

# The Sabbath Recorder

## WRONG WAY

By Eugene Lincoln

A few years ago, two buses rolled into the depot at Idaho Falls, Idaho — one headed for Butte, Montana, from Salt Lake City, Utah, and the other headed for Salt Lake City from Butte. Drivers and passengers got out to stretch their legs or grab a few bites to eat.

Several minutes later the driver of the Salt Lake-bound bus headed toward Utah. Passengers settled comfortably in their seats, reading magazines, chatting with their seatmates, or looking out the windows at the scenery.

Thirty miles out of town, a state patrolman, with siren screaming, signalled the bus driver to pull off the highway and stop. He informed the astounded driver that he had mistakenly boarded the bus — the one that should have been headed toward Butte!

What is amusing — and also somewhat disturbing — about this story is the reaction of the passengers. Not one had queried the driver: "Say, isn't this the same way we came into town?" or "Aren't we going the wrong direction to get to Butte?"

Theoretically, a bus driver should know his business and be sure where he is going. No doubt that is what the passengers thought as they erased any questions they had in their minds about their eventual destination. And yet, when all indications showed that something was wrong, isn't it strange that the passengers' faith in their driver was so great

that not one voiced a doubt concerning his route?

One would think that the leaders of the world — especially the renowned spiritual leaders — should know their business, too — that they should be aware of the way they are taking us. And yet, some items in the news may cause us to wonder.

Religious news abounds with stories of church leaders voicing their doubts concerning the inspiration of the Bible, the divinity of Christ, the promise of His return, and — in a few cases — the very existence of a personal Deity. Some openly flout the laws of the land in seeking to achieve social goals which, if reached in the proper manner, might be desirable. Neither the Savior nor His disciples sought to further their aims by unnecessarily violating man's laws.

It is disturbing to read such news about the religious world; but it is even more disturbing — even frightening — to hear so little concern and so few voices raised among the followers of these leaders over the way they are being led.

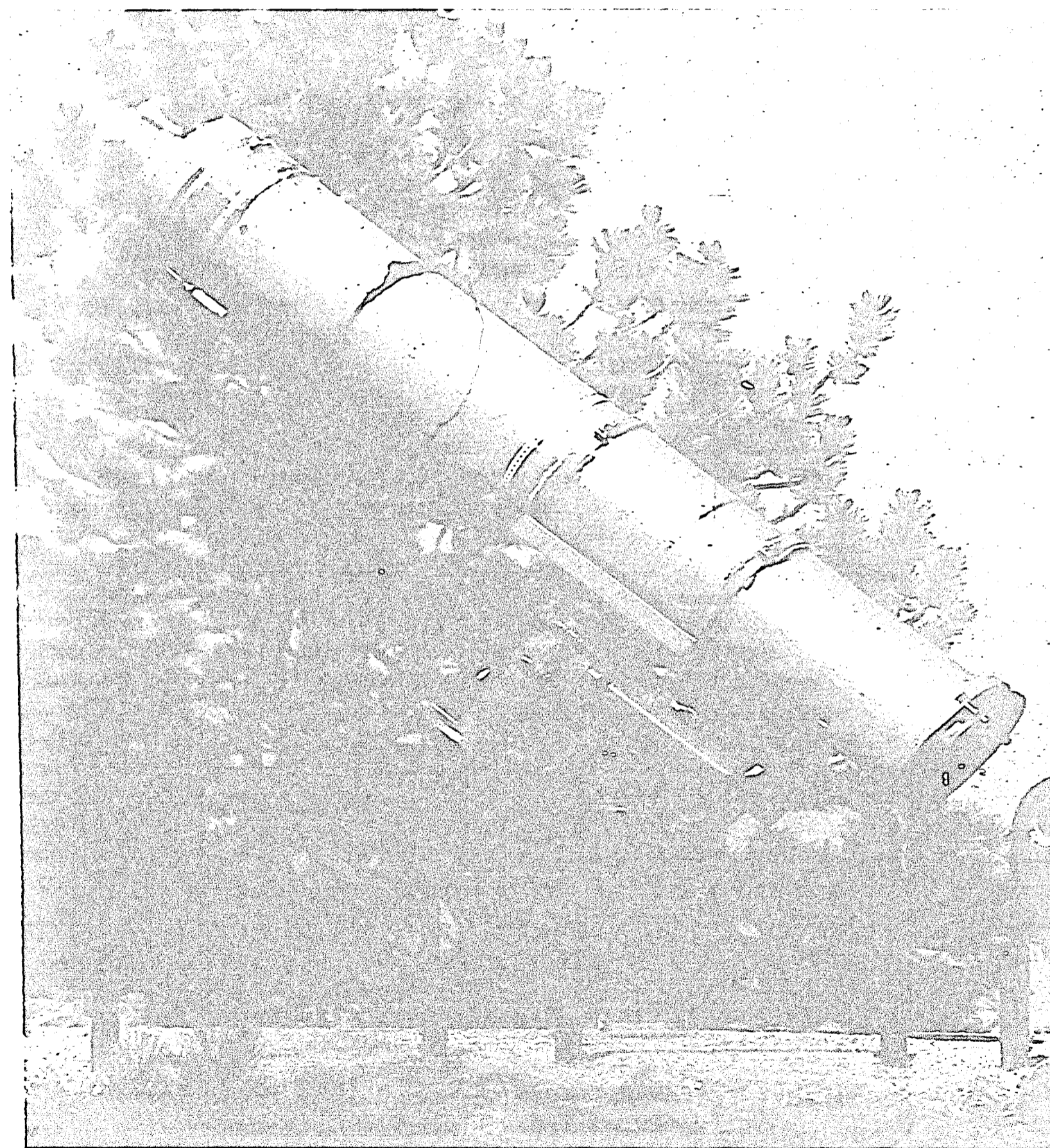
Is it possible that these blind followers will find too late — the truth of the passage in Proverbs 16:25? It states plainly a great truth: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death."

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 4, 1972

THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

Lesson Scripture: Ephesians 2:19-22;  
Matthew 16:13-20.



John Watts Memorial Telescope

One of the facilities for the God-centered education of youth peculiar to Camp Paul Hummel through the generosity of Seventh Day Baptist individuals and organizational funds is the Watts Memorial telescope by which the young folks can better see how the heavens declare the glory of God.



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## A WORD ABOUT THIS ISSUE

A major portion of this first-of-the-month issue is provided by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education under the direction of the Rev. David S. Clarke, executive secretary. It is the annual emphasis issue of this board and highlights some of its concerns and services.

The Tract Board emphasis issue was December 4, the Missionary Board January 1. The Women's Board emphasis is scheduled for June 3.

## WRITERS FOR THIS ISSUE

"Christian Responsibility" was written by Mrs. Francis Bucher who lives on a beef cattle farm just west of Little Genesee, N. Y. Ruth serves with the board's Family Life Committee sharing insights from her own fine family. She was ordained a deaconess in the Richburg church last fall and continues to serve in community and church in many ways.

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Introduction to Mrs. Bucher's article was written by Dr. Burton Crandall, vice-president of the board who has been filling in while the new president, Mrs. D. W. Clare, cares for her father in Florida. Burton needs little introduction to Seventh Day Baptists, having served in so many capacities in church and Conference that few persons have missed knowing him personally, to say nothing of knowing his wife, Carol Davis Crandall, or their children or his father, Dr. Ben.

