

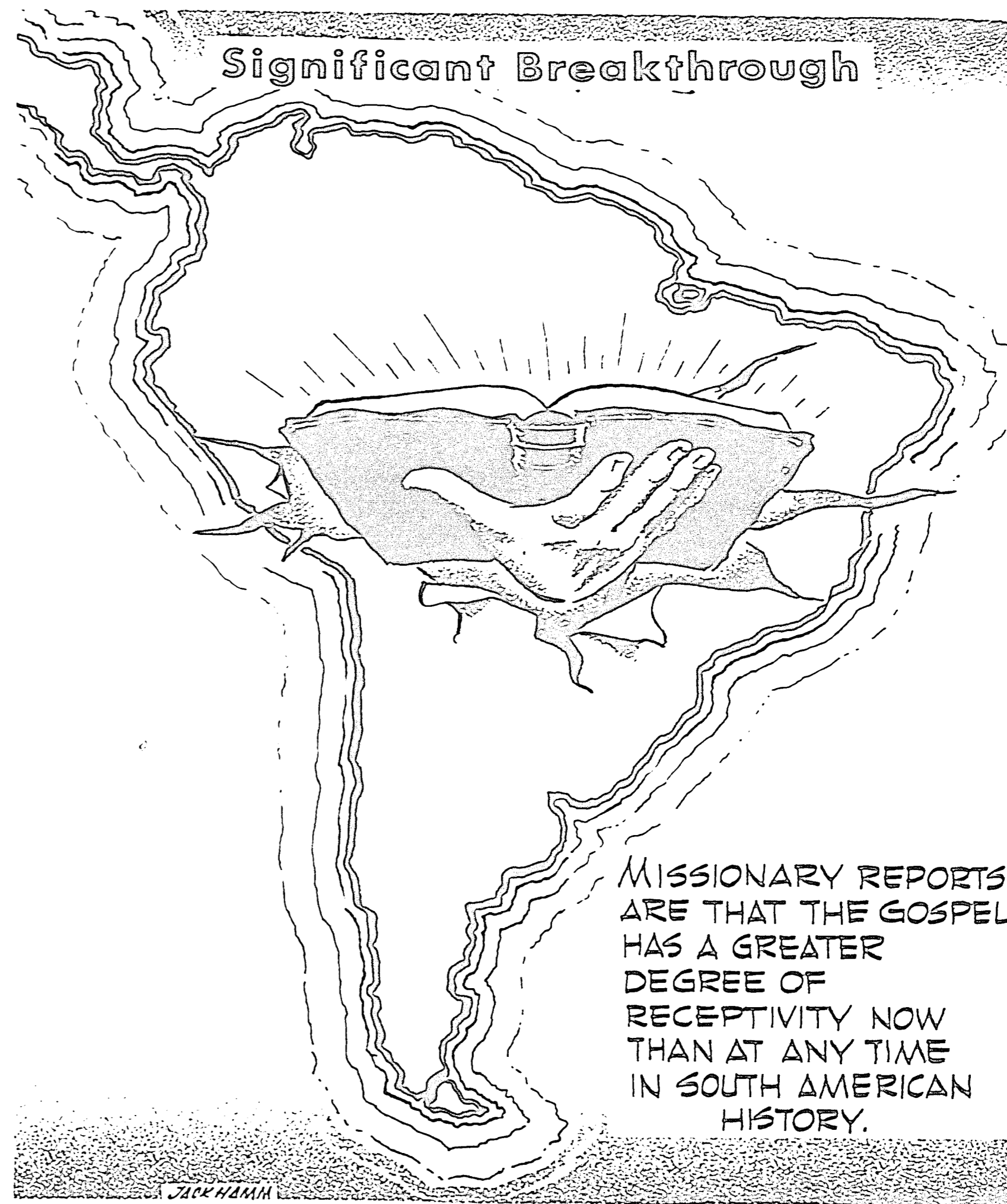
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## Renouncing Flagellation

In some countries the practice of religious flagellation still persists. It is a practice by which certain pilgrims give their backs to beatings or whipping with metal-tipped lashes to reenact the suffering of Christ before the Crucifixion. Some are scarred for life or die under the scourging. It is abhorrent to most Christians and is unlawful in most countries.

Another type of flagellation has been popular in western nations and particularly in our own. It is the practice of whipping ourselves for the sins of the world, of punishing ourselves for the wrongs we did not commit. It has taken the form of doing penance for the inequalities imposed on the black man in previous generations. It is particularly manifest in the condemnation of our country, making it out to be far worse than East Germany, Soviet Russia, Red Korea, and North Vietnam.

It is true that some Americans abroad have given occasion for the term "ugly American." It is true that our nation like other nations, has looked out for its own interests in international relations. It has not been truly a Christian nation even though it is by and large a nation of professing Christians. On the other hand, to maintain, as some supposedly good citizens have, that ours is the most corrupt, the most plundering nation in the world is not using good judgment and does not yield constructive fruit in making the world a better place to live in.

Fortunately, the tide of radicalism in domestic affairs is changing. The majority of thoughtful citizens are realizing that the system is not all wrong and that violent revolution is worse than useless to heal the sores of the body politic. The same change for the better is in progress, we believe, in our attitude toward international affairs. The flagellation of our nation is becoming less popular. A new, sensible patriotism is emerging. We do not say that our country is always right (no country can be). We do begin to put the emphasis, not on tearing down, but on building up. College students, erstwhile radicals, and many others, are seeing the world in a better perspective as they grow older. That revolutionary wave seems to have passed its crest. We may

be approaching again a one-world concept in which we recognize what makes other people think as they do. Tensions are becoming better contained.

This is a God-given time for Christians to let their voices be heard in witness for Christ. Perhaps never before in this country and in many others has there been so much evidence of respect for the Christians who are true Christians, who live serenely in the midst of difficulties and who practice what they preach. May we put aside the bitterness which has been so evident in the recent years of self-criticism, system criticism, and a national flagellation. May we determine, in the name of Christ, to do our part to heal broken hearts and the ruptures of domestic and world society.

## The Wounds of War

Military action in guerrilla type war as in Vietnam cannot be restricted to those who bear arms and expect to receive or inflict wounds in the course of battle; the civilian population may suffer even more casualties.

