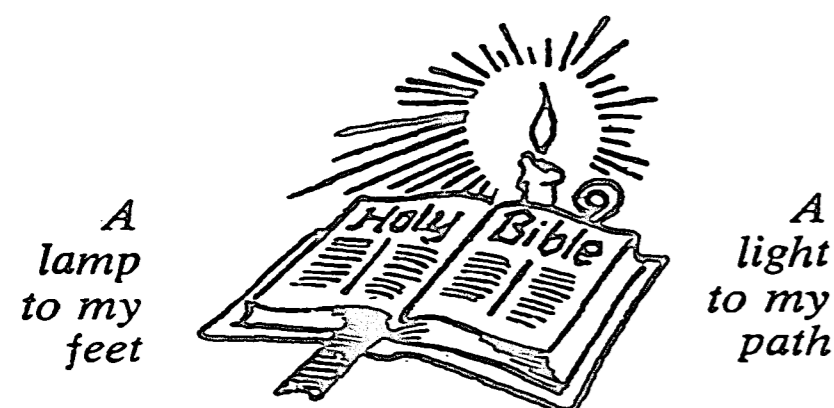


The Sabbath Recorder

DAILY BIBLE READINGS for August 1972



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

Worshiping in the Congregation

- 1—Tues. God in His Sanctuary. Psa. 68:24-35
- 2—Wed. Affirmations That Aid. Psa. 19
- 3—Thurs. The Time Is Now! Heb. 3:7-19
- 4—Fri. Discovery of God. Is. 6:1-13
- 5—Sabbath. Jesus "Goes to Church." Luke 4:16-24

Worshiping in the Family

- 6—Sun. The Everlasting God. Is. 40:25-31
- 7—Mon.—Sing Praise to God. Psa. 95:1-7
- 8—Tues. God Glorified at Home. Deut. 6:1-9
- 9—Wed. Wise Living. Prov. 1:1-9
- 10—Thurs. The Church in the Home. 1 Cor. 16:13-19
- 11—Fri. Solid Foundations. Luke 6:46-49
- 12—Sabbath. From Generation to Generation. Psa. 78:1-8

Sharing in Christ's Work

- 13—Sun. The Works of Love. John 14:12-21
- 14—Mon. God at Work in You. Phil. 2:12-18
- 15—Tues. Doing Honest Work. 2 Thess. 3:6-13
- 16—Wed. Doing God's Work. John 6:25-33

- 17—Thurs. Ministry of Work. 2 Cor. 6:1-10
- 18—Fri. Faith and Work. Heb. 11:32-38
- 19—Sabbath. Jesus and the Father. John 5:10-18

Sharing Through Witness

- 20—Sun. Witness of Christ. John 5:35-47
- 21—Mon. Peter's Witness. Acts 11:1-18
- 22—Tues. Witness to All Men. Acts 22:12-16
- 23—Wed. Empowered Witnesses. Acts 14:3-18
- 24—Thurs. Disciplined Witness. Heb. 12:1-11
- 25—Fri. An Affirmative Witness. John 3:25-30
- 26—Sabbath. Roadside Witness. Acts 8:26-40

The Bible in Our Changing World

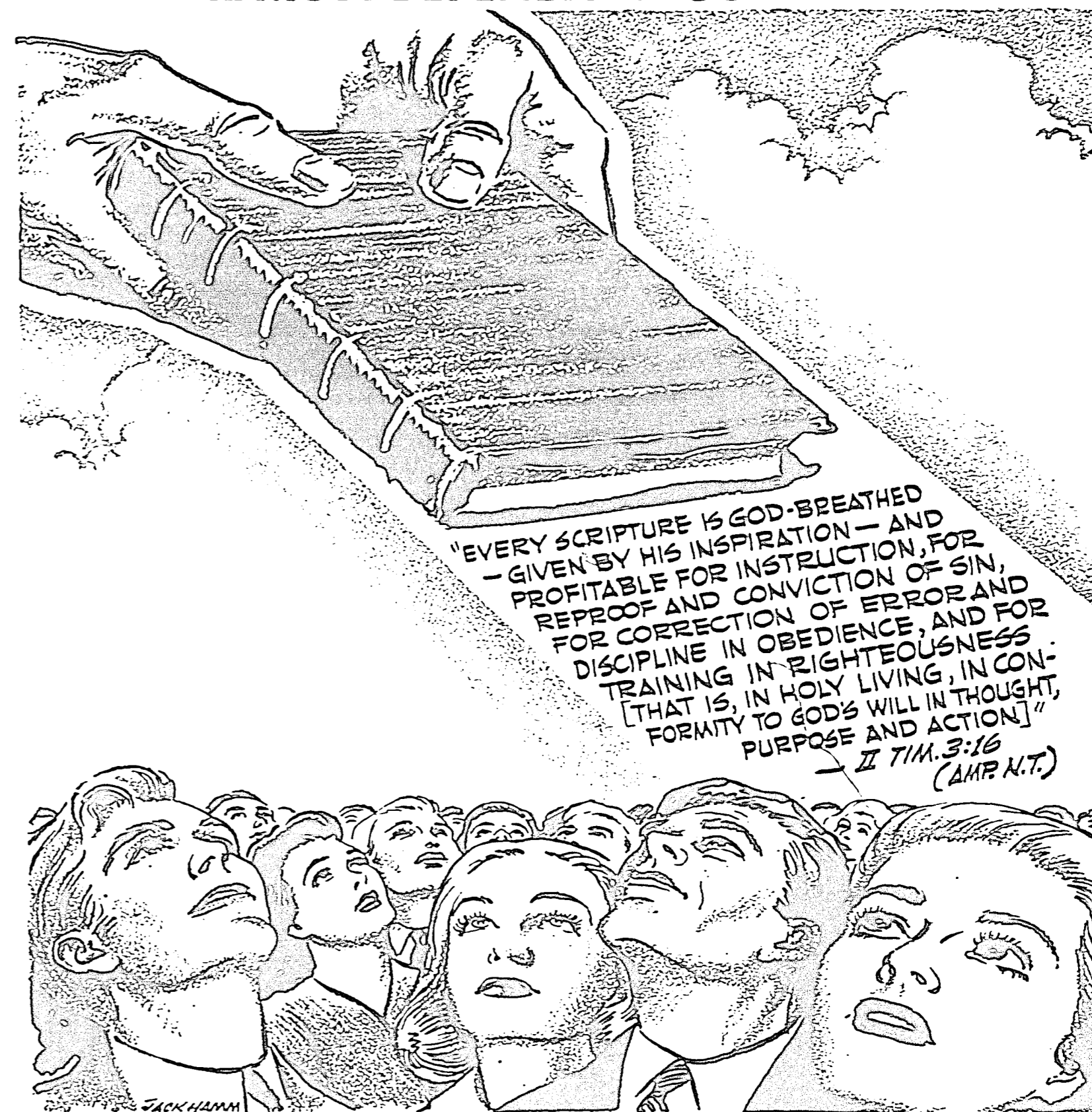
- 27—Sun. A Source of Courage. Josh. 1:1-9
- 28—Mon. Spiritual Food and Drink. Psa. 1
- 29—Tues. God's Word Is Unchanging. Isa. 40:6-11, 27
- 30—Wed. God Speaks in a Different Land. Dan. 1:8-17
- 31—Thurs. God Is Our Refuge. Psa. 46

