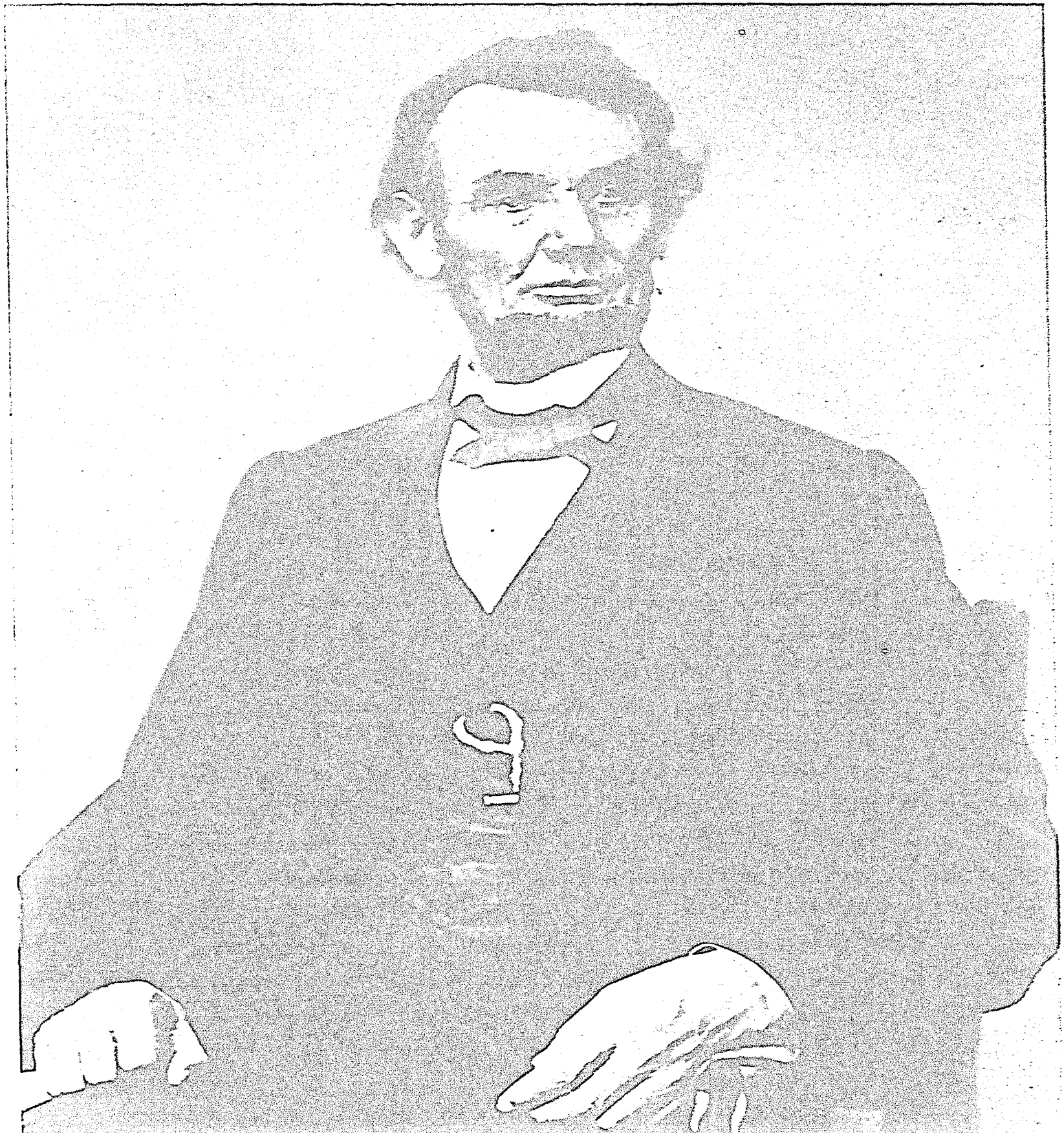


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## To Stay Alive

We middle class American Christians very rightly express deep concern for the social inequalities of our country and the world. The list of problem areas is extensive. We complain about poverty, the racial imbalance, inner city housing, and a hundred other things. We are particularly up tight about the racial discrimination practiced by the governments of some South African countries and we talk about financial boycotts of business functioning under such reportedly unfeeling administrations. All this may have its place in our high-level intellectual climate. But our expressions of concern might be a little closer to the heart level if we could get a better look into the lives of some of the people of South Africa, particularly those of the country of Botswana.

*Service News*, a paper that gathers up worldwide news of CROP and CWS, carried a story about the economic situation in Botswana, a country the size of France, wedged between Rhodesia and South Africa, two-thirds of which is desert, and the per capita income is one of the lowest in the world, ranging from \$63 to \$70 per year.

Eric Rempel, a CWS worker in Botswana who is trying to improve agriculture, reminds us of something we seldom think about—that to stay alive is a far more important concern to the citizens of his newly independent nation than the question of racial discrimination and apartheid in neighboring countries. Note the following paragraphs:

Most people are rather disturbed by the radical policies practiced by the South African and Rhodesian governments, and rightly so, but most of the people here don't spend much time thinking about it. As with several other black southern African countries, many people here depend on South Africa for most of their bread and butter. Many people do down there to work in the mines, so they can get money to pay for their brides, build nice houses, pay their children's school fees, and buy food for their families.

"Do you like working in the Republic?"

"Yes, very much."

"But how can you work where you have to say 'yes boss' and you can't go where you want to go?"

"Oh, that's not so bad — and you get plenty of money there."

That is to say, the system down there is quite accepted by most of the people, and although they may not like it, few would say it is wrong. Feudalism and class consciousness are very deeply ingrained in this society, and often it has little to do with color. The intellectuals are bothered by what they see in South Africa, but the average person sees that country only as a source of money.

We expatriates and politicians are lucky. We complain about the heat and the dust, we long for a nice bath and get it in time. We complain about exploitation by South Africa, but the average person couldn't care less about these things. He is worried about staying alive, and for that he needs "pula" (may it rain).

## Thoughts on Soviet Jewry

Twenty-five and thirty years ago the Jews faced their greatest problem in Germany and its satellite countries. It was then a question of systematic genocide and complete extermination. Hitler and his aids spoke glibly of "final solution" of the Jewish problem. The slaughter of six million Jews is a horror that the surviving people cannot forget and one that Christian people ought to remember whenever anti-Semitism rears its head.