Stories coming out of Vietnam by way of Christian hospitals such as Hoa Khanh Children's Hospital near Da Nang and the World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals touch our hearts.

There was the young South Vietnamese lad Cu who lost both legs when he stepped on a land mine planted by the Viet Cong. He was brought to the hospital where he eventually became a Christian and was fitted with new legs. He gained a determination to live and to help other amputees in that Christian Children's hospital. Although now only fifteen years old he is getting the Christian schooling necessary to some day act as a bridge between the militarily-generated hospital and a Vietnamese-owned facility. The years of Christian help have motivated him and others like him.

The havoc wreaked by the North Vietnamese invasion of the South that began last Easter is hard to comprehend. The World Relief Commission tells of millions of new refugees who fled from their ancestral homes leaving everything: rice

paddies, cattle, belongings.

They fled south from their "liberators," in hopes of escaping with their lives. The refugees in the crowded camps are those who made it. (A hundred thousand died.)

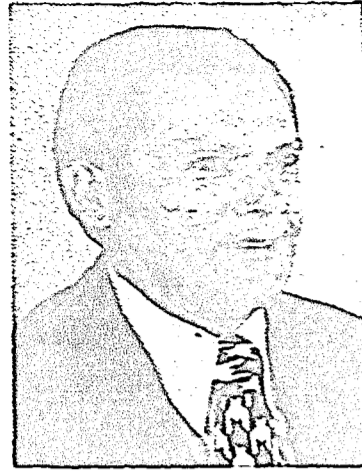
Their government sets up tent cities, or herds them into empty U.S. facilities such as Camp Books behind WRC's Hoa Khanh Children's Hospital. At this camp and ten other refugee centers 205,000 of the refugees have been met and are being helped by 170 members of Christian Youth Social Service, WRC's counterpart agency. CYSS personnel work 18-hour days and still feel the time is too short.

Refugee children have increased the admission rate at the hospital 250% over last year. The staff is deeply committed to alleviating some of the physical and emotional misery of the refugees.

It may be easy for some people to assign the blame for the devastation and misery and lay it at the door of the United States. For others, apparently including most of the South Vietnamese, the blame is not so easily affixed. They are caught in the civilian consequences of war and their only hope of recovery is from the Christian-motivated agencies that are willing to step in to bind up the broken legs and hearts and give hope and purpose to the hopeless.

The Vietnam war may soon be over. Untold damage has been done. The way back may be very hard. It is likely to be complicated further by civil strife and possible blood baths when there is no adequate military or police force to halt them. Our nation and international bodies will no doubt stand ready to assist in rebuilding the country if there is opportunity. The Christian church must pray earnestly for continuing opportunity to express love for the Vietnamese people, a love that comes from Christ and seeks to present Christ. Recent history of countries divided between Communist control and freedom does not give much reason to hope for freedom and free religious expression where Communism holds sway. Let us pray that the negotiations for peace will make provision for real freedom and the growth of the developing Christian church in that land.





## "Growing Up in Every Way into Christ"

By Conference President Edward J. Horsley, M.D.

Presidential address given on the evening of August 12, 1972, at Denver, Colorado

The text for this evening's address is taken from the book of Ephesians, the book which has been chosen for study during the Conference year 1972-73. The theme for Conference is from Ephesians, the fourth chapter and the sixteenth verse, but I will begin reading with the fourteenth verse.

"We are not meant to remain as children at the mercy of every chance wind of teaching and the jockeying of men who are expert in the crafty presentation of lies, but we are meant to hold firmly to the truth in love and to grow up in every way into Christ, the Head. For it is from the Head that the whole body as a harmonious structure, knit together by the joints with which it is provided, grows by the proper functioning of individual parts to its full maturity in love" (Phillips).

And the theme for this year is "Growing up in every way into Christ."

It is interesting to note how the writers of Scripture are concerned about growth. Peter wrote, "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." "You should be crying out for unadulterated spiritual milk to make you grow up." It is not only the writers of Scripture who are concerned. Today both the ministry and the laity are concerned about growth. If you are listening you hear it all through the churches at all levels of church participation. Why? Why are people concerned about growth? Because growth is a sign of life and of health, and both ministers and lay members are concerned about the health and even the very life of the church.

### Not Growing Numbers, but Growing Members

I, too, am concerned about growth, but my concern is not primarily with the growth of the churches, or even the

growth of the denomination. With these I am concerned but secondarily. My primary concern is for the growth of the members of the church, with you and me as individuals. If you and I grow, the church will grow. I believe the corollary is also true. If the church is not growing, it is almost certainly a sign that the members are not growing. Keith Miller in one of his books states that no great religious movement or religious revival has ever begun as a revival or as a movement. Each has started with an individual who was concerned about his own relationship to God, and out of that growing personal experience came a spreading influence that became a reformation; but it began with personal concern and personal growth.

This year I invite you, I urge you to be concerned about your growth. I direct a special appeal to the leadership within the denomination — and if you detect a note of urgency, it is not at all adequate for the situation. I appeal to denominational workers, to ministers and to all the leadership in local churches: Be concerned this coming year about your own growth and about the growth of the individuals for whom you are responsible. The words in Acts 20 carry a direct and solemn warning to all of us who assume posts of leadership. Listen to these words: "Beware! Be sure that you feed and shepherd God's flock for the Holy Spirit is holding you responsible." How will you and I answer to that responsibility?

It should be apparent that growth in the context which I use it is not growth for size or numbers; rather it is growth toward maturity. The purpose of every life, whether vegetable or animal life, is to reach a mature state. The blossom becomes the fruit, the caterpillar becomes

the butterfly, the blade of wheat becomes the ripe grain, the child becomes the man. If growth is arrested, it causes concern because growth is a sign of health and a lack of growth is evidence of disease and sickness. The purpose of life is to grow toward maturity — to reach that potential which is inherent in the species — and this is true of all forms of life.