Like Lightning

There is a Baptist church in Dallas that has been growing like lightning. The Hampton Place Baptist Church recorded 406 professions of faith in the first eight and a half months of 1971. It received top award in the National Sunday School Association attendance growth campaign with a 54 percent gain in attendance. Recently lightning struck the front of the building, causing little damage but some community comment. The slogan of the church is, "Things Happen at Hampton Place." But having the church struck by lightning to prove it "may be going a little too far," some said.

We could wish that some kind of lightning would strike a few of our dead churches and wake up the people.

THE MOST DEPENDABLE GUIDELINES



still accomplish the purpose for which they exist.

It is hard to understand how President Nixon has come to the view that parochial schools are a necessity and must be aided by tax funds. The Supreme Court, which is the final interpreter of the law of the land, has repeatedly ruled in recent years that aid to Catholic schools is aid to the Catholic Church and is therefore unconstitutional.

In a letter to President Nixon on June 29 Glen L. Archer, executive director of Americans United urged him to take a forthright stand against any federal aid programs for church schools. He noted that opinion polls show the voters of the nation to be 60-40 against this private use of public funds. He urged the president to devote his energies rather to the strengthening of the public school system. Two paragraphs from that letter are quoted from *Church-State News Service*:

"The courts have repeatedly found church school aid programs to be in violation of the religion clause of the First Amendment. It seems to many of our citizens a questionable use of political talent to seek indirect means of accomplishing what the Supreme Court has forbidden to be done directly. The voters will disapprove of the one as well as the other. Administrations effort should be directed not to circumventing or undermining constitutional provisions but rather at upholding strict separation of church and state as contained in the basic laws of our country.

"We feel, Mr. President, that you should listen less to those who are seeking federal patronage for their own institutions and more to those who have the total welfare of the nation at heart."

MEMORY TEXT

"I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live" (Psa. 116:1-2).

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration Fee:

Per week for 12 and over is \$3.85.
For children 11 and under it is \$1.50.

Lodging and Meals:

(From Sunday night's lodging through Sabbath night dinner and lodging.)

Double room occupancy \$56.16 per person, tax included.

Single room occupancy \$68.15 per person, tax included.

Children 11 and under will be permitted to sleep in the same room with their parents at no charge providing they can supply their own bedding and with the understanding that in no event may more than four people occupy one room—regardless of age.

Meal Tickets:

Meal tickets for children 11 and under are available for \$28.62 for the week, or if preferred, they may purchase individual meals on cafeteria cash basis.

Lodging and Meals Daily Rates:

Double room occupancy \$9.35 per person, tax included.

Single room occupancy \$11.35 per person, tax included.

Single meals may be purchased in the cafeteria at the following prices:

Breakfast \$1.25, Lunch \$2.00, Dinner \$2.75 (adult).

Breakfast \$1.00, Lunch \$1.50, Dinner \$2.00 (children 11 and under).

There is a snack bar available for purchase of light a la carte items.

People living off campus may purchase meals in the cafeteria at cash prices.

All bedding and linens are furnished except for children 11 and under who will occupy room with parents.

Cost of banquets are to be included in the meal tickets, non-campus residents will pay \$2.75. Banquets will be cafeteria style.

The Spirit-Filled Life and Its Relation to the Sabbath

By Mrs. Annie Golledge
of Rotterdam, Netherlands

It seems that many Christians don't realize that their putting away of the Fourth Commandment and "keeping the Sabbath" on Sunday is caused by tradition of men, and is not Scriptural. Therefore, I'll try to take away some misunderstanding by searching the Word of God.

Sin is transgression of the law (2 John 3:4). If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

It is time that the Christians will awake to the fact that, while they are waiting for the coming of the Lord of lords and King of kings they are dishonoring Him by ignoring just the Fourth Commandment.

I want you to realize that the only true God revealed in the Old Testament is the same as in the New Testament. And how wonderful is it to see the unity of the sixty-six books showing forth His counsel for time and eternity, all focused on the death and resurrection of Christ.

The Ten Commandments are spoken by the voice of God and given to Israel written on two tablets of stone by God's own finger at Sinai. But they were existing from creation and will never change. They were obeyed by the Son of God (in the flesh) who came in the flesh to reveal the great love (the essence) of His Father.

In Matthew 5:16-19 we read:

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven. Think not that I am to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of the least commandments and shall teach men so, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven."

Since the days of John the Baptist the Kingdom of Heaven has been preached.

But how sad it is to hear Christians say: "I do not have to keep the commandments for I am not under the law, but under grace." In this they distort Romans 6:14: "For sin shall not (any longer) exert dominion over you, since now you are not under law (as slaves), but under grace — subject of God's favor and mercy (American Amplified Version). Others say: "To keep the Sabbath is only for the Jews." But 1 Corinthians 12:13 tells us: "For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free: and were all made to drink of one Spirit."

