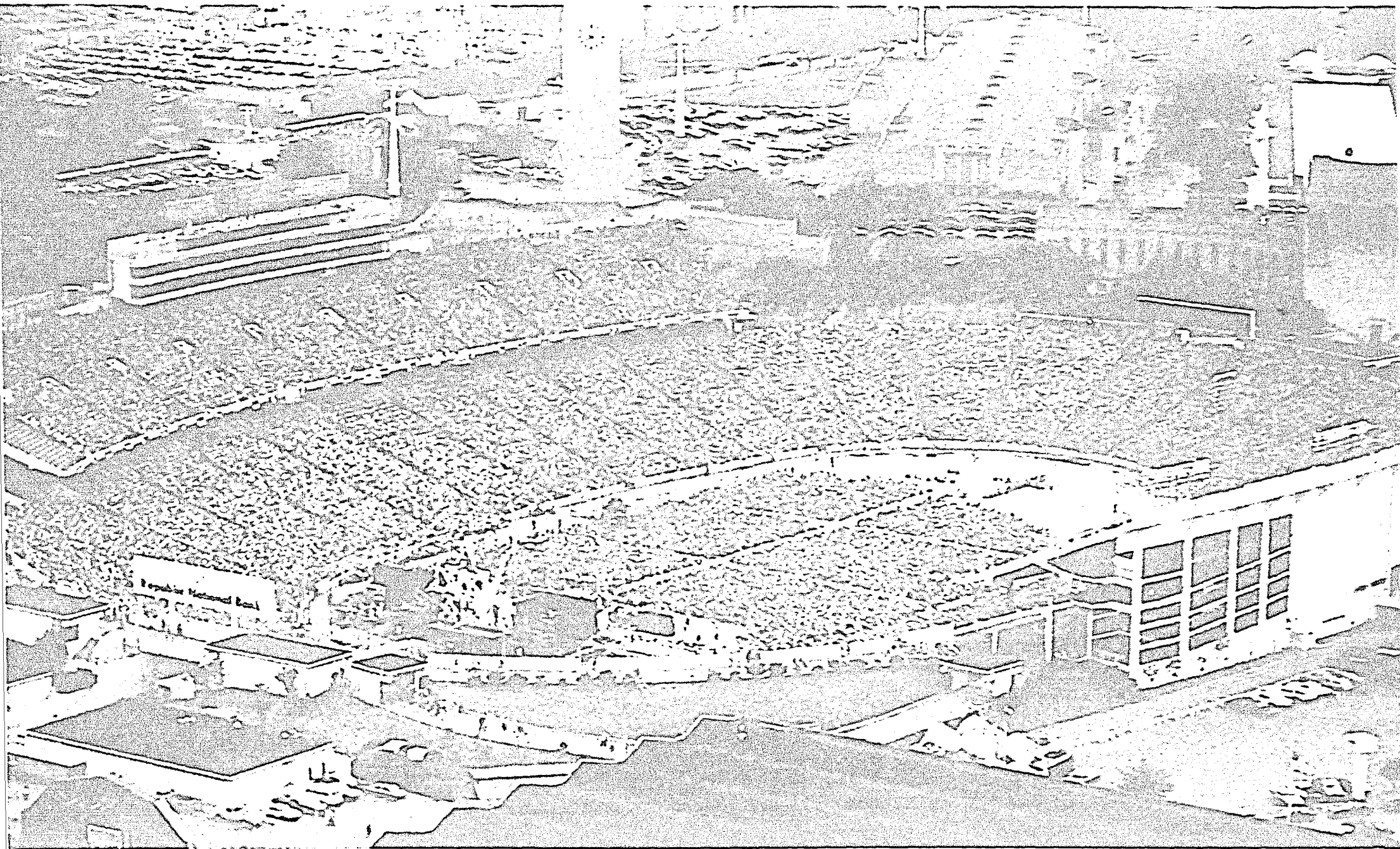


July 1, 1972

The Sabbath Recorder



A BOWL FULL! — Some 75,000 Explo '72 delegates jam the Dallas, Texas, Cotton Bowl during the first evening session of the mammoth evangelical training event. The field surface was utilized for the overflow crowd, as well as the adjoining Colosseum and the downtown Dallas Metropolitan Auditorium through closed-circuit TV. The delegates heard Billy Graham, several Jesus music groups, and Campus Crusade for Christ International President Bill Bright welcome them to Explo — the largest training conference ever held in America.

A Government Breach of Religious Freedom?

When Beacon Press, the publishing agency of the Unitarian Universalist Association, published the four-volume controversial *Pentagon Papers* last October certain government agencies, smarting under the leak of classified materials took what has been termed punitive action against Beacon Press and the liberal denomination that owns it. A Federal Grand Jury subpoenaed copies of all checks written by and deposited by the association in its main depository, the New England Merchants Bank, from June 1 to October 15, 1971.

This week-long FBI investigation of a denomination's financial accounts was decried by Unitarian President Dr. Robert Nelson West in a letter to forty national religious leaders. He claims that the "Pentagon Papers" were in public domain when published and that the government investigation of the Unitarian financial affairs "as a result of that publication constitutes a serious breach of the religious freedom guaranteed by the Constitution." He wondered what would come next and to which denomination. He went on to say, "The Unitarian Universalist Association has nothing to hide. But we are compelled to resist the unwarranted intrusion by government into the affairs of our entire denomination." He objected to disclosing the names of contributors and members. A temporary restraining order to halt the investigation was secured, but in January the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that the probe of the publication of the papers could continue.

The letter to the forty religious leaders did not fall on deaf ears. Recently the executive heads of the National Council of Churches and the Synagogue Council of America asked President Nixon to end a "punitive" government investigation of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

In a public statement to the White House, the Protestant and Jewish leaders protested that the U. S. Justice Department's "use of its subpoena powers in a general search of all this church's financial records . . . can only have a chilling

effect on the free exercise of religion guaranteed by the Constitution."

A portion of the text of the statement follows:

"As General Secretaries of the National Council of Churches and the Synagogue Council of America, we wish to express our grave concern at the threat to religious liberty inherent in the Federal Government's intrusion into the internal affairs of the Unitarian-Universalist Association.

"We recognize that circumstances sometimes might justify a limited investigation into a specific action of a recognized religious body, but any such investigation is necessarily fraught with the possibility of Constitutionally impermissible entanglement between church state, and must invoke our critical concern

"Whenever the religious liberty of one religious group is limited, all religious groups — and all citizens — are threatened thereby. We therefore call upon the President to end the current punitive aspects of the investigation of the Unitarian-Universalist Association, and to exercise the vigilance of his office to prevent any such infringements of religious liberty in the future."

