

The Sabbath Recorder

More Gospel to Russia

Most of us in this country have little need for shortwave radio receivers; we can get all kinds of programs on the normal broadcast band. It comes as something of a surprise to learn that in the U.S.S.R. there are over 30,000,000 shortwave receivers. This means that radio can reach a very large percentage of the Russian people from almost anywhere in the world if it is in their language.

The Far East Broadcast Company believes that radio is the best means for bringing the gospel to a vast Russian audience. It now has 3.5 hours of Russian language programs daily from Manila and receives word that people are joyfully listening. Plans for increasing the power by a 100,000 watt transmitter and increasing the number of hours have been set aside temporarily because of insufficient gifts for this expansion says Robert Bowman, president.

Peter Deyneka, one of FEBC's Russian language program suppliers, when visiting recently in Russia asked believers if they knew of conversions through the broadcasts. Everywhere the answer was, "Yes." They told him about churches begun through the broadcasts. In one village with no believers, a man was converted as he listened to a gospel broadcast. He invited his neighbor to hear the good news on the radio. Now there are fourteen Christians in a home in this village.

Radio can go every day where preachers never can go and where literature has difficulty in getting through.

Sabbath Philosophy

By Isaac N. Cramer

*Sabbath means rest from servile work,
From selfish aims and goals;
It does not mean that we should shirk
In working for lost souls.*

*It is a time that's set apart
To meditate on life,
So that true love may fill each heart
And save all men from strife.*

*It is a time to get men free
From bondage unto sin;
So that true justice here may be
The fruit of love within.*

*It is a time for us to make
Laws that are based on love,
To promote justice for the sake
Of Him who rules above.*

*It is a time for us to work
For unity and peace;
And to this end no one should shirk
Till wars on earth shall cease.*

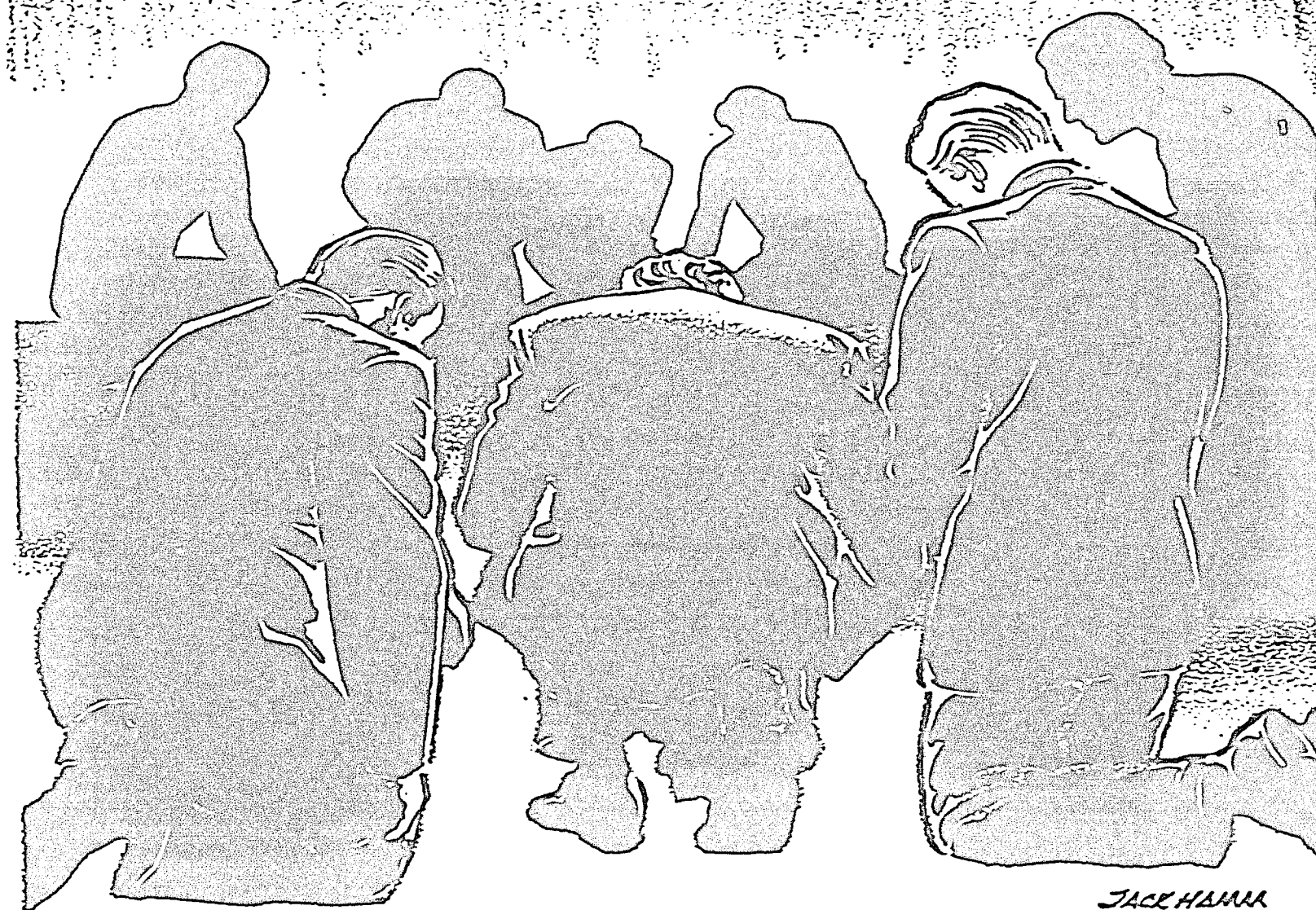
*It is a time to teach all truth,
Which will reveal each lie,
So that in war our nation's youth
Will not be forced to die.*

Allegiance

Jesus makes it clear that He will settle for nothing less than a complete change of allegiance. To have His kind of life it takes abandonment, involvement and commitment.

In following Him, you will find in abandonment, security; in involvement, fulfillment; and in commitment, eternal life.
—Leighton Ford

"HUNDREDS OF OUR LAWMAKERS, JUDGES, EXECUTIVES AND OTHER NATIONAL LEADERS GATHER AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK IN SMALL KNEELING PRAYER GROUPS TO CALL UPON GOD FOR GUIDANCE, WISDOM AND STRENGTH."
— WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD



The drawing illustrating the statement quoted above reminds us of the need of prayer not only for those now in authority but also for those seeking election to high posts that they may recognize a dependence on God. In Bible times when prayer was enjoined, the latter was not a real option. We, therefore, have a greater prayer responsibility.

