

# The Sabbath Recorder

## Guyana

### GUYANA NEWS NOTES

The Guyana Seventh Day Baptist Conference was held September 29-October 1 with the Georgetown Seventh Day Baptist Church.

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The youth camp, held this year at Camp Kayuka (a rented privately owned camp) began August 28, and a record number of campers was expected.

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Sam Peters and his family made a quick visit to Guyana (from Jamaica) the end of August taking advantage of special excursion rates during "Carifesta" in Guyana. The Committee on the Ministry had, on behalf of the Conference, extended him a call to return to Guyana to serve when he finishes his seminary course. It was hoped the visit would give opportunity for discussion on this future plan.

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The Guyana Conference voted funds for the SDB World Federation budget and the special evangelistic outreach being undertaken in Brazil.



Baptists must always provide a place for diversity, but diversity taken to the extreme becomes division.—Owen Cooper

### Entering New Foreign Fields

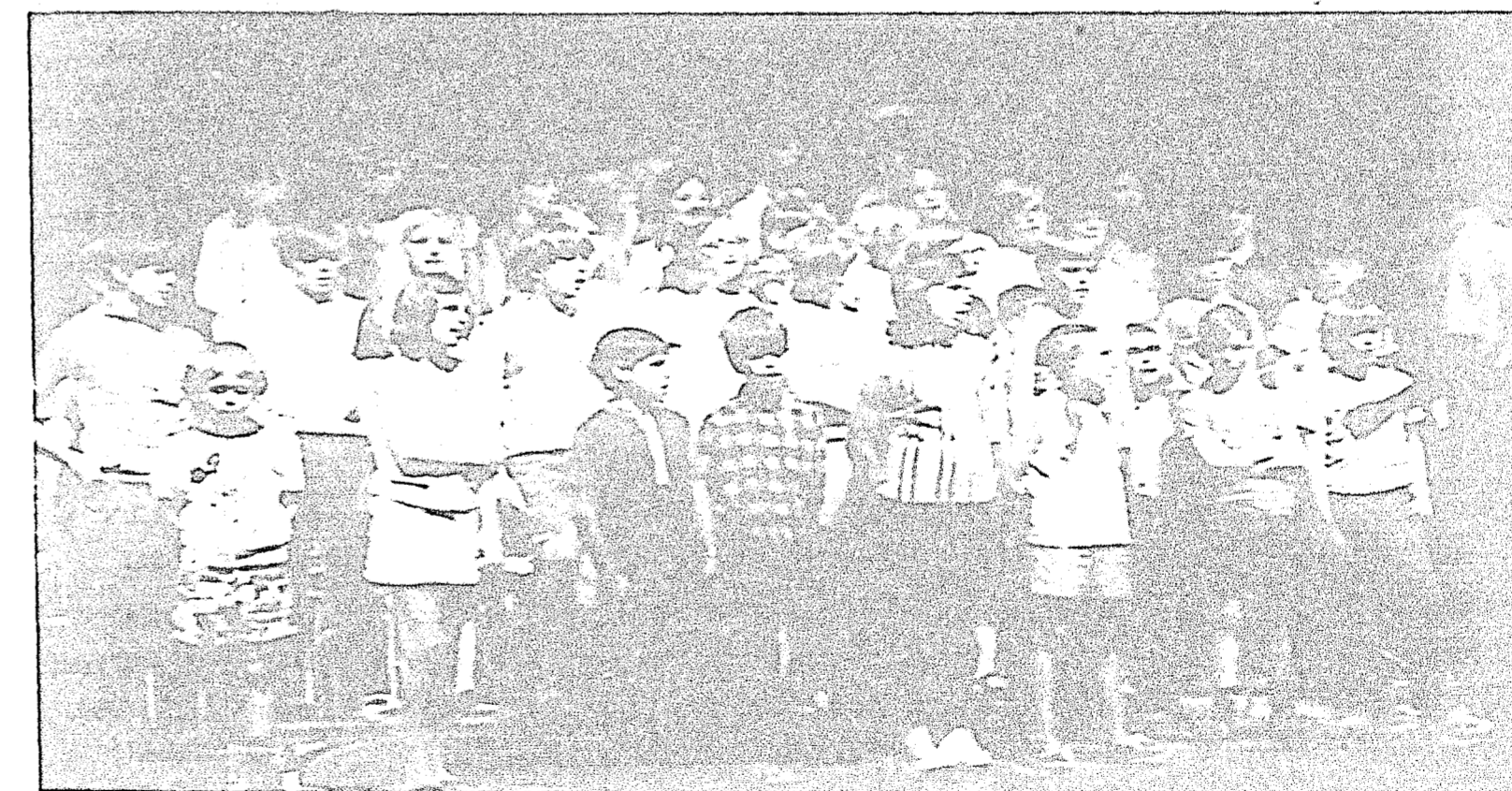
It is quite natural to assume that all the larger denominations have sent missionaries to the countries that a small denomination like ours has not had the personnel or funds to enter. This is often not the case. For instance, the Southern Baptists only recently sent their first missionaries to Malawi. Not many denominations are working in that country where Seventh Day Baptists have long had a good work.

The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society is announcing the appointment of its first missionary couple to work in the very large country of Nigeria. The couple, Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Mundhenk, will serve also under the Foreign Mission Bureau of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, which has long had work in Nigeria.

The work of evangelizing the world is far from completed. There are promising opportunities for Seventh Day Baptists to assist and nurture national churches of like faith in many lands with materials, funds, and personnel.

### Our Church

How would you react to the statement of a pastor of a Sabbathkeeping church in Dallas, that the church (perhaps our church) is speaking to a world that was rather than the one that is; that it is a lighthouse in an age of radio, a town crier in an age of newspapers, a yeast cake in an age of store-bought bread?



General Conference sessions focus primarily on adults and young people. The younger set, however, are not forgotten in daily instruction and activities. They had their part on the program also at Denver. Here the Junior High Conference and the Junior Conference groups are singing gospel songs under the direction of the Rev. J. Paul Green, Jr.

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## Theological Seminary Growth

A recent editorial in this journal commented on the declining enrollment in small colleges due to various current situations and trends. It can be remarked that some colleges are keeping their enrollment up while others are losing. The president of King's College is reported to have predicted that these religiously-oriented small colleges would rise or fall depending on whether or not they have something distinctive to offer—as their college does.