The outcome of the whole matter is not yet assured. If this is a case of criminal activity it may be that the Grand Jury had a right to subpoena evidence that had a bearing on the case, though it is difficult at this point to see what bearing church contributions had on the decision of Beacon Press to publish the documents. The U.S. Department of Justice naturally refuses to discuss its side of the controversy. The methods used seem open to serious question. Further developments may call for further comment. If in truth religious freedom is jeopardized, a stand needs to be taken before a serious precedent is set.

Miracle of Ecology

First minister: "I still marvel at the Biblical miracle in which water was turned into wine."

Second minister: "I would marvel even more if someone today could turn water into wine."

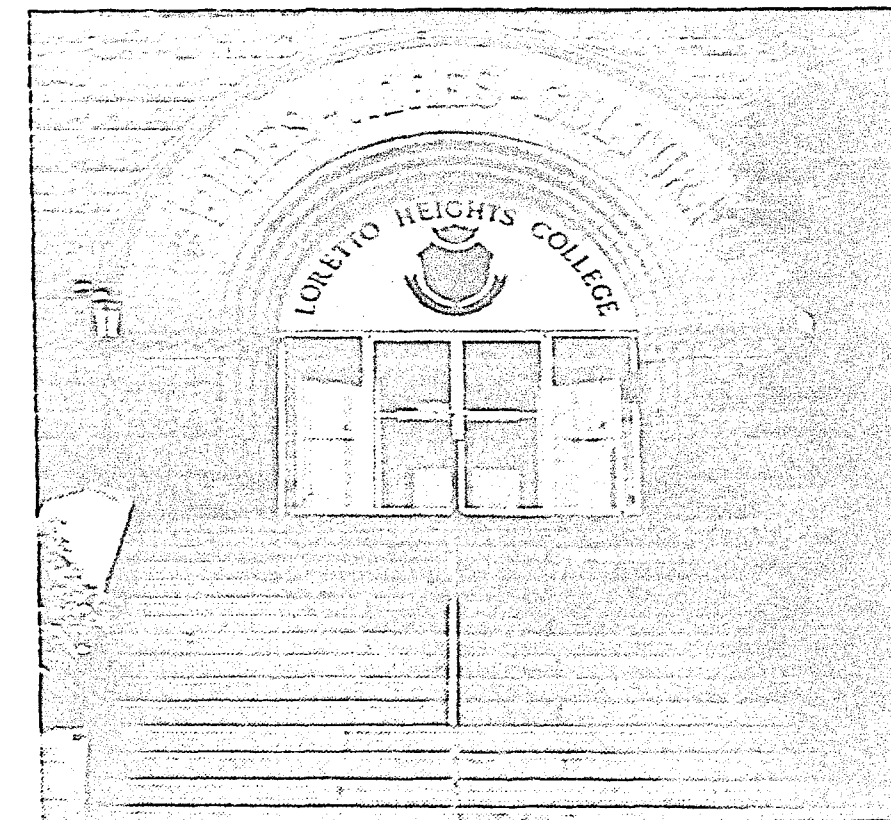
DENVER CONFERENCE PUBLICITY

By Elmo F. Randolph, Chm.

In the month of May American Baptists and United Presbyterians held their national conventions in Denver, Colorado. Delegates in attendance numbered in the thousands for each convention. Their deliberations and decisions received local and national attention in the press and other media. The coming of so many churchmen made a major impact on the religious community of metropolitan Denver.

Delegates attending the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in Denver, August 6-12, 1972, will be counted in the hundreds. By comparison with the large Protestant meetings mentioned, we will do well to remember the Scriptural counsel of our Lord, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

The site for our Conference—Loretto Heights College campus — will enhance the family-oriented spirit of our 1972 national gathering. The unique "togetherness" Seventh Day Baptists have traditionally experienced in Conferences will be admirably promoted by the self-contained facilities of this beautiful campus on the southwestern edge of Denver.



For those of you who have motor homes, trailers, or camping units, we are pleased to report locating two excellent

facilities within practical driving distance of Loretto Heights College — and with reasonable rates. The Conference registration forms offer you opportunity to make a \$5.00 reservation deposit to assure you a camping site that will meet your particular needs.

Speaking of fees, the registration forms mailed to all Seventh Day Baptists from General Conference offices in Plainfield give a complete schedule of rates and fees covering your Conference expenses. A careful study of the information on these forms should answer your questions relating to Conference costs.

It will interest you to know that our Colorado Host Committee (Colorado churches) incurred an expense of \$1,080, beyond the regular rental fee set by Loretto Heights College, for use of the performing arts center and auditorium. At this date, over \$600 of this amount has been raised. We will welcome any contributions toward this extra expense in our hosting budget.

Time flies. We're less than two months from the opening date for Conference. Make your decision to attend now and be sure your registration form is completed and returned to us in Colorado by July 22. (Pre-registration makes attending Conference easier and more enjoyable for you and for us. Thank you!)

COMING NEXT WEEK CONFERENCE EMPHASIS ISSUE

Watch for the Conference Emphasis Issue next week (dated July 8). Much of the material on the annual Conference to be held at Denver, August 6-12, is furnished by President Paul Osborn.

Pictures of the closely-grouped campus buildings of Loretto Heights College have just been received and will be printed next week. The campus, with its pleasant grounds and its view of the mountains, looks like an ideal place for our business and inspiration.

As the publicity chairman, the Rev. Elmo Randolph, notes the time is short for making adequate travel and local plans. Later July and early August *Sabbath Recorders* will carry more Conference information.

**Billy Graham, Spokesman
for Middle American Majority**
(A New Book Notice)

According to a book published on May 30 by Association Press, Billy Graham is more than a great revivalist and more than the unofficial "chaplain" of the White House. He is today the leader of the politically decisive majority, the man who more consistently than anyone else expresses the aspirations and fears of the bulk of his fellow citizens.

The authors who developed this theme in the book *Religion and the New Majority*, are Dr. Lowell D. Streiker, assistant professor in the Department of Religion, Temple University, and Gerald S. Strober, a consultant in the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee. They claim that the majority of American citizens share Billy Graham's vision of an America dedicated to God and committed to the ideals and dreams upon which the nation was founded. They also agree with him in his rejection of extremism, his stress on the worth of the individual, his strong support of the work ethic and his suggestion that God has singled out America for special blessings and special responsibility.