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Mrs. Gary Cox (Myrna) wrote the story on SCSC from her home in Boulder, Colo., where her husband is junior high school administrator in one of the city's large schools. Mrs. Cox is mother of three husky youngsters, active in the work of the Denver and the Colorado Seventh Day Baptist Churches. She is chairman of the Women's Board Committee sponsoring the SCSC program.

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The article reviewing the *Beacon's* history was written by Mrs. Mae Lewis, professor of business and secretarial studies at Alfred State College, and until recently, the recording secretary of the Board of Christian Education. Mrs. Lewis

serves many area organizations as secretary, actively supports the Alfred Station church's programs, and guides four children in school (junior high to college ages).

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The "Love Offering" story about Camp Harley Sutton was prepared by Mrs. Donald Pierce who is a school librarian in Arkport, N. Y. Jean and her husband Don, who have given a great deal of energy to the development of the camp, live just below it in Alfred Station, and are active in the Alfred Station church and Allegheny Association. They have two daughters, one in college, one in junior high.

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"Randy" is the familiar title now heard at Camp Paul Hummel and about Seventh Day Baptist campfires from the 1930's until now. The Rev. Elmo F. Randolph has been a district Boy Scout executive and hence brings to his active church camping the breadth of that outdoor movement's experience. Active in the life of the city of Boulder, Randy served two years as president of the local Council of Churches. His wife, Madeline, is president of the national Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society. They are parents of six children, all but one of whom are married.

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The program of the high school dedicated service is characterized by the executive secretary of this board who is offering his services for leadership and enrichment workshops of youth groups. The Rev. David Clarke should be contacted at Box 115, Alfred Station, if you have suggestions on the high school dedicated service program, or any other Christian education concern. Also, if you wish him to arrange for workshops, write to that address.

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The overall supervision of this issue's Christian Education articles was given by Mrs. Madge Sutton as acting chairman of the Publicity Committee of this board. Madge has efficiently served the trustees of the Allegheny Association camp named in loving memory of her husband, first full-time secretary of the Board of

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Christian Education and avid camp leader. Madge had the responsibility for their three children as they grew up. She lives two doors from the Alfred Station church, is active in its life and many community concerns of this area. She frequently hosts her son's and daughter's families who live nearby, as well as the family of her oldest daughter who lives in New Jersey.

## Filmstrips for Easter

One of the best ways to learn more about Jesus' passion and resurrection is through visual aids. The American Sabbath Tract Society has a series for adults which teaches the Bible truths about this time in Jesus' life. There are five strips in this series: (1) Last Supper, (2) Gethsemane, (3) Arrest and Trial, (4) Judgment and Crucifixion, (5) Resurrection. There are eight other strips on this subject for adults listed in the catalog.

For children we have two filmstrips with records: "Jesus Is Not Afraid" and "Jesus Lives." There are eleven Storystrips on the subject (Order J88—J98). In the Show'N Tell there are three strips for children.

Use these helps and make this a time of constructive learning and satisfying enjoyment.

—Audio and Visual Services chairman

## Our Prayer Corner

### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The many ministries of the Board of Christian Education featured in this issue, particularly the new field work for youth and the vocational guidance.

2) The growing opportunities for church extension in the Philippines as the national workers translate and distribute literature from the Tract Society.

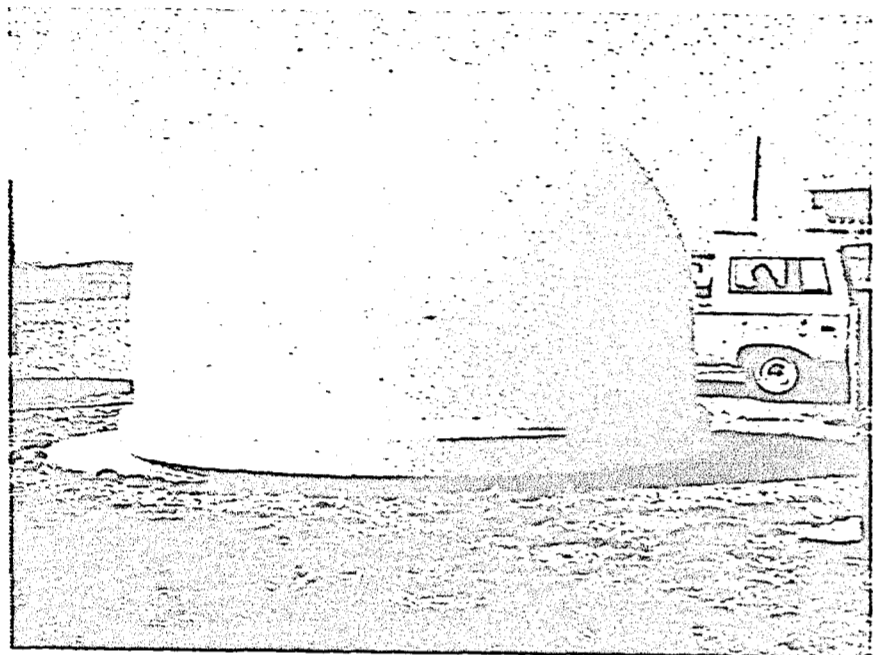
3) Wisdom in evaluating ecumenical structures and programs and using our influence and talents for the greatest good.

4) The annual meeting of the Burma Conference being held at Tahan, March 9-11, and for L. Sawi Thanga, executive secretary, who has traveled from Rangoon ahead of time to make arrangements.

## Camp Paul Hummel -- 1972

By Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph

The total eclipse of the moon on Sunday morning, January 30, was viewed by an enthusiastic group of people from the Boulder and Denver Seventh Day Baptist Churches using the John Watts Memorial telescope at Camp Paul Hummel. It was cold — ten degrees above zero — but the sixteen “astronomers”



took their turns at the eyepiece of the twelve-inch reflector telescope and enjoyed observing Saturn, the ring nebula in Lyra, the beehive cluster in Cancer, and the spectacular Orion nebula. The night of stargazing was climaxed by wonderful “seeing” of the total eclipse.

How good it was, in the interims between scanning the heavens, to soak up the warmth of the blazing fire in the lodge fireplace and enjoy games and popcorn with one's friends. Nor should we fail to mention the supper of beef stew prepared by Pastor Glen Warner's wife, Nancy, and the breakfast of pancakes and sausage served by Madeline Fitz Randolph.

Our “moon eclipse party” was the opening event in the 1972 program at Camp Paul Hummel. The camp trustees have taken official action to promote at least one major program or event at camp for our two churches every month of the year. Already the 1972 calendar is marked for some exciting “happenings.” The Summer Christian Service Corps Evaluation Retreat comes to Camp

Paul Hummel, July 31-August 2, followed immediately by the hosting of Pre-Conference Youth Retreat, August 3-6. (Young Adult Pre-Conference Retreat will be held at James Park, a fine “high country” retreat center owned by First Baptist Church of Boulder).

On Thursday of General Conference the program of Conference President Paul Osborn calls for a Rocky Mountain pit-roast to be served at camp under the direction of Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph. It will be a great joy to welcome Seventh Day Baptists from far and near who will visit Camp Paul Hummel on that occasion.

The week following Conference facilities at camp are reserved for a “Fitz Randolph Family Reunion,” an event that could bring as many as a hundred members of the “clan” together—many of them Seventh Day Baptists.

