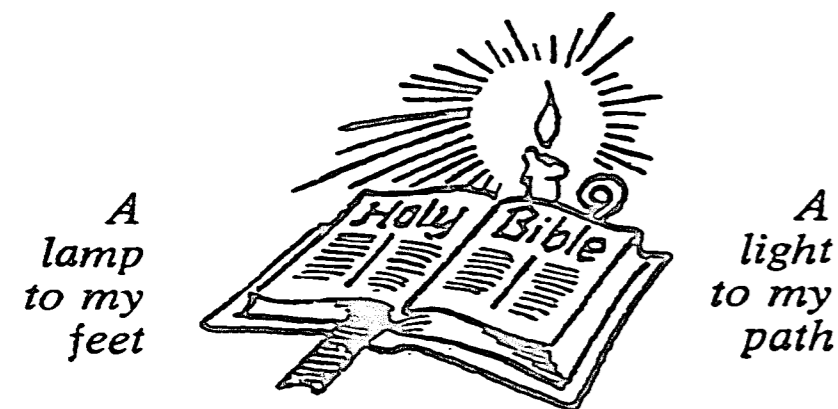


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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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.

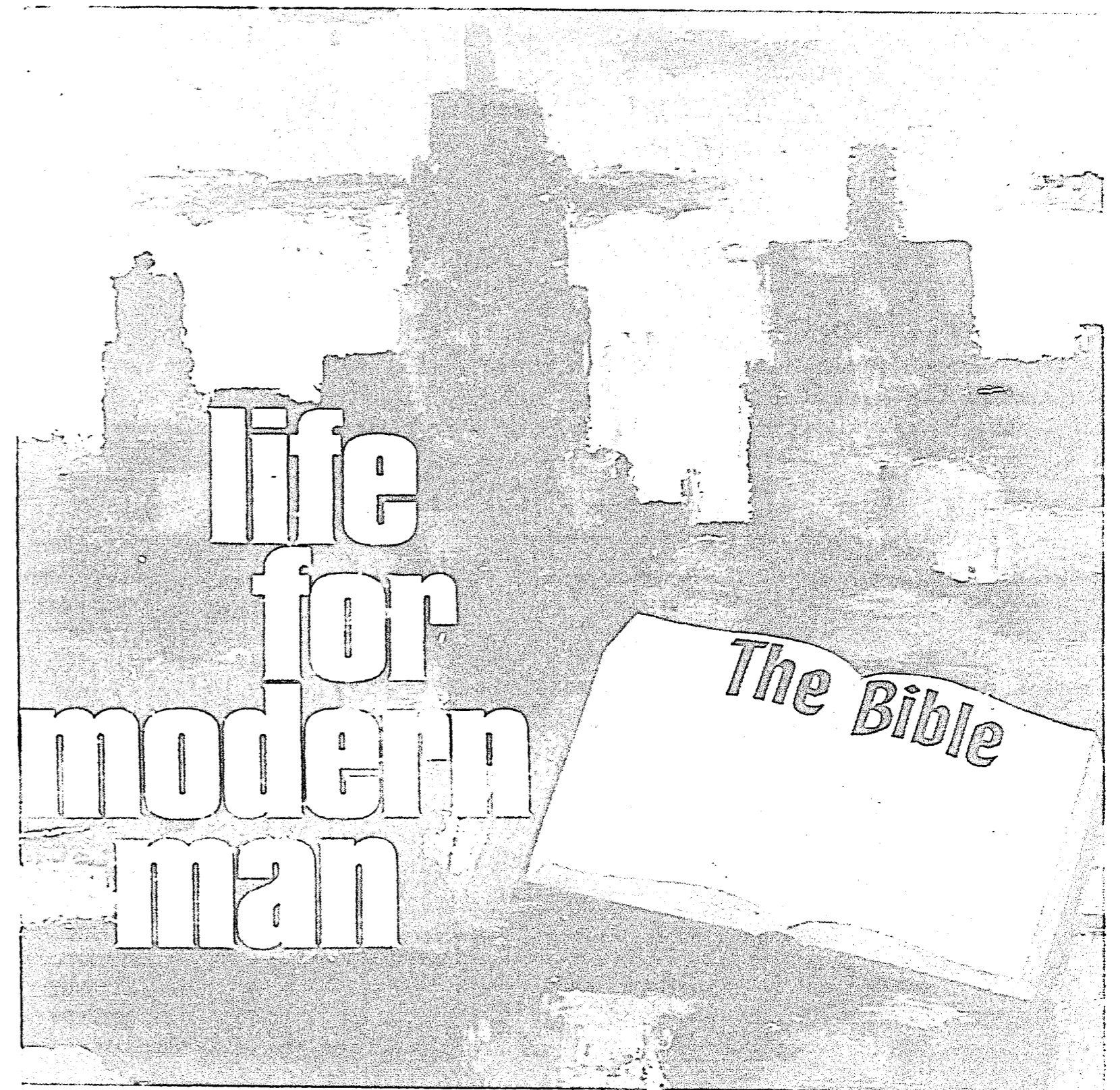
Seventh Day Baptist high school and college youth may well feel that this bright yellow special issue is just the thing they need in their witnessing program. It is easy reading, profitable reading, well-illustrated reading that can be put in the hands of young and old along with a personal testimony 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.

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Theology of Ecology

Harvey Cox, who is spoken of as one of the leading theologians of America, has something to say about the Christian's responsibility to change society. He calls for a broadening of the meaning of theology that will include what might be called the theology of ecology. He outlined a mode of operation for the church to follow in attempting to influence institutions to move away from their destruction of the environment. Whether theology or not, what he says makes one stop and think — after getting past one or two big words. Stating that time is running out quickly, Dr. Cox expressed the belief that a first step towards influencing institutions to make important ecological changes was to "demythologize" our ecological language.

"For example, 'space ship earth' is a useful metaphor," he said. "But it makes no distinction between first and second class passengers on the ship. A very small number of people are responsible for pollution. The United States has 8 percent of the world's population, yet it emits 40 to 50 percent of the pollution. It has 8 percent of the population, yet it consumes most of the world's food and resources."

The church has a responsibility to influence American institutions to move away from this sort of wastage, he said.

The thought could be developed in other ways than church pressure on commercial institutions. This wastage of natural resources cannot be blamed entirely on business, for manufacturing in general is to meet the demands of people (an affluent people). We must face the moral question of consuming most of the world's food and resources when we have only 8 percent of the world's population.