At the present time it appears that outside the Middle East the largest scale Jewish problem is in the Soviet Union. It is a two-way problem. On the one hand the efficient public relations efforts of organized Judaism are bent to focus the attention of the world on the repressive Soviet anti-Semitism. On the other hand Soviet leaders are on the defensive and are trying to sweep it under the rug.

Can we who are not emotionally involved look at the situation objectively? From the Russian point of view their nation is a collection of autonomous republics committed to what they consider the best political system in the world. If everybody in these various republics was willing to abandon longstanding ethnic culture and religious convictions there would be no problems. It is freely admitted that the Jews in Russia would not have any problems if they were willing to assimilate. A good many have been

willing to give up their Jewishness, but vast numbers of others have not. They wonder why the culture of the various states in the Soviet Union can be preserved and their culture and religion cannot.

But the Jews are a thorn in the flesh. They are a threat to the system. Being denied what they consider to be constitutional liberties many of them desire to emigrate to Israel or to some other friendly country. This desire to emigrate is something the party leaders cannot understand. They call it treason. It is hard for us to appreciate this position, for we do not have the same kind of loyalty to our national ideology. If 100,000 Jews or any other ethnic group were bent on emigrating to another country we would not feel threatened, as they do.

It needs to be noted that any Soviet citizens, not just the Jews, who express a desire to leave the "perfect" system are counted as treasonous. The underground Baptists and other Protestants who do not think that they can conscientiously submit to the religious restrictions of the godless system are also in trouble even though they want to be known as loyal citizens.

The question remains as to whether the Soviet Union can be persuaded to grant its Jewish citizens their right to be Jews. Is it a basic right? Is part of it the right to go to Israel? How much should we do as individuals and as a nation to mold and voice world opinion on the rights of Jews to their culture and religion? The lawless methods of the radical Jewish Defense League cannot be condoned by Christians or by the moderate Jewish leaders. On the other hand, if we do not react when other people's religious liberties are trampled on how can we expect to take our part if discrimination or persecution should come our way?

Note: — Since the above article was written news has come of a partial change of policy by which the Soviet Union is attempting to flood Israel with undesirable, hard to assimilate Jews in an attempt to embarrass or bankrupt the country. The outcome will be watched with interest.

## Contagious Dedication and Calculated Risks

A missionary secretary who had just returned from a visit to the Orient that included missions stations in such troubled areas as Singapore, Bangkok, and Saigon had this to say about the faithful missionaries in Vietnam, "The accomplishments of their labors are outstanding and the dedication with which they approach their task is contagious."

That idea of contagious dedication is something we can appreciate though we haven't traveled to Saigon. "Would it not be wonderful if some of the nationals from the countries where there is a Seventh Day Baptist work could visit our churches in this country and be able to say the same thing about us? It is a fact that dedication to gospel tasks is contagious. The trouble is that it is too scarce among us to be called epidemic. We almost forget that some of the best things in life as well as some of the worst can be highly contagious. It is sobering to ask ourselves what a visitor is likely to catch when he sits in the pew on Sabbath morning or attends the Sabbath Eve service.

The missionary secretary mentioned above had something to say also about the work in one part of India. He tells of a mission hospital under construction in Bangalore. It is a calculated risk, he stated, "because of the uncertain future of Baptist work in that area."

There might be some missionary board directors who would caution against the expenditure of the kind of money required to build a hospital in a country where the future of the work is uncertain. However, our faithfulness to the cause of Christ must take precedence over faithfulness to contributors. The sending of Christ into a sinful world might be called a calculated risk. We are not faithful to Him unless we are willing to risk some capital in evangelistic ventures where the long-term success can be endangered by changing circumstances. After all, some pretty big risks were taken to bring salvation to us — and financial risks are small in comparison.

As to the case in hand, the secretary

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### MEMORY TEXT

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"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

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urged continuation of the building program at Bangalore, noting that Baptist people had been permitted to preach the gospel in an area never before served by a missionary body. He suggested to the home folks that they make maximum use of six-months tourist visas to India for the continuation of ministries there.

To sum it up, there is no promise of complete success in foreign and home mission extension for those who have contagious dedication and take calculated financial risks, but our Lord expects this of us. Such faithfulness will show much fruit.

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### February Special Issue

We trust that every regular subscriber has now received the special issue dated February 5. The advance orders from churches and individuals that came on time have been filled and some may already be in the hands of those who desire to use them to fortify their evangelistic witness.

These special issues in two colors are produced only three times a year. Each time there are subscribers who did not order extra copies but wish they had. We print a very limited number of extra copies which are available as long as they last. Late orders for the November issue exhausted our supply except for some held in reserve for use at fair booths.

Do you want to do something for Christ and the church at this prime time of evangelism between Christmas and Easter? For one dollar you can get eight copies or, if you want to sow enough seed to produce a harvest, there is the bargain price of 100 for \$9.00 less than ten cents per copy, while they last.

If you need extra copies of the regular issues for *Sabbath Recorder* Day, they are also available in small quantities.

## Conference on Vietnam

By Leon M. Maltby

A conference was called at Kansas City, Mo., January 13-16 to study the moral implications of the United States' continuing participation in the Vietnam war and is reported by Frank A. Sharp of the American Baptist News Service under the heading "An Immoral War." There were 650 religious leaders present out of the expected 700. Among them were Protestants, Catholics, Orthodox and Jews.

They expressed their concerns and came up with some statements that nearly everyone would consider good and a few that might be seriously questioned by some good Christians. It is to be expected that not all church people see alike as to the United States' aims in Indochina or as to what the churches should do about it at this moment. It may be conjectured that the leadership and the selection of participants may have had much to do with the conclusions arrived at.

It is reported:

"Members of the conference were concerned because the U.S. Government's policy of bringing home the ground troops has lulled the American people and the major denominations with a feeling of complacency and the feeling that the war is about over.

"However, the present policy of 'Vietnamization' is really a program to replace a white body count with a brown body count. Americans should be as sensitive about the killing of brown bodies as white bodies. The immorality of the war is heightened, if anything, because Americans are providing electronic equipment, weaponry, air power, massive technological support, advisors, and money to continue the war."

