiliated fields the following were present some or all of the week: Oscar Burdick, Kenneth Smith, and Wendell Stephan.

Letters of Greeting

Was it because of our 300th anniversary, because of better publicity, or because Seventh Day Baptists have been making a name for themselves in ecumenical deliberations that there were more than the usual number of letters of greeting from important people? Whatever the reason, the letters presented on the first afternoon of Conference were thoughtful, well-wishing letters.

The president of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) V. Carney Hargroves, who has had considerable contact with leaders of our Conference for more than ten years, sent a nice letter of greeting.

Robert S. Denney, the new general secretary of BWA, who had previously headed Baptist World Alliance youth work wrote of our substantial contribution to that organization.

Frank F. Woyke, active in BWA work and secretary of the relatively new North American Baptist Fellowship (NABF), out of his association with our people in the Baptist Jubilee Advance and the above-mentioned organizations was able to enter into the spirit of our Conference with a good letter.

Eugene Smith, secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC), in wishing us well on our anniversary year wrote of our distinction in having a helpful representative on the Executive Committee of that body.

Frank Licht, governor of Rhode Island, in a letter to the Conference reviewed the contributions made by Seventh Day Baptists to that state in the area of dedicated public service.

There was also a good letter emphasizing our history from U. S. Senator Claiborne Pell, who comes from Newport, R. I. He mentioned having conferred with Senator Jennings Randolph, a Seventh Day Baptist, with whom he was closely associated in Senate committee work.

Speed Up or Slow Down

A missionary leader echoed the sentiments of many of us when he wrote recently, "Wish we could either speed up our work or slow down time!"

Interested Filipinos

A recent letter from Olimpio T. Isoto, principal correspondent of the new Seventh Day Baptist work on the islands of Cebu and Leyte in the Philippines, enclosed a picture of the first Sabbath School organized by Brother E. Farraren in T. Padilla St., Cebu City.



Some of the children on the front row are of Catholic parentage; others belong to the members. The adults are identified thus:

1. Brother Rufino Dayondon — interested in the truth
2. Brother S. Salipaopao — fellowship S. D. B.
3. Olimpio T. Isoto
4. Alberto Tajuda — fellowship S. D. B.
5. S. Bantilan — active in lay preaching S. D. B.
6. R. Silma — fellowship S. D. B.
7. Eleazar Ferraren—fellowship S. D. B.
8. Mrs. Dayondon — new convert
9. Mrs. B. Ferraren—fellowship S. D. B.
- 10, 11. Members of the Pentecostal church, now very interested in the truth.

It is reported that Alberto Tajuda (No. 4) "learned the truth last March when I presented to him the tracts I received from the secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society." His parents, who are members of another Sabbathkeeping group, reportedly persecuted him, driving him and his four children out of their home. They confiscated his rice land, leaving him without a food supply for his family.

The letter continues:

"Another news is coming from Malangas, Cotabato, Mindanao. A telegram was

received by Brother Ferraren coming from Brother Tagiobon from Malangas, Cotabato, Mindanao, that there are two hundred interested who are waiting for baptism. There are so many calls in the different islands in the Philippines, but we have very few workers. 'Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already for the harvest' (John 4: 35). In Cebu City we have assigned Brother S. Bantilan in the city, while in Kinatarean, Daan Bantayan, Brother Andres is also waiting for those interested in being baptized. Who will be sent there? Please help us this way, and pray for our endeavors in the Philippines.

It was announced that the "first Fellowship Conference" would be held August 13-14 at the residence of Brother Olimpio Isoto in Consolacion, Cebu. Delegates were expected from Masbate, Cebu, Bohol, Cotabato, Mindanao, Surigao, Leyte, and other places. Prayer was requested that there will be more converts in the Philippines.

British Conference Held

By James McGeachy

The sixth annual Conference of Seventh Day Baptists in Britain met July 24 and 25, 1971, at the Methodist Church Hall, Mayall Road, Herne Hill, London S. E. 24.

There was a good gathering of members and friends from Halloway, Herne Hill, and Birmingham. The Sabbath School lesson was taught by Bro. Keith Brown. The morning service followed at noon led by Pastor Albourne Peat. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. McGeachy, who had come down from Hesse in Yorkshire. The subject was the theme chosen for the Conference year, "Redeeming the Time, Because the Days Are Evil" (Eph. 5:16).

After dealing with the physical, political and moral evils which prevail in our days, he showed how the time can be redeemed by seizing the opportunity to find salvation in Christ, and putting to the best use the time we have remaining to us.

The young people's meeting in the afternoon was followed by a special pro-

gram of songs and recitations, and singing by the choir, with an address by Pastor Parr bidding us beware of the false philosophies of our generation. Mrs. Olive Gelleff accompanied the singing on the piano. An evangelistic service was held in the evening.