As long as we keep enacting legislation to raise the standard of living and increase consumption the problem of pollution will increase. For instance, the 20 percent increase in Social Security benefits and the other new financial benefits that have passed the Senate will greatly increase the number of cars on the road and the use of other pollutants. Furthermore, this increased consumption may soon place a tax burden for govern-

ment of 50 percent of our gross national product. Will our posterity be able to enjoy that supposedly better world which we are asking them to pay for far into the future?

This is not a call to deny to our generation the necessities of a good life nor a plea to go back to nature. It is too late to reverse the trend to urbanization. We could, however, focus our Christian attention on providing food and clothing for the major portion of the world that attempts to live on less than \$200 per year. However, merely to help them to economic security will be shortsighted unless we also help them to achieve moral and ecological values that we have, hopefully, demonstrated.

Human nature must be redeemed in Africa and Asia as well as in America, for man is basically selfish. We have many good things to share. Unless we share the gospel our sharing of things will only contribute to the pollution of the world. Perhaps this is the theology of ecology.

Helping Our Young People

The times in which we live are times of change, and if we do not do considerable reading and observing, we will not be up with the times or able to help young people who are facing unexpected obstacles.

Most of us are probably still clinging to the long-established maxim that there is plenty of room at the top for the educated. It is undoubtedly still true in all the emergent countries and in many of the well-established nations, but the United States, perhaps because of its affluence and constant expanding opportunities for higher education, is experiencing a surplus of trained young people. It is a trying and challenging situation, one that we must understand and learn to roll with. It may be that our maturing young people who had looked forward to easy sailing will show Christian ingenuity and will learn that other sailing technique, tacking against the wind.

Take a look at the after-college employment situation. We have long been talking about the population explosion.

We convinced ourselves and our college young folks that one thing they could be sure of was that there would be a constantly growing demand for teachers. One way or another we halted that need for more schools and teachers. Competent surveys reveal that this year there were nine applicants for every teaching position that was open. That does not sound quite as serious when we note that last year it was seven to one. This means that hundreds of the thousands of young people intending to teach must take other positions or continue in higher education.

Job openings for last June's college graduates were up from a year ago, but below the 1970 figure. There were 47,000 openings this year compared with 45,000 a year ago and 70,000 in 1970, according to the College Placement Council. Those graduates with doctorates found job openings up to 25 percent over a year ago; those with a master's degree, up 13 percent; those with a bachelor's degree up only 4 percent.

There has been some evaluation made of the attitude of young people toward permanent jobs. A survey shows that in 1969 the view still held that "hard work pays off." Then 69 percent believed it; now only 39 percent believe it. There is a cynicism about how one gets to the top and a suggestion that one must get there, not by hard work, but by ways that are not legitimate. The mood of graduates is shown by the fact that only 36 percent indicate that they wouldn't mind being "bossed" by someone. The employer's club, "I'll fire you," has lost its effectiveness because many new workers don't plan on spending their lives at one job or career anyway. It could be conjectured that unemployment benefits contribute to this and encourage mobility.

The number of college-bound high school graduates continues to climb. About 63 percent of the 3 million are in college this fall. In 1960 the figure was 50 percent. Four year colleges, however, are experiencing a down-turn in enrollment. When college opened, they had room for 300,000 to 500,000 more students. They got only 40 percent of the new students. Many went to two-year colleges.

The attitude of college students toward the college administration and the "establishment" in general is reportedly continuing the improvement that was noted last year. Students are more serious and are concerned with more important things than riots and rebellion. They are more willing to take the prescribed courses. They express concern for the greater social issues of the world.

Harvard's dean of admissions, Dr. Chase N. Peterson, sees the following changes taking place between a student's freshman and senior years:

1. A freshman worries about making it scholastically in a new educational setting.

2. During sophomore and junior years these worries subside and he is inclined to be active in causes.

Good Samaritans

The Good Samaritan of the New Testament parable observed a victim of a violent crime. His religious principles prompted him to get involved in helping the victim even though he couldn't be sure it was safe to do so.

What is a Good Samaritan today? A passerby who sees a crime being committed and has the courage to intervene. Congress is in the process of passing legislation to encourage states to provide help of up to \$50,000 for victims of violent crimes and as much or more to Good Samaritans who get hurt in coming to the assistance of such victims. It is reported that very few victims would qualify. The compensation for the intervenors is made much more liberal to encourage people to help out. Most states already have laws of this kind. It is reported, however, that the number of Good Samaritans is so small that not more than one percent of the claims paid go to such people.

Does this tell us something? We are most willing and anxious to study the causes of crime and to become involved in discussions of appropriate Christian social action to rid our communities of muggings, purse snatchings, and more serious crimes against persons. Statistics seem to show either that Christians are

3. In his senior year he puts the causes to one side and concerns himself mainly with qualifying for graduate school or embarking on a career.

The various observations noted above may help us to keep up with the times and evaluate what is happening to and through our young people. Seventh Day Baptists stand well above the average in educational motivation and achievement. We have our full share of college students and graduates. There is evidence also that an increasing number of our young people are well above the average in motivation for Christian service. Let us continue to lay the foundations in home, church, and school that will keep them working hard — not for themselves, but for the salvation of men and the redemption of society.

never present when good people get beaten up or that they lack the courage of their convictions when they do see something that they could do.

How readily we condemn the priest and the Levite in the gospel story when they pass by on the other side and how reluctant most of us are to apply the lesson to ourselves, even when the state offers up to fifty-thousand dollars compensation if we should get hurt in the process. Is the fear of getting hurt that strong? It doesn't keep players off the football field. Ought not players in the game of life to be willing to take some chances for the other fellow — to win the game?

We can win the game of safety on the streets only if we cooperate fully with law enforcement personnel and are willing to become involved like the Good Samaritan. Let's read again Luke 10:25-37.

MEMORY TEXT

If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth. — Numbers 30:2

How To Become Good Parents A New Government Program

Education for Parenthood, a major program aimed at teaching teen-age boys and girls how to become good parents, will soon be available for public schools and national organizations, according to announcement by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's Office of Education and the Office of Child Development.

During its first phase in 1973 the program will reach some 500,000 adolescents and lead to the establishment of parenthood education programs in 500 local school districts by September 1973.

The program will seek to improve the competence of young persons as prospective parents by increasing their awareness of child growth and development; the social, emotional and health needs of children; and the role of parents in fostering a child's development.

U. S. Commissioner of Education, Sidney P. Marland, Jr., said the new undertaking continues the emphasis of HEW on "strengthening the family as the primary institution affecting a child's life."