The above concerns ought to be keenly felt by all Christians who read them and are undoubtedly taken into consideration by the Administration. However, the course of action called for, as reported by Mr. Sharp, needs to be carefully evaluated before endorsing:

"The delegates called upon denomina-

tions, churches, and synagogues to make an immediate end to the war in Indochina their first priority; to offer support and sanctuary for all who refuse to fight; to make the total abolition of war and peace with justice their major concern; to use the world's resources for meeting the needs of people; to examine their economic and racial policies, making those policies consistent with the Biblical message of justice and compassion, righteousness and peace; and to express the transforming power of ministries of reconciliation."

One phrase in particular goes beyond any course of action churches have previously been urged to take, "to offer support and sanctuary for all who refuse to fight." Perhaps the wording is loose, but experience teaches that not everyone who refuses to fight does so out of worthy motives. The government recognizes conscientious objectors and has recently loosened the definition. But for churches to endorse deserters or others would not classify themselves as conscientious objectors puts the churches on the side of lawlessness and evil rather than righteousness and responsible government.

To characterize the Vietnam war as an immoral law may be correct in the sense that all war is evil (immoral). If Christian people have now come to the point of taking a conscientious stand against military duty and all wars, that

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### *Our Prayer Corner*

#### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The work of the Jamaica Conference and the expanding opportunities of Crandall High School with its larger enrollment and new classrooms.

2) The new work in Leyte and Cebu in the Philippines where volunteer workers are seeking government registration of the church.

3) The broadening of our vision to help in small ways the national workers whom we cannot support in a large way.

4) Increases in membership by conversion in all of our home churches.

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is one thing, but to claim, in effect, that the present war is immoral and previous ones were less so is something that calls for more proof than we have seen. Those of us who have participated in other wars may be inclined to think that this one cannot claim to be worse. One argument (relatively weak) was cited, "Vietnamization is a racist policy, for it forces Asian people to be our proxy army, dying in our places for our supposed interests. This is immoral." South Vietnam does not use this argument. They think they are fighting for survival, not as tools of U.S. foreign policy.

The responsibility for the recent conference at Kansas City is not clearly stated. It was, however, set up by the Program Board of the Division of Christian Life and Mission of the National Council of Churches as noted in the October 6 minutes of its Executive Committee. Whether or not the DCLM and the NCC will fully endorse the statements of the conference remains to be seen.

Mr. Sharp's report concludes:

Among the more than 600 persons attending the Kansas City meeting were representatives of 46 denominations and other religious bodies. There were 43 citizens of overseas countries present, including several from South Vietnam. Catholic representatives numbered more than 200, including eight bishops. Peace groups, such as Clergy and Laymen Concerned, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and a contingent of theological students, were also present.

A group of 137 individuals formally sponsored the event and the expenses were paid by individual subscriptions.

### Recorder Renewals

As the third annual Sabbath Recorder Sabbath (February 19) approaches our subscription department calls attention to some of the notes that come in with renewals.

A southern Wisconsin lady remarks that she received the magazine as a birthday present but is renewing it two months early. She asks, "Why do not more people give the *Recorder* as birthday presents?"

A life-long subscriber in Florida who has to live very frugally writes, "I am now in a retirement home and somehow I seem to find it difficult to keep things straight. But I don't want to be without the *Recorder*, for it seems like a letter from old friends."

A lone-Sabbathkeeper in Minnesota, sending an extra dollar with her renewal writes, "I enjoy reading and it gives one the hope to go on . . . May God bless you all as you work in His service."

A lady in a southern New York community where there is no church of our faith writes, "I am happy to renew my subscription to *The Sabbath Recorder*. I should miss its many inspiring articles. It keeps me in touch with churches and friends since I have no other means of doing so."

From an up and coming young family in South Jersey comes this little note, "Enclosed you will find a check to renew our subscription for another year. We wouldn't want to be without it in our home."

Some churches appoint Recorder agents to make it convenient for people of the church to subscribe or renew by contacting and encouraging them. From one such church the office recently received twenty-two subscriptions, mostly renewals at the regular \$5 rate. Previously the same church had sent in ten others.

Gift subscriptions for doctors' offices, college and public libraries and for individuals can be a real service to new and old friends. A few subscribers who have to be careful with their money order several copies and remail them to build up Seventh Day Baptist work.

### Senate Votes Approval of Day Off for Worship

The U. S. Senate has unanimously approved an amendment to the Equal Employment Opportunities Enforcement Act of 1971, stipulating that an employee will not be forced to work on his day of worship unless it causes "undue hardship" on the employer.

If the legislation gets final congressional approval, freedom of religion and the right to free exercise of one's faith, already guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution, would be strengthened further, according to Baptist observers here.

Vote on the amendment in the Senate was 55-0. A number of senators who were not present to vote arranged to have their approval of the amendment registered for the record.

Sen. Jennings Randolph (D., W. Va.), a layman in the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference which observes Saturday as its day of worship, sponsored the amendment. Randolph cited the problems of several denominations with traditional worship days different from the majority who observe Sunday as their day of worship.

Some denominations have complained of a "dwindling membership" relative to the situation of working on Saturday, Randolph told the Senate. Also, he said some faiths are having "a difficult time, especially with the younger people" because of employment practices and work schedules.

Randolph cited scores of court cases and complaints to the Equal Employment Commission wherein, contrary to civil rights laws, employees were discriminated against because of the practice of their religious faith.

Purpose of the amendment, Randolph declared, "is to assure that freedom from religious discrimination in the employment of workers is for all time guaranteed by law.

" . . . I think it is a well-intentioned amendment, a good amendment, a necessary amendment, a worthwhile amendment," Randolph told the Senate, "because it carries through the spirit of re-

ligious freedom under the Constitution of the United States." —Baptist Press

Note: A copy of the *Congressional Record* for January 21 containing about twenty-seven pages of material relating to this subject was sent by Senator Randolph to the *Sabbath Recorder* office. The bulk of the material is the court cases mentioned above, which is valuable for anyone who feels that this case is similar to one or more of these.

The wording of the amendment to Equal Employment Opportunities Enforcement Act of 1971 (S. 2515) is as follows:

The term "religion includes all aspects of religious observance and practice, as well as belief, unless an employer demonstrates that he is unable to reasonably accommodate to an employee's, or prospective employee's religious observance or practice without undue hardship on the conduct of the employer's business.

A portion of what Senator Randolph said urging the adoption of the amendment is quoted here from the *Congressional Record* as follows:

Mr. President, I am a member of a denomination which is a relatively small one, the Seventh Day Baptists. Perhaps there are only 5,000 individuals within that denomination in the work force. I do think it is important for me to say that within the group that I have mentioned, we think in terms of our observance of the Sabbath beginning at sundown Friday evening and ending at sundown Saturday evening, following the Biblical words, "From eve unto eve shall you celebrate your sabbath." I make this statement only by way of explanation of the groups I have just mentioned.