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First Glimpse of Spring

"After a long, hard winter," as the expression goes, we long for the first signs of spring. Perhaps this was not a severe winter in most of the places where our church families live. Still, we look forward to spring and are a little impatient for the chill to leave the air and growth to begin. To try to hasten the experience of warm weather is one of the several motivations that sends hundreds of thousands of students to the Florida beaches in March and early April. Your editor and his wife have just returned from a brief vacation trip to Florida and the joys of such a pleasant foretaste of warm spring weather.

We experienced again the wonder of a day's journey south and the opening of flowers similar to what one can see in the Moody Science film "God in Our Garden," where delayed action photography shows beans sprouting and rosebuds opening before your eyes. Having made such a motor trip several times before at exactly the same time in late March we make note of the changes in flowering shrubs and grass at different points along the way, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, Georgia, and finally at noon of the second day, at St. Augustine, Florida. There some of the spring flowers that would not bloom until late April in New Jersey were already past their glorious prime. We knew that another 300 miles south would put us into strawberry time and the harvesting of tomatoes, yams and potatoes, not to mention citrus and subtropical fruits that cannot grow in our northern states.

It is indeed refreshing to observe the changes in nature under the hand of God, the unfolding of which can be hastened by motoring south at the front edge of spring. The naturalist author, William Teale, has an absorbing book, *North with the Spring*, in which he describes a journey that takes him three months to complete from the southern tail of Florida to northern nose of Maine. For his purposes he wanted to slow down the process of spring to make it last longer. There is something to be said for speeding up. And, of course, there is joy in letting spring take its normal course by staying where we are, as most of us do.

Happy as we are to travel and see the changes in nature this does not completely satisfy. We are people and our greater satisfactions come from relations with people. When we journey, it is not so much to see flora and fauna or sea and sand, but friends and relatives, folks of like faith or new acquaintances with whom we can communicate and share. In our case, travel plans were organized around spending two weekends with the people of like precious faith at Daytona Beach.

A day at Daytona, a Sabbath Day, is something to look forward to and to look back upon. The Sabbath Eve vespers we found to be well-attended by residents and northern visitors. The Sabbath morning service brought people from a wider radius to hear the Word of God preached and to study it in Sabbath School. Proudly displayed in the auditorium was a Sabbath School achievement plaque earned last year in competition with other Seventh Day Baptist churches.

One of the characteristics of the Daytona Beach people is their attention to sociability. They make visitors welcome with fellowship dinners, picnics and social gatherings. With all their sociability they are also conscious of their main mission of evangelism and their part in the world work of Seventh Day Baptists, which is emphasized by bulletins and announcements each Sabbath. When we were there, final preparations were being made for the eight-member evangelistic youth team that arrived on schedule Sunday evening March 26 and began its beach ministry among the 100,000 visiting college students the next day.

Speaking of spring, the papers reported that the temperature was the lowest on record for March 26. It has previously been warm and sunny and was expected to warm up again. The students coming to soak up the sun on "America's most famous beach" were temporarily driven indoors — except the most hardy ones. It is hoped that our evangelistic team and the many other consecrated youth on like mission succeeded in turning the thoughts of careless, pleasure-bent youths to serious thoughts of the more abundant

life to be found through Christ. We expect to hear stories of springtime coming to the hearts of many and of a determination on the part of our own young people to go on with their joyous witnessing ministry.

Gleanings from Church Bulletins

Quo Vadis? (Where are you going?) is the title of an old, much-read book about Christ and the early Church. The same question is asked (sometimes disparagingly) of leaders of Seventh Day Baptist churches. Do we have a purpose? Do we know where we are going? An honest objective answer might be that some know where they are going and have plans to get there while others are not so sure of either.

Church bulletins reveal much about the work of a church and the enthusiasm of its leadership. The editor receives many, which he reads carefully for information and keeps on file. Upon his return to the office after a two-weeks' absence there was quite an accumulation which was read all at one time rather than one each week. An impression of where our churches are going in the spring of 1972 was more certain than if the bulletins had been read singly as usual.

It is not just that more is going on than we realized, but that there is more purpose evident than we have observed for many years. Granted that March is a more active time than some other months, that is not sufficient explanation for the full Sabbaths and the full weeks. It is one of the times for baptism and membership classes. However, we seem to note more and larger classes than usual, with some of them conducted by laymen where this was necessary or more fruitful.

It is not new to read of Bible Clubs for children on week days, but it is new to see a number of daytime Bible studies for adults and two or three groups in some churches meeting for prayer or Bible study in midweek. Again, where it had previously been very hard to attract young people to a most convenient Sabbath afternoon youth fellowship, there are

churches where the youth are meeting on Tuesday or some other evening in addition to the Sabbath schedule.

Leadership training groups and lay training in evangelism groups have been set up to meet the need or to capture the enthusiasm that has been generated by visiting evangelistic leaders. Fellowships of witnessing youth and adults are mentioned in some of the bulletins.

Along with the new energies released in local situations there is also evidence of a greater awareness of the total denominational program and a response to appeals for help in the broader world situation covered by the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation and the areas where we do not yet have an organized mission work with resident American personnel.

What we are saying is that church bulletins and news sheets tell a story of a deeper spiritual life emphasis and a more enthusiastic outreach climate than we have seen for many years. Youth in larger percentages are on the march and are pushing out on the growing edge of our movement.

To be sure, not every young person and not every adult is fully revitalized. Not every church bulletin tells the kind of story we have called attention to. But there is enough to indicate growth in the present and hope for the future. If revival has not come in your church, if you have been discouraged by the many obstacles, take courage. What has happened in other places as church members have yielded leadership of the Holy Spirit can happen in your church and community. "The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear," we read in Isaiah 59:1.

Pastors as Counselors

A congressional study committee discovered several years ago that ministers do most of the family counseling in our country. The survey showed that among persons who sought counseling help, 43 percent went to a minister, 29 percent to a physician and 12 percent to a psychiatrist.

One-Woman Relief Agency Helping

By Nancy Jackson

Mrs. Freda Fatato's concern for the 400 homeless victims of the Logan County, W. Va., flood Feb. 26 can be measured in pounds — pounds of clothing, bedding, pots and pans.