### Spiritual Growth

What about the spiritual life? Many people are concerned only that the process should begin, that a decision should be made and that God should do His essential work of salvation. People want God to do His work to forgive, to accept, to provide His continuing care and support and finally, they want God to provide their eternity. How many of us never get past the childish concept of a heavenly daddy figure who exists only to care for our needs? Is it enough just to be born? Is it enough to crawl but never to run and climb the heights? Should we be content to remain in kindergarten forever? Note the words of Henry Drummond, "Next to losing the sense of a personal Christ, the worst evil that can befall a Christian is to have no sense of anything else." That bears repetition, "Next to losing the sense of a personal Christ, the worst evil than can befall a Christian is to have no sense of anything else." We are born to grow to a mature state.

And what is that mature state? What is the potential for the Christian? We know the potential of the calf, we know the potential of the chick, and of the acorn, we know the potential of a child, but do you know your potential as a Christian? Ephesians provides the answer in the fourth chapter and the thirteenth verse: "His gifts were made that we might be built up until the time comes when we arrive at a real maturity — that measure of development which is met by the fullness of the stature of Christ." And Romans 8:29 adds the thought that "God chose us to bear the family likeness of His Son." Our mature state — our potential — is to be like Christ. As the blossom is destined to become the

apple, just so sure is the destiny of the Christian to be like Christ. And while I say that birth is only the beginning, I hasten to add it is the *only* beginning. Birth is essential to life and growth and the person who wishes to become like Christ must begin by being born again by the grace of Christ.

### How Growth Comes

How does growth occur? We use the expression that some one or some thing is growing actively, but is it active? We say that we grow flowers or corn, but do we? Do we grow animals or children? No. We cannot grow them or ourselves. Growth is a passive process and it occurs spontaneously if the necessary ingredients for growth are provided. With this in mind, conscientious parents are careful to provide proper nutrition with adequate food and vitamins. They insure their children adequate shelter and clothing; proper exercise and, if possible, a wholesome environment. With these ingredients provided, God's process according to natural law will produce a mature person and that maturity will be according to the genetic pattern inherited from the parents. So we are not surprised when people remark about our children that "Jim looks just like his father — but I think he has his mother's nose."

Well, spiritually the law of genetics works too. We are born again of the water and of the Spirit — the water of baptism and the Spirit of God — and our genes are those of the divine nature of God. His likeness is reproducible in us. As sure as my brown hair and brown eyes are inherited from my father, just as surely will Christian maturity produce the family likeness inherited from our Heavenly Father.

But we cannot do it ourselves — it is God's work. Worrying, working, striving does not produce growth. It is God's work whether we refer to the natural or the spiritual realm. Growth develops according to natural or spiritual law but only if the necessary ingredients are provided.

(Continued next week)

WCC Central Committee Theme:

### "Committed to Fellowship"

By Alton L. Wheeler

As members of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches convened in Utrecht, Holland, August 13-23, they were challenged by the theme, "Committed to Fellowship."

Through presentations, debate, sectional discussions, plenary sessions, worship, and prayer, the 120-member executive body sought to discern together various avenues along which Christians around the world might advance further in the name of Christ toward approaching the goal of achieving "koinonia" (world-wide fellowship) as proclaimed and advocated in the New Testament.

In the keynote introductory sermon delivered by Dr. W. A. Visser't Hooft, honorary president of the WCC, he asserted,

*"The Cross is the magnetic pole which is to attract men and serve as the one centre of unity . . . The way of the Cross has never been and will never be a way towards general popularity. Unity only comes through self-sacrifice and humiliation . . ."*

On the closing day, a "letter to the churches" was drafted expressing the conviction that "Christ's call to fellowship is stronger than all our disagreements. In the living of the ecumenical movement, new insight is given, new stimulus emerges and new perspectives are opened. This we dare to interpret as the leading of the Holy Spirit."

During the ten-day session, several areas of concern were enumerated in which Christians around the world should be challenged to participate as a growing fellowship, an active fellowship and a seeking fellowship.

#### Comparing Beliefs and Practice

Toward seeking to point to common denominators of faith, belief, and practice, the Committee on Faith and Order reported on having solicited from the 252-member communions statements of their beliefs regarding baptism, the eucharist, the authority of the Bible, the

meaning of salvation, and the doctrine of the ministry.

#### Combatting Racism

In asserting continued belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of peoples around the world regardless of race, color, nationality, or ethnic background, the Central Committee agreed to continue in the pursuit of combatting racism. At its 1969 Canterbury meeting the Committee had authorized the transfer of WCC reserve funds in the amount of \$200,000 and had appealed to the member churches to contribute an additional \$300,000 with agreement that the \$500,000 should be distributed "to organizations of oppressed racial groups or organizations supporting victims of racial injustice whose purposes are not inconsonant with the general purpose of the World Council . . ." In view of the fact that contributions to date had exceeded the half million dollar goal, it was voted to extend the goal for the Special Fund to a minimum of one million dollars, with appeals continuing to be made to the member churches, groups, and individuals to give such support as "a minimum indication of their commitment to the objectives of the Programme To Combat Racism."

#### Helping Others Help Themselves

Confronted with the "urgent tasks of nation building in developing countries": and challenged to "make available for development aid such proportion of regular incomes as would entail sacrifice, . . . in addition to the amounts spent on mission and other programmes," member churches were challenged to dedicate 2 percent of their regular income toward participating in the struggle for human development and justice." In so doing, each and all communions may feel free either to make direct negotiations in seeking to help the peoples of less developed nations help themselves, or to channel such funds through the WCC.

#### Continuing Dialogue

While favoring continued pursuit of engaging dialogue with and in witnessing to peoples of other faiths and ideologies, the Committee adopted the statement that

"We affirm as strongly as ever that our fellowship is rooted in the one sure foundation: the victory of the cross of Christ. From that victory stem at the same time the call to a single fellowship of believers united around the Lord's table as a sign of His love for the world, and the commitment to a single family of man living in peace and justice with one another and in responsible relation to nature."

In the acceptance speech delivered by Dr. Philip A. Potter, who was unanimously elected as general secretary to succeed Dr. Eugene Carlson Blake, he asserted that

*"The outside world rightly expects from us, that, after having taken a number of important steps on the road to unity, we shall not become afraid of our own courage, but go forward and once again demonstrate that the Cross is truly the great gathering place for men of all nations and races."*

The perimeter of the Council's fellowship was extended as nine additional churches were accepted into membership increasing the total to 261.