The authors note that the opinions of the majority of middle America church-going people have changed in recent years. There has been a decline in the membership of liberal Protestant churches and an increase in membership in evangelical churches and sects. According to their analysis of the American situation, the persistent decline in the habitual optimism of the American people is the greatest contributing factor to the rise of Evangelicalism and the greater emphasis on the Second Coming of Christ. They state that the thirty million evangelicals of voting age are "dubious of the unrealistic utopianism that infects America's social, political and international expectations."

These evangelicals represented by Billy Graham are inclined to distrust political figures who offer easy solutions to complex problems that can only be solved by disciplined effort and heroic self-sacrifice. They think that only God

can unravel the grotesque tangles and redeem the tragedies of human existence.

A major portion of the book traces the life of Billy Graham from its modest beginning on a North Carolina farm to his present worldwide success as a religious crusader, friend of presidents, and political catalyst. It sounds like an interesting book.

Acts of Terrorism

**A resolution adopted by
the General Board of NCC
June 10, 1972**

The slaughter at Tel Aviv International Airport of twenty-six innocent travellers and the wounding of some eighty others by assassins have shocked the world community. The General Board of the National Council of Churches joins with other people of goodwill in every land in denouncing this act of terrorism. We insist that it cannot be tolerated either as a technique for discouraging travel by pilgrims and other tourists to a Holy Land sacred to three world religions or as an appropriate strategy in the struggle to find a solution to the problems of the Middle East.

Though there is nothing we can do to reclaim lost lives, two responses we think are fitting: first, we encourage continued travel to the Holy Land. We see this as a direct way for Christians to witness with courage for peace there, to call for continued access to the Holy Places, and to stand against the isolation of Israel. We hope many will consider making such a trip. Second, we urge all Christians to join in prayers for the victims' families and for Israel and her people in this time of sorrow for us all.

As Christians we can not justify any terrorist attacks upon people regardless of the provocation, whether these acts occur in Vietnam, Ireland, the Middle East, the United States, or elsewhere.

The General Board of the National Council of Churches, alarmed by the growing number of such acts, calls upon its member churches and persons of all religious faiths to reaffirm the sanctity of human life.

The General Board also calls upon the

OFFICE ASSISTANT OPENING

The Tract Board and the Historical Society announce an opening for a full-time office assistant. There is a variety of work between the two offices for a person of good judgment and typing ability. Knowledge of shorthand is not required. The secretary-editor's office entails important correspondence, working on the *Sabbath Recorder* and filling audio-visual and literature orders. Working conditions are pleasant in both offices. Pay is comparable to that of other workers in this area. It is, moreover, an opportunity to be of real service to the Seventh Day Baptist cause. Applicants wishing to be considered by the special committee may write to the editor or to A. N. Rogers, president of the Historical Society.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

- 1) Our young people who have had training and inspiration at Explo '72 and are now beginning their summer work in the churches.
- 2) All the churches that have invited SCSC workers, that they may expect much from them, but not too much; that it may be a time of new dedication for leaders as well as helpers.
- 3) The full use of the summer months for evangelistic witnessing even though some church people are away.
- 4) A willingness to put first things first during vacation periods — including support of the Lord's work.

Science Films

A recent survey in the Netherlands showed that eight out of ten of the 3,000,000 TV sets were tuned in to a Moody Science film series.

United Nations, national governments, and the air travel industry to devise and maintain more effective security measures so that there may be freedom of travel without undue jeopardy.

Scheduled Camper Exchange

The different camps for high schoolers have selected "quality campers" to represent their camp at some other Seventh Day Baptist camp this summer. Standards, times, and age limits have been variously determined. Is it possible that general agreement on qualifications for participating in the exchange might be achieved in the near future? This will be an item on the agenda for camp leader's consultation Thursday afternoon during Conference in Denver.

Some changes may still have to be made, but Lyle Sutton of the Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education has sent out the following camper exchanges after extensive correspondence and planning. May each camp and camper have a real Christian "exchange" (give-and-take in Christian growth).

From Eastern Association, David Ray of Ashaway will go to Camp Harley Sutton, July 16-23, where Allegheny Association youth will have a good representation of Central New York Association youth with them. Denny Bond of Mt. Clare, W. Va., will represent Southeastern.

Donna Davis of Verona represents Central N. Y., and Chris Mattison represents Allegheny at Southeastern's Camp Joy meeting June 25-July 1 in their new site at Berea, W. Va.

At Southwestern's Camp Miles June 25-July 2, North Central's camper is Mary Ellen Burdick of DeKalb, Ill.

Carl De Land of Hammond, La., represents Southwestern Association camp at Pacific Pines in their camps, July 2-5 for Senior Highs and June 18-24 for Juniors.

Mid-Continent's camper is assigned for Wakonda in Milton where North Central Association sponsors a June 18-25 camp.

Pacific Pines Camp of the Pacific Coast Association sends to Mid-Continent's June 25-29 high school camp at Paul Hummel. Deborah Carter and Judy Welch were exchange campers named.

Summer Institute, 1972

The largest group of Seventh Day Baptist ministers and students ever to participate in the annual Summer Institute at denominational headquarters has taken the course on "Seventh Day Baptist History."

A service of the Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education, the Institute is one of three required for accreditation by General Conference. The others are "Seventh Day Baptist Polity," which will be offered in 1973, and "Philosophy of the Sabbath," which will be offered in 1974. While attendance for all three is desired, one of these may be taken by correspondence.