The HEW news release cited these national statistics to support the need for parenthood education programs for teenagers:

* Approximately 210,000 girls aged seventeen and under gave birth in the U. S. last year.

* One of every ten school-age girls is a mother, and 16 percent of these young mothers have two children.

* The national divorce rate for those married in their teens is three to four times higher than that of any other group.

The Office of Child Development has awarded a grant of \$570,000 to the Education Development Center in Cambridge, Mass., to develop a curriculum for parenthood education.

Curriculum materials will include films, audio-cassettes, student workshops and teaching manuals. This package will be field-tested during the current school year.

In addition, the Office of Child Development will award grants totaling approximately \$500,000 to about five na-

We Need a Secular Society

James E. Wood, new executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in his 55 minute inaugural address at the fall meeting of the Committee, made some statements about the secular state, a free society and the place of the church that may put them together from a little different perspective and stimulate some thinking.

Mr. Wood, for fourteen years editor of the *Journal of Church and State*, asserted that religious liberty, a free church in a free state, demands a secular state. "No establishment of religion," he said, "means a secular state, a limited state in which the people have excluded the authority and jurisdiction of the state from religious affairs."

"The secular state, as expressed in the free society," he explained, "is neither Christian, nor Buddhist, nor Muslim, nor religious, nor irreligious. To express it another way, the secular state seeks neither to promote nor to interfere with religion."

Wood attacked the "myth" that has evolved in the development of democracy in the modern world that the essence of democracy is simply majority or party rule. "In the free society," he said, "state absolutism is controlled by guarantees of civil liberties, which are, in effect, limitations on government and political authority.

"Civil liberties have no real meaning apart from individual and minority rights, which can be guaranteed only in the free society," he continued. "The totalitarian state allows and demands consent only, while the free society guarantees and requires the right of dissent as well as the voluntary consent of the governed."

"In this regard," Wood said, "it is necessary to realize that minority rights are necessary not only to sustain the principle of religion, but also to maintain a democratic form of government."

ditional youth-serving voluntary organizations and their affiliates to promote Education for Parenthood programs among young people during 1973.

—Baptist Public Affairs

A Century's Service Marks Memorial Fund

By A. N. Rogers

Rounding out a century of service, the trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund dealt with plans and projects facing toward the future at their meeting in Plainfield, N. J., on October 8, 1972. The fund was created by General Conference in 1872 and incorporated to hold property and trust funds on March 21, 1873. Present holdings have been appraised at \$2.7 million.

Directives of General Conference coming from the recent sessions at Denver, Colo., were dealt with in consultation with the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, general secretary. These included increasing the benefits of the Ministerial Retirement Plan.

A preliminary grant was made to the Southeastern Association's Camp Joy, Berea, W. Va., to enable its leaders to prepare detailed development plans for the camp. Requests for funds from other camps are under consideration and an evaluation is being made by the Rev. David S. Clarke, executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, of the results of a grant from the fund to Camp Paul Hummel, Boulder, Colo. A memorandum on factors to be considered was offered by Robert L. Bond who is employed in soil conservation.

The board responded in part to a request for funds from the recently organized Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship at Lincoln, Nebr., with commendation for the initiative of its leaders and their personal contributions. It was noted that some support is being sent from other sources.

Continuing education funds available to ministers wishing in-service training were allocated to the Council on Ministry as requested by Dean Rex E. Zwiebel and the Rev. Earl Cruzan, chairman of the council.

Atty. Frederik J. Bakker reported on details of transactions having to do with property of extinct churches, stating that

research had been required to clarify titles.

Following usual procedure, the board spent more than an hour of its quarterly meeting in careful study with its investment counsel of national and international conditions and steps to be taken in prudent administration of the fund's investments. A resolution of respect and appreciation was unanimously adopted to note the recent death of Charles E. Brundage, chief investment counsel for the past five-and-one-half years. Mr. Brundage was widely known for his work and community interests.

Atty. Clarence M. Rogers of Salem, W. Va., was reelected president of the board in the annual meeting, and the other officers were also reelected. Outstanding men from industry and the professions have served as president of the fund since the first incumbent, Charles Potter, Plainfield industrialist who served from 1873 to 1899. Mr. Rogers has served since the death of B. Colwell Davis, his predecessor, in 1968. Other present board members are Frederik J. Bakker, Robert L. Bond, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Charles F. Harris, George Pettit, Jr., Owen H. Probasco, Rev. Albert N. Rogers and Elston H. Van Horn.

As originally chartered, the Memorial Fund aids in church building projects, makes grants to Seventh Day Baptist students in church-related colleges, and administers gifts and bequests for many purposes as designated by donors. These include care of church and cemetery properties, care of the blind, and denominational work in missions, Christian education, publishing, ministerial training and ministerial retirement. A new fund established by Walter A. Kenyon, St. Paul, Minn., in memory of his parents, Walter D. and Evangeline C. Kenyon was announced, proceeds of which are to go to the discretionary funds of the board.

The Memorial Fund office is located in the Seventh Day Baptist Building where it is under supervision of Mrs. Gladys W. Poulin, office manager, and the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, assistant treasurer.

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Workers

Speak On

The Question:

**"WHAT EFFECT DID THE
DEDICATED SERVICE
EXPERIENCE HAVE
ON YOU PERSONALLY?"**

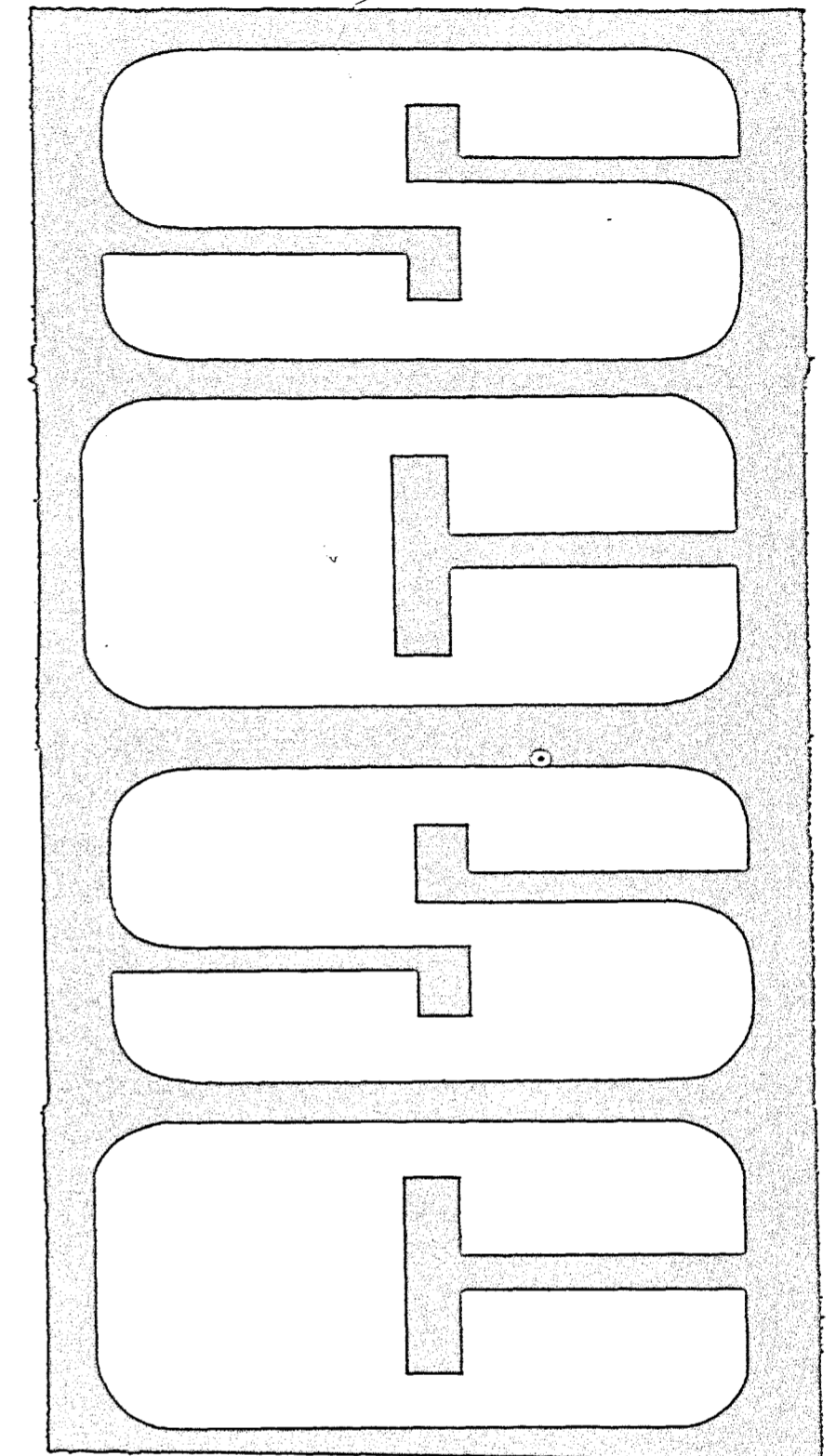
"This summer of dedicated service had a fantastic effect on me. I learned a lot about people and the Lord also showed how important and special children are! And He also showed me how important my personal life with Him is. How important it is to talk to God and praise Him and study His word."

"Summer Christian Service Corps has strengthened my dedication to God. It has proved to me that He will lead if I will follow. He has also proved that He will provide if I accept by faith that He will."

"I learned how to witness my faith and brought myself out of hiding my Christianity. I have become more open in my life and have been able to make new friends more readily. It has allowed me to realize that I have to dedicate my whole life to Christ."

"FANTASTIC! To see Christ working in other people; to see them grow; to see so many miracles of grace has simply blown my mind. The thing that was probably most revealing to me was our serendipity groups at junior camp where I was not a counselor but a fellow struggler. As a result of this, I have decided to devote full time to the Lord's work. I praise Him for getting through to me."

"Truthfully, the service experience was a time of real spiritual growth for me. The most important lesson or idea I learned was that of living in faith; committing every part, every detail of every activity to the Lord. What a blessing it is to know that I can appreciate the power of God which was able to raise Jesus from the dead and to create this beautiful world."



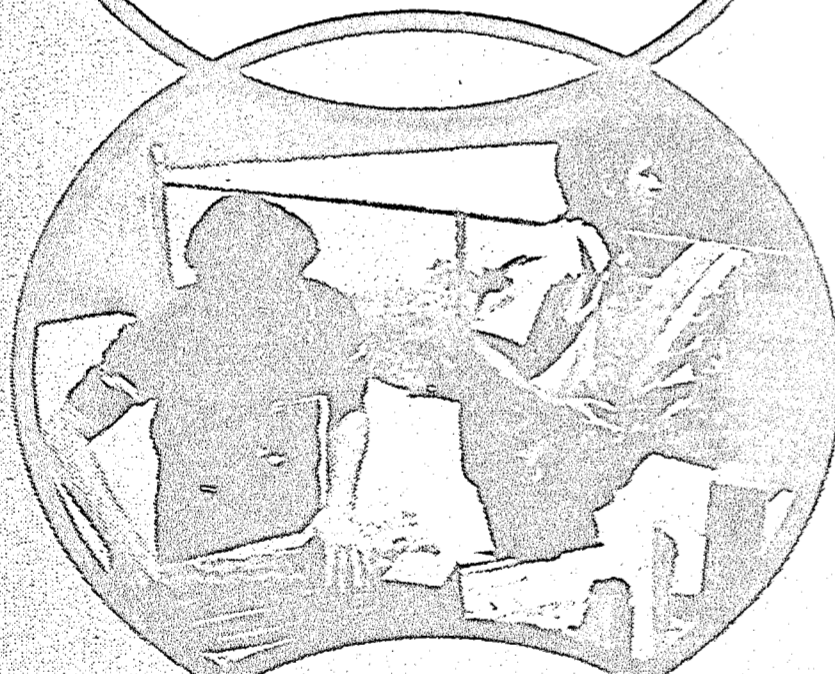
"Working with blacks was a wonderful experience for me. They are easier to love than whites and I found that souls don't have any color! SCSC is a beautiful experience and it helps you grow a lot. Living day by day by faith was kind of a new experience and it helped me grow. It's really great knowing you are doing something for God after all He has done for you."

"I think that the dedicated service helped me more spiritually than I helped anyone else. I learned a lot about myself and my relationship with God. I feel closer to Him, and if I helped even one person know Him better this summer, I feel as if I accomplished something."



... involving yourself in testing new approaches to missions.

... performing tasks that would not have been attempted if you had not come.



... ministering to human needs in creative and loving expressions.

... giving to another what has been given to you — the miracle of love.



DEDICATED SERVICE IS . . .