Secretary Alton L. Wheeler, as a member of the Central Committee elected to serve for a term of seven years, attended the meetings. The next session is scheduled to be held in Helsinki, Finland, August 19-29, 1973.

#### Ban on Tuition Reimbursement Affirmed by Supreme Court

James E. Wood, Jr., Executive Director Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs

On October 10, 1972 the U.S. Supreme Court made a major decision affecting public aid to nonpublic schools.

In essence, the Court has upheld, by an eight to one decision, the constitutionality of the lower court's ruling which denied a \$90 per child parental reimbursement grant program for parents who provided an education for their children outside the public school system.

By affirming the unconstitutionality of the use of public funds, even in the form

of a modest reimbursement from state funds paid directly to parents of non-public school pupils, the Court has extended even further its previously declared opposition to public funds for non-public schools as being unconstitutional.

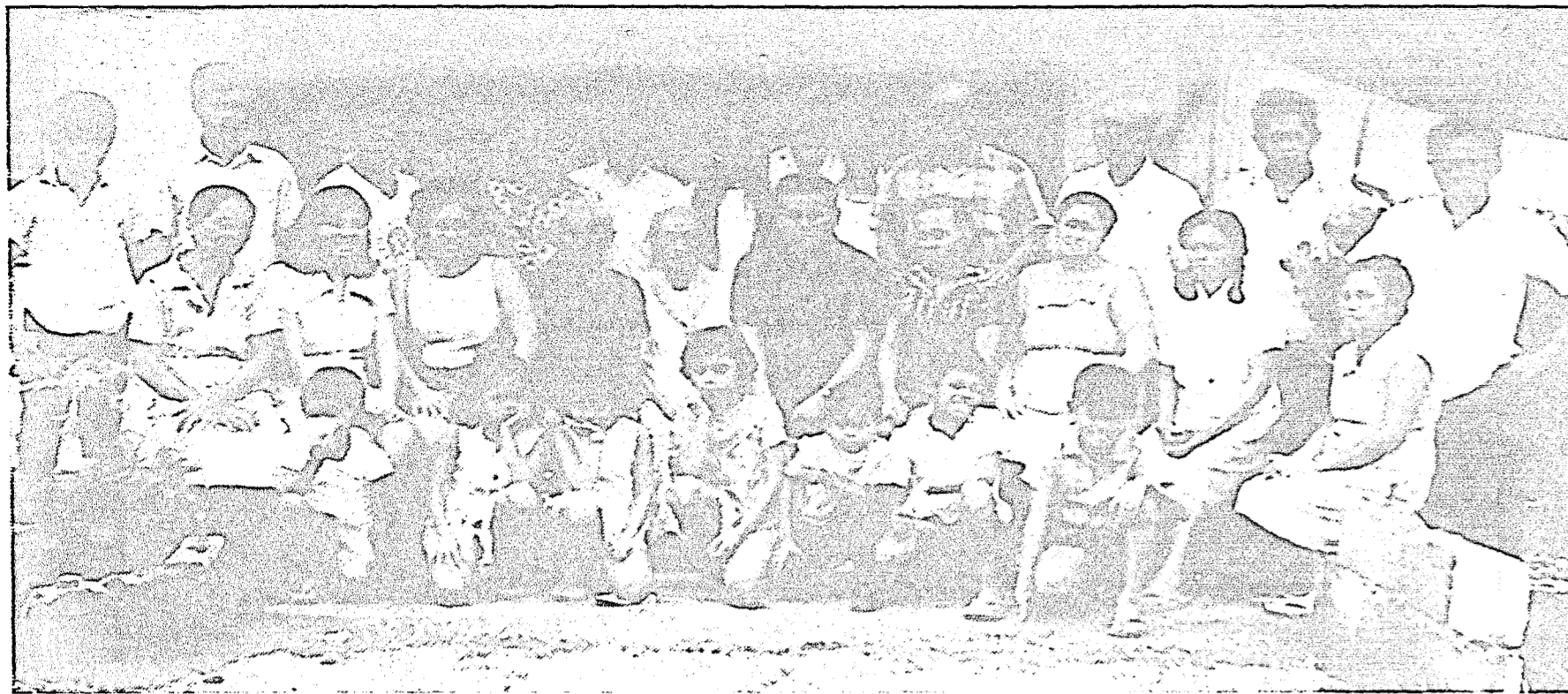
For advocates of public aid to non-public schools, the decision must be viewed as a bitter disappointment. By implication it would now appear that the Court has also repudiated the suggestion, as made by both major presidential candidates, that some form of public aid, at least in the form of a modest tuition reimbursement, may be provided parents of nonpublic school pupils without violating the First Amendment.

The Ohio District Court concluded its lengthy review of the church-state issues involved in tuition reimbursement to parents by the following:

"The basic purpose of denominational education is to foster and maintain the teachings of a denominational religion. The religious aspect of the curriculum must be the principal and dominant reason for the existence of such schools. We recognize and agree that the non-public schools are in the finest tradition of our respective heritages; that they are a strong moral force; that they provide firm cultural underpinnings to our community and supply outstanding leaders for the preservation of our institutions.

"However much we may approve, however much we may respect, however much we may admire the role of non-public education, we cannot substitute such approval, respect and admiration for the plain language of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Neither any of these reasons nor all of them together alters the plain fact that Section 3317.062 O.R.C., as it permits reimbursements for tuition, will transfer public funds to religiously oriented private schools. These provisions do, therefore, violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and should be permanently enjoined."





The above picture received on October 2 is the latest photo of the new work in Southern Leyte. See previous snapshot in the August 5 issue. Identified here is Dr. Carlito Isoto, son of Conference President Olimpio Isoto. To his right are two elderly women recently converted. The picture is described as the Caridad Baybay congregation.

### News of the Philippine Work

Reports indicate that the new chapel at Caridad was occupied for the first time in late September. It is constructed on land leased for twelve years. There are no pictures yet to indicate the capacity or furnishings of the chapel. The first evangelistic effort of Teddy C. Badilles for the Philippine Union Conference was conducted at Caridad, October 4-7, at the invitation of President Olimpio Isoto. Mr. Badilles lives some distance away at Tabunoc, San Francisco, on the Island of Leyte. He reportedly "preached the gospel in great clarity and simplicity." The attendance was large at the evening meetings which were scheduled to continue from seven to ten nightly. He gave Sabbath morning and afternoon sermons on October 7. Mr. Isoto reports that "almost all have decided to accept Christ."