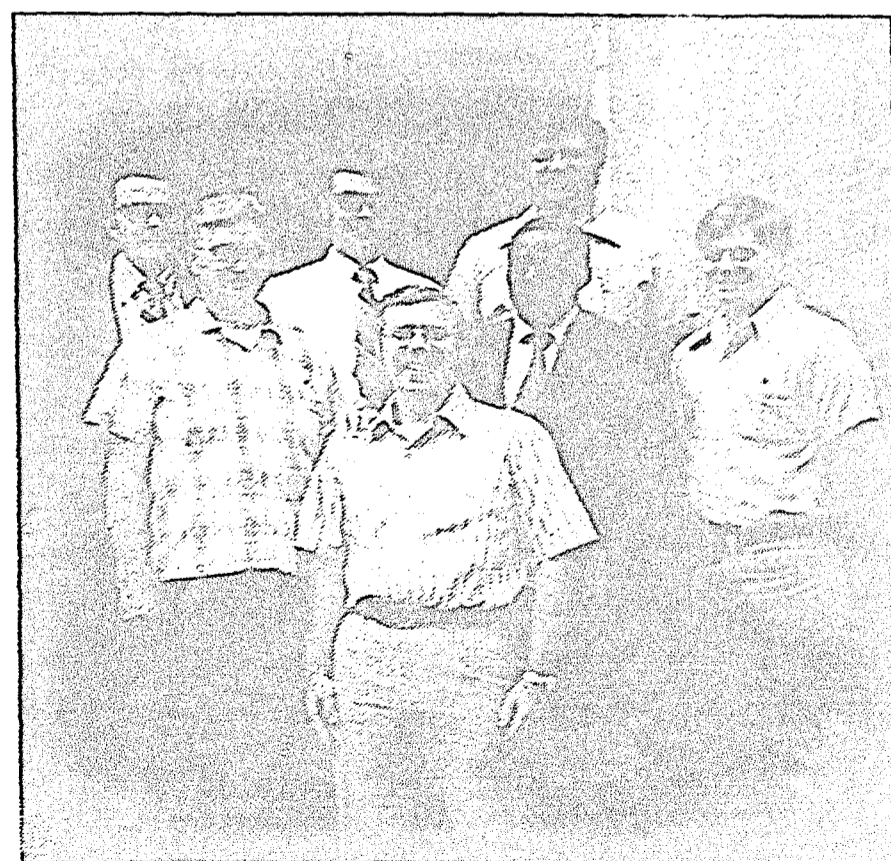
Interesting lectures were presented daily by the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, denominational historian and curator of the Seventh Historical Museum.

Research and discussion were under the direction of Dean Rex Zwiebel.

A field trip included the mapping of the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist cemetery where some of our early leaders are buried. We noted that local civic groups care for the cemetery to a marked degree.

Members of the Plainfield church furnish housing for the students.

Those who attended this year are Harold King, pastor of First Genesee,



Little Genesee, N. Y. (Kansas City as of July 1); John Pettway, assistant to the pastor, Washington, D.C.; Gordon Oliver, pastor at New Auburn, Wis.; John Camenga, pastor at Dodge Center, Minn.; Melvin Stephan, middler at Wesley Theological Seminary and pastor at Salemville, Pa.; Elaine Kuehn, now Mrs. Peter Stonestrom, who finished a year at Union Theological School in New York City and is enrolled at Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley, Calif., for 1972-73; and Robert Harris, a 1972 graduate of Salem College, and who is enrolled in Ashland Theological School, Ashland, Ohio. Mr. Stephan and Mr. Harris are enrolled in our Center for Ministerial Education program.

Anyone who is interested in the Seventh Day Baptist program for ministerial education may write to the Center for Ministerial Education, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Baptist World Alliance Committee Session in Jamaica

The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance will meet July 27-31 to make plans for the thirteenth Baptist World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden in 1975, and hear reports on the work of the worldwide Baptist organization.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary for the alliance, said items on the agenda include a progress report on constitutional revision and possible restructure of the alliance to better meet needs of the modern age.

In addition to the business sessions of the executive committee, there will be conferences by leaders of the BWA-sponsored World Mission of Reconciliation, study sessions by the BWA's five commissions, conferences on relief and communications, and planning sessions by leaders of the men's, women's and youth departments.

Secretary Alton L. Wheeler, member of the BWA Executive Committee, will represent Seventh Day Baptists at the Kingston meeting. He will also attend the Jamaica S. D. B. Conference hosted by the Blue Mountain church.

And Now Explo '72

A Glimpse of What Our SCSC Workers and 85,000 Others Experienced at Dallas June 12-17

Somebody gave a gigantic pep rally for Jesus, and everybody in the whole world came.

At least, that's the way it seemed at Dallas Tuesday night, June 13, when 70,464 Explo '72 delegates jammed the Cotton Bowl for the first mass rally of a week-long Christian training conference sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ International.



The enthusiasm of the crowd prompted the program emcee, Bob Horner, Campus Crusade staff member from Denver, to comment that the spirit of the audience reminded him of a football game. "But the world will never see a team like this on the field," he said.

It was predominantly youthful gathering, as Explo architects had originally conceived for the mammoth meeting. But the audience spanned all ages and nationalities, all united in a common bond of brotherhood in a Christian faith that overstepped whatever political and ideological differences that may have existed.

If there was fatigue among the delegates from long waits in registration lines and hotel lobbies the night before, it was not evident Tuesday night.

The cheering and chanting rarely subsided at the beginning of the program. Nor did it diminish throughout the evening despite an appeal from Horner to limit the sporadic chanting, singing and hand-clapping of thousands of delegates

whose activities evidently hadn't been figured into the script of crews videotaping the program for later television viewing.

The program got off to a lively start with performances of singing groups, "Armageddon" and "Andre Crouch and the Disciples," of California, interspersed with testimonies of delegates, greetings from representatives of several countries, and a parade of Christian athletes.

In a welcoming address, evangelist Billy Graham, honorary chairman of the event, unfolded the multiple purposes of Explo.

Labeling the conference as a "Christian happening," Graham said, "I really did not have the faith to believe that they could do the WHOLE thing. But they did it."

"This is a way to say to the world that God loves you," he said to the cheering crowd.

"It is the dramatized Jesus revolution that is going on in this country."

Summarizing the meeting's objectives, the evangelist said, it is: "to teach you how to witness for Jesus Christ so that you can go home and share with the older and younger generations" how to do the same;

"... to teach Christians that Christianity must be applied to the social problems of our day;

"... to enlist thousands of new recruits for seminaries and Bible schools;

"... to help the church in evangelism;

"... to evangelize the world in our generation;

"... and lastly, and most important, to say that Christian youth is on the march."

An address by Campus Crusade founder and president, Dr. Bill Bright, concluded a predominantly musical program that lasted for nearly three and a half hours.

Spelling out the difference between Explo and other Christian conferences, Dr. Bright said, "This is not so much a time of inspiration, but a time of challenge. We mean to initiate a great spiritual awakening throughout the world. We have more people and more countries involved here than any other conference

has ever had, to our knowledge.

He expressed hope that Explo will be "the prelude to a mighty worldwide movement of His Spirit upon the hearts of men" and told of praying earlier in the day "that God will use you this week to help introduce tens of thousands to the Lord Jesus."

"We are here to exalt Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords," he said.