Anticipating so many thrilling activities on our mountain this year alerts us to the camp development projects that must be completed by summer. The new bathhouse, providing toilets and showers, is ready for installation of a heating system and plumbing fixtures. The electrical wiring is completed. Laying water lines from our new well and completing work on the septic system are priority projects for attention. Of course there are many maintenance jobs, indoors and out, that must be done by springtime. (The big January wind in Boulder, which you probably heard about, scattered one of our small outhouses over a large area of the mountainside).

One new camp project for which we have special enthusiasm is the installation of a fiberglass observatory dome for the John Watts Memorial telescope on observatory point. The dome was designed and used by the Air Force in their satellite-tracking program around the world. It is 12 feet in diameter and 9½ feet high. Set on a track, the dome turns in a complete circle permitting use of the telescope in every part of the sky. It will be installed as soon as weather

## The Beacon

Over Thirty-Five Years

By Mae Lewis

One of the areas of responsibility of the Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education is the publication of the *Beacon*. It is interesting to go back over the file of *Beacons* and glean some of the history of this publication for and by the youth of the denomination.

The *Beacon* was first published over thirty-five years ago. In the November 1946 *Beacon*, which celebrated the tenth anniversary of its publication, the editors, Barbara Seager and Duane Davis, described the beginning of the *Beacon* as follows: “During the Conference week at Boulder in the summer of 1936, young people from the Pacific Coast suggested the need for some definite tie with the other young people of the denomination . . . . At Salem College, early in the following school year, the *Beacon* was born. The first issue was dated November 16, 1936, with Duane Hurley as the editor. Some of the members of that first *Beacon* staff were Mrs. Ethel Wheeler, Mrs. Earl Cruzan, Nancilu Butler, Roy Tomlinson, Mrs. Margaret Bond, Mrs. Ruby Maxson, Winthrop Davis, and Zella Babcock.”

Over the years, the *Beacon* has

permits. (The camp trustees, through Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph, are inviting contributions toward the \$750 cost of the dome).

During 1971 our camp treasury received approximately \$1,000 in fees for the use of facilities by groups other than Seventh Day Baptists. When we are ready to distribute attractive camp promotional materials, we expect an increasing number of opportunities to share Camp Paul Hummel with other churches and Christian groups. The 1972 summer schedule includes five days reserved by cooperating Baptist churches of Boulder for a day camp. A week in early July is reserved for a Boulder Methodist minister's family reunion with an expected attendance of sixty persons.

We are happy to report that our de-

been published in many locations with many different editors. The three main locations of publication have been Alfred, Milton, and Salem. Other places where it has been published include New Auburn, Denver and Boulder, Ashaway, Shiloh, Jackson Center, Battle Creek, Riverside, Verona, and Alfred Station. There may have been still other places of publication. Among the editors who have edited the most issues are Wayne Rood and Burton Crandall, David and Frances Clarke, Miriam Seager, and Denise Kagarise Green.

From 1936 until 1952, the *Beacon* was duplicated by the stencil process. These *Beacons* are all 8½ by 11 inches in size. In December 1952, the first *Beacon* was duplicated with the lithograph process. This process could duplicate pictures as well as drawings, and so the possibilities for materials to be included in the publication were broadened. The size of the *Beacon* also changed, as the sheets were folded and bound in the center, making a paper of 5½ by 8½ inches.

At the present time, the *Beacon* is being published at Nortonville, Kansas. Karen Osborn is the editor, and the theme for this year is “To God Be the Glory.”

velopment dreams for Camp Paul Hummel are becoming reality. Two major forces are working together toward achieving our goals: the faith of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, demonstrated by its generous grant of \$25,000 for development, and the dedicated stewardship of a growing group of people in the Denver and Boulder churches who are giving of their talents, skills, and time in the total project.

Yes, 1972 will be a “banner year” for Camp Paul Hummel, a Rocky Mountain Christian retreat. We of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of Colorado and the Mid-Continent Association are challenged by the opportunity to share in, and contribute to, the expanding development and program of Seventh Day Baptist camps from coast to coast.



## S.C.S.C. — A Vital Movement

By Myrna Cox

In 1964 a visit was made by Linda Bingham to Metairie, Louisiana. Upon her return to the Milton, Wisconsin, area (where the Women's Board was then located) she reported that Pastor Hayes was in great need of some young people to help with the church program. Pastor Hayes was then working full time outside of the church. He felt if he could have some young people to help for a period of time, he could accomplish a great deal more.

The Women's Board decided to undertake this project and made plans to send a team to Metairie that summer. Travel and miscellaneous expenses were to be paid by the Women's Board and the local church was to furnish room and board. Four young people were picked by the board to go and applications were not solicited the first summer. They were Judy Van Horn, Linda Bingham, Dale Rood, and Al Crouch.

After evaluating this summer of dedicated work, the Women's Board decided to make this an annual project and asked Leon Lawton, who was just returning from the missionary field in Jamaica, to hold a training session in the spring for those young people planning to give a summer of dedicated service.

The procedure of soliciting applications was started. This then involved the Missionary Society. The Planning Committee was also involved at this time to help coordinate planning. However, the Women's Board felt that this was still primarily its project, and has been supporting the program financially, as well as sharing administrative duties, ever since. The financing is possible through contributions to the Women's Board.

Although there have been many changes made since that first summer to improve the program, perhaps the most significant change was the elimination of young people who have not graduated from high school. The original program involved high school students with the intent that they would work with the local churches and help in Vacation Bible Schools and camping programs. Primarily the college-age young people

were to do calling and evangelistic outreach. However, after evaluating the program for several years, the local churches felt that high school graduates could be more helpful because of maturity. This change has hampered the growth of the program due to fewer participants. However, the number is again growing and next summer's program promises to be an exciting and outstanding one.

The training session will be held in Euless, Texas. The Rev. Leon Lawton of the Missionary Society will be conducting our own training session from June 6-11. June 12-17 the young people will be privileged to attend *Explo '72*. Local arrangements are being made by former SCSC worker Dale Harris. Final plans are now under way. It should be a great thing for some of our young people to be able to share with thousands of Christians in an experience of spiritual renewal. Such great religious leaders as Billy Graham will be present.

Enough good things cannot be said about the SCSC program. We are thankful for the wisdom and confidence of our Women's Board in 1964. The Christian Social Relations Committee of the Women's Board in Boulder-Denver, Colorado, is eager to carry on this project and to expand and broaden our outreach. With your prayers and with God's help, we will make this effort a "living thing" and the world will know we are Christians by our love.

—Myrna Cox, Chairman  
Christian Social Relations Committee

### Bible Distribution Up

Scripture distribution to the armed forces in 1970 totaled 4,323,599, exceeding the previous high in 1944 of 2,749,074. In 1969 a total of 2,224,844 Scriptures were donated to the men and women in the armed forces.

The Rev. Dr. James Z. Nettinga, executive secretary of the National Distribution Department, American Bible Society, announced that in the Armed Forces and elsewhere the call for complete Bibles and selections was greater than for Testaments and portions.

## "SERVICE STATIONS" OR NOT?

### High School Dedicated Service Program

Dean Kelley, National Council of Churches' director for civil and religious liberties, has pointed out how some churches are like many auto service stations: often they are so busily engaged in attracting attention that they fail to provide either good quality service or personalized service.