SUMMER CHRISTIAN SERVICE CORPS — "SCSC"—

This program of dedicated service is a unique experience for all who participate (see testimonies on adjacent page). Opportunity is given not only to perform services for local churches, but to reveal the love of Christ through personal witness. College-age young people (or older persons) are eligible. January 15, 1973 has been set as a dateline for applications. Those wishing to become involved are urged to submit their applications without delay. There is a purpose in every man's life and if we need to be "set apart" to find God's purpose for us in this life, then a summer of dedicated service is an excellent way to start. In God's work there are no favorites; everyone is welcome to join this experience.

EXTENDED DEDICATED SERVICE—

Individuals who wish to give of themselves and their special talents over a period of time not limited to the summer can be involved in special projects. Most have served from six months to over one year. Help can be given in routine tasks in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., in secretarial work, service to local churches in special training, or service projects.

Increasing opportunity for service in sister Conferences overseas is possible. Specific skills and involvement for a minimum of one year (preferably two) is basic. In such situations the first several months are needed to become familiar with the local "scene" and flexibility to adapt to crying need and local practice are important. Language skills are also helpful and in some cases specific training is given prior to leaving for the field of service.

TEAM 73—

The possibility of a special team ministry on the home field is being prayerfully considered. Labeled "Team 73" at present, it would involve service from mid-January to mid-December. At least four weeks of intense training would be initially given. Special projects of service and witness would be developed. Those interested in such should have completed at least two years of college or its equivalent. If you are interested in further information or involvement you are urged to write Leon R. Lawton, 401 Washington Trust Building, Westerly, R. I. 02891, immediately! Decision on implementation of Team 73 will need to be made by mid-December. It will depend somewhat on your response and the possibilities for service now being studied. The prayers of readers are asked that God's will may be clear and followed.

C. O. M. E.—

This type of dedicated service, taking its pattern after the Macedonian Call extended to Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us," is one in which laymen as well as pastors are urged to be open to the leading of the Lord, challenged to be willing to go any time, anywhere to dedicate their talents or skills.

Individuals and families are encouraged to move from one locality to another for a particular type of service. The involvement might be one of a wage earner or spouse, a retired or semi-retired person. It might include accepting employment

... moving your life from a verbal concept of missions to a life engaged in mission.

... reaching out to all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds with ministry designed to restore meaning to their lives



... leading people to personal life-style decisions through commitment to the lordship of Jesus Christ

... demonstrating the fact that you are capable of putting your "love on the line."



in some area of our spiritual witness — to help form or strengthen a Seventh Day Baptist fellowship or church, or to help strengthen a board, agency, or the witness through the General Conference center in Plainfield.

An example is the movement of young couples into the Seattle, Wash., area in the last few years to bring into being the basis for a fellowship that has grown now to a local church. Other individuals, lone-Sabbathkeepers, have relocated in a community where they could become a vital part of an existing church. Is the Lord seeking to lead you to a place of residence where you could be of service to Him and your church more fully?

AMBASSADORS—

This program (formerly called Missioners) particularly seeks to offer the "lay volunteers" and ministers an opportunity to give their special talents in set projects to our churches or boards. Churches, associations, boards and agencies should recognize and challenge such individuals by calling them to be their "Ambassadors" — their representatives — available to others for service. Details are given in the Era of Action packet. While this includes preaching, singing, leading in Bible Study, teaching, etc., it also allows special skills — carpentry, printing, painting, photography, etc. — to be offered and used. This type differs from Extended Dedicated Service in that Ambassadors may serve only weekends, for a week or a limited time on each specific project.

Does your church have individuals who should be recognized, set apart, and offered to sister churches to help in their ministries? Let them be your "gift" to others.

Do You Dare Get Involved?

Dedicated Service has been a growing concept and action among Seventh Day Baptists. It is destined to enlarge in scope and service in the months ahead.

"There have always been those in our churches who on the local level have given Dedicated Service—in teaching Sabbath School, in holding responsible and time consuming offices, in giving work on church building, parsonages, and in the construction and upkeep of our church camps. For Seventh Day Baptists the cooperation and the involvement of members in the total witness of the church is held high.

"Such involvement, however, has been limited because other matters have dominated the life, and such service while wholly given, is usually on the circumference rather than at the focal point of life.

"DEDICATED: 'to set apart to a definite use or service.' In this context we think of lives that are set apart from the normal pursuits of life voluntarily given in trust to the Lord for a set period of complete use in the witness and work of the church. This is done without salary. The main objective is to reveal the love of Christ and His concern for the primary need of men—to know God's provision for them causing them to yield their lives into His hand for His purpose."

Let Us Hear from You

If your answer is yes to some form of dedicated service or if you wish more information on one type of service write to: General Secretary, P.O. Box 868, Plainfield, N.J. 07061

MISSIONS—Loon R. Lawton

Designated Giving to The Work of Your Society

As you read this, only two months remain in the current budget year. With the special Conference offering in August we nearly reached the goal set for receipts through Our World Mission undesignated gifts. It is hoped that September and October giving have continued this trend. Fifty percent of our budget comes in this way!

The second area of current giving receipts is labeled "designated giving" and also comes mainly through OWM. While only representing about 18 percent of our Missionary Society budget, such gifts should average nearly \$1,550 a month. These are gifts "designated" for some item within our budget with the giver assured that all his gift goes directly to meet that need.

Designated giving receipts were nearly \$4,900 short of our goal the end of August. In 1971 this was the one area of our budget where we fell far short, reaching only 75 percent of the goal set for that year. It was only because receipts from invested permanent funds were more than anticipated that we closed last year in a favorable position.

It has been encouraging to see the Missions Emphasis designated giving calendars (published in the January 1, 1972 Recorder) in conspicuous places in homes and churches. We also are heartened to receive some funds each month for the area of suggested designation listed on the calendar. But such has been but token, not substantial.

November offers the opportunity to designate gifts for "Promotion — field work." This is in aid of your Missionary Society executive as he seeks to serve you through visits to local churches as well as to represent you in Conference Planning Committee and in interdenominational meetings.

One such meeting is scheduled for November. It will be a meeting of Mission Board executives from the member groups in the North American Baptist Fellowship, Baptist World Alliance. For a third

year they will spend parts of two days sharing insights, experience, materials, and problems for the benefit of all in attendance. The information gained has proved most helpful in our understanding and work in past years.

On this same journey (for we seek to have multi-purpose goals on all our trips to make the best use of time and resources) the weekend will be spent with the church at Washington, D. C., where your society offers some support to Missionary Pastor Delmer Van Horn. En route, the annual meeting of the Division of Overseas Ministries, NCCC, will be attended in New York City.