In contrast to the festive mood of the early part of the evening, the delegates dispersed from the service in a prayerful and orderly manner.

The conference continued through Saturday afternoon, with a massive "Jesus Music Festival" as a grand finale.

Performers included singers Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson and several vocal groups.

Not All Sunshine at Explo

"We don't know why it has to happen, Lord, but we love You anyway," sighed Explo '72 delegate Les Bartell as he wrung out his sleeping bag. Les, an Iowa State student, was one of the residents of waterlogged "Tent City," a temporary "housing unit" for the mammoth evangelical training conference in Dallas. The campground suffered a deluge on the opening night.

Spirits remained undampened by the violent storms which hit the outdoor site near Arlington, Texas, on the outskirts of Dallas. Some 2,000 Explo delegates, ranging from families with children, to international students, to old people, still held their exuberant morning conferences and made it to the gigantic Cotton Bowl rallies each evening.

Facilities at the site included campers with hook-ups, a great many small tents, and quarters under the stars. Two huge circus tents were pitched to house the mass conferences on the site. The hearty delegates payed 50 cents per night for the privately-owned camping spaces. Many reported with just bedrolls and Bibles for the week's activities.

A representative of McDonald's Hamburgers dropped by and passed out free coupons for the faithful to have double

cheeseburgers on the house. Sixty dozen eggs were provided by a local farmer. A nearby Texaco service station offered fill-ups at 2 cents per gallon off the normal price; and 20% off on repair work.

The surroundings have been rustic but the delegates have enjoyed the finest of Christian leadership. Hal Lindsey, author of the best-selling "Late, Great Planet Earth," visited the campsite, as have the famed Brother Andrew and evangelist Billy Graham.

The evangelical training sessions have been held from 7 to 10 a.m. at Tent City due to weather conditions. The blazing Texas sun has been as difficult for the visitors as the rainstorms in the afternoons.

During the first nightly storm, one of the big circus tents, nearly 200 feet across, began to come down. Huge tent posts left their moorings. Only 150 delegates were at the site, as the others had already departed for the Cotton Bowl festivities. An S.O.S. was honked out on a car horn, bringing the whole of the camp to the wavering tent. The cables and posts were held by sheer human effort, and prayer, for over an hour until the rain subsided. The tent stayed up.

The smaller facilities didn't fare so well. Some of the smaller tents simply disappeared. They and their contents were blown throughout the campsite.

Soggy sleeping bags, ruined foodstuffs and waterlogged Bibles were strewn everywhere. "But it made us into one big family," Bartell reported. Quarters were shared, campers opened, and dry space divided up until everyone was taken care of.

The incident was celebrated in one of the Cotton Bowl sessions as the rugged ground sleepers took a bow.

"In all things give thanks . . ."

Finding Happiness

Unhappiness is five times more frequent among the non-religious than among the "very religious," according to a recent survey by top-flight advertising agency Batten, Barton, Durstine, and Osborn. Happiness is highest among married women, aged 18-34, who are in the middle-income bracket, and are religious.

MISSIONS—Loon R. Lawton

Facts Are the Fingers of God

The May Newsletter of MARC (Mission Advance Research and Communication Center, a division of World Vision International) quoted the words of Dr. A. T. Pierson in 1886 from his book, "The Crisis of Missions." They have a familiar ring:

"Facts are the fingers of God. To know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest. Knowledge does not always kindle zeal, but zeal is 'according to knowledge' and will not exist without it. A fire may be fanned with wind, but it must be fed with fuel; and facts are the fuel of this sacred flame to be gathered, then kindled, by God's spirit, and then scattered as burning brands, to be as live coals elsewhere."

No person, group or church can pray, decide or act intelligently without current, relevant factual information about the church, the world, and the impact of the two on each other.

The prophet Hosea once exclaimed, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (4:6). Though we would easily understand that much of the Lord's will is not done because of disobedience on the part of believers, there are many who lack understanding and knowledge and are therefore not motivated to do the things of God.

A new publication that is available from Tyndale House is a single sheet bulletin insert entitled, "The Church Around the World." In this small page each month there is the attempt to gather together facts — facts dealing with the work of God around the world, facts dealing with the present situation in the work, facts that help fan the fire of concern and understanding; and facts that should motivate individuals to action. It may be only the response "Thank you, Lord!" It may be the desire to earnestly pray for a certain need. These facts also could motivate individuals to become involved where they are in speaking up for God and living and doing His will.

This column in the *Sabbath Recorder* each week is an attempt to share with you

facts relating to the work of God. We trust that they have been helpful to the reader and will grow to be more so in the days ahead.

Yet none of these surpasses the facts given in God's Word! It is to these that all of us must come day by day if we are to hear from the Lord and respond to Him most effectively.

We live in a day of tremendous spiritual impact. A new wind is blowing, the wind of God's Spirit and many are not only aware of it but are caught up by His power and purpose. We pray that this might be your experience in these days for His glory.

The Team on the Beach Reaching for Souls

By Mynor Soper

"Did you say there are 200,000 people on the beach? How in the world do we know where to start witnessing in that crowd?" Such was the feeling of our little team of seven young people and their director when we got to Daytona Beach to work among the college young people who flock to the beach each spring vacation.

Our purpose was to move among this vast crowd and seek out those who would respond to a witness of Jesus Christ. What a mind-boggling problem! All we could do that first day we went to the beach was to stop and pray and confess that we did not really know how or where to start. But surely He who knows the hearts of *all* men — not just these 200,000—could certainly direct us to those who would consider the claims of God on their lives. We did pray! Then went off, a bit fearfully, timidly, but we went!

The question that comes to many is "What was accomplished?" By that question we usually mean did anybody accept Christ and join the church. It is entirely possible that something even more important happened.

The team had in-depth conversations and study with approximately 134 people out of which four made professions of faith; and all gave serious consideration to the claims of God upon their lives

through Jesus Christ. Out of this total there are four individuals with whom members of our team are carrying on follow-up correspondence. What the eventual outcome of this witness will mean in the lives of those individuals and for God's Kingdom, God alone knows at this time.

A more measurable result may be to observe what happened in the lives of those who committed themselves to this witness! To some of you it may sound like a "blast" (as young people might put it) to get to go to Daytona and spend a week on the beach. In the back of your minds might be the idea of lying on the sand and playing in the water! Oh, sure — you picture talking to someone about Christ once in a while, but that seems easy from a distance! Let me assure you that the beach did not consume much of our thinking when we got there. Every morning we met for Bible study, personal evangelism training and prayer. In the afternoon and evening we went out to make contact for Jesus Christ.