The Bellevue High School teacher has spent the past four weeks collecting and mailing twenty-eight boxes of helpful articles to the flood victims. And, according to Mrs. Fatato, she plans to continue sending off the care packages as long as she can scrounge up clothing, bedding or any other practical items.

Mrs. Fatato, of 227 Milton Ave., Battle Creek, Michigan, is a native of Verdunville, W. Va., in the area where the slate dam broke and water from the Elk Lick killed more than 100 persons.

She felt the repercussions of the devastating deluge immediately — the flood wiped out the home of her niece's family of five and struck the home of her brother, Claude Curry, both of Lundale, W. Va.

Lundale and Lorado, where the dam was located, were both destroyed in the disaster.

"As soon as I learned about it, I asked how I could help," said Mrs. Fatato, the widow of the Rev. Eugene N. Fatato, former pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist church here.

"I started asking for contributions, you know, pillows, sheets, pots and pans, coats and warm clothing. People responded fantastically—such as teachers from Bellevue, my students and people at the church."

With the help of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennett of 55 Meadowlawn Ave., Mrs. Fatato has managed to box up the articles and post them — at the cost of about \$60.

Some people have donated money toward postage, she said, rather than clothing or bedding.

The goods are mailed to her brother, Curry, in Lundale. Curry then loads the articles in his camper truck and travels through the flooded area offering the items to victims who need them.

"He gives them to many people who

are too proud to go to the Red Cross or the Salvation Army," the business education teacher said.

"Everything seems to go. They (the flood victims) need everything useful." Bedding, especially blankets, seems to be the most dire need.

She said that anyone wishing to donate money or articles can either send them to her or directly to her brother in Lundale — no further address is needed, she said.

Mrs. Fatato came to Battle Creek from New York in 1962 with her husband. She left Logan County, W. Va., in 1948. She has three children.

—Battle Creek Enquirer & News
March 20, 1972

Jesus Revolution

Some of the young floundering in their present value crisis are turning to the "Jesus Revolution."

But Jesus makes it clear that He won't settle for being a fad. Jesus is not an additive like STP or Geritol; He is not an optional extra.

Jesus won't settle for being the "guru" of the hour with some new kind of "trip." Anyone who deals with Jesus has to ask: "Is Jesus really God? If He is, then He deserves not just my passing fancy but my eternal allegiance.

—Leighton Ford

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

- 1) The college youth who have found Christ as the result of the Florida beach ministry, that they may grow in grace by feeding on the Word.
- 2) Our youth who are now witnessing and those who have volunteered for training and SCSC work.
- 3) The lone-Sabbathkeepers who write in from all corners of the country desiring fellowship with people of like faith, that they may be encouraged to stand alone if necessary.
- 4) The work of the Pacific Coast Association, that it may be well planned at the April meetings in Riverside.

Bread Upon the Waters

An oft-quoted and widely applicable verse of Scripture reads, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccl. 11:1). The reference is, of course, to sowing seed on flooded land such as the delta of the Nile.

It costs money to publish tracts, and distributing them sometimes seems like a waste of money. Literature so faithfully sown does not always reproduce immediately; it may be many days before the "bread" comes back in the way of a good rice harvest.

Recently the Tract Society has received two letters requesting gospel and Sabbath literature. These two requests coming close together were delayed harvest from seed that was sown in a field that for many years showed little promise. We wondered how these keenly interested people knew our tracts by name. Upon inquiry both acknowledged that they had received their first Seventh Day Baptist tracts in Phoenix, Arizona, though their present residences are in Missouri and Iowa.

What a marvelous opportunity we have to scatter seeds of truth and transplant the Word of God into places far removed from where we give out the literature. It might be added that not much of the literature distributed in Phoenix over the years was really broadcast like rice on flood waters. It was personally handed out sometimes accompanied by Bible studies. But the spoken word cannot be held in memory. The printed word continues, and the address at the bottom makes further communication possible. The harvest from tract distribution may be slower than anticipated, but as Paul says, "One soweth and another reapeth."

—Secretary, American Sabbath Tract Society

WISCONSIN SEMIANNUAL

Semiannual Meeting of the Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be held April 21-23 at New Auburn, Wisconsin. The theme Scripture is 2 Timothy 2:2.

The Seventh Day

By John L. Waggaman*

There are some among the Christians brave enough to follow the declarations and practices of Jesus in his obedience to the Fourth Commandment of Almighty God (Exodus 20:8-11; Luke 4:16). That is to say, some do not go along with the man-made change in the day which God set aside as the holy day of rest and worship.

These people, the Seventh Day Baptists and the Seventh-day Adventists, find nothing in the Bible which changes the Sabbath from the seventh day of the week to the first day. Not only is there no Scriptural evidence for such a change, but no theologian has ever said there was.

As there is no verse of Scripture that calls the first day of the week, Sunday, the Lord's day, these people consider Saturday, the Sabbath, to be the Lord's day, for they point out that Christ is called, "Lord even of the sabbath day" (Matthew 12:8; Mark 2:28).

These people live in fear and love of the Lord, quoting, "But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." "Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?" (Matt. 15:9, 3). "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" (Matt. 5:17). "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5:3).

However, they do not believe that works of righteousness nor obedience to the Ten Commandments are requirements for salvation (Eph. 2:8, 9; Tit. 3:5; Rom. 4:5). Salvation being a simple realization that you are not able to earn your way to heaven and that Jesus Christ has, indeed, already purchased your salvation for you (Acts 13:38, 39; 2 Cor. 5:21). They point out that after you realize this, obedience to God brings

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peace into your life (Gal. 5:22, 23) and disobedience will bring punishment (Heb. 10:26-31; 12:3-11). "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law" (Rom. 3:31).

The Jews, of which Jesus is one, also keep the Sabbath. It is they who have the honor of keeping alive in practice through the centuries of persecution this commandment of Almighty God. However, long before the foundation of the Biblical Jewish nation, before the coming together of the tribes of ancient Israel, even before the Commandments were given to Moses at Sinai the Sabbath was set in the beginning for all mankind forever (Gen. 1:1; 2:2, 3; Mark 2:27, 28; Isa. 56:2-7; 66:22, 23).

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* (11 ed. vol. IV, p. 988) says, "The week is a period of seven days, having no reference whatever to the celestial motions — a circumstance to which it owes its unalterable uniformity It has been employed from time immemorial in almost all Eastern countries."