Free mugs, glasses, tableware; lotteries or prizes of all sorts; trading stamps; toys and pictures! Kelley calls them "diversionary substitutes."

The Church of Jesus the Christ sometimes earns its criticism in social action involvement, not because it is involved but because it is not religious enough in its social action.

Sometimes the church has substituted for service to members and neighbors such "diversionary substitutes" as meaningless entertainment, recreation, adult education, catering, occupational therapy. The chief point is that meanings are not developed in the activities, though activities themselves are also sometimes self-defeating.

Dean Kelley's warning is clear: Christians must be socially involved, as well as internally productive for the reasons that are right in God's sight.

Are Seventh Day Baptist high school youth growing up to regard their churches as "service stations" or as diversionary "un-service stations"?

Such is part of the reason for the S. D. B. High School Dedicated Service program presented in the 1972 *Era of Action* packet. We believe that sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school are ready, willing and able to take positions of leadership in church service such as camps, vacation church schools, Sabbath schools, work projects, office, community recreation, fair booths, etc.

Many Seventh Day Baptist youths of high school age are already providing invaluable leadership in mission projects of churches or associations. The High School Youth Dedicated Service program proposes to associations and churches in

the USA Conference that they put their best resources together to identify, train and employ the best talent among our high school members.

One way to identify such talent is to give a name to the movement which will carry on the ideals of dedicated service. The goals for high school youth dedicated service as outlined by the Board of Christian Education following an extended study by a sub-committee are:

"A local church or group of churches or an Association find places for service for high school youth;

Youth of sophomore to senior high school age volunteer to assist in church service programs (primarily summer activities) and register their willingness with the director of vacation school, junior camp or other projects, and take training for leadership as provided by the sponsors.

The Conference, through the Board of Christian Education, recognizes such service upon completion and reporting by providing a certificate which is awarded by the sponsors in the local church."

As yet no name beyond "High School Youth Dedicated Service" has been chosen. The Board of C. E. urgently requests suggestions for a name that will help inspire unity in Christian service.

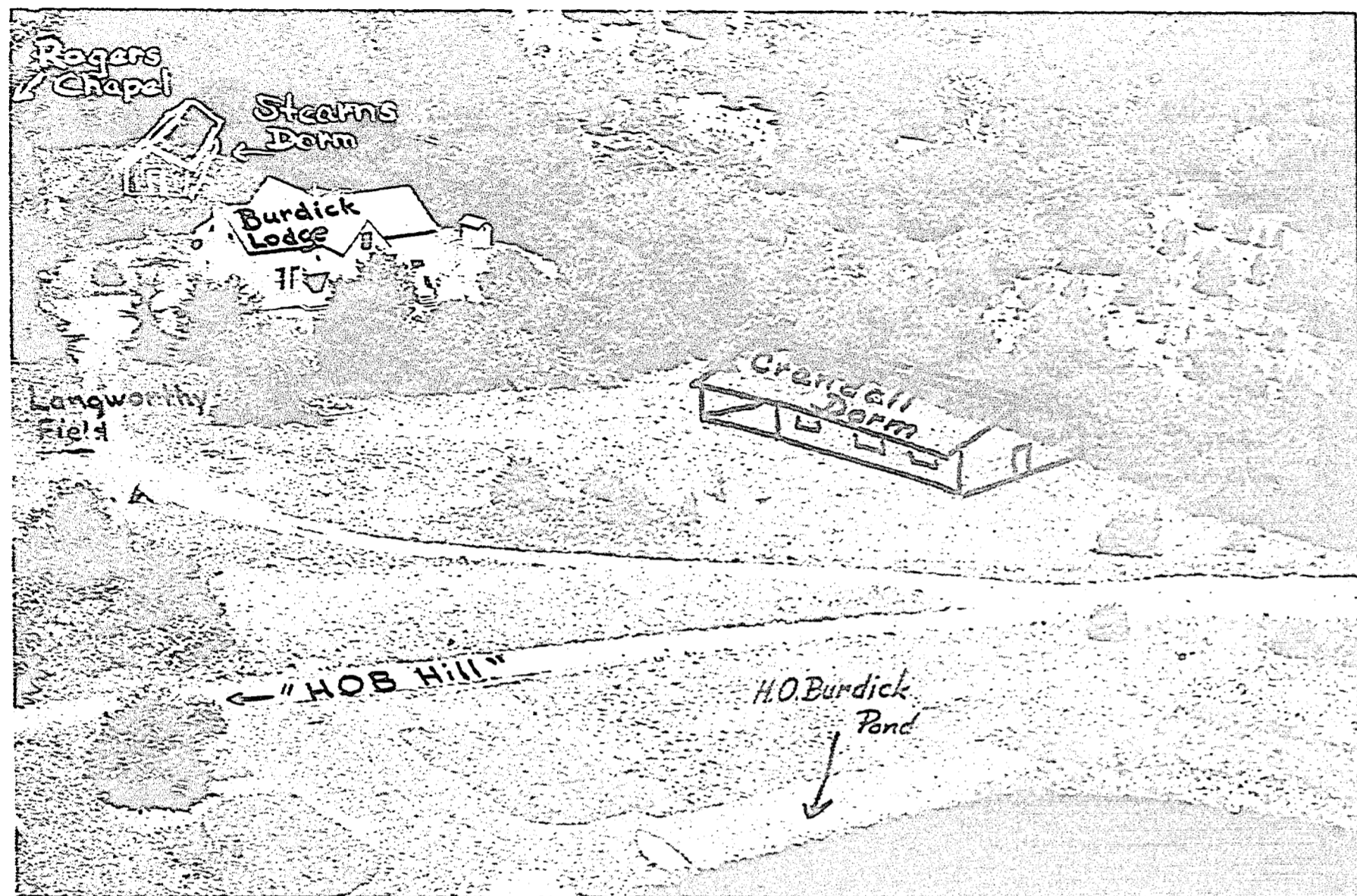
The SCSC proved a clear inspiration, partly because of simple abbreviation but chiefly because the initials each stand for a significant Christian value in mission.

A strong movement has developed in one large denomination which is called: "Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ Movement." This sets up monthly meetings for Bible study, prayer, witness planning and practice, and recruiting for other youth. Another denomination has a program where names are adopted in each area where service is conducted, and so local associations are strongly felt. A national publicity keeps the different groups appreciative of the individual area's efforts.

Send name suggestions to the Board of Christian Education, c/o Rev. David S. Clarke, Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803.

# Camp Harley Sutton: A Love Offering

By Mrs. Donald Pierce



"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less this dormitory which we have built, yet who delightest in the assembling of thy people in the dormitory, and hast promised to bless them there: look with Thy loving favor upon us this day, and accept as Thine own this dormitory for camp which Thy children would consecrate to Thy service. Cause Thy face to shine upon us here and make this place to all who gather here the rest of God and the gate of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Thus read the Prayer of Dedication of Crandall Dormitory at Camp Harley Sutton of the Allegheny Association, located a mile and a half from Alfred Station, N. Y. Crandall Dormitory, a steel building, twenty-four by sixty feet, twenty feet of which is a porch, became the third permanent structure at Camp Harley Sutton. This was constructed in time to be used by the 1971 summer camps.

Gifts from the people of the Allegheny Association, the Memorial Fund of our denomination, and some business men of the city of Hornell made this new building possible.