In some ways it was frightening! First of all, this love of God manifested in Jesus is such a personal thing that you don't speak of it casually or carelessly. The second thing is the natural reticence to invade someone else's privacy when he is at play, or fellowshiping with friends, or just wrapped in thought and solitude. How do you approach them to share this important witness so as not to turn them off?

So it was with fear and trembling and much prayer that we went! Sometimes we got turned off by them! Then just about the time we would become discouraged, the Spirit of God would lead us to some lonely, struggling soul who was eager, even desperate for help! Then we knew why we were there. By the end of the week it was a different group who sallied forth each day. Now they went out eagerly, confidently, believing God would go before them in the power of His Holy Spirit, to share their faith with others.

As Dr. James Kennedy of the Coral Ridge Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., says in his training film on witnessing, "Even though nothing may seem to hap-

Youth News

From Slavery to Pre-Con

If you are anxious enough to go to Pre-Con and Conference you will do anything to get to Denver, even selling yourself into voluntary slavery. At least that is what happened Sunday night, June 4, at Salem, W. Va.

A group of young people were sold on the block, of all places, at a business meeting of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. They allowed themselves to be chained together like cattle, to be jeered and unmercifully questioned by the assembled crowd and then sold to the highest bidder.

It was, of course, all in fun, but the young people were dead in earnest about getting to the youth meetings at Camp Paul Hummel near Boulder, Colo. They were sold for eight hours of labor, the purchase money to be put in a fund for chartering a bus that would take them and other area youth to Pre-Con and Conference. Prior to the slave auction the church young folks put on a bean supper for the older folks. The proceeds added \$100 to their travel fund.

Forty-five thousand Americans have died in the Vietnam War. From 1962-1971 more than 500,000 Americans have died on our highways, more than half of them as a result of enemy action—alcohol.

pen to those we witness to, what happens in the life of those who do the witnessing is *fantastic!*" What happened to the team both this year and last was fantastic! Having had the joy of personally sharing with other individuals what Christ means to them and feeling the longing and struggle of other souls, they became convinced that from now on they simply have to be sharing Christ wherever they go! They became committed to a new way of life — which is simply "sharing Christ." As more and more of us become committed to this style of living and sharing our faith, the impact will be felt by our people for generations to come!

New Parochial Aid Law Faces Court Challenge

In the closing days of the New York State legislative session another parochial school aid law was passed which allocated a total of \$61 million annually for non-public schools largely for "maintenance and repair expenditures." A 1970 and a 1971 law granting aid to parochial schools had both been declared unconstitutional as a result of court challenges by PEARL, a committee of thirty-three civic and religious organizations for Public Education and Religious Liberty. Three parts of the newest law are now challenged by PEARL with the same attorney, Leo Pfeffer, preparing the case.

In the PEARL complaint, Mr. Pfeffer said direct payments, tuition reimbursements and tax benefits under the act would benefit schools "controlled by churches or religious organizations; having as their purpose the teaching, propagation, and promotion of a particular religious faith; conducting their operations, curriculums, and programs to fulfill that purpose; imposing religious restrictions on admissions; requiring attendance at or participation in religious worship; forming an integral part of the religious mission of the sponsoring church; having as a substantial or dominant purpose the inculcation of religious values; imposing religious restrictions on faculty appointments, and imposing religious restrictions on what the faculty may teach."

The act therefore, the PEARL complaint declared, violated the First Amendment in that it—

* "Constitutes governmental financing and subsidizing of schools which are controlled by religious bodies, organized for and engaged in the practice, propagation and teaching of religion, and of schools limiting or giving preference in, admission and employment to persons of particular religious faiths;

* "Authorizes and directs payment of public moneys to be used for the maintenance and repair of facilities used in whole or in part for sectarian instruction or religious worship;

* "Constitutes governmental action

whose purpose and primary effect is to advance religion;

* "Gives rise to an excessive governmental involvement in and entanglement with religion, and

* "Gives rise to and intensifies political fragmentation and divisiveness on religious lines."

New Bible Society Publication

The Bible is the oldest popular book on the market today and a book that is coming out in a great variety of modern language translations and formats. Much of the newness of presentation comes from the American Bible Society which found its *Good News for Modern Man* in Today's English Version an immediate and continuing best seller. The old Book is becoming new to more and more readers.

The American Bible Society has just come out with something new to catch and hold attention. It is portions of the New Testament in newspaper form entitled "The Life and Teachings of Jesus." It is a splendid selection of passages that tell the whole life story of Christ in abbreviated form. This twenty-page newspaper is like a short harmony of the Gospels in Today's English Version. Under the heading "Teachings of Jesus" it reproduces the Sermon on the Mount and twelve parables. Other headings include, "Jesus and His Friends," "Jesus and His Opponents," "The Miracles of Jesus," "Jesus and His Disciples," and "The Last Events in Jerusalem."

This newspaper is not primarily designed for mature Bible students, but to be handed out to people who would benefit by such a readable paper that invites complete reading at one sitting. It has advantages over the small gospel portions that have been distributed in recent years. It gives a more complete picture, which may well lead to conversions.

The price of this gospel newspaper is very low, only 5 cents, plus postage. Minimum orders are 25 cents. It may be ordered in quantity from the American Bible Society, P. O. Box 4614, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10017.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PLAINFIELD, N. J.— On April 15 the Cherub Choir, led by Mrs. Barbara Saunders, sang during the service. The next Sabbath the ministerial students had charge of the service while Pastor Saunders was at the ministers' retreat in Berea, W. Va. Miss Elaine Kuehn, a student at Union Theological Seminary, gave the sermon. Sabbath Eve, April 28, an inspiring filmstrip, "It's Where He Walked," prepared by Pastor Saunders, was presented. He took many of the pictures himself in the Holy Land.

The Women's Society Mother-Daughter Banquet, May 6, was the start of a delightful evening for the many who attended. The men served the dinner elegantly. With Mrs. Barbara Saunders as toastmistress and her mother and daughter seated beside her, the group enjoyed singing fun songs and rounds and the other parts of the program. Miss Donna Sanford gave a toast to the mothers and Mrs. Kay Satterlee to the daughters.

Our annual planning session, May 27, was preceded by a hymn sing Sabbath Eve, led by the Rev. Albert Rogers. The theme for the session was God's abundance, Eph. 3:20, 21. Following the morning service Pastor Saunders conducted a Bible study for all the adults during Sabbath School.