The Bible does not mention at all that the Lord changed the Sabbath. Nowhere can we read in God's Word any doubt of the fact that the seventh day, the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment has not to be remembered. But Jesus made it clear that the way how to keep it was misused by traditions of men. He, the Lord of the Sabbath, showed us that this day is not alone a day of rest, a day set apart to worship and meditate upon the things of the Lord as a blessing for mankind, but also that it is right to do good on that day.

We need a Spirit-filled life to enjoy the Sabbath in the full. If Christians should altogether keep the Sabbath in the right way, they should be a city on a hill which cannot be hid, and the Sabbath should truly become a sign between the Lord and His people (Ezek. 20:10-24). Verse 12: "I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them."

As born-again Christians, we could not really enjoy Sabbath in the way of the scribes and the Pharisees who were opposing Jesus. But now we are under the law of liberty, we discover that by obeying God's commandments there is life and joy. When we take our rest we are able to listen to His voice. When we want to have a Spirit-filled life, we need the Sabbath Day so much when love and obedience are blending together.

We Sabbathkeepers regret so very often that there are so many Christians who are not interested in the Sabbath.

But let us pray that when outsiders are coming in our gatherings or in our homes, that they will see the Lord glorified in our lives.

It is difficult to give a definition of a spiritual life. Of course, by Spirit, I mean the Holy Spirit. Let me take three examples out of the New Testament, of whom it is mentioned that they were full of the Holy Spirit:

1. Stephen (Acts 6 and 7). He was a deacon, "a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost," whose opponents were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. He died as a martyr, but being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God.

2. Barnabas (son of consolation), a Levite, Paul's companion on several journeys. Acts 11:24 says: "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." It is he who went to Tarsus to seek Saul (Paul), and to bring him to Antioch." Then the Holy Ghost sent Barnabas and Saul forth to do the work for which they were called.

We are inclined to think that the task of Paul has been more outstanding than that of Barnabas. It may be so, but here we see that faith and love guided by the Holy Spirit is the thing that matters.

3. But the most striking behavior of someone full of the Holy Spirit was Jesus, the Son of God, when He returned from Jordan (where He was baptized—Luke 3 and 4), and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil. Satan knows how loneliness can be the opening for him to come in. So what we never could do by ourselves, Jesus did, for He was filled with the Spirit.

So we see those examples, that when we are Spirit-filled, there is no room for "the old man," and we are able to resist the devil.

So very often people try to forget their troubles or loneliness and start to drink. But Paul admonishes in Ephesians 5 God's children to walk as children of light, and in verse 18: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

Perhaps someone is thinking that it is better not to speak so much about Sabbath or the Spirit-filled life, because these have to do only with "personal views," while it is only the gospel of salvation which matters. But I hope to have it clear now that Sabbathkeeping and to have a Spirit-filled life are the most integral parts of the message of salvation. How can we willingly disobey the law by not keeping the Sabbath? Our Savior can save us from sin if our old man (with self-will) is crucified with Him. For he that is dead is freed from sin.

"Now, if we be dead with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him. And to be witnesses of Him, we need the power of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 1:8).

"Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Rev. 3:11).

European Leaders Plan for Evangelism

Representatives of thirteen Baptist unions which cooperate through the European Baptist Federation met in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in late August to plan strategy for evangelism.

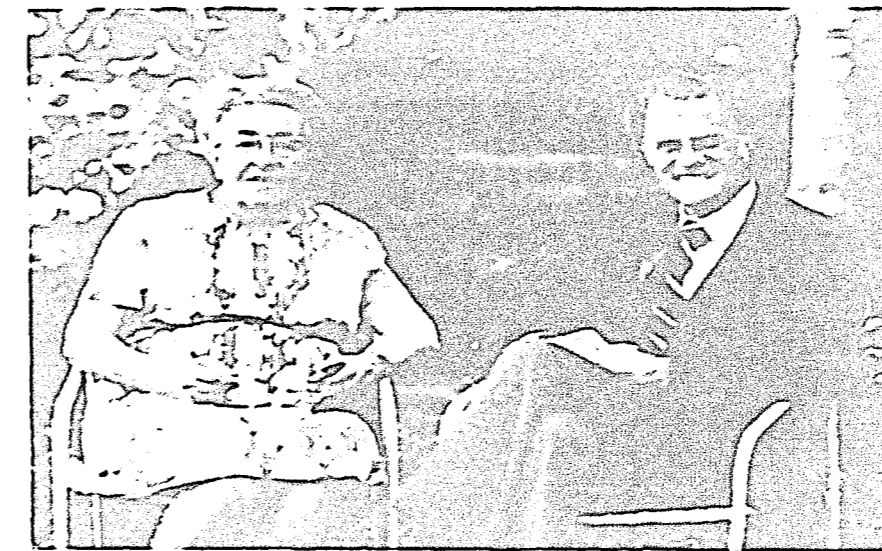
Gathered in Amsterdam for the European Congress on Evangelism (August 28 - September 4), they took a day before the program began to make plans for the European phase of the World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ. This is a four-year program of the Baptist World Alliance which will climax in 1975, the year of the next Baptist World Congress, which will convene in Stockholm, Sweden.

Later, during the free afternoon in the overcrowded program of the European Congress on Evangelism, about 100 of the 160 Baptists among the 1,200 congress participants came together for another session on evangelism.

Some of the Baptists in the afternoon meeting represented unions or conventions which are not affiliated with the European Baptist Federation. These Baptists expressed their intention of staying in close contact with the Federation and "showed a strong desire" to take part in the World Mission of Reconciliation.

—EBPS

New Billy Graham Film "The Hiding Place"



Mr. Bill Brown, president of World Wide Pictures, producers of Billy Graham films, announced that arrangements have been made to make a motion picture based on the current religious bestseller *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom, co-authored with John and Elizabeth Sherrill. The picture is scheduled to begin production within the next few months on locations in Holland, Germany, and at World Wide Pictures' Burbank studios.

The time sequence for the film will cover the years prior to and during the invasion and occupation of Holland by the Nazis. It was during this time that Corrie ten Boom, her elderly father, and sister Betsie, were leaders in the Dutch underground hiding Jewish people in their home in a specially built room called *The Hiding Place*, and aiding their escape from the Nazis.