The other question that more vitally concerns Christians and church bodies is the number of students in theological seminaries and whether or not there will be an adequate supply of trained pastors in the years just ahead. Perhaps studies have been made. If so, we do not at the moment have the results of them. There are, however, some indications as well as a firm hope that the Holy Spirit will call and the seminaries will train enough students to meet the need in all evangelical denominations, including our own. A number of seminaries have closed in recent years, largely because of economic factors. On the other hand, new ones have sprung up and attracted large numbers of students.

Dallas Theological Seminary is not new but is making the news with its multi-million dollar expansion program now under way. It is one of the world's largest seminaries. The fall term showed a record enrollment of 540 students. Its news release states: "In a day when most seminaries are struggling against a sharp decline in students, the steadily expanding outreach of Dallas Seminary is considered an educational phenomenon and all the more remarkable because several hundred other applicants must be turned away each year due to limited facilities." It draws its students from the United States and Canada, as well as many countries overseas. The administration describes its emphasis as "conservative in theology and maintaining a strong focus on Biblical studies coupled with Greek and Hebrew."

Dean Kelley who moves in liberal circles, has written a widely read up-to-date book, "Why Conservative Churches Are Growing." It is a fact that people are dropping out of many main-line

liberal churches and flocking to conservative branches of the body of Christ. It is manifest that there has been and will be an influx of students to conservative seminaries both as a result of this growth and to meet the need.

As we understand the situation, it is not that the middle-aged liberal churchmen have suddenly become conservative, but that the young have laid hold on some new-found realities of Biblical faith. Large numbers of theologically conservative youth want to dedicate their lives to the ministry. We see it in our churches as well as in others.

## Seeing Both Sides

There are two sides to almost every economic, political, or religious question. The proponents of each side are anxious to get the majority to see it their way. This is no doubt true in theological matters where the eternal good may be at stake and leaders are impelled by their love of the Lord rather than by personal gain to "convert" the other side. When it comes to economic or political persuasion the "conversion" attempts are motivated by personal or group gain and are therefore very persistent.

Editors of religious as well as secular journals are constantly bombarded with axe-grinding news releases and pamphlets on such subjects as industry and labor and pending legislation or administration policies. Labor and management have a differing outlook on many such questions. Presumably the leaders do not particularly care what an editor thinks except that his thoughts may get into his publication, which in turn may influence public opinion and turn the tide. If editors can be persuaded to become crusaders for this or that type of economic legislation the effort would be considered worthwhile.

Organized labor has the finances and the personnel to match anything that management is able to put out in printed form. There is so much material that it is quite possible from any mail to read first a union news release or magazine and then something from the management side, thus keeping a balance. The interest-

## MEMORY TEXT

Listen, my son, be wise, and give serious thought to the way you live. Don't associate with people who drink too much wine, or stuff themselves with food. Drunkards and gluttons will be reduced to poverty. If all you do is eat and sleep, you will soon be wearing rags. — Prov. 23:19-21

—From the newly published *Wisdom for Modern Man*. American Bible Society.

ing thing is that both sides in their appeal to the religious press try to make it appear that the issues at stake are clearly moral or almost religious and that their position is the only one that is for the good of all. After years of such reading one has the lingering suspicion that economic advantage to a certain group lies back of many of the arguments.

This exercise in balanced reading may be good for the editor's constitution, but it filters down to the readers only indirectly in a magazine like the *Sabbath Recorder* that has a much higher aim than current economic advantage in our affluent society.

Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned about the more serious questions of life. There is a tendency to read only those religious opinions and arguments that are in harmony with our own opinions, even when we have not put the necessary study on our source book, the Bible. With the wealth of religious reading available do we force ourselves to maintain a balanced diet? Do we read all liberal or all conservative interpretations of the Bible? Are we willing, for instance, to read the best arguments for Sunday observance as well as the Biblical arguments for the seventh-day Sabbath? There are some reasonable, if not completely well-reasoned, writings on the Sunday side. It is a mark of maturity not to get heated up by contrary opinions, but to examine them carefully and then follow the Word.

## CORRECTION

The story of the Rocky Hill fair booth in the September 30 issue credited to Dale Rood should have been credited to Thelma Tarbox of the Second Hopkinton SDB Church.

OCTOBER 21, 1972

## Denominational Planning Committee Ponders and Builds

The fall meeting of the Planning Committee was held, as usual, in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building from Sunday morning, September 24, to Friday forenoon, the 29th. General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler presided over the six-member committee composed of the three employed board secretaries, Myrna Cox, representing the Women's Board and Dr. Edward Horsley, Conference president. The Rev. Mynor Soper, home field evangelist contributed to the planning on a part-time basis, as did the Rev. Rex Zwiebel for the Ministerial Training Center.

It was counted as a highly profitable week in which the work of the boards was briefly reviewed, the most pressing program needs evaluated, and short and long-range projects planned or implemented. The long-term members of the body appreciated the new ideas presented by newer members for closer board coordination and building for the future.

The agenda for the meeting included some thirty-seven items, some of which called for many hours of discussion and much input from various sources. The typed minutes, exclusive of mimeographed materials produced, ran to forty-eight pages. Assignments will keep members busy for months to come.

The major work of the denomination is carried on by the boards and agencies but the various forms of dedicated service are outlined and encouraged by the joint planning of this denominational committee. In that area of responsibility plans were made for another beach and church ministry at Daytona Beach next spring under the direction of Mynor Soper, supported by the Women's Board. Enrollment and project application dates for SCSC were set and the new "ambassador" concept further developed. Plans were coordinated for the use of Linda Davis, now on extended dedicated service under the Conference office supervision.

The committee considered the best use of available manpower in evangelistic and ecumenical programs and meetings. On

the subject of travel and field work there was an attempt to avoid duplication of visits to churches by denominational representatives and an attempt to set up a pattern by which nearly every church could be visited during the year by individuals who are thoroughly familiar with the current program and emphasis of our General Conference. Considerable time was spent in determining the most important challenges to be presented in such visits this year.

It had been suggested by Commission at its February meeting that there might be advantages in shifting the responsibility for ministers' conferences and alternate-year ministers' retreats from the Board of Christian Education and the Missionary Board to the Council on the Ministry. Since this is more in the area of program than policy, Commission decided to table the suggestion until it could be considered by the Planning Committee at its fall meeting. The matter was thoroughly discussed and the committee agreed "that the current arrangement is working well and that a change at the present time does not seem advisable." The 1972 retreats were evaluated from reports of those who participated.