Before the morning service on Sunday Pastor Peat conducted a baptismal service at the local Baptist church.

On Sunday most of the time was taken up with Conference business. A report was given by the moderator, who told of correspondence with many throughout the year, and specially with Pastor Ralph Cann of Ghana, and help sent to pay the teachers of the school he has organized, and the gift of the Bible in Braille to the School for the Blind in Wa, Ghana, and of the willingness of Pastor Cann to accompany any delegation that might be sent to Nigeria to learn about the various groups in that country who have expressed the desire to unite with Seventh Day Baptists.

Other reports were given by the secretary, and treasurer, and from the delegates of the groups from Holloway, Herne Hill, and Birmingham.

The visits of Pastor A. L. Peat and of Sister Iris Codrington to the General Conference and the World Federation of Seventh Day Baptists were also discussed, and the greetings they were to carry with them to these assemblies.

Most of the officers were reelected. Bro. Keith Brown was made assistant secretary, and Bro. Henry Wright became assistant treasurer. Various committees brought their recommendations which were adopted.

It was suggested that four or five bands be organized to collect funds, each member pledging to raise a certain amount in preparation for a final rally, and suggestions were made about reorganizing our financial system.

During the time of the committee meetings in the afternoon a service was conducted by Bro. Chas. Thompson for those who were not involved in the business sessions.

In the evening a service was conducted by Pastor Peat in which he dealt with the "Signs of the Times."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BERLIN, N. Y.— An open house was held on June 13 in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul L. Maxson. Pastor Maxson retired July 10, after serving our church faithfully for thirty-one years. The Schenectady church was our guest for a joint communion service on July 10. We enjoyed a covered dish dinner together at noon.

We are looking forward to the arrival of our new pastor, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick and family, from Riverside, Calif. Mr. Burdick will assume his duties here the first of September.

—Correspondent

Conference Offering

The Stewardship chairman, Paul Osborn, set a goal of \$20,000 for the Conference offering to be collected as over-and-above giving on the installment plan. There was to be one offering in the churches before Conference, one on Conference Sabbath, and one afterwards. This was a minimum goal needed to help us catch up on our OWM budget and meet the needs during the remaining months of the calendar year. Publicity was good; appeals were strong, and the presence at Amherst of so many foreign representatives made our world work come alive as seldom before.

The morning offering in cash and checks was good, \$6,263 collected from some 700 people of whom perhaps one-fifth were children and young people. Adults must have averaged over \$10 each, which shows some sacrifice. Prior to the counting of the morning offering, \$5,300 had been reported. At the close of the session more had been reported from the churches, bringing the total to \$13,589 — still about \$6,500 short of the announced goal. The figures on page fifteen of this issue indicate the substantially better giving in July than in June. It is believed that those who were at Amherst will do their best in personal giving and will use every opportunity to convey their enthusiasm to others so that the work this year can go forward without hindrance.

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for July 1971

	Treasurer's		Boards'		Treasurer's		Boards'
	July	7 mos.	7 mos.		July	7 mos.	7 mos.
Adams Ctr NY ..S		340.00	10.00	Milton Jct WI ..	195.00	737.70	25.00
Albion WI	111.68	418.04	25.00	Monterey CA		100.00	
Alfred NY		3,254.70	182.00	New Auburn WI	429.51	718.31	75.00
Alfred Sta NY	377.00	1,865.15	30.00	New Milton WV	127.35	427.35	
Ashaway RI	335.15	1,967.15	154.00	New Orleans LA	10.00	20.00	5.00
Assns & Groups		563.60	581.00	North Loup NB ..	887.65	1,887.65	20.00
Battle Creek MI ..	848.56	2,921.85	302.00	Nortonville KS ..	10.00	1,597.15	146.00
Bay Area CA	125.00	465.00	31.20	Ohio Fellowship..	20.00	140.00	250.00
Berea WV		220.29	10.00	Paint Rock AL ..	85.00	335.00	30.00
Berlin NY	259.25	1,151.36	266.00	Plainfield NJ ..	916.06	3,560.16	482.90
Boulder CO	122.68	822.44	82.00	Putnam Cty FL ..	70.00	70.00	
Brookfield NY ..	136.90	510.17	85.00	Richburg NY		827.74	31.00
Buffalo NY	30.00	235.00		Riverside CA	590.50	3,932.15	80.00
Chicago IL		512.50	21.00	Roanoke WV	20.00	35.00	
Daytona Beach FL	100.00	700.00	10.00	Rockville RI		157.25	11.00
Denver CO		1,229.87	112.00	Salem WV	455.00	1,766.30	182.00
De Ruyter NY ..	42.00	249.00	10.00	Salemville PA	101.10	534.10	
Dodge Ctr MN ..	423.38	1,740.28	50.00	Schenectady NY ..	34.00	90.00	20.00
Farina IL	45.00	207.50	10.00	Seattle WA		109.00	106.25
Fouke AR		70.00	10.00	Shiloh NJ	1,288.37	5,787.73	111.00
Hammond LA				Stonefort IL			31.00
Hebron PA		461.00	35.00	Syracuse NY	50.00	50.00	
Hopkinton RI	30.00	55.00	121.00	Texasarkana AR		40.00	
Houston TX		163.60	5.00	Verona NY	426.12	1,231.32	71.00
Independence NY	21.00	304.50	51.00	Walworth WI	242.00	1,007.00	
Individuals		50.00	145.00	Washington DC ..	200.00	675.00	141.00
Irvington NJ		1,475.00		Washington			
Jackson Ctr OH ..		400.00		People's DC			10.00
Kansas City MO		290.00	10.00	Waterford CT	257.85	1,375.51	150.00
Leonardsville NY	145.40	414.77		Westerly RI	1,075.00	3,225.00	263.00
Little Genesee NY		840.48	20.00	White Cloud MI	62.39	418.94	20.00
Little Rock AR ..	31.49	188.24	10.00				
Los Angeles CA ..	768.90	2,943.90	192.00	Totals	\$12,477.87	67,160.54	5,345.35
Lost Creek WV ..		1,250.00	36.00	Non-Budget	522.00		
Marlboro NJ	417.08	2,630.06	10.00				
Metairie LA				Total			
Milton WI	564.50	5,394.73	468.00	To Disburse	\$12,999.87		