I think it is important for us to realize that the persons for whom I hope I speak — and I hope I speak for all persons in this matter—are workers scattered throughout the United States of America. There is no section of the country which would not be affected, we hope constructively, by the adoption of this amendment.

### Primary Job of the Church

A careful survey of U. S. and Canadian church attitudes indicates that U. S. pastors and laymen feel the primary job of the local church is to "win others to Christ." Canadians interviewed feel its number one task is to "provide worship." The laity of both countries place in fourth rank of local church function "provision of ministerial service to members." More Canadians than U. S. members think that the church should serve as a "social conscience to the community."

## Watching a Watch

By Edward A. Elstone



The man who said, "I will stand on my watch . . ." (Hab. 2:1), was not contemplating the destruction of his timepiece. At the time the King James Bible was made a watch was a place of observation such as a watchtower, or a period of waiting and watching, such as the midnight watch. Today the words "my watch" would indicate a portable timepiece, usually worn on the arm where it can easily be seen.

Watches were very valuable centuries ago, but now due to modern mass manufacturing, nearly everyone can afford a watch. They are made in a great variety of styles to suit the taste and pocketbook. Some are made very intricately and accurately and minuscule. This writer has been employed for thirty-five years in the repair and maintenance of watches and clocks. It is not advisable for the unskilled to open a watch as dirt and moisture may get in and harm the delicate parts or alter the timekeeping rate.

What does a watchmaker see when he peers with his magnifying glass into the works, or technically speaking, the movement, of your watch?

Your watch is basically an instrument that indicates the passage of time by the accurately controlled release of energy stored in a spring or battery. The governing principle is the balance wheel and its coiled hairspring. Between the mainspring power source and the escapement, which delivers the energy to the balance at every tick, there is a train of fine gear wheels each mounted in jewelled bearings.

If these jewels are broken the watch will stop, so do not "stand on your watch" or drop or shock it. The repairman looks for bits of dirt and corrosion, using an eyeglass, for magnification for watches often need cleaning.

There are also many other causes of

malfunction. Your watchmaker can tell much by the tick of your watch, for it is its heartbeat. Every watch is an individual with its own peculiarities. All watches when running seem to be alive. Each wheel rotates at a different rate, the jewelled lever jumps back and forth and the balance swings in alternate directions and the hairspring expands and contracts its coils with each beat. Yes your watch is a living thing and wants to serve you faithfully all its life. In some situations where timing is imperative, such as coordinating a railway, the accuracy of a watch spells the difference between life and death.

To everyone, success calls for doing the right thing at the right time. How often do you look at your watch to check the time in a day? Are you kind to it, considering its needs? your little friend with hands held shyly in front of its face. Do you wait till it dies before you take it to the watch doctor to get its heart beating again?

Most watches will run thirty-six hours at a winding and are called one day watches, though some are made with stronger springs to run for a week. Whichever yours is, it should be wound regularly for good timekeeping.

We, even more than a watch, are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Ps. 139:14). We also like a watch require to be supplied with energy. Our "daily bread" is the source of our strength to go on, in the body. The inner man of the spirit also requires food regularly, spiritual food from the heavenly places. Our Savior said He was the manna sent down from heaven. We need Him each day to strengthen our spiritual life. By prayer and reading of His Word we have access to this spiritual nourishment. This we need daily and we also need it weekly on the *seventh day*. The best time to wind your watch is first thing in the morning. The best time to have your devotions, too, is first thing in the morning. That way you do not forget in the hurry and scurry of the day's activity.

What should you do when you find your watch has stopped (and they all must eventually)? Some have tried to

fix it themselves but they nearly always make it worse and harder for the serviceman to repair. So you should carry your ailing friend to the best expert you know, for rejuvenation. Our spiritual life, too, can get out of order and we need come to the Great Physician for restoration. He is well qualified for the job. He it was who gave untold myriads power from on high through past centuries. He can regulate us. Our times are in His hand, the Mastercraftsman.

Let us be humble enough to learn some lessons from our watches.

### A Cassette Ministry for Evangelism and Growth

The filmstrip library of the American Sabbath Tract Society has now made a strong beginning in a free cassette ministry to the churches. The Audio and Visual Services Committee has made initial purchases from Campus Crusade for Christ of seventeen cassettes—thirty-four programs. Twelve of these are in a series.

The use of this series of tapes is like taking a full course at Campus Crusades headquarters under their best leaders.

Their catalogue states: "These tapes have been instrumental in helping thousands of students to become revolutionaries for Christ." They are more effective for those who have already studied the messages on the Spirit-filled life—which many of our people have done under the leadership of Mynor Soper or a pastor. It is suggested that a church order only half of them at a time so as not to tie them up too long in one church. The list follows.

1-CC-69

- A. Christ's Death in Me — Jim Craddock
- B. Christ's Life in Me — Jim Craddock

2-CC-69

- A. Our Position in Christ — Jim Williams
- B. Not I, But Christ — Swede Anderson

3-CC-69

- A. Authority of the Scripture — Rick Mill

B. Prayer — Phil Fleming  
4-CC-69

- A. Building Disciples — Jim Williams
- B. Growing to Maturity — Jim Williams

5-CC-69

- A. Training Disciples — Dave Hannah
- B. How To Study the Bible Inductively — Bill Hogan

6-CC-69

- A. Inter Workings of a Spiritual Team — Bud Hinkson
- B. Being What You Are in Christ — Dr. James Engel

7-CC-69

- A. Building the Wall (Nehemiah) — Jim Williams
- B. Building the People (Nehemiah) — Jim Williams

8-CC-69

- A. How To Be Happy Though a Christian — Bill Hogan
- B. Parable of the Sower — Jim Green

9-CC-69

- A. How To Know the Will of God — Dr. Manford Gutzke
- B. The Man God Uses — Dr. Harold Lindsell

10-CC-69

- A. Love, Sex, and Marriage — Jim Williams
- B. The Revolutionary Christ — Dave Hannah

11-CC-69

- A. Situational Ethics — Dr. Phil Hook
- B. The Dating Game — Tim LaHaye

12-CC-69

- A. Time Is Running Out — Andre Kole
- B. Binding the Strong Man — John Flack

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### Special Offering Brings Added Support

The emphasis on a special, designated offering for missions in December 1971 brought a substantial increase in such giving. Most of the designated gifts in December were sent through the Our World Mission treasurer and amounted to \$942.49. Many, however, sent their gifts direct and our Missionary Society treasurer received \$622.99 in this way. Thus the designated giving in December totaled over \$1500.