When further news is available, it will be printed for the encouragement of all who are working for the cause of Christ. We learn from correspondence that Evangelist Teddy Badilles has had more experience and training than any of the men who are trying to build up Seventh Day Baptist churches in the Philippines. He has wanted to give full time to the work, and is under appointment as an

evangelist, but the very small Conference has not been able to offer him sustenance.

Progress is expected soon in the registering of the Philippine Conference with the government, an application that has been pending for many months. The literature work which is primarily "The Philippine Sabbath Recorder" is said to have produced much more interest than can at present be followed up.

### *Our Prayer Corner*

#### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

##### Pray for:

- 1) The new church at Nandzal, India, and the seventy-eight members baptized October 7 resulting from tract distribution and two days of preaching of the Rev. B. John V. Rao.
- 2) The tract distribution work at Washington, D. C., that is beginning to show results.
- 3) The personnel to follow up the recent evangelistic and tract distribution work at Caridad, Baybay, Leyte, P.I.
- 4) The several ministers and students who have accepted the Sabbath and are seeking effective ways of serving the Lord.

### Did You Know?

... THAT dedicated worker Elizabeth (Tibbie) Maddox will remain in service in Malawi, Africa, for six months after her term of service was to end October 1? She has written: "You must show what you believe by your actions." Her sense of compulsion to stay on grew out of her sharpening realization of the need.

... THAT Principal Wayne Crandall, Kingston, Jamaica, has been able to purchase desks and classroom furniture for Crandall High School using funds available over the cost of construction of the new classroom building? As school opened this fall he wrote: "The new building, the new wiring and some painting certainly give me a real sense of pride as we start a new year."

... THAT Miss Sarah Becker, R.N., head of the medical work at Makapwa Medical Center, Malawi, Africa, was instrumental in suggesting that a Board of Directors for Medical Work be set up by the Central Africa Conference? This body is now actively directing the medical work. Missionary David Pearson is one of the five members.

... THAT Pastor and Mrs. Leroy C. Bass have recently returned to their home in Kitty, Georgetown, Guyana, S.A., following a two weeks' rest period taken in Barbadoes under the Ethel T. Stillman Rest and Recreation plan? Brother Bass wrote: "It was such a refreshing change to take this vacation. I was so exhausted after camp was over and took sick with fever and infection. I remained sick for nearly the first week on Barbadoes, but recovered rapidly."

... THAT Evangelist Mynor G. Soper has spent most of the last six weeks with churches in New York state? Special lay training and services were held at Adams Center, Syracuse, Verona, DeRuyter, and Alfred. During the first two weeks at least eight people made decisions for Christ, even though attendance was only fair. Half of these decisions came as a

result of personal work, not public meetings.

... THAT plans are prayerfully being made for a TEAM 73? This would be an eleven-month dedicated service project beginning in mid-January 1973 with four to six weeks of intensive training. Those who have completed their sophomore year in college, or older, may apply on the regular Dedicated Service forms available from the Office of General Conference, 510 Watchung, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061. Would you join with others in prayer for TEAM 73?

... THAT a Summer Crusade was held in five Jamaican Seventh Day Baptist churches during August? Special training was given the fifteen youth applicants at Maiden Hall camp with Sam Peters, of Guyana, and the Rev. Joe A. Samuels, Jamaica Conference secretary, leading the classes. The results were encouraging! One church recorded over fifty decisions. Director Samuels wrote: "They all came back filled with joy and enthusiasm, thanking God for what He accomplished through them."

... THAT under the leadership of Chief Ngamwane the community, near Makapwa Station, Malawi, Africa, has been making bricks for new classrooms at Makapwa Primary School? This is a first step in meeting this need.

... THAT the Guyana Seventh Day Baptist Conference was held with the Parika church, Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 1972, under the theme, "Cooperation for Progress"? Devotional thoughts were given on Leadership, Evangelism, Training, Ardent Workers, Christian Service, and Stewardship.

... THAT though giving to Our World Mission reached the nine-month goal for undesignated giving, monies to be designated for the missionary work of your board fell over \$6,000 behind?

... THAT S.C.S.C. youth who attended EXPLO 72 have a filmstrip presentation they are willing to share with your church, youth group, etc.? Why not schedule this with one of them soon?

## CARING

"I'm dying, I'm dying! Please help me. Please help me!" A newspaper article told this tragic report: "No less than thirty-eight neighbors heard Catherine Genovese cry for help. No one felt moved enough to act because *no one wanted to get involved.*"

This is the first paragraph of a bulletin insert from our Riverside, Calif., church. It continues: "The world is dying and crying for help! God will help us to become involved!"

Pastor Don Phillips spoke on "Give Me Your Hand," Sabbath, November 4, to introduce the Shepherding Program—a unique program of involvement.

"The Shepherding Program involves Christians in caring for one another and for those who need spiritual help.

"Laymen in our day are becoming involved! In many churches they are joining hands with their pastors in a ministry of love to members in their churches and friends in their communities. They are involved in *caring, bearing, and sharing.* In a 'Love Plan,' which is called *The Shepherding Program* they are motivated by love in *caring* for a certain assigned list of members and friends. They are *bearing* the concerns and burdens of those on their list's in understanding fellowship and private prayer. They are *sharing* with those for whom they are responsible, the things of Christ in a deeper way (there are occasions when they are led to share materially with those on their list who have material need), 'The fruit of the Spirit is love . . .' They dish out this delicious fruit!

"Those participating in this 'Love Plan' are known as 'undershepherds.' They work very closely with the local shepherd or pastor in caring for 'the flock.' In this program the members and friends of our local Seventh Day Baptist church will not only have a shepherd but undershepherds who love and care for them."

In October the Seattle Area church began "Operation Somebody Cares." Four couples are involved in distributing gospel booklets to a total of eighty homes, near Pastor Duane Davis' residence. This is done on a regular basis for several

## MEMORY TEXT

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out! — Romans 11:33

weeks. With the fifth and sixth booklets a "survey card" is enclosed to be returned. Pray that a harvest for the Lord will be gathered in this experience!