Field work occupies at least half of the time of your society executive. In September all but three days were spent on the field serving our churches in the Pacific Coast Association and attending the Planning Committee and serving the Plainfield, N. J., church.

You may wish to designate your gift for "field work" during November or just "Missionary Society." You can designate any other field, worker, or work within our Conference-approved budget. We urge your continued support of Our World Mission, undesignated. But we also need your designated support through Our World Mission for the area or work of your interest and concern — support for your Missionary Society.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week:

Pray for:

- 1) The strengthening and steadying of that "new wind blowing" in our churches and throughout the Christian community.
- 2) The faithful leaders of youth in the local churches who are willing to "spend and be spent" for the young folks who need to be claimed for Christ.
- 3) A quickening of our love for the Lord as expressed by our financial stewardship during the month of November.
- 4) The submerging of all self-interest in the interest of Christ and His Church from this time forward.

Preparing for a Meaningful Week of Prayer

By Dr. Edward J. Horsley

Life requires varied experiences to retain meaning. A constant routine, an unvaried diet, a standardized intensity of experience produces boredom and ennui. Variety, high-points, new experiences make for a life instead of an existence.

The spiritual life is not different in this respect. Routine lacks inspiration; sameness produces boredom. An unvaried menu produces jaded spiritual appetites and empty places at the table.

Life, physical or spiritual, is stimulated and enhanced by variety — variety in form and intensity.

Religious institutions have recognized this psychological and spiritual axiom throughout recorded history. Feasts, celebrations, high days, special weeks; unique rituals, sacrifices, sacraments — all have been designed to heighten experience and lift the spirit above the level of the routine.

Seventh Day Baptists have to a large degree avoided these "artificial" aids to worship and to spiritual awareness. We have preferred a more earthy "solid" approach, relating to God in a meaningful and satisfying way.

Has the Seventh Day Baptist method been successful? Has your spiritual experience been on a consistently high plane or does it have some very low points? Does the annual experience of Conference demonstrate a need for times of special intensity and special emphasis?

The need is obvious. We as individuals need "times of refreshing," days or weeks of high spiritual awareness. These need to include regularly programmed events scheduled throughout the year.

The Week of Prayer is one such event. This week coming in the rather dull days of January offers that spiritual "shot in the arm" that resurgence of the spirit that is so necessary. But to be effective, it must be used — to be appreciated, it must be experienced.

The distribution of a magazine is not a week of prayer program. Pastors and parishioners must fuse their needs and

their resources to provide an experience that will be refreshing and stimulating. Each of us needs that resurgence of spiritual vitality that will help to maintain us until the Easter season of joy.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Soc. David S. Clarko

The Bible and Life Series

As has been mentioned in connection with the Individual Curriculum Planning program being adapted from the American Baptists, a third series of curricular materials called "The Bible and Life Series" has been produced by the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication beginning Sept. - Nov. quarter 1972. Copies are available for study from the S.D.B. Board of Christian Education.

The Seventh Day Baptist teachers who have studied the materials find them very useful, and look forward to putting them to use. *But*, as with all tools for teaching, we are challenged to full involvement of the personality of the teacher in harmonious relation to God and his pupils. It is too easy to expect some new teaching tool to do more than its share of the teaching task. Christian education is most importantly the "enabling of the loving revolution" — teachers and pupils together with God.

Characteristic of the new Bible and Life Series is the flexibility of approach to living. Sometimes the lessons begin from a Biblical setting for life, sometimes from a very up-to-date human situation in which issues have been clarified. This series stands between the graded series with its current life orientation, and the uniform series with its Biblical life starting-points. In all Christian education it is hoped that the Bible will be treated so that modern applications cannot be escaped!

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 4, 1972

THE CHURCH IN THE SECULAR STATE

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22;
Acts 5:27-29.

Leonardsville Church Celebrates 175th Anniversary

By Elsie L. Croop

I was asked to write a summary for *Recorder* readers of the 175th Anniversary of the Leonardsville, N. Y., church. If it seems a bit disconnected, it is not because I was eighty-four that day but due to my many interruptions.

Sabbath, September 23, was the date of an event of which we are justly proud.

At a meeting of our ladies' society months ago, we thought with so few of us this could never happen, but with such an energetic couple as Pastor and Mrs. Mills we soon, like the people of old, had a "mind to work." Letters were sent out to former pastors, widows and daughters, supply pastors who had been faithful in helping us and churches of our association.

Plans for a noonday meal were made and, with the help of our faithful people in Brookfield and those from other churches who brought food unsolicited, over a hundred were served.

Sabbath Day, September 23, was a beautiful day, and our church was well filled. The morning session opened with the usual call to worship by Pastor Mills. There was Scripture by the Rev. Merle Brown, a former supply, now the Methodist pastor in Herkimer, N. Y., prayer by the Rev. Paul Burdick, and a fine sermon by the Rev. Leslie Welch, (one of our boys). His subject was "Identity," and if any of you are in doubt as to who you are, or why, you should have heard it. Special music included a local duet and a duet by Emma and Paul Johnson of Waterford, Conn. How glad we were to have the entire Burdick family from Waterford with us. An interesting children's sermon was given by the Rev. Charles Swing.

The afternoon program, presided over by Lyle Davis, opened with a song "The White Church on the Hill" written by Bernice Rogers and the Rev. Merle Brown. An excellent historical paper by Mrs. Mills "Glimpses of Our Church in the Nineteenth Century" was read. This was followed by a historical address by the Rev. Albert Rogers, whom we call one of our boys from over the hill (I

don't mean this in age, but over the hill in Brookfield). His discourse was most interesting as he spoke of people connected directly and indirectly with our church. This brought to my mind many recollections, one of them being of Stephen Babcock who was blind. He was president of our Conference here in 1906. Postcards were made of that occasion, one of which I have in my secretary book. He also compiled the Babcock Genealogy of which I have a copy.

This service reminded me of a reporter years ago who wrote in by daily paper "Pulpit and Pew." He visited many churches with small memberships and made the following observation: "There is something in the persistence of small gatherings to set one thinking." After all, the most important assembly on record was thirteen men, no more. They had a simple meal in Jerusalem, but the meeting set a pattern for all subsequent Christian history. As I sat on the back seat of the church that afternoon in a nostalgic frame of mind listening to Albert, the music of the Burdicks, the men's chorus and the organ so beautifully played by Mrs. Havens, a volunteer from our neighboring church in West Edmeston, I could visualize ahead of me the Browns, Babcocks, Burches, Crandalls, Greens, Welches, Burdicks, and was glad to be able to "identify myself" with the Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

In closing, letters were read from ones not able to attend, and we listened with interest to remarks by Rev. Paul Burdick, Robert Whitford, Rev. Merle Brown, and Rev. Leslie Welch of days gone by.