On a beautiful autumn Sabbath, September 18, 1971, at 3:00 p.m., the main lodge of Camp Harley Sutton was filled to overflowing for a camp Dormitory Dedication Service, arranged by Robert Stohr, chairman of the Camp Planning Committee. After the singing of "This Is My Father's World," the Rev. Floyd Aldrich, pastor at Independence, gave the Invocation.

Buildings, rooms, and areas were named with appropriate remarks:

Burdick Lodge—the main lodge with dining hall, kitchen, office, cooks' room, and an upstairs craft and recreation loft—for Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Burdick, by Mrs. Madge Sutton; Warren Room—the director's office—for Rev. and Mrs. Hurley Warren, by Mrs. Hannah Burdick;

## The Fabric of Ecumenism

By Rev. David S. Clarke

Locally "where the action is" Seventh Day Baptists are involved with other Christians and religious groups in celebrating our religious heritage and hopes, in promoting projects of human love and enrichment, in exploring meanings of our era in religious terms, and in various Christian education enterprises.

We often talk of ecumenical involvement only in terms of the national bodies with which we're associated, whether it is Christian Endeavor, American Bible Society, National Council, or denominational conventions or agencies. A recent "report and analysis of ecumenical reality and direction in the United States" was presented by CORLE—Commission on Regional and Local Ecumenism of the National Council of Churches of Christ USA. In this is pointed out a fundamental misunderstanding of the institutional and functional nature of the ecumenical movement which has guided many of the hopes and plans of Christians for several years.

Rather than depend on a single structure with authority passing down from governing boards, as such structures are operated in business or industry, the forceful cooperative work of the church ought to emerge out of *functional diver-*

sity as it often has done. It ought to include recognition of new task-oriented agencies as well as older, principle-focused agencies, giving weight to priorities for energy and funds as Christ leads, whatever agency is to bring those priorities to the fore.

"... we will begin to see the unity of the religious system in a new way... if we operate with the premise that each... point of decision-making is important to the on-going life of the religious life... and performs complementary rather than competitive functions," says the report at one point.

"Each of the diverse entities... must be functional, have some idea of its own agenda, and those things on which it is willing to work and expend its resources."

This challenge comes to Seventh Day Baptists wherever they are involved in the ecumenical process at the grass roots. Let us determine as Seventh Day Baptists what is the set of priorities for expending our energies, and then throw ourselves into purposeful programs whether done as Seventh Day Baptists or as ecumenical groups.

Vacation Bible Schools, camps, Church Women United, Baptist World Alliance celebrations, Church World Service,

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the Livermore Room—sleeping quarters for the cook(s)—for Mrs. Lelia Livermore, by Mrs. Jean Pierce; Rogers Chapel—the inspiring outdoor chapel—for the Rev. A. N. Rogers, by Mrs. Catharine Jacox; Langworthy Field—for Lynn L. Langworthy and his brother, the late Edson Langworthy, prepared by the Rev. A. N. Rogers and presented by Pastor Russell Johnson; Stearns Dormitory—for Zeruah Stearns, by Mrs. Madge Sutton; Crandall Dormitory—for the late Dr. Ben Crandall, by Don Stearns.

The Rev. Edward Sutton read the Scripture for the dedication and the Rev. David Clarke offered the prayer of dedication. A prayer for dedicated gifts was

given by Pastor Harold King. After singing "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee," the service was concluded by the benediction of the Rev. Hurley Warren.

A social hour followed the dedication service, during which scraps of conversation gleaned by the writer evidenced pride in present accomplishments and future plans. Camp Harley Sutton, a continuing love offering, spans some twenty years. The first campers are now enthusiastically active workers with hearts, hands, time, and money in making provisions for the needs of our own expanding camp program and for other groups who frequently use our facilities.



*During 1971 the Family Life Committee was unable to concentrate on any one area and considered several different topics, collecting material and biographical references which will be used in part in the Family Week packet. This packet will be mailed to our pastors for use during Family Week, May 6-13, 1972.*

*The committee is hoping to congeal our ideas into an overall topic or theme for 1972. "Our Christian Responsibility for the Glory of God" has been suggested. This would tie in with the Conference theme of "To God Be the Glory."*

*During December 1971 our executive secretary attended an interdenominational conference on Family Ministries which has made available to us many new ideas for future development and action.*

*The committee wished to present the following article on "Christian Responsibility" by Mrs. Ruth Bucher which broadly outlines the various phases of this concept.*

## Christian Responsibility

By Mrs. Ruth Bucher

Christian responsibility is a term not easily defined in a few sentences. We find it encompasses every aspect of our life if we are to have fulfilled to the utmost our purpose here on earth.

Where and when shall our Christian responsibility begin? If Christ felt accountable to His Heavenly Father at the age of twelve years, would it not seem reasonable that we too should start answering our Christian responsibilities as soon as we have the capacity to perceive the distinction between right and wrong? What better time to commence a truly Christian life than the early opportunity to show consideration for fellow students, respect for our elders, and loving obedience to God and parents?

When childhood has given way to youth and late teens our Christian responsibility widens. Now we must face new temptations such as smoking, drugs, alcohol, sex, etc. We may be armed with only our faith in God to sustain us when our fellow beings and the world around us seem possessed to do the very opposite of what we, as followers of Jesus, have been taught. What a wonderful chance to set a Christian example!

Next, we find that early adulthood has brought many major crises, among the most important of which are, for young men serving in the armed forces

and for both sexes, higher education and marriage. What is our duty to God and country? Shall men submit without question to the idea that they must be trained in war-like manner for self-preservation, or shall they better temper their submission by requesting that they be given obligations which do not require the taking of lives. Perhaps armed with the Holy Spirit and their Bibles, they can help to save more souls there than at any time during their life.

Much thought should be given to the career that we choose in life. Is it one that can be used to the glory of God in that we can not only better serve our fellow man, but be able to keep the Sabbath and do His bidding as well?

What about marriage? Should we not show some ethical discrimination in choosing a life-partner? We all know that many times our hearts rule where it might have been wiser to have let our heads make the decision. We know too that love is all-important in marriage and love involves the heart much more directly than the head. Therefore, should we not put ourselves in the most favorable place and position possible for meeting a prospective mate? When circumstances make this impossible, as it does so often with Seventh Day Baptists, we must be able to rely on our (hopefully)

good judgment and prayerful guidance from our Heavenly Father.

As early adulthood transcends into full maturity our responsibilities broaden to include parental, community, and church obligations. No longer do they require simple, uncomplicated decisions and duties. Couples are now at liberty to decide if and when to become parents, and if, unfortunately, an unwanted pregnancy does occur, whether or not to have an abortion. Our Christian love and ethics dictate that we have a moral obligation to see that our children not only are loved, but fed and clothed properly, yet we cannot ignore that God who is all-knowing and understanding, will provide if we but trust in Him to help us. As parents of growing children we must be ever vigilant in example, that our children may grow in character and in favor with God and man. We must teach them also that their bodies and minds are His temple and should be kept pure and undefiled.

Community obligations are a necessary part of our lives if we are to live a normal coexistence with those about us. Common interests and needs require that we work together, for gone are the days when each family was more or less dependent upon others for survival. With all the graft, greediness and misappropriation of time and money Christians should be ever ready and able to serve their fellow-countrymen in preserving freedom and in giving help to those who are truly in need.