Denomination-wide Bible reading plans originate with the Planning Committee. It was decided to circulate and promote use of the American Bible Society leaflet and reading program beginning with Bible Week next month. The Women's Board will promote it. The daily Bible readings related to the Uniform Sabbath School lessons are also encouraged. (See separate article on this.)

The general secretary proposed that he should report to the Planning Committee each time the same as board and agency representatives since the greater portion of his work is related to program planning rather than to policy. He therefore later presented such a report outlining his reflections and projections in considerable detail for the record and for action. He proposed among other things the setting up of a series of churchmanship workshops for local churches. It was agreed that he and Rex Zwiebel should draft a general plan for such a series to be considered at the February



CONFERENCE YOUNG PEOPLE RESPOND TO CALL FOR "ATTITUDE CHECK"

A goodly number of SCSC workers and others who had attended Explo '72 at Dallas brought to Conference the frequently used Explo '72 platform procedure of calling for an attitude check at appropriate times. The response which quickly caught on with many adults, was, as pictured here, an uplifted hand and a resounding, "Praise the Lord."



Deacons and deaconesses from seven churches are waiting to serve the Lord's Supper to Conference delegates, including lone-Sabbath-keepers.



Gordon Sanford, right, OWM treasurer, discusses procedures with church treasurers at a Conference luncheon in the Loretto Heights dining room.

meeting of the Planning Committee.

The Conference action calling for a joint committee of the Tract Society and the Board of Christian Education to work out plans for closer cooperation was discussed. It was noted that both boards have already made arrangements for such a committee. It was suggested that it would be well to have consultants named by the respective boards and agencies including the Missionary Society, the Women's Board, the Historical Society, the Council on the Ministry, and General Conference. It was noted that all such boards and agencies be invited to name consultants who would be invited to meet with the joint committee.

The "Renewal in Faith" series of lessons projected for the next several years was given further attention and deadlines set for the production of the lessons in

the series each year. Those produced by the Historical Society are now ready for distribution and use. The Missionary Board is responsible for the 1973-74 series on evangelism. It was agreed that promotion of the use of these five lesson series should be by the Board of Christian Education.

The Commission's suggestion regarding a youth field worker was thoroughly discussed pending the receiving of any recommendation of the joint committee of the two boards mentioned above.

Much consideration was given to the need for a well-conceived ministry to young adults. Suggestions were made which can hopefully be implemented.

Another new concept of dedicated service — a team ministry — was explored in some depth. There will be more publicity on this in the months to come.

### Southwestern Association

The report of the annual session of the Southwestern Association, though inadvertently delayed in the editor's office during the change of secretaries, comes with a freshness that lingers. The meetings are a little less structured than in most of the northern associations and arrangements for entertainment and eating are a little more simple. Because the churches are more widely scattered and without as much full-time pastoral leadership, quite a little of the program is carried by the visiting delegates sent by other associations.

The meetings were held with the small Hammond, La., church over the weekend of June 16-18. All meals were served at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Earl De Land with no charge being made. These times of fellowship around the well-laden table were a source of pleasure for all. Mr. DeLand was also president and conducted the business. The clerk was Mrs. Clifford Beebe of the Paint Rock, Ala., church.

Highlights of the meeting were the presentation of Conference affairs by President Paul Osborn, and the Sabbath morning sermon by Pastor Edward Sutton of the Alfred Station, N. Y., church. He was a delegate from the Eastern, Central N.Y., and Allegheny Associations. He spoke on the theme, "Getting It All Together with Christ," from the text, Luke 8:26-40.

Other noteworthy parts of the meeting were the candlelight service on Sabbath Eve, conducted by Mrs. Muriel Osborn; the devotions and testimony meeting on the night after the Sabbath, conducted by Pastor Paul Osborn; the Young People's program, Sabbath afternoon, in charge of

### British Church Could Disappear

The "organized church" in Britain will disappear within forty years if the present trend of decrease in church membership continues, cautioned one of Britain's leading Methodists.

Kenneth G. Greet, secretary of the Methodist Conference, expressed this view in *The Christian Citizen*, a quarterly published by the denomination's Christian citizenship department.

Pastor Leslie A. Welch of Paint Rock; and the closing sermon, Sunday morning, following the business session, by Elder Clifford A. Beebe, in which he summed up the sermons previously given on the associational theme: "Looking Forward to a Life with Him."

At the business session on Sunday morning it was voted that we ask Commission to schedule General Conference to meet somewhere in the Southwest in 1974 (Conference has not been in our area for twelve years); that the Missionary Board send a general missionary to the southwest very soon (due to Pastor Ralph Soper's ill health, the churches of Fouke and Texarkana are pastorless); that the "History of Seventh Day Baptist Work in the Southwest," written by Pastor Paul Beebe be a memorial to him (it is now available from Paint Rock).

The officers for 1972-73 are: President — F. Orland Sutton, Paint Rock, Ala.; Vice-President — Alfred Lewis, Little Rock, Ark.; Secretary — Mrs. Clifford Beebe, Paint Rock; Treasurer — Mrs. Calvin Babcock, Little Rock; Camp Director — Pastor Leslie Welch, Paint Rock; Assistant Camp Director — Pastor Kenneth Van Horn of Little Rock.

The 1973 session of the Southwestern Association is scheduled to meet with the Paint Rock church the second week in June.

—Mrs. Clifford Beebe

### Our Prayer Corner

#### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

##### Pray for:

- 1) The heightening of our love for people, that we may enlarge the circle of our acquaintance.
- 2) Ways by which we may put something of the love of Christ into every daily contact.
- 3) A greater desire to go far beyond our physical limitations and extend our love with wings of prayer and of pen and paper.
- 4) The ministry of the *Mission Notes* issue as it goes to a larger mailing list with its missionary challenge.

### Fall Church Retreats

Bulletins from the churches in recent weeks have told of church retreats at camps and planning retreats, either at camp or at the church. It is not possible to gather all the news together in this little review, for there are no doubt a number of churches from which we do not have the latest news.

There is something of a pattern of procedure noticeable in several churches though their programs were different and each church did its planning without reference to the others. The one thing in common with at three or four churches was what they did about the Sabbath morning service. The Plainfield church held its retreat at a Baptist camp about forty minutes away on the weekend beginning September 29. There was a solid Sabbath eve program. Then on Sabbath morning the whole company (except the cook) came back to the church for worship, returning to camp for lunch and programs lasting till Sunday noon.

Battle Creek had a retreat the same weekend at nearby Camp Holston with an emphasis on Key '73. They found it convenient to return to the church for the morning service to provide a normal worship experience for visitors and those who did not find it convenient to go to camp.