Calendars have been changed, but the days of the week itself have never been changed from the beginning of time. Inaccuracies in the calculation of the year have necessitated changes in the calendar but the seven days march in unbroken succession out of the very beginning. It rests not on the shifting calculations of man but rather on the omniscient wisdom of God.

We are taught by the Scriptures, (Gen. 1:5; Lev. 23:32; Neh. 13:19; Mark 1:32), that the Sabbath begins at sunset. Friday night as we go to bed with thoughts of the meaning of the *Sabbath* in mind our subconscious has a chance to take over and on awaking in the morning a new feeling of reverence, rest, and peace can come over us. Who is to say that the unfathomable wisdom of our Creator has not built in something special for us when we observe His cycle, and rest and worship Him on His day?

Of less importance it is as by whom and why the observance of the holy day was changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; the important thing is that the Sabbath should be observed.

For, "Whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty" (James 2:10-12). "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). "Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:19).

ENTHUSIASM

"The Wise Man" wrote in Ecclesiastes 9:10: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might"

Wise words—naturally, coming from Scripture — but verified also in our own experience and observation.

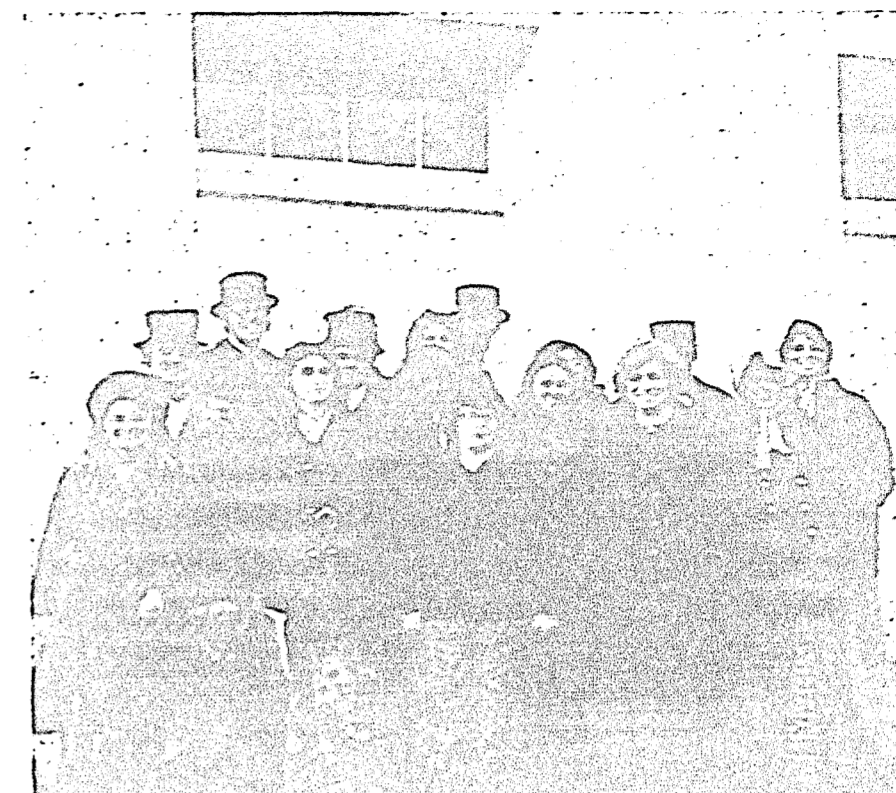
How many golden opportunities and satisfying accomplishments are lost by lack of enthusiasm and decisive action! How we approach life's opportunities and responsibilities makes all the difference in the world in what we put into our efforts, and what we get out of them. It makes the difference between our activities "getting us down," or "keeping us going."

Jesus, you remember, declared: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me" (John 4:34). This zeal gave Him a sense of enthusiastic urgency, too. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

It often happens that individual Christians and the church develop a negative attitude towards challenge, so that the immediate reaction is reluctance and uncertainty. This is an obstacle that must first be overcome before constructive action can be taken. All too often, the opportunity is gone before sufficient enthusiasm is generated to do anything about it.

Knowing that our calling is of the Lord, and that therefore He gives ability

New Christian Minstrels



The New Christian Minstrels in front of the Snow Hill church.

The New Christian Minstrels of Salem College spent the weekend of March 11 in Salemville, Pa. They presented their program "To Know Him — To Make Him Known," to both churches in a combined service held at the German church.

In the afternoon the group went to Waynesboro where their program was presented to the German church at Snow Hill. A highlight of the trip to the students was the opportunity to tour the cloister buildings at Snow Hill.

The group will be with the Washington, D. C., church on Sabbath morning, April 15, and with the Shiloh, N. J., church in the evening.

MEMORY TEXT

"Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend" (1 Cor. 8:13).

and power, why not greet every challenge and responsibility with enthusiasm because we are workers together with Him? That makes all the difference!

—Editorial in "The Layman's Call," Ashaway, R. I.

Explo '72

Dallas, TX (March 28, 1972)—“Dear America and the World: Please find enclosed 6 million brochures, 3 million prayer stickers, 95,000 bumper stickers, 5,000 T-shirts with emblems, 1,000 color films, and 550 billboards all inviting you to join us in Dallas, June 12-17.

“We’re getting together to help change the world.”

So might read an invitation to EXPLO '72, the Christian training conference expected to attract 100,000 people and help ignite a spiritual EXPLOSION—taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire U. S. by 1976, and throughout the world by 1980.

EXPLO, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ International, is expected to be the largest training conference ever held in America. Billy Graham, EXPLO's Honorary Chairman, Arthur Blessitt (“minister of Sunset Strip”) and Bob Harrington (“chaplain of Bourbon Street”) are among the 145 noted Christian leaders who will speak. Johnny Cash, Larry Norman and Kris Kristofferson will provide Jesus Music.

The Cotton Bowl will be utilized every night for mass rallies.