Every dedicated servant of Christ should feel it his duty to assist in the work of the church, be it however humble. Never should one feel that because his talent is not as great as another of his brethren that there is nothing he can do. If one cannot ably fill an office of the church he surely can do, in his own way, what God has instructed *all* His followers to do — tell others about His saving grace and of His Son Jesus Christ who died on the cross for our sins. You may not feel that you have the "knack" for a door-to-door evangelistic approach, but rather would use a more subtle, yet nevertheless effective method through

thoughtfulness, helpfulness, and just plain listening to others who are troubled in mind and body. These avenues of approach give us ample opportunity to give the "message" once they have come to know and trust us. Many times these decisions for Christ are more lasting than those made in other ways. No matter what your way, be assured it is your "Christian Responsibility" and, "To God Be the Glory."

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### Tell It Like It Is!

(Youth Meet in Washington)

Janet and Dale Thornigate  
Washington SDBYF Sponsors

Perhaps the reaction of one adult sponsor was the most revealing of what happened in Washington that weekend: "If more adults — more parents — could sit in on a discussion like that — could just listen to what these kids are saying — this would be a changed world!"

Sixty-seven teen-agers came for the weekend (February 4-6) to "tell it like it is." The theme Scripture was John 3:16. They slept on the floor (of necessity) and usually sat on it, too (by choice). They ate much less than expected, but sang beautifully.

They had the usual recreational activities — a hike, group games, a movie, and even a guided tour of the National Cathedral. But most of all, they talked. They talked about how it really is in the interpersonal relationships of Christian teen-agers.

These sixty-seven with their twenty adult sponsors were guests of the Washington Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship at the semiannual WA-PEN-JER youth retreat. (WA-PEN-JER stands for Washington, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey — a group of churches, some from the Southeastern and some from the Eastern Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches.)

Early arrivers from Washington, D.C.; Marlboro, N. J.; and Philadelphia, Pa., shared in the regular Sabbath eve youth "Facing the Issues" discussion, this time

focusing on communications with family, with friends, and with God.

Shiloh and Plainfield, N. J., youth arrived later. Sabbath morning found the youth in eight small groups playing "Squirms in a Circle," an adaptation of the "Can of Squirms" role-play game published by Contemporary Drama Service. One person is put in an imaginary problem situation and instructed to act out the interpersonal exchange with another. Then the group reacts!

After one Sabbath morning rehearsal the youth provided special music for regular services with the Washington congregation. Two anthems, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" and "Tell It Like It Is" preceded the sermon in which the Rev. Herbert Saunders gave the counter-challenge: To "tell it like it is" we need to know ourselves, to have an audience, and to know Jesus Christ.

By Sabbath afternoon, despite the expected winter snow storm, half of the Salemville, Pa., group had joined the retreat for the fourteen-car caravan trip to space for recreation and fellowship time. (The Washington Church Center is somewhat strained to accommodate 100 active bodies!)

A final Sunday morning "rap-up" contained short reports of eight small-group discussions, each led by one of the young people. Under discussion: The Christian Teen-ager's Relationships — with parents, with friends (including boy-girl relationships) and with other adults.

To the sponsors one thing came through loud and clear: the kids will really "tell it like it is." These had some good practice in a special retreat situation.

Needed now: adults in home churches who can prove themselves equally honest and open, ready to listen acceptingly—and then also to "tell it like it really is." Because young people are really listening!

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 11, 1972

EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT

Lesson Scripture: Acts 2:1-4, 14-21.

#### The Fabric of Ecumenism

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Christian or religious holidays, service projects — so many of these local ecumenical experiences provide the vehicle of Christian compassion, devotion or growth. Let us seek to strengthen the roots of new task-oriented projects which need the continuing nourishment of older broad programs or agencies. Let us be willing to launch out for Christian achievement and upgrade the quality of human relations in whatever agencies we support.

Let us find our individual identity and satisfaction in fully functioning as Christ's agents in the diverse structures and groupings needed to extend God's kingdom among men.

#### His Sabbath Days

The little birds in all their songs,  
Say everything to them belongs,  
So let us sing our songs of praise  
For all His blessed Sabbath days.

—Isaac Cramer

#### Vocations Sabbath, March 18

One of the several special Sabbaths promoted during the year for the good of our work is Vocations Sabbath which falls this year on March 18. Vocational interests are in the realm of the Board of Christian Education now by Conference action. Plans are being made by the committee of the board and by church leaders for a meaningful observance of this day.

An early issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* will carry a very thoughtful article, "The Sabbath and Vocational Choice," by Dale Thorngate of Washington, D. C. Watch for it.

Our Conference president has already appointed the chairmen of the various interest committees that will be filled out with delegates in attendance at Denver next August. This early appointment enables them to study and to prepare. Mr. Thorngate has already devoted time to this assignment and has written the article on this important question as part of the promotion of Vocations Sabbath.

MISSIONS—Loon R. Lawton

#### A GOOD START

*Our World Mission — Designated:*

The new year, is off to a good start financially! This is due, in part, to many special gifts made during December which did not reach the treasurer in time to be counted in 1971. But this is not the total picture.

The January O.W.M. receipts for the missionary society were more than any month in the last two years, except for August when the special Conference offering is received. January 1970 was nearly as much in amount and perhaps more when adjustment of budget percentage is figured. But, 1972 is off to an excellent start! Our sincere thanks to each of you who have made it so.

*Designated Giving in January:*

We also note your response to the need for regular designated gifts. In this category, January came second only to December — the best month in the two years. Again, some was from special offerings for missions made in December but received too late to credit that month. But receipts also indicate a steadily increasing support for your missionary work through designated giving. The first months of the year are also helped by renewal of society voting memberships which are counted as designated gifts. Our goal for January was reached!

*Special Non-Budget Gifts:*

The special appeal for a classroom building at Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, has received your enthusiastic support. We have received \$9,300 toward the \$10,000 goal. Some of this difference has been raised in Jamaica but not yet recorded in the totals, we are sure. It is reported that one classroom is in use and the building was to be completed in February. Thus all the new space for classrooms should be in use about the time you read this. Let us join in thanks and praise to our Lord!

Though no appeal was made, several individuals and groups have designated funds for the new mission car in Guyana. Missionary Leroy Bass is seeking the right vehicle and word should be re-

ceived before the end of February on its purchase. These special gifts have helped supplement the limited funds available to meet the need.

Other special designated gifts recently received have made possible the purchase of a slide/filmstrip projector for use in Jamaica and the obtaining of a new sterilizer for the medical center at Makapwa, Malawi, Africa to replace the one that is "worn out."

*Designated Giving in March:*

The designated giving emphasis for March is Guyana, and the work being done by the Leroy Bases. Our support goes for their salary, utility allowance, travel costs in field work, and the educational expenses for the Bass children. We also pay Blue Cross, ministerial retirement, and provide their housing. Though these are all monthly payments, we are asking your designated gifts for the Bases' support — our emphasis in March.

To reach our budgeted goal, over \$1,500 in designated funds needs to be received each month. We reached our goal in January. We trust it was also the same in February! What will it be in March? *You* are now making that decision and answering that question with your support.

#### Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, 120 Main Street, Westerly, R. I. 02891, on Sunday, March 19, 1972, at 2:00 for the following purposes:

1. To elect voting members, a Board of Managers, and officers to hold office until the next annual meeting and until their successors are elected.

2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Board of Managers and officers for the fiscal year January 1, 1971, to December 31, 1971.