Because of this and other increased giving in the last quarter of the year we are in a much better position than we were a year ago, though still below our budgeted figures. In 1970 the designated giving reached only about forty percent of the budgeted goal and fourth quarter gifts were just over \$1,000. In 1971 (the year just ended) the percentage raised was approximately seventy percent and the fourth quarter receipts were over \$2,300.

We were heartened by some churches who made a special effort for an offering. Lone-Sabbathkeepers and individuals responded as well. It was not any large amount given, but many small gifts that helped us reach even this level.

A hearty "Thank you" to all who have helped in this positive way.

It is also well to put this increased giving in the total perspective. During these same months a greater percentage of undesignated Our World Mission support was realized so that this part of our budget was nearly 100 percent raised. These were also the months in which the special appeal for the Crandall High classroom building work was being made and realized as well. Seventh Day Baptists in their generosity have met and exceeded the goal set! We can do it if we will.

As you read this report our first information on designated giving in January will be coming to hand. Will we have reached the minimum goal of \$1000 in designated receipts? Some widows have

been casting in their mites, sending checks to help us realize these needs.

But February is now here and our designated mission emphasis is Jamaica, the Wayne Crandalls and their work and leadership at Crandall High School. Don't let another month pass by without finding your place in this special work through a designated gift.

### Conference President Sets Example

Since mid-January mail has been received from several individuals in renewing their voting membership in the Missionary Society by sending the annual \$10 fee. No doubt others will be coming in the immediate days ahead as many of our people have found this to be a vital and profitable relationship to their missionary work.

Our Conference president, Pastor Paul B. Osborn, of the Nortonville, Kans., church has set an example which all might follow!

His letter read: "Yes! I want to be a voting member of the Missionary Society for the year 1972. So does my wife, Muriel . . . And my son, Phillip . . . And my daughter, Karen . . ."

"Enclosed please find a check for \$40 for four memberships."

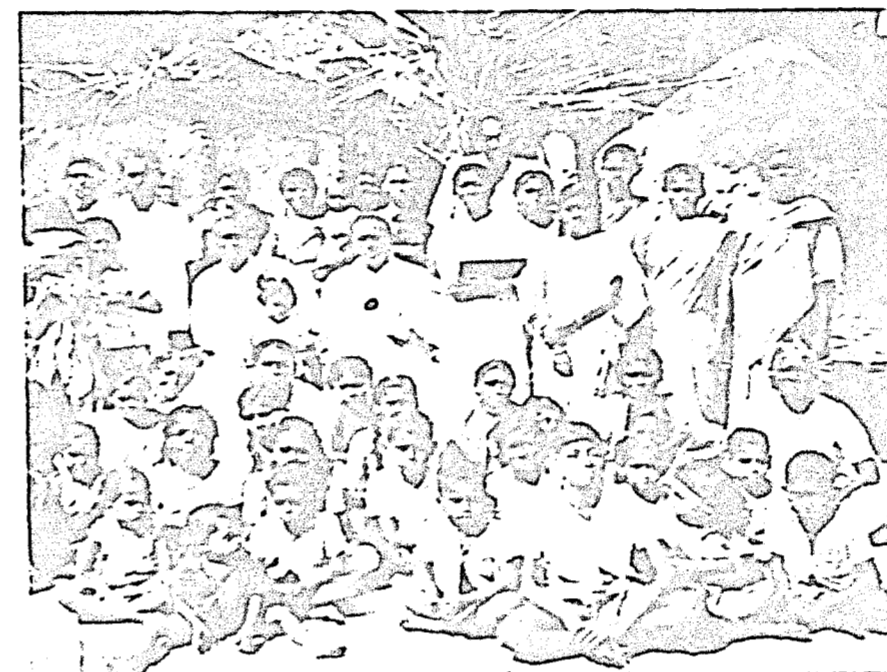
We are also heartened by receiving several memberships for both husband and wife and trust that this "family" participation will also grow. If you have not responded to the opportunity to be a voting member in 1972 why not do so today? Those able to participate in the annual general meeting either have been voting members during 1971 or have paid their 1972 fees on or before March 1, 1972. We will be looking for *your* letter.

What can a nation profit from its unparalleled individual freedom, if that liberty becomes license and that license leads to drug dependence which controls the bodies and warps the minds of men, women, children and even the unborn?

—President Nixon

### News from Nellore

There was no correspondence from the Rev. John V. Rao of Nellore, India, between early December and late January. He now writes that he had been away from his home and the conference office in Nellore from December 9 to January 16 helping collect money for the widows and orphans of the twenty-one tract evangelists who lost their lives the last of October.



The president of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of India, Rev. T. Bayanna, who was left in charge of the office, was busy with spiritual matters and did not answer letters from America, which were answered by the secretary by registered mail as soon as he returned home.

Some of the activities of President Bayanna, according to Mr. Rao's letters, were significant. On Sabbath, January 1, he was at the village of Rauanna palem where the gospel and the Sabbath had previously been preached by Mr. Rao and which is spoken of as a good center. On Sabbath morning the minister baptized thirty Hindus and organized them into a church where there was no church of any denomination. A picture of the group at the baptism shows Mr. Bayanna in the center. The new converts are said to be mostly educated people — which is not true of the churches in remote forest areas.

It is reported that on the same Sabbath afternoon he went to the village of Marripadev and at 4:30 p.m. baptized twenty-six candidates and established

another church. A picture of that church was not yet available.

As to the collection for the twenty-one families the secretary reports that it was difficult to get sufficient contributions because many were giving to the refugees from East Pakistan (Bangladesh) and also were burdened with heavy levies for the Defense Fund. They succeeded in collecting \$1,005, which (with gifts from outside the country) was given to twelve of the families.

### SDBWF Contributors Thanked

Last summer appeals went to local Seventh Day Baptist churches for financial aid to help defray the expenses related to the first meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation, hosted at Westerly, R. I., August 4-8, 1971. Particularly we asked for money to help care for the travel costs of out-of-country delegates, and for hosting at General Conference.