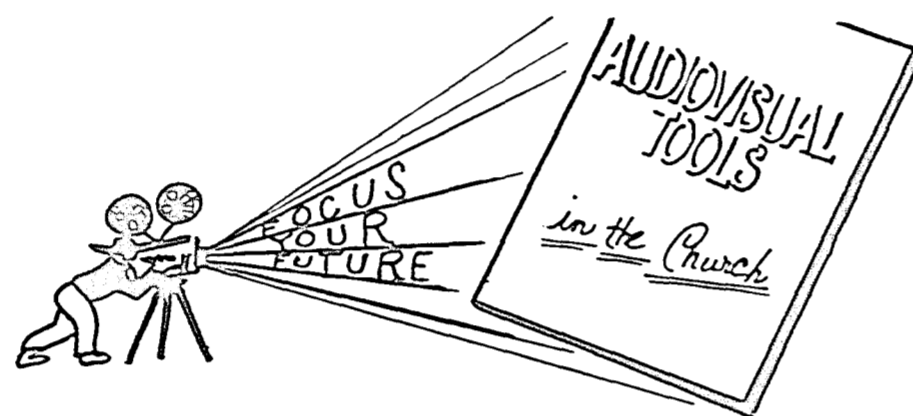
The purpose of the conference is to train the delegates in how to experience the abundant Christian life, and how to share their faith in Christ. Seminars—nearly 100 each morning—will be conducted by the Campus Crusade staff. The afternoons will be devoted to the viewing of some 150 exhibit booths, to be set up in the Texas State Fair exhibition buildings, showing the highly varied work of Christian organizations from Jesus People to seminaries to mission organizations.

Afternoons will also be given to practical faith-sharing in Dallas, with the delegates reaching out throughout the metropolitan area. The nightly Cotton Bowl sessions will recount the day's events and present speakers and music groups.

High school and college students, laymen, pastors—all Christians—are invited

to attend. Some 700 churches and other groups have registered delegations. An EXPLO Airlift has been organized to transport multitudes to Dallas. Delegates are coming from every state and such places as Australia, Norway, Korea, and Nigeria.

After EXPLO, “Operation Penetration” will be implemented. This direct extension of EXPLO during August and September will involve the organization of some 100 smaller conferences to be held throughout the U.S. as EXPLO delegates seek to find five others each to be trained.



New Filmstrip Produced

“It's Where He Walked”

The Audio and Visual Services Committee of the Tract Society has produced a fifty-minute filmstrip with background music for a complete adult worship service. This life-of-Christ filmstrip is prepared from pictures taken by the Rev. Herbert Saunders in the Holy Land. There is a written script with suggested songs, but for best results a tape recorder should be used. This program is of near professional quality, the best so far produced in our studio. Several churches showed it at Easter time, but it is suitable at any time. Church leaders are urged to add this title to the filmstrip catalogue.

The American Sabbath Tract Society has some filmstrips of beautiful worship programs:

- In the Garden
- Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
- Bright Are the Promises
- An Evening Vesper

The last one was produced through Fred Ayars' technical skill with beautiful pictures and script by the Rev. Marion Van Horn.

MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

Spiritual Outreach

(Portions of the annual report of Missionary Board as prepared by the Rev. Leon R. Lawton and approved at the 130th annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society on March 19, 1972.)

New Fields

While every Christian rejoices to see national Christians step into leadership and responsibility, thus assuming the place that missionaries have filled, we must continue to recognize that the gospel is to be preached until Christ comes again. With growing population and increasing indifference to the church in many so-called “Christian” lands, the need and challenge for effective witness and work was never greater, both at home and abroad.

Yet two vital needs face us: (1) vision for the task as we respond to our Lord and (2) workers equipped spiritually and academically to meet the challenge of this hour.

Wherever we may be in our country there are unreached thousands of people who do not understand the love of God nor the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are ever seeking new and better ways to begin new fellowships, Sabbath schools and churches. A few have discovered through small groups, Bible clubs, tract distribution, visitation, evangelistic planning of the summer camp programs, and other means to effectively communicate the joy and good news they know in Jesus Christ. There are “new fields” all around us in our communities and neighborhoods and adjacent areas for such witness and outreach.

Your missionary society continues to seek individuals who have God-given talents that can be used in our churches for His glory. We have pioneered the shepherding pastor concept, the city pastor-evangelist, a ministry of reaching youth through Bible clubs, etc. We have offered continuing leadership in the dedicated service program and Summer Christian Service Corps training. We are open to these and other ways that will enable us to enter open doors and in new

fields of service witness effectively for Christ.

During the year close communication has been maintained with Secretary Leon M. Maltby of the Tract Society who effectively corresponds with individuals and groups of like faith at home and abroad. It is thrilling to learn of the growth of such groups in several lands. As Macedonian calls come, we pray that our response as a people will be as quick and sure as was that of Paul. But it will take individuals who are being led and able to meet the challenge of such calls for service and leadership in difficult places to minister the Word and offer their lives in joyful abandon.

The fervent prayers of all are sought as we seek to be obedient to our Lord in new endeavors and outreach.

Conclusion

We praise the Lord for spiritual outreach, growth, and signs of the leading and power of the Spirit in individuals and groups. Many are gaining new vision and anointing and discovering their unique and effective witness for Christ. As yet such experiences are the exception. Surely the Lord has so much more to pour out on His people in these days! But are we open? Do we really seek Him? When opportunities come, as they do to every Christian, are they used for His glory?

As we ponder and pray and with open hearts respond to His leading more will be seen. The joy individuals know in Christ cannot be kept. Let us pray that the Lord may “open our eyes to see” and in seeing that we may give of ourselves freely ministering to those about us “the Word of Life” and sharing our love and concern for all in need.

God does want and need Seventh Day Baptists. But He is not utterly dependent upon us so that He will be defeated by our failure. He seeks to redeem and renew and use those who do His work. If we fail, others will suffer spiritually and we will miss the blessed privilege of working with Him.

It's easy to have a balanced personality. Just forget your troubles as easily as you do your blessings. — Old Timer

Outdoor Education Speeds Up

As the warmer months of the year approach for our USA churches, planning for outdoor education enterprises speeds up. We would pray for keen spiritual awareness for our leaders in camps, vacation church schools, work-camps or other forms of church-sponsored outdoor learning. If resources are needed, we offer a rather extensive loan-library and also resource suggestions learned from our association with other denominations in camping, as well as with the American Camping Association.

The Board of Christian Education is still interested in color slides of camp activities and facilities. Interested photographers, as well as camp leaders, are invited to loan their slides for review and possible copying by our board. We will be glad to have owners indicate the needed return-date, and will honor such requests.

The camp slides series has been shown recently in several groups, and much interest has been shown in the portrayal of SDB camping.

Family Week Is Near

A resource folio on observance of National Christian Family Week has been mailed to SDB leaders across the USA. Usual dates are May 6-13, 1972, and local churches are invited to use some or all the material in observances of various sorts — worship, fellowship, meditation, discussion. If you have a program to prepare for any church or community group, and have not seen the material, contact your pastor or Christian Education keyworker to borrow his/her copy.