While there may be other outreach, caring programs in other churches, these have come to our attention. What is your church, *you*, doing to show concern—to care for others? One of the goals for emphasis in KEY 73 is to prayerfully consider areas of human need in your community neighborhood, and seek to meet that need in Christian love in the name of Christ. Do you care?

## TEAM '73?

### An eleven month

**Dedicated service project beginning in mid-January with a month of intensive training.**

**Going to areas of opportunity for service with local congregations or fellowships.**

**Sensing need, and seeking to help meet that need, in outreach hand-in-hand with those of an area.**

### Flexible.

**Offering followthrough opportunities and the ability to stay with a project to meet vital need.**

### TEAM 73?

**Three to five dedicated laymen, trained workers; seeking, heeding the leading of the Lord.**

### WHO? YOU?

**Application forms available from Leon R. Lawton, 401 Washington Trust Bldg., Westerly, R.I. 02891**

**Decision will be made before the end of December based on response and the Lord's leading.**

**Will you join us in prayer?**

## Tract Board Business

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society was held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, October 15, with eighteen members and one visitor present.

When the officers and working committees had brought in their concerns and progress reports, one of the items of new business was the appointment of four members to the Planning and Research Committee composed of an equal number from the Board of Christian Education. That committee is charged by Conference recommendation to study closer cooperation between the two boards. A first meeting has since been scheduled in Eastern Pennsylvania, Nov. 4, and 5.

The Audio and Visual Services Committee reported the study and approval of a number of new filmstrips soon to be added to the library. Among them are two designed to be used at the Christmas season, one of which is an hour-long tape, a music and picture program arranged by Herbert Saunders.

Secretary Maltby reported fairly large totals of tract orders for the summer quarter, the greater portion of which were to supply literature booths at county and state fairs. Orders have been coming in well for the newly revised tract, "The Seventh Day of the Bible Is the Seventh Day of the Calendar." He reported brisk correspondence with native workers in a number of other countries.

The visitor at the meeting was Bernice Brewer Chapman who had been employed at the building forty-one years ago and had not been back since. She remarked that the Seventh Day Baptist Building was then under construction and that she was the first person to occupy a second floor office when she was working under Dr. T. L. Gardiner, editor. She also reminded present board members that the denominational camping program was started by the Tract Society. She worked with Marjorie Burdick during the first years of Lewis Camp in Rhode Island and then upon moving back to Riverside, Calif., was the prime worker in establish-

ing the second camp, which has developed into Pacific Pines Camp.

Publishing House matters were presented to the board by the Supervisory Committee. It was agreed that employee cost-of-living increases which could not be granted in October should be given in January and that there would have to be a corresponding increase in charges to the agencies using the printing services. The board itself is the biggest "customer" of the publishing house which it owns. It is assumed that the agencies can meet the small extra costs without at this time increasing prices for the publications.

The special committee on Future Employment Needs gave a verbal report of progress. The September special meeting had encouraged the committee to go ahead with plans for securing a replacement for the secretary-editor in the light of discussions of the over-all needs.

The annual meeting of the society in September elected members to the board. The quarterly meeting elected officers of the board and asked the president to name members to the standing committees (which was done in consultation with the Executive Committee). Charles H. North continues as president. James Davis was asked to continue as acting treasurer until the end of the year and to prepare the 1972 annual report. Rex Zwiebel was elected treasurer. Albert Rogers was retained as recording secretary. By previous action Secretary-Editor L. M. Maltby had been asked to delay his retirement at least until July 1973.

The number of consultant members was somewhat reduced, but the executive of each board is asked to serve for coordinating purposes. The thirty board members serve on one or more of seven standing committees for a total of fifty-seven appointments. Two long-range assignments of denominational work were given to the Sabbath Promotion Committee.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 18, 1972

LIVING ON THE BRINK

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 33:13-17; Isaiah 31:1-3; Jeremiah 21:8-10



## Coming Back

### To Thank the Lord's People

When Jesus healed ten lepers out of the goodness of His heart, one of them came back to give praise to God and thanks to the Master who had healed him.

Last spring when hurricane Agnes wrought such havoc in western New York State, the Shiloh-Marlboro community learned that one of the families losing everything had roots in the South Jersey community. The young mother was Betty Bivins before her marriage to Ed Dillon, a Roman Catholic. Due to the mixed marriage they had not kept close ties with her home church, Marlboro. Out of their human kindness and knowledge of a specific need, the people of the two churches sent relief to the Dillon family which included money, gifts in kind and a reconditioned car.

Betty and Ed Dillon were very grateful for the unexpected help. One week-end this fall they used the car to drive to South Jersey to tell their experiences and express their thanks on Sabbath morning to both congregations. The thankful testimony is largely reproduced here for the benefit of our readers. Ed and Betty Dillon titled their testimony, "Miracles and the Providence of God and the Goodness of People." The following paragraphs are their words.

Some people today feel that miracles belong in the past — in Bible stories. Just briefly, I will relate a few incidents that occurred from June twenty-third on — for the sake of sharing with you the way God still performs miracles today. For there are many, many miracles in those days which are behind us now . . . First when our neighbor called us, we quickly dressed and went out. By then the water was there. It came so quickly in our area that it did seem a miracle that many people were not drowned in their beds. The timing seemed to be on our side however, for a few minutes earlier, we would have tried to go in the car. I doubt we would have made it . . . Had the highway truck not come when it did, we would not have gotten out of the road . . .

Actually each day brought answers to so many prayers that — that in itself seemed a miracle — I think God's ears must have drooped by the time the last prayer was said each day. There were many needs and God in His providence answered them in ways which one could hardly fathom. Watson Homestead where we were taken is a lovely Christian camp in the country and was not flooded — the grass was green, there were trees, and wild flowers and the people there were so very kind. More than once when we walked back to our rooms in those three weeks, I could only think — oh, but the providence of God and the goodness of people.

There were many more miracles and many more answers to prayer and much more evidence of God's providence in the days to come. You people were a part of this providence. As Paul said to the Romans — "First I thank my God, through Jesus Christ, for all of you, because the whole world is hearing of your faith."