Because of the great generosity of the churches and individuals who gave, all expenses were cared for. Money offered to underwrite the cost by the trustees of the Memorial Fund was not needed.

Other Seventh Day Baptist Conferences contributed toward the total expenses of approximately \$6,500.

The Executive Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation extends its heartfelt gratitude to all who answered its plea for support.

Those who had the privilege of participating in '71 session, General Conference, and the Jersey Oaks Leadership Institute join the committee in thanking to God for your sacrificial gifts.

### Laymen Are Ready

There are good Christian men across this nation who are tired of being just a part of a jolly fellowship or an elite corps of church door greeters or just holding the ushering franchise. They have moved into areas of mission action that are exciting.

In many cases laymen are ready and anxious to do things their pastors have been afraid to tackle. — MCCullough

## Tract Board Considers Its Work at South Jersey Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society has been strengthened by the addition of several new members who are able and willing to work on the committees. The first quarterly meeting of 1972 was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Shiloh church Sunday afternoon, January 16. It was preceded by meetings of four committees called for Sabbath night and Sunday morning. Of the twenty-two members present about half were residents of Southern New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Most of the committee appointments normally made at the October meeting were made by the president, Charles H. North, at this meeting since he was sick in October. Several chairmanships were changed, although the nucleus of each committee remains the same to ensure continuity. The new chairman of the Advisory Committee is the Rev. Charles H. Bond of Shiloh. Its function is to aid and advise the corresponding secretary-editor and to perform such other tasks as are assigned to it. This committee reported that editors had been secured for the next four special issues of *The Sabbath Recorder* and that the May and November 1973 issues are still open.

The progressive work of the Audio and Visual Services Committee will be carried on. Fred Ayars asked to be relieved of the chairmanship so that he could devote more time to the technical aspects of the work, electronics, photography, carpentry, and filmstrip production. Iris Maltby now heads the committee of nine.

New members of the board are on only one committee. Experienced members, for the most part, are asked to take responsibility on two. The president and corresponding secretary are *ex officio* members of all.

A special committee for future planning and employment was continued with a new chairman elected by the board. Owen Probasco of Shiloh replaces John Harris. Members are from the Advisory and Supervisory committees since the work relates to the publishing house and

the office of secretary-editor, a position that will need to be filled when the present incumbent retires.

Action was taken at the meeting to carry forward plans for publishing the new *Manual of Procedure* prepared by the denominational Faith and Order Committee and edited by Dr. Wayne R. Rood. The board accepted a bid for publishing it which was very much lower than the first bid received and lower than the estimated cost of printing it in our own shop. It is hoped that final copy will be ready in about a month. The publication cost will be shared by the Faith and Order Committee, the Memorial Fund and the Publications Committee of the Tract Board, according to action just taken.

The Publications Committee, chaired by Anna North, reported that a subcommittee had prepared materials for Sabbath Recorder Day including a poster and bulletin inserts. During the quarter four tracts to the number of forty thousand were printed and another was on order. The secretary's office reported distribution of nearly 10,000. The committee fostered publication in foreign languages by taking steps to provide a mimeograph machine for the Philippine work. Plans were announced for advertising the new Sabbath book and increasing the use of tracts.

There was much progress during the quarter on the sound studio in the basement of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, largely the work of the chairman of the committee who was assisted by Albert N. Rogers and others. It is expected to be ready for use soon. The following proposed use of the performing and storage areas was announced: a book storage area, filmstrip, slide and movie previewing and storage area, recording area for filmstrip and movie narrations, recording of radio masters, lecture masters, and a photography area. The committee has purchased tape copying equipment at a cost of \$580 and wants to round out its recording system for Conference use with a playback amplifier that will cost nearly \$500.

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## Debatable Abortion Materials

In this area of new openness in human relations, abortion for other reasons than the safety of the mother, much debate has developed — and will continue to develop. The Board of Christian Education, with its interest in the family as a primary moral agent in society, receives materials from agencies involved in the abortion debate.

Young adults in dialog groups of various sorts in our Seventh Day Baptist communities may be interested in the following resources for background in discussing this much debated subject of abortion.

"A Compendium of Statements on Abortion by Denominations and Church-Related Agencies" produced by the Family Ministries Department of the National Council of Churches of Christ lists resolutions adopted, and includes also a major speech on the subject. Churches represented include both major Presbyterian ones, American Baptists, United Methodists, United Church of Christ, and Lutheran Church in America. Church Women United's statement follows one from the State Council of Washington. Presented before the Association for the Study of Abortion, "Abortion Law Reform—the Moral Basis" by John D. Rockefeller, III, concludes the pamphlet.

"Abortion: A Human Choice" is the title of a pamphlet published by the Christian Social Concerns arm of the United Methodist Church and released this January to those of us involved in advising Family Life discussions. Three authors speak on "female anguish," civil liberty and the human choice. Footnotes reveal a number of valuable references. Also included from the Methodists are statements adopted by their Women's Division and their Christian Social Concerns agency.

For discussion leaders, "Having an Abortion" by Dr. Robert Hall of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons may prove a helpful resource. Dr. Hall deals not only with

the medical aspects of abortion, but with the legal and social concerns. His appendix reveals much helpful information.

All the above materials may be borrowed from the board. Or they may be purchased from the sources:

*A Compendium of Statements . . .*, Family Ministries, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive., New York City, NY 10027.

Board of Christian Social Concerns, United Methodist Bldg., 100 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington, D. C. 20002.

*How To Have . . .*, New American Library, Inc., 1301 Ave. of the Americas, New York City, NY 10019.

## Youth Witness Program

All youth in the USA or Canada who are members of Christian Endeavor Society are eligible until Feb. 15, 1972 (if they're under twenty-five years of age) to submit entries for the Christian Youth Witness Program.

An article published in a publication of any sort can be submitted so long as it was published after Feb. 16, 1971. Editorials or speeches which were published can be submitted. A whole talk presented to any group may also be submitted in typed form for competition.

Also included in competition are black and white photos published, or cartoons published in any publication.

Societies are also eligible for prizes where the majority of members are under twenty-five years of age. Their entry is a report of a completed witness project which may include clippings, drawings, commendations, press clippings and of course a written report on goals and achievements.

"To generate in Christian youth a desire to give witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and to serve together for Christ and the Church in their community, nation and world" is the stated

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 19, 1972

THE DEATH THAT CHANGES LIVES  
Lesson Scripture: Luke 23:39-53

purpose of the Christian Youth Witness program of Christian Endeavor International.