Mrs. Bill Thompson of the Hebron, Pa., S.D.B. Church, Mrs. Francis Bucher of the Richburg, N. Y., church, and Mrs. Don Pierce of Alfred Station have prepared original units. The Rev. Harmon Dickinson of Richburg has suggested Scriptures and hymns. Mrs. David Clarke has adapted a story for children, while Burton Crandall has condensed a PTA Magazine article on fear of failure. The Rev. Dickinson also introduces you to "When We Love" from *Hearthstone*

magazine. The resource folio concludes with a brief annotated bibliography on family life books or services.

An evaluation of how these materials served your church's goals in family life enrichment would be appreciated by Mrs. Nelson Snyder, R.D. 1, Alfred Station, NY 14803, chairman of the Family Life Committee of the board . . . and by the members who were mentioned in the previous paragraph.

How the Good News Breaks Out

At the Lost Creek SDB Church on Monday, March 13, an open meeting of the Christian Education Committee acted out how the Bible transmits the power of God in His Word and good news into everyday life. Using a couple of "simulation games" or experimental education units, the group came to appreciate more fully how God's dealings with men are reported, interpreted, and recorded. In the process they were more aware of the crucial importance of well-rounded Christian educational processes for the dedicated teacher and planner.

With projected charts and sketches, Secretary David Clarke illustrated his comments on Christian education objectives as related to the total mission of the Church. The board's new overhead projector proved an important aid to the exploration.

Camp Joy Developments

While in West Virginia, March 12-19, Secretary Clarke met with the Southeastern Association Camp Committee and heard the exciting developments in which this group is acting. Both the immediate plans for this summer's program and the long-range plans for expansion of use of the site at Berea proved exciting to Mr. Clarke. The relations of the association with the Berea church in developing the camp are being worked out with care and candor.

It is expected that stories of developments will appear in later issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* since none were available at the time of the March educational emphasis issue. Secretary Clarke took a number of color photos of the site when in Berea for Sabbath services March 18. Anyone with color slides from camps at

Happiness Is . . . Persecution

Happy are those who are persecuted because they are good, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

When you are reviled and persecuted and lied about because you are My followers—wonderful!

Be happy about it! Be very glad, for a tremendous reward awaits you up in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted too.

Happiness Is . . . Justice

Happy are those who long for justice, for they shall surely have it.

There are two voices speaking in men's lives; one of them says, "I want," the other says, "I ought." Now if these two voices were in perfect agreement, if they both said the same thing, if they both urged a man in the same direction, life would be perfectly simple and easy. It would solve itself every hour, and it would travel in the right direction automatically.

But the facts of the case are these. The two voices do not agree, they do not say the same thing. Very often they urge life in opposite directions, and the result is often confusion and unrest.

But, this need not be. Jesus Christ, in the interpretation of human life makes a distinction between the voices. He gives complete authority to the second voice, with its message of duty; and He tells us how that it is possible to listen to that voice, and obey it, until the other voice, the voice of desire, shall blend with it.

Look at each part of this Beatitude. To hunger and thirst after a thing is to feel that you need it, you desire it, you must have it. That is the "I want" of life. But if we are to be happy, and if life is to be satisfied, Jesus tells us that we must hunger and thirst after righteousness. Desire and duty must blend. Blessed are they in whose heart the two voices

West Virginia 4-H sites or the Daytona site are urged to loan them to us for copying for inclusion in the board's camp films.

say the same thing, and lead life in the same direction.

The world accepts the blind dominance of desire. To want a thing is to seek it, to grasp at it, to fight for it. In the kingdom of this world it is enough for a man to hear in his heart the whisper, "I want." That wakens his energies, directs and sanctions his activities, and controls his conduct, and not seldom spoils his life. It is this dominion of untaught desire that makes life hard. This is the secret of its maladjustments, its strifes, its abuses, and its cruel wrongs. "I want something, and therefore I ought to have it, and, even if that does not follow, I mean to have it all the same."

If we were the perfectly obedient and spiritual children of our Heavenly Father, then we might listen without question to the cry of our hearts. "I want" would be the exact equivalent of "I ought to have." But it is just here that we have gone wrong and missed the way. We are out of touch with the eternal good. We are not conscious of life's true needs.

—From the program packet

Where Are the Jews

The world Jewish population is estimated at 13,951,000 according to the 1971 *American Jewish Year Book*. There are 5,870,000 Jews in the United States, more than in any other nation.

After the United States, countries with the largest Jewish population are the Soviet Union, 2,620,000; Israel, 2,560,000; France, 550,000; Argentina, 500,000; Great Britain, 410,000, and Canada, 280,000. Half of world Jewry is located in North, Central, and South America; 29 percent in Europe; 19 percent in Asia; 1.5 percent in Africa, and 0.5 percent in Australia and New Zealand.

Israel's rise in Jewish population from 2,497,000 in 1970 to 2,560,000 in 1971 accounted for an increase in the Jewish population of Asia.

European Jewry numbers 4,046,150 persons, of-whom 2,800,000 are in Communist countries. The number of Polish Jews dropped to 9,000 from the 15,000 reported a year ago.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.— On January 2, 1972, the following officers were elected at our annual business meeting: Dr. Lloyd Seager, moderator; Mrs. Berwin Monroe, clerk; Alfred Lewis, treasurer; Berwin Monroe, assistant treasurer; Berwin Monroe, four-year trustee; Edgar Bradberry, three-year trustee; Calvin Babcock, two-year trustee; Irving Seager, one-year trustee; Mrs. Alfred Fisher, Sabbath School superintendent; Miss Pamela Lewis, Sabbath School secretary; Jimmy Mitchell, Sabbath School treasurer; Mrs. William Blagg, Cradle Roll superintendent.

Glenn Cunningham, one of America's great Olympic track stars, was guest speaker at our church, January 8. He gave his testimony on "The Race of Life." He also talked about his rehabilitation program for the underprivileged youth.

The Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships continue to meet on the second and fourth Sabbaths of each month. As a service project, invitations to see the film "His Land" were distributed in the church neighborhood by the Senior Youth Fellowship. This film was shown at our church Friday evening, January 21. Also the Senior Youth Fellowship conducted the Sabbath morning worship service, March 4.