Perhaps the whole world did not hear of your faith, but Corning and Painted Post did. So many of us, more than I can tell, more than I know, have been blessed. Many material gifts came from you and people were grateful — for clothes, for blankets and bedding, for appliances, dishes, cleaning utensils, a little girl happy with a dolly and the beautiful clothes that someone took time from a busy day to sew, a five dollar bill tucked away in a purse just because someone didn't want to send an empty purse, many lovely things people went out and bought new to make others happy. There was candy tucked away, a jar of crunchy peanut butter — the kids could not believe that someone even thought of that! — toys, a flashlight, and in those days a flashlight gave a real sense of security, especially to a child, a wonderful friend taking off a raincoat and sending it as a token of love. I could go on and on — the generosity was endless and it has stayed because everywhere we look we see a gift from New Jersey.

Can you imagine someone just giving a car? This is why I say your generosity

was hard to realize. In fact, I think the car was evidence to many, many people as a brief story about the car made our local paper. As we wheeled along many people realized there were friends far away who really cared and proved it in a most effectual way. The car answered a real need, but I think it served more than our own family by restoring "faith in fellowman."

And so today we came, my husband and two sons, to try in a very meager way to thank you. Our other children would have liked to come, but school and work kept them at home. We'll all be back next summer, though! I know you ask for no thanks. There is no thing we could do materially to thank you for your generosity. We will have to ask God to do this.

We shall pray each day that He will richly bless you — that He will keep us all close together. People have spoken of the blessings you received here by working together. This has been a dual blessing then, because while we were happy for you, it made us want to do more for each other here. It was wonderful to realize that someone cared that much for someone else three hundred miles away. We will pray that we will not forget these riches that have come out of this incident. We shall pray for your health, safety, and your spiritual health. Yes, and that God may even grant you all a few less important wishes now and then first to make you happy. We will ask God to remember the young people especially who even offered to get together and come to help us. We cannot tell you young people what that meant to us. You are the world of tomorrow and after these last three months, I sincerely can say I am not worried — it will be a better place to live. In fact, never lose faith in your fellowman — there is much goodness in people.

Paul spoke of how God in His good will had made it possible for him to visit the Romans, and of wanting to see them to share a spiritual blessing. This is what God has done for us. We have shared a blessing together and we thank you for making it possible.

—Betty and Ed Dillon

## Nigerian Pastors White Church

New Auburn, Wis., has a Church of God Seventh Day as well as a Seventh Day Baptist congregation. Recently the Church of God pastor (O'Banion) moved to Denver and his place was taken as a first pastorate by Lael Tikili, son of B. I. Tikili, overseer of the work in Western Nigeria. The new pastor's wife is from New York though originally from Panama. The congregation is all white. It is reported that the community and the local newspaper gave the black pastor a good welcome.

## Ethel Waters Honored

A four-hour program and banquet were recently staged by 1,000 fellow entertainers and friends for Ethel Waters who has been in show business and gospel singing for sixty years. The affair was hosted by Billy Graham, who has frequently used Miss Waters' talents in song and testimony. On this occasion she sang again one of her best-known renditions, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow."

Tricia Nixon Cox was there to represent her family. The President's blond daughter recalled that three generations of the Nixon family had known the honoree, adding "There's no generation gap in sight." Mrs. Cox's father had recorded a message of appreciation which was played for the audience. He called Miss Waters "practically a member of our family."

Ralph Carmichael's orchestra played a musical tribute, featuring tunes with which the public has identified Miss Waters over sixty years. World Wide Pictures showed a film featuring high points of her life.

Los Angeles has proclaimed October 31 (her birthday) "Ethel Waters Day" in the sprawling metropolis "for she is the Spirit of 76 on her 76th birthday."

## No Panic Button

Parents who have "trained up the child in the way he should go" only to find him close to rebellion need not push the panic button. The prodigal's father fastened his seat belt and sat tight.

**Know Your Pupils**

Are you teaching lessons — or persons? How well do you know your pupils?

One of the basic goals of the church school is to teach the pupils to lead a more Christ-like life. Before we can help students change we must know what kinds of changes are needed, their basic attitudes and problems and the reasons for them.

It is important for the teacher to make regular informal visits to the homes. Not only is it helpful to know the home situation but also it could help establish rapport between teacher and student; also, if parents know what teachers are trying to accomplish, perhaps they will augment the work at home.

There are two simple activities which might be helpful in gaining knowledge concerning the pupil. Let the children make collages or mobiles from pictures showing what they like to do or what they would like to become. Talk about their goals and help them towards them.

The second is a game. (Teachers as well as students might find out some things about themselves if they think about these things): If you had three wishes what would they be? And then finish these sentences:

I feel hurt when .....; I get disgusted .....; I like .....; I make believe .....; I am happy .....; I feel proud .....; I feel ashamed when .....; I worry .....; I am afraid .....

Whatever method you use to learn about your pupil, by observation, talking with the student or others about him, the most important thing is to remember you are teaching pupils not subject matter.

—Mary G. Clare, Pres.

**Bibles Sent to Cuba**

The United Bible Societies, through the regional office in Mexico, was able recently to arrange for a delivery of 2,500 Spanish Bibles to Cuba. They were dispatched from the London Bible Center of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

**Attend Baptist Meeting in Toronto**

Five members of the Executive Committee of the Women's Board made plans to attend the North American Baptist Women's Union in Toronto, Ontario, October 17-19. Those attending were President Madeline Fitz Randolph, Vice-President Frances Stephan, Corresponding Secretary Jane Bottoms, Recording Secretary Nancy Brannon, and *Sabbath Recorder* Womens' Page Editor Jean Jorgensen. Madeline Fitz Randolph was scheduled to speak on Wednesday morning, October 18, as part of a group, with its theme "Witnessing — Through Fellowship."

This attendance on the part of five of our Executive Board is made possible through the action which was taken last year in the business session of North American Baptist Women's Union Executive Committee to invite each member denomination to send four members of their executive boards as well as the president or executive secretary. The NABWU assumes the cost of travel and hospitality for all of these through the monies from the Baptist Day of Prayer offerings. The fellowship and inspiration to be derived from this kind of assembly should bring our delegates to a greater appreciation of our involvement in this organization.

The Women's Page will be carrying reports of the meeting in future issues, prepared by the new editor, Jean Jorgensen.