After the fellowship dinner the Rev. Alton Wheeler opened the afternoon session by reading Phil. 3. The six regular committees presented their plans for the year, and the group made further suggestions. Among the future events scheduled on the church calendar were the Young Adult picnic at Ossining, N. Y., June 4; reception for our SCSC workers June 20; cooperative Daily Vacation Bible School June 27-30; Jamaica Mission emphasis and fellowship dinner July 15, when the Rev. Leon Lawton and Mrs. Frankie Davis are to be with us; church retreat at Lebanon, N. J., September 29-October 1; film programs for neighborhood children October 21, November 18, and January 20.

The Rev. Alton Wheeler showed a filmstrip on Key '73 and explained the six phases and the various methods that

are planned for Calling Our Continent to Christ. Our church expects to participate.

During June our services were taped on Sabbath and broadcast Sunday mornings over the local radio station. Our elders conducted the services and Pastor Saunders delivered the sermons.

—Correspondent

ASHAWAY, R. I. — For nearly twelve years now, the youth of the church and their friends have been working on the redecoration of the upstairs of the Parish House to provide a place for young people to meet for activities. On April 15, a dedication service was held. Good interest was shown. The newly-decorated hall is to be called "The Upper Room."

The Agape Players, on April 26, presented a very fine witness for Christ and His Kingdom. The sincerity of each participant was very much appreciated.

Sabbath School "Open House" marked the beginning of family Week, May 7, with Mrs. William Bowyer, superintendent of the Graded Department in charge. The children were presented in songs, memory verses, exercises, and a playlet showing their talents and training. Parents and friends were invited to visit the classrooms and refreshments were served.

Each evening of Family Week, a brief meditation and prayer service was held. These devotions were led by Mrs. Delmar Crandall, Mrs. Hazel Oates, Pastor Edgar Wheeler, Mrs. Clarence Crandall, and Mrs. William Bowyer assisted by her family.

May 13, mothers were honored at the church service with carnations. The sermon was on "The Joy of Returning a Gift," with 1 Samuel 1 as Scriptural background. The men under the chairmanship of Bill Harrison put on a dinner. This was very much appreciated by the mothers and women of the church.

—Layman's Call

We have learned by means of Telestar to throw our voices across the world, but we have managed to drown out the voices of conscience and moral conviction.

— G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College

Marriages

Cruzan - Fowler.— Miss Carol Fowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fowler, and Dale Cruzan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cruzan all of White Cloud, Mich., were married March 18, 1972, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of White Cloud by their pastor, the Rev. Charles D. Swing. Their new home is in White Cloud.

Dooley - Vaught.— Michael John Dooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dooley Janesville, Wis., and Shirley Gwenn Vaught, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Vaught, Sr., Rt. 1, Edgerton, Wis., were united in marriage in the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church on April 29, 1972, by the Rev. A. Addison Appel. They are living at Rt. 1, Box 20 D, Edgerton, WI 53534.

Morris - Pierson.— Peter E. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morris of Los Angeles, and Susan Pierson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Pierson of South Pasadena, were united in marriage, June 3, 1972, at the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church by their pastor, the Rev. Leland E. Davis.

Wear - Campbell.— Roy D. Wear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wear of Temple City, Calif., and Carol Ann Campbell, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Campbell of South Pasadena, Calif., were united in marriage, June 12, 1972, at the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church by the groom's pastor, Rev. Leland E. Davis.

Births

Tichnell.— A daughter, Melissa Ann, to Harold and Cynthia (Welch) Tichnell, of Berea, W. Va., on May 17, 1972.

Obituaries

STEPHAN.— Earl Daniel was born July 24, 1890, in Prairie Hall Community near Grasshopper Falls (now Valley Falls), Kans., and died at Veterans Hospital in Leavenworth, Kans., May 22, 1972, after several months of failing health.

He was a lifelong member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church and was ordained as a deacon in 1929, serving faithfully in that capacity until his health failed him.

He is survived by his wife, Alice (Crouch) Stephan of the home, two sons: Curtis of Farmington, Ill., and Wilmer of Marion, Ia.; three daughters: Julie (Mrs. Douglas McCoy) of Nortonville, Alice Louise (Mrs. George Maxson) of North Loup, Nebr., and Wilma (Mrs. Ronald Adamson) of Hepler, Kans.; two sisters: Mrs. Florence DeLand and Mrs. Ruth Zeek; two brothers, Tom and Lee, all of Nortonville; twelve grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted by his pastor, Paul B. Osborn, with burial in the Nortonville Cemetery. —P. B. O.

HULL.—(Mrs. Edward) Olga Zerbel, daughter of August and Regina Brose Zerbel, was born in Janesville, Wis., July 11, 1893, and died May 29, 1972, in Rock Haven Nursing Home, Janesville, after a long illness.

Olga married Edward R. Hull in Janesville, Sept. 13, 1916. They owned and operated a general store in Milton Junction for more than thirty years, retiring in the late 1940's. Mr. Hull died in 1955. She was a faithful member of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church where she served as church organist from time to time and choir director for many years.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Harry (Elizabeth) Mock of Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Kenneth (Mary) Leslie, Manchester, Conn., and five grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. Addison Appel, in Albrecht Funeral Home, Milton Junction, and burial was in the Milton Junction Cemetery.

—A. A. A.

SPIVEY.— Donna Lee, daughter of Thomas W. and Inez Kimbrough Spivey, of Paint Rock, Ala., was born May 10, 1972, and died a few hours later. Farewell and graveside services were conducted by Brother Owens of Maysville.

—Clara L. Beebe

LOOFBORO.— Mary Alice St. John, widow of the Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, died at Groton, Conn., May 30, 1972, at the age of eighty-nine.

She was born Jan. 14, 1883, at Leonardsville, N. Y., daughter of DeValois and Alice Crandall St. John, and moved with the family to Plainfield, N. J., at an early age. As a young woman she was secretary to A. H. Lewis, editor of The Sabbath Recorder. She was married Sept. 10, 1907, to Mr. Loofboro who died in 1960. With him she served actively in the pastorates of the Riverside, Calif., Little Genesee, N. Y., Shiloh, N. J., Lost Creek, W. Va., and Waterford, Conn., Seventh Day Baptist Churches. She was an active member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I., where she had lived since their retirement. She was president of the Women's Board of the denomination 1935-41.