In February, instead of our monthly fellowship meal, we had a church social. Pastor Van Horn provided the group with delicious Nebraska popcorn. Games were played and refreshments served. The party was well attended and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Our church continues to send tapes of the Sabbath morning services to some of our nonresident members.

Pray for us that we may continue to grow in spirit and in truth.

—Correspondent

PLAINFIELD, N. J.— On February 26 we were fortunate to have Conference President Paul Osborn and the other members of the Commission with us. The Rev. Paul Green sang a solo, and the Rev. Osborn preached on "Glorifying God in an Evil World" and conducted a

Bible study for all the adults during Sabbath School on "The Glory of God in Our Salvation." After the fellowship dinner President Osborn led a discussion on Conference plans.

Again we were fortunate on March 17-18 to have our Malawi missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson and daughter Joanna with us. Sabbath Eve they showed color slides of Malawi. Sabbath morning the Rev. Pearson preached on the topic, "Let There Be Light," both in Africa and in the U.S.A. Dinner was followed by a detailed account of the history of our Malawi mission by the Rev. Pearson and a question period conducted by Mrs. Pearson. We enjoyed singing "Come to Jesus Today" in the Chichewa language.

Pastor Saunders has been preaching a sermon series on "Turning the Tables on Tragedy," with the titles, "The Table Shared" (Communion), "The Table Friendly," "The Tables Upset," and "The Tables Turned."

The Young Adults continue to meet the last Sabbath night of each month at various homes for supper, fellowship, and fun.

On March 25 another food collection for Star-Fish was featured at the morning service. The Women's Society has a food collection for Star-Fish each month and has also furnished cupcakes for all the children's birthdays at the Grant Avenue Day-Care Center.

—Correspondent

Alcohol Problem

The *Christian Science Monitor* pointed out in an editorial that "alcohol has caused through the centuries as much human suffering as all the wars in history." That is a lot of suffering, yet many like to think alcohol is dangerous only for certain people. There are hopeless alcoholics, like Sammy Davis, who have one thing in common: they tried to drink socially believing that alcohol was a tranquilizer. We have to conclude that it is not just certain weak people who have a problem with drink. Alcohol is the problem; it is a dangerous drug.

Verona Anniversary Plates

The Verona (N. Y.) Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated its 150th anniversary in 1970. The Youth Fellowship sponsored a project of selling church plates in commemoration of this event. Some of these plates are still available. Each plate has a picture of the church (drawn from a photograph by World Wide Art Studios) on the front and a short history of the founding on the back. These plates complete with wall hanger are only \$3 each.

The income from this project goes to the work of the Youth Fellowship which suggests that one of these plates would be a good way to start or add to a collection of such souvenirs in your home. Address requests to Janet Davis, secretary, R. D. 2, Verona, N. Y. 13478.

Accessions

SHILOH, N. J.

By Baptism:

Summer L. Haaf
Valerie Dawn Harris
Cynthia A. Hickman
Holly Lane
Ruth Charleen Loper
Susan Probasco
Melody Lynn Wood
Craig S. Camenga
John Charles Harris
Dennis Peck
Bruce D. McAllister
Jan Angelo (Mrs. James) Moncrief

By Testimony:

Ella I. (Mrs. Charles) Farley
Charles C. Farley

Births

Crouch.— A son, Richard Aaron, to Alan and Janette (Heinig) Crouch, DeRuyter, N. Y., on March 23, 1972.

Obituaries

LING.— Mrs. Martin (Coral M. Tappan) was born in Dodge Center, Minn., July 17, 1879, and died Feb. 5, 1972, in the Byron Medical Care Facility, Battle Creek, Mich., where she had been for two years.

She was the widow of Martin Ling. They came to Battle Creek forty-seven years ago. She was a 79-year member of the Seventh Day Baptist church.

Surviving are four sons, F. Elberton of South Bend, Ind., Lloyd A. of Tuscon, Ariz., Dalyn and Everett E. of Battle Creek; a daughter, Mrs. Gladys M. Hanke of Battle Creek; 16 grand-

children, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild; a brother Haldane F. Tappan of Battle Creek.

Funeral services were held at the Farley Funeral home with Pastor S. Kenneth Davis officiating with interment at the Hick's Cemetery. —S. K. D.

ROBINSON.— Bertha Miller Robinson was born in Palmyra, Iowa, August 19, 1895, and died in Riverside, Calif., March 13, 1972.

She united with the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church in March 1935. She was helpful in the church in many ways.

She married Maurice Robinson in June 1946 who also became a member of the Riverside church. They celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with members of the family present last June.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, the Rev. Donald I. Phillips, of La Crescenta; four daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Floren of Washington, Mrs. Frances Smith of Nevada, Mrs. Lois Russell and Mrs. Phyllis Bunch, both of Van Nuys, all children of her first marriage; a brother, Glen Miller, of Inglewood; 17 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Riverside at the Simons Memorial Chapel by her son, the Rev. Donald I. Phillips, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery. —M. O. C.

BOND.— Mrs. Venie E. Hagerty, daughter of Jesse and Millie Hagerty, was born August 2, 1878, at Sardis, W. Va., and died March 4, 1972 at Clarksburg, W. Va.

Venie was not strong as a child, and a doctor predicted that she would not live long. Nevertheless, she attended Salem College where she received the degree, Bachelor of Pedagogy, in a graduating class of six in 1899. After teaching school for a few years, she was married in 1904 to S. Orestes Bond. During their first fifteen years of married life, the Bonds lived at Shinnston, Flemington, Shepherdstown, and Glenville, all in West Virginia, where Mr. Bond was a teacher and administrator at both public school and college levels.

In 1919 Dr. Bond was called to become president of Salem College, a position he held until his retirement in 1951. Dr. Bond preceded his wife in death January 11, 1959. Surviving are two nephews, Randolph Bond of Lost Creek, and Carroll Bond of Salem. Mrs. Bond was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Lost Creek and the Women's Society of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 7, at the Harbert Funeral Home at 1:30 p.m., with the Rev. Paul Green, pastor of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church and Dr. K. D. Hurley, president of Salem College, officiating. Interment was in the Brick Church Cemetery, Lost Creek.

—J. P. G.

(See extended obituary elsewhere in this issue.)

The Sabbath Recorder

1972 - The Year of the Book

by Carl W. Tiller

The United Nations has invited its member nations to make 1972 a year to advance the use of books. Governments who respond to the invitation may be urging their people to intensify their reading, their writing, and their literacy efforts.