The Marlboro, New Jersey, church had a well-organized weekend at nearby Jersey Oaks Camp with a similar arrangement for services at the church and dinner at camp Sept. 29 - Oct. 1. Shiloh, also only a few miles from Jersey Oaks, planned a retreat for the weekend of October 6, 7, and 8, with a similar arrangement for Sabbath morning and the evening meal.

The Boulder church held a "Sabbath of Planning" at Camp Paul Hummel which began with a covered dish dinner at camp at 1:30 followed by the annual planning session in the afternoon and evening.

The Riverside, Calif., church traditionally has family camp over the Labor Day weekend at their church-owned Pacific Pines Camp. The Los Angeles church takes their choir and friends to

Pacific Pines for a weekend of music and planning beginning Sabbath afternoon. Thus the camps are used by more than one church by staggering the dates. The extended fellowship and concentrated study of the Bible and church programming in beautiful natural settings is counted as valuable. Meaningful retreats can be satisfying and strengthening, say those who participate in them.

Word comes from the Salem, W. Va., church that they had an enjoyable church campout at Camp Joy, the Southeastern Association camp at Berea the weekend of September 29 - October 1 with a peak attendance of forty-five. The worship leaders were Salem College students and SCSC workers, Patty Lawton, Leon Clare, Paul Davis, and Larry Graffius.

### Daily Bible Reading Plan

The year 1973 has been set as the year for national thrust in evangelism. In keeping with this year's theme, Growing Up in All Things into Christ, your Women's Society is urging each one to grow in knowledge and grace.

We know that we cannot grow physically unless a proper diet of food is provided. Is it not also true that we must study God's Word in order to receive the proper nutrition to grow spiritually?

Quantities of a "1973 Daily Bible Reading Plan" have been sent to all of our churches. We invite you to participate in this reading program, not allowing it to take the place of our daily readings in the *Helping Hand*, but rather adding to our spiritual food.

Pick up a copy of this daily Bible reading plan from your church this week and be prepared to join the rest of us on November 19 in a national effort to become spiritually educated. Alexander Campbell has been quoted through history as saying, "Seventh Day Baptists will no longer be an ignorant people." By participating each day in a study of God's Word, we will bring his quote to life and we will grow in knowledge and grace.

—Myrna Cox

## A Conference Experience at Camp Paul Hummel



Open area at Camp Paul Hummel where the cooking was done over heated stones in long pits. New camp buildings and facilities are at the right (not shown).



A panorama view of a portion of the dinner crowd waiting for the pits to be opened and the tasty food to be served.



The pits are open, neatly-wrapped food is now ready to be handed out to the many who had been watching.



Close-up of hungry people, Elmer and Harriette Maddox, Riverside, Calif.; Ethel and Alton Wheeler, Mrs. Don Phillips and Sharon Ayars.

Pictures recently received from Arthur Brayman of Ashaway, R. I., chief photographer of Conference activities, make it possible to tell more graphically the story of a Conference experience in the mountains above Boulder, that was attended by more than 350 people. It was a Boy Scout-type pit roast dinner of chicken and vegetables engineered by the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, former Scout executive. This was followed by a vesper service presented by the young adults and a camp dedication service with an address by Attorney Clarence Rogers of the Memorial Fund.



### Vesper Service on the Mountain

Long to be remembered was the vesper service which followed the pit roast supper and a meeting of camp leaders. Such has not been possible under such circumstances at previous Conference gatherings.

The vesper area, a little distance from the camp building, is a beautiful, untouched assembly spot used by the campers and expansive enough for such a crowd, which had the advantage of a gasoline powered public address system graciously loaned for the occasion. The service pictured here was led by the Young Adult Pre-Con group under the leadership of Doris Rood. In addition to instrumental and vocal music there were testimonies and a message by Rod Tyson of South Africa, who had come the farthest to attend Pre-Con and Conference.

The climax of the evening program

was a dedicatory address by Attorney Clarence Rogers of Salem, W.Va., who is president of the Memorial Fund. This denominational endowment fund had provided a considerable sum of money for the renovation and enlargement of the camp facilities including a new water system. The work was nearly completed, though some of the scars on the mountain landscape were not yet completely healed over. It was a fitting time for a dedication when hundreds could participate and give thought to the extensive camping program in which Seventh Day Baptist churches have pioneered. Mr. Rogers, standing not too many miles from the national divide, proposed that there be a national camp director who would promote camping and give supervision to the physical development of Seventh Day Baptist campsites. The Memorial Fund, after helping this camp, is providing funds for certain other developing camps.



## Have You Thought?

*"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." — Titus 2:11*

By Pastor G. David Oliver

If I had but one sermon to preach and one opportunity to preach it, what sermon would that be?

It would of necessity be one of question, warning, danger, consequence, admonition, hope, and reward.

In trying to analyze which of these subjects is most important, I seem to come up with an equal evaluation.

In the balance each weighs out the same.

The question to know first is, where are you going? What life road are you traveling? Will this road lead you to eternal life with God, Jesus Christ, God's Son, and the Holy Spirit in heaven? Will this life road lead you away from the holy and righteous life, heaven, and the Heavenly Father and to eternal destruction and to eternal night "where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth"?

As Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, I ask, "Is it well with thee?" "Is it well with thy household?" (2 Kings 4:26). Have you been born again, born again into the family of God? (John 3:3 and 5). Have you been born of the water that Jesus spoke of in John 4:10-15? It is "The Living Water" which quenches that eternal spiritual thirst. It is that water which is in you a "well never-ceasing," a "well of water springing up into life-everlasting," an unending life with an unending source of supply.

We are speaking of the answer to the ever gnawing, ever abiding quest and search which constantly goes on in the unregenerate life, the soul estranged and separated from God. That answer is found in being born of God, born from above; not of blood or of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of

God (John 3:13).

This second birth of the Holy Spirit is experienced as is taught by Jesus in John 1:12, which says: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." This is that regenerating experience of the spiritual nature of man which died in Adam and Eve in their act of sinful disobedience to God's command in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:16-17, 3:1-19).

If you have this longing in your heart and if you have never had this experience, if you have evil thoughts and desires in your life and acts, I must warn you of the dangers and consequences of your failure to hearken and obey God and Jesus' word of instruction. Ezekiel did this when God said, "Therefore, say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols (14:6) . . ." Again he said, "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin" (Ezek. 18:30). "Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity" (Ezek. 33:9). ". . . I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? (Ezek. 33:11). "Therefore turn thou to thy God: Keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually" (Hos. 12:6). "And Jesus answering said, ' . . . I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent (turn), ye shall

all likewise perish . . ." (Luke 13:3, 5; read also Luke 16:19-31).