3. To ratify the appointment of independent public accountants for the current fiscal year.

4. To consider and act upon such other matters as may properly come before said



meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Managers has fixed the close of business on March 1, 1972, as the time at which members entitled to notice thereof and to vote at the meeting and any adjournment thereof shall be determined.

Elston H. Van Horn,  
Secretary

### Mission Emphasis — Guyana

During 1972 your Missionary Board will again sponsor an emphasis on each of our fields. March is the time when we seek your designated gifts for work in Guyana, South America. It is also during this month that we will share additional information and release a new filmstrip on Guyana.

Missionary Leroy Bass will share with us something of Guyana's independence celebrations, the work of our mission and outreach, and the beauty of Kaieteur Falls. The 60-frame filmstrip, with a taped script offering music and sounds from the field narrated by Brother Bass, will be available through the Audiovisual Aids Library in Plainfield. It will be sent to local churches only on their order. Several copies are being made and each missionary keyworker will be informed on ordering procedures.

In a letter dated February 3, Missionary Bass wrote: "Last weekend I was visiting our Parika church, preaching, visiting all day Sunday, and finding some good prospects, and a possible Bible study teacher, to whom I gave a few pointers and a sample Bible study for her to use in her village among her neighbors. Sister Inez Peters also went to bring her report on the World Federation '71 session, the U.S. General Conference and the Institute at Jersey Oaks camp. It was a wonderful weekend."

On Friday, February 4, Brother Bass was again leaving for one of the country churches, remarking "I leave early tomorrow morning for my trip out to the Dartmouth church."

In an earlier letter he reported, "The boat finally arrived with our trunks and barrels." These were held up leaving the New York port by the long dock strike.

It then took him over two days to clear these through customs, etc.

The work in Georgetown also finds much activity. He wrote: "We have started a Monday night baptismal class. On Wednesdays I give home Bible studies."

Early in January he made a field trip to the Pomeroun coast to visit the brethren there and he said they had "a Holy Spirit blessed time there too."

Let us continue to pray for our missionary and the Guyanese workers in the various churches as they continue to witness and be responsive to the leading of the Spirit and the needs of their fellowmen. Let us find our part as well in support through tithes and offerings.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DE RUYTER, NY.— The Christmas season was a joyous and busy time for the people of the De Ruyter church. The church was well represented at association meetings in Verona on December 11. A male chorus from our church contributed special music to the afternoon service of Christmas music. On December 15 the Women's Benevolent Society held a successful bazaar and bake sale, with part of the proceeds going toward the mission car for Guyana. The women also packed Christmas boxes to cheer shut-ins in the community. Members of the Syracuse church joined members of our church for an evening of Christmas singing and fellowship at the parsonage on December 18. The young people of the two churches caroled in De Ruyter on December 23. The annual Sabbath School Christmas program, held on Christmas Eve, was a meaningful welcome to Christmas Sabbath.

We appreciated having our college and service young people home for the holiday. Among them: Ruth Burdick, a sophomore at Milton College; Barbara Burdick, a freshman at SUNY, Plattsburg; Bruce Burdick, a freshman at Rochester Business Institute; Linda Burdick, an Air Force nurse stationed at Robins AFB in Georgia; and Janet Mel-drim Wood, who graduated in February

from East Carolina University. The youth of the church hosted a New Year's party for the youth of Central Association at the Wendell Burdick home on January 1.

Ruth Burdick conducted the Sabbath service the week Pastor Crouch and family were on vacation in January. The Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson and Joanna inspired and challenged us Sabbath Eve, January 22. People of the community joined with the people of the church for this worship experience and sharing of our mission work in Malawi. Everyone appreciated becoming better acquainted with the Pearsons at the reception which followed.

### Births

Cox.— A daughter, Amy Katherine, was born May 29, 1971, to Dennis and Katherine Cox of Bristol, W. Va.

Davis.— A son, Mark Aaron, was born July 13, 1971, to Robert and Peggy Davis of Salem, W. Va.

Emerson.— A son, Eric John, to Arthur and Christina (Williams) Emerson of Monument, Colo., on Jan. 30, 1972.

Kinney.— A son, Daniel Lee II, was born Feb. 5, 1971, to Daniel and Sharon Kinney of Salem, W. Va.

Marks.— A daughter, Angela Beth, was born April 26, 1971, to Ronald and Elaine (Davis) Marks of Salem, W. Va.

Merchant.— A daughter, Kim, to Thomas and Diane (Lippincott) Merchant of Scotia, Nebr., on Dec. 31, 1971.

Rogers.— A daughter, Janet Leeann, was born July 13, 1971, to Stephen and Josephine (Van Horn) Rogers of 817 Main Street, Belpre, Ohio.

Smith.— A daughter, Lisa Marie, was born Dec. 2, 1971, to Richard and Diane (Davis) Smith, of Salem, W. Va.

Van Horn.— A son, Eric Marshall, was born Jan. 19, 1971, to Carroll and Terry (Hurley) Van Horn of Salem, W. Va.

### Obituaries

DAVIS.— Arlene, daughter of Joshua and Ella Ford Davis, was born in Doddridge County, W. Va., July 15, 1892 and died at her home near Salem, W. Va., Aug. 15, 1971, after an illness of about six months.

On Sept. 9, 1914, she was married to Orla A. Davis, Sr., a retired professor of physics at Salem College, who survives. She was a lifelong resident of the Salem area. Also surviving are two sons: Orla A. (Al) Davis, Jr., Salem, and Harold D. Davis, Valley Farms, Ariz.; two daughters: Mrs. Floyd (Lois) Goodson, Salem, and Mrs. Harry (Laura Anna) Knott, Silver

Spring, Md.; fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Davis was an active member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church into which she was baptized in 1906. She was also a member of the Women's Society of the church, had served as a Sabbath School teacher, and was a member of the Salem WCTU of which she was president for several years.

The memorial service was conducted by Pastor J. Paul Green. Burial was at the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

—J. P. G.

VAN HORN.— Alta L., daughter of Robert and Leah (Babcock) Van Horn, was born July 8, 1894 at Farnam, Nebr., and died June 13, 1971 at West Virginia University Medical Center, Morgantown, W. Va., following a lingering illness.

She was baptized and became a member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church, later transferring her membership to the Salem church where she was an active participant, especially in the Women's Society.

After graduation from Kearney State Teachers College, Kearney, Nebr., she taught in high schools of Nebraska and Iowa. In the early 1930's Miss Van Horn came to Salem College where she served for nearly thirty years as registrar and member of the faculty of the Education Department. She completed graduate study and received her master's degree at West Virginia University in 1946.

In 1961 she was made academic consultant for the college, the position she held at the time of her death.

Surviving are one brother, the Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn of Washington, D. C.; three nephews and two nieces.

Funeral services were held at the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church with Pastor J. Paul Green officiating. Burial was at the Knights of Pythias Cemetery.

—J. P. G.

WHITNEY.— Viva I. Lane, was born in Missouri, Sept. 23, 1895, and died at home in Loma Linda, Calif., Nov. 20, 1971.