Since the war Corrie has become a world traveler and despite her eighty years she keeps a full schedule of speaking engagements sharing the faithfulness of God and heralding the risen Christ. In recognition of her Christian witness and her work with the underground during World War II she has received the highest award of her country, the "Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau" bestowed upon her by Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. She has also received the Israeli government's highest award.

Dr. Billy Graham, in a recent visit with Miss ten Boom, expressed great pleasure that his association will be put-

ting her story on film, and Mrs. Graham has declared *The Hiding Place* to be a masterpiece in its own right.

Leaders Alter Views on Influence of Religion

A recent survey of pastors and Sunday School teachers has revealed a dramatic change of attitude on the part of these leaders toward the influence of religion on American life.

Two surveys conducted by the Baptist VIEWpoll indicate that fewer pastors and Sunday School teachers believe this year that religion is losing its influence on American life than indicated this a year ago.

In June 1969, the Baptist VIEWpoll learned through a national sample of pastors and Sunday School teachers that 83.6 percent of the pastors and 79.8 percent of the teachers felt that religion as a whole was losing its influence on American life.

The latest poll reveals that only 56.1 percent of the pastors and 52.6 percent of the Sunday School teachers now feel that religion as a whole is losing its influence on American life.

This represents a drop of over 25 percentage points over a two year period of time.

A recent Gallup Poll among Protestant pastors found much the same thing as the latest Baptist VIEWpoll survey. Gallup found that 58 percent of the pastors felt that religion as a whole was losing its influence on American life, while 26 percent felt it was increasing. Of the remaining 16 percent, 13 percent felt it was staying the same and 3 percent did not have an opinion.

One panel member who feels that religion is increasing its influence on American life feels this way "because of the increased interest of the youth of the nation." Another writes, "more young people today are looking for a living God."
—BP

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 5, 1972

WORSHIPING IN THE CONGREGATION

Lesson Scripture: Psa. 122; Heb. 10: 23-25

**Young Members of Oldest Church
Give Testimonies in London**



MY MIND IS MADE UP

My past has been interesting. I used to go to church and clap and sing, but after a while I wanted something more than that. So I got to know Christ and something of what He requires of me. I was baptized in the West Indies, but left shortly afterwards for England, so I did not have much of a Christian life in the church.

Arriving in England we could not find a church of our faith for a long time, but finally we did. In my new church I had lots of ideas, but did not speak of them; I was not brave enough. Now God is working His way in me because I do not feel afraid any more. But still if I let go of Him I will be just where I had started, but I will ever keep holding on.

I know He will never forsake us as long as we keep near Him. He is love, and He is merciful. He will never leave us while we trust in Him. His love is unmatched, and if we keep on searching we will find it. My mind is made up, and I will not turn back, for I want to see my

Jesus some day!

Hold on to the anchor of God! If you hold on your life will not be wasted, and we will find everlasting life with Him.

Beryl King,
secretary of Mill Yard youth group

MY INTENTION



I became interested in the church after attending it for several Sabbaths. I wanted to know more about God. As Paul said in one of his epistles, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). He meant that one should follow him as he followed Christ, and I hope to follow in his footsteps. I hope that many of the young people in the world will follow him also.

Another of Paul's sayings was that one cannot be a partaker of evil and at the same time follow Christ (1 Cor. 20:21). Whatsoever one does must be to the honour and glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31).

In my life I want to be a Christian. Matthew 24:6 states that Christ said that these things will come to pass in the last days. This makes me more determined to seek earnestly after Christ.

My suggestion is that the smaller children should have a teacher to tell them about the Bible, and explain what they do not understand about God, or Christ. And sometimes they could learn recitations to repeat during the young people's meeting.

In that way the smaller ones will not be weary. This will help them to understand and know more about God's Word.

My ambition is to see the church increase in the grace of God, likewise in numbers.

E. A. Kelly, assistant secretary of
Mill Yard youth group

It is a fraudulent evangelism that produces decisions for Christ but fails to produce disciples. — Leighton Ford

MISSIONS—Loon R. Lawton

**Malawi Association
Camp Meetings**

For many years our brethren in the Central African Conference of Seventh Day Baptists have scheduled regular camp meeting type association sessions. At their meeting of the Board of Trustees late last year the decision was taken to increase the number of meetings so that there could be fuller participation on the part of more of the church members.

Word has now been received of the schedule for these association camp meetings for 1972. They are to be held with the Seventh Day Baptist church named which is in the association indicated. We are listing them by dates:

July 19-22, Matawa, Southeastern Association

July 26-29, Mpheza, Southwestern Association

Aug. 2-5, Nolo, Southeastern Association

Aug. 9-12, Chisombedzi, branch church, Southwestern Association

Aug. 16-19, Thembe, Southeastern Association

Aug. 16-19, Manjanja, Central Association

Aug. 30-Sept. 2, Malula, Central Association

Aug. 30-Sept. 2, Luchenza, Southwestern Association

Oct. 18-21, Uzumara, Northern Association

Oct. 25-28, Echiziweni, Northern Association

Let us uphold our brethren as they meet in these camp meetings in Malawi, remembering them in our prayers and also remembering that part of their ministry is supported through our gifts to Our World Mission.

When Georgia Tech refused to lift its ban on the sale of religious books some Inter-Varsity girls created a lending library of IVCF books in one girl's room and found this Christian reading a good way to start discussion on anything from mysticism to marriage.

Safe Return Trip to Malawi

A letter from the Rev. David Pearson written on July 4 from Blantyre, Malawi, was received at the Missionary Board office July 10. Pastor Pearson wrote, "We praise the Lord for another safe trip. Flying is a great means of getting places, but I feel more at ease on the ground. I am satisfied to stay put for a while. We had good fellowship in Holland though no actual meeting was held. We showed slides at the Zijlstras and spent the night with them. We called on Mr. and Mrs. Bosch the following day."

Their plane schedule made it necessary for them to stay over two nights in Nairobi (so as not to necessitate their arrival at Blantyre on Sabbath Day). Regarding this stop-over in Nairobi Pastor Pearson writes, "We looked up an old acquaintance in Nairobi. He and his wife were very kind and helpful to us. He serves the Gospel Furthering Fellowship and years ago visited Salem College when Bettie was a student there. He was speaking on behalf of missions and traveling for I.V.C.F. His uncle was a Presbyterian minister in my home town when I was a youth."