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).*

It has been said, as of other abstract things, that love cannot be defined; it can only be described. J. Wilbur Chapman declared, "I tell thee 'love' is Nature's sun, causing a spring of virtues where He shines." Cowper said it as "principle which has its root in reason, and is manly, judicious, free." Benjamin Disraeli said, "We are born for love. It is the principle of existence and its only end." Emerson called it "The essence of God, (and it) is not for levity but for the total worth of man." Burton states of it, "No cord or cable can so forcibly draw, or hold so fast as love can do with a twined thread." John says, "God is love" (John 4:8). God reveals the true nature of love thus, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us" (1 John 4:10), and gave us Himself for us.

Since our God is as set in eternity as our sun is set in our universe, it is utter folly to question Him or refuse to rely upon Him for our guidance in our brief existence here on earth. A person would manifest much more intelligence in trying to get himself out from under the influence of the sun than he does when he tries to withdraw himself from God's influence. To be from God means to be perfect, and final. "Love" being the very nature of God, it would follow that it is the final determining factor in the human personality. Therefore as God cannot exist apart from His divine, infinite, and eternal love, neither can man be complete in himself and his being without God's divine love, God's divine quality.

There is hope in love. It is a paradox, but love is inclusive and at the same time exclusive. It will cast off the sinful and vile, yet it will never contaminate itself by embracing anything produced by sin. It accepts the inseparable relation between death and life and does not cast off the living just because it is dying. It sees the muck and mire on the clothes of the wounded child and does not hesitate to gather the little one full of sinful filth

into its arms for cleansing, forgiveness, and comforting. It sees the depravity, and ignominious sinful shame that placed the scarlet bond upon the scarlet woman, yet it forgives and encourages her to "go and sin no more."

Divine love does not pay off a person who believes, accepts, and appropriates its eternal rewards with something cheap, discarded, leftover, worn-out, as it were with the loose change in its pocket. The true and eternal promise with its eternal rewards is, as Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). In the Revelation Jesus went on to tell John to write saying, ". . . Behold I make all things new. I make a new heaven and a new earth" (Rev. 21:1). He promised to make a new society of people, a people of God for your eternal fellowship (Rev. 21:3), and to make a great city eternal and holy, the new Jerusalem (Rev. 21:1, 10).

Since the old temple of Jerusalem has been destroyed, the Lord said He would make a new temple for you, "for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb (of God) are the temple of it" (Rev. 21:22). With such desperate need for the right kind of light, He promised a new system of light, "for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof" (Rev. 21:23). There is also a new paradise and river of water for your eternal refreshing, "a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb" to quench and satisfy that eternal thirst of yours (Rev. 22:1-2). Will you not come now and accept my offer, He calls, ". . . the Spirit and the Bride (the church) say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17).

### Land of Promise

In an election year, says one wag, we begin to realize why America is called the land of promise. At such a time the Christian turns to the Bible and is thankful that the hope of "the promised land" is more sure than campaign promises.

### CENTER PROGRAM

Robert Harris has joined Melvin Stephan in the Weekend Program of the Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education in Plainfield. Mr. Harris is a member of the Shiloh, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church. He graduated in May from Salem College and is enrolled as a candidate for the Master of Divinity degree at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio.

### MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The dean of the Center for Ministerial Education will serve as program planner and coordinator of the Biennial Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference which will be held in Shiloh, N. J., April 25-May 2, 1973.

A questionnaire has been sent to all Seventh Day Baptist ministers asking for preferences. We hope for a thoughtful and reasonably quick response.

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, through its Higher Education Committee and its executive secretary, David S. Clarke, will set fees and care for other arrangements in conference with the church at Shiloh. Announcements will be forthcoming.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

Two mailings have been sent recently to Seventh Day Baptist pastors urging them to keep up their educational development.

Keeping in mind that the very minimum of training is daily study at home, lists of books in eleven categories that are available from the Center for Ministerial Education Library have been sent. These books are on loan to any interested person.

The second mailing contained information regarding various training opportunities in seminaries and other training centers in six districts of the United States. Booklets sent were secured from the Society for the Advancement of Continuing Education which has its headquarters in Richmond, Virginia.

Many Seventh Day Baptist pastors are cooperating in the denominational Con-

tinuing Education program at this time. They are receiving cassette tapes, library books on many religious subjects, taking Center correspondence courses, and attending classes, seminars, conferences, etc., all across the country and in Canada.

Church members can help their ministers by aiding them in planning ahead for personal development. Make it possible for him to attend the Ministers Conference, and if one is needed, a cassette tape player may be made available for his use.

The Council on the Ministry and the Center for Ministerial Education are very grateful for the fine cooperation of our pastors and our churches. We thank God!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Soc. David S. Clarke

### "Come, My Friends"

Youth Week '72 speaks a powerful word at a time of tumultuous emotional buildup for Americans. Just before the national election of a President in a campaign with more structural uncertainties than any recent political development, Christian youth are invited to "social development through Christian political involvement," growing through group-use of the Youth Week packet.

The powerful word of Youth Week comes from Alfred Lord Tennyson's *Ulysses*: "Come, my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world." Beginning with a call to youth to act as "bridge-builders" over troubled waters the Youth Week manual directs study to the meanings of religious obedience as related to civil disobedience, to individual values and concerns and their relation to community-building, to ways of effecting congressional (and state legislative) change.

The activity section is founded on James' rephrasing of Jesus' life principle, "It is not enough to be hearers of the word; but doers also." A very direct dialog among YF members is proposed in a worship program "designed to aid youth groups in listening to and reflecting upon Scripture." "Prepare Ye the Way, Day by Day, Save the People, and Light of the World" portions of "God-

spell are used for introducing different Scripture meditations.

As youth groups use this resource, with its reference to many others, we pray that they may be able to "clarify values and a sense of consciousness (a place) from which they 'may move the world.' . . . seeking harmony, peace and justice (which) comes from our Lord: 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'"

A folder indicating the source of this very constructive booklet was sent to each church late in August, along with a board letter on YF, camp, and church schools statistics. If you've lost it, write us at Alfred Station.

### Say a Good Word for Jesus

The American Baptist Youth Ministries department came out in September 1972 with a new youth magazine titled *Aware*. Replacing *Action Impact* the new magazine carries forward the bright and clear editorial style but adds some new dimensions that will be interesting and helpful, it appears to us.