Baptists have always been a people of THE book—the Bible. We cherish it as the Word of God. We rank it above all other books in our scale of values. We know by experience that it is useful in turning men, women, and youth to become new persons in Christ.

The Baptist World Alliance has been an instrument for advance in the use and understanding of the Bible. Our study commissions have helped to enrich our understanding for the messages of the Bible. Our relief program has assisted financially to provide Bibles in their own languages for pastors and church workers in countries where they can not get them for themselves.

While the alliance has no Bible printing program of its own, we have used our influence on occasion to urge governments to allocate paper supplies (where rationed) and to grant permission for Bibles to be printed. Where this has failed, we have at times urged governments to permit the importation of Bibles in the local languages.

Though the alliance has no translation program, we have fraternal relations with those who do, including the United Bible Societies. We encourage translation work by Baptist bodies.

The Bible has nothing to fear but neglect. Baptists might well resolve to make 1972 our "Year of THE Book."

—Guest editorial in Baptist World

My Personal Testimony

by Jane Harris Jernoske

Shiloh, N. J.

I have known and accepted Christ as my Lord for many years. I knew that He was with me but I had so many ups-and-downs, worries, and problems which I never could rise above. I was in a very low and despairing time when I heard the Lord speaking to me, telling me that He would give me a Comforter who would handle all my problems and even my whole life. I wanted Someone else to rule my life because I was doing such a miserable job! So I prayed and received the Holy Spirit in my life and now I can say confidently that He rules my life.

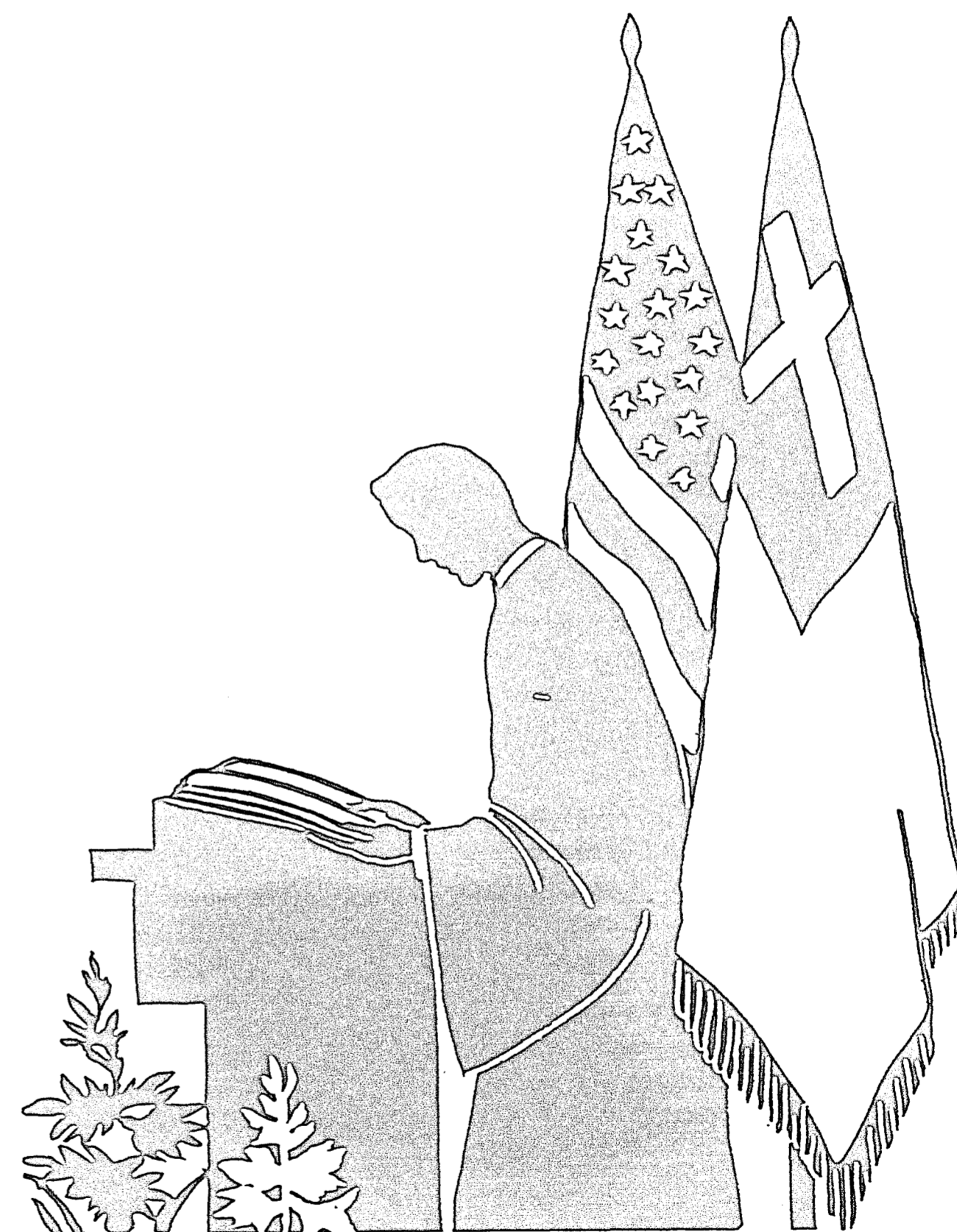
I no longer have to worry and fret because the Lord has taken my life and filled it with His Spirit who uses and works through me, His vessel. He controls all my thoughts and words and now I can not help witnessing by my life and words because they are His.

Oh, how wonderful and glorious life is with the Savior on the throne! As it says in Romans 8:9: "You are controlled by your new nature if you have the *Spirit* of God living in you." And remember that if anyone doesn't have the *Spirit* of Christ living in him, he is not a Christian at all.

Have you experienced the Holy Spirit *really* living in you? Is He in control of your life—in all the many things you do? I pray that you will open your life to Him so He can have complete control of you. Will you do it now?

Faith Leads to Obedience

True faith is a gift, something which God creates in us as we behold Jesus crucified for our sins. It inspires us to want to serve God and obey His commandments.



Preaching Righteousness from Every Pulpit

Area Spiritual Retreats for Seventh Day Baptist pastors are now being held throughout the United States. The emphasis of the May special issue is on ministerial leadership. Prayer is requested for all pastors. The New Testament church was built largely by preaching. One of only four references to preaching in the Old Testament says, "I have preached righteousness in the great congregation" (Ps. 40:9).