With her husband, Claude, she joined the Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist Church in December of 1964, and was faithful in attendance as health permitted. Survivors are: her husband; two sons: Everett of Arizona and Charles Brokaw of Gallup, N. Mex.; five daughters: Mrs. Helen Hill of New Mexico, Mrs. Hazel Conway and Mrs. Marjorie Hayes of Arizona, Mrs. Floy Owen of Glendale, Calif., Mrs. Carol Blaeholder, LaCrescenta, Calif.; three brothers: Walter Lane of Norfolk, Calif., Lewis Lane of Missouri, Estel Lane of Arizona; four sisters: Mrs. Blanche Embre of San Bernardino, Mrs. Fern Wilmunder of New Mexico, Mrs. Mable Hurlburt of Coulterville, Calif., Mrs. Elva Forrester of El Paso, Tex.; thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Farewell services were conducted by the Rev. Leland E. Davis from the Grove Colonial Mortuary in San Bernardino and interment was in Pioneer Memorial Park.

—L. E. D.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## What Is the Difference?

Have you been wondering lately how you could persuade that neighbor of yours that he would find more joy in life if he kept the Sabbath?

The American Sabbath Tract Society has a tract called "What Is the Difference?" It is filled with illustrations showing that it does make a difference if we obey God's commandments completely.

Supposing Joshua had said, "It can't make any difference how many times we march around Jericho"? But instead he obeyed God's command unquestioningly. Complete victory was his reward.

Naaman the leper was tempted to return to his own streams in Samaria, but he obeyed Elisha's orders exactly. Complete healing was his reward.

Many other illustrations in this tract show that a Christian can find victory if he obeys the commandments of God explicitly. You will find it easy to talk to others about the joy of Sabbath-keeping if you have this effective tool in your hand. Order a supply of "What is the Difference?" from the American Sabbath Tract Society.

For the Publication Committee

## Missionary Comments on Drugs in Vietnam

After publicity renouncing drugs in a church in Saigon last Easter, Vietnam veteran Barry McGlothlin, a Baptist from Knoxville, Tenn., is still "high" on Jesus Christ, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Associate James F. Humphries.

McGlothlin said in an interview with Humphries that after being on drugs for

two years, he became "anti-everything." Many of the rebellious attitudes in America and Vietnam can be attributed to drugs, McGlothlin said.

Humphries, an English-language evangelist, works primarily with U. S. servicemen. During his last furlough in 1970-71 in America, the question most often asked about Vietnam concerned the drug problem among servicemen, he said.

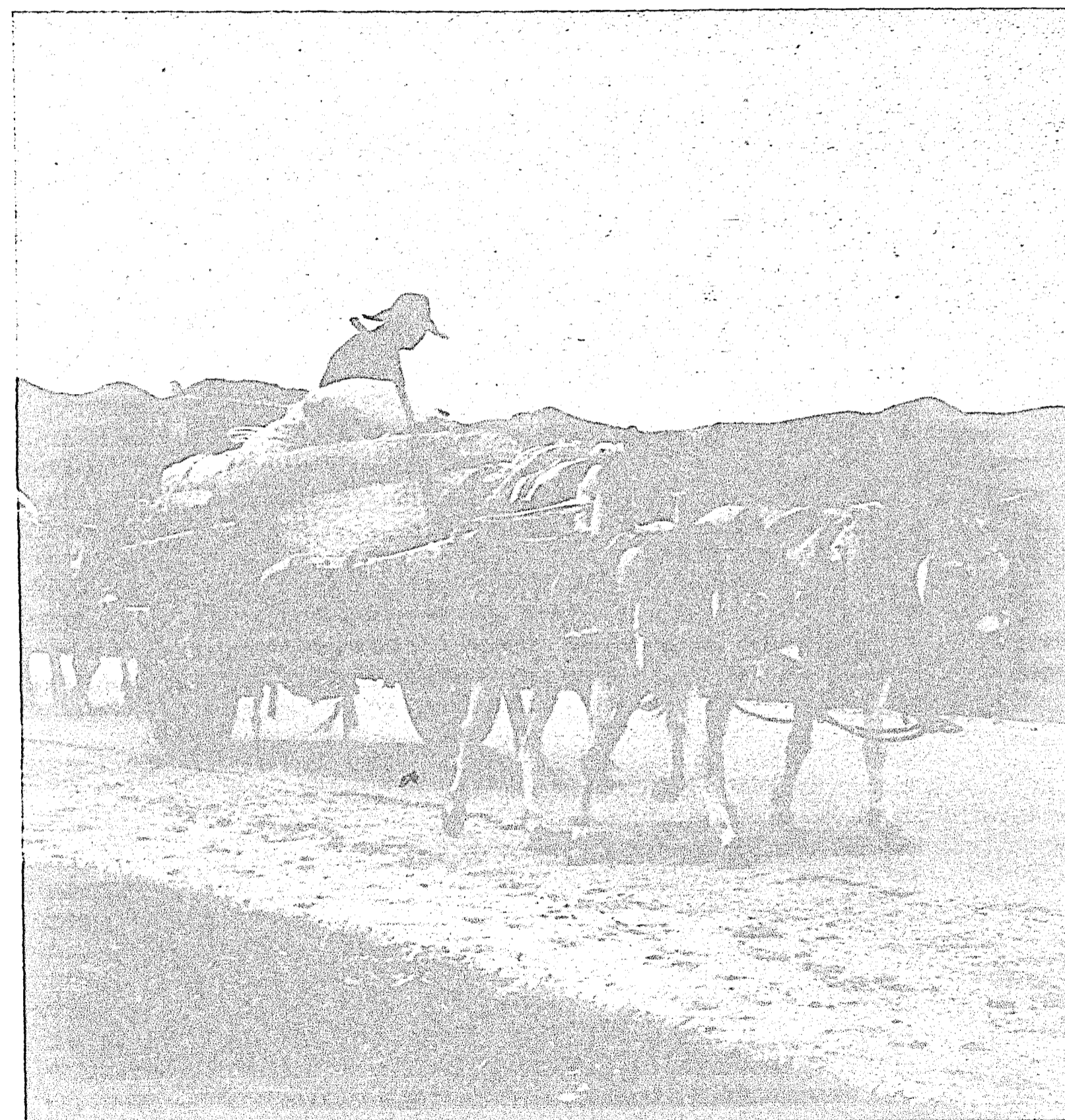
After he returned to Vietnam in July, Humphries began investigating the problem. He interviewed undercover agents, newsmen, hospital personnel, servicemen, chaplains and others.

Weighing the information he collected from them, Humphries drew several conclusions: "Vietnam is not causing our young men to turn to drugs," he said. "With but few exceptions the drug user in Vietnam was on drugs or had experimented with them before his arrival."

"I fully expected on my return to Vietnam to find 10 to 15 percent of servicemen on drugs," Humphries said. "In one news account I read that 40 percent of the men here had experimented with drugs. Statements such as this simply are not true," he declared.

Military tests are proving that less than 4.5 percent of the men are regular users of drugs such as heroin, Humphries said. In some areas it is now below one percent, he added.

Because of these discrepancies in reports on drug use in Vietnam, Humphries said many servicemen are bitter and "feel their country does not appreciate the great sacrifice they are making by coming to this land and possibly having to give their lives fighting on the battlefields."



## Another View of China

All America has been looking at China during the President's visit. The television cameras have picked up evidences that Red China has come a long way in modern technology. This picture taken last fall near Peking reminds us that transportation for most of China's countless millions is still primitive (no one is allowed to own a car). Let us pray for the day when the gospel can have free course on China's highways whether by troika or by auto.