Individual awards range from \$175 cash to \$25 and award plaques. Society awards range from \$200 cash to \$25 and plaques. These awards were made possible by a generous gift made in memory of Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**NORTH LOUP, NEBR.**— Fall activities of our church people included: the golden wedding anniversary of Riley and Marie Brannon, a happy occasion in which their many friends joined them; the senior voice recital of Mrs. Don (Phyllis) Clement and later her graduation with honors from Kearney State College at semester's end in December; the box social sponsored by the Youth Fellowship with proceeds going for the Camp Riverview building program; a worship service, "We Worship the God We Love — Be Touched — Be Filled," by our youth from Lincoln led by Bernard Keown; the annual turkey supper where we fellowshiped with people of the community; the visit of the Rev. David Pearson, our missionary to Malawi who enlightened us with slides and an address about Malawi; a Sabbath morning worship service when Gary Ackles, a Gideon Society representative, told about the work in distributing Bibles.

Also, our youth, "The Galileans," presented the musical "Life" at the Baptist church in Kearney. A community Thanksgiving service was held at our church Thanksgiving Eve with Rev. Mynor Soper as speaker. The Lord's Acre ingathering service was held during the Sabbath morning service, December 4.

Christmas services honoring the birth of Christ were: "The Story of Christmas," a John W. Peterson cantata, by the choir; a Sabbath School program with white gifts designated towards the car for Missionary Leroy Bass, with a fellowship hour following; a ten o'clock Christmas Eve worship service by the Youth Fellowship; and a Christmas morning service

of anthems, and hymns, readings and the pastor's message.

The traditional New Year's Day dinner was held January 1. This day also marked the beginning of our evangelism program. The sermons of Pastor Skaggs in recent weeks were geared for this. Some topics were "To Whom Much Has Been Given," "Love and Responsibility," "I Bind My Heart to Christ," "The Healing of the Mind," and "Why Are They Not Here."

A study of "Why We Do Things the Way We Do" with Pastor Skaggs as leader has begun. Meetings are held weekly in homes.

The foundation has been laid for an evangelistic association, "Light Bearers for Christ," with headquarters in North Loup. Let us pray for outreach.

—Correspondent

## Southeastern Association Plans

John D. Bevis, Moderator

The year 1972 is a special year in the life of Seventh Day Baptists in the Southeastern Association. Just one hundred years ago the association was officially organized in a meeting held at the Lost Creek, W. Va., church. This year we shall celebrate our centennial with special emphasis at the associational meeting which will be held in Salem, W. Va., June 23-25, 1972.

The theme for the year is, "To Know Him — To Make Him Known." As we look back over the last one hundred years we realize that our fathers did indeed "Know Him" and sought to "Make Him Known" in churches and in the life and work of the association. Perhaps our theme is best expressed by the words of a chorus written by Loyal Hurley:

To know Him and what He doth require,  
To know Him is all my heart's desire,  
To know Him will set my soul on fire,  
To know Him and make Him known.

### Music and Testimony Tour

This year in an attempt to share with others our knowledge of and belief in Him the Salem College Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship plans to travel with the moderator on a tour of the

churches in the association. This group, The New Christian Minstrels, will present a program of music and testimony centering upon the theme of the year. The tentative tour schedule is as follows: February 19, Berea, W. Va.; February 26, Salem, W. Va.; March 4, Lost Creek, W. Va.; March 11, morning service Salemville, Pa. (combined service, English and German churches); March 11, afternoon service, Snow Hill German Church, Waynesboro, Pa.; March 18, Middle Island, New Milton, W. Va.; April 1, Paint Rock, Ala.; April 4, Daytona Beach, Fla.; April 5, Putnam County Church, Palatka, Fla.; April 29, Washington, D. C.

It is our prayer that as we minister to the churches we shall come to know Him better and to be able to share this knowledge in a real way with others.

## Tract Board

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The Supervisory Committee reported some of the concerns of the publishing house. It was noted that cost-of-living increases of about 5 percent had been given to employees when wage increases were unfrozen. The management must also bear the major cost of state disability insurance. The increases in cost of production must ultimately be passed on to those who use the printing services, but no increase in price will be put into effect at this time.

The board gave evidence of trying to keep its cost and budget askings down. The directory, for the first time, will be done in a less convenient, but less expensive, mimeographed form.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for the third Sunday in April in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield.

## Nixon on Drug Abuse

"Drug abuse is nothing less than a life and death matter for countless Americans and for the moral fiber of this nation. The drive to meet this threat must command from us our very best, our attention, our energies, our resources and our prayers."

## Births

Gavitt.— A son, Stephen David, to David and Ruby Gavitt of Westerly, R.I., on October 20, 1971.

Strawderman.— A daughter, Heather Lynne, to Dr. William and Eileen (Young) Strawderman on Nov. 9, 1971.

Barber.— A son, Hiram W., IV, to Hiram W., III, and Barbara (Waite) Barber of Westerly, R. I., on Nov. 26, 1971.

Saunders.— A son, David Andres, to Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Saunders of Livingston, Wis., on Jan. 3, 1972.

Neils.— A daughter, Dawn Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neils of Milwaukee, Wis., on Jan. 5, 1972.

## Obituaries

**KENYON.**— Orla Henry, son of Frank and Mae Henry Kenyon, was born July 25, 1889, and died Jan. 8, 1972.

He married Essie Van Horn, July 24, 1912. Both were active members of the Nortonville, Kans., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Essie, of Nortonville, and three daughters: Orleen (Mrs. Jack Mitchell of Rifle, Colo., Kathryn (Mrs. Lawrence Nieman), and Reba (Mrs. Charles Wheeler) both of Nortonville; four grandsons: Danny Nieman, Springfield, Mo., Orley Mitchell, Denver, Colo., Kent Wheeler, Basehor, Kans., and Sam Wheeler, Emporia, Kans.; three granddaughters: Georgia Mitchell, Denver; Paul Mitchell, Emporia, and Mavice Wheeler, Nortonville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ernest Kenyon of Detroit, Mich., and a granddaughter, Beverly Nieman.

—P.B.O.

**STEVENS.**— George H. was born in Yorkshire, England, March 22, 1877, and died at Janesville, Wis., Jan. 4, 1972.

He came to Milton in 1914 and moved his family there about a year later. While in England he became convinced of the Sabbath and joined the Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church where he retained his membership until 1967 when he joined the Milton church. His wife preceded him in death in 1967. He is survived by four sons, four daughters, sixteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with his pastor, the Rev. Earl Cruzan, officiating. Burial was in the Milton cemetery.