One of the very practical articles in the September initial issue is "Say a Good Word for Jesus." Witnessing or sharing our faith, the writer begins, may turn us off because we understand it as an "isolated, separate-from-life, odd-ball kind of act that cuts a person off from friends." Witnessing is individually developed, takes many forms and seems to be hard. "But hard doesn't mean stop or give up! Hard means try!" From Philipians 1:27 and Acts 3 and 4, readers are led to appreciate witnessing as "your manner of life" dependent upon your relationship with Jesus the Christ. "Maybe you need to ask, what do you know about Jesus—the man, his life, his mission, his message? . . . One of the first breakdowns in 'saying a good word' may come because you're vague about what He said and did, so your feeling of personal relationship is limited."

The article concludes with some very practical proposals for putting our witness to work at school. Its last word: "Got it figured out? Okay? *Tomorrow* say that good word in the way that is appropriate

to you. It's your life and your witness."

The Problems and Promises of School, El pikiti-pikiti-palo, Opinion Page and Reviews are among the other articles in the pocket-size *Aware*. Our national youth director, Alfred Station, NY 14803 or Judson Bookstore can get your subscription going at \$3.75 a year. Your YF or CE would surely make wise investment for updated youth news if they subscribed.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PLAINFIELD, N. J.— During July, two of our young people attended Junior Camp at Jersey Oaks, and six from Plainfield and Irvington were at Senior Camp. On July 29 we had a fellowship dinner in honor of our SCSC workers, Earl Soper and Paul Davis, who were a great help to us in many ways. Three from Plainfield attended Youth Pre-Con, and seventeen were at Conference.

Our Key '73 Bible studies on Luke and Acts started on Friday evening, September 22. The following evening a large group saw the Key '73 film, "There's a New Wind Blowing," which dramatizes various ways in which churches are bringing the gospel to those outside the fold.

Our weekend retreat at the Baptist Conference Center, Lebanon, N. J., September 29 - October 1, was inspiring and enjoyable. There were fifty-seven present altogether, of whom forty-six attended full time. Sixteen children and young people were sponsored financially by adults. The Rev. Leon Lawton was our guest speaker Sabbath eve, Sabbath morning, afternoon, and night, and Sunday morning. He spoke on the abundant life, conversion, the Holy Spirit, and witnessing. On Sunday he had us write out our personal testimony in five parts. He said our whole witness should not take more than ninety-seconds to share.

Pastor Saunders had charge of the retreat, and Douglas Wheeler was registrar. Delicious meals and refreshments were provided by Mrs. Margret Armstrong and Mrs. Barbara Saunders with the help of others. On Sabbath night our fun and games were led by Robert Babcock. The camp facilities were fully ade-

quate for our needs, and those who attended seemed to feel that the retreat was well worth the time and money involved.

—Correspondent

**NORTH LOUP, NEBR.**— The Youth Fellowship and some adults spent Sabbath Day, July 15, in Lincoln with our members there. The worship service was held in a park under the leadership of Bernard Keown.

Three retreats were held at Camp Riverview late in July for age groups over 55, 30-55 and under 30. This was a time for fellowship and prayer.

A baptismal service was held on Friday evening, July 28, for Tom Merchant, recently returned from Vietnam, and Rex Clement.

Thirty youth and sponsors came by chartered bus from Salem, Salemville, and other points East and spent the night at North Loup on their way to Pre-Con and again on their return from Conference at Denver. Facilities at Camp Riverview were used on the return trip. The women of the church served meals.

Bringing messages on Sabbath morning during the summer when Pastor Skaggs was away were the Rev. Wayne Babcock (who with Mrs. Babcock and Barry were welcome visitors at North Loup, their former home); Robert Harris, our summer assistant pastor; and Terry Keown, recently licensed to preach.

Many of our youth and adults attended Pre-Con and Conference. We were glad to get reports of Explo '72, SCSC, Pre-Con and Conference from those who attended.

There was a lot of activity preceding and during Pop-Corn Days which were Aug. 28, 29, 30. The weather was ideal, and since it was the centennial year for North Loup we had a record crowd. Our church float placed first in the church group in the outstanding parade. The church food stand was a busy place and well patronized. "The Saga of the Prairie," a pageant, was given in two parts. Part I followed the crowning of Queen Becky Bresley, member of our church, and Part II was given the following evening. This

original production, given outdoors, was enjoyed by a large crowd. Background pictures of events during the 100 years added to the pageantry. Since the earliest settlers were Seventh Day Baptists, our church folks made and gave out booklets telling about some of the early events.

September found many of our young folks going away to school. Attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln are Bernard, Colleen and Terry Keown, Keith Severance, Jim Goodrich, Jani Williams, Ruth Soper, Ivan and Loren Soper, and Maria Cox Gregg of Murray. Dawn Lippincott is attending the University of Wyoming at Laramie. Lana Hamer and Becky Bresley are enrolled at Central Nebraska Technical College at Hastings. Jerry Van Horn is again attending Kearney State College, as is Theresa Clement, who lives in Kearney. Tom and Dianne Lippincott Merchant are taking graduate work at Stephen F. Austin State University at Nacogdoches, Texas.

A number of our church members joined our college students and others in Lincoln for a Sabbath worship service September 9. A fellowship is being considered for the Lincoln area with our youth there promoting it. We pray for the success of this undertaking.

The Rev. John Conrod, returned missionary, was guest speaker at our church September 16. Following the fellowship dinner, he showed pictures of Malawi. Various committees have met and made plans for the year's work. It promises to be a busy year.

—Correspondent

**WHITE CLOUD, MICH.**— The Rev. Earl DeLand of Hammond, La., was the guest speaker at the church Sabbath morning, September 9, and spent some time in the community during the week. He has now accepted a call to become pastor of the church. The effective date of beginning the new pastoral relationship was the first Sabbath of October. The church has been pastorless only a few months. Former pastor and Mrs. Charles Swing have been living with their daughter's family in Baldwinsville, N. Y., pending a call, since last spring.

—Church bulletins

## Accessions

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

By Baptism:

Janet Atkinson  
Denise Beatty  
Nancy Casler  
Nicholas Fatato  
Lisa Powell

## Marriages

**Price - Branch.**— Larry Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Price of Shiloh, N. J., and Carol Branch, daughter of Mrs. Edith Davis Branch and the late Everest Branch, also of Shiloh, were married Aug. 13, 1972, in the prayer chapel of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, by the Rev. William B. Eppinger.