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

ASHAWAY, R. I.— On the evening after the Sabbath, October 14, a social was held for the young married couples of our church. For their dish to pass they each brought some stew. It was a time of fun and games, an enjoyable get-together.

On October 16, our Ladies Aid was shown colored slides of Hong Kong by Dr. Elbert Gates of the Union Baptist Church in Mystic, Conn. Seven other Ladies Aid groups were invited to view the slides, after which tea and cookies were served.

—Correspondent

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**Marriages**

Davis - Nighbert.— Sp/5 Oliver Carl Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Davis of Battle Creek, Mich., and Alta Kay Nighbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nighbert of Plainheld, Ind., were united in marriage October 7, 1972, at the Christian Church of Plainfield by the bride's pastor, the Rev. Warren Robbins.

The new home will be in Berlin, Germany, where Mr. Davis will continue in the service and where Mrs. Davis will continue as a field librarian for the U.S. Army.

**Obituaries**

CADWELL.— Deacon Emeritus Herbert C., son of William and Helen Cadwell was born Nov. 4, 1874, in Saratoga, Grundy Co., Ill., and died in Battle Creek, Mich., Oct. 5, 1972, in a local convalescent home after an illness of four months.

In 1904 he went to live in Nortonville, Kans., where he married Mae Stillman. It was here he joined the Seventh Day Baptist church and served as a deacon. In 1926 they moved to Battle Creek where he had been a carpenter for many years.

Following the death of Mrs. Cadwell he later married the former Elsie Wright. She passed away in 1957. Since then he made his home with a stepson, Paul D. Wright. Other survivors are a stepson, Andrew J. Wright, of Battle Creek; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Ovid (Mary Etta) Nivison of Los Altos, Calif.; eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

At ninety-seven years he was the oldest member of the Battle Creek church. He leaves a vacant place in our hearts and congregation.

Funeral services were held from the Hebbel Chapel with his pastor, S. Kenneth Davis, officiating. Interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

—S. K. D.

NORTH.— Elizabeth D., daughter of William F. and Alice B. Doane, was born in Plainfield, March 30, 1914, and died in her home in Plainfield following a lengthy illness, Sept. 14, 1972.

She graduated from the Muhlenberg Hospital School of Nursing in 1935. On Aug. 10, 1940, she was married to Charles H. North of Plainfield. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Plainfield and was active in church, school and community affairs.

Surviving are her husband, and four children: Judith L., of Boston, Mass.; Roger W., of Roxbury, Mass.; Mrs. Thomas W. (Virginia) Hallam of Selma, Ala.; and Barbara A., of Plainfield. Also surviving are her mother and a brother, Robert W. Doane.

Memorial services were held at the Runyon Funeral Home, on Sabbath, Sept. 16, 1972, with her pastor, the Rev. Herbert E. Saunders officiating. Interment was in the Hillside Cemetery.

—H. E. S.

STEVENSON.— Mrs. Mildred Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, was born in Denver, Colo., May 11, 1921, and died there Sept. 27, 1972.

She was educated in the public schools of Denver. She was a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colo., and did advanced studies in Social Work at Atlanta University and the University of Denver. She was a public school teacher and for a time was employed at the Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Stevenson was an associate member of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church, where her mother, Mrs. Daisy Jones, is an active member. She was a member of Peoples Presbyterian Church, Denver, where her funeral service was conducted by pastors of the two churches. For several years she served as secretary of the Sabbath School. She also was secretary of the Board of Directors of the Women's Society of General Conference for a short time, and an officer of the Denver chapter of NAACP.

Death came after a short illness in St. Joseph's Hospital, Denver. Mrs. Jones, the mother, is the only immediate survivor. Burial was at Fairmont Cemetery.

—G. E. W. and A. N. R.

WRIGHT.— Mrs. Ethel M., widow of John S. Wright was born Sept. 15, 1890, and died in Selia Hospital, Oct. 13, 1972, after a month's illness.

She was a member of the Battle Creek, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Survivors are: daughters Mrs. Mary Saunders of Battle Creek, and Mrs. Marshall (Mildred) Furrow of Hastings; sons, Sidney, Jr., and Leo J.; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial services were held from the Farley Funeral Home with interment in Memorial Park Cemetery.

—S. K. D.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## Two Important Dates

### To Remember

April 15, 1973

December 31, 1972

On or before April 15, 1973 you must make your income tax report.

### Remember

The deductions for contributions that are tax deductible which you will report must be made *before* December 31, 1972.

Does December 31 seem far away?

Do some important dates creep upon us with important things left undone?

Are decisions then made without adequate time for thought and preparation?

Consider this: Any investment which you are going to make in Christian work before December 31 should be carefully and prayerfully planned. You need to secure pertinent information regarding:

\* Worthy Christian causes.

\* Various methods by which to contribute.

\* Steps involved in conveying a gift.

No, it's not too early to become informed and to act. Now is a good time for all of us to review our "giving" to the work of the Lord during this year. You can conserve dollars for the Lord's work. Such arrangements involve considerable time. Don't be found making a hasty decision at the end of the year simply because you had not prepared adequately for a decision using helpful information.

Speak with your church treasurer or pastor or write the General Conference Office.

—Adapted from NOW

## Church Women United

Sister Mary Luke Tobin, an ecumenical leader with a worldwide reputation, was elected as director of Citizen Action on the national staff of Church Women United.

Sister Mary Luke was named by Pope Paul VI to be the first American woman auditor at Vatican Council II. She has been a vice-president on the National Board and is well known in the movement of Church Women United through which Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox women express their faith in action in thousands of local units in every state.

The Citizen Action Department is one of four major areas of activity of Church Women United. Its emphasis is to encourage the constituency in their response as Christians to domestic and global issues which face all citizens. Church Women United, meeting in Ecumenical Assembly in April 1971, launched a new plan for citizen action and issued three calls to Citizen Action. Local units were called to *Share in Shaping New Social Structures, Open New Opportunities for Women in Transition* and *Engage in Peace Building*. Through Task Forces in local units church women examine what their commitment as Christians compels them to do in the midst of radical technological and social changes. Action study and training are initiated to explore how problems and resources found in the local community have national and international implications, and through appropriate action in several thousand communities they expect to give a significant scope to their witness throughout the nation.