MAILING NOTICE

Winter quarter numbers of the *Helping Hand* for use during December, January, and February, were mailed from the Publishing House, October 17.

If someone from each church receiving bundle mailing would write a postal card giving the date of arrival and any correction which needs to be made in addressing, this would be helpful.

Address: Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061, c/o Albert Rogers.

SITE NEEDED

The SCSC program for 1973 is well under way. The outreach for next summer's program is being broadened and new opportunities to witness will be provided for our young people. We would welcome invitations from our churches to host the training program to be held in early June. It will not be possible to make a final decision until the locations of projects and workers are known, but we would solicit your willingness to entertain this group at this time. If your church would be interested in such an endeavor, please contact the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, 401 Washington Trust Building, Westerly, R. I. 02891, or Mrs. Gary G. Cox, 1490 Greenbriar Blvd., Boulder, Colo. 80303.

—Myrna Cox

Accessions

MIDDLE ISLAND, W. VA.

By Baptism:

Emily Robinson
David Robinson
Veronica Zwiebel
Kent Zwiebel

WHITE CLOUD, MICH.

By Baptism:

Esther Losey
Caryl Losey
Sandra Cruzan (Mrs. Sam)
Carol Cruzan (Mrs. Dale)
John Foster
Sandra Rudert

By Letter:

Rev. H. Earl DeLand
Mrs. Persus DeLand
Carl DeLand

Marriages

Parmelee - Wheeler.— Annita Marie Wheeler, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Edgar F. Wheeler of Ashaway, R. I., and I Lt. Asahel F. Parmelee, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Asahel F. Parmelee of Westerly, R. I., were united in marriage Sept. 9, 1972, at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton at Ashaway by the bride's father. They are residing in Columbia, South Carolina.

Warner - Hunt.— Mark Warner, Oneida, N. Y., son of Garth and Mayola Warner and Norma Hunt of Lairdsville, N. Y., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hunt, were united in marriage Sept. 23, 1972, in the

United Methodist Church of Vernon, N. Y., the pastor of the bridegroom, Rev. Wayne Babcock, officiating.

Kenyon - Skaggs.— Keith Kenyon of Coudersport, Pa., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kenyon, and Janice Skaggs of Oneida, N. Y., daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Victor W. Skaggs were united in marriage Oct. 8, 1972, in the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Reverends Victor Skaggs and Wayne Babcock officiating.

—W. B.

Obituaries

APPEL.— Albert Andrew, son of Jacob and Mary Jergensmeier Appel, was born May 22, 1886, in White County, Ill., and died in the Herrin Hospital, Oct. 8, 1972, after a long illness.

Albert lived most of his life in the Stonefort, Ill., area where he was a well-known and respected as a civic minded farmer, business man and fruit grower. He was a member of the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He was married to Sarah Lewis on March 21, 1912. To this union were born three sons, Edward, Addison, and William Howard who died in infancy. His wife died July 6, 1958, and he married Dollie J. Martin Lewis, Sept. 2, 1959.

He is survived by his wife, Dollie; two sons, Edward L. of Stonefort, and Rev. A. Addison of Edgerton, Wis.; a sister, Dora Evitts of Farmington, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted in the Thornton Funeral Home, Stonefort, on October 10, with the Rev. George Smith officiating. Burial was in the Joyner Cemetery.

—A. A. A.

WITTER.— Julia Etta Witter, daughter of H. Emmett and Eola A. Allen Witter, was born in the Town of Alfred, N. Y., May 3, 1892, and died at Bethesda Community Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1972.

She was baptized and joined the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on March 2, 1906, which church she had served in a number of capacities.

Miss Witter had been employed as a hostess by Alfred University, and by the Sun Publishing Co.

She is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Laura J. Witter, Coudersport, Pa., Mrs. Ethel Wilcox, Alfred, N. Y., Mrs. Frances Johnson, Severna Park, Md.; two brothers: E. Allen, Almond, N. Y., Raymond B., Matawan, N. J.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Sabbath afternoon, October 7, at Crandall and Crandall Funeral Home, Hornell, with the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, a former pastor, officiating. Following cremation, the ashes will be interred in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

—H. S. W.

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for September 1972

	Treasurer's		Boards'			Treasurer's		Boards'	
	September	9 mos.	9 mos.	9 mos.		September	9 mos.	9 mos.	
Adams Ctr NY .. S	\$ 572.75	\$ 60.00			Milton Jct WI ..	93.90	807.70		10.00
Albion WI	209.36	785.84			Monterey CA ..		529.60		
Alfred NY	618.35	5,398.05			New Auburn WI ..		667.66		122.19
Alfred Sta NY ..	323.05	2,348.05			New Milton WV ..	50.00	465.06		
Ashaway RI	1,151.50	3,216.00			New Orleans LA ..		15.00		
Assns & Groups ..		702.75		2,277.25	North Loup NE ..	200.00	2,623.55		20.00
Battle Creek MI ..	424.42	4,422.03		310.00	Nortonville KS ..	169.50	1,888.50		130.00
Bay Area CA		497.00			Ohio Fellowship ..		542.00		120.00
Berea WV	42.10	394.82		20.00	Paint Rock AL ..		295.00		50.00
Berlin NY	125.00	1,434.91		45.00	Plainfield NJ ..		3,434.11		503.50
Boulder CO		1,336.94		382.28	Putnam Cnty FL ..				
Brookfield NY ..		427.10		50.00	Richburg NY ..	134.50	1,347.24		105.00
Buffalo NY		576.00		60.00	Riverside CA	1,069.00	6,087.72		80.00
Chicago IL		1,410.00		20.00	Roanoke WV				
Daytona Beach FL ..	108.00	1,420.00		266.00	Rockville RI		53.00		460.25
Denver CO	472.65	4,262.75		145.00	Salem WV		220.00		3,098.50
De Ruyter NY ..	91.00	639.50		50.00	Salemville PA		140.00		704.00
Dodge Ctr MN ..		2,392.85		50.00	Schenectady NY ..				116.20
Farina IL		341.25		20.00	Seattle WA		100.00		606.00
Fouke AR		214.30		10.00	Shiloh NJ	1,878.09	9,060.27		625.00
Hammond LA		50.00			Stonefort IL		20.00		283.20
Hebron PA	70.00	832.09		55.00	Syracuse NY				201.00
Hopkinton RI	10.00	100.00		30.00	Texasarkana AR ..		20.00		60.00
Houston TX	110.00	311.00		100.00	Verona NY		108.50		1,502.56
Independence NY ..	27.75	354.85		60.00	Walworth WI		190.00		1,150.00
Individuals	135.00	1,228.64		802.81	Washington DC ..	370.80	1,446.30		130.00
Irvington NJ		1,560.00		20.00	Washington People's DC				10.00
Jackson Ctr OH ..					Waterford CT		225.66		2,211.99
Kansas City MO ..	242.50	715.50		10.00	Westerly RI	1,414.41	6,656.41		356.77
Leonardsville NY ..	185.00	551.00			White Cloud MI ..	90.40	545.45		20.00
Little Genesee NY ..	136.00	1,537.48		35.00					
Little Rock AR ..		252.88		20.00	Totals	\$15,224.49	\$108,579.56		\$9,882.89
Los Angeles CA ..	350.00	4,601.70		172.00	Non-Budget		873.90		
Lost Creek WV ..		1,760.00		107.00	Total				
Marlboro NJ	365.89	3,632.83		200.00	To Disburse	\$16,098.39			
Metairie LA		250.00							
Milton WI	3,479.16	11,243.43		807.00					

SEPTEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 1,493.85
Historical Society	11.32
Ministerial Education	608.49
Ministerial Retirement	1,097.20
Missionary Society	6,923.25
Tract Society	2,079.02
Trustees of General Conference	90.54
Women's Society	266.07
World Fellowship & Service	479.75
General Conference	3,048.90

Total Disbursements\$16,098.39

SUMMARY

1972 Budget	\$162,050.00
Receipts for 9 months:	
OWM treasurer	\$108,579.56
Boards	9,822.80
	118,402.36
To be raised by December 31, 1972	\$ 43,647.64
Percentage of year elapsed	75%
Percentage of budget raised	73%
Nine months:	
Due	\$121,537.53
Raised	118,402.36
Arrears	3,135.17

Gordon Sanford
OWM Treasurer

QUOTAS? Who Sets Them?

Paul B. Osborn

Stewardship Chairman

How shall Seventh Day Baptists be encouraged to give to Our World Mission? Quotas are frowned on by many, but are the easy way. A simple matter of division of the budget by the total number of members and then a multiplication by the number of members in any church would give some indication of whether that church is ahead or behind in its obligation to support Our World Mission.

But division and multiplication can't take into account other factors, such as the economic resources of the local church, the status of its membership roll, and the need of the local church for funds to carry out an aggressive evangelistic program.

There's a better way to find out if the support for Our World Mission from you and your church is what it should be. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your giving. After all, our responsibility is not to men, but to God! It is God's money and God's work that we are called to be stewards of, and only He can perfectly judge when we have fulfilled our commitment.

So each individual must do two things. First, prayerfully examine the handling of his own personal finances. How much do I give and how much is left? Second, examine his own church's record and handling of Our World Mission. Is there adequate publicity? Are people encouraged to give extra gifts when the need is great? Does the church pledge and send a specific amount each month?

"Seventh Day Baptists cherish liberty of thought as an essential condition for

the guidance of the Holy Spirit." This liberty is not an "escape clause" to allow us to dodge our responsibilities. Consider the report of the treasurer of Our World Mission in this issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*, not comparing your giving with others, but asking the Holy Spirit to show you your obligations!

Public Affairs Agency Names Seventh Day Baptist as Chairman

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semiannual session in Washington, D. C., elected a new chairman, rearranged staff titles, and discussed current issues on church-state relations.

This was also the first regular meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee with its new executive director, James E. Wood, Jr., formerly on the faculty of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

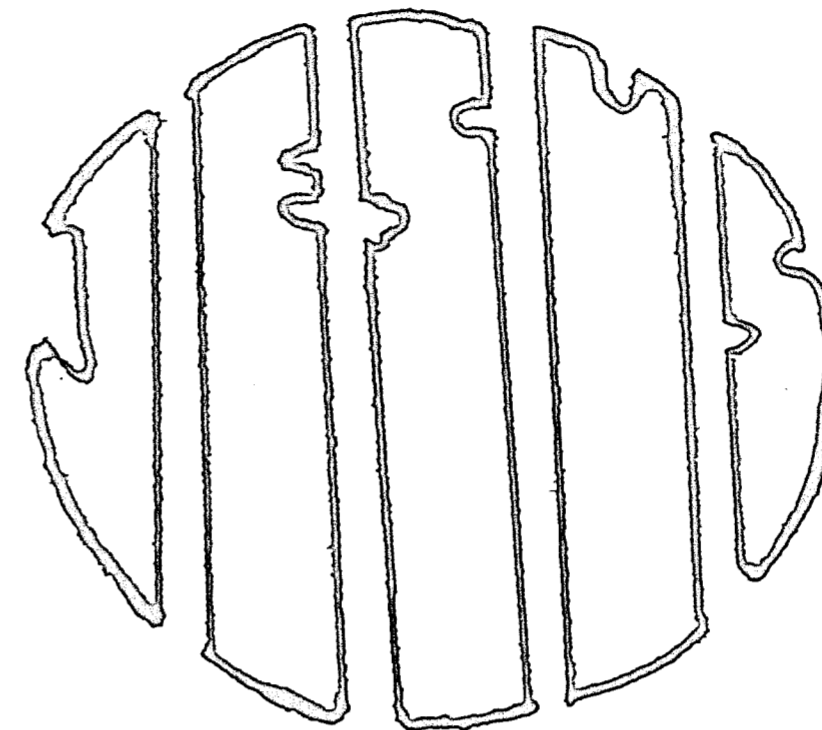
Alton L. Wheeler, general secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Plainfield, N. J., was named the chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee. He succeeds Warren R. Magnuson, general secretary of the Baptist General Conference, who has served as chairman the past two years.

Note:

The above is part of a news release sent to all editors of Southern Baptist papers and the other Baptist journals whose Conferences (Conventions) cooperate in the Baptist Joint Committee.

Christian Books

Christian book sales for the past year were up about 50 percent over the previous year. The growing interest in religion has no doubt triggered much of this. Hopefully an improved product has also contributed.



A Light to Those
Who Are in Darkness

THE SABBATH RECORDER