**Boss - Nelson.**— Robert Wayne Boss, son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Boss, Bridgeton, N. J., and LuAnn Sharon Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Earl Davis, Bridgeton, N. J., were united in marriage Sept. 9, 1972, at the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church by the bride's brother, the Rev. Luther Nelson.

## Births

**Whitford.**— A daughter, Penelope Marcelaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Monte Whitford of Chicago, Ill., on March 7, 1972.

**Davis.**— A son, Marcus Milton, to Milton D. and Nan (Johnson) Davis of Milton, Wis., on May 17, 1972.

**Sayre.**— A daughter, Marne Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. John Sayre of Milton on July 29, 1972.

**Loofboro.**— A daughter, Michelle Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Loofboro of Milton on July 31, 1972.

**Call.**— A son, Lance Steven, to Steven L. and Cathy (Applegate) Call of Milton, on Aug. 24, 1972.

**Case.**— A son, Peter James, to Mr. and Mrs. (Joan Burdick) Case of Silver Springs, Nev., on Aug. 25, 1972.

**Van Horn.**— A daughter, Sarah Rebecca, to Jared and Donna (Ochs) Van Horn of Janesville, Wis., on Sept. 15, 1972.

**Todd.**— A son, Christopher Kelly to Mr. and Mrs. James Todd of St. Louis, Minn., on Jan. 2, 1972.

**Burdick.**— A son, William Andrew, to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Burdick of Kalamazoo, Mich., on Aug. 8, 1972.

**Whitford.**— A daughter, Sarah, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Whitford of Janesville, Wis., on Nov. 12, 1971.

## Obituaries

**GODFREY.**— Alberta Severance, the only daughter of the Rev. Roliand John and Mamie Saxton Severance, was born in Ashland, Dodge County, Minn., Feb. 11, 1897, and

died on Sept. 17, 1972, in Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown, Pa.

At the age of ten she was baptized by the Rev. L. C. Randolph. Later her father became a Seventh Day Baptist minister. Alberta graduated from Riverside, Calif., High School. She took nurse's training at the Kellogg Sanitarium, Battle Creek, Mich., and practiced mostly private duty nursing as long as health permitted.

When her father became pastor of the Marlboro church in 1925, Alberta became a member and continued her membership in that church till death.

On Nov. 21, 1926, she married Earl Vincent Godfrey, Sr., of Chester, Pa. He died in 1956, and Alberta has since lived with or near her daughter.

Surviving are: her daughter, Rolleesa Marie Taylor of Warminster, Pa.; a son, Sgt. Zale Dana Godfrey, U. S. Air Force, presently stationed in Vietnam; ten grandchildren, and one stepson.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Donald E. Richards, with burial at the Marlboro Cemetery. —D. E. R.

**TITSWORTH.**— Vida Stillman, daughter of Charles and Jane Place Stillman, was born in Alfred, N. Y., July 21, 1880, and died at Chenango Memorial Hospital, Norwich, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1972.

In 1890 she was baptized and joined the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, in which she continued her membership.

On September 15, 1904, she was united in marriage with Paul Emerson Titsworth at Alfred. Dr. Titsworth became president of Alfred University in 1933, in which year he died. Mrs. Titsworth lived in Alfred until 1964, when she went to reside at the Senior Citizens Home in Cincinnati, N. Y.

She is survived by three daughters: Elizabeth (Mrs. William B. Stillman), Sherburne, N. Y.; Eleanor (Mrs. William K. Wilson), Bethesda, Md.; and Mrs. Katherine Riegger, Ithaca, N. Y.; and by three grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Sept. 27, in Alfred Rural Cemetery, with the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, a former pastor, officiating. —H. S. W.

**LIVINGSTON.**— Leila Wells, daughter of Fremont C. and Ida Hamilton Wells, was born July 4, 1887, and died Sept. 2, 1972.

Leila was a life member of the Milton, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church having been baptized by the Rev. L. A. Platts with other members of her Sabbath School class. She was an active member of the branch Seventh Day Baptist Church of Daytona Beach, Fla., when meetings were held in Tampa, Fla., under the leadership of the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis.

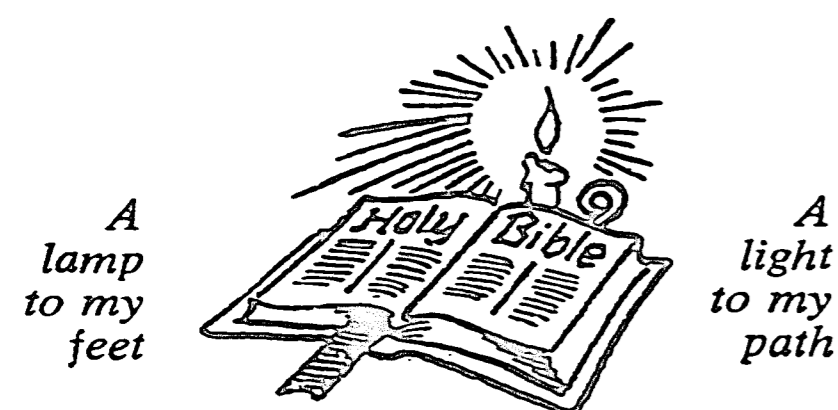
She was married to William F. Livingston, who survives her. Her son, William Ivan Livingston, died Jan. 17, 1971, at Northport, Mich. She is also survived by four grandchildren and a half-brother, Nathan Wardner Wells of Los Angeles, Calif. Burial after cremation was to be in the Milton Cemetery. —E. C.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

For November 1972



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

### The Church in the Secular State

- 1—Wed. We Must Obey God. Acts 5:17-29
- 2—Thurs. Give No Offense. Matt. 17:24-27
- 3—Fri. Take Care How You Build. 1 Cor. 3:5-14
- 4—Sabbath. True Patriotism. Heb. 11:23-28

### All Nations Under God

- 5—Sun. One Lord of All the Earth. Isa. 45:1-6
- 6—Mon. A City Repents. Jonah 3
- 7—Tues. A Lesson Is Learned. Jonah 4
- 8—Wed. Love Is the Key to Good Relations. Col. 3:12-17
- 9—Thurs. Families of the Nations. Ps. 22:27-31
- 10—Fri. No Longer Strangers. Eph. 2:11-22
- 11—Sabbath. Salvation for All. 1 Tim. 2:1-7