As most of you may know, the Pearsons' oldest daughter, Deborah, remained in this country with her grandparents (Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler, Sr., of Paint Rock, Ala.) that she might attend high school in this country. Joanna returned with her parents to Malawi. The Pearsons will have about two weeks with the John Conrod family at the mission before they leave for their journey back to the States. They are due to arrive in time to meet with the African Interests Committee on July 23.

Alcohol Most Dangerous Drug

Dr. Avram Goldstein, author and professor of pharmacology at Stanford University says: "To the pharmacologist alcohol is a drug. There is absolutely no basis for distinguishing it in principle from other drugs. It is a mind altering agent. It is a psychotropic drug. It also happens to be on medical grounds, the one drug that is more directly harmful to the individual and society than any other."

Allegheny-Central N. Y.

Camp Training

Camp staff and planners for Allegheny and Central N. Y. Associations joined in the first pre-season Leader Training Institute for all staffs at Camp Harley Sutton May 27-29. (The two associations had decided to combine their camps for youth this year so seven of the twenty-two campers were from Central N. Y. Association.)

Beginning late Sabbath afternoon the group dealt with both the heavenly and earthy aspects of camping — all the way from role-playing, how to deal with campers who fall in love with staffers to preparing worship for evenings and Sabbaths. Staffs of the separate '72 camps were together for several planning periods. Long-time staffers were joined by much younger camp leaders. Planning Committee members added valuable dialog in these groups and in the general sessions. Executive Secretary David Clarke of the Board of Christian Education had been asked to direct this institute with the aid of the Board president, Mrs. D. W. Clare.

Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Burdick lifted the program off to an inspiring start by giving their insights on camping and learning. These veteran teachers are also the inveterate Sabbatharians who donated the land for this camp which was created in the late 1940's to honor the life and work of the Rev. Harley Sutton, first full-time executive of the Board of Christian Education. Because of their dreams for camping in Allegheny Association, the Burdicks spoke with warmth and wisdom. It is hoped the substance of their remarks can be shared with Seventh Day Baptists soon.

Mrs. Harley Sutton spoke on practical health and safety needs in this camp, and shared her concerns and inspiring thoughts on many occasions. Robert Stohr of the Allegheny Camp Planning Committee gave several informative plans for the present and future of this camp.

Since weather didn't cooperate on having our Sabbath farewell at the edge of Burdick Pond, highlights of Sabbath

experiences in camps were shared in small groups in the lodge. These groups then moved into conversational prayer. Another period was spent in sharing ideas on outdoor worship. The outdoor chapel was perhaps the most important stop in the tour of camp facilities which introduced new staffers to potentialities of this fine site.

Ideas for campfire songs, stunts, and fellowship provided some delightful memories for these veteran and fledgling camp staffers. Two meals were prepared on open fires out-of-doors under the direction of Mrs. D. W. Clare. She also presented ideas and examples for craft programs. Extensive resource materials were displayed throughout the institute for survey and use. An Alfred University R.O.T.C. captain who graduated from a collegiate department of recreation provided an elaborate variety of resources.

Discussions ranged across such matters as initiations at camp, audiovisuals, work and evaluation procedures, group methods, primitive camping, nature study, and use of local community situations for service projects. Use of local resource persons, either in camp or in town, was also pondered.

As part of the reentry experience as these staff members planned on returning to everyday duties, both group and individual evaluation was made of this institute. In this day of frequent and various "retreat" experiences it was stressed that closing off the experiences in a retreat needs to be done so as to fortify Christian growth and involvement in the scattered associations of everyday life.

Attending this Camp Leaders Institute were Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Burdick, Mrs. Harley Sutton, Pastor and Mrs. Russell Johnson, Mary Clare, Leon Clare, Evelyn Hauber, Rogers Baker, Bob Stohr, Dorothea Merriam, Pastor and Mrs. Al Crouch, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brannon, Pastor C. Harmon Dickinson, Pastor and Mrs. Wayne Babcock, and the Rev. and Mrs. David Clarke. Keeping us on our toes were three younger members of families who seemed to enjoy very greatly the outdoor freedom while their parents were in sessions. D. S. C.

Flood Damage Prevents

July "Sabbath Visitor"

The Sun Publishing Co. of Alfred, N. Y. (owned and managed by Eugene Van Horn) where the *Sabbath Visitor* is printed and compiled, was quite seriously damaged by flood waters that hit this area in the wake of Hurricane Agnes. Due to extensive repairs and consequent delays we are producing a combined July-August *Visitor*.

We appreciate your interest in the *Visitor* and sincerely hope that it is proving helpful in young readers' lives, as well as in the families and churches where it is read. We regret that you'll miss one issue, but are also very thankful that flood losses were no greater. We feel very concerned about persons down the watershed whose losses were far greater, in some cases even the lives of loved ones.

If there are persons interested in sending the *Visitor* overseas, Mrs. Lloyd Pierce, *Visitor* circulation manager, would be glad to receive your contributions at her home in Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803. Why not suggest that your junior youth group sponsor one or more overseas subscriptions?

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) All those who are to appear on the Conference program, that they may be led to present thoughts that will challenge us to better living and greater endeavors in the work of the Lord.

2) A broadening vision of the responsibilities that are ours in taking salvation and the Sabbath to a restless world.

3) The struggling churches in Burma that cannot support the pastoral leadership needed and available.

4) The wise use of vacation time, that it may be as much to the glory of God as the time spent in our regular occupations.

Quarterly Tract Board Meeting

The July quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society was held with the Marlboro, N. J., church Sunday, July 16. For the convenience of many who had come from a distance to attend morning committee meetings the ladies of the church served a dinner that featured vegetables and fruits that were in season in this rural South Jersey community.

There were seventeen members present at the board meeting with a few others at committee meetings and lunch. A visitor was Mrs. Courtland V. Davis just returned from twelve years of missionary and dedicated service in Jamaica, W. I. Mrs. Davis, a former employee of the Publishing House, visiting part of her family in Plainfield for two weeks, has related herself to the work of the board by rendering dedicated service in the print shop beginning the morning after her arrival from Jamaica.

The board listened to the forward-looking reports of officers and regular committees and to two special committees. The Conference Program Committee composed of some of the youngest members of the board, Joan Schaible, Sharon Ayars, Margaret Van Horn and Douglas Wheeler, outlined a somewhat unusual presentation to be given at 11:30 a.m., the first day of Conference. It will be in the form of a play entitled "The Year the American Sabbath Tract Society Didn't Go to Conference."

The purpose will be to highlight some of the society's activities at Conference each year, the ways in which different groups of the society help to make Conference a success. For example, audiovisual aids will be covered in a scene in which someone is trying to speak and can't be heard and a member of the audience finally acknowledges that *this* is the year the Tract Society didn't come to Conference — and that's why there is no sound system. "Volunteers" from the ranks of Young Adult Pre-Con will be drafted into helping with the presentation.

Reports from the corresponding secretary and the editor reviewed the work of these two departments for the quarter. Mention was made of interesting corre-

spondence that had been kept up to date due to the efficient help of the office secretary, Donna Sanford, who has been serving nearly a year and must soon be replaced. The secretary's office reported handling orders for 10,600 tracts. After the close of the quarter, several large orders depleted the stocks of some tracts and caused the Publications Committee to give consideration to reprinting a number of fairly expensive items. Not many tracts were printed during the quarter, but two are now in process. A completely revised tract, "The 7th Day of the Bible is the 7th Day of the Calendar," was reported ready to go to press.

During the quarter money was sent to three foreign countries to help Seventh Day Baptist leaders produce our literature in their native languages. The Philippine Conference president asked whether they could use half of the amount to help a new church build a house of worship. The board, upon recommendation of the Publications Committee, instructed the secretary to make it clear that Tract Society funds could be used only for publication work, not general missionary efforts. The committee heard a request for a mimeograph machine for publication of tracts in India but did not feel that it was able to take favorable action at this time on this large request.

The Special Committee on Future Employment Needs of the American Sabbath Tract Society reported two evening meetings held recently in addition to numerous communications. This committee is charged with the responsibility of securing a replacement for Secretary-Editor Maltby who is now in his twentieth year in this dual position and has announced his desire to retire.

The job analysis of the position has been studied with a view to including some publishing house management responsibilities. The committee stated that it had "focused its attention on the most critical problem, that of fulfilling the duties performed by our present editor-corresponding secretary." The committee will sponsor an article for the *Sabbath Recorder* on this matter within the next one or two issues. It was recommended that, in view of the time it might take

to secure a replacement, that the society ask Mr. Maltby "to continue in these offices (at least) until the July 1973 meeting." This was agreed to by all concerned. The committee announced plans for contracting individuals who might be interested and qualified.

An analysis of the treasurer's report for six months in relation to expenses that will need to be met soon showed a decrease in balances and possible problems ahead unless denominational giving increases.

MEMORY VERSES

The Bible has a wealth of verses suitable for memorization, many more than one might at first think. In selecting memory texts for printing each week in *The Sabbath Recorder* there has been an attempt to emphasize this great reservoir of helpful texts by avoiding duplication. That is easy enough over a period of two or three years and is possible over a much longer period.

Your editor now lets the readers in on a little secret as to how duplication is avoided. He keeps one special King James Bible on his desk from which the verses are chosen. Whenever a verse is used the date of its use is marked in the margin. For nineteen years there has been little, if any, duplication. It is still not at all difficult to select meaningful verses that have not been previously used. If all our readers (and the editor) had fully memorized each suggested verse we would have a heart knowledge of much of the Bible.

It was a little surprising to discover that with all the gospel gems printed in our little memory text corner we had never until now used John 3:16. Perhaps our thought was that everybody knows that verse and therefore why should we suggest its memorization. We have used many verses from the Psalms, but perhaps because Psalm 23 is learned in its entirety by most of us as children, we have never chosen one of its verses for a memory text.

We have marked verses in nearly every book of the Bible. It would be interesting if readers would make sugges-

tions for memory texts that have been found helpful. This might turn up some that the editor has not used. The Bible is a treasure house full of gems; we ought to make more of them our own by storing them in our limitless memory banks.

A Strange Commandment That Has Great Meaning

There is something strange about the Ten Commandments that is interesting to ponder. We think of all of the ten as being eternal as well as universal in their application. Someone has pointed out that there is an exception and that we can be excused from keeping one of the commandments most of the time. How can that be? What kind of teaching is it that lets us out off the hook of observing an eternally binding law of God? As a matter of fact, that's the way God planned it.

Whereas we must keep nine commandments every day if we are to be pleasing to God, there is one so worded that it can be obeyed only on a specific day. The rest of the time we are free from its explicit observance. One can go about his business and pleasure from Sunday to Friday, being careful not to transgress any one of the other nine, and not worry about that other commandment, though certainly God intended us to be prepared for observing it when its specific time comes. We are referring to the Fourth Commandment, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

The Fourth Commandment can only be obeyed on the seventh day of the week and can be disobeyed only on that day, our Bible-studying friend points out. Come to think of it, there is nothing like it in the Decalogue. None of the other nine specifies a time or makes a distinction between days.

Why does such a different commandment find its place in this universal law and at the very center of it? What other reason can be given than that God knows best? He knew the weakness and the strength of man. He knew that man would not keep the first table of the law, giving honor to the Creator without a specified time to call him from his

daily activities. What was true in the simple agricultural life of the Old Testament is far more true in our complicated, tension-filled modern life. The Sabbath is the needed reminder. God said, "Remember the sabbath day" and went on to specify that it is from creation the seventh day of the week, not just one seventh of time at man's own choosing.

Another stimulating observation is that there is only one day in the week when all the commandments can be observed together. On the Sabbath we have a completed Decalogue when our duties to God as well as our duties to man come into focus, blended together in the positive commandment of rest and worship for oneself and one's fellowmen. If the humanitarian aspects of the Sabbath are carefully observed there will not be much need for the negative precepts designed to keep man from harming his neighbor.

Jesus emphasized the importance of the Sabbath in its broad benefits to mankind when He affirmed that He was Lord of the Sabbath. He is Lord of all. His teaching on the spiritual significance of the Sabbath and His well-punctuated example of observing it with worship and deeds of compassion shows its great value for man. If we can learn to follow the example of Jesus in regard to the Fourth Commandment we will understand what the poet meant when he wrote:

"A Sabbath well-spent
Brings a week of content."

European Baptists Support 690 Missionaries

Baptist unions of Europe currently support about 690 missionaries who work outside Europe, according to a news bulletin put out by the European Baptist Missionary Society.

The British Baptist Missionary Society supports 252.

The Oerebro Mission (Baptist) of Sweden has the highest number of missionaries in relation to its total membership. With about 19,500 church members, the organization supports 150 foreign missionaries.

New Executive of Baptist Joint Committee



James E. Wood Jr., professor of history of religion at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., has been named executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and will begin his duties at Washington, September 1.

The new executive explained his desire that the future of the Baptist Joint Committee "be understood in terms of a concrete commitment of Baptists to religious liberty and the role of the church in public affairs based on the sanctity of human rights in a free society.

"May no one fail to understand," Wood declared, "that our commitment is first to rights, not interests, and to persons, not to institutions, as applied to all men and not just a few."

Wood succeeds C. Emanuel Carlson who retired in 1971 after 17 years as executive director. Carlson now lives in Dundee, Fla.

Dr. Wood was elected "both unanimously and enthusiastically" at a special meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia on June 7. Secretary Alton L. Wheeler represented Seventh Day Baptists in this meeting.

The new Baptist Joint Committee executive has lectured on more than a dozen college and seminary campuses on subjects relating to the history of religion and church and state.

A member of the Commission on Religious Liberty and Human Rights of the Baptist World Alliance, Wood has participated in many denominational and interfaith conferences on behalf of religious liberty. His interest in religious liberty has been expressed also through conferences of the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Evangelicals in Social Action Peace Witness seminar.

He has been a prolific contributor of articles to scholarly journals and denominational publications. He has been an author, contributor or editor of more than ten books.

The nine Baptist conventions sponsoring the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs are the American Baptist Convention, Baptist Federation of Canada, Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Progressive National Baptist Convention, North American Baptist General Conference, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and Southern Baptist Convention.

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CONFERENCE SONG BOOKS AVAILABLE

The Conference hymnal this year will be the Campus Crusade Hymnal, 400 copies of which have been purchased by President Paul Osborn for the use of the delegates. Churches and individuals may buy copies in quantity at sixty cents each. They will not be available until after Conference, but some groups have already ordered and paid in advance. Since they are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, it would be well to place your order now. Write to President Paul Osborn, Nortonville, Kansas 66060. It is a good collection of gospel hymns and songs.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTH LOUP, NEBR.— We observed the 100th anniversary of the first Seventh Day Baptist service in the North Loup Valley, May 20. That first service was

held May 18, 1872, on the bank of the North Loup River soon after the arrival of the first settlers with the Rev. Oscar Babcock as minister. He used a rocking chair for a pulpit. Pastor Victor Skaggs used the same rocker in connection with the children's sermon. The following Sabbath we observed Sabbath Renewal Day.

We had nine high school graduates this year. They are: Patrick Skaggs, Keith Severance, Ruth Soper, Loren Soper, Nancy Paider, Lana Hamer, Rebecca Bresley, Dawn Lippincott and James Goodrich. Kerry Fuller was a graduate of Milton College. We are proud of these young folks.

Newly elected Dr. Grace Missionary Society officers are: Mrs. Cecil Severance, president; Mrs. Ira Soper, vice-president; Mrs. Victor Skaggs, secretary; Mrs. Meryn Van Horn, treasurer.

Three of our youth, Jani Williams, Earl Soper, and James Goodrich, are SCSC workers this summer. These three and the Rev. and Mrs. Mynor Soper, Ruth, Dawn, Brooke, and Corrina, Phil Osborn, and Steve Crouch attended Explo '72 at Dallas in June.

The June 24 worship service was planned and conducted by Bernard Keown. It was divided into three parts—"Turning to God"—"Sharing with God"—"Giving God the Glory."

John Williams again heads the Sabbath School as superintendent.

The annual church meeting was held July 2. Principal officers elected were: Ron Goodrich, moderator; Mrs. George Maxson, clerk; Sheldon Van Horn, treasurer. Committee selections were approved. Among other business, Bernard and Terry Keown were each given a license to preach and Pastor Skaggs was unanimously elected to be our pastor for another year.

Many work days have been held at Camp Riverview. The results include a pleasant new roomy kitchen and an enlarged dining room area. Work was also done on the road leading to the camp grounds.

Junior junior-high camp was held July 2-9 with sixteen campers. The staff consisted of Pastor Skaggs, Robert Harris,

SCSC worker Debby Barber, Karen Osborn of Nortonville, and John Goodrich. Mrs. Bud Williams was business manager and Mrs. Brice Severance was chief cook. Others assisting were Mr. and Mrs. Ron Goodrich, Mrs. Erlo Cox and Mrs. Jeneane Abel. On Sabbath Day the congregation joined the campers for a fellowship dinner. This was followed by a riverside worship service by the campers.

Primary Day Camp was held July 10-14 with twenty-one children enrolled. Staff members were Pastor Skaggs, Phill Osborn, Robert Harris, Debby Barber, and Janece Goodrich.

A new telephone has been installed for "Light Bearers for Christ."

It looks like a busy year for the Lord's work.

—Correspondent

SHILOH, N. J.— We had another successful community Vacation Bible School with Pastor Don Richards of the Marlboro church in charge. Approximately 195 were registered from the Shiloh and Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Churches, Cohansey Baptist Church, and the surrounding area.

Our Camp Fellowship Day on Sunday, July 2, featured a chicken barbecue at Jersey Oaks Camp. It was enjoyed by many. Ted Davis and Ted Moncrief were in charge. This time of fellowship and eating is a yearly event.

Much can be said about the musical "LOVE" which the young people presented at the church four times. This heart-warming musical stirred everyone present. "LOVE" was presented in such a manner that the feeling of God's love was evident during the entire performance.

—Correspondent

Marriages

Reierson - Appel.— Gregory Scott Reierson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claire B. Reierson, Albion, Wis., and Mona Marie Appel, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Albert Addison Appel of Albion, were united in marriage in the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 1, 1972, by their pastor, the bride's father.

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Rules for the Race Posted by God

According to the apostle Paul, we are all running a race in which some will win higher honors than others. If there is a race there must be rules. God has, indeed, posted the rules. Jesus knew that people would try to twist His words and His apostles' words to avoid complying with the rules explicitly. That was His meaning when He said in the Sermon on the Mount:

"Do not suppose that I have come to abolish the Law and the prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to complete; I tell you this: so long as heaven and earth endure, not a letter, not a stroke, will disappear from the Law until all that must happen has happened. If any man therefore sets aside even the least of the Law's demands, and teaches others to do the same, he will have the lowest place in the kingdom of Heaven, whereas anyone who keeps the Law, and teaches others so, will stand high in the kingdom of Heaven" (Matt. 5:17-19, NEB).

Heaven and earth are still here; the Second Coming and the resurrections have not taken place. For 4000 years men have monkeyed with the Law, trying alternately to ignore it and to improve upon it, but it remains, not a letter changed, the best way to live on this earth. It remains just as it was the day God personally ordered Joshua, "Be strong and resolute; observe diligently all the law which my servant Moses has given you. You must not turn from it to right or left, if you would prosper wher-

ever you go. This book of the law must ever be on your lips; you must keep it in mind day and night . . . Then you will prosper and be successful in all that you do" (Josh. 1:7-8).

Outgrowing the Ingrown

A soulwinner tried to arouse a small congregation to be more evangelistic-minded. The pastor said: "You don't understand; we don't want a large crowd. We only want to have a small group which can meet together in quietness to study the Word and learn of Christ in depth." Do we sometimes fail to realize that the greatest depth of Christian experience is leading another soul to Christ?

'T WAS A SHEEP

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb that went astray
In the parable Jesus told;
'Twas a grown-up sheep that wandered away
From the ninety and nine in the fold.
And out on the hilltops and out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd sought.
And back to the flock and back to the fold,
'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd brought.
Now, why should the sheep be so carefully fed
And cared for still to-day?
Because there is danger if they go wrong
They will lead the lambs astray.
For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever they wander, wherever they go.
If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they;
So, still with the sheep we must earnestly plead
For the sake of the lambs today.
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.

—Unknown

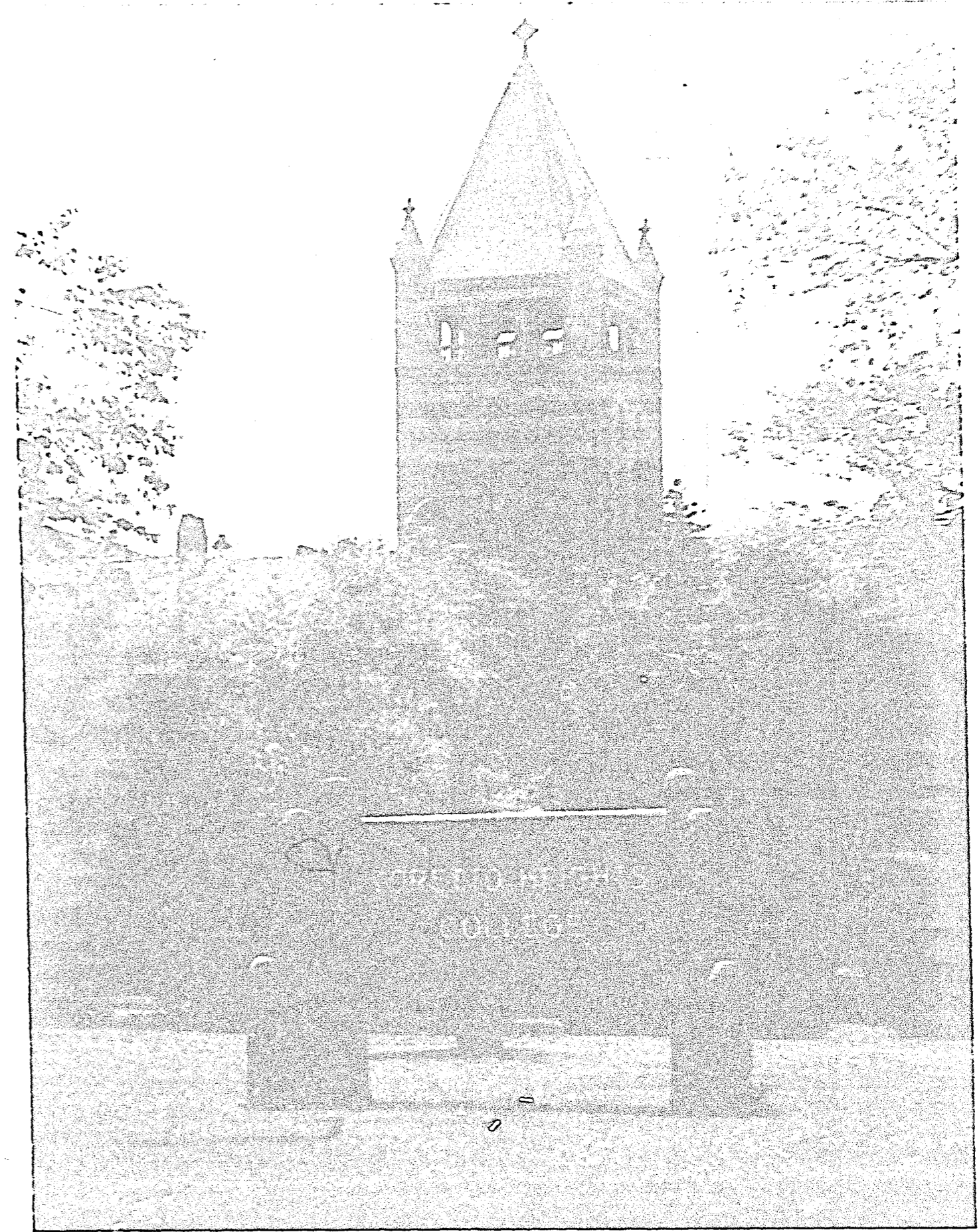


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