—E. C.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## Lights in a Dark World

The following one-minute message is taken from sermon thoughts prepared by Edward A. Elstone of Sundridge, Ontario, for the people who ordinarily come to his home for Sabbath services. Due to the deep snow and sub zero temperature on the first Sabbath of the year, his friends and neighbors did not get to hear his New Year's thoughts which are now reproduced in part for our readers.

The world about us is in spiritual darkness and is missing much of the truth which can only be spiritually discerned.

In all this darkness there is a light that shines, a beacon that proclaims "here is the way, here is the gospel." That way and that gospel are held up to mankind by the Christian churches and among them is the Seventh Day Baptist church. What of the light that shines from their churches? Is it strong? Is it steady? Is it clear and pure?

There are shining from the churches of Canada and the United States red lights and green lights and all shades in between. Our light should not be colored by any shadings of Scriptural interpretation of our own. It should rather be the white light of the broad band of the spectrum. Some churches preach nothing but grace. They are the green lights that say, in effect, "Everything goes." Some churches preach nothing but the law. Their message is "Stop this, stop that. Don't do this. Never do that." They are red lights. Law and grace are both in the Bible side by side. The Bible gives us justice and mercy; justice for the wronged one, mercy for the sinner. Let's keep the balance. Let's have a well-balanced mind.

## Refound Love

By Dave Halterman\*

I took Love in at camp,  
Love changed me,  
I had the love of Love.

Love's love filled me,  
I rejoiced with Love;  
For the first time  
I knew true Love.

I came home,  
I gave Satan a break,  
Love was put down.

I wanted Love back!  
I talked to Peter,  
I tried all,  
Then . . .  
I turned to God.

I confessed,  
I was forgiven due to 1 John 2:2,  
Satan was put down.

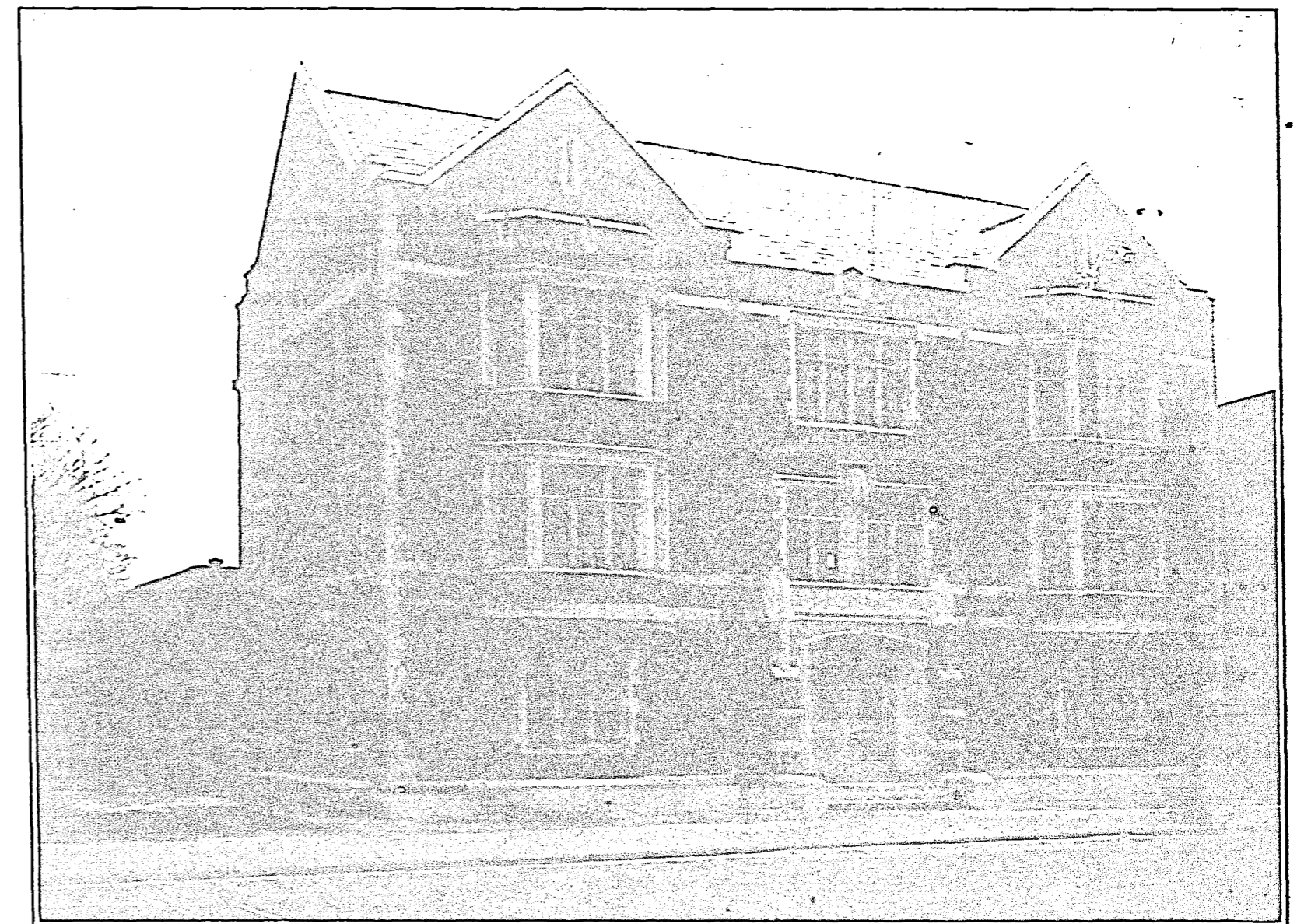
I got Love back,  
I will stay close to Love .  
And,  
Love will never be put down again.

Thank you God  
For giving us  
True Love,  
The only true Love  
We could ever have,  
JESUS!

\* David is a high school student who had a conversion experience last summer at Pacific Pines Camp and is now a member of the Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

## Third Annual Sabbath Recorder Day

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Seventh Day Baptist Building with Publishing House in the rear where the Sabbath Recorder has been printed every week for nearly fifty years. This one continuing denominational organ was needed and appreciated 128 years ago, is needed and appreciated today, and hopes to serve the Seventh Day Baptist cause in the days to come.