JULY DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 1,131.47
Historical Society	8.91
Ministerial Education	784.01
Ministerial Retirement	735.12
Missionary Society	5,505.36
Tract Society	1,638.78
Trustees of General Conference	89.09
Women's Society	196.46
World Fellowship & Service	421.01
General Conference	2,399.66
S. D. B. World Federation	50.00
Washington DC Church	40.00
	<u>\$12,999.87</u>

SUMMARY

1971 Budget	\$147,770.00
Receipts for 7 months:	
OWM treasurer	67,160.54
Boards	5,345.35
	<u>72,505.89</u>
To be raised by Dec. 31, 1971	\$75,264.11
Needed per month	\$ 15,052.82
Percentage of year elapsed	58.3%
Percentage of budget raised	49.1%
Seven months: amount due	\$86,199.19
Amount received	<u>\$72,505.89</u>
Arrears	\$ 13,693.30

Gordon Sanford
OWM Treasurer

The Sabbath Recorder

LET'S THINK IT OVER

IFCO To Combat Apartheid

Three leaders of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) held a press conference recently in New York and announced plans for an offensive against racial discrimination in Africa.

In calling for expanded church action, the Rev. Dr. Lucius Walker, Jr., IFCO executive director, read from a public statement.

The press statement called for the elimination of dialog with South Africa until the "illegal government of South Africa is replaced by a government duly elected by the principle of one man one vote. There cannot be any basis for dialog with the European settlers in South Africa given the present government structure."

Since the "present South African mood and line of reasoning" does not suggest that South Africa intends to change internal conditions, "what is there to talk about?" the statement continued. "Dialog, as conceived of by South Africa, is a policy of deceit and subterfuge."

"IFCO calls upon the churches to embrace the liberation struggle in its efforts," said the press statement. "Minority empowerment at home cannot be divorced from the process of decolonization and nation building in the Third World."

"We call upon the churches to reinforce their proclamations with specific actions in support of liberation movements in those countries where armed revolt has been necessary by colonial viola-

tions of all conventions of decency and human dignity," the statement continued.

IFCO, established in late 1966, ran into financial problems in 1970. But early this year it announced that its financial picture had improved somewhat and lifted a three-month moratorium on grants to community organizations. Prior to the moratorium, it had channeled \$3.1 million to various organizations. Grants totaling \$437,336 to 27 projects were announced by IFCO in May.

Unspoiled by His Millions

Jack Buras at twenty-three inherited \$82.7 million in August 1970, but is apparently unspoiled by his wealth. He continues as a part-time university student devoting most of his time to church work. He continues as minister of music at Harmony Baptist Church at Prattsville, Ark., where he directs seven choirs and gives twenty-three voice lessons each week. "I feel I've been given a tremendous opportunity to witness," said Buras. "Having inherited all this money gives me a chance to get before people who wouldn't have listened to me before."

It is not all joy, however, for everybody wants to help him spend his money. His mail at the local post office has gone beyond 10,000 pieces, and requests for help have totaled more than \$100 million. Some of the requests would be funny if they were not serious. For instance, there was the letter urging him to invest in "a Christian race track" where people can bet on horses but not have to suffer "that sinful secular atmosphere."