### Living on the Brink

- 12—Sun. Militarism Is Self-Defeating. 2 Kings 14:8-14
- 13—Mon. National Security Is Not in Arms. Ps. 33:10-17
- 14—Tues. Military Alliance Not Enough. Is. 31:1-3, 8, 9
- 15—Wed. Resistance Sometimes Futile. Jer. 21:3-10
- 16—Thurs. How To Secure Peace. Is. 2:1-5
- 17—Fri. Beyond the Storm. Jer. 32:16-25
- 18—Sabbath. The Christian's Hope. 2 Pet. 3:8-13

### What Kind of Peace?

- 19—Sun. A Picture of Peace. Mic. 4:1-4
- 20—Mon. Cause of War. Jas. 4:1-10
- 21—Tues. Peace and Righteousness. Ps. 85
- 22—Wed. Price of Peace. Matt. 10:34-42
- 23—Thurs. The Promise of Peace. Luke 2:8-14

- 24—Fri. Judge of the Nations. Ps. 67
  - 25—Sabbath. Christ's Peace. John 14:25-27
- Jeremiah: A Man for the Hour**
- 26—Sun. Judgment upon the Nation's Leaders. 2 Chron. 36:11-21
  - 27—Mon. Risk of Opposing Evil. Jer. 1:11-19
  - 28—Tues. Preserve Me from Violent Men. Ps. 140
  - 29—Wed. A Nation Called To Repent. Jer. 26:1-11
  - 30—Thurs. A Well-Deserved Rebuke. Prov. 1:23-33

### SPECIAL ISSUE COMING

Young people are alive; they are thinking and doing. They are witnessing and praising God. Many of them have contributed their best thoughts in prose, poetry, and art under the leadership of Linda Smith, guest editor, to the forthcoming colorful November special issue to be mailed out before the end of this month.

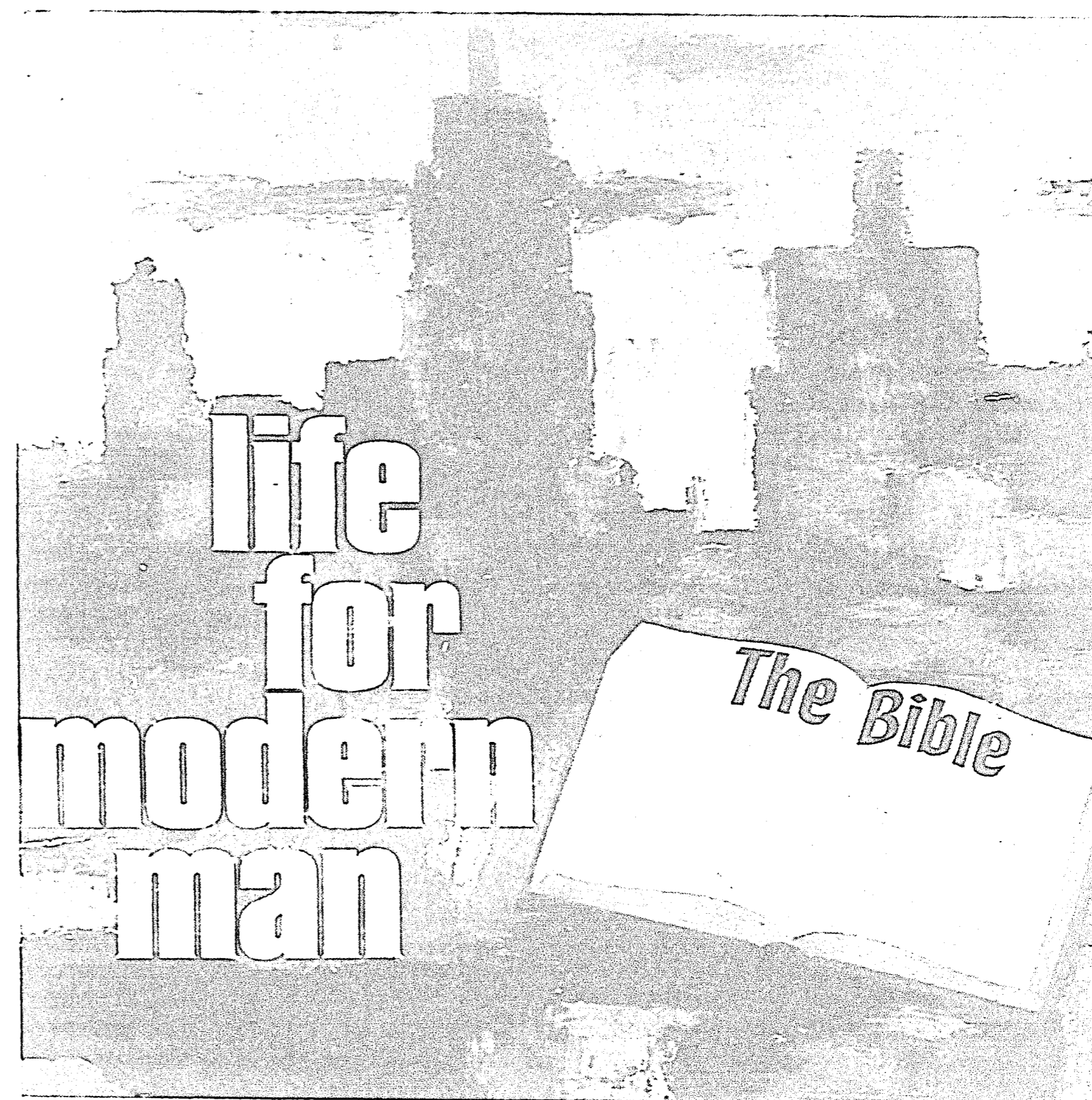
Seventh Day Baptist high school and college youth may well feel that this bright yellow special issue is just the thing they need in their witnessing program. It is easy reading, profitable reading, well-illustrated reading that can be put in the hands of young and old along with a personal testimony or a gospel and Sabbath tract. It would be a shame to limit this literature just to our regular subscribers or church members. Extra copies can be ordered at eight for one dollar before they are printed. We cannot guarantee that enough will be available afterwards to meet the need. It will be first come, first served. Churches are urged to stock pile them for future outreach programs.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 28, 1972

### FREEDOM UNDER AUTHORITY

Scripture Lesson: Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:11-17.



Voters in recent weeks have been bombarded with political speeches as candidates of opposing parties seek to convince the public that they can offer the best for society at all levels. We do have the civic responsibility of supporting the best candidates and voting on the right side of every issue, but as Christians we testify that "life for modern man" gets its true guidance from the Bible.