Survivors include two sisters: the Misses Nellie and Evalois St. John, Plainfield; three sons: Kenneth Loofboro, Lakewood, Ohio; Norman, Westerly, R. I.; and John D., Ft. Pierce, Fla.; four daughters, Mrs. Janette Rogers, Plainfield, Mrs. Marguerite Dawson, Gales Ferry, Conn., Miss Jean Loofboro, Alfred, N. Y., and Mrs. Virginia Drake, Groton, Conn.; as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at Harvey Buckler Funeral Home in Westerly, R. I., and at River Bend Cemetery there. The Revs. Francis D. Saunders and Harold R. Crandall, pastor and pastor emeritus, officiated. —A. N. R.

**SBC Adopts 15 Resolutions;
Tables Amnesty, CO Proposals**

The Southern Baptist Convention meeting at Philadelphia, June 6-8, adopted fifteen resolutions, including one urging the earliest possible end to the war in Indochina and the reallocation of military expenditures into humanitarian projects.

But the messengers defeated a resolution reaffirming a 32-year stance on conscientious objection, and tabled a resolution on amnesty. They also qualified the resolution on world peace with an amendment stating the war should end only when independence and self-government of the South Vietnamese are attained and American prisoners of war are released—an amendment by O. R. Armstrong, of Missouri, a former Congressman.

The three resolutions on the war prompted a flurry of debate forcing the convention to extend the time into the lunch periods for consideration of the resolutions. It took two days of discussion to adopt fifteen resolutions.

Subjects of the adopted statements included anti-Semitism, offensive movies and television programs, religious liberty, right of dissent, world peace, Christian commitment, prayer for astronauts, alcohol and drugs, welfare, prayer for Chinese Christians, Christian citizenship, and tax reform.

Most of the debate centered around the resolutions on the war and world peace, amnesty, and conscientious objection.

Voting narrowly to table the motion on conscientious objection, the SBC refused to reaffirm a thirty-two-year stance on the right of the individual conscience in war participation. The convention de-

feated the resolution proposed by its resolutions committee. According to the committee, the resolution took the same stance which the 1940 convention had adopted. The defeat of the resolution, however, did not reverse the stand of the 1940 convention which authorized the SBC Executive Committee to provide information to conscientious objectors.

On a related subject, amnesty, messengers debated briefly before tabling the resolution which would have urged Southern Baptists to study various amnesty proposals, especially the idea of considering individual cases on their merits.

Messengers also okayed a resolution calling the government to a rededication to the Bill of Rights and urging Southern Baptists to work in support of the Bill of Rights through legislative, judicial, and administrative action.

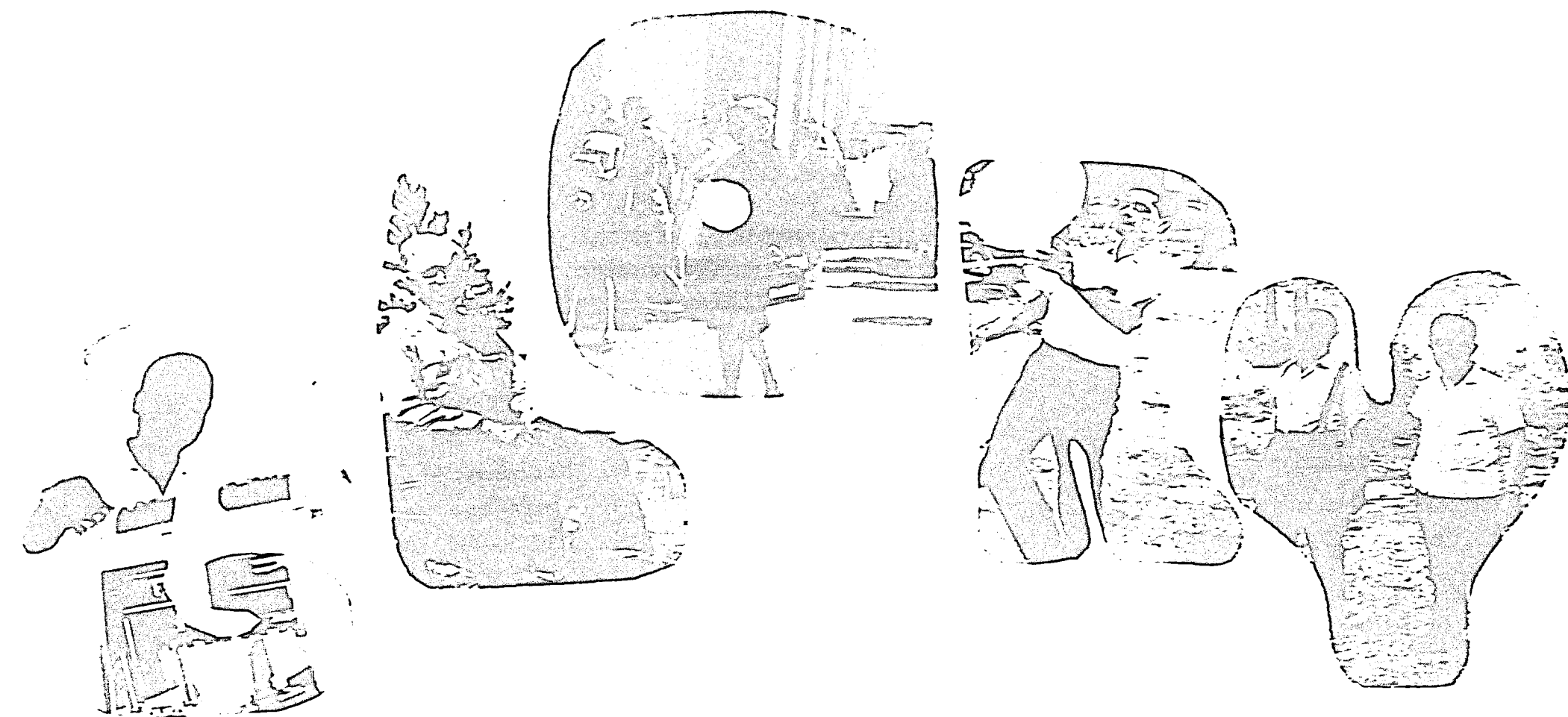
They defeated, however, a proposal petitioning the President and the U.S. Congress for a new Liberty Bell (while keeping the old one) in connection with the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976. Brief debate seemed to indicate that the messengers preferred to give exclusive honor to the historic Liberty Bell.

MEMORY TEXT

“And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth” (Deut. 